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News Briefs From Far and Near

JEWS TO FURNISH ROOM FOR CAMP ELLIS NEGRO SOLDIERS

Springfield, Ill. (ANP)—Jewish citizens of this city will spend \$1,000 to furnish a day room for two quartermaster companies of Negro soldiers at Camp Ellis. This camp, located about 60 miles from Springfield, has several thousand Negro servicemen in medical sanitation, ambulance corps, engineers and quartermasters. Inadequate opportunity for recreation within the camp has been a major problem and it is this situation which this day room committee hopes to overcome. In addition to modern furnishings, the room will be supplied with leading Negro publications and other liberal journals. Outdoor athletic equipment will also be made available.

The committee, composed of the Bnai B'rith, Bnai B'rith auxiliary, Congregation brith Abraham, Ladies Aid society, Temple sisterhood and Temple Men's club, sponsored a dance attended by 500 people to raise the money. In attendance also were Col. Herman Jacobson, commander, station hospital, and 80 servicemen. A dedication service was held April 6, at the camp.

FAMOUS DOCTOR, WHO PERFORMED 30,000 OPERATIONS, DEAD

Nashville (ANP)—More than 30,000 operations were accredited to Dr. John Henry Hale, 65, chief of the surgical staff at Meharry Medical college, who died Tuesday.

Born in Estill Springs, Dr. Hale came to Nashville in the late '90s and was graduated from Central Tennessee college before receiving a degree of doctor of medicine from Meharry in 1905. He had served at Meharry as professor of histology, chemistry, clinical medicine, surgery and chief of the surgical staff.

An acknowledged leader of the Negro medical profession, Dr. John L. Turner, president of Meharry, said Dr. Hale had performed more than 30,000 operations in his lifetime. Dr. Hale was to have received a distinguished service medal this month at the John A. Andrew clinic, of Tuskegee institute for outstanding contributions to the medical profession.

COUPLE UNITED IN MATRIMONY BY LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL

Frederick Army Air Field, Okla.—Because Private James R. Fleet could not get to Baltimore, Maryland, for the purpose of marrying the girl of his choice, a long distance phone call was used to turn the trick. The bride is Miss Rosetta Murray.

The marriage ceremony, which took sixteen minutes and a \$10 bill, was the first one to be performed by telephone at the field. Chaplain Abram Sangrey, assistant post chaplain, officiated.

MRS. MOORE IN STREET CAR CRASH

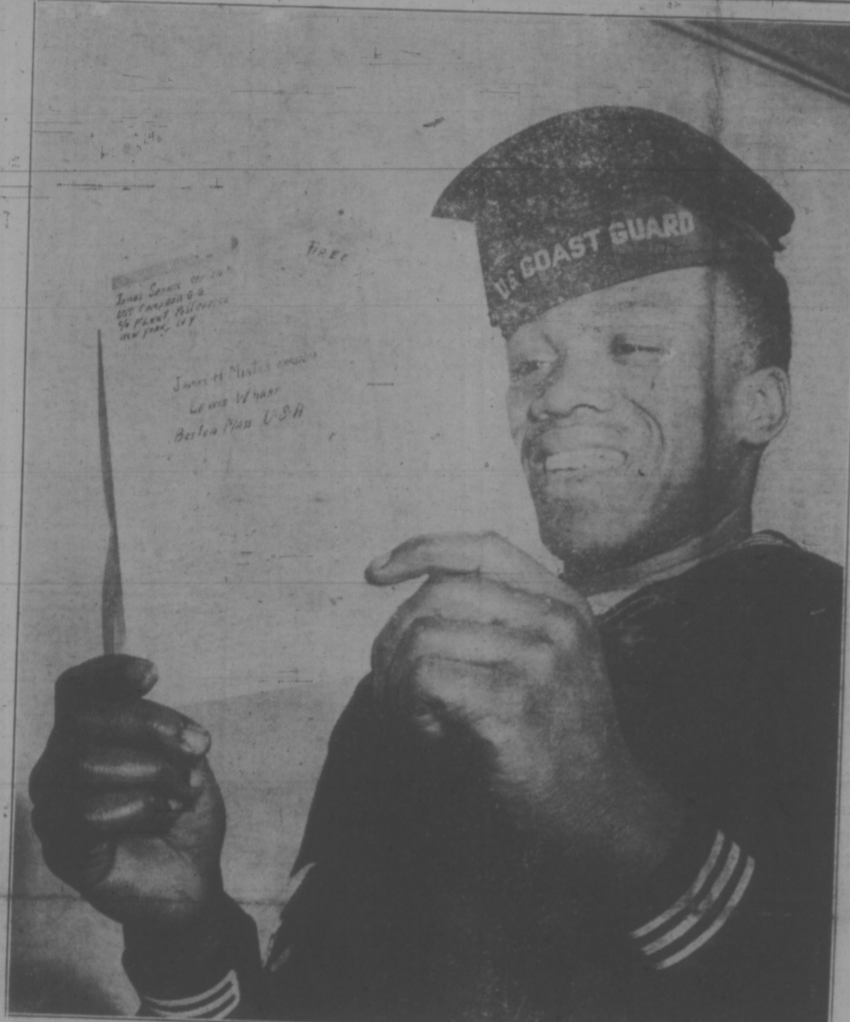
Mrs. Mary Moore, 47, 776 Eleventh street, was one of the eight persons injured Tuesday evening, when a Burlington Trailways bus and a Crocker street car crashed at Third and Walnut streets. A passenger on the street car, she suffered leg injuries and possible sprained left ankle.

Premiere of 'Negro Soldier' Film, April 13.

Washington—The premiere of the official War Department film "The Negro Soldier," depicting the role of the Negro fighter in America from 1770 to 1941, will be held at the Ambassador hotel theater, Los Angeles, California, on Thursday, April 13, the War Department announced this week.

More than seventy top-flight performers of the stage and screen have been extended invitations for the initial showing. Among those present will be Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis of the Inspector General's Department, and Mr. Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War.

