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## News Briefs From Far and Near

### DR. S. G. INMAN FORUM SPEAKER AT DRAKE NOV. 29

"The Present Status of Our Good Neighbor Policy" will be the topic for the Des Moines Public Forum on Wednesday, November 29, when Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, noted specialist on Latin American affairs, speaks at Drake University Auditorium. The meeting will begin with special music at 7:40 p. m., and the speaker will be presented at 8:00 p. m.

This forum is being held in conjunction with an all-day conference on "Political Problems of the Americas" which is being conducted by Drake University. The conference will begin at 9 a. m., with motion pictures of Latin America life and scenes, and at 10 a. m., Mr. Jorge Millas from Chile will speak on "Position and Meaning of Politics in Latin American Culture."

### NEGRO FIRE FIGHTERS ON GUARD AT NANCY

With the Third U. S. Army—Nancy, the gateway to the south of France, has been taken by the Third Army, and although the Germans have made efforts to regain the city, the Third Army is holding fast. A precautionary measure taken by the Army against fire—from incendiary bombs and natural causes—is the protection furnished by a unit of Fire Fighters Platoon, a Negro outfit, specially trained for this work, at Camp Calborne, Louisiana.

The unit is commanded by First Lieutenant Thomas McCann of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

The first sergeant of the platoon is Thomas Collier, of Los Angeles, California. Technician Fifth Grade Everett Martin of Itman, West Virginia, and Private First Class Manuel Shorter of Greensboro, Georgia, are also among the group servicing this city.

### REFUSES TO REVIEW 'LOWER 13' CASE

Washington — The supreme court Monday refused to review the "lower 13" murder case, in which the white wife of a navy ensign was killed in a Pullman car. The review was asked by Robert E. Lee Foulkes, train cook, who has been sentenced to death in Oregon's lethal chamber in the killing in January, 1943, of Mrs. Martha Virginia James. Her husband, Richard F. James, was killed recently in the crash of a navy plane near Pisco, Wash.

### NAACP PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY

The Des Moines branch of the NAACP will hold its monthly meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Blue Triangle branch Y.W.C.A., at 8:30 o'clock.

### QUARTERLY MEETING AT BROWN A.M.E. ZION TEMPLE SUNDAY

The Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor of Kyles A.M.E. Zion temple, will conduct quarterly meeting at Brown A.M.E. Zion church, 1448 Walker street, Sunday, Nov. 26. The Rev. J. T. Johnson, pastor of the First C.M.E. church of Chesterfield will speak at 3 p. m. His choir will sing. The Rev. R. A. Wilhite is pastor of Brown Temple.

### Rites For Mrs. Opal Jaco

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal Jaco, 44, of 1555 Buchanan avenue, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Maple Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Jaco died Saturday at Broadlawn General hospital after an illness of five months. She was a member of Maple Street church and held several church offices.

Surviving are: husband, Terrence; daughter, Phyllis Boggs; two brothers, John Henry, with the army overseas, and Frank, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.; and four sisters, Vera Perchman, Elsie Doyle, Reba Green and Vivian Henry.

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### Insignia Carving Wins Prize



This wood carving of a buffalo, the insignia of the 92nd division, among the prize winners at the fifteenth annual Negro art exhibit, is the work of Sgt. Charles Boston, 26, of 1339 E. Nineteenth street, now in Italy.

Twenty exhibitors competed in the fifteenth annual Negro Art Exhibit which is being shown this week at the city library.

Sponsored by the Dilettante club of the Negro Community Center, the competitions were judged and prizes were awarded Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, at a tea held in the foyer of the library.

With art instructors, Miss Ruby Keeler, of Roosevelt high school, Helen S. Olsen of Amos Hiatt Junior high school, as judges, William Western, a 12A art student of Miss Harriet Macy at East high school, was named sweepstakes winner.

Twenty-eight first and second prizes were awarded to the exhibitors as follows:

#### Adult Division

Charles Boston, first in oil portrait and first in carved wood plaques; Mrs. Adele McGuire, first in oil, flowers in vase; Mrs. Cornelia Graves, first in pastel figure; Mrs. Adah Johnson, first and second in water color, poppies and winter scene, first in Christmas cards.

#### High School Division

Ruth Simmons, East high, first and second in pencil drawing; Howard Peters, East high, first in pastel; Ruth Spriggs, East high, second in pastel; William Western, East high, first and second in water color, first in pen and ink drawing; also sweepstakes winner; Virgie Wilcox, North High, first in block prints; William

who submitted two wood carvings and an oil painting of Lena Horne and a carving of a saint. Sgt. Boston has won prizes for several years in the local art shows. (Photo Courtesy of E. Nineteenth street, now in Italy.)

Fraction, North high, second in block prints; Charles Richardson, North high, wood carving and puppet; Ruth Spriggs of East high, first in metal craft.

#### Elementary Schools

Logan school, stenciled mats, with Eddie Gatewood first and Billie Rife, second; muslin scarfs with Wilma Parish first and Robert Doyle, second; wooden book ends with Noel Harris first and Ralph Jackson, second; yarn baskets awards went to the fifth grade. Awards were also made to kindergarten, first and second grades of Logan school for collection of drawings.

