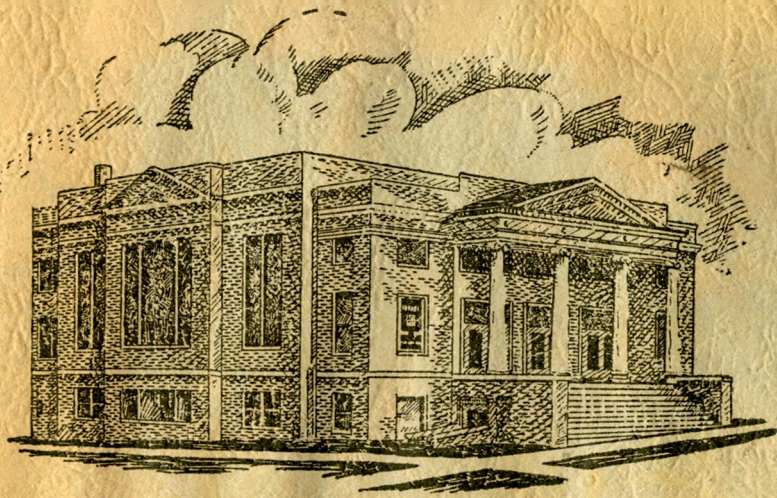


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“THE OLD MAESTRO” is the honorary title bestowed upon one of the finest Christian men in St. Paul Church. . . He is G. D. Redmon, leader of class 26. Although past his 76th birthday, he makes the round of his members, also the sick of the church, and generally leads in finance reported. . . BRO. REDMON is a Trustee, and the custodian of the church.

To the entire membership of St. Paul A.M.E Church, its friends and wellwishers, I have gone to considerable expense to emphasize the importance and necessity of CO-OPERATION to you on your 73D ANNIVERSARY

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R. E. PATTEN

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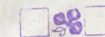
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OUR PASTOR AND FAMILY, REV. A. J. IRVINE, D.D.
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Dr. Irvine came to Greater St. Paul Church September, 1944, and found a debt of \$6,000.00 still owing on the building mortgage. He instituted our present financial system which we feel is the best in the history of the church for raising current expenses, presiding elder's assessment and Conference claims, through a weekly offering of 57c per member. He launched a Twenty-five Dollar Rally, the result of which, in less than eight months, we completely liquidated the six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) building mortgage which had hung over us since the present building was erected and still left some money in both steward and trustee treasuries.

CHURCH HISTORY



According to the late Mother Annie Allen, now deceased, but who was its first secretary the organization now known as St. Paul A. M. E. Church, was formed in a small cottage that then stood just west of her own home which was No. 1215 Park Street as a result of the pioneering of the late Rev. John W. Malone, then a missionary preacher under the Illinois Annual Conference, which sent as its first pastor the Rev. George W. Benson who held his first service October 9th, 1872.

The charter members were Anna Allen, Archie Brown, Amanda Carter, Bill Carter, Isaiah Carter, Jennie Carter, Margaret Carter, Oliver Carter, Rachel Carter, Sampson Carter, Nan Cothran, Jefferson Mash, Mary Mash, Dudley Miller, G. W. Turner and Sarah Turner.

The Rev. Benson remained but one year and was succeeded in 1873 by the Rev. Fred Myers and he in 1874 by the Rev. George Hedgeman and he in 1875 by the Rev. J. Marly, and he in 1876 by the Rev. George Hathman and he in 1877 by the Rev. Lewis R. Alexander and he in 1878 by the Rev. A. Boyd and he in 1879 by the Rev. J. W. White, under whose administration the church was incorporated, September 29th, 1879 with the pastor and the three trustees Henry McCraven, Jeffen Mash and H. H. Lewis signing as incorporators.

At that time the services were being held in a second story hall on what is now West Court Ave.

Rev. White was followed in 1880 by the Rev. T. A. Cheek, who served a portion of two years, but who passed away while serving as its pastor and was buried in the Church lot upon the little knoll immediately in front of the entrance to Woodland Cemetery.

Rev. Cheek was followed in 1881 by the Rev. R. C. Joiner, under whose administration there was purchased the first location at the South East corner of West 2nd and Center Street and our first church building erected upon it and in September 1883 the old Iowa Annual Conference was organized in it.



St. Paul Church 1882

Rev. Cheek was followed by the Rev. J. A. Hahn in 1884 who remained pastor until he fell in the pulpit during the summer of 1887 and he also was buried upon the Church Lot in Woodland.

Upon the passing of the Rev. Hahn the Rev. F. J. Peterson, then pastoring at Ottumwa, Iowa, was brought to Des Moines for the first time as pastor, remaining two years and in 1889 he was succeeded by the Rev. W. C. Trevan who was the third pastor to pass away in office and to be buried in the Church Lot in Woodland Cemetery.

Rev. Trevan was followed by the Rev. S. A. Hardison in 1890 who after two years was followed by the Rev. C. W. Newton, who did the first remodeling of the old church, installing a furnace and new benches with cushions.

Rev. Newton was followed by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Laws, who in the year 1891 suggested and became president of the 1st District Sunday School Normal Institute in African Methodism and organized and taught the first class in this church.

