

Clara White Mission

613 West Ashley Street

Jacksonville, Florida



" I was hungered and ye gave me meat

I was thirsty and ye gave me drink

I was a stranger and ye took me in

Naked and ye clothed me

I was sick and ye visited me

I was in prison and ye came unto me."

HISTORY AND PROGRAM OF THE CLARA WHITE MISSION

The CLARA WHITE MISSION was organized in 1904 and incorporated in 1936. The present offices are located on 613 West Ashley Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Governed by a board of directors numbering 29.

For SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS this agency has served the community regardless of race, creed or religious belief. Aid has been offered both local individuals, families and transients giving them food, shelter, clothing and employment. A community meeting place is provided offering religious and character building education with the hope that they will become worthwhile citizens of this and many other communities in which they may choose to live. The underprivileged adults and children are the most deprived people in our society. They frequently do not have basic necessities available to them because of restrictive residence laws. We try to be a helping hand to these people.



OFFICERS

Miss Eartha M. M. White	President
W. B. Stewart	Vice President
V. C. Johnson	Vice President
Capers G. Bradham	Vice President
Mrs. Grayce M. Bateman	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. G. C. Bowen	Ass't. Secretary-Bookkeeper
Rev. Dennis Rhodes, Chaplain	

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Andrew Robinson	Mrs. Marie Singleton

President's Message



The year 1971 was a significant one for the Clara White Mission. Our services to the people of this community have increased to keep pace with our constantly growing population. It has been a rewarding experience for me to work with volunteers and the staff of the mission during the last twelve months. I have every confidence in the ability of the Clara White Mission to be even more meaningful to our fellow citizens of Duval County in the year ahead.

Eartha M. M. White

VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE

The persons named below are among the many who gave untiring service as volunteers in various capacities of the institution.

Mrs. Marie Singleton
Mrs. Amy S. Currie
Mrs. Matilda W. Brown
Mrs. Wilhelmena Skinner
Miss Barbara Wilson
Mrs. Evelyn Mosley
Mrs. Rosa Pleasant
Mrs. Mary Lamb
Rev. Dennis Rhodes
Mr. Roosevelt Toles
Mr. L. I. Alexander
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Mr. V. C. Johnson
Mr. Charles D. Brooks
Mr. Capers Bradham
Mr. Cecil Thompson
Mr. Ralph Tisdale
Mrs. Trixie Fisher
Mrs. Ellen Dennix
Mrs. G. F. Lillienthal

For a number of years the Clark Fruit Company have been donating fruit to the Clara White Mission for the sick and shut-ins.

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“SERVICE IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR THE SPACE YOU OCCUPY”

Every sixty minutes around the clock someone in need is calling by telephone or knocking at the door of an agency for a needed service. All of the agencies have been cooperative in rendering services to the needy in the community.

Will you give thought to rendering service as a volunteer? We are as near as your telephone.





We have been coming constantly through the years to the Clara White Mission for temporary help.

Our hearts have been made glad through the weekly devotional services. Our needs have been supplied including food and clothing. We have been supplied with jobs and counseling from time to time.

We consider the mission a "helping hand" to those who are underprivileged.

Barbara Wilson
Office File Clerk





Quilting party at Clara White Mission.



Miss White serving family at Clara White Mission.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL BEACH OUTING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND

Between 80 and 100 senior citizens traveled by bus to enjoy their annual picnic on the Atlantic Ocean which they look forward to each year. Some were crippled and some blind but they expressed how happy they were to be thought about. Following a recreational period, a delicious dinner was served with plenty of cold drinks, ice cream and watermelon.

Volunteers assisting were:

Mrs. Marie Singleton
Mrs. Matilda Brown
Mrs. Madeline J. Hampton
Mrs. Wilhelmena Skinner
Mr. S. J. Jackson
Mr. Eddie McLaughlin
Mrs. Helen McLaughlin
Mr. Baymon Jefferson
Mrs. Louise Johnson
Mrs. Grayce M. Bateman

SUMMER PICNICS

June, July and August are months the youngsters look forward to various types of outings. Each year the Clara White Mission sponsors outings to the Jacksonville Zoo for the underprivileged children where they can enjoy all of the recreational facilities available. Children are gathered from a number of communities for this outing. Additional picnics are given in Moncrief, Bayard and Mandarin Communities.

