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## PATRIOTISM WHICH ENDURES

We are very glad to be able to publish as our front page leader the thoughtful and thought-compelling article by Dean Pickens of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., recently contributed to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Our readers will be mentally stimulated by Dean Pickens' clear presentation of the race's attitude and place in the present crisis.

He is absolutely right in his thesis that the American Negro is loyal, but that it is not the stupid kick-me-again, if-you-please, thank-you-sir kind that many seem to consider it. It is the sane, thoughtful, loyal patriotism, which, though sensible of unjust treatment, looks above and beyond it to the true genius of the nation, which must eventually become triumphant, and impels men to do their duty. The American Negro is doing plenty of hard thinking these days, but his patriotism, while not demonstratively loud or enthusiastic, is the kind of patriotism which endures. He can be depended upon to do his full duty wherever and whenever opportunity offers, confident that his vindication as a man among men carries but a little while and must surely come.

America, prejudice-blinded and color-blighted America, will yet thank God for that portion of her citizenship which, in spite of proscription, maintains an optimism which inspires to noble endeavor and achievement and a patriotism which endures and serves the nation in its hour of peril.

## A PUZZLING MATTER

We have been somewhat puzzled over President Wilson's silence concerning the East St. Louis massacre. So far as we have been able to learn no expression of condemnation or horror over that terrible affair has come from the lips of the Chief Executive of the nation. Surely no sane person can believe him indifferent to such a horrible blot upon the nation. He must surely care. A message from him would be enheartening to a people who constitute nearly one-eighth of the American nation, and yet he has remained strangely silent. "Can such things be and overcome us like a summer cloud, without our special wonder?"

## MOTOR TO TRAINING

### CAMP AT DES MOINES

Omaha, July 24.  
Rev. John Albert Williams, Editor  
The Monitor:

I have just returned from the training camp at Fort Des Moines, where I motored last Tuesday with my husband, Mr. Joseph D. Lewis, and children, also Mr. Lewis' mother and sister.

The object of our visit was to see the boys in training. We left Omaha at 7:30 a. m. and arrived in Des Moines at 2:15 p. m. After resting we drove out to the camp about 6:30 p. m. On entering the fort everything was quiet. As we drove along the company streets a lovely group of intelligent Negro men met our eyes, studying, some on the porch of their homes, others in the Y. M. C. A. tent.

We drove back to the city and motored around and found Des Moines to be a pretty city. We went out to the fort Wednesday morning and found some of the boys sitting along the road shooting, others taking long hikes. It was a fine sight to see them practicing how to overtake their enemy. We went out to the fort on Wednesday afternoon, in time to see them drill and hear over 300 voices sing. It was fine to see 1,200 men on the field, 300 in half circle singing, the other 900 on each side, with three men holding three United States flags just a short distance to the front from the other boys, which made a beautiful group of men.

The boys from home were glad to see us and to hear about the dear ones at home. Their daily work is very strenuous, yet you find them all making good. We met Colonel Young and Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, who are lovely men to meet. After enjoying ourselves at the fort and in the city Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we left Des Moines Friday morning at 6:45 and arrived in Omaha at 11:50 a. m. MRS. JOSEPH D. LEWIS,  
2604 North Twenty-fifth Street.

The Monitor is growing. Help us grow.

## Obvious Observations

When it comes to sticking we don't see much difference between Kaiser Bill and a postage stamp.

Colonel Young is back on the job and the one thing the Dixie administration has learned is that the Negro is sitting tight with both eyes open. He isn't as sleepy as he used to be.

Ten thousand Colored people marching in silent parade in New York as a protest against the East St. Louis massacre means that there are ten thousand thinking men and women in one place ready to join hands with three million more thinking men and women.

It is reported that the Russians are retreating so fast that the German's can't even see their heels. Well, what else would you expect of ignorant people when they get scared?

Yes, Genevieve, the only cool spot we know of is inside the refrigerator.

We thought the food control bill meant something, but when it made the minimum price of wheat two bones per bushel, hope shivered and died. We imagined it was going to fix maximum prices, not minimum. What the mischief does a minimum price amount to?

