

PENNSYLVANIA

Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 23.—As a fitting tribute to the splendid body of men who left Monday, the 5th, to join the National Army at Camp Custer a union service was held Sunday in Bethel A. M. E. Church and was in charge of Rev. W. M. Dawkins, who delivered the sermon. Red Cross auxiliary No. 13 attended in a body, as did also the drafted men. Addresses were delivered by George W. Fisher of Shiloh Church, C. W. Anderson of Zion Church, James A. Barber and Isalah White of Fribley Post, G. A. R. Melvin D. Peach sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning." R. R. Hamilton was presented with a signet ring by the Mercury Club, Albert Baer with a wrist watch by the Silver Leaf Club and each man with a testament, the gift of the Red Cross. * J. W. Fairfax Jr. spent several days at Saranac Lake with the Imperial Teleque Band. * The Iroquois Club entertained with a corn roast Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Viola Scott in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Payne of Philadelphia. * Miss Elizabeth O. Biven is spending a month in the city. She is making her home in Columbus, Ohio. * Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Viola Scott and Mrs. Harriet Hogan of this city were the dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Harris. * Douglas Green is assisting C. W. Anderson to whip the Flying Mercury Club into shape for the biggest skit, "Land of Harmony," to be staged on the 29th in Association Hall. * Fred (Ted) Hunter and Lonnie Miller of Camp Meade spent a week's furlough in the city. * Jethro Woodfork will sing the solo part in "Somewhere in France is a Lily" in the "Land of Harmony." * Rev. C. E. Tucker, Zion pilot, returned from Della during the week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Tucker. * Miss Lila M. Fisher of the teaching force of the Williamsport public schools took the examination during the week for a state certificate of efficiency. * Miss Florence Terry is visiting in Johnstown. * Musical Master Harry B. Woods will play the score for "The Land of Harmony." * Sunday was quarterly meeting in Salem A. M. E. Zion Church. The services of the day were in charge of Rev. M. L. Blaylock of Harrisburg, presiding elder of the Philadelphia district. The afternoon sermon was delivered by Rev. William M. Dawkins, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. * Clarence Clay has accepted a position with the Williamsport Wire Rope Company. * Sunday was missionary day in Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school. The program was furnished by the "Do Your Bit Class of Teen Age Girls." * Lee Johnson and John Robinson have been added to the trustee board of Zion Church.

Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 16.—Williamsport did itself proud on Monday morning when a mammoth demonstration was given the 23 Colored men who were consigned to Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Mich. Headed by the Imperial Teleque band, the city's finest musical organization, the big parade left the city hall at 7:30 and moved through the principal streets. The column included all the fraternal organizations, the Boy and Girl Scouts, a division of Red Cross workers and a contingent from each church and Sunday school. Moses Nash was chief marshal, while the committee which arranged Williamsport's premier Race demonstration was composed of C. W. Anderson, J. W. Fairfax Jr., George W. Fisher, John Robinson and C. A. Dockens. * The annual picnic of the combined Sunday schools of the city was held on Friday, the 2d, at Indian park. Eight hundred enjoyed the big day along the Loyalsock. Fred Gibson's Sweets Steel nine defeated the Sunday School Giants in the annual baseball game. A principal feature was the horseshoe tournament, in which Geo. Goodall lost the crown to "Mose" Nash, who suffered defeat at the hands of "Cal" Anderson, categorical star. * L. H. Butler was host Thursday evening at the regular meeting of the Categorical club. * Pres. R. R. Hamilton, who left Monday for Camp Custer, was presented with a wrist watch. The presentation was made by B. E. Harris. * Miss Nora Turner of Pittsburg is recuperating in the city and is under the care of Dr. J. T. Beete. * Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace of Pittsburg are spending their vacation in the city the guests of Mrs. Harriet Hagan, East Third st. * Mrs. Wm. Payne of Philadelphia was the week end guest of Mrs. Sarah Bannister. Mrs. Bannister entertained a select coterie of friends in Mrs. Payne's honor Sunday afternoon. * Miss Jennie Baer of Washington, D. C., located with the Department of Agriculture, spent several days as the guest of her brother, Albert Baer, who left Monday for Camp Custer. * Harry Woods, Geo. Gibson Jr. and Morris Garland were down from Eagles Mere to attend the big picnic. * Vincent Smith and Le Roy Walker piloted a delegation from Milton Friday to participate in the big picnic at Indian park. * Mrs. Viola Scott and daughter Gladys and Mrs. Harriet Hagan returned Thursday from a month's stay in Pittsburg. * The Choir Association of Salem A. M. E. Zion church will give a unique entertainment on the 13th under the title, "Living Pictures in Songs." The Choir Association will be assisted by the Categorical quartette. * Rev. C. E. Turker, Zion pilot, spent Sunday in Delta. * Miss Endora East and Mrs. Benj. Andrews will sing in the Mercury club's big skit, "The Land of Harmony," on the 29th. * The Defender is always on sale at Thos. Eckoll's and Frances Merrell's. Read the Defender. Always on hand and always right.

