

THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Alexander O. Taylor

Cleveland, Ohio, May 2.—Miss Ozella Moore, vice president of the Missionary Circle of Shiloh Baptist Church, attended the missionary convention in Newcomerstown, Ohio, last week. "The Resurrection," a cantata for Easter, by Manny, was rendered at Antioch Baptist Church in a most creditable manner under the direction of Miss Gertrude Lind, chorister. Miss Madeline Jones was the accomplished organist. At St. John's A. M. E. Church the choir rendered "Redemption Song," a beautiful cantata, by Fred B. Holton. Carroll Scott, director, deserves unstinted praise as well as the choir for their splendid work in rendering the greatest work of his kind ever given during the Easter tide in our churches. The introductory prologue was rendered by Mrs. Hazel Blake accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Clarke Biggs. The duet for soprano and contralto, "Midnight in the Garden," by Mrs. G. Swenson and Mrs. Johnson; the soprano solo, "If I Hear Not the Scar for Him," by Miss Dossa Clements; the contralto solo, "Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock," by Mrs. Pearl Cleave; and the obligato soprano work of Miss Gladys Wells deserve special mention. Mr. Scott established a precedent by using all of his male forces in the male solo and duet work with wonderful effect. The unison work reflected great credit on the choir in preparation exercised by Mr. Scott. At the Christian Alliance Tabernacle on East 35th street the choir under the direction of J. W. Parker, chorister, rendered impressive music. Miss Blanche Brower's class of young misses and the children sang some very pretty Easter songs. Miss Carrie Merriweather, missionary to Soudan, delivered her farewell address at the afternoon service leaving for New York Monday night. Miss Hazel Mountain and J. L. Jones, president of the Baraca class, delivered the special addresses at the services at Avery A. M. E. Mission, 2013 Central avenue. Impressive services were held at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Dr. C. Lee Jefferson preaching an able sermon on "Significance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." Mrs. Maria Hendricks of Chicago was the special soloist. Dr. Charles Bundy was in Washington, D. C., Ohio, last week on business. Mrs. Teresa Dunhill is still very ill. Mrs. Alice Conter, formerly of Louisville, Ky., announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Eleanor Conter, to Richard Chentlamin. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, "newlyweds," acted as host and maid of honor. Albert Carr and fiancée, Miss Lucille Brack, acted in the same capacity for Mr. and Mrs. Harris when they were married two weeks ago. The Poro Culture Club held its demonstration meeting at the beautiful parlor of Mrs. W. J. Barkstoll, 6516 Quincey avenue, April 13, with a large attendance. Many artistic touches on the part of the ladies were noticeable. Mrs. Queen V. Watkins, the president, was present with smiles and words of encouragement. Mrs. Barkstoll, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. S. Bowie, served a sumptuous repast. Next meeting at Mrs. Lydia Turner's, 2334 East 43d street, Monday, May 5. All agents are requested to be present. Watch for announcement of date of special sermon to Poro agents. Mrs. Q. V. Watkins, president; Mrs. L. E. Turner, secretary, and Mrs. S. Bowie, editor. The remains of the late Mrs. Alexander Roberson were removed from the vault and interred at Lake View cemetery Saturday afternoon. Raymond Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grant, proprietors of the Grant news and shining stand, 3313 Central avenue, is reported to be doing splendid work as pitcher for the Tate Stars baseball club. The Elks are preparing to hold their annual May dance at the Dreamland. Harry Korse was elected secretary of Cuyahoga Lodge, No. 95, at its last meeting. Frank Minter having tendered his resignation. Councilman Thomas W. Fleming has announced his candidacy for re-election to the city council in November. He has the unanimous support of the Attacks Republican Club and will also most likely have the support of the regular Republican committee when it convenes. The entire community was shocked to learn of the death of Harvey Jackson, who conducted a lunch stand at 312 Central avenue for a number of years, from pneumonia last week. Mrs. Maud Jackson Parker, 6318 Wabash avenue, Chicago, a niece, and George Fields, Washington, Pa., former residents of Cleveland, attended the funeral. Deceased was a member of St. John's church. Master Isaac Dupre continues ill at his home on Frank avenue. William Temple, who was taken suddenly ill with an attack of acute indigestion during the Elks' memorial service at Cory Sunday week and confined several days at his home under the care of Dr. C. S. Tartar, is able to be out. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Newman motored from Detroit and spent the week-end with Miss Nina Chaffin. Mrs. Newman was formerly Miss Bertha Campbell. The Mothers' Club of St. John's A. M. E. Church realized about \$50 from their entertainment given last week Wednesday evening. Baby Zenobia Rucker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rucker, won the first prize, reporting \$22.50, and was presented with a pretty gold bracelet, and Baby Alfred James, reporting \$8, was presented with a pair of white shoes. Next meeting at Mrs. Bonella Doughast's, 2377 East 71st street. Mrs. George Lincas, who was to graduate from Gammon Theological Seminary, was called

