BALTIMORE ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bethel Striving to Pay $15,000

Starts After $2,000 More to Secure $8,000 Gift.—Troopers at Church

The services at Bethel A. M. E. Church had a militant aspect last Sunday morning, Captain William R. Spencer and 150 men of the First Separate Company being present to listen to a special sermon by the pastor. The troopers occupied front seats and Dr. Brooks preached an interesting sermon on "Looking Through Life's Windows." The men were advised to be brave and courageous and told that they would be of more service to the nation if they led upright lives.

"Despite the many oppressions, the Negro has suffered," said Dr. Brooks, "he has made remarkable progress in many directions. There seems to be no emergency in which the race has not been called upon to do its part. The white people, at least some of them, did not want the Negro as a soldier in this war, but he is to have a part. Much will be expected of you men and we wish you godspeed."

Captain Spencer made an address in which he said the sermon was a farewell one before the men were called into active service.

At the conclusion of Dr. Brooks, a number of the soldiers expressed their intention of leading better lives.

Headed by Captain Spencer and Lieutenant Evan, while the congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the company marched from the church.

The announcement by Dr. Brooks that $8000 would be distributed from Baltimore within if $2,000 were raised by the congregation within the next thirty days, was greeted with enthusiasm. The congregation at the morning service raised the amount needed to make up $5,000 for the first rally, and the prospect of $10,000 more, which with the $5,000 already raised will be applied to the principal debt of the church, was indeed good news to the members. The payment of the $15,000 will mean a saving of $900 a year in interest charges.

Dr. Brooks concluded his sermon on "The Derby" begun the previous Sunday night. The first rally was completed at night, $5,024.50 being secured in all. Seven dollars was paid on the new campaign for $2,000.

THE LURE OF THE BREEZE

Many Sought It But Few Found It.

With the mercury still on the nineties after the sun had gone down, Baltimoreans sweltered in the hottest days of the year last week. Four workers in the steel plant at Sparrows Point were overcome with heat, and one of them died. The prostrations probably reached ten in number, that were reported and there were many more that did not come to the attention of the hospitals.

During Monday and Tuesday, especially, every electric and water motor fan worked overtime. Judicious housekeepers closed curtains and blinds and retired to their cellars for a bit of the cool. At night the heat continued with the result that many slept covered out front or in chairs a the window. Everybody who owned an auto set it in motion to provide breeze, and those who could not purchase gasoline invested change in car fare for a car ride). The city parks were crowded with big and little folk seeking a cool spot, and the only people who did not seem to mind the weather were the lovers who held hands, locked arms, and lay their heads in each others laps with the same abandon that they ordered ice cream at the soda fountain.

MOBS SINGLED OUT BEST HOMES

Not Only Burned But Pillaged and Plundered.

According to Miss Hallie Queen, Red Cross worker, who has just returned from the war front in East St. Louis, the mob did not confine itself to the destruction of homes of strike-breakers, but sought out the homes of the well-to-do. A colored oculist was chased out, his furnishings and instruments confiscated and the torch applied.

Miss Queen spoke at John Wesley last Sunday morning and at Bethel in the afternoon. Appreciative audiences heard her.

Miss Queen in reply to the question as to what what the youngest children killed, replied that twins 15 minutes old, together with their mother were known o have been slain in cold blood. Correspondence in her possession showed that white women were forced by the mob to take part in the murders. Miss Queen stated that the half of the misery and devastation in the little Illinois own has not been told, that numbers of persons were burned or thrown into the water that nobody knows anything about.

The Red Cross has decided to spend $10,000 in the rehabilitation in East St. Louis. Colored members are very anxious that at least one thousand be the amount that shall come from them. All over the country, subscriptions are being solicited and it is expected that the fund will be closed soon.

Local contributions continue to come in to Mrs. R. W. Thomas. The names and amounts of subscribers follow:

Previously acknowledged	$69.00
John Wesley	17.00
Bethel collection	7.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hughes	6.00
Mrs. Hall	.25
Mrs. Sarah Bailey	.25
Rev. Colbert, Grace Church	2.50

SHARON BREAKS RECORD

Sharon Baptist Church outdistanced all previous records when it carried 1,950 persons on its annual excursion to Browns Grove. Sharon carried 1700 people to the grove last year the record up to that time. Captain George W. Brown and the crew did everything possible for the comfort of the excursionists. The church sold sixty gallons of ice cream and all of the food and soft drinks carried.

Rev. W. M. Alexander, the pastor, was unable to be present, being on the road to recovery from a brief indisposition.

MAINLY PERSONAL

Miss. Laura Magruder, of 1722 Orleans street, is visiting relatives in Calvert county.

