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News Briefs From Far and Near

ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION UNIT GIVEN 'BEST COMPANY' AWARD

Camp Sutton, North Carolina—For two consecutive weeks, Company A, 1318th Engineer Construction Battalion, was selected the best company under a system of weekly awards, recently inaugurated by the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Walter Torres, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

The platoon leaders, first sergeant, and commanding officer of Company A are as follows: First Lieutenant Denham A. Stiers, 1702 Winchester avenue, Mount Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio; First Sergeant Lawrence Griffin, 28 West 9th street, San Angelo, Texas; Staff Sergeants John Mills, 768 West Hampton street, Laurens, South Carolina; Harrison Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas; Otis Cooley, General Delivery, Wharton, Texas, and Maurice Brown, 756 North Ogden street, Chicago, Ill.

16-MM FILM OF 'NEGRO SOLDIER' AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC JUNE 15

Washington, D. C.—The release date for 16-mm film of the official War Department motion picture, "The Negro Soldier" has been announced as June 15 for non-theatrical showing.

Arrangements for securing the film can be made by application to the Non-Theatrical Division, Office of War Information, Temporary "W," Room 2011, 14th and Pennsylvania avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

'CONTROVERSIAL' PAMPHLET SELLS 500,000

New York (C)—The army ban on the Public Affairs pamphlet "Races of Mankind," which gives a scientific account of the races, has helped up the sales to nearly a half a million.

664,066 NEGROES SERVING ARMY ON FEBRUARY 29, 1944

Washington, D. C.—The number of Negroes serving in the Army was 664,066 as of February 29, 1944, an increase of 81,205 over the August 31, 1943, total of 582,861, the War Department reported this week.

There were 77,335 Negroes assigned to the Air Corps and an increase of 593 commissioned officers, the report revealed. Of the increased noted in the six-month period, the greatest change occurred in the number of Negroes serving overseas.

A partial breakdown follows:

Infantry	44,022
Coast & Field Artillery	50,955
Cavalry	9,043
Engineers	106,514
Air Forces	77,335
All Others	370,197

*Total 664,066

Commissioned officers including:

Dental Corps Officers	77
Nurses	219
Other Med Corps Officers	467
Chaplains	205
Serving Overseas	284,66

*Includes officers, warrant officers, nurses, Women's Army Corps, hospital dietitians, physical therapy aides, and enlisted men.

L. A. OXLEY HOLDS CONFERENCE HERE

Lawrence A. Oxley, senior technical representative of the Bureau of Placement of the War Manpower Commission in Washington, D. C., held a two-day conference here last week with the U. S. Employment service.

Rites for Mrs. Payton Saturday

Funeral rites for Evangelist Anna R. Payton, 68, 1046 Seventeenth street, will be held Saturday, 2 p. m., at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. She died Wednesday night at Broadlawn General hospital. A resident of Des Moines for 30 years, Evangelist Payton was a class leader and member of the St. Paul church.

Surviving are: three daughters, Flossie Boyd, Marie Platter and Jeanne Morris, Des Moines; two sisters, Sophia Berry of Quincy, Ill., and Mabel Absola, Ft. Madison, Ill.; Alexander C. Payton, husband, died last year on Dec. 10. Burial will be in Gendale cemetery.

Censors Ban Stories of Jim Crow



NATIONAL MARITIME DAY—MAY 22, 1944
MORE THAN 5,500 MERCHANT SEAMEN LOST IN ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY.

"THEY DIED THAT DEMOCRACY MIGHT LIVE"

PLAN BURMA CAMPAIGN



The Polk County officers for the Burma Government organization are shown as follows: (standing from left to right) are Mrs. Mary Hardaway, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mae Howard, publicity. Seated (from left to right) are: Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, state director; Mrs. Minnie McGuire, secretary; Atty. S. Joe Brown, chairman; Mrs. S. B. Boyer, vice chairman.

Elect Six New Bishops in AME-AMEZ Conferences

Philadelphia—The Rev. George W. Baber of Detroit and the Rev. J. H. Claiborne of Little Rock, Ark., were elected bishops of the A.M.E. church Tuesday, May 9, at the 32nd session of the A.M.E. general conference.

Dr. Baber, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Detroit, was elected on the fourth ballot after the third vote had been thrown out because of ballot box "stuffing." He received 915 votes.

On the first ballot, there were 55 candidates but all except Gomez and Claiborn withdrew at the end of the fourth.

No more bishops will be elected at this general conference.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS ELECTED BY ZIONS

Detroit, Mich.—Four bishops were elected by the African Methodist Episcopal church meeting here at St. Paul church in the thirty-second Quadrennial General conference.

The new bishops are: Dr. W. W. Slade, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. Buford Gordon, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. Frank W. Alstork, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dr. E. B. Watson, Norfolk, Va.

The bishops were consecrated Sunday night. The six-day conference, the most outstanding in the history of the church, closed Monday night.

'I Am An American Day' May 21st

On Sunday afternoon, May 21, nearly fifty organizations of the city will unite in the third annual observance of "I Am An American" day to be held in the East high auditorium, East Thirteenth and Walker streets. Many of these organizations will bring their National colors.

