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News Briefs From Far and Near

DEATH CLAIMS DR. HOOD, 90, EDUCATOR, MINISTER TO LIBERIA

Atlantic Highlands, N. J. (ANP)—Death last week claimed the Rev. Solomon Hood, the man who in 1921 arranged a contract between the Liberian government and the Firestone Rubber company for the leasing of 1,000,000 acres of Liberian land for experimental developments in rubber.

The 90-year-old educator, editor and former U. S. minister to Liberia, died here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alice H. Phillips, where he had resided since his retirement from the ministry of the A.M.E. church in 1941.

He was born in Lancaster, Pa., where he received his early education. His parents moved to a small farm at Oxford, Pa., when he was 11 years old and his only schooling for the next five years was the tutoring by his mother and father.

FIGHTING MEN GIVE NAACP \$185

New York, N. Y.—From an engineers battalion in the NAACP received this week a gift of \$185.00.

The letter which accompanied the gift was addressed to Walter White and stated:

"The members of my platoon, request that you accept this small donation to help perfect and stabilize the institution you represent and whose deeds are well known to all of us. All we hope for is realized when we feel that this contribution will render someone a good service." Each of the 34 soldiers who signed the letter asked that their gift be acknowledged by the receipt of an NAACP membership card. Since Pearl Harbor the NAACP has received \$5-125.56 from groups of men in uniform.

BROWN AMERICA; BY EMBREE, OFF PRESS

Chicago (ANP)—"Brown Americans" by Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald fund, issued Friday by the Viking Press, New York City. It is a newly written statement based to some extent on material used by the same author in "Brown America" which has been a standard work on Negroes since it was published in 1931.

Commenting on the recent progress of Negroes, Mr. Embree says:

"The growth of this race is one of the bright episodes in the history of mankind. In three brief generations it has climbed from the utter dependence of slavery to a high place in many phases of modern civilization. It is now building swiftly on the slowly laid foundations of the earlier decades of freedom."

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS URGED TO INCLUDE CHILD- SPACING IN PROGRAM

New York—Incorporation of child-spacing services into all State and community public health programs, as one means of solving some of the grim health problems still facing millions of Negroes in the United States, was urged today by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

Calling attention to the high death and illness rates among Negro mothers and babies in the nation as plain proof of the need for extending education in family planning, the Federation announced official publication of reports by Tennessee and South Carolina public health officials which show that even the most disadvantaged groups in the population will welcome and successfully employ medically approved methods of birth control demonstrations under public health auspices in two Southern states over a two-year period. They are presented in a publication of the Federation titled, "Better Health for 13,000,000."

LAST RITES FOR WM. J. MARSHALL

Funeral rites for William J. Marshall, 82, 1128 Second place, were held Saturday at the L. Fowler and Son funeral home.

Marshall died Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Broadlawn General hospital where he had been a patient for a day. He had been a resident of Des Moines for 40 years and was a member of the Methodist church.

AIR BASE INSTRUCTOR



Details of a Pratt Whitney airplane engine are explained to students by Mr. Lloyd M. Williams, Kansas City, Missouri, graduate of Southern University, Kansas State Agricultural College and Bradley Polytechnical Institute. Williams is an instructor at the Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska.

STATE CHEMIST TO ARMY



William Bailey, Jr., chemist in the state department of agriculture, will leave his laboratory at the state house to enter the U. S. army this week. He has been a state chemist of Iowa since 1940, when he came to Des Moines from his home town in Ottumwa.

ORSON WELLES HAS FAITH IN TALENT AND ABILITY OF NEGRO ACTORS

By EDWARD G. PERRY
Orson Welles' former Negro associates in the New York theatre are still confident that some day he will keep an oft-made promise—to lay aside all else for a time and return to New York to aid in the establishment of a permanent Negro theatre. Welles' stage prominence began in the Negro theatre and has followed a spectacular trail to Hollywood, where he has recently completed the role of Rochester in the Twentieth Century-Fox version of the classic "Jane Eyre."

Welles was twenty-one when he made his first splash in theatre waters as director of the WPA Federal Theatre's all-Negro production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth." It was not Welles' first entrance into the theatre; he had worked with the Abbey Players in Dublin, Ireland, at the age of 18. At 18 he was playing Romeo opposite Katharine Cornell in the latter's pre-Broadway tour of "Romeo and Juliet," and when the play opened on Broadway, he played the part of Mercutio.

Welles' association with the Federal Theatre Project came about thru his friendship with John Houseman. When the latter was appointed to head his New York City Negro unit, he immediately invited Welles to join his staff as a director.

Faith in Negro Actors

Orson Welles' faith in the talent and ability of Negro actors to portray parts outside of their own racial sphere was again well demonstrated when he cast Jack Carter in another

Federal Theatre production of a great classic drama. This was the title role of the Classical Drama Unit's production of Christopher Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus," in which Carter was the only Negro surrounded by white players. With the critical praise which Carter won for his performance in the play, Welles again proved that his judgment was right.

Welles' next association with Negro actors came about through the Mercury Theatre's production, in 1941, of "Native Son," which was a dramatization by Paul Green and Richard Wright of the latter's sensational novel of the same name. This production also ended the Orson Welles-John Houseman association, which began with the Federal Theatre Negro unit, continued in the setting up of the Federal Theatre Classical Drama Unit, and finally the establishment of the Mercury Theatre, whose several notable productions on Broadway greatly enhanced the Welles reputation.

