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COCOA, FLORIDA

Dorothy Sweetwine, Editor

Revival Meeting Is Extended Through Jan. 26Rev. W. B. CoffeyMrs. Violet McKenzie DiedReappointed HereTuesday Night, 80 Years OldHolds Meetings

Membership of Mt. Moriah A. M. E. Church rejoice this week over the return of their pastor, the Rev. W. B. Coffey, who has served here one and a half terms with great success.

He will release his program for the new year's work when he returns to Mt. Moriah, and it is the common hope of officers of Mt. Moriah that all members work harmoniously this year as last with the pastor in helping him put over his programs for the good of the church.

Local School Nears

Semester's End

According to information from school releases, the first semester of the '46-'47 school year is nearing its end. Examinations will be given throughout the elementary and junior high departments of Cocoa Junior High on Wednesday and Thursday of next week to determize the condition of the first semester's work.

The local school, of which Prof. B. A. Morse is principal, and his staff of teachers are to be congratulated on the fine work they have done the first semester, and we solicit the co-operation of all parents that this fine work may be continued.

Rev. Coffey Loses Sister

Rev. W. B. Coffey mourns this week the passing of his sister, Mrs. Mattie C. Biggins, pioneer citizen of Jacksonville, Fla. She passed away Sunday night, Jan. 12, following a prolonged illness. She was funeralized today at 2 p. m. at Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church, of which she was a faithful member for many years.

The deceased is survived by her mother, two brothers, one daughter and many other relatives and a host of friends.

The deep sympathy of Rev. Coffey's membership here and many other friends is extended to him in this his sad hour of bereavement.

The grim reaper death, claimed this week one of Cocoa's beloved and respected citizens, Mrs. Violet McKenzie, who had lived to be eighty years of age.

Mrs. McKenzie's health had beer failing for some time, but about one month ago, she became more seriously ill, and received the medical attention of Dr. Bigdon here. When all possible aid had failed, she passed away Tuesday night at 11:55 o'clok.

Mrs. McKenzle came to this city in 1922 from Vienna, Ga., having been born near Montezumma, Ga. Here she was a faithful member of Mr. Moriah A.M.E. Church and a respected citizen.

The remains of Mrs. McKenzie were funeralized Friday, Jan. 17th, 2:30 p.m., at Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church, Presiding Elder A. A. Williams, officiating. The Stone Funeral Home was in charge.

Survivors of the deceased are: three children, Mrs. Hastie R. Scott, Mrs. Jessie Tooks and Mr. Eddie Sheffield, all of this city; Erma Knox and Bernice Bullark of Jassaic, N. J.; Eddie Jr., and Charlie Sheffield, Velma and Thelma Sheffield, Mary E. Dorn, Manor and Edward Sheffield, are among the grand children and a greater number of great grands, a host of other relatives and friends.

Bishop's Party Visits The Monroe's

Enroute to their respective homes, Bishop and Mrs. J. A. Gregg, accompanied by Mrs. L. M. Jones, visited briefly with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Monroe of 103 St. Charles last Sunday. They had been to Ft. Lauderdale all week attending the annual conference of the South Florida Conference over which Bishop Gregg presided in the stead of Bishop H. Y. Tookes, whose district this is.

On leaving the home of the Monroes, the party proceeded, first to Daytona Beach, where Mrs. Jones lives, and then to Jacksonville, where Bishop and Mrs. Gregg are residing for the time being. **Continues Revival**



Elder D. D. Gilham, who has been asked to continue his series of spiritual revival meetings here at the Church of God in Christ, corner King Street and Railroad Avenue. The elder's faithful wife, Mrs. Bertha Gilham, a noted missionary, is assisting him in this soul-saving campaign.

Notes From The Editor's Desk

Much of our good reading material has stressed the report of a committee recently appointed by our governor to investigate the educational status of our fair state, in-as-much as many states have measured up a bit higher edveationally than beautiful Florida, and to be sure there is no legitimate reason for such arryings-on. This committee delved deep into the situation and submitted its report. They too find Florida far in the rear of many other states with its educational system, this they reported to be for many reasons, and they went on to itemize same, but summing it all up, Florida

(Continued on Page 2)

The soul stirring revival meeting in progress at the Church of God in Christ, this city, is gaining increased interest each night and by popular request is being exended through Eunday night, Ian. 26th. These series of nightly meetings is being conducted by Elder D. D. Gilham, superintendent of the Columbus and Cordele districts of the Church of God in Christ in the state of Georgia and he is pastor of the cGhurch in Albany.

