

News Briefs  
From Far and NearBALTIMORE HOST TO  
POSTAL MEET

Baltimore (ANP)—With top ranking government and city officials on hand to welcome and address them delegates, friends and visitors to the 11th biennial convention of the National Alliance of Postal Employees opened Monday morning at the Sharp Street M. E. church.

Mayor Howard W. Jackson delivered an address of welcome and Baltimore Postmaster Neal A. Sibley also extended greetings to the delegates who came from as far away as California and Texas.

Lafayette Ford president of the N. A. P. E. T89 A00 ok thing of the progress of the organization since its founding 28 years ago and cited instances of progress which made his hearers interrupt with frequent applause.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Washington (ANP)—The U. S. Civil Service commission announces open competitive examinations for the positions of junior inspector, in the wage and hour division of the department of labor, both at \$2,000 yearly. Application blanks must be on file for position inspector not later than Sept. 18, and for junior engineer, not later than Dec. 31.

TO BUILD HOUSING PROJECT  
FOR 99TH

Washington (ANP)—President Roosevelt last week approved construction with public funds made available under the Lanham act, including a 30 unit project at Tuskegee institute, to house enlisted men at the new air base; 350 at Newport News, Va., for defense workers and 30 at Rockford, Ill., for the same purpose.

The larger number is to be erected by private funds through the defense housing corporation of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. Although the units have been approved by the President, there is no indication as to when construction will actually start since there is no money available at the present time and a new appropriation will have to be made before the work can actually start.

## RECEIVE INVITATION TO CAMP

Mound Bayou, Miss. (ANP)—Boy Scouts from five troops of the Delta Area Council Boy Scouts of America were invited to participate in the first official Negro Scout camp, Aug. 11-13 on Sunflower river, near Ruleville, Miss. Marking the first time Negro scouts have been allowed to enter the camp, the 65 scouts met and camped under the direction of J. D. Bice, white, assistant scout executive of the Delta Council area.

500 ATTEND NEW  
FARMERS CONVENTION

Tallahassee, Fla. (ANP)—Over 500 persons from 16 states attended the seventh national convention of New Farmers of America at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical college August 17-20.

With a theme "Promoting a Greater Defense Through Health," the youth and their vocational agricultural advisors heard government officials of Washington urge a new high in efficiency and honest workmanship during these days of national crisis.

Spurgeon Talley, young farmer and agricultural student, of Atkins, Ark., was awarded a \$75 cash prize as ranking superior farmer for 1940-41 during the closing session Wednesday. The \$50 H. O. Sargent prize for improved farming was given to Haley Smith, a student of the Nansmond Training school Franklin, Va.

## JORDAN'S REELECTION URGED

Tacoma, Wash. (ANP)—The reelection of Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, pastor of the First AME church, Los Angeles to the episcopacy in 1944 was unanimously urged here Thursday at the Puget Sound conference of the African Episcopal church, Bishop Noah W. Williams, St. Louis, presided over the convocation and in an address to the assembled body, urged that the church courageously attach itself to its task in the modern world with sacrificed zeal. Following the address, came the proposal for Dr. Jordan's reelection.

## Sixteen Dead In New York Pier Fire

## REELECTED



REV. G. W. ROBINSON

Pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, Des Moines, reelected moderator of the Iowa-South Dakota-Nebraska and Minnesota Baptist Association, at the Sixty-third session which closed in St. Paul, Minn., on August 22.

RELEASE MEEKS  
ON \$500 BOND

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Meeks, 1513 Buchanan street, were arraigned on Wednesday on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses by accepting poor relief while Meeks was employed.

Both pleaded not guilty before Municipal Judge C. Edwin Moore and were released under \$500 bond.

The charges were filed by the Polk county relief administration.

Baptists Plan  
For Cleveland  
Meet Sept. 10th

Chicago (ANP) It seems probable that the National Baptist convention to be held in Cleveland, Sept. 10-14, will not only have the largest gathering in the history of the convention but that it will travel more comfortably and luxuriously than ever before. Rev. J. H. Branham, director of transportation for the convention, says the demand for travel arrangements exceeds anything he has experienced before.

Chicago is to be the focal point for delegations from the south and the west. From this point a number of special trains will be dispatched to Cleveland, various groups joining here and traveling together. The Nickel Plate is the road to be used, the accommodations and conveniences offered having won them the route of travel. Deluxe special trains will be provided with every travel convenience aboard. It is expected to be a record religious travel calvade, with delegates from Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, California, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri converging on Chicago.

Perry Boy Wins Medal for  
Outstanding Work at Fort

Perry Iowa—Word has been received here that Corporal John Q. V. Perry who is with the crack 10th Cavalry, famous colored regiment, was awarded the Shipp Memorial medal for outstanding work in his regiment.

Corporal White, the son of Rev. and Mrs. White of Perry, was one of the first two Dallas County volunteers under the selective service act and left for army service last November on Thanksgiving day. The other volunteer who left at the same time was Fred D. Parker.

The Shipp Memorial medal awarded to the local man, who is in Special Weapons Troops, was given to

Cliff Mackay, Daily Editor  
Comments on Negro Press

From a daily paper newsboy to the position of managing editor of the Atlanta Daily World, Clifford Mackay of Atlanta, Ga., was back home this week recalling many of his boyhood experiences—when he and his brother used to be the crack downtown newsboys—selling more daily papers than any of the other downtown newsboys.

Here visiting his father, Mr. E. Mr. Mackay, 1022 Thirteenth street, and sisters, Mrs. Virginia Williams and Miss Doraleva Mackay, the Georgia newspaperman dropped in the office of the Bystander, where he spent much of his spare time, doing job printing and editorial work during his school days.

