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News Briefs From Far and Near

K. C. WOMAN KILLED BY AIRPLANE

Kansas City, Mo.—One woman was killed and four others injured when an army plane crashed into the mess hall of an aviation school at the Kansas City Municipal Airpore Saturday, Feb. 27.

Mrs. Leona Childres, 2310 Vine, a cook's helper, at the mess hall, fatally injured by the falling plane. The others ran to safety with only minor injuries.

ON WINGS PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING

Washington (ANP)—In connection with the nation-wide war bond rally now being sponsored by in-and-out of school Negro youth, a representative of the youth element in the Negro population, as well as an official of the Southern congress, will speak as a selected representative of youth over "Wings Over Jordan" Sunday morning, March 7.

COUNT DE PROROK FORUM SPEAKER MARCH 9

Count Byron de Prorok will be the next forum speaker on March 9 when he speaks on "The North African Drama," at Roosevelt high school auditorium. He will also show technical movies on North Africa. The Roosevelt high school band under the direction of Willard A. Moore will play from 7:30 to 8:00 and the forum will start at 8 p. m.

SUGAR STAMP NO. 12 GOOD FOR 5 POUNDS ON MARCH 16

When sugar ration stamp Number 12 becomes valid on March 16 it may be used to purchase a five-pound sack or box of sugar, the Office of Price Administration announced last week.

The five-pound ration must last for a period of eleven weeks—from March 16 through the end of May. Stamp 11 is good for three pounds from February 1 to March 15.

Although buying sugar in larger quantities may make it easier for housewives to plan the use of their sugar, they are cautioned against under-estimating the length of the period for which it must last. It might be well, OPA suggested, to spend only one family sugar ration stamp at a time, and spread buying power over the entire two and one-half months' period. This would avoid running a risk of using up the entire family sugar allowance before the next stamp becomes valid on June 1.

TO WYOMING



MISS WOLFOLK

Completing a five month career with the setting-up and the recent opening of the Keo-Way USO at its permanent headquarters, 1333 Keo-Way, Miss Ann T. Wolfolk, USO club-director for the Y.W.C.A., will give up her work here to go to a similar center at Cheyenne, Wyo.

A former Chicago school teacher, Miss Wolfolk will leave Des Moines on March 9. After a short vacation she will report to her new position on March 15.

WALTER WHITE SAYS

'Act Now or FEPC Is Doomed'



"STILL A WEAPON FOR FREEDOM!"

Bishop Says 'Fight Now for Equality'

Chicago—Negroes are urged to continue their fight for equality and recognition by Bishop Bernard J. Sheil founder of the Catholic Youth Organization, in an article appearing in the February issue of Negro Digest, a magazine of Negro comment published in Chicago at 3507 So. Parkway.

Writing on the subject "If I Were a Negro—" Bishop Sheil says that the Negro people should give all-out support to the war effort but adds that "this war is nothing if not a battle for the reinterpretation of the unalterable dignity of the human personality—our fight should be against all enemies, external and internal."

Pointing out that military victory should not be our final goal, Bishop Sheil states that "the future of society depends in a large measure on the ability with which we face and solve the difficult problems of the post-war period."

"If I were a Negro, I would continue unrelentingly the struggle for equality and recognition. As a means to this I would take advantage of all possible opportunities for education, for the training of well-formed, competent leaders in every field of human activity, politics, law, government, labor, and letters."

NAACP Head Warns 'Fate Of FEPC Will React on Negro Before-After War'

New York—"If we don't make ourselves heard within the next ten days, the Fair Employment Practice Committee is doomed," Walter White, the executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People declared this week in a special statement to the press.

"Determination of FEPC's fate will in large measure decide the fate of the Negro during and after the war," Walter White declared. "The unity of the diversified groups supporting FEPC has startled and dismayed the enemies of the Committee who are now working to scuttle it behind the scenes."

"Only one thing can prevent that disaster—an avalanche of pressure in the form of telegrams to the White House pledging the President support against the reactionary forces in and outside of Congress which are running wild in Washington today in destroying not only the FEPC, but every other agency to help the com-

Newspaper Week Brings Comments from Citizens

The nationwide observance of the National Negro Newspaper Week and the celebration of the One Hundred Sixteenth Anniversary of the American Negro Press which ends on March 6 have brought letters and comments from some of the local citizens and organizations who are cognizant of the significant role of the Negro press.

The Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, president of the Des Moines Ministerial Alliance, and a former newspaper editor, wrote the following:

"The pupil and the press have long since been regarded as the most powerful influence for good in any community. The Negro press reaches more people than the Negro pulpit. This statement may be questioned but it will bear out inspection. Members of all races read the Negro newspaper while the Negro pulpit contacts members of its own racial group."

"The Negro newspaper has grown in power and influence more rapidly during the last twenty-five years than in any single period in the history of the race. It is now read by thousands and millions every week. It is not only read by members of the Negro race, but by every race under the sun."

"Negro papers and journals are sold from all the leading newstands of our larger urban centers. Our newspapers are our greatest possessions. They present to the public the worthy side of our racial group by publishing deeds done that are creditable. Deeds that will lift us high in the scale of civilization and cause others to regard us as citizens who contribute something worthwhile to the life of the community in which we live."

"The Negro press fights our battles and presents our case before the bar of public opinion. It has contributed much to the progress of the race. Let us read our racial newspapers. Our papers will give us a fair chance to present our case. Others may not. Patronize your race institution. Be loyal to your own. Our papers serve as our mouthpiece to the world at large."

WAACs Get Classification For Specialist Training

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Second Officer Myrtle E. Anderson of Everett, Mass., has been named Commanding Officer of a company of specialist students in the Women's Auxiliary Corps at the First WAAC Training Center here.

Her staff of officers include Third Officers Willis G. Cherry of Detroit, Mich.; Dorothy H. Scott, Alton, Ill., and Juliette M. Simmons, New Haven, Conn.

Second Officer Anderson's company includes 70 Auxiliaries, 63 of whom are studying in the WAAC Administrative Specialist school and seven in Motor Transport school. All the Auxiliaries completed Basic Training at Fort Des Moines and were chosen for the specialist work to equip them for jobs in Army headquarters, offices supply depots and driving units in Army posts, camps and stations.

Second Officer Anderson also has four acting non-commissioned officers to assist with the operation of the company. They are Acting First Leader Gladys C. Wayne of LaMott, Pa.; Acting Supply Leader Sallie A. Woods of Indianapolis, Ind., and Acting Platoon Leaders Mildred Griffin of Tulsa, Okla., and Alice K. Jacobs of Los Angeles, Calif.

