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News Briefs
From Far and Near

NAME LIBERTY SHIP FOR FOUNDER OF CHICAGO DEFENDER

Washington—The naming of the tenth and eleventh Liberty Ships in honor of outstanding Negro Americans was announced this week by the U. S. Maritime Commission. The S.S. Robert S. Abbott has been assigned to the Permanent Metals Corporation's Richmond, Calif., yard No. 2. The S. S. Edward A. Savoy has not yet been assigned to a shipyard.

The Robert S. Abbott will pay tribute to the Founder of The Chicago Defender, who died February 29, 1940. Mr. Abbott founded the Defender in 1905 and built it into one of the outstanding weekly publications in America. Born at St. Simon's Island, Ga., on November 24, 1870, Mr. Abbott was educated at Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C., Hampton Institute, Va., and the Kent College of Law in Chicago. At Hampton he learned the printer's trade and although he was a practicing attorney, he remained loyal to his trade, seeing a greater need for serving his race through public print. With borrowed capital, he founded the institution which he directed as the active head for 35 years.

Today the Chicago Defender is housed in its own plant and employs more than 100 persons. It is circulated to thousands of persons throughout America and abroad.

CLIFTON BERRY WIZARD WITH PLASTIC NOVELTIES

By SOLOMON HARPER
New York (Calvin's News Service)—Clifton B. Berry, layman and inventor is reported to have at least thirteen novelty inventions. Some of these include a miniature plastic washboard for ladies and can be carried so conveniently in an overnight bag.

He has a patent pending on a card display rack, for use in various business organizations. Having specialized in chemistry, he says "articles made from plastic materials during the war have not only helped toward winning the war but have improved the sales demand for many articles which lagged when they were made of metal."

Mr. Berry is the designer of several devices which can not be manufactured during the war for lack of materials. A member of the Plastic Industrial Institute Forum, Mr. Berry was educated at Walden University which was at Nashville, Tennessee and acts as his own patent "attorney" sending his drawing and descriptions directly to the U. S. Patent office. Though this saves him the high fees of a lawyer, yet he advises the inexperienced inventor to engage a reliable patent attorney.

IOWA HOSPITAL BARS NURSING TRAINEE

Keokuk, Iowa—Saint Joseph's hospital, a private institution in this city has turned down the application of Mrs. Virginia Parsons for nurses' training, apparently solely on the basis of color.

After she had met all of the requirements and the hospital found she was colored, it submitted the question of her admission to the student body which voted not to accept her.

The training of nurses for the armed forces, government health agencies and war industries is given pursuant to Public Law No. 74 (78th Congress) appropriating Federal grants to institutions providing such training. Students are paid a small monthly stipend in addition to receiving free training, board and lodging. Public Law No. 74 is administered by the United States Public Health Service and contains the following provision:

"That there shall be no discrimination of the benefits and appropriations made under the respective provisions of this Act, on account of race, creed, or color."

The Keokuk branch of the NAA CP is considering the filing of a suit for mandamus to compel the admission of Mrs. Parsons.

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Negro Colleges in National Drive

CAPPED IN NURSES' AIDE CEREMONY



Among the nine nurses' aides who were capped in ceremonies at Central Y.W.C.A. Sunday afternoon, March 12, is Mrs. Nadine Robinson Ware, 1004 Enos, shown here as she is being capped by Mrs. Arthur Kirk, chairman of the Nurses' Aides sponsored by the Polk county chapter of the Red Cross. In the background are other members of the class, Dorothy Flynn, and Yvonne Maas. Mrs. Ware, the third Negro to complete the training in Polk county, took her training at Methodist hospital and is assigned to do volunteer work at Broadlawn General hospital. The two other Negro aides are Misses Evelyn Greene and Gemma Morrow who completed their training in the January class. (Photo by Bill Ashby.)



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations
BERLIN-BOUND "BLOCK BUSTERS"—In the midst of a driving snow storm a crane crew of the Eighth Air Force "somewhere in England" headed by Sergeant Antonio Johnson, of San Antonio, Texas (left) maneuvers a 2,000-pound "block buster" into the last truck of a large convoy being loaded. Others pictured at work are Corporal Clarence Brixter, of Chicago, Illinois; Corporal Horace Hines, of Birmingham, Alabama; Private Rome McGee, of Collins, Georgia; Private Arthur Franklin, of Detroit, Michigan; Corporal Marvin Thomas, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Private Jesse Eagle, of New Rochelle, New York. (Photo by U. S. Army Air Forces.)