## Tells of Press

In a short interview he discussed the problems of the Negro press—pointing out the differences in daily and weekly circulations, advertising and news gathering.

Mr. Mackay, in charge of the Negro daily paper which prints 22,000 papers for everyday distribution by hundreds of newsboys, also supervises the publication of 37 other Negro newspapers which are printed

## TO JOIN ARMY

Fort Riley, Kan. (ANP)—Because he had an irresistible urge to join the army, 19-year-old James A. Watkins hitch-hiked 1,500 miles from Mansfield, O., where he was employed, in a foundry, to Camp Funston, Kan. Prompted by his brother, Sgt. Curtis Watkins 10th Cavalry, whom he had not seen for 14 years, to enlist, James began his trek without any money, but obtained food along the way from bakeries and stores. He arrived in Camp Funston August 18, and found that his brother was out on a hike, but he waited until he returned. He hopes to be assigned to the same regiment.

## MRS. ELLEN NETTLES

Mrs. Ellen Nettles Simmons, 47, 1412 Center street, died Wednesday at Broadlawn General hospital. She had been ill two years.

A niece and nephew survive. L. Fowler and Sons funeral directors are in charge of funeral arrangements which were not completed in time for publication.

## REVIVAL AT UNION

## BAPTIST NEXT WEEK

An old time revival at Union Baptist church will be held by the young ministers of the city beginning Monday throughout the week. They are: Reverend Wilford Holt, formerly of Lawrence, Kas.; Ernest Trompion, assistant of Maple Street Baptist church; Rev. Allen Gilmore, member of Corinthian Baptist church. Special worship service will precede the preaching.

and published in Atlanta and distributed throughout the country—the Iowa Observer, edited by Charles P. Howard, Jr., being one of the papers.

In the early days of the Negro daily the problem was getting sufficient news, Mr. Mackay said, but with live-wire correspondents on papers that are published by the Georgia company, the problem was remedied and news comes in daily from all parts of the country.

"Securing advertising accounts which is a problem of the Negro weekly—is very simple in the daily set-up. The salesman does not have to go back week after week to try to sell the business man. He gets him on a yearly contract and the advertising copy is sent to the office by mail," Mackay said.

"Distribution is not a worry—hundreds of newsboys throw the paper daily and collect each week," he added.

Accompanying Mr. Mackay was Ernest Lyons of the mechanical department of the Atlanta Daily World. Both are enroute this weekend to St. Louis, Mo., where they will make plans for the publishing of the St. Louis American.

BOY INJURED IN  
BIKE ACCIDENT

Bernard Turner, 9, 927 Thirteenth street, suffered a badly fractured leg when his bicycle crashed into an auto at Eleventh and Day streets, Wednesday. The auto was driven by Lincoln Wells, 41, 917 Twelfth st.

Hillman Gives  
Labor Day Talk

Washington, D. C.—"Labor Day is full of meaning for American workers. It commemorates their right to organize, their right to join unions of their own choosing, their right to bargain collectively with their employers. It symbolizes the democratic processes through which labor has achieved a primary place in the councils of America and in the affairs of other democratic nations," is a part of the Labor Day message from Sidney Hillman of the office of production management.

"The present confronts with a treat—the threat of Hitler's enmity to democracy and to labor's freedom."

Perfect Photo Taken of  
Polar Lights, Is Claim

Providing a new foundation for better understanding of the upper atmosphere, "the most perfect reproduction" of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, ever produced by a scientist was claimed recently by a University of California at Los Angeles physicist.

Announcing results of months of research, Dr. Joseph Kaplan, a professor of physics, revealed that, with the assistance of Dr. Sidney Rubens, he has successfully completed experiments in which he was able to reproduce both the nitrogen and oxygen lines of the upper atmosphere on a single photographic plate.

Previously, he reported, one or the other element has been reproduced singly, "but never together to give a complete picture of the spectrum of the Aurora Borealis."

"Now we have a starting point for really understanding what goes on in the upper atmosphere," Dr. Kaplan said, "and it is hoped that many more problems of the upper air can be investigated."

Practical applications of his experiments may be three-fold, the physicist declared.

1. Knowledge of the upper atmosphere may help solve radio transmission problems.
2. It may provide a more extensive knowledge of radiation from the sun—which some scientists think may become an important source of power to the world.
3. Study of our own atmosphere may help astronomers to understand the atmosphere of distant stars.

War Department  
Orders Hiring of  
Colored Workers

Washington (ANP)—The war department capitulated last week to the President's executive order, dated June 25, when in a memorandum to the executive officers of all divisions of the vast department instructions were issued that colored workers were to be hired when qualified.

In a separate letter, attention was called to the President's order, and department heads were notified that colored eligibles sent them must be hired, regardless of race or creed.

And, in carrying out the instructions as ordered, colored girls are being integrated into various departments hitherto closed to colored workers. Two have been sent to the finance department, two have been sent to the ordnance department and more are coming in daily.

Sending the girls in two's eliminates any possibility of friction with white workers and gives the pair the feeling of security.

The official order on this was issued on Aug. 19, covering the entire war department.

EUCLID TAYLOR, NEW AND  
YOUNGEST BAR PRESIDENT

Chicago (ANP)—The National Bar Association elected to office at Little Rock, the youngest president in its long history when Atty Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis city prosecutor, and retiring president handed the gavel to Atty. Euclid Louis Taylor of Chicago. The new president is considered one of the most successful lawyers in the country.

Born in Coffeyville, Kans., 35 years ago, his father died when Euclid was one year old and his Choctaw Indian mother had to eke out a living for him and his sister.