In 1894 Dr. Laws was followed by the Rev. T. A. Clark who in 1895 was followed by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Reeves who continued the District Normal Institute organized by Dr. Laws until 1898 when he was transferred to the Chicago District and was followed by the Rev. F. J. Peterson, who became pastor for a second time and who in 1899 was followed by the Rev. J. Phillips who in 1901 was followed by the Rev. Horace S. Graves under

whose administration the old church began to take on new life.

The old mortgage that had hung over it since the remodeling under Rev Newton's administration was completely liquidated and the church again remodeled by the adding of a vestibule and a balcony in front and a choir loft and pastor's study in the rear and installing a hand pumped pipe organ, and entertained the Chicago Annual Conference in 1903.



St. Paul Church 1906

Rev Graves remained until the spring of 1906, when he was transferred to St. James Church, St. Paul, Minn. in exchange for the Rev Dr Robert Seymour, who completed that year only and was followed in September 1906 by the Rev Dr W Sampson Brooks, (later Bishop) who in 1908 was followed by the Rev. Dr George W Gaines, who in September 1909 was followed by the Rev I. N Daniels under whose administration we again entertained the Chicago Annual Conference in 1911, which Conference sent us the Rev Dr Bruce U Taylor, the only one of the above list who still survives and who for about twenty years last past has served as Presiding Elder of the South Chicago District of the Chicago Annual Conference.

Dr Taylor honored us by taking as his bride Miss Zella Davis, who had been reared in our congregation and who is now a teacher in the Chicago public schools.

Under his administration the church was again freed from debt, he paying off the mortgage placed upon it when it was remodeled

under Dr Graves' administration and made a payment upon our first parsonage at No. 1045 West 13th street.

In 1914 Dr Taylor was succeeded by the 1st Rev E. G Jackson and he in 1915 by the late Rev S. L. Birt, who styled himself a "Master Builder" and proved it by moving us from the old frame building at Second and Center street into our present spacious modern brick building at W 12th and Crocker, said to be the best building ever built by Negroes as a church edifice, between Chicago and Denver, which we first occupied in November, 1918.

In September, 1920 we, for a fourth time entertained the Annual Conference, but this Conference presided over by the late Bishop L. J Coppin transferred Dr Birt in Bethel, Chicago, then the largest church in African Methodism and sent to us the young but progressive W H. Griffin who found us under a mortgage of twenty thousand dollars and upon which he paid \$3,500 during his first year's administration.

Dr Griffin remained with us four years and in 1924 was followed by the Rev Dr H. L. P Jones who in 1926 was followed by Dr T L. Scott who in 1928 was followed by the Rev Dr George Williams, under whose administration in September 1929 the articles of incorporation having expired were renewed for another fifty years, with the pastor, Mother Annie Allen and Henry McCraven, then a local elder, but also one of the original incorporators, signing the articles.

In September 1929 Dr Williams was returned to us for one week at the expiration of which he was transferred to Coppin Chapel, Chicago, and the 1st Dr Carl M. Tenner sent to us, but because of failing health he resigned after about three months and there came to our pastorate, the Rev Dr Wm. E. Guy, now Presiding Elder of the St. Paul District of this conference, and for a fifth time we entertained the Annual Conference in 1931

In September 1932 Dr Guy was followed by the Rev Dr John A. Alexander, who in the month of August 1936 was transferred to Evanston Illinois, and the Rev Dr R. H. Hackley became our pastor During his second year's administration Rev Hackley launched a bond selling project from the proceeds of which he hoped to have liquidated our mortgage which was then about ten thou-

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HISTORY COMMITTEE



Left to right Mattie Woods, S. Joe Brown, Chm., Francis Hall, George H. Mason, Emma Evans, W H. Warrick



SISTER FRANKIE WOOD and Sister Mattie Warrick, representing the Deaconess of St. Paul Church. **SISTER WARRICK** is the oldest member in point of service, having joined in 1889, just 54 years ago. Was consecrated Deaconess, under the late Bishop Timothy Reeves, who was then Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

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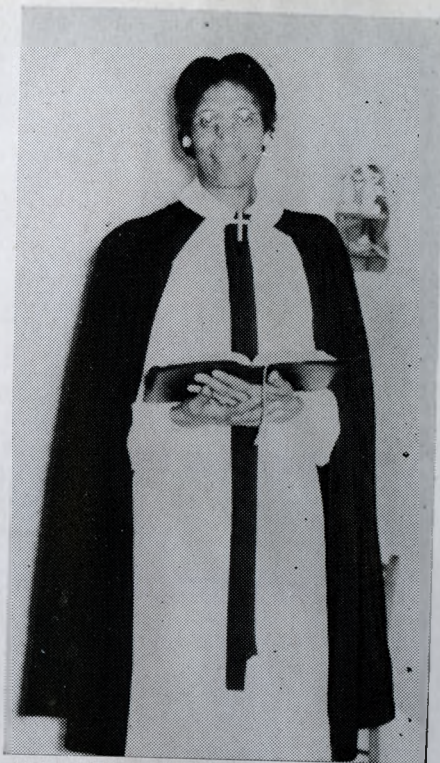
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Rev W. M. Berry, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church came to Clinton, Iowa, on Sept. 15, 1939, from Muscatine and Iowa City, Iowa.

At these places the churches were spiritually revived and many debts of long standing liquidated. At Iowa City he found a mortgage debt amounting to the sum of \$600.00, with approximately fifteen members. They had become discouraged and said this is more than we can accomplish. The lady who held the mortgage became discouraged and foreclosed the same, June 3rd, 1938. The Pastor and members had only ten months in which to redeem the church, but this they achieved.

