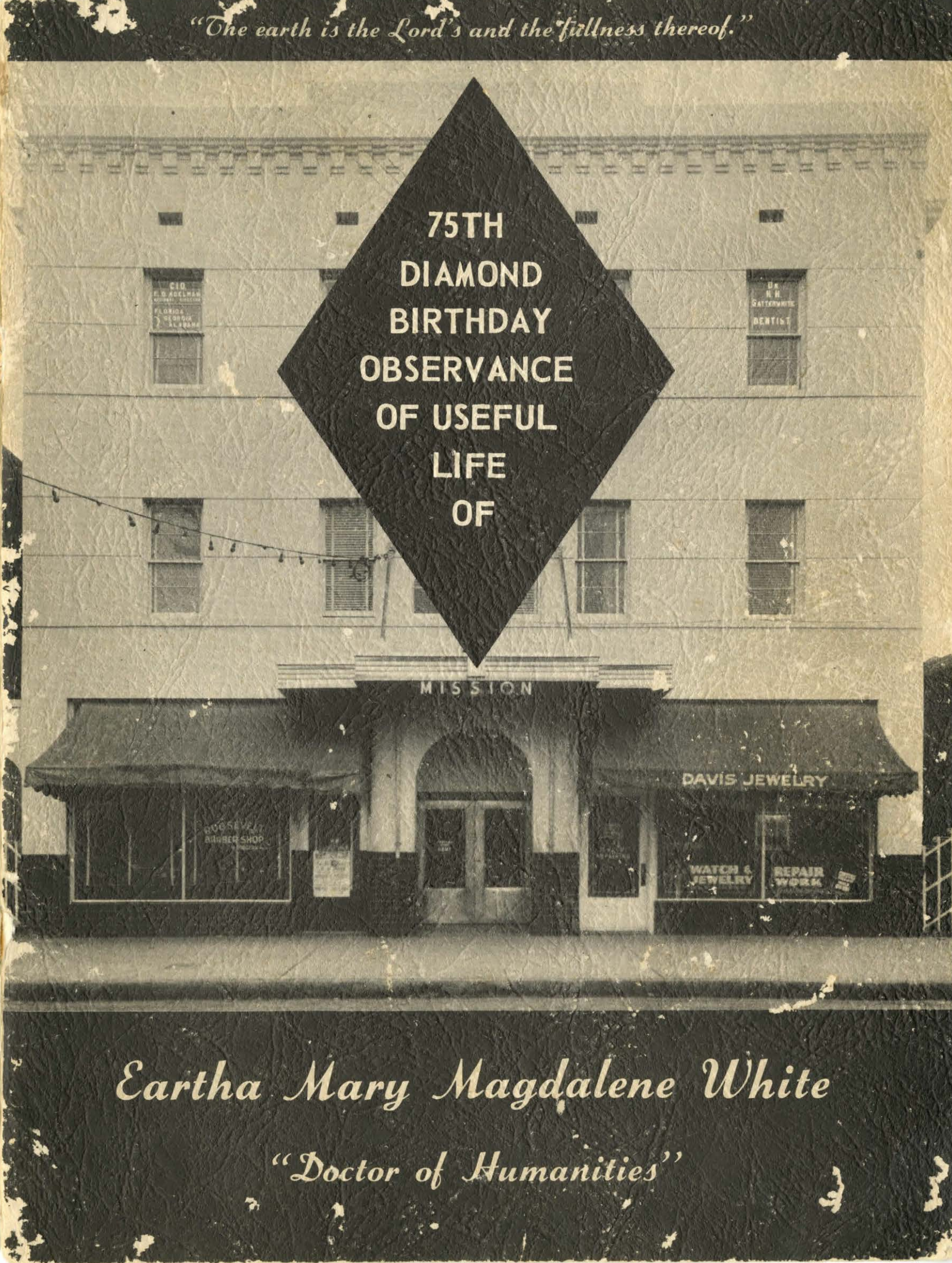


"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."



75TH
DIAMOND
BIRTHDAY
OBSERVANCE
OF USEFUL
LIFE
OF

Eartha Mary Magdalene White

"Doctor of Humanities"

Pledge

**“I
PROMISE
TO SERVE GOD
AND HUMANITY AND
LET LOVE REIGN
SUPREME IN
MY HEART.”**

“I will never leave thee or forsake thee.”

Foreword

The Diamond (75th) Birthday Observance of Miss EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE is not given for the mere number of her years, but for the contribution she has made in the humanities in the interest of peoples. The State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs for Florida, of which she is a charter member, is projecting this worthy affair because of her outstandingness in the fields of human interests. Dr. White almost single handedly developed the Old Folks' Home, the Clara White Mission, Mercy Hospital, Nursery School, Child Placement and Orphanage, Maternity Home, Tuberculosis Committee, Employment and Job Placement Service, Prison Visitation and Rehabilitation Program, and several other separate organizations of civic, social welfare, educational and community improvement importance. These institutions are in the heart of Negro Jacksonville and offer their facilities to needing peoples, regardless of race, color or creed.

The main purpose of this Diamond Birthday Observance is not for Miss White, personally; for the residue of the said Celebration, upon the request of Miss White, will be applied towards retiring a \$26,000 mortgage, which is the major indebtedness against the Clara White Mission, Incorporated.

The Clara White Mission is a non-profit incorporated organization. It has weathered the storm of the depression and has relieved the economic stress of the peoples of the city, county and state along with many unfortunates who have, by chance, passed this way from across the globe.

In this all worthwhile effort, we are asking friends to help in the perpetuation of the work of this outstanding woman, and at the same time, help to give the Mission and the other institutions she directs, a permanent home -- free of encumbrance.

Cordially and gratefully yours,

EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE
DIAMOND (75th) BIRTHDAY
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"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish thou it." (Psalms, 90:17)

Biography of Eartha Mary Magdalene White

EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, Doctor of Humanities, is a native of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, the United States of America. She was the thirteenth child of Clara English White, an ex slave woman. The other twelve children had died before EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE was born; the oldest having lived to be ten years of age.

NAMED EARTHA

Six months before she was born, her cousin, the late Rev. Henry Harrison and her grandfather, the late Adam English, came to the home of Clara White while she was washing, whereupon "Aunt Clara," as she was lovingly called by both white and colored of all ages in the community, enquired, "What you two old cronies come here for when I am so busy?"

The Rev. Father Harrison replied, in his usual droll voice, "I am come here to name your baby."

Clara asked in bewilderment, "How you know I'm goin' to have a baby? You always goin' 'round meddlin' in other people's business."

"Never mind how I know," declared Henry. "I come here to name 'im EARTHA." Then Clara mused, reflectively, "How you know I'm goin' to have a girl, even if I was goin' to have another child?"

To this the old minister, who had been preaching up and down the country for more than fifty years, proclaimed, "It's goin' to be a girl, and 'im goin' to live and be a blessing to every one."

MARY MAGDALENE

About this time, the grandfather, Adam English, exclaimed, "What you name 'im EARTHA for; whoever heard of such outlandish name? I want 'im name MARY MAGDALENE after that woman in the Bible what "chose the better part" and done so much good for everybody and annointed the body of our Lord Jesus for His glorification."

To this cousin Henry admonished, "Everything you get comes from the earth. I want 'im named EARTHA, so like "GOD'S GOOD EARTH" 'im be a storehouse for all the people."

THE WHOLE NAME

As the two men seemed so serious about it, Clara sought to pour oil on the troubled water, as was her usual custom to make peace between her fellowman, and stated, "Now, now there, men-folks, you all don't have to get all het up over the matter. If 'im be a girl, give 'im the whole name."

PROPHECY TRUE TODAY

And so, November 8th, 1876, in a two-room house on Clay Street, near Orange Street, in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, in the United States of America, about 6 A. M., a quiet, bright-eyed little baby girl was born to Clara English White. She was attended by Aunt Susan Stephens, one of the popular old "grannies" of the neighborhood. And as agreed by the mother upon the insistence of her male relatives, the child "was called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord" (through the voice of his servants, Rev. Harrison and Adam English) had named EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE. The infant was blessed by the late Reverend Catlin Simmons, the first pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, where her mother was a pioneer member.

Through the years which followed, the mother was employed by many influential persons, both in the South and North, throughout the Country, who were very fond of her. They and their descendants have given every possible encouragement to EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE during her career. However, the dynamic importance of the "prophetic naming ceremony," participated in by her late cousin and grandfather six months before her birth, and the blessing of the venerable pastor, upon her entry into the world, have continued to this day.

EXAMPLES

Everything EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE has touched, and everyone she has contacted who has responded to her appeals or asked her for aid has been a "blessing." She has been a "crown of glory in the band of the Lord, and a royal diamond in the band of her God."

(a) Though twelve children born to Clara White had died, Eartha, the promised child, has lived to comfort her mother in advanced age and to lay her to rest comfortably at the conclusion of the biblical span of life; while at the same time following the admonish of Holy Writ to raise up a monument to her memory.

(b) The Union Benevolent Association, progenetors of the Old Folks Home, had almost despaired of accomplishing their dream, when fifteen years after having organized, incorporated and purchased land for that purpose, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE was made president of the group, and erected an ever-growing monument of practical service to humanity upon the foundation laid by them

in the blessed name of Jesus, to the memory of those pioneers in human relations.

(c) The land at 611-13 West Ashley Street, originally owned by the late Squire English, was the source of aspiration of various industrial enterprises which failed. Yet EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE has raised upon the site a coordinated program which has evolved entertainment, security and encouragement in the hearts of future aspirants in similar lines as those which originated upon this soil.

(d) The Historic discoverer of "MONCRIEF SPRINGS" with his "legendary" hoard of gold, diamonds and precious jewels, lost his life to love and romance, and his successors seemingly have failed in their attempt to bring happiness and joy to the inhabitants of our community on that site. Yet, in an effort to reclaim a landmark in which close friends had a pioneer interest, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE has had virtually handed to her on a silver platter, the joyful task of polishing the human golden nuggets of the youth of this area to a brilliance of fine jewels in christian character and good citizenship, by recreation and religious pursuit on the famous MONCRIEF SPRINGS ESTATE.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND TRAVEL



At 4 years of age

In Jacksonville, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE attended the Stanton School; the Divinity School, later the Cookman Institute, and now Bethune Cookman College. She is the only living graduate of the second class of the old Florida Baptist College. The class included the late William Dorsey, Elgin Knight and J. C. Greeley.

In New York City, she attended the Madam Hall's Beauty Culture School and Dr. Reason's School which later consolidated with the Imogene Howard School, before the advent of the American (mixed) schools throughout the country. At the National Conservatory of Music, she was tutored by Harry T. Burleigh and J. Rosemond Johnson, celebrated composers.

She attended many other classes and instituted and initiated many educational projects in cooperation with all branches of the government, through which she obtained volumns of information to fit her for her life's work in "human relations," and "kingdom building."

As a singer, lecturer, missionary, teacher, performer, coordinator, educator, organizer, entertainer, editor, publisher, leader, and United States National Defense Service Corps executive, she traveled extensively throughout the world and identified herself with leaders and groups, emphasizing her ideals of "Thrift and Americanism."

BUSINESS, PATRIOTIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

As her father and grandfather gave their lives in the Armed Service of Our Country, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE and her

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At 25 years of age

A CONSTANT REMINDER "GOD FIRST"

BE NATURAL. CALM. MERCIFUL. KIND. REASONABLE. SINCERE. FAITHFUL. HONEST. EFFICIENT. UNSELFISH. CLEAN. PATIENT. SOCIABLE. ENERGETIC. LOVING. HOPEFUL. APPRECIATIVE. CAREFUL AND IN ALL THINGS BE CONSTANT.

"And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the band of the Lord, and a royal diadem (diamond) in the band of thy God." (Isiah 62:2-3)

Eartha Mary Magdalene White

At Seventy-five Years of Age



75

75

EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE

Pioneer, Teacher, Lecturer, Traveler, Organizer, Friend To Man, Leader, Christian, Singer, Nurse, Soldier, Artist, Performer, Writer, Educator, Doer, Publisher, Beautician, Builder, Promoter, Planner, Coordinator, Promoter, Entertainer, Comforter, Counsellor, U. S. Women's Army CIVEL DEFENSE Col., Floridian, American, "ANGEL OF MERCY, Little Mother.

Founder-President of the
OLD FOLKS HOME & CLARA WHITE MISSION, INC.
"Doctor of Humanities."

Eartha Mary Magdalene White



16 YEARS OF AGE

At Various Age Levels



SHATTERED ROMANCE

The young man in this "center piece" on this page was the late James Lloyd Jordan, a native of South Carolina, who died one month before his engagement to MISS EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, then a student at the FLORIDA NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE (Florida Baptist College) was to have been consummated. He was employed on the railroad. This "shattered romance," became the turning point in the life of the young woman who was predestined to be "MARRIED TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM BUILDING FOR GOD AND HUMANITY AT LARGE." She was, 18, and the "belle" of Jacksonville when the likeness was sketched in pencil by E. W. Jackson, local photographer.



AT 50 YEARS OF AGE



AT 36 YEARS OF AGE



"EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE" AS THE YOUNG TEACHER AT STANTON SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, STANDING IN THE CENTER OF DOORWAY, BACK LINE.



VISIT OF MRS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF DUVAL COUNTY MISS WHITE, IN BROAD BRIM HAT IN CENTER REAR. MRS. WASHINGTON, IN DRAPED HAT CENTER LEFT. BOTH STANDING.



MRS. B. T. WASHINGTON AND GROUP OF FEDERATED WOMEN AT BETHEL BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH. MISS WHITE, SPONSOR.

"... you are strangers and foreigners no longer, you share the membership of the saints, you belong to God's own household," (Ephesians 2:19. Moffatt.)
Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-14.

Biography of Clara White

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Clara White, who departed this life, July 20th, 1920, whose motto was:

"Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
For all the people you can,
Whi'e you can."

M O T H E R



There is just one, and only one,
Whose love shall fail me never,
Just one who lives from Sun to Sun,
With constant fond endeavor.
There is just one, and only one,
On earth there is no other.
In Heaven a noble work was done,
When God gave man a MOTHER.