"Native Son" is a powerful and forceful drama of a young Negro caught in the web of poverty and crime in a large American city. Welles in his staging of the play used a large number of his most imaginative theatrical tricks. Its leading part, that of the young Negro, Big Boy Thomas, was a sure-fire role for any good actor, but Canada Lee—the player "Banquo" in the Welles all-Negro "Macbeth"—under Welles' direction, played it so impressively he won the most notable acclaim of any actor on Broadway that season.

Says Bill Would Revert Labor to Slavery Status

New York—An awareness that the forced labor service proposed by the Austin-Wadsworth "national service" act would further aggravate the industrial plight of Negro and other minorities was made clear in the outspoken opposition of Negro leaders to the Austin-Wadsworth bill. A Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is quoted in the special WDL leaflet on the dangers of the Austin-Wadsworth act as warning that "if this country accepts or has foisted on it any compulsory labor law, it will have retreated to the place where the Negro Americans stood 100 years ago."

Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, strongly opposed the Austin-Wadsworth bill in warning that compulsory labor service could actually aggravate unemployment or underemployment of Negroes. The enforcement of the act in anti-Negro areas could actually result, in certifying white workers for jobs that Negroes might fill, but from which they could be barred by the bias of either the local draft boards or the employers requesting such manpower. Negroes could thus be frozen into substandard cotton picking and other menial jobs, Mr. White warned, with little chance for improvement under the draft labor act.

Rev. Turpin at Shiloh Sunday

The Shiloh Baptist Missionary Society is sponsoring a program Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, at the church at 1213 S. E. Scott. The Rev. R. L. Turpin of St. Louis, Mo., will be the speaker for the afternoon. Other features will make up the program.

FUNERAL RITES FOR WALTER EARNEST

Funeral rites for Walter L. Earnest, 55, of 1011 1/2 E. Fifteenth court, were held Friday, Oct. 22, at the Estes Funeral home. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

Mr. Earnest, a World War veteran, died of a stroke while at work at the Grand bowling alleys, 914 Grand avenue. A resident of Des Moines for 33 years, he is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Dyer, and a brother, Charles Earnest, all of Des Moines.

Smith Asks New Trial

Dove Smith, Kansas City, Kan., resident, convicted in District Judge C. Edwin Moore's court, Oct. 12, of first degree murder, with a life sentence, Friday filed a motion for a new trial.

Smith was charged with the razor slaying last May of Edward J. Morgan, Negro cook, on a Rock Island railway dining car. A waiter on the car, Smith contended he killed Morgan in self-defense.

In the motion, Smith, through his attorney, Charles Howard, contends that the judge erred in permitting the introduction of certain evidence and exhibits in the trial and also erred in failing to give a jury instructions on impeachment.

The motion further alleges that County Attorney Francis J. Kubie and his assistant, Ralph Moore, made prejudicial statements in their arguments to the jury.

Hearing on the new trial motion is scheduled before Judge Moore Saturday morning, Oct. 30. In the event a new trial is denied, the judge will impose the life sentence as fixed by the jury.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR A. W. RHODES

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the St. Paul A. M. E. church at Albert Walter Rhodes, 53 Mr. Rhodes, 1309 DeWolf street, died Saturday, Oct. 23, at Iowa City hospital after an illness of eight months. He had been a resident of Des Moines 30 years and was a member of the A. M. E. church and the Brotherhood, Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita; two sons, Walter of Minneapolis, Minn., and Sgt. Charles Rhodes of Camp Lockett, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Mattie B. Scott and Mrs. Mary Miles, both of Des Moines, Mrs. Marguerite Stewart of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Bessie Lewis of Minneapolis, Minn.; and a brother, Charles, of Milwaukee, Wis.

VISIONARIES ESTABLISH PRIZE FOR POETRY MAGAZINE

Chicago (ANP)—Poetry magazine will award for the first time this fall a Fellowship Prize of \$50 made available by a group of young Negro writers, called the Visionaries. The prize will be awarded to the poet regardless of color who writes a poem which best contributes to understanding between races, nations, classes or creeds.

The visionaries group was founded two years ago at the Southside Community Art Center by Mrs. Inez Cunningham Bouillon, poet and critic. At present time they are under the direction of Miss Katinka Looser.

PHEASANT SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 28

The 1943 pheasant season opened at 9 a. m. October 28 in 65 counties, 35 of which are open through December 3 with a daily bag limit of six birds. Twenty-seven counties are open from October 28 through November 7, a total of 11 days. In these counties the daily bag limit is three birds. In the territory with the long season one hen may be included in the bag of six. In the short season territory no hens may be taken. Possession limit on pheasants in Iowa on the third day is 18 birds, three of which may be hens.

Although game technicians and observers generally agree that there is the greatest pheasant population in history, the early opening, plus extremely dense cover, is expected to make all hunters work for their game. Hunters are cautioned to ask permission before entering on any private property to hunt, and they are also cautioned to use extreme care in handling firearms. Carrying loaded or assembled guns in automobiles on public highways is prohibited by statute, is extremely dangerous, and is unsportsmanlike. Conservation officers in the pheasant territories have been instructed to pay special attention to this type of violation.

