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THAT BILLIKEN SPIRIT



VERY LATEST NEWS

THANKS FOR WRITE-UP
Louise Elizabeth Ford, Trenton, Ky., has just written Bud Billiken a letter thanking him for the write-up which appeared in a recent issue of the Defender Junior. Louise tells us that she has many interesting things to tell her correspondents.

PLANS VISIT TO BUD
Bud Billiken is making great preparations for a grand visit from his friend, Vivian Currier, of 4640 Calumet Ave., Chicago. Vivian is a student of the Wendell Phillips high school. She pushes a mean pen. "Spouse" we drop her a line or two.

ON SICK LIST
Members of the club are urged to drop a few lines to Miss Mary Morris, 413 N. Hinds St., Greenville, Miss. Mary has been seriously ill with a grippe and would certainly appreciate a few lines from her friends.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Cleopatra Whitfield, 20 Elm St., Natchez, Miss., is eager to know why the Billikens have failed to answer her letters. Will somebody please write and tell Cleo the reason why?

Emmett Says He Can't Write, but Can Draw

Dear Bud: Enclosed is my application blank. Please don't let me be a Billiken. I am so anxious to become a Billiken. My sister reads the Billiken page to me every week. I can't write very well, but I can do some excellent drawing. I will send a couple of drawings next week. Tell old and young Billikens to write to me as often as possible. I will send you a picture of myself every time I write and I will write you a letter every time I draw. I am 6 years old and in second grade. I live at 1000 E. 10th St., St. Louis, Mo. Sincerely yours, Emmett J. Shaw, 2644 Casmere St., Detroit, Mich.

SEND VALENTINES

Bud feels very proud of Annie Joyner, Box 123, James City, N. C., and Annie Brown, 422 W. Bolton St., Savannah, Ga., for those two Billikens sent him lovely valentine cards. Their names will be on the Honor Roll within a few days.

TO DO BETTER
Rebecca Davis, 1149 24th St., New York, N. Y., writes that she was glad to see her name on the Honor Roll. "Now that my name is on the 100 cent list, I shall try to do every thing in my power to keep it there," says Rebecca.

HERE THEY ARE

Here are the names of a few 100 per centers: Willie Leeper, 27 E. Virginia Ave., Memphis, Tenn.; Ruby Ruffin, 600 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Moses Jiles, 432 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Juliet Mackey, 671 Peris St., San Bernardino, Cal.; Nell Allen, 112 E. Washington Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.; Gwendolyn McCarthy, 10 Bond St., Providence, R. I.; Leslie White, 1011 Calipatria, Cal.; Madeline Hamlet, general delivery, Owensboro, Ky.; Frankie Whitlock, 106 E. 24th St., Los Angeles, Cal.; and Louise Wright, 165 Cherwin St., Boston, Mass.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Continental congress governed the colonies.
George Washington was chosen commander-in-chief of the American army.
Jefferson purchased Louisiana from France.
Two British generals were Gates and Howe.
Washington's first duty was to organize a new government.
Congress issued continental currency for money.
Jefferson issued the embargo act.
King George took the charter from Massachusetts.
John Jay was first chief justice of the supreme court.

BILLIKENS—YOU MUST REGISTER!

We are calling for a 1928 registration of all Billikens for the club files. Each Billiken matters not when you joined the club—must fill out in full the coupon printed below, giving name, address, age, school grade and name of parents.

1928 REGISTRATION

Name.....
Address.....
City.....
Age.....
Grade in school.....
Parents' names.....
Have been a Billiken since.....

Watch the Mails for Your Card and Button

VALENTINE GREETINGS

Bud Congratulates Mid-Year Graduates

LETTERS

HER RESOLUTION
Dear Bud: This is my resolution for 1928: Answer all mail promptly; write all new members; persuade other boys and girls to join and send something to the Junior Page as often as possible.
Now listen, Bud, please send my card and button as soon as you can. I am so anxious I can't wait to receive them.
Bud, please tell the following Billikens to write to me: Elizabeth Hall, 1457 Monroe Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Miss Naomi Carter, 302 E. Hall St., Madisonville, 102 Louisville, 102 S. 12th St., Terre Haute, Ind.—A 100 per center. Your friend, Elizabeth Hall, Box 172, Miami Shores, Fla.

HOPES TO BE BILLIKEN
Dear Bud: I'm sending in my application and I truly hope it will be accepted. I've been longing for this since I was a little boy. It has come, and if I'm not rejected I hope to be a 100 per cent Billiken. I'm very fond of writing letters and I will write you every week. I'll just wait until I've become a member and then I'll prove myself a true Billiken. Immediately waiting your reply, Saulo L. Banks, 455 Fourth Ave., Columbus, Ga.

LITTLE MISSISSIPPIAN
Dear Bud: I am a little girl down in Mississippi. My mother reads the Defender Junior to me and I enjoy it very much. I shall send you a picture of myself every time I write and I will write you a letter every time I draw. I am 6 years old and in second grade. I live at 1000 E. 10th St., St. Louis, Mo. Sincerely yours, Emmett J. Shaw, 2644 Casmere St., Detroit, Mich.

