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## News Briefs From Far and Near

### SOLDIER ACQUITTED OF RAPE CHARGE RETURNS TO ARMY

Columbus, Ga.—Charles Stout, soldier, who was acquitted on May 10 by a Muscogee county jury of a rape charge has now returned to the army the NAACP revealed this week.

Stout, a quiet, mild-mannered New York man, did not wait to be drafted, but enlisted in the U. S. Army because he said he "wanted to be among the first fellows to land on Europe and begin the ending of social injustices."

Clabourne Stout, a brother of Charles, also in the army, and stationed at Fort Dix, on learning of the acquittal of his brother, wrote the NAACP: "I know that your office is directly responsible for this disposition. My family and friends are grateful and deeply indebted to you for this service. May all your efforts on behalf of our people be as successful."

### PM EDITOR TELLS WHAT HE WOULD DO IF HE WERE A NEGRO

Chicago (ANP)—That the Negro is not alone in the fight against injustice and has common cause with the oppressed everywhere, regardless of color, is the contention made by John P. Lewis, editor of the newspaper PM in an article appearing in the June issue of Negro Digest, published in Chicago at 3507 South Parkway.

"If I were a Negro, writes Lewis, who has led many crusades for race improvement, 'I would know that what happened to me was not just bound up with the Negro people, but with the progress of all little people everywhere.'

"If I were a Negro I would put education for my people first on my list of things necessary to reach the goal of real democratic equality for which all colored people and many people are searching. Particularly, I would try to join a labor union, for all organizations, a sound labor union has its root deepest in democracy."

"I were a Negro, those things I would know, but there are some I would not."

"If my little girl should come to me and ask me, as little Negro girls must ask their fathers: 'Why do they treat me like this, I don't know what I could say.'"

### WEST INDIAN FARM WORKERS SHIP OVER- CROWDED, UNSANITARY

Washington (ANP)—Col. J. T. Taylor, deputy war food administrator, last week issued a statement confirming a report that one of the two ships on which Jamaican farm workers were imported to this country was crowded and without adequate sanitary facilities, that a "disturbance" occurred, and that one of the workers accidentally fell overboard and was lost at sea.

This was the first official statement on the incident from the war food administration. The ship carried about 4,000 Jamaican workers, intended in the farm areas of northern and eastern states.

Taylor, in charge of farm labor for the agency said:

"The Jamaican workers are now comfortably sheltered in a government operated camp where they remain pending their placement on farms needing their assistance, which is now proceeding."

### POPPY AND MEMORIAL DAYS

American Legion Auxiliary women will be downtown Saturday, May 29, tagging in the Poppy Day drive.

Memorial Day services will be held Sunday evening, May 30, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Maple Street Baptist church, sponsored jointly by the Lincoln Post 126 and Lincoln Unit.



# Liberia Head Is White House Guest



THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA SUPPLIES AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CRUDE RUBBER VITAL TO OUR WAR EFFORT.

AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN, PRESIDENT BARCLAY COMPOSED LIBERIA'S MOST POPULAR PATRIOTIC SONG!

## Ministers Protest Discrimination of WAACs at Park

In an effort to find the source of the "order" which refused Negro members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps here admittance to Riverview Park on May 16 when what was advertised at the WAAC Center as "Military Day," for all military personnel, a committee of ministers went but to Fort Des Moines WAAC Training Center this week for a conference.

The Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, who was asked to go to the Riverview Park following his "I Am An American Day" patriotic program at his church when he learned that Negro WAACs were being refused admittance to the park, and the Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, pastor of the Maple Street Baptist church, who had been out to Fort Des Moines recently with a NAACP committee that presented a copy of "Negro WAAC complaints" to Commandant Frank U. McCookie, were the two Negro ministers who went Monday to the WAAC Training Center to confer with the WAAC captain, who had enforced the "orders" at Riverview Park and other WAAC officials. The conference did not materialize.

Speaking from his pulpit Sunday morning to a group of visiting delegates to the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor of the St. Paul A.M.E. church, criticized the "slamming the door" in the face of these Negro WAACs at Riverview Park and called attention to other discriminatory acts against the Negro WAAC.

Commenting that the Negro WAACs were trying to "feel proud" in wearing the uniform of their country, the minister said "they are confused."

"Right on our own doorstep there is so much to be done," the Rev. Mr. Boyd said.

### NEED WOMEN TO VOLUNTEER FOR HOME TAG DAY JUNE 5

The annual Iowa City Girls Home Tag Day will be held downtown Saturday, June 5, Mrs. A. A. Alexander, chairman of the drive, announced this week.