Federal Aid to Education Bill Killed

'Political Trickery' Will Cause Southern Students And Teachers to Suffer

Washington, D. C.—Hiding behind an amendment whose wording gave the impression "discrimination" was being fought and Negroes were being "protected," enemies of the Federal aid to education bill (S. 637) killed the measure, here October 20 by sending it back to committee where it will rest, perhaps, until the Congress session is ended.

The bill would have appropriated \$300,000,000 from the Federal treasury to aid the states provide better education, and a goodly share of the money would have gone to southern states.

Senator Robert A. Taft, republican of Ohio, led the fight on the bill and on October 14 was a red flag in front of southern senators by a speech in which he asserted that the bill passed, the Federal government eventually would abolish segregation in the schools of the South.

The bill was actually killed, however, by Senator William Langer, republican of North Dakota, when he proposed an amendment designed to bar discrimination in the handling not only of the Federal money sent into the states, but in the handling of the regular state moneys for education. Such action by the Federal government is clearly unconstitutional and Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, co-sponsor of the bill, charged on the Senate floor that those who voted for the Langer amendment knew it was unconstitutional, but simply wanted to kill the bill itself.

Senators Vote

The senators who voted for the Langer amendment (28 Republicans and 12 Democrats) are, with one or two exceptions, known opponents of the bill, who wanted it killed and who seized upon the "no discrimination" clause as a smokescreen for their action.

The NAACP wired Senators Langer and W. Warren Barbour, Republican of New Jersey, that their "well-intentioned" amendment, would not add strength to the bill, since he amount of money Negroes would receive in states having separate schools was protected by Section 13, sub-section (d) which read as follows:

"A just and equitable apportionment, allotment, or distribution of the funds provided under this Act for the benefit of a minority racial group in a State which maintains by law separate educational facilities for such minority racial group, means any plan of apportionment, allotment, or distribution which results in the expenditure, for the benefit of such minority racial group, of a proportion of said funds not less than the proportion that such minority racial group in such state bears to the total population of that state."

The NAACP wire also cited Section 6, sub-section (f) as a safeguard reading as follows:

"(f) In States where separate public schools are maintained for separate races, provide for a just and an equitable apportionment of such funds for the benefit of public schools maintained for minority races, without reduction of the proportion of State and local moneys expended for educational purposes during the fiscal year ended in 1942 for public schools for minority races."

Miss Mary L. Williams, president of the American Teachers Association, composed of colored teachers, also wired asking that the bill be passed without amendment.

Money Allocated

Walter White, NAACP secretary, pointed out that under Section 13, if one-third of the population of a state was Negro, one-third of the Federal (See EDITORIAL page)

Negro Unit in Italy Hit Salerno Beach Under Fire

With the Fifth Army in Italy—Here's the story of a Negro Quartermaster battalion that hit the beach at Salerno under fire shortly after the first wave of assault troops had cleared.

The place was a jumbled heap of scorched earth, littered with twisted machines, equipment, stores, supplies—all scattered in a mess of confusion. But the Nazis had been put to rout and that was the most important business at hand.

Under the pounding of Nazi artillery and the Luftwaffe, the battalion established supply dumps and maintained a state of orderliness which made it possible for vital equipment to be moved more swiftly to the front. This was a job that called for well-trained soldiers with that discipline and esprit de corps which have earned an enviable reputation for American troops overseas.

Salvage Much Equipment

The battalion succeeded in salvaging huge quantities of abandoned and discarded equipment. Under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Cornelius C. Holcomb of Seattle, Washington, they reclaimed thousands of dollars worth of equipment—ranging from haversacks to life belts.

At one time the battalion salvaged more than 250 parachutes, abandoned when a unit of Paratroopers descended to earth a short distance from their beach. And to top it off, this task was accomplished right under the noses of the enemy.

After 15 hectic hours ashore, the troops prepared for a brief respite from their work—but as they settled down a German plane crashed in the bivouac area and killed several men. The Quartermasters went back to

Soldier Cited for Bravery

One member of the battalion has already been cited for bravery under fire. He is Sergeant Eugene S. Walker of Morristown, N. J. According to Colonel Holcomb Sergeant Walker was in charge of a working party abroad one of the landing craft when the battalion was coming into the beach. German bombers attacked the vessel. Some of the men scattered for cover.

In the midst of the excitement, Sergeant Walker shouted, "What's wrong with you fellows? We might as well be working as finding a place to hide. Besides (indicating the lack of space on the exposed ship) there's no place to go." His presence of mind, the colonel declared, not only settled his own men but also the crew of the landing craft.

Early Operations Under Fire

Most of the battalion's early operations were under fire. At one time, a fully-loaded freighter lay off the beach under bombing attacks; high tide was approaching and her master was convinced that he could not unload and shift from that hot spot before the tide went out. He was prepared to quit the scene with his cargo. But he didn't, because the Negro Quartermasters and their amphibian trucks not only unloaded the ship but finished the job an hour before the deadline.

Besides its combat record, the battalion is also proud of its baseball team which won laurels in the North African "league" last spring, and of its battalion band. The men bought a piano in Sicily from company funds, but regretfully let it behind when the unit went to Italy.

