

## "OUR WOMEN OVERSEAS"

In June, 1918, three women went to France in the service of the Y. M. C. A. to aid in the welfare work for colored soldiers. These were Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Hinton and Miss Catherine Johnson. Five months after the armistice was signed, sixteen others were sent by the same organization. These were Mrs. Laura Williamson, Mrs. Hattie Craigwell, Mrs. Florence Williams, Miss Harriet Edwards, Miss Althea Roehon, Miss Florence Thomas, Miss Meta Evans, Miss Alice Turner, Miss Ernestine Suarez, Miss Bilda Phelps, Miss Helen Hagan, Miss Marion Garbon, Miss Josephine Bruce, Miss Childs, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Talbert. These women were classified as secretaries in canteen service, and placed for periods of from two to eight weeks at Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Brest, LeMans, Chaumont, Reimacourt, Chamberg, Chailiseaux, Marseilles and Paris, usually in groups of two or more.

In April, 1919, there were about 100,000 colored soldiers in France. A large number were in the rest camps, and were visited by the women who operated the rolling canteen provided for our boys. Most of the others were in regular camps. Of this number, perhaps two thousand enjoyed the privileges of the leave area, located in the French Alps, by far the most wholesome, interesting and enjoyable spot to

which they were allowed to go. The welfare work in most cases was housed in barracks, hut or tent, furnished with tables, chairs, books, newspapers, and magazines, games, writing material, usually a stage and a piano, always a victrola and records, and a canteen outfit.

The duties of the secretary or hostess were to keep the place so bright, cheerful and attractive that the boys would prefer to spend their spare time at this improvised club to wandering about in the towns and villages adjoining the camps.

Each week educational and religious programs, entertainments, musical and dramatic, and moving picture shows were provided by the entertainment bureau of the Y. M. C. A.

The canteen service furnished hot or cold drinks with cakes and was prepared and served by the secretaries often free of charge.

In every spot where these women worked, their services were not only gratefully received and thoroughly appreciated by the soldiers, but quite as much by the organization and the camp officials. It is to be regretted, however, that a larger number were not sent about a year sooner.

Banker John Whitelaw Lewis Builds Beautiful Structure—Six Day Celebration Marks Opening of the White-

## Colonel Young to be sent to Liberia

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Col. Charles Young Young, retired, the only Negro officer of the army to attain that rank, has been selected as military attaché to Liberia at the request of the African republic. Some years ago Colonel Young organized the military establishment of Liberia. He was recalled to active duty during the war and detailed to train recruits.

## KILLED PROTECTING COLORED OFFICIAL

Three White Men Die in Louisiana Rather Than Allow Mob to Get Colored Brother.

The dead:  
L. E. WILLIAMS, president of the local Federation of Labor and editor of the Press, a union labor newspaper.  
A. BOUCHILLON, a union carpenter.  
THOMAS GAINES, a union carpenter.

The wounded:  
A. J. O'BOURKE, a leader in labor union circles, shot fatally.  
JULES LE BLANC, former army captain and member of the Loyalty league.

Bogalusa, La., Dec. 5.—Willingness of white union men to stand by Saul Dechus, president of a colored labor union, not only prevented a mob from lynching him, but resulted in the death of three white union men and the wounding of two of the mob. Dechus escaped and has not been caught.

The trouble arose between the Great Southern Lumber company, which built Bogalusa, and the white union men, who claimed they were locked out. Word received here that white union leaders from New Orleans were on their way here caused the Lumber company people to organize and march out to meet them. The train was held up five miles from town, and chagrined because no undesirable were found, the mob decided to look up Dechus, who was said to be organizing the company's colored workers.

Dechus was finally found protected by two white union men with shot guns and the fight began. The three men took refuge in a garage, and both white men were killed by shots and two of the mob wounded. Dechus escaped unhurt.

In a telegram to Attorney General Palmer, Wm. L. Donnell, head of the Carpenters' union asks for an investigation, saying that the lumber company is agitating the deporting of all union men on the false ground that they are radicals. "If something is not done at once, we will take the law into our own hands," read the telegram.