Human Body Is Managed  
Better Than Democracy

The human body runs itself better than democracies, it was cited recently in a medical discussion at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, founded in 1848.

The reactions of the human body were cited as an example for democracies in meeting changing conditions such as the current world crisis, because it "runs itself better than the world." In its ability to meet emergency, the human body, it was pointed out, has evolved a self-regulated internal economy which keeps it in a fit state for action, and keeps it prepared for extra effort when confronted by critical situations.

The scientists suggested that the organization of the physiologic body might well be studied in connection with disturbances of the body politic in the interest of meeting disturbing forces in democracies, such as economic upheavals, financial panics and the general run of disturbing forces.

The current crisis with its rush to produce tools, buildings and machines was compared with the preparedness of the human body to provide defense reactions for emergency.

## Quick-Frozen Foods

Foods have been quick-frozen so successfully, are so convenient for quick meal preparation, retain vitamin value so much better than foods preserved by other methods that the industry has grown by leaps and bounds!

New containers have been developed to provide the household with adequate storage space for frozen foods, enabling homemakers to buy large quantities of these foods at lower cost. Farmers have built quick-freezing units in their homes and community locker plants have been established in rural sections. Universities as well as commercial houses are working to promote better frozen products and more economical storage facilities.

Remember that no vegetable should ever be boiled rapidly. Cover the pan used in cooking vegetables, bring to boil, then reduce heat to keep product simmering.

Negro Workers Burned  
And 100 Injured; Others  
Tell of Blazing Inferno

New York (By Ernest Johnson for ANP)—The bodies of 16 Negro longshoremen have been identified and eight others were still missing Friday following the \$2,000,000 fire that whipped across Pier 27, East river, and changed the New York and Cuba Mail line steamer Panuco into a burning mass of tangled plates and charred embers last Monday afternoon.

Various governmental agencies immediately plunged into separate inquiries to determine the cause and place responsibility for the record devastation that in the space of 10 minutes transformed the entire waterfront south of the Brooklyn bridge into a blacked-out area bristling with death and destruction traveling on a roller coaster.

For days now the river has been giving up bodies, and others, charred beyond recognition, many but skeletons, have been removed from the bulk of the Panuco which had been towed down to the Gowanus flats there to burn out.

The harrowing experiences of the members of 968, International Longshoremen's associations, who had been assigned to unloading the death ship, will long live in their memories for escape in any way a difficult thing so rapidly did the flames spread.

Discount Sabotage  
Testimony taken at the hearing conducted by the bureau of marine navigation last week tended to discount sabotage as the cause.

The other thought advanced was that possibly a stevedore stealing a few moments off for a smoke might have carelessly thrown away his cigarette thereby setting fire to much inflammable stores that lay round. A flying spark from one of the engine compartments of the ship has been advanced as a possible cause.

A check at union headquarters brought the information from George Pollack, president of the all-colored local that six gangs were at work on the unloading and loading job of the Panuco. His local had furnished four of them. The other two were white. A gang consists of 20 men which would make the number of Negroes involved 100 and the white 20. There were possibly other whites on the docks not particularly longshoremen.

According to some of the stories gathered there were some 18 Negroes working in the three holds in the forward end of the ship, the part nearest the strip. A single hatchway, large enough for an average size man to crawl through, was the only way of escape. The fire was already on the ship and sweeping everything in its path when the men in those holds learned of their situation.

Jim Thompson  
Injures Foot

James P. (Jim) Thompson, 205-pound University of Iowa football end, is recovering from a foot injury at Iowa Methodist hospital here.

Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher S. Thomas, 1332 Jefferson, received the injury while he was forking at Waterworks park, when an ax slipped from his hands last week and struck his left foot.

Dr. Donald Kast, his physician, said that due to the nature of the injury it could not be determined exactly how long it would take for the wound to mend.

Thompson, a sophomore at Iowa, a former Roosevelt high school athlete, will not be able to begin fall practice with the Iowa squad on September 10.

WOMEN'S DAY  
PROGRAM AT  
BETHEL A. M. E.

The Women's Day program at Bethel AME church August 25th was a success. Mrs. Estella Coates evangelist of the Northwestern Conference, preached the morning sermon. The ladies choir, composed of

## Smallest Incorporated Town

The town of Dellview, N. C., owes its incorporation to a band of dogs. Davis P. Dellinger and his two brothers ran a big poultry ranch. Dogs used to raid the coops. The county laws did not seem to afford enough protection. So Davis Dellinger, who was also a lawyer, hit on a plan to curb the depredations.

While county laws may or may not have been lax in dealing with stray dogs, the laws of incorporated towns were not. The Dellingers arranged for the legislature to incorporate their huge ranch into a town—a town of only eight inhabitants, perhaps the smallest burg of its kind. Then they enacted drastic laws for the destruction of ownerless dogs. They put those ordinances into effect so vigorously that soon the dog pack was wiped out.

This was in 1925. Later, the poultry business was given up, and the ranch was turned into a farm for the raising of hay and of vegetables. But it was still a legally incorporated town; and with the same population as at first.

First Aid Show  
At Good Sunday

Good Park pool will provide the setting for an elaborate First Aid demonstration by the Lincoln Post First Aid detachment, Sunday, August 31, at 7:30 p. m.

This corps is one of the top-rated organizations in the state and has prepared an interesting program based on modern first aid technique. Included in the program will be their outstanding presentation of black-out first aid. There will be short talks by John Coleman and Morris DeSleet and the presentation of swimming awards by Leroy Bird.

