In office

WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 2. 1925

In Office

Visits Assa, found her much improved, Has been in bed five weeks.—

leave for home 12 m.

A very nice visit,— a nice evening.

In Office

Wrote a line of sympathy to the Rev. Jarvis Taylor — whose son was accidentally killed in an automobile accident, Sunday Nov. 29th. Rev. Taylor has been so generous in his visits to the homes of our citizens who have had similar troubles. — His prayers have been comforting. — His demeanor so dignified. — Now, he reaps a reward from grateful persons. God bless and strengthen him.

Funeral to day — 3 p.m. —

Conference Bank — Atty Herrin, Messrs. Russell Atkinson, Reid, Mrs. Payne.

Fully two hours were spent planning the future program of the Bank. — Each director expressed themselves freely on present conditions, each offered some suggestions of improvement for the year 1926.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1925

In Office

General routine work on office survey.

The morning was spent classifying literature from W. B. A. — studying same.

An Executive Com. Meeting of the bank was held at 2 p.m. — Low Cash on hand subject of discussion. Plans to increase the same were made. — Com. Heim, Robison Reid, Cashier — refused to be one of the Com. —

In office

10 a.m. was at the American Nat Bank with Atty Herrin, to arrange for loan to supplement cash on hand to meet emergencies, — such as Christmas Savings & Holiday withdrawals. Met one of the officers of the bank, — pleasant reception, satisfactory arrangement made, —

Back to the office, — Conference with Mrs. Payne, on general condition of office.

Bank meeting 6 p.m. — All attended Mrs. Payne. — Resolution of Vice Pres. Herrin & Pres. from A. N. B. accepted

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1925

At church — 11 a.m.

3rd St church — 3 p.m.

Shaum Baptist 8 p.m.

DYER SHAKES UP RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Dec.___(By The Associated Negro Press) Congressman L. C. Dyer, father of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill and otherwise champion of Negro freedom, spoke at the Reformers Hall here Wednesday night under the auspices of the recently reorganized local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. The noted congressman's speech was a rousing one and it is believed that he was asked to come here to help to arouse the sleeping Negro of Richmond and awaken him to the possibilities that await him to do much good for the race. He did not mince his words when the severely criticized Richmond for not having an active branch of the N.A.A.C.P. which should be helping to fight and overcome the many problems that confront the race. Mr. Dyer censured the race leaders and the preachers in particular for their lethargy, slothfulness and lack of interest in the greatest national association in the world. Saying that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People if properly supported by the people as it should be can do more good for the race than any and all of the fraternal and secret societies combined.

In Office

Regular routine work.

Meeting to arrange for Christmas Testimonial for Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke, - a spontaneous outbreak coming out of a meeting held at the Third St. Bethel A.M.E. church, when "Miss Fannie" as she is familiarly called, sang so sweetly that all of the church was carried away by her. A committee composed of Mrs. L.L. Standard, Lillian H. Payne, and Alice S. Bowen were appointed to arrange for this affair, Sunday, Dec. 27th, 3:30 p.m. Third St church. -
Ten persons came to the meeting. A program was arranged including much of the musical talent of the city. Mrs Albert V. Norell was named to "Reminice". A list of the old citizens was made, and a decision to send out a general announcement - to "Ye Old Friends", "Lest we forget," "Should old acquaintance be forgot." -

(Rev) E. D. Lewis called to arrange to borrow $2000.00 I discouraged him. - He is a bad payer. Had his paper once, failed to protect himself and credit - After accommodating him and giving him time, - He did not appreciate. Bad egg.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1925

In Office

Very full day. – Visit to my sick friend "Rose" – I found her much improved and looking fine. – Met her Dr. and her friend, Mrs. Walling – spent fully two hours with her. –

I am still trying to get myself placed.

