

BRIEF NEWS FROM THE BUCKEYE STATE

Events in the Social World—Bright, Crisp Items from Cleveland—No News of Interest Is Overlooked by Our Regular Correspondent.

(By Alexander O. Taylor.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The operatic recital at St. John's A. M. E. Church last week Tuesday evening was an artistic treat and at least \$50 has been realized for the dining department of the Phyllis Wheatley Association soon to be installed. The participants (all white) were most favorably received and accorded most hearty applause by the large and appreciative audience. Miss Grace Probert, soprano; Miss Lucretia Jones, pianist of the Y. W. C. A.; Mr. Herbert Pavey, baritone, and Misses Dorothy Rogers and Harriet Hughes, readers, were the artists of the evening. Miss E. J. Howell, East 46th street; Miss Jane E. Hunter, secretary of the association, and Mrs. Lulu B. Cox, assistant secretary, and many others worked untiringly for the success of the affair. Mrs. Florence Danbridge was a zealous worker. * * * Miss Welby Paris, one of our most promising young school teachers, is very sick at Huron Road Hospital. Mr. Cortez Hatcher is also sick. * * * The Cleveland Council of Colored Women's Clubs held an interesting meeting at the Old Folks' Home Monday evening. * * * The executive committee of the N. A. A. C. P. held a special meeting at Mr. R. K. Moon's residence, 10818 Bryant avenue, Monday evening. * * * Mt. Zion and St. John's Boethian football teams will meet on the gridiron Thanksgiving afternoon at Woodland Hills Park. * * * The T. B. C. met at Mrs. Elmer Boyd's on East 38th street Friday, the Tuesday Afternoon Thimble Club at Mrs. S. A. Lucas' on Tuesday and the Book and Thimble Club at Miss Bessie Early's on East 111th street this Saturday evening. * * * The Vashti Class of St. John's S. S. held a pleasant social meeting at Mrs. Nora Whitaker's, 2184 East 106th street Friday evening. * * * Mrs. N. W. McAllister, 2377 East 34th street, has as her pleasing guest her sister, Mrs. Jennie Waller Christian, of New York. * * * The recent cantata, "Jephthah," given at "Y" Hall for the benefit of Antioch Baptist Church met with such favor that it is likely to be given again. * * * The Canadian Jubilee Singers appear at St. John's Saturday (this) evening for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home. * * * Mrs. James Weaver, 2252 East 43d street, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy last week, is resting easy. Her son, Mr. Raymond Weaver, of Chicago, was a constant visitor at her bedside last week. * * * Mrs. Lulu B. Cox, assistant secretary of the P. W. A., has returned from Toledo where she spent a week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bundy. Her brother, Dr. Leroy Bundy, of East St. Louis, was a visitor also. * * * The meeting of the Cleveland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Sunday at St. John's Church was an enthusiastic one and decidedly interesting. Miss Eleanor Alexander introduced in a most creditable manner Miss Mary Childs Nerney, of New York, national secretary, who gave a very pleasing talk on matters pertaining to the cause of the N. A. A. C. P. movement. Judge Hart followed with a plain but impressive address. Miss Cora Fields played a beautiful organ selection and Misses Georgie Fields and Olive Wells sang. The membership roll was enlarged greatly. At a recent meeting the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. H. C. Bailey, president; Mr. F. E. Young, vice president; Mr. Jackson, treasurer; Mr. S. B. Keeble, secretary; Messrs. Charles W. Chesnutt, R. K. Moon and Miles, members of the executive committee. * * * The Topaz Cluster Embroidery Club was royally entertained by Mrs. Mary Jefferson, 2275 East 46th street, last week Friday evening at the home of Mrs. H. S. Slaughter, 3923 Central avenue, who is to entertain the club next Friday evening. * * * The Autumn Leaf Club recently organized for literary and social purposes has