

## Iowa Special Edition.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

#### Graduates from the Iowa High Schools.

In this article we have tried to get the names of every colored graduate from the high schools of Iowa. Of course, it is not accurate, for doubtless we will have missed some, but it will be the best list ever printed and the most authentic yet published.

Albia high school—Edward Ferguson was the first; Mrs. Jennie Ferguson, Mrs. Carrie S. Thomas, (Griffith), Miss May Francis Davis, Burdett Jones, Henrietta Jones, William Hollingworth, Nellie Grayson (Esters), and Wallace Monroe Davis.

Fort Madison graduates—Mrs. Nellie McClellan Parker, 1892; Miss Susie Johnson, 1896; Mrs. Lottie Yeiser (Cartwright), and Pearl Davis, 1900; Miss Anna Harper, 1905; Mrs. Alpha Jackson Holmes, 1906; Miss Irene Jackson and William Harper, 1908; Miss Jennie Harper, 1911.

Atlantic high school. Thad S. Ruff, Mrs. May Ruff (Johnson), Leon high school—Miss Luck Good, (deceased); Edward W. Thompson, (deceased); Mrs. Bertie Pugh (Lee).

Decorah high school—Mrs. Lillian Taylor (Neal). Newton—Mrs. Josie Whitsett (Waldron), Mrs. Vergie Whitsett (White), Mrs. Helen Blackwell (Taylor), Mrs. Lottie Green (Shirley), Mrs. Edna Mayes (Laws), Mrs. Eldora Green (Holmes), Miss Jessie Moore, Mrs. Genevieve Green (Tolliver), Fred Green, last two deceased.

Colfax high—Mrs. Mable Douglas (Billinger), Mrs. Beatrice Terrell (Cranle), Misses Leslie and Ethel Terrell, she also graduated from the Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.; J. Owen Redman, 1909.

Mr. Pleasant—Samuel R. Burnaugh, 1875; Susan Moseley (Grandison), 1881; Agnes M. Mason, 1883; Ida M. Fuller (Hackley), 1887; Wm. T. Mason, 1888; Teresa Arbuckle (Jones), 1889; Luther Mason, 1889; James E. Mosley, Ida Godfrey, Maude Dorch (Spotts), 1894; George Mason, 1896; Lydia Bartlett, Ione Mason (Burnaugh), 1898; Fred McCracken, 1898; Hattie Taylor, (Egan), 1898; Nora Bartlett (Burnaugh), 1900; Onida Hedger (Watson), 1900; Myra McCracken (Gaters), 1900; Cora Taylor (Mason) 1900; Rose Irish, 1901; Viola Harris, 1901; Nora Harris, 1902; Myrtle Arbuckle, 1902; Julia Bartlett (Hills), 1902; Bertha Harris (Holt), 1905; Elizabeth Hawkins, 1906; Grace Harris, 1908.

Clifton high school reports Mrs. Alantha Stewart, 1895; Miss Estella Bush, 1898; Mrs. Missouri Dozier (Slater), 1900; F. P. Akens, 1900; Miss May Taylor, 1906; Miss Maude Beason, 1907; Miss Ida Taylor, 1910; Miss May Taylor, also graduate from the Chicago University in 1910.

From the Lyons high school F. P. Aikens, 1896; Louis A. Alexander. Clarinda—Mrs. Flora Knight (deceased), Miss Eliza Brown (deceased), Miss Mary Nash, Emmett Moss, 1910; Nellie Brown, Miss Susie Lee, 1911.

Essex high school—Miss Lillian F. Wilkinson, 1900.

College Springs high school gives us the Misses Florence and Sarah Black, and Miss Anna Wanstreet.

Cain high school reports Willie Prince, now a student in the North Western University, Chicago; Langston Prince, now a student in the Omaha, Nebraska, college.

Beiford high school reports Miss Robertta Lucas, 1905.

From Gravity high school comes Miss Mable Johnson, 1907; Fred Johnson, 1908.

Creston—Miss Minnie Martin (deceased).

Sioux City—Leland Washington, Ermi Hackley.