Negro Parachute Company Now Open to Volunteers

Washington, D. C.—The 555th Parachute Infantry Company, first Negro parachute unit in the United States Army, is now open to volunteers from installations of the Army Ground Forces, the War Department announced today.
Organized last December, the unit is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Initial volunteers for the enlisted cadre were selected from the 92nd Infantry Division at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and the Third Army.
Qualified enlisted men who wish to serve with the 555th Parachute Infantry Company may apply for such

Monarch Show Monday Night

The Monarch club will present its annual minstrel show Monday evening, March 20, at 8:15 o'clock, at the Hoyt Sherman place, Fifteenth and Woodland.

The men of the club who are participating in this year's minstrels are: Commodore Hendricks, Arthur Probes, Lewis Jackson, Ira Wyatt, John Morrow, Frank Robinson, Herman Wallace, Harbon Merritt, Ralph Jones, Morris DeSiet, Herman Wallace; and end men, Curt Morton, Charles Wood, Toussaint Howard, George Brewer, Colen Scales, Raymond Johnson.

Assisting the men as soloists will be Mesdames Mildred Page, Gertrude Carl and Josephine Bryant.

Directing the show is Charles Woods, musical director, with Mrs. Beatrice Robinson as pianist and Curt Morton as show director.

Organized twenty years ago the Monarch club is headed by John Estes, president.

NAACP OPENS SERIES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will hold the first of a series of monthly meetings Tuesday, March 28, at 8:30 p. m. at the Negro Community Center, Fifteenth and Crocker. These meetings will be open to all members and the public.

ed some fine camping results, but the casualty of leadership reversed the result of camp for 1943 and changed the committee's policy to stress quality instead of quantity in the campers for seasons to come.

The Crocker Street camp period has grown from 28 boys and leaders in 1919 to 165 boys and leaders in 1943. The camp committee pointed out among the many who have benefited from "camping" experiences, James N. Williams former Y.M.C.A. executive secretary at Montclair, New Jersey, who is heading the Urban League in Providence, Rhode Island, and the former Crocker Street executive secretary, Quentin R. Mease, now in military service.

F. O. Morrow, financial chairman, reported \$1,458.10 pledged for the building campaign and \$1,365.60 paid. World Service \$25.00 pledged and \$23.00 paid; membership quota, \$300 with \$200 paid to date.

Five-Point Program

George Robinson, Crocker Street executive secretary, stated a five-point activity program, carried on by the branch association, included: physical, special, joint, building and religious features.

The physical fitness programs, set up at North and East high school gyms, have benefited Negro pre-service men; and this year basketball leagues with sixteen teams, some of which had Negro and white members, swimming on Saturday mornings at West Industrial school, softball, volleyball and boxing completed the physical fitness programs.

Special programs for the entertainment of service people have been sponsored by the Crocker Street branch at the USO and the Service Club No. 2 at Fort Des Moines. Participants on these programs were musicians, literary artists, and a small group of amateur boxers.

Joint programs are set up with other Negro agencies of the city for the entertainment of teen-age and adult groups.

Activities carried at the Crocker Street branch are found in five clubs: "Y" Midgets, boys of 12 and under; See Editorial Page

ARMSTRONG BEATS JOHNNY JONES

Miami, Fla.—Hammering Henry Armstrong, 145, former welter, light and featherweight title holder, Tuesday night, scored an impressive knockout over Broadway Johnny Jones, 143 3/4, of New York, in one minute and 10 seconds of the first round of a scheduled 10-round fight. A capacity crowd of 7,500 saw Armstrong floor Jones with a left to the chin seconds after the fifth round opened.

In his report on the camp committee, W. C. Buice revealed that "for 24 years the committee has witness-

Twenty-Seven Schools to Push Campaign to Raise Over Million for Support

New York—For the first time in the history of Negro education, twenty-seven of the leading private, controlled Negro colleges and universities are pooling their resources and energies to raise \$1,500,000 for their current maintenance, in a nationwide fund drive through a newly created organization, the United Negro College Fund, it was announced this week.