MISS EARTHA M. M. WHITE

233 Eagle Street

Jacksonville, Fla.

Clara English White was born of slave parents at Amelia Island, Fernandina, Florida, on Harrison's Plantation, July 4th, 1845. She was lovingly called "Aunt Clara" by all races and ages, and known to everyone as a "Friend to Man," and lived a life devoted to humanity at large.

Her parents, Adam and Jane Drummond English, were separated when Jane was sold on the auction block for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) while Clara was still a little girl. The mother brought a "good price" because of her anticipated productive potentialities. Jane and Clara never saw each other again until after the Civil War when Freedom was declared.

Clara was given to Colonel Charles Cooper, Sr., as a birthday present by his aunt, Mrs. Robert (Bob) Harrison. The Coopers were very kind to her throughout her entire life until she passed away July 20th, 1920, at the ripe age of 76 years. She lived as one of the family and nursed the late Messrs. Charles, Jr., and John Cooper, attorneys at law. They were always very liberal in supporting the community needs. They would give the last they had if you needed it.

Growing into womanhood, Clara became the mother of twelve children before EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE was born, and true to the prophecy of her cousin, the late Rev. Henry Harrison, and her grandfather, Adam English, who named the baby, the child lived and has been a "storehouse to all the people."

At the time of the earthquake, Clara worked for Mr. and Mrs. John F. Rollins at Fort George Island. Here Eartha, as a little girl played with Miss Gertrude, now Mrs. Miller Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollins and one of the most liberal supporters of the CLARA WHITE MISSION.

MANY INFLUENTIAL FAMILIES

Clara worked for many of the most influential families and firms of the day. She was one of the first maids in the St. James Hotel, Mr. Campbell, proprietor; the Windsor Hotel, Mr. Fuller and others, proprietors. She worked for the firm of Greeley-Rollins and Morgan, and she nursed for the Berlock family.

EFFICIENT STEWARDESS AND INSTRUCTOR

Clara was an expert and efficient hotel and steamboat stewardess for many years, known throughout the waterways of the nation to the leading steamboat owners and railroad operators, running into and out of Jacksonville. She trained the white stewardesses of the Clyde Line who were placed on the new boats acquired by the company.

Among the lines and boats for whom and on which she served were the J. T. and K. W. railroad depot, at the foot of Bridge Street--now Broad Street; and the S. F. and W. Railroad, at Hogan and Bay Streets; the Clyde lines, plowing from the Yamasee to the Iroquoise; the Beech and Miller Lines, including the Pastime, Bird, Anita, City of Jacksonville and other boats; the New Haven Lines, Fall River Lines and Norwich, Connecticut, Lines.

In the Summer she went North and worked on excursion boats in Connecticut and Massachusetts. While in this service she met many people who became her friends and were very fond of her, including Messrs. Plant, Morton, Henry, Flagler, the William Gross family and others. She was employed under the late Mr. J. H. Rafferty, purser, when she met the Gross family of New York, with whom Eartha lived when attending school in New York, while Clara continued her runs on the boats. She was loved by everyone who knew her, regardless of race or station in life.

She told of many thrilling experiences in her life, including seeing her mother sold on the block in slavery on the corner of Ocean and Forsythe Streets in front of the Sanderson's home in Jacksonville. Slaves were sold there annually each year. She also told of being lost at sea for many days, and another time of being rescued from the burning boat, Anita.

A GOOD PAL

Clara never remarried after the death of her husband. She said she did not want to put a step-father over EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE.

She gave up her travels as a stewardess to aid her daughter, who owned and operated a department store. She was a pioneer member of Bethel Baptist Church and aided in its permanent organization and development. She was a charter member of the Daughters of Isreal and the Independent Order of Good Templars, a daughter of the GAR and the Women's Relief Corps, and particularly interested in youth activities and missionary work. A stalwart believer in higher education and recreation, she aligned herself with EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE in all her community activities and was a real pal.

Her hand was felt "lifting in the climb" of human assistance to the aged and young, both in the institutional and community life, free dinners, soup kitchens and holidays. She took pride in decorating the graves of soldiers of all wars on Memorial Day annually.

The lives of CLARA and EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE were interwoven with christian zeal to serve humanity while living for each other. Though physically separated, they are closer in spiritual fervor through the continued support of friends in the continuance of the work espoused by them.

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Photo of Clara White



CLARA ENGLISH WHITE
Mother, Collaborator, Inspirer, Friend to Man
Teacher, Servant, Benefactor, Guide
"MASTER OF THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN RELATIONS"

*"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise
shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1.)*



STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
TALLAHASSEE

March 29, 1951

RICHARD W. ERVIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mrs. Eartha M. M. White, President
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Friend Eartha:

I have your letter of March 23, 1951
and want to congratulate you upon reaching this year
the grand and distinguished age of 75.

I know you are grateful in having
been given these many useful years in which you have
to humanity generally.

Wishing you many more years of success-
ful service, I am

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ervin
Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General

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Office of the
Secretary of State
State of Florida

Tallahassee

October
24th
1951

R. A. GRAY
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mrs. Fannie Ayer Ponder
Chairman, STATE-Wide Testimonial Committee
CLARA WHITE MISSION INCORPORATED
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Madam Chairman:

I have your communication advising
of the effort to reduce or liquidate the mortgage
on the Clara White Mission building on the occasion
of the 75th Birthday of one who has given her life
in the service of others.

I take pleasure in enclosing my check
With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

R. A. Gray
Secretary of State

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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE, 1

March 30, 1951

CLYDE H. SIMPSON
TAX COLLECTOR

Eartha M. M. White, Pres.,
Clara White Mission, Inc.,
613 W. Ashley St.,
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Friend:

I am glad to have the opportunity
of congratulating you upon your approaching birth-
day and upon the many years of service you have
rendered your people. In my opinion, you have
filled a very definite need with distinction to
yourself and to the satisfaction of your many white
friends and acquaintances- our personal contact
with you in our position as tax collector has been
very pleasant and I wish to assure you and, through
you, your associates of our continued determination
to serve as best we can in this position.

With my continued best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Clyde H. Simpson
Clyde H. Simpson,
Tax Collector,
Duval County.

"Of the increase of his government and peace



THOMAS D. BAILEY
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TALLAHASSEE

April 4, 1951



Mrs. Eartha M. M. White, President
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

I commend you for your service to humanity in the establish-
ment of the Clara White Mission. Though I do not know the
details of the functioning of the Clara White Mission, I am
in hearty accord with movements that follow and apply the
principles and teachings of Christianity. The only justifi-
cation for the existence of any institution is service to
people. Service to people is the purpose, function and
justification for all branches of government. There are
many instances in our existence where governmental agencies
do not meet all human needs. In such instances, it is
necessary for humans to voluntarily meet these needs,
either individually or collectively through voluntary
organizations. We commend you and the White Mission on
recognizing and serving such needs.

With kindest wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

D. E. Williams
D. E. Williams
Director of Negro Education

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mother knew the worth of patriotism and friendly relations among all races and creeds, particularly those who felt a sincere kinship of our American way of life, as expressed in the Constitution of the United States and in the Laws of Florida, one of the most liberal states in the Southern section of our country. Having been reared more or less in a mixed environment in some of the best homes, such as that of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. Rollins, where she played with their daughter, Miss Gertrude (now Mrs. Miller Wilson), of Ft. George, she realized early the responsibility of aiding others to learn the fundamentals of life. So she taught in the public schools, was active in all branches of religious education, social welfare and was coordinator of recreation. Often she and her mother provided the facilities for their work--in one instance she secured the land for Duval County upon which was built a school-house in Bayard, Florida, where she taught. She also placed a worker in charge, and successfully lobbied for the Forest Hill Girls Home.

EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE also operated a department store, a steam laundry; was a licensed real estate broker, a census enumerator, a county social worker with a desk in the Court House; was the first woman employee of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company; conducted a hack service; was active in organizing the Jacksonville Business League; she was president of the Citizens Protective League; conducted a house cleaning and employment bureau; traveled all over the country and throughout the world with the Oriental and American Opera as a singer and performer. She sang in the Bethel Baptist Church choir; under Frank Irvin, choir-ster, she was crowned, "Angel of Mercy." She played the star role in the "Pearly Gates," which was conducted to raise funds to relieve distress during the depression when she and her mother conducted the soup kitchen for "all the people," regardless of race or creed. Mrs. Arthur J. Cummer financed the beginning of the soup kitchen.

In teaching, Eartha followed her mother who taught many of the most proficient stewardesses who plied the steamboat lines and railroads leading into and from Jacksonville, with no thought to color or race.

During the Spanish American War in 1898, she served the sick in tents with soup and other nourishment, as well as nursing care. She is a daughter of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of the Women's Relief Corps. She took coveted interest in aiding her mother in decorating graves of soldiers of all wars every year on Memorial Day and directing special programs for the occasion.

During World War I she was the only woman in a sixty-man interracial "War Camp Community Service" conference in Jacksonville, December 11 to 14, 1918. She was director of the War Camp Community Services and coordinator of recreation in Savannah, Georgia, for two years during the emergency. She was also a member of President Woodrow Wilson's White House Conference.

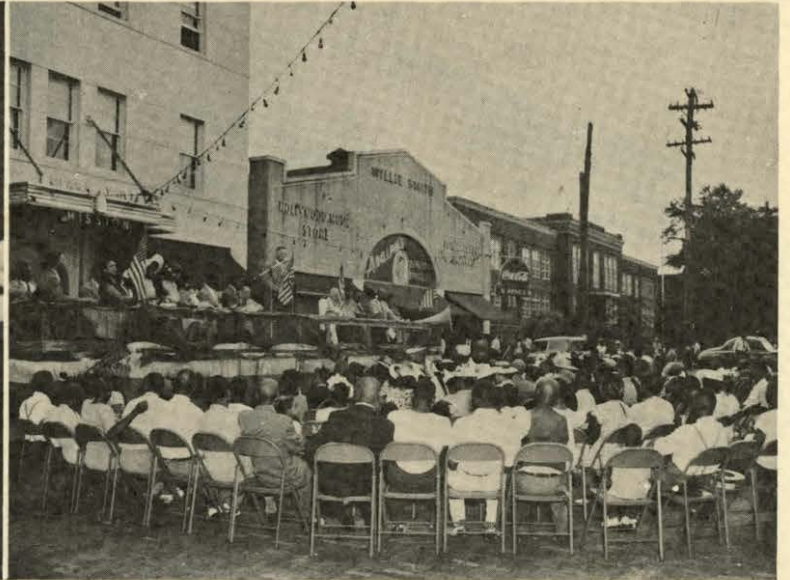
In World War II she was Colonel of the Women's National Defense program under General Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. She conducted canteen service and was in charge of Red Cross Center activities, including sewing and other work. For more than forty years she has visited the Duval County prison, held meetings and rendered personal services to the inmates. When they are released

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Dedication of New Clara White Mission



MRS. LILLIAN SHARPE HUNTER OF NEW YORK CITY, launches the BUILDING FUND DRIVE as Senator Wayne Ripley, Mr. Morton Hershberg and Mrs. Martie Selegman look on. (Weems Photo)



HIS HONOR MAYOR FRANK WHITEHEAD OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE DELIVERS THE CIVIC ADDRESS IN THE OUTDOOR CEREMONY. (Paul K. Reid, Photo)



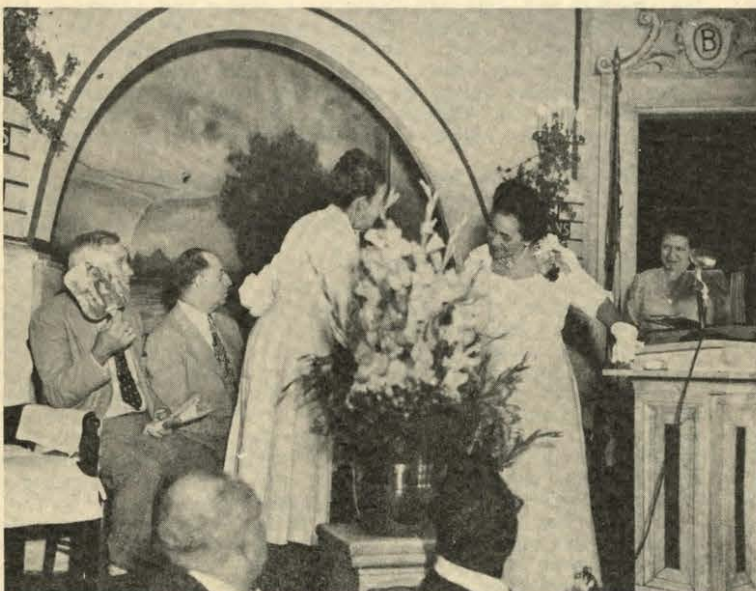
DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE DELIVERED THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS WHILE DR. W. H. GRAY JR., REV. L. E. TERRELL, MR. L. I. ALEXANDER, MAYOR FRANK WHITEHEAD and other public officials listen. (Paul K. Reid, Photo)



DR. EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE RECEIVED A BIRTHDAY CAKE FROM MRS. JULIA WALKER BROWN AND MRS. MAMIE CROWD. (Weems Photo)



MRS. MARGARET SIMMS, guest soloist, sang "GOD BLESS THIS HOUSE" so impressively, the effects of her rendition is reflected in the faces of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. W. H. Gray Jr., Mrs. Julia Walker Brown and other platform guests. (Paul K. Reid, Photo)



MRS. M. F. STEWART, CLARA WHITE MISSION, AND OLD FOLKS HOME SECRETARY, presented flowers to Dr. EARTHA MAGDALENE WHITE, founder-president. Others in the picture are Mr. Joseph Hammond, Duval County Commissioner; Mr. Martie Hershberg, Mrs. Lillian Sharpe Hunter of New York City.



DR. EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE, gives the response after Mayor Frank Whitehead and other civic, religious, and educational dignitaries had spoken in the open air dedicational ceremonies of the CLARA WHITE MISSION, INC. of which she is founder-president. (Weems Photo)

A Salutation To A Friend To Man

I salute you, my friend, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, on this occasion of your (75th) Diamond Birthday Observance. Because you are a charter member of the Florida State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; because of your initiative, integrity of action, and your contribution to all mankind we of the Florida State Federation of Colored Women felt that this year you should be given this singular honorarium.

