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COLORED MAN IS NO SLACKER.
The black man is no slacker, He has not gone to Italy, Nor neither gone to Rome, But he has gone across to France To bring the bacon home. So good-bye, Angelina, Good-bye, Anna Bell, When we return from over the sea We'll have a story to tell. You know we are a race That has always been kept down, But if we do as we ought to do, We will surely wear a crown. To our country's government We have never yet said no, And if they call us across the sea, We'll all be ready to go. We want our boys done right, We don't want them done wrong, So we'll not get discouraged, But we'll buy some Liberty Bonds. We know that our boys can not fight Without some being lost, So we will do the best we can To help the good Red Cross. And when the war is ended, We'll rally around the flag, boys, And all of us will shout.
—Mrs. Mattie Gooch, Ottumwa, Ia.

GALESBURG, ILL.
Allen chapel held second quarterly meeting Sunday, Feb. 2, morning and evening, and they were well attended. It was the best service, spiritually and financially, that has been held for some time. Financial receipt so far for this month are \$75.00. Rev. Garrison is delighted with the people the way they are responding. Rev. Garrison will preach at quarterly meeting services in Monmouth Sunday. Rev. Warton, pastor. Rev. Garrison administered sacrament to Miss I. Allen, who is very low. Garrison Club under their new president, Mrs. Lennington, are still doing things. Rev. Garrison was invited to Mt. Pleasant Feb. 13 to give a lecture. Garrison Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Lennington, president, Friday afternoon. Rev. Garrison and wife were guest at a birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Lennington Sunday in honor of Mr. C. Bradley. Covers were laid for eight. Mrs. M. Murphy and daughter Roberta of Monmouth are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins. Mr. E. Murphy spent Sunday with them. Mrs. M. Brown and daughter Mary of Monmouth were Galesburg callers Monday. Mr. Harold Carter arrived home from Camp Grant Sunday, honorably discharged. Mrs. F. Shorts and daughter Ione spent the week end in Canton, the guest of Mr. U. Shorts and family. Mr. Chas. Anderson attended the funeral of Mr. D. Farrell in St. David, Ill., Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. McGill are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and babe are doing nicely. The concert given by the Junior and Camp Fire Girls at Allen chapel was a grand success socially and financially. Miss G. Crawford entertained about 40 friends at a birthday party in honor of her brother Theron. The evening was spent in dancing. A three course luncheon was served at a late hour. All report Miss Crawford a royal entertainer. Mr. C. Anderson is on the sick list.

That Terrible Headache.
Do you have periodic attacks of headache accompanied by sickness of the stomach or vomiting, a sallow skin and dull eyes? If so, you can get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for biliousness, and you may be able to avoid these attacks if you observe the directions with each package.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.
Sunday was a nice day. Services were well attended and collections good. The Sunday school will have a valentine social Friday the 14th. A nice time is expected. There will be a social given Saturday night at the church. Several from the west end attended church Sunday, also several out of town folks were there. Everything seems to be progressing nicely. Master W. Price, who has been in the capital city for the last few months with his sisters, Mrs. Charles Mash and Miss Marie Priece arrived in the city a few days ago and is now with his father, Mr. Wm. Priece. Mrs. Martin attended meeting Tuesday evening of the G. B. Tabernacle of this city, of which she is a member. Mr. Guy Noah visited his folks a day or two. Mr. Noah's friends were glad to see him looking so well. Mrs. Thompson was taken home from church Sunday a. m. very sick and is still a sick woman at this writing. Mr. Jasper Martin and sister, Miss Lucille, entertained several of the young folks at their home on West Garfield street Sunday afternoon in honor of Mr. Sylvester Carruthers of St. Louis, Mo. Jas. and Olive Crittenden visited in Mystic Saturday morning with their sister, Mrs. E. L. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and son William Edward accompanied them home. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin were visiting in

Mystic Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hughes and took supper with them. Miss Minnie James of Promise City was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. John Childs on Saturday evening at a big birthday supper. A large crowd was present to participate in the affair. They departed at a late hour, wishing Miss James many more happy birthdays. Relatives and friends have received word from Mrs. Libbie Price, who is in Chicago with her son, who was very sick, stating he was much improved. Mr. Roy Hicks is in the city visiting with his mother and family, Mrs. J. Hicks of E. Jackson street, Mr. Hicks having his discharge from service. The Red Cross Club met with Mrs. Wm. Noah Thursday and completed the quilts that were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thompkins. They were a nice looking bunch when done. They were shipped Saturday p. m. We hardly know how to act this cold weather. We have had such spring like weather.

Mrs. B. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Martin of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis of this city were invited to the home of Sgt. M. J. Thompkins for a reception Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Six Knights and Daughters, but after Dr. Thompkins took ill at the church they were taken to the home of Daughter Katherine Smith, where a big reception was given them. Daughter Martin is a charter member of Golden Rule Tabernacle. She has been absent from the city about three years. Mrs. Martin made some very encouraging remarks. Also Mrs. Davis, Daughter M. Riddings, Sister H. Triplet, the C. M., spoke some very good things to the crowd. All departed for church at 7 o'clock, wishing Daughter Martin and her hostess much success. Mrs. Hughes of Mystic was a visitor at the Mrs. J. H. Davis home Monday with her friend, Mrs. Martin. Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. A. Jackson, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden and daughter Christine were also calling on Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Martin Monday afternoon. Mrs. John Allen spent Sunday with Mrs. J. P. Gooding. Mrs. B. B. Baker was entertained Monday morning at 10 o'clock to a cafeteria lunch, the lunch being prepared by Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mayfield entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Martin, Mrs. Katherine Smith at 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Martin leave Tuesday night for their home in Kansas City, Mo. They visited with relatives and friends in Trenton, Mo., for a week before coming to our city. Mr. Martin is working at the round house in Kansas City. Everyone was glad to see them and hate to see them go so soon. They were making their farewell calls this a. m., as Mrs. John Childs entertained for them at 3 o'clock and Mrs. Libbie Jeter at a 6 o'clock dinner, and Mrs. N. Jeter and family gave a musical for them from 8 o'clock until their train. They say they have sure had a pleasant visit in our city. Mrs. C. Jones was calling at the S. H. Jones home Sunday, also on Mr. and Mrs. J. Hicks. Mrs. Mildred Mayfield is better at this writing.

MACON, MO. NEWS.
Mr. Dover Brooks died at his home Sunday evening at 2 o'clock. He was sick only a day with indigestion. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Vine and Broadway Baptist church. Rev. J. W. L. Underwood will preach. The deceased was a member of the K. of P. lodge, which will have charge. The popular colored show of Nay Brothers & Co. showed last week in Macon, had a crowded house every night and was a great success. Russel Grant is on the sick list Sunday, taken very suddenly, but is better as we go to press. Rev. Goin preached an excellent sermon Friday evening. He is the state training missionary for Western College. Dr. Smith was in St. Louis last week on business. The body of Harry Majous, who died in Colorado, was shipped to Macon for burial. He died with influenza. Services were held at the cemetery. Mrs. Rosa Perkins and Mrs. Majors were called to Colorado and have returned home last week with the deceased son, Harry. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Clark were in St. Louis attending the funeral of Mable Reese Clark, who died there following an operation. Her husband, Ural Clark, is in France. Mr. M. W. Weeks of Ottumwa was a Sunday evening guest of Miss S. Naomi Lewis. Mr. James S. Hale was also a guest at the B. T. Lewis home. The Sewing Circle Club met at the home of Mrs. Geo. H. Hollingsworth on Monday afternoon. A nice lunch was served. Mrs. Hattie Bennings was in Des Moines two days of this week.