Hears of Dr. Moten's illness. – I do hope he will wholly recover. Such a fine man. – I would so like to let him know by some little act, or some deed, – or some word, just how much I care for him. – He was so fine when I was borne down in trouble (1915). – He came – offered assistance, – counselled, begged me to lean on him, to let him keep me. – He said so many tender expressions, – if I may use that word. – I felt his sincerity. – I feel I had a real friend in trouble. – What a blessed feeling. – I was re-inforced with strength to continue to fight my own battle. – Thank God, I conquered I didn't have to call on him, or any of my friends except for their sympathy and prayers – which they gave, – many of them!!

In Office.

The reports from new work comes in daily well, — I am much encouraged, — Dr. J. S. Hatchen was with us yesterday, — and brought a message, — which we all enjoyed, —

This day thirty five years ago, — there came into this world a little baby boy, — His birth was unnatural in that he had to be taken by Dr's Rees, Michaux + Desmond, He was crushed and bruised about the face and head, — We named him "Russell Eccles Talmage Walker. I was ill, — but happy, — I was so anxious for a little baby — to love, to rear, to follow by day and night, — to see develope into a great and useful man, — I see the back parlor bed room at 709 — W. 3rd St. — the beautiful yellow Chrysanthemums that were in the vases, — and the red hangings at the door and on the mantle, oh, that day, — So full of future responsibilities, — I was at death's door, — The little baby was placed on the hearth to die, — So bruised was he, — Careful nursing brought us both back, — For five months I was confined to bed and house, — and during that time the baby grew —

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1925

At Home.

The entire morning was spent at home. – trying to get sufficient strength for a very heavy meeting at 5 p.m.

At 3 p.m. – Polly accompanied me to Miss Lillie's Box Ave for eggs. – It had been a long time since I had been there. A postal from her reminded me she was saving the eggs for me. – The drive was such a delightful one. – I had gone over this ground so innocently and so often in the past. – dared not think of how life seems us. – Miss Lillie was glad to see us, she expressed her self as missing Dr. H. She wanted so much to see him. She however sent Mrs. H. 2 dz. eggs by me, following a telephone conversation. After our usual chat, we turned our faces homeward.

Good Deed Council #16 – heavy meeting, large crowd, – Collection $4.05.[60] I took Emma B. Jones home 1222 – N. Morey then home, a little tuggy but having completed a good day.

In Office

Arrive at the office 8.30 a.m. to prepare for the monthly meeting of Ex. Board. Full attendance save Mrs Nolan who has been out for the second month.

Rev. James Gray had other business which took him from the meeting at 11.30 a.m. — I was sorry he didn't have time to sit in the meeting. —

The usual routine was gone thru, — being the last meeting in the year many expressions were made by the members. — They seemed very solicitous concerning me. — Wanted me to have comfort, rest, easy for a longer life. — So fine of them. — I'll try hard to do some of the things they wish done. Fine group.

R.A. Jones of Petersburg has reported paralyzed. — A.F. Angel sick.

A little yellow note from C.P. — calls my attention to a Conference Saturday of Peter — Ground is dry. — A long talk with Ella. —

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1925

At Home. —

Having had a hard and heavy day yesterday. — I decided to stay home and do chores.

A restful day. —

The evening brought many callers. —

Jno Mahey an old friend always glad to talk with him

Prof C. T. Russell, Rev. Fisher and Rev. Joseph Hill called, — I was pleased to shake hands again with Dr. Hill of Ark. —

Rev. Hughes and Williams of the Methodist Church, called, — and Dr. W. H. Hughes. — Such a fine group of men, — each with a different message, — and each apparently interested in the success of our Old Order and the management of my. I heard some fine expressions I thank God I've had only enough to hear and see, — and be my self. —

Found me in my accustomed seat at the Old Historic First Baptist Church. — A sermon, a lesson was preached by Dr. Hill of Ark. Subject. — The Lord's Prayer. So full of information and strength Dr. Hill so fine in appearance, — voice melodious, — eyes sparkling. — Gestures natural, — everything contributes to his message.

4 p.m. — back to Communion, the last in year 1925. I had time to examine myself, + the examination brought out so many things I could have done that I neglected. — and showed me up in all of my unworthiness. — I asked a forgiveness for all of my sins. — and for strength and courage to travel the short and narrow road with better success in 1926.