to Lima, Ohio, by the death of a sister, it is said. The Hawatha Club held its annual Easter celebration Easter Monday and had "bushels of fun," according to the president, Mrs. Carrie Crawford. They colored and rolled eggs in abundance and made hats of the club's colors—orange and lemon. Mrs. D. Palefus was awarded the first prize. Adjourning for the month of May the next meeting will be held in June at Mrs. Fred Scott's on East 30th street. Mrs. Frank Spencer, with baby daughter, has returned from Oberlin. Warren Hambarry of "Tightwad" fame says that he was invited to a "real" baked bean supper on East 19th street recently. Mrs. Henrietta Green of Columbus, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Cook of Detroit, was here last week as the guest of Mrs. James Rogers and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Blue, having been summoned here by the serious illness of her brother, Ephias Ward. Prof. J. C. Phillips, the talented elocutionist, formerly of Dallas, Texas, who returned recently from overseas service and made Cleveland his headquarters again, left the city on a western itinerary, during which time he will visit his mother. The best wishes of his host of friends in church and literary circles go with him. He was recipient of many social functions before his departure and the guest of Dr. E. A. Bailey at an auto ride through the city. He returns in September en route to Boston Mass., to seek a post-graduate course.

Mrs. Taylor Receives Appointment
Mrs. Minerva Taylor, widow of the late Henry Taylor, active in church and charity circles, was appointed a member of the staff of the Cleveland bureau of the United States homes registration department which is working in the interest of good housing in every city. Mrs. Taylor is the only three member of the bureau and will have charge of that work in her district. Please report all suitable rooms for light housekeeping and room and board, etc., to her at 106 City Hall or the Phillips Wheatley Association, Central and East 10th. Mrs. Taylor is president of the lady board of managers of the Cleveland Home for Aged Colored People and lives at 2250 East 19th street. Mrs. A. S. Hobart (white) is the director of the Cleveland bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Pennam Johnson have returned from Pennsylvania after two years' absence. They are members of St. John's church. Mrs. A. T. Abbott left the city last week to visit her nephew, Aaron Piper, in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Charles Bundy was hostess to the Lincoln Embroidery Club last week. Mrs. Lillian Ward, East 25th street, is able to be out after her recent illness. Mrs. Lavinia Allen, Arthur avenue, and niece, Miss Mary McEwen, returned from a visit with relatives in Louisville, Ky. St. James' A. M. E. Church notes: Rev. O. W. Childers, pastor, preached two able sermons Sunday on "Where Are the Dead?" and "Why We Go to Church." Tomorrow after services Major W. T. Anderson will speak on the recent trial of Dr. Leroy Bundy and an after collection will be taken to assist in carrying the case to the Supreme Court. Dr. Anderson was a character witness at the trial in Waterloo, Ill. All friends are requested to assist in this worthy cause by contributing as much as possible. David Roggeas, 2234 East 103d street, is confined to his home by illness. Charles Millon, 2242 East 34th street, continues quite ill. Mrs. Marshall, East 5th street, has an attack of la grippe. The W. M. M. Society of St. James' Church gave a weighing entertainment at the home of Mrs. Hattie Carroll, Arthur avenue, which was enjoyable and a success. Mrs. Corolla Washington is president of the society. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jefferson was called to Chicago last week by the death of the former's mother. Mrs. Anna L. Jefferson, 3340 Wabash avenue, a member of the Institutional Church of that city and a former resident of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Carroll returned Monday from Chicago after a pleasant visit with their son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll. They were honor guests at many social functions. Last week we failed to make mention of the splendid Easter service of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The soloists were Mrs. Emma Rogers Coram, Mrs. Kittie Skeene Mitchell, Mrs. Ruby Yates Slaughter, Charles Leathorn and J. J. Arnold. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Mitchell rendered impressive music. Mrs. Grace Thompson was hostess to the L. S. C. Club. Next meeting with Mrs. May Basey. See Pathe's greatest motion pictures of the Bible, entertaining and educational, at St. James' Church, Hudson avenue, Tuesday evening, May 6, under the direction of Prof. P. A. Gadsden. Over 600 persons attended the annual Easter ball of the Men's Club of St. Andrew's Church at Dreamland Dancing Academy. Raymond Smith's orchestra furnished the music. Officers of the club are J. J. Arnold, president; P. O. Pridgen, vice president; Charles Boll, secretary; Ralph Jackson, treasurer. In a talk before the Women's City Club (white) on Bahalism, a movement of which Abdul Baha, an East Indian, is the leading exponent, Albert Vail, Chicago lecturer, said that brotherhood is the fundamental of all religions. He further said "God relieves the monotony of the white children in his garden by adding plenty of red, yellow and black flower children. All are the same in his sight." The annual May dance of the "Cherubs" Association will be held at Elm Park Monday, May 6. A