Memphis Pastor Says 'Christ Is Boss'



U. S. Coast Guard Photo From OWI

SEND 'EM V-MAIL AND KEEP 'EM SMILING

The same broad smile on the face of James H. Minter of the U. S. Coast Guard lights up the faces of all our soldiers and sailors overseas when they receive V-Mail from home. Letters reach them quickly and surely when sent by V-Mail. Army and Navy Postal Services both emphasize that V-Mail always gets there, so keep 'em smiling with V-Mail letters.

Walter White Gets Lost On Outskirts of Cassino

(By WALTER WHITE for NAACP Press Service)

Algiers (By Mail—Passed by Censor)—One of the most important of all lessons a war correspondent must learn is to avoid losing one's way near battlefronts. Ollie Harrington of the Pittsburgh Courier, Art Carter of the Afro-American, Lieutenant James Freeman of the 9th Pursuit Squadron, and I have just been taught this lesson at the Cassino front in Italy.

The four of us set out from Naples early in the morning for Cassino. The Army Public Relations Office instructed us to go to (censored) where Col. Kenneth Clark would give us directions from that place on. Through bomb-and shell-battered Capua, made famous by Shakespeare, and equally battered Caserta (censored) we drove over roads which became more and more choked with vehicles—and men—moving up to the front. The heavy, high-bodied reconnaissance car which can go almost anywhere a jeep can, bumped its way over recently shelled roads which had been hastily and expertly repaired. A friendly military police officer in a ragged Southern accent offered us motorcycle escort to Col. Clark's tent which we gladly accepted.

Nazi Guns Blazing
Col. Clark turned out to be an old friend I had met some years ago when he was a New York newspaper man. He told us to avoid Route 6 as take a somewhat more circuitous road to the front line where we would find the New Zealand headquarters from which the battle was being directed. There we would be given a guide to take us to the crest of a hill which was the nearest point to Cas-

low us and answered, "That is Cassino!"
We are now laying plans to "buck" for a citation for having led the advance wave into Cassino, even though we did so unwittingly and unwillingly.
Walter White to Brazil
New York—Walter White, NAACP secretary who has been overseas since January 3, has cabled his office from Algiers that he expects to go from there to Cairo and from Cairo to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He expects to be in Brazil until April 18, although schedules are not certain, and will return to New York about May 1 after stopping over at several army outposts in the Caribbean.
ATTY. FERGUSON SUES
CHAMP JOE LOUIS' WIFE
Chicago (ANP)—Songstress Marva Louis and the champ were sued last week for \$1,520.50 by the man who served as their attorney in a suit back in '43.
Marva, now singing New York, is being sued by Atty. Henry C. Ferguson, who claims the fees are in arrears to the tune of \$1,500 and that a debt of \$20.50, which he advanced to Mrs. Barrow, is yet unpaid. The fees resulted from a suit which Ferguson fought against Bindley C. Cyrus, who sued the couple for \$10,500. The suit was settled for \$2,500, and the case dismissed May 25, 1943. Ferguson contends that he did not get his \$1,500 nor the \$20.50.

FUNERAL RITES FOR
MRS. HENRIETTA MALL
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. Henrietta Mall, 59, 1165 First street, at the Estes Funeral home.
Mrs. Mall died Friday, April 7, at her home. She was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist church. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.
Inquire about the 8th Anniversary Edition.

FEPC Examiner Visits Plants Here

Harry C. Gibson, regional examiner for the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, spent several days in Des Moines last week, conferring with E. Lee Kiser, area director of the War Manpower Commission, and visiting defense industries.

On a complaint regarding the policy of one of the local tire and rubber companies, Mr. Gibson came to the city. The complaint charged that the company would hire Negroes in janitorial jobs only. According to Mr. Kiser, the matter was adjusted, Mr. Gibson said, and now the plant has three Negroes in production and is seeking more Negro workers.

Mr. Gibson inspected the Solar Aircraft plant and reported "very favorable employment practices."

"Negroes are fully intergraded into all forms of the production work there and I found no segregation nor restrictions on their advancement, according to their ability."

The FEPC examiner investigated complaints against a local Garment and a local Manufacturing Company. He reported the absence of Negroes in those companies and informed that the latter company agreed last Wednesday that a Negro woman would be hired immediately as a power machine operator.

"Investigation is being continued on another company and is believed that their hiring policies will be adjusted satisfactorily in the near future," Mr. Gibson commented.

"Our investigation has revealed that the hiring practices of the Hoyt Harness company show a complete absence of discrimination against any workers; and, that Negroes, particularly, have been fully intergraded in their hiring program," the examiner stated.

Other adjustments dealt with personal cases of Negroes who were qualified and had passed examinations for civil service jobs, but were unable to be placed. As a result, a Negro woman began working this week as a typist-clerk at the Iowa State Employment office.

TYPIST



MRS. LOYTUS A. CLARK

The first Negro woman to be employed in the office of the United States Employment Service, War Manpower Commission, is Mrs. Thelma Duncan Clark, who began her duties on April 10, as a typist-clerk. She passed civil service examinations in January.

Daughter of Mrs. Louise Weathers, 1067 Sixteenth street, and wife of S/Sgt. Loytus A. Clark who is stationed in North Africa, Mrs. Clark has two children, Delores and Theodore Duncan, Jr.

MRS. SHEPHERD IMPROVING

Mrs. W. J. Shepherd, who has been sick for four weeks at her home at 1025 13th street, was reported much improved this week.

Hits Back at Boss Crump; Fears No Trouble After Appearance of Randolph

Memphis (ANP)—Bravely striking back at "Boss" E. H. Crump's public attack against him, the Rev. G. A. Long, pastor of the First Baptist church on Beale street where A. Philip Randolph spoke a few nights ago, openly declared that Christ, and not Crump, is his boss.

"I do not believe there will be any race trouble as the result of A. Philip Randolph's address," Rev. Long said. "I do not believe E. H. Crump believes there will be any trouble because of this address. I have no hate for the white group, not even Mr. Crump, who persists in heaping untrue criticism upon me."

