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WORLD'S BEST NEWS.

The angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10-11.

GREETING

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 6:24-26.

THE U. B. P. TO MEET

IN DES MOINES 1922
The United Brotherhood of Friendship, the most prominent lodge among our people in the middle west, will hold its fifty-second annual convention in Des Moines next August.

The organization comprises 300 grand lodges, 212 Royal Houses, 369 Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and 223 Juveniles, from the states of Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Of the total membership of 20,000, some 1,500 delegates will attend the session here.

At the 1921 convention at Kansas City, the order was invited to meet in Des Moines in 1922 by Atty. John L. Thompson.

The local arrangements committee is headed by John L. Thompson, 202 Watrous building, and its secretary is G. W. Harding. The convention which begins on August 14 and ends on Aug. 19, will be the largest colored gathering ever held in the state and will bring to Des Moines a number of Negro bands and marching units.

COLORED POLITICAL

WOMEN ORGANIZED

At the open meeting of the League of Colored Women Voters held at the Tenth street center on last Thursday evening, interesting talks were made by the women who rendered special service in the recent street car franchise election among these being Mrs. Alice Graves speaking of her work at the second precinct of the third ward; Mrs. Lulu Weeks of Third; Mrs. Hazel Dixon of the Fourth of the Third; Mrs. Lillian Burrell of the Fourth of the Fifth and Mrs. Addie Jones of the Fifth of the Sixth. Added interest was given when Mrs. Fannie Tomlin speaking for the Fourth of the Second, told of her part, followed by Mrs. Mary M. Scott of the Fourth of the Fourth.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the League who was responsible for this service, urged the women to stick together and prepare themselves for other political services that they would be called upon to render in time to come. Mrs. Brown then read extracts from the address of President Harding as recently delivered in congress in the conference on the "Limitation of Arms."

\$500,000 IN CHRISTMAS

SAVINGS CLUB
The Iowa Loan & Trust Company Bank, Des Moines, through its Christmas Savings Club will distribute nearly one-half million dollars to over twelve thousand six hundred members. This would be equal to a check to one in every ten citizens of Des Moines.

Thousands have learned the value of systematic savings through the Christmas Savings Club idea as adopted by the Iowa Loan & Trust Company Bank, and the growth of the club from a membership of five hundred in 1916 to over twelve thousand this year, bespeaks well for this bank the old saying:

"If a man can preach a better sermon, write a better book, or build a better mouse trap than his neighbor, the world will make a beaten pathway to his door."

The club operated by the Iowa Loan & Trust Company Bank is among the large clubs in the United States, being several thousand larger than the largest club in Chicago. The larger clubs in the country are in Detroit with a membership of 35,000 and 22,000, a club of 20,000 at Pittsburg, and a club of 23,000 at Louisville. These are the only clubs known to be larger than the Des Moines club.

The bank anticipates a larger membership for the 1922 club now forming as each year has added to the growth of the membership roll, building.

The Y.M.C.A.

The Young Men's Christian association among our people in Des Moines is facing an important factor in the lives of the men and boys of our city. You will note a schedule of the activities that are being promoted:

Sunday, 4-5, Men's meeting by religious work committee.

Monday afternoon, 3-5:30—Social hour and games for boys.

Monday night, 8-9:30—Glee club and Atty. J. B. Morris.

Tuesday afternoon, 3-5:30—Social hour and games for boys, E. C. Robinson.

Tuesday night, 7-8:30 — Orchestra practice.

Tuesday night, 8-9—Men's Bible class, Atty. S. Joe Brown.

Wednesday afternoon—Social hour and games for boys, E. C. Robinson.

Wednesday night, 7:30-9:15—Bible study and games for boys, E. C. Robinson.

Thursday afternoon, 3-5:30—Social and game hour for boys, E. C. Robinson.

Thursday night, 8:30-9:30 — High school club, E. C. Robinson.

Friday night—Open for public affair.