Indigestion.
Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for indigestion, and you will soon forget about your stomach troubles. Try it.

CELEBRATE DAY OF LINCOLN'S BIRTH

Great Emancipator Said "Get Ready and the Chance Will Come."

Today U. S. Treasury Offers Chance of Emancipation From Debt Through Government Securities.



THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL FROM THE BRONZE STATUETTE GROUP BY THOMAS BALL.

"And upon this act I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God."

Abraham Lincoln, whose clear understanding of right and wrong, whose great qualities of heart and mind and character finally succeeded in liberating an entire race, was born just 110 years ago, February 12, 1809, in a rough log cabin in the undeveloped farmland of Kentucky.

The commemoration of his birthday will this year, as in every other, be marked especially by the recollection of the Emancipation Proclamation, which gave us our freedom.

In Lincoln's own words, this emancipation from slavery meant for the Negro "the right to eat the bread, without the leave of anybody else, which his own hand earns."

This was 56 years ago. Today, by summons from the Federal Government, amounting almost to a proclamation, the right is urged upon us not only to eat the bread we earn, but steadily to set aside a part of it so that eventually we may achieve our emancipation from economic dependence.

Money invested in government securities—War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds—is the key which will unlock for us financial liberty. Out of the fund they create we can get homes, comforts, education, advancement and recreation. As Lincoln said: "The hired laborer of yesterday labors on his own account today and will hire others to labor for him tomorrow."

Not mere labor alone is necessary. To be ready to use an opportunity the products of one's labor must be accumulated. Again, as Lincoln said: "Get ready and the chance will come."

There is another reason, a still better one than that of personal profits, why we should make every effort to save and invest in Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds. Money loaned in this way to the government—to give us a share in that for which Lincoln gave his life—will help to pay off the enormous costs of the war for which many Negroes have given their lives. They have made a wonderful, never-to-be-forgotten record of patriotism and bravery in the war.

Unless we do our full part, which, after all, is extremely small compared to what they who shall never return have done, we shall have broken faith with them and tarnished the splendid shield of patriotism which they furnished so brightly.

Can anyone imagine Lincoln, who devoted all his time, energy and talents

to the cause of his fellow humans, fall his brothers in such a task? Had not all of us done our part in liberating the oppressed countries of Europe, by now France, Belgium and other entire nations would be chained in slavery to the Germans. Then, alone, the United States would have to wrestle with the tyrant. Fifty years after Lincoln devoted his life to the liberation of a race, that race had the opportunity to assist in liberating the world.

Can anyone imagine Lincoln stopping half way in such a task? To complete it, 1919 must be a year of real thrift for everyone. By spending wisely—getting the most of what we actually need for the amount we can afford to spend—something will be left over to save. By saving intelligently, giving attention to the important things and eliminating unecessaries—something will be accumulated for investment. By investing safely—in Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds—we shall help complete the task, win personal prosperity, and assist in gaining national prosperity.

The remembrance of Lincoln's Birthday should be a reminder to prove ourselves worthy of his great faith.

If Lincoln Could Speak Today He Would Say to You—

★ Emancipate yourself from money worries by putting your savings into Thrift and War Savings Stamps. ★

★ Have a personal share in your government by owning government stock—Thrift and War Savings Stamps. The money you pay for them is a loan from you to the government and pays you interest. ★

★ Be active, good citizens—partners with your country in finishing up the war job and carrying out the peace program. Thrift and War Savings Stamps give this partnership. ★

★ Spend your time and energy as well as money wisely. You will then be able to buy Thrift and War Savings Stamps. Steady saving will bring you prosperity. ★

FORMER IOWAN MAKING GOOD.

Kansas Preacher at Abyssinian Revival.

The Abyssinian Baptist church of New York City, which is 110 years old, closed last Sunday evening one of the most remarkable and helpful revivals in its history. The meeting, which began watch night, was to have closed on the 17th of January, but the crowds were so large, the interest so deep and results so great that the audience voted unanimously to run it another week. People came not only from every part of Greater New York, but from suburban towns and from Jersey. At many of the services dozens stood for want of seats. One hundred and two persons were added to the church, many joined other churches and many others were undecided.

The Rev. T. L. Griffith, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Topeka, Kan., who is here waiting to go over seas as a "Y" worker, assisted the pastor, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell. Dr. Griffith is a graduate of Wayland Seminary and College, now Virginia Union University, and spent two years at the Chicago University. He and Dr. Powell were old school mates and no two men could have possibly worked more agreeably together during the revival. Dr. Griffith did most of the preaching and it is the unanimous opinion of the thousands who heard him that New York has not listened to a stronger preacher and evangelist. His sermons not only reached the unconverted and the backsliders, but greatly strengthened the members who flocked to hear him from all the churches. Not only Abyssinia, but every colored church in New York, has a higher conception of Christian living and working because of his ministry.

Long before 7:30 Sunday evening, when Dr. Griffith was booked to preach his farewell sermon, every seat and all standing room had been occupied and hundreds were being turned away. As an expression of appreciation of his splendid services, the audience gave him \$232.33. The New York people desire to thank Kansas for lending them this great preacher to assist Dr. Powell.—New York Age, N. Y.

Dr. Griffith was for many years pastor of Corinthian Baptist church, Des Moines, and his many old friends will be glad to know of his excellent work in New York.

Dr. Griffith will leave the United States for Y. M. C. A. work in France this week and we wish him God speed in his work.

NEGRO BRIGADE COMMENDED.

A. P. O. 714, France. 22 December, 1918.

From Malvern-Hill Barnum, Brigadier General, U. S. A. To the Officers and men of the 183rd Brigade.

Subject: Relief from command.

The order detaching me from command of the 183rd Brigade was so unexpected, and coming, as it did, just as the brigade was moving, made it impossible for me to give expression to my regret at having to sever an association of over a year and one that will be one of the pleasantest recollections of my army career.

Having organized and trained the 183rd Brigade and commanded it through its active service in the present war, I can speak for the willing compliance to all requirements that made the work very enjoyable. When men work with their hearts as well as their heads and hands, the best results are certain to follow.

I feel that the officers and enlisted men of the brigade may justly be proud of the record made and I believe that history will accord them no little credit.

I trust that each one will do his utmost to insure to the brigade the finest record possible during the remainder of its period of service.