Those reporting from Washington: Mrs. Hattie Black (Jackson) 1872; Lucy Lindsay, 1887; Stella Black (Sims) 1888; Mrs. Ophelia Jackson past 10 days, enroute to Cairo, Ill., to (Wilson) and Mame Jackson, 1890; Nora Motts, 1898; Theodore Turner, 1900; Thomas Motts, 1901; Robert Motts, 1905; James Crump, 1906; Leon Motts, 1907; Howard Motts, 1910.

The first graduate named here is also the first colored child born in Davenport, Iowa, in 1855 and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Black.

Those reported from Ottumwa are Mrs. Eva Crump (Harris) 1891; S. Joe Brown, 1894; Miss Blanch Horne (Bell), 1898; Miss Edna Fowler (Martin), 1899; Mrs. Bessie Owens, 1901; Miss Lorine Vincent, 1909 from the Oskaheese are Freeman Williams, 1886 (deceased); George Blagburn, 1889; John Lewis, 1890; a physician and druggist in Chicago; James Dameron, 1891; Eddie Carter, 1900; Willie Ringo, 1909, stenographer in Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Bertha Strauthers, 1910; Ethel Terrell and Homer Johnson, 1911.

Des Moines, Ia. West High: Isaac E. Williamson the first colored, also first carrier now in Washington, D. C.; John Jackson, 1882; N. L. Black, 1886; H. W. Huggins, 1899, a mail carrier; Miss Sarah Porter, 1898, a teacher in Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Blanch Renix, 1898; Branchman N. Hyde, 1907; Miss Adah F. Hyde, 1908, a senior next year in the regular course at the State University; Geo. McCraven, 1908; William P. Warwick, 1909; Miss Zelma Statton (Brown), 1903; East High: Luella D. Davis (Wilburn) William Jackson; Luther Abbey; Miss Jella Davis; deputy county recorder; Mrs. Clara Smith (James); James Davis; Misses Nettie, Pearl and May Tolliver; Mrs. Francis Walker (Hall); Miss Nettie Woods; Miss Stella Wilburn (deceased); Robt. S. Bruce. North Des Moines High School, Oak Park: Leonard and Archie Alexander, the former now a student in full course in State University 1912, a great athlete a star foot ball man on the regular football team. North Des Moines High School: Bessie Reeves (deceased), Miss Letta Carey, now a student, 1912, at State University; Miss Anna Reeves.

Those from Marble Rock: Misses Julia Bally, 1907; Miss Mamie Bally, 1902; August Bally, 1910. Red Oak give to us Lida Graves, 1904; Bulah Burton, 1906; (deceased) Chas. Alexandra, with a concert company in Chicago; Andy Reed; Dave Reed. Marshalltown, Ia.: L. C. Jones, 1903, now President of Piney Woods Ind. Institute of Braxton, Miss. Wapello: J.

Wesley Thompson, 1899. Hedrick High School; Margaret Mason (Lewery).

In Muscatine high school we find A. G. Clark, Jr.; Miss Susie Clark (Holly), Miss Clark (Applegate), Mr. William Greenway, Miss Nora Taylor, Miss Leticia Greenway, Miss Gertrude Lee (Shackelford), Lee Greenway and Miss Mary Fairfax.



#### HILLON NEW HOME.

This is the ne whomer Mr. H. K. Hillon purchased this spring and has recently moved into. Mr. Hillon of Omaha, Neb., is grand treasurer of the Iowa Masonic Lodge and Jurisdiction. He came to Omaha in 1886 with only \$5 in money, leaving his family back in St. Paul for lack of means. The net year he went into the tonsorial business for himself and by honest labor, good workman-

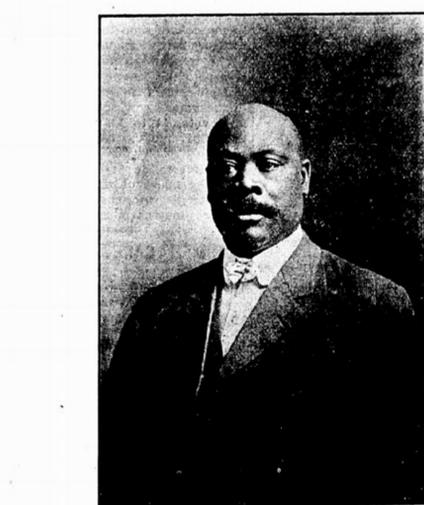
ship and courteous treatment and judicious investment he has saved and bought two other houses and lots besides this beautiful one just purchased at a cost of \$3,000. It has eight rooms, completely modern, with a beautiful east front and plenty of shade and large lot. It is at 2902 N. 26th St. Mr. Hillon is a good business man and has an intelligent wife who is a church and secret society worker.