Over Thousand at  
Medics Confab

Chicago—The forty-seventh annual convention of the National Medical Association closed last Friday after a four-day session at the DuSable High school. It was the largest convention in the history of the group, with more than 1,000 delegates in attendance.

Dr. J. Leonidas Leach, former president of the association, who was deposed from office last year, won a vote of exoneration. President-elect of the group is Dr. T. M. Smith of Chicago and the site of the next convention will be Cleveland.

23 women directed by Mrs. Donna Ogleton, rendered the music. In the afternoon Mrs. Clara Houston, president of East Side Junior Missionary gave the principal address. The music was furnished by Mr. Cooren, Jacken accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Collin, the St. Paul A M E ladies chorus accompanied by Mrs. Joeburns Kelso, and the chorus from Burns accompanied by Brualla Johnson.

In the evening there was a pageant given by Mrs. Coates "The Ten Virgins". The characters were, Goldie Fant, Clara Cooper, Dora Davis, Beatrice Brown, Shirley Davis, Virginia Smith, Dorothy Bush, and Ruth Doyle. The bride and groom were Rev. and Mrs. Ogleton. The guests of honor were, Sula Turner, Gertrude Brown, Willie Mae Tunley, Le Nora Fry and Quan McLeary.



**DINNER  
AREIGHT**

# SOCIETY



**WEDDING RECEPTION  
FOR MR. AND MRS.  
LESLIE JOHNSON**

Miss Dorothy Tillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tillman, 1271 Stewart, was married to Mr. Leslie Johnson of Keytesville and Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, August 14, at Bethany, Mo.

Honoring the newlyweds, a reception was given at the bride's home Saturday night, August 16, attended by 50 guests.

At a beautifully appointed dining table a two-tier wedding cake with pink and white decorations was the center-piece.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Tillman, the bride's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Adams, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Berkes Strother, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray.

Mesdames Leola Martin, Viola Galbreath, Dorothy Hammett, Mildred Johnson, Irwin White, Alberta Mease, Helen Anderson, Ann Wellington, Bessie Payne, Thomas Jackson, Bert Murray.

Misses Mildred King, Nettie and Susie Bourland, Doraeva Mackay, Minnie Wright, Viola Gray, Delphia Tillman, Velma Roper, Bertha M. Strother.

Messrs. Lenwood Tillman, Lowell and Curtis Tillman, Kelly Dixon, John and Albert Phillips and Ed Johnson.

The newlyweds are at home at 1420 Maryland ave. Mr. Johnson is employed at the Iowa Des Moines National Bank and Trust Company.

**IOWANS RETURN FROM  
VACATION IN COLORADO**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, 1162 Seventeenth street, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher S. Thomas, 1332 Jefferson, and Mr. Thornton Adams, 3031 Grand, returned to the city Wednesday from a vacation trip spent in Colorado.

The party visited in Boulder, Estes Park, Big Thompson Canyon and spent the majority of their vacation in "Joie Devivre" cabin at Lincoln Hills resort, 38 miles out of Denver.

The party enjoyed cool weather & even snow one day—and for their comfort made a blaze in their cabin fireplace daily. Wraps and blankets were very necessary vacation equipment they reported.

In Denver they were guests of the Lightners of the American Woodmen Insurance company.

Mrs. Thomas returned home to find her son, James Thompson, in the hospital recovering from an ax injury to his foot.

**NEW YORKERS  
ARE GUESTS HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dimitry and daughter, Joyce of New York City, cousin James Webster of Chester, Pa., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William, Waker, 834 West Eleventh street, and Mrs. Laura Rhodes of this city, last week.

Mr. Dimitry, formerly of Des Moines, and who served high in the New York Navy yard of Brooklyn, N. Y.

**THE PERKINS  
ENTERTAIN  
FOR VISITORS**

Complimenting out-of-town relatives and friends before their departure from the city, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Perkins of 1078 Fourteenth street, entertained Thursday night August 21, for Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Rachel Jones and Mr. George Howard of Los Angeles.

Others sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Cogwell, Mr. and Mrs. James Sims, Mr. and Mrs. John Drew, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bogan, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Fowler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. Pearl Jefferson, Mrs. Mabel Mann, Mrs. Maude Howard, Mr. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret M. Patten assisted the hostess.

Mr. H. P. Johnson of Ohio and Mr. J. T. Johnson of Des Moines are brothers of Mrs. Perkins. She had not seen the Ohioan in 20 years. Mrs. Jones of California is Mrs. Perkins' niece.

**RETURN FROM ST. PAUL**

Mrs. J. L. Madison and son, Floyd Madison, returned last Saturday from St. Paul, Minn., where they attended the annual convention of the Central District Baptist Association of Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota.

**TEXAN STOPS WITH  
RELATIVES**

Dr. L. Payne of Ft. Worth, Texas, spent several days here visiting with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Carl and Mr. Carl, Mr. Payne and Mrs. Carl, a former Texan, left the city Tuesday for Fort Worth.

**CLUBS**

**CLUB AT BREAKFAST**

Mrs. Ora Brown entertained Le Merced club at breakfast Wednesday, August 20 at her home, 1419 Maryland avenue. Mrs. Mamie Robertson of Muskogee, Okla., was an out-of-town guest.

**THREE PURPOSE**

The Three Purpose club met with Mrs. Lucia Wells, hostess, August 20. Mrs. Nelson Thompson was guest to the club.

**MONARCH CLUB**

The Monarch club will hold its regular meeting Sept. 8 at the Community Center, Fifteenth and Crocker.

**COMMUNITY CLUB  
MEETS SUNDAY**

The Community club will meet Sunday, August 31, at 1125 Third street. Clint Roland is chairman; Odessa Booker is secretary. There will be guest speakers.