EVERYONE ENJOYS THE DAY WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND:

“SOMEBODY CARES”

APPLICATIONS

No. of Applications for Shelter	1000
No. of Applications for Meals	1100
No. of Applications Rejected	0
No. Referred to Other Agencies	50

MEALS AND LODGING

No. of Meals Provided	1050
No. Given Nights Lodging	1075
Package Food Delivered to Shut-Ins	1057

FAMILY SERVICES

No. of Applications for Service	885
No. of Families Served	850
No. Rejected	0
No. Referred to Other Agencies	35

OTHER SERVICES

No. Pieces of Clothing Given	9800
Employment Service	75
Books and Literature Distributed	1000

1969	2,550
1970	2,243
1971	2,175
Total	6,968

SOURCES OF APPLICANTS

Division of Family Services	State Employment
City Welfare Department	City Rescue Mission
Parole Board	Trinity Mission
Salvation Army	Juvenile Shelter
Schools	Individuals
Travelers' Aid Society	

RESIDENCY

Clients served having less than six months residence in Duval County	900
Clients served having less than one year residence in Duval County (but more than six months)	300

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DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Every Thursday beginning 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, devotional services are held in the Chapel at the Clara White Mission. Many stop their duties at this hour to pause a moment and breathe a prayer. Mrs. Evelyn Boglin, Mrs. Mattie Griffin, Mrs. Viola Green and Mrs. Erma Brookins lead the devotional services each Thursday. Much praise is due them for their leadership in this capacity.

The sick committee functions well, giving necessary aid to the unfortunate in various communities.

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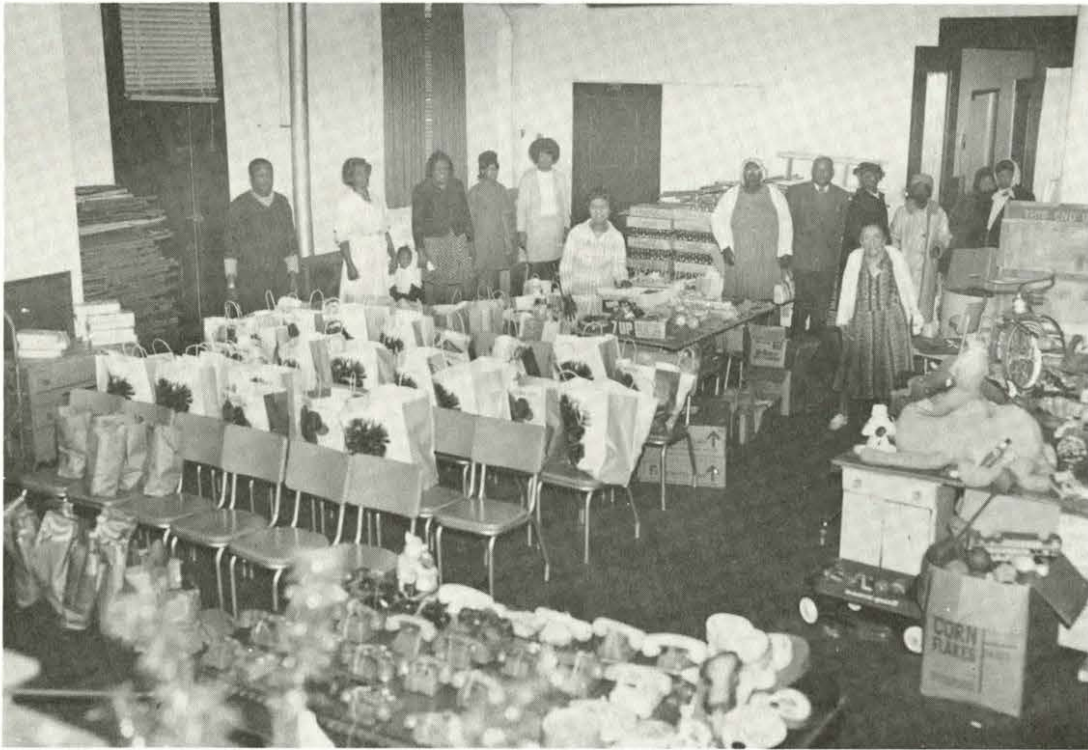


