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News Briefs From Far and Near

LIBERTY SHIP TO HONOR L'OUVERTURE

Washington—The twelfth Liberty Ship to honor an outstanding Negro of the Western Hemisphere will be the S.S. Toussaint L'Ouverture, the U. S. Maritime Commission announced this week. The ship has been assigned to the Permanent Metals Company's Richmond, Calif., shipyard and is scheduled for launching about March 31.

The S.S. Toussaint L'Ouverture is one of a group of similar ships honoring heroes of Latin and South America. The name was submitted by the Haitian Consulate in Washington, D. C., which termed L'Ouverture that country's most notable soldier and statesman.

R. B. DE FRANTZ JOINS UNITED COLLEGE FUND

New York—Robert Benjamin De Frantz, formerly national personnel and financial service secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., has joined the staff of the United Negro College Fund as technical field director, it was announced this week.

Mr. DeFrantz was associated with the Y. M. C. A. Council for the past 24 years, during which time he majored in personnel and campaign services, successfully conducting ninety fund-raising campaigns for buildings and current expenses.

He will work from the headquarters of the United Negro College Fund, 38 East 57th street, New York City.

500 NEGRO WOMEN IN CHICAGO POST OFFICE

Chicago (ANP)—Negro women here have entered the United States postal service of the city in large numbers, filling the places of men for the duration. A recent survey of the local branch of the National Alliance of Postal employees indicates that there are approximately 500 now in temporary assignments, including details to most of the clerical units of the mail functions.

While Negroes hold about 15 per cent of the 14,000 jobs in the Chicago post office, colored workers occupy only 13 of the more than 600 supervisory, executive and administrative positions, or only about two per cent of the advanced jobs, the alliance officials reported. A majority of the Negroes in the service hold clerical positions, while many are letter carriers, motor vehicle servicemen, laborers, custodial workers and special delivery messengers.

IOWA VICTORY GARDEN PRIZE

Victory gardeners in Iowa will have an opportunity to win five hundred and thirty dollars in prizes, plus ribbons and other awards, according to an announcement this week by stations KRNT and KSO, which are jointly conducting a Food For Freedom Fair. The Fair, entry to which is free, will be held the last week in August. Prizes cover a wide list of vegetables, some flowers, and canned goods. Any Iowa gardener (except professional truck gardeners) may get entry blanks and premium booklets by writing to either KRNT or KSO in Des Moines.

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN HEADED BY NEGROES

New York—At long last Negroes are heeding the advice that Horace Greeley gave to young men seeking their fortunes by going West in large numbers, according to detailed population statistics to appear in the forthcoming issue of The Negro Handbook by Florence Murray, journalist.

Drawing her deductions from population reports of the 1940 Census, Miss Murray points out that the Negro population in the West increased nearly 50 percent, to be exact, 41.5 percent during the decade between 1930 and 1940.

While statistics show that the number of Negroes is increasing in the North, the increase in the West is in greater proportion.

Despite the migration of Negroes from the South, however, more than three-fourths, or 77 per cent of the colored people in the United States still lived in that area in 1940, although this represents a slight decrease from the proportion of 78.7 per cent living there in 1930.

Negro Health Week Opens Sunday

CADET NURSES IN TRAINING



Members of the Pre-Cadet Nursing class at Provident hospital, Chicago, Ill., are shown in the chemistry laboratory receiving instruction from Miss Leslie Nash, R.N., science teacher. Fifteen girls entered the hospital's training school in February, answering the call of the United States government for nurses. Seen in the picture, second from left to right, is Miss Bette J. Ross, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Ross, 814 Fourteenth street, and Mr. Curtis Ross, 1049 Sixteenth street.

Fighter Group Sees Action With Air Forces in Italy

Washington—An all-Negro fighter group, now operating from an Italian base as part of the Coastal Air Force, already has seen several weeks of action, the War Department reported this week.

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., the group has been flying P-39 Airacobras on convoy protection and harbor patrol missions along the west coast of Italy.

The group, which was activated in October, 1942, at Tuskegee, Alabama, is the first Negro fighter group in United States Army aviation. Its commander, Colonel Davis, formerly led the Ninety-ninth Fighter Squadron which, as the first all-Negro air unit to enter combat, recently distinguished itself in action over the Anzio beachhead.

During much of its training period in the United States, the group was

commanded by experienced white pilots at Selfridge Field, Michigan. In October, 1943, Colonel Davis, son of Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis and graduate of the 1936 class at West Point, returned from the Mediterranean theater to assume the command to bring the group overseas.

The 31-year-old lieutenant colonel graduated from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in 1938 and earned his pilot's wings at the Tuskegee Flying School in 1942. In between these times he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was overseas with the Ninety-ninth Fighter Squadron most of 1943.

Squadron leaders of the new fighter group are Captain Robert B. Tresville, Jr., 22, of MacDill Field, Florida; First Lieutenant Lee Rayford, 25, of Washington, D. C., and First Lieutenant Edward C. Gleed, 27, of Lawrence, Kansas.

