

News and Local Happenings Among Our Neighbors

FORT DODGE ITEMS.

Monday evening was a feature of unusual interest in our city, Fort Dodge, at Coptic Chapel A. M. E. church. Having about succeeded in the completion of the basement of our church, a brick structure, 28x35, which consists of an assembly hall, gymnasium, bath room and cafeteria. The upper story when completed, will consist of an auditorium, music room, reading room and pastor's study.

An informal program was rendered for the opening, under directions of Mrs. Geo. Perkins.

Chorus, "He is Mine;" instrumental solo, Mrs. Mollie Madison; trio, "Carolina Lullaby;" Mesdames Robert Smith, Fred Coleman and James Nelson; solo, "A Clean Heart," Mrs. B. Smith; solo, "A Little Bit of Love," by the writer; after which the Rev. N. E. Jones, pastor, spoke concerning the object of the features of activities being for the uplift of our people in the community, which has received the highest endorsement of all the citizenry of Fort Dodge of his work. He then introduced Mr. D. A. Dishman, who in his remarks made some reference of what had been accomplished by Rev. Jones within three years. After which the Rev. Jones stated that he had a very distinguished visitor in our presence, Prof. J. C. Jones, the principal and founder of Piney Woods Institute of Braxton, Miss., which he said would be of some interest to have him address us at this time. One who had so distinguished himself through his accomplishments as a great vital factor in the educational uplift of our people. The audience cheered and applauded heartily as Prof. Jones ascended the rostrum. Prof. Jones then stated that it was with some reluctance that he attempted to speak to the public on account of the many things that had been said of him. However he seemed to have well in hand the things that he could best interest his hearers. His address was of a rare treat and of great inspiration. The story of his vision and his faith, his belief and determination, in his possibilities to succeed to that of a great end was really electrifying. He said that hard work, persistency and keeping at a thing and doing something worth while, was an assurance to success. The bare facts were laid open by him, that one must discover their possibilities within themselves, then have the moral courage to prosecute along lines that would bring greatest results. He said there were more places to be filled than there were race people to fill them. "Hold up your heads and feel that there is an opportunity in life for you, just as good as anyone. Conditions are better everywhere even in the south. The better class of white people are thinking. A new day is coming."

Prof. Jones spoke in words of highest praise and commendation of the pastor and his work and worth here in this community. The high estimation in which he is held by the best white citizens, of his honest dealings and zeal-ousness. We hesitated not in believing him in this statement when we consider his accomplishments not only for the good of our people but for the good of humanity.

His reference of time, referred to in his remarks was exhibited in a very masterly way. Prof. Jones is an Iowa product, having graduated from the state college at Iowa City with high honors in 1903. As a mark of our appreciation for the great inspiration he brought us Mr. J. W. Madison arose and made a motion which was seconded by a little girl, Eugenia Brown, that we give Prof. Jones a standing vote of thanks and a chautauqua salute.

The pastor thought it would be in keeping with the eternal fitness of things to have a lady of the church to speak at this hour, and Mrs. Geo. Perkins was introduced in her graceful manner, as women always are, she gave great polish to all that was said.

The doors of the cafeteria were thrown open and refreshments served.—Mrs. Josephine M. Casler, secretary of publicity.

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MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

Mrs. Emma Johnson is confined to her bed with sickness.

Miss Anna Kewcher, who has had an attack of rheumatism is better.

Mrs. Amanda Bartlett is suffering with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Patterson who have been indisposed are better.

Mr. John Greenup, who has been on the sick list, is some better.

Mrs. Birdie White and little daughter, Marvella of Burlington spent Sunday in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. Louis Bedford.

Mrs. Robert Anderson accompanied by her granddaughter, little Dorothy Crawford left for Keosauqua, Iowa last Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harrison Crawford.

The first official board meeting of the A. M. E. church of the year was held last Monday night. Considerable business was transacted getting in working order for the coming year.

Mr. Louis Page of Okaloosa accompanied by a gentleman friend spent last Sunday in the city.

Mr. Everett Reed is some better of the bad attack of sickness he had.

Will Greenup was in Keokuk last Friday with the foot ball team. He expects to go with the team to Ottumwa Armistice day to play with the Ottumwa High school.

Mrs. C. P. Jones met with the W. M. M. S. last Thursday at 3 p. m. at the A. M. E. church and reorganized the society.

The Busy Bee society of Second Baptist church met with Mrs. Will Williams last Thursday. A very pleasant time was spent by all.

ALBIA NEWS.

Dr. Carry Comedy Co. played three nights of this week at the Comet theater to a full house.

Mrs. Delia Thomas entertained on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Carrie Griffith and family. Mrs. Griffith left Thursday for a visit in Hawkeye and then back to Des Moines.

Mrs. Edith and Frances Thomas entertained at a party in honor of the Messrs. and Misses Griffith on Monday evening.

A large crowd attended the skating rink party Saturday evening.

Mr. Henry Jones has built a porch to his home and painted it.

A number of people from Buxton attended services at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

WATERLOO, IOWA, NOTES.

The A. M. E. church greeted its new pastor, the Rev. Peyton M. Lewis, D. D., Saturday, October 20, 1921. The reverend is a Christian gentleman and gospel minister of long experience; and is proficiently efficient in every phase of Christian character and work. This church is exceedingly proud of its new pastor and the beginning seems to fore-shadow a prosperous and glorious conference year. All services of Sunday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 6 were well attended and seemingly greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Rev. Lewis and daughter, Lottie A. Lewis and Master Walton A. Lewis joined church last Sabbath. The entire family seem fraught with Christianity and alive to its work.

The Ladies Mite Missionary society meets this week at Mrs. Sirrell's on Fowler street.

The B. F. Lee club in lecture room of the church. In the near future the entire church and congregation will be organized into different working church auxiliaries for church and general uplift work for this conference year.—The reporter.

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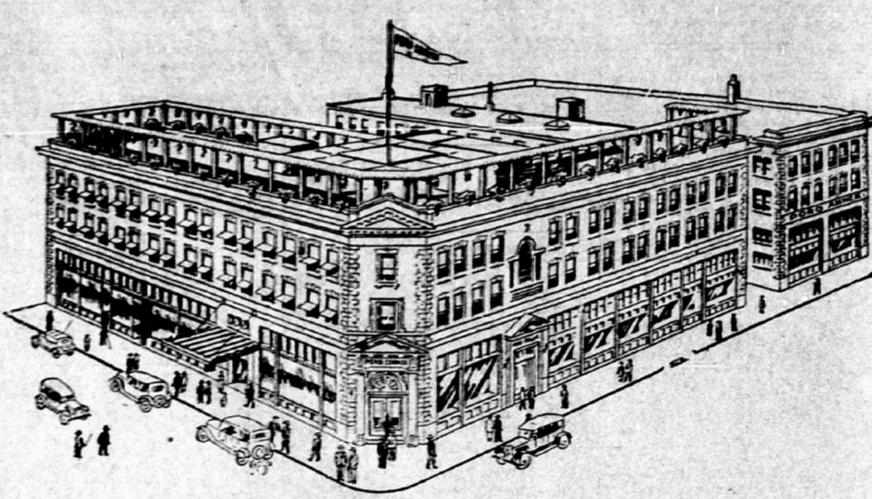
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