Between 250 and 300 bags of food were distributed at 10:00 A.M. Christmas morning to individuals and families who had no other means of getting a complete dinner with all the trimmings. Twenty or more articles were in each bag.

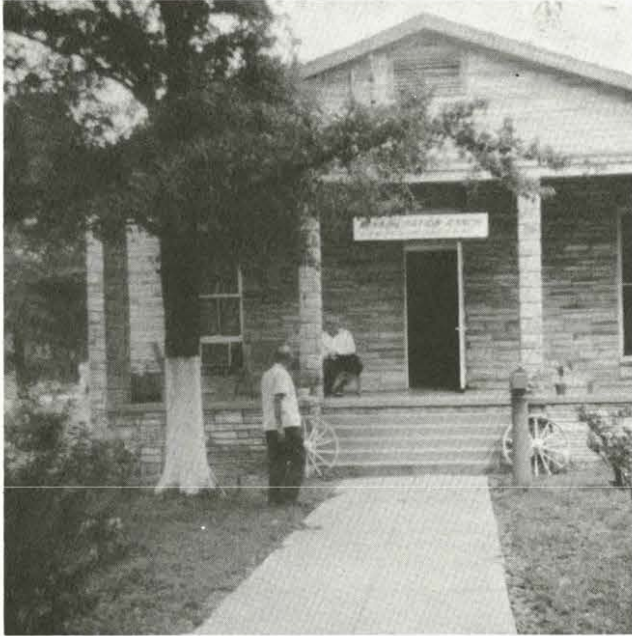
At 2:00 P.M., a Christmas Party was given for the children. They received toys, bags of fruit, candy, ice cream and fruit. The unfortunate in rural areas were remembered. They were very happy to know - SOMEBODY CARES.

The Ida Mae Bingham Choir of St. Paul AME Church joined the Mission group in singing Christmas Carols to the shut-ins at the hospitals, nursing homes and jails, ending up at the prison farm where for years services with prisoners have been held.

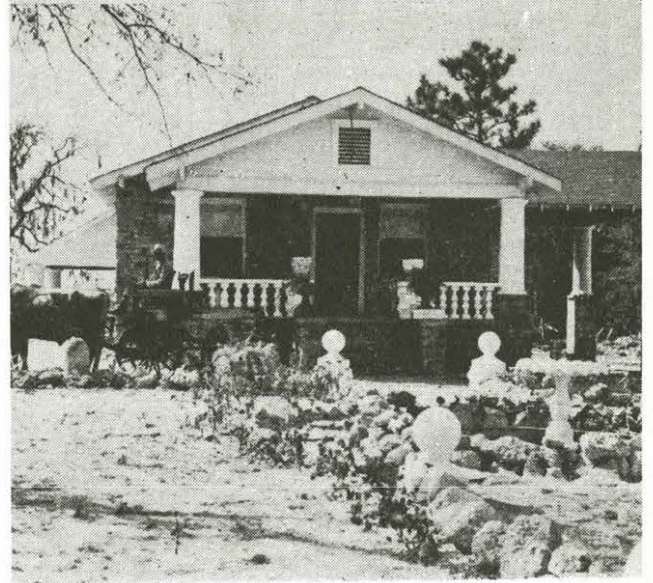
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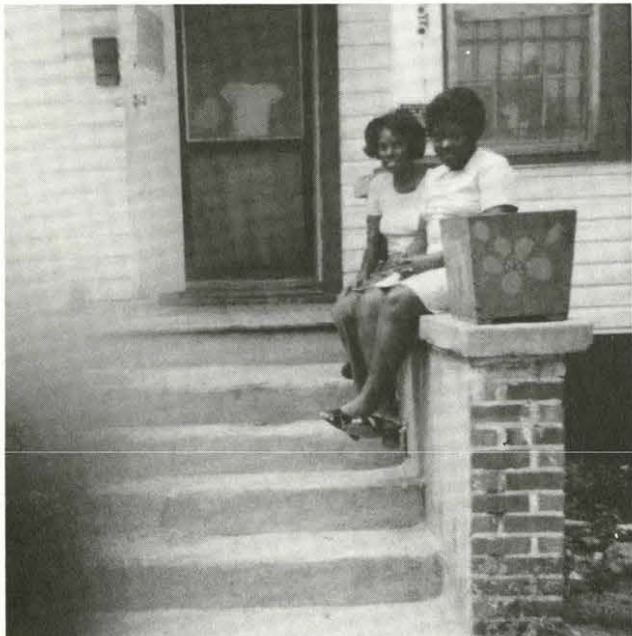
**BUILDINGS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS DONATED
BY THE
CLARA WHITE MISSION, INC.**