Alliance to Sponsor Holy Week Services in Churches

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will sponsor Holy Week services beginning April 3 through April 9, using as its theme, "The Consolation of the Cross."

The services will start on Monday night at Kyles A.M.E. Zion church with the Rev. H. R. Fields presiding. Rev. J. J. Hawkins will speak on "Are the Consolations of God Small with Thee?"

Tuesday night the services will be at Mt. Hebron Baptist church, West Des Moines, with Rev. C. L. McAllister presiding. The Rev. Henry Simmons will preach on "Waiting for the Consolation."

Wednesday night, the Alliance will meet at Maple Street Baptist church with the Rev. G. W. Robinson presiding. The Rev. D. H. Cranshaw will preach on "Consolation Through Reproach."

At Burns Methodist church, Thursday night, the Rev. W. F. Ogleton will speak on "Everlasting Consolation," with the Rev. C. A. Record presiding.

Good Friday services will begin at 12 noon and continue until 3 o'clock at the Bethel A.M.E. church with the

Rev. W. F. Ogleton presiding. Participating in the "Seven Last Words" will be the Revs. J. T. Johnson, L. A. Garrett, C. L. McAllister, E. M. Whaley, H. R. Fields, J. R. Roman and G. W. Robinson.

Sunrise services will be held Easter Sunday morning at 6 o'clock with the west side churches uniting at the Corinthian Baptist church, to hear the Rev. H. C. Boyd; the south east side churches at the Sanctified Church of God in Christ, to hear the Rev. C. A. Record; the east side churches at the Union Baptist church to hear the Rev. Mr. McAllister; and in West Des Moines at the First Baptist church where the Rev. Mr. Garrett will preach.

MRS. WARFIELD BREAKS WRIST IN FALL

Mrs. Lela Warfield, 127 Ridge street, suffered a fracture of the wrist when she fell in the basement of her home on Tuesday night. She is convalescing at her home.

Inquire about the 8th Anniversary Edition.

Six More Red Cross Workers Arrive Overseas

Washington, D. C.—Safe arrival at overseas posts of six additional Negro Red Cross workers was announced by American Red Cross national headquarters this week. Four of these arrived in Australia, one in Hawaii, and one in England.

Ernest A. Dawson, program director, Reading, Pa., arrived in England. Prior to his Red Cross appointment, Mr. Dawson served as program director of USO clubs in Fort Dix, N. J., Mashpee, Mass., and Annapolis, Md.

Antonina Hansell, New York City, arrived in Hawaii for assignment as a hospital social worker. For the past ten years she has been a psychiatric aide in private practice. She served as director of psychiatric social service at Lenox Hill hospital in New York City, and as a neuro-psychiatric and cardiac worker at St. Christopher's hospital for children in Philadelphia.

The four in Australia will serve as staff assistants. They are: Willie Clarice Powe, New Orleans, La.; Ellen Benn, Chicago, Ill.; Helen Y. Miles, New York City; and Irene Towles, Washington, D. C.

Miss Powe taught music and English at Bastrop high school, Bastrop, La., and later taught extension courses at Southern University.

Before her Red Cross appointment, Ellen Benn was a case worker at the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare. She was previously employed by the State Department of Public Welfare, Springfield, Ill., and the Chicago Relief Administration.

Miss Miles attended Howard university, Wilberforce university and Smith College School of Social Work. She was employed as case worker by the St. Louis Relief Administration; as a secretary by the Robert Fulton hotel, New York City, and as supervisor by the National Youth Administration in New York.

Miss Towles was employed as a statistical clerk by the Office of Economic Warfare in Washington, D. C., before coming to the Red Cross. Prior to that she held clerical positions with the Census Bureau and Freedmen's hospital in Washington.

REV. WHALEY BACK FROM ANNUAL M. E. CONFERENCE

The Rev. W. M. Whaley who attended annual Methodist Episcopal conference in St. Louis, Mo., last week, was returned to Des Moines to begin his second conference year at the Burns church.

Bishop R. E. Jones who presided over the conference which met at the Union Memorial church made the following changes in Iowa churches: Rev. H. C. Moore to Sedalia, Mo.; Rev. Jordan Ray to Mason City; Rev. W. L. Leonard to Ft. Madison. The Rev. W. A. Hunter was returned to Marshalltown.

Bishop Jones will retire at the General Conference which meets in Kansas City the latter part of April. The annual conference will meet in Kansas City, Mo., at the Centennial church, in March 1945.

Mrs. E. M. Whaley, Rev. W. H. Wheeler and Mrs. D. V. Cropp, all of Des Moines, attended the conference in St. Louis.

GIRL RECOVERING FROM INJURIES

Mrs. Ruth McGregor, 11, daughter of Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor, Keo-Way USO director, is reported doing nicely at Mercy hospital.

The girl suffered injuries of the body when she was struck Wednesday morning, March 22, by an automobile while crossing the intersection at Fourteenth street and Keosauqua way.

