# MANY WIDE-AWAKE BUSINESS MEN

### Colonel Midnight Goes to Brown's Grove And Sees Evidences Progress In Many Places.

Savannah, Ga.—It is hard to tell what is going on in this world. There are things going on right around us and we don't know anything about it, and you will find this true in Baltimore, because I have been made to sit up and take notice and have had my eyes opened.

I have been coming to Baltimore for a few years, and it seems that every time I learn something new. I have gotten much out of my last visit there, and it is my intention to return about September 1, and see what I can see and who I can see. You will just have to wait until then. I am going to attend the session of the National Negro Business League this year for reasons, and will have something to tell you about it. You will just have to go over to it for yourself. I want to see a big crowd there. But now you want to know something about my Baltimore trip.

July 4 was Sunday, and I was in New York City. I had the pleasure of visiting a mission started by Dr. R. C. Ransom, editor of the A. M. E. Church Review. Dr. Ransom is a man who was called to preach and he must be preaching. He is giving his church perhaps the best magazine it has ever had, and then he is spending his Sundays in trying to save souls. I had the plaesure of preaching for him Sunday morning. He is earning his place in the church and race.

Leaving there I went over to New Jersey to see Rev. A. L. Murray and found him busy but then I must not take up your time to talk about New York and New Jersey. After speaking to men in Jersey City and seeing that big crowd there, I returned to New York got me a bed car. Had the pleasure of seeing Miss Estelle Mason, and others and then left that night for Baltimore.

I had accepted an invitation from Capt. Brown to ride on his boat, and believe me he has a sure nuf real boat just like that owned and operated by white folks. Getting in the bed car, I was ready for business the next morning. Reaching the city I went to the home of D. H. Murphy, of the Afro-American Ledger, and was informed by his daughter that he was down to the grove. I got on a street wagon and rode down to where you get on the boat. It seems that the Captain expected me to go, and was looking out for me. Was soon on board of the boat. Capt. Brown just shook my lily black hand and told me he was real glad to see me. He made me feel like I was some pumpkins.

Miss Mamie F. Richardson, the bookkeeper, who is in charge of affairs, escorted me to the private dining room of Capt. Brown and served me with a beefsteak as thick as my heel. I enjoyed a good breakfast. I heard the whistle toot one time and was informed that the boat was then ready to start. I saw that man, who is a real live Captain give orders, ring bells, walk around, and watch the movement of his boat just like I see the white men do, and the boat made the turn and was soon under headway.

I am now on board the steamer Starlight, headed for Brown's Grove. I was treated with all courtesies. Even allowed to go in a little room on top of the boat. They called it the pilot, and why it is called that I don't know. There was in charge of a great big wheel Pilot Edgar Waters, and he just looked and when he saw another boat would toot the whistle, on down the bay. Perhaps it would be of interest to you to know that all on that boat belonged to us, even the policeman. Chief Engineer is Eugene E. Wayman, and Henry Grimes is his assistant, and there are 16 other people on the boat, not including Mason Brown, the mate.

Starlight is indeed an easy riding boat. To build it cost about $100,000 and it is owned by us, or by one of our race. Now the grove was reached. I learned many interesting things about the grove and enjoyed the many jokes told me by that Capt. Brown.

Brown's Grove was reached about 9:30 o'clock, and I was soon off. Met D. H. Murphy, who was just out of bathing. He had enjoyed a night down there, been fishing and had it looked to me about a million fish, but I guess not so many as that. He is some fisher. Everything to make one feel good and enjoy himself is to be found down at that place, and we are proud that we have such a place. They are just there all the time. I saw a real goat race, nickle eater going, and eating chicken. It is worth while and I am glad that I have seen for myself.

Did you ever go to the market where Walter Langley has a stall? I said a stall, but it strikes me he has seven of them in one market and you can get from him anything you desire. He is some dealer in chicken. He is prepared to furnish spring chickens wholesale or retail, and with that little fat boy and his son, it seems to me that they can pick a million chickens in one hour. It looked to me like that little fat boy picked a chicken every minute in the hour. It is wonderful to see how he can get feathers off of a chicken.

