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HON. H. P. CHEATHAM.
This is a picture of Hon. H. P. Cheatham, the next to the last colored congressman that our race had. He was congressman from North Carolina.

KIRKSVILLE NOTES.

Much sickness still prevails in our community. Sister Clark is reported seriously ill, and Mrs. Inez Johnson is still under the doctor's care.

Mr. Thomas Henderson died Sunday night. He professed a hope in Christ. Remains are to be taken to Edina, Mo., for interment.

Mrs. Valora Jackson passed through here en route to Nelson, Mo., to resume her school work.

Lincoln school resumed work Wednesday morning.

Rev. B. C. Anderson delivered two interesting discourses at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

The Second Baptist church is without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. A. L. Bird.

Miss Mattie Renfro is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Appleton.

Mr. William Martin spent the holidays with Mrs. Martin. He indulged in "hog killing" Monday.

Mr. Earl Richards, after spending the holidays with his wife, returned to Oakalooosa, Iowa.

Miss Dorothy Jones has given up her school work in Macon and is taking private tuition in the city.

Mrs. Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Linn were entertained at dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Martin.

Mrs. West returned to Pueblo, Colorado, Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Edina, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maud Proctor.

The colored women of Kirksville have called a meeting at Lincoln school Thursday night to organize to do Red Cross work.

Mrs. Mary Jones is on the sick list.

BUXTON, IOWA.

Dr. C. G. Robinson is spending the Xmas holidays in Chicago.

Mrs. Dr. Carter entertained a number of friends Monday evening at her home.

Mrs. Wm. Bailey and Gertrude Lucas spent the holidays at Bedford, Iowa.

Miss Georgia Blackburn spent the holidays in Des Moines.

Mrs. La Dochya Montjoy is convalescent.

Miss Osceola Jones of 3013 Third street, Des Moines, accompanied Miss Myrtelia Brown home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Alice Jones Ellis is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Payton Reeves.

Mr. Robt. Stone spend New Year's in Ottumwa.

Mr. C. G. Southall is better.

Messrs. Fields and Hubert London of Iowa State university spent the holidays in Buxton.

days in Peoria during Xmas, the guest of Miss D. Butler.

Mr. R. Lyons was home on his furlough Xmas and returned to Jefferson barracks Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Crawford entertained Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schoots and Mr. and Mrs. Williams at Christmas dinner. Presents were exchanged.

Mr. J. Windsfield of Keosauqua was the guest of Miss D. Smalley on Xmas.

Frank Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis were taken to the hospital Monday, ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. S. Clark and children spent Xmas in Cedar Rapids.

Miss D. Thomas of Monmouth was the guest of Mr. O. Fletcher on Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Friday, December 28th, Rev. and Mrs. Garrison, H. Pruitt and Mr. and Mrs. G. Dunlap of Fort Madison.

Mrs. Lincoln of Chicago is spending the holidays with her son, Mr. S. Clark.

Geraldine and Jessie Harmon were taken to the hospital, ill with pneumonia.

The Juveniles entertained about twenty friends at a cookie shine Friday evening. All report a grand time. The evening was spent in games and music.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins entertained relatives and friends at Xmas dinner. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Groff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Murphy and baby, Miss M. Tengel of Monmouth and Mr. and Mrs. G. Dunlap of Ft. Madison.

Mr. A. Ashby and Miss V. Brown were quietly married Monday evening. They will go to housekeeping at 552 W. First street. We wish them a long and happy life.

Messrs. Clarence and Phineas Livingston have returned from Omaha, where they spent Xmas.

Mr. M. Moore and Miss G. Peters were married Saturday evening at the home of Rev. Webster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Webster. A number of relatives and friends were present. They will go to housekeeping at 842 W. Berrien street. We hope them a long and prosperous life.

Mr. A. Ashby entertained twenty friends at a watch party Monday evening. The evening was spent in music and dancing. All departed at a late hour, voting Mr. Ashby a royal entertainer.

Mr. Woodson of Chicago is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dunlap returned to their home in Ft. Madison on Sunday.

Mr. A. Bell and L. Harper of Fort Dodge are home on their furlough.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

(Last Week.)
DeWight Williams and Jack Proberne spent Monday evening at Galesburg.