The Argonne Post Band will give a concert from 2 to 2:30 p. m., at which time the program will start. The observance commemorates the heritage of American-born citizens as well as the recently acquired citizenship of those who have chosen America as their adopted country. There will be sixty-four newly naturalized citizens who will receive their certificates of citizenship on this occasion. The meeting is open to the public.

Big 50th Anniversary Edition June 8th.

W. J. Shepherd, Elk Deputy, Dies; Rites Monday

Funeral services for William Joseph Shepherd, 63, 1025 Thirteenth street, will be held Monday, 1:30 p. m. at St. Paul A. M. E. church. The body is at Fowler's funeral home.

Mr. Shepherd died Tuesday at Mercy hospital after a week's illness. He had been a resident of Des Moines for 30 years and was employed as shipping clerk at the Des Moines Wholesale Drug Co., at the time of his death. Formerly he was an undertaker at Waterloo, Ia.

A member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, where he was formerly a choir leader, Mr. Shepherd was secretary of the Masonic Lodge No. 30, Doric chapter; district deputy of Elks Lodge 160, Hawkeye chapter; and a member of the Warehouse Drivers union.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Lou; one son, Alfred Franklin, at home; and six sisters.

NEW BISHOP



BISHOP BABER

The Rev. George W. Baber, who was elected to the bishopric at the general conference of the A.M.E. church in Philadelphia, on May 9. He is one of the prominent pastors of the A.M.E. churches, Ebenezer, in Detroit. The other bishop elected was the Rev. J. H. Clayborne of Little Rock.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT ST. JOHN MAY 24

An ordination service will be held Wednesday night, May 24, at the St. John Baptist church for Mr. Granville Williams, 646 S. E. 24th street. Mr. Williams will be chosen for the office of a deacon.

The service will be conducted by the moderator of the Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota Baptist association, Rev. G. W. Robinson, assisted by all the Baptist ministers and deacons of the city.

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Walter White on His Trip Abroad Finds 'Limitations' On News About Negro

(The Associated Negro Press is exclusively revealing for the first time sections of the report prepared by Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, for the War Department dealing with his visit to North Africa and Italy. This is one of two articles treating of the report.)

By ERNEST E. JOHNSON

Washington (ANP)—British and American censors abroad have given news correspondents specific orders imposing "strict limitations" upon them as to the kind of news regarding Negro soldiers which they are permitted to file for foreign consumption.

Walter White, NAACP secretary, who made the 20,000 mile journey through the European and Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations last winter, made this statement in a private report which he prepared and submitted to the war department April 22.

Further, Mr. White who traveled as the representative of the New York Post, told in this report that a certain portion of a story which he wanted to file was found objectionable by Algiers censors.

"No Negroes Allowed"

The section pointed out "the improvement of racial relations as men approached the battle front," but cited the presence of a "No Negroes" allowed order posted in a Naples hotel, allegedly signed by an American army officer, to show that "the millennium had not been achieved." The White report said:

"The Algiers censors both British and American deleted virtually every pertinent part of the story. I was told that if I would insert a statement to the effect that this anti-Negro propaganda was the work of the Nazi agents, the story would be passed. I refused to do this because I would have been guilty of making a false statement had I done so."

He then referred to the occasion when he was shown in London a copy of orders to correspondents establishing strict limitations on news dispatches regarding Negroes.

Censorship Needs Revision

"When there is any question of military security," White ventured, "such limitations are of course, justified. But I am strongly of the opinion that there should be a drastic revision of censorship rules to permit and even to encourage more news regarding the part being played by Negro troops in various theaters of operations."

"I further believe that there should not be unreasonable limitations on other news regarding Negroes and the relationship between Negro and white American troops.

The publication of practices such as these reported would have salutary results, in my opinion, as I believe the majority of the American people would condemn such practices and thereby cause them to be less frequent. Suppression of such news merely accelerates the spreading of disturbing rumors which affect morale."

White Workers Quit; Return to Jobs Later

Dayton, Ohio (ANP)—Forty-seven white workers at the Inland Manufacturing division of General Motors who quit when two Negroes were promoted returned to their jobs within a few days.

The strikers returned to work when warned by CIO union officials that unless they resumed production they would be expelled from the union. With this threat, they returned and the Negroes remained on their new jobs.

The men who walked out were in the department which produces rubber parts for airplane engines, water impellers for invasion craft and diesel engines used in landing craft and tanks.

Transferred

The two Negro workers, James L. Campbell and Austin Taylor, were transferred to production jobs in the department early last week. Max Monroe, comptroller of the division, said that the men had earned promotion and he refused to remove them from their new jobs.

Promotion of the two culminated a long fight by CIO officials to place competent Negroes in any of the many vacancies existing. Campbell, who had missed but one day in a year and had worked so much overtime that he had the equivalent of 372 work days in a year, was promoted to operate a machine which Negroes had never before been placed on.

The company had resisted promoting Negroes because the majority of the plant's employees were from Tennessee and Kentucky with others coming from a section of Dayton adjoining Westwood, home site of former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The two union men who "laid down the law" to the strikers were Harold E. Beck, president of local 87, United Rubber Workers of America, CIO, and Asa Tiller, international union representative.