Here at Clinton, Rev Berry with the co-operation of the members has performed miracles. The church has taken on a new inspiration, new members have been added, and finan-

cial obligations have been taken care of. The interior of the church has been painted, the exterior and interior of the parsonage renovated, also a new roof has been put on the parsonage, a new furnace has been installed at the cost of \$400.00. One-half block of concrete sidewalk has been laid on the west side of the church and parsonage; the church property has been beautified by landscaping, trimming trees, etc.

Rev Berry has solemnized more than 3,000 marriages and has been termed the "Marrying Parson." The parsonage has been a refuge for many relatives and friends of service men who are patients in Schick General Hospital.

He is a lover of good music, and has been instrumental in bringing to our city such artists as Miss Wylma Fletcher, Soloist of Galesburg, Ill., the Southernaires who appeared here two successive years at which time they served two Institutions, the church and Schick General Hospital. He also sponsored the Blue Jay Singers, who are well known Radio artists heard over Stations WSBS and WIND.

In 1941 it was Rev Berry's privilege, through the co-operation of the good members to entertain the District conference, also the Northwestern conference Branch Woman's Mite Missionary Society in 1942.

The housing situation was a difficult problem, but through the co-operation of our white friends, it was solved. The members of Bethel and our friends of the Second Bapt'st Church, opened the doors to their homes, which caused an overflow.

Rev Berry and the good members and friends present goal is a financial drive for the sum of \$2,000.00 to redecorate the church, put in new pews and take care of other needed improvements. With the help of God and our many friends, this will be attained July 29, 1945.

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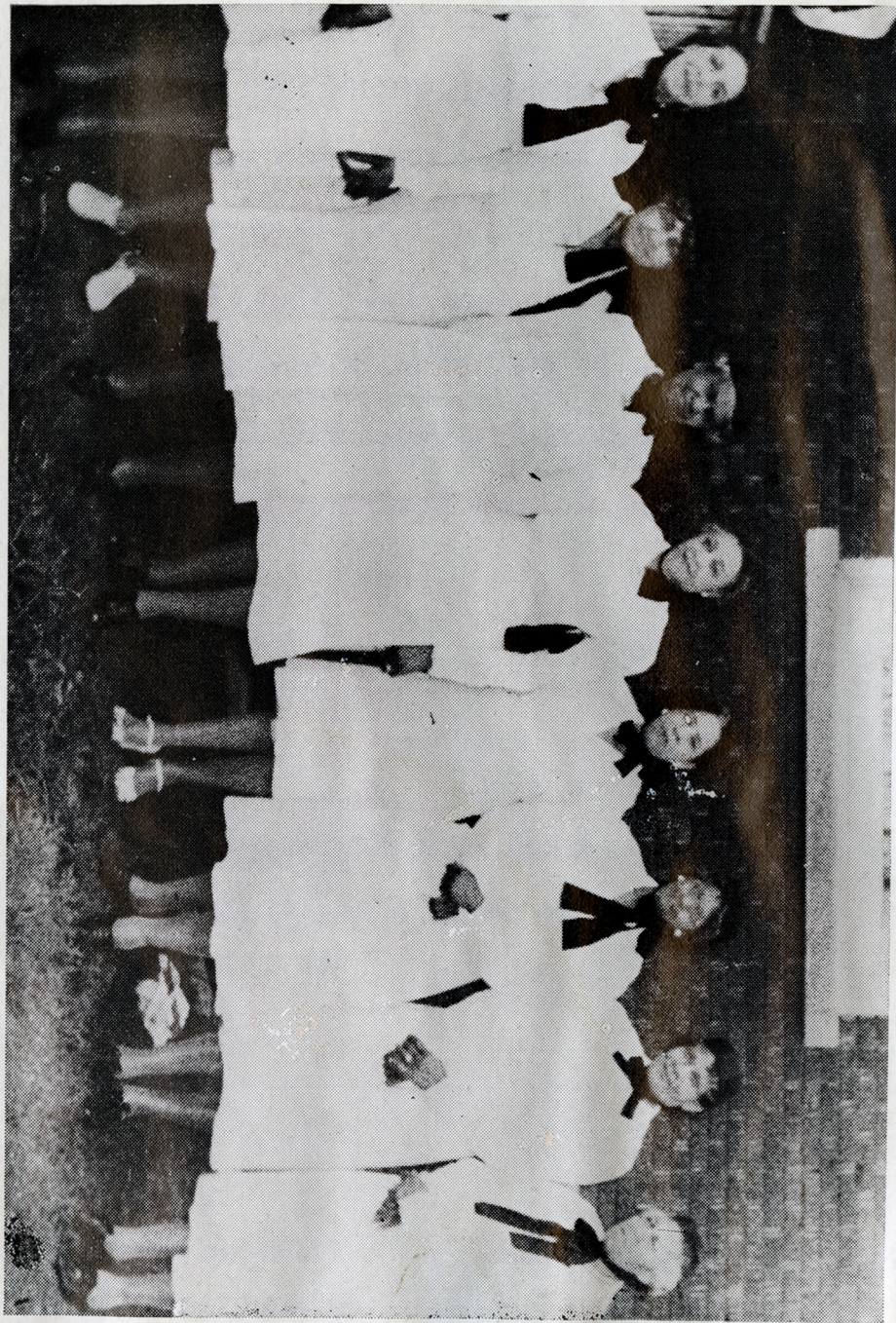
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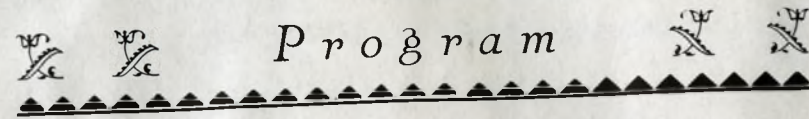
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SOCIAL WORKERS. Continued on Page 47

