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By Gus Durdan, Des Moines, Iowa
Son's Diary.

SERIES 10.

Jim Crow—Jim Crow—Jim Crow. And why? Is it because the south of today desires it? Or is it just a relic of the old south, one of the many conventions to which the new south is slave? It cannot be the former, or if it is, there cannot be any inconsistencies as these that I daily come in contact with.

It is against the state law for whites and Negroes to ride together in the street cars. Jitney busses are a new thing in these parts. The statutes have not as yet reached them, so the whites think nothing of sitting on the laps of Negroes. How strange it is that their conscience does not hinder them from doing this. And even on street cars the conductors must continually call the attention of the passengers to the fact that Negroes and whites must not mingle. There is a dormitory here, where white and colored sleep together, yet with the coming of every sun they must go to separate places to prepare their toilets.

Colored and white even make an attempt at socializing here. There is a white sergeant here who continually insists upon socializing with me. Every morning he comes over and sings to my accompaniment at the piano. Often I go out in town with him. Sometimes we go to the theater; at others we go over to Norfolk or visit some of the historical spots in this vicinity.

In this camp there are two Y. M. C. A. buildings, one for colored and one for white. There is the best of treatment accorded the members of the races when they intermingle at these. Often the talent of the two give a program together. Last evening I was down and gave a reading of several of Dunbar's poems, all of which were highly appreciated by the white boys. They are simply wild about Mr. Dunbar's works, so to speak.

One day last week I had occasion to be among three white ladies, teachers in schools in these parts, from whom I learned some valuable information concerning the new south. As you might know, we were discussing the race issues, during the course of which one said, My dear sir, there is no longer any such thing as a race question. It is now a question of humanity." Another added that the new south would be just as fair to the Negro as the north is, were it not for the laws and traditions of reconstruction times. "We believe in your people, we know them to be our equals, but we are handicapped by the laws and customs of our fathers. We are to be sympathized with rather than to be criticized. We are too weak to stand up for what we know to be right. If we come out boldly, we are called Nigger lovers by the poorer

class, and soon we lose our influence and social position."

So it is with all the south. The better class of people hate the indignities that are heaped upon the Negroes, but are helpless against the great mob of poor whites.

But we must not lay all the blame for segregation upon the shoulders of the whites. The blacks are in a manner largely responsible for their plight. They very often segregate themselves. Instead of being men and standing up for their rights, too often they submit to things that even the most ardent admirer of old-time southern traditions do not require of them. Too many of them lack manliness and personal pride. They care very little for themselves and less for anyone else. I have seen much of men not having proper respect for the ladies of their race. How, then, can they command for them respect for others, when they themselves fail to give it? Colored men of the south, who aspire to being called gentlemen, are very lax about little courteous acts, as giving their seat in a street car to a lady, or failing to beg pardon when they trample on the feet of a fellow passenger. Too often they are coarse and boisterous to the disgust of persons within the sound of their voices.

I have seen so many coarse men of my race since I have been here that I have often stopped and asked myself, Are we equal to the average white man? Some of us are and some of us are not. But, shall the possibilities which are within us be denied their humane right of asserting themselves, when given the chance? No longer can we sit idly by and criticize the south, but, instead, we must help the south to solve the problem of humanity. We need no longer pine to go to the far-away lands of China and Africa to do missionary work. There is plenty of work to be done here in the southland. Let us not forget that "Charity begins at home."

(To be continued.)

PROGRAM OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF IOWA FEDERATION COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS.

I give my head, my heart
And my hands to God and my country,
One country, one language,
And one flag.

At Union Congregational church,
Des Moines, Iowa, May 27th to 29th, 1918.

Motto, "Sowing Seeds of Kindness."
Colors, Blue and White.

Monday, 3 p. m.

Meeting of officers of Iowa Federation.
Report of program committee.

Evening Session.

Citizens' night.

Music, America.

Invocation, Rev. Robinson of Baptist church.

Chorus, M. C. T. club.

Welcome on behalf of the city, Mayor Fairweather.

Original poem, Miss Margaret Roberts.

Welcome on behalf of churches,
Rev. H. E. King, Congregational church.

Piano solo, Mary Ellen McCree.

Welcome on behalf of clubs, Mrs. J. L. Thompson.

Selection, Female quartet.

Response to welcome, Mrs. Minola Belle, Burlington.

Star Spangled Banner.

Presentation of service flag, Mrs. J. B. Rush, honorary president of Iowa Federation.