Bob Hanson, 17, 2744 Arnold street, was driver of the car.

Mrs. McGregor was called home from Chicago where she had gone to attend a USO institute.

ATTACKED



EDGAR G. BROWN
Washington (ANP)—Edgar G. Brown of Chicago, a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress for the 2nd district in Illinois, and who recently demanded the impeachment of Secys. Knox and Stimson, was severely beaten just outside of the capital here last Tuesday by a white 17-year-old chamber doorkeeper from Texas, according to police.

Capitol police released the doorkeeper, Randlett T. Lawrence of Monahall, Texas, into the custody of an unnamed congressman who was said to have been responsible for the occurrence.

CLICKING ON TOUR



Marvelous Marva Louis, wife of world's heavyweights Joe Louis (Sgt. Louis of the U. S. Army), who has been acclaimed by eminent critics as 1944's contribution to stage, screen and radio, is currently being presented on a tour through southern key cities where she won thousands of admirers because of her vocal efforts.

At the completion of the tour Marva heads midwest, and thence for her appearance at the Mayfair in Boston, Massachusetts, where the date is set at this early date to welcome the new singing star "with open arms."

Dr. Drew Wins Spingarn Medal

New York—Dr. Charles R. Drew, professor of surgery at Howard university college of medicine, has been awarded the 29th Spingarn Medal for 1943, it was announced here this week by the NAACP.

Dr. Drew was given the coveted medal because of his outstanding work in blood plasma. Dr. Drew set up and ran the blood plasma bank in the Presbyterian hospital in New York City which served as one of the models for the wide-spread system of blood banks now in operation for the American Red Cross.

Early in the war when it was decided by the Blood Transfusion Association to investigate the possibility of aiding the Allies by shipping plasma to Europe, a committee was selected consisting of Dr. E. H. L. Corwin, Dr. Scudder, and Dr. Drew to draw up plans whereby this project might be carried out. This plan was about to go into effect as a means of aiding the French, but France fell so

'Health of Our Children in Home, School, Community' Main Objective for Year

The thirtieth anniversary of the National Negro Health Week, beginning April 2 through April 9, is having as its special objectives for the year 1944: "The Health of Our Children in the Home, School and Community."

The National Negro Health Week committee with Dr. Roscoe C. Brown of United States Public Health Service, as chairman, has outlined a program to be carried out, by all health groups in every city and community throughout the country.

Daily Program

The day-by-day Health Week program is as follows: April 2, Mobilization Day, on which health sermons and lectures will be delivered by ministers, doctors and other qualified persons; April 3, Home Health Day, stressing home clean-up, personal and home hygiene; April 4, Community Sanitation Day, in cooperation with local health and sanitation departments; April 5, Special Campaign Day, in which the community is surveyed for health needs; April 6, Adults' Health Day, annual health examinations; April 7, School Health and Safety Day, health and safety programs in schools; April 9, General Clean-up Day, cleaning of homes, buildings and premises; April 9, Report and Follow-up Day, with the

closing of the Negro Health Week program at an enthusiastic meeting.

President Comments

"All Americans want this country to be a place where children can live in safety and grow in understanding of the part they must play in the nation's future," commented President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in an article on Facts About Child Health.

"If anywhere in the country any child lacks opportunity for home life, for health protection, for education, for moral or spiritual development, the strength of the nation and its ability to cherish and advance the principles of democracy are thereby weakened."

In Des Moines, Negro Health Week will be observed in many of the civic and social organizations who will present qualified speakers to appear at their regular meetings.

Pre-School Program Sunday

The Pre-School committee of the Negro Community Center is sponsoring a health program in observance of National Negro Health week at the West Side center, Sunday, April 2, 5 p. m. Mrs. Paul Wilson in charge and Mrs. L. R. Willis, president. Mrs. Ada Hershey, of the Public Health Association will be the guest speaker.

Report Breaking Up of 9th And 10th Cavalry Units

New York—What has become of the famous Negro cavalry regiments, the 9th and 10th?

This is the question uppermost in the minds of those who have watched recent movements in the War Department. The report persists that the famous Regular Army regiments, with many years of distinguished service, have been broken up into service units.

It is known that the 9th and 10th were part of the Second Cavalry Division which recently was in training at Fort Clark, Texas. The Second Cavalry Division has disappeared and while no formal statement has been made by the War Department the report is being circulated that the 9th and 10th have been made into service troops.

On the other hand, the First Cavalry Division, composed of white troops, has just won honors for itself by completing the invasion of the Admiralty Islands.

Units Broken Up

The report on the 9th and 10th comes hard on the heels of the admission by Secretary Stimson of the War Department that Negro combat units are being broken up and converted into service units.

Secretary Stimson wrote Congressman Hamilton Fish that Negroes did not have sufficient education to un-

derstand the use of modern weapons of war. He cited particularly the old 8th Illinois Regiment from Chicago which was trained in this war as the 184th Field Artillery. In the first World War this regiment, known then as the 370th Illinois, won high honors in France, including many medals and citations for its combat work as a part of the French army.