large number of visitors are expected from neighboring cities. Dr. L. H. Brown, pastor of Lane Memorial church, is attending the New Jersey conference in Baltimore, Md. He expects to visit his sons in Washington, D. C., before returning. The Cleveland Community Center, East 10th street, will have its formal opening on May 15. The public is invited to attend. Director, William R. Conners; secretary, Richard L. Sissle, and assistant, Chester Gillespie, have planned a splendid program for the day. Mr. Conners, in charge of the Liberty Loan campaign in the 11th ward, had reported up to last Sunday \$112,500, which is an excellent showing on his part. Don't fail to invest when he calls upon you. His goal is \$400,000. St. John's Sunday School is striving to have a regular attendance of 800. The normal attendance is between 600 and 700. The local chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity entertained at the Y. M. C. U. hall last week Tuesday evening. Addresses were made by National President Daniel Fowler, Lieutenant Fraz, Captain Gurvich and Dr. B. C. Styles.

With Our Soldier Boys

Edward T. Banks, the 30th secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Dayton, Ohio, gave a most thrilling tale of his experiences on the battle fronts in France before a large and appreciative audience at Tridstone Baptist Church last week Monday evening. Mr. Banks rendered most valiant service with the 92d Division, was gassed five times and went "over the top" as many times. He spoke of the hospitality of the French people and praised in the highest terms the fighting qualities of our boys on the front. Mr. Banks will return the latter part of the month and lecture in the interest of St. James' A. M. E. Church. He was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Anderson, 2328 East 80th street. At the close of his lecture Mr. Banks displayed a rare collection of trophies which he collected "over there." Lieutenant Noble Sissle, tenor soloist of the great 367th (old New York 15th) band, giving a series of concerts in Chicago this week is making a great hit with the Chicago audiences, composed of all races. Sergeant W. D. Jefferson, Camp Grant, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jefferson, here last week. The "Soldiers' Aides" entertained in grand style for the boys from overseas at Mrs. Louis Jackson's residence, 2265 East 49th street. S. L. Toney, 325th Field Signal Battalion, has returned to the city, having been honorably discharged. He says that the 325th was the only signal battalion "over the top." Mr. Toney's native home is Avonla, Va. Miss Bertha Smith received an interesting letter from Wesley Jackson of the 503d Pioneer Regiment in Mont-Cahume, France, only six hours run from St. Nazaire. He is in fine health and hopes to be here very soon. The following extracts were taken from a letter from Corporal Louis V. Jones of the First Army post band, Bar-Sur-Aube, France, to his mother, Mrs. Louis S. Jones, 2265 East 101st street: "Received your letter just twenty days from the time I received your last letter. I heard from Earnest Hayes, who is back in civilian clothes again; also from William Hunslett, still in Chillycothe. Our band had the great pleasure of playing for the big army officers over here—General Potshing and aides, who had as guests the King and Queen of Belgium, and General H. Liggitt, commander of the First Army A. E. F. We played for them at Chateau, about eight kilometers from Bar-Sur-Aube. Our music was greatly appreciated by everybody, although we were obliged to play under very inconvenient circumstances, namely, out in the open in a heavy downpour of rain and a strong, chilly March wind. But as we are in the army and like good soldiers we did our tasks well. We were wet through when we finished and cold as icbergs. It is rumored that we in the First Army post will leave in the near future. Every doughboy over here is wondering when. Yesterday I went to a concert given by French artists which was very good. It made me forget for the time that I was in France, but rather in one of the Boston music halls. Several of the band boys have received papers from home, and among them is the Chicago Defender and the New York Age. I doubt that I have ever mentioned in any of my letters that our band is the only Colored unit transferred from a Colored labor battalion to a white organization like the First Army is here, also an outfit dominated by a lot of Southern troops anywhere from Virginia to the Gulf. But let me say here that on one occasion of importance these Southern boys stuck by us—also the officers—when a certain thing was threatened. Can't mention what it was on account of the censors. Let me say right here that our band is a decided hit with the soldiers and the French civilians alike. I shall have lots more to tell when I return to Cleveland. Remember me to all in Cleveland."