## CHAPTER MEETS CHRISTMAS

The grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi, one of the two national Greek letter fraternities in the United States holds its eighth annual meeting Dec. 31 at Illinois university, Champaign, Ill. The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, founded in 1911 at Indiana university, elected E. W. Diggs, a charter member, First Grand Polemarch. I. Armstrong, also a charter member, was elected in 1917 march. The title of Past Grand Polemarch was conferred on the former.

The fraternity has an honor roll of over two hundred men who served their country both as officers and soldiers. Attorney S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, and Wilkerson of St. Louis are members of the Kappa Alpha

Psi, who hold the Phi Beta Kappa key, the highest honor given college men for scholarship. Besides maintaining chapters at most of the big universities in the west the Kappa Alpha Psi has chapters at Lincoln, McBarry and Wilberforce.

This year four Kappa Alpha Psi men played football in the Big Ten conference championship—Slater, "the tower of strength," a tackle on Iowa's Hawkeyes; Sam Peyton and Bud Turner on Northwestern at full and tackle, respectively, and finally but not least, the shining end of the Chicago Maroons, young Sophomore Fouche.

These college men, as well as the whole membership of past and present college men of the Kappa Alpha Psi, are doing their "bit" to further the future progress of our race. Des Moines is very fortunate in having two members of the grand chapter in the persons of Mr. Archie Alexander and Mr. Wade H. McCree.

## CONTRACTOR GETS BIG AWARD

Mr. A. A. Alexander, C. E. one of our most successful business men has recently been awarded contract No. 2 for the south side sewer system. This contract involves a consideration of \$200,000 and is the largest award ever given a colored man in this section. Work started on the job Dec. 1 and will possibly take a year for its completion. All Des Moines congratulates Mr. Alexander on his success.

## DAVIS COMMANDS POST IN PHILIPPINES

Word has reached the country that Lieut.-Col. Davis the highest active officer is the ranking officer at Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, and is also commanding officer of the Ninth cavalry. Several battalions of Filipino scouts, officered by whites, are also stationed at Camp Stotsenburg.

Lieut.-Col. Davis is the highest ranking Negro officer in the army. He is a graduate of the Washington High school and saw service in the Spanish American war. He has also served as military attaché in Haiti and Liberia.

## TO CLUB WORKERS

The following clubs contributed to china shower to date: Cedar Rapids—J. S. Y., C. R. & B. A. and L.; Oskaloosa, L. P. C.; Washington, D. C.; Centerville, A. & I; also box of jelly and canned goods; Burlington, B. V. I. club; Ottumwa, P. W.; Des Moines, W. C. T. U.; Des Moines, two sets, also one chocolate set. No name given from Mrs. Jackson, Miss Wilson friends also contributed. More clubs will contribute later.

Cards sent out to club women of the state during the past week are deserving of careful consideration. "Shall we or shall we not own the beautiful, comfortably furnished, splendidly located piece of property on Iowa avenue in Iowa City by September, 1920."

This question can be affirmatively answered by club women if each one will only do their duty.

We enjoy most that in which we have a part. The opportunity is given you to assist in paying for your own property. Will you not do your share?

If you can do no more will you not collect \$1.00 by June 1, 1920. Send it in to the treasurer.

To date we have something like \$500 in our treasury.

We also have between 400 and 500 club women in the state. Do you not see how easily we can pay \$6,000 and cancel note No. 2?

Mrs. Young, secretary, will announce names of women who contribute also clubs to which they belong.



**OUR NEW CARTOONIST.**  
Des Moines may well be termed the "city of cartoon makers." The fame of "Ding" which has gone far and wide has given Des Moines a prominent place in this artistic field. The colored population has still more cause for elation since it counts as one of its number a young man who has elicited much favorable comment on the cleverness of his drawing, Mr. James Lloyd McGuire, whose cartoon appears in this issue, has the promise of the real thing along this line of art. At present Mr. McGuire is a student at the Cumming art school. The Bystander has been unusually fortunate in securing the services of this coming cartoonist.