Each of the officers and cadre of this specialist company has had considerable experience in company work at Fort Des Moines. Second Officer Anderson, who was a member of the First Officer Candidate Class, received her commission as Third Officer Aug. 29, 1942, and her promotion to higher rank Dec. 23. She was commander of a Negro specialist company last fall and saw her company complete two months of training and move to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to work at non-combat jobs.

Recently she was graduated from a special Mess Officer Course at Fort Des Moines and received a Certificate of Proficiency from the Army Quartermaster Corps.

Third Officer Cherry and Scott who received their commissions with the Twelfth Officer Candidate Class on Jan. 23, and Third Officer Sim-

WRITES LETTERS



REV. W. H. WHEELER

During his days of leisure, as a retired pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. W. H. Wheeler, 777 Thirteenth street, spends his time in reading, writing, keeping in contact with religious and civic activities in Des Moines, and visiting regularly his church, Burns Methodist church where he formerly pastored.

Upon current issues the Rev. Mr. Wheeler voices his opinion in letters to the daily and weekly press. In the last three months three of his letters, appeared in columns of the Des Moines Tribune, on the subjects of "Saddened," "Need of the Hour," and "Negroes in Postal Service."

The minister's letters have received the national attention of the "We, the People," yearbook of public opinion, published annually in New York City. The editor, Alan Frederick Pater, asked permission to include the letters in the yearbook which has a national circulation.

SIX WOMEN WIN PROMOTIONS

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Six Negro members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who have served as acting non-commissioned officers in a Basic company here, have won promotions to non-commissioned grades as First Leaders, Leaders and Junior Leaders.

The six women are: First Leader Margaret E. Charley, Richmond, Va.; Leader Vera Carter, Detroit, Mich.; Leader Oleta L. Crain, Denver, Colo.; Leader Evelyn G. Cunningham, Chicago; Junior Leader Virginia L. Dunlap, Indianapolis, Ind., and Junior Leader Vera F. Jones, Fort Worth, Texas.

First Leader Charley, whose grade in the WAAC corresponds to that of an Army First Sergeant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin M. Charley of 108 S. Randolph St., Richmond, Va. Her duty in the WAAC company to which she is assigned is to carry out the instructions of the Company Commander, arrange duties, make out duty rosters, sick books and morning reports, and in general act as the link between the Commander and members of the company.

Buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds.

Three Pass State Cosmetology Board

Three mid-winter graduates of the Crescent School of Beauty Culture who passed the state board of Cosmetology given Feb. 8 and 9, at the Iowa School of Beauty Culture were: Miss Nettie C. Bourland, Mrs. Lisbon

USO Mardi Gras On March 9

A Mardi Gras for WAACs, servicemen and civilians will be given on Tuesday, March 9, at 8 p. m. at the St. John's auditorium, Harding Road and University avenue. There will be food, booths, an orchestra and entertainment throughout the evening and door prizes and souvenirs.

Participating to put the program over will be volunteers and hostesses of the Locust Street and Keo-Way USO, Catholic Action girls and the Junior Service group of the Keo-Way USO. Representatives from these groups will be in colorful costumes.

Miss Alma M. Priestley is chairman of the Mardi Gras. She will be assisted by the following committees: Mesdames Mattie Scott and John Sullivan, who head the refreshments committee with the following members: Mesdames Paul Wilson, Verda Spangler, Olevia Devan, Birdie Winn, Gertrude North, M. J. Mason, W. Smith, Margaret Joseph, Beatrice Robinson, Alice Sloan, Maxine Thomas, Geraldine Gomez, Dorothy Simms, Julia Proctor, Olevia Hayes, Miss Ada Graham, Mrs. Angela Bell.

Mrs. Helena Elliston is chairman of the decorations committee with the following members: Mesdames Adele McGuire, Alice McCraney, William Neal, Alice Sloan, James B. Morris, E. Green, Adelaide Brinker, Gwendolyn Semple, Cora Chapman, Josephine Reeves, Miss Georgine Mason.

Mrs. J. B. Morris is chairman of the costumes. The members of the Junior Service group who will assist are: Frieda Deleat, Evelyn Green, Gertrude Green, Alberta Bates, Marj R. Chapman, Dolly Chapman, Donna Washington, Nettie Bourland, Lorraine Jones, Dana Herndon, Maude McAllister, Blanche Manuel, Luch Johnson, Huberta Gelter, Nathalie Crewse, Virginia Boone and Venita Quincy.

Coleman and Mr. Lewis Brown.

Miss Bourland was one of the first students to enroll in the course when the school opened but her career was interrupted when she and a sister, took a trip to Hollywood, Calif., for a year and a half. Miss Bourland returned, completed her course, and is now residing at her home at 1127 W.

lic service rendered by the Negro press in the past 116 years.

"And may the fifth National Negro Newspaper week inspire our race to a greater call to duty for our race, community, state and nation."

The Staff and Members of Lincoln Post 126 of American Legion, by W. T. Burns, Post Publicity chairman.

Appreciation from NAACP

Ike Smalls, president of the Des Moines Branch NAACP, wrote:

"As president of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP, I wish to express to you the sincere appreciation of that organization for the splendid publicity that 'The Bystander' has so freely and gratuitously given it during the past year and to wish for the Negro Press many more successful years."

Values Press

An excerpt from an editorial in the Feb. 26 issue of the Minneapolis Spokesman, entitled "One Hundred Sixteen Years Alive," revealed the motive which caused John Russwurm the first man of color, to publish the first Negro newspaper, 116 years ago.

"Some force was needed in the days when slavery reigned in a section of our country to espouse the cause of freedom. The early Negro press crusaded against the evils of slavery and was succeeded after 1865 by papers which sought for the Negro education, opportunity and full citizenship."

"The need for such a press is obvious even at this period when one steps to reflect that only in the past seven years has the strong daily press considered the ordinary happenings among Negroes newsworthy."

"Only a few daily papers today dare advocate the cause of the Negro. Only a few have Negro workers of any category on their staffs. The vital part of the press of a community, a state or a country plays is so

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To Dedicate Flag At Union Sunday

The Union Baptist church will dedicate its service flag Sunday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock. The Lincoln Post and Unit will have charge of the services.

WHERE TO ATTEND CHURCH IN DES MOINES

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Maple and East 16th Street, Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, D.D., pastor; parsonage, 1657 Walker street.

CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS

OF CHRIST, 928 W. Twelfth Street. Services are held on Friday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p. m. and the Seventh Day, the Sabbath, from 10 a. m. until sundown.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Hav. C. A. Record, pastor; 1215 Scott street; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek Prayer service, Friday 7:30 p. m. Junior Choir rehearsal. You are welcome to our services.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. H. C. Boyd, Pastor 12th and Crocker. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Worship, 11 a. m.-7:45 a. m. A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m. Official Board Monday 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday evening, 8:00 p. m.