Finally in returning to their homes I trust that each one will take with him a high sense of responsibility as an American citizen and a keen desire to perform faithfully whatever duties fall to him in the future.

With such a heritage from his army service each one will not only have helped win the war and thus rendered a great service to humanity, but will, himself, have become the gainer through the remaining years of his life. (Signed) Malvern-Hill Barnum.

Note: The 183rd Brigade is composed of the 350th Machine Gun Battalion, 365th Infantry Regiment and 366th Infantry Regiment.

DR. R. B. MOTON RETURNS FROM WAR ZONE.

Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 1.—Dr. R. B. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, addressed a large audience of students, teachers and visitors in the institute chapel last Sunday evening and told something of his experiences and observations while in France. Among other things, he told the following very touching and significant incident: "We rode for about a thousand miles in the war zone, and everywhere were graves, razed buildings, fields that had been plowed up by shells, until it became almost depressing. I afterwards came back down the mountains, riding in the automobile of the commanding officer. After a while this officer told the chauffeur to stop that we may get out, and we went over to a field where

DON'T FAIL TO HEAR MRS. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN.

"The Negro Woman in the Program of Reconstruction" will be the subject of an address that will be delivered by Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown at the Frederick Douglass memorial exercises Friday evening, Feb. 14, at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, 12th and Crocker Sts. Mrs. Brown ranks as one of the foremost orators on the American platform today and should be heard by every citizen of Des Moines.

Patriotic selections will be given by some of the best musicians of our city.

A PLEA FOR MAGAZINES.

Miss Robinson, hostess at the Hostess House No. 2 Camp Dodge, Iowa, says the supply of magazines is inadequate to meet the demands of our boys in camp, hence the club women of the state are urged to send as many in as possible. Those in the city can leave their magazines at the Model Drug Store, 11th and Center Sts., and an army truck will call for them the latter part of the week. Those out of the city can send direct to Hostess House No. 2, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

MONEY INVESTORS WANTED.

TEN colored persons to put in two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) more per year for two years, or six hundred dollars (\$600.00) in all, to purchase forty-four feet (44 ft.) of land on Center street between Tenth and Eleventh street. Contract and information at MODEL DRUG STORE, cor. 11th and Center Sts. George H. Woodson, Promoter.

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EDITORIALS

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The annual occurrence of the natal day of Abraham Lincoln brings to our mind hope, enthusiasm and loyalty to our democratic form of government, where any or every man may aspire to reach the highest office in the gift of a free people. This immortal character was a living example of what lowly depths one may climb to reach the merited honors that only a democracy can offer. Lincoln was the personification of the representative men who have guided the young republic for nearly two centuries. His life character and honesty should be held up to our young Americans that this is true greatness. Lincoln was born lowly and homely, in abject poverty, with no educational facilities, in the back woods of La Rue county Ky. He was seemingly shut out from all the American civilization and yet from those meager surroundings came forth Abraham Lincoln. That rail splitter, that barefooted, tow headed boy who towered above all his predecessors, become president, emancipated a race, saved our Union and preserved the old flag. Each century has its really great man. The 17th century had her George Washington, the 18th century had her Abraham Lincoln, and the 19th Century had her Theodore Roosevelt.

Boda McKee of Clinton, Iowa, was a week end guest at the home of Mrs. Ralph Robinson, 853 6th Ave.

OUR BOYS RETURNING.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Departure from France of five transports carrying 1,200 officers and approximately 12,500 men, all scheduled to arrive in New York or Newport News between Feb. 10 and 14, was announced today by the war department. The largest units on the ships are the Three Hundred Seventieth infantry complete and two battalions of the Three Hundred Sixty-ninth infantry, both of the Ninety-third division, colored.

The transport Finland is due at Newport News about Feb. 12 with approximately 3,000 men and officers, largely in casual companies, with 800 sick and wounded. There are complete casual companies for Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York (2) and Minnesota, and casual detachments for Camps Funston, Grant, Meade and Pike. Base hospital No. 18 for Fort Slocum and headquarters Thirty-fourth coast artillery brigade, New York, also are on the ship.

The transport Stockholm is due at New York Feb. 12 with headquarters and Companies A, B, C and D, Three Hundred Sixty-ninth infantry of the Ninety-third division, more than a thousand strong. The ship also is bringing company No. 354, transportation corps (Negroes) for Camp Meade and Negro casual companies for Maryland, Iowa and Mississippi. There are aboard in addition 375 casual officers.

The transport La France, due at New York Feb. 10, has the Three Hundred Seventieth infantry, Ninety-third division, complete, approximately 3,000 strong, for demobilization at Camps Grant, Dix, Gordon, Funston, Logan and Meade, and at San Antonio, Tex.; the machine gun company and Third battalion, Three Hundred Sixty-ninth infantry, from the same camps; 282 casual officers and about 500 enlisted casuals, including sick and wounded.

ILLINOIS NEGROES GET STATE APPOINTMENTS.

Springfield, Idd.—Fred E. Sterling, the new state treasurer, early in his administration has again shown his warm friendship for the colored people in a most substantial manner. He has just announced the appointment of J. Harold White of Springfield as a warrant clerk in his office, a position of trust and responsibility, carrying with it a good salary. This is the most important recognition ever given to the colored people in the office of the state treasurer.

Mr. White is an active young colored republican who enjoys a wide acquaintance. He has served as a messenger in the office of the Public Utilities Commission in Springfield for several years.

Mr. Sterling has given further recognition to the colored republicans of the state by appointing Samuel J. Morton of Quincy, and Louis F. Finnie of Cairo, both well known, as guards in the treasurer's office. He was also instrumental in securing a position in the House of Representatives during the present session for H. T. Bowman, a newspaper publisher of Alton.

Miss Edna Johnson and Ralph Jones of North High are the only colored children who graduated last night from



our Des Moines High School out of a class of 103. We congratulate the



young people and urge them to go onward and upward.

MANY OF THE OLD 8TH BACK.

More than 400 of the old 8th Illinois men, many wounded, arrived in the U. S. recently.

Lieut. H. Jesse Taylor-McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGuire, 780 W. 11th St., winner of the Croix de Guerre and two stars for special citations, was the first 8th Illinois man to leave the ship. His body had been riddled by machine gun bullets and shrapnel.

'A MESSAGE.'

I cannot find words in which to express the Christian unity and joy the many united right up the Bystander has brought to my home since my reading its contents. First I shall never forget Mrs. Mash. The day I met her she was so busy, and our dear editor, Bro. John L. Thompson, the day he stepped in his office with a motion picture friend. I never pay but little attention to a man of business, but as Bro. Thompson's Christian intelligence opened up his narrow path and seen clearly it was one of a true God. How often have the Christian path of unity existed in this little paper. While my husband was in France this paper almost weekly brought me "cheer up."