Mrs. Alexander is issuing an appeal for women to volunteer their services to work during the day. Securing volunteer workers is an effort this year because so many of the

## Mrs. Roosevelt Dedicates Hotels for War Workers

Washington—Climaxing a tour of war housing projects in the nation's capital, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt officially dedicated Wake and Midway Halls, new residence hotels for Negro women war workers in the northwest section of Washington, D. C., Tuesday evening, May 18.

Earlier in the evening the First Lady inspected Lucy D. Slowe Hall, residence hotel for Negro women and George Washington Carver Hall, residence hotel for Negro men. Both halls are located in the northwest section of the city.

Addressing several hundred war workers already living in Wake and Midway Halls, and a representative audience of visitors, Mrs. Roosevelt declared:

"The difference between a democracy and a totalitarian state is that a democracy serves the people while the people serve the state in countries where a dictator rules. The erection of these war-time housing projects is evidence of democracy serving the people. We need more such projects but we are making a step in the right direction."

The dedication program included a group of songs by Roland Hayes,

regular taggers are now engaged in defense work. Persons desiring to offer their services may phone Mrs. Alexander or Mrs. Gus Nichols.

The Tag Day is sponsored annually by the Iowa Association of Colored Women to maintain the home for Negro girls who attend the University of Iowa at Iowa City.

### YOUTH CONFERENCE URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF MIXED UNITS IN ARMED FORCES

New York (ANP)—Is a letter to President Roosevelt, the New York State conference of Negro youth, meeting in Albany last week, criticized the Selective Service act of establishing segregated units for Negro troops as undemocratic and destructive to the morale of the Negro people and nation as a whole.

The conference listed the following results of such segregation: (1) serious problems of transportation; (2) insufficient medical care; (3) insufficient food; (4) lack of sanitation and medical inspection; (5) lack of recreational facilities; and (6) Negro troops are the object of

insults and abuse by white officers. The letters urged the establishment of mixed units in all branches of the armed forces to insure a speedy defeat of fascism.

## Shipyard Welders Quit Work When Negroes Are Hired

Mobile, Ala.—Soldiers and police were called into a large shipyard here Tuesday to quell a disturbance which started, Police Chief D. E. McFayden said, when Negro welders were assigned to work with white welders.

McFayden said "several" Negroes were "beaten up" and that order was restored when all Negroes in the yard, operated by the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Corp., were sent home.

To prevent a spread of the disturbance, police closed all liquor stores and prohibited the sale of beer anywhere in the city.

In addition to the Negroes sent home, approximately 7,000 others were made idle when Frank Jones, president of the Central Trades Council (A.F.L.), ordered all A.F.L. workers engaged on construction jobs in the city to return to their homes.

Shipyard spokesmen would not estimate the number of Negro workers sent home. Other sources placed the number at "several thousand."

The company said eight men—seven Negroes and one white man—received first aid treatment following the incident. Police said preliminary reports indicated about 25 men were involved in the fighting.

### CASHIER-CLERK

MISS GENEVA MCCLAIN

One of the smiling cashier-clerks in the grocery department of the F. and W. Grand Store, downtown, is brown-skinned Geneva McClain who has been serving customers, checking their grocery baskets, figuring rationing points and bills for the past four months.

Miss McClain, who resides with her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Bass, 1124 Thirteenth street, went to the manager of the store, Dempster D. Chaffee, one day and told him that she would like a job. She told him what she was qualified to do and asked him for an opportunity to prove her efficiency by offering to work free one day in the grocery department. She said she informed him that she was not interested in work in the kitchen, because she felt that she was qualified to work as a clerk and cashier.

Mr. Chaffee checked her references, her training and gave her the chance. A native of Columbia, Mo., Miss McClain attended schools in Iowa and graduated from the East Waterloo high school. She went back to Columbia to get her business training and returned to Des Moines two years ago.

The F. and W. Grand, five cents to a dollar store here at 507 Walnut street has in its employ eight Negroes in the capacities of workers in the kitchen, stock rooms, janitor, dishwashers, pantry girl and in the new capacity of clerk-cashier.

The store has a large patronage of Negroes who purchase merchandise and patronize the restaurant.

Six from Fort Huachuca

The six officers who came to Officer Candidate school at Fort Des Moines from the Post Headquarters company at Fort Huachuca, are: Third Officers Muriel K. Fawcett of 622 Jackson St., Lynchburg, Va., Myrtle M. Gowdy of 268 W. 133rd St., Lucille Young Mayo of 126 116th

## President Edwin Barclay First Negro Dignitary to Stay at the White House

Washington—The Department of State announced this week, that His Excellency, Edwin Barclay, President of the Republic of Liberia, was received officially in the United States as a guest of the government on the invitation of President Roosevelt, arriving in Washington on Wednesday, May 26.

The President of Liberia will spend one night at the White House, after which he will leave for Blair House to remain for several days.

