

## Lincoln Department

BY EUGENE NICHOLS.

Rev. B. Hillman left Sunday night for Terre Haute, Ind., where he will take back his old charge. Rev. Mr. Hillman has been pastor of the Baptist church here for three years. He will be missed by his many friends. His successor has not yet been selected.

Mrs. Henry Gordon of Lincoln, who has been very ill in an Omaha hospital, is expected home shortly. Lincoln friends received sad news of the death of Mr. George Miller. He had been living in Phoenix, Ariz.

The mock trial was a grand success. The case of Sellers vs. Christman was won by Mrs. Sellers. Proceeds went towards the new organ.

D. M. S. club will meet at the home of Miss Ruth Collins Friday, February 8th.

### ATCHISON, KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickerson of Wichita, Kan., returned home Sunday, after spending a week visiting with Mrs. Dickerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook.

Miss Edith Brown and Thomas Jackson left Sunday to enter Western university. They were escorted as far as Kansas City by Mr. Fred Taylor.

Campbell church has succeeded in getting a religious warhorse and a spiritual genius as pastor, Rev. D. P. Billops.

The Christian Endeavor society at Campbell chapel is growing in membership very fast, especially with the younger set.

Miss Blanche Williams and mother, Mrs. Delia Wilson, will leave shortly for Chicago to visit relatives.

Mr. Robert Farman of Elwood, Kan., was the guest of Miss Chloe Pyles Sunday.

Private Len Kichey of Camp Funston visited with his sister, Mrs. Mary McDonald Sunday.

Miss Otie Ousely is visiting her brother Will at Camp Dodge.

Fred Smith and Miss Lulu Price went to Kansas City Monday and were married. They haven't decided yet where they will live, as Mr. Smith is subject to the draft call. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have many friends, who wish them much happiness and success.

Miss Eunice Rogers, Mr. David Bradford, Mr. Calvin Coker and Mr. William Metchem are on the sick list.

Mrs. J. D. Colbert is suffering with a badly ulcerated tooth.

### RESIDENT OF LINCOLN DIES IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 31.—George E. Miller, resident of Lincoln for more than twenty years, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Julius H. Miller of this city, January 28. Mr. Miller arrived in Phoenix two weeks prior to his death to be with his family, who had been here since November. Mr. Miller was a trustee of the M. E. church in Lincoln, also a member of Lincoln lodge, Knights of Pythias. He leaves a wife and two children. The remains will be taken to Lincoln in about six weeks for interment.

## South Side Notes

Mr. Richard Johnson of 4820 Drexel street has been sick all week with an attack of rheumatism. His wife, Mrs. Bessie Johnson, is also sick. She has severe throat trouble and may have to undergo an operation.

The Ladies' Aid of Allen chapel met last Friday with Mrs. M. Haywood of Thirteenth and Missouri avenue. Quite a number of ladies were present. They had a very busy meeting.

Mr. Nathan Mitchell of 6617 South Twenty-seventh street, who has been sick for about three weeks, improves very slowly.

The baptismal service, which was to have been held at Bethel Baptist church last Sunday, was postponed until Sunday, February 10, on account of the extreme cold weather. The baptizing will take place at 2:30 in the church.

Little James Price, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Price, died last Tuesday morning at 5:30 and was buried Wednesday afternoon from the family home, Thirty-third and U streets. Rev. Mr. Walton, pastor of the M. E. church, officiated. Jones & Chiles had charge of the funeral.

### WAITERS AT BLACKSTONE MAKING GOOD

The Colored waiters who succeeded the white waitresses at the Blackstone hotel December 15, 1917, have "made good" generally. Managers of other hotels have been favorably impressed with their general efficiency and comment freely upon the same. The change of service from white to Colored, as well as the present success of the waiters, is largely due to the efforts of their head waiter, Mr. A. T. Jordan. Mr. Jordan is unanimously supported by the waiters of Omaha, being the president of the Waiters' Protective Employment association.

### NEWS OF ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The reception and dance given by The Lit, the young people's literary and social club, at Wolk's hall Tuesday night, was a very pleasant and delightful affair. About seventy-five people, young and old—but all were young—were present.

There will be a regular meeting of the Lit club Monday evening, February 11, at the residence of Dr. A. G. Edwards, 2411 Erskine street. Members are requested to be prepared to make returns on tickets.

The Woman's auxiliary met Thursday with Mrs. Silas Johnson. The meeting next Thursday will be with Mrs. John W. Bell, 913 North Twenty-third street.

The Woman's auxiliary will hold a Valentine Kensington luncheon at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Smith, 2414 Binney street, Monday afternoon, February 11, from 2 to 5 o'clock. A cordial invitation is given to all to come and bring needlework or knitting. Prize for the neatest work. Luncheon, 25 cents.—Adv.

