

**Letters from
Our Readers**

**COLONEL YOUNG
COMPLIMENTS MONITOR**

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Camp Grant, Illinois.

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Rev. J. Albert Williams,
Editor of The Monitor,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My Dear Father Williams:

I enclose herewith my personal check of \$4 to pay for two years' subscription of The Monitor, one year of which has expired, you having, out of your goodness of heart, sent it to me for nothing. I would have done this before for from the very first I have wanted to tell you that The Monitor, all considered, is the very best weekly paper we have in the race. Your editorials are sane and of the highest order. You have a clear vision, a high patriotism, and with your culture and love of the race, I wish for The Monitor a far wider range than it now has.

You may be gratified when I tell you, that for the past year I have been its most ardent booster, not because it pleased my cause, but because of its general excellence and freedom from sensationalism and untruthfulness.

I would like to see you edit the same kind of a paper for a large syndicate of Colored men. You have faith and ideals, and you are not meddling with political flesh pots.

With the highest esteem for yourself, and wishing The Monitor every success, sincerely your and its friend,

CHAS. YOUNG,

Colonel U. S. Army, Commanding.

PRESIDENT BISSELL'S REPLY

Illinois College of Photography, Effingham, Illinois.

Jan. 11, 1919.

Mr. Lucian B. Watkins,
649 Stirling St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Your valued favor of recent date received, and we were pleased to hear from you, though we regret the necessity for our refusing your enrollment. We sincerely appreciate all that any of our soldiers have done for our country, regardless of nationality. The only reason that we make this distinction is because we have had trouble in the past with our students enrolled from the South, who have made strenuous objections to such conditions.

Trusting that this ban may be removed sometime in the future, we remain cordially yours,

(Signed) L. H. BISSELL,
President.

MULDOON IS ON THE MAP

Muldoon, Tex., Jan. 15, 1919.

To The Monitor and Readers:

As I never see anything in the paper regarding this part of Texas, I thought I would write a few lines. It is raining today and has been for some time, and farmers here are late with plowing. Stock of all kinds looks fine, however, and everything is bringing good prices. As I see it, the man with the plow has the best chance, as the whole world is depending upon him, and we farmers should make farming a business and not a side line. Let us not raise cotton alone, for cotton alone is a slam to the credit trade, but let us raise a variety. As to live

stock, let us raise more hogs, chickens, a few turkeys and milch cows. Then start a bank account and stay home Saturday nights and help the wife.

Another thing every Colored man, woman and child should do is to read race papers. I take two state papers, but they don't bring me the goods like The Monitor and Dallas Express. They need our support and we need the news in order to be well informed.

Well, this is my first time to write The Monitor, and if I get by the wastebasket, I will come again. Best wishes to The Monitor and its many readers and tell them I am busy on the farm.

GEORGE W. BRATCHER,
Rt. 1.

**COLORED PITCHER SAVES
AMERICAN NINE FROM DEFEAT**

Lewis A. Mitchell Holds Down Canadians in Emergency Call to Box in Crucial Diamond Contest in England—Matinee Idol Shows Rare Form as an Extra Added Attraction in a New Role.

(By Ralph W. Tyler.)

Belfast, England, Dec. 23.—The great American game, baseball, has at last been introduced here, in a match game between American and Canadian soldiers. An interesting thing about the game which drew an immense crowd was that a Colored American, Lewis A. Mitchell, the celebrated tap drummer and "noise artist," saved the American nine from defeat. The Belfast Evening Telegraph's sparring editor, describing the game by innings, in recording the seventh inning, in which the American pitcher, Stanley, got injured, at which time the score stood 4 to 3 in favor of the Canadians, wrote as follows:

"Seventh Inning—Canada was not long in before Stanley got a lightning return, and the ball split one of his fingers. Dr. J. W. Ritchie (Crumlin Road), who was one of the spectators, kindly came down at the call of the megaphone man, and Stanley went with him to the pavilion for treatment. Mr. Mitchell (appearing at the Hippodrome in 'The Seven Spades'), took the injured pitcher's place in the diamond, and he was introduced to the crowd as a former member of the New York Giants' team. When the inning closed, the score was still: Canada, 4; America, 3.

"In the eighth inning Mitchell early showed ability as a batsman, his first ball—a 'skier'—nearly braining one of the unoffending pressmen."

Despite the fact that Mitchell had had no practice, being called in as an emergency pitcher, and still wearing his street clothes, he held the Canadians down to one run for the three innings he pitched, while the Americans in the meantime adding two to their score, caused the game to end in a tie—5 to 5.

Thus it was that a Colored man, Lewis Mitchell, widely known in theatrical circles, who happened to be a spectator, and was called in when the Americans' regular pitcher was injured, saved America (United States) from defeat by the Canadians' baseball team.

**PLEASANT GREEN
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 5:30 p. m. The pastor preached to two full houses last Sunday. The sick of the congregation are improving.

Des Moines News

By W. H. Lowry

**PROMINENT PYTHIAN
VISITS DES MOINES**

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—Attorney W. Ashbie Hawkins, president of the Baltimore Branch, N. A. A. C. P., and Supreme Chancellor, Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemisphere, delivered an address before the Des Moines Branch, N. A. A. C. P., Wednesday evening at Carrmthian Baptist Church. A large audience was in attendance and listened to an interesting review of the Baltimore segregation ordinance, which was defeated by the Baltimore Branch, N. A. A. C. P.