Takes Orders from Christ
"I do not encourage hate for the white group; some of my best friends are white, for whom I am ready to give my last drop of blood. I would have Mr. Crump to know I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ and take orders only from Christ."

Tracing the result of his seven years of membership in Memphis and his contacts with members of both races, Rev. Long pointed out that he is an American citizen, born in Phillips county, Ark. He said he fully recognized what Crump means by "abiding the consequences," but declared, "I have made up my mind."

"Now as far as the town being better off without me," Rev. Long said "I did not ask Mr. Crump to come to this town, and I am not going to ask him if I stay. I have heard rumors that I am to be hounded by police and the First Baptist church on Beale would be condemned because I allowed A. Philip Randolph to speak at the church as one of the mediums of breaking me down and running me out of town."

"I am not wealthy like Mr. Crump, I have no bodyguards nor any police to carry out my wishes; I am just an humble Negro, God-called Baptist here for a scheduled meeting."

preacher. I am trying to buy a home at 332 Vance avenue, and with God's help I am planning to stay there. I shall observe the laws of Memphis, respect white and colored, but I shall not live in fear.

"I feel safe in saying all white and colored who listened to A. Philip Randolph and other speakers at First Baptist church on Beale Friday night, March 31, left there with love, respect and good will for white and colored in Memphis, Tenn. America and the world. A spirit of loyalty was reborn in every heart. Memphis shall see a spirit of love and not hate as the result of that meeting."

Issue Raised—Freedom
"The issue raised by Mr. Crump in Memphis is the issue around the world—freedom. Thousands of my group are dying around the world for that freedom. If they can take it there, I can take it here, although I must take it unarmed, but the pity of it is that men should have to die there for what is denied here."

Controversy over Randolph's speech was heard from Crump's camp when Sheriff Oliver Perry, Crump henchman, took exception to the labor leader's remark that Crump out-Hitler Hitler."

"Had I known the Negro Randolph from New York City, and those he brought with him; were to make blackguarding speeches defaming this community and speaking ill of my friends, Mr. Hale and Mr. Crump I would have pulled them all out of the pulpit in Preacher Long's Beale Street church," Perry said.

"Freedom of speech doesn't give anyone the license to lie and incite riots, and that is what they were doing," the Crump sheriff charged. He threatened to be on hand when the Tenant Farmers, headed by Mitchell, a white man, brings his mixed crowd here for a scheduled meeting.

Tells How Ninety-Ninth Fighters Knock Out Tanks

Washington, D. C.—An infantryman, back in this country under the Army's rotation plan after eighteen months' service overseas, related to officials of the War department today how the Ninety-ninth Fighter Squadron swooped down through a hail of heavy flak and knocked out three enemy tanks on the Allied Fifth Army front in Italy.

Sergeant William H. Snider, 27, of Baldwin, Maryland, a platoon sergeant in the Third Infantry Division, told the story. He took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily, fought in Tunisia and close to Cassino, and was recently in action at the Anzio beachhead.

The returned doughboy went through months of combat without being wounded, though he spent 21 days in a hospital with sprains of the ankle and hip after an artillery shell landed eight feet from him at Mount

Rotondo, Italy.

Sergeant Snider said that the infantry and air corps were working as a close-knit team in the Italian campaign.

"We were helped a lot by the Ninety-ninth Fighter Squadron," he added. "Those colored fighters were the wildest fellows I've ever seen. It didn't make any difference what you wanted—if you asked them, they'd deliver."

Once, Sergeant Snider reported, his outfit was held up during an advance by three enemy tanks, and called for help from the Negro fliers.

"We were pinned down and couldn't even raise our heads," he said. "Then the planes came along. They swooped down to 300 feet, right through lots of heavy flak, and knocked those three tanks out."

Sergeant Snider will be re assigned at the conclusion of his furlough period.

Famous Negro Regiments Now Service Units

New York—The 9th and 10th cavalry regiments, famous Negro Regular army units, have been converted into service troops, it has been advised by the War department.

In a letter to Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the NAACP, John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, included copy of a letter to Senator Robert A. Taft, in which it was explained that the 9th and 10th, although not designated by name, have been used "to provide certain additional service units to meet an

early requirement of the highest importance." In explaining the conversion of the famous old fighting regiments into service troops Mr. McCloy wrote Senator Taft:

"Unfortunately currently constituted service units were all committed to definite tasks. They could not be withdrawn from these tasks without seriously interfering with planned operations, and the short time available for the organization and training of the needed units made it imperative to utilize previously trained personnel. It was found that the only available source for such personnel was certain uncommitted combat units, including the Second Cavalry Division."

The 9th and 10th formed part of the Second Cavalry Division which had been training in Ft. Clark, Texas.



SOCIETY



VISITORS FROM ILLINOIS SPEND EASTER HERE

Mrs. Alice Johnson and Theodore Duncan, Jr., of Monmouth, Ill., spent the Easter week end here visiting their niece and mother, Mrs. Thelma Luncan Clark, and Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. John Weathers.

Mrs. Harriett Wallace of Monmouth spent the week end here visiting her mother, Mrs. Weathers, and sisters, Mesdames John Toler, and Clark during the week-end.

MRS. ORA BATES SPENDS EASTER WITH DAUGHTER

Mrs. Ora Bates of Keokuk spent the Easter week end here visiting her daughter, Miss Alberta Bates, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Hyde.

PVT. RAY LEE HOME FROM FT. BELVOIR

Pvt. Ray Lee of Ft. Belvoir, Va., is home on a ten-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Lee, 1400 E. Eighteenth street, and his family.

PVT. REEVES BACK TO BOSTON

Pvt. Henry Reeves, stationed at Boston, Mass., left the city last Friday after having spent furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Walter Reeves, 3013 Third street.

SPEND EASTER WEEK END HERE

Cpl. M. S. Williams spent the Easter week end in the city visiting his wife, mother and sister. Accompanying him was Sgt. Oliver B. Street of Austin, Texas. Both are stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.

