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Rev. C. A. Shaw, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Lucy Bailey, 87, Enjoys Many Hobbies

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PARKVIVLLE, Mo — Mrs. Lucy Bailey 87 years old last September, and a widow for more than [illegible] years, has several hobbies. She boasts her latest, and much long desired hobby last Wednesday, when Richard Saye of Kansas City, presented her with a piano. She was happy to know that her life long dream had come true.

On Thursday, the following day, she said to the writer, "I was so happy that I didn't eat all day."

Mrs. Bailey lives alone in her three-room home, which is comfortable, situated on a hillock, and as one passes her home now in the street below, he is charmed by the music that he hears.

Mrs. Bailey has been a member of the Washington Chapel C. M. E. church for about 60 years, and for more than five years she has been unable to attend her church. During the spring and summer months she sits on her front porch and listens to the services as the church is on a hill and the distance is not far.

She pays her church dues regularly and at a disadvantage. She sees and watches for other members who are on their way to church. When she sees them coming, she hobbles close enough to the smile, and saying, "Here, take this with you." She had a dog which was a favorite pet. It was killed by a car. She now has another dog of which she is quite fond.

She is kind to the little birds these snowy days. She places food for them in various places, and when they are hungry and want dinner or breakfast, fly to the window sill to let her know that they are ready to eat.

She was born here in Platte county in 1854 and has lived in Oklahoma, and Old Mexico. She speaks Spanish fluently. She reads the daily papers, and the weekly papers.

The Call is her favorite paper. She sometimes passes on her daily paper so that another might read it, but The Call and other colored papers she saves.

She has several copies of The Negro World, dated as far back as 1924, that she brought back from Old Mexico. She has her passport to Liberia. Her brother, Jerry Myers, will be 91 in August. He lives in Topeka, Kas.

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