P. W. A. Activities

Improvements in our building are going on rapidly, making our home

more beautiful and convenient than ever. Miss Ovington, founder of the N. A. A. C. P., and Lieutenant Hough of Camp Sherman were dinner guests of Miss Hunter, our general secretary, Easter Sunday. Miss Ovington is from New York. The charity ball for the benefit of the Phyllis Whitley Academy Wednesday evening was a grand success. Robert E. Hodges deserves unstinted praise for his splendid management. Miss Jane E. Porter (white), social worker from Pittsburgh, stopped at the P. W. A. during her stay here. Rev. P. O'Connell of Cory M. E. church was the speaker at the banquet given by the financial board April 1. A pleasing program was rendered in the parlor after dinner. Miss Marguerite Sanford and Miss Ruby Butler gave a piano duet. Miss Gladys Wells and Miss Lucille Fleming sang beautiful vocal solos and Miss Butler gave a reading. Our prayer services have been changed from Sunday morning to Wednesday evening at 7:45. The vesper services will continue as before. (By Natalie Johnston, reporter.)

Remember the Cleveland office of the Defender is at 3965 Central avenue, one door west of Jackson's Pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. William Twine of East 31st street gave an elegant dinner party last Sunday afternoon in honor of Lieutenant Charles W. Robinson and Corporal Leroy Letcher, recently returned from France. Lieutenant Robinson was of Company C, 368th Regiment 92d Division, and Corporal Letcher of Company H, 372d Regiment. Mr. Twine was ably assisted in serving the guests by Mrs. Blakeley and Miss Thelma B. Lewis. Those present were: Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Corporal and Mrs. Leroy Letcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mrs. Ella Taylor, J. W. Dent, Rufus Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Twine, Thelma B. Ruth, Maud and Mrs. E. Lewis. A pleasant afternoon was spent as the two soldiers told of many experiences on the fields of battle. The formal opening of the Cleveland Community Center, 2352 East 40th street, will take place Thursday, May 15, under the auspices of the woman's auxiliary of the center. The public is very cordially invited to inspect the building and become acquainted with our activities. Mrs. P. O'Connell, president; Mrs. O. A. Taylor, secretary; Mrs. T. W. Fleming, chairman. The ladies of the Shumrock Crochet Club gave a dinner party for their husbands Easter Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. Foster, 2234 East 84th street. A six-course dinner was served, after which a program was rendered. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Waddell, Mrs. F. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Lucinda Rogers, Mrs. R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Parker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Franklin, Mrs. Walker Turner, Mr. and Mrs. George Milton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Madison, Mr. and Mrs. George Gutre, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. T. Stokes.