Elder Gilham hails from Atlanta, Ga., and comes here highly recommended as a revivalist of no mean ability. To his credit are scores of such soul savingn campaigns as result of which many souls have been gained for Christ. Since being here in charge of this meeting, folk from far and near have become regular attendants. And because of his great success in this work, Elder Gilham hasbeen asked to continue these meetings ten more days.

In appreciation of his great work here, Elder A. R. Banks, pastor of the local church and his membership will give a reception honoring Elder and Mrs. Gilham on Saturday night, Jan. 25th in the church auditorium, to begin at 8:00 p.m. The church membership is inviting the public to attend.

But prior to the reception, on Sunday, Jan. 19th, a special service will be rendered in the 7:30 p.m. session and an after service program will be rendered following the regular service. In the second program the Royal Jubilee Singers will be featured and other local talent will be listed. All who will are cordiay invited to attend both these specia services and also the nightly meetings of the revival.

SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASING

Subscriptions to The Script are steadily climbing, according to reports from The Script's circulation manager, Mr. D. A. Hall. Two more subscriptions, one in South Jackson and another in New York City were added to The Script's list today, to say nothing of several prospects in Tulsa, Okla., and Miami are being considered.

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ON SECOND THOUGHT By Major C. Leroy Hacker

The present trend in moral concepts and moral living among the younger set must be viewed with definite alarm. For the most part the younger set includes any person from 12 to 45 or 50. It is not the drinking and gambling and other obvious forms of immorality that should cause the alarm although in themselves they are bad enough, but the intangible moral delinquencies are forever on the increase and are making themselves felt in subtle ways more and more.

The crux of the problem hinges around the college and high school bred individuals.I doubt if the moral life of the unschooled has changed much even during and after the War Years. The unschooled have always had their fights and cutting scrapes and shooting episodes; they once had a corner on bad manners, but not any longer.

Not only are the educated becoming increasingly had mannered in our high schools and colleges but they are carrying over this behavior in a large measure into the post-school and post-college days.

In the average situation moral delinquency is the accepted rather than the unusual thing. Where once than the unusual thing. Where once maritial deceit, social irregularities Over Jordan" the singers of rewere frowned upon they are now the accepted things.

Religion once held society in check with guilt playing an important part but feeling guilty is a thing of the past and people no longer have a sense of shame. The problem now is to find an adequate substitute. It seems that the challenge of the ideal is not strong enough for good right living; yet a goal rather than a spur must be the prime mover.

If you accept the facts then that our moral living is on the decline then you must also place the remedy in the hands of the schools, colleges, churches and most of all in the family life.

that in any other group we cannot afford any looseness. Our goals are higher and more exacting and the difficulties that we must surmount much greater.

We need a revival; a revival that will sweep through all of our major and minor institutions filling them with new life and purging them for better and cleaner living. The present downward trend can only lead to ruin and destruction and the headlong must be halted before it is too late.

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Behold the new year of 1947 Let's praise our father in heaven Who gave us blessings, one by one, We thank our Father for what He's done.

There's only one God, who's on high.

The earthly gods, let's pass them by.

Let's get closer to our Father in Heaven

In this new year, 1947.

EDITOR'S NOTES

(Continued from Page 1) seems to spend too little money for education, and by taking the short cut, she pays a heavy penalty. This committee along with its report, made a recommendation for more money to be spent for education in this state, effective immediately. Our comment is that this is a condition which has drifted through the years in Florida, but "it's never too late to do good," so this committee has our blessings.

Acording to posters and also an advertsimenet found on another page in this paper, this mighty Sax Kari, his trio and his orchestra will invade this city on the night of Tuesday, Jan. 21st. Looks like all the county will turn out to the C.S.C. comes Tuesday, that is by the sign of advance tickets that have been selling pretty fast in the last couple of days. It's blooming thru the grapevine that history is still in the making, and nown recently returned from their European tour, will book Cocoa while on their southern tour. That's about what it adds up to. Watch Script columns for details.

TROJAN NEWS By Loomis

So the Trojans lost two rounds from their ladder this week, first to Ft. Pierce's fast-tepping cagers and again to the powerful baske-teers of Campbell Street High School at Daytona Beach. In the Ft. Pierce rangle, the scores were 22-15, painting smiles on Ft. Pierce and with the Daytona bunch the score ran up to 34-22, favoring Campbell High. We may be down While it is true that the moral a bit, but by no means out. We'll

Elmer Silas, Publisher

life in our group is no worse than come out of this hole next week Trojans play Excelsior High School, sure.