President Roosevelt, on route home from the historic Casablanca Conference in January, stopped in Liberia to pay his respects to President Barclay and to review a large detachment of American Negro troops stationed there. The Chief Executive, while in the African State which was founded by Negro freedmen from the United States in 1822, also took advantage of an opportunity to inspect the large Firestone rubber plantation there.

A stag, state dinner for the visiting chief executive was held Wednesday night at the White House with high officials of the government present.

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## NAACP War Conference Opens Thursday in Detroit

Detroit, Mich.—The June 3-6 emergency conference here on the Negro in the war, although called by the NAACP, is to be a conference of all the people, Negro and white, who intend to see that something is done about the way in which Negro Americans are being treated.

The conference sessions, will be held at Second Baptist church, 441 Monroe avenue where Rev. R. L. Bradby is pastor.

### To Speak

Among those who will lead discussion groups in the daytime session of the conference are: Judge William H. Hastie, on the Negro in the armed forces; Earl B. Dickerson, on manpower and the right to work; George S. Schuyler, on the treatment of the Negro in the press, radio and movies;

## Twelve Women Graduate As WAAC Third Officers

Fort Des Moines, Ia.—Twelve Negro women were graduated from officers candidate school and commissioned as third officers in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at First WAAC Training Center Fort Des Moines, Ia., on May 17. Their rank is the WAAC equivalent of second lieutenant in the army.

Six of the new officers were members of the first two Post Headquarters Companies sent into the field by the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps on December 2, 1942. They were stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Each of the 12 new Negro WAAC officers received basic training at Fort Des Moines and several of them also attended specialist training schools at the First WAAC Training Center. Following their graduation, they were assigned to duty as company officers in companies of Negro WAACs at Fort Des Moines.

### NAACP State Meeting Postponed to July 4-5

The Iowa State Conference of NAACP Branches has postponed its annual meeting from June until July 4 and 5 at Marshalltown, Ia., because of the National War Emergency Conference of the NAACP which will be held in Detroit, Mich. June 3-6, the state president, Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, announced this week.

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# SOCIETY



## MISS WATKINS BECOMES BRIDE OF SEAMAN STEWART IN NEW YORK CEREMONY

Mrs. Bertha Watkins of 1140 13th street announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Nannie Mae Watkins, to Seaman First Class William A. Stewart of the U. S. Coastguard.

The marriage took place in New York City on May 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dennis, with the Rev. W. M. Chandler officiating. Mrs. Stewart will reside at 213 West 134th street, New York City.

Mrs. Stewart, a native of Des Moines, attended North high school, the Corinthian Baptist church and was a member of the YWCA.

Seaman Stewart, a native of Keokuk, Ia., where he attended the public schools, was working in Des Moines this winter when he went into the U. S. Coastguard in December. He is a nephew of Mrs. L. B. Stewart, 907 Sixteenth street.

## MRS. WILKINSON AND MR. CLAYBROOK MARRY IN MISSOURI

Mrs. Gertrude B. Wilkinson of 222 East Thirteenth street and Mr. James A. Claybrook of 1412 Buchanan street, were wedded recently in Princeton, Mo.

## MRS. ALICE BROWN HONORS MISSOURIAN

Mrs. Alice Brown, 1322 Wayne street, entertained at a one o'clock luncheon May 14, honoring Mrs. Almerita Kirby of Nevada, Mo., Mrs. G. W. Brown and Mrs. Armita Madison.

## MISS MAUDE McALLISTER HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The Junior Matrons club of the Maple Street Baptist church gave a surprise birthday party for Miss Maud A. McAllister at the church parsonage on Tuesday night, May 20. Many useful and beautiful presents were given Miss McAllister on this occasion.

The following guests were present: Miss Constance Peek, Mesdames Odessa Booker, Opal Jaco, J. E. Samuel, Ella Samuel, Celestia Jones, Edward Brown, George Boyers, Mr. and Mrs. Festus Stone and Mr. Noble Gray.

A surprise birthday party was also given Miss McAllister at the Allie Art Studio by Mrs. Edna June Mills, Mrs. Carolyn Estes Williams and Miss George E. Mason. She was the recipient of many gifts at the Art shop Tuesday noon.

## MRS. J. P. JONES ENTERTAINS AT ONE O'CLOCK LUNCHEON

Mrs. J. P. Jones, 1232 Dixon street, entertained May 24 with a one o'clock luncheon honoring Mrs. Melvin Alexander of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Dorothy Gross Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif.

They were house guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Parker, 1439 Buchanan street, and their aunt, Mrs. Jennie Hayes Finley, 1335 Fremont street, and other relatives. Mrs. Alexander will leave the city this week end for her home.