Mrs. Mary Parks, of Wichita, Kan., was the guest of Mrs. W. Sampson Brooks, of 1440 Argyle avenue Sunday.

Mrs. Mary M. West, of Brooklyn N. Y., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Nannie Lee, of 1722 Orleans street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Logan Jenkins and son spent Sunday in Bargers Ferry.

Miss Hattie A. McNeill, a teacher in the local schools, is visiting friends in New York, Asbury Park and Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Seven Hadley, of Philadelphia, formerly of this city, spent Sunday visiting Mrs. John Nelson of Lanvale street. She also had a delightful trip motoring to Baldwin Monday with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter of Myrtle avenue.

Mrs. Lonnie H. Knox, of New Haven, Conn., is spending a two month vacation with Mr. Knox's relatives at 1226 Division street, Baltimore.

Mr. W. H. G. Bond of the local temple of Shriners left Friday of this week to attend the 19th annual convention of the Imperial Council, A. E. A. O. N. M. S. which convenes at Detroit, Michigan. While away Mr. Bond will visit Buffalo, Niagara Falls and places of interest along the Canadian border.

Mrs. Mary E. Freeland and daughter, Miss Sadie Freeland, of Philadelphia are spending the summer in Cape May, N. J.

Mrs. Sherrs of 510 Preston street announces the engagement of Miss Lee ne M. Clay, formerly of this city, now of New York, to Mr. Edward Aldridge of Guilford, Conn. The wedding will take place this fall.

FUNERAL OF MRS. YOUNG

The funeral of Mrs. Annette Young who died at her home 641 George street, was held at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Young, who was 88 years of age, was one of the oldest members of Mirriam Court of Nazarites.

PLAYGROUND HAPPENINGS

The schedule in Druid Hill Park has been changed to 2-5 p. m. Yesterday was Doll Day at Playground No. 111, and Parents' Day at Druid Hill Park. Next Saturday will be Field Day at 112 and Flag Day at the Park.

During the past week many parents and older persons accompanied their children to the park to find relief from the intense heat of the summer.

BULLETIN OUT.

The Year Book number of the Morgan College Bulletin for July is out. The registration shows 249 students at Morgan and the branch schools. Morgan College itself has a faculty of 12 and a student body of 111. The college is fortunate in acquiring the library of dean emeritus Charles Young. The library is rich in history and pedagogy.

Princess Anne has 124 students and a faculty of 11. Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, also connected with Morgan College as a branch, has a faculty of nine and a student body of 42.

15 Years Ago in The Afro-American

Ames M. E. and Allen A. M. E. Churches purchased new houses of worship.

The magazine "Success" held a contest to determine the 15 greatest Americans. Roosevelt got 98 per cent of votes, Bryan 96 and Booker T. Washington 70 percent.

In Wodmersdorf, W.Va., a chief of police was killed. Three men were lynched and the right one still was not found.

Bishop James A. Handy officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Alice Jenifer wife of Dr. John T. Jenifer.

First Separate Company gave its annual excursion to Gettysburg.

Rev. Fr. Slattery spoke out against prejudice in the Catholic church.

MISS ROSS IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Rachel A. Ross who is visiting her grandmother in Sellman's Md., was injured on last Sunday when the buggy in which she and two others were driving was struck by an automobile and smashed in pieces. The buggy was upset, throwing the occupants out. Miss Ross' left leg and hip were hurt and she also received bruises on her arm and shoulder. The others were slightly injured.

LOCALS DEFEAT WILMINGTON

Baltimore Tennis Players Have Everything Their Own Way.—Leave Tomorrow on Tour.

The local tennis enthusiasts had their innings Friday afternoon at Druid Hill Park when the team representing the Monumental Tennis Association of this city defeated an aggregation of players from Wilmington, both in the doubles and in the singles.

The locals showed superior form capturing all of the former matches and three out of four in the latter.

In the singles, Cardozo easily defeated Jarison in straight sets, 6-0; 6-2. Reckling beat Milburn also in straight sets, 6-0; 6-0. McCard had little trouble in disposing of Harris 6-2 and 6-3. Braxton was he only one of the locals to suffer defeat. In a listless match he was overcome by Hyman 6-3; 4-6; 7-5. Neither of the men showed any superior form.

In the doubles Wright and Jones defeated Jamison and Harris 6-1; 4-6; 7-4 while Cook and Reckling downed Milburn and Hyman, 5-7; 6-3; 6-3.

The local men, including Cardozo, Reckling, Rhetta, Braxton, Wheeler, Cook, McCard and Wright leave tomorrow on a tour through the North. Monday they will play a return match with Wilmington, Tuesday they are due in Philadelphia for a match and on Friday and Saturday, the Ideal and Flushing Tennis Clubs of New York will be taken into camp.