Miss Adah Johnson was chairman of the classifications committee. The exhibit will continue at the library this week.

### Open House At Plant Saturday

Open house for Des Moines persons 12 years or older will be held Saturday by the Des Moines Ordnance Plant, United States Rubber Co. officials announced Monday.

Persons wishing to see the plant can obtain free tickets at the Iowa Power and Light Co. office and all that company's pay stations. Hourly bus service from Sixth and Euclid avenues will be provided.

### Rosenwald Fund Spent \$1,615,533

Chicago, Ill.—The Julius Rosenwald Fund spent \$1,615,533 during the last year in its programs on education and race relations, Edwin R. Embree, its president, said Sunday.

Reviewing the year's events in his annual report, Embree said, "The balance is a tremendous gain for democracy. Never before in America have Negroes been given the opportunities they have today. And they are making the most of them."

The largest single payment was \$617,000 to Dillard university, New Orleans, La., which completed the fund's efforts to build up this and three other Negro universities. The others are Howard, in Washington, D. C., and Fisk university and Meharry Medical college in Nashville, Tenn.

Other expenditures were \$336,000 for the preparation of white and Negro rural teachers; \$226,000 for race relations; \$185,000 for fellowships for 43 Negro and 31 white southerners; and \$94,000 for concluding payments on a Negro health program which ended in 1942.



### SGT. WM. E. ROBINSON

The telephone line at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson, 1004 Enos, has been busy steadily this week since Sgt. William E. (Billy) Robinson arrived to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents. Having spent many months in England with the army, he was returned to this country during the early fall with a heart ailment and is now at the Shick hospital at Clinton, Ia. He is home on a short sick leave.

Inspection hours will be 8:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

### To Dedicate Pipe Organ At Burns Sunday

Burns Methodist church will dedicate its pipe organ in special services held Sunday morning, Nov. 26, at 11 o'clock, at which time the Rev. E. M. Whaley, pastor, will preach on the subject, "Our Friend Jesus."

The organ purchased last January at the cost of \$1,550, was completely paid for in the final drive of Nov. 19 when the church raised \$561, the balance.

Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor will be guest soloist at this service.

Closing out his ministry at Burns church with his final sermon on Sunday evening, Nov. 26, on the subject, "The Church Behind Closed Doors," the Rev. Mr. Whaley will leave the city sometime next week for a new field in Portland, Oregon, where he will establish a Methodist church.

While in Des Moines for two years the Rev. Mr. Whaley was affiliated with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of which he is leaving as secretary and treasurer.

The Rev. H. R. M. Hardiman of Kansas City, who will succeed the Rev. Mr. Whaley, will be at the dedication services on Sunday morning. He will begin his duties at the quarterly meeting here on Dec. 23, at which time the district superintendent, Rev. H. L. Overton, will be in the city.

### Crocker 'Y' Drive Reaches \$400 Mark

The Crocker Street Branch Y.M.C.A. has made material progress in its membership campaign over last year. Thus far in the effort which is being headed up by F. O. Morrow, chairman of the finance committee, and A. P. Trotter, chairman of the Crocker Street board, the campaign committee has turned in 149 subscriptions for a total of \$400.00, compared with a completed record for last year of 161 subscriptions with a grand total of \$359.00.

Mr. Morrow revealed that there are still 50 cards unreported upon in this year's campaign, and when the workers make their report on these cards there will be close to 200 subscribers for a total membership income of approximately \$500.00.

Mr. Morrow added that due to inability of seeing people the campaign is not yet complete, but should be completed within the next few days.

The above membership campaign is a part of the present activities of the Crocker Street "Y" which is now under the direction of Rev. E. A. Galters, who took over the post of secretary at the time George Robinson left for the navy.

Mr. Galters has outlined an extensive program for the winter months including boys' clubs, musical activities, and a religious program.

Various of these activities have been given to board members as a responsibility for getting them started and carrying them out, Crocker Street Board will meet November 30 to make a report on the completion of the campaign and the development of the club activities.

Capaign workers are: Fred O. Morrow, A. P. Trotter, Dr. L. R. Willis, W. C. Buige, T. L. Howard, William Ashby, Rev. W. F. Ogleton, Harold Robinson, E. P. Jackson, Paul Goodlove, O. L. Glass, Walter Thompson, Arsanita Williams.

### MRS. LOUISE GLASS AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Louise Glass, 1517 Second avenue, is at Broadlawn General hospital where she is recovering from injuries received when she was struck by a trolley bus recently.

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## Engineers Provide Relief For Fighting Troops; Set Up New Training Centers

A United Kingdom Base Engineer Depot, England—As part of the Allied "On to Berlin" offensive, Negro engineers, in an invasion port in England, help provide relief for fighting troops by work that facilitates the movement to the front lines of replacement units.

In a recent undertaking, one that required detailed planning, the engineers provided in three days the housing, bedding, and food for an Infantry division which stopped in England for a short time before moving to the Continent. It was a priority job. Some of the engineers were working cleaning and assorting used material for re-use assigned by the fighting troops on the Continent; others were doing maintenance work at rehabilitation and reception centers for the United States wounded at the time when word of their new mission was received.

