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From the Fields of Alabama
A boy came fresh from the fields of Alabama to work his way through a session of the summer school at Harvard. A few roughly scrawled poems caught the eye of his professor. The result was a book of these verses. Today the author is in France, a corporal in a Machine Gun Company. Meanwhile the great literary newspapers of the east are saying that Waverly Turner Carmichael gives promise of rivaling Dunbar. What do you know of this soldier author or his book, "From the Heart of a Folk?"

In Spite of Bitter Handicaps
In Louisville, Kentucky, a colored man, an educator and a poet, rose to a position where the best men of the community were proud to call him their friend. Now his son, scarcely more than a boy, overcoming the bitter handicap of falling health, has published his first book, and again the critics on the great metropolitan newspapers have acclaimed Joseph S. Cotter's "The Band of Gideon," not only a book worthy of the best literary traditions of the day but also a

further proof of the rapid literary progress of his race.

You Have Seen With Your Own Eyes
You have seen with your own eyes the struggle of the Negro for education. You know the vital human side. That is why you will appreciate and want to read "Twenty-Five Years in the Black Belt," by William J. Edwards, the able founder and present head of Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute. Professor Paul J. Hanus of Harvard University has written the introduction.

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Isn't there some one you'd like to send a book provided you could find just the right book that would be a message as well as a book. Georgia Douglas Johnson has written just such a book of tender, haunting lyrics in "The Heart of a Woman." Why not make at least one girl happy by sending her a copy?

Do You Love Trees?
Do you love trees and the great out of doors? Maude Cuney Hare, daughter of the late Norris Wright Cuney, has collected the finest things written or said about trees in a beautiful gift book. William Stanley Braithwaite has written the introduction.

Another Race Bard
Many a scrap book contains treasured clippings of the poems of Charles Bertram Johnson as they occasionally appeared in the newspapers of the day. Now in "Songs of My People," a new book just from the press, the best of Mr. Johnson's poetry is brought together in permanent form and will give pleasure to the hundreds of admirers of his work.

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Events and Persons

Snow's College of Dressmaking. For further information call Web. 2846.—Adv.

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Sidney Miller, of 2626 Maple street, died suddenly at Ogden, Utah, Tuesday morning. Mr. Miller had been ill, but was feeling better. He went out on his run Sunday morning, but when he reached Ogden he was taken ill on the street and was rushed to the hospital where he died. The body will be taken to his former home at Lawrence, Kansas, where his parents and Mrs. Miller's reside. Mrs. Miller left for Lawrence Wednesday night, accompanied by Miss Anna Logan.

Why not take a course in conversational French with R. L. Desdunes, 2215 North Twenty-fifth street? Phone Webster 3300.—Adv.

Miss Wheeler of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Freeman, 2813 Decatur street.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. A. Taggart, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Covenant Service, 11 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 5 o'clock.

Last Sunday night the pastor preached a soul stirring sermon, entitled "The End of Time," to a well attended audience. An old resident of South Omaha was converted, in the person of Mr. James Leland, with several other additions to the Church.

Next Sunday night the pastor will preach an old time heartfelt religious sermon.

Miss Rosalee Young is seriously ill at the home of her father, Rev. J. Young, 19th and Center.

Mrs. Irvan and also Mrs. Myrtle Simmons are still on the sick list.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Good crowds took advantage of the fair weather last Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Dudley, of Texas, occupied the rostrum in the morning and Rev. M. D. Johnson at night.

Beginning last Tuesday night appropriate services were held each evening to mark the opening of "Zion Cafe" to the public. Addresses were given by some of the most prominent men and women of the city. At all times now may the physical man be filled as well as the spiritual, at Zion.

The "Wide Awake" met last week at the residence of Mrs. Walter Craig, 2320 North 27th street. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. L. J. Robertson, 2522 Burdette street.

Several additions were made to the church Sunday. The following strangers worshipped with us: Mrs. C. S. Wheatley, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. S. Smith and Mrs. J. Mayhall, of Atchison, Kansas.

Regular services next Lord's Day. Come and feel at home.

NOTICE, COLORED ROMAN CATHOLICS

All Colored Roman Catholics are requested to meet at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Church, Twenty-second and Binney streets, for instruction. All other persons who desire instruction in the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church are invited.—Adv.