LIKES TO MAKE FRIENDS
Dear Bud: I have been reading the Defender Junior for a year and would like to join your wonderful club. I am 12 years old and attend the 11th grade at the Rockford high school. I want to become a Billiken. Please tell all the girls and boys to write me. Sincerely yours, Emma Jackson, 423 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SECOND ATTEMPT
Dear Bud: This is my second attempt to become a full member of your club. I have been waiting for you to see my letter printed. I guess Mr. W. B. had come back from his vacation. I hope you receive this one. Mr. W. B. is on his vacation. Northern Illinois University, 1111 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. I am 12 years old and attend the 11th grade. I want to become a Billiken. Please tell all the girls and boys to write me. I am 100 per cent Billiken. Please don't let me be a Billiken. My sister reads the Billiken page to me every week. I can't write very well, but I can do some excellent drawing. I will send a couple of drawings next week. Tell old and young Billikens to write to me as often as possible. I will send you a picture of myself every time I write and I will write you a letter every time I draw. I am 6 years old and in second grade. I live at 1000 E. 10th St., St. Louis, Mo. Sincerely yours, Emmett J. Shaw, 2644 Casmere St., Detroit, Mich.



MID-YEAR GRADUATES

And still they come, the sweet girl graduates of 1928, and such a warm welcome is theirs from Bud and all the little Buds, for they are marching on to help build up a fine race. The Billiken with the serious, soulful eyes is Dolores Katherine Bell, 4918 St. Lawrence Ave., who won honors at Hyde Park high school. But Dolores has no idea of stopping there, no indeed. She has just begun to learn, for she is now a student at the beautiful Chicago Art Institute. Her father is an employee of The Chicago Defender. At top right, you see charming Ethel Porter, 1315 Kerris St., Rockford, Ill. She is waiting for congratulations on having made her final bow at the Rockford high school. At the bottom is just how pleased Osadell Alexander looked when she received her diploma. She lives at 2102 Ohio Ave., Connersville, Ind.

Valentine Suggestions

Selected by GLENDA BRANNOCK

VALENTINE MENU
The following refreshments suggest a Valentine sentiment might be served on heart-shaped trays made of cardboard covered with red paper:
Creamed Chicken in Heart
"Heart Beat" Salad
Ice Cream in Heart Molds
Kisses
Heart-Shaped Cakes

HEART FRAME FOR PARTNERS
Partners for refreshments should be secured very much as if you were playing the "Heart Frame" game. Partners are secured very much as if you were playing the "Heart Frame" game. Partners are secured very much as if you were playing the "Heart Frame" game.

THE CAT-BURGLAR
All was dark and gloomy in the old house. It seemed to reflect the state of mind of the burglar who was weighing heavily on his conscience. At last he had been discovered, and now he was feeling from the narrow tunnel along the narrow passage, he reached the open window. As he looked out, he saw a bright light in the night sky. To the left, a drop of a hundred feet or so; to the right, a high blank wall; but in front of him, only 10 feet away, a narrow ledge.

SHORT STORIES

DO YOU KNOW THAT
That red flannel clothing is not warm or than white. This extraordinary belief has probably arisen because as fire is hot and red and snow is cold and white, therefore the same thing applies to cloth.

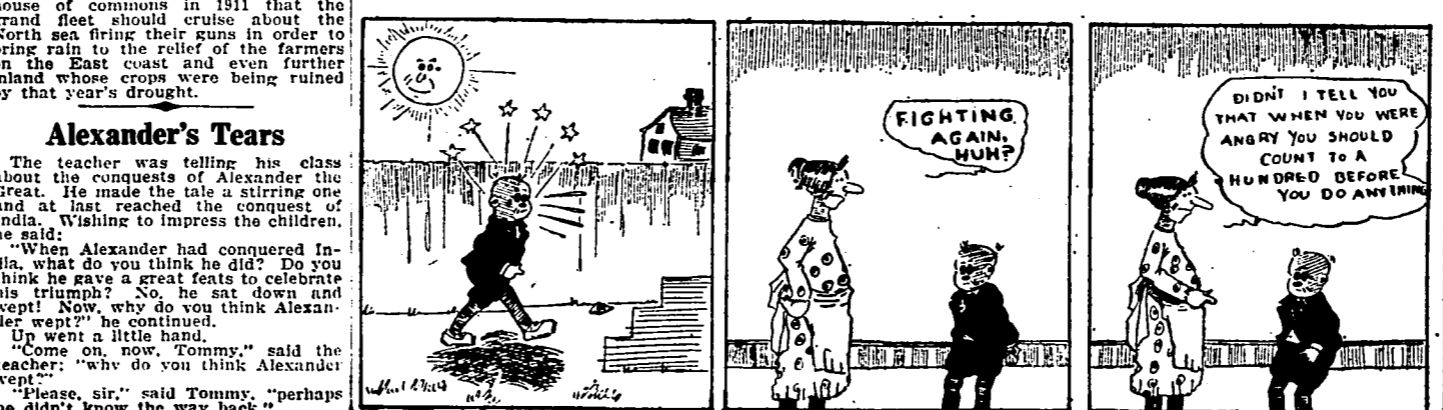
That hot tea does not cool the body. The reason one feels cooler after taking hot tea is because, after drinking the tea one's temperature rises and then, when the body cools down to its normal temperature, we feel cooler.