I read once some words to this effect from France. Mother, if I don't see you no more here in heaven will do, and today one says I think I shall make Des Moines my home. O beloved friends, that Christian unity, that wonderful working spirit of a true God finding the things that one needed. The things that our Savior and Lord delights in though often wandering but be heavy loaded with the true gospel. I will never forget the only time I ever saw Mrs. John L. Thompson and I didn't know her, but all I remember her is she looked out the window over my shoulder and asked, what time is it? I was leaving a message in the Bystander office then.

Beloved friends, may I ask each person of United States to wear a flower of same kind Feb. 5th, meaning "Holiness to the Lord," to make a short story we must all work in the Lord in order to be blessed in the Lord, so if we all wear a flower wear it in the Lord and we will be blessed in the Lord. Those who have absent ones across the sea remember them with a flower in the Lord. Place the flower in the house. All who can send telephone messages please do for this day.

Beloved this Unity and Charity Bank must be built. God has spoke the words. I surely love Des Moines and Chillicothe, Ohio, but God says Pacific Grove, California, how can I change God's plans a true God who spoke indirect to me. This bank isn't what one might think. Listen, friends, a little girl whose name was Florence Wright, over twenty years ago, loved me because I taught her to hate sin, and she often said, O, I wish I had something nice to give Miss Tuddy. That was a home pet name of a childhood, so one day she gave me a penny looking glass. The story of that looking glass will make a story worth hearing, not as I treasured it, but God Almighty who made heaven, earth, seas and all that there is in them.

Buy a card, 50c, build Unity, and Charity Bank. As ever, Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 566 Mill St., Chillicothe, O.

Dreadful Cough Cured.

A severe cold is often followed by a rough cough for which Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven especially valuable. Mrs. F. W. Olsen, Marysville, Mo., writes: "About two years ago my little boy Jean caught a severe cold and coughed dreadfully for days. I tried a number of cough medicines but nothing did him any good until I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved his cough right away and before he had finished taking one bottle he was cured. I think it is just fine for children."

Unified Varied Writing Forms.

When Charles the Great became monarch of central Europe, among other great ideals he set himself to unite the learning of Christendom by purifying and unifying the many and varied forms of writing. To do this he went back to the original Roman model. The invention of printing came as a great advance, and at first the type took the form of a writing hand.

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL POUCH

366th Inf., A. P. O. 766, A. E. F., 16 Jan., 1919.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Atty. Brown: Your wonderful gift and your letter containing the Christmas copy of The Bystander have both been received. I am very thankful for them both. The little classic came in for considerable enjoyment in several instances when I would have thirsted for just such kind of thing, had I not had it. I shall keep it as one of my valuable collections because it came to me in such a needy time.

I am posting your letter in the little reading room where all the men in the company can read it. A little word from over there means a great deal over here.

Our division was held up here at Mayenne near the embarkation center at Le Mans, which is within easy reach of Brest on the central coast. We are scattered over a vast area comprising nearly half a hundred towns. We are taking quarters with private families of the noble French people. It is an inspiration to know these wonderful folk.

Regards to all our good friends there in Des Moines. We shall never forget them. Many of the men think of Des Moines as home, and I am one.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Brown. I wish for her and for you a happy and successful year.

I remain, Very sincerely your friend, Lt. Wade H. Powell, 366th Inf., A. P. O. 766, A. E. F., Jan. 7, 1919.

Mrs. J. Morris, 815-26 Court, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mother and Father: I got your letter and was more than glad to hear from the ones that are always on my mind and longing in my heart.

I am well and enjoying the best of life. I was more than glad to know you all are well.

Mother, I have not seen a hard day since I have been in the army. You know I told you before that I had the best captain and lieutenants in the whole army. That is my belief from my heart, mother.

I sure have had a great life over here and would not take a thousand dollars for it. I will bring you something with me from here if God keeps me in the health I am in at present.

Well, mother, I do not know just when we are coming, but we will be there sometime if life spares, so I know you trust everything to God, so am I. Well I will close for this time. Answer soon so I can hear from you soon for I am a long ways from home.

From your son, Ralph William Morris, Hdqrs. Co. 806 Pr. Inf., A. E. F., Leavill, France.

St. Fraimbault (Mayenne) France, 18th January, 1919.

Atty. S. Joe Brown.

Dear Friend and Comrade: Yours received of the 16th inst. and contents noted with care. I was indeed glad to hear from you. To know that I had not been forgotten in the grand old U. S. A. Clippings from the states concerning our boys over here are always received with pleasure. That is indeed a beautiful church we have there and something to be proud of.

I am more than glad to know that I was remembered on Christmas by you and thank you very much. The package has not been received as yet, but I know I shall get it. I thank you so much for giving the matter which I requested your consideration and attention. I shall always remember the assistance which you gave me while I was in France.

All is well with us here. I'm now in Co. H with Capt. Tipton and Lt. Howard, who send their love. Lt. Lindsey is back in the hospital again. We still are expecting to come home soon.

Love and best to your family and all our friends over there. Remember that we shall be back home soon; so look after us and all that is dear to us. I remain, as every yours,

Lovingly, Lt. Wm. H. Brooks, Co. H 366th Inf., A. P. O. 766, A. E. F.

Base Hospital, Camp Mills, Ward 23, January 20.

Mrs. Dora McGuire.

Mother o' Mine: I am again on the same side of the ocean as you are. I am in the hospital at this time, but with the care I am getting I will soon be able to leave here and come home.

First of all, when have you heard from Loyd? I haven't seen or heard from him since the 30th of October last. I wrote him and several others inquiring about him, but as yet I have not the slightest doubt that he is anything but all right. Do not think, mother, that I have betrayed my trust, for I have not, but you must understand the U. S. government is a very hard-task master and I could not always be with him. I did the best I could, won't you believe, dear?

How is everyone at home? I feel very confident that all is well with all of you.

Tell Lady Susan that just a little while longer and I will be there to tell her all about it. How is dad? Tell him I have read his letter until it is almost worn out.

I haven't had any mail from the U. S. since last August. I suppose that I will get it some day.

Give my very best wishes to every one I know and tell Rev. Birt that I certainly want to see him bad. Kiss

Mrs. Cousins for me and ask her to forgive my not writing, that I will explain all when I see her. Excuse this note, mother, it is only to let you know where I am at. Will write more soon. Your sick and lonesome boy, Lieut. H. Jesse Taylor McGuire.

S. L. BIRT CLUB.

One year ago today, Feb. 7, the S. L. Birt Club was organized by Mrs. Izora Mackey, with three other ladies, Mrs. Alex Griffith, Mrs. Ethel Williams and Mrs. Rubenia Harper. The club now has a membership of 36 co-operative members.

Mrs. Mackey is to be highly congratulated for her faithfulness and her noble work, for it is wonderful indeed to know that in so short a time she with her co-workers have raised over seven hundred dollars, also furnished the pastor's study. She surely had the poet in mind,

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sand of time."

As this is her mission, doing great and noble things, we know there are missions for others. May she ever be able to press forward and continue in this good work.

The officers and members take this method in thanking the many friends for their support in the past year, for we hope to make this new year equally as successful, if not better, and in the near future we hope to give a birthday party in honor of our anniversary, hoping every friend and member of S. L. Birt Club will be with us.