BROWNS CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION

Rev. C. E. Gore, Pastor, 1448 Walker. Order of service: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.; A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship, 8:00 p. m.; Choir rehearsal and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE OF

Christ Church, Inc., U.S.A. 1734 Garfield. Evangelist Edith Cole, Pastor. Services: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8 p. m.

MRS. DREW WILLIAMS ENTERTAINS PASTOR'S AID SOCIETY AT DINNER

Mrs. Drew Williams entertained the members of the Pastor's Aid Society of the Union Baptist church on Thursday, Feb. 25, at her home which was decorated beautifully with cut carnations.

KEO-WAY USO ACTIVITIES

The KEO-WAY USO center is continuing its game night feature on Thursdays from 8 to 10 p. m. Last week prizes were awarded to winners of ping pong, darts and table games.

ROBERT W. BAKER DIES IN OTTUMWA

Robert W. Baker, 42, native of Mexico, Mo., died Tuesday morning, March 2, at Sunnyslope Sanitarium, Ottumwa, Ia., after an illness of a year. He was a lifetime resident of Missouri.

Scouts Hold Twenty-fifth Year Celebration

About seventy-five persons, parents and Cub members attended the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of the Boy Scout Troop No. 59 at the Negro Community Center, Feb. 25. Harold West, executive secretary of the Tall Corn Council of Boy Scouts, spoke on "25 Years of Scouting." Dr. C. R. Bradford introduced the speaker.

CHURCH NEWS

By OPAL JACO. The sick of the church are about the same. Trustee Robert Carter, the oldest trustee of Maple Street died Sunday. He was buried from the Maple Street Baptist church on Wednesday.

WALTER G. TAYLOR DIES AT 71

Walter G. Taylor, 71, of 776 Eleventh street, died Wednesday at his home of a heart attack. The body was taken to the Estes Funeral home.

ATTY. BROWN SPEAKS ON 'A.M.E. LEADERSHIP'

Atty. S. Joe Brown spoke Sunday evening, Feb. 28, at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. A. C. E. League on "A.M.E. Leadership." He showed pictures of bishops, general officers, missionaries and valuable property of the convention.

HOLD RITES FOR ROBERT CARTER

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MISS PRIESTLY SPEAKS AT AMES

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LAST RITES FOR JAMES B. HARVEY

Funeral rites were held Saturday, Feb. 27 from the Corinthian Baptist church for James B. Harvey, 79, 1068 Seventeenth street. The G. W. Robinson officiated.

Mr. Harvey, a resident of Des Moines for 30 years, died Feb. 24, at the Broadlawn General hospital following an illness of two years. He had been employed as custodian of the Center street apartments, 708 Center, for 19 years.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the deceased James B. Harvey, wishes to thank their many friends for the kindnesses shown them during the illness and at the death of their beloved. Especially do we thank the Rev. W. Robinson and the Rev. L. G. Garrett for inspiring remarks; those who donated floral offerings and cars; the Brotherhood, Inc., and the Estes Funeral Home for efficient service.

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MONOGRAM CLUB TO DEDICATE CHRISTIAN FLAG TO ST. PAUL

The Monogram Club of the St. Paul A.M.E. church will present a Christian flag to the church in special ceremonies on Sunday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock. The flag will be dedicated.

The St. Paul Women's chorus under the direction of Mrs. Joburness Kelso will sing. Mrs. Fannie Danforth is president of the club; Evangelist Estelita Coates will be mistress of ceremonies. The Rev. H. C. Boyd is pastor. Other features of the program will be announced in the next issue.

WILBERT WILLIAMS OF DETROIT HERE

Mr. Wilbert Williams of Detroit, Mich., spent several days here this week; the guest of Sgt. Vera Carter of the WAAC.

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CASINO THEATRE COMPANY

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be and is CASINO THEATRE COMPANY, AND ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS shall be in DES MOINES, IOWA.

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subscribed our names this 23rd day of February, A. D. 1943. ESTHER FRANKLE, Plaintiff for renewal of Articles of Incorporation.

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day of May, 1943, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon. Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of February, 1943.

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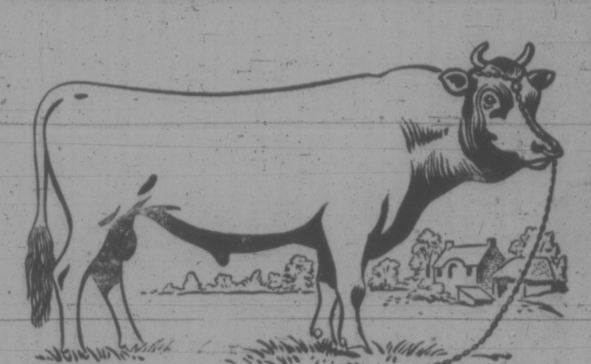
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THE BULL THAT WILL NEVER GET TO AMERICA

His name is Rajah of Oaklands. Last we heard of him, he was on the Island of Jersey, a little spot of land in the Channel between France and England. He's a great bull and breeders over here wanted him. He probably would have been imported except that one day the devils that "Heil Hitler" gobbled up the Channel Islands. Where, is the bull and the fine Jersey cattle? Fate unknown. And the people - everything that they have labored for is in the hands of a devouring Germany. This story repeats itself again and again in the wake of Axis conquest. We must remember it in the coming weeks and months in so many, many ways. One of the ways is by buying U. S. War Bonds. You buy Bonds today for two important reasons. First, to help your Government win this war. Second, to help yourself. For they are an investment that never depreciates in value. They increase in value every year up to maturity, when they pay a third more than original cost. And you can always cash them any time after sixty days if you want to. Buy Bonds - at your bank or post office.

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MR. AND MRS. W. H. WILLIAMS HONOR LT. IRMA MOORE

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams, 1109 Sixteenth street, honored Lt. Irma Moore of Ft. Des Moines at a buffet supper at their home on Saturday evening, Feb. 20.

An attractive centerpiece of the serving table was a miniature lamb which was surrounded by red carnations. Victory place cards were tied with red ribbon. Adding to the color scheme were the green glass candle holders and glasses of red.

Among those who shared the courtesy were: Mesdames W. H. Hitehey, Lillian Edmonds, Julia Proctor, Helen Ewing, Marie Clark and Verda Spangler.

FAMILY HOLDS REUNION FOR SGT. JOHNSON

Sergeant Alonzo W. Johnson of Camp San Luis Obispo, California, spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week here with relatives and friends.