A nation-wide outburst of indignation followed Secretary Stimson's letter to Congressman Fish and this anger is expected to mount to new heights when Negro Americans understand that two of the four Regular Army Negro regiments, the 9th and 10th, have been added to the list of those made over into service troops.

The NAACP, which led the nationwide protest in 1932 on the breaking up of the 10th cavalry into three units stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, West Point, New York, and Fort Myer, Virginia, where they became grooms and hostlers attending the horses of white officers, has taken the lead in the protest to Secretary Stimson on the present demotion of the famous old regiments.

No reply has been received as yet from a letter to Stimson inquiring for verification of the persistent report that these regiments have been converted into service units.

evening after a prolonged illness at the Mercy hospital in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Due to ill health for the last year, Mrs. Abbott is said to have lived virtually in retirement in her Benton Harbor home.

HOLD FUNERAL RITES FOR EDWARD E. MORTON

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the St. Paul A.M.E. church for Edward Ewing Morton, 60, 1169 Eleventh street, who died Friday night, March 24, after a brief illness.

A life-long resident of Des Moines, he was a member of the St. Paul church and a former member of the Monarch club.

Surviving are: his wife, Eva; a brother, Curtis; a sister, Alice Graves; and a son, Edward, all of Des Moines.

MRS. ROBERT S. ABBOTT IS DEAD

Chicago (ANP)—Mrs. Robert S. Abbott, wife of the late publisher of the Chicago Defender, died Sunday

CANDIDATES



SENATOR K. A. EVANS
Senator K. A. Evans of Emerson has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor...

BISHOP BROWN TO VISIT A.M.E. ZION CHURCHES HERE

The Rt. Rev. W. C. Brown, presiding bishop of the A.M.E. church will be in the city Sunday to visit the A.M.E. Zion churches here.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

By OPAL JACO
Palm Sunday morning, the Rev. C. Lopez McAllister will use as a subject, "Jesus of Palm Sunday."

REV. OGLETON TO PREACH EASTER SERMON AT BETHEL

Easter Sunday, April 9, Rev. W. F. Ogleton will bring a message at the Bethel A.M.E. church. The senior choir will render special Easter numbers.

EASTER EXERCISES AT SHILOH CHURCH

The Shiloh Baptist Sunday school is rehearsing for the Easter program, to be given Sunday, April 9, at 3 p. m.

NEGRO HEALTH WEEK BROADCAST MARCH 31

Washington—The official radio broadcast of the year 1944 National Negro Health Week observance will be an address by Dr. Martha M. Elliot, Associate Chief, Children's Bureau...

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SOFT WATER SUPPLY COMPANY OF IOWA

Notice is hereby given and published that at a special meeting of the stockholders of Soft Water Supply Company of Iowa...

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WILLIAM G. RUIHRER, Defendant To MARY S. RUIHRER, Plaintiff. You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa...

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The name of the corporation shall be THOMPSON'S INC. and its principal place of business shall be Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. The general nature of the business to be transacted shall be to buy, sell, mortgage, pledge, exchange, and otherwise acquire and dispose of real estate or any interest therein...

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THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN IN THE HOME, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY

The 1944 National Negro Health Week Recognizes the Need for Preservation and Protection of Our Children—Citizens of the Next Generation

War is "bad business" for the mores and morals of any people, whatever may be the cause or the noble objectives of the conflict. It is especially disastrous to a growing generation of children who feel the impact of war upon their homes, neighborhoods, and community, and who are frustrated by the calamitous turn of events in their otherwise normal and care-free lives.

own image, with promise of noble contributions to the society of which they must become an integral part! The National Negro Health Week is one of the many avenues through which an effective approach might be made to solution of prevailing problems and the projection of helpful programs. Cognizant of the need for more conscious provisions for the welfare of our children, this year's Health Week chooses the health of these children as a major objective.

NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK APRIL 2-9, 1944



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DINNER AKEIGHT

SOCIETY



SURPRISE BIRTHDAY SUPPER FOR MRS. ELLA SAMUELS

Mrs. Ella Samuels, 1602 Walker avenue, was guest of honor at a surprise birthday buffet supper, Wednesday, March 22, given by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kemp, Jr., at their home.

L. A. WHITFIELD VISITS HERE

L. Alexander Whitfield, son of Rev. and Mrs. Q. J. Evans, arrived in the city Tuesday for his spring vacation from Chicago University, where he is doing medical research work on a Rosenwald Fellowship.

MRS. BROWN OF CHICAGO HERE

Mrs. Robert Brown of Chicago, Ill., is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Josephine Jones, 947 Sixteenth street.

CPL. FANT AND FAMILY HERE

Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Fant and daughter, Marva Jean, returned recently to their home in Riverside, Calif., after a two week's visit here with their parents.

REV. BOYD TO DETROIT, MICH.

The Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. church, left the city Monday night for Detroit, Mich., to attend the testimonial banquet honoring Bishop John A. Gregg, who returned to the states recently from a trip to the theaters of war.

MRS. BROWN GOES TO NEVADA, MO.

Mrs. Alice Brown, 1520 Wayne, left the city Monday for Nevada, Mo., where her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Harris, is ill. She was accompanied to Missouri by Mrs. J. L. Madison, 1125 Thirteenth street.

ILL AT HOME

Mrs. Julia Johnson, 518 S. E. 20th St., is reported ill at her home.

RETURNED HOME

Mr. Robert (Bob) Davis, 520 S. E. 20th Street, is reported home from the hospital.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Mr. Tom Clay, 728 S. E. 14th St. Ct., is reported home from the hospital.

HAWKEYE LODGE INITIATES FIFTY

Hawkeye lodge No. 160, IBPOE of W, initiated more than 50 members Sunday, March 26, after an extensive 15-day drive. Others are on the list for membership but on account of their work were unable to attend.

TO SPONSOR ENTERTAINMENT

The A. Ross Brent club will sponsor "The Slabtown Convention," April 6, at the Maple Street Baptist church.

MRS. DORA MOORE RETURNS TO WORK

Mrs. Dora Mackay Moore, beautician, has returned to her shop after a two week's illness.

MRS. PAGE GIVES EVENING OF MUSIC

Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, presented an evening of sacred music and spirituals Sunday night at the Maple Street Baptist church, sponsored by the Present Help in Time of Need club.

Among the numbers she sang were: "Lord's Prayer," a new arrangement by Phillips Hall; "He Knows How Much We Can Bear," and before the silent prayers offered for the men and women in the military service, she dedicated as a request, a religious version of "A Wing and a Prayer," to Pfc. Ernest E. Highelk.

ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FEATURES AT SIMPSON COLLEGE

To promote a genuine spirit of good will and Christian brotherhood, the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Simpson College Student Fellowship, at Indianola, Ia., observed International night Sunday, March 26.

Over Million Benefited

Current estimates show that more than 1,520,000 children attending 9,643 schools and child care centers in the 11 north central states are being served a nutritious lunch daily through operation of the national

Keo-Way USO

Keo-Way welcomed the change in season with a spring dance, Saturday night, March 25. Junior hostesses of the club helped the seventy five members of the armed services to enjoy the beautiful atmosphere of dogwood blossoms and music was furnished by the orchestra of Gordon Perry. Special guests were sailors from Ottumwa Naval Air Base.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB MEETS

The Three Purpose club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Morrison, March 22. Mrs. Helen Wilmore spoke on "Interior Decoration." Mrs. Anna E. Walker was awarded the patriotic quilt. Mrs. Edith Webb was guest.

TOB's CLUB MEETS

The T.O.B. club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Adelaide Bowman. Plans were made for an Easter tea to be given April 9 at the home of Mrs. Louise Wellington.

TWENTY-TWO BAPTIZED

Twenty-two converts were baptized as the climax of the two-week revival campaign which closed Sunday at the Corinthian Baptist church.

PERSONAL TOUCH

The downtown shopping center looks like a fairy land with so many colorful spring fashions on display for the Easter parade.

TO SING

The Shiloh Baptist choir will sing at the Union Baptist church, Sunday, April 2, at 3 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Record will preach the sermon.

BURLINGTON, IA.

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS Burlington, Ia.—Mrs. Alice Beckley died Saturday, March 18. Her funeral was held Wednesday from the St. John's A.M.E. church. Rev. A. L. Preston, pastor. Mrs. Beckley had been ill for some time. She is survived by a husband; daughter, Mrs. Minor Stone; granddaughter, Mrs. Sam Johnson; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Chicago; brother, Morris Wicks of Gatesburg, and many pieces and nephews. She was buried in Keokuk, Ia.

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ADEQUATE SCHOOL LUNCHES STRESSED IN NEGRO HEALTH WEEK PROGRAM

Chicago—Adequate nutrition of growing children in elementary schools is one of the goals featured in National Negro Health Week, April 2-8, which has been proclaimed by our President," E. O. Pollock, Midwest Regional Director of Food Distribution, War Food Administration, said today.

"Low-cost, nutritionally balanced, school lunches, which have been made possible through the national School Lunch Program administered by the Office of Distribution, play a large part in helping to build and maintain the health of thousands of colored children" in our public schools," he added.

"School lunches are more important than ever to these children in wartime, because both parents in a very large proportion of the families work every day and do not have time to look after the nutritional needs of their children at mid-day," Mr. Pollock stated.

Decorators at St. Paul Church

Decorators this week, started cleaning and painting the interior of the St. Paul A.M.E. church. The spacious auditorium is expected to be completed for the Easter services.

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TO HONOR RANDOLPH AT CARNEGIE HALL

New York—Senator Robert F. Wagner, author of the National Labor Relations Act, and the anti-discrimination clause of the draft law, will be the main speaker honoring A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, when he receives the Clendenin award of the Workers Defense League at Carnegie Hall Tuesday evening, May 2. Newbold Morris, president of the City Council of New York, will preside.