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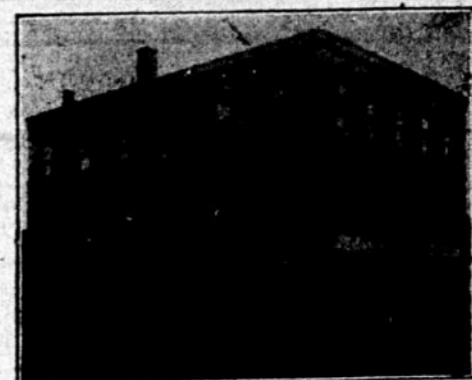
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Mrs. S. Durden of Chicago is in the city visiting her daughter, Atty. Gertrude Rush.

Charity League will meet Monday, Feb. 10, at three o'clock at 1150 West 11th St.

Mrs. Thornton Adams has been quite ill this week, but very much improved at this writing.

John L. Thompson, editor of the Bystander is invited speaker in Colfax, Iowa, next Sunday at the Baptist church. He has accepted.

Rev. W. H. Harris, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., accompanied by his wife, arrived in the city Tuesday night.

Mrs. Martha F. White of Indianola, Iowa, president State Federation of C. W. C., has been in the city this week attending to business.

The S. S. Club met Tuesday, Feb. 4, and the attendance was good. The club has attained their full membership of 25 members. Club will meet Tuesday the 11th. Mrs. Goggins, leader.

Mrs. W. J. Smith of South Dakota, sister of Mrs. J. H. McGuire, who has been visiting in the city for some time, returned to her home last week.

The Fowler Bros., undertakers, have recently purchased two fine new Haines funeral cars to add to their equipment. We are glad to see our business men make such progress.

The Young Wives Club met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Jackson last Tuesday p. m. A delightful time was spent. Club will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Edward Mease.

The revival meeting at Corinthian Baptist church is at its height. Rev. F. H. Harris is shelling the strongholds of Satan and many are being saved. Great crowds are hearing this man every night. Mrs. Harris has charge of the 3:30 p. m. meetings.

Mr. Jerold Hayes entertained about eighty of his friends at a birthday party at Dreamland Hall, Tuesday night, Feb. 4. Punch was served throughout the dancing. He was a recipient of many gifts. His guests departed at a late hour wishing him many more happy birthdays.

The Mary Church Terrell Club met with Mrs. Audra Alexander. A good number were present and an interesting meeting held. After delicious refreshments club adjourned to meet next Monday evening with Mrs. W. H. Perkins.

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NOTICE. There will be an entertainment and program given at "Y" No. 90, Camp Dodge, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at 7:30, given under the auspices of the Moral Section of the 6th Battalion, 163d Depot Brigade, Captain C. C. Cooper, morale officer. Immediately after the program a luncheon will be served in the dining hall of Co. 22, 163d Depot Brigade. All are cordially invited to attend. Visitors from Des Moines will be permitted to remain in camp until 11:30.

Mr. Gus Durden, who has been stationed at Camp Dodge in the Y. M. C. A., has recently accepted and taken up Y. M. C. A. work in the Wabash Street "Y" in Chicago. Mr. Durden has had much experience along this line of work and we know he will fill the position and succeed.

Mrs. Mary Manning is in receipt of a letter from her son, Musician Joe Manning, of Headquarters Co. 366th Infantry, to the effect that they have left France and will arrive home about the middle of this month. This is good news to Mrs. Manning and many hundreds other waiting mothers.

The Callanan Club will meet Wednesday p. m. at the home of Mrs. Shelton, 914 12th St. Dr. J. A. Jefferson will speak on "The Effect of Social Diseases on the Health."

The old folks concert given by the club was a success both socially and financially. The club presented Rev. S. L. Birt \$30.00 on his trip south.

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, N. C., will arrive in the city Friday morning to appear before the Frederick Douglass memorial exercises Friday evening. While here she will be the guest of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

HOME MAKERS LEAGUE. Home Makers League had a very interesting meeting last week. Rev. G. W. Robinson of Corinthian Baptist church addressed the club, also Mr. Edward Ross, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Both these gentlemen were made honorary members of the league for we need such able support as they can give.

Mr. L. J. Shelton, who used to be a teacher in the intermediate class of the Union Congregational church, the young misses' class, as his work and time is now so arranged that he can attend the Sunday school services at 12 o'clock. He will perhaps revive the young people's orchestra. All are invited to come, the old and the young.

The musical given last Saturday night at Union Congregational church by Mrs. John L. Thompson was largely attended and every number that was printed on the program responded save one and many were encored. Too much praise cannot be given the children. The church auditorium was filled and all present enjoyed the evening. Little Marvel Blackburn won the prize by selling the most tickets. She sold 33 and secured a beautiful crocheted yoke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Strout, one of our old and highly esteemed citizens, left our city last Sunday morning for Kansas City, Mo., to remain indefinitely, as Rev. Strout will perhaps enter into ministerial work in the city as he has done some evangelistic work in our city. We are sorry to lose those people, but our loss is Kansas City's gain.

Everybody is invited to the Corinthian Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 to hear a special lecture of woman the master piece by Mrs. W. H. Harris of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Harris is one of the most pleasing speakers of the race. She is authority on the subject. You must hear her. All mission circles are invited.

Master J. N. Clark, oldest son of Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson, was successful in making second year high school at the end of the first semester.

ARMY Y. M. C. A. Grant McPherrin, president of the Central State bank, will speak at the Army Y. M. C. A., Park Street Branch, Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 4:00 sharp. Subject: "Assets-Liabilities." Mr. McPherrin has delivered this lecture on several occasions and it has taken well everywhere. While you are all invited he especially wishes to speak to the young men of Des Moines. Come and bring a friend with you. Edward Ross, secretary, 10th and Park Sts., Des Moines, Iowa.

At a recent meeting of the Mary B. Talbot Club the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. G. Nichols; vice president, Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson; secretary, Mrs. Geo. C. Young; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ralph Burroughs; treasurer, Mrs. E. N. Hyde; critic, Mrs. S. Joe Brown; chairman of executive board, Mrs. Geo. H. Mason. These ladies will have charge of the reception in the church parlors for Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, following the Douglass memorial exercises on Friday evening at St. Paul's A. M. E. church.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES. 16th and Filmore, East Des Moines. Every member, every Sunday, every meeting, is the slogan for the members of Bethel. Sunday was communion day. A spiritual feast was enjoyed. There were many visitors Sunday night; glad to have you come again. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Perry, preached at both services and we never shall forget how the fire fell. The choir sang as it never sang before. The Christian Endeavor is wide awake. The Senior Stewardess Board is still

working, still trusting, still praying. Miss Abbott, our new member, is on the sick list. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Sunday, Feb. 9, is Young People's day. Let every Endeavor, every member, every friend be ready at 2 o'clock to attend the mass meeting held at St. Paul A. M. E. church, 12th and Crocker St., where we will meet all the leagues and societies in one great band.