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SIXTEEN MEMBERS

Noting with interest the energetic effort put forth by Mrs. Nichols, now Iowa's Missionary Citizen No. 1, to aid and uplift unfortunates financially, spiritually, and physically, Mrs. Grace Doane, then Secretary of the Social Service Agency here, suggested that a club should be formed dedicated for just such work.

With sixteen ladies the club was organized at 1062 11th street in the front room of the present residence of Mrs. Nichols at the insistence of Dr. Marc Smith, then Chairman of By-Laws Committee. It was named the S.M.N. Social Workers Club as a living monument to honor the work of its founder

LIFE PRESIDENT

Since that time, Mrs. Nichols has served continuously as president with the exception of one year when Mrs. Mattie Dameron was head. As a further proof of the high esteem the members held for their leader, Mrs. Nichols was unanimously elected to hold the office of president for life in 1936.

Buying medicine for the needy sick, providing food, coal and clothing to persons struck by misfortune in fire, accident, death, etc., are just a few of the duties performed by this group every hour in the day, rain or shine.

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 I would not die in spring.
 I would not die in summer
 Corn on the cob and peas are ripe
 The old swimmin' hole is callin'
 And there's apples and melons to swipe.
 The gals wear slacks and shorts
 And half distract the men
 Lambs and pigs are in their prime—
 I would not perish then.

I would not die in autumn
 With it's crisp frosty mornin' air
 Fried chicken an' apple dumplin's
 An' punken' pies on the bill o' fare.
 The woods are dressed in colors
 Artists can't match at all
 The hunting season is open—
 I wouldn't die in the fall.
 I could die in winter
 For one might freeze to death
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Every two weeks, the members gather at the president's home to sew and plan to help the poor. The first big project was the joining of the National Association of Social Work which met in Des Moines. Besides being a federated club (in which Mrs. Nichols holds State and National Offices) the group is a charter member of the Christmas, Inc., formed six years ago. Christmas cheer in the form of toys, food, supplies, etc., is one of the ideals the club strive for

Girls from the Mitchellville Industrial School have been paroled to the S.M.N. Club and have been placed in good homes with excellent environment.

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CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE

A Citizenship Committee of two meets with the Board of Education to inquire into the welfare of pupils who require assistance.

A Junior S.M.N. Club was formed under the direction of Mrs. Nichols, Haley Oziel Johnson was president, Dora Mackey was advisor

PERSONNEL

The personnel of the club consists of Mrs. Beatrice Green, treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Woods, secretary Mrs. Mary Carl was vice-president at the time of her recent death. Mrs. Mary Wilson is Chaplain.

The following Committees include Mrs. Mary Shepherd, Mrs. J. A. Jefferson, Mrs. Margaret M. Patten, and Mrs. Marie Platter, Citizenship, Mrs. Clyde Washington, Mrs. Izora Mackay, Mrs. Alie Bowman, Rescue Work, Mrs. Mattie Dameron, Mrs. Mary Willis, Mrs. Lillian Leath, Bundle Collections, Mrs. Hazel Dixon, Mrs. Ida Hackley, Mrs. Myrtle Butler, Program, Mrs. Wayne Merton, Mrs. Viola Richardson, Mrs. Ella Adams, Mrs. Harrison Becton, Entertainment.