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C. S.—Three years ago I met a very intelligent, industrious young man. We had courted only one year before he was called in service.

FASHION SHOW The Willing Workers club of the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church is sponsoring a Spring Fashion show, Friday, March 31, at the Roadside Settlement house.

PROMOTIONAL DAY AT BETHEL CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON The Sunday school of the Bethel A.M.E. church will have Promotion Day, Sunday

EDITORIALS - FEATURES - SPORTS

THIS NEWSPAPER, IOWA'S OLDEST NEGRO WEEKLY, IS AN INSTITUTION DEVELOPED FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE OF IOWA AND THE MIDDLEWEST TO PRESENT THE NEWS OF THE DAY, FOSTER BETTER RACE RELATIONS, LEAD PUBLIC OPINION AND TO CONTEND FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES.

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OBSERVE NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

April 2 to 9, we observe National Negro Health Week throughout the country. Doctors, nurses and other groups charged with the problem and maintaining the health of their respective communities have arranged programs of cooperation with schools, churches and health centers where this year they are emphasizing the health of children.

Started thirty-two years ago by the late Booker T. Washington for the purpose of supplementing the poorly provided medical care then available in rural communities, the movement has spread to the cities where much attention has been given to overcrowded homes, poor sewerage and other unsanitary conditions which help to play havoc with the death rate among Negroes.

The United States Public Health Service and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who saw in it an opportunity to educate Negroes to help provide better living conditions for themselves, by cleaning up their homes and surroundings, ventilating their homes, churches and schools properly, removal of rubbish and trash which breed disease; by providing regular physical examinations for the whole family, by maintaining health clinics particularly for children and expectant mothers and hundreds of other little things about which many people never think, have joined in the movement.

This annual emphasis has done much to reduce the death rate among Negroes materially and to assure youngsters a sturdy body in early life upon which to build. Maybe everybody will not be touched by such a program. Many will. And those who are will learn more about the necessity of observing health rules throughout the year to the end that much can be done to prevent illness.

The Bystander would suggest that ministers have something to say about National Negro Health Week in their sermons Sunday; that clubs build all or at least a part of their programs around the subject next week for in this way most of us can help our already overburdened medical staffs keep down disease and build healthier citizens.

THE CITY CAMPAIGN

The city campaign is over. We have just one new member of the council. The old council built a bad reputation as far as Negroes are concerned. And since there are such few changes, unless a new attitude is taken from now on little can be expected from the newly elected group.

Beer, liquor, dancing, with the adjuncts that go along with them, got more attention during the campaign than anything else. The old council did not solve the problem. This new one won't either. But it can clean up some of the joints which have contributed materially to juvenile delinquency. Beer, liquor and dancing we shall continue to have; the Bystander is not against them. But the operators of taverns can be dealt with in such a way that they stay somewhere within the law. Frankly, Des Moines is a pretty clean town.

The old council failed the Negro miserably in their effort to secure a deputy balliff of the Municipal court. Councilman T. Harry Vicker is the only one who stood out for fair play throughout the controversy and voted his convictions on every occasion.

The Bystander feels that it ought to say publicly that Negroes don't feel that Mayor MacVicar has done

anything in their particular behalf to which he or anyone else can lay claim with pride. The mayor is in charge of the legal department where Negroes have served in the past. No only did he appoint the staff at the beginning of the term, but changes have been made since. There are lawyers among our group who supported him wholeheartedly in his first campaign. He has seen fit to give them no recognition. Yet, Mr. MacVicar has found it possible to recognize other minority groups in the department.

Three Negro policemen were appointed under Koenigsberger's administration. Art Daniels has given splendid recognition at the city garage where two men are employed at the time.

There are places that don't require civil service examinations. Of course, we recognize that most city work is under civil service and if we don't qualify, we cannot expect to be placed in those positions. However, there are many people working under special appointments even though the job is a civil service place. But none are Negroes.

Unfortunately, the civil service commission has been a stumbling block in our path in many instances. We know that at times members of the council have used it to keep Negroes from passing so they would not be called upon to consider them for appointment. There is a vacancy in the commission now. Why not give that to a Negro, Mr. Mayor?

But the mayor or other members of the city council can and do find jobs for their friends if they want to do so. If they mean what they tell Negroes in political gatherings, in private conferences and in other public appearances, they will not forget them when jobs are being passed around.

Y.M.C.A.

CROCKER 'Y' NEWS BITS Tournaments Claude Gates and Victor Massey will match their skill in pocket billiards for the month champion on Thursday evening, March 30, in the first of a series of monthly tournaments in pocket billiards and table tennis. Championship play in table tennis will be between Floyd Dixon and Watson Turner.

The opponents for Kenneth Kemp in pocket billiards and Sheddric Turner in table tennis for the junior section will be decided Wednesday, March 29 and will precede the senior group Thursday. Prizes will be awarded the winners. 76 boys took part in the elimination play.