DINNER AT EIGHT SOCIETY

THE WARFIELDS ENTERTAIN FOR DETROIT COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Warfield, 127 Ridge, entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson of Detroit, Mich., Friday evening, October 22. Other guests present were: Samuel Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin White, Leola Bell White, Annette White and Billy Jackson, Jr.

The center piece was chrysanthemums and marigolds.

THE WEEKS ENTERTAIN GROUP AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weeks entertained a group of friends at a party at their home, 1136 Eleventh street on Oct. 21.

Among the guests who enjoyed the evening were: Mesdames Lillian Edmunds, Nellie Esters, John Gethorn, Maude George, Pauline Wilson, Joburness Kelso, Mary Haddaway, Major Charity E. Adams, Lieut. D. Norrell, Mr. and Mrs. Baker Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Fowler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cooper.

MRS. CORA MOORE RETURNS FROM TRIP TO EAST

Mrs. Cora Moore, 1212 Center street, returned to the city last week from a three week trip to the East. She visited a sister, Mrs. Mary Gunn, in Philadelphia; a brother, Rev. B. H. Watkins in Providence, Rhode Island; an aunt, Mrs. Rosie Bowman, in New York City; and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Moore who is employed in Washington, D. C.

PVT. AND MRS. RAY LEE TO FT. BELVOIR

Pvt. and Mrs. Ray Lee left the city last week for Ft. Belvoir, Va., after spending ten days here visiting his and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Lee, 1400 E. Eighteenth street, and Mr. and Mrs. James McGee, 1603 Buchanan street.

The couple was accompanied to the east by Mrs. Lee's sister, Miss Martha McGee, who will spend some time in Washington and Chicago.

MRS. JORDAN RAY RETURNS TO HOME IN FT. MADISON

Mrs. Jordan Ray returned Saturday to her home in Ft. Madison, Ia., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Green and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown.

While here she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carson, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Whaley, Mesdames Gertrude Bibbs, Georgia Add and Cottie Lucas. She is the wife of Rev. Mr. Ray of Ft. Madison, Iowa.

KAPPAS HONOR WM. BAILEY AT PARTY

The Omega Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity honored one of the members, William Bailey, Jr., keeper of records for the fraternity, at a party Sunday night, Oct. 24, at the Sepia Supper club.

Among those who shared the courtesy were fraternity members and their wives. They included: Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Seales, Atty. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnson, Miss Ava Cassell, Mrs. A. A. Alexander, and Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Robinson.

TEXAN IS VISITOR

Mrs. L. LaDou of San Antonio, Texas, is house guest of Mrs. Mary Earl.

MISS NOLAN ENTERTAINS

Miss Pearl Nolan, 623 S. E. Eleventh street, entertained Mesdames Willetta Heath and Frances Brewer at a breakfast Thursday morning, Oct. 21. Mrs. Pearl Gibson, aunt of Miss Nolan, assisted her.

SGT. MCINTOSH AND WIFE VISIT IN TWIN CITIES

Sgt. William Ernest McIntosh has returned to Ft. Knox, Ky., after spending an eight day furlough with his wife, and his first visit with his four-month-old son, whom he saw for the first time.

While on his furlough Sgt. and Mrs. McIntosh were week end guests in Minneapolis, Minn., where they were formerly popular young people of the twin cities.

Mrs. McIntosh is the former Thelma Burrell. She and her son are making their home at present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Burrell.

PVT. K. PARKEY HOME ON VISIT

Pvt. Kenneth Parkey of the army air base at Grand Island, Nebr., spent several days here the past week the guest of his mother, Mrs. R. S. Simms, and Mr. Simms.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP NO. 3 IS ORGANIZED IN HIGHLAND PARK

Girl Scout Troop No. 3 from Saylor and Warren Harding school which was organized last week met Thursday after school at the home of Mrs. Robert Dacus in Highland Park.

Girls of the troop are: Theresa M. Taylor, Ella Mae Ferguson, Leona Wesley, Shirley Turner, Henrietta Ferguson, Jacqueline Solomon, Nahette Toll, Claudette Turner, Rose M. Moeke, Marguerite DeSleet, Ramona Morris.

The troop committee with Mrs. Margaret Sarrell, chairman, is as follows: Mesdames Lena Brown, Mamie M. Dixon, Miss Grace Ferguson, and Mrs. Dacus, troop leader.

The troop members will turn out at the Girl Scouts Week program at Hoyt Sherman Place.

As a permanent meeting place for the winter, Dr. and Mrs. Scales, 721 Boyd street, have offered the troop the use of their recreation room.

BIT AND SPUR CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Bit and Spur club was organized on Oct. 17 at the home of Mrs. James Allen, 935 Fifteenth street, at which time officers were elected.

Miss Frieda Garland was elected president; Mrs. Helen Allen, vice president; Mrs. Bernice Carter, secretary-treasurer; Willie Bell, sergeant-at-arms; William Brewer, social committee chairman. Hostesses were Helen Allen and Ruby Barber.

A meeting of the club was held Oct. 24 with Wardell Coyle and Willie Bell as hosts at 1417 Center street. The next meeting Oct. 31 will be at the home of the president, Miss Garland with George Cheatom and Miss Garland as hosts.

ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB MEETS

The Elegant Eight club met Oct. 20 with Mrs. Gladys Barker, 1173 Fourteenth street, hostess. Bridge prizes were won by Felice Stevenson, Marilyn Freeman and Obenetta Green. The next hostess is Mrs. Freeman 1115 Day street.