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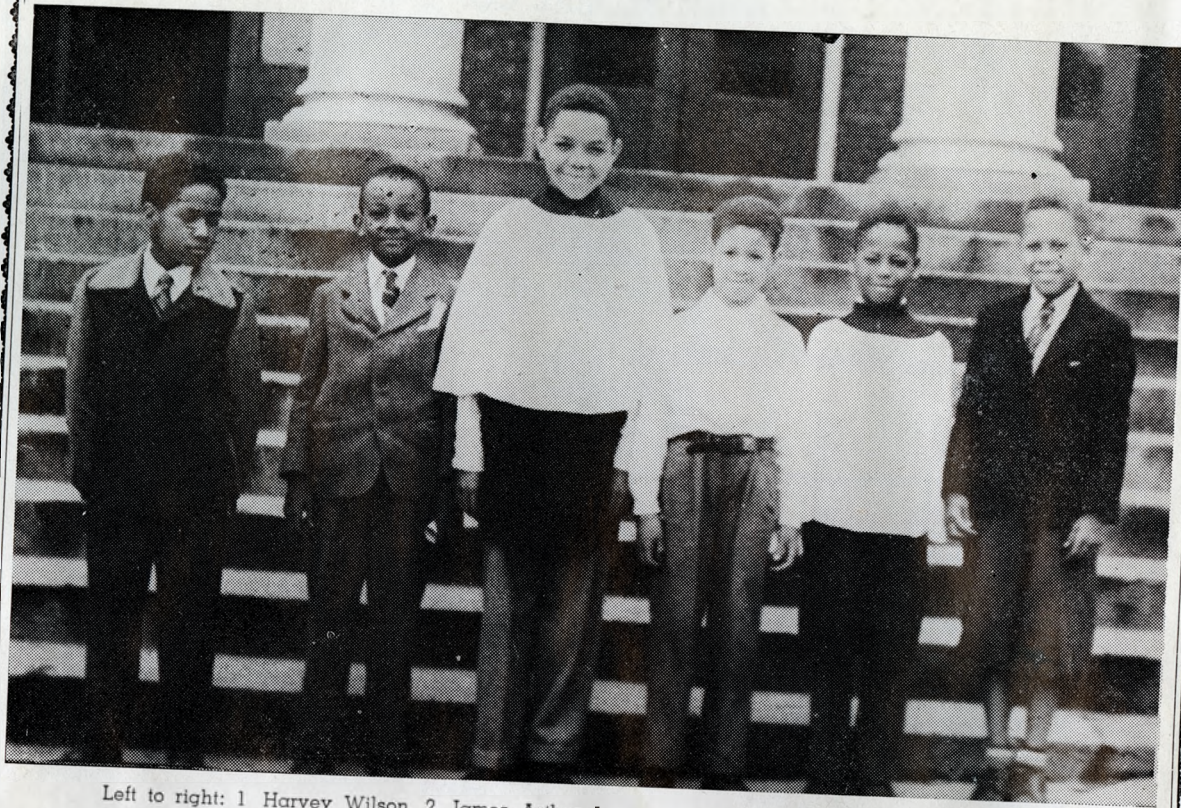
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WHEN THE FORT WAS READY, the land surrounding was thrown open for settlement. By 1853 there were about 500 inhabitants in the settlement, and the city of Des Moines was incorporated. It became the capital of the state in 1857

TODAY, DES MOINES and its suburbs has a population of over 190,000 of which 95% are native born. It is a city of diversified activities. Manufacturing, jobbing, retailing, banking, insurance, and mining, each of great importance to the city, which serves the entire state.

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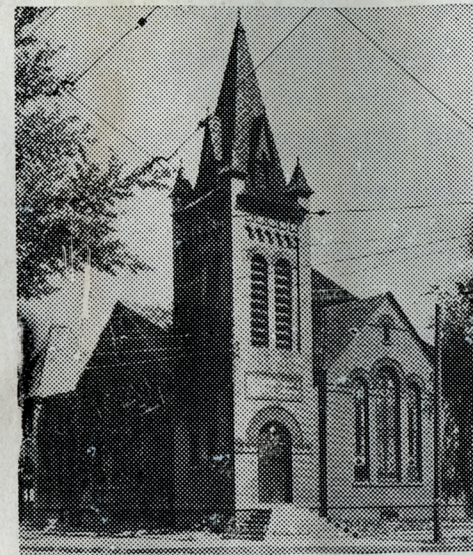
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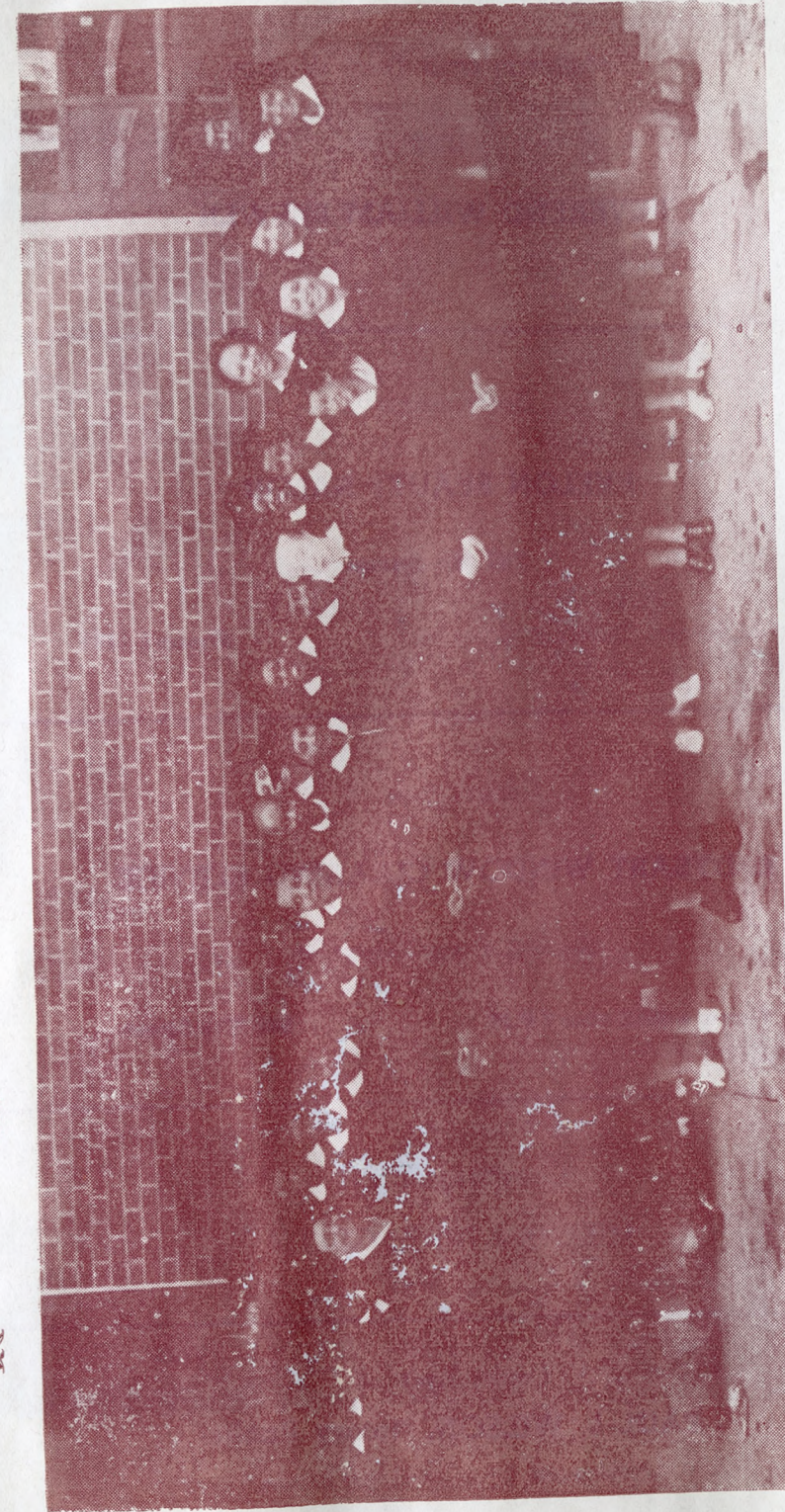
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The St. Paul Usher board was organized in 1920 with 8 members by Rev S. L. Birt, with Mr Gus Nichols, president, Mr. Berry, secretary Mr V L. Jones was made president after 2 years and served until leaving the city 8 years ago. Mrs. Avery as secretary until her passing in 1924. Mrs. B. B. Winn succeeded her and is still serving in this capacity