The Ally club, under the management of Mrs. J. A. Viney, will give a patriotic drill and barbecue at the St. James A. M. E. church Friday evening.

Mrs. Hazel Wallace of Springfield, Ill., is visiting here with her mother-in-law Mrs. George Wallace.

James Turner and sister Mrs. James Sleet left Monday for Detroit, Michigan, for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Etta Simms has been confined in bed for the past week with a severe spell of sickness.

Ray Earlye of Camp Dodge is here on furlough visiting his father.

Mrs. Lillian Abel left Saturday for Springfield, from where she will visit in the east.

Miss Leona Taylor of Canton, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Newsome.

The Calvary Baptist church gave an excellent cantata and Xmas tree at the church Monday evening.

Rev. J. A. Viney had a Lord Xmas tree at the St. James A. M. E. church Sabbath, while money for the winter coal was raised, each gift being placed on an Xmas tree.

The Silver Spray Temple of S. M. T. held their election of officers at their last meeting.

Robert Brown of Rock Island was here Tuesday.

NEGRO SOLDIERS' "Y" OPENS.

The Y. M. C. A. for Negro soldiers located at Tenth and Park streets was formally opened Tuesday afternoon by State Secretary W. M. Parsons, who, on behalf of the state organization, turned over the building and equipment to Atty. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the local executive committee.

A large crowd of both soldiers and citizens was present during the afternoon to view the splendidly appointed rooms and to listen to the program of speeches and music.

Owing to the absence of the newly appointed secretary, who has not yet arrived in the city, S. Joe Brown presided. The principal addresses were given by Mr. Parsons, who spoke on the subject, "A Good Thing, a Good Place to Go, and a Good Purpose," and by Chaplain Allen O. Newman of the Three Hundred Sixty-sixth infantry, who spoke on "Opportunity."

Miss Mary Allen McCree and Clyde LeRoy Glass gave instrumental numbers. The Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor of Corinthian Baptist church, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Mr. Burling of Greenwood Congregational church the benediction.

The Y. M. C. A. will be under the direct supervision of the state Y. M. C. A. officials. Capt. George A. Holland, Lieut. John W. Bundrant, Lieut. John Taylor and Chaplain A. O. Newman of the Three Hundred Sixty-sixth infantry and L. W. Tucker, general secretary of the Camp Dodge Y. M. C. A., representing Camp Dodge, and S. Joe Brown, E. S. Morgan, A. M. White, J. B. Rush, Rev. G. W. Robinson, John L. Thompson, Rev. S. L. Hart, W. H. McCree, Harrison Gosh and Albert R. Hall, Des Moines men, who will act as advisory committee, will have charge of the work.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Lieut. J. W. Bundrant will be the principal speaker at the Y. exercises. All soldiers are cordially invited.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.

Miss Vesta Walker, a student at Ames college, returned home Thursday, December 20th, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shores.

Sunbeam Household of Ruth, No. 4961, G. U. of O. F., held its election Monday, December 17th, at the Masonic hall. The following officers were elected: M. N. G., Mrs. E. Wilkinson; P. M. N. G., Mrs. M. Askew; R. N. G., Mrs. C. Gordon; N. G., Mrs. E. Walker; W. R., Mrs. C. M. Harrison; W. Treas., Mrs. K. Askew; W. C., Mrs. A. Roberts; W. P., Miss L. Askew; trust keeper, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. C. Gordon and Mrs. C. Roberts.

The installation of officers and initiation of two candidates will be held Tuesday, January 8, 1908.

Mrs. A. Perry has departed for Kansas City to visit relatives.

Mr. D. C. Gordon is able to be up and about at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Walter Williams entertained at dinner Saturday evening, December 22 for Mr. Jos. Norris and son and Mr. John Norris and family.

Harmony chapter, No. 22, O. E. S., held its election. The following officers were elected: Mrs. I. Sturgis, W. M.; Dr. J. Norris, W. P.; Miss L. Askew, A. M.; T. H. Sturgis, secretary; Mrs. E. Wright, treasurer; Mrs. A. Norris, conductress; Mrs. A. M. Askew, A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris entertained at dinner Xmas day Rev. E. R. Edwards and family.