Walter Hoving, a prominent New York merchant and chairman of the national board of the United Service Organizations, yesterday accepted the national chairmanship of the United Negro College Fund Campaign Committee. This fund campaign committee will be interracial in character. Mr. Hoving said that he would name the members of his national committee within a few weeks. The campaign for \$1,500,000 will be conducted by local committees throughout the nation. The drive will terminate at the end of May.

In accepting the national chairmanship of the fund raising committee, Mr. Hoving, a graduate of Brown University, Providence, R.I., said, "In my opinion this one of the most forward looking steps taken recently in America to help Negroes help themselves by making it possible for them through higher education to develop sound Negro leadership, which will go far toward creating a better understanding between the Negro and white races in America."

Headquarters in New York

Organization headquarters for the United Negro College Fund campaign have been opened at 38 East 57th street, New York City, and Winthrop W. Aldrich, chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank, New York City, who also heads the National War Fund, has accepted the voluntary position of treasurer of the College fund. A number of prominent persons of

both races have joined the sponsoring committee of the United Negro College Fund, among whom are C. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; Will W. Alexander, vice president of the Rosenwald Fund; P. B. Young Sr., Robert Ogden Purves, Bishop Lorenzo S. King, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. M. S. Davage, William J. Schieffelin.

Most Important Step

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, who has worked untrudgingly with the presidents of the affliating colleges in the formation of the United Negro College Fund, expressed his enthusiasm for the project, by saying that the United Negro Fund sponsoring committee was convinced that the step is one of the most important undertaken in the history of Negro education. It is in keeping with the latest methods of financing in the country, he said, and will effect a huge saving in the finance and energy heretofore expended by the individual schools in their efforts to keep their institutions operating, thereby enabling them to spend more money on the actual and real needs of education, modern equipment, a well-trained teaching staff, student aid, and the making of education more accessible to the masses.

The participating institutions of the United Negro College Fund campaign are: Howard, Flak, Atlanta, Dillard, Lincoln, Virginia Union and Shaw universities; Bennett, Bethune-Cookman, Clark, Samuel Houston, Knoxville, Lane, LeMoine, Livingstone, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Philander Smith, Spelman, Texas, Tillotson, Wiley, and Tougaloo colleges; Atlanta University School of Social Work, Gammon Theological Seminary, Hampton Institute, and Tuskegee Institute.

C.I.O. Booklet on 'Races of Mankind' Called 'Weapon'

New York—The board of directors of the USO Friday upheld the ban imposed by the organization's president, Chester I. Barnard, on distribution of the popularly written scientific pamphlet, "The Races of Mankind," to servicemen through USO centers. Some of the board members voted against Barnard's stand, and for resumption of circulation of the pamphlet by the USO.

The vote followed an appeal by Irving Abramson, chairman of the National CIO War Relief Committee, who appeared at the session on the invitation of the USO's executive committee. Abramson described the booklet as a major weapon in the war against bigotry and racial tolerance.

"I am very grateful to those members of the USO board who upheld the position of those desiring to propagate the democratic principles outlined in 'The Races of Mankind,' Abramson stated after the meeting. "While we regret the majority's decision, the CIO will continue as before to support the USO. However, it will also continue its fight for democracy and inter-racial understanding."

In his address to the board members, Abramson replied to the position of President Barnard, who was previously reported as having said that "The American people... cannot stand behind (the USO) if we attempt to promote the special political or social interests of churches, races or national and economic groups," by saying:

Stands by Statement

—stand by that statement and

adopt it, in fact, in support of our position because the book is not attempting to promote the interests of any one race, but to support them all and to show they are all equal."

The disputed pamphlet is a study of racial questions prepared by Ruth Benedict and Gene Weltfish, Columbia University anthropologists, and published by the Public Affairs Committee, a non-profit educational organization. It attacks race prejudice which it calls "a comparatively modern disease," by an exposition of the common history of mankind, and contends that intelligence tests show no difference between the races when economic and educational advantages are equal.

The CIO committee's chairman pointed out that the USO is currently distributing, and has in the past distributed, other pamphlets issued by the Public Affairs Committee, dealing with other social and economic problems. He found it difficult, he said, to understand why the board prohibited this one, which deals with tolerance.