Acceptance, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, regimental mother of 366th infantry and honorary president Iowa Federation.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning," solo with audience singing the chorus.

Announcements.

Benediction, Rev. S. L. Birt.

Red Cross collection.

Tuesday Morning, May 29.

Fifteen minutes devotion, Chaplain Mrs. Redd, Washington, Iowa.

Song, America.

Salute the flag, led by Miss Harriet Alexander.

Report of credential committee, Mrs. Harry Allan chairman.

Minutes of board meeting.

Report of state officers.

Announcement of committees.

Report of clubs.

Music.

Tribute, in memory of Gertrude D. Culbertson, third honorary president of Iowa Federation, by Mrs. C. B. Lewis, fourth honorary president of Iowa Federation.

Recitation, Mrs. Walter Burns of Hocking, Iowa.

Congress of Club Presidents two minutes talk.

(a) The Ideal Club Woman.

(b) The Ideal Club President.

(c) The Ideal State President.

(d) The Ideal Federation.

Afternoon Session—Historical Bldg.

Song, America.

Salute the flag, led by Miss Alberta Robinson.

Invocation.

Minutes of morning session.

Report of state committees

Liberty Loan, Mrs. Martha White, Indianola, Iowa.

Food Conservation, Mrs. Lula Horne, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Household Economics, Mrs. Ada White, Buxton, Iowa.

Address, Mrs. Francis E. Whitley, state chairman of National Council of Defense.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Delza Hammitt.

Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Daisy E. Jones, Buxton, Iowa.

Civics Committee, Miss Margaret Roberts, Des Moines.

Suffrage, Mrs. Ada Mills, Buxton, Iowa.

Music, Mrs. C. B. Woods, Des Moines.

Paper, "The Sorrow Songs," Miss Margaret Davis, Ottumwa.

Evening Session.

Patriotic music.

Invocation.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Piano selection, Mr. Clyde Leroy Glass, Des Moines.

Annual address of the Iowa state president, Mrs. Helena Downey.

Selection, Mixed quartet, Mesdames V. L. Jones, Pearl Thompson, Delza Hammitt and Hopkins.

Original verse, C. Bertram Johnson, Kirksville, Mo.

Report of chairman of education, Mrs. Rosa Carter, Buxton.

Collection for scholarship fund.

Announcements.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Fifteen minutes devotion.

Salute of flag, led by Miss Marie Williams, Cedar Rapids.

Minutes of previous session.

Parliamentary drill by Mrs. Belle Watkins, parliamentarian.

Club reports.

Reports of committees continued.

Health, Mrs. Gus Nichols, Des Moines.

Temperance, Mrs. Alice McDowell, Des Moines.

Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Des Moines.

Instrumental solo, Mrs. Roper, Hocking.

Reading, Miss Susie Lee, Des Moines.

Necrology roll.

Afternoon Session.

Music.

Invocation.

Minutes of previous session.

Election of officers.

Report of chairman of young women, Mrs. Marie Williams, Cedar Rapids.

Solo, "Jean," by Harry T. Burleigh, Mrs. Coleen Alexander-Jones.

Paper, "The Girl and the Man in Uniform," Mrs. Eliza Redd, Washington, Iowa.

Report of social service chairman, Mrs. George C. Young, Des Moines.

Round table.

(a) My method and success attendant thereto in developing my neighborhood.

(b) The spirit of universal brotherhood.

(c) Community interest.

Solo, Mrs. Oscar Roper, Hocking.

Evening Session.

Music.

Invocation.

Reading of minutes of previous session.

Demonstration of patriotic music, Mrs. C. B. Wood.

Solo, Mrs. McGee, Cedar Rapids.

Address, Atty. Geo. H. Woodson, Buxton.

Male quartet.

Report of statistician, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes.

Piano solo, Miss Mildred Griffin, Des Moines.

Installation of officers, by Miss Jessie Walker, honorary president of Iowa Federation.

Adjournment.

For Bilious Troubles.

To promote a healthy action of the liver and correct the disorders caused by biliousness, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Try them and see how quickly they give you a relish for your food and banish that dull and stupid feeling.

CLINTON, IOWA.

The Friendly Volunteer club, a recently organized society, gave a supper at Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday night. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather a good crowd was present and a good sum realized for the pastor.

Art Williams, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, left some days ago for Camp Grant, where he has taken up the duties of a cook. Recent advices from him report that he is pleased with his occupation.

