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G. M. B. A. in CLAIRTON, PA.

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference at Clairton, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 14, 1959. The Glassport M.B.A. local was the host. There were representatives present from the various locals in the eastern part of the United States and also from Windsor Canada.

The morning session was taken up with unfinished business and the reports of delegates of the various locals.

The conference elected officers in the afternoon. All officers were retained with the exception of the assistant secretary, one auditor, and three organizers. Brother Joseph Collison was made honorary organizer, because of his inability to fulfill his duties as an organizer, due to his health.

In the evening the Glassport local presented a program of topics, Bible readings, and songs entitled, "The Day of the Lord's Preparation." To conclude the program, Bro. James Curry told of how he was inspired to write the hymn, "Till Earth Is Good Again." He sent the verses to Sister Sadie Cadman who composed the music for his hymn even though she was handicapped by the loss of her eyesight.

The next conference will be held at Detroit, Michigan branch #2 on the third Saturday of May, 1960. The location of the November meeting will be scheduled at that conference.

Corresponding Secretary: Sister Ruth E. Akerman.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED ON — AND, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO — WELL SPENT OR IDLY SPENT.

A good motto is — "Do the best you can today if you want to be ABLE to do better tomorrow."

A LETTER FROM CHEROKEE, N. C.

Dear Brother Will:

We were very sorry to hear about Sister Sadie's passing, and please accept our most sincere sympathy.

We do hope all is well with you and yours.

We had a very nice Thanksgiving yesterday. John and Lewee Crowe, Watty Chiltoskie and his daughter, Watty's brother G. B. Chiltoskie and wife, Mary, and a friend of G. B.'s, Lee Kennedy (I believe is his name) were all over to our place for dinner. Just like the first Thanksgiving, white people and Indians. We really enjoyed their company.

We have started another Sunday School at Watty's. We take the small children, we have quite a few of them now, into the kitchen and read different Bible stories to them. I really enjoy it, and everyone is glad that we have divided the classes. Of course, before we didn't really have enough for that class, but there are about three and sometimes four more small children that we pick up along the way.

Your Brother and Sister in
Christ,

Jonathan and Virginia

SMOCK COUPLE OBSERVE THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Brother Anthony and Sister Anna Thompson, of the Vanderbuilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, November 4th at 2 P.M.

A family dinner was held at Jimmie's Restaurant, Route 119 near Connellsville, Pa.

Brother and Sister Thompson came into the Church in 1912. Brother Thompson is an Elder in the Church and Sister Anna, a deaconess.

In their family they have 6 sons and 6 daughters, 36 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

C.E.K.

The Taste of Sorrow

When you've watched a beautiful
flower

Wither and fade away;

When you've seen Winter's icy
fingers

Close the Autumn's day;

When even the promise of Spring-
time

Seems too, too far away—

Then you've known the taste of
sorrow.

When mortal cords have rent in
twain,

But tears do not heal the pain;

When constant suffering has
caused you to grieve,

And loving hands could not relieve;
When you have prayed that labor-
ed breath

Might find blessed ease in death—
Then you've known the taste of
sorrow.

Then you can behold hope's star
so bright,

For you have known the despair
of might;

Then another's dark valley you can
share,

For you too have travelled there;
Then the upward path more clear-
ly you can see,

For another beckons to thee—

When you've known the taste of
sorrow.

Ruth Mountain

A Letter of Appreciation from California

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a check for two dollars for the wonderful paper — The Gospel News.

I have been reading the Gospel News ever since 1945 and I look forward every month. After reading them I put them in a loose-leaf folder and I have made myself a few books.

In time when things are lonesome or I get home-sick, I turn to my Gospel News books. Though I have read them before, I still get a blessing reading them over and over again. May God bless you in

your good work. Your Sister in Christ, Josephine Buffa.

P.S. "Things have not been too encouraging for me of late relative to the printing of the paper — but your letter is very much appreciated. Brother Editor."

MONONGAHELA, PA.