**THRIFT WORK.**  
During these days of high cost of living let no body of club women be satisfied with mere study programs and cut lines on thrift.  
Seek to get all members actually practicing these "Thrift Suggestions" which are being urged very strongly at every town. Leaflets will be sent out from time to time.  
Thrift is a much broader matter than mere saving it is care and prudence in the management of our affairs. The foundation upon which every successful and enduring business enterprise is based.  
Send to me tested recipes that they may be passed on to others.  
Let us buy in large quantities thereby getting full value of money spent.  
Plan the daily menu with care. More time for careful preparation means more added to the savings account for the future.

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH BOARD MEETS**  
At the regular monthly meeting of the executive board of the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people held at the residence of Mr. R. N. Hyde 821 Thirteenth street, Monday evening, the following standing committees were elected for the ensuing term: Membership, Mrs. Elbert R. Hall, chairman; Mrs. S. Bates and Mr. L. L. Bowles; Finance, the president, and the treasurer and Mr. R. N. Hyde; meetings, Mrs. George C. Young, chairman, Mrs. Harrison Gould and Mrs. A. M. White; press, Hon. Harvey Ingham, editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, chairman; Miss Ada Hyde and Mrs. H. R. Graves; legal redress and legislation, Attorney S. Joe Brown, chairman; Attorney Gertrude E. Rush and Attorney George H. Woodson; grievance, Rev. T. J. Jones, chairman; Dr. W. H. Lowry and Mr. Harry Seymour; education, Rev. George W. Robinson, chairman; Mr. Rufus King and Mrs. R. A. Dobson and clipping department, Hon. A. J. Small, state law librarian, chairman.

Elbert R. Hall, president; Dr. W. H. Lowry, vice president; Carol E. Curley, secretary and Dr. J. A. Jefferson, treasurer, elected at the annual meeting of the branch held last month, assumed their duties. Each one expressed a willingness to put forth every effort to increase the membership and push forward the aims of the local department and the national association. Plans were instituted to make the emancipation day exercises on New Year's evening eclips anything of its kind ever held in Des Moines. A speaker of note will deliver the principal address.

Hon. Gardner Cowles, publisher of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Captain Casper Schenk, late of the 88th division A. E. F.; Mrs. Casper Schenk, Hon. A. C. Gustafson, secretary to former Governor George W. Clarke; Hon. Frank S. Shaw, auditor of state, renewed their membership in the branch. The Rev. Oilman Smith, chaplain of the Iowa Methodist hospital, was elected to membership.  
Attorney S. Joe Brown was elected to represent the branch at the meetings of the Equality league, a local organization. Mr. Harrison Gould was authorized

to arrange for an entertainment to raise money with which to cover the expense of delegates to the annual convention of the Inter State Literary association of Kansas and the west, to be held at Wichita, Kansas, Dec. 29-31 inclusive.

**NEGROES PICKED FOR STAR TEAMS**  
Since the Negroes achievements must far surpass those of his white brothers in order to be given equal recognition we may safely say Iowa has two of the greatest football players this section has ever produced.  
When Walter Eckersall, western football authority recently chose his all conference team which included the best all round players from the ten big universities in the conference, Slater, Iowa's big tackle was unhesitatingly given a place.  
Curtis Morton, North high's star full back, has been selected for both all city and all state elevens.

**TO WRITE PHOTO PLAYS.**  
(Special to Bystander.)  
Miss Maude Dorian Shields of Cedar Rapids has just signed a contract to write scenarios for the Essanay and Goldwyn Film corporations. She wrote for these corporations two years ago but has recently been giving her time to art.  
Miss Dorian is an Iowa girl and well known throughout the state. Her many friends will be glad to know of her success.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO IOWA BAPTIST**  
This comes to inform you that the first quarterly board meeting of the Iowa Baptist association will convene with the Second Baptist church of Ottumwa on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Let every church and circle please report. It is better to keep up than it is to stay up. Please send your quarterly amount to me with your address so that you can properly secure a receipt for the same. Send all money to Rev. G. W. Robinson, 1009 West Twelfth street, Des Moines, Iowa until Dec. 14 after that send them to Ottumwa.