#### BUXTON CONCERT BAND.

Our famous Buxton Concert Band of 41 pieces is the finest colored musical organization in the great middle west. This famous band has delighted the hearts of many thousands within the past 20 years. Its present manager is Prof. Richard Oliver, who is now very busy making dates

with churches, societies, etc., for the summer engagements. He has developed a fine body of players that will please any audience. This band won first prize in the K. of P. contest five years ago held in Philadelphia. They are a member of the National Musical Union. Write to Prof. Richard Oliver, Buxton, Iowa.



The subject of this sketch, Wilbur Norris was born near Franklin, Tennessee, in 1857. He was educated in the public schools of Nashville. He later attended the Central Tennessee College (now Walden University) where he received higher rating for being a mathematician. Prof. Norris, for a number of years, taught school in his native state, and for a while held the chair as Professor of Mathematics in the Hot Springs branch of Shorter University. He served on the reportorial staff of a Southern Daily the only Negro reporter on the paper. He is the author of the "Condensed Record," and "Class Record" of the A. M. E. Church. He studied at the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, where he became pro-

ficient in Anatomy, thus fitting himself scientifically for the training of athletes, in which he is very successful. He is a graduate of Chiroprody, and in these he enjoys a lucrative among the best people of his community. He is a "race" man and believes that by sane methods, intellectual, moral and material, progress and justice alone will in time solve the problem of racial differences or antipathies. Dr. Norris is compiling a book to be known as the "Black Fraction of the American Nation." His suit is 237 and 238 Lutie Block Sioux City. He came to Iowa in March 1902 settled in Sioux City May 1902 in Chiroprody and Scientific massage, with trade he now has a large practice, a complete modern office and several assistants.

#### DAVENPORT NOTES.

Esther day of the Eastern Star Chapter had their annual sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Lillian F. Phillips preached an elegant sermon from the text I kings 7-22. And upon top of the pillars was lily work, so was the work of the pillars finished. "Mrs. Phillips reviewed the history of the order, painting a beautiful picture showing the worth of the society to humanity and proving the value of charity and purity and how it beautifies and regulates all society to the glory and admiration of God. Mr. Jesse J. Buckner and Mrs.

The Third Baptist church is very active just now planning to raise two hundred and fifty dollars with which to meet pressing obligations. Sunday is their rally day.

Mrs. David Underhill is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. George Larrison are both on the sick list.

Mr. Ed Barnes is very sick at this writing.

Mr. George Washington who has been quite ill is now on the mend.

Lottie Mills were quietly married Monday evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Bynum, on South Scott street. Marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Stovall.

Mrs. A. D. Sumlins friends will be glad to know that she is fast recovering and will soon be out among them again.

Bethel A. M. E. church has decided the church club representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. This is an endeavor to raise money to finish the interior of the church.

Mr. Earl Bert a porter at the Davenport Hotel met with quite a painful accident Monday afternoon, having his left foot caught between the third floor and elevator.

The Third Baptist realized \$300.00 from their rally which was concluded with three big services last Sunday.

Mr. James M. Marr, city clerk and alderman of Mound Bayon Miss., addressed the W. C. Federation Tuesday afternoon at Bethel, A. M. E. church Mr. Marr gave a clear and concise address full of enthusiasm and inspiration painting a beautiful picture of the opportunities and possibilities for our people in the southland. Rev. Burr with delegation of five Sunday School workers left Tuesday morning for Des Moines to attend the Iowa, Nebraska S. S. convention of the Baptist Church.

The Tri City S. S. Association was royally entertained at the 3rd Bapt-



#### MRS. S. JOE BROWN.

Des Moines, Who was six times elected District Superintendent of A. M. E. Sunday Schools; was the founder and first editor of the "Iowa Colored Woman," the official organ of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; also founder and ex-president of the Intellectual Improvement Club of Des Moines; chairman of the Educational Committee of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; member of the Ways and Means Committee of the National Association of Colored Women, and also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

ist church, Monday evening with a well arranged programme and refreshments.