Meadville, Pa., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Robert Franklin left Monday for Chicago to visit friends. * Mrs. Jerry Davis and Mrs. Henry Branch, who have been visiting friends in Chicago, arrived home Thursday. * Mrs. McCorom, wife of Rev. McCorom, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, arrived in Meadville Saturday and will make Meadville her

home. * The A. M. E. Church gave a lawn fete at the Park Hotel Thursday evening, Aug. 1, which was a financial and social success. Music was furnished by the Erie Band (white). * Harvey Price left Friday for Memphis, Tenn., to visit relatives. * Miss Volda Irwin left Sunday for Ellicott, W. Va., to visit friends. * The Dunbar Club gave a royal reception for the twenty-five draftees who left Aug. 1 for Camp Custer, Mich. The draftees met at the courthouse at 1:30 p. m. and marched to the Erie depot, led by the Conneautville Band (white), local board No. 2, Red Cross Society (Colored), Dunbar club and other organizations, making it the largest and finest send-off any draftees have received leaving Meadville.

By J. H. Gray

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Ellen A. Richards of 8512 Gibson avenue has four sons in the service and the fifth son, whose name is Zallas, will leave in September. * Rev. Charles S. Freeman, D. D., pastor of First African Presbyterian church, is on his vacation. * The daily vacation Bible school of the Philip Brooks Memorial chapel has closed for the summer. * Dr. J. W. H. Eason, pastor of the People's Metropolitan church, is attending the Connectional council of the A. M. E. Zion church at Asheville, N. C. * Mrs. Florrie Makel, soprano soloist of Bethel A. M. E. church for 20 years, was tendered a linen shower and testimonial Wednesday evening. * The Second Baptist church of Nicetown is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its pastor, Rev. J. C. Jackson, this week. * Sergts. Eugene A. Thomas, Geo. T. Hutchins, Paul Evans, Corps. Earl Lee, Edmund B. Pressly, Geo. Whitman, Wm. D. Watson, Mechanic Chas. Ray, Thomas G. H. Fassett, Privates Edward Custis, Fosre W. Millen, Zeadie Bundic have all arrived in France. * Louis G. Gregory, attorney of Washington, D. C., is here in the interest of the Bahla movement. He is located at the Y. M. C. A. * Dallas Gaskins of 238 South Quince street was electrocuted at the Midvale iron works last Tuesday. He was buried Saturday. * The Ushers' brotherhood and Ladies' auxiliary of this city attended the brotherhood services at Atlantic City, N. J., Sunday at Asbury M. E. church. * Jos. H. Gaines, superintendent of Wayland Temple Sunday school, has gone to Boston, Mass., to make his future home. * Miss Olivia Yancy, teacher in the Joseph E. Hill school, is visiting along the Hudson river. * Wednesday evening Queen Melissa court No. 3, H. of J., presented Joshua Nora Handy with a Masonic emblem as a token of appreciation for his faithfulness.