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ELEVENTH BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN AT DENVER, COLORADO

The most enthusiastic session of the National Association of Colored Women was held at Shorter A. M. E. church, Denver, Colo., July 8-13. Some of the leading women of the country were present.

Weighty and important questions affecting the state of the country were discussed by such noted women as Mrs. Mary B. Tolbert, Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Ala., Mrs. E. L. Davis, Chicago; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Wilberforce, O., and Miss E. C. Carter, New Bedford, Mass.

Nearly all the states of the union were represented by delegates. Mme. C. J. Walker gave an able address on "The Beauty of Hair." Dr. Mary Waring of Chicago gave an excellent address in the interest of the Red Cross. The meeting was opened by a drill of Red Cross workers.

Mrs. J. B. Rush, Vice President of the Northwestern Federation and Chairman of Press Department N. A. C. W., presided at the conference on Social Work, one of the sectional meetings of the national gathering, and in her usual way made an interesting talk on the social work in Iowa. Able addresses were delivered by Miss Mary White Ovington, N. Y., on "Child Delinquency"; Mrs. C. R. M. C. Dowd, Hannibal, Mo., on "Rescue and Reform"; Mrs. E. L. Davis, Chicago, on "The Local Community"; and Mrs. Minnie E. Scott, Columbus, O., on "The Civic Department." Mrs. M. F. Cook, Kansas City, Mo., read a paper "Experience of a Policewoman and City Detective," written by Mrs. Mary Coakley, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa, gave her report of the Social Science Department.

Mrs. Lizzie Fouse, Lexington, Ky., presided at the "family conference." "The Broken Family, Their Causes and Remedies" was discussed by leading women of the country. Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Frankfort, Ky., reported on "Rural Conditions and Work in the South." Conference on Suffrage and Temperance, Business, Health and Hygiene, Religion and Charity, and Council of Administrative Department.

This is the first meeting where we have had so many prominent citizens of the other race in attendance.

A reception was given by the National Service League at the Thrift House, where the conservation work was carried on. We were also guests of the Social Science Department of the Denver Women's Club at their club rooms Monday p. m. The speakers were Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey-Davis and Mrs.

Fanny Turner of Chicago. Some of the subjects discussed were mob violence, lynching and child welfare.

One of the most important resolutions endorsed was the Intensive Course in Federal Military Training at the government's expense, for both boys and girls, preferably before the voting age.

Fed. Douglass Memorial Night. The Douglass Memorial night drew the largest attendance of the convention. Mrs. Mary B. Talbert having lifted the mortgage of the Douglass Home, valued at \$65,000, was received with acclamation.

The report of the Douglass Memorial Fund was read by Mrs. J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn. Roll of Honor, by Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, Iowa. The main feature of the evening was the burning of the mortgage by Mme. C. J. Walker.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert accepted an invitation to select a delegation of women who should accompany her to visit the governor of Colorado.

State and club reports showed much work accomplished along many lines of uplift and advancement.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

President, Mary B. Talbert, N. Y.; Vice President at Large, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, O.; Chairman of Ex. Board, Miss Gorgia Nugent, Ky.; Cor. Sec., Miss Robert Dunbar, R. I.; 1st Rec. Sec., Mrs. C. H. Brown, N. C.; 2nd Rec. Sec., Mrs. Alice Webb, Colorado; 3rd Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. Macon, Chicago; Organizer, Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Pa.; Treas., Mrs. C. R. M. C. Dowd, Mo.; Auditor, Mrs. J. C. Napier, Tenn.; Ch. Ways and Means, Mrs. Dett, N. Y.; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Minnie Scott, O.; Statistician, Mrs. Mapps, Wash.; Chaplain, Mrs. Dorcas Watson, Colo.; Ch. of Printing, Mrs. M. E. Steward, Ky.; Editor-in-Chief, Mrs. Booker T. Washington; Ch. of Legislation and Law, Mrs. J. B. Rush, Iowa.