"Our organization feels very strongly about this issue," he added, "since it involves the fight against Hitler's Aryan race creed, which brought about this bloody conflict. Is it not important to inform servicemen of the evils of bigotry, intolerance, and racial hatreds, and to teach them the principles of democracy?"

The CIO, which began distribution of the pamphlet to members of the armed forces on its mailing lists after Barnard had demanded its removal from USO centers, is one of the largest contributors to USO activities through the National War Fund.

SOCIETY

MISS FLOSSIE THOMAS AND CPL. WILLIAMS TAKE MARRIAGE VOWS

Miss Flossie Eugenia Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Wolfkill, 803 14th street, and Cpl. Murray S. Williams, son of Mrs. Birdie Williams, 1015 Buchanan street, were married here Sunday morning, March 12, by the Rev. George W. Robinson, in the paragon of the Corinthian Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Manue, witnessed the double-ring ceremony.

Wife in Des Moines, Mrs. Williams, a graduate of the Crescent school of Beauty Culture, is an operator at the Berline Beauty shop. She is a member of the Corinthian Baptist church.

Cpl. Williams, a native of Keokuk, Ia., resident in Des Moines three years to last June when he went into the army. Home on a 15-day furlough, he is stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois in a Mason.

A reception was held at the bride's home by her mother, Sunday afternoon. Twenty-four guests attended. The bride-groom's mother, honored the couple at dinner Tuesday evening.

MISS STRAWN AND SGT. DOZIER ARE WED IN CHARLESTON

Miss Mary Lois Strawn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Estelle Y. Strawn of St. Joseph, Mo., who visited in Des Moines last summer the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, was joined in marriage on March 3, to Morris C. Dozier, of Charleston, S. C., a sergeant in the army.

Mrs. Dozier, who made many friends while visiting here, served as assistant bookkeeper at the Blue Triangle branch Y.W.C.A. camp period last summer. She went from Des Moines to accept the position of critic teacher at Avery Institute, Charleston, S. C. She will make her home in South Carolina.

MRS. GOMEZ VISITS IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Geraldine Gomez spent the week end in Chicago, the guest of Mrs. Eartha Belle Wortham, formerly of Des Moines.

RETURN TO CITY

Mrs. Virginia Williams and daughter have returned to the city from Kansas City.

MRS. DIXON RETURNS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Thurman Dixon left Des Moines where she visited relatives has returned to San Francisco, Cal., for the duration. After arriving there she had a cablegram from her husband, Cpl. Thurman Dixon, who is stationed somewhere in India.

PVT. GREEN HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Pvt. Charles E. Green, from the army camp in Fresno, Calif., is visiting with his wife, Mrs. Gretchen Green, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Green, 1313 Fremont. He will leave for camp March 18. His wife will join him later.

MRS. WILSON HAS LUNCHEON

Mrs. Paul Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street, honored at luncheon last Friday, Mrs. Harry Johnson, 932 Sixteenth street, and Mrs. Edna Brame of Chicago.

PFC. BRUCE HOME

Pfc. Nevin Bruce of Ft. Francis, Wyo., is home on a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce, 1019 Twelfth street.

BOY TO BRUCES

A son was born to Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Bruce, Monday at Mercy hospital. Pvt. Bruce is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dora Moore, 1022 Thirteenth street, returned home this week from Mercy hospital.

SOCIETY TO MEET

The East Side Missionary society will hold its board meeting, Wednesday, March 22, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. G. T. Fant, 1054 Maple.

Cpl. Flanagan Visits Aunt

Cpl. Arthur Flanagan is in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. Annetta Marshall, 619 S. E. Fifth street. He is stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.

To Go Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., received word from their son, Pfc. John Evans Bailey, who is stationed at Camp George Jordan, Seattle, Wash., that he will be going overseas soon.

NEGRO MOTHERS GIVE PTA PROGRAM

The Negro mothers of the Benton-Curtis PTA sponsored the program for the March 14 meeting at Curtis school. Mrs. Ada Higdon was the chairman of the program and Mrs. Beatrice Bailey was the mistress of ceremony.