Back to Baltimore and to the office. Arnett Murhpy is in charge of the business office, and he is a good business young man. He has his clerks around him and keeps them busy as can be all the time. In the office is Mrs. L. S. Henry, who has been there ever since it has been an office and she is some office woman. She has an assistant now. Franklin Johnson is looking after the local news, and D. H. Murphy is foreman in the composing room. John H. Murphy is editor-in-chief, and then there are other Murphys, George Murphy, John Murphy, Jr., and it would take me a long time to tell you all in the office. It is a busy place I am here to tell you, and a real newspaper office.

I had the pleasure of shaking hands with that man who has made good in the drug store, Mr. Fennell. He has made all Baltimore take notice of him. It was a pleasure to see him. I stopped in Stokes and Derry's drugstore, Dr. Young's and just a few other places.

I had the pleasure of shaking hands with the superintendent of Bethel Sunday School and will accept an invitation which he extended me to visit his home. I did not get to see Dr. J. R. L. Diggs, but met his stenographer, Miss Aria Wilson. She is busy this summer working for her Clayton-Williams College Club. It is becoming a great big club down in Sparrow's Point. Visited Smith's Hotel, and met Tom Smith and his brother Wallace. But it would just take all the paper to tell you what I saw in Baltimore. Editor John H. Murphy was spending sometime in the country, but returned for the celebration. He was in fairly good spirits.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, entered Baltimore. I met him with his wife at the stable and had a little talk with him. He is in Baltimore to have some medical attention. Dr. Mason, was almost a skeleton. I hope he will soon be himself again. I have promised to preach for his people Sunday in Jacksonville.

It is hard to tell how many miles I will travel this month. I have already gone 4,867, and I am just started. Send all mail for me to 406 S. Hattie street, Terrell, Texas.

I left Baltimore, went to Washington, had a long talk with Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, and then to Roanoke, Va., Marion, Va., Bristol, Knoxville, Atlanta, Ga., and I am now here, but will be away by the time you read this letter. I am here to see Grand Chancellor G. R. Hutto hold his Pythian Grand Lodge.

## NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS.

### How the "Grandfather" Clause Works In the Old North State.

All manner of schemes are being devised by politicians who wish to continue to deprive the colored citizens of their right to vote, especially in those southern states which operate the illegal "grandfather" clause. For instance, in North Carolina it is claimed that the "grandfather" clause in that state will not be affected by the recent ruling of the federal supreme court because it applied only between 1900 and 1908.

It will be remembered that the North Carolina amendment extended to white men unable to meet the literacy test the right to vote until 1908, when the educational requirement went into effect as applying to all. The "grandfather" clause now protects only those who could not read or write prior to 1908.

Many voters took refuge under that clause and went upon what is called "the roll of honor." North Carolina held that the white man by continued employment of the franchise was able to use it understandingly, though unlettered, but that Negroes should read and write.

However much some may plot against the just operation of the supreme law of the land, right is going to win in the long run. The battle for human rights under the federal constitution is on, and the colored citizen is going to do his part of the fighting.

# BOY SCOUT NEWS

Through the kindness of Mr. Daniel Murphy of the Afro-American Ledger staff the United Boy Scouts of Maryland have an opportunity of spending a day in camp. The encampment is booked for Monday coming—July 19, 1915 at Greenwood Electric Park Catonsville, at the great all day's picnic of Mr. Jack Nelson.

The day is expected to be a "red letter" one and boys from all churches in the union are anxious to get their first experiences at union camp.

Athletic games and stunts under the direction of Mr. Arnett Murphy, chief Scout director of athletics, assisted by Messrs. Wilson and Welsb will occupy the afternoon.

Each Scout troop is supposed to "hike" both to and from Catonsville. Cars, automobiles, motorcycles, and other vehicles are supposed to stay at home on this day.