the following corps of officers: Mrs. Thos. W. Fleming, president; Mrs. Jesse Thrower, vice president; Mrs. Amelia B. McNaughton, secretary. * * * Among the speakers at the recent meeting under the auspices of the local Federated Women's Clubs were Mrs. Minnie Scott, state president, whose subject was "Co-operation and Social Uplift;" Mrs. J. D. Barnes, state organizer; Mrs. T. W. Fleming, who addressed the audience on "The Object of the Federation," and Councilman-Elect T. W. Fleming. The musical contributors were Miss Lowe and Mr. J. W. Noble. Mrs. Hattie K. Price presided and Mrs. F. Kitzmiller had charge of the program. Mrs. Marie Perkins, Mrs. Kitzmiller, Dr. E. M. Grant and Miss Jane Hunter were a successful committee of arrangements. * * * The Cleveland Association of Colored Men held a meeting Monday evening and made arrangements for holding memorial services in honor of the late Booker T. Washington at St. John's A. M. E. Church next Sunday afternoon. Among the speakers will be President Charles F. Thwing, of Western Reserve University, Rev. Minot O. Simons, of First Unitarian Church, and Mr. Thomas W. Fleming. Mr. R. R. Cheeks will preside. * * * Cuyahoga Lodge, No. 95, I. B. P. O. E., held a very enjoyable social at the Elks Rest recently. Pleasing addresses were made by Exalted Ruler C. P. Lancaster and Messrs. Harry E. Davis and Thomas W. Fleming. Mr. J. H. Starkey was in charge. * * * The Women's Mite Missionary Society of St. John's Church will meet next Monday evening with Miss Affet, 2232 East 39th street. The last meeting at Mrs. Mollie Green's was a pleasant one. * * * The United Workers of St. John's will give a play entitled "Uniforms for Women," the 29th. Mrs. N. W. McAllister is in charge. * * * The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity met at Mr. John Ballard's, 2250 East 46th street, Monday. Mr. Daniel D. Fowler is president of this progressive society. * * * Messrs. George A. Myers, Charles W. Chesnutt, R. R. Cheeks and H. C. Smith, editor of the Gazette, are the Afro-American members of the advisory committee of the Cleveland Foundation, which resumed its luncheon meetings at the Hollenden Hotel last week Monday. * * * The Dubois Literary Club's musicale at Mr. J. Walter Wills' Monday evening for the benefit of its student fund was a splendid success. The club is assisting Miss Mary Louise Edmonds, who is attending Howard University. * * * The Wilberforce Club elected the following named officers at the meeting held at Miss Emma Ward's, 10707 Arthur avenue, recently: President, Miss Estelle Gainer; vice president, Mr. Sidney Hill; secretary, Miss Ward; corresponding secretary, Miss Eugenia Ballard; treasurer, Miss Bessie Banks; organist, Miss Lillian Scott; chairman lookout committee, Mrs. Hamlin; chairman program committee, Mrs. Bacey; reporter, Mr. T. J. Hicks. The club held another profitable meeting at Mr. Hill's, 10612 Hudson avenue, Wednesday evening. * * * A great deal of interest is being manifested in local circles as to the outcome of two suits filed under Hon. Harry C. Smith's Ohio Civil Rights Law. Several days ago Mr. George G. Jones, 2539 Central avenue, one of our most highly respected citizens and a member of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men, was refused accommodation at the "Unceuda Lunch," 1012 Prospect avenue. Being greatly humiliated by such treatment he filed suit through his attorney, R. R. Cheeks, for \$500 damages. The other case was that of Mr. Edward Daw against Otto Moser, saloonkeeper at 2044 East 4th street, who refused to serve Mr. Daw several weeks ago by charging him \$1 a drink, etc. In Common Pleas Court week before last Judge Vickery finally overruled the demurrer filed by Moser's attorney. Moser was arrested and fined in police court on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mr. Daw at the time of the refusal. Mr. Daw is also one of Cleveland's most esteemed Afro-American citizens. His suit is for \$500 damages also.