It was during my administration as president of the Federation that you were appointed chairman of Education and the Industrial Home for Colored Girls, for which you successfully lobbied and obtained the passage of the bill which made possible the Institution at Forest Hill, in Marion County, Florida.

As you are universally known as an "ANGEL OF MERCY" affecting all strata of life, all shores of the earth have footprints of some soul who has been touched by your kind hand, "Our Little Mother." Though you are a Floridian and native of this Metropolis of Jacksonville, Duval County, you affect the leadership of all national religious, fraternal, civic, and educational groups and the gauntlet of our social structure.

We hail you tonight, "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely." Not alone the layman and the average citizen, but the stalwart sages in all branches of our legal minds, join tonight in participating in the honor of paying tribute to you. For you have not only learned well the tenets of your Redeemer, but have put them into practice by yielding yourself, soul, mind and body, to His stewardship, that all who ask of you, may be comforted through His Holy name.

We, therefore, join you in the effort to remove all encumbrances from the CLARA WHITE MISSION, Inc., in the consummation of your dream of perpetuation of the memory of her we all cherish. May you live long to carry on this good work, and gain strength with every step, while "Lifting As You Climb."

"When we look o'er
The days we've fled,
At the things you've done
And the things you've said,
And the way you've helped
With a heart so true,
We sincerely say, 'Thank God
For a friend like you.'"

Faithfully yours,

Fanny Ayer Ponder
Fanny Ayer Ponder, Chairman

THE EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE
(75th) DIAMOND BIRTHDAY
COMMITTEE OBSERVANCE OF THE
FLORIDA STATE FEDERATION OF
COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS AND
ASSOCIATED CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF 100

EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE FLORIDA STATE FEDERATION OF COLORED
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 MARY MAGDALENE WHITE'S DIAMOND (75TH) BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE.



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MRS. FANNYE AYER PONDER
 Chairman
 St. Petersburg, Florida



MRS. NANNIE S. FREELAN
 St. Augustine, Florida



MRS. MAGGIE WILLIAMS
 Jacksonville, Florida



DR. EFFIE CARRIE M. HAMPTON, MD
 PIONEER MEMBER

*"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise
 shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1.)*

History of Clara White Mission

Shortly after CLARA ENGLISH WHITE joined her forefathers in the land of perpetual rest, a group of friends who had been helping her and her daughter, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, carry on a Mission Service in their home on First Street, decided to get a building and establish the work as a fitting memorial tribute to her. A meeting was held in the garage at 715 Broad Street to consider ways and means of providing adequate facilities for the large crowds that attended the Services and visited the soup kitchen in the White residence.

This move was the suggestion of Mrs. Elizabeth Ford. EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE was elected president of the CLARA WHITE MISSION group; Mrs. Martha Green, vice president; Mrs. E. L. Myers, second vice president; Mrs. Ada Bracey, third vice president; Mrs. Mayme F. Stewart, secretary; and Mr. Edward Vaughn, treasurer.

The building, at 611-13 West Ashley Street, was unoccupied and in very bad condition. The first owner who built on the land was Squire English. Then the Globe Theatre was constructed and operated there by Frank Crowd. Next the Mercantile Company, a group of thrifty young men, bought the property and operated a Grocery and Market there. They had a mortgage of \$25,000, which was foreclosed because of default in payments.

The building stood unoccupied for some time before a hotel was established there. This was followed by a gambling house which also failed.

WORTH OF A GOOD NAME

The small group of co-workers had no money to undertake the acquiring of such a large project as rental of the three story building. Miss White contacted Mr. Raymond Knight, who had charge of the building for his wife, Mrs. Madelyn Knight, who with her sister was one of the holders of the mortgage. It was agreed they could have the use of the building for four months free to clean it up, after which the rent would be \$150 monthly.

Miss White went to a loan company to borrow \$300. All of the questions were properly answered and the loan approved. When she went for the money, they told her to bring her husband. Being married only to Jesus and the cause of Kingdom building, she could not comply in the human sense of the word, so she went to the Personal Finance Company and told the interviewer, "I want to tell you beforehand I have no husband; but I am doing a good work and will surely pay the loan if it is granted." They took a mortgage on all her household effects and asked her to get an endorser. She offered her doctor and her pastor, who were rejected because they had no salary. But the good name of the janitor of Bethel Baptist Church, William Bryant, was accepted as a co-signer because he worked for wages.

Thus began a LIVING MONUMENT for service to humanity, dedicated to the memory of CLARA WHITE, mother of its founder and a friend to man.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Into the large three story frame building at 611-13 West Ashley Street was moved the headquarters for all the many activities headed or sponsored by EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE who, according to prophecy, was destined to be a *storehouse for all the people and a blessing to everyone.*

The depression affected the economic lives of the hundreds who came to the Mission and Soup Kitchen for succor. The merchants gave liberally of food and clothing and other needs which were given freely to the people regardless of race, color or creed. No one, regardless of his or her marital status, was turned away unsatisfied.

PURCHASING BUILDING

When the group decided to purchase the building, Mrs. Knight agreed to sell it to them for \$15,000. Friends of all walks of life rallied to support the cause. Mrs. B. J. Levy left \$1,000 in her will for the Mission; Mr. Charles E. Craddock gave \$1,000. Mr. Lester Foley, the Tucker brothers, Mrs. Arthur J. Cummer, Mrs. Alfred DuPont, Mr. Harry Rhinestein, Mrs. John Ferguson, James Merrell, Sr., Dr. Effie Carrie Hampton, MD, of Ocala, Mrs. Alice G. Mickens, of West Palm Beach, Mrs. Fannye Ayer Ponder of St. Petersburg, Mrs. Lee Summers, George Winneman and many others gave liberally to the building fund.

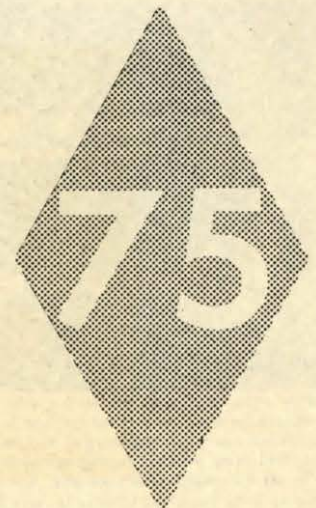
DESTROYED BY FIRE

The building was destroyed by fire in 1944. The insurance was used to liquidate the indebtedness on the building and a deed secured.

Realizing that the modern trend is toward permanency of material in perpetuating symbols and LIVING MONUMENTS, the Board followed the suggestion of Miss EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE and planned a strictly modern cement block fireproof structure in rebuilding the CLARA WHITE MISSION at a total cost of \$65,000. Mr. H. J. Klutho was the architect, Mr. O. P. Woodcock, the contractor and Mr. Ed Coleman supervised the construction.

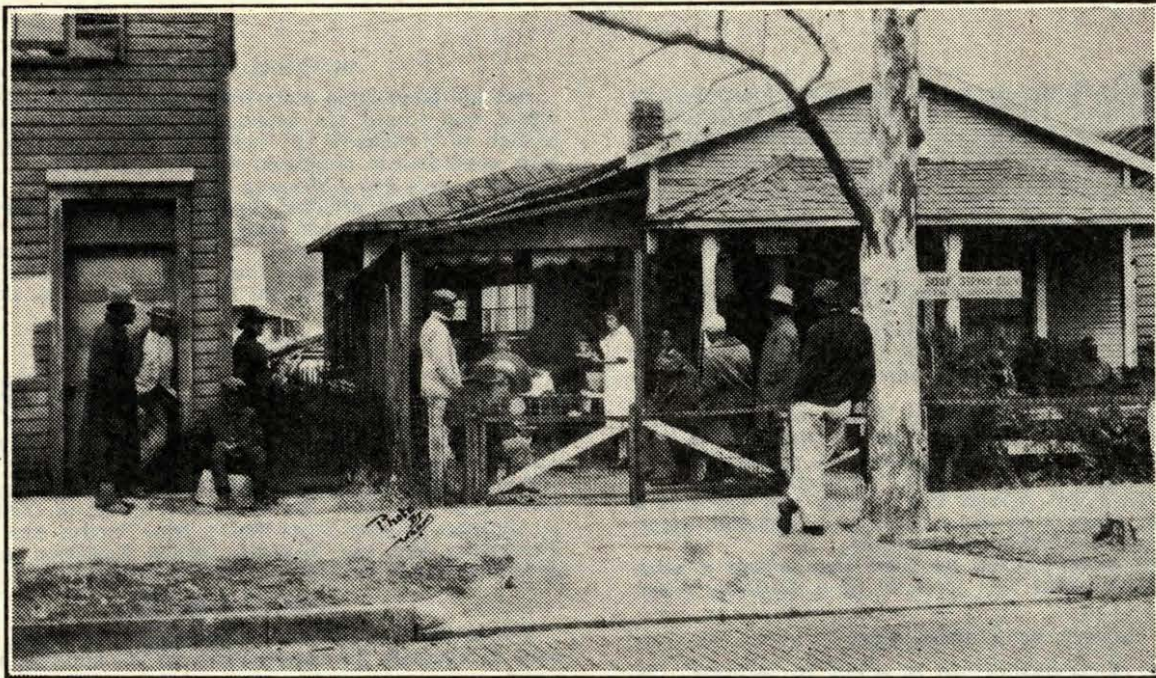
To do this work a mortgage of \$33,000 was secured from the Afro-American Life Insurance Company at 6% interest. The ground floor has two stores and a large auditorium. The second floor has the activities of the Mission and other groups directed by Miss White. The third floor has a number of offices rented to persons or groups coordinating the ideals of "Thrift and Americanism," espoused by Miss EARTHA MAGDALENE WHITE and her associates. Rev. and Mrs. Marshall B. Wyatt gave \$400 as a memorial tribute to CLARA WHITE, which was used toward the installation of an electric automatic elevator from the main to the third floors.

There remains a balance of \$26,000 on the mortgage, which it is hoped to liquidate before the 1951 holiday season as a DIAMOND (75th) BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE to our "Angel of Mercy," our Little Mother, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, Doctor of Humanities.



"Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children." (Psalms, 90: 15-16)

Buildings Which Housed Clara White Mission



On the porch of the residence shown in this photograph will be seen Miss White, who was dubbed "Angel of Mercy" because of her humanitarian pursuits during the depression when she gave soup and food to the poor and needy. She and her mother moved from Clay Street to Pippin Street where they resided for 21 years. In 1908 they moved to the address shown in this picture at 233 Eagle, now First Street. From this hallowed spot has emanated all the spiritual, moral, economic, industrial, social welfare activities of Dr. EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, FOUNDER-PRESIDENT OF THE OLD FOLKS HOME AND CLARA WHITE MISSION.



The three story building in this picture with its corresponding porches, was acquired by Miss White and her associates as the real beginning of the enlarged augmented program of the life of the founder as the headquarters of the Clara White Mission. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1944. Many valuable records and other effects pertaining to the history of Florida, the county and the peoples with whom Miss White has labored were utterly lost. But her spirit to dare and to do for those less fortified in spirit and soul was undaunted.



The spacious three story building in this picture shows the commodious modern rebuilt CLARA WHITE MISSION where every possible need of any individual from the cradle to the grave, "and even beyond", may be had through the love of God and faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Miss White and her co-workers are now being honored by the Florida State Federation Colored Women who hope to clear the way for an enlarged social welfare program throughout the remainder of the twentieth century, by liquidation of the \$26,000 and other debts against the Clara White Mission.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." (Psalm 23:6.) Read Psalm 23.

Old Folks Home Community

IN THE YEAR 1885, A GROUP OF NEGROES was organized for charitable purposes, with the idea of a Home for the Aged uppermost in their minds. The group was called the Union Benevolent Association, and it purchased a tract of land in Campbell's Addition for the Home. Rev. Howard was president of the group, Rev. Jeffrey Grant, vice-president; Rev. Joseph E. Lee, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The organization was incorporated.

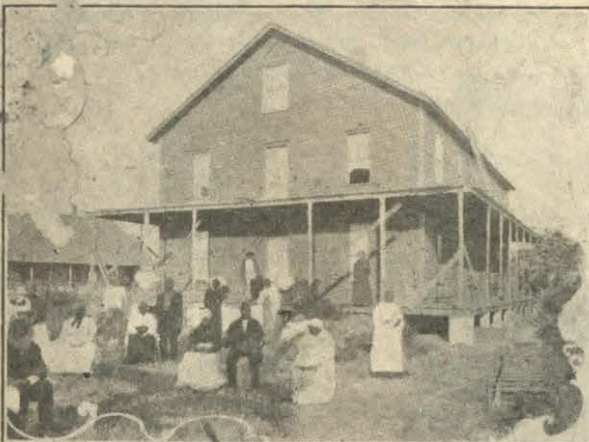
No meeting of this group was held for twenty-five years, and the building it had planned was not constructed. At this point Eartha M. M. White, at that time a young school teacher and social worker, managed to bring about a meeting of the body.

The disastrous fire of 1901 pictured clearly to the social worker and her mother the need of some home for old colored people, and in looking up a site for the same was informed by Mr. Lee that this land had been already purchased for this purpose.

The Union Benevolent Association voted Miss White the privilege of erecting an Old Folks Home and whatever other buildings for charitable purposes she saw fit to erect. She was elected president of the organization; the president having died and the vice-president was then serving. Miss White has served continuously as president since that time.

In 1902 Miss White and her mother began soliciting public subscriptions to erect a home. Many organizations, churches and private individuals loyally supported their effort and have made this institution possible today. Hundreds have been cared for who were solely dependent upon charity and today more than 50 inmates are being comfortably cared for in this institution which is now one of the agencies of the Community Chest and receives some help from the City and County. These people for 35 years have received free service on the part of Miss White because there is no compensation provided for the officials; she has spent a great part of her life in this work.

Too much commendation cannot be given to the Community Chest workers and officials for their loyal, considerate, sustained support through the past years. Were it not for that Christian helpfulness, particularly in the recent critical years, the work for the old people must surely have been seriously handicapped, if not actually curtailed. Mr. Sherwood Smith, executive secretary of the Chest, can tell at length of the part the Chest has played in this work.