**LEAVE FOR VACATION**

Mr. and Mrs. Harbron Merrett left Sunday morning on a vacation with their relatives in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

**MOTORED TO  
CHICAGO, ILL.**

Mrs. Elaine Bagby of Kansas City Mo., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sue Jette Crank of Cedar Rapids, motored to Chicago Thursday morning.

Mrs. Bagby will visit her aunt, Mrs. Lessi Brooks and Mrs. Ester Warfield and her brother, Mr. George Crank. Mrs. Sue Jette Crank will take up her new position as secretary of the Chicago YMCA.

Mr. E. Knotts nephews wife Mrs. Grace Sevir and her two daughters from New York, drove to Des Moines Friday, August 22, to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Knotts and aunt, Mrs. Anna Mitchell and the Crewers family.

**KANSAS CITIAN  
ON VACATION**

Miss DeLutha P. King of Kansas City, Mo., and his sister, Veatrice, are vacationing in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Tutt. They are nephews and niece of Mrs. Tutt DeLutha was the youngest student in Kansas University last year.

**GROUP OF MOTHERS  
FETED AT YWCA**

A group of mothers was entertained at a 2 o'clock chicken dinner last Saturday afternoon at the Blue Triangle Branch YWCA, given by Mrs. Elma Robinson.

The dining table was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue candles and flowers.

The dinner was followed by a program. Mr. Arthur Bryant, student of music at Drake University, played selections and accompanied Mrs. Festus Stone in a group of numbers. The feast, ended with a song led by Mrs. Frederick, mother of Corinthian Baptist, who sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mr. John Estes assisted with the use of his car. Those sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames Frederick, J. L. Dameron, Robinson, Carter, Brown and Mary Mickels.

**THE PERSONAL  
TOUCH**

(By Marie Ross)

With the calendar greeting the month of September - the luscious odors of early fall canning are circling about many a housewife's home.

Nothing is more stimulating - to encourage one to go door-knocking - than to pass by a home and get a big whiff of grape jelly or jam in the making.

The other day on the East side - just passing by the home of Mrs. Frank Brent, 1341 McCormick, a steam of grapejelly fragrance coifing from Mrs. Brent's kitchen - just lead her to the door. She was busy canning grapes that were grown in her back yard. She has been very busy this season putting up fruits and vegetables from her own garden.

Another lady who is busy as a bee - both day and night - running day and night classes at the Crescent Beauty School is Mrs. Pauline Brown Humphries. She finds time between the midnight and dawn to do her canning. Already she has put up over 100 jars of foodstuffs this season she says.

Peaches were quite cheap at the market the other day and your scribe found herself spending two bits for a peck of the nice ripe fruit. She turned around in a hurry - got a few large jars from Mrs. Mary Willis, who after cleaning her basement found she had too many - and began to do a little cold-packing after getting out the paper the other night. The scribe did alright - put up eight quarts - until she got started on the jelly. After about three

**ABBE WALLACE**

E. J.—I have a boy and his wife is parted. She lives with her people and he is in California. He wants her back and they have 3 children and I want her to go to him. What will she do?

Ans: If he sends her money for she and the children... I am sure that she will go back to him. She realizes that she would be much better off with the father of her children than she is right now and if he does right... she will too.

R. W.—Is there a chance of them calling me back to work. They called the man who used to work for them and we were layed off at about the same time.

Ans: Yes, no doubt you have already been called back to duty. I wish to urge that you save some money now that you are back making such a good salary. You can save at least half you earn, so that the next time you get layed off, you won't be embarrassed as you were this last year.

M. L. W.—I am not happy. My husband and I have two fine boys. He never says anything nice to me or wants to carry me out anyplace at all. He is a pretty good provider, and he says that our days are over and we should live for our children only. But I am young and he goes out all the time to different games and fun. Tell me if I should do as

I plan?

Ans: Not altogether. The best possible thing to do is continue to live a clean life and be a good mother and loyal wife. Arrange to have some young person come in once a week and stay with the children so you can get out with your husband. This will have a tendency to break the monotony to some extent and you can have a little fun as well as he can.

C. M.—I am engaged to a nice girl and I would have already married her but I am afraid that I have a bad disease. I want to know what is wrong with me and should I marry now.

Ans: Hold up the marriage until you go to your doctor for a complete medical examination. If the doctor tells you it is alright to get married... carry out your plans. If by chance there is something wrong, postpone the wedding for an indefinite date, or until you are completely well and in a position to marry.

R. M. S.—Must I take the trip that I am planning to take and will it do me any good?

Ans: Yes, make the trip that you are planning as it will do you a world of good and I assure you that it will give you more pleasure and enjoyment than anything you have done in several years. Make an effort to get a job if you like this city you are to visit.

**MOTHERS CLUB**

The Mothers' club met August 19 with Martha Wheeler. A potluck was planned for September 2. Bingo was played and prizes were won by Myra Jackson and Frances Bonwell. The next hostess will be Miss Bonwell, September 9.

**MR. AND MRS.  
CARTER HERE**

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Carter of Detroit are visiting Mr. Carter's brother, Mr. Lawrence Carter and Mrs. Carter, 1071 Seventeenth street. He formerly lived in Buxton, Ia. While here they were extended many courtesies.

different boilings—the adding of some powder to make it jelly—and a few plums—she has peach-plum jelly to her credit.