Thursday, February 25, a reunion dinner was held in Sergeant Johnson's honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Williams, 1329 E. 17th. Court. Relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Mace Williams, Mrs. Ethel E. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo E. Harris and daughters, Sadie, Deloris, Patricia and Nancy Dell and son, James.

Sergeant Johnson left Saturday morning for Boonville, Missouri, to visit other relatives and friends.

IOWANS RETURN FROM VACATION IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Bernice Carter and daughter, Myrtle, accompanied by Frieda Garland returned to the city Saturday night from Chicago where they spent a ten-day vacation. Mrs. Carter, who operates the Bernice's Beauty Salon, 911 Sixteenth street, visited her former school, Madame C. J. Walker College.

PVT. JAMES ROBINSON VISITS MOTHER

Pvt. James P. Robinson, son of Mrs. John Robinson, 1125 First street, left the city this week after a ten day furlough, visiting relatives and friends here. He was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Andrews, 1126 Second street place, Miss Maurine Johnson and his aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Dysart, 1309 E. Seventeenth street court.

Pvt. Robinson is stationed at Camp Stoneman, California.

MRS. WARD OF CHICAGO HERE

Mrs. Emily Ward of Chicago, sister of Mrs. Alice McDowell, is the house guest of Mrs. John Duer and Mrs. Ethel Johnson, 825 S. E. Sixth street.

CORP. CHAUNCEY BAILEY ON LEAVE

Corp. Chauncey Bailey, stationed at Ft. Wayne, Ind., was in the city for two days last week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bailey, 1023 Thirteenth street. Accompanying Corporal Bailey was Corporal William Hammond.

MRS. WAKEFIELD VISITS OTTUMWA

Mrs. Maude Wakefield of Ottumwa was a week end visitor here the guest of Mrs. W. Vinson who moved here recently from Ottumwa to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Helen Scott.

ENTERTAINS WAAC AUXILIARIES

Auxiliary Rosie Lee Gravely of Bluefield, W. Va., and Leathel Nea of Oklahoma City, Okla., spent the week end from the WAAC Training Center at Ft. Des Moines as house guests of Miss Clara Webb, 11 Pleasant street.

MISS GRIFFIN RETURNS

Miss Mildred Griffin, young gospel singer, has returned from a successful evangelistic tour of Sioux City, Iowa, and Nebraska; Davenport and Moline.

MRS. W. M. RHODES SPENDS WEEK END IN MOLINE, ILL.

Mrs. W. M. Rhodes, 1028 Sixteenth street, returned to the city Sunday night from Moline, Ill., where she spent the week end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bates, and children. Mr. and Mrs. Bates were celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary.

While there Mrs. Rhodes was the Sunday morning breakfast guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Britton.

MRS. MURLEAN WELLS GOES TO TEXAS

Mrs. Murlean Wolfe Wells, one of the beauticians at the Berline Beauty shop left the city this week for Ft. Clark, Texas.

THE GAITHERS ENTERTAIN AT BIRTHDAY PARTY



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gaither, 111 Eleventh street, were delightful hosts Friday night, Feb. 26, to a group of friends who gathered at their home to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Gaither.

The Gaither home had been redecorated recently and comfortably furnished throughout with the latest in home furnishings, adding a housewarming atmosphere to the occasion. Guests brought gifts and good wishes for Mrs. Gaither, sang birthday songs and celebrated a pleasant

evening which was topped with a bounteous service of refreshments.

Holding the center of attraction of the dining table was a generous size birthday cake, decorated with sprays of roses. Table appointments carried out the color scheme of pink and green. Inscribed on the cake was "Happy Birthday to Hazel Gaither."

Assisting the hosts in serving were Mrs. D. H. Davies, and Mrs. Lottie Rose. Other guests included (as shown in the picture): Mrs. Lottie Rose, Mrs.

A. J. Hawkins, Mr. Olin Cooper, Robert and Louis Gaither, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither, Rev. J. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Gaither, the honoree, Mrs. D. H. Davies, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Ogleton, Mr. William Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ethel Mae Crumb and Mrs. F. G. Goggins. Others not in the picture were: Mrs. Olin Cooper and Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler. (Ashby photo.)

The Gaithers are members of the Bethel A.M.E. church. Mr. Gaither operates a house cleaning business.

SHOWER FOR MARIE CLARK WHO WILL BE WED SOON TO SOLDIER

Mrs. Maris Clark, secretary of the Public Affairs committee of the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A., was honored at a surprise handkerchief shower Wednesday night, at a meeting of her committee.

Mrs. Clark, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker, 1926 Easton Boulevard, left the city Thursday evening for Anniston, Ala., where she plans to be married soon to Corp. Delbert E. Murray, who is stationed at Camp McClellan, Ala.

ATTEND BANQUET OF LEGISLATURE

Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, of Marshalltown and co-chairman of the Negro Division of the State Republican Central committee, and Atty. James B. Morris, secretary, attended the state legislature banquet last Thursday at the Kirkwood hotel.

BACK FROM COAST

Portland, Seattle and Spokane have many New York people there working in the shipyards. All of the business places in Seattle were closed for three days on account of the snow. The West and Northwest saw a much colder winter than they have witnessed for 25 years," Mrs. Greene related.

From Spokane, Mrs. Greene went to Minneapolis, Minn., where she was the house guest of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Reddick. There she met six cousins she had not seen for twenty-one years. She met also, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cobb, Mrs. Cobb, a former Des Moines resident.

After a vacation and rest of nearly three months, Mrs. Greene reports a pleasant and educational trip.

ROOSEVELT CLUB ENTERTAINS WIVES

Members of the Roosevelt club entertained their wives at a party last Saturday night at the Negro Community Center.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB HAS SPEAKER

The Three Purpose club met Feb. 24 with Mrs. Laura Gilbert. Three speakers on the program on "Negroes in the Field of Art" were: Mesdames Doris Wilson, Marie Clark and Frances Wells.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

Mrs. Guy E. Greene returned to her home here one mild day recently from her winter vacation spent in California. She was happy and smiling because she had missed the sub-zero weather of Des Moines. The word somehow got around to the weatherman and before Mrs. Greene had distributed all of the little gifts she brought back from the coast to her friends, March came in roaring and gave the housewife a sample of some of the sub-zero weather she had missed.

The average housewife who has to slice bread for her meals and lunches can't see how she is saving much that will help the war effort. In the first place, trying to find the right type of knife or saw to cut the bread is the biggest problem. Secondly, keeping the bread from crumbling into pieces, is another problem; and, taking the time to do the slicing so that one gets the most out of the loaf, as well as the slice, runs into many minutes.

The other morning a couple of bread men were in a restaurant giving the proprietor a lesson in bread slicing. The men had brought a knife "guaranteed" to do the job but the proprietor had to be convinced.