6 p.m. attended a meeting of U.D.A.C.P. — at OO — the new officers having full charge. —

8 p.m. — at the Globe theatre to the Exercises of Mrs. Loge memorial services. I saw the selfishness of Man demonstrated as I had seldom seen. Armand Scott delivered the address.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1925

In Office,

Full day, Began being Santa Claus.—

Attending Board meeting of Bank. Small attendance,— Good meeting. Declared 5% dividend,— placed $8.000.00 to the Surplus fund,— and gave the employee's— 1/2 month's Salary.— Left the bank and shotfed to the Globe for a little relaxation.— There I sat for two hours,— looking at pictures,— at 10.30 I was home,— home,— home.—

The night was a restless made more so by the Music from the Radio,— Such a night,— I consumed Melrin serenely— but he seems not to think that my nerves are unstrung,— and at night I need rest, quietude.—

In office

Rain in torrents.—
Workers from Ohio Bureau of Ins
still in the office.

A very nice invitation from
Washington District to attend ~~the~~ a
reception in honor of the D. D.
Mrs. Smith on the 30th Dec.
I wanted so much to accept this
invitation. as I plan to go to see
Mr. Angel, to attend annual meeting of
the N.A.A.C.P.— Jan. 4th, 1926.— I did
not accept, but expressed a desire
to be present.

Henry N. Harris called up to ask if I would
sign a note with Mrs Mary E. Bunger
for him for $3500.00— I told him I would
if she did.— A phone message from
her tells me.— She can not.— which means
I will not, also.

Visit to Rosa.— found her much better.

WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 16. 1925

In Office.-
Examination of work by Ohio +
La. workers goes on.

In Office

No. unusual,
A good guide comes to the city.
Bujo X'mas greetings,—
From beautiful Spanish Shawls.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1925

In Office

In office:

Pay day. — Clerks get ½ months salary! — Nice little Conference with short talks from heads of departments, — A general reminder of work well done was made by Pres Smith —
All was joy and happiness.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1925

At church,

11— A.M.—

The remainder of the day spent alone and at home,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1925

In Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1925

In Office
Rain, Rain, Rain,

A little X mas Shopping — for the children, Maggie L. — Annette, Mamie Evelyn, — and darling little Elizabeth, I (Jean) to be thought of and provided for. Such joy to see them happy — to hear them talk about old Santa and what they want, — I want them to be happy. I wish I could shield them always from the world, and all it holds.

They must live their own little lives and make their careers.

Mr. Jeremiah B. McGhee visits office
A drive for Eggs

In Office

This is our Xmas Eve in the office we go out this p.m. — We are wrapping packages, — filling envelopes writing letters to absent men — trying hard not to omit a single one. The job is a big one — and such a happy one. — The day was started with buying presents for the loved ones at home. Hattie, Ethel, then Ethel Bowly, Eugenia B Johnson, — then Pirtle Baker, — Geo F. Kirk. — H. L. Harris, — Mary H. Dawn, Ecca O. Walker, A. F. Wright, Polly & Melvin!! — They will wear Diamonds.

A Xmas Exercise by the clerks.

Splendid rendition.

Presented a lamp — light. — Mrs Doggett, making presentation.

Distribution of presents. — $5.00 — $2.00 — 2.40

Police Traffic Officers, — 10 — $20.

Holiday.

Visit the Cemetary. Carries a large Evergreen Wreath for Lena, — and Red Immortel Crosses for the graves. — A delightful visit to my own dear loved ones. — Thank God they are happy in the Spirit land.

Some shopping. — At 5.30 p.m. a good friend invites me to accompany him to the graves of his father, mother and others, — to place his X mas Wreaths as a renewal of his love to them. — The drive and visit was sacred. — In the moonlight. — I saw a loving son making a confession of love and devotion. My admiration increased as I beheld. All very — a few friendly exchanges. — A brief reminiscence. — then home.

The children's X'mas Tree takes precedent over every thing. — Many, many happy hours spent in the preparation of this tree, every tidy in both or all of the families contributing.