Eleven trustees for Douglass Home were elected. Mrs. Mary B. Talbert was selected as a life member of the Trustee Board. Other trustees were Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Miss E. C. Carter, Mrs. J. C. Napier, Mrs. J. Horton, Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Dr. A. Grimpy, Mrs. Addie Dickerson, Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

The following delegates went from Iowa: Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Mrs. S. White, Mrs. A. Alexander, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Mrs. Gus Nickols, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, and Mrs. J. B. Rush.

The next meeting, 1920, will be at Tuskegee Institute Silver Jubilee.

LIST OF OUR DRAFTED HOME BOYS WHO ENTERED CAMP DODGE JULY 16.

DIVISION NO. ONE.

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DIVISION NO. FOUR.

Elroy E. Hogsette, Albert J. O. Moore, Bruce Baker, Joseph C. Mitchell, Festus T. Stone, Lucius Ashby, Joseph E. Coates.

The Mary Church Terrell Club met Monday evening with Mrs. Jessie Davis. A very interesting evening was spent. Will meet next week with Miss Gertrude Hyde. Light refreshments were served.

MASON CITY, IOWA.

Mason City gave ten more of her colored boys to Uncle Sam today.

The men who had to leave were George Washington Edwards, Eldist Stormy Walds, Orrison Tiffin, Johnie White, Glenn Slaughter, Willie Baker, Will Gardner, Pete Haynes, George Hudson, Ernest Penny.

The Colored Acme Band marched the boys to the depot.

A large crowd both colored and white were there to give them presents and send them off in good spirits.

On July 8 a banquet was given in honor of the boys who had to go to



Mrs. Gertrude E. Durden-Rush, Chairman of the Department of Law and Legislation of the National Association of Colored Women.

As head of this department, Mrs. Rush will have charge of all the legal work of the National Association of Colored Women and of the Douglass

Home at Anacosta, D. C. It will be her business to be on the alert for all legislation wherein the Negro is affected as a race and to ward off or encourage the same as the case may be. Des Moines is very proud of this high honor bestowed upon one so deserving of this honor as Mrs. Rush.

Camp Dodge. There was also a dance given in their honor and the proceeds were given them.

Messrs. John D. Reeler and Virgil Warren have returned from Council Bluffs where they attended Grand Lodge of the Masons.

Mrs. Harry Mitchell has returned from Des Moines where she had been staying with her husband, Corporal Harry Mitchell, who is now somewhere in France.

Mrs. Bernice Eaton is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Sr. Mrs. Eaton for the past year has been in Omaha, Neb., where she has been playing and singing. She is recognized as one of the best piano players in the Middle West.

Mrs. Fred Wright has friends, "Miss Jessie Walker and Mrs. Mattie Walker Lemmon, manufacturers of ladies hair restorer and hair goods, noted for her great charitable work among the colored people in all parts of the country," is visiting her. Mrs. Mattie Walker Lemmon lives in New York. She has given \$10,000 to army funds.

Mrs. Wm. Baker is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Sr.

Mrs. Susie Cull is here from Springfield, Ill., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ewing.

IOWA MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

The 31st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. opened its regular communication in the hall of Twin City Lodge in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 9:45 A. M. with all of the elective Grand Officers present and most of the appointed officers. A lodge of Master Masons was opened, after which a grand lodge was set up. Then the Grand Master appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Geo. L. Suter of Marshalltown, J. A. Wilson of Des Moines, S. F. Johnson of Keokuk.

On Dispensations and Charter—W. P. Wade of Omaha, Nebr., C. C. Gilmore of Marshalltown, V. Warren of Mason City.

On Grand Master Address—A. G. Clark of Oskaloosa, I. L. Brown of Marshalltown, R. S. Taylor of Davenport.

On Appeals and Grievances—John L. Thompson of Des Moines, John A. Spencer of Grinnell, F. L. Barnett of Omaha, W. P. Wade of Omaha, A. Stewart of Council Bluffs.

On Jurisprudence—S. Joe Brown of Des Moines; John L. Thompson of Des Moines; W. H. Milligan of Cedar Rapids, I. L. Brown of Marshalltown, John D. Reeler of Mason City.