Boxing Corky Irvin and Oscar Peavy will renew their fist activity in the main event of the Crocker 'Y' boxing show Thursday, April 6th in Service Club No. 2 at Fort Des Moines Post. In the semi-windup, an expected slugfest is expected between Johnny Jones and Lloyd 'Slick' Callister. Six other bouts completes the program.

Geo. Frazier vs. Frankie Irvin. Donald Lee vs. Harry Woods. Sheddric Turner vs. Bernard Turner. Watson Turner vs. Teddy Greenfield. Ferris Irvin vs. Alfred Shepherd. Leonard Peavy vs. Conrad Jones.

All City Teams The following cagers have been awarded honors in being selected on the Crocker 'Y' All City Basketball Teams:

Seniors Donald Ross, Roadside, forward. John Jewett, Club 100, forward. Morton Graves, Crocker 'Y', forward. Bob White, Carey Collegians, center. William Western, Roadside, guard. Cliff Watkins, Carey Collegians, guard.

Intermediates Sonny Vollner, Panthers, forward. Donald Spangler, NCC, forward. Marvin Taylor, Tigers, forward. James Ward, Panthers, center. Corky Irvin, NCC, guard. Vernon Wheeler, Roadside, guard.

Juniors Ferris Irvin, NCC, forward. Bobby Trefel, NCC, forward. Robert Humbard, East Des Moines, forward. Grandal Crockett, Corinthian S. S., center. Watson Turner, Corinthian S.S. guard. Donald Ritchey, Crocker 'Y', guard.

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Book Review

LILLIAN SMITH'S NOVEL, "STRANGE FRUIT"

A review by MORRIS MILGRAM. When a novel is good enough to be both a moving love story and a drama of great social significance, it is sure to get wide circulation.

But Lillian Smith's "Strange Fruit" (Reynal & Hitchcock, N. Y., \$2.75)—has the added attraction of being banned in Boston for its frank language, and therefore is certain to be widely read. That should help America in its current race relations crisis, for Lillian Smith has presented the Negro-white problem truthfully, with all its tragedy. She paints a picture of life in a typical Southern town, where Negro and white children play together, and like each other as long as they can, until they are torn apart by the impact of the white superiority dogma of the community. Strange Fruit is a must book for every American who wants to understand race relations.

Nonnie Anderson, a beautiful light Negro girl who'd been to college, and Tracy Deen, white son of the town physician, love each other deeply. Overtaken by reality in form of unexpected pregnancy, Deen struggles, but finds himself unable to solve the problem save by succumbing to the pressures of the community. For deserting his sweetheart in ugly fashion, Deen is killed by her brother. A lynching party burns an innocent Negro, who was actually Deen's closest friend.

Shakespeare wrote, "For valour, is not love a Hercules?" But this Hercules could not withstand the community, which insisted that love between Negro and white could have no meaning. Once he succumbed to pressure, Deen is scarcely human as following a minister's advice, he bribes a Negro friend to marry the mother of his unborn child—and tells her of his plan to marry a woman he doesn't love.

This story of the depths to which race prejudice can bring decent people is "horrid, simply horrid," a friend of mine said. Maybe it is horrid to present the bitter facts, but relations between Negro and white are that ugly in much of America, and the sooner millions recognize it, the sooner we can do something about it.

The poverty of a Southern town, and the exploitations of its people, is pictured, with sawmill worker Willie Echols raising a lone voice, "What we need is a union." The local editor has similar ideas, and he hates the lynching, but he lacks the courage to write what he believes, and so gives the town the commentary on the lynching which he feels it wants to hear—a white supremacy editorial which fights the civil war over again.

Miss Smith is the editor, with Paula Spelling, of the excellent magazine South Today, which is published at their home in Clayton, Georgia, which is possibly the town pictured in the novel. That magazine is the organ of the forward looking Southerners who oppose segregation as well as discrimination.

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POST EXCHANGE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE (By Marie Ross)

Negro Nurses at Ft. Des Moines

Negro nurses have come to Iowa—thanks to the army! These high ranking officers, are now on duty at the WAC Post hospital at Ft. Des Moines.

Mrs. Bennett Gets Pile of Letters from Husband

Mrs. Vernice Bennett, 1166 W. Thirteenth street, received nine letters the first she has received in two months from her husband, Pvt. Leon Bennett, who is stationed in New Guinea.

Pvt. William Martin, Jr., Writes of Southwest Pacific; Poem to Wife

Mrs. Leola Martin, 1166 Thirteenth street, received recently a letter and poem entitled "A Lonely Soldier's Letter," from her husband, Pvt. William Martin, Jr., who is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He wrote:

"The temperature here is really terrific ranging from 130 to 140 degrees at all times, so it was told to us. We really have not been here long enough to tell yet, but according to today it really is that and it rains constantly.

"While traveling we saw a few native men and we are forever seeing coconuts growing on the trees.

