

Will You Help?



26 years dates the history of  
this Christmas Charity.

## The Twenty-sixth Annual Community Christmas Tree

OF THE  
Booker T. Washington Community Centre  
and  
Newsboys' Improvement Association  
Incorporated



### To the Colored Children of Louisville

Louisville, Ky., December 8, 1931.

Dear Friend:

This is not the usual begging letter you often receive, but a Christmas investment in which we are asking you to take a share.

The Season to make glad the childhood of the nations is drawing near, "Christmas." It brings joy to the hearts of youth and age, and unites again the bonds of universal love, giving an opportunity for an exchange of earthly possessions between those residing in castles and those dwelling in huts by the side of the road.

We want Santa Claus to make his 26th Annual Visit to the under-privileged poor colored children of our city, and to gladden their hearts with gifts of all description -- toys, candies, fruits, boots and shoes.

Last year more than one thousand such children were entertained and provided with gifts, and will you not be one to help us repeat this "Mission of Mercy?"

The character of the Committee guarantees a satisfactory investment of your donation, with the assurance that no such child will be overlooked, provided sufficient finances are placed to the credit of the Christmas Charity Fund, and your ready response will help the Committee to act immediately.

Send donations by check to the Treasurer, John E. Huhn, President of the Liberty Bank and Trust Company, 209 W. Market Street.

Every member of the Committee joins with the Chairman and Treasurer in thanking you for your generous response, and in wishing you a Sincere and Happy Christmas and a New Year of Prosperity.

Very truly yours,

Col. Fred Levy, Chairman  
Mrs. George H. Webb, Vice Chairman  
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Mr. Robert J. Ball

Bishop Geo. C. Clement  
Mr. J. B. Cooper  
Mr. Henry Allen  
Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor  
Prof. W. B. Matthews  
Miss Catherine Mooney  
Mrs. Emma Hunt Krazies  
Miss Bertha Thomas

The Christmas Program and Gifts will be presented Saturday, December 26, at 2 p. m., at the Community Centre, Ninth and Magazine Streets. Mayor William B. Harrison will deliver the presentation address.



WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS IN COLORED SCHOOLS

*Because—*

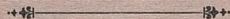
It is not a segregated organization. All who teach Negro youth are eligible to membership.

It will keep you advised as to the activities in the entire field of your service.

It will give you an opportunity, not offered by any other organization, to express your opinion freely and fully on matters educational.

Your Membership and co-operation will help the N. A. T. C. S. (incorporated in the District of Columbia) to establish headquarters in Washington, as required by law. From that vantage ground its Executive Staff can render a service, not possible elsewhere, by expressing collective opinion on matters pertaining to the educational welfare of the group you serve and by making articulate the voice of your fifty-six thousand associates in the educational councils of the nation.

The annual membership fee of \$1.50, including subscription to the Bulletin, is negligible when compared with the benefits it will bring to you and your fellow teachers.



*For additional information, address: W. W. Sanders, Executive Secretary, Charleston, W. Va.*



NATHAN B. YOUNG  
1025 E. DUNKLIN ST.  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

December 9, 1931

Mr. W. B. Mathews  
2121 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear "Bill" Mathews:

I hope that this will find you "running as usual, much the same, like the *Algonquians*," one hoss shay! I have just arrived home and am dropping you this line. Thanks to you, your wife and daughter for kindness shown me while I was in your city.

My first journey to the teachers in the Border States has been a success. The response everywhere was favorable.

I hope you and your group have heard from Mr. W. W. Sanders. If not please advise me promptly by return mail. I keep on hoping that Louisville will send me a large membership.

I am wondering if I should not have had a conference with the Superintendent regarding the matter but did not it necessary at that time. It may be well for you then to speak a word to encourage him to endorse this movement in a note to the principals. If you think it advisable I will be glad to write him a letter to that effect.

Your friend,

*Nathan B. Young*  
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*Compliments to the team*



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2121 West Chestnut Street  
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E. H. WEBSTER

ATLANTA COTTAGE  
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

Thursday,  
July 6/33

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Webster received a letter from Butler Wilson this morning. This was written on a Lake Erie Steamer, on June 29th but was not mailed until here reached Boston, and is post-marked July 3d. The letter is of course of the passing of Mrs. Richardson, at the hospital, and of the burial in the Cemetery in Louisville with her mother and sister. Butler speaks warmly of your kindness and help to him while in your city and taking care of "last things."

Marie and you were in A.U. when I made my entrance there, so that I have known you both and Mrs. Matthews as well all these (????) years. I recall her, Marie, as an interesting girl not always easy to handle, but with a good heart, and a loyalty. Her story is now complete. We are glad that her brother could be with you, but from the letter we think he must have come after his sister had passed.

Mr. Wilson was in Atlanta two years ago and I met him at the Atlanta University commencement. I had previously met him in his office two years earlier. At that time he had lost his wife, and perhaps his daughter; we understand that a son has since passed on. So far as I am advised, I think of Mrs. Wilson as a war-victim. Having years ago been in the Boston home, I felt much sympathy ~~why~~ for him as I learned of the break up of the home and that he and his lawyer-son were making a home together.

Our daughter left us on Tuesday to report to Columbia for the summer six weeks. The Detroit schools not only ~~adecuts~~ cuts in salaries but also cutoff one month. So Amy could have a month with us. This was most enjoyable, and we let Columbia make its claim almost unwillingly. She spent 30 hours in Atlanta, with Professor and Mrs. Towns and is now on the train en route for New York. She wished (and we wished her) to see ~~see~~ some of the friends of her youth, and to get a hand-to-hand knowledge of the new buildings of the new Atlanta University. I felt really tried with Albert Bumstead... this is gossip and I do not usually gossip.... that he came to Atlanta last summer, saw the buildings that he knew, and



the institution over which he father had presided, and somehow felt the contrast between his early ideas and the present that he went away without seeing the new buildings. I wrote him rather frankly, that he had made a mistake, and he took my reproof patiently, and said in a sense "peccavi." Yet I can understand. The new buildings are beautiful: ...I received from Dr Hope's office a copy of the commencement program...fifteen masters were duly accredited: a larger number for the fourth commencement than you and I were accustomed to in many of the years of the past. It was the class of 1903 that was so large that the faculty selected the speakers, rather than allow all the class to appear on the platform: and that raised heart-burning among the graduates and their families.

I learn that Louisville has a college for its colored students. Is it a Junior <sup>or</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>or</sup> ~~a~~ four years college course? and your school I understand is full Senior High.

Mrs. Webster thought much of Marie, and is grateful to you for your kindness to her these later years.

With greetings to both of you and to your daughter, Louise.

Faithfully

*Edgar H. Webster*

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Matthews,  
Louisville, Ky.



After.....days, return to

.....Box 635.....  
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA.



Professor and Mrs. Wm. B. Matthews,  
2121 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville,

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Powersville Georgia  
January 28, 1937

Mr. William Baxter Mathews  
2121 Chestnut Street  
Louisville Ky.

Dear sir;

We are collecting material concerning some of our great men to use during National Negro History week. I am asking for information on your life. This material is to be made into a little booklet to keep in our school library.

I am in the seventh grade I go to Powersville Rosenwald School Powersville Georgia. Thanks very much. Please let me hear from you soon.

Your truly,  
Lula Mae Lewis