At 6:30 o'clock there will be another feast. A program at Bethel of which our own talent will entertain, including Attorney John L. Thompson, who will deliver an address for us. Also an old friend, Bro. Frank P. Johnson, who will bring us a message.

STRONG FOR CIVILIZED GARB Sartorial Variety Seems to Be Chief Aim of Natives of Villages of Rhodesia.

Although we have not thought the people of Africa to be much concerned about clothes and fashions, yet styles, such as they are, have entered the villages of the dark continent and are beginning to cause the people much anxiety. Miss Pearl Muliken, Methodist missionary to Rhodesia, writes of the African dress as seen in a day school, according to the Centenary Bulletin.

"Many of the pupils, who range from the kindergarten age to grandparents, are dressed in store clothes. Their store clothes, however, have largely lost their identity beneath a covering of many colored patches. Weather has nothing to do with clothes in this part of Africa. It may be a real summer day and you are wondering how you can keep cool, but not so these boys who have been to town to work and have clothes to exhibit to their less fortunate brothers. If these riches consist of somebody's castoff overcoat he is sure to have it on and perhaps a bath towel around his neck, while most of the small boys are content with a yard of unbleached cotton for their entire outfit. But sometimes the big boys are quite generous with their little brothers and divide with them; such is the case of one little fellow who is the proud possessor of a vest which about covers him. Two or three others wear their big brother's shirts, which is quite sufficient for all purposes.

"Some of the girls are dressed principally in beads, brass bracelets and anklets; while others have cloth draped around them forming a skirt and they are without a waist. One girl wears a plaid silk waist with a dirty calico skirt. They often appear in evening dresses, the cast-off finery of the town women, and they may be seen digging in their gardens with these on. One came to school draped in a white bedspread."

Styles in names changing as well as in clothing. The following are some of the names which the African mothers have given their children: Spoon, Saucepan, Hotel, Pumpkin, Gingerbeer, Cigarette, Shilling, Sixpence, Penny, Coffee, Sweet Pudding, Very Nice, Office, Tomato, Fifteen, Vinegar, Sugar.

Uncle Sam Beneficiary. Members of the American Flint Glass Workers' union, assembled in Memorial hall, Toledo, were told an inspiring story of patriotic devotion by a member of their union at the unfurling of a service flag, with 896 stars, representing union men in the army.

After an introductory speech, in which John J. Quinnlivan, business agent of the Toledo Central Labor union, told of the determination of the unions to back the government, President William P. Clarke described the heroic death of Charles H. McCarthy, who sacrificed his own life in France for the sake of a friend.

Not only had McCarthy, a former member of the Glass Workers' union, died heroically, but he had lived patriotically. Mr. Clarke said, for in taking out \$10,000 insurance when he entered the army, he asked that the sum be made payable to the United States government.

Saving Man-Power. One of the recent devices designed to save man labor is the slab-handling storage battery truck, which is employed at the plant of a steel company in Cleveland to haul heavy pieces of steel from the storage yard to the heating furnaces, says Popular Science Monthly. The distance approximates 500 feet. Before electricity was substituted for man-power the slabs were loaded on hand trucks.

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Women's Club Markets Own Products. The women of a Tennessee home demonstration club are marketing their own vegetables, small fruits, eggs, poultry, butter and cottage cheese with the help of the local home demonstration agent. A table has been secured for them at the entrance to the market house, where the products are attractively displayed. Since none of the women had experience in dressing fowls for market, the agent called a meeting at one of the homes and showed them the proper way to kill and dress poultry. The club members are making a specialty of week-end baskets. Ordinary peck baskets are used and are filled to order to meet the tastes of the purchasers.

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Corinthian Baptist Church Fifteenth and Linden Sts. G. W. Robinson, Pastor. 7 a. m.—Preaching. 1 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 8 p. m.—Evening worship and preaching.

Union Congregational Church. Tenth and Park Sts. Rev. H. E. King, pastor. 11 a. m.—Morning worship. 12:15 p. m.—Sunday school. Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m. Lieut. M. H. Thompson, president. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday. Everybody invited at all of these services.

St. Paul's A. M. E. Church 12th and Crocker Sts. Rev. S. L. Birt, D. D., Pastor. 10:45 a. m.—Preaching. 12:30 p. m.—Class meeting. 1 p. m.—Sunday school. 8:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.

Union Baptist Church Sixteenth and McCormick. Rev. M. Toomey, Pastor. 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school. 11 a. m.—Preaching. 6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 8 p. m.—Preaching.

First A. M. E. Zion Church. Rev. E. S. Harige Pastor. S. E. 15th and Shaw. 11:00 a. m.—Preaching. 1:00 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—V. C. E. Society. 8 p. m.—Preaching. Prayer and Class Meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Bethel A. M. E. Church Sixteenth and Filmore Sts. Rev. H. A. Perry, Pastor. 11 a. m.—Morning service. 12:30 p. m.—Class meeting. 1:00 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

Asbury M. E. Church. Services in Congregational Church, 10th and Park Sts. Rev. F. D. Woodford, Pastor. Residence 844 13th St. Phone Wal. 8241. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Evening Service. Preaching, 7:45 p. m. Class Meeting, Friday, 8 p. m. Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.

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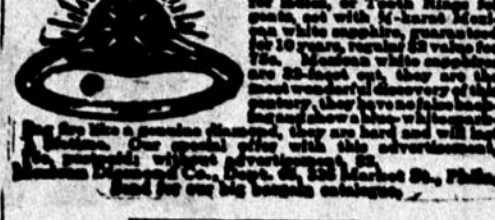
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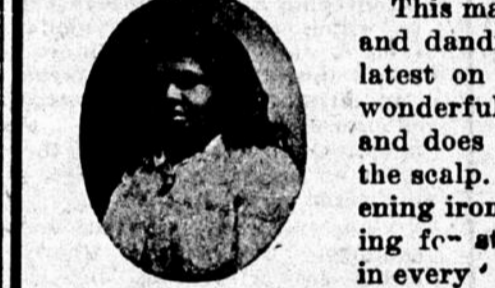
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KEOKUK, IOWA.