**ALBIA ITEMS.**  
(By Miss May F. Davis.)  
Mrs. Joe Robinson of Hocking was in Albia this week looking after her hair dressing business.  
Sunday, Dec. 7 is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. The rat visit for the recent elected presiding elder.  
Thanksgiving day was a day of home coming and thankfulness to Albia people. Nearly every family in town had a friend or a relative at their house. Following are a few of them at the home of Mrs. Hattie Bennings visited: Madam E. Jeffers and Estes, Mrs. Estes and Miss Marguerite Estes of Des Moines at the home of Mrs. Joe Hollingsworth was Mrs. Allie Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowman of Des Moines. At the home of Mrs. C. Thomas was Mrs. Stella Miller, Mrs. Marie and Cornelius Miller and children of Hawkeye. Mrs. Carrie Griffith and children, Miss Anna and Mr. Malcolm Griffith of Des Moines and at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis, Mr. Charles Davis and Mrs. Edna King of Ottumwa.

## Washington's New \$1,000,000 Hotel

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Whitelaw hotel, corner Thirteenth and T streets, northwest was auspiciously opened with a six-day celebration. A literary and musical program was given each evening. Thousands of our citizens assembled to pay honor and homage to the master mind who conceived the necessity for such an enterprise and who had the courage to carry it out. Too much credit cannot be given to John Whitelaw Lewis, the banker, who bent all his energies to its accomplishment. The most prominent of our citizens, social and fraternal, took in the exercises each evening, and a number of ladies formed a reception committee who welcomed the guests and took delight in pointing out the attractive rooms. An orchestra was provided to entertain the guests, also a buffet supper and light refreshments were served each night. This hostelry has long been needed in the nation's capital. The visitors and traveling public will hereafter find a well appointed and first class hotel at their disposal during their brief visits from

time to time. Having private homes from the neighborhood of opening their doors to accommodate those who visit here.

Located in the high, centrally located in one of the most beautiful and attractive neighborhoods of the city; convenient to all street car lines and is furnished throughout with the latest and most approved equipment. The main entrance on Thirteenth street has a drive-way to the door. Later on, in the spring, a roof garden will be one of the special features, the view from which will embrace all the public buildings and the monument.

The Whitelaw Apartment House company (incorporated) extends to the traveling public an invitation to make their home at this hotel while in the city.

This imposing structure, a gift to the public in general, is due primarily to that master mind and financial genius, John W. Lewis. The architect was a colored man, contractor colored, and all workmen were colored men.

## "CARRY ON! CARRY ON!"

You remember the story of the haunted house, the man who tried to tarry there, the succession of cats, each one larger than the other, the last one always saying: "Let's go get him," and the others replying, "We can't do nothin' 'til Martin comes." The nerve of that lonely brother failed him, and he finally, running out exclaimed, "When Martin comes, tell him I've done been here and gone."

The times are changed! We, as a group of American citizens, take the place of the "lonely brother"; the scheming, designing, prejudiced, inconsistent, unreasonable, steadily growing smaller group of whites represent the various sizes of cats that come into the pathway of our liberty and progress. But we are sitting up with them and waiting for "Martin." Sizes and numbers do not frighten us any more. WE ARE GOING TO STICK AND CARRY ON, CARRY ON!

We are going to carry on our fight for equal justice and opportunity, and we will be guided only by the eternal principles of life. We know what they are, and we know that we know what they are, and we know that all the other folks know that we know what they are, and we propose to CARRY ON, CARRY ON! We will not be sidetracked, "banfoozled" or frightened.

Today we are doing the seemingly impossible things. We are going forward in very avenue of American progress, economic, political and social—and fighting the demon prejudice every inch of the way. We are what we are, because we have been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. If we have made progress, and we have, it has been by the stern edicts of MERIT and NECESSITY—there is no sentiment in the transactions. All these things, wherever we are, in whatever line of endeavor, we must realize in the concrete, and govern ourselves accordingly.

We must take heart and know that we are farther along in life's pathway carry on without ceasing.—Associated Negro Press.

Many are killing their hogs this season for their own winter's meat. The children have begun their practice for Christmas exercises for A. M. E. Sunday school.

The play at the A. M. E. church on Thursday evening was a success under the management of Mrs. Charles Washington. A number from Hocking and Hiteman in on Thursday evening.