## MRS. TRAVIS BAILEY LUNCHEON HOSTESS

Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., 825 Tenth street, entertained nine guests at a luncheon Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Ed B. Williams of St. Joseph, Mo. who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Bryant, 915 Fifteenth street.

Those sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames L. Burtum C. Houston, E. Gee, A. Brewer, M. Jenkins, M. Hardaway, M. Lincoln, Ed B. Williams, Auxiliary Rebecca McCoy and the hostess. A gift was given to the honored guest.

## HOUSE GUESTS AT G. W. BROWNS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown, 1516 Illinois street, had as house guests last week, Mrs. Almerita Kirby of Nevada, Mo. The sister of Mrs. Brown they had not seen each other in 22 years.

## ARTHUR J. EDMUNDS BACK FROM FISK TO I. U. SUMMER SCHOOL

Arthur John Edmunds arrived in the city last week from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds. He left Wednesday morning for St. Paul, Minn., to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Alfred Williams, before returning to Iowa City to enroll for summer school at the University of Iowa.

## MR. WILSON TO IOWA CITY

Mr. Harry Wilson, 1029 East Fifteenth street, left the city Saturday to enter the hospital at Iowa City.

## TO CALIFORNIA



**MISS BOURLAND**  
Miss Nettle C. Bourland left the city Tuesday for Los Angeles, Calif., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis. Miss Bourland was employed at the Boyt Harness Co. in war-work and was a licensed beautician at the Crescent School of Beauty Culture.

## BABY DEES HONOR MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

The Baby Dees honored the birthdays of Madjames Margaret Perry and Fannie Rice, Tuesday, May 20, at the home of Mrs. Perry 111 Racoon street.

Delicacies of the season were served. The birthday cake with many candies graced the center of the serving table.

The honorees received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Margaret Carson is president.

## MONARCHS TO GIVE SPRING PARTY

The Monarch club will entertain their wives at their annual spring party Monday night, May 31, at the Billiken ballroom.

## ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB MEETS

The Elegant Eight club met May 19 with Marilyn Freeman 1173 14th. Bridge prizes were won by Bernice Carter, Gladys Barker and Obenetta Green. Guest was Virginia Forrester. The next meeting is with Mrs. Green, 932 Sixteenth street.

## PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

As the May days slip away with their chilly showers—June should bring an abundance of flowers—the weather warms up a bit.

While the weather is cool many housewives are getting their spring cleaning under way. A bit of remodeling and redecorating has been underway at the Estes Funeral home. Mr. Estes has been one busy body this week with a couple of carpenters, putting in a new double-door entrance to his funeral parlor.

The Berline beauty shop on Center street is nearing the end of spring remodeling and redecorating. New flooring, a coat of paint for the walls and furniture have blended to make the shop a colorful one. When the finishing touches have been added—the shop will be a cheerful place—especially for the large number of W.A.A.C.s who are regular customers.

Center street would take on a new appearance if someone would clean up the vacant lot between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, where tin cans, broken bottles, and other rubbish have been an eyesore for months. Clean-up campaigns seem to miss the spot.

Speaking of fixing-up, Mrs. Leota Wise one of the residents at the Y. W.C.A., who recently went into the defense training school at West high, contributed some services to the Y. W.C.A. when she with her instructor welded a broken oven door which had been awaiting the arrival of a fix-it man for months.

The Boss had a good alibi for not having finished writing his editorials on Wednesday. He was caught in the surprise blackout.

## MRS. NICOLA BACK FROM MISSOURI

Mrs. Gertrude Nicola, 1016 Thirteenth street, returned to the city on Wednesday morning from California, Mo., where she visited during the week end with her mother, Mrs. Anna Jones, and Mr. Newt Jones, and her daughter, Miss Clara Massey.

## IOTA PHI LAMBDA OF WESTERN REGIONAL HOLD TWO-DAY SESSION

"Women and the War Effort" was the theme of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's Western Regional meet which convened Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, at the Blue Triangle Y.W.C.A., 1407 Center street. This war time conference was presided over by the regional directress, Miss Phobias B. Miller of Chicago.

The hostess chapter was Alpha Delta of Des Moines with the following officers: Mrs. Gertrude Hyde North, president; Miss Evelyn Brooks, recording secretary; Mrs. Sue Hart, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clara Johnson, treasurer and dean of pledges and Mrs. Dorothy Simms, historian.

Sunday morning at St. Paul A.M. E. church, sorors gathered in a body to hear the Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor, speak on "The Trained Women in a Confused World." At this service national president Lola M. Parker of Chicago, was introduced and made an address on the "Activities and Aims of Iota Women." Soror Parker also appeared over WHO broadcasting station in a national hook-up Saturday.