Those who appeared on the program were: Miss Annie Collier, and Mrs. Korrine Jackson, musical numbers and a reading by Mrs. Katherine McFarland.

Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor of the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church, was the principal speaker. There were twenty-eight mothers and teachers present.

UNITED SERVICE WOMEN TO MEET

The United-Service Women of America, Unit 200 will meet Tuesday, March 21, at 8 o'clock, at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. All members are asked to be present.

JUNIOR NAACP MEETS FRIDAY

The Junior NAACP will meet Friday, March 17, at 8 p. m. at the Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A. Young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years are invited to join the organization.

FLEUR DE LES CLUB MEETS

The La Fleur De Les club met, Sunday, March 12, with Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn, 1150 2nd street place. Tokens prizes were won by Mesdames Nancy Jackson, Dearmour Terrell and Lucile Weston. The next hostess will be Mrs. Lucile Weston, 1601 Maple, Sunday, March 19.

BOX SUPPER

The Willing and Ready club of Maple Street Baptist church will give a box supper Friday, night, March 17, at 8 p. m.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB MEETS

The Three Purpose club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, March 8. Mesdames Dorris Wilson and Verda Spangler gave a book review on "Understanding the Army." Mesdames Laura Scott, Meta Redd and Edna Brame of Chicago were guests.

TO SPONSOR HOME TALENT PROGRAM

The Ever Loyal club of the Shiloh Baptist church is sponsoring a miscellaneous home talent program, Sunday afternoon, March 19, at the church.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

"Whew Girl! I'm thrilled," was the shriek on the other end of the phone yesterday.

That was Nurse's Aide Nadine Ware. She had just read in the Wednesday paper that recruiting of Red Cross nurses' aides to care for wounded soldiers in 30 army general and station hospitals in the southwest has begun at the army service forces' eighth service headquarters. These aides will be employed by the war department on full-time civilian service status and their pay will be \$1,320 a year.

The evening's paper was still warm from the heat of the press when Nadine, out of breath, revealed that she had already called the Red Cross office and signed up for the service.

"I just got my cap in time," she kept repeating and added "that is really something!"

Just take a look at Nurse's Aide, Nadine on the front page of this issue—if you don't think she looks like the efficient little hospital assistant that her instructors say she is.

Mrs. Ware came into the office about two months ago, disheartened because she "heard" she could not get into the Nurses' Aide training. So we went to the Red Cross office in the Flynn building and there the office clerk wanted to sign both of us up—but only Nadine had the time to volunteer for the training.

At the capping ceremony on Sunday there were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson, Nadine's parents; Aunt Nina Hawkins, Uncle Bill Ashby, and Hubby William Ware. All were very proud.

One of the questions that reached the desk of the columnist this week was: "Who is the fat little WAC at Leonard Wood, Mo.?" That was the question.

WOMEN OF THREE RACES DISCUSS 'COLOR EQUALITY' IN RADIO PANEL

In observation of the seventeenth national anniversary of the Business and Professional Women's club of the Y.W.C.A., the Des Moines Y.W.C.A. presented a 15-minute panel discussion on the national theme, "Color Equality and the World Spotlight," on radio station KSO, Monday afternoon, March 13.

The radio panel discussion was participated in by a Negro, Marri Johnson, secretary to Alice Whipple of Des Moines Council of Social Agencies; Florence Takemura, American born Japanese student at Drake university; and Ardise Mosebach, representing the white or Caucasian race.

Miss Mosebach revealed that the Y.W.C.A. National Council has adopted a pledge which calls on each girl to accept the following responsibilities in every day living: "to indicate to our employers our willingness to work with members of minority groups; to protest whenever we see persons being discriminated

against because of their race; to help persons of minority groups to enjoy privileges too often denied them."

"We can do this by accompanying them to places from which they are barred if alone, such as restaurants, and by telling managers who serve Negroes that we approve of their action," Miss Mosebach said.

When asked if there were restaurants in Des Moines that will not serve Negroes, Mrs. Johnson replied that: "They will all serve us, if we are accompanied by white friends, and some will serve us if we happen to be eating alone. Many of them serve Negroes of the armed forces."

Speaking for the Japanese, Miss Takemura revealed that "the relocation centers experiences were difficult but many of us have been released to go to colleges and to find jobs. You'll be glad to know that every church college in Iowa has opened its door to us—and we are grateful."

