ARRIVES FROM GERMANY — Sgt. and Mrs. Jerry L. Young, Jr., are shown shortly after their arrival here from Germany recently. Young, son of Mrs. Iola Young of 531 E. Edenton Street, was married to the former Miss Paulette Meyer in England in 1956. She is a native of Nigeria, British West Africa. Sgt. Young entered the Army in January of 1949. They will make their home in Trenton, New Jersey.

St. Paul AME Church Into First Conference Of The New Session

The first quarterly conference of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church for this conference year was held December 9, beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with the Supt., Mrs. Hattie G. Mitchell, in charge, and all teachers at their posts. The lesson was reviewed by the pastor, Dr. L. S. Penn. Too much praise cannot be given to Dr. Penn and the fine membership of historic Saint Paul Church for the fine work done.

Promply at 11 o'clock the music was furnished by the choristers of the church under the fine leadership of Don Terry Hough, president, and R. H. Toole, the director of music. The pastor, Dr. Penn, led the devotion with the opening hymn, "Lord I hear of Showers of Blessing, Thou Art Scattering full and Free." After the regular opening, the pastor presented the presiding elder, Dr. G. S. Gant who gave us some very helpful remarks, and then chose for his text Saint Matthew, 21st chapter, and the 10th verse. Subject, "Who is This." Dr. Gant laid stress on who do you say he is, and what do you think of him, and what does he mean to you? This was a wonderful sermon. Mrs. Mary W. Gant, the wife of our presiding elder, was present and helped spread joy and sunshine through out the service.

The evening service was nicely attended and the Rev. H. J. Jeter, a "son" of the church, brought the message which was very much enjoyed.

On Monday night the business session was largely attended, and all officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The classes, clubs, and auxillaries made fine reports. Total money raised during the quarter: $4,599.61. The presiding elder was paid in full and also given a Xmas check of $25.00 from the clubs and auxilliaries. Mrs Addie G. Logan made the preentation.

We can truthfully say that Dr. Gant has displayed all the qualities of big heartedness, graciousness, patience, and humility which ought to be a part of any great leader. We are proud to have the pleasure of working with our pastor, and our presiding elder for another conference year.

Mrs. Lillie M. Hodge, Reporter

'White Mother' To Negro Twins Gave Love, Tenderness

CHICAGO, Ill. — A powerful urge to tell the story of a southern white woman's life-long love for herself and her Negro twin sister impelled Mrs. Jessie Bennett Sams to print her 70,000 word autobiography by and, a task which took 4½ years to complete, according to an article in the January issue of Ebony.

The article tells how the love of Mrs. Rossie Lee of Ft. Myers, Florida, changed the two Negro girls, once filled with hate, into understanding and affeconiate children.

Mrs. Sams' book "White Mother" tells how Mrs. Lee entered their lives and helped to shape their future.

Before their "adoption" by Mrs. Lee, the twins stole, lied, and lived delinquent lives, while caring for their ill father.

The story of how and why Mrs. Sams wrote her book is told in Ebony, with pictures of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Sams and her sister. The sisters now live in Los Angeles; Mrs. Sams is a school teacher, and her sister a nurse.

Bishop Shaw Presides Over 6th District Zion Meetings

MIAMI, Fla. — Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, who presides over the 8th district of the A.M.E. Zion Church, closed what is believed to be the first annual session of the South Florida Conference, ever held here, with the reading of appointment at St. Matthews Church, Rev. A. H. Ferguson, pastor.

The Conference began on November 26. The reports revealed that the membership of the denomination has grown considerably. This definitely shown in the progress that has been made at the host church, in the past two years, under the pastorate of Rev. Ferguson.

The building was condemned when Bishop Shaw took over the area, but with the cooperation of the pastor, his wife, the officers, members and a host of friends it was not torn down, but rennovated into a lovely place of worship. According to reports this has been true throughout the area with many new buildings planned, that will give the communities a new look at the A.M.E. Zion Church and a highly geared spiritual and community program.

Both Bishop Shaw and Rev. Ferguson were highly thankful for the cooperation and assistance that they have received from the other churches of the city and organizations, both fraternal and civic.

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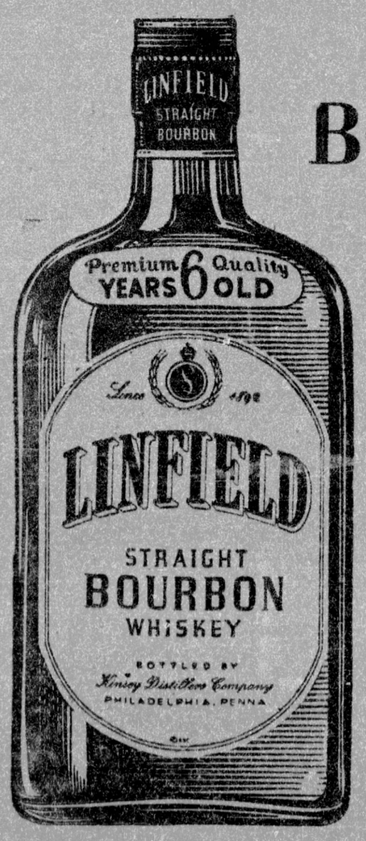

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