Alice O Robinson arrives to spend X'mas.

Holiday

After a few hours sleep. — The household is reminded that it is X'mas Day. — A memorial Day. — The Birth of Christ. — "Unto us, is born, this day, — A Saviour which is Christ the Lord." — Maggie Lana, Arnshad, Marjorie Evelyn, — + Sweet little Elizabeth, — The horns, — Victrola, — radio machines all told the happy story. — The day was quietly spent. — Many presents came from old acquaintances, — a call from a few old friends, — many X'mas good wishes made the day very happy — A long distant call from D.C. — was also a happy part of the days happenings. Little time to muse, — a full day looking after the comfort of the home, — Dinner served, the entire family present, — and Alice, Eugenia, — Edward Baker, a little friend was also a part of the festive program, — Night, — and the lights, — Many beautiful views, —

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1925

At Home, –

In doors all day. –

There are hundreds of X'mas Cards, from every where. – Each card was read with genuine pleasure. – Each Sender was graciously thanked and Silently visited. –

At church, — 11 a. m.

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Nannie Morgan at 1 p. m.

Public testimonial of Fanny Payne Clarke — 4 p. m. — 3rd St. church.

Just why I sponsored this testimonial concert, I can not tell, — it was well attended, — old friends gathered to do honor to a life of musical service, — a fine musical program was rendered, — Mr. M. A. Nardell read a Retrospective paper, which was much enjoyed, — $50.00 was presented Miss Fannie, after a rendition of three songs, — the evening was pleasantly spent, — Mrs Lillian H. Payne had full charge of program and funds, — The cost of the entertainment was $21.00 — which was paid by the Sponsor.

MONDAY. DECEMBER 28. 1925

In Office.

Accumulation of mail, —
Office cold, — close 12 m.
only Book Keeper & Cashier remaining,

X'mas tree for St. Luke Children
4 p.m. — Free Reformes Hall,
My opinion, — well it was fair, — I
had yet to see real interest manifestia
The whole affair was heartless, — no warmth
of spirit — no glad and happy faces,
Verily they moved on automatically, —
I wondered why? — Is it really the times? —
If so, — what are we to expect of the
future? — Well, I hope still, —
Dinner at Ella O Walley, — an
annual affair, — Mrs. Bunyan, Payne
Wolcott & my self — this year Alice R. —
of Atlantic City was present, — Good dinner,
the season's choicest, nicely served,
home beautiful, — a very fine evening
friends with friends!

In Office

Mail light, – Daniel B. Snyder of Balt. is in the office, – his wife has been Rec. Sect. – since the organization of Council. – Council unbenefited. – Has three unpaid claims, – not reported.

A reminder from an acquaintance met at Hot Springs Ark. – five years ago. – A. D. Penistone, – "Just Folks."

A Question

Does any one care?

A visit at the close of the year from A. W. Holmes. – fraternal and friendly chats, a hearty hand shake, – over what seems to be success.

Made my first visit to Mrs. Artemisia J. Mullen – who has been 'Shut in' since Oct. Found her cheerful and sweet, still full of hope. Enjoyed the visit. Her sweet countenance will linger with me.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1925

In Office

Cold, raw, hazy on the outside perplexed on the inside. — Many things to meet to day. — My car out of commission, Driver in bad. — A conference with Mrs Lillian H. Payne, disciplinarian, The general condition of the Office. — Over or two leading clerks vindictive — refuse to work with Her in all little things. — Lelia, Hattie, and others. — Eugenia disrupts the entire Office. — Almost an impossibility.

Next, Mr. A. A. Thomas, manager of the printing Office. — Revises Salary Roll drops two men. — Complains about Eugenia. — Still an impossibility. What shall I do with her? — Can I keep her without affecting the entire Office. — I fear not. — I have been trying to help her for years. — I see a little improvement. But on the other hand, I'll admit She is a hard customer. — She wants to do and to be what she has not the ability to be or do. — All of the leading clerks blame me for holding her. — I am trying to solve this most perplexing problem.