Keo-Way USO

Soldiers of the 85th Aviation Squadron and the 969th Quartermaster Corp of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, attended the graduation party of the Seventh Company, 3rd Regiment on Monday night, March 6. Lieut. Wayne expressed an appreciation to the club and the hostesses for the enjoyable evening.

The discussion for the Junior Hostesses and WACs was led by Miss Freida DeSleet, Thursday evening, March 9. After a review of several chapters of "Into Their Company" and "A Medical Woman," Miss DeSleet said that women and girls may be classified into four groups. After defining these groups the question was raised, "To which group do you belong?" The next discussion for this group will be in April for which the subject and leader will be announced.

On March 22 the USO will hold a spring dance. The Junior Hostesses presented a classical concert, Sunday afternoon, March 12, for members of the armed services. Musical numbers were presented by members of the group. Miss Donna Washington played "Waltz in E," Miss Mae Rose Westbrook, "Polishanille" (Rachamaninoff) and Miss Alberta Bates sang "Danny Boy." Classical music is quite the order of the month, as the Anniversary of Bach and other world famous composers are being observed.

The Service Men's Wives' club held its regular meeting March 10 at Keo-Way USO. Future plans were discussed among them a plan for a pot luck which was held at the Y. W. C. A. March 15. A discussion was held on the subject of "Problems of the Service Man's Wife."

The next meeting of the club will be Friday, March 24. The wives of all service men of World War No. 2 are urged to join this club and participate in the activities.

DRAKE STUDENTS ON PROGRAM

Four students from Drake university were guests of the Des Moines Interracial Commission at the March meeting Tuesday evening, March 14.

Prof. Thos. Dunn of Drake University presented four of his students in the persons of Miss Donna Washington, a Negro, Miss Adele Kaplan, a Jew, Alvero Rodriguez, a Panamanian, and Frank N. Kito, a Japanese. Each of them told of the handicaps under which he or she lives while living in Des Moines, because of racial identity.

Four new members were elected to the Commission in the persons of Corneli Hewson on the Grocers Wholesale Co. and his wife; the Rev. Father Thos. P. Murphy, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and Miss Dayse Murphy, newly elected secretary of the Blue Triangle Y.W.C.A.

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Pfc. Lightner Leaves for Coast

Pfc. William Lightner left the city Monday morning after a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Lightner. He is stationed at Fresno, Calif.

CORRECTION

Miss Anna Jackson, winner of the popularity contest sponsored recently by the Willing Workers club of the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church, is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Jackson, 111 Second place, instead of Mrs. Phyllis Jackson, 1174 Second place.

Planless Planners

ANOTHER OPA CASUALTY A manufacturing plant employing 125 persons which has been in operation at Mound City, Ill., since 1909 has been closed, a victim of Office of Price Administration ceilings which have ignored soaring costs of labor and materials.

The Swisshelm Veneer Company, manufacturer of fruit baskets, boxes, and veneer for pianos, radios and furniture, gave as reasons for going out of business:

"We have been operating at a loss for months but have kept going in the hope that OPA would do something about its price ceilings on our products, which are fixed at the level prevailing in November, 1941. Since that time the price of logs has gone up 40 per cent, labor has increased one-third in cost, and the prices of other supplies have risen from 15 to 20 per cent.

"It is simply impossible to continue operations under the present OPA schedule. The veneer industry has a committee which has been trying to get the OPA to do something for us. Officials in OPA have kept saying they were going to do something, but they have done nothing. Meanwhile, losses have piled up."

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BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

The Public Affairs Committee of the Blue Triangle branch Y.W.C.A. will present the second of a series of Town Hall meetings Sunday, March 19, at 4:30 p. m. at the branch.

Mayor John MacVicar will speak on "Des Moines and Post-War Planning."

Panel speakers will be Miss Clara Webb, from social welfare and recreational viewpoints; Mr. John Coleman, from labor and industry; Rev. W. F. Ogleton, from a religious viewpoint.

Mrs. Marguerite Cothorn will give introductory remarks. Discussions are open to the public.