BEGINNING 1901
Aged Average Over 100 Years



EARTHA M. M. WHITE
PRESIDENT



PRESENT CONDITION 1910
Committee of Workers

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27.) Read James 1:17-27.

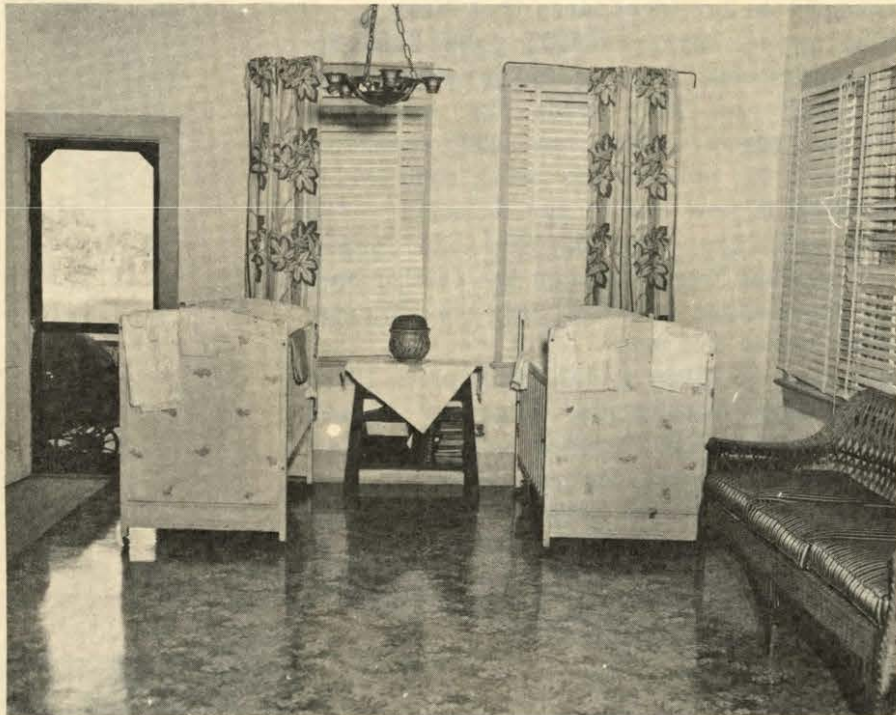
Old Folks Home Community



The Child Placement and Orphan Home Building and some of its occupants



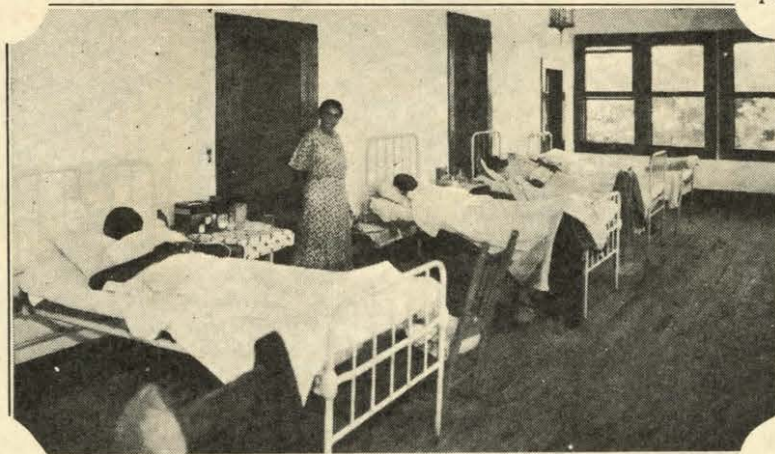
The dedication of the Tubercular Rest Home, marking a milestone in the fight against the dread disease in Jacksonville. Much of the work in getting the home was done by Miss White



MATERNITY HOME where new babies are nurtured under the direction of Dr. Eartha Mary Magdalene White, Doctor of Humanities.



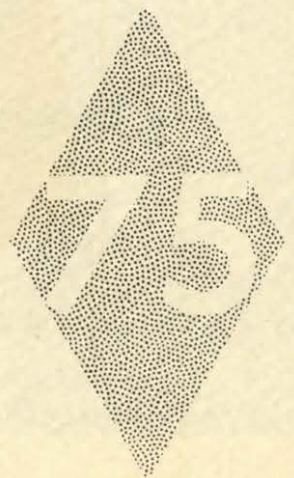
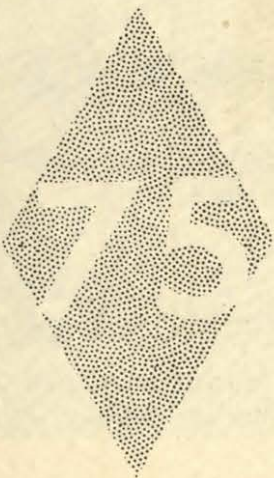
Orphan Twins---Mother Died in Childbirth These and many others cared for in our Child Placement and Orphanage



Sick persons being cared for at the Old Folks Home

"When God guides, God provides."

F. T. Miner (New York)



Original Directors of the Home



OFFICERS OF THE CLARA WHITE MISSION AND OLD FOLKS HOME
Top Row: Dean J. Thomas; Mrs. Ada Bracey; Edward Vaughn, Treasurer
Middle Row: Mrs. Martha Green; Miss Eartha M. M. White, President; L. L. Pratt
Bottom Row: Harold B. Hazelhurst; Rev. G. S. Stokes; Mrs. Mamie F. Stewart, Sec.

The First Inmates of the Home



Some of the first inmates of the Old Folks Home, ranging from 60 to 107 years of age

Program

Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Fannye Ayer Ponder,
Chairman of Testimonial Committee
St. Petersburg, Florida

Opening Selection.....	Congregation
Scripture.....	Rev. H. W. Bartley, Financial Representative of the Methodist Church Extension Board
Invocation.....	Rev. L. E. Terrell Pastor, Bethel Baptist Ins't Church
Selection.....	Choir, Bethel Baptist Church Mrs. Grenarda Robinson, Directress
Occasion.....	Mrs. Lucille G. Coleman Principal, Arlington School
Music.....	Stanton High School Glee Club Mrs. Doris Hampton, Directress
Introduction of "Mayor".....	Mr. Joe H. James
Greetings.....	His Honor, Hayden Burns
Music.....	Stanton High Glee Club
Introduction of Speaker.....	Mrs. Alice G. Mickins West Palm Beach, Florida
Address.....	Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune President Emeritus, Bethune Cookman College, Daytona, Florida President, Central Life Insurance Company, Tampa, Florida
Solo.....	Mr. J. W. DuBose Bethune Cookman College, Daytona, Florida
Selection.....	Boys Choristers Miss Ida Mae Bingham, Directress
Remarks.....	Mr. Joseph Hammond, County Commissioners,
Remarks.....	Mr. Joseph Hammond, County Commissioners, Ministers, Clubs, Schools, Churches, Sororities Interracial Committee -- Mrs. A. C. Holt Mrs. R. S. Barton, Mrs. Matilda O'Donold Mrs. Norwood Phelps, Mrs. W.S. Jones
Announcement of Donations and Letters of Commendation.....	Mrs. Lillian Hunter New York City
Awards.....	Mrs. N. S. Freeland Mrs. Maude E. Grant
Closing Remarks.....	Miss Eartha M. M. White President, Clara White Mission, Inc.
Benediction.....	Rev. Father James K. Satterwhite St. Phillips Episcopla Church

"... he came and preached peace to you who were
far off and peace to those who were near;" (Ephesians 2:17. R.S.V.) Read Ephesians 2:14-22.

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October 25, 1951

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FOUNDER PRESIDENT-EMERITUS
J. W. E. BOWEN
CHAIRMAN, TRUSTEE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Miss Eartha M. M. White
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

My dear, dear Friend:

As you celebrate your 75th birthday on November 8, 1951, the citizens of Florida, and of America, salute you with commendation and gratitude, for the outstanding contribution you have made in Social welfare and Christian service.

Your labors have commanded the admiration of men and women everywhere, for you have reached down to the masses, the delinquents and even the derelicts, lifting thousands to decency, citizenship and useful living. You have opened doors to the weak, given protection to the helpless, food to the hungry, aid to the sick, clothing to the naked. We know of no woman in this entire South-eastern section of the country whose life has been more dedicated to the purpose of uplift, nor whose efforts have been more untiring in the service of mankind.

Your zeal has taken you into the reform schools and the jails, into the darkened by-ways where hope is almost lost. Because of your devotion and your labor, your influence has grown and spread, and you are known, loved and respected, not only in your own community, but in all sections of the State. You have given fearless representation of our people and their needs to high City officials, Commissions, Health, Housing and Welfare Boards.

We - your friends, associates and admirers - are honored in the opportunity to give you the flowers of encouragement and appreciation, as you reach this significant milestone in your full life. You have filled the years with struggle, and your achievement may be measured by the inspiration and help that you have given to so many lives. As I think of you, I think of Jane Addams and Mary McDowell, those great Samaritans who, like you, never failed to heed the call of the needy and the unfortunate. You have made your way sensibly and consistently, undaunted by discouragements, humbled by success, dedicated always to the God-given purpose of human uplift.

May Our Father grant you many more years of life. May the flame of your torch grow brighter, as time places the seal of "Well Done" upon your record. May our tribute to your service give you renewed strength, greater courage, closer affiliation with Him whose blessing is your highest accolade.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Mary McLeod Bethune,
Founder, President Emeritus.

MMB:EM

"Ye are the salt of the earth;... Ye are the light of the world..." (Matthew 5:13,14.) Read Matthew 5:13-16.



Mary McLeod Bethune

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September 18, 1951

Mrs. Fannie Ayer Ponder, Chairman
Mrs. Hattie I. James, Secretary
Statewide Testimonial Committee
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

My dear Friends:

May I assure you that I am indeed happy and delighted to send this word of greeting upon the 75th birthday of Eartha M. M. White, the occasion of which you are using for the purpose of helping to free Clara White Mission, Inc. I am sure the people of Jacksonville and other places know of the great role she has played and continue to play as an angel of mercy for the relief of the poor and needy and will gladly respond to your urgent call for help, moral and financial.

Since I have known her practically all of my life and have the deepest respect, admiration and affection for her and the great work she is doing, I am contributing \$100 to her and the Mission as an expression of my personal devotion.

May I hope her 75th Anniversary celebration is a great success and I bid her forward, upward and onward, since it does not mark the end of her service to the people of Jacksonville in particular and humanity in general. Age is simply determined through a calendar set up by man as an indication of ones relationship to the world. But it does not indicate any index of ones usefulness or service to the world in which they live. She is just as beautiful now in body, mind, spirit and soul as she was when I first saw her and she will remain beautiful in body, mind, spirit and soul.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Mrs. White
A. Phillip Randolph
Miss White
M. A. Turner



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THOMAS PATTERSON
Eastern Zone Supervisor

Florida Tattler
August 19, 1948
Jacksonville, Fla.

ANGEL OF MERCY



Known as Angel of Mercy, a Friend to Man, Doctor of Humanity, and Our Little Mother; is now a Colonel. This appointment was made by Gen. M. M. Bethune of the Woman Army of National Defense. The Wands. The Official Staff entertained Col. Eartha M. M. White while in Chicago at the home of Lt. Gen. Brown. Miss White received her instructions and it won't be long before Florida will be organized and every woman will be on her job rendering service.

Miss White was sent to Chicago accompanied by Mr. Haynes delegates from the March on Washington Movement who sponsored a National Non Partisan Political Conference, Chicago, June 25-26, 1944. These delegates made their reports on Wednesday night at the Shiloh Baptist Church to a very appreciative audience.

The 13 million Negroes demanded of all parties seeking to control National Administration to state what each will do to put into effect the following measures which represent the minimum requirement of equality of Citizenship.

1. Abolition of Segregation in all branches of the Arm Forces.
2. A permanent F.E.P.C. as provided in the Sconlon-Dowson Bill HR 3936, and permanent job security.
3. Federal Aid to educate with Federal Standards and Federal Supervision.
4. Enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments through enabling legislation.
5. Negro representation and participation in the peace conferences before and after the end of the War.
6. A National Commission on Race.

Miss White was chairman of the Panel and Abolition of Poll Taxes and was very proud that Florida was one of the first States to abolish Poll Taxes.

President Harper of the local organization and officers were well pleased with the reports. Mr. Dwight spoke of the Republican Meeting and Rev. Hollonay spoke of the Democratic Meeting, both were enjoyed.

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FLORIDA STATE FEDERATION OF COLORED
WOMEN'S CLUBS AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE OF 100 SPONSORING EARTHA
MARY MAGDALENE WHITE'S DIAMOND (75TH) BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE.



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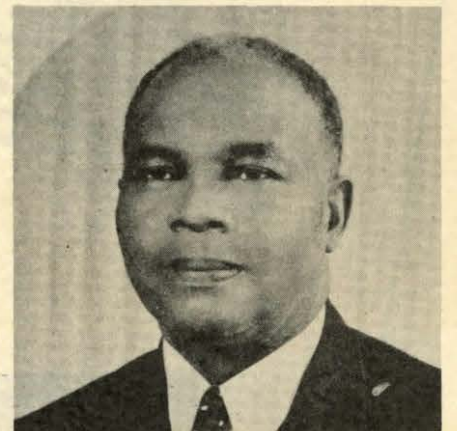
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MRS. LUCILLE G. COLEMAN
Co-Chairman



ATTY. D. W. PERKINS



MR. EMMETT "CHIP" REED



PROF. CHAS. D. BROOKS



VIVIAN CHAVIS

Apt. 4, 1312 Willow Branch Avenue
Jacksonville, 5, Florida
March 29, 1951

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Jacksonville is most fortunate to have as a native daughter my friend, Miss Eartha M. M. White whose birthday comes on November 8. Miss White is founder and director of the Clara White Mission, named for her mother, an institution through which she serves unfortunates of all races and all creeds, without pay and with loving kindness.

This woman's vision has led her to build for others and for the future; her faith and deep religion have maintained her strength against sometimes almost insurmountable difficulties; her integrity and singleness of purpose have led, and still lead, her only in the paths of righteousness.