Last week Mrs. Emma Armstrong of West Des Moines had a kind streak when the reporter stopped to chat with her. The Valley Junction housewife has many little chickens, —for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners—walking around her backyard. She wrapped up a young fryer in a paper sack and handed it to the scribe who was more than glad to get it and could not wait until she got to the YWCA to kill the chick and then cook him. But—the reporter had a meeting to stop by that evening before going to her abode—and the question was what to do with the little chick that "puck-pucked" all the way back to town on the street car. After a ride of a half an hour or more the scribe and the chick had become good friends and she had lost all nerve of wringing its neck—or even eating it.

Near the meeting place the reporter dropped the chick with the bosses' mother, who decided she would let the chick grow a few more days before killing it. She sent it over to her son, Clyde's chicken yard, to run about with the rest of his ninety-nine thoroughbred poultry. Mr. Clyde reported that the chick was taking on more weight, was ruling the chicken yard—and answered to the name—"Marie." The reporter hopes to be able to make a good report to Mrs. Armstrong after one of the early fall dinners.

**LEAVE FOR ALABAMA**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Montgomery, Ala., and their daughter, left the city Thursday morning after having spent a vacation with Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Glass.

**MR. ANDERSON TO  
VISIT MOTHER HERE**

Milford Anderson of Chicago will arrive in the city Saturday to spend Labor Day with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Caldwell Anderson, 1700 Grand avenue. Also coming from the Windy City will be her brother, Alonzo Caldwell and wife. All are formerly of this city.

**MRS. MATTHEW JAHNSON  
VISITING MOTHER**

Mrs. Matthew Johnson, 2320 Terrace Road, is spending a vacation in Leavenworth, Kansas, with her mother, Mrs. Lula Carter. She will be gone a couple of weeks.

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**DR. MITCHELL OF  
DETROIT TO VISIT  
MRS. MARGARET PATTEN**

Dr. Ralston S. Mitchell of Detroit, Mich., is expected to arrive in the city this weekend to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Margaret M. Patten, 1072 Fourteenth street, and family.

Dr. Mitchell is enroute home from Chicago, where he attended the National Medical Association. From Chicago he went to Minneapolis, Minn., to visit with a brother, Holbert T. Mitchell.

Dr. Mitchell is on the staffs of the Trinity and Parkside hospitals in Detroit.

**MR. AND MRS. SCOTT**

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott, 981 Twenty-fourth street, were hosts to a family dinner Tuesday, August 19, complimenting their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio.

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YES WE WANT TO HELP

The diversity of opinion among advocates of different courses of action in the present crisis has brought to America numerous organizations. Some favor full cooperation with countries opposing Hitler including a fighting war, while others are more or less committed to plans all the way to collaboration with Hitler.

An interesting group of which Senator Carter Glass of Virginia is the honorary chairman "Fight for Freedom, Inc." has organized a Harlem New York division. Undoubtedly its secretary is a Negro Edward W. White and its purpose is an appeal to the Negro for support of its views.

This organization is interested in ascertaining the attitude of the Negro on such questions:

"The Negro responsibility as an American citizen.

"America's responsibility to her Negro citizens."

Each of these questions contains much food for thought and could be the subject of considerable discussion.

But the Bystander suggests that when we recognize the fact and law that the Negro is a citizen in the full sense the word implies, then the answer to Question No. 1 is that his responsibility is the same as any other citizen - no more no less.

And we do not hesitate to say that if America does its part toward its Negro citizens there will be little question over the Negro's position of full support for America and the good things for which it stands.

As to question No. 2, the Bystander is frank to say that America is not meeting its responsibility to her Negro citizens. It did not do so before this crisis, it is not doing so now. The systematic exclusion from defense work - this has been somewhat modified - and the mistreatment of Negro soldiers in camps out as glaring instances of the failure of America to meet that responsibility.

Of course we have had organizations fighting for freedom of the Negro for many years. "Fight for Freedom, Inc." could help solve these questions about the attitude of the Negro by lending aid to those organizations that have been in the field for years. After all the Bystander has little sympathy for groups which spend much time energy and money fighting trouble abroad when we have it at home.

DON'T FORGET, MR. MAYOR

The Des Moines City council has the framework for the organization of the civilian defense movement in Des Moines. The mayor is proceeding to perfect plans and undoubtedly the personnel will be announced soon.

Negro citizens should not be overlooked in making these appointments for while the jobs pay no salary they are interested in their inclusion in everything done for the defence of America. The reason of course is obvious for we are asking representation in defence work which pays a salary we must do our share in those that pay none.

It seems to the Bystander that in view of the fact that the loyalty of the Negro to this country is as near vice as would be especially valuable in such an organization. Daily occurrences reveal accidents while we are supposed to be at peace which smack at subversive acts. Just to what extent this would be carried in war time we are not prepared to say.

On the other hand, these civil defense groups will be charged with the responsibility of looking after the homes, the factories, the people while the regular fighting forces are in other places they will be charged with perfecting safety measures that may mean the saving of the lives of thousands and valuable property both military and civil. It

seems to us that a liberal sprinkling of Negroes in all departments of this organization would go far toward assuring more loyalty and more safety.

Don't forget us Mr. Mayor. You know this happens quite often.

The politicians met at the state fair this week but as yet candidates have managed to keep each other guessing about plans for next spring.

The state fair seems to have had better luck with the weather than Hitler for the whole period has been perfect while rains seem to be hampering Hitler's plans.

WHO AM I?

By Henry N. Wilcots

NAVAL CAPTAIN

Born in Beauford, S. C., April 5, 1839. I began work as a "rigger" and learned the arts and craft of ships and sailors.

My first experience was with the "Planter" a steamer plying in the harbor of Charleston, as a transport in 1861.