SGT. CROWDER HOME FROM GEORGIA

Sgt. Ralph Crowder from Ft. Benning, Ga., arrived in the city Easter Sunday evening for a ten-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Allie Crowder, and mother, Mrs. Mabel Crowder. His brother, James C. Crowder, came from Minneapolis, Minn., to spend a brief visit with him.

MR. AND MRS. TODD HAVE HOUSE GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Todd, 1051 Seventeenth street, had as house guest this week, Mr. Marvin Cooley of Chicago. He is visiting also relatives and friends in the city.

THE DANIELS TO VISIT IN ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Daniels and son, Vernon, 804 S. E. 11th street, will leave Sunday, April 16, to visit Mr. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Simmons of Joliet, Ill. They will also visit relatives in Chicago.

MRS. TURNER VISITS IN DAVENPORT

Mrs. Clementine Turner, 711 S. E. 28th street, is visiting her brother, Mr. Arthur Hill in Rock Island. She visited her children in Davenport over Easter.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Frank T. Henry was home on a 3-day furlough visiting his wife, Mrs. Beulah Henry, and his two children, Shirley and Frank, Jr., 711 S. E. 28th street.

CPL. ROSS BACK TO PENNSYLVANIA

Cpl. Ewing Ross, Jr., was here on a 10-day furlough visiting his wife, Mrs. Aletha Ross, 932 15th, and his sister, Mrs. Charles Swink of West Des Moines. Cpl. Ross is stationed in Indiantown Gap, Penn.

MR. WILEY HOME FROM CHICAGO

Mr. Joe E. Wiley of Chicago spent the Easter week end here with his wife, Mrs. Mildred Wiley, and son, Byron.

MRS. MORRIS BACK FROM DENVER, COLO.

Mrs. James B. Morris returned to the city Tuesday night from Denver, Colo., where she spent ten days visiting her daughter, Miss Jean Morris, Y.W.C.A. secretary.

MRS. WILLIAMSON VISITING HERE

Mrs. Freda Williamson of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city visiting her sisters, Mrs. M. Joan Bullock and Mrs. Guy E. Greene. Mrs. Bullock returned to her office this week after being confined to her home ill since Jan. 18.

MRS. ALLEN ILL

Mrs. Fred Allen was confined to her home ill this week.



Calendar
April 17—Bowling at East D. M. Bowling Alley.
April 18—Boy Scout Troop 59 West Center.
April 19—Boy Scout Troop 5, East Center.
Teen Dance at Jewish Community Center (admittance by invitation only.)
April 20—Bible Class, 8 p. m. East Center; Sewing Classes Exhibit, 7:30 p. m., West Center.
April 21—City Federation, West Center; Troop 5 committee meeting, East Center, 7:30 p. m.; Rev. C. L. McAllister, chairman.

Craft Classes
Mrs. Margaret Sorrel is conducting children's craft classes at both Centers weekly. Tuesday at West Center and Wednesdays at East Center.

Game Party
Prizes for the best cut-out pictures were won by Noble Nichols and Dickie Griffith at the East Center story hour and game party which was held at the Center Easter Monday. The Shining Star Campfire group assisted with the party and refreshments.

DILETTANTE CLUB HEARS MRS. WELTON

Mrs. Hugh Welton discussed "Religious Paintings" at the regular meeting of the Dilettante club at the Center Tuesday, April 11. She noted the close relationship of the monks and the church in the preservation of the Bible stories and legends surrounding the historical data of the early Christian church.

She pointed out that in many cases religious pictures were painted on the walls of the churches as the members could not read, but derived satisfaction from gazing at the pictures as told by their ministry. The changes in features and characteristics of Christ were noted.

"No study of religious paintings is complete without a tribute to Henry O. Tanner, Negro artist, who has painted many religious works," she said. One of his pictures is hung in the city library gallery and two more will be added to the collection from the collection of the Carpenters when the new gallery is built.

The next meeting which will be the annual observance of National Music week will be held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Alexander Tuesday, May 9.

T.O.B.'S MEET

The T.O.B. club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Muriel DeSleet. The next meeting will be with Mrs. G. Gomez.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB MEETS

The Three Purpose club met at the home of Mrs. Stanley Proctor, 1111 11th street. Current events were the discussion of the evening. Mrs. Bertha Walder talked on "V-Mail" and Mrs. Elsie Morrison talked on honored Negroes of 1943.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

When the weather begins to get balmy and breezy—many of the housewives will be so swamped with their annual house-cleaning, painting, redecorating, gardening and gadding—that they will find very little time to get together quick and nutritious meals.

Here is a suggestion for the next occasion—when time has passed fast or than you thought and there is nothing in the ice-box but leftovers. Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, "throws together" this favorite— "one-dish-dinner." And, "Delbert likes it, too," she says.

"Generally, after the Sunday dinner, I have some kind of roast and vegetables—like potatoes, carrots or green beans left, or, instead of potatoes, rice, macaroni or noodles may be used."

"I cut up the meat, dice a fresh onion and brown it in fat, add the vegetables. If left-over gravy is on hand add it to the mixture of vegetables and meat. Put in a baking dish or skillet. For a meal that sticks-to-the-ribs, top the mixture with small biscuits. Pour some of the gravy over the biscuits and place baking dish inside of oven and brown."

PIN-UP CANDIDATES



MISS BROWN

Soldiers in the South Pacific held a recent contest, from pictures of the mid-year graduates which appeared in the Jan. 27 issue of the Bystander, to select candidates for their pin-up girls' contest. With 222 boys voting, first place was awarded to Miss Dorothy E. Tomlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow; and second, to Miss Barbara J. Brown, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, 1544 Walker avenue. Read the letter from the soldiers appearing in this issue of the Post Exchange column.