First Liberty Ship Named For a Negro Woman

Washington—The first Liberty ship to be named for a Negro woman, the SS Harriet Tubman, is tentatively scheduled to be launched at the South Portland (Maine) yards of the New England Shipbuilding Company, on Memorial Day, May 30, the United States Maritime Commission announced this week. The name was suggested by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and the president and founder of the organization, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, will be the sponsor.

Negro women throughout the country are planning to make the occasion an historic one, Dr. Bethune said, and grangemets are being made to have representatives present from all the affiliated clubs of the National Council. Dr. Bethune, who is internationally known for her work

as an educator, recalled in an interview that Harriet Tubman pioneered in many fields for Negro women.

Best Work

"She did her most effective work in wartime," Dr. Bethune said, "serving as a spy and leader of guerrilla organizations during the Civil War, and was also a scout and guide for their memorable expedition into South Carolina. She also did yeoman work as a nurse and matron for the wounded."

At the close of the war, through the help of Secretary of State William H. Seward, she was able to found a home for indigent aged Negroes in Auburn, N. Y., to which she gave personal attention until 1908.

"Her devotion to duty and love of her race and country made Harriet

Tubman a model for all women in wartime

The National Council of Negro Women is sending invitations to about 200 persons to attend the launching of the SS Harriet Tubman, Dr. Bethune said.

NEGRO SOLDIERS USED AS MODELS FOR POSTERS AND CHARTS

Charleston, South Carolina—Negro soldiers are being used as models for war bond posters and training aid charts displayed at the Charleston Port of Embarkation, the War Department announced this week.

Heretofore, models for all art work have been white soldiers. The Post training office felt that by showing pictures and posters of Negro soldiers to Negro troops they would be more sharply impressed with their role in the war effort.

MRS. WRIGHT OF KANSAS CITY HERE

Mrs. Robin M. Wright of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walter J. Ernest, for three weeks.



SOCIETY



MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER BY GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Girl Scouts Troop 28, held a Mother-Daughter dinner Thursday, May 11, at the home of Mrs. Irwin White, at 1228 Dixon.

Mothers present were Mesdames Katherine Crumb, Mary Manuel, Martha Wheeler, George Lockett, William Simmons, A. Welch. Mrs. White is troop leader. The mothers were presented gifts from their daughters.

Members of the troop are: Minnie and Geraldine Crumb, Mamie Simmons, Jay Frances Lockett, Guancinice Wheeler, Nadine Ewing, Amanda Fine, Jacqueline Fine, Pearl Frazier, Ealaida Burrell and Lela Bell White.

MRS. KELSO HONORED AT BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Madeline Kelso was honored at a birthday dinner on Sunday, May 14, at her home at 1213 School. Sharing the courtesy were: Mrs. Zora Ewing, Pvt. Clarence Newsome of West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. George Redmond, Mrs. Joburne Kelso and Richard Wendell Kelso.

MOTHER'S DAY GUESTS AT REV. AND MRS. RECORD

Guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record, 1213 Scott street, on Mother's Day were: Pats. Doris Johnson, Baltimore, Md., and Alice Pendleton, Gary, Ind., both stationed at Ft. Des Moines.

GUEST AT MACK CARSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carson, 924 Twenty-third street, had as guest on Mother's Day, Pvt. Margaret Still of Vermont, who is stationed at Ft. Des Moines.

GUEST AT LUTHER SMITH HOME

Pvt. Sarah Harris of Roanoke, Va., was house guest on Mother's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith, 901 Twenty-third street. She is stationed at Ft. Des Moines.

MRS. HARRIS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Bertie Harris, 913 Grove street, entertained ten guests Saturday, May 6, at a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Lucy Howard of Saginaw, Mich., who has been a visitor in the Harris home for a month.

Those sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. French Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morrison, Mr. L. Edmonds, Mr. Ora Hayes, Mrs. B. McClain, Mr. Ed Miller. The honored guest received many lovely gifts.

MISS EVANS HERE WITH PARENTS

Miss Maurice Evans, Y.W.C.A. secretary at Omaha, Neb., spent the week end and Mother's Day in the city visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans.

MISS BATES SPENDS WEEK END IN KEOKUK

Miss Alberta Bates spent Mother's Day in Keokuk, Ia., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bates. Her brother, Radioman 2/c Melvin L. Bates, was home from Great Lakes Naval Station.

THE WEBBS ENTERTAIN FOR PVT. ROBERT WEBB

Mr. Robert Webb and daughter, Miss Clara Webb, 1022 Pleasant street, entertained at dinner Sunday, May 14, honoring their son and brother, Pvt. Robert Webb, Jr., of Ft. Benning, Ga.

Among those who shared the courtesy were Mrs. Robert Webb, Jr., and daughter, Valeria, Mrs. Louise Hayes, Mr. Raymond Monroe, Messrs. William Walker and Clifford Bayles.

MRS. JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA HERE

Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome, 1315 Laurel street, recently. She is the cousin of Mrs. Newsome.