Mrs. Scott Robinson expects to leave in a few days for Jacksonville, Ill. to visit a sister, who is quite sick.

A number of our people have been on the sick list, but are fortunately some better.

Recent advices to relatives here are that Howard Mitchell, son of Mrs. Ida

Mitchell of Fulton, Ill., is ill in the hospital at the army camp at Fort Riley, Kas.

Geo. W. Slater, Sr., of California is a guest at the home of his son, Geo., Jr., on Harrison street. He expects to remain indefinitely.

Some of our homes have been saddened and then sorrowed during the past week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Carter, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Judon, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilder, a son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Siegel Wilder. Unfortunately none survive but the infant son of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder. The parents have the sympathies of their friends.

Mrs. Anna Anthony, who has been at Mercy hospital for the past two weeks for treatment, is reported as improving.

Henry Henderson, an employe at Camp Grant, visited recently with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Culbertson are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Saturday.

Mr. C. C. Johnson of Des Moines was a welcome caller on the Bystander correspondent while in the city.

Ike Robinson is reported as being confined to his home by illness.

Arrangements are under way for the trustee rally Sunday, May 5th.

The following ladies are solicitors: Mrs. Susie Robinson, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. May Thompson, Mrs. M. J. Holliday, Mrs. Althea Stewart and Mrs. E. S. Heron. Three services will be held that day. In the evening a program will be rendered by the choir and others.

Mrs. J. W. Porter is out again, after a protracted illness.

Mr. C. C. Johnson, grand custodian of Iowa of A. F. & A. M., paid his annual visit to McNeil lodge Tuesday evening.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Steps are being taken by the A. M. E. trustee board to remodel the parsonage.

Sergt. Bob Morris of Camp Dodge and wife of Des Moines were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Allen.

Rev. O. E. Smith of Evans was in Centerville last week assisting Rev. M. Carrington in a series of meetings.

Mrs. Robt. Franklin is a patient in the Abbott hospital. She submitted to an operation.

Mrs. Mollie Ringo is suffering this week with her throat.

Mrs. Noah Kinbrough is able to be around without the aid of a cane. Mr. Kinbrough is very poorly at this time.

Mrs. Jesse Jones, who has a fractured leg, is getting along nicely.

Miss Stella Ringo is suffering with the la grippe.

The Henry Allen family all have been sufferers of the la grippe.

The Shorter A. M. E. Sunday school elected their delegate Sunday to the district convention, which meets in June in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Florence Allen will represent the school.

Winston Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coleman, is getting along nicely with the mumps.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Mr. Anderson March was born at Alabama on August 22, 1870, and passed away at his home, 729 H street West, April 15th, 1918, at ten o'clock p. m. He was 47 years, 7 months and 21 days old. He professed a hope in Christ at Litchfield, Kansas, and was united to the Baptist church there. He was also a watch care member of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Buxton, Iowa. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, Mrs. Emma March, two daughters, Susie March of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Mabel Robinson of Hocking, Iowa; one granddaughter, Alberta Robinson of Hocking, and other relatives and a host of friends.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends and clubs who aided us in the time of the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. And for the beautiful floral offering.—Mrs. Emma March, Mrs. Mabel Robinson.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson and daughter, Alberta and Evelyn, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Emma March.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Meeting is still going on at the Second Baptist church and we are having splendid meetings and good success and ten have been added so far to the church. We feel that much good is being done in Centerville in this meeting.

The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are progressing nicely.

Bro. LeRoy Hicks is able to be out again, after returning home from Minneapolis very sick.

Deacon Wm. Noah had the misfortune to stick a pin in his knee while mining Monday. It is giving him quite a little pain.

Our janitor, Sister Hannah Oliver, who has been seriously ill, is reported

better at this writing.

Master Mark Carrington is also reported some better.

We learn that Mrs. E. Smith on N. Sixth street is expected to leave for Minneapolis soon to make her future home. We are sorry to see Sister Smith leave.

Mr. James Price returned to her home in Clinton, Iowa after being called here by the death of his brother, Mr. Marshall Price. And Mrs. J. Price stayed here for an indefinite time.

Bro. P. Jeter was out trying his new car that he purchased recently.

Mr. E. F. Brown was visiting relatives and friends in Centerville en route to Chillicothe, Mo.

A Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our many friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness to our loving son and brother, Mr. Marshall Price, and we want to thank the Rev. M. Carrington and Rev. Woods for the beautiful expression they made about him. We also thank the many friends for their beautiful floral offering they sent in remembrance of him.—Mr. Payne, Benevolent society, Mr. and Mrs. Beer, Law Bros., Mr. and Mrs. G. Pratkan, George Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bradley, Miss E. Tillmont, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Jim Bradley, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden and family and many others we haven't space to mention. Respectfully, Mrs. Lizzie D. Price and family.

Anyone wishing the Bystander notify Mrs. A. L. Crittenden at 206 S. Eighteenth street.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

The drafted boys are doing good with their drilling. They seem to take quite an interest.

Six of our boys are going to leave soon for Camp Grant.

The reception held Wednesday, April 17th, at the Masonic hall in honor of the soldiers was well attended.

The first spring party given Thursday April 18th, by the Lend-a-Hand club was a success.

Mrs. J. Slaughter was taken to the hospital Saturday and underwent an operation Monday morning.

Mrs. A. Critz is doing fine at this writing who has been sick for some time.

Miss Glee Stoner Mrs. R. Jackson, Mrs. L. Stewart, Mrs. M. Travis, Mrs. A. Ivy, Mrs. Officer, Mr. W. Morrison and Mrs. Davis are all on the sick list.

The ladies of the Progressive Art club met Wednesday afternoon, April 17th, at the home of Mrs. A. Ivy. After business a program was rendered, after which the hostess served a repast.

The banquet in honor of Rev. Saunders will be May 2d at the McKinley Baptist church. Rev. Saunders has given up his charge here and is going to Des Moines for the future.

The stewardess of the A. M. E. church had a very nice program Sunday evening and did good in their collection for the day.

Rev. Gibson gave a lecture at the Baptist church Monday evening. He is from Bloomington, Ill.

Please don't forget the date of the calendar tea at the Masonic hall. The date is May 23. Bear that in mind.

Mr. E. Carter called to see some of his friends Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Morton had quite a visit with Mrs. Mary Pearson on Sunday.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.

Little Blanche Hubbard is suffering with appendicitis.

Mr. John Williams is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Vesta Walker has returned from Ames, Iowa, where she has been attending school, the school term having closed.

Mrs. Edward Askew died Saturday morning, April 20, at the St. Joseph hospital, following an operation. Her death was a very sad shock to her relatives and friends. Mrs. Askew was born in Washington, D. C., August 17, 1869. She had been a resident of Sioux City for many years and was a prominent member of the Mt. Zion Baptist church. She was also widely known in secret organizations, being at the time of her death D. G. W. R. of the grand lodge, H. H. of Ruth. She was also P. M. N. G. of Sunbeam H. H. of Ruth, No. 4961. She was a charter member of Harmony chapter, No. 22, O. E. S. She was a talented singer. Besides her husband she is survived by a number of relatives and a great many friends. The funeral was held Tuesday, April 23, from the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. Toomey the pastor, officiated, while the H. H. of Ruth and Eastern Star lodges also assisted in the services. Burial was made in Logan Park cemetery.

Mrs. Carrie Law, G. M. N. G. of the district grand lodge, No. 22, H. H. of Ruth of Iowa, arrived in the city Monday, April 22, to attend the funeral of

Mrs. Edward Askew.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stubblefield on Wednesday, April 7th.

Miss Parlee Harris of Lexington, Mo., and Mr. Dewey Jackson were married at the home of the latter on Wednesday evening, April 10th, by Rev. Toomey. Mr. Jackson is a very popular young man and we wish them a happy voyage on the matrimonial sea.

A number of friends gave a linen shower Friday evening, April 19th, for Mr. and Mrs. D. Jackson.

Mrs. A. Lee has been ill.

That patriotism is booming in every heart was evidenced Friday, April 19, when a number of our colored women, members of the Mary Church Terrell Red Cross auxiliary, marched in the Liberty Loan pageant along with the local Red Cross of this city. It did our hearts good to know that the work these noble women are doing is being appreciated by the most prominent white people of this city and that no color line was drawn so far as the Red Cross was concerned.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors, Eastern Star and H. H. of Ruth for their sympathy and assistance during the death of our beloved wife, sister-in-law and aunt, also for the beautiful floral designs.—Signed, Mr. Edward Askew, husband; Mr. and Mrs. M. Askew, Miss Laura Askew, Mrs. M. Smith, Mr. James Askew, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill and Miss Helen Dowdy.

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