Mr Charles Winn was elected president and presided until Mr Ezra Ewing took over six years ago, and has done a splendid job. Mrs. Nichols is now treasurer and Mr Gus Nichols is chaplain. We have all worked hard to help each pastor put over his program and are happy to have our church paid for under the leadership of Rev A. J Irvine.

? Co-operation or Chaos ?

By R. E. Patten

Postwar Action by the Negro must be of a different kind than he has ever before attempted. And not only that, it must be different from anything his white brethren are going to do . . . And it must be 100 per cent co-operative!

The task is enormous. It is going to require deep, straight thinking, scientific planning, many hours of labor and thousands of dollars, together with hundreds of "Adult Home Schools" to educate people and spread the gospel of co-operation.

Our white leadership is "stunned", "stymied" and "bottlenecked" with the onrushing social-economic dilemma, not having as yet evolved any definitely basic plan to prevent the certain disaster which is facing us.

In this crisis that is now assuming such alarming proportions, there are only a few white leaders of our country who know what to do, and who have the courage to tell us. Among that few we find Henry Wallace. Yet 95 per cent of our daily papers and the majority of our elected congress are crying—crucify Wallace! crucify Wallace! Crucify him! In the midst of this confusion and division in our country the Negro now has the worlds greatest chance, not only to save himself, but to save his white bretheren as well.

This salvation cannot be achieved thru lilliputian efforts and kindergarten tactics.

We cannot do it thru a "SUPER N A A C P"; that movement is a negative expression. We cannot do it thru the "Inter-racial commission"; that is a palliative mirage. We cannot do it thru the "United Council of Churches", that is too emotional and non-scientific. We cannot do it thru a permanent "F E P C" because that, too, is a negative force and in the end will create worse conditions than it seeks to remedy

So what?

JUST THIS: America must become "*Cooperative minded*", and "*One-World-minded*" within the next 10 years, 1946 to 1956. Failing in this, CHOAS and Calamity will befall us.

Non-resistance is the greatest power in life. The co-operative philosophy is based on non-resistance, love, brotherhood and friendship; which are the corner and capstones of peace, plenty and harmony . . . The NEGRO is the logical minority group in America to explore the facts and great unlimited benefits of co-operation . . . And in as much as "rugged individualism" and "free enterprise" of the selfish capitalistic economy is obsolescent and OUT, This is the opportune time to lay the foundation for a "Co-operative Commonwealth."

If the Negro Leadership and intelligencia of America can become unselfishly imbued with the latent possibilities of the positive power of the "Co-operative Economy" and will cast their all in the movement, I predict that within one generation every right and privilege now sought by the Negro will be won hands down! . . . And not only that you shall have done for your white brethren in one generation,

what he has failed to do for you and himself in 160 years! TRY IT! You have nothing to lose.

There can be no unemployment in a cooperative economy. A place is provided for everybody. So in this dark hour, why not embark on the safest ship afloat. CO-OPERATION!

A complete, new and better world is in store for everybody. Ten thousand Edisons, Garvers, Burbanks, Willkies and Wallaces can be found and pressed into service thru this great gospel of economic brotherhood.

This is a challenge to the Negro of America to stop talking, stop chasing negative Jack O'lanterns and start action to lay the foundation of the new temple of human brotherhood—CO-OPERATION!