The Old Folks Home which was organized in 1885 has served the community through the years. It operated as Old Folks Home up to March 1967. The building is now donated by the Clara White Mission to the City of Jacksonville for an Alcoholic Ranch. Location: 1449 Milnor Street.



Historic Museum donated by Miss Eartha M. M. White furnishes historical and educational information, especially Negro history, to the entire community including schools. Located at 4850 Moncrief Road.



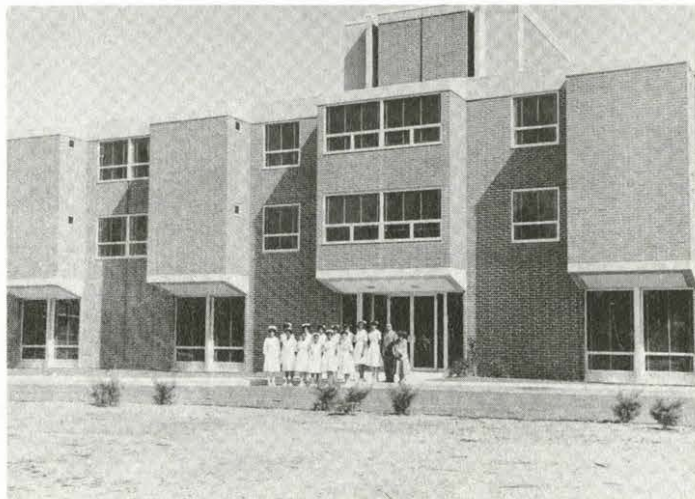
This building donated to Greater Jacksonville Economic Opportunity for Day Care Center. 5348 Moncrief Road.



This building donated to Greater Jacksonville Economic Opportunity for Day Care Center. 1455 Milnor Street.



Old Folks Boarding Home donated for comfort for
the elderly.
1454 Haines Street



Eartha M. M. White Nursing Home, Inc., 5377 Moncrief Road,
121 bed non-profit facility.

CLARA WHITE MISSION, INC.
(A Non-Profit Corporation)

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1971

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Receipts:			
United Fund of Jacksonville	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,500	\$ 1,500
City of Jacksonville	5,000	6,250	1,250
Rents	2,667	1,785	(882)
Contributions from Individuals	100	1,562	1,462
Miscellaneous	—	84	84
	<u>\$ 27,767</u>	<u>\$ 31,181</u>	<u>\$ 3,414</u>
 Disbursements:			
Auto Expense	\$ 450	\$ 675	\$ 226
Annual Audit	525	1,020	495
Building Repairs	350	4,946	4,596
Food	800	917	117
Insurance	4,381	4,912	531
Laundry and Household Supplies	150	194	44
Medicine and Medical Supplies	125	127	2
Miscellaneous	—	564	564
Office Supplies	175	118	(57)
Postage and Car Fare	50	99	49
Repairs, Equipment and Elevators	201	487	286
Salaries, Clerical	8,560	7,686	(874)
Salaries, Other	8,437	5,770	(2,667)
Shelter Rent	600	600	—
Social Security Tax	863	700	(163)
Telephone and Telegraph	350	374	24
Utilities	1,650	1,489	(161)
Direct Relief and Special Events	100	—	(100)
Rent Commissions	—	95	95
Loan, Eartha M. M. White	—	500	500
	<u>\$ 27,767</u>	<u>\$ 31,274</u>	<u>\$ 3,507</u>
 Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		 (93)	 <u>\$ (93)</u>
Cash Balance at Beginning of Year		177	
Cash Balance at End of Year		<u>\$ 84</u>	