## Session Opens

The business session opened Saturday morning with a welcome address by Mrs. Gertrude North, president of Alpha Delta chapter, Des Moines; Mrs. Bonita Hill, president of Alpha Omicron, Denver made the response. At this time Mrs. Hill made three presentations to the president of the local chapter, the national president and the regional directress.

These War time topics were discussed: "Our Best Approach to a Solution of Race Relations," Mrs. Naomi Rowe, Alpha, Chicago; "The Career Woman and Voluntary Service," Mrs. Katherine Draine, Alpha Zeta, St. Louis, Mo.; "An Outline of Iota Phi Lambda's Program for National Defense," Mrs. H. Corrine Lowry, national chair, Alpha Omicron, Denver; "Post War-Time Projects," Alpha Delta, Des Moines, and "War-Time Men's Demonstrations," Mrs. Clara Johnson, Alpha Delta, Des Moines.

Round table discussion was held on "Civil Service Positions vs. Those of Private Enterprises."

At the final business session a playlet, "Pre-War Job Hunting" was given by Barbara Jane McCracken, Mary Brooks, Jeannette Marshall and Mildred Randall, P.I.G. Girls and Mr. Geo. Robinson, executive secretary of the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A.

Greetings and flowers were presented by Alpha Phi Alpha and the Kappa fraternities, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities.

It was revealed at this meeting that the region had purchased a large number of war bonds.

## Win Awards

Alpha Omicron chapter of Denver won the 1942 and 1943 activity awards. The 1943 scrap book trophy went to Alpha chapter, Chicago.

Captain Charity E. Adams of the W.A.A.C. addressed the conference on Saturday evening.

The election of officers were as follows: Fuchsia B. Miller, Chicago.

## Win Awards

These social courtesies extended the visiting delegates were: a trip to the W.A.A.C. training center at Ft. Des Moines to witness the first anniversary of the W.A.A.C. in a "May Play Day" and a Dutch dinner at the Service club No. 2; a cocktail party and buffet supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchey; Sunday dinner party at the Blue Triangle Y.W.C.A. and a reception and tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander and an informal gathering at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Scates.

These social courtesies were colorful and gay events. Greetings and beautiful baskets of flowers were gifts from the A.K.A. and Delta Sigma Theta sororities, Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities.

Visiting delegates who were guests included: the national president, Mrs. Parker, Regional Directress Miller, Naomi Rowe and Helen Johns of Chicago, Katherine Draine of St. Louis, H. Corrine Lowry, Bonita Hill and Darlene Anderson of Denver. The regional accepted an invitation to meet next year with Xi chapter, Hopkinsville, Ky.

## MR. WALKER OF IDAHO VISITS SISTER HERE

Mr. Lloyd B. Walker of Boise, Idaho, spent several days here last week the guest of his sister, Mrs. Frances Hall. A former resident of Des Moines, he lived in California, after leaving Iowa and had not been back home in seven years.

## MRS. JOHN BLAKELY HAS LUNCHEON

Mrs. John Blakely, 1114 Fourteenth street, entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon May 11 honoring Mrs. Almerita Kirby of Nevada, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown and Mrs. Helen Carter.

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## YWCA

### BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

The Public Affairs Committee is sponsoring a program, in order to stimulate interest among parents as to the activities of the junior high school. On Sunday June 6, at 4 p. m. at the Blue Triangle branch Y.W.C.A., Miss Alice, the girls advisor of Amos Hiatt Junior will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be the responsibility of the parent to the Junior High school student in war time.

The members of the committee are Mrs. Julia Proctor, chairman; Mesdames Aileen Miller, Gertrude Curke, Cecil Taylor, Ora Brown, Labbie Neal, Marguerite Cochran, Gertrude North, Ida Smith, Josie Gibson and Equia Lewis. Refreshments will be served.

Sixty Y Night Club open every Saturday night from 8 until 11:30 p. m. Refreshments, dancing and the latest recordings. Special feature will be a floor show at 9:30 p. m.

The Young Women's Committee is sponsoring a "Sports Get-Together" every Friday night at 8 p. m. in Central Y.W.C.A., 9th and High for all women war workers so that they might relax and have fun. The following sports will be offered: badminton, volleyball, shuffle board, music, dancing and cards. Refreshments. The opening event will be Friday May 28 at 8 p. m. Mrs. Gladys Carr is chairman.

### LINCOLN AUXILIARY

Speakers representing Lincoln Unit appeared at many of the churches Sunday in the interest of Poppy Day which will be Saturday, May 29. Mrs. Guy E. Greene, Poppy chairman expressed appreciation to the Revs. H. C. Boyd, G. W. Robinson, E. M. Whaley, W. F. Ogletton, H. R. Fields and C. L. McAllister for co-operating with the speakers bureau.