While in the city Mrs. Johnson was entertained by the following: Mrs. William Neal, 1064 Eleventh; Mrs. H. A. Manuel, 1431 Fremont; Mrs. Beazie Green, 1416 Center; Mrs. Minnie Peck; Mrs. Stella Hyde, 819 13th street; Mrs. Pearl Thompson, Mrs. Ida Greene, 1313 Fremont; Mrs. Doris Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street.

MISS MADISON CONVALESCING

Miss Cecil Madison who has been ill at the Mercy hospital is now convalescing at her home, 1125 13th street.

IN RECITAL



MISS CARLYNN BROWN
Miss Carlynn Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Brown of Detroit, Mich., a former Drake University student, will be presented in a piano recital by Henry Lichtwardt, Sunday evening, May 21 at the Lucy Thurman Branch Y.W.C.A., in Detroit.

Miss Brown is studying at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. She is niece of Atty. Gertrude Rush of this city.

She will play: "Sofate Op. 20" (Beethoven); "Novelette Op. 21 No. 1" (Schumann); "Impromptu F. Sharp" (Chopin); "Duet Arabesques" (Debussy) and "Caprice Espagnol" (Mozzkowski).

MRS. SANDERS VISITING MOTHER

Mrs. Vivian Sanders of Durham, N. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mamie Jeffers, 3010 Amherst. Mrs. Jeffers honored her daughter at dinner Tuesday. Mrs. Beatrice Crank shared the courtesy.

MR. M. E. CASSELL VISITING IN OHIO

On a vacation trip, Mr. M. E. Cassell, 931 Twenty-third street, is visiting his brothers in Ohio. In Smithfield, Ohio, he is visiting a brother, Louis Cassell, whom he had not seen in 46 years. Victor Cassell in Harrisville, Ohio, Mr. Cassell had not seen in 44 years; and Festus Cassell in Findville, Ohio, in 35 years. Before leaving Ohio Mr. Cassell will visit nieces and cousins in Columbus.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

The wives and parents of the Des Moines servicemen who are scattered in all parts of the world in the wait theater, are anxiously awaiting the servicemen's picture page which will make its first appearance next month in the Bystander's fiftieth anniversary edition.

Accompanying a picture of her brother, Sgt. Eddie Eaves, now in Hawaii, Mrs. Ethel Jeffers brought to the office a well preserved copy of the Iowa Bystander which was dated August 10, 1900.

From the edition nearly 44 years old were the following items: "Mr. Price Alexander, one of our new citizens formerly from Ottumwa who is farming a mile north of Highland Park College, has been very successful this year. He likes our city and his location well. Price is a hustler."

"On last Thursday evening, about 24 young people assembled at the cozy home of R. N. Hyde and agreeably surprised Miss Gertie. The evening was spent in music, games and social converse. A dainty repast was served on the lawn, and at a late hour the guests departed, feeling that they had spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Hyde."

"Invitations are out announcing the marriage of John L. Thompson to Miss Maude O. Watkins of Albany, Mo., Aug. 15th."

Mr. Thompson was the first editor of the Bystander. Mrs. Thompson now resides at 1159 14th street. Those items were from the Bystander published in 1900. As soon as the first copy, published in June 8, 1894, can be glued together (providing transparent tape is found) the residents of the gay nineties will be revealed.

Buy War Savings Stamps

CHILDREN CELEBRATE EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ARMINTA PARKER

Mrs. Armintha Parker, 1014 E. Thirtieth street, was honored at a surprise birthday on her eightieth anniversary, Sunday, May 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, 1103 School street.

Although Mrs. Parker's birthday is May 18, the occasion was a family reunion of her children. The mother of fifteen children, Mrs. Parker was born in 1864 in Albion, Ia., the first Negro child to be born in Monroe county. She has resided in Des Moines for thirty-five years. Nine children attended the celebration, an other child in the armed forces, was unable to be here. Mrs. Parker is the widow of William Page Parker who died in 1931.

At the dinner the dining table was decorated with white sweet peas and red carnations. The guest of honor was presented a birthday cake decorated with pink and white flowers.

After the birthday and Mother's

Day celebration, Mrs. Parker was escorted to her home where she met another surprise, a gift of a new bedroom suite, given by her children.

Attending the birthday celebration were: Mr. Harry Parker, son, and wife, Cornelius; Mr. Frank Parker, son, and wife, Elizabeth; Mr. Donald Parker, son, and wife, Irma; Mrs. Gertrude Carl, daughter, and husband, Mr. Thomas Carl; Mrs. Florence Johnson, daughter, and husband, Mr. Adolph Johnson; Mrs. Jean Thomas, daughter (Pvt. Paul Thomas, husband, is in the army); Mr. William Parker, son; Mr. Bert Parker, son, and wife, Victoria Parker; Mrs. Hazel Parker, daughter; Theodore Parker, Chicago, son.

Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tucker, who assisted the hosts; Mrs. Betty Wilcox, granddaughter, and Sherman Whitets Jr.

For the occasion, Mrs. Parker wore a plaid crepe dress. Her hobby is sewing.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL CLUB TO CELEBRATE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

The Mary Church Terrell club will celebrate its thirty-eighth anniversary June 1, 6 p. m. at the Negro Community Center, W. 15th and Crocker, with a dinner and program. The principal speaker will be Mr. Forest Seymour, editor of the Register and Tribune. Reservations will be made for fifty persons.