The following entertained at Thanksgiving dinner in honor of their visiting guest, Mrs. Hattie Bennings, Mrs. Joe Hollingsworth, Mrs. C. Thomas and Mrs. G. A. Davis.

A number of strangers were in Albia the past week.

## OTTUMWA COMMUNITY NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.)  
The Lyrical Music club entertained Mr. Eugene Bailey, a student of Iowa Wesleyan at the home of Mr. Russell Downey, Thursday, Nov. 30.

Miss Constance Downey spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Downey, 236 Bashaw street.

An evening of music and games was spent Saturday in honor of Miss Constance Downey after which she returned Sunday morning to Provident hospital, Kansas City, Mo., where she is receiving nurse training.

The Lyrical Music club rendered a very pleasing program at the Gared school Tuesday evening.

A party for an elderly couple will be given by the sewing circle of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. church.

The Second Baptist church and Benevolent club served a splendid dinner on Thanksgiving day at the K. P. hall.

The Boy Scouts of our community are progressing nicely under their captain, Mr. Bryan Williams.

## Going Out of Fashion

(From New Orleans Item.)  
Some months ago, Alabama gave a party of lynchers notice that mob law has been set aside, at least temporarily, in that state. The notice took the form of nearly a score of penitentiary and jail sentences distributed among murderers of helpless prisoner in a county jail. Later, seven white men were convicted at Winston-Salem, N. C. of attempting to lynch a Negro. They carried the case to the Supreme Court. That body has found their conviction was proper, and they must undergo their punishment.

This week Kentucky adopted a constitutional amendment providing for the automatic removal of all officials responsible for the maintenance of law and order in a county where a lynching occurs. An enabling act is required to "put it in force," but this will undoubtedly pass as soon as the legislature meets.

Lynching has had its day in the south. Other southern states will soon follow in the footsteps of those that have taken vigorous measures against it and either punish the lynchers or penalize public officials who let them have their way. The law-abiding citizens of every southern state regard it with horror and detestation, and their influence in the matter will be increasingly felt. It is not merely a grave moral wrong, an outrage aimed at law and order, which endangers all the people, white and black, but it is an economic blunder which injures every community stained by such occurrences.

## School to be Modeled After Tuskegee Institute to Educate Indians of Yucatan.

A recent press dispatch from Yucatan says: "Preparations are under way to establish in the city of Epitita a school modeled on the plan of Tuskegee institute for the benefit of the Maya Indians of Yucatan. These Indians, many of whom were in former years in a state bordering on slavery, will be given instruction both in manual training, agriculture, and in elemental studies. The plan is to devote a portion of the pupils' time to work in the fields and shops and another part to work in the schoolroom. A small theater will be included in the equipment of the school."

## SETS UP LODGE

Mme. Mattie Brooks of this city, G. H. P. of Iowa and jurisdiction of the tabernacle set up Beacon Light Tabernacle No. 589 of Cedar Rapids last month. Mme. Brooks is very active in this order and has had unusual success as an organizer. The following officers and members of Beacon Light were initiated, Mesdames Alice Thompson, H. P.; Mamie Fletcher, V. P.; Golden H. Dorsey, C. R.; Julia McGee, V. R.; Ruby Crawford, C. T. R.; Mattie Patterson, I. H.; Ida Ruthram, O. H.; Mobealla Neal, B. E.; Eliza Blakey, B. E.; Minnie Gray, B. E.; Carrie Perkins, B. V.; Corrie Allen, B. U.; Mary Jackson, B. V.; Annie Joyce, C. T. S.; Georgia H. Jones, C. T.; Laura Franklin, E. T. S.; Farnelia Wilson, P. H. P.; Laura Parke, Almira Wilson, Martha Simmes and Maggie Downs.

Princess Zorah chapter, No. 10, O. E. S., held their annual election of officers Tuesday night. The following officers were elected: Mrs. H. R. Graves, matron; Mrs. Gertrude Hyde, associate matron; Mrs. E. Mayweather, conductress; Mrs. Anna Tomlin, associate conductress; Mrs. W. H. Warwick, secretary; Mrs. C. B. Woods, treasurer; Mr. Gus Watkins, worthy patron. The initiation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Hyde, 821 Thirteenth street.