Your efforts must be founded and grounded in the very beginning with the CO-OPERATIVE OWNERSHIP OF LAND or they will remain negative, Puny and non-effective . . . If you are not willing to do this, you had as well stay home and wait for unemployment, breadlines, soup kitchens and poverty—because they surely will be here.

In order to form the basis of a national pattern for gradual transition to the Co-operative economy we propose the following:

1—From every type and kind of organization select 3 or 5 of the most open minded. These open minded persons are to become acquainted with the facts and possibilities of Co-operation in a community Organized "Co-operative Institute" to be conducted on the open forum plan by thinkers who know CO-OPERATION.

2—These open-minded persons are then to become Instructors in "Adult Home Schools" at least one of which will be set up in each *precinct*. Economic facts and fallacies and absurd notions and false beliefs will be explored. In these schools we will face facts and realities of life.

3—Set up all of the varied and necessary committees to make investigations' studies, surveys and recommendations as to techniques and processes of co-operation.

4—Proceed to assemble money to purchase and man-hours to supervise process and cultivate at least a minimum to start of 100 acres of land in each county of each state in the U. S.

5—POOL the property and money of all the Voluntary Co-operators in the manner here suggested or a better method if later found.

During the first year of the Co-operative organization each CHURCH will raise \$100.00. Each business or professional man or woman \$100; each club \$50.00; each preacher, teacher or social worker \$25.00. Each family \$5.00 for each member of the family . . . from your "nest egg" or savings account one-fourth. From your real estate holdings one-fourth

6—Get everything together and in blue print readiness during 1946 and READY to GO in 1947

While this action must be conducted on strictly known business prin-

ciples please do not get it confused with "stock certificates" "dividends" "investment" "interest", etc., for this ACTION is not for financial exploitation, but for social and economic salvation.

This is simply a brief outline. All the details are to be worked out thru Committees who understand the philosophy, education and technique of Co-operation.

There are just TWO ROADS open to you at this time. There is no middle course; Facism and hell or Co-operation and Heaven. What are you going to do about it?

THE FOLLOWING are a few DIRECT and INDIRECT expressions of CO-OPERATIVE angles, processes and techniques of the Human Relationships. READ and RE-READ them carefully; as in them and thru them you can be, you may be, you should be led to see the LIGHT and TRUTH of life which will make you FREE from blinding, deceptive fallacies, and will gradually develop in you a CO-OPERATIVE mind.

DURING this present generation the city must go to the country and spread out thin; and discontinue the country moving to the city, growing up thick or else there will be neither city nor country.

THERE IS NO CURE for unemployment, privation and other economic disabilities but Co-operation. All over 20 years old ought to know that fact. And if you don't know it, you evidently have made no real effort to find out. 20 HOURS of study, reflection and meditation will do the job, if you are not suffering from "MENTAL MALNUTRITION". Co-operation is not an "ISM" or a ONE-MAN or a ONE-NATION idea. It is a FACT OF LIFE, which 98% of us refuse to face. And as long as we refuse to face it, accept, understand and practice it, the hell of racial hatred and all other social and economic disabilities will remain with us and more war will come.

75% OF ALL the present SOCIAL ORGANISMS having to do with social customs and practices and business techniques ARE parasitical, dishonest, unjust; and YOU continue to uphold them through your refusal to set up a COOPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH.

STRIKES are "UNSAFE" social action; a miniature WAR. The inability of present-day labor leadership to see the silliness, wastefulness of this outmoded means of adjusting the human relationships shows the woeful lack of the CO-OPERATIVE MIND. The "STRIKE", as a "social tool" of advancement, is only ONE of 101 more-or-less erroneous, absurd, negative ways we have of uselessly trying to lift ourselves out of economic privations and disabilities by our social boot straps.

INSTEAD of drug stores and doctors, we should have community kitchens and dieticians. Properly prepared food, scientifically balanced, provided in CO-OPERATIVE Community Kitchens will prevent most of the diseases for which you pay doctors to talk with you about.

FASCISM in Europe has been partly destroyed. It took 200 billion dollars and over a million American lives to help do it. BUT fascism in America still lives and is growing too fast. If YOU and YOU and each of you fail to dust the cobwebs of complacency from your brain pan, and step-up your understanding and practice of CO-OPERATION the fate of Europe is ours in the not so distant future.

NOT ONLY does the Negro face the fast approaching "Bread Line" and "Soup Kitchen," but also an increasing degree of social ostracism which the rapidly growing fascist element will force upon him. If we, as the largest but "bottomest" minority group in America, don't wake up to the scientific SOLVENT of the strained social relationship which is REAL CO-OPERATION on a tremendously large scale. . . our door will be worse than that of the Jews of Germany

NATIONAL INCOME is the sum total or total sum of all the VALUES of every kind produced by all the varied efforts and activities of all the people; active and reserved, dynamic and reticent, artistic, ethical and esthetical.

That INCOME or those VALUES should be so scientifically, fairly and justly distributed that every citizen who did his or her part will get (1) All the properly balanced food he needs, (2) All the clothing required, (3) Fully complete, desirable, sanitary shelter; (4) The limit of his ability in truthful, factual scientific education, (5) Complete health guidance and medical attention and care, (6) Recreation, play, travel, and so-called luxuries.

ANY GOVERNMENT which fails to accomplish those things out of its NATIONAL INCOME is outmoded, unsafe, unsound, unfair and insane.