### APPEAR AT URBANDALE AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Mrs. Compton Chapman, president of Lincoln Unit 126 and Mrs. Festus Stone, past president, attended a poppy meeting at the Urbandale Auxiliary 663 on May 19. Mrs. Stone sang "American Prayer" and "British Prayer" with Mrs. C. Lopez McAllister accompanying at the piano. On May 30 Mrs. Stone will sing on the Bert Memorial program at the University church.

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L. H. H.—My boy friend is in the Navy and has been for nearly four years. Everytime I receive a letter from him he begs me not to marry while he's gone. But wait on him and when he returns we will marry. Since he's been away I've fallen in love with someone else and he wants me to marry him. What must I do?

Ans.: Your sailor friend wouldn't want you if you couldn't return his love. It's a woman's privilege to change her mind. If you love the boy and he loves you, your sailor friend will wish you well.

M. E. B.—I owe bills and cannot make enough money to get out of debt. I work hard but I cannot succeed. Tell me what must I do to pay all of my bills? I am worried to distraction.

Ans.: You should be. It's a plain case of mismanagement. Other people who earn less than you and whose expenses are heavier, save money. If you would pay your bills with the money you have been spending on your back and for new Easter bonnets—your financial standing would be much better. Lending yourself with debts is a bad habit young lady. Get your financial affairs on a cash basis and keep them there.

L. M. W.—I am married and love my husband very much, but another married man is in love with me and wants me to quit my husband and get quit his wife and we go away-and-get married. Do you think this would be wise for me to quit my husband and go with him or not?

Ans.: Lord, what fools these mortals be. HERE is a woman with a loving and dutiful husband and they love each other—yet, she wants to know whether or not to leave a good man for a deceiving cheat. Leave him and you'll be sorry for it your dying day. You are unworthy of your husband's love and to encourage

these temptations. For shame, C. C.—In this little town we are in there are some girls and they act like they are mad at us all the time. We treat them nice. Please give us some advice?

Ans.: Go right on treating them nice. Kindness cures many ills—and there is no better way to win friendship and wear down ill will than by continued-friendliness—in the course of time—it will be the hardest hearts.

C. N. T.—The lady I rent from is giving me a little trouble. She wants me to move. It's not about the rent because I pay my rent. My boy broke a window pane and she just can't forget it. Mrs. D. told me that you could help me.

Ans.: For your boy's sake it might be best that you do move. The friends and playmates he has in the neighborhood you now live are a pretty rough crowd. It would do the lady good to get away from these boys. If you allow him to get away with these mischievous pranks he is pulling every other day now—then you will have to suffer the consequences when he grows up with no respect for law and order. Why not move?

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Men, women and children who need a lift which is not to be followed by a headache had better check up on their consumption of vitamin B. Laziness, predisposition to hysterics, grouchiness and other mental disorders are accentuated by lack of vitamin B. Most foods contain some of this vitamin but only a few of them are really good sources. Doctors and nutrition experts agree—that it is better to get the needed supply of vitamins from food than from pills, and it is also cheaper. Foods which are rich in vitamin B include lean pork, liver and other meat organs, whole grains, dried beans and peas, soybeans, and nuts, particularly peanuts.



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LABOR STOPPAGES KROUBLESOME

The labor situation in this country is in a terrible mess, so much so that workers have come to the place where they don't mind tying up overseas production.

Definitely, we need all the shipping we can get; consequently we need more men working in the shipyards. But when Negro welders are put to work in the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Corp., white welders walk out and proceed to beat up and intimidate these Negro employees.

It is true that we live in a democracy; but these are times when we cannot wait for democratic processes to work. And in wartime, these situations arise more than ever.

Besides slowing up production, such conduct gives aid and comfort to the enemy; it is good propaganda which the Axis powers use to show the darker races that the United Nations don't mean to be fair in spite of all the glowing declarations made by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

It will be interesting to watch just what steps will be followed in this Alabama mess. The Bystander has said and retrates again that if the administration and the heads of our armed forces come out publicly demanding that Negroes be given a fairer deal in this country, such injustices as we are constantly complaining about would subside materially. And the masses of the people would support them. And as they fall so to do, they continue to create suspicion not only among Negroes but also among other darker races that the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms about which we hear so much are just puffs of hot air, when it comes to applying it to them.

HOUSE PASSES AUTO POLL TAX BILL

Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed the Anti-poll tax bill by a vote of 265 to 110. There was never any doubt about the outcome once the measure went to a vote. Iowa representatives split on the final vote: Cunningham, LeCompte, Talle, Gwynne, Gilchrist and Jensen supporting the measure while Hosen opposed it. Martin was not present and his vote was not recorded.