In the record of the House of the 47th Congress is to be found a "bill authorizing the President to place me on the retired list of the Navy" and, a detailed account of my service.

On May 13, 1862, the Confederate steamboat, "Planter", a special dispatch boat of General Ripley, a Confederate commander, was transporting guns and ammunition from Coles Island to James Island. She had just returned to Charleston and the crew had retired in the city for the night, leaving a crew of eight colored men on board. This was the hour that I had long waited for. On consulting the crew they all agreed to co-operate and deliver the boat with its rich cargo to the hands of the Federal Fleet, then blockading the port of the bar.

At 2:00 a.m. we glided out of the harbor and steamed up the wharf where, my wife, three children, four other women and three men waited to embark.

Remembering the habits of the captain (Relay) and with his huge straw hat on my head, I blew the usual signal, folded my arms across my breast and proceeded down the bay. On and on we sailed, nearing Fort Sumter, I gave the required signal as coolly as if General Ripley (himself) was on board. Sumter answered my signal "all right" and the "Planter" moved on toward Morris Island, a light artillery base.

When at last it was realized that the Planter was headed toward the Federal fleet, Morris was signaled to stop her, but fortunately too late. When Captain Nichols observed the approaching ship I saluted the Captain and delivered the "Planter" to him.

Afterward, I was ordered to pilot the Augusta, a flag ship off the Barr and then the Crusader, a gun boat at Simmon's Bluff. It was here that I engaged in a sharp battle June, 1862. Later, I was made blockade pilot plying between Charleston and Beauford removing torpedoes. I was piloting the Monitor Keokuk when she was attacked off Fort Sumter, 1863, she was struck 96 times, and nineteen nits passed through her. She retired, and the following morning she sunk. I left her just before she went down, and was taken on board of the Old Ironside with the remainder of the crew.

December, 1863, while the Planter was under the command of Cap. Nickerson, was attacked off Holly Island Creek. Captain Nickerson became demoralized and deserted his post. I entered the pilot-house took command of the boat and carried her safely out of danger. For that act of bravery I was promoted by order of General Gilmore, to the rank of CAPTAIN.

WHO AM I?

Answer: Captain Robert Small, HITCH-HIKES 1500 MILES

Origin of Slang Words

Although many slang words and popular figures of speech are of unknown origin, more than few may be traced to the classics and to mythology, while others are found to have rich historic and romantic backgrounds.

Common expressions that are typical American include "anxious seat," which has a religious background; "tax per nose," originated with Odin, a legendary ruler of Sweden, who assessed a tax of one penny per nose; "well heeled," is a bird that has a good natural spur, or a well-placed steel gaff; and the picturesque "lock, stock and barrel" was given to us by the early American settler whose most important possession was his flintlock rifle, consisting of three parts, the lock, the stock and the barrel.

HEALTH HINTS

By DR. C. R. BRADFORD

NEW GROWTHS

One of the great groups of diseases second only to infections in numbers and diversity of character and sight is tumors. There is practically no issue or program which may not be the locus of abnormal tissue growth.

There are misconceptions or superstitions regarding cancerous growths in the minds of the laity. In the first place they are supposedly painful. This is never the case unless they are far advanced or are situated where they may press upon nerves or nerve roots. In fact, the great majority are painless and progress with appalling handicaps to their early recognition and often allows them to progress to an incurable state.

This superstition has undoubtedly grown around the conception that cancerous growths eat into the tissues, which concept is quite erroneous.

It is true that tumors may give rise to vague symptoms but these can be explained usually by some more or less pronounced disturbance or function of the part involved rather than by the tumor itself. When such functional disorders do occur, particularly in persons over forty, cancerous growths should be suspected until proved to the contrary.

To combat the cancer problem the doctor must always be cancer-minded and, without instilling fear in the mind of his patient, must make him also; and encourage him to report the simplest change in his functional regularity.

At the present time the control of cancer depends upon the employment of measures of personal hygiene and certain preventive and curative procedures, the success of which depends on the intelligent cooperation of patient and physician.

The cure of early cancer depends upon discovering the growth before it has done irreparable injury to a vital part of the body and spread to other organs. Cancer when discovered early and treated properly has a good prospect of cure.

The public should learn the earliest symptoms of cancer which can be recognized by persons without special knowledge of the subject. Persons with these symptoms must learn to consult their physician early in order to have a good chance of recovery.

Listed below are some of the danger signals that may mean cancer:

- 1. Sudden changes in the form or rate of growth of a mole or wart.
2. Any persistent lump or thickening, especially of the breast.
3. Any irregular bleeding or discharge from any of the body openings.
4. Persistent indigestion.
5. Any sore that does not heal properly particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips.
Pain is a late symptom. Do not wait for it. Early cancer is curable if treated properly.

Novel Products Being Developed in Building

Structural clay tile especially suited to defense construction, an upward acting garage door set, a modern wiring system for low cost dwellings and farm outbuildings, and newly designed bathtubs of ceramic material are among the building products described in the bulletin of the Producers' Council, edited by the Department of Technical Services of the American Institute of Architects.

When structural clay tile is used, construction time is not required for plastering, painting, or other wall finishes, because the tile functions as both structural wall material and surface finish of the building, it is pointed out. The exterior faces are textured while the interior faces are smooth. The tile has strength, low maintenance cost, and good resistance to weathering and fire. It has been used in the National Guard armory, Hot Springs, Ark.

The new bathtub, designed with flat bottom and a panel front, has a hard glasslike surface that is easy to clean. A comfortable seat extends across the front of the bath; a splash rim keeps water from surging over, and a hand grip provides greater safety in getting in and out of the tub. Although the bottom is flat to reduce danger of slipping, a pitch toward the outlet assures overall rapid draining.