Saturday—Open day, 9:30 to 5:30.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. Z. Benson, president of G. A. R. Des Moines will be the speaker Sunday evening Dec. 25 at 4 p. m. A special invitation for ex-service men to be present. Subject, "What God Has Wrought."

There will be a large number from the white clubs and G. A. R. posts of the city. Ladies are especially invited. Come and see for yourself.

The famous Y quartette will be at its best they have been turning up for this occasion.

We shall expect you.

Community Service

ATTY. H. R. WRIGHT in charge.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE COLORED COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 25, 1921.

Monday, Dec. 19—2-4 p. m., sewing classes; 3 p. m., playground Christmas tree; 7 to 8 p. m., drum and bugle; 8:30 p. m. Community Band No. 1; 8:30 p. m., Elk's minstrel practice.

Tuesday, Dec. 20—2 to 4 p. m., sewing class; 8 p. m., Community Band No. 2; 8:30 p. m., American Legion; 8:30 p. m., ladies auxiliary American Legion.

Wednesday, Dec. 21—8:15 p. m., Elk's minstrel at Auditorium; 8:30 p. m., boosters.

Thursday, Dec. 22—2-4 p. m., sewing classes; 3 p. m., playground; 8 p. m., dashing eagles (Boys Club).

Friday, Dec. 23—2-4:30 p. m., sewing classes; 3 p. m., playground; 2 p. m., Pollyannas; 7-8 p. m., drum and bugle; 8 p. m., Sunday school Girls club; 8:30 p. m., Community Band No. 1.

Saturday, Dec. 24 10 a. m., Juvenile exercises; 8 p. m., Asbury church Christmas tree.

Sunday, Dec. 25—4 p. m., Music Lovers Forum; 7-8 p. m., Asbury A. M. E. church.

FAIRFIELD, IOWA.

Last Sunday was a great day at the A. M. E. church, the occasion being the first quarterly meeting for their conference year. Mr. L. A. Jones preached at the morning service and took in a member.

The Sunday school was held at 10 o'clock and there was a good attendance present. The Allen Christian Endeavor meeting was held at 6:30 p. m. Much interest was taken by the members in the discussion of the subject. The presiding elder addressed the meeting commending the members for the interest that they manifested in the society. The meeting was led by Miss Estella Dabner, Master Johnnie Gibbs will lead the meeting next Sunday. The presiding elder preached the communion services at 7:30 p. m. to a full house.

The quarterly conference was held on Tuesday evening and the reports were good in every particular. The Ministerial association has promised to help the church in a similar manner as the church at Washington is being assisted. The presiding elder and the pastor appeared before the assistant on last Monday morning and laid the matter before them and they have appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

The literary society met on last Monday evening the interesting feature of the program was a debate, "Resolved that woman should have equal rights with man," the affirmative side was well taken care of by the following: Mr. Geo. Johnson, L. P. Quinn and Mrs. I. Green and the negative side was defended by Samuel Sykes, Mr. Lee Owens and Mr. Van Lissel. The following persons were selected as judges, Mr. Bennett, Miss Carrie Van Lissel, Mrs. R. E. Price, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. R. Turner, Miss Hazel Smith and they gave decision in favor of the affirmative.

All items for the Bystander must be given to the pastor at the parsonage, 403 South B street not later than Monday of each week.

MYSTIC, IOWA.

Mrs. Roe Cunningham last week while doing her washing had the misfortune to severely burn her hands with concentrated lye, which has been very painful, but are improving nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Mamie Jones, who has been very sick is reported to be much better. The First Baptist Sunday school is planning to render a program and have a Christmas tree Saturday night, Dec. 24.

Mrs. L. H. Hughes, our hair dresser is being kept very busy these days, in her profession.

Mrs. Lula Best has been very sick; but now, is improving nicely.

The brotherhood in God's church are holding revival meetings in the miner's hall. It is reported they are having large attendance.

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