I consider her one of this city's most important and most valued citizens. There are countless hundreds who know her who consider her an angel of mercy, who has made the difference in their lives between hope and despair.

Miss White knows no racial differences when it comes to helping those who need help. Many young white persons both men and women have risen up and called her blessed.

Any thing that Jacksonville could do to honor this great daughter, it should take much pleasure and honor in doing.

Very sincerely

Matilda O'Donald
(Mrs.) Matilda O'Donald
Chairman, Interracial Committee



MISS WHITE REPAIRING TOYS



MISS WHITE SPREADING CHEER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

September 27, 1951

HAYDON BURNS, MAYOR-COMMISSIONER
W. Y. WHITE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Miss Eartha M. M. White, President
Clara White Mission, Inc.,
613 West Ashley Street,
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Miss White:

I am delighted to have the opportunity of extending to you my heartiest congratulations upon the occasion of your seventy-fifth birthday.

I know that your host of other friends will join me in expressing our community's appreciation for your many years of unselfish devotion to the welfare of your people and your City. As Mayor, I am particularly aware of the splendid work you have been, and still are doing.

With my very best wishes for your continued good health and happiness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Haydon Burns
MAYOR

"Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O, Jerusalem."

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE FLORIDA STATE FEDERATION OF
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EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE'S DIAMOND (75TH) BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE.



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The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



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Tallahassee, Florida

June 25, 1947

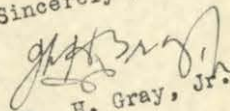
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Miss Eartha M. M. White
Florida A. and M. College
Campus

Dear Miss White:

We are happy to honor you today as a most noble woman and a great humanitarian. Your life of service, especially to those who are unfortunate, friendless, homeless and shelterless, is a lasting monument to you. With the tremendous claim on your time of this particular work, you are an active part of the religious and civic life of your immediate community, as well as all organizations for human uplift throughout the country. History may not record your deeds but in the hearts of mankind you are making an indelible impression. Time will not erase this. Jesus went about the world doing good and left this admonition to us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." That you have done, EARTHA WHITE, and we join in paying tribute to you today. Long may you live to continue the great work you are doing!

Sincerely yours,


Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

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THE FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Presents

A Testimonial Celebration

HONORING

MISS EARTHA M. M. WHITE
(DOCTOR OF HUMANITY)



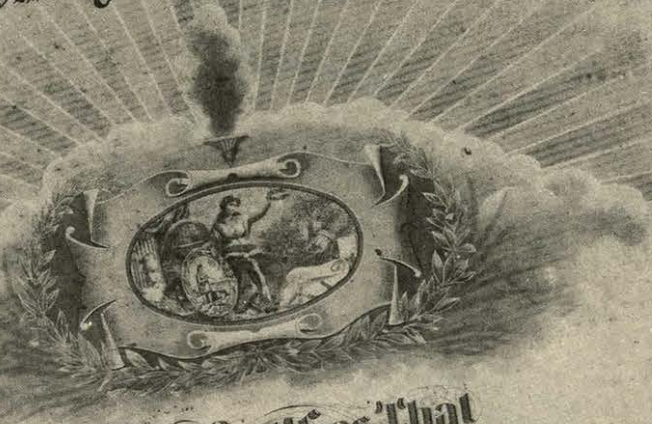
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11:45 A.M.

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Florida Normal and Industrial Institute
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This Certifies that
Etha M. White having rendered
 distinguished service to humanity through
 a long period of years is awarded this
Diploma

In Witness Whereof Our signatures are there
 unto affixed at St. Augustine, Florida, this 25th day of May

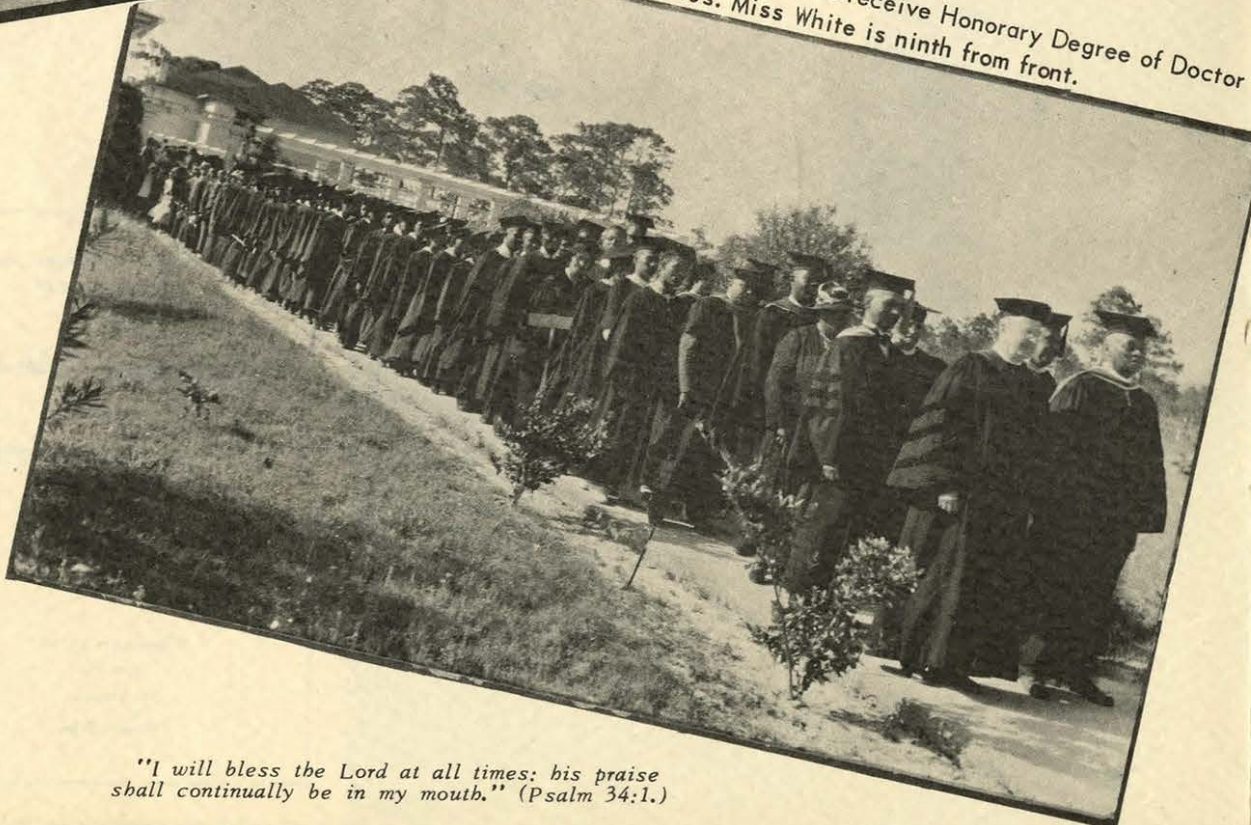
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On route to chapel to receive Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities. Miss White is ninth from front.



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"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1.)

Testimonial Letters

MRS. ARTHUR GERRISH CUMMER
629 RIVERSIDE AVENUE
JACKSONVILLE 4, FLORIDA

A TESTIMONIAL TO
EARTHA M. M. WHITE

Many years ago my pathway crossed that of EARTHA M. M. WHITE who today celebrates her Seventy-Fifth Birthday, representing years filled with worthwhile activity. Immediately it was evident that she was one who was destined to be of service to mankind. She has developed a character which is most forceful, having built on the true foundation of Faith, Hope and Love, always endeavoring to scatter good and happiness among her fellow men. In deepest sincerity, I say that our community is a much better place because she has lived and moved among us.

Mrs. Arthur G. Cumer

(For use on November 8, 1951)

Cohen Brothers
JACKSONVILLE 1, FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

22 June 1951

Mrs. Eartha M. M. White
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Eartha:

I have just learned that the coming November 8, 1951 is to be your 75th birthday and I want to be amongst your many friends to send you birthday greetings and wishes for an overabundance of happiness and good health in the years to come.

Your many years of self-sacrifice and the giving of your talents and energy to the unfortunate should be an inspiration to all of the younger generations that you have seen growing up around you during your years of endeavor.

Know of no one who has given as much or more of their life in the behalf of the poor and unfortunate to the extent that you have.

Again - my very best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert L. Seitner
Robert L. Seitner

RLS/p

MRS. ALFRED I. DUPONT
BARNETT NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
JACKSONVILLE 2, FLORIDA

May 1, 1951

Clara White Mission
613 W. Ashley St.
Jacksonville, Florida

Gentlemen:

Herein is enclosed check drawn on the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, payable to the Clara White Mission, in the amount of \$100.00. It goes with my very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Jessie Ball du Pont
MRS. ALFRED I. DUPONT

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Enc.

MISS BERTHA M. M. WHITE

GREAT LEADER AND ORGANIZER, UNTIRING
WORKER FOR THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY, LOVER OF
MANKIND, GREAT HELPER OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.

Your accomplishments in the field of
Human Relations are most outstanding. You
have given unstintingly of your time and
service, in providing educational opportuni-
ties for all people.

WE RECOGNIZE you as —

An ardent worker for suffering humanity;
Staunch supporter ^{founder} of the Old Folks Home,
which has become an affiliated agency of the
Community Chest;

Organizer of the CLARA WHITE MISSION —

A MEMORIAL TO YOUR SAINTED MOTHER, the late
Mrs. Clara White.

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Through the establishment of the
CLARA WHITE MISSION, INC., you have been in-
strumental in providing courses in Education
and Home Making for thousand of young people
as well as adults. Serving as an employment
agency for many who are without jobs, as a
Directing Agency for the Old Folks Home, a
Mercy Hospital, Day Nursery School, Child
Placement and Orphanage, your great organiza-
tion is rendering invaluable service to the
people of Duval County and the State of
Florida as a whole.

Your achievements in Human Relations
have been noteworthy and represent a challenge
and an inspiration to youth of America.

Therefore, in recognition of your
dynamic leadership and your accomplishments,
the trustees, faculty and friends of Bethune-
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sented you this AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE.
GOD BLESS YOU!



The Faculty Trustees & Student Body
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April 2, 1951.

Miss Eartha M. White
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley St.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Miss White -
In reply to your letter of March 23 I want
to say that I thank you for your love
to your race, as well as to your community
and a glory to your God. Congratulations
on your 75th birthday to be observed on
November 8th and, you have many more
years of happy useful service - Enclosed is
a little gift toward the indebtedness of the
Clara White Mission.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Howard M. Phelps -

Miss Eartha M. M. White, President
Clara White Mission
613 Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Miss White:

I know the time grows near for the mammoth celebration in November. I regret the long delay in getting to you this short statement and my enclosure of ten dollars as a contribution but there are so many irons in the fire as well as obligations that I face from time to time that it is almost impossible to keep up with the demands.

I do wish you every success and if it is at all possible you can look for Brother Randolph and myself at the celebration. You can also look for a sizeable contribution through him for all of us at a later date.

Since I shall be in Jacksonville for a few days in connection with my vacation at the beach, I shall stop by and say hello.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

B. F. McLaurin
International Field Organizer

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THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
OF DUVAL COUNTY
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 14, 1951

Miss Eartha M. M. White
613 W. Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Miss White:

By unanimous vote of Emancipation Celebration Committee of Duval County in session herewith tender to you the portfolio of President Emeritus. This action was taken in appreciation of your interest in the continuance of the "spirit of Freedom. It was accepted and agreed that your past action along with you being a charter and active member since 1894, full warrant the only honors the committee has power to offer.

Kindly be present the morning of January 1st, 1951, Ebenezer Methodist Church, at 11:00 o'clock to receive this citation.

Very truly yours,

Joe H. James, President

John W. Morris, Secretary

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April 9, 1951

REALTORS
311 WEST FORESTER STREET

Mrs. Eartha M. M. White
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Eartha:

It has come to the writer's attention that you are to celebrate your 75th birthday within a few months.

For a great number of years, you have been doing a very constructive work among the under-privileged people and it is very obvious to the citizens of Jacksonville the good that you have already accomplished.

We wish to congratulate you on your many years of service, and wish you even greater success in the years to come.

Yours very truly,

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CHI CHAPTER MEMBERS



Members of the Chi Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda sorority who attended the recent installation supper held at the residence of Mrs. Alice Kirkpatrick are shown above. Seated, left to right, are Miss Aethia Fraser, Mrs. Darb Hampton, Miss Eartha White, newly elected president; Mrs. Katherine Blanchard, Mrs. Mabel Latson. Standing, left to right, are Miss Sarah Hicks, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Irene Alexander, Miss Edith Boyd, Madama Fanny McFadden, Lettie Leppewat, Marjorie Simms and Julia Walker-Brown.



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Certificate of Achievement

AWARDED BY
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Because of the respect and esteem in which the citizens of our city hold her and because of the success that she has achieved in the field of

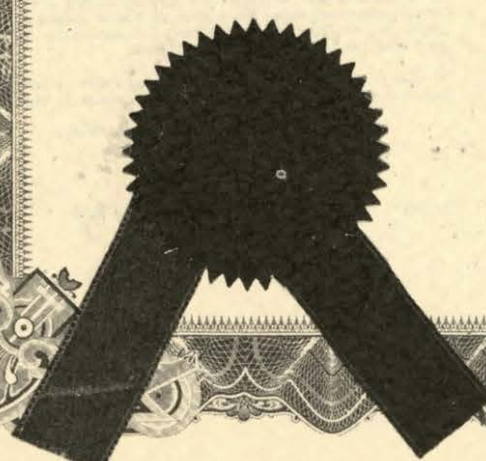
Social Service

Theta Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has authorized the presentation of this certificate to

Miss Eartha Mary Magdaline White

Given under our hands and the seal of the Fraternity at Jacksonville, Florida, this 14th day of November one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven

John A. Simms
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April 27, 1951

Mrs. Martha M. White
Clara White Mission, Inc.
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

I am pleased to have your letter of March 23 and at an early date I am going to send you a contribution to aid you in carrying on the splendid work being done by the Clara White Mission.