By N. C. Hawkins.

Sekitan, O., Nov. 19.—Mr. Charlie Williams, the efficient superintendent of the F. M. B. Association, Cincinnati, was here on a business mission last week. * * * Mr. C. P. Foster, the progressive young press agent and very able secretary of the Dunbar News Agency and

Race Literature Co., is doing creditable work selling copies of The Defender to the young men of the village. Some comment is due the young men of the village for their kind patronage, which is an evidence of race pride. * * * Services will commence at the First Baptist Church Monday evening and continue until Thursday evening. The progress of the First Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. L. W. Florer will be the subject of an essay to be read by N. C. Hawkins, noted literatist, at the Thanksgiving meeting. Deacon Taylor and Owsly will also speak. Mrs. Edna Lucas will be organist. * * * Much credit is due the political leaders for their esteemed service election day. * * * Mr. S. H. Pillow was a business visitor in Cincinnati Monday. * * * Mrs. William's daughter Della is better. * * * Mr. Marshall will be delegate to the Baptist young people's meetings at Calvary Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Sunday. * * * Mrs. Malisha Lucas was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Lucas Sunday. * * * Mr. Lewis Banks preached at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning. Was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Banks. * * * The G. U. O. of O. F. have a host of candidates to initiate soon. * * * Ullman Lawler, employed at the Addyston Pipe Works, was injured last week by falling. * * * The death of Mrs. Luella Smith Sunday at her home at 1 p. m. was quite shocking. As we go to press funeral arrangements are being made. * * * Rev. Charles Banks will preach at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Fairmont, Ohio, Sunday. * * * The public is invited to come out and hear Rev. Florer preach Sunday. * * * Mrs. James Robinson and daughter have been ill during week. * * * Rev. Mrs. H. J. Brannon, the noted preacher and singer, is quite ill at the Advondale Hospital. * * * Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Cincinnati and Mrs. Sneed were here on business of the Household of Ruth Sunday. They were the afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Higgins. * * * Mr. Joseph Erbey, secretary of the G. U. O. of O. F. No. 969, spent a few days in Cincinnati this week the guest of friends. * * * Funeral of Mrs. Smith will appear in next issue. * * * The Defender continues to break the race paper selling record. The agents are hard at work. Thanks to the public. * * * The press reporting service desires the co-operation of the churches, lodges, clubs and business enterprises. Get busy with your items, the Defender will serve you.

C. P. Foster.

Delhi, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The sacred concert given at the First Baptist Church Saturday evening by Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Buch was well patronized. The numbers rendered were excellent in character. A number of young people were the participants. The committee deserves credit. Miss Levona Ruecker was the mistress of ceremonies. The attendance was very large. * * * Mrs. Hannah Johnson remains ill. * * * The press agent will be in the village each week. Look for him.

By Rev. McCommer.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Nov. 19.—In the election of the entire Republican ticket here we have H. H. Kaps, the mayor-elect. * * * The passing of Mrs. Emma Harris of Washington street marks another mile stone in the social and religious life of Portsmouth. * * * Mrs. Ann White of Fifteenth street passed to the great beyond and is greatly missed by her many friends and relatives. * * * Mrs. Mary Flemming of Findlay street is very ill. * * * Dr. John West held his first quarterly meeting at the Seventh A. M. E. Church Sunday. * * * Rev. J. H. W. McCoomer preached at Park Street M. E. Church Sunday. The impression made in Cincinnati will be lasting. * * * The stork has delivered c. o. d. a new born baby girl to the Rev. R. F. Broadus, pastor of Jackson Street M. E. Church, Louisville. * * * The third quarterly conference was held by Rev. J. L. Bailey at Findlay Street M. E. Church. * * * Clara Pearcall has been on the sick list for a week. * * * Mrs. Templeton will leave for Cincinnati this week. * * * Mrs. Mary Sloan is home from Columbus, Ohio.

By Wm. Henderson.

Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The executive board of the Springfield branch of the U. A. A. C. for the advancement of colored people, met in the Y. M. C. H. Sunday afternoon for the election of the various standing committees. Chairmen of these committees are: Meetings committee, Mr. Burley; membership, Dr. Vaughn; finance, Rev. Fleming; legal redress, Dr. Swayne; grievance, Dr. R. E. Pettiford; educational, Mrs. Chas. Jones, and press, Mrs. J. Rudd. The branch is preparing for a series of musicals to be given in the near future. The executive body expect to do much work this year. Springfield people have much to be proud of as one of their number was an honored speaker of the National Missionary Society which met in Seattle.