Mrs. Titus of Chicago has returned home after a delightful visit with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Singleton. Mr. Milton Harris of Palmer, Mo., was called to the city to the death of his little grandson, Henry Milton Harris. Mr. Douglas and Miss Rosie Lewis of La Grange spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedge. Mrs. Rosie Lewis of Shebinia, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Mott. Mrs. Mollie South is ill at her home. Class No. "Five" of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Sunday school will give an entertainment Thursday evening, under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Carrie Smith. Mrs. Chambers of La Grange was a week end visitor to her daughter, Mrs. Olla Lewis. Mrs. Thomas Jefferson is ill at her home. The funeral of little Henry Milton Harris was held Sunday afternoon at the Pilgrim Rest church, conducted by Rev. J. S. Moore. Mrs. Thomas Mills is ill at this writing. Rev. Moore is slightly indisposed, being unable to fill the pulpit. Brother Joe Byrd took his place. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clark are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Cravens by mistake used carbolic acid on her frosted feet. The Phyllis Wheatley Rescue Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Jones Tuesday, Feb. 11. Mrs. V. Abiel Philips, president. We are glad to report that Mrs. M. E. Moore is able to be out again. Mrs. Birdie Helen is visiting in Mt. Pleasant. BETHEL A. M. E. The Keokuk High School Alumni Association gave a very interesting program Sunday afternoon after the Sunday school hour. Mrs. Armstrong, Franklin street, is able to be up and around the house. Mr. Wm. Lester and Mrs. Olie Turpin visited last week at the home of her daughter an son, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Proctor. Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Johnson entertained several at dinner. The Stewardess Board No. 2 was organized. Mrs. Everett Holmes, president; Mrs. Wm. Bland, vice president; Mrs. Lenna Shanninghouse, secretary; Mrs. B. F. Carter, treasurer; Miss Jennie Dandridge and Mrs. Homer Roddy, Mr. J. E. Douglas and Miss Rosie Lewis of La Grange were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Proctor. There are about six of our Negro women operating elevators in the city. Some of them are at the Hotel Iowa and the managers are well pleased with their services. Mr. W. A. Frye is able to be out again after a recent illness. The People's Institute Band will give their concert March 5d at Bethel A. M. E. The band has never failed to respond to the call from any club or church. So please be sure and remember the date. Mrs. Hitchcock Johnson is able to leave her home after being confined there several days by illness. The social given by the Sewing Circle was a decided success. The Charity Club members are planning to have a lecturer come here soon. With the coming cold weather they will need more money and donations to help the cause. Mrs. N. E. Smith, the great evangelist, will conduct revival meetings beginning March 9. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Range are visiting with Mrs. Ragne's mother, Mrs. Martha Johnson. They expect to leave here for South Carolina and from there they will go to Chicago and reside. Miss Viola Scott is spending a few days in Fort Madison with her aunt. All are requested to mask for the Valentine party; also bring as many valentines as you desire and drop them in the mail box at the postoffice booth, and the mail man, Mr. W. A. Frye, will deliver them. Mr. J. W. Bland has returned to Des Moines. He was accompanied by his wife. The George Washington hatchets have appeared. The Sunshine Club's social is Feb. 20. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Summers have been on the sick list, but are able to be out again. Mr. Sterling Pyles is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Pyles. He expects to leave soon for Michigan. Miss Bessie Stuart is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart. Mr. Wm. Stuart and Misses Bessie and Virgie are spending a few days in Fort Madison. Mr. Duke Lackaye is in Fort Madison. Quite a crowd of young people attended a party given in Fort Madison, Monday, Feb. 3. Getting Rid of Colds. The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than three weeks later on. OLINTON, IOWA. Mr. Art Williams has improved considerably in the last few days, much to the gratification of his friends. In the list of officers of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school the names of the Misses Bessie Stewart, organist, and Adelaide Mann, assistant organist, were omitted. Bethel choir rehearsed last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson on 10th avenue. The usual social hour was spent pleasantly with refreshments. The young ladies club will give a valentine social at Bethel A. M. E. church on Feb. 14. A tempting menu has been prepared. They will be assisted by Mrs. E. S. Heron and Mrs. Hattie Robinson. Mrs. Oscar Thompson of Ottumwa and daughter Elizabeth are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson on 8th avenue. The Friendly Club will give a supper on Feb. 14 for the pastor. Leah Chapter, O. E. S., will install officers on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. Mrs. Geo. Johnson and daughter Lucille are guests of relatives in Ottumwa. Rev. R. Skelton is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at Bethel A. M. E. church with services every night this week. Little Wm. Wilder, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilder, is on the sick list this week. MASON CITY, IOWA. (Special to the Bystander.) The great get together Sunday which was the advent of an organization known as Centenary Club, being a movement of the churches to raise funds for the education of the illiterate peoples of the globe or world, regardless of race or nationality, and was an overwhelming success. Union Memorial church was alive with the spirit to do things immediately, not dream them. The whole day, though stormy, was spent in religious worship from 10:30 a. m. song service, 11:00 a. m. morning service and sermon, 2:30 p. m. praise and testimonial, 3 p. m. special meeting at which was launched church's club to raise a portion of eighty-five million dollars for educational purposes, one million dollars of this being set apart for the education of the Southern Negro. Speech by Judge J. J. Clark on the way to suppress vice and relegate to ruins the good-for-nothing class or slacker, was of the most interesting character and was enthusiastically received. Following this came a talk by Rev. A. W. Tandy of the First Baptist church here, who was a chaplain in the army. He gave an interesting narrative of the training of preachers for army service and pictured to us how very democratic the government was with all divines. There is no discrimination of any kind, black or white, young or old, rich or poor are all on one level and no special dignity is given notice in the requirements of religious services for the soldiers of our government. His advice treated of the highest ideas and were most instructive and warm hearted. At the evening service at 7:30 p. m. the minute men, three in number, Messrs. Scott, Taylor and Herndon, made very interesting talks on the new organization launched. The Centenary Club and this was explained very comprehensively by Rev. Leroy Woolrich, our pastor, and Rev. Hines of the church's new choir under direction of E. M. Bell, with Mrs. Wright organist, rendered two song services at 8

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day night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson on 10th avenue. The usual social hour was spent pleasantly with refreshments. The young ladies club will give a valentine social at Bethel A. M. E. church on Feb. 14. A tempting menu has been prepared. They will be assisted by Mrs. E. S. Heron and Mrs. Hattie Robinson. Mrs. Oscar Thompson of Ottumwa and daughter Elizabeth are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson on 8th avenue. The Friendly Club will give a supper on Feb. 14 for the pastor. Leah Chapter, O. E. S., will install officers on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. Mrs. Geo. Johnson and daughter Lucille are guests of relatives in Ottumwa. Rev. R. Skelton is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at Bethel A. M. E. church with services every night this week. Little Wm. Wilder, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilder, is on the sick list this week.