The Ladies Uplift Circle held their General Meeting in Monongahela, Pa. December 12, 1959. There were not so many present, but the Lord was with us and we enjoyed the good things that were spoken, and also the communications that are sent in to our General Meetings. The President, Mabel Bickerton, presided over the meetings. Also gave the opening remarks. She spoke of the birth of Christ and of our hope in the Gospel. Sister Bonnie Smith read a part of the second chapter of St. Luke of the birth of Christ. Ethel Crosier sang "Silent Night."

The reports by delegates and letters from the various Circles were read and enjoyed. This was the first General Meeting held since the passing away of our beloved sister, Sadie Cadman, and we missed her presence very much. There are just a few of our Charter members with us today, but the Circle is growing, and we have a membership of over 400.

In the afternoon when the business was completed, the sisters gave testimonies to the goodness of God and some beautiful hymns were sung. Brother William Cadman being present spoke of the work being done among the Mexican people, and the spread of the Gospel.

The Sisters remembered the Church by offerings of \$25.00 to the General Church; \$100.00 to the Church Missionary Fund; \$200.00 to the Indian Mission Fund. Making a total of \$325.00 to help the Church along with the spreading of the Gospel.

The next General Meeting of the Sisters will be held at Bitner, Pa. on March 19th, 1960.

Mary E. Wilson, secretary

8 MILLION VOTING IN NIGERIA

LAGOS, Nigeria, Dec. 12 — Eight million voters in tense and teeming Nigeria vote today for a government to lead the world's largest Negro nation to independence next October.

The atmosphere was electric throughout the country, populated by a feuding amalgam of primitive tribesmen, Europeanized and Christianized natives, and Moslems in the northern provinces on the edge of the Sahara.

Troops and police were out in full force to supervise the balloting, which observers said could go almost any way between three main parties. All parties are agreed that independent Nigeria should remain in the British Commonwealth. (UPI)

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday evening, December 20, was turned over to the Sabbath School for a Christmas service in commemoration of the birth of Jesus, nearing now, 2000 years ago. The evening was very well spent in songs and speaking appropriate for the occasion. The Church was well filled up and lots of strange faces in our midst—but all were welcome.

Our little tots are given a fair opportunity in the service as well as the grown ups. The older ones rendered a cantata which was well received.

As is usual in this service and which has been carried on for many years, that about all the men present line up in front of the congregation and sing the 483rd hymn in our Hymn Book, titled "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning." There would be from 50 to 75 male voices taking part, and it is always enjoyed by all. Our closing song was "I Wish You A Merry Christmas."

APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my sincere thanks through the Gospel News to all who sent me cards of sympathy in the loss of my beloved husband, Wilbert C. Parlor. Your prayers were appreciated.

Sister Elizabeth M. Parlor

A LETTEER

from

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dec. 8, 1959

Brother Editor:

In a letter written by Sister Loretta Mazzeo, We are informed that the Lord has certainly blessed them in abundance of late in their Branch of the Church. We want to share our blessings with you all through the medium of the Gospel News (our wonderful paper).

On Dec. 6th we were blessed throughout the day. It began with two baptisms. The Lord's presence was felt by all at the river shore. While Brother Perri was speaking in the morning meeting—one of our sisters had a vision in which a personage dressed in white stood behind him. It was a wonderful joy to know that the Lord was in our midst.

In the afternoon meeting while the newly baptized ones were being confirmed, one of our brothers also had a vision in which he saw a personage all dressed in white with a golden book in his hand. What a glorious day we had, the Lord did surely shower His blessings upon us.

To conclude the day we had a wonderful M.B.A. meeting in the evening and a wonderful dream was related. Brother Cadman, I am so happy to be a small part in this glorious gospel, and we ask you all to remember us in your prayers, that we all some day meet on that Happy Shore. Sister Loretta Mazzeo.

FIRST COPPER SHIPMENT SINCE SOLOMON'S DAYS

The country's first commercial export of copper since King Solomon's days has been shipped abroad in a Dutch freighter. The shipment of 518 tons of dark reddish-brown copper cement in powder form from the Timna works has been bought by a German refining firm.

From "Jewish Hope"