The Park Street Branch of the Army Y. M. C. A. will conduct a public meeting Sunday afternoon, January 26, at 4 o'clock. Mr. H. C. Evans, who has been doing Y. M. C. A. work overseas, will be the principal speaker. Music will be furnished by the St. Paul A. M. E. Church Orchestra.

Monday evening the Army "Y" was addressed by John R. Mott, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a great work for the young men of the city. An effort is being made to convert the Army "Y" into a general Y. M. C. A. for the city. The citizens of Des Moines will do well to grasp this opportunity of making this work permanent. A Y. M. C. A. building is assured if the proper steps are taken and the men in charge given undivided support.

Mrs. F. H. Gresham, Cedar Rapids, has been appointed assistant postmistress in the general postoffice at the state capitol building.

The public indoor playground was opened in the basement of St. Paul A. M. E. Church Monday morning, with Miss Ada Hyde in charge. This playground is conducted under the auspices of the Public Welfare Board. Provisions are being made to establish a nursery at the church in the near future.

The uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A. E., A. A. and A., installed six new members Tuesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. The old members who were reinstated the same evening increased to full strength. Friday evening has been designated as regular drill time.

The Intellectual Improvement Club installed officers Monday evening, January 20, at the residence of Attorney and Mrs. John L. Thompson. The following are the new officers: President, Mrs. R. E. Patter; Vice President, Mrs. R. F. Burnaugh; Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Hall; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. John L. Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Dobson; Critic, Mrs. S. Joe Brown; Journalist, Mrs. H. W. Hughes; Chairman of Executive Committee, Mrs. W. H. Lowry.

The S. L. Birt Club entertained at the residence of Mrs. J. A. J. Jefferson, 1322 Day street, for benefit of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church. This club was organized by Mrs. Azora Mackey. During the first six months of the club's work \$631 was raised for the church and a special sum raised to furnish the pastor's study. The club will celebrate its first anniversary in February.

The Syndicate Club gave their first ball of the season Tuesday evening at the Army Club. This group is composed of twenty young men who have been given quarters at the Army club. Their club room and adjoining dance hall were beautifully decorated.

The Sunday services were well attended at the Corinthian Baptist Church. In remembrance of the old folk songs, which are pleasing to the pastor, a quintet sang "Roll On" as a special selection Sunday evening.

A revival meeting will be conducted at the Corinthian Baptist church beginning next week. The service of Rev. W. H. Harris, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., has been secured to assist in conducting the meeting. The Deacons and Trustee Boards will visit the hordes of friends and members of the church Sunday and encourage all to attend these series of meetings.

The Ushers' Club of, Corinthian Baptist Church realized a neat sum from a social they gave at Dr. McCree's Tea Room. The club extends many thanks to Dr. McCree for the donation of his Tea Room to the club for the purpose.

The Sunshine Service Club, composed of High School girls, served a six course dinner at the Army Club Tuesday evening, January 21. This club is one of the most patriotic and enterprising clubs of the city. Mrs. F. G. Goggles, 222 Arthur avenue, is their club leader.

Royal House, U. B. F., gave its first annual banquet Tuesday evening, January 21, at Masonic temple, corner Eleventh and Center streets.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Brown, 206 Arthur avenue, January 19. Breakfast was served at 9 o'clock. Covers were laid for 30. All reported a good time.

Fire broke out at the home of Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church, and did considerable damage to the roof. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock Monday morning. The alarm was turned in and the fire department responded immediately and soon extinguished the flames. Damage is covered by insurance. This house was recently purchased by Rev. Robinson.

Mrs. E. R. Hall was recently appointed stenographer in the Attorney General's office at the state house. Mrs. Hall's appointment came through competitive examination which she passed in both houses of the legislature.

The Mite Missionary Society will render a special program Sunday evening, January 26, at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. At the conclusion of the program a sermon will be preached by Rev. Mrs. Schooler.

The Young Married Folks' Club will give an entertainment Monday evening, January 27, for the benefit of the new St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

The Pleasant Hour Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Buckner Thursday afternoon.

Does your neighbor take The Monitor? Ask him. You like it. So will he. Help put The Monitor in EVERY COLORED home in your community.

Des Dunes orchestra will be at the Phi Delta hop January 28. Will you?

**WASHINGTON CITY
SIDELIGHTS**



Here's Laundry Hint Gleaned From the Marines

WASHINGTON.—Information always comes in handy, especially when you hook it while fishing for something else. As the American and French flags were raised at the celebration of Bastille day every man on the Ellipse took off his hat except the marines on guard.

A patriotic young lady, who is going to heaven when she dies, provided she takes as good care of her soul as of her glassy pink finger nails, objected to the omission, but as no one paid the least attention to her, that was all there was to that—except:



A woman who happened to be standing next a uniformed youngster on camp leave inquired into the matter and learned that no marine may take off his hat when he is wearing his belt. Being a sociable chap, glad of the chance to talk to so obviously a nice woman, he told of soldier life generally, until he came at last to the inside information that: "Every marine is his own chink."

This explains for you why it is that some uniforms look so much niftier than others, from a laundry point of view.

Also, it may account for a wise government's changing army blue for a color that won't show dirt. You have to know the reason of a thing to have proper respect for its value.

A marine has to wash a uniform every day—and he has four, unless it may be more or less, for a listener gets the wires crossed now and then—and he uses a brush instead of a washboard, which saves wear and tear on the garments, to say nothing of his knuckles and immortal soul.

So now you know what to do when tubbing time comes to help you win the war, and also—which is really more important—the lady of the glassy pink nails will find from this important document just why the marines kept on their hats.

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