You are to be highly commended upon what you have done for the unfortunate and the underprivileged, to save the erring from error, and to make blighted lives better. It must give you great satisfaction as you approach your seventy-fifth birthday that you have already made a noble memorial for yourself in the many whose lives you have made healthier and happier. Your work is nobly in the spirit of the Master who taught us to do good and assured us that whatever we did to help the least of all humans was also a contribution to him.

I warmly congratulate you upon reaching, on the 8th of November, 1951, the three-quarter century mark and hope you shall be spared many more years of great humanitarian service in the great community of Jacksonville.

Kindest regards and

Always sincerely yours,

Claude Pepper

CP:MLW

Hogan Baptist Church
Route 11, Box 314
Jacksonville, Florida

July 26, 1951

R. C. DUNHAM - Clerk
Phone 9-5669
Route 11 - Box 311

Mrs. Clara White - Supt.
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

We, the women of the Hogan Baptist Women's Missionary Society, congratulate you and your staff upon another glorious birthday and salute you for the great and effective work that you are doing among Jacksonville's needy.

While we might have been of some trivial assistance to you in your grand work, we have watched you closely. We have found you to be completely impartial in your help for all people. We believe that regardless of color, kind or creed, you have done your best for those who applied to you for help.

Surely, much discouragement, trying times and temptations have brought heartbreaks and hours of sorrow. But we thank God that through all these you have proven to us all that there is a higher power than most of us stop to realize.

God has blessed you, and we believe will keep on blessing you for believing in and practicing the second command. Of course you believe in and practice the first command also. For without this, the second one would be null and void.

The women and men of our church and community are with you, all the way, in your efforts in the name of the Master, Jesus Christ. Our Prayers, our minds, our hearts and our pocketbooks are yours.

Sincerely Yours,
W. M. S.
Hogan Baptist
Mrs. J. R. McCormick
Mrs. J. R. McCormick
Committee Chairman.

Cohen Brothers
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
May 7, 1951

HALLE COHEN
President

Mrs. Martha M. White
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary! You know for many years I have known you and watched you in your wonderful work. The city is indeed fortunate to have such a person as yourself to carry on the fine work in behalf of your race.

It is my sincere wish that you will have many more years to carry on this splendid work. With all good wishes for the future, I am,

Your friend,

Halle Cohen
Halle Cohen

HC:s

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October 30, 1951

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Edward Waters College
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1150 Washington Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas

Mrs. Fanny Ayer Ponder, Chairman
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Ponder:

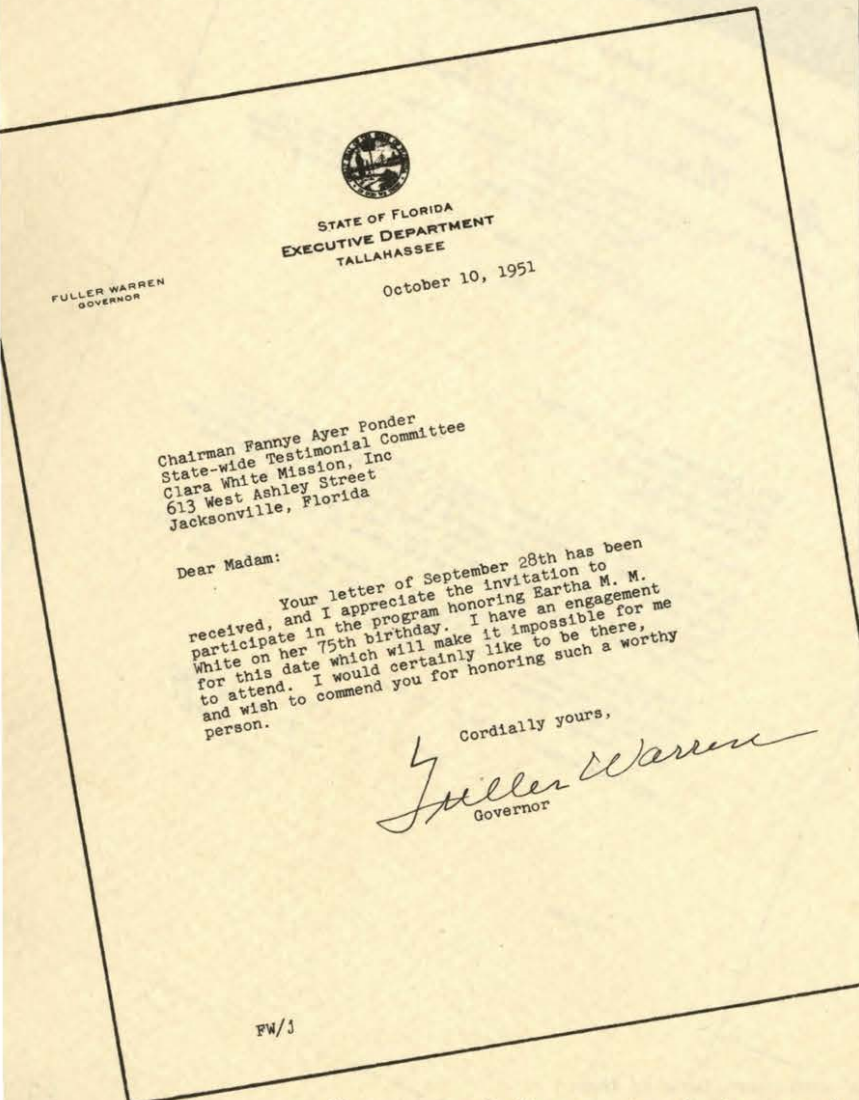
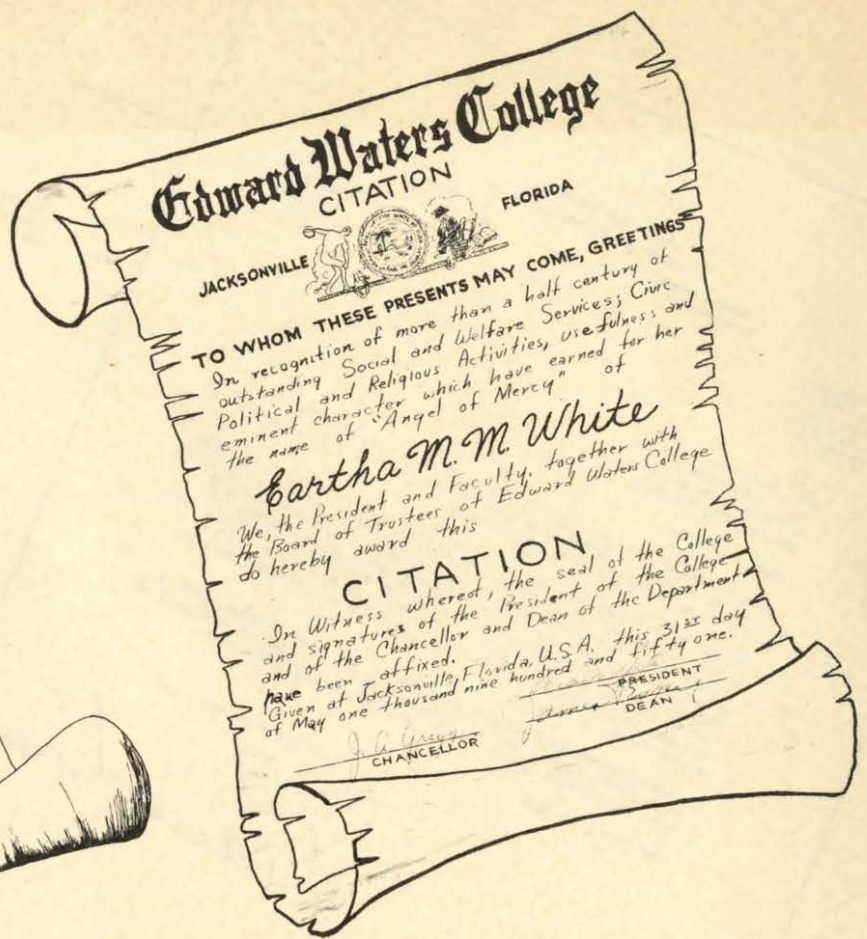
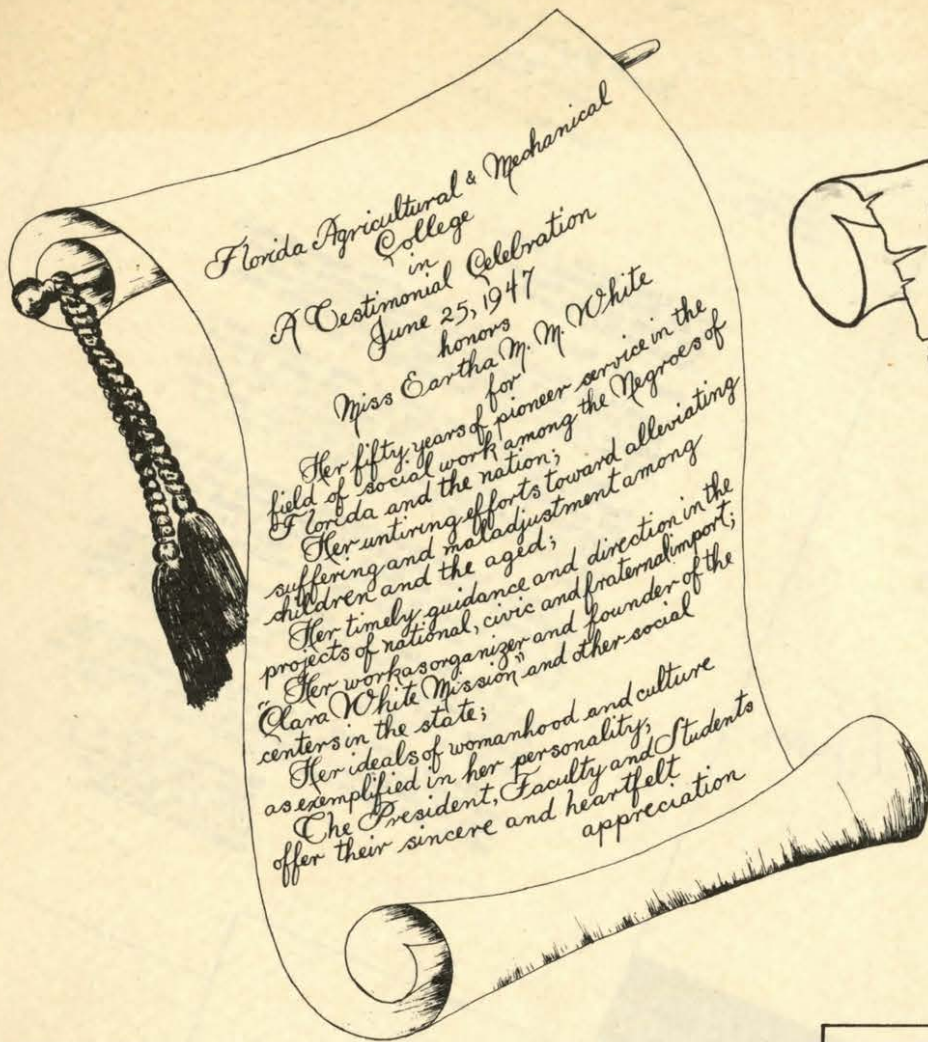
To my mind there is no one more worthy of a testimonial, such as you are planning for Miss Martha M. White. I have known her for quite forty years and all during that period her life has been one of unselfish Christian and Civic service. She has always been busy doing something worth while for her community and her race, and I pray she may live long and continue to be a blessing to those whom she serves.

I regret very much that my conferences will begin on November 7th and that I cannot be at this testimonial in person, but I wish hereby to express my confidence in, and my admiration for, Miss Martha M. White. I am enclosing a token for the occasion to be applied on the Clara White Mission.

With best wishes for a happy occasion, I am

Very sincerely yours,
J. A. Gregg
J. A. Gregg
Bishop.

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they come to the Mission where they are given clothing, jobs and aided in rehabilitation into society.

She re-organized the Union Benevolent Association, which had been formed in 1885 with the idea of an Old Folks Home in mind, but which lay dormant for fifteen or more years after incorporating and purchasing a tract of land in Campbell's Addition for that purpose. She was elected president and given the privilege of building the Home and any other charitable institutions she thought necessary of the the site.

At the death of her mother, the CLARA WHITE MISSION was founded by EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE as a memorial tribute. Many other useful institutions for human welfare and community improvement, too numerous to mention here, followed and many others are in the offing.

A few of the most notable institutions directed by Miss White are the Mercy Hospital, Tuberculosis Rest Home, Maternity Home, Orphanage and child placement home, annual memorial and outings for children and adults, classes and outings for the blind, Bible study and other classes and employment service.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC CITATIONS

Because of her effectual services during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, the depression, as well as in the routine of the community life in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida and the Country, EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE has received countless letters, certificates and expressions of honorable commendation from prominent individuals, all branches of the government, many leading schools, and collegiate groups of the day. These include citations and degrees from the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Florida State Governors W. S. Jennings, Millard F. Caldwell and Fuller Warren, Florida State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the Duval County Emancipation Committee, the Omega Psi Fraternity, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Edward Waters College, several of the mayors of our city, including the encumbant His Honor Mayor Haydon Burns, and heads of the various executive offices of city, county and state.

INTERNATIONAL LEADER

She is a pioneer member of the leading national organizations of the day, both civic and fraternal, including the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. She is the first "life member" of the National Council of Negro Women; a charter member of the Jacksonville Historical Society, the Humane Society and the Council of Social Agencies. She is organizer-president of the Lincoln Douglas Memorial Association; founder-president of the Child Placement Home; the Tuberculosis Committee; the Merry Heart Club and countless other civic and social welfare groups.

She wears the degree of DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES with dignity and proficiency. She is indeed an "angel of mercy," and a "DIAMOND IN THE HAND OF HER GOD."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord..." (Psalm 92:1.)

The Dedication



The material in this "SOUVENIR PROGRAM," depicting the Seventy-Five Diamond Years of usefulness in the life of EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, Doctor of Humanities, was obtained by perusing copies of the FRIENDS, a magazine published by Eartha White as an organ for her activities, and edited by Charles H.