Celebrate Liberian Independance

The seventieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Liberia was appropriately observed at John Wesley M. E. Church, Thursday evening of last week. The celebration was arranged by Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon, pastor of the church and Liberian consul general to the United States. It was the first of the kind held in this country.

The program included the singing of the Liberian national anthem, by the choir of the church, the reading of the Liberian Declaration of Independence, by Miss Louise Dennis, a daughter of a former cabinet officer of Liberia, and addresses by Dr. L. G. Jordan, of Philadelphia, in charge of the foreign mission work of the National Baptist Convention, Rev. G. F. Bragg, and Thomas H. R. Clarke, of Washisingtonn. Rev. A. L. Gaines, presided.

PLEADS FOR LIBERIA

Mr. Clarke, who made the principal address, urged that the people of this country help Liberia at its present distressful condition due to the war.

"During the past 100 years," said Mr. Clarke, "the science and learning of the white man have been sought in an effort to justify his treatment of the dark races in the score of their alleged inferiority. It has taken one hundred years of Haiti and Liberia, the black republics, to demonstrate that the alleged inferiority is a white man's fiction, assiduously employed to cover up his ruthless enslavement of exploitation.

"The war in Europe proves that, in all its elements, the black farmer is a man to be depended upon. The Serbians, Montenegrins and Egyptians have covered themselves with glory on the battlefields of Europe. And never again will we hear Dixon and responsible source of racial inferiority.

The speaker said that Liberia, from its inception in 1847 took a strong stand against the slave trade then being carried on along the West Coast of Africa, and did much to bring about its cessation.

Liberia, he said, needed help from the people and governments of this country, especially since it had been greatly impoverished by the European war.

CANNING CLUBS FLOURISHING

At Ames, Metropolitan, 23rd Street Baptist, Ebenezer and Payne Memorial canning clubs under the direction of Mrs. Shaw, state expert, are carrying on their work. In the suburbs, Sparrows Point, Mt. Winans and Belair groups of women and girls are showing an unusual interest in food conservation. Cabbage, string beans, fruits and tomatoes are being changed in very few minutes by skilful hands into preserved food for winter use. In two lessons at Payne Memorial, the girls had canned over 15 jars of beans.

For the benefit of those who would like to know how, Mrs. Shaw tells how she does it:

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"Remove the jar from the water and seal and cool. The next day loosen the top, sterelize for another hour, then seal. Turn upside down and watch for a week or ten days. Store in a dark closet."

MISS GILMAN RESIGNS

Miss Mabel Gilman, white, chairman of the colored women's section of the Home Defense League, has resigned to take up hospital work in France. Her successor will be appointed during the week. The colored members of the section passed resolutions of commendation of Miss Gilman's work and regret at her leaving.

CHURCH PROPERTY SAVED

Wayman Memorial A. M. E. Church Carroll street, was saved from the auction block Wednesday, the congregation having raised over $150 to prevent foreclosure. A rally was held at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, and over $100 was secured. Bethel Church gave $5.00 toward the amount needed. Rev. J. W. Armstrong is pastor of the church.

PROMINENT PYTHIAN BURIED

The funeral of John H. Henderson, prominent Pythian, who died Saturday, after a brief illness, was held on Monday afternoon. Rev. A. L. Gaines officiated. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. The deceased had served as grand chancellor of the Maryland Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias and at the time of his death was a member of the board of directors of the Pythian Joint Stock Association.

ORPHANS AT THE PARK

The three hundred children of St. Elizabeth's Home, Courtland Street near Saratoga, were taken by the Sisters for an outing in the Park. From nine in the morning until dusk these children romped and played as if the thermometer did not register in the nineties.

W. W. ALLEN GIVEN RECEPTION

Rev. W. W. Allen, whob leaves this week for a trip thru virginia and to Atlantic City was given a vacation reception by the members of Shiloh Baptist Church last Monday evening. This is the fourteenth annual reception that the church has given its pastor.

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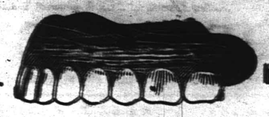
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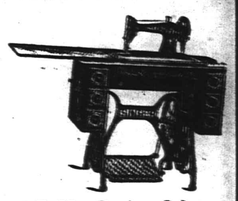
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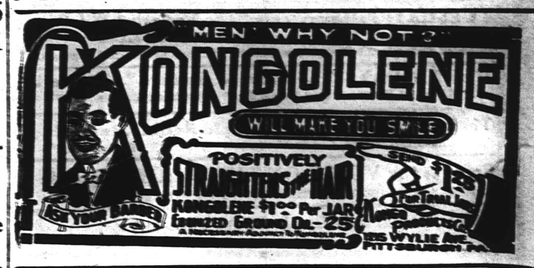

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