Canton, Ohio, May 2.—A fine Easter sermon was rendered by Rev. Farrell of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. There was a large attendance at both services. Mrs. B. Coleman of Wheeling, W. Va., is the house guest of Mrs. K. Summerville of 1104 Sixth street S. W. Mrs. J. Jackson, H. Titus, L. Hunter and Miss Ida Jackson are convalescing from the flu. Mrs. K. W. Summerville entertained the Menelik Culture Club and a few other friends in honor of her guest, Mrs. Coleman. Circle No. 1 had a grand success in their baby contest, clearing \$168. Baby Val S. Cook King bringing in \$93.40. The circle wishes to thank each contestant for their grand work. Circle No. 1 thanks the public most heartily for their kindness in making their entertainment a success; \$63.94 was cleared. Mrs. Alma Davis entertained the Ladies Aid Society Thursday afternoon. A delightful repast was served. Mrs. Rev. Farrell is able to be out again, after a long attack of "flu." Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Hall of East Liverpool (war brides) were guests of relatives during Easter. The Ladies Aid Society, Menelik Culture Club and Willing Workers were represented at the receipt of Mrs. Anna W. Hughes of Columbus at Missillon Thursday evening. James B. Titus returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in the east. Please report any news items for this paper to Mrs. W. P. Smith by Sunday evening. Miss Mary Driver of Fifth street S. W. is confined to her home with mumps. George Jackson is confined to his bed with the "flu." Mrs. Hendricks of Willett avenue S. E. has been confined to her bed for several weeks. Look out for the early bride Cupid is surely busy in the Progressive class. Guess? Little Spencer Gregory has been ill with rheumatism. Mrs. Jennings is visiting her sister-in-law, Miss Jennings of Cleveland. The K. of P.'s gave a delightful banquet Tuesday evening, April 22, for their wives and sweethearts at the residence of R. W. Green. Progressive class had a very pleasant meeting Monday evening.

Painesville, Ohio, May 2.—Wallace Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, spent Easter Sunday here. Mr. and Mrs. John

Smith and son, Clarence, spent Easter in Cleveland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre. They visited St. John's church and were much pleased. Invitations have been received from Miss Ruth Helen Freeman, daughter of Mr. Steven Freeman, who will graduate from Freedman's hospital, Washington, D. C., on May 6th. Mr. Freeman will leave from Washington on Sunday, April 27th. John Freeman spent Wednesday in Cleveland. Ladies' Social Club met with Mrs. Annie Smith Thursday afternoon. Light refreshments were served. The Plymouth Association of Congregational churches meets at the Union Congregational on May 6-7. Clarence H. Smith accepted a position as barber with Horace Johnson in Ashtabula. Miss Olla Snowden continues to improve. James Morris spent Tuesday in Cleveland, it being his birthday. Miss Katherine Derby has been very ill at her home on West Eagle street. T. F. Gordon, Andover, Ohio, is visiting his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gordon. Mrs. Wilbur Dunstan and Mrs. Henry Gordon were Cleveland visitors recently. A May pole drill will be given at the Union Congregational church in the near future. Watch for the date. The Imperial Jubilee Singers sang at the Methodist church (white) on Tuesday evening. They were from Cleveland. Ransom Gordon was a recent Cleveland visitor. Mrs. Mary Wayts and son, Gilbert, spent Sunday here from Cleveland. An ice cream social was given at the above church Wednesday night and was a success. Master Arthur Sims has returned from visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Ramsey, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Sandusky, Ohio, May 2.—The Sunday school members of the Second Baptist church, who participated in the Easter exercises, will be entertained at Center's hall Saturday, May 2, at 2 o'clock. The Y. P. Guild will be entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Anderson, 305 Henday street. The Sewing Circle of Second Baptist church are making preparations for a bazaar to be held in the latter part of May and the Y. P. Guild will render a play-let, "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party." St. Stephen A. M. E. church has recently installed electric lights which shows progress. Rev. Geo. E. Smith, pastor. Rev. Geo. E. Smith and Samuel Alexander were sent as delegates to Warren, Ohio, to the District Conference, commencing May 7-9.

Fostoria, Ohio, May 2.—Mrs. John Johnson visited her daughter at Detroit on Easter. Mrs. Nellie Haines Banks of Chillicothe spent last week with her parents. Luther Tyler, a progressive young man, has gone into business for himself, operating a cement block factory. Mrs. Inez Roberts is ill. Misses Arretta, Dabey and Frela Lee, Messrs. Vera Lee and Roger Anderson attended a party at Tiffin Wednesday night. Mrs. Blanche Tyler received word from her husband, with the ordnance department in France, stating he will be home next month. Chester Johnson is with the same company. Mrs. Pauline Lee of Findlay, passed through the city Saturday en route to Delaware.

Elyria, Ohio, May 2.—Mrs. Helen Clark entertained the Missionary Society at her home on Nelson street on the Grafton line, stop 5. The N. A. A. C. P. gave a social at the Methodist church Monday, April 28. Theodore Glen is sick. The Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard, W. 11th street, Thursday, May 1.