Mrs. C. H. Marshall entertained Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Stovall and Mr. Mary of Mound Bayon, Miss., at luncheon, Tuesday. The children's day observed at Bethel, A. M. E. church Sunday morning proved to be quite a unique affair at the conclusion of the program School, parents and friends were all served to ice cream and cake. Rev. Stovall preached an able sermon Sunday morning to the parents and gardines from the statutes of the Lord, Deut. 6-7. The parents and gardines was made to feel the weight of their responsibilities.

Mrs. L. Cunningham is quite sick.

Mr. J. S. James of S. Harrison St. met with quite a painful accident last week, having two of his fingers badly mashed between the chimes of a heavy loaded barrel and a wagon bed. Mrs. G. W. Harrison remains quite sick. Prof. O. W. Burnett a teacher in the public schools of East

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#### IOWA NEGROES ARE PROSPEROUS.

They Own About One Million Taxable Property.

Reports of S. Joe Brown, Statistician of the American Council Gives Interesting Report—15,000 Negroes in the State.

Editor Bystander:—After having examined both the state and national census reports and finding that they contained practically no information regarding the members of our race as such in Iowa, we set about it to take a census of our own and through the kind assistance of the other officers and friends of the council we have collected the following which is the best information we have been able to find from the thirteen counties of the state containing the bulk of the members of our race: Boone county (Boone, county seat)—Has 300 negroes; 5 business enterprises; 1 farmer; 3 professional men; 1 high school graduates; 20 high school graduates; 50 home owners; homes valued at \$6,500; church property valued at \$6,500; (negroes reported to be the most law-abiding people.) Cerro Gordo county (Mason City, county seat)—Has 105 negroes; 3 business enterprises; 1 beauty parlor; 2 barber shops; 3 high school graduates; 3 home owners; home valued at \$7,000; church property valued at \$100. Lee county (Keokuk, county seat)—Has 2,000 negroes; 1 doctor; 6 business enterprises; 26 farmers; 6 high school graduates; 50 home owners; homes valued at \$75,000; church property valued at \$30,000. Linn county (Marion, county seat)—Has 450 negroes; 4 business enter-

prises; 2 restaurants; 2 carpet cleaning machines; 1 farmer; 5 high school graduates; 21 home owners; homes valued at \$48,400; church property valued at \$4,000. (Condition of the people reported to be generally good.) Monroe county (Albia, county seat)—Has 400 negroes; 2 drug sto; 1 general house furnishing sto; 2 groceries; 1 hotel; 4 restaurants; 1 post office; 20 farmers; 2 doctors; 1 dentist; 2 lawyers; 20 high school graduates; 50 home owners; homes and farms valued at 300,000; church

seat) has 240 Negroes; 1 general store; 9 farmers; 1 mail carrier; 1 veterinarian; 17 high school graduates; 36 home owners; homes valued at \$64,000; church property valued at \$10,000; negroes have plenty of work and are contented. Van Buren county (Keosauqua county seat) has 48 negroes; 2 plasterers; 1 sign painter; 3 farmers; 2 ministers; 3 high school graduates; 15 home owners; homes valued at \$1,600. Condition of the people very good.

seat) has only a half dozen negroes but of these 2 are owners of farms, valued at \$20,000 and two others are farm renters.

Summary of Report. A summary of these reports shows that there are in Iowa about 1500 negroes, conducting about 100 business enterprises, about 75 farms, and owning about one million dollars worth of taxable property and about \$100,000 worth of church property, and that among them are about 100 high school graduates and about 100 professional men, including ministers, lawyers, doctors, teachers, newspaper men, one postmaster, one undertaker and three dentists. Respectfully submitted, S. Joe Brown, Statistician.



#### C. F. WILLIAMS.

The above cut is one of Iowa's hustling business men, Mr. C. F. Williams of Sioux City, Ia., who is manager of a rug manufacturing and carpet cleaning establishment. His office and factory is at No. 704 W. 7th, and he owns the building and ground.

a two-story building. He first entered the fruit and ice cream business in Topeka, Kans., and in the fall of 1889 came to Sioux City, where he entered said business and it is estimated to be worth \$5,000. His wife is a great helpmate and assistant to him. They are real race people.



