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EDITORIALS

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS HERE.

There are so many leading men and women here who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the various professions that we must give them special mention. This week the officers training camp at Fort Des Moines and our citizens entertained Major R. R. Morton, principal of Tuskegee Institute; Major J. W. Washington, teacher in Hampton Industrial and Normal Institute at Hampton, Va., and Rev. R. R. Wright, a divine of Savannah, Ga., all guests of Rev. S. L. Birt; Dr. H. H. Proctor of Atlanta, Ga.; Lawyer W. H. Jamerson and wife of Topeka, Kans.; Rev. P. Smith of Washington, D. C., pastor of the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church; Mr. Palmer, registrar of Tuskegee Institute. Mrs. Inez T. Alston, royal grand matron O. E. S. of Florida, and president of Matron Administrative Council of Interstate Conference of Grand Chapters of U. S. of Tampa, Fla., here two days only; Prof. William H. Huffman, principal of the high school at St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. S. T. Stafford, M. D.; Mrs. L. R. Palmer Berry, P. G. M. of O. E. S. of New Jersey and present grand lecturer of Jersey City, N. J.

Mrs. Harvey James Harper of Boston, Mass., is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wade H. McCree.

Mr. Herbert Renfro of Sioux City visited in Des Moines last Sunday with relatives.

NOTICE.

Having been informed that persons have been circulating a book in Oskaloosa, Marshalltown and Ottumwa, claiming to be collecting money for the Iowa Federation, I desire to in-

form the public that the Iowa Federation has no solicitors out. Also at the last meeting of the Federation they withdrew their support from the "Home for Women and Girls in Des Moines." Money donated to this home is not for Iowa Federation. The Booker T. Washington portrait has been paid for and placed in the historical building and there are no solicitors out. Signed Helena Downey, Pres. Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

John L. Thompson, president of the International Conference of Grand Masters, and Grand Secretary and P. G. M., will give an informal reception Sunday at 3 o'clock at North Star Masonic Temple hall, Eleventh and Center streets, in honor of Dr. H. R. Butler, grand master of Georgia, and other visiting P. G. M.'s in our city and at the officers camp. All master Masons in good standing are invited. Wives of Masons and O. E. S. ladies will be admitted at 5 o'clock.

WOMAN'S DAY AT C. B. CHURCH.

The services at the Corinthian Baptist church Sunday, August 26th, will be very interesting and unique in that they will be conducted exclusively by women other than the sermons. You should attend these services some time during the day.

TO PLAY FORT DES MOINES.

The Capital City Giants and the Fort Des Moines Training Camp baseball team will clash at the Western League park Sunday afternoon in a return game. The local Giants defeated their rivals in a recent game by the score of 9 to 8.

CALENDAR

Of the second quarterly conference of Des Moines district A. M. E. Zion church:

- First church, Des Moines, Iowa, Rev. E. S. Hardge, P. C., Sept. 21 and 22.
- St. Matthews, Enterprise, Iowa, Rev. R. W. Rowe, P. C., Sept. 29 and 30.
- Birks Mission, cement plant, Iowa, Rev. J. W. Hill, P. C., Oct. 6 and 7.
- Blackwell Chapel, Scandia, Iowa, Rev. J. W. White, P. C., Oct. 13 and 14.
- Oralabor Mission, Oct. 20 and 21.
- Buxton Mission, Oct. 23 and 24.
- Melix Temple, Perry, Iowa, Rev. John Hillard, P. C., Oct. 27 and 28.

Brethren, our motto is to save souls and build churches. Each of us is expected to raise one-half of our general claims by the setting of the district conference and sent to the departments. Keep the law and the law will keep us. I am praying for a success. I am your brother in the gospel bands. O. G. Moss, Presiding Elder.

OMAHA, NEB.

Mrs. Anna Baskette and son, E. J., left for their home in Buncheon, Missouri, Saturday.

Many friends from Omaha attended the funeral of Miss Zola Bedella and mother at Lincoln on Sunday.

The Cecilia club boys entertained 100 guests at a five-course dinner Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray, 111 Missouri avenue.

Joseph La Cour, who is representing the Lincoln Motion Picture company of Los Angeles, Cal., and has been making Kansas City his headquarters, came home Sunday for a brief vacation.

Miss Mae Hobson of Chicago is in the city visiting her cousins, George Woods, Anna Jones and Cora Davis.

Ray Parker and Leon Smallwood left Omaha for Chicago on Saturday night.

Six men arrived from Pensacola, Fla., last week.

Mr. Norman Winston and Miss Jessie Meeks were quietly married last week at the home of the groom. Miss Alma Winston, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. Mr. Charlie Payne was best man. Rev. Botts officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Winston were the recipients of many beautiful presents. They are at home to their many friends at 711 Burdette.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Miss Georgia Shannon is visiting friends and relatives at Springfield.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winnie Payne, after an illness of over a year. Funeral services were held from the Calvary Baptist church, in charge of Rev. E. L. Scruggs of Jacksonville, Ill.