The Industrial Girls will have the second of a series of "Charm Talks" given Friday evening, March 17, at 8 p. m. by Mrs. James B. Morris, who will speak on "Clothes and Poise." The House Committee will meet March 21 at 1 p. m. at the Branch. Miss Ada Graham is chairman.

The Education Committee will meet March 22 at 7 p. m. Mrs. Ada Johnson is chairman of the committee.

RATIONING

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Sugar Coupons No. 30, Book 4 (5 lbs. each) valid indefinitely. (It was previously announced Coupon No. 30 would expire March 31, adequate advance notice will be given when a new expiration date is fixed for it.) Coupon No. 40 Book 4 (5 lbs. each) valid for home-canning thru Feb. 28 1945.

Processed Foods K, I, and M green stamps, Book 4, valid through March 20. AS, BS, CS, DS, and ES, blue stamps, Book 4, valid through May 20.

Meats, Fats (Cheese and Canned Fish) Y and Z brown stamps, Book 3, valid through March 20. AS, BS and CS, red stamps, Book 4, valid through May 20. DS, ES and FS, red stamps, Book 4, valid March 12 through May 20.

Shoes Coupon No. 18, Book 1 (1 pair) valid through April 30. Coupon No. 1, Airplane Stamp, Book 3 (1 pair) valid indefinitely. (Stamps may be exchanged between members of the family living under the same roof—LOOSE STAMPS ARE NOT GOOD.)

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G. H.—I had a child by a man before I married. Now the father of my child is in the army. He made an allotment to my boy but he won't send it to me he sends it to his sister and she dishes it out to me like she wants me to have it. Now I want the whole thing as I need it. What must I do?

Ans.: There isn't anything that you can do. You are married and it is up to your husband to support you, not the father of your child. He was very kind to make an allotment in your child's favor and you should appreciate his sister giving you the money, even though it does come to you in dribbles. You are getting much more than you did before he went in service.

M. N.—Your answers have proven very helpful to me and now I have a very important problem to put before you. I am now 18. My mother doesn't seem to realize that I have grown up and can take care of myself. When she starts drinking, she begins arguing with my sister and me and threatens to kill us if we do the least little thing. I am not happy living at home and want to leave, but I know it would only make things harder for me, as she would probably go through with her threats. Should I get married immediately to my boy friend who is in Service?

Ans.: If you married your boy friend now it would be only to get away from home, and that is no foundation to build a marriage on. Don't judge your mother too severely until you understand her more thoroughly. Oddly enough, your mother is really trying to prevent you and your sister from making the same mistakes she has made. Your mother is weak and easily led. The fact that you have a stronger and more dependable character should enable you to give her a helping hand and try to pull her out of this rut she has fallen in. What you and your sister really need to do is to offer your mother more friendship—include her in your social activities more—prevent her to be left alone to her own devices and the temptation to drink will not be so strong.

E. H.—I am one of your old customers and like your advice. Please help me. Does this boy want to marry me really or is he just coming to my house to be jiving and popping off about marrying? Was I wrong about mailing him the card?

Ans.: Not the least bit—but you did take some of the wind out of his sails. He figured he was "building you up" into a mood for frolics—until the post card came, telling him that in your opinion he "stunk." The poor guy's crestfallen. R. R.—Friend, I have read your column for 10 years or more. I find it good and believe you can help me. I like my present home very much and can buy it cheap. Should I try to buy it and should I advise my husband to take his pension? Ans.: A home of our own, bought and paid for—should be the goal of every family. Accordingly, my advice to you is to buy now while you can. Let our husband continue on with his job. If possible get the home paid for before accepting his pension. Qd Customer: I ask my friend to write you and I trust your advice will make a true wife out of her. She is a lady that wants to put on the pants. She works, also her husband. When they come home from work she sits down and dogs the man around. She is so superstitious, she claims he has her voodooed. Give her some good advice as her life and home is unhappy with superstitions. She worries too much. Ans.: Yes, and you likewise would stay upset if you believed in this conjury as your friend does. Her husband is the one that needs talking to. He is deliberately bedeviling his wife with voodoo talk. He is slick enough to have his way by feeding her mind with such trash. If you have any influence with the man—advise him to put an end to this superstitious practice at once. Otherwise, he will kill the little love his wife has for him—and be responsible for any breakdown in her health, physically or mentally.

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