On Returns—L. D. Lowery of Cedar Rapids, C. C. Dickenson of Omaha, Neb., O. South of Davenport.

On Fraternal Dead—C. B. Woods of Des Moines, S. A. Watkins of Sioux City.

Auditing—H. E. Williams of Ottumwa, Geo. L. Suter of Marshalltown, Official Press Reporter—A. G. Clark of Oskaloosa.

Introduction Committee—H. Warner of Mason City, A. Stewart of Council Bluffs, C. Steppe of Ft. Dodge.

The balance of the day was taken up in reports of the Grand Master and all the other officers. In the evening at the A. M. E. church the public reception was extended. Those appearing was a select choir of Master Masons from Omaha, Nebr., Lodge. The welcome address that was to have been by the mayor was delivered by Attorney Tinsley. Mr. A. Stewart welcomed us here on behalf of the Twin City Lodge. Response by Hon. Geo. H. Woodson. Attorney A. G. Clark of Oskaloosa presided. Solo by Mrs. Hazel Turner. Remarks by Grand Master Gross. Wednesday was taken up in receiving the various reports and making new laws. In the evening a Lodge of Sorrow was held at the Baptist church. A Lodge

Tuskegee Representative Brought Message.

C. B. Hosmer, field secretary of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama, was in the city, and was a very interesting speaker.—Fort Dodge Messenger.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

Color of Skin is Forgotten and All Ottumwa Honor 28 Colored Boys Who Leave for Camp Dodge.

Aside from numerous receptions given by the colored people, the Commercial Association gave a luncheon Monday noon in the beautiful dining room of the Commercial Club. The tables were decorated and flags and flowers and the colored selectives with the ministers of the city and directors of the Association, dined together.

Two hours before time to go hundreds of citizens gathered at the city park to bid farewell to the boys.

The First Cavalry band gave a concert, playing a number of patriotic airs. The boys were lined up and their pictures taken, then preceded by the band and a large contingent of the G. A. R. they marched to the station, followed by citizens walking and in autos. Business was suspended in many places and flags hung from every window.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

John L. Thompson.

In Cedar Rapids, the Parlor City, we found about 1,000 colored people of which number 29 have been called in the last draft to be sent to Camp Dodge on the 16th. The reason why they are sending so many is that there were more drawn in the first draft from this city because Lynn County had already exceeded her quota. Within the last few years more than 500 colored people have come into this city. Many are working in the large oat meal factories, packing house and other large enterprises in this city. Cedar Rapids is a beautiful city of about fifty thousand population. There are two colored churches, the A. M. E. and Baptist. The former pastored by an old friend, Rev. J. P. Sims, the latter by Rev. Crushon, and they both have good attendance and their churches are keeping abreast with the changed conditions of our country. In fact, the people of Cedar Rapids are keenly alive to the great war and are doing their part to help carry on the same. The secret societies here are flourishing. The Masons own their ground and contemplate erecting a Temple. The K. of P's are doing well. Mr. W. H. Milligan still lives on his truck garden about a mile from the city. His fruit has been particularly good and plentiful this year. His bees are doing well, also his chickens. Rev. A. Ford still lives here and is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrison are at the same place. Mrs. Harrison is still our agent. They entertained Ye Editor at dinner while here. Mr. French Perkins is still here. T. K. Lowery is doing well. His brother, L. D. Lowery, is still in the U. S. mail service as carrier. Mr. A. W. Jones, 730 8th St. W., is in the grocery business and doing nicely. Mr. Rush is still working in the factory Mr. Harry Fields is working in one of the factories. One of his daughters, Miss Murle, taught last year in Piney Woods school, of which Prof. Laurence C. Jones is principal. She will return to take up the same work this fall. Mr. Field's only son is in the draft and is station at Camp Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gresham still live here and he is still on the road. They own a lovely home. Marshall Perkins, one of the Pioneer Restaurant men and one of the most successful negroes, who has been in the business here for many years, sold out. He has bought himself an auto. Mr. Thomas Jackson is still in the barber business. Mr. W. H. Lavelle has moved to 280 A Ave. W. Mr. John Blakley, formerly of Buxton, who has been ill for some time, is improving. Mrs. Ruth Steele, also of Buxton, has recently been married to Mr. Williams. Dr. W. H. Besheres, the dentist, has taken unto himself a wife, who was formerly Miss Helen Dameron of Des Moines. They are doing nicely. Mr. J. A. Baker and son have opened up a new barber shop, pool room and restaurant at 216 S. 1st St. E. He formerly lived in Des Moines and we hope for him success. Mr. O. J. Smith runs a rooming house and is doing well. Mr. Chas. Tolbert, formerly of Des Moines, is here, also Mr. Wm. Robinson. Both are doing well. Mr. G. W. Shipley, 816 7th Ave W. is doing nicely. J. B. Nelson is still running his barber shop and doing well. He is a race man. As we have a regular agent in this town we will chronicle the news each week.