"You can tell that the boys who fought the battle before we landed really had some fight. I am hoping that we can come out of it okay and it will be soon.

"The time over here is somewhat different. We are now one day ahead of you. When it is 12 noon there it is only 2:30 in the morning here—so you can see we are some distance from you," he related.

Mrs. Martin gets plenty of mail from relatives in the military service. She has two brothers, one brother in law, five cousins and one sister-in-law in the services. She is also accumulating a collection of articles—many pillow tops—which which will make up into an afghan.

His poem to his wife follows:

A LONELY SOLDIER'S LETTER Darling: You say you are lonely each time you write: You dream of me while asleep at night; You hope that I will be home soon; And go with you far walks beneath the moon. You say you miss me as the days go by; My letters are sweet and yet you cry; You think of the things we used to do; And write me often when feeling blue. I say to you, "Sweetheart, my love, it's you, only you, I'm thinking of."

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stay and after they looked me over and found that I had high blood pressure and arthritis in my knee, they sent me back," he related. "This is only two days at this hospital for me and it is sure a swell one—just a new one. Quite a few Negro boys are here and they treat you swell in the hospital—but not so good in town, I hear, but I will never find out myself.

"Don't know whether I can stand cold weather now after being out of it since 1941. It was so hot over there where I have been in 130 degrees above zero and it is not—but after all I made it and hope to be home again soon.

"When you get in the hospital there is where the white and black boys mix with no trouble at all. I have only heard N— once since I have been in the hospital and the one who said it was knocked down and had to have his eye fixed up."

Mr. Tillman who brought his son's letter to the office, was happy to know that his son had returned. He has another son, Arthur Tillman, who was inducted in the services this week; and a son-in-law, Leslie Johnson, stationed at Camp Ellis.

Pvt. McGuire Writes More About Hawaii and Comments on Bystander Articles

"Received the reading material yesterday and did it come in handy, especially the Bystander," wrote Pvt. J. L. McGuire, Jr., from somewhere in Hawaii, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McGuire, on March 17.

"But that article about Theydon Brown in Hawaii is plain trash. There is no such thing as "democracy" in Hawaii for Negroes. At the boxing matches last night, the Negroes were matched against Negroes and whites against whites. Do you think that's democratic? Also—how the women are frightened by the sight of a Negro soldier—as a whole, the white soldier has definitely ruined the Hawaiian Islands for Negroes. But, don't get me wrong, the scenery is fine, also—the view.

"I am still well. I have never been in bed—up and around every day. Sorry I could not tell you folks what the trouble was before now.

"On Jan. 18, this year, we had a bad storm, blew down everything we had and we had to stay in our fox holes to keep from being hurt. I was out trying to keep my tent up—the wind was so strong that it blew me off a hill and I hurt my knee and the captain sent me to the hospital three times before they would let me

dis: A. A. Alexander about his home. I wish I had them all right over here so I could line them up and shoot them with my carbine. Those un-human 'bums'."

Clyde Walton Home from Merchant Marine Corps

Clyde Walton, a member of the U. S. Maritime service, arrived in the city last week for a short visit with his wife, Mrs. Gladys Walton, and family. His ship recently returned to the country from European war areas.

Cpl. Eugene Rhodes Arrives in England

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rhodes received a letter from their son, Cpl. Eugene Rhodes, last week informing them of his safe arrival in England.

LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS

Lincoln Post celebrated the 25th birthday of the American Legion at the Post club rooms, March 21. Comrade Rayburn of Argonne Post No. 60 spoke on the general safety program of the American Legion. He was introduced by James L. McGuire, Post Safety chairman since 1941.

Comrade George Mahoney, Sixth District Americanism chairman, talked on the birth and growth of the American Legion since 1919. He urged veterans of World War No. 2 to join the Legion at once. Eleven percent of the Post members are of World War No. 2. The Legion's G.I. bill was explained. Mr. Skillman gave highlights of his naval service in the Southwest Pacific and in the Near East invasion last year. The Auxiliary women presented a cake.

Mrs. William T. Johnson had charge of the tables. Mrs. Robert F. Hayes poured coffee. Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McElroy had charge of the cooking. The Post activities chairman furnished the fish.

On April 4, 8:30 p. m., the "Alley Layers and Roberts Rules Boys" will stage their annual "Display of Leadership." Guests will attend. W. T. Burns, Post adjutant, phone 4-2946.

OWEN WATKINS, HOTEL MAN, SEEKS DIVORCE

Owen Watkins, operator of the Keo hotel, coffeeshop and tavern at Ninth street and Keosauqua way, Thursday filed suit for divorce against Mabe Watkins.

Salute to Spring! SUITS - COATS - DRESSES ON BUDGET TERMS LADIES COATS and SUITS \$24.98 Men's SUITS COATS \$29.50 BOYS' SUITS \$14.98 GIRLS' COATS \$12.98 PAY CASH OR PAY \$1.25 WEEKLY after deposit. GATELY'S Dept. Store 802 Walnut St.