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and 7:30 p. m. and were the subject of much favorable comment. The personnel of this organization will be announced in the near future and suffices to say that the outlook of this branch of the church work is very encouraging. Mr. John Carter, who has been sick for about two months, is convalescent. Mr. Andrew Williams, who has been sick for many months, is showing no signs for the better. Mrs. Grace Bailey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Penny, is seriously ill at the home of her parents. Mrs. Nellie Harris is bedfast at this writing. The dance given by Perseverance Lodge No. 14, K. of P., was a success socially and financially. The clean up movement inaugurated by the police department is slowly coming to a finish. A great many people of both races have been bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Juetta Lewis Walls received a letter from her husband, Corporal Walls, who is with Co. G, 804th Inf., stating that he is in Longauy, Germany. He says that the race soldiers arouse quite a curiosity and interest among the Germans. He hopes to return home soon. Mrs. Mable Robinson of Hoeking was in Albia Friday on business. The ladies of the A. M. E. church gave a social and concert on Monday evening at the church. The concert was under the management of Mrs. Chas. Washington. Among the features of the evening was a reading by Mrs. Addie Davis and Mr. W. G. Davis acting as Lady Douglas. Mr. J. Edward Lewis remembered his sister's, Miss Mildred, birthday by sending a delicious box of bon bons. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis, Miss Mildred English and Mrs. G. A. Davis, Miss Ada Davis spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Nora Grayson near Hiteam. Mrs. Grayson with her brother, Mr. Burt Jones, has quite a nice farm, getting it nicely stocked and much improved over former years. Miss Ila Lewis is on the sick list, but improving. Mr. Brittain Thomas has bought him a new Ford car, which gives him much service as well as pleasure. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Henry Jones entertained at six o'clock Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis and Miss Mildred English. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler came down from Des Moines and spent Sunday in Albia. Madam Smith, an evangelist from St. Louis, was in Albia over Sunday and held services at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. She was the guest of Mrs. H. Jones while in Albia. Mr. Henry Jones entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis and Miss Mildred English on Monday evening and Monroe Davis and family.

MOBERLY MO.

Mrs. Minnie Green remains quite ill at her home on South Sixth St. Mrs. Clyde Kiser is much better at this writing. Mrs. Wallace Gordon of Des Moines visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bartlett, last week. Corp. Gordon is still in France with

the 809th Pioneer Inf. Quite a few of our soldier boys return each week. Four from Camp Upton arrived Sunday. Sergt. Chancey Teny of Camp Dodge visited his aunt and cousin, Mrs. Sylvia Renfro, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter, last week. The Calendar Club will be entertained at the Wisdom St. home of Mrs. Howard Tymony Wednesday. Mrs. Jewel Christian remains very ill. The revival at the Fifth St. Baptist church was quite a success. Six were baptized Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wright of Mexico and Rev. M. Sailes of Platt City assisted Rev. Downey. Mrs. A. B. Bolden and Miss Lucy Nichols are attending a funeral in Marshall, Mo. Mr. Robert Penny still remains quite ill. Mr. Eph Dameron of Kansas City is a Moberly visitor this week.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS.

There was great joy at the Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday at the second quarterly conference. The Rev. J. H. Ferribee, D. D., presiding elder of the Des Moines district, preached a soul stirring sermon on subject preparedness. A great sermon. There was a full house and the holy ghost was in the meeting. One soul was happily converted. It is said by all the members and friends of the church that it was the greatest ever known in the history of the church. The stewardesses served dinner in the basement of the church at 3 p. m. Rev. W. C. William of St. John A. M. E. church of Omaha, Neb., preached one of his soul stirring ser-

mons, subject, Touch the hem of his garment. One accession was added to the church. Rev. W. A. Broadnax, D. D., Allen chapel A. M. E. church and his people were present, also of Omaha. Sunday night the elder preached, after which the evangelist opened the doors of the church and in her pleading one concert and two accessions. Sister Hattie C. Talley has proven to be the greatest evangelist that has ever been in the city of Council Bluffs. She has been here two weeks and has had 36 conversions, and a crowded house every night. Council Bluffs is stirred as never before under the leadership of Rev. M. R. Rhonence, the people of this city sparing no pains in supporting him in this great fight against sin. He asks his people to put God first, glory to God. Another soul stirring sermon Monday night by the evangelist, subject, An open door to hell, how God power fell and one white man came staggering through the crowd and confessed Christ, while many others were at the mercy seat. Presiding Elder J. H. Ferribee, D. D., says it was one of the greatest meetings of his ministry. He hardly knew the church by the attendance. Sunday collections \$71.55. The meetings will run for an indefinite time.

Rev. Parker, D. D., of the Beulah Baptist, located at 3rd Ave. and 18th St., has disbanded all of his meetings and is taking an active part in the revival. We praise God for the union. Rev. J. P. Jackson is just up from the flu. The pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church. Rev. Mrs. Jackson is down with the flu at this time, but God is with them and the good work is still moving onward in the name of God. The church work is doing fine. Sunday, Feb. 9, 1919, the Christian Endeavor will have a special program, our Christian Endeavor progressing fine under leadership. Miss Ethel Richardson gave several splendid remarks. Mrs. Rhonence, our good pastor's wife, is planning on a house to house prayer meeting. We are praying for her success. All the auxiliary of the church we ask for the prayer of the churches for Bethel A. M. E. church. Madam C. J. Walker's Association met at the residence of Mrs. Portia Robinson, 853 6th, Monday evening. After transacting business the hostess served a delicious luncheon. Adjourned to meet the first Monday evening in March at the residence of Mrs. Addie French, 1633 Buchanan St. All Madam Walker's agents are invited. Subscribe for the Bystander.

Private Charles Taylor, who was recently returned from New York, is the guest of his father, Mr. Z. A. Taylor. Mrs. G. A. Johnson of Clinton, Iowa, who was called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. William Thompson, left the city last Monday for her home, accompanied by her little daughter Lucile. Mrs. William Thompson is somewhat improved at this writing. faithful leadership of the superintendent, Miss Margaret E. Davis. The Primary and Cradle Roll department, of which Miss Lella A. Downey is superintendent and teacher, is becoming to be the most interesting and well developed department in the whole school. We solicit the co-operation of all parents of children for the spiritual development of the children. Miss Beulah Allen has gone to Kansas City, Mo., to take up the study of trained nursing. Mr. Herbert La Mont has returned to Ottumwa after being honorably discharged from the service of the U. S. army. Rev. Joseph G. Lee of Chicago, Ill., is an Ottumwa visitor. The Mt. Zion A. M. E. Sunday school are beginning their practices for their Easter cantata, the subject of which is "The Easter Victory." The school is progressing nicely and growing both in numbers and interest, under the Look for the collector.

hold of Ruth, is quite low. Mrs. Johnson, the regular reporter, was out Sunday. We are all glad to see her able to get out once more. Mrs. Ida Cunningham of Ninth street at this writing is very low. Mrs. Hawkins is at St. Lukes hospital very sick. Mrs. Della Marshall is slowly improving. Mrs. Eugene Green has for the past few days been complaining. The Willing Workers will give their Calendar Tea here at the Bethel A. M. E. church Friday night, Feb. 7. This club rendered a splendid program Sunday evening to a large appreciative audience, assisted by some of the best talent of the Tri-Cities. Mr. Ernest McGaw gave a birthday party in honor of his sister, Miss Irene McGaw. In the home of her sister, Mrs. Williams. A number of young people attended the party and spent a very enjoyable evening. The Davenport Stars, consisting of a number of colored basket ball players, announced their tilt with the colored Rock Island All Stars. The home team has met only one defeat and the Rock Island team the same. They will battle to a finish on Wednesday night. It will be announced if the home team wins. Everybody out and cheer for Davenport. Mrs. Hopkins on Christie street is on the sick list.

OTTUMWA BRIEFS

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