Loeb, now editor of the Cleveland Call Post, in Cleveland, Ohio; the PICTORIAL REVIEW, edited by Martin D. Richardson; and a wealth of invaluable photographs, letters, programs, documents, etc., in the files of Miss White. Because of the limited time allotted, and the essential points to be covered, together with the limited staff available to assist in the work, and the amount of money in sight at the moment, much has been crowded in the too few pages of this PROGRAM.

Therefore, we The International Public Relations Commissions of the United International Press Services, NRF, Inc., second floor Pinkston's Drugstore Building, 310 West Broadway Street, Ocala, Marion County, Florida, hereby express our sincere appreciation to the officers and members of the Executive Committee, through the chairman of publicity, for permission to assist as counsel to this most auspicious occasion and to Mrs. Gertrude R. Wilson, Mrs.

Alfred I. DuPont, Mrs. Arthur J. Cummer, Mr. G. Winnerman, the editors of the daily and weekly press, radio stations, the Respass-Grimes Engraving Company and Mrs. Grayce Bateman, executive secretary, for their cooperation in obtaining adequate publicity for the EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE (75TH) DIAMOND BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE. Also the C. H. Brown Printing Company for their patient, cordial cooperation and the use of their complete (under one roof) facilities for planning, layout and production of this mute tribute to such an outstanding character as MISS EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS and the ASSOCIATED CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF 100 in dedicating this project as a recorded symbol of Miss White's Memorial TO THE INNUMERABLE FRIENDS EVERYWHERE AND OF ALL TIMES who have made possible this day, by their aid or acceptance of the manifold services, covered in such a small part, by this record. May it serve as a milestone to the enlarged program envisioned by "Our Little Mother, Angel of Mercy," to encourage her to carry on for at least the next quarter of a century as our Leader in the "Fraternity of Humanity".

Faithfully yours,

REVEREND JOSEPH EUGENE SOLOMON RAY, Co-ordinator

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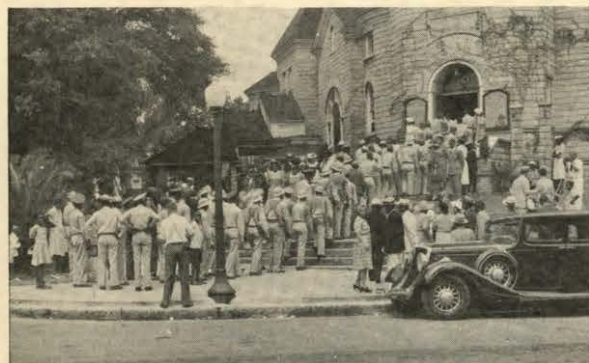
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"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."
Philippians 4:8

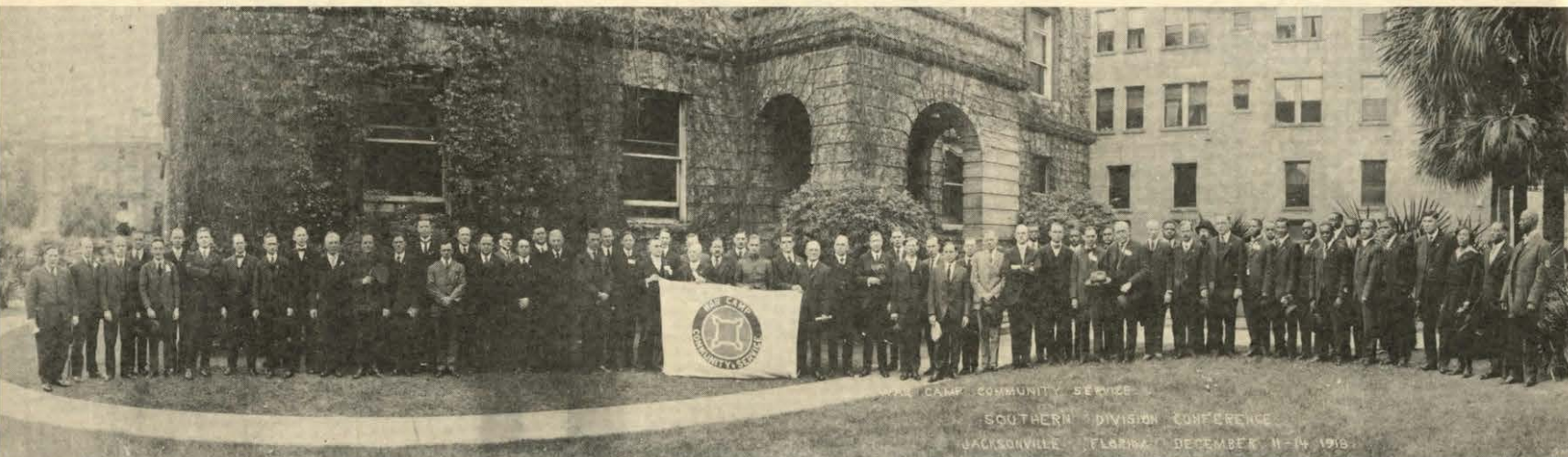
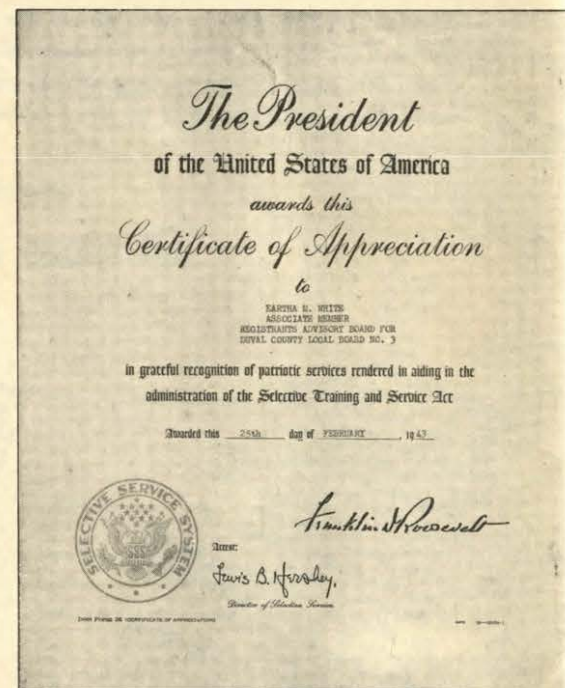
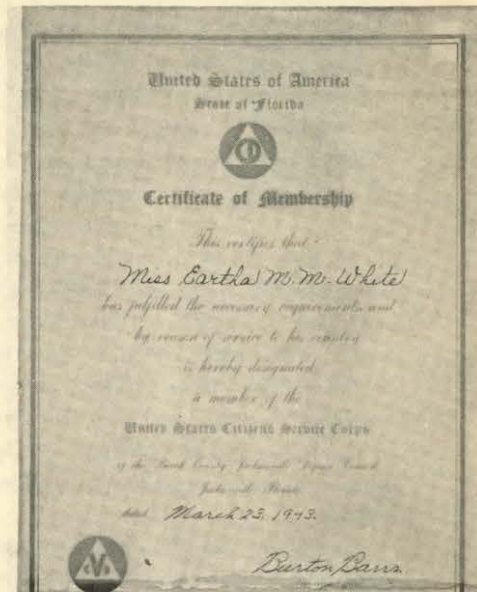
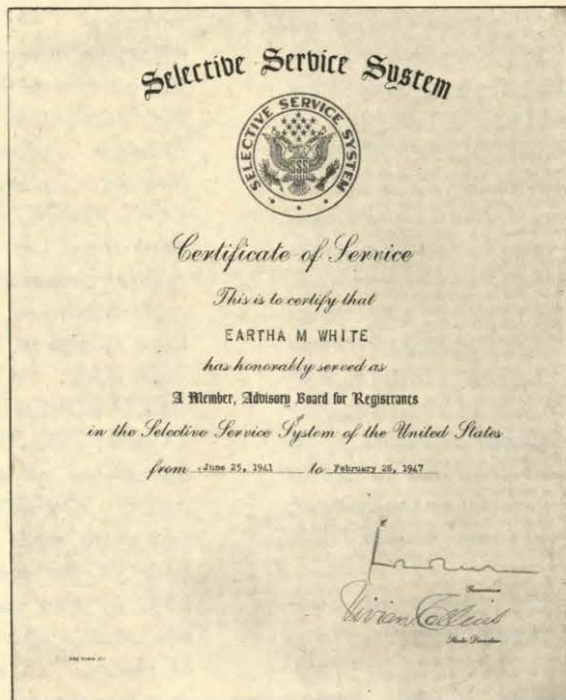
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For two years Miss White was in charge of the War Camp Community Recreational Service, in Savannah, Georgia. This group of soldiers and their visitors are enjoying a pleasant evening under the direction of Miss White, shown in the insert over the mantle.



Miss White regularly escorted the soldiers to church and religious worship. This group is seen entering Bethel Baptist Institutional Church in Jacksonville. The Colonel Eartha Mary Magdalene White is standing on the top step.



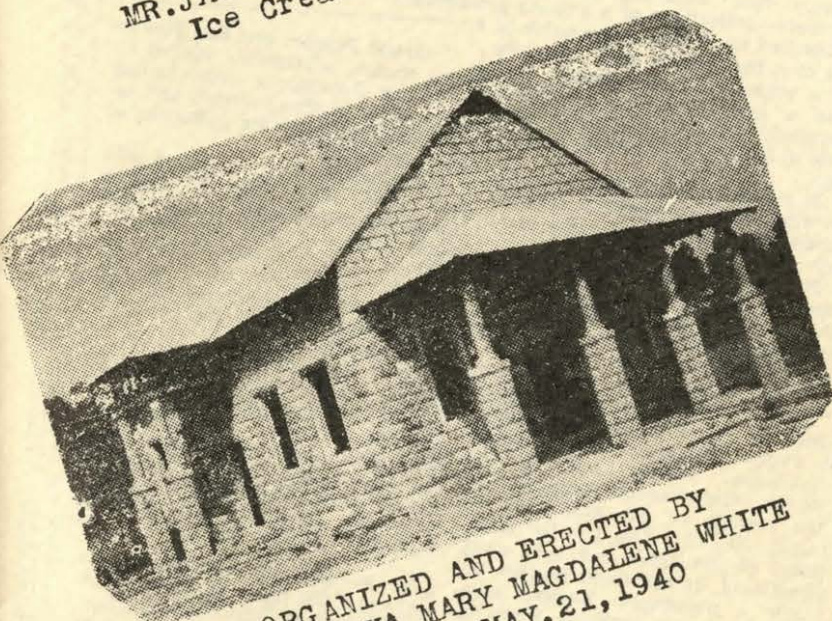
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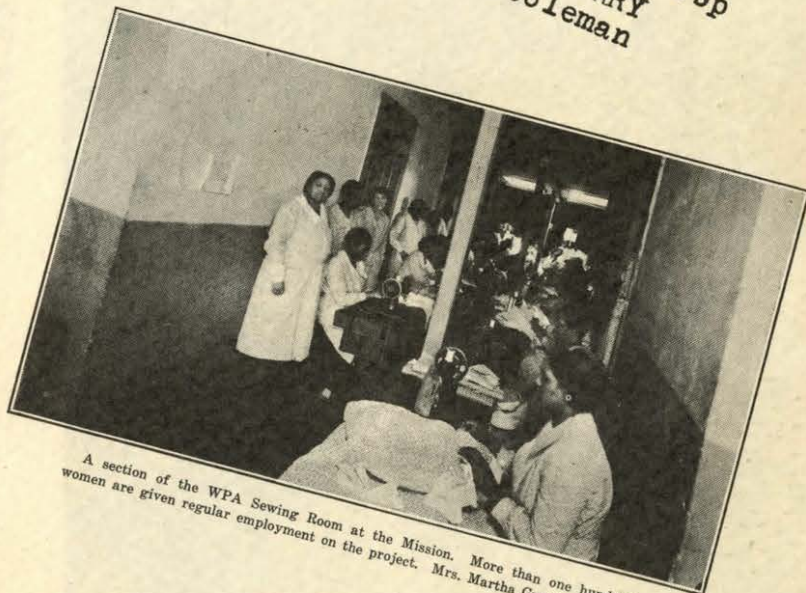
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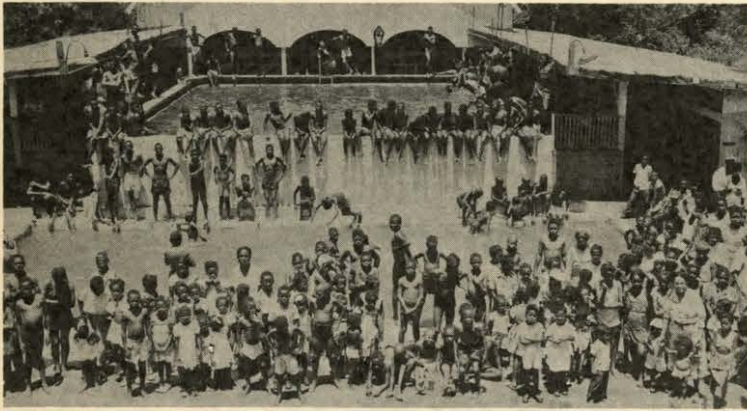


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"CLARA WHITE MISSION"
NEW BUILDING PROGRAM

Annual Outings At Moncrief



SPECIAL OUTINGS

The photos on these two pages show to what use the premises have been used to enhance the scope of the recreational health program of Dr. EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, founder-president of the Clara White Mission.

The left hand column shows old, young and blind enjoying the bathing, wading, swimming and picnic advantages of the famous romantic Springs. On the right hand page are photographs showing religious camp meetings, baptismal services and a band used in the musical features of the group.

For many years, Miss White has arranged outings at Manhattan Beach for the underprivileged youth, adults and handicapped persons of the County. The Moncrief Springs program will be developed to include every possible healthful year-round recreational activity for local residents and tourists seeking restful relaxation from the strain and responsibilities of routine life.

MONCRIEF SPRINGS
HEALTH RECREATION
CENTER - TOURIST RESORT

TO INCLUDE MEMORIAL PARK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Legend of Buried Treasure Clings to Moncrief Springs

Once-Famous Pleasure Resort Near Jacksonville Now
in Use as Recreation Center for Negroes

By JAMES C. CRAIG

Perhaps no recreation center in this area has a more romantic history than Moncrief Springs, its beginning linked with buried treasure—collections of a French pawnbroker.