MISS TOMLIN

The Young Women's Christian Association will be represented by two delegates at the three-day session of the Central Regional Conference of the National Board, Y.W.C.A. in Chicago, Ill., April 18 to 21, according to an announcement made this week by Miss Dayse Murphy, Blue Triangle branch secretary. They will include Mrs. Hazel Dixon and Miss Murphy. Mrs. W. J. Ritchey will attend as a visitor.

THREE IOWANS TO Y.W.C.A. REGIONAL IN CHICAGO

More than a thousand representatives from 141 communities and about 200 student Y.W.C.A. centers in twelve states will attend the Chicago meeting.

MR. TOWNES ILL

Mr. Willie Townes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townes, 1820 S. E. Racoon, is reported ill at the Veterans hospital.

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BEATING CASE

Washington (ANP)—The local branch of the NAACP has called upon Atty. Gen. Francis P. Biddle to intercede in the case involving the beating of Edgar G. Brown, lobbyist, by a capitol guard two weeks ago on federal property.

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BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH Health Week Program

The Public Affairs committee will sponsor the regular Town Hall meeting Sunday, April 16, at 4:30 p. m. at Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A.

The program for the meeting will be in observation of Negro Health Week. Mrs. Luella Gunn from Polk County Health Association will give a brief talk on Health. Two health films will be shown: "Let My People Live," featuring the Hall-Johnson choir at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama and "Goodbye Mr. Germ." The public is invited to attend.

The Public Affairs committee will have its monthly meeting Thursday, April 20, at 8:00 p. m. with the chairman Mrs. Julia Proctor presiding. All members urged to be present.

The Education committee of Blue Triangle Branch held its first class in Negro History at the Branch April 13 with the Rev. Lopez McAllister instructing the class. Any person interested in Negro History is invited to attend. Mrs. Adah Johnson is chairman of the education committee.

The G. R. club sponsored by the Senior Girl Reserves will be open Friday night, April 14 and every Friday night from 8 p. m. until 11:00 p. m.

The hostesses for the last Friday night club were Jeanette Marshall, Raye Willa Mae Hayes and Esther Crump. The hosts were John Estes and Willie Brewton.

Junior and Senior high school students are invited to attend the club.

West Des Moines News

A large number of persons attended the Easter sunrise service at the First Baptist church, Sunday, at which time the Rev. L. G. Garrett preached. Mr. John Thomas became a member of the church at this service.

Participants in the Easter program were: Mr. B. Carter, Clarence Weston, deacon; music by Mrs. Vernus T. Bruce, Mrs. Dorothy Garrett, Misses Geraldine Paige, Delores Elliot, Doretha Elliot, Marilyn Matthews, Jacqueline Perkins, Barbara J. Paige, Irene Elliott, Eulah M. Cowan, Rosetta Hunt, Doris Singleton, Yerna J. Weston, Josephine Witt, Barbara Garrett, Marvin Herndon, Messrs. John Long, Timothy Carter, Terrance James, Jerry Kings. Remarks were made by the Reverends Garrett and G. A. Kendrick.

Mr. C. Weston presented the choir in a song service preceding the pastor's sermon Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Weston and daughter were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruce. Mrs. Myrtle Hawkins is visiting at

BURLINGTON, IA. By MRS. ED WILLIAMS

Burlington, Ia.—Sgt. Lewis Nelson has returned to Florida where he is stationed, after having visited his wife and parents on a furlough. He will undergo an operation upon his return to camp.

Mr. Cecil Rideout gave a recital at St. John's A.M.E. church, Sunday night.

Soldiers Stationed Here
Approximately 210 Negro soldiers are now stationed at the Iowa Ordnance plant here where they are being trained in loading ammunition. They have their own army kitchens, post office and are living regular army life. They will be here two weeks having arrived last Saturday.

Mrs. Edna Nelson is now employed at the Leopold Desk Co., as matron.

Misses Juanita Thompson and Mary Morgan spent the week end in Ottumwa where she attended a dance.

Mrs. Matilda Johnson has been sick for the past week, suffering with laryngitis.

The Union Baptist church has a new minister, Rev. Beverly.

PVT. CAVIL HERE

Pvt. Leonard Cavil is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cavil, 728 S. E. 27th st. Ct. Pvt. Cavil will be here for 10 days. He is stationed at Fort Warren, Wyo.

SOCIAL SATURDAY

The Ever Loyal club of the Shiloh Baptist church is having a social Saturday, April 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Volineer, 1625 Walker.

REVIVAL TO OPEN AT SHILOH APRIL 24

The Shiloh Baptist church is having a city-wide revival, beginning Monday, April 24. Rev. E. A. Gaiter will preach. The Shiloh choir will sing. The meeting is open to the public.

'FOUR FREEDOMS' PANEL AT BETHEL

The Bethel A. M. E. church is sponsoring a "Victory-in-the-Making" program, Sunday, April 16, at 10 o'clock. A panel discussion will be on "The Four Freedoms." Speeches by Mrs. Margaret Cothorn, Religion Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, "Press," Atty. Charles P. Howard and "Assembly," Mrs. Margaret M. Patten.

Music will be furnished by the Maple Street chorus, the Kyles A. M. E. Zion choir and the C. M. E. church choir.

Evangelist Estella Coates will present a reading.

TO KANSAS CITY

Miss Marie Ross spent Easter Sunday in Kansas City, Kansas, visiting her mother.

is the sister of Mr. Swink

Her three sons accompanied her. The home of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Fields in Des Moines.

Mrs. Sadie Taylor visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Swink. She

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Sewing Classes to Model Garments Next Thursday

Sewing classes of the East and West side Negro Community centers will hold a joint exhibit of work done in the classes this year, Thursday night, April 20, 8 to 10 o'clock at the West Side center.

The closing program will end the classes, which have been under the instruction of Mrs. James B. Morris. Mesdames Dorothy Simms of the East center and Alice Sloan of the West Center are program chairmen.

Features of the exhibit will be modeling of the garments made by the students, musical numbers and the serving of refreshments.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By BESSY L. GREENE
Tuesday, April 18, the Child Welfare program will be held at the West Side Community Center. Mrs. C. V. Chapman, chairman, has charge of the program. Guests will attend from other units. A social hour will be held.