Mrs. Lillian Abel, who has been in the Monmouth hospital for the past four weeks, was taken home Friday and is much improved.

Miss Florence Brown has been making short visits with relatives at Burlington, Iowa, Knoxville and Peoria, Ill.

Mr. Charles Skinner of Peoria is spending several days here.

The congregation of the Calvary Baptist church have been holding open air meetings the past two Sabbaths.

Mrs. Lucy Dulin entertained at dinner Sabbath several friends in honor of her son and his wife, who are visiting from Frankfort, Mo.

Mr. Luke Osborne was in Burlington for a day's visit.

Misses Mary and Florence Brown, and Miss Marie Saunders entertained with a theater party in honor of Miss Helen Ricks of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Miss Julia Green of Alton was also an out of town guest.

Rev. E. L. Scruggs of Jacksonville, Ill., was here for a day attending the funeral of Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. J. D. Harris of Davenport, Iowa, visited for a few days with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Munson.

The annual picnic of the A. M. E. Sunday school is to be held Friday at Cedar Creek Grove. Everyone is talking about it.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, September term, A. D. 1917. May Butler, plaintiff,

vs. Wm. J. Butler, defendant.

To Wm. J. Butler.

You are hereby notified that on or before the 15th day of August, A. D. 1917, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, Iowa, claiming of you an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between you, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and willful desertion without a just cause.

For further information see petition on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county.

For further particulars see petition, and unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the September term of said court, which will commence at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 10th day of September, 1917, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1917. J. B. Rush, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Chronic Constipation.

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DeWitt Williams spent Sabbath afternoon at Galesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper of Chicago are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grandville Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis are here visiting his mother, Mrs. Tom Davis. Mrs. Ed. Skinner and son of Galesburg attended the funeral of Mrs. Evans.

Miss Ida Wallace has been visiting friends at Jerseyville, Alton and Chicago, Ill.

Miss Helen Ricks, noted reader from Fisk university, gave a recital at the St. James A. M. E. church Monday. Every one was ver much pleased with Miss Ricks.

Mrs. Maggie Leghorn and four sons from St. Louis have moved here and expect to make this their future home.

Miss Julia Green, a teacher from Alton, is here for a two weeks' visit with her friend, Miss Ida Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dulin of Frankfort, Mo., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy Dulin.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay are the proud parents of a baby boy and also Mr. and Mrs. N. Davis.

A number from here attended the convale which met at Galesburg. Miss Freda Pearson and Esther Bain have returned to work, after having had two weeks' vacation.

Esther Bain spent part of her vacation with her father in Muscatine. Mrs. F. Grooms of Muscatine and Mr. and Mrs. Lee of New York were visiting at the homes of Mrs. G. Pearson and Mrs. W. Walkup.

Mr. M. Penington is still on the sick list.

Miss Glee Stoner is home from the hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Mae Carter called on Miss B. Edmunds.

Mr. Landers was in the city on a short visit.

Rev. Boyd's granddaughter, who has been in the city two weeks or more, has returned to her home in Rockford, Ill.

If anyone has any news, please phone to the agent, Miss B. Edwards. Phone R. I. 816.

Mr. and Mrs. Stotch are in our city again.

Miss Hazel Moore has tied the love knot.

Miss H. Ricks of Iowa Falls is the house guest of Lillian and Beatrice Moore.

Mr. Harry Stewart met with an accident at the plow shop.

The U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s convention meets here this week.

A large number of delegates are expected in the city.

Mr. J. Slaughter is having his summer vacation.

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Rev. Garrison and friends will attend last quarterly meeting at Monmouth on Sunday, August 62th. Rev. Garrison will preach sacramental sermon.

Please pay your subscription. Sunday, September 2nd, will be dollar day at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. J. Franklin of Galva spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Miss I. Fletcher.

The Thimble circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. F. Johnson on Friday, August 24th.

Mrs. Owens and Miss E. Chancellor of Ottumwa returned home Thursday evening, after spending the week with relatives and friends. They voted Galesburg people royal entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. H. Ashby and daughter, Pansy, motored to Peoria on Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Z. Hall.

A large number of strangers attended the banquet on August 4th in the new armory.

Miss Beatrice Anderson entertained Saturday evening, August 11th, in honor of Miss E. Chancellor of Ottumwa, Iowa. Twenty-two guests were present. The evening was spent in dancing. The Imperial orchestra furnished the music. Out of town guest was Miss A. Coleman of Keewanee. All departed at a late hour, voting Miss Anderson a royal entertainer.

Mrs. B. Harris and daughter, Clotile of Davenport, Iowa, are spending a few days in the city, hte guests of relatives and friends.

A porch party will be given at the home of Mrs. C. Anderson on Wednesday, August 29th. Mrs. Z. Mason, chairman.

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