That the popular belief that explosion caused by the firing of big guns or other means, will bring down rain is perfectly absurd. So popular was this belief at one time that it was actually suggested in the house of commons in 1311 that the grand fleet should cruise about the North Sea firing their guns in order to bring down rain.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Alexander's Tears
The teacher was telling his class about the conquests of Alexander the Great. He made the tale a stirring one and the boys were all listening with interest. "Wishing to impress the children," he said: "When Alexander had conquered India, what do you think he did? Do you think he gave a great feast to celebrate his triumph? No, he sat down and wept! Now, why do you think Alexander wept?"
"Up went a little hand,"
"Come on, now, Tommy," said the teacher: "why do you think Alexander wept?"
"Please, sir," said Tommy, "perhaps he didn't know the way back."

SPOTTY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Meet Bud's Little Mid-Year Grads

TIMELY ADVICE
Work away, graduate, on the world's map. As long as you study, your grades will not drop. But if you stop digging, your standard will fall. And down will come graduate, diploma and all.
—Wendell Lawhorn.

By BEN F. CARRUTHERS
Morgan Park, Ill., Feb. 10.—The John D. Shoop public school, located at 1121st and Leffler sts., graduated its first class from the eighth grade on Thursday afternoon. The assembly hall of the building was crowded with the parents and many guests were turned away.



Little Clarence William Glenn, 4835 Vincennes Ave., meant to smile, but when the cameraman covered his head Clarence was so surprised that he closed his mouth. Clarence recently celebrated his birthday with a fine party to 14 little friends. His dad bought him everything new from top to toe, and he didn't forget the goodies either.

HOW TO MAKE

DATE PUDDING
State one pound dates and cut in small pieces. Put in a colander and drain off most of the water and add one cup brown sugar, one tablespoon flour, one cup chopped walnuts, one teaspoon baking powder. Beat yolks of two eggs and combine with mixture, then fold in the stiffly-beaten whites. Pour into steamer and steam one hour. Serve with whipped cream.

APPLE-CRANBERRY PIE
Press one pint each of cooked apples and cranberries through a colander. Add one cup sugar and one tablespoon flour. Cook until thick, pour in cooked apple shell. Place in oven a few minutes. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth and add sugar to taste. Heap on top of pie and return to oven to brown.

EGGLESS, MILKLESS, BUTTERLESS
Mix one egg yolk with water, sugar, water and raisins, one-third cup lard, one-fourth teaspoon nutmeg, one teaspoon each of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Beat yolks of two eggs to a stiff froth and add sugar to taste. Heap on top of pie and return to oven to brown.

ORANGE LAYER CAKE FROSTING
Yolks of two eggs, two tablespoons sugar, one egg white with the water. Add the orange extract and then the confectioner's sugar. Beat well.

AT PHILLIPS JUNIOR HIGH

Eighty-five students of the Phillips Junior High school received certificates of honor at the annual assembly held in the auditorium of the school on Friday morning. The program was presented by the annual mid-year expression were held in the auditorium of the Wendell Phillips high school, 59th St. and Prairie Ave.

MISS QUINTONS GRADUATES

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10.—The first annual mid-year graduation of the Anderson high school was held in the auditorium of the school on Friday morning. Miss Eselle Quintons, a member of the Billiken club, was among the honor graduates.

MISS LEE GRADUATES

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 10.—Miss Laura Lee, 1309 E. Leuda St., was a member of the Phillips Junior High school at the J. M. Terrell high school last week. Miss Lee promises to write all the Billikens, now that she is out of school.

LESTER LEE FINISHES

Lester Lee, 4233 Michigan Ave., Chicago, for two years a member of the Billiken club, received his diploma at the mid-year graduating exercises of the Wendell Phillips high school on Friday morning. Lester plans to work until fall and then will continue his education at Howard university.

QUESTIONS

1. Who wrote "The Death of Socrates?"
2. What difference is there between a current of wind and old automobile?
3. What do we often catch, let never chase?
4. What is it that is at first quite dead, but later becomes very much alive?
5. What, though often falls, never is lifted?
6. Why is a rheumatic and a window alike?
7. What well-known poet wrote "The Haunted Palace?"

Answers
1. Plato.
2. When night falls.
3. The wind blows in and the tire becomes alive with fire.
4. Drops of rain.
5. Both have rains (panes).
6. Edgar Allan Poe.—Herbert Haase, 3043 Clarke Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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