

LETTERS: A FEW LINES

Ingram, Junetta

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Dear Bud: Just a few lines to let you know that I am not dead. I still hope that I have not lost my membership in the club. I received my card and button last year and I lived in the flood district and of course it was destroyed. I then lost all my enthusiasm in the club.

I was ashamed to ask for another, but I will appreciate one now and would not let it get destroyed this time. So to show you that I am taking new interest in the club, I am sending my registration blank and also a poem I composed. Please tell all members to write to me for I am very, very lonesome. I will answer all letters promptly.
—Sincerely yours, Junetta Ingram, 1817
Chester St. Little Rock, Ark.

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THANKS, BUD

Dear Editor: Just a line or two to thank you for publishing my letter several weeks ago. I sure was happy when I saw it in the paper. Since my letter appeared in the paper, I have received lots of interesting letters and the good part of it is. I have answered them all. I am no longer lonesome, as I was in 1924. Within a few days I am going to write some poems and send in some more good things for the Defender Junior, so our little page will be the best in the paper. Guess this is all.—
From James Wilson, 2223 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

LONESOME GIRL

Dear Bud: I am a lonesome girl. I haven't received a letter in such a long time. Will you please see that the members of the club drop me a line or two? You will find enclosed a poem. Hope that it will come up to the standard of the club. Will send in something next week. Much luck to you and the rest of the members. This is all.—
Sincerely, Sarah Louise Brown, Box 265, Lynch, Ky.

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Dear Bud: Just a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten the club and I am trying as hard as I can to become a 100 per cent Billiken. Tell all the Billikens I am in need of mail. As I said before you may look for something good for the Defender Junior. Good luck—From Callie McCloud, 3019 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

THANK YOU, BUD

Dear Bud: I thank you kindly for publishing my letter. Although I have not received my card and button yet, I really feel like I am a Billiken now. Why? I have received 15 of the nicest letters. Gee! but I am just tickled to death. I am president of the Jolly Teens' club in Cleveland, and I shall do my utmost in influencing my 35 members to become Billikens. Wishing you and all the Billikens a happy and prosperous year, I am—Sincerely yours,
Miss Anona Martin, 6519 Central Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Note—Well, folks, here's another extraordinary Billiken, one who wants to do everything she can to make the club grow. It's up to each and everyone of us to choose our own way to shine and make everybody take notice. Do something big like Miss Martin.—Bud.

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Dear Bud: Just a few lines to thank you for printing my letter and I've received about a dozen answers so far and I'm really tickled. Please tell the Billikens that I'm in Portland, Ore., now instead of Twin Falls. I'm striving to be 100 per cent.—From a Bud Billiken, Madelyn Bedford, 293 Cherry St., Portland, Ore.

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POEMS



THE BUD BILLIKEN CLUB

By Ella Mae Paris

I'm a member of the B. B. C.,
And am as happy as I can be
When things go wrong and I feel blue,
I'll tell you exactly what I do.

I simply to a Billiken mail
A letter full o' news without fail,
To correspond is real great fun,
'Tis greater still with the Billikens.

There are Billikens, yes, in every state
And the editor plays square; at any
rate
No assessments are attached to you,
Clubs like this one are very few.

I'm trying to do something day by day
To advance the club in every way;
Its name rings now in every land,
Everyone knows about the Billiken
band.

To become a member 100 per cent and
true,
I'll tell you what you have to do—
Just take a blank and fill it out;
It will bring you joy without a doubt.

Then write to a Billiken every day,
As a letter a day will drive the blues
away;
Cram it full o' interesting news,
You'll be the winner, you can't lose.

Then send a contribution to the club
each week,
And the Billikens will you friendship
seek.
They'll write to you, one and all—
We're just a happy band, that's all.

Rules of Bud Billiken Club

(Clap this out and carry it to the next meeting of the Billiken club.)

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

FIRST—To teach our boys and girls to appreciate art, literature and science.

SECOND—To help develop talents of our boys and girls and give them an outlet for their expressions.

THIRD—To teach them the value of reading weekly and daily newspapers.

FOURTH—To bring them before the public.

FIFTH—To acquaint them with boys and girls in the United States and foreign countries, who are striving for higher ideals.

SIXTH—To teach love for church and Christian workers and a fuller appreciation for the words, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother."

RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE BUD BILLIKEN CLUB

1. You must be a regular reader of The Chicago Defender to become a member of the Bud Billiken club.

2. Each member must send in interesting stories and pictures, write newsy letters and answer letters written to you.

3. Each member must show evidence to the branch club president that he has written and received at least two letters from members of other branch clubs before he is eligible for the honor roll.

4. You must write neatly and only on one side of the paper, signing your name and address plainly at the bottom of the sheet.

5. You must not copy the works of others and sign your name to it.

6. Every member must read the interesting features in the Billiken page in The Chicago Defender and discuss same at weekly meetings of the branch club.

7. You must extend the hand of fellowship to sister and brother Billikens when they are seen with the Billiken card and button.

8. Each member must attend the weekly meetings of the Bud Billiken branch club. If no club has been formed in your city then it is your duty to organize one. Write Bud Billiken, 3435 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill., for particulars.

9. You must go to bed each night with a Billiken smile and promise never to frown when mother says go on an errand or wash the dishes.

10. Every member must be a real booster of The Chicago Defender and agree to interest at least five grownups in purchasing The Chicago Defender weekly.

"THE BUD BILLIKEN CLUB"

Houston, Virginia

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"THE BUD BILLIKEN CLUB"

Why do I stand in the doorway
In the heat of the midday sun
Watching the street with eaer eye
And hushed and bated breath?

Why, haven't you heard the news?
I've joined the Bud Billiken club.
And it's time for the mail man now
And he will soon be around.
I hope he brings me many letters

From Billikens old and young,
For I am prepared an answer all
And tell them all the news.
I'll tell them all how glad I am to be
A member of this wonderful club
And how I shall try to sing

Its praises to everyone.
So here's three cheers for Bud Billiken.
May fortune smile on him.
Three more shall for those members be
Who'll find time to write to me.
—Virginia Houston, 310 W. Eighth St.,
Fulton, Mo.