"If this knife doesn't work on bread then I will have to use it on you—in order to get my money out of it," she told them. She began slicing as per instructions of the bakery men who looked on. When she had finished the loaf she counted the slices—twenty of them. The instructors complimented her for being able to get two more slices out of the loaf than they had figured. She was unhappy when she thought of all of the bread that she would have to slice for the duration.

MRS. GUY GREENE

After spending nearly three months in Los Angeles, Calif., visiting her well known movie actor brother, Jesse A. Graves, Mrs. Guy E. Greene returned last week to her home here at 1408 Center.

Enroute to Los Angeles she visited the C. A. Greeses of Denver, Colo., then to Los Angeles where Mrs. Greene was recipient of many dinners and parties, movies and shopping tours and gifts.

Dinners and parties were given for Mrs. Greene by: Jesse A. Graves, Miss Marie Joe Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howard, Mrs. Ann Daniels, Mr. George Gater, Mrs. Revester Tullies, Mr. and Mrs. William Hampton, Mrs. Albert Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Green, Mrs. Anita Grant, Mrs. Lena Harris, Mrs. Marian Grayson, Mrs. Jane Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Oliver of Pasadena.

Mrs. Greene said she was "happy to see many of my old Des Moines friends. Most of the people in Los Angeles are doing nicely. Defense work is going on in great progress and people mostly from the southern states, are moving there daily."

The Iowan visited many of the churches and reported they "seem to be doing splendid with their members rallying to their support readily and filling the auditorium each Sunday."

"The war is somewhat more noticeable on the coast. Much more caution is taken."

Mrs. Greene's movie star brother, Jesse A. Graves, was working in the picture, "Stormy Weather," which is starring Bill Robinson and Lena Horne.

Leaving Los Angeles, Mrs. Greene visited in Sacramento, Cal., Portland, Oregon, Seattle, and Spokane, Wash. In Portland she had the pleasure of hearing the great singer, Marian Anderson, and attended several luncheons and dinners. Her hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Reed, honored her at a dancing party. Before leaving Portland she received a number of gifts; made an interesting trip to the Kizer ship yards; attended a set-up conference of the Y.W.C.A. and a reception for the new secretary, Miss Dora Rice; a luncheon at the First Congregational church, white.

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YWCA

High School Party

The Negro Community Center, Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A. and the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. sponsored a city-wide junior and senior high school party at Central Y.W.C.A. entertaining over 200 young people on last Wednesday night. A door prize was won by Tommy McGregor who was home on leave.

Sing Shift Party

At midnight on Wednesday, Feb. 24, the three agencies sponsored a sing shift party for defense workers at the West Side Community Center. The party lasted until 3 o'clock Thursday morning, accommodating those from the ordnance plant, Boyts' and Erickson, Inc. who work until midnight.

There was dancing, games and refreshments. Prize were won by Mrs. Bertie Hayter and Mrs. Flora Mae Danforth who won at ping pong. Mr. John S. Coleman won at Chinese checkers; Mr. Elbert Webb and Mrs. Tywayah Hall won at bridge.

The guests were: Tywayah Hall, Geraldine Burke, Grace Shelton, Flora Mae Danforth, Frances Wells, Lavonia Strother, Lenore Johnson, Bertie Hayter, Lucile M. Scott, Mary Cheatum, Mattie Burke, Dorothy Wallace, Pinky Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Roberts, John Coleman, Theodore Martin, Gerald E. Bryson, Manson James, Harold Carr, Arthur Bush and Elbert Webb.

To Entertain

The Branch committee of Blue Triangle will entertain the old and new members on March 4 at a potluck supper at the Branch. Mrs. Julia Proctor and Mrs. Ordel Henry are chairman of the affair and Mrs. Helen Beahars is chairman of the committee. She will read the new appointments of the committee.

MRS. WILLIE MAE BROADUS RETURNS

Mrs. Willie Mae Broadus of 102 West Twelfth street returned this week to her home after a month's visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Young of St. Paul, Minn.

MISS WEBB IS DINNER GUEST

Miss Clara Webb was dinner guest last Thursday of Mrs. Iva Wilkinson and her daughter, Gale at 1505 Pleasant street. Miss Webb is a special reviewer in the special reviewing section of the State Department of Social Welfare, where Miss Wilkinson was a stenographer.

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E. W.—I simply cannot center my fore taking up singing? interest on one thing in school. I am thinking of changing my course, altogether, next year. Would this be a mistake?

Ans.: Do not sacrifice your school work for vocal lessons; but if you can work the two in together without conflicting with each other, it would be well worth your while. Your music instructor there at school could probably help you locate a good vocal teacher. Bear in mind that your school work is more important than the singing lessons at this particular time in life.

L. D.—My parents want me to go to school in Jackson and I want to go to school in another town but they are not able to send me to the place I want to go. Now what I want to know is should I go to school in Jackson or must I marry?

Ans.: You are entirely too young to marry. It is unfortunate for you that your parents cannot send you to the school of your choice but what does it matter? One school is as good as another in your case and I assure you—you will be well pleased with the Jackson school. Mother and Dad know what's best in this case so try to please them.

G. C. X.—Did she do what I think? I would rather ask this privately? If you like. Send a quarter for your Astrology Reading and I will be glad to give you my free opinion on your problem.

R. L. G.—I am a girl of 19 and I go with a man of 42. He swears that he loves me. I love him so much until I have wished a thousand times that he was mine. He will give me anything that I want. Is there a chance for me?

Ans.: There is not a chance of your coaxing him to leave his wife for you, but there is a strong possibility that he will be instrumental in ruining your life, if you continue to hang around him. Your good reputation is worth far more, than the few paltry gifts that you receive from this man. If he cheats on his wife, he would probably cheat on you, if you had him.

E. S.—I am 16 years old. A junior in high school. I'm very talented in singing. I've been told that with proper training, I could become very famous. Should I finish school before?

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NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEEK

We are celebrating National Negro Newspaper Week here in America. So many special weeks and days are observed that it is easy to pass some up without special notice. Negroes have been publishing newspapers in America for more than a hundred years. Keen observers over the years recognized the value of publicity, that it was not always possible to get the opinions of Negro thinkers into other newspapers, most of them restricting news about Negroes to crime and occasional articles about other happenings. They knew that social news was not published at all, as is the case today, so in order to fill that gap, papers were started.

Most Negro newspapers have operated under great handicap and still do for that matter. Lack of capital was the first difficulty; most of the readers being Negroes, the advertising revenue was and is still poor; the scarcity of Negro businesses which buy advertising was and is unable to make up the difference. Subscription lists have not been attractive to buyers of advertising space adding further to the difficulty.