Wednesday, April 19, the spring Sixth District Conference will be held at the Baldwin-Patterson club rooms. The Baldwin-Patterson Unit will serve as hosts to the conference. Miss Cleve Leger is the president. Mesdames Greene and Robert Hayes will be delegates from Lincoln Auxiliary. Members are urged to attend. Election of the Sixth District officers will be of importance. June 1, Lincoln Unit will have the election of 1944-45 officers.

Mrs. Eunice Bates represented the Unit at the I Am An American Day committee meeting at the city library. Mrs. Estes was appointed to serve on the publicity committee and Lincoln Unit will help sponsor the special day, May 21.

Mrs. Rose H. Johnson was a representative to the Lay Nursery luncheon at the Community Center. Mrs. Johnson will send more fur to the Merchant Marines. She is the Community Service chairman. Send your fur to her.

Lincoln Unit will send a representative each Sunday to Argonne-Armory to assist serving the inductees. Mrs. Greene helped serve last Sunday.

HOME MISSION MASS MEETING APRIL 16

Sunday, April 16, at 3 o'clock, a Home Mission mass meeting will be held at the Union Baptist church. Rev. T. T. Lovelace of Chicago, secretary of the Home Mission board, will be the guest speaker. Rev. G. W. Robinson is the chairman of the National Home Mission board.

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WILLKIE IS OUT; WHAT FROM NOW ON?

The defeat of Wendell Willkie at the hand of the voters in Wisconsin last week and his subsequent withdrawal as a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, have proven disappointing to a large group of people who looked upon him as the man best qualified to head the ticket this fall.

Because those regular Republican voters who would support the ticket, anyway, he appeared to a large group of independent voters who cast their vote purely on the basis of candidate's stand on the issues of the day. This group is composed of liberators, laborers and labor representatives working in a non-partisan manner; generally, they have supported President Roosevelt in past elections, but had been inclined to go along with Willkie because of his liberal views.

Some candidates in the field have made their views known on foreign and domestic issues, some have straddled the fence while others have remained silent. As yet, none have satisfied the liberal element who among other things insist on a program which will guarantee fulfillment in America NOW as well as after the war, those very things for which we are fighting.

This group includes a large number of Negroes who in recent years have thrown aside the party label and have shifted back and forth as the situation demanded. They supported Roosevelt because of his liberal views, many of which have been put into legislation. However, the old guard in the south is so well entrenched in the administration that many abuses suffered by Negroes and about which they complain are not being rectified. This is particularly true in the army and navy where a program is organized along the lines laid down by southerners even though headed by northern secretaries and the chief of staff.

The extent to which these independent groups will support the Republican or Democratic ticket will depend to a great degree upon the platform adopted by each and the faith the candidates will be able to build up that we shall not have a backward movement from the liberal ideals toward which the times are pointed. And until these matters are cleared up there is no certainty as to whom these independent voters will go.

OUR TALK AND ACTS DON'T HARMONIZE

The Pittsburgh Courier, in a front page story last week, discloses the galling story of nine disabled Negro soldiers who while traveling through Texas found themselves denied ordinary service in a railroad station restaurant while a detachment of German prisoners under the care of two MP's were served in grand style and were allowed to smoke and visit freely in the establishment.

We are not surprised. As the Webster City, Iowa, daily said, last fall, a sheriff may bring the worst criminal possible in any restaurant and he will be given courteous service, while in most cases if the finest Negro came in most restaurants these same individual, either he would not be served or if served, it would be done with many misgivings.

In other words, a German enemy prisoner gets much more consideration in America than a loyal black boy wearing the uniform of his country and who has been ordered by his country to get out and fight. Of course, these boys have no objection

to fighting, but they certainly resent that they ought to get more protection in return for the defense of their native land.

All of these injustices show that when Representative Rankin of Mississippi said the southern boys at the front were fighting to maintain white supremacy, he knew whereof he spoke. And it is further proof that our foreign policy which demands democracy for the nations of the world is not meant for practical application at home.

Naturally, people in other countries, particularly those populated by the darker races, hear of the mistreatment of Negroes in America and find it difficult to reconcile such practices with the Four Freedoms and the speeches of President Roosevelt and other high officials of our government. And it is a good reason they keep suspicious of any dealing they may have with this country.

LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS

The commander and adjutant attended the first induction ceremonies of World War 2 members into Argonne Post No. 60, Dr. Charles R. Logan, Department Commander, was speaker, of the evening, talking on the duties of the Legion Posts toward these new members.

Lincoln Post 126 met on April 4, with Comrade H. G. Dyer as guest speaker. He is a member of Local VFW Post and Disabled American Veterans. He is promotional manager of Riverview Park, Lincoln Post's annual spring dance will be at Riverview Park, May 12. Watch for further announcements.

April 7, the American Legion Service Association met at Baldwin-Patterson Post. The Association approved the constitution and by-laws. The Post was represented by Commander Johnson, Comrades Turpin and Burns, Association, executive committee. Lincoln's trustee board met for regular business April 5. The American Legion Auxiliary Units' Council and American Legion Association will have a joint meeting April 17.

The Sixth District spring conference will be held in Des Moines, April 19. All Negro draftees should attend the school of instruction held at Argonne Post 60 every Sunday, 2:30 p. m. Wives are invited to attend and learn with their husbands, information regarding civil rights for the man in military service and his family. Discharged men should apply for their mustering-out pay. W. T. Burns, Post Adjutant, 4-2946.

Keo-Way USO

The newest rage at the Keo-Way USO is the Hearth loomed rug—like spring fever—it's catching. Volunteer and service folk alike were seen finishing the maize and blue creation. Members of the Junior Service group, the Misses Mary Rose Westbrook, Eloise Morrow, Lorraine and Dolores Jones, Freida DeSleet, Donna Marie Washington and of the Senior Volunteer committee, Mr. William Ashby and Mr. Henry Menze and two sailors from Hastings, Nebraska, Gunner Hawkins and Bates joined the fun. It is possible for four people to work on the rug at the same time.