There are Koreans, Indians, Japs, and whites in the Sixth Nebraska regiment. There is no place at all for Sam, but Sam isn't worrying a darned bit.

Please pass the lemonade.

Thanking you for your kind attention, we will now hunt the old swimming hole and come home with a red back.

## SKITS OF SOLOMON

### The Bath.

The bath is a form of hot weather salvation loved by Christians as well as pagans. When the mercury runs up to 115, a tub full of ice water to lie in, a cigar, or box of bon bons if you happen to be a female of the species, and a newspaper, are solid comfort. The bath has always held sway among dark skinned people, but fair skinned folks never took to the bath much. During the Middle Ages in Europe a person wouldn't any more think of putting water on their skin than to try and eat hash with their toes. If a baby didn't happen to be washed when it was born, its skin was in bad luck for the rest of its days as far as lavation was concerned. Brides didn't even bathe the day they got married. In the Orient, however, everybody bathed every day and often the men and women all bathed in the same place just like home. Sometimes they bathed six times a day.

Some doctors say that one should bathe every morning and others say that you should never bathe at all. Some have written volumes on the value of warm and hot baths and some say that anything but a cold bath is an abomination. Doctors are likely to say anything, however. The bath tub is necessary with any kind of water, except for folk who keep one in the house for an ornament alongside the piano. The best bath in summertime is a swim in the old swimming pool. One gets so much enjoyment out of it and such a rosy red blistered back after the performance. It is the real sport.

## A CORRECTION

### Dr. Britt Is Mistaken.

The president and members of the Washington Benevolent society desire to correct the statement made by Dr. L. C. Britt on the evening of Tuesday, July 10, at St. John's A. M. E. church, at which time a meeting of the Civic league was in session. Dr. Britt said that the Washington club didn't amount to anything because it allowed one of its members to die at the county hospital. We wish to say that never at any time has the club neglected any of its members. While it is true that Mr. Payton Brooks died at the county hospital, he wasn't a member of the club at the time of his death. He became a member of the club March 5, 1913, and was suspended for non-payment of dues October 11, 1916. The club carried Mr. Brooks for more than a year before his membership was dropped. He was given a fair chance. We wish to say that Dr. Britt was mistaken in his statement.

MR. C. E. DUNCAN, President.  
MRS. AGNES BUTLER, Sec.  
—Paid Notice.

## Our Women and Children

Conducted by  
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

## STARTING THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM RIGHT

By Marion Lawrance in Purity Magazine.

Nothing can be more beautiful than the founding of a new home by two young hearts pledged to each other. Very much depends, however, upon making the right kind of a start. No home is a true home, and no home can enjoy its fullest happiness without Christ, the unseen Friend, ever present, enthroned in the heart. The only center around which the true home can be built is the family altar. Here alone can we learn the lesson of love's sweet sacrifice. Only as we tarry at the feet of Him who pleased not Himself, who came not to be administered unto, but to minister, can we learn the joy of service and the blight of selfishness.

If the joy and happiness of the wedding day were to last in every home as long as that home lasts, this world would be far happier than it is. In many homes this is true, because the fires of love's altar continue to burn brighter and brighter until the sunset of life.

True pleasure never comes to the pleasure-seeker, but always to those who seek the happiness of others. This is not an easy lesson to learn, but the failure to learn it is always followed by disappointment and regret.

Jesus hallowed the wedding feast by His presence, and no young couple whose chief concern is that He should be the principal guest of honor at their wedding and the Guide of their lives during all the days that follow, need ever fear but what their home will always be a home of sweetness and joy because they will be lovers until their dying day.

"Conscience," said Uncle Eben, "is only a still, small voice, an' half de time it tries to speak up it finds dat de line is busy."—Washington Star.

## MOTHER O' MINE

If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
I know whose love would follow me  
still—  
Mother o' mine.

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
I know whose love would come down  
to me—  
Mother o' mine.