The Mary Church Terrell club has 15 members and is the oldest Federated Club in the city. It has sponsored many intellectual programs one of which was the bringing here of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, noted lecturer, in 1920, by the charter members. The club was named for Mrs. Terrell. Each year the club has sponsored a minstrel until recently. A junior club has been organized and it is doing successful work. Its president is Mrs. Goleatha Trotter and Mrs. Lillian Edmonds is chairman of the finance committee.



Monday, May 22, Presentation of Flag by the Aunt Beckey Young Tent No. 6. Public invited at 7:30 p. m. Library at East Center, Mrs. Lucille Smith, volunteer.

Tuesday, May 23, Liberty at West Center, Mrs. McCormick volunteer.

Wednesday, May 24, Teen Dance West Center (New Records).

Thursday, May 25, Cooking class, East Center, Mrs. Mary Monroe, volunteer.

Friday, May 26, Library, West Center, Mrs. Korrine Jackson, volunteer. Troop 59, Carnival, Door prizes, West Center.

Leaves for Conference
Mrs. Lillian Edmonds leaves the city May 26 for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the National Conference of Social Workers, which convenes in that city May 21-23.

Baseball
The Senior team of East D. M. Center has entered the Piedmont League of the Recreation Commission Softball League. The lineup includes: John Brewer, "Bicky" Hackney, John Williams, "Red" Barber, John Ward, J. C. Eaves and many other regulars. John Brewer is the student manager.

Court of Honor
Troop 5 attended Sunrise District Court of Honor Sunday May 14th at Union Church of Christ. Troop 5 acted as flag bearers for the ceremony. The boys represented were Noel Harris, Sidney McQuery and Donald Murray. Ronald Green assisted. Mr. L. H. Fowler, Jr., Troop committee member accompanied the boys. He accepted a flag for the Troop signifying the largest number of new boys admitted to the troop in Sunrise since January.

Troop 59 attended Ouster District Court of Honor at Highland Park Church of Christ. Harold Wolder and Robert Ewing were advanced to Star Scouts. Thomas Wallace and Walter Miller received merit badges. Troop 59 is sponsoring a carnival at the West Center Friday, May 26. The public is invited to participate.

May Festival
Girl Scout Troop 17 is presenting a May festival at the Center Wednesday, May 31st, 4:30 p. m. Mrs. Korrine Jackson is the leader. The festival will be held on the West Center Lawn. The public is invited.

YWCA

BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

The Public Affairs Committee will present the fifth and last in its spring Town Hall meetings Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 4:30 p. m. at Branch Y.W.C.A.

Paul L. Sandahl of the Des Moines Park board will present slides in technicolor and tell of the work and facilities in the parks which have been opened for the summer season. The public is invited to attend. There will be information of value to family groups given.

"Welding Dreams of Today into Realities Tomorrow," is the theme of the fourth annual industrial Girls Progress Day which will be held this year on Sunday, May 21, at 6:30 at the Y. W. C. A. building on 9th and High streets.

The celebration is being held in 415 communities throughout the country all of them in some form or other assessing their achievements during the past year and in forecasting their future through the crystal ball of their past experience.

Rabbi Louis Cashdan will be the speaker for the Des Moines program, which will also include a skit with original songs showing some of the progress made and plans for future program in the department which is made up of women war workers from various plants of the city. The Industrial Clubs of the Branch and Central Association are sponsoring the project jointly.

A radio skit, given in connection with the celebration on May 13, included Mrs. Nadine Ware, Mrs. Maxine Allison, Miss Wilma Allbaugh and Mrs. R. J. Laird.

The public is invited to the celebration. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 19.

The Negro History Class sponsored by the Education committee of Blue Triangle will meet Thursday, May 25 at 8:30 p. m. Rev. C. Lopez McAllister is the leader. Persons in attendance have found the class interesting. The class is open to anyone.

The T. S. D.'s Junior Girl Reserve club, held an initiation Thursday during their regular meeting for Betty Jane Morrow, and Cleota Proctor. Betty Jane Hayes is president, Mrs. Virginia Williams, advisor.

Camp dates for Blue Triangle Branch have been set for August 22 to August 29. Girls who plan to attend camp this year should be thinking of camp fees now. \$10.50 will be the cost for the seven-day period and this does not include the transportation fee of \$1.75. For further information call the Y.W.C.A.

MR. PRINCE OF CALIFORNIA HERE

Mr. Arthur Prince of El Centro, Calif., arrived here Tuesday to spend a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor, a Keo-Way USO director.

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NOTICE TO READERS. You may have your own human relation problem analyzed FREE in this column. Please include a clipping of this column with your letter.

M. C. B.—I am puzzled as to what is the wisest plan for me to follow stay where I am and repair the home which is heirs property, my own heir, or should I go to another town where I have some married daughters? I hope you can help in I think your column is great.

Ans.: For the best interests of all concerned this case should be settled as soon as possible. Nothing can be gained by waiting. The sooner the settlement is made, the quicker each one concerned will have his rightful share. It would be poor business to go to the expense of repairing the place when you may be forced to evacuate at any time. If the place isn't repaired it will become run down and depreciate in value. You do have the privilege of living in the home whereas the others do not, and to some extent, this should offset the expenses of repairing. Only the necessary repairs should be made until all complications are cleared up.