Macedonia, Sharon, John Wesley, First Baptist, Centennial and Ebenezer boys had such a fine time at the Safe and Sane Celebration on the 5th of July that they failed to send us their reports for this week. We hope to hear from each next week.

Baltimore, Md.
July 12, 1915.

Dear Boys:

Our meeting of last Friday evening, July 9, was a very good one. We had a very excellent meeting. One boy was read in as a real Tenderfoot Scout. He was Alphonso Green, the assistant patrol leader of the "flying eagle" patrol.

Respectfully,
Alphonso Green, official reporter of Waters troop.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Joseph Kelso, official reporter.

The last meeting of the executive council was held at the residence of the reporter, Mr. Joseph Kelso, 935 Rutland avenue. Centennial M. E. Church troop was fully and nobly represented. Mr. Daniel Murphy of the "Afro" staff was present. He offered the boys thru the council an excellent opportunity to spend a day's encampment at Jack Nelson's picnic at Catonsville, Monday coming. The invitation was unanimously accepted and a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Murphy accompanied by the scout salute.

Officers present were: Charles A. Cary of Waters, president of executive council; Rufus Pinkney of Macedonia, vice president of council; Charles Proctor of First Baptist, corresponding secretary; Joseph Kelso of Waters, Scout commissioner; Oliver Jones of First Baptist Scout commissioner; Luther Mitchell of Centennial, chief Scout bugler; Benjamin Grant of First Baptist, recording secretary; Louis Holly of Macedonia, Scout commissioner; Wm. E. Davis of John Wesley, treasurer; Charles Tolson of Ebenezer, treasurer; George Mitchell of Centennial, Scout master. Among the welcome visitors were two First Baptist young men and Mr. Rayne of the Third Regiment staff.

Mr. David E. Green of Sharon and vice president of the council was unable to be present owing to another pressing engagement. Each church of the union, reported its weekly dues in full.

SPECIAL!

Scout Joseph Kelso, Scout Charles Craig, and Scout Alphonso Green of Waters troop "hiked" a seven or eight mile stretch beginning Saturday night about 9 o'clock. They camped in the lonely woods of Cherry Hill all by themselves. At daybreak they arose and cooked breakfast and the "most much." After having a good rest they started for Baltimore striking "home" about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday.

Joseph Kelso, reporter.

We owe Scout Rufus Gardainer of Sharon an apology for omitting his name in connection with the Scout council meeting at Bethe Thursday, July 1. Scout Gardainer served as Scout "scribe" or secretary at that meeting; and Scout Mickey was his assistant. We understand that both Scout Mickey and Scout Gardainer are good workers and attend well to their patrol and troop duties. Ed.

SALISBURY, MD.

Master Newton E. Parsons, a member and officer of the colored boy Scouts at Salisbury was in the city visiting the Safe and Sane celebration and was much pleased with the work of our Scouts here in Baltimore. The Salisbury scouts are doing some good work so we learn and attend their patrol and troop meetings exceedingly well. Salisbury Scouts are welcome to report all of their meetings, tell us of their drills, how many boys there are, where they hike, who their officers are, and anything else they wish. Remember Scouts of Salisbury you don't have to pay a cent to have anything reported in this column. All you have to do is to write what you wish and send it to Mr Charles A. Cary, 1221 Ashland avenue, Baltimore, Md., and watch for it to appear in the Scout Column.

Mr. Louis Holly, Scout commissioner, Mr. Samuel Webster, Mr. Earl Cohen and John Brogden, assistant first aid director, hiked Saturday last, to Philadelphia Pike out on Belair Road, distance of miles not estimated yet, and arriving in Baltimore about 4 a. m., Sunday morning.

All the boy scouts of Baltimore are invited to be at the carnival Wednesday, July 14, to visit the St. Paul boys brigade at St Paul Church

Joseph Kelso, Scout commissioner reporter.