Any WAC, soldier, or sailor wishing to send one home may come in and start a rug, pay a nominal sum for the cotton yarn; and the volunteers and service people will finish the rug and send the gift to anyone they suggest.

Mrs. Gale Andrews Ross, Y.W.C.A. representative of the national program department of USO visits Keo-Way this week. While here, she spoke to members of the Keo-Way Operating committee and Volunteer groups. She explained very thoroughly to members of the Operating Committee the relation and function of the Operating Committee in regard to the USO's program. In speaking to the volunteer groups she emphasized the important part volunteers played in USO.

Service Men's Wives Organization met at the Keo-Way, Monday, March 27 for a recreation night.

Junior Hostesses of Keo-Way played the part of the Easter bunny and colored eggs Saturday evening for the children of volunteers and service men who took part in the Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon. The door prize, a cuddly yellow bunny, was won by Miss Venus Doyle.

Seldom Mentioned

Gunner Hawkins of Hastings, Neb., Buy War savings stamps

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

SPRING IS HERE

After a wild winter of basketball, Golden Gloves and whatnot, we come into that period between outdoor and indoor athletics when there is nothing to do but mark time. The major league baseball season opens next week.

In spite of the fact that both leagues are crying for men, they will pass up a very fertile field of potential material, Negro players, and struggle along with a lot of old veterans, long past their peak and some kids just out of high school.

This pleases the Negro baseball owners very much because they could not compete with the prices that might be offered by the two major leagues. So now they can keep whatever talent they have.

Buddy Young of Illinois University is being groomed to become the sprit sensation of the outdoor track season. Buddy certainly cleaned up on the boards during the past winter, and experts see no reason why he can't take up where he left off when the boys run on the cinders again.

Watch for him in the Drake Relay. Chicago papers are comparing him with Ralph Metcalf, former Marquette ace, also a product of Chicago high schools. Anyone could see that Young was fast, but it was hard to realize just how fast, when he was circling the ends for Wendell Phillips high. The lad is five feet five inches high and weighs one hundred fifty pounds.

The boxing talk has it that Henry Armstrong is due to be here on April 28, but Uncle Sam has a date with Hank for the 26th. Our humble guess is that the guy with the whiskers has priority. Jimmy Joyce was to furnish the opposition here and now it looks as if James J. will tangle with someone else. But the promoters are pulling all sorts of strings to get the Armstrong guy deferred until after the 28th. What a reason.

Passed the big battery of tennis courts at Washington park and realized it won't be long before we will be swatting the pill again? Chet Williamson, now in England, says he hopes to find some time for tennis, but we wonder how. There just won't be any tennis to speak of around Des Moines, so far as the men are concerned. Just won't seem natural without Everett Newcomb, swatting the balls at the park. Looks like a big year for Uncle Sam.

SOLDIERS IN ITALY WANT TO SEE NEGRO NURSES AND WACS

By JAMES A. SANDIERS (ANP) Foreign Correspondent Somewhere in Italy (ANP)—Since coming to the Mediterranean theater of operations several months ago, the Negro troops stationed in this section have not seen a girl of their own race. In addition to mail from home, that is their biggest desire.

There are American girls here, however, hundreds of them, nurses and WACS. Some of them are pretty swell; but many of these wonder why they can't have some of their own nurses and WACS. Don't get me wrong. There's no sentimental angle involved. Most of them have someone, a wife or a sweetheart, that they are carrying on for, but all want someone they can "talk" to, someone to whom they can carry their troubles, someone who will understand.

The papers tell them that in England, the South Pacific and in West Africa colored nurses are the chief morale boosters. They know what Evelyn Vaughn in North Africa meant to them... she and a couple of others from Casablanca to Oran to Algiers. They want them here.

felt that the program bulletins of Keo-Way, illustrated with Easter fillies in beautiful water color should be seen by others. Suiting the action to words he mailed several of them out to his friends at home and in the service. He particularly enjoyed the selections of the record album and found two books he wanted to read in his spare time.

During the last month over 400 pieces of religious literature have been taken from the religious racks supplied by USO agencies at Keo-Way. To illustrate the interest they arouse, one WAC was heard to say to her sister in uniform, "I am going to take one of each, I don't know anything about religion but maybe I can learn."

SOCIETY TO MEET

The East Side Union missionary society will hold its board meeting, Wednesday, April 19, at the home of Mrs. Mae Howard, 701 S. E. 11th street.

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



Boys in New Guinea Pick Choices For "Pin-up" Contest

The page of mid-year graduates which appeared in the Jan. 27 issue of the Bystander has caused many a "throb" in the hearts of service men scattered in all parts of the world. The latest news from New Guinea is a "pin-up" girl's contest that the boys staged—all by themselves. Read Cpl. Vernon Jennings' letter to the editor, which arrived at the office last week.

"I know that I am a perfect stranger to you, so let me introduce myself. I hail from Sioux City, Iowa. My name is Cpl. Vernon Jennings and I am a close friend of the boys from your city. That is how I happen to know of you and your fine news edition. I happen to be one of the lucky ones to read your edition, due to the fact that Sgt. Wesley Bettis and I share the same tent.

"In your January 27th edition, you published the mid-year graduation pictures which were really beautiful, (of course we mean the girls) and as boys will be boys, we all began raving about which one we would like to have for our "Pin-Up Girl." Finally we decided on a first and second choice. Knowing that I am a perfect stranger to you all, I asked the boys from Des Moines if we should inform the girl graduates, but the boys decided that we should write you first.

"We would like very much to acquire a photo like the ones in your paper of our first choice as follows: Miss Dorothy E. Tomlin, 1304 Laurel; second choice, Miss Barbara J. Brown, 1544 Walker street; which we would be happy to enter into our Outfit's Contest which will be judged by the Pittsburgh Courier.