H. S.—I am suffering from a curious condition. I have tried everything anyone has told me to do for myself and some how I suffer right on. I am still working at a laundry. I am up a week and down a week. Give me some advice please as I need it.

Ans.: Self-dosage is dangerous. The fact that you are not able to remain on your job regularly indicates that you need medical attention. Choose a reliable doctor there in your city and stay under his care until you are improved. No price is too great to pay for good health.

M. E. H.—I have a boy friend and we have been going together 4 years. He keeps saying that he loves me and wants me to marry him but he doesn't make any plans. Should I keep waiting for him? I am a bit fed up with this and don't feel that I can go on much longer. Is he jiving?

Ans.: He's deliberately leading you on and deceiving you as well. You're entirely too late—he's tied down to another woman which accounts for his prolonging the courtship and evading the issue. Whether you realize it or not, you are wasting your time depending on him.

A. S.—I received my Reading and

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ANTI-POLL TAX BILL GETS SETBACK

By a vote of 44 to 39, the senate defeated a rule which would have limited debate on the anti-poll tax bill to one hour by each senator. The anti-poll tax bill had been before the senate for several days. Southern senators aided by some from the north who either were opposed to the bill on its merits or because they do not believe Congress has the constitutional power to enact such a measure, had threatened to talk the bill to death and they did as they said.

The bill passed the house by an overwhelming majority some months ago. Sufficient pledges had been secured to insure its passage in the senate. But the old custom in that body which permits unlimited debate was invoked to prevent a show down on the merits of the anti-poll tax bill. Here is an instance in which the minority rules.

Senator George Wilson voted for the cloture rule while Senator Gilbert voted against it. The latter claims to favor abolition of the poll tax as a requirement for voting, but believes that Congress has no constitutional right to pass such legislation.

Neither party as such made any definite effort to secure passage of the anti-poll tax bill. President Roosevelt chose to keep silent for fear of reprisals. On the other hand Senators Barkley, majority leader, and Pepper, an ardent New Deal supporter, did fine work on behalf of the bill. Some Republicans, notably Senator White of Maine, minority leader, fought the bill bitterly.

Under the rules the measure may be brought before Congress again during this session. However, with political campaigns uppermost in the minds of many people coupled with the war effort, there seems little chance to do anything further at this session.

The effort of those who worked for the passage of the bill has not been in vain. The publicity given the system by which a few Tory congressmen stay in power and the length to which they will go to hang on to it, opens the eyes of the public to the fact that all men do not vote in our country without restraint and intimidation.

MURRAY HAS RIGHT SLANT

It is high time that the people of this country—and we are inclined to believe most people with any sense or vision will agree—came to the conclusion that the race problem in this country must be settled once for all and that segregating Negroes off to themselves is no solution of the problem.

Speaking before a group of steel workers—white and black at a constitutional convention in Cleveland recently Philip Murray, head of the CIO said, "If the steel workers union is going to discriminate against Negro workers at anybody else, I don't want to be president of the union, you have the wrong man for president."

Several Negro delegates had reported that in certain districts of the union Negro members are still subjected to some measure of discrimination. "I warn you," Murray continued, "discrimination would destroy this union. Every member and every officer of this union must fight to drive discrimination against Negro steel workers out of the steel industry."

Since President Roosevelt issued his order banning discrimination in

industry on the ground of race, color or religion, in order to keep a factory unionized, some unions have formed separate unions for Negroes who have practically no power or influence except that of paying dues. Mr. Murray realizes that either we are going to make this country what we say or eventually we go down.

The south claims to know how to deal with the Negro and to a large extent the north has believed it. About the only clear cut policy they have had is to keep the races apart. And what has it produced but the most illiterate poverty-stricken section of the country. Facts show that more segregation, discrimination and race hatred exists in the places where the greatest amount of racial friction is to be found.

It is hard for some people to take the liberal view. It is hard for some people to expect to find the Negro other than off by himself, down behind the railroad track, in the poorest educational and recreational centers. But just so long as we tolerate these things will the chances of adjusting the race question linger.

The policy of segregation and separation is not the answer says Murray and any man who drops his prejudice will agree that the CIO head is speaking what is true and sound.

DEWEY DODGES ON POLL TAX BILL

Washington—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, who is expected to be nominated by the Republicans on the first ballot for president of the United States, has refused to take a position on the anti-poll tax bill now pending in the Senate.

In answer to a telegram May 11 from Walter White, NAACP secretary, asking him to urge Republican senators to vote for cloture on the bill and for the bill itself, Governor Dewey wired White 11:

"I have your telegram concerning the fight against the poll-tax bill now pending in the United States Senate. My views on this subject are well known. I have always fought against the poll tax and every other device to deprive free people of their votes."

"Thomas E. Dewey."