Our next stop was in Iowa City where once was located the Iowa State Capitol. Here is located our large State University with its many beautiful buildings. There are about 15 colored girls and boys attending this University in the various departments. Mr. J. W. Thompson, a former graduate of this University, is still working at one of the large college flats. Mrs. H. B. Moore is still running her hair dressing parlor and is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Duncanson are running a rooming house. Mr. H. H. Alberts is a successful contractor and is kept busy. He is an active race man. Mr. Oscar Knight is doing well. There is only one colored

church here, the A. M. E. I do not recall the name of the local pastor. At this time the church is not doing so well because the students are the life and support of it. They being away on their vacations, hence things are rather quiet.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Joe Robinson and daughter, Alberta Robinson, of Hoeking, passed through Albia enroute to Ottumwa on Monday, looking after her hair dressing business.

The following persons were in attendance at the Harris and King nuptial on Sunday, July 6th. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Douden, Mr. and Mrs. Moss Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington, Mrs. W. M. King and son, Lawrence, Mrs. Jas. W. Godly.

Mr. John E. Lewis, who has been visiting at the parental B. T. Lewis home, has left for St. Louis to visit relatives before leaving for Madison, Wis.

Mr. Thomas Davis of Ottumwa passed through Albia Saturday enroute to his home.

Miss Sadie Lewis visited over Sunday in Moulton with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldist Walls of Mason City arrived in Albia Monday at the home of Mrs. Wall's parents, B. T. Lewis and left Tuesday for Moulton for a visit with Mr. Wall's parents, before going to Des Moines to Camp Dodge, having been called to colors.

A quite wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. Mary Harris on Sunday afternoon when her daughter, Miss Edith, was united in marriage to Mr. C. King of Buxton.

Mr. Donald Thomas of Des Moines visited at his parental home before entering Camp Dodge in Des Moines.

The following invitation was given by the club of Hoeking to the Albia club for the entertainment of the two Hoeking boys to go to Camp Dodge: "Your club is cordially invited to attend the banquet given at Miner Hall in Hoeking Town, Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Pres., Mrs. Oscar Roper, Sec., Mrs. Mable Robinson." A number of Albians attended.

Miss Alberta Robinson was an over Sunday visitor in Chariton Sunday.

Miss Nettie Finks, and Mr. Luke Moseley Lewis of Hiteman were Sunday visitors in Albia.

Mrs. Nora Grayson of Hiteman spent the week at the Henry Jones home.

Those from Hoeking in Albia this week are following: Madam Burns Robinson, Miss Albert Robinson, Oscar Roper and sister, Mrs. McCaryan of eds Moines, Mr. Joe Edmund and LeRoy Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Thomas entertained Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Thomas' son, Mr. Donald Thomas of Des Moines, before he leaves to enter service at Camp Dodge.

A number have been on the sick list for the past few weeks.

Little Maugrett Estes of Des Moines is visiting at her aunts, Mrs. Hattie Bennings.

Mrs. Bennings and children at Hoeking No. 3 Wednesday of this week.

Miss May F. Davis has been ill the past week.

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