IF YOU ARE in harmony with the foregoing you should dedicate yourself to COOPERATION

The NATIONAL DEBT (believe it or not) represents the undivided profits of NATIONAL INCOME. It is that part of GOODS AND SERVICES which have been unfairly and unjustly withheld from the majority by the cunning minority: the Divee's, ANANIAS's and SAPHIRA's of "rugged individualism" and "free enterprise" fame. Under a JUST, FAIR, scientific system of production and distribution of GOODS and SERVICES there would be no LACK, no WASTE, no NATIONAL DEBT; but a continuous scientifically adjusted flow of INCOME and OUTGO.

THE FLOW of GOODS and SERVICES should be as FREE and UNHAMPERED as SUNLIGHT, AIR and WATER. And the LAND from which arises all GOODS and SERVICES should be FREE and CO-OPERATIVELY used. . . As long as you believe in the MOON is made of "GREEN CHEESE" or in the "DEBT SYSTEM," which is just as ridiculous, you will have an unpayable NATIONAL DEBT, which benefits only the "Divee's", "Anenias's" and "Sapphira's"; and maintains a political and economic system which is the root cause of mental and physical malnutrition, youthful vandalism, disease, crime and war. CO-OPERATION only will change the scene and conditions not READY, are you?

HERE IS A CHALLENGE TO YOUR MENTAL MATURITY AND VISION

HERE IS a 5 Thousand Acre Tract of Land. We plan to establish a model Co-operative Community as a National Educational, Health, Recreational Center for co-operative minded human beings. It will be non-racial, non-sectarian, non-partisan, the nucleus of the future American Co-operative Commonwealth.

IT WILL INVOLVE and contain all that is required to supply and provide GOODS and SERVICES of every kind.

THIS TRACT OF LAND has an abundance of a large variety of natural wealth. It has coal, oil, clay fire clay, potters clay, lead, zinc, wild fruit, wild game. There are Creeks, Springs, Lakes, Hills, Valleys, Rolling plain.

WE MUST co-ordinate, integrate, harmonize, unify, and synthesize our multitudinous approaches, efforts and attitudes which exist in our varied clubs, churches, lodges and all other organizational activities into a scientifically directed, effectively functioning SOCIAL ORGANISM.

AND BRIEFLY here is the PLAN and PATTERN of that SOCIAL ORGANISM. For One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) co-operatively invested, co-operatively and scientifically controlled and directed, you can now, RIGHT NOW, lay the foundation for your own definite security against unemployment, bread lines, soup kitchens and sickness for the rest of your life.

THIS IS AS NEAR a perfect plan as can be formulated by an imperfect human being. It is gamble-proof, fool-proof and depression-loss-proof.

IF YOU INVEST fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) in city property right now, in ten years from now you won't be able to borrow eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) on it, unless America becomes Co-operative minded within the next ten years. BUT this one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) I ask you to invest Co-operatively will not only be worth FULL FACE VALUE in 10 years from now, but will guarantee you food, clothing, shelter, health guidance and protection, co-operative education, scientific recreation and an abundant, joyous life,—if you will pay two dollars (\$2.00) per month and work two hours per day in this CO-OPERATIVE. Later, money will not be required.

THE OUTLINE and DETAILS of this far reaching plan will be ready for distribution November 15, 1945, and will be sent postpaid for 20c coin or stamps BECOME a "Co-operative Evangelist" after you have read this pamphlet, "Plans and Patterns for Permanent Peace and Security Thru Co-operative Action of Black and White America," by getting others to read it. 12 pamphlets will be sent to you for \$1.00. Order from R. E. PATTEN, 823 14th St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.



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sand dollars, but just before the close of this year, in July 1938 he passed away and was buried in Glendale Cemetery, and Presiding Elder W. H. Ogletton assumed the pastorate for the remaining six weeks of that year and the Annual Conference sent us the Dr. H. C. Boyd, who remained with us for six years and was followed in September 1944 by our present pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Irvine, who founds still owing about six thousand dollars on our building mortgage.

Dr. Irvine immediately instituted our present financial system which we feel is the best in the history of the church for raising current expenses, presiding elder's assessment and Conference claims through a weekly offering of 57c per member and also launched a Twenty-five Dollar Rally, as the result of which in less than eight months we completely liquidated the six thousand dollar building mortgage which had hung over us since the present building was erected and still left some money in both steward and trustee treasuries.

Our present membership is over five hundred, distributed among twenty-nine classes.

In addition to the regular departments of the church we have six clubs and two choirs, each meeting weekly and all except one, the "Pastor's Aid" contributing ten dollars each month to the trustees' current expense fund

and all of them contributing six dollars each quarter to the steward department.

Our Sunday School has an enrollment of one hundred fifty, with an average attendance of about one hundred, with eleven teachers, aside from the regular officers all except two of them Normal graduates. It has eight organized departments including a Normal or teacher training department with two classes, issuing its own certificates to those who complete one year and its own diplomas to those who complete two years' study, which department is probably the oldest of its kind in African Methodism, for it held its fortieth annual commencement last June at which time it issued one year certificates to four and two year diplomas to four graduates. This Sunday School contributed One Hundred Fifty Dollars in trustee rallies during the past year and also contributes ten dollars each month to the trustees and six dollars each quarter to the stewards as do the church clubs. Bro. Emanuel Davis, a veteran railway mail clerk is the general superintendent.

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