Since this telegram dodged all around White's specific request that Dewey ask Republican senators to vote for the bill, White sent the following reply:

"We acknowledge your telegram of May 11 expressing opposition to the poll tax, but it leaves unanswered the two most important questions connected with the issue. Do you favor the federal bill now before the Senate to abolish the poll tax? Do you favor cloture? Will you urge upon the 23 Republican senators who virtually hold the fate of the bill in their hands that they vote next Monday for cloture? To say one is against the poll tax but refrain from advocating specific steps to abolish it is not enough. Senator Walter George of Georgia yesterday during present filibuster declared himself against the poll tax but also against the anti-poll-tax bill.

Walter White"

Keo-Way USO

The Senior Hostess Group of Keo-Way met Friday night, May 5 in a fall meeting. The agenda included the election of officers and the completion of plans for the Mother's Day tea and home hospitality. Officers elected were Mrs. Madeline Kelo, chairman, Mrs. Alice Sloan and Mrs. Eva Strothers, co-chairmen, Miss Lucy Davis, secretary, and Mrs. Lucille Smith, assistant secretary.

The adoption of mothers for Mother's Day by WACs from Ft. Des Moines, a happy occasion. The mothers and friends who shared their Mother's Day with the WACs who asked for mothers were pleased with the courtesy and respect shown them by these young women. Some of the young women said to Captain Carter of Special Services, at Fort Des Moines, that "We didn't know there were such nice homes and fine people in Des Moines."

Most of the adopted daughters received personal invitations to visit these homes whenever possible while completing their training in Des Moines.

The Junior Service Group met Thursday night, May 4. Twelve junior hostesses took part in the game demonstration given by Miss Eloise Morrow.

Tea

The Mother's Day tea held at Keo-Way from 3 until 5:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon was a huge success. Over

100 civilians and WACs enjoyed the affair. Out of town guests were sailors from Ottumwa, Iowa and Hastings, Nebraska.

The inductees from Camp Dodge came in Monday evening to Keo-Way just as the convoy from Sioux Falls, South Dakota was leaving. They greeted each other as brothers in a great cause. The families and friends of the inductees enjoyed the evening in the cozy atmosphere of Keo-Way, something new in the way of follow-up was introduced when the members of Pvt. Irvin White's Scout Troop found out he was at the club. They arrived in full force to say hello and good-bye to their former leader. Pictures of this inductee group may be ordered at Keo-Way, they are very good. Call 3-4815 and get full information.

Along with the rest of the world Keo-Way is putting on summer attire. Call 3-4815 if you wish to plan a picnic among your company friends or even a battalion, Keo-Way will furnish box lunches at cost, contact the park that suits you best and help you plan your entertainment. Tennis rackets and balls may be borrowed, you place a small deposit on same, until their safe return.

TWO DISTINGUISHED HAITIANS ARRIVE

Washington—Two distinguished Haitians, Felix Bayard and Dr. Catts Pressoir, arrived in Washington this week as guests of the Department of State, the department announced. Mr. Bayard is head of the government printing office of Haiti and editor of Le Moniteur, the official gazette. Dr. Pressoir, physician and educator, is professor of psychology in the Lycee Petion at Port au Prince.

Mr. Bayard is especially interested in printing processes. While in Washington he will observe the work of the Government Printing Office, and will then spend several weeks in similar observations at New York and at Albany.

Dr. Pressoir, during his visit to this country, will devote special attention to university methods and programs. He will visit medical colleges and centers of learning at Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Chicago.

CIO UNION ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 23

Members of the executive board of the CIO union of the Des Moines Ordnance plant, Rubber Workers, will hold on May 23, at the Union hall, E. Sixth and Locust street, election of officers.

The only two Negro candidates running for office are: Luther Smith, St. candidate for board member and Manson James, candidate for vice president.

FIRST AID CLASSES TO START MONDAY

First Aid classes, sponsored by the Purple Cross Unit, will be held every Monday evening, beginning May 22, from 7 to 9 p. m., at the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A. The classes are open to the public.

YOUTH COUNCIL TO MEET MAY 26

The Youth Council will meet May 26 at the East Side Community Center. All members are urged to be present. The executive board will meet at 7:15 p. m.

MRS. LUTHER SMITH PTA SECRETARY

Mrs. Luther Smith, Sr., 901 Twenty-third street, was elected secretary of the Grant School PTA, Twenty-third and College. She has been active in the PTA for 20 years.

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MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

(By Marie Ross)



'Everyday is Your Day' Writes Sgt. Charles C. Johnson from South Pacific

"I got your very sweet letter some time ago and you can imagine how much I enjoyed it being the first mail I received from the states," 1st Sgt. Charles C. Johnson, Jr., wrote his mother, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, 1170 Thirteenth street, on May 8, from somewhere in the South Pacific.

"It is seven days a week over here—no church services, so one hardly knows it is Sunday. Today is beautiful outside—a little rain this morning, but this failed to lower the temperature any."

"Next Sunday is designated as your day, Mom, but it always has been. Everyday is our day with me. I am sending you a small amount with which you can purchase yourself a present. I hope you have a happy Mother's Day always and you can be sure you always have my love and devotion."

"There is no much to write about except a very beautiful spot in which we are located. Honestly the mountains seem to reach into the clouds as though they were painted there by some artist. Many different patterns of green foliage, beautiful trees have every reason to raise man's appreciation for natural beauty that only God can create. My regards to everyone."