Representative Jensen comes from the seventh district and lives in Exira in Audubon county. While the Negro vote in his district is not large, Council Bluffs leading in Negro population, the people of his district are noted for their friendliness to the Negro. Just what prompted his opposition is not clear. Representative Martin, we would say, ducked the issue. He comes from a district with a sizable Negro vote.

But contrary to the people who refuse to admit the facts, the poll tax law prevents more white people from voting than Negroes. And in spite of protestations to the contrary, the poll tax is designed not as qualification but to keep people from voting. And the political leaders in those states which retain the poll tax and other methods of keeping people from voting know that it is to their distinct advantage. To let the masses vote, would strike at their theory of white supremacy.

Of course, the real fight will come in the senate where a few Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats

ANP Investigator Finds Critical Labor Area in Ohio

Chicago (ANP)—A comprehensive survey by Leon W. Taylor, special investigator for the Associated Negro Press, in which evidence of gross race discrimination was uncovered and turned over to government authorities in Washington, has caused the designation of Dayton, O., as a No. 1 critical area for labor shortage.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WAACs

It has been difficult to determine just who is responsible for excluding Negro WAACs from Riverview park last week. Some blame it on the park officials, some on the Negro WAAC commissioned officers.

The Bystander would not be surprised about the park officials, but if the officers were responsible then we have a most serious problem to face. We complain when white officers allow the members of their unit to be mistreated. That criticism is even worse when Negro officers are guilty of the same. It is true that those higher up fix policies—and the army policy as to the Negro is definitely rotten—yet the officer actually in charge of troops or WAACs can do much to alleviate the hardships and prejudices these people face. And we go further and say that any officer who condones or encourages injustices to their troops or WAACs in order to "stand in" with higher officers for the purpose of seeking advancement in rank is a traitor to his race and in the long run is not a proper officer in the U. S. Army.

DISTRIBUTE BLANKS FOR RATION BOOK III

Washington—Letter carriers have begun the distribution of 40,000,000 application cards for War Ration Book No. Three, which will provide new stamps to replace those running out in existing books. Distribution of these cards will continue over the next three weeks, or until June 5.

While OPA suggests that the applications be filled out promptly upon receipt, the public is urged not to mail them until June 1. By that date the post office will have mail channels cleared for fast handling and OPA mail centers will be geared up to process the cards and mail out to the books. Cards mailed in advance of June 1 will not be processed at least until that date, and since mechanical arrangements will not have been completed, may be lost or misplaced.

FT. HUACHUCA PROUD OF ITS M. P. UNIT

FT. HUACHUCA, Ariz. (ANP)—The 92d division which has just moved into Ft. Huachuca and established its home, is proud of its M.P.s—proud of the splendid record they are making as keepers of the law and without resort to the night stick or any form of violence. There are more than 70 of them; every man, with the exception of their redoubtable commanding officer Capt. Homer E. Roberts of Chicago, being over six feet, one inch in height. Second in command is Lt. Richard Greene.

Under these two men the military police detachment has gained prestige through their dress, smartness and alertness to duty. Trained to be crack shots, they also are expert in judo, wrestling, boxing and all forms of unarmed combat. These fellows really don't need guns. Their training and their size makes them capable of taking care of any ordinary trouble which comes their way.

Celebrities visiting the post have commented especially upon the courtesy and efficiency of the 92nd M.P.s. One of their achievements has been the banning of the "zoot suits." For a time "draped" uniforms purchased at some expense by privates who wanted to retain some of the identifying marks of their civilian life, were popular but organization commanders frowned upon them; the M.P.s went into action and the "zoot suit boys" are a thing of the past.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS BARS DISCRIMINATION IN VARSITY PROM

Lawrence, Kan. (ANP)—As a result of a vote taken jointly by the men's student council and the women's student government association, Negro students may now attend the junior prom.

The resolution presented last week by Arthur Nelson at a meeting of the councils, was accepted without one opposing vote and said: "The MSC and WSGA, in conformance with the new constitution of the Associated students of the University of Kansas, hereby guarantees

Equal Pay Fight Cause of Ousting Six in Virginia

Newport News, Va. (ANP)—In explaining the action of the Newport News school board last Friday night in ousting three school principals and three high school teachers, Dr. Lattrelle F. Palmer told an NAACP meeting Sunday how he had served as chairman of the salary equalization committee for the Newport News teachers, and inferred that all of the dismissals were due to their fight for equal pay.

The following day, more than 1,500 people, representatives of educational, religious, fraternal, community welfare and labor organizations, attended a rally in protest of the school board's action.

The principals involved in the action are, aside from Dr. Palmer of Huntington high school, T. Rodgers Thompson and J. Rupert Picot, elementary school principals. The high school teachers are Eric Epps, James W. Ivy and Miss Ethel Tamell.