Located about four miles north of the city, the springs tract, now site of a negro recreation center, once was a spot of grandeur, visited regularly by just about every resident of Jacksonville and many tourists.

At a later period it was the scene of what was considered one of the finest horse race tracks in the country.

It was in 1874 that Moncrief Springs first was developed. On that occasion the Tri-Weekly Florida Union published a story recounting its early history.

"The spring," it was stated, "took its name from Eugene Moncrief, an inhabitant of the country in France just south of Loire, called LaVendee. Irving says in his sketch, Subterranean Religion: 'On the evening of the nineteenth of April, 1793, a galley left the south bank of the Loire and bore away westward. It contained besides the crew a passenger, Eugene Moncrief, who was escaping from the country with a large amount of treasure.

"For years Moncrief had, under the seductive and absorbing sign of the pawnbroker's three golden balls, been gathering in such little bijouterie as rings, breastpins, diamonds, gems and so successful had been his efforts that as Eugene was being borne away from his native shore, his tear-bedewed eyes found comfort in resting upon nine wooden chests of such material.

"On the nineteenth of June, the weather being warm, the Esperance entered the mouth of the St. Johns and on the third of July Eugene buried his treasure within a short distance of the spring that now bears his name.

"At the expiration of six months Eugene dug from the earth one of the boxes of buried treasure to secure suitable treasure for decking his chosen Indian bride, 'Sun Flower.' Alas for poor Eugene. Indian cupidity was excited by this grand display. When another moon waxed, Eugene's scalp was drying in the tent of Grand Powder and Sun Flower was preparing his gon-diago.

"Grand Powder and Sun Flower were shortly afterwards visited by an angry Providence while sailing in a canoe on Trout Creek, and today lies concealed the collection of poor Moncrief."

The Union's story concluded with the hope that "the excavation about the spring may bring to light these thousand and one jewels."

There is no record of that excavation nor of any other that followed ever "bringing to light" the other eight boxes of the pawnbroker's jewels.

After Moncrief's ill-fated visit appears that nothing was added to the spring's history and it remained hidden in the forest until 1873 when Peter Jones went quail hunting in that vicinity. It was the same Peter Jones who the following year became mayor of Jacksonville, filling the office from

time to time for six terms. He also was the first chief of Jacksonville's paid Fire Department.

When Jones happened upon it by accident, he is reported to have exclaimed: "A wonderful spring. Not 20 men in Duval County have ever seen it. Why, it is wonderful. I intend to buy it and Jacksonville will reap the benefit of the purchase. In less than 12 months I'll have a shell road running from Jacksonville, a toll gate, bathing houses, restaurant, nine-pin alleys, a race course, baseball ground, and this will be the most fashionable drive and resort in the State; and eventually the city of Jacksonville will be supplied with water from this never-failing, inexhaustible, sparkling, bubbling fountain."

Jones saw most of his plans reach fruition. He organized a company of which he became business manager. A Colonel Osborn was president. In June, 1874, the shell road was opened, about three miles south of the spring, and visitors stopped at a toll gate to pay their fare to the lady keeper.

The Union story on June 25 stated that:

"And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail

THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION, JACKSONVILLE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1951

Springs For Young, Old & Blind



ANOTHER NATURAL RESORT

Miss White has made a general survey of the beach and other bathing facilities of the County and St. John's River area and has highly commended the Little Talbot Island Beach, which is now a State Park open year round for picnics, bathing, swimming, and fishing and is a general year round tourist natural resort. With the \$10,000 recently donated for equipment, the Little Talbot Island Beach will command the attention of those who come to Florida annually, as well as the youth and others who can find time for this most desirable recreation.

Moncrief Springs, she says, is another natural year round resort. However, under her administration it has been and will continue to be an attraction for the underprivileged as well as for the more leisurely type. Its never failing waters are of the average year round Florida temperature, and according to a United States analysis, have medicinal properties conducive to healing and improving the health.

MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Through the years, Miss White has amassed a wealth of antiques, historical photos and novelties, furniture, bric a brac, etc., which she plans to house in a rustic six-room stucco building to be known as the EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Here she hopes the youth, educators, tourists and residents throughout the universe may find facts and inspiration from the dark past.

Until after the present program of liquidating the \$26,000 mortgage and other debts against the Clara White Mission has been concluded, she has deferred further development of the Recreational Center until later.



"Moncrief Spring is a success. In four weeks the bathing houses will be complete. In 20 minutes one can drive to as pure water as ever responded to the rod of a bulrush Moses or fascinated the poetic longing of a De Leon."

The spring, it was reported, was hidden by an eight-foot wall. It was circular in shape and 20 feet in diameter. The bath houses, each of which had a fireplace for winter bathing, were 60 feet long and 15 feet wide. There also was a dancing pavillion and restaurant.

It is not clear whether or not "medicinal properties would cure any disease with which mankind is afflicted."

The spring served as a resort for many years. The toll gate stood until February 2, 1897, when it was destroyed by fire.

It is not clear whether or not

Jones ever carried out his plans for racing, but the one-mile track he built served as the nucleus for the later Moncrief Race Track, which opened in the Spring of 1909. Meets also were held in the Winter of 1909-10 and 1910-11. In that year the Legislature outlawed horse racing in Florida and the final race was held on April 1, 1911.

After that Moncrief Spring had an up-and-down history as a recreation center until about six years ago it became the property of Eartha White of the Clara White Mission. Under her leadership, the pool was renovated for use by negro bathers and for a while there was a golf course there.

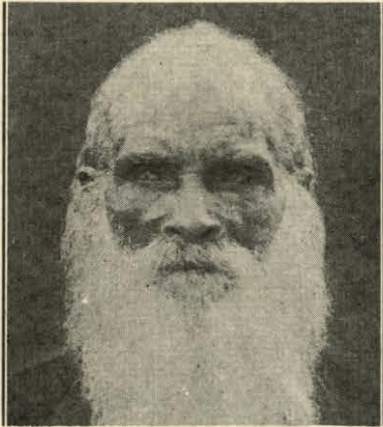
Today all that is left is the pool, but Eartha White has plans for developing a museum of negro history there and also establish a memorial park, with complete recreational facilities.



not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." (Isaiah 58:10-12.)

Memorials

THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS
HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE
CLARA WHITE MISSION Inc.



REV. HENRY HARRISON

Cousin of Eartha Mary Magdalene White who prophesied her birth, sex, physical stamina, humanitarianism and named her "Eartha" six months before she was born. He was born February 7, 1803, near Fernandina, Florida. Died September 11, 1917, at Jacksonville, Florida.



**CORTEGE OF
CLARA ENGLISH WHITE**



DR. JOHN C. FORD

Thirty-six years Pastor of BETHEL BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, Jacksonville, Florida, Rev. L. E. Terrell, Minister. Memorialized Sunday, August 10, 1947. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (Timothy 4:7.)

MISS MAMIE CROWD
AN ELECTRIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN
In Memory of Her Father:
FRANK CROWD

MRS. MILLER WILSON
MONTHLY CASH CONTRIBUTION
In Memory of Her Nurse
and Family Employee
TANNY CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS

WILLIAM BRYANT
HIS NAME & SIGNATURE
In Memory of
CLARA ENGLISH WHITE
Pioneer of Bethel Baptist
Institutional Church

REV. and MRS. MARSHALL B. WYATT
INITIAL PAYMENT ON
INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRIC ELEVATOR
In Memory of
CLARA ENGLISH WHITE'S
Spirit Of Mission

MR. LESTER FOLEY
INITIAL BEQUEST TOWARD
EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE
MILLION DOLLAR FOUNDATION

EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE
SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF
BRILLIANT EXEMPLARY SERVICE
IN MEMORY OF HER
GRANDMOTHER JANE DRUMMOND
Who Lived To Be 97
GRANDFATHER ADAM ENGLISH
Who Lived To Be 103
GREAT GRANDFATHER
JIM DRUMMOND
Who Lived To Be 129
COUSIN HENRY HARRISON
Who Lived To Be 114
MOTHER CLARA ENGLISH WHITE
Who Lived To Be 76
AND THE INNUMERABLE
FRIENDS EVERYWHERE
Who Have Made This Day Possible
By Their Aid Or Acceptance Of
The Manifold Services Proffered.



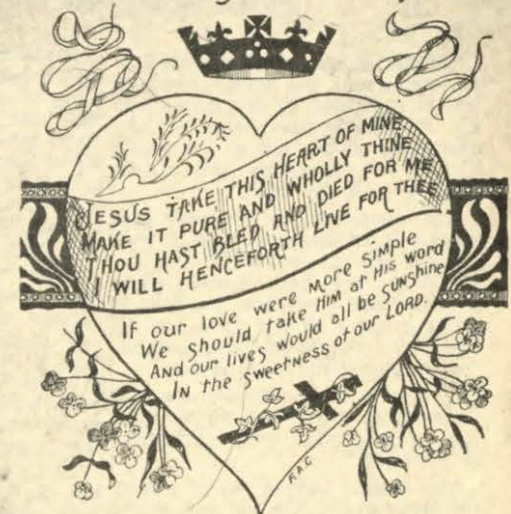
JIM DRUMMONDS

Great Grandfather of EARTHA MARY MAGDALENE WHITE, born at Fernandina, Florida. Died about thirty years ago at the age of 129 years.

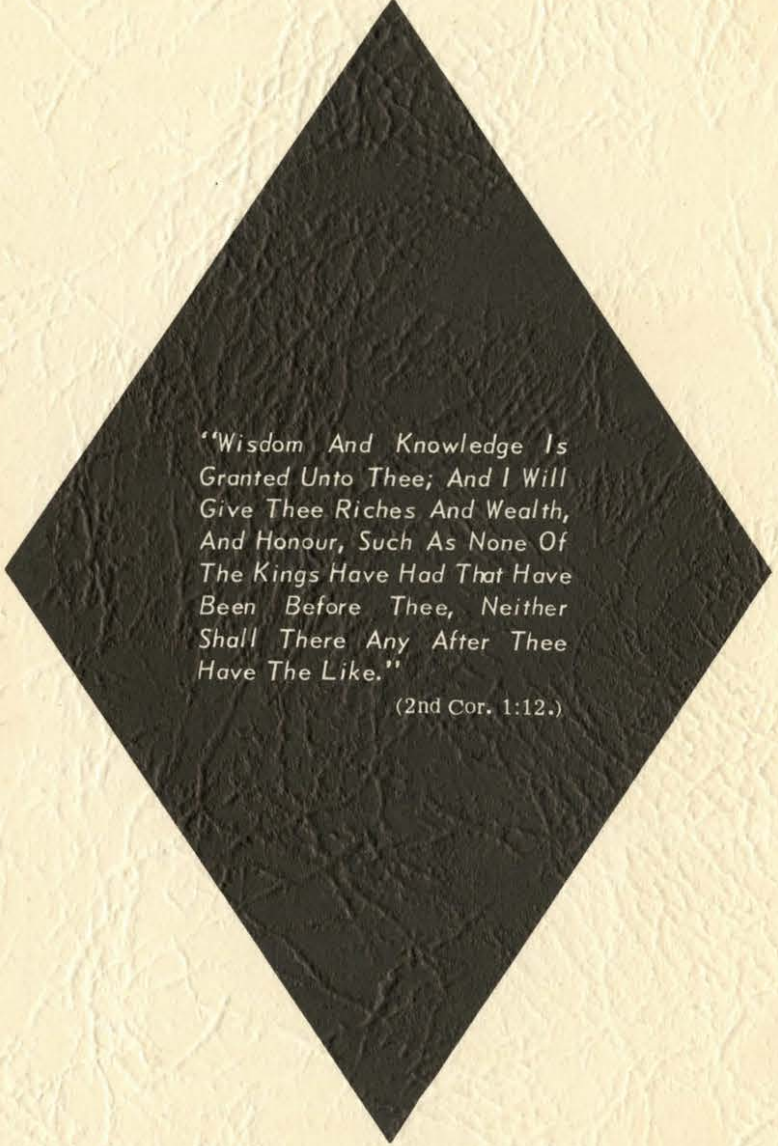


**GRAVE OF
CLARA ENGLISH WHITE**

SO EVERY ONE OF US
SHALL GIVE AN ACCOUNT
OF HIMSELF TO GOD FROM LUKE 12



THOUGH SCOFFERS ASK WHERE IS YOUR GAIN
AND MOCKERS SAY YOUR WORK IS VAIN
THESE SCOFFERS DIE AND ARE FORGOT
WORK DONE FOR GOD IT DIETH NOT.



*"Wisdom And Knowledge Is
Granted Unto Thee; And I Will
Give Thee Riches And Wealth,
And Honour, Such As None Of
The Kings Have Had That Have
Been Before Thee, Neither
Shall There Any After Thee
Have The Like."*

(2nd Cor. 1:12.)

AT A "SHOWER" FOR MISS WHITE AT THE MISSION. THIS POEM,
AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE AND APPRECIATION, WAS
READ AND DEDICATED TO MISS WHITE:

"Angel Of Mercy"

The service you have rendered
Meant so much to us dear,
You have enabled us to rear our children
In a more wholesome atmosphere.

The service you have rendered
We just cannot express,
How we have all been benefitted
And so wonderfully blessed.

The service you have rendered
To the blind, the sick and poor,
Many were not self-supporting
And begging from door to door.

The service you have rendered
To some who were out of doors,
By God's help you made it possible
To shelter and to clothe.

The service you have rendered
In this City day by day,
Administering to the needs of the less fortunate,
Looking only to God for your pay.

May your life be a pattern
Which we can emulate,
And may your crown be waiting
When you reach the Pearly Gates.

Your work on earth will be finished
Angel of Mercy will be gone
We will miss you, but here is the question,
Who on earth will carry it on?

When you receive your just reward,
For those who stand the test
Your burdens all will be removed,
Your soul at last will rest.

May it go down in History
North, South, the East and West,
You sacrificed your life for your people;
Yes, indeed, you've done your best.

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