"We held a vote of 222 men, selecting the most beautiful girls. The results were as follows: Miss Tomlin, 85 votes; Miss Barbara Brown, 78 votes; Miss Mary L. Brooks, 35 votes and Miss Delores Del Rio Jones, 24 votes.

"So you see, we are very much interested in our choices, and we thought it would be a nice thing for a girl just out of schools to know that someone always notices beautiful things even here in New Guinea." Cpl. Jennings listed the names of the boys who want the pictures of the first and second place winners, to enter in the Outfit's Contest immediately:

T5-Cpl. Irving R. Norman, Tachahoe, N. Y.; Pfc. James Corbett, Omaha, Neb.; Pfc. James Hall, Omaha, Neb.; Pfc. Fred Gill, Cleveland, Ohio; Pfc. Robert Green, Des Moines, Iowa; Pvt. James R. Smith, Omaha, Neb.; T-5 Carl R. Kaiser, Des Moines, Iowa.

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After Three Years on Ships, Craig Brown Comes Home to Mom

After three years away from home, Craig Brown, steward third class in the U. S. Coastguard, walked into the home of his mother, Mrs. Etta Brown, 817 Tenth street, on the morning of March 26 and gave her a real surprise. He had not told her that he was coming and she had not heard from him in weeks.

He returned from the South Pacific last month. During his three years on a ship he has been in many of the fighting zones and made it plain that he is in the coastguard—takes you a "long, long way from many of the coasts."

He spent 21 months in Honolulu where there is beautiful scenery. From the top of one of the mountains there where one can look down upon the island, "I saw the prettiest thing I have ever seen."

Cpl. Brewer on "Other Side of the World"

"I am in Australia—away on the other side of the world," wrote Cpl. Kenneth Brewer to his mother, Mrs. A. B. Brewer, 1235 McCormick street. "I have been thinking of the family quite often lately. I have been thinking or wondering rather, just how you were doing—just how you were getting along.

"I guess I am thinking too much—I had better stop thinking, altogether. It might be hard on me. They say you aren't supposed to think while in the army. You aren't supposed to have a mind of your own. "Over here there isn't anything to do but work and eat and sleep. All of our food is furnished and any kind of special dish you would like to send would spoil on the way over. You see—I'm not contented but—I'll do." Pfc. Jackson has been in the army since February, 1943.

Negro WAC Unit to Sioux City Air Base

Sioux City, Ia.—A Negro unit of the women's army corps (WAC) arrived Saturday at Sioux City army air base, where Commandant George A. Blakey, lieutenant colonel, said it is the second largest WAC unit in the 2nd Air Force and the first Negro WAC unit activated in the air force. The women are graduates of the administration specialist school at Fort Des Moines, Ia. The unit has served at Walla Walla, Wash., and Wendover, field, Utah.

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"It has been comparatively cool before this—but now the whole island seems to turn slowly into a living inferno. The birds which were singing at dawn, have ceased and everything living tries to seek a cool spot. This continues all through the day. Then at sunset comes your other beautiful part of the day.

"The sun slowly starts to descend in the west; soon it is completely invisible and in its place is a lovely arrangement of colors. These soon start to fade and the birds again start to sing—especially—the laughing bird. Then comes the night like a veil slipping in—covering everything. If it is a clear night every star in the sky is visible. The moon reflecting in the bay—is also a pretty sight.

"All this is very beautiful at times but I wouldn't ever exchange Iowa for fifty New Guineas.

"I have been thinking of the family quite often lately. I have been thinking or wondering rather, just how you were doing—just how you were getting along.

"I guess I am thinking too much—I had better stop thinking, altogether. It might be hard on me. They say you aren't supposed to think while in the army. You aren't supposed to have a mind of your own. "Over here there isn't anything to do but work and eat and sleep. All of our food is furnished and any kind of special dish you would like to send would spoil on the way over. You see—I'm not contented but—I'll do." Pfc. Jackson has been in the army since February, 1943.

Cpl. Carter Tells of Ship Being Torpedoed Somewhere in Pacific

Cpl. Clinton Carter, son of Mrs. Ida Carter, described some of his experiences during the torpedoing of his ship, while traveling on the Pacific.

in a letter to his sister, Miss Doris Carter.

"It is old news," he wrote his sister, but I thought you would like to know about it and also I want you to show this to Herman Wadsworth. "You see we were torpedoed on the way over, the first time any Negroes had been in the Pacific. I can't tell you everything but here is a little.

"We were hit at 5 a. m. I was sleeping on the hatch. The jar lifted me up off the deck, then the hatch fell in and I was down below all in a minute's time.

"Well, I picked up a life preserver and went on deck. Meef were running to the rafts and lifeboats. I could see the periscope sticking out of the water and our guns were firing. So barefooted and with only a pair of pants on I jumped overboard. I bounced around until I was pulled into a life boat. I was lucky; some of the men floated around on planks.

We drifted until evening; when I was picked up by a ship. A lot of the men stayed there until morning. It was really bad. It rained off and on all day and my teeth rattled. I also saw plenty of sharks. I have learned to swim now but it wouldn't do much good out there."

Cpl. Carter, known as "Steeple" to his friends, left this country last September. He is now somewhere in New Guinea.

ANTI-NEGRO SIGNS FLOOD NORTHWEST RESTAURANTS

New York—Reports to the NAACP from recent travelers in the Pacific Northwest and along the West Coast indicate that the area is virtually flooded with anti-Negro signs in restaurants, lunch rooms, bus stations, and even sandwich counters on ferry boats.

The signs read: "We Do Not Solicit Colored Trade;" "We Serve White Only;" and "We Reserve the Right to Refuse Service to Anyone." One for Ripley's Believe It or Not is the fact that some Negro restaurants are reported as carrying the last named sign.

A bus terminal in Seattle and a sandwich counter on the ferry boats between Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., both carry the signs, according to travelers. Blame is placed upon the huge influx of southern whites and Negroes, both bringing with them their Dixie habits.

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