If I were damned of body and soul,  
I know whose prayers can make me  
whole—  
Mother o' mine. —Kipling.

Resolved, in spirit as well as in words,  
I will be as truthful to my child as I would have him truthful to me,  
and I will always try to realize that his imaginings are truth to him.  
—Mother's Magazine.

## A USEFUL PUBLICATION ISSUED BY THE OMAHA GAS COMPANY

The Omaha Gas Company, with its usual willingness to helpfully serve the public, has issued for free distribution an excellent little booklet under the title "Prepare," which gives practical information on canning and preserving. In addition to helpful recipes the booklet contains a series of gummed labels for marking jars and glasses. Housewives will find it much to their advantage to call at the gas office on Howard street and get a copy of "Prepare."

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# Get Ready We Are Coming

The 36th Annual Session of the District Grand Lodge No. 8 of Missouri and Jurisdiction

## Grand United Order of Oddfellows

and the 20th Annual Session of the

## District Grand Household of Ruth

Will Convene in Omaha August 7-8-9-10

Also Encampment of 14th Patriarchic Regiment G. U. O. of O. F.

District Grand Lodge Sessions will be held in the Grove M. E. Church, 22nd and Seward Streets

District Grand Household of Ruth Sessions will be held in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 26th and Seward Streets

## Tuesday's Events

Sessions Will Open at 10 O'clock Tuesday Morning

Joint Session of Grand Lodge and Grand Household—2 O'clock Tuesday Afternoon, August 7, at Grove M. E. Church.

Open Session Both Houses With Addresses of Welcome and Responses—Tuesday Night, August 7, at Grove M. E. Church.

Address of Welcome—The Hon. James C. Dahlman, Mayor of Omaha.

Address—Victor Rosewater, Editor Omaha Bee.

Response to Addresses—T. B. Watkins, District Grand Master, Kansas City, Mo.

## Wednesday's Events

Business Sessions of Grand Lodge and Grand Household—Wednesday Morning and Afternoon at Appointed Hours, 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. COMPETITIVE DRILL AND BAND CONCERT AT HOLMES' PARK, 31st and Ames Avenue.

Wednesday Night, August 8, The Grand Patriarchic 14th Regiment, G. U. O. of O. F., Will Give a Competitive Drill at Holmes' Park, and the First Regimental Band, K. P., Dan Desdunes, Director, Will Give a Band Concert.

## Thursday's Events

Thursday Morning at 10 O'clock Memorial Services Will Be Held at Grove M. E. Church, Followed by the Usual Business Sessions of the Two Grand Bodies at Their Respective Places of Meeting. Business Sessions in Afternoon.

DRILL, CONCERT AND BANQUET at Keep's Dancing Academy (Formerly Chambers'), 25th and Farnam Streets, Thursday Evening, August 9. Admission 50 Cents. Public Invited. Come and Bring Your Friends and Enjoy Yourself. Perkins' Saxophone Jazz Band Will Furnish Music.

## Friday's Events

GRAND STREET PARADE, PICNIC, COMPETITIVE DRILL AND BAND CONCERT—The Parade Will Start at 10 O'clock, Friday Morning, August 10, from Twenty-first and Paul Streets. A Platoon of Mounted Police, the First Regimental Band, K. P., the Uniformed Ranks of the Patriarchic, and Officers, Visiting Delegates and Members of the Local Lodges in Automobiles. The Line of March Will be East on Paul to 18th, South to Cuming, East to 16th, South to Douglas, East on Douglas to 14th, South to Farnam, West on Farnam to 19th and Disband. We Will Then Go to the Park Where There Will Be a Grand Old Fashioned Picnic; Old Fashioned Picnic Dinner Will Be Served and All Kinds of Cold Drinks and Ice Cream.

THERE WILL BE A BALL GAME BETWEEN TWO LOCAL TEAMS WHICH WILL GIVE A GOOD AND INTERESTING GAME.

We Will Have Speaking, After Which the Competitive Drill Will Take Place and Band Concert. There Will Be Prizes Awarded to the Best Company in the Drill.

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