But in spite of these handicaps, many have survived; some have grown to be top-notch weeklies of the nation with circulation figures ranging high. Negro newspapers have a tremendous influence with their readers. Generally edited or published by some of the leading citizens of the community whose training and experience fit them for the task, readers give great weight to what is said through their columns.

Life any other institution, Negro newspapers have their faults. Some times they are driven to them by necessity; some by lack of training and experience in modern journalism and business management.

But on the whole, the general level of Negro newspapers has been boosted tremendously during the past twenty-five years. They are being read more than ever before. They will improve with years as their management becomes more efficient and the public becomes better aware of the necessity of giving full support by paying their subscriptions, advertising, encouraging others to advertise and pay their subscriptions and helping to create the right feeling in the minds of the people.

This annual observance should be recognized by everyone to put forth some effort to see that he takes a part. This will be done by clearing up delinquent subscriptions, by organization and church heads who might well take a little time out to emphasize the occasion.

PLIGHT OF THE FEPC

Heroic efforts are being made by friends of the Fair Employment Practice Committee to enable it to survive the attempt on the part of many people to kill it.

When the committee was created in 1941, President Roosevelt saw that it was urgent that something be done to force industry to use Negro labor in defense work, discrimination excluded in most plants, in training and government employment; in many instances, Negroes were excluded altogether. Upon its organization, the committee set about to expose and correct the evils. By and large, it has been successful.

But the evils existing in 1941 prevail to a great extent today. The

work of the committee has just begun. However, great pressure was exerted on Mr. Roosevelt, so he shifted it from an independent status responsible to him alone, to the Manpower Commission where it was placed under the direction of Chairman Paul McNutt. There, it has been buffeted around, Chairman McNutt, adopting wiser, wiser tactics which have brought the committee to a place where its efforts and influence have been stymied. As a matter of fact, the whole manpower problem has been poorly handled since McNutt took it over. One day a rule is adopted, the next day it means one thing, the next day another. The whole thing is utter confusion.

The NAACP and the committee have asked the public to call upon President Roosevelt to preserve the committee as originally set up. Otherwise it will be a farce. And this help can best be given by making Mr. Roosevelt know by letter and telegram that we want this independent status maintained.

JUDGE SHANKLAND

In the death of Judge Frank S. Shankland of the Polk County District Court, Des Moines has lost a valuable citizen. A public official for more than sixteen years, he had become well known to thousands who had occasion to observe and know him. Judge Shankland was a real friend of the Negro. Unlike many who claim to know the race by intuition, he was familiar with the history of the Negro, read his periodicals and discussed questions relating his place in society. At all times he took the high ground on matters of interest to Negroes and placed great confidence in those of the group who took positions of leadership in the community. His help and advice were available at all times as problems arose and needed friendly council.

His membership in the NAACP was available each year because as Judge Shankland often said, "I believe in this organization and what it stands for." The community regrets his passing. The Negro knows that he has lost a real friend in public life.

LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS
The 1943 Mid-Winter conference is now history. Our Post commander and comrades who attended the sessions are much enthused with the future possibilities for service of the American Legion to the veterans of World War No. 2.

There is another opportunity for the Legion to render service to the families of our boys now in service. This work is a mandate from the national commander and is a challenge to the officers and members of Lincoln Post. Now is the time to sell the American Legion program to the families of the boys now in service.

The service to dependents of World War No. 2 is a challenge to the past commanders of this post to come out of retirement and help the commander and Post put over this job. The commander is convinced that this job will require the serious attention of all Legion members. Our duty to these young veterans is a national mandate; we must work accordingly.

After 20 years it is time that the past commanders of the Post form a Past Commanders club, to help the commander get this job done.—William T. Burns, Post publicity, 4-2946.

If you get your paper by Saturday each week, call us.

NOTE FROM MOVIE DIRECTOR, JESSE A. GRAVES

Jesse A. Graves, 1145 E. Twenty-four street, Los Angeles, Calif., who as a former Iowan, expressed his appreciation of receiving the Bystander. He wrote on Feb. 22:

"It is with pleasure that I pay my subscription to the Bystander for the year 1943. I look forward to receiving the paper each week, as it is a source of knowing what my friends are doing. After reading it I pass it on to some other friend from Iowa."

"They say, 'The way to gain a friend is to be one.' The Bystander has gained a number of friends here. Best wishes to you and all Iowa friends."

Mr. Graves, a veteran movie actor has lived in Hollywood a number of years.

Negro War Correspondent On CBS Program March 6

Norfolk, Va.—A celebrated Negro singer and Duke Ellington's Orchestra, internationally famous exponent of modern music, will be the outstanding guest stars on one of the radio network programs in observance of National Negro Newspaper Week (ending March 6) while our fighting men in six branches of American armed services will be featured in another.

The ever-popular orchestra leader and composer Ellington, will be heard on the coast-to-coast Columbia Broadcasting System program scheduled for 2:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, March 6.

On this same program outstanding American Negro editors, war correspondents and representatives of the War Department and Office of War Information will speak.

Through the splendid cooperation of military authorities another outstanding national broadcast will be aired on Thursday, March 4, at 4:30 to 5 o'clock over the Mutual Broadcasting System featuring men from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Forces, Marine Corps, and the new Navy unit, the Seabees.

Final arrangements were made for the Mutual program on the past week end by the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association broadcasts committee, headed by P. Bernard Young, Jr., managing editor of the Journal and Guide. The program will be produced in Ogden Hall, Hampton Institute and will originate from Station W AP, Portsmouth, Va.

Others on Program

Service men, to participate include Chaplain Major Peter C. Williams of Fort Eustis, for the Army; Corporal Charles F. Anderson of Camp Lejeune, N. C., a native of Birmingham, Ala. for the Marine Corps; Wyman Mayfield Vaughan of Baton Rouge, La., a former All-American football star at Southern University, for the Navy (he is now attached to the Class A Navy School at Hampton); Gilbert Stanley Hampton of Newark, N. J., from the 80th Battalion, Camp Bradford, for the Seabees; Chief Boatswain's Mate Maxie Berry, officer in charge at Pea Island, N. C., only all-Negro Coast Guard station in the country, and John Mackey, boatswain mate first class, also of Pea Island, for the Coast Guard, and a so-far unnamed representative for the Army Air Forces from the Tuskegee Army Flying school.

National Negro Newspaper Week was formally launched February 28 with nationwide attention directed to it by the "My People" program last Saturday at 7:00 p. m. This program is now a regular feature on the Mutual System, in cooperation with the Office of War Information and is under the direction of Dr. G. Lakshmin.