Palmer has been in the system 23 years; Thompson 21, and Picot, 11, according to reports.

According to Dorsey C. Pleasant, chairman of the city school board, the board saw fit not to reappoint them for the benefit of the school system." Asked whether there are any charges against the three principals, Pleasant said, "If they want to know, they can come before the board and we will tell them."

Dr. Palmer said that at the time the equalization committee for Newport News teachers was organized, he was threatened with dismissal unless he discontinued his relations with the organization, but that he felt some members of the board would accept the court's decision without personal revenge.

Roy Wilkins of the Crisis magazine and assistant secretary of the NAACP, principal speaker at the meeting Sunday, expressed great concern over the fascism demonstrated at the Newport News situation.

LINCOLN POST

Dates for Legionnaires

County Legion Memorial services at Burke Park May 30 at 2 p. m. Post and Unit Memorial services at Maple Street Baptist church May 30, at 7:30 p. m.

Memorial Day parade—meet at East Seventh and Locust street at 9:30 a. m. to begin at 10 a. m.

June 1 at Post meeting Mr. Stiles of the federal employment office will be a guest. Notice of election, June 22 district conference will be held at the 40-8 club.

Post officers for 1944 will be elected on July 6. Department convention August 9, 10, 11 and 12. National convention will be in Omaha Sept. 21-22, 23.

Tuesday Post has 118 paid up members for 1943. The activities committee reports that the Riverview band was used in place of the scheduled band.

Post election notice will be in the mail by June 6, one month before the Post election.

The Post activities committee urges the members of the Post to visit their Post and welcome the public to see the club rooms. The Post needs eight more members to reach the goal of 125 members or five convention delegates.—W. T. Burns, publicity—4-2946.

the right of this association, regardless of race color, or creed to attend all university dances.

The petition against racial discrimination was circulated over the campus and read. "We, the undersigned, resolve that all students, regardless of race, color or creed, be included in all university activities, and that this policy take effect immediately in connection with the junior prom."

In former years a specified sum of money has been granted Negro students for a separate varsity prom.

DELTA'S LAUNCH DRIVE TO COLLECT 15,000 BOOKS

Detroit (ANP)—As part of its national May Week activities Delta Sigma Theta sorority launched a gigantic coast-to-coast Victory Book drive during the first week in May. All chapters in the sorority are participating in the drive, whose aim is to augment the recreational facilities of training centers all over the country where Negro men in the armed forces are stationed.

The drive is an answer to letters like the one below which come too frequently from Negro soldiers: "We are located 40 miles from a town of any size. The place is a very lonely one for us. Our only entertainment is the movies, beer, at the PX, cards and dice. We have no library as we did at the camp where I was first stationed. Neither do we have a service club."

Buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds.

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Mrs. Bailey Gets Call from Son

Mrs. Travis Bailey, Jr., 825 Tenth street, received a long distance telephone call last week from her son Travis Jr., who had just arrived in Bremerton, Wash. from Norfolk, Va., awaiting a ship assignment. He is a second class seaman in the U. S. navy. A letter was received from another son, J. Evans Bailey, who is in the army stationed in Seattle, Wash.

To Camp Dodge

The Y.W.C.A. secretary, Mrs. Marie Roberts, might have joined the WAAC last week if she could have been stationed out at Camp Dodge where her husband Robert F. Roberts, was being inducted. As we go to press he is still at the induction center and it looks like the path that leads to the camp will be well beaten by the wife by the time Mr. Roberts is ready to leave Iowa for his basic training.

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SGT. PREZEL FRAZIER HOME

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Dairy Cow Udders Called

One of Vital War Machines
Udders of dairy cows are among the most vital machines in the entire war effort and must be protected, since they do a tremendous amount of work in making milk. The nutrients in the blood streams of cows.

In order to secrete one pound of milk, an udder must handle 400 pounds of blood. Hence a cow producing 40 pounds of milk daily must pump about eight tons of blood through the udder. Considerable care and attention are necessary to keep this highly sensitive mechanism producing at its most efficient level.

During the winter, dairy cows should be provided with plenty of good, dry bedding and an effort must be made to keep it under the udders of the cows. This bedding protects the udder from the cold and dampness of concrete floors and also helps prevent injuries. Stall divisions between cows are recommended, as they prevent mechanical injuries to the udder and teats. Such injuries frequently lead to serious udder diseases. Stall divisions may be made from piping or even from wood.

In case of obstruction in the teat canal, or for other reasons, it is sometimes necessary to use milking tubes. This is a dangerous procedure, as it frequently introduces disease organisms into the udder. It should not be done unless unavoidable, and then the tube should be boiled and the teat disinfected before the tube is inserted. Extreme care must also be exercised in using teat dilators.

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