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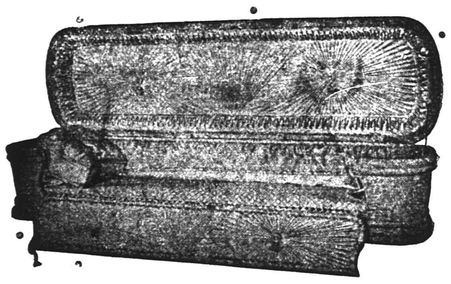

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### CECILTON HAPPENINGS.

Cecilton, Md., July 15.—officers and members of U Bethel Church are very busy paring for their annual camp m ing, which starts Sunday, July Rev. and Mrs John Hammond children have returned after sp ing some weeks visiting relat and friends in Danville, Va.

The Francis Cornet Band, u the leadership of Mr. James Je filled an engagement on the sc house lawn for the Popular M. E. Church Saturday evenin

Mr. John Veal spent part of week visitings friends in Ches Pa.

Mr. T. T. Bacon spent the Fo visiting his daugnter, Mrs. Cl in Lincoln City, Del.

Mrs. Delia Young is spendi few days in Chester, Pa

Mr. Perry Wright, of Ches Pa., and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Smyrna, Del., attended the fun of Mr. John Young which was at Union Bethel Church Wed day, July 7th. Bishop L. J. Co a cousin of the deceased could attend, but sent a letter of re to be read at the funeral.

Mrs. Susan Douglas, Mr. Cha Wilson, Mr. Clarence Moore Mr. Fred Moore are on the list.

Mr. Fred Moore had a pai operation performed on his ha few days ago by Dr. E. Craw

Miss Dorothy Allen, of Ches Pa., is spending the month a guest of Mrs. Annie Edward Church street.

Misses Catherine and Ionie F have returned from Elkton, w they have been visiting their a Mrs. Rena Harris.

### CUMBERLAND BRIEFS

Cumberland, Md., July 1 Girls' day will take place at M politan A. M. E. Church, July 2 A successful stocking social place at the Baptist Church Thursday evening, led by Blanche Ellis.

Dr. S. Sparks has purchase up-to-date car.

Mrs. O. M. Fisher has retu from a two-week visit to Baltin While in the city she was the of her brother, Rev. J. G. Ma

Miss Rosie Rhodes retu home with her.

Mrs. A Casey, who has been for sometime is improving.

Mrs. Nan Wasington left Clarksburg, W. Va., last Sund

### CENTERVILLE ITEMS.

Centerville, Md., July 15. members and friends of St. Pa M. E. Church gave an excursi Denton. A fine game of ba played between Centerville Denton. Score 6 to 2 in fa Denton.

Presiding Elder S. H. Coo the Easton district, will hol first quarterly conference M night. Rev. Cooper will pre St. Paul A. M. E. Church S night.

Miss Emma Laskins, of land, O., is visiting her par few days.

### PORT DEPOSIT PERSONAL

Port Deposit, Md., July Revs. J. D. Banks and B.S. with their congregations, the camp meeting at Graver Sunday.

Rev. L. T. Robbins preac a good congregation at the Church Sunday.

Mrs. Georgeanna Owens taken to a hospital in Elk treatment.

Mrs. Hopkins spent Su Wilmington, Del.

Miss Florence Bell has Atlantic City.

Miss Flossie Steward paid to Dover, Del., where sh tending the summer sch State College.

### PRINCESS ANNE HAPPENIN

Princess Anne, Md., Ju The Epworth League Conve the Salisbury district wh held at Pocomoke City, attended. Mr. Joseph W. and Mrs. Celeste M. Hayman the delegates. Mr. Jos Hayman represented the School and Mrs. Celeste man, the Epworth League.

The picnic given in Tuesday, July 8th was a The Cambridge Merry Ba ished the music.

Owing to the inclement Monday, July 5th the annu given by the Odd Fellows in Todd's Hall, instead of t Miss Cleopatra Waters,