Mrs. M. Dickerson of Des Moines is in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. F. W. Roberts.

The Progressive club of Malone chapel will meet at the residence of Mr. D. Jackson, 819 Market street, Thursday, December 27th. The club is finishing its arrangements for the drama, "Out in the Streets," which will be presented Tuesday, January 1st. Come one, come all, for this is anticipated to be the big event of the season. Admission, 10 cents.

Anyone having news for the Bystander please call Bell 2140 M.

The Art of Kissing.

Don't kiss all over, as grasshoppers walk. Don't sit down to it. Stand up. You needn't be anxious to get into a crowd. Two persons are plenty to corner and catch a kiss. Stand firm. It won't hurt you after you're used to it. Don't be in a hurry. Providence will give you strength for the ordeal. Take good aim—the lips meet, the eyes close, the heart opens, heaven itself opens before you, and the art of kissing is learned.—Exchange.



The above picture is a group of 5,000,000 Negro citizens Today we have 10,000,000 Negro citizens and after this great war the right of franchise will be extended to the Negro citizens in the south. They will not a single representative in either branch of our congress. We hope that again have colored men in congress.

TO IOWA CLUB WOMEN.

Greetings: It is said that opportunity knocks but once and the year 1918 finds it knocking at the door of the colored woman.

The government is calling on you to help win this great war and write your name on our nation's escutcheon.

Already the color of the skin is being forgotten and your president has received numerous letters and circulars from national leaders, urging our women to co-operate with the government in its efforts to win the war.

Now is the time for every church club or society of what-not "to rally round the flag."

We are fighting for a new day and it is coming.

Dear club sister, I beg of you be diligent in food conservation, practice it in your homes, in the homes where you work, talk it in your clubs and to your neighbors.

Report the amount of food that your club canned to Mrs. Ada White, Buxton, Iowa.

Be loyal to the Red Cross in all its activities—it means comfort in the trenches for our loved ones.

Report every Red Cross button bought by our race, amount of knitting and every Liberty bond to Mrs. Martha White, second vice president, Boston street, Indianapolis.

She will gather this data for us.

Since this work is under the direct supervision of the government and will be recorded as the part we played in the history of America in war, we should regard it as a patriotic duty.

Every Negro soldier in the trenches or camp, every Red Cross button, every Liberty bond, every bit of fuel and food conserved is doing "our bit" and shows to the world that we are American citizens worthy of justice and protection.

The program committee for 1918: Mrs. Lelia Crawford 514 Kruger street Ottumwa; Miss Jewett Lewis, Albia. Mrs. Archie Alexander, Des Moines. Suggestions for the program are very welcome.

Mrs. Lulu Horne, Cedar Rapids, has been appointed chairman of the suffrage department.

Mrs. Helena Downey,
Pres. I. F. C. W. C.

A BLACK DECATUR SPEAKS.

I boast no vaunted name,
No proud ancestral claim,
Nor yet long years of fame;
Let record tell
Who dare full truth to know
Of San Juan, Mexico,
Where black men faced the foe,
And fighting fell.

The burden of this song;
My country, right or wrong,
My faith in her is strong,
Defend the right,
Tho' stake and torch and tree,
Where'er I turn I see;
Torn France presents to me
A ghastly sight:

A mad, war-frenzied world,
The Stars and Stripes unfurled,
Against her foemen hurled—
Black men a-stand;
Nor have exemption claimed,
Their country's honor aimed,
Race wrongs be now unblamed,
Defend our land.

Down with autocracy,
Destroy monarchy,
Enthroned democracy
Across the sea,
There, freedom born anew,
'Neath skies of lurid blue,
May make, for me and you,
America free!

Telephone Traffic in Peace and War

Purchase of army supplies, the mobilization of troops and the gigantic war preparations have necessitated an unusually large number of local and long distance telephone calls.

We are handling 30 per cent more long distance calls than we did before the war began, and heavy demands have been made upon us by the government for telephone equipment and for trained men for the army signal corps.

In this time of the nation's greatest need you can help us "do our bit" for the government by asking only for such equipment as you must have and by making only such local or long distance calls as are absolutely necessary.

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