CBS Broadcast Highlights

In addition to the guest stars already named, participants on the Co-

lumbia Broadcasting System program on March 6 at 2:30 to 3:30 will be: P. B. Young, Sr., editor-publisher of the Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.; Moss Hyles Kendrick, of Atlanta, Ga., director of the Negro Newspaper Week project; Gardner Cowles, Jr., director of domestic operations for the OWI; William J. Gibson, managing editor, Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.; P. L. Pratts, executive editor of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Courier; and William O. Walker, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, sponsors of the observance and editor of the Cleveland (Ohio) Call and Post; Truman Gibson, acting civilian aide to the Secretary of War; and three war correspondents who will be heard on the program by short wave from overseas—Ollie Stewart, Afro-American; David Orro, Chicago Defender; and Randy Dixon, Pittsburgh Courier.

Hernandez to Announce

Juan Hernandez will be the announcer and narrator. Considerable writing and production details of the program have been handled by Ralph Matthews, editor, Washington Afro-American, and Mr. Hendrix, who serves with Mr. Young, Jr., and St. Clair Bourne on the broadcasts committee for the NNPA.

Cooperating with the association in the observance of Negro Newspaper Week is Delta Phi Delta Journalists Association. Especially active for the association are Otto McClarrin, Miss Victoria McCall, Hugh Gloster, and D. B. Washington.

RE-ELECT

Washington, D. C.—Among three new exhibit panels recently completed by the Department of Agriculture is one of Dr. George Washington Carver, showing the Negro's contribution to peanut production for war. A portrait of Dr. Carver working in his laboratory towers over pictures of Negro Americans seeding, harvesting and processing peanuts. The two other panels in the group show the part Negro farmers are playing in producing food and cotton for the war effort.

The panels are each 30 by 40 inches and make excellent exhibit material. Already they have been on display in a New York Negro History Week exhibit. Groups planning exhibits may borrow these panels from the Department of Agriculture by writing the USDA Office of Information, Washington, D. C.

COMMENTS ON NEGRO PRESS OBSERVANCE

SEE FRONT PAGE

important that no successful movement has ever developed without the assistance and service of the printed word.

The editorial stated further: "In the past 20 years the Negro press has grown from a hand to mouth existence to many well established papers which actually are doing business and making money."

The combined circulation of 145 of the papers is 2,500,000. Working on 107 papers are 2,300 full-time employees. One hundred of those papers have an average monthly payroll of \$80,000. Equipment owned by 82 newspapers as early as 1939 was valued at \$2,221,903.

North Dumps
Kenny Brown was in there pitching to the last when his team was stopped by Ft. Dodge in their final game. The kid earned praise wherever he played and it seemed to have left him the same polite smiling kid that he was before. This is a good sign because we can think of youngsters who became rather hard to get acquainted with after a few press notices, but Kenny just went on his way playing his best at every turn and the times we saw him apparently having a lot of fun no matter what the score was. That is the way to play games, and we hope he never loses that complex.

Boxing

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The other was William Buford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buford, 821 Ninth street, who has been in the U. S. Navy for a year and six months. He is an electrician 2nd. He left the city Monday after a ten day leave.

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NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEEK

We are celebrating National Negro Newspaper Week here in America. So many special weeks and days are observed that it is easy to pass some up without special notice.

Negroes have been publishing newspapers in America for more than a hundred years. Keen observers over the years recognized the value of publicity, that it was not always possible to get the opinions of Negro thinkers into other newspapers...

Most Negro newspapers have operated under great handicap and still do for that matter. Lack of capital was the first difficulty; most of the readers being Negroes, the advertising revenue was and is still poor...

But in spite of these handicaps many have survived; some have grown to be top-notch weeklies of the nation with circulation figures ranging high.

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Like any other institution, Negro newspapers have their faults. Some times they are driven to them by dire necessity; some by lack of training and experience in modern journalism and business management.

But on the whole, the general level of Negro newspapers has been boosted tremendously during the past twenty-five years. They are being read more than ever before.

PLIGHT OF THE FEPC

Heroic efforts are being made by friends of the Fair Employment Practice Committee to enable it to survive the attempt on the part of many people to kill it.

When the committee was created in 1941, President Roosevelt saw that it was urgent that something be done to force industry to use Negro labor in defense work...

work of the committee has just begun. However, great pressure was exerted on Mr. Roosevelt, so he shifted it from an independent status responsible to him alone...

The NAACP and the committee have asked the public to call upon President Roosevelt to preserve the committee as originally set up.

JUDGE SHANKLAND

In the death of Judge Frank S. Shankland of the Polk County District Court, Des Moines has lost a valuable citizen. A public official for more than sixteen years, he had become well known to thousands who had occasion to observe and know him.

Judge Shankland was a real friend of the Negro. Unlike many who claim to know the race by intuition, he was familiar with the history of the Negro, read his periodicals and discussed questions relating his place in society.

His membership in the NAACP was available each year because as Judge Shankland often said, "I believe in this organization and what it stands for."

The community regrets his passing. The Negro knows that he has lost a real friend in public life.

LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS The 1943 Mid-Winter conference is now history. Our Post commander and comrades who attended the sessions are much enthused with the future possibilities for service of the American Legion to the veterans of World War No. 2.

There is another opportunity for the Legion to render service to the families of our boys now in service. This work is a mandate from the national commander and is a challenge to the officers and members of Lincoln Post. Now is the time to sell the American Legion program to the families of the boys now in service.

The service to dependents of World War No. 2 is a challenge to the past commanders of this post to come out of retirement and help the commander and Post put over this job.

The commander is convinced that this job will require the serious attention of all Legion members. Our duty to these young veterans is a national mandate; we must work accordingly.

After 20 years it is time that the past commanders of the Post form a Past Commanders club, to help the commander get this job done.

IF YOU GET YOUR PAPER BY SATURDAY EACH WEEK, CALL US.

NOTE FROM MOVIE FOR JESSE A. GRAVES

Jesse A. Graves, 1445 E. Twenty-first street, Los Angeles, Calif., who is a former Iowan, expressed his appreciation of receiving the Bystander. He wrote on Feb. 22:

"It is with pleasure that I pay my subscription to the Bystander for the year 1943. I look forward to receiving the paper each week, as it is a source of knowing what my friends are doing. After reading it I pass it on to some other friend from Iowa. They say, 'The way to gain a friend is to be one.' The Bystander has gained a number of friends here. Best wishes to you and all Iowa friends." Mr. Graves, a veteran movie actor has lived in Hollywood a number of years.

Negro War Correspondent On CBS Program March 6

Norfolk, Va.—A celebrated Negro singer and Duke Ellington's Orchestra, internationally famous exponent of modern music, will be the outstanding guest stars on one of the radio network programs in observance of National Negro Newspaper Week (ending March 6) while our fighting men in six branches of American armed services will be featured in another.