> Lend an ear . . . This game previously planned for Jan. 23 between the Trojans and the team of Florida Normal College of St. Augustine, has been postponed for the time being, and instead the ter.

also of St. Augustine . . . that game to be played here at the C. S. C. Get ready everybody, Thursday night, Jan. 23. Date for the Florida Normal game to be announced la-

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Recent Work Of The MAACP In Florida Dear Co-workers: As we enter the New Year, we have to express our deep gratitude to the NAACP branches and that arious business and fraternal or anizations whose contributions have helped us to launch a full, time program in Florida. Among the conference Budget Committee are: (1) Central Life Insurance treachers' Association, \$250; (3) Iby White Benefit Association. Story: (2) Florida State Teachers' Association, \$250; (3) Iby White Benefit Association. Indian River Furnitation Computer States are greensbord. Indian River Furnitation States are greensbord. COMPLETE HOME FURNISHINGS	(Gadsden County), Jackson County and Crescent City. Plant City and Apopka have reached their quotas for organization. Lakeland and Oakland are near their goals, and Hustings. Sarasota, Apalachicola, and other places are working tow- ard branches. Interest in our youth For PORTRAITS OF FINER QUALITY LET THE T & G STUDIO
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City Briefs and Social News By Rosa L. Jones

Ending her holiday visit here reported in grave condition. Each with her parents this week was arrived in time to see her before Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Chicago, Ill. 'she passed away. Mrs. Tookes Mrs. Jones is more familiarly will remain here now, we learn. known here as the former Miss Dorothy Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooper. Mrs. was detained from returning to ter closing her beauty shop in While in these parts she visited gerford School, her sister, Mrs. Gladys Haynes, and her family in Obrien, Fla., and her aunts in Hastings, Fla. In Miami Mrs. Jones visited her in-laws and many friends. On Jan. 14, Mrs. Jones left by train enroute to Chicago, where she will resume her work in beauty culture. Before leaving she stated that this visit back home with relatives and friends was great.

.. Among the week end guests in this city were Nurses Abbie L. Sweetwine and Rosa L. Calloway, both with the Migratory Labor set-up in South Florida. They were guests of D. H. Sweetwine and daughter of 430 King Street. Arriving here at an early hour by bus Saturday morning, they left by train Sunday morning, returning to their respective posts. Nurse Calloway is the niece of Mrs. Cora Maddox of Lemon Street.

Mrs. Rebecca Walton of Merritt, Fla., was in Cocoa Sunday to attend the regular meeting of the George P. Hinton Unit No. 177 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Prior to the meeting hour Mrs. Walton stopped with her cousin, Mrs. H. G. Silas, and later visited other relatives here before returning to her home.

Visiting in this city are Mesdames Leola Littles and Mabel Cooper, both of Cogdell, Ga. They are here, house guests of their sister, Mrs. Marie Brady, and family of Lemon Street and are the general guests of their other sisters and brothers, viz: Mrs. Alma Yarbrough ,Messrs. Norman and Theodore Simmons. These ladies arrived here on Dec. 19 and plan to return home on Jan. 25.

Among those who are ill and shut in this week are Mrs. Lilla Gyles and Mrs. Minnie Davis of the College Park district of this city, and Mr. John Fanning, who is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Irabell Smith of Glenn Lane. Friends of these persons will do well to pay them a visit.

Mrs. Jessie Tooks, who has been residing in Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Services at the Heavenly Church Erma Knox of Passaic, N. J., and of the First Born were observed Mrs. Elnora Sheffield arrived here in the usual order and by usual last week to be at the bedside of schedule last Sunday. In the Sun-Mrs. Violet McKenzie, who was day School, Superintendent Chester

Jones arrived here on Dec. 17, af- school by a bad tooth, submitted herself to dental work last week Chicago for a much needed rest, and left Tuesday morning for Hun-

CHURCH NEWS Zion Orthodox P. B. Church D. A. Hall, Reporter

The order of service was carried out in full last Sunday at the above named church. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Frazier, was present and delivered two very fine sermons. Sunday School opened at 10 a. m., with Superintendent D. A. Hall and his staff of teachers on the job. The lesson was reviewed from the blackboard by the pastor.

Morning worship began at 11 o'clock with the officers in charge. This being the pastor's first sermon for the new year, he spoke to us from Deut. 21:23, using for his subject, "A Charge to Keep," This was indeed a very fine sermon. He admonished the church to keep the charge given it. One person united herself with the church, Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Shellman, Ga.

The P. B. T. U. began at 6 p. m., with the president, Mr. Oscar Brown, presiding. When the topic of the evening was thoroughly discussed, the pastor made some remarks. At 7 p. m., Deacon J. Wiggins led the devotional service and the choir assisted with several appropriate selections. The pastor spoke from Jeremiah 31:3, from the subject, "Cords of the Cross," He stirred his audience with this burning message. Many visitors were present, both local and out of Following the administowners. tering of the Lord's Supper, washing of Saints' feet was observed. Total collection for the day was \$107.21.