Sgt. LaMaster Sends Hello from Hawaii

Mrs. A. J. Bländ, 1145 Enos street, received a letter from Mrs. Maude Mash, former resident of Des Moines who is residing in Los Angeles, Cal., informing her of a long distance call on "Mother's Day from Sgt. Wm. A. LaMasters, who sent a hello to all of his friends in Des Moines, from Hilo, Hawaii, where he is stationed. Sgt. LaMasters, also a former Iowan, is the son of Mrs. Maah.

Four More Iowans at Great Lakes Center

Great Lakes, Ill.—Four Iowa, Negro men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are: Thomas Wingfield, Jr., 18, 409 "K" avenue

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Mother's Day Greetings from Sons Overseas

Many mothers were honored with Mother's Day gifts from their sons who are stationed in some of the theaters overseas.

Cpl. Elwood Griffin who is somewhere in the South Pacific remembered his mother, Mrs. Valeria Mease, with a gift of money and a large box of blooming plants. He sent his grandmother, Mrs. Lulu Anderson, a lovely plant.

Flowers from Hawaii Mrs. William E. Crews, 1416 Maryland avenue, was surprised on Mother's Day with a telegram, letters and a large blooming plant from her son, Cpl. Theydon Brown in Hawaii and another plant from her son's sweetheart in Monroe, N. C.

Mrs. Crews has collected many articles from Hawaii which include a pocketbook, beads, handkerchiefs and even a grass skirt.

Pvt. Glass Home

Pvt. Oscar Glass, Jr., of the Air Corps, stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama, is home on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Glass, 1517 2nd avenue.

Lt. Hyde Home from Camp Sutton

First Lt. Robert N. Hyde is home on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Branham Hyde, 821 W. 13th street. 1st Lt. Hyde is stationed at Camp Sutton, N. C. 1st Lt. Hyde and Pvt. Glass were school mates at Lincoln University in Chester, Pa. They had a grand reunion.

Sgt. Bagby Home from Ft. Huachuca

Sgt. Arthur Bagby is home on a 15-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bagby, 2713 Cleveland. Sgt. Bagby is stationed at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. Tuesday, May 16, Sgt. Bagby was entertained at a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Granville Williams, 646 S. E. 24th street court. Wednesday, May 17, Sgt. Bagby was entertained by his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weaver, 820 S. E. 28th street.

Cpl. Pinson on Furlough

Cpl. Robert W. Pinson spent a 15-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Alene Pinson and children. Cpl. Pinson is with the Quartermaster's Service Co. at Camp Ellis, Ill.

Wayne Platter, Yeoman 2/c, Visits Here

Wayne Platter, yeoman 2/c, left Friday morning for Cape May, New Jersey, where he is stationed after spending a week's leave with his mother, Mrs. Marie Platter and other relatives.

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IOTA SORORITY HOLDS EXAMS

The members of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority sponsored a scholarship examination recently, at the home of Mrs. Susie Hart, 1320 Laurel, sent to them by Mrs. O. P. Williams of the Morris Brown College of Atlanta, Ga. All students who graduated in January or will graduate in June were invited. Six students took the examination.

ST. PAUL YOUTH GIVE PROGRAM

The Young People of the St. Paul A.M.E. church sponsored a program in honor of Mother's Day, Sunday night, May 14. Talks were given by Miss Josie Craven, leader of the Christian Endeavor and Miss Lucy Davis, chairman of the Young Peoples group. The Sunday school sponsored a miscellaneous program in honor of mothers, Sunday afternoon, with Mr. Emanuel Davis, superintendent and Mrs. Gertrude North, leader of the Sunday school group. Rev. H. C. Boyd is pastor.

PVT. EAVES LEAVES CITY

Pvt. William L. Eaves left the city Thursday for Camp Stoneman, Calif., after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, 1434 Buchanan street, and his mother, Mrs. Marvel Blackburn, in Omaha, Nebr.

SON BORN TO CPL. AND MRS. T. DIXON

An eight-pound son was born to Cpl. and Mrs. Therman Dixon on April 29. Mother and daughter are doing nicely. Mrs. Dixon returned to San Francisco, Cal., for the duration. Cpl. Dixon is somewhere in India.

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POST MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 12 WAS 163 FOR 1944.

The membership is divided into World War II, 24, World War I, 12; transfers, 6; reinstatement, 15; renewals from 1943, 106. Latest new Post members, W. W., 21; Robert Davis, Mason W. Skillman, John Long, James Gater, John Ferpe, Otis Bryson, George Robinson, Karl Smith and James E. Tomkins; W. W., 1; Emmitt L. Johnson and R. I. S. Alvin Gaskin. Lincoln Post Trustee board and Post housing committee met May 10. Chairman Jones got away with the "marble bag."

Comrades of Lincoln Post remember the following: American Legion Memorial service at Burke Park May 28, 2 p. m.; Lincoln Post memorial service at Mt. Hebron Baptist church West Des Moines, May 28, 8 p. m. The nominating committee reports on June 6. Nominations are in order from the floor June 6 and 20. Post election is Wednesday, July 5, to be elected then: 9 Post officers, 3 com-

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