#### THOMPSON'S HOME.

This very beautiful and expensive built home is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson, editor of this paper. It was built last year

and is 8 rooms completely modern, beech floors down stairs and hard wood up stairs, cement basement, lot 60 by 150 feet, east front on street car line.



#### MRS. J. B. RUSH.

This picture is a likeness of Mrs. J. B. Rush, of our city, the newly elected president of the Iowa State Colored Women's Clubs, which was recently held in Cedar Rapids. She was born in Kansas, educated there, came

to our city with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Durden, where she married Atty. J. B. Rush. She is an active worker in literary and club society. She has been attending the Des Moines Baptist college. She has put on several plays with success.



BENJAMIN J. HACK. W. M. elect of North Star Lodge No. 2 A. F. & A. M.

#### BURLINGTON ITEMS.

The Golden Gate club gave a Rose social on Tuesday evening, June 1st., at the residence of Mrs. A. Pleasants. The house was beautifully decorated with various varieties of roses, and each lady and gent was presented with a rose. There was a large attendance and a delightful time.

The I. A. club was entertained by Mrs. H. Earle, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Irvin very delightfully entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray and son, James, at dinner, Sunday, June 13th at the residence of Mrs. R. Brooks of S. Hill.

Mrs. N. Harrison of New London, Ia. is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. Anderson, of Lewis street.

Mrs. J. Gains and daughter Miss Daisy Douglass of Louisiana, Mo., were the guests of Mr. Bert Washington, last week.

Mrs. L. Washington entertained a company at breakfast last Sunday.

The social given by the Stewardesses at the residence of Mrs. J. Blands was a success financially and socially.

Mrs. J. Trent who was indisposed last week, is able to be out again.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the picnic given May 31st by the Optanates. Quite a number of friends joined them and enjoyed a very delightful outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., was the guest at the Trent residence, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayburne of Aledo, Ill., have returned to Burlington, Iowa, after a years absence to make their future home.

Mr. Ben Green of Aledo and R. Catlin were visiting in the city last week.

The G. G. club will give a feast in the Wilderness, Tuesday evening.

#### OTTUMWA.

Esther Chapter No. 4, O.E. S. will hold their annual Esther day service Sunday, June 18, at three o'clock, at the A. M. E. church.

Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips will deliver the sermon. You are cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Loren Bradford was baptized on Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Reid, at the Second Baptist church.

Sunday, June 4th, Mrs. Earl Wagner entertained about fifteen guests in honor of her sister, Miss Nellie Jackson.

Mr. Wm. Jackson entertained a few friends at a theatre party. Afterward they were served with light refreshments at the home of Miss Alberta Horne, in honor of Miss J. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. George McGill of Plum street are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The entertainment at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening was a great success. The singers deserve great credit.

Raymond E. Clark, 118 West Division street, entertained about forty guests Thursday evening in honor of Miss Josephine Jackson of Delavine, Illinois, Music, cards, dancing and games were enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served.

About twenty of our young people enjoyed a hayrack party Friday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Jackson.

Miss Lorene and Lorenzo Vinson, and Mr. Roscoe Gums, left Sunday night for a few days' visit in Chicago.

A party of merry makers enjoyed a boat ride to Rock Bluffs Sunday evening, June 11, in honor of Miss Josephine Jackson.

There will be a social at the Second Baptist church Thursday, June 15th, after the band concert. All are welcome.

The Children's day exercises were held at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon. A memorial service was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday night for Mrs. Jennie Winston.

Don't Miss the box party to be given at Second Baptist church Tuesday evening, June 20.

Miss Josephine Jackson has returned to her home in Delavine, to spend the rest of her vacation with her parents.

Page county (Clarinda, county

seat) has 1000 negroes; 1 grocery; 1 undertaker; 1 electric carpet cleaner; 1 newspaper; 1 magazine; 1 real estate office; 1 employment office; 6 barber shops; 6 restaurants; 3 law offices; 1 doctor; 1 dentist and 6 pool halls; 30 high school graduates; 250 home owners; homes valued at \$250,000; church property valued at \$55,000; Y. M. C. A. property \$1,000. We also have the following which we consider worthy of note: 2 stenographers, 1 assistant city engineer; 1 deputy recorder; 2 policemen; 2 firemen, 2 court bailiffs and 2 trained nurses: 2 mail carriers.