OFFICE PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Historic Museum Committee

Mrs. Amy S. Currie, Chairman
Public Relations and Program Committee

Mrs. Marie Singleton, Chairman
Relief and Volunteer Committee

Bishop Evelyn Boglin, Chairman
Religious Services Committee

Miss Erma Brookins, Chairman
Sick and Shut-in Committee

Mrs. Ethel D. Bannister, Chairman
Music Committee

The place of refuge

By Grayce M. Bateman

IT WAS on a very cold rainy day in mid-winter when we received a distressful telephone call from a white friend in the Southside area.

She said, "Come as quickly as you can and pick up a colored man who is stranded and sitting on the side of the road. Apparently, someone brought him into the city and dropped him."

We immediately rushed to the scene and found the man ragged, cold, hungry and without feet. He had a broad happy smile on his face and said, "Thank you so much for picking me up." We thanked the good neighbor for calling us and brought the man to the Clara White Mission. He was given a warm bath, clean clothing and a hot meal.



Andrew traveled a long road before he could stand again.

After thawing him out, the secretary attempted to get a record. He began his story by saying he left Savannah, Georgia and went to Spokane, Washington to find work. One night, he became stranded in the freezing weather and his feet were frozen. He was taken to the hospital where the doctors said his feet would have to be taken off. His feet were amputated at the ankle and he remained in the hospital for several days. After recovering, he had no way to get around other than with a stick and on his stump. With no money and unable to work, he decided one day to try getting back South. Out on the street he prayed that someone would come by and give him a lift.

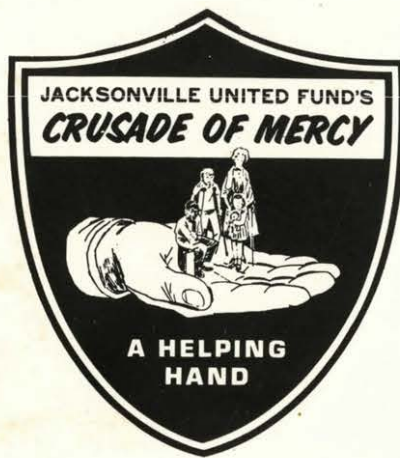
Fortunately, a man's heart was softened and he brought Andrew all the way to Jacksonville, then continued South. Andrew expressed gratefulness to the man, but yet had no refuge until the call came to the Clara White Mission.

Our funds were meager, but we kept Andrew with us hoping we would be able to obtain welfare aid for him. Since he was not a resident of Duval County, it took quite a long time before he could become certified.

During the waiting period, Miss White began asking for donations toward getting Andrew a pair of artificial feet. On contacting an artificial limb company, she was directed to the re-habilitation center where she gladly went and told Andrew's story.

The center immediately agreed to help Andrew and in a very short time furnished him with a pair of artificial feet costing \$500. Andrew was a happy man the day he stepped out on his new feet. He has worn out several pairs of shoes. Each time he has needed shoes, the rehabilitation center has replaced them.

Andrew is appreciative to all who have helped him. He said, "I never want to leave the Clara White Mission." After satisfying residence requirements he was taken on as a welfare recipient and now a patient in the Eartha M. M. White Boarding Home. Andrew came to us December 4, 1951. He has no relatives. □



THANKS TO YOU – IT'S WORKING