The church is now getting ready to start its rally to raise funds for some much needed repairs to the buildings. The rally will terminate on the fourth Sunday in February. All members are urged to do their duty, while our good friends are asked to assist us in

every possible way. Don't forget to visit this church whenever you can. You are always welcome.

The Heavenly Church of the First Born

Adlease Potter, Reporter

Wynn was in charge and the group Gilham in this all out soul-saving in attendance was enthusiastic over the morning's discussion of the lesson. Deacon Blake taught the seen. lesson and was at his best in painting vivid illustrations.

In the afternoon a women's meeting convened with Mrs. Inell NAACP Crapps presiding. This reporter, along with the church's membership is still extending a cordial welcome to all who would attend our services. This church is always happy to have visitors.

The Church of God in Christ

Services at the church named above are highly spirited and well attended, due to the series of nightly revival meetings being held for the past ten nights, and this week we are pleased to announce that by popular demand, these meetings will continue through Jan. 26, conducted by Elder D. D. Gilham.

Our pastor, Elder A. R. Banks, and the entire membership are working hand in hand with Elder

campaign, and at each night's meeting evidence of his great work is

Nightly meetings start at 7:30, to which the public is invited.

(Continued from Page 3) Beach have recently organized youth councils. Students at Florida A. & M. College plan to revive their old college chapter, and Orlando, Ft. Myers, Tallahassee, Melbourne and other places are working on councils. We urge all of our branches to give special attention to this phase of the work during the early months of the New Year, Florida should have 25 or 30 youth councils and college chapters (Continued on Page 5)

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(Continued from Page 4) meeting in August.

The New Year finds us still fighting the forces of injustice that seem to beset our people on every hand. In our last communication we mentioned the case of police brutality in New Smyrna, where rough handling by a deputy sheriff caused a Negro woman to have a miscarriage and lose her baby. We are pressing for action on this matter in Federal Court. Other cases of police brutality have since been uncovered in Haines City, Lake Wales, Apopka and other places. Unfortunately, there are many peace officers who seem to think that their most sacred duty is to beat and intimidate Negro citizens. This is a situation that demands our best attention.

During the past few weeks E. E. Callaway and Mark O'Quinn, Flor-

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"Two-Fisted Stranger"

ida NAACP attorneys, have been busy with the Andrew Lewis case by the time of our next state youth in Polk County. Lewis was first booked on a charge of "intended rape," but later the charge was changed to "breaking and entering." Evidently, nobody saw the face of the person whose hand was pushed through the window screen of the white girl's room. Yet, officers broke down the door of the Lewis home and beat Lewis so severely that they found it necessary to carry him to the County Hospital that night. Later they continued to beat Lewis in the Bartow Jail in an effort to make him confess. Through all of this Lewis has declared his innocence. In this case our attorneys also are attacking the systematic exclusion of Negroes from jury service.

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COMING SOON "Wings Over Jordan" Watch for Date

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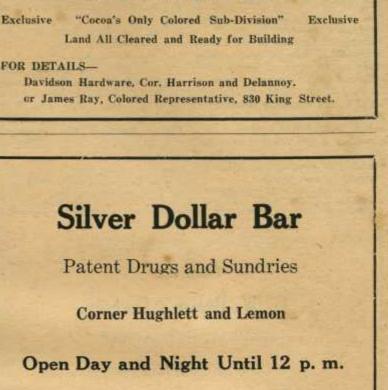
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Again we must remind you of COCOA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL the urgent need of building up a strong State Conference Legal Fund. All of these cases deserve our attention. The Lewis case alone is costing \$1,000 for action in the Polk County Circuit Court, and the cost will be greater if an appeal becomes necessary. We solicit the financial assistance of all Florida branches in our efforts to push these cases through. Make check or order for your contribution to K. S. Johnson, Sanford. Mail the students, Miss Annie Jewel Thomas order to the executive secretary at Mims. Remember that freedom is always bought with a price. Let us therefore combine our forces and make a more determined effort to tended at his home. secure for ourselves a fuller enjoyment of our rights.

HARRY T. MOORE,

THE SCRIPT

NEWS

By Peter Robinson

to be exact, and the first semester

exams begin. According to schedule,

they will end up Thursday, thus

ending our first semester's work

To Mrs. N. W. Ford's eighth

grade class has been added two new

of Mount Dora, Fla., and Willie Bob Stephens of Shellman, Ga. Miss

Thomas attended school in Gaines-

ville last term, while Willie at-

Mrs. Allen is giving reviews in

all English classes this week in

in C. J. High.

Comes next Wednesday, Jan. 22,

preparation for the exams to be held next week.

Aretta Gordon spent about two weeks in Ocala, but is back in class again.

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