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SECRETARY BAKER TALKS TO COLORED SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

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killed, three wounded, while the remainder were captured.

Stories of the fight in the Argonne forest and the splendid endurance and valiant fighting of the Colored soldiers continue to come in. It is reported that a company of the old Ninth Ohio battalion, under command of its Colored captain from Dayton, O., laid in an open field all night, awaiting orders to go into action,

while all the time the Germans were dumping 210 shells and eighty-eight machine gun fire into them. But even in the face of such a murderous fire the Colored line stood as firm as if the huge shells and murderous machine gun fire was but the discharge of toy blow guns. Among their casualties were Anderson Lee and William Chenault of Dayton, who were killed. The firmness of the line these khaki-garbed black soldiers maintained in the face of a withering fire—a veritable hell—constitutes one more reason why the folks—the race—back home should be proud of these, their Colored soldiers over here, whose unyielding spirit and bravery is making history for the race.

I have learned that Hill 304, which the French so valiantly held and which suffered such a fierce bombardment from the Germans that there is not a single foot of it but what is plowed up by shells and whose sides, even today, are literally covered with the corpses of French soldiers who still lie where they fell, was later as valiantly held by the Colored soldiers from the United States, who fought with all the heroism and endurance the best traditions of the army has chronicled. The Colored soldiers, under their own captain from Dayton, O., who so splendidly maintained their line in the Argonne forests, and those who held that bloody and forever historical Hill 304, had the odds against them, but, like Tennyson's immortalized "Six Hundred," they fought bravely and well, firm in the belief "it was not their's to reason why; it was their's to do and die," and, like the patriots they were, they did DO, and this war's history will so record.

Record of Colored Fighting Troops to

Make Bright Page in History.

When this war is over and peace, lasting peace, declared, and the necessary censorship has been lifted so one may mention the names of army units, cities and towns, the Colored historian who records the history of the Colored soldier in this war will need no imaginative powers to tell of the service, the daring deeds of valor and the incomparable fighting Colored men did over here in France. Verdun, No Man's Land, Belleau Woods, Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, the Vesle, Argonne, Champagne, et al., are vast urns which contain the story of how America's black soldiers fought; how they dared, bled and died "to make the world safe for democracy." Bordeaux, Brest, St. Nasair, Montoir, et al., will forever tell a story of the big achievements of the Colored soldiers who helped to make possible the victories of the fighting men at the front.

The Y. M. C. A. huts scattered here and there, and in which now labor so splendidly and self-sacrificingly Colored Y. M. C. A. workers, will bear testimony, years after they have been deserted, of the part these non-combatants took in helping and buoying up our boys. The story of how Crispus Attucks fell at Lexington in 1776 will be but a juvenile, a "Mother Goose" bod-dime story, beside the story of how our boys fought and fell at Champagne. Fort Pillow and Milliken's Bend of the civil war will pale beside Chateau-Thierry and Argonne. The story of the Spartans at Thermopylae and Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," as a recitation by the amateur elocutionists, will give place to the charge of the Colored troops from America at Champagne.

The story of our Colored troops, combatants and non-combatants, in this war will make every Colored man, woman and child of today and tomorrow proud of their race and proud they were such 100 per cent Americans as to do their bit cheerfully in this war. View it from any angle you may; locate yourself in any section of the United States you may, you will find after this war that the "new day and new duty" our friends have been prophesying for us will be present, and because of the record of valor made by Colored soldiers here in France, while pushing the Hun back from Chateau-Thierry into Wilhelmstrasse.

These Colored soldiers over here—now quite 200,000—are proud they are here. They would not exchange the opportunity they have had for rendering service to their country for all the fabled riches of Golconda. When German militarism has been crushed beyond restoration and glorious peace shall have been achieved by the allies these Colored soldiers, such as survive, will be eager to return to the United States, glad that they had and accepted the opportunity to serve well their country and civilization. Such as may fall on the field of battle—and many will have—will beam a smile of satisfaction before entering into eternity that they had the glorious privilege of dying in and for a righteous cause to advance their race back in the states and everywhere. Contact with the men over here confirms this statement. Knowledge of things over here makes it possible for me to declare that the pages in the history of this war will transmit to posterity no records of stoical endurance and valor more lasting than the record made by Colored troops from Bordeaux to the Rhine.

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