Beginning Sunday (tomorrow), February 10, Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston will conduct a class in singing from 4:30 p. m. until 5:30 p. m. sharp. This will be followed by evensong. All who are interested in singing, whether members of the church or not, are invited to come. This singing class is open to the general public.

The services on Ash-Wednesday will be holy communion at 7 a. m., morning prayer at 10 and evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock.

There will be a hot time in the old town the night of the Camouflage Ball given by the O. N. E. Club boys at Peterson Hall, February 22. Something new and novel. Be there!—Adv.

FEBRUARY 14 is the DATE of the SHRINERS' Ball.—Adv.

### TO BETTER FARMING SKILL OF NEGROES

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Increased production, reduction of food expenses by raising more of what they eat, an increased reward for their labor, there would arise a new spirit of hope and contentment among the Negro population of Texas that would tend to greater stability and less of the migratory spirit and habit.

Citizenship in democracy has its economic as well as its more purely political aspects, and there is no doubt but that the extension work among Negroes is capable of being forged into a powerful agency for developing in the Negroes of the South the economic qualifications of good citizenship.

### Farming Conducive to Good Citizenship.

What the American Negroes in the rural districts as well as elsewhere need is to become Americanized in thought, in life and in spirit through the operation of such agencies as the church, the public school system and the extension service, which are regarded as important national agencies for the welfare of the whole people.

What the American Negroes need is to become imbued with the American spirit of thrift, self-help and self-support, self-control and regard for the rights of others and a respect for the law. There is no vocation more conducive to the development of such a spirit in the American Negro than farming under hopeful and fair conditions.

What the South needs is a renewed attention to the soil and the farm and a renewed attitude toward those whose toil supports the life of the community as faithful farm workers, including the Negro farm workers, and a new determination to give to them every reasonable degree of encouragement, information and protection in law and public sentiment.

### Fact That Negro Can Learn Has Been Proved.

Other Southern states have demonstrated that the Negro farmer can learn and apply better methods through the extension work. It has been demonstrated in Texas also, and is a fact which neither prejudice on the one hand nor lack of faith on the other should be permitted to obscure.

If the present war continues there is danger that the extraordinary stimulation of manufacturing activities in the north, due to the war, together with the reduction of the northern labor supply, due to the army drafts, may further rob the South of its traditional supply of Negro farm labor. For the north, though ordinarily, as is well known, not preferring Negro labor, will not hesitate to overcome its prejudice to Negro labor in an emergency, as has already been demonstrated. In counties having a considerable Negro farm population the employment of a competent Colored man as assistant county demonstration agent to work among his people would be a means of accomplishing results far exceeding in value the cost of such employment.

The farm life offers to the black people a most valuable opportunity of livelihood and general improvement.

Yet there is a conviction arising here and there among them that they are becoming an unwelcome factor in the country life and that of the South, and that in the country districts they will be subject to aggravated forms of racial persecution. Yet in most rural districts, as a matter of fact, mild and peaceful relations are found to prevail between black and white, more kindly, indeed, in some places than in some of the large towns and cities.

A bureau of farm information is greatly needed by the Colored people. Knowing there are sections where they are not permitted to settle, they are often in ignorance of other sections where their advent as farmers would be desirable.

Better houses and home surroundings for tenants and the awakening in them of the desire and ability to help themselves through the agency of the agricultural extension work, and the encouragement of the faithful to acquire something of permanent value in the way of live stock and to diversify their diet by raising farm gardens would go far to make the life of the Negro tenant more livable and attractive. Life is nothing without motive and intelligent self-interest and acquisition are the motives which, if awakened and given a chance to accomplish something worth while, will inevitably draw the Negroes of Texas and the South back to the soil with resistless force.

Any human being who feels he is doing well is going to value the opportunity he has of doing well and will exert himself to hold fast to it.

### Must Show Negroes Benefit of Farms.

And the Negro division of the Texas extension work can beneficially serve their people of Texas and the state by leading them to see the opportunities here in the state and to learn how best to take advantage of these opportunities in the soil of Texas, and make farming in Texas more worth while to their people.

The thrifty Negro farmer of the South, who earns an honest living from the soil and contributes to swell the volume of the South's production and commerce, who pays his debts and his taxes, observes the law of the land and lives in peace with all those about him, can, without exaggeration, be said to have achieved some of the most fundamental qualities of a good citizen. And there are many such in Texas, to the credit of the Negro race in this state and to the credit of the state, and it is the aim of the Negro division to aid in developing many more like them in the state. For a thrifty farmer of whatever race is more than apt to be a good citizen in his general walk and conduct.

Farming is coming to be regarded as one of the greatest of vocations, as seen in the fact that the nation and the states are annually expending hundreds of thousands of dollars co-operatively to improve American agriculture, and any man who can take his stand on the naked earth and wrest a living from its soil with its physical, chemical and biological forces, has done no small thing and deserves the commendation of others. And the American Negro farmers, many of them, have proved they can do this by doing it from year to year.—Houston Daily Post.

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