The ever-popular orchestra leader and composer Ellington, will be heard on the coast-to-coast Columbia Broadcasting System program scheduled for 2:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, March 6.

On this same program outstanding American Negro editors, war correspondents and representatives of the War Department and Office of War Information will speak.

Through the splendid cooperation of military authorities another outstanding national broadcast will be aired on Thursday, March 4, at 4:30 to 5 o'clock over the Mutual Broadcasting System featuring men from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Forces, Marine Corps, and the new Navy unit, the Seabees.

Final arrangements were made for the Mutual program on the past week end by the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association broadcasts committee headed by P. Bernard Young, Jr., managing editor of the Journal and Guide, the program will be produced in Ogden Hall, Hampton Institute and will originate from Station WAP, Portsmouth, Va.

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Hernandez to Announce

Juan Hernandez will be the announcer and narrator. Considerable writing and production details of the program have been handled by Ralph Matthews, editor, Washington Afro-American and Mr. Hendrix, who serve with Mr. Young, Jr., and St. Clair Bourne on the broadcasts committee for the NNPA.

Cooperating with the association in the observance of Negro Newspaper Week is Delta Phi Delta Journalists Association. Especially active for the association are Otto McClarrin, Miss Victoria McCall, Hugh Gloster, and D. B. Washington.

Others on Program

Service men, to participate include Chaplain Major Peter C. Williams of Fort Eustis, for the Army; Corporal Charles F. Anderson of Camp Lejeune, N. C., a native of Birmingham, Ala., for the Marine Corps; Wyman Mayphield Vaughan of Baton Rouge, La., a former All-American football star at Southern University, for the Navy (he is now attached to the Class A Navy School at Hampton); Gilbert Stanley Hampton of Newark, N. J., from the 80th Battalion, Camp Bradford, for the Seabees; Chief Boatswain's Mate Maxie Berry, officer in charge at Pea Island, N. C., only all-Negro Coast Guard station in the country, and John Mackey, boatswain mate first class, also of Pea Island, for the Coast Guard, and a so-far unnamed representative for the Army Air Forces from the Tuskegee Army Flying school.

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CBS Broadcast Highlights

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The twelve Bakers and Cooks students, who completed Basic Training here before entering the specialists' work, are Auxiliaries Mary L. Alexander, Willis Point, Texas; Audren Allen, 311 E. Monument street; Jack-

POST EXCHANGE

Of men and women in the U. S. Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine and WAAC.



Somewhere in Africa Somewhere in the vast continent of Africa is a fine looking Des Moines lad in the person of Kenneth Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Major Hill, 1056 Twelfth street. Wherever Kenneth is he has written back about the very beautiful country, the warm days and the cool nights. He sends hello to everyone he knows back home.

Two Navy Men Here

Two of Uncle Sam's Navy seamen passed in one of the drug stores for a Sunday afternoon soda, last week while on leaves from their training center at Norfolk, Va.

One was Robert Lee Cheaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlee Cheaton, 829 Tenth street, who is an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Navy, who has been serving for six months. Stationed at Norfolk, Va. He said there were many Iowans there but the only one he could recall 'at the moment was Miss Roberta Maupin, who recently went to Norfolk from Detroit, as the new USO director. Cheaton is on a thirty day leave.

The other was William Buford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buford, 821 Ninth street, who has been in the U. S. Navy for a year and six months. He is an electrician 2nd. He left the city Monday after a ten day leave.

Son Home

Mrs. F. W. Brown accompanied her Merchant Marine son, Eugene W., to church Sunday. He was on a leave from New York, where he has been in training for five months.

son, Miss Christine E. Butler, 3312 Knight St., Dallas, Texas; Josephine R. Hartzog, 330 E. Rittenhouse St., Philadelphia; Rosetta Carter, 1002 N. Green St., Henderson, Ky.; Birda R. Govan, Rotan, Texas; Mary A. Hawley, 2230 N. Washington Ave., Dallas; Norma B. Jones, Jefferson, Texas; Vivian L. May, 211 Jackson St., Clarksville, Ark.; Mayronnie Oldham, 824 E. Howard St., Centerville, Ill.; Cora Parks, 326 N. Pabel St., Tyler, Texas; and Eva Reed, 4 Pride St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Bakers and Cooks students in the WAAC learn details of Army cookery; duties of mess personnel, care of equipment, menu planning, cooking, baking, butchering, cooking in the field, and other courses. They may get their practical experience in one of the smaller mess halls, where 300 are served, or in Consolidated Mess where more than 2,000 persons are served at each meal.

SIXTY-THREE TO SPECIALISTS SCHOOL

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Sixty-three Negro members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps have been selected for training in the Administrative Specialist School of the WAAC at the First WAAC Training Center here. The women were chosen for this specialist course immediately after they had completed Basic train-

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The women chosen for this training are Auxiliaries Mattie L. Adams, Albany, Ga.; Myrtle D. Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ethel D. Bell, Fort Worth, Texas; Beatrice Berry, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tommy B. Bradford, Houston, Texas; Eleanor Black, Hartford, Conn.; Mary O. Blount, Collins, Ga.; Helen S. Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Odessa J. Bryant, Chicago, Ill.; Christine E. Chisholm, Longview, Texas; Johnnie M. Cole, Little Rock, Ark.; Charlotte E. Cook, Fairfield, Conn.; Ruth J. Cooper, Columbus, Ohio; Edna Cunningham, Los Angeles, Calif.; Blanche W. Fagan, Indianapolis.

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Marion Mackey, Miami; Ella T. Madison, Birmingham, Ala.; Katrina B. Mann, Washington, D. C.; Vivian A. Mayack, Kinestree, S. C.; Ina G. McRae, New York City; Marietta E. Moore, New York City; Mary P. Monroe, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Carrie E. Nelson, Henderson, Ky.; Hattie E. Nelson, Tyler, Texas; Restal Neal, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lill M. Star, Clarksville, Ark.; Margaret Palmer, New York City; Stella E. Patislo, Philadelphia; Willie M. Patterson, Dallas; Hattie L. Saxton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Fannie M. Shaw, Albany, Ga.; Thelma H. Smith, White Plains, N. Y.; Dolores H. Smith, Mobile, Ala.; Irma B. Smith, Monroe, La.; Helen G. Starr, Beaufort, Ga.; Dorothy E. Taylor, Philadelphia; Janet M. Thomas, Snowdoches, Texas; Georgia E. Tivis, Kansas City, Mo.; Alberta M. Thomas, Chicago; Louis K. Waddell, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ora E. Waddleton, Tatum, Texas; Corinne E. Walker, Baltimore, Md.; Mildred G. Ware, Philadelphia; and Gertrude S. Williams, Washington, Pa.

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