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Tribute To The 92nd Division

The following poem in honor of the 92d Division, composed of colored men was written by Len Donaldson, a colored musician of Paris:

You've heard about the greatest war upon the land or sea, Of how our soldiers fought and died to bring us victory, Of how the idea fostered in a great satanic brain To plunge the world in battle just to serve his selfish gain. You've heard about poor Belgium and how she was betrayed By beings "scraps of paper," which the German lords had made. You've heard the stories of the war of Canada and that Brave bunch of heroes that she gave by name, "The Princess Pat." You know about the sturdy French, her soldiers tried and true, Of England's navy, who controls the ocean blue. You've heard of the Italian armies scattered left and right, And then how they redeemed themselves and put the Huns to flight. And now a word of Uncle Sam, the men who turned the tide, Who sent his men so thick and fast, the Huns' eyes opened wide. Just thirteen hundred thousand men he sent to yonder shore And said that's just a starter, we have twice as many more. And when the Kaiser saw this steady increased flow of men He quietly slipped away from home so that the war could end. The armistice is signed, the war is over now, I reckon, But I would like to say one word about the Ninety-second. This was a bunch of colored boys whom Uncle Sam did send Three thousand miles away from home, their country to defend. Good natured, laughing set of boys and who were to be placed In the front ranks to meet the hard trained soldiers face to face. Some of these boys a hundred miles from home had never been, And they were sent so far away to battle there with men. They were not tough or hardened like the German's crack brigade, For every man that's born on German soil's a soldier made. The Prussian Guards, the Crown Prince's crack and well trained regiment, Were what these laughing jolly boys to battle with were sent. But did they hesitate or stop? No—onward was their cry, They knew what they were sent for, they were there to do or die. Von Hindenburg, the Lord of War, Von Hindenburg the Great, Who boasted that he had a line no one could penetrate. This bunch of fighting boys went right on out across "No Man's Land," Right through Von Hindenburg's pet line; the Hun's retreat began. Let history record these facts in whipping out the Hun, A braver bunch than these boys, never did shoulder a gun. Now listen, have you ever heard or have you seen it beat, The Ninety-second colored boys, one inch did not retreat. Let others praise their heroes, and I think it's just and right, We'll praise the Ninety-second, there's no better in a fight. Now mark this on the record when the armistice was signed, This bunch of fighting colored boys was nearest to the Rhine. But then it's not so hard to see, it's plain as day I reckon, That all the Devils out of Hell could not stop the Ninety-second. By Len Donaldson, Paris, Mo.

OTTUMWA BRIEFS.

Last Week's News.

A very profitable day was spent Sunday at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, May 11. Rev. E. R. Edwards preached an instructive sermon in the morning on "Mother." The Sunday school and choirs of both Methodist and Second Baptist churches furnished music and literature in the afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Bailey, the noted tenor soloist of Ottumwa, assisted by Miss Etta Searcy formerly of Ottumwa, who is now attending Iowa Wesleyan College, gave a musical at the A. M. E. church at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening, May 8, 1919. They report splendid success.

Mr. Bailey was a graduate with the 1918 class of the Ottumwa high school. Soon after his graduation he was called to the colors of his country. He went to Howard University and took military training. While in school he took a very active part in glee club work. It was in this way that his talent was scattered among the white population. Since that time he has been called upon to sing for them in different towns and cities.

Miss Searcy was a graduate with the 1917 class of Ottumwa high school. She soon afterward went to I. N. C. in order to complete her education. Miss Searcy is among the best talented pianist found most anywhere and a very interesting orator. She delivered a very successful original oration on "The Negro and Larger Democracy." It dealt with the Negro problem and the issue of war. We feel sure that through co-operation and backing given these young people that success will be theirs. Ottumwa can say boldly that she is proud of them.

The Lyceum Literary Society held its first public meeting at the A. M. E. church Monday, May 12, 1919. The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the public with the object and to obtain more membership. This society is a newly organized club with Mr. L. A. Hall president. Several very enjoyable musical numbers were rendered. The audience was favored with a short spirited lecture by Corporal Curtis Williams, who has returned from overseas in the past few months. Addresses were given by the president, Mr. L. A. Hall, and the pastor of the church, Rev. E. R. Edwards. This is a very promising society. But let us ever keep before us that through unity there is strength. The following officers have been elected: Rev. E. R. Edwards, president ex-officio; Mr. L. A. Hall, president; Mrs. A. Bibb, vice president; Miss Lelah Downey, secretary; Mrs. H. Owens, treasurer; Miss Leonora Williams, chairman of program committee.

Mr. McKinley Weews was a visitor in Albion Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Milton arrived home Friday from Cedar Rapids. She brought with her her two grandchildren, little Dorothy and Dicky Warren, of Cedar Rapids.

The colored base ball team, the "Browns," went to Kirkville Sunday and played the white team, "The Kirkville Blues." From all reports the Kirkville team was left quite blue, the "Browns" winning with a victorious score of 24 to 9.

Mrs. Lutie Franklin is opening a hair dressing parlor at 101 N. Court street.

We are indeed sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. David Wilson, who died Tuesday morning at 2:15 o'clock at the Ottumwa hospital. Mrs. Wilson leaves a husband and ten children to mourn her death.

Miss Anna Curtis of Chariton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ruben Curtis, of Ottumwa. Miss Curtis is enroute to Chicago with Miss Cecelia Wagon.

Mrs. Holmer Ganaway of Ottumwa is visiting friends in Kansas City.

The Good Samaritan Club met at the home of Miss Alice Hicks Thursday. The evening was spent in music and literature, after which lunch was served.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Last Week's News.

Miss Edna Jones, after several weeks stay in Washington in the home of her sister, Mrs. Theodora Turner, and a week's visit in Ottumwa, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Wilson, arrived home Thursday accompanied by her nephew, Master Cedric Wilcox, whose stay is indefinite.

Mrs. Sallie Cowan is much improved.

The churches are holding regular meetings, well attended.

Mrs. Susan Allen has moved from the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Franklin, and now is pleasantly located in the home of her son, Henry Allen, and family.

Rev. J. D. Peterson passed through the city Monday enroute from Marshalltown to Washington, where he will visit in the home of his brother, Rev. F. J. Peterson. Rev. Peterson while in the city was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown. Rev. Peterson pastored here three years ago and it would have been a great pleasure to his many friends to have visited with him.

Esther Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., meet in regular session Tuesday night. Much business transacted. Initiation Tuesday night, May 20. Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown were guests in the chapter Tuesday night. Visitors always welcome. Cora Moon, W. M. Stella Ringo, Sec.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI BANQUET AT WILBERFORCE.

(Special to Bystander.)

The social history of Wilberforce University reached its zenith in the annual banquet of Delta Chapter of the national Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, at Emery Hall, Wilberforce, Ohio, Saturday evening. Wilberforce and its vicinity were treated to an affair which surpassed any social event which has ever graced the halls of the institution. It is the general consensus of opinion that the banquet was the most elaborate and unique event that Wilberforce has ever experienced. Everything was novel, from the method of decorations to the Kappa Alpha Psi Kewpie favors.

The parlors and reception rooms of Emery Hall were profusely decorated with festoons of crimson and cream, the fraternity colors. Palms and ferns were everywhere and also masses of sweet peas, the fraternity flower. One of the parlors was converted into a Kappa Alpha Psi forest, by means of these decorations; and from the depths of this woodland glade, punch was drawn and served from a rustic well. In another one of the parlors, from behind a screen of ferns, came the sweet strains of music, furnished by Parker's orchestra of Columbus.

After the guests had assembled, the way was led to the dining room. Here also the garlands of crimson and cream stretched to every corner, and the very walls themselves were hidden by roses, palms and sweet peas. The color scheme was carried out in the table decorations, which were decidedly beautiful. While the orchestra furnished the guests with beautiful selections and the latest popular airs, a delightful six-course banquet was served.

During the course of the evening a program was rendered. Among the numbers were the solos by Miss Doris Wells and Mr. J. M. Bard, and an address by Mr. R. A. Braxton, Polemarch of Delta Chapter, and a few remarks by President Scarborough and Dean Jones. The main feature of the evening was the Grecian dance by Miss Yvette Jones. (This number deserves special mention because of the beauty, grace and emotion with which it was endowed.) The members of the fraternity favored their guests with the Fraternity and Chapter songs.

The banquet was brought to a close at the hours of midnight and the guests left the hall (feeling that never before had there been any superior event and that never again can there be one which will surpass that which they had just enjoyed).

Besides the Kappa Alpha Psi members and their ladies, and the members of their sister sorority, the Alpha Kappa Alphas, the guests of the evening were the members of the faculty and wives.

Among the out of town guests were the Misses Gladys Brummell of Indianapolis, Vandalia Wallace of Washington, D. C., Grace Gothard of Columbus, Ruth Callender of Xenia, Ella Avery of Dayton, Margaret Speaks, Katherine Jones, Irene Brown from Springfield, Ohio, Lts. Eurpin of St. Louis and Clay Hunter of Yellow Springs, Messrs. E. E. Simpson and Clyde Minor of Columbus.

ALBIA NEWS.

The stewardesses had charge of the meetings on Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church. Miss Alberta Robinson of the senior class from Hoeking attended the exercises at the Albia high school on Sunday evening, their yearly sermon for seniors.

T. S. C. C. met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis on Sunday afternoon and elected Mrs. Delia Thomas as delegate to the State Federation of Colored Women.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson of Hoeking was in Albia this week on business.

Mrs. B. T. Lewis received word from her son, Mr. John E. Lewis, formerly of Madison, Wis., that he had accepted a position as linotype operator in the largest newspaper firm of Racine, Wis. He is the only young man of the race who has ever held the position with the firm.

The A. M. E. Sunday school will give their picnic at Urban park on Thursday, June 26th.

The skating rink will be open to all who care to skate.

Mr. Leonard Ford of Oskaloosa was a guest of Miss Ila Lewis Monday evening.

The C. E. League gave an interesting program on Mother's Day and talks were also given by a few parents.

Mr. McKinley Weeks of Ottumwa was a Sunday evening guest of Miss S. Naomi Lewis.

Quarterly meeting services will be held on June 1st.

Mr. John Lewis of Oskaloosa was an Albia visitor Monday.

MACON, MO., NEWS.

The Daughters of Tabernacle held their annual sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Rev. J. W. L. Underwood preached the baccalaureate sermon to the Dumas high school. His subject was "Education," which was enjoyed by all.

Dumas high school will hold their exercises at the opera house May 20.

Mr. H. Chin spent Monday in Macon visiting.

The Western College commencement will start May 28 and end June 5.

Mr. Frank Blair of Berier, Mo., colored, was stabbed by a white boy Sunday. He died instantly. They had been quarreling.

The Admore team played Western College Saturday, but W. C. won.

Miss Flora Jackson of Admore, Mo., will visit her mother, Mrs. M. McCarr, Tuesday and attend the exercises.

EXTRA!

The City Council has granted the Colored Y. M. C. A. the privilege to erect a temporary building on the play ground at 9th & Park Sts. Arrangements are being made to boost collections in order to erect building as soon as possible.

CLINTON, IOWA.

Sunday, May 11, was Trustee Day at the A. M. E. church. A rally was on all day. In the evening a highly interesting program by the choir was rendered, assisted by other local talent. The trustees are elated over their success financially as they are practically out of debt.

Leah Chapter, O. E. S., have announced a June party to be given at Bethel A. M. E. church on the evening of June 7th. A pleasant time is promised those who attend.

Wm. Robinson of Chicago is visiting for a few days at his home in Lyons.

Rev. W. W. Williams and A. A. Bush will attend the Electoral College session in Galesburg this week.

Mass was said Monday morning for the late Mrs. Ella Robinson at St. Mary's church, Father Coleman celebrant.

Sunday was Stewardess Day at Bethel A. M. E. church. In the evening a good sized congregation listened to a program of merit rendered by local talent. The results financially are gratifying to the stewardesses.

Miss Lillian Hamilton, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Ike Robinson, on Elm street, for the past few months, left last week for Kansas City, Mo. Clinton people regret to lose her, as she has appeared on different occasions on the several programs rendered and became quite a favorite.

The Woman's Mite Missionary Society will give an entertainment on May 30 at the A. M. E. church, at which time a play will be given by the girls club in charge of Mrs. Lillie Wilder.

Get your money ready for the collector. He will soon call on the subscribers.

At a regular meeting of the official board held Monday night, arrangements were made for a supper to be given on Saturday, June 21.

Mother's Day was appropriately observed at the Second Baptist church when an interesting program was rendered at 3 o'clock. A large number were present.

Now is the time to place your name on the roll as a subscriber to the Bystander.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

The Odd Fellows held their annual Thanksgiving sermon at the First African Baptist church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Clark, who is gaining in the hearts of the people.

Mrs. Bates of Louisiana is visiting her son, Mr. Orie Bates, called here owing to the illness of her son, Frank Bates.

Mrs. Shortridge has returned from Chicago after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jiles.

Rev. Cain White and wife of Kansas City are in the city.

Mrs. Bennet, one of our old residents, doesn't seem to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris has returned from a short visit with Mr. Harris' mother at Jacksonville, and Mrs. Harris' parents at Havana.

Mrs. Maud Scott Quincy is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Amos.

Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Bethel A. M. E. church. The presiding elder was present on this occasion.

Rev. Cain White of Kansas City preached an excellent sermon at the First African Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Anne Math spent a few days last week in Burlington with her sister, Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Martha Sanders is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Seventeen pupils of the Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school went on a hike Saturday, chaperoned by Mrs. Rosie Piles and daughter, Miss Anne Piles, and Mrs. Lulu Mershon.

Sorry to say our little friend Buddy Bucknay is sick with the measles.

Mrs. John Thomas is ill at this writing.

Rev. J. Sterling Moore preached two excellent sermons Sunday to an appreciative audience.

Glad to say that Mrs. McCutcheon is better after a serious illness.

The Carnation Club of the Bethel A. M. E. church meets at the home of Mrs. Johnson this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Galesburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Shelton, at Argie.

Dr. Du Bois Gives Lecture.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois of New York City, editor of the Crisis and secretary of the recently held Pan-African Congress, delivered a forceful address at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Tuesday evening to an over-crowded house. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Des Moines branch of the N. A. A. C. P. The seating capacity of St. Paul was over taxed, there being 1,600 seated and many were turned away.

A short program was rendered before Dr. Du Bois was introduced by Hon. Harvey Ingham, editor of the Register and Tribune, who had performed this same office on a former occasion fifteen years ago.

Dr. Du Bois severely criticized the carrying of American prejudice against the Negro in civilian life to the army and to the handling of troops in France. He said, "Now that the war is over it is opportune that we find ourselves and determine what we may have lost or gained. It is not over stating to say we have gained much. The Negro has a better chance to work, and a better opportunity to prove that he is an American than he had before the war. The troops made a good record wherever given an opportunity to do so."

After the lecture refreshments were served and a short reception held in the church parlors for Dr. Du Bois, after which he was banqueted by the Roosevelt Club at the Army Club. Others present outside of the club were Dr. E. A. Carter and Dr. Willis of Buxton, Miss Lottie Pearl Mitchell, Mr. Elbert R. Hall and wife, making a total of 48.

Dr. Du Bois came to Des Moines from Gary, Indiana, where he spoke, and left for Lincoln, Nebr., to deliver another lecture.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to the fact that next Friday, May 30th, is Decoration Day and a legal holiday, all news items to be published in the Bystander and all other items to be published must be in the office not later than Tuesday evening, May 27th.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Last Week's News.

Mr. James Baker received word from his son, Chester, that he had arrived safe from overseas.

Mr. Harry Martin of Omaha visited his mother, Mrs. Laura Aikens, Sunday. The Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth held their annual Thanksgiving sermon Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Sermon by Rev. J. P. Sims. It was largely attended. Collection \$35.00.

Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, O. E. S., will give a box social May 21 at K. of P. hall. Admission 25c.

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NOTICE

The Bystander collector will call in the following towns next week, in which every subscriber is asked to be prepared to pay him: Monday in Osceola and Creston; Tuesday in Clarinda and Wednesday in Red Oak; Thursday in Council Bluffs; Friday in Omaha, Nebr.; Monday, May 26th, in Sioux City; Wednesday at Yankton, S. D.; Thursday in Ft. Dodge.