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Trading At Home

It is an encouraging sign to see and know that the masses of our people are trading and buying at home merchants and businessmen rather than going to the expense and trouble to trade somewhere else. "Strange As It May Seem," we can find just as good merchandise or other services here in our own communities as we can find in some distant place.

Rev. Herbert Spaugh, Courier columnist, called attention to the fact recently that "we always think that the best preacher, teacher, and in general the best of everything is outside our communities and section, when as a matter of fact we have just as good among us as there is anywhere, the trouble is, to often we are unable to see it."

A friend of ours passed by on his way to the post office to send a money order for some chickens that he had seen advertised. Upon inquiring the price of them we informed him that he could buy some healthy, tested, growing chicks at Forest City for a little over half what he was paying for these. When our conversation ended my friend told me that he was going to Forest City and purchase some chicks, and not send off the order as he had planned to do. He saved money and also helped to build his community.

Finally, the Harris Herald is whole hearted in favor of building up this county and section of western North Carolina, because we are convinced that when our community and its industries grow we too have a chance to grow along with them.

South Carolina Lynchers Arrested

Within a week after 31 men lynched a Negro in South Carolina, 30 of them were in jail charged with the crime. The apprehension of these lynchers shows clearly how these lynchers and law violators can be rounded up and jailed when the local authorities have a will to jail them. The local law officers in and around Pickens, S. C., are to be commended upon the determined efforts that they put forth to bring these men to justice. State and federal officers, were present if their services were needed.

The apprehension of these willful law breakers in South Carolina is quite a contrast to the indifferent way that

the law officers in Monroe, Ga., did last summer regarding the lynching of four Negroes. After months of investigations the Georgia officers stated that not even one mob member could be identified, hence nothing was done about the cold blooded murder of four defenseless people.

Officers of the law elected and sworn to protect and preserve the lives of all the people regardless of race must put forth every possible effort to protect everyone when in their custody, and when anything happens such as the recent lynching everything possible must be done to bring the guilty to the bar of justice.

Finally, scores of powerful groups and organizations have argued a long time for federal anti-lynch law. While the majority of people in the South have said that local authorities could handle the matter with speed, efficiency and justice. It can be clearly seen now that the only effective argument against an anti-lynch law is for all of those concerned to protect the guilty rather than let a mob take them off like the Pickens county jailer did. And in the event of a lynching those guilty should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Anything short of this calls for federal laws and intervention.

THE COUNCIL IN THE WEST

Dr. H. T. Medford

The annual session of the A. M. E. Zion Bishops' council was held at the Greater Cooper Church, Oakland, California, January 15-20, 1947. Simultaneously, with the Bishop's meeting, the Ministers and Laymens Association and the Executive Board of the Women's Homes and Foreign Missionary Society also held semi-annual sessions.

The Cooper church appointments are very commodious, and there was ample quarters for the three separate meetings.

Bishop F. W. Alstork, the retiring chairman of the Board of Bishops delivered an exceptionally appropriate sermon and following the rotating custom; Bishop E. B. Watson, elected chairman and Bishop W. J. Walls was re-elected secretary. Bishop Watson conducted the business with dispatch, and finished the work of the council on scheduled time.

The ten active Bishops and Bishop Wallace (retired) were present and participated in the work of the council, as were the ten general officers including the president of Livingstone college. The eleven general officers of the

W. H. & Foreign Missionary society and the eleven Missionary supervisors, with a large number of presiding elders, pastors and leading laymen were seen and heard at this Zion church conclave on the Pacific coast.

Rev. George L. Fauntleroy was the pastor-host to the council and other group meetings. He had given much publicity through letters, placards, radio announcements and the entire Bay Area Press, to the coming of the "Top Men" and other Zion Methodist leaders. The pastor-host had several autos marked "guest cars" and put at the disposal of the Bishops and others for the week, without cost. These cars met the trains for incoming persons and conveyed the guests to and from their domiciles, during the meeting, the largest number of the general public attended that we have seen at similar meetings.

Persons of the ministry and laity came from far South as San Diego, near borders of Mexico, more than six hundred miles away, and as far north as Seattle, Wash., almost a thousand miles away.

Bishops, general officers and visiting pastors were much in demand for pulpits of "Bay Area," including, Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and Alameda Sunday, January 19, 1947, so much were their presence and messages appreciated that the "honorariums" given them ran from twenty, fifty and in one case one hundred dollars.

Mrs. Emma C. Clement, Louisville, Ky., The American Mother for 1946, was a great attraction, and was the recipient of several receptions attended by leaders of both races, and for much newspaper notice and editorials in the U. S. Senator Nations Oakland Tribune.

The Women Missionaries led by Mrs. M. Anna Hauser and Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson reached the coast at Los Angeles, Sunday morning, January 12, where their leaders addressed a large gathering at our first church, that afternoon. Bishop E. B. Watson, who with Mrs. Watson was also with that party, preached at the first church to a great advantage at the morning service.

The Pacific Coast Caravan
 When the Bishops decided to go to California for their meeting, the vigilant and active Dr. James W. Eichelberger, secretary of the Christian Education, conceived the idea of forming a group of the general officers, who could and would spend an extra two weeks among our churches on the coast.

Dr. H. B. Shaw, secretary Home Missions and Relief, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. C. W. Lawrence, Greensboro, N. C. and H. T. Medford, Washington, D. C., secretary Foreign Missions and editor, Missionary Seer; with Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Medford, and John Hubert Shaw, Jr. and Mrs. Francis Atkins, Dr. Shaw's office secretary joined Dr. Eichelberger at his commodious Michigan avenue home in Chicago, Saturday morning, December 28th. After a pleasant over night sojourn in that the group known as "The Zion Church Pacific Coast Caravan" an itinerary was arranged by which as a group or individuals of the group, we reached and delivered messages at practically every point over a stretch of approximately

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

Brooks Chapel Methodist

We are doing nicely with our church work. We are working hard to make the rally Easter Monday night a success. Our goal is \$2,000.

Our service on the second Sunday was highly profitable. Rev. C. E. Strickland conducted the services. The mission offering was \$2.11. Rev. Strickland's text was "Will a Man Rob God?" He preached a large sermon and we were made to rejoice as he talked to us by the way. Rev. Strickland is working hard to help us carry on our church work, and we invite all of you to worship with us anytime that you wish to. Our preaching Sundays are the second and fourth at 12:00 p. m. and Sunday school is every Sunday. Come and bring a friend with you.

Finally don't forget the Watkins and Rogers chorus the fourth Sunday at 2 p. m.

Rev. C. E. Strickland, Pastor (Mrs. Marion Randell, Reporter)

Jerusalem Baptist
 We are doing fine with our work at Jerusalem church under the leadership of our beloved pastor Rev. E. O. Bass and the cooperation of the people in the community.

A program was given at the church March 9th, sponsored by Louise Jones \$11 was raised. Webbs First Baptist church choir was present and did some fine singing. The program was enjoyable.

Finally we are happy under the leadership of our pastor, whom we have followed for eight years. Our preaching days are the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Sunday school every Sunday. A welcome awaits you.

Rev. E. O. Bass, Pastor (Miss Louise Jones, Reporter)

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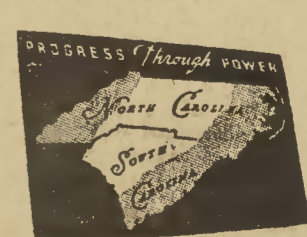
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