Modern garage hardware for the house built on a limited budget slides the garage door up out of the way. It can be applied to old doors, converting them into a one-piece upward acting door. The doors can be fitted snugly all around, completely sealing the opening when closed. The installation is called simple and speedy. The hardware includes all necessary parts, with locking device designed for use with a padlock.

America's 'Garden Spot' Known for Fertile Land

Called the "Garden Spot of America" because it is located in one of the richest farm regions in the country, Lancaster, Pa., was first settled by English, Palatinate Germans, Scotch-Irish and French-

lougnots. It is the center of a large population of members of the "Plain People" sects.

According to a descriptive pamphlet published by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, "Here Penn's Commissioners signed a treaty with the Indians in the old Moravian Church on West Orange Street. Continental Congress met at Lancaster when the English captured Philadelphia. At an old stone mill on the edge of the city the famous 'long rifles' were made for the Continental Army. Cannons were cast in the Lancaster County iron foundries of 'Baron' Stiegel, also famous for his glass."

Lancaster also boasts of other claims to fame such as Wheatland, the home of James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States and only Pennsylvania to hold that office; birthplace of Robert Fulton; Donegal Church and Historic Witness Tree and other spots of historic interest.

Poultry Bones Kill Dog

Poultry bones, sooner or later, fatal to the dog who is allowed to eat them. When chewed to a pulp, they many sharp points are liable to pierce the throat or the walls of the stomach or the intestines, as thoroughly as would a handful of pins. For a while, your dog may be able to avoid this fate, after a feast of such bones (often he disgorges them and thus is saved) but in the course of time they will get him. That is known to all dog men.

The question was put to three noted scientists and to a professor at a veterinary college.

All of them said that any kind of cooking has the effect of "calcining" poultry bones making them brittle and giving them needle points when they are crushed by a dog's teeth. Raw fresh poultry bones are softer. They can be chewed and digested usually without harm.

Rice Stem-rot

Rotations of four to six years apparently will not eliminate the rice stem-rot disease from the soil, is the opinion of E. C. Tullis of the United States department of agriculture and E. M. Cralley of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment station here.

The scientists found that the stem-rot disease of rice can remain viable in uncultivated rice soil for as long as six years, when infective material was stored under normal outside conditions. Even after two years infective material was obtained from stubble in the field. When stubble was stored in the laboratory under less favorable conditions, infective material was recovered after 2 1/2 years.

Easy Scale to Kill

Fern has the apricot or soft-brown scale, an easy one to kill. You should be able to get at any seed store of size a spray especially made for such scales. The old fronds heavily infested could be removed and the scales pushed off with a toothpick where they are not so many. Then gently wash the fronds with soap suds made from a strong laundry soap. Watch for scales and get rid of them as they appear, for they cannot increase except through egg-laying by the adults.

Electric Toothbrush

With the invention of a mechanical toothbrush human beings are going to be relieved even of the slight effort now required to scrub their molars. The electric toothbrush cleans the teeth with rapid "up and down" motions in the manner prescribed by dentists as the bristles are vibrated. The apparatus resembles an electric razor in appearance with the exception that either a short-handled brush or a rubber gum massager is inserted in the handle. And one electric toothbrush safely can be used by all members of the family by obtaining individual brushes and massagers.

Three Meals Daily Plan Generally Followed Here

The three-meal-a-day plan is the most generally followed in this country. We have never felt the need of officially breaking the interval which is between luncheon and dinner as do the English.

What may be called a typical American breakfast will give us a good start toward getting the proper quota of necessary nutrients for the day. We begin with fruit or fruit juice which gives us some of our mineral and vitamin supply. Children and many adults will be sure to have cereal, either hot or ready-to-eat, and this combination will give us some minerals and vitamins, some protein for tissue building and some fuel for the energy which we are going to use up during the day. As a final source we may have eggs or bacon or sausage with toast or rolls.

The eggs should be used at least three times a week for the sake of their minerals and vitamins unless we are using them at some other meal. Sausage and bacon supply savorniness which stimulates appetite and gives us a feeling of well-being. In sausage, we will find us a start toward what we need for the day.

Doing without breakfast is a bad habit which should not be encouraged. The stomach needs food after its 12 or more hours of rest.

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Orthopedic Expert Says Army Shoes Don't Fit

The United States government, which is spending thousands of dollars daily for army shoes and has numerous inspectors examining shoes made for soldiers, has spent scarcely a penny for properly fitting the shoes for the men who must wear them, said H. L. Whitman, shoe inventor and orthopedics expert.

Whitman said every factory making army shoes has from five to eight inspectors checking output. "The government is spending thousands of dollars a day to see that army shoes are properly constructed," he said. "Why has it failed to spend money to see that the shoes are properly fitted to the men?"

He said he recently examined shoes of more than a dozen army recruits and National Guardsmen called to service. "In every case," he added, "I found that the shoes were improperly fitted. Every shoe was from a half-size to two sizes too short."

A scarcity of narrow shoes exists in the army, he stated, with a surplus of wide ones.

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People who know their rights may collect liberally upon this knowledge. A widow in the Bronx and her two daughters received \$100,000 from a sheriff's jury in a slander action against a neighbor who had talked with such effect that a policeman engaged to one of the girls broke it off. A manager of a New Jersey country club, who had been charged by a member with forgery, was tried, acquitted, and then won a judgment of \$20,000, for false arrest. The "haymaker" that an Omaha detective landed on the jaw of a robbery suspect proved a boomerang for a court awarded the man \$123 damages for the physical pain and indignities he had suffered.

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