Returning to the camp after a dilly tour of duty, the engineers were informed that the new mission meant a change in locality. One of the units was assembled from a radius of 200 miles before work could begin. The men packed their baggage during the night and emptied their straw mattresses the following morning and were prepared to leave at eight o'clock for the new assignment.

#### Planned Every Detail

The reception party planned every detail that concerned the welfare of the incoming troops. Every department of the unit, including administration, supply, motor pool as well as cooks, bakers was organized with each man assigned his own responsibility. Space for lodging in the British Isles is a problem. Scores of barracks and manor houses, spread for miles over the countryside, were prepared for the new arrivals. But

this was only the beginning. The engineers scrubbed floors and washed walls, polished brass, checked the water and pipe lines, fixed electrical wires and installed some 1500 light bulbs as their first assignment. Simultaneously, the carpenters were making thousands of braces and putting together 6600 double-decker beds. There being a shortage of beds the carpenters secured lumber from the depot and built more.

Under the direction of Staff Sergeant Charlie Edwards, 25, Wharton, Texas, and Staff Sergeant Elijah Tinsley, Jr., 24, at Penscola, Florida, details of men were organized to convey the beds to the various camps and space them in the quarters in the manner prescribed for sanitation and health.

The engineers also used 2250 bales of hay, made mattresses, and placed one on each bed. From the depot 20,000 blankets were drawn and two of them were placed on each bed. In addition 27 tons of coal, to provide fire for warmth and cooking, were distributed among the various installations. There was also the problem of securing static personnel to prepare the food. And in addition to housing and bedding this was the number one concern of the reception party. When compared with the daily routine of a mother that is responsible for a family of five, an idea of the job before the group working against a three-day deadline in preparing for a family 3000 times larger can be seen.

#### Food Costs \$5,000 Daily

Feeding such a family costs Uncle Sam approximately \$5,000 daily. Warrant Officer Joe A. Pattillo, 25, 310 W. 150th street, New York City, was responsible for this vital phase

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## Artist Believes Race Has Future in Commercial Art



### R. S. Pious Sketches Post War Plans (By Bernice and Dolores Calvin)

New York City (Calvin's News Service)—Robert S. Pious, the suave and soft-spoken artist who does those commercial drawings for the Office of War Information that you see each week in your favorite Negro newspaper, lit a cigarette, found an ash tray and returned to his workbench. He was making a deadline. "I get jittery when these deadlines come up on me—sometimes I have to work straight through the night," said our subject as he whisked over his painting lightly with the hand of a knowing artist.

His cozy Sugar Hill apartment was full to the corners with pin-point sketches, canvas, paints of a thousand hues, all neatly indexed. Besides the OWI, he works hard for Fiction House, Curtis Publishing Company and his newest venture of

he does those striking covers for the race magazine, Newsopic.

Bob, now settled comfortably among his work, said seriously "Our people have come a long way in their eighty years of freedom and we've got a great future. There's a lot yet for us to get out of commercial art. We're a gorgeous race of people and a pleasure to portray." So you can see, Bob is a race man.

Sensitive at 36, Bob's life is that of anyone aspiring to be "the best in his field." Born down in Meridian, Mississippi, he came to St. Louis at 6; married in Chicago at 18; at 20 young Pious was studying 8 hours a day at the Chicago Art Institute and working 14 hours a night. We still don't know how he did it.

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DINNER AT EIGHT

SOCIETY



MISS MORROW HONORED AT MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER BY AUNTS

Mesdames Minnie Wilcots and Estella Allen entertained Wednesday, Nov. 12, at a miscellaneous shower for their niece, Miss Eloise Morrow, at the home of Mrs. Allen, 1162 Seventeenth street.

MRS. MORRIS GOES TO KANSAS CITY

Mrs. Jeanne Morris, 1046 Seventeenth street, spent Thanksgiving day in Kansas City, Kas., the guest of her daughter, Miss Eleanor Powell, instructor at Northeast Junior high school.

MESDAMES BENNING AND ESTERS GO TO ALABAMA

Mesdames Hattie Benning and Nellie Esters are spending several days in Birmingham, Ala., where they are visiting their daughter and niece, Miss Lucille Benning for the week end.

THE BOSTICS VISIT HERE FROM CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bostic of Chicago, Ill., spent several days here with their aunt, Mrs. B. A. Wilburn, and sister, Mrs. Maude George, 1715 Walker street.

HOWARD U. FIELD AGENT VISITS HERE

William W. Blocker, field agent for Howard University, Washington, D. C., spent several days here in the interest of the school. He was house guest of Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris.

REV. EVANS BACK FROM OMAHA

Rev. J. Q. Evans, 1106 Seventeenth street, spent the week end recently in Omaha, Neb., where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Maurice Patterson.

TO ST. PAUL

Mrs. Lola Hardwick and grandson, Arthur John Edmunds, left the city Friday, November 17, to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their granddaughter and sister, Mrs. Alfred Williams and husband in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Williