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## THE EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

(By John L. Thompson.)

From Kirksville, Missouri up into grand old Iowa, the finest of ten thousands, the brightest star in the galaxy of the American union. Iowa, the home of 3,000,000 people prospering upon her rich undulating drift soil, the greatest agricultural state in the union and the richest. She was the first state in the union to wipe from the statute book the obnoxious black laws. We had only traveled a few miles in Iowa until we had heard the almost forgotten tinging and saw the electric street cars, a sound and a sight that we had not seen while traveling in Missouri for more than two weeks. Of course Missouri will never have electric street cars now since automobiles and aerial time with the airship will be there; we only have about 22,000 colored population and our state is capable of offering and keeping a hundred thousand of good honest, industrious colored people, who want to farm. There are still a few opportunities left. Our first stop was in Carney, Polk county, Iowa, a little mining camp of about 500 people of which nearly one-half are colored and most of them have bought a few acres near this town and are farming it. They are doing well. They have hogs, cattle, chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese and they own several hundred acres of Iowa land that cost them from \$200 to \$500 per acre and now some of it is worth from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre.

Our next stop was in Centerville, Iowa, county seat of Appanoose county, where lives about 500 colored people, most of them are miners as this is a great mining community. Mr. Richard Good is one of the pioneers and highly respected citizens; another one is W. H. Tompkins, who owns valuable property. Mr. Ceory Noah is doing well. He has recently built a beautiful stecco house. Mr. B. B. Baker is doing well. C. J. Reed is still here; also H. A. White. Henry Johnson is one of the reliable citizens, who stands for something in this community. Mrs. A. L. Crittenden is still the Bystander reporter. She is the best reporter that Centerville ever had. We next stopped in Buxton, the far famed Negro metropolis of Iowa at one time, but now as the great coal mines becomes worked out the people have left here by the hundreds seeking

employment in other coal fields or cities until now there are only about 2,000 people in Buxton of which 1,500 are colored. The two justices of the peace are colored. C. E. Foster and Mr. W. H. Bailey. Two constables Mr. C. R. Roman, I cannot just now call the other one. Five churches of which three are colored, the St. John's A. M. E. pastored by Rev. Sims and the Mt. Zion (without a minutes) and the other Baptist church pastored by the Rev. F. C. Bolling, who is doing good here. One Y. M. C. A. with Edward Mills as secretary. Lieut. Walter Hutchinson has just succeeded him last Sunday at a large meeting at 4 o'clock, where he was inducted into the office. There are four white teachers and six colored teachers. Mrs. Minnie Landon is principal; assistants, Mrs. Mayme Humbles, Miss Mary Dimitry Miss Loto Hart, Mrs. Mae I Solo Billings. Mr. Hobe Armstrong still operates the only meat market. He has been with the company for the past thirty-four years and is claimed to be the richest man in Monroe county. He owns over 1,100 acres of some of the highest assessed land in that county. Ruben Gaines is one of the rich men here. He owns several farms and many houses in Coopertown. Lawyer George H. Woodson, the pioneer lawyer and real estate man lives here. He is another large property holder, a wealthy bachelor, so ladies ought to look that way. Mr. Woodson is without doubt the best criminal lawyer perhaps in Iowa. There are two other colored lawyers, J. A. Spears and H. H. Hicks, the latter has a fine tonsorial parlor here. One physician, Dr. E. A. Carter, the company doctor and one dentist, Dr. E. A. Willis of which both have a large practice. Mr. Jacob Wilson, one of veteran wheelhouse in political affairs for many years who has been sick for several years is improving. Mr. C. G. Southall's daughter is now a teacher in the academy in Virginia. Mr. James is another young single man, who is operating a cigar factory. There are about twenty-five farmers owning their own farms. Mr. Henry Harnes, J. H. Bates, M. Qualls, Mr. Isaac Johnson, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and many others that I cannot name who owns their farm and doing well.



SERGEANT NEADOM ROBERTS

The above cut is Sergeant Roberts, who with Sergt. Henry Johnson of the old Fifteenth or Three Hundred Sixty-ninth infantry of New York dubbed as the Hell Fighters. He was the first soldier of the A. E. F. to be decorated by the French government with the Croix de Guerre and the much coveted gold palm and star. He will speak Tuesday evening, Oct. 28 at the West High school auditorium.

ments will need to be made for the girls also.

Dorothy Monroe, Winona Williams and George and Merweather Martin are the old students who registered with us last week.

Eight or ten of the Fulton students spent the week end at home attending the county fair.

President C. Richardson and Prof. W. W. Danel gave addresses at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon and the Lincoln institute chorus furnished the music. Prof. V. E. Williams also sang bass solo.

Miss Lucille King class of '19 who is teaching at Joplin, Mo., was a pleasant campus visitor Saturday.

The Own-A-Bible campaign which is being conducted by the Sunday school is producing some good rivalry among the classes.

Our football boys will meet those of Lincoln High, East St. Louis Saturday afternoon. Will we win? Of course.

Mr. Nelson Kerr, training officer in the United States rehabilitation service visited our school and inspected the work being done by the soldiers in that branch of service. He expressed himself well pleased with the work they are doing.

President Richardson visited the annual Negro fair at Bunceon, Mo., and delivered the principal address. It was well received. He reports Negroes in that vicinity doing very creditably.

### BEDFORD NEWS.

(Special to the Bystander.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bolton have sold their home in our city and are moving to Denver, Col., where Mr. Bolton expects to go into business for himself in erecting a brand new flour mill. He has gone ahead to look up a location for the plant there. His wife follows soon after stopping in Omaha and Lincoln for a short visit with sisters and friends.

Henry Johnson of Gravity, who has been so very sick is able to be over to Bedford again. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Alec Price and wife moved to Creston, Iowa a few days ago and will make their future home there. Mr. Green Lucas expects to spend the winter in Omaha with his sister, Mrs. Annie Hamler and daughter, Miss Gertie Lucas. John Franklin, Mr. I. W. Franklin's son, who went to France and Germany has returned home again. We highly congratulate this brave young man. We have a good many of them. May God bless our boys and may they become men in all the meaning of man.

### CENTERVILLE NEWS.

The chicken supper given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Triplett was well attended and successful reported.

Miss Ida Conley, who was operated on a few days ago at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital is doing nicely. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

The A. & I. D. club will meet with Sister Stella B. Nash Thursday afternoon.

Quite a number of Sir Knights and Daughters and friends attended the social given by Sir Lewis Hughes at his home in Mystic.

Deacon Ceory Noah is some better at this writing.

**LINCOLN INSTITUTE NEWS.**  
Miss Jessie Wallace, senior normal class, has returned from DeSoto, Mo., where she substituted until a primary teacher could be secured.

We were glad to receive our copies of the Hill Top last week. The paper is a credit to its editorial staff.

The boys dormitory is so crowded that the upper rooms of the industrial building are being fitted up to accommodate the young men. If the enrollment increases much more some new arrange-

Sister M. J. Thompkins took dinner with Mrs. J. W. Martin Sunday.

There were several called on Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mayfield Sunday at their new home on East Wilson street.

Miss Adams is visiting with Mrs. Albert Jackson.

Mrs. Katherine Smith is enjoying a visit from her brother of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quite a number of Centerville folks visited in Mystic Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Lewis entertained at a three-course luncheon Monday evening. Miss Elizabeth Adams was the honored guest.

Mr. Tolliver of Ottumwa, Iowa, was a Sunday visitor in our city.

Mrs. H. B. Marshall was calling on friends Saturday afternoon.

The N. A. A. C. P. will have a social Saturday night at the church and a small program will be rendered.

Mrs. Marie Brown is reported on the sick list at this writing.

Sister Lucy Bell is somewhat improved at this writing.

Brother Robert Tinell took supper Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thompkins.

The church and Sunday school is progressing nicely.

The Art and Industrial club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Mildred Mayfield Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 14 at 3 o'clock. A large attendance present.

The club gave \$10 for the home in Iowa City. The people of Centerville pledged \$200. Mrs. Mildred Mayfield headed the list with \$25, being the largest individual contribution of the race.

Our state president, Mrs. Martha White was present and gave a grand address, explaining every detail about the girl's home of which Centerville is very proud. After business was disposed of a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

Mrs. White was the guest of Mrs. John Hicks while in the city.

Mr. Henry White was a caller at the Mr. J. Hicks home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childs visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. S. Watson.

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### INDIANOLA, IOWA.

To Club Workers.

The minutes of the National association Colored Women of the Denver meeting are now ready. The executive board instructed the national secretary to send minutes to state presidents to sell for 10 cents per copy. All club women desiring a copy please notify me at once through your secretary.

A report of the dish shower for the home will be sent out as soon as possible.

Heads of departments, send a copy of outlines to Art and Literature Club, of Burlington. Address Mrs. Besse V. Johnson, 715 Spruce street.

Also the Girls Social Club, Albia, Ia. Miss Frances Thomas, 514 Second avenue.

These clubs do not appear in minutes but will be benefitted by work for the year as outlined by chairman.

Martha F. White, President I. F. C. W.

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## Automobile and Thousand Dollars to Prof. and Mrs. Laurence Jones

Sergeant Neadom Roberts, Hon. Nate Kendall and Hon. Harvey Ingham Spoke. An interesting and intelligent audience of our people numbering several hundred assembled in beautiful St. Paul's church last Monday night to encourage "The Piney Woods Country Life School" and to hear our world war hero Sergt. Neadom Roberts, of the old Fifteenth New Yorkers. Sergeant Roberts together with his partner Sergt. Henry Johnson fought and killed thirty-six Germans in the Argonne forest May 15, 1918.

### Get Together Spirit.

The meeting was an evidence that our people can get together if they only would in a general way. Capt. Asa Turner, a great friend of Piney Woods had planned a surprise meeting on Prof. Laurence C. Jones for last Monday night and had secured from Hon. H. R. Wright, the use of the Army club, and Hon. Nate Kendall and Harvey Ingham had promised to speak at this meeting for Piney Woods at which time Captain Turner intended making a presentation of a gift to the school. A short while after these arrangements the advance agent of Sergeant Roberts arrived and without knowledge of the Piney Woods meeting, Mr. G. U. Cloud and Attorney Morris contracted for an address by Sergeant Roberts for this same Monday night.

They planned to put it on under the auspices of and for the benefit of the American Legion, but upon consulting the head of the American Legion, permission was refused on the grounds that it was against their policy to commercialize the uniform.

They then decided to assume the responsibility themselves and made arrangements to use St. Paul's church. It was announced in the churches on the following Sunday and the friends who had started boosting the Piney Woods meeting thought of the conflict. Principal Jones who had just returned from Omaha was called into consultation with Messrs. Cloud and Morris and they decided it would be best to combine the two meetings instead of fighting one another. They then attempted to get the auditorium but it was engaged for Monday night. It was finally decided to go ahead and use St. Paul's church which would get one-fourth of the profit from the meeting, Piney Woods another fourth and the promoters the other two-fourths.

Since no provision was being made to have anything in honor of our world hero after the meeting Professor Jones generously told Messrs. Cloud and Morris to arrange a dinner for fifty and use his part of the profit to pay for the dinner in honor of the first American hero. At the table with Sergeant Roberts were Capt. Asa Turner, Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Atty. Gertrude Durden Rush, Dr. and Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson and others.

While the audience was large and enthusiastic, it was not complete success financially for Messrs. Cloud and Morris, as expenses were quite heavy, the largest of which was a guarantee of \$125 to Sergeant Roberts, aside from the cost of the church, printing and their time.

Messrs. Nate Kendall and Harvey Ingham, served without recompense, Hon. Nate Kendall taking care of his own expenses from a distant point in the state where he had been addressing audiences in behalf of his candidacy for governor.

The audience was well pleased and very commendatory in their praise of all of the speakers who in the words of Prof. Laurence C. Jones, were unanimous in their declaration that the world "was looking for a new whiteman with an awakened conscience."

Atty. Gertrude Durden Rush acted as chairman of the meeting. Atty. S. Joe Brown introduced Hon. Harvey Ingham, Mr. G. U. Cloud, introduced Sergeant Roberts and Professor Jones introduced Hon. Nate Kendall.

Automobile and a Thousand Dollars for Piney Woods.

At the close of the meeting Capt. Asa Turner presented a gift of an automobile with electric starter to Mrs. Laurence Jones, to which friends from San Francisco to New York, subscribed generously when they heard of her recent illness. To Principal Jones he presented a check for \$1,000.

Mrs. Jones made the acceptance speech in a very winsome and fascinating manner sounding a high note of encouragement to our people to continue onward and upward.

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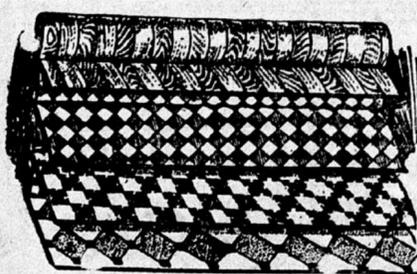
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### NOTICE

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Dentist

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