MR. WALKER TO EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

Mr. Leonard Walker, 760 Eleventh street, has returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he took baths for his health and reports his condition much improved.

PERSONAL TOUCH
By MARIE ROSS

"Hunting hath so charm for me," declared Everett Wadsworth as he stopped in the office one day this week, accompanying Sports Columnist Allen Ashby. "Well," cut in Ashby, "it depends upon what you are hunting."

Whether these gentlemen like hunting or not, there are hundreds of others who are day dreaming, wishing upon magic wands and wondering how and if they will get out to shoot their annual pheasants—now that the season has been opened officially. This season's problems for the hunters are gasoline and shells.

One housewife has decreed that her husband can not spend his "day of rest" Sunday by committing the grave "sin" of hunting. After agreeing that her hubby should go to church, the lady was asked what she would permit her mate to do with the rest of his day of relaxation. "Visiting the sick" was suggested and after deciding that the sick are sick "every day" and might need some visitors then, the wife willingly agreed to let hubby "piddle-around and do what ever he liked."

Right back to his desire to go hunting—he decided to change the subject—with the debate resting at the tie that: "if he committed no worse sin than hunting on Sunday he would get into the Pearly Gates" and the other—"that hubby could not be a Christian and go hunting on Sunday."

The subject was changed to a cup of red-ripe strawberries, which one of the kind readers of the paper, had left on one of the office desks. Mr. William (Toots) Elmore has been bragging about his "wonderful" fall strawberries that he has been picking every day. He has been eating them for breakfast—and having his strawberry shortcakes—so he said and had to prove that he was actually getting strawberries out of his garden—at this time of the year—by bringing a sample of them to the office—which he did. The berries perfumed the office and everyone who came around wanted to take a look at them and a taste—but a whiff was the reward.



ORSON WELLES

One of the most versatile and talented of present-day artists, Orson Welles has made great contributions to the advancement of the Negro theatre. Though his attention is currently turned to the Holly wood scene, he still cherishes his ambition to found a theatre devoted entirely to Negro artists, and he is keenly interested in the film career of one of his early theatrical companions, Canada Lee, who is currently working in Alfred Hitchcock's "Lifeboat." Welles will soon be seen in 20th Century-Fox production of Charlotte Bronte's Victorian classic, "Jane Eyre," in which he stars with Academy Award-winner, Joan Fontaine.

ATTEND LEGION AUXILIARY COUNCIL

Des Moines Council of American Legion Auxiliaries met on their regular night at the City Library club room. Mrs. T. Earl Fessler presided. Mrs. Guy E. Green, president of Lincoln Unit, attended and also with her from Lincoln Unit were the secretary, Mrs. Robert Hayes and Mrs. Dorena Mancel, education chairman.

PVT. WINSTON BACK TO FT. BELVOIR

Pvt. Emmett M. Winston, Jr., of Ft. Belvoir, Va., left the city Sunday evening, after spending a five-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Mary Ethel Winston, family and friends.

USO HOLDS FORMAL FALL OPENING PARTY IN COLORFUL SETTING

One of the pretty fashionable events of the season was the formal fall opening party of the Keo-Way USO, held Saturday night, Oct. 23, when members of the USO staff, hosts and hostesses and volunteer workers honored the WACs and other service people.

A USO program for the evening included a movie, "Unexpected Father," and a program presented by George Robinson.

Participants were: little George Brewer who danced; Venus Doyle, one of the recent Bystander Talent show winners who gave a hula dance and then later lead a group of the dancing couples in the dance. Guest soloists were Ewing Ross and Everett Mays who received hearty applause for their renditions of compositions from the classics.

An orchestra furnished dance music for the remainder of the evening. Guests were presented by Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor, director of the Keo-Way USO. Captain Mildred Davenport Carter of Ft. Des Moines introduced other WAC officers who were in attendance.

Hallowe'en decorations and fall flowers added to the beauty of the event.

CHURCH TERRELL CLUB MEETS

The Mary Church Terrell Club No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Mildred Johnson, 1417 Center, October 7. Mrs. Deloris Morten and Mrs. Dorothy Thompson have been received as new members.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dorothy Hammit, 840 15th street, November 4.

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G. C.—My husband is an officer in the service. Recently he has written that "absence had made his heart fonder for someone else." He says this is the only excuse he can give as he is certain that I love him. He now desires a divorce. I feel reluctant to consent to one because we have been married a little over a year and we are expecting our first child very soon. He has been home on short-leaves many times, yet I don't feel that we have really gotten acquainted. Am I too optimistic to feel that he may change his mind?

Ans.: The attitude you are taking seems to be sensible and wise. Under no circumstances consent to a divorce until you two have had a chance to discuss your problems personally. Yours wasn't a whirlwind courtship—you and your husband went together four years before marriage. Don't condemn him for the attitude he is taking—his sudden freedom went to his head. All flirtations don't necessarily end in marriage and his may only be a temporary affair. The birth of your baby will more than likely be a steadying influence over him.

M. S.—I have been reading your column for a long time. I am a young girl 16 years old. I have a little baby but I am not married. I have been unhappy ever since. Do you think that I will ever be happy again? What can I do to be happy once more?

Ans.: As long as you are dependent upon someone else to assume the responsibility of you and your baby—you won't be happy. You need a job. Make arrangements to have some dependable person or day nursery to care for your youngster. This will enable you to make your own living and provide amply for your child.

F. C.—I feel sure this advice you have been giving to folks has helped them. Help us. We want a home of our own and we are planning to get one when we can. How soon do you think we can have our dream realized?

Ans.: The foundation of your home is being laid right now. The regular purchase of WAR BONDS each month is making this possible. There is no better method of saving for your home than what you and your husband are doing at the present time.

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The Cub Scouts of Troop 59 held a gala carnival last Friday night at the Negro Community Center. Games, fortune-telling, side shows and refreshments were features of the event.

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BOUND TO GET INTO INCONSISTENCIES

It is sometimes difficult to ascertain the best long time policy with respect to the race question. This fact was aptly illustrated when the three hundred million dollar education bill was before the senate last week.

The measure was designed to provide funds to supplement that paid by the states for educational purposes. The southern states and some of those in the far west, would have benefited most for in them the tax equator provides less for education than those of most northern states.

Most southern and western senators supported the measure until an amendment by Senator Langer of North Dakota was adopted. It said, "there shall be no discrimination in the administration of the benefits and appropriations made under the respective provisions of this act on account of race, creed, or color."

This amendment to the bill alienated the support of southern senators many of whom, like Senator Pepper of Florida, had supported it vigorously. And as a consequence these southern senators combined with those who did not approve the measure in the beginning and succeeded in having it re-committed to the committee on education, where it is safe to say, it will remain for the present session of congress.

The NAACP and other organizations championed the measure. They disapproved the measure as amended by the Langer amendment, because they feared the bill would not pass. Of course, their fears turned out to be correct.

The NAACP and other groups have championed amendments similar to that of Senator Langer when other bills were being considered, but took the opposite position in this instance.

In the course of the debate Senator Langer called attention to the fact that in one state \$61.21 was spent on each white child annually for education, while only \$12.62 was spent on each Negro child. Naturally federal funds, administered by local officials, would have been spent in the same ratio and the senator also used the same argument in support of his amendment, as did Senator Pepper in his support of the anti-poll tax bill.

These inconsistencies place a fellow in an embarrassing position at times for eventually they bob up when least expected.

On October 27, we observed Navy day. In addition to the tremendous growth of the navy, and the splendid job it has done and is doing in the war, another big job has been the erasure, in a great measure, of the bar against Negroes which has been in existence for many years.

Oh, how things can change. In December, 1941, the Japs were so terrible that all of them were herded into concentration camps and branded as enemies. Now people are falling over themselves trying to demonstrate brotherly love toward many of them.

People do a lot of things in the heat of passion, but later conclude that their action was ridiculous.

CHICAGO TO GET NEGRO TRAINMEN The street cars in Chicago will be run by Negroes as conductors and motormen shortly, according to an announcement in the daily press. Other towns, including Washington, D. C. and Los Angeles, have been making similar

SENATE USES NEGRO AS SMOKE SCREEN TO KILL EDUCATION-AID BILL

Money would be allocated, mandatorily, to Negro education in that state. Under Section 5, no state could reduce the amount of money paid out of its own treasury for Negro education to less than that expended for the fiscal year ended in 1942. Thus, a state receiving this new Federal money could not cut off whatever state money it is now spending for Negro education and let the new Federal funds bear the whole burden of Negro education within the state.

Most southern senators were for the bill as drawn, without amendments. Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, was co-sponsor of the bill. The southerners did not raise debate, even when Senator Barbour proposed his "no discrimination" clause relating to Federal funds only.

But when Senator Langer went further than the Barbour amendment and proposed that the Federal government regulate state school funds, the final blow to the bill was delivered.

"Millions of Negro children in the South and thousands of Negro teachers will suffer because of this political trickery," said a NAACP statement. "The men who killed this bill are hiding behind the pretense that they were fighting for Negroes and against discrimination. We are convinced that on the discrimination point the bill as drawn gave as adequate protection as could be secured while still remaining constitutional. There were powerful forces against this bill, but they would have been defeated. They knew that when debate opened so they dragged out the race issue, which was the only move that could stave off defeat. The politicians have won and the Negro and white children and teachers of the South have lost."

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Images Form on Eyes

In several murder stories identification of the criminal is alleged to have resulted from a picture of the killer formed on the retina of the eye of the victim.

Although it is highly improbable that such a retinal picture ever revealed the identity of a killer it is a scientific fact, says the Better Vision Institute, that experimentally indistinct silhouette images may be formed on the retina of a dead animal. If the head of a rabbit, for example, is kept in the dark for some time and then placed carefully in the light of a window, rectangles will be bleached on the retina of the rabbit's eye by the light coming from the several panes, forming a pattern of the window. Such a retinal picture is known as an "optogram."

Pre-Marriage Tests

Pre-marriage health examination laws were adopted this year by Missouri, Nebraska, Idaho and Wyoming, extending statutory protection against syphilis to brides and bridegrooms of 30 states, the Council of State Governments reports. The 30 states now making such examinations compulsory contain more than three-fourths of the nation's population.

Four states also adopted laws designed to prevent transmission of syphilis to unborn children by requiring prenatal examinations for venereal diseases. This action, by Georgia, Idaho, Kansas and Nebraska, extended to 20 also the number of states protecting unborn children through examination of expectant mothers.

LINCOLN POST

By W. T. BURNS

Comrade Walter Earnest, the seventh commander of Lincoln Post, died suddenly, Oct. 20. He is the first post commander that the Post has lost in death.

Comrade Le Roy Bird was in Camp Hood, Texas, on Oct. 19. He will visit Comrade Kitchen at Brownwood, Texas, and Spencer Elliston in New Orleans, La., before he returns home. Part of his trip is in the interest of the Legion.

The Post and Units annual Armistice Day program will be held at the Burns Methodist church, Nov. 7, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, director of the Negro Community Center, will be guest speaker.

The Sixth District business meeting, joint session, buffet supper and program were held at Argonne Post No. 60, Oct. 20. Representing Post at district meeting was Commander Johnson, Comrades Burns, Don Parker and Guy Greefe. Attending the buffet supper and program of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Oval Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Greene, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burns, Mrs. Robert F. Hayes, Mrs. Josephine Williams, Commander Johnson and Comrade Parker. Mrs. Carter won a prize on the "Dr. I. Q. Quiz" conducted by Earl Ryan and Jack Shields of the 40-8 Locale No. 71.

Post membership at conference was 85. The Post has until Nov. 11, midnight, to reach 100 for 1944 and 125 by Feb. 22, 1944. The Post meets Nov. 2 before Armistice Day. William T. Burns, Post Adjutant, 4-2946.

Sends Wire to President Roosevelt

The Des Moines branch NAACP through its president, Ike Smalls, wired President Roosevelt on Oct. 22 for clemency for Privates Richard P. Adams, Lawrence Mitchell and John W. Bodenave, sentenced to death by court martial on July 30.

College Football

Joe Howard broke into the lineup last week as a weary Iowa team tried to stand off the rushes of a tough Purdue team. We are unable to say just how much Joe played, but with his ankle in its present condition it couldn't have been a lot. There wasn't much to be said for an Ohio State Ball club that is really having a rough time. If this were the Buckeye team of last year, Bill Hillis would be one of the All-conference teams. But in view of the team's record Bill will be just another player who fights hard even in defeat. The Ohio boys lost to Northwestern 13-0, but it wasn't the fault of Willis.

Salvage Sweaters

Before discarding a sweater because it has stretched out of size and shape make an attempt to repair it. If the yoke has stretched, put in a lining, correct in size, across the shoulders and the front chest. Fine brussels net or sheer silk or crepe may be used and the material need not be new, if it is firm and in good condition. Use running stitches to put the lining in the sweater and fasten it at the neckline, shoulder seams and about two or three inches down on the armpits or seams. Extra length in sleeves or at the bottom of the sweater may be raveled out and the edges refinished with crochet.

Sometimes sweaters that are too small can be made wearable through clever use of ribbon to match or contrasting color to increase size or length. If width through the body of the garment is needed, use the ribbon at the front and around the neckline, cardigan in the fashion, or around the collar. But tonholes may be worked in the ribbon or loops may be made at the edge of the ribbon. This plan may also be used to add length to the sleeves. Or length may be added to both sweater and sleeves by means of a knitted or crocheted ribbed section at the lower edge.

Drying Sweaters

Rinse sweaters in clear lukewarm water, squeeze gently to remove as much moisture as possible, then roll or pat in a turkish towel to remove further moisture. After this, lay out flat to dry, fitting to measurements taken before washing. A dry towel or cloth underneath will encourage drying by absorbing the moisture from the bottom. Quick drying is always important, but particularly so when two or more colors are combined in one garment. Select a warm, airy place for drying sweaters, but do not expose to direct heat by placing on a hot radiator or too close to a heater.

Japanese Beetles

Only two of the crops included in most gardens, sweet corn and snap beans, are likely to be attacked by Japanese beetle pests. They sometimes feed on the silk of sweet corn to such an extent that pollination may be seriously affected. Hydrated lime dusted on the silk serves as a repellent and deters the beetles from feeding, but it does not interfere with pollination. Japanese beetles feed avidly on bean foliage but they are readily controlled by the application of rotenone or pyrethrum-dusts or sprays.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

WELCHER STARS AT DRAKE

Scouts report that Don Welcher continued to play his bangup game against William Jewell College last week. Welcher was a bear on defense and grabbed passes like a bun smatching hot biscuits. The William Jewell boys were just about the roughest team Drake ever met. But reports indicate that the rough stuff was pretty well spread around, not confined to Welcher. But the big Californian wasn't overlooked by any means.

Spectators still talk about the touchdown pass that was about to fall into his hands when some egg pushed us. (We have heard various portions of his anatomy) and grabbed the ball. Of course it was interference and was so ruled, but the play kept Don from getting his name into the scoring column.

There wasn't too much activity on the home front, as far as Negroes were concerned over the week end. Neither of the Brewton boys got a chance to play in the rout of North High by a big fast Roosevelt team. Randall Howard was in at guard a while and didn't look any worse than the rest of the lineups in the 19-7 scuffle. Bill Brewton's hand was wrapped, so it is possible that he was shelved because of that. Don't know what was wrong with Cecil or if the coach just didn't think he would be any better than the boys who were in there.

There wasn't too much to see at East. John Williams didn't get in the battle as East set Ft. Dodge back on its heels 13-7. Volinnes was in for a while and that was about it.

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Boxing

Lee Savold took another step forward towards his return bout with Jimmy Bivins when he flattened Eddie Blunt, who had previously beaten him in one round. Such startling reversal of form is explained by saying Savold rushed Blunt before the latter could get set. Maybe so, but we would like to have seen it. Maybe Lee will rush Bivins. Then they will remove the first three letters from Lee's last name. Because he will age very suddenly trying tricks like that.

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POST EXCHANGE

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

(By Marie Ross)

Pfc. Jackson Writes of "Strange Sights" Somewhere in India

Mrs. H. A. Manuel, 1431 Fremont, received a letter from her son-in-law Pvt. (f.c.) Lawrence Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glessner Jackson, who wrote some time in September: "Here I am in India—somewhere and believe me this is the hottest country in the world. Received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you.

"Gee this is a strange place and full of many strange sights that are unbelievable. Speaking of being lonesome, I have never been as lonesome as I get here for there is nothing here to do but work and go to bed with the chickens and the birds."

In closing his letter he urged: "Please write me often for mail is very important to me now—more than ever before."

Pvt. (f.c.) Jackson is the husband of the Manuel's daughter, Mrs. Blanch Aurelia Jackson.

Cpl. Wheeler-Visits Relatives and Friends

Cpl. Chester Wheeler, son of Rev. W. H. Wheeler, 777 W. Thirteenth street visited relatives and friends here last week. Before returning to camp at Spokane, Wash., Cpl. Wheeler will visit relatives and friends in Kansas City, Bowling Green, Mo., Chicago and New York.

Sgt. and Mrs. Taylor of Ft. Clark Back Home

Sgt. and Mrs. Charles H. Taylor of Ft. Clark, Texas, arrived in the city during the week end to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Taylor, the former Murlan Wolf, will remain here several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Hayes, and other relatives. Until March last, she was one of the beauticians at the Berline Beauty Shop. Since that time she has been living in Texas.

Sgt. and Mrs. Taylor spent a part of his furlough in Waterloo, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lackey, and in Champaign, Ill., with his grandmother, Mrs. A. McGee.

Sergeant Taylor left the city to join his company for maneuvers, after which his wife will rejoin him.

Sgt. Bertrand Writes to Iowan from Italy

Sgt. Peter C. Bertrand, writing from somewhere in Italy, to one of his classmates, Mrs. Nadine Robinson, tells of having witnessed bombing, shelling and strafing. "By the Grace of God I came through without a scratch." He is with the 99th Fighter Pursuit Squadron. He also mentioned in his Y-mail letter of his getting wounded in Africa.

"I was caught in an explosion and suffered wounds on my hands and left shoulder. After three weeks in the hospital in Algiers I flew back to the squadron and rejoined it in Sicily. I am in fine shape now and doing my darndest to end this war."

He said he had been through "practically every invasion and have witnessed and underwent the horrors of the war."

Pvt. Delbert Jones at Jefferson Barracks

Jefferson Barracks, Mo.—Pvt. Delbert Jones, 1421 East Eighteenth street is a newly-arrived soldier at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Col. Converse R.



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Lt. Morris Writes of Kangaroo Shooting in Australia

Lt. James B. Morris, Jr., stationed somewhere in Australia, wrote on Oct. 8 a letter to his parents, Atty. and Mrs. Morris, describing some of his day's activities.

"Night before last after a hard day's work I ate a good supper, then we played football for about an hour after while we swam for about a half hour, then after about an hour of talking and listening to the radio, we went to bed. Quite a day, eh? You feel like a million dollars. - I am weighing about 185 pounds.

While his father is dreaming of pheasant hunting and thinking of former hunting seasons with his son, Lieut. Morris tells of kangaroo shooting in Australia.

"Dad asked about the kangaroo shooting. It's a lot of fun, although there's a lot of hot walking included. The best time to catch them is early in the morning or just at dusk. They are very hard to hit because instead of running like a rabbit, they hop and the best that you can do is to lead one while he is hopping and hope that he will run into the bullet.

"We usually shoot them with rifles. Shot guns are ineffective at a long range and then, too, they destroy the fur. The meat is edible but has a strong wild taste like goat or something like that. The natives make some very good soup out of the tails which are considered a delicacy.

"Summer is just coming here and we are getting a lot of rain. We planted some flower seed the other day and they came up in about 48 hours. Have you ever heard of anything like that? This gives you some idea of the fertility of the soil, rainfall and sunlight. Rains usually come at night and the days are steaming hot. Some of the nights are beautiful and when the moon comes up over the ocean, it is so bright that you can read a newspaper by it," wrote the Iowan.

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Traditional cornstock decorations, black cats, skeletons, and grinning pumpkin-heads, added to the party atmosphere. The enthusiastic singing would have driven the most persistent witch away in a hurry.

High spot of the evening's program of entertainment, by members of the company, was a skit, "The WAC Got a Gig," after which Privates Charles and Griffin cut their birthday cake and refreshments were served.

The party broke up on such a happy note that any spirits gathering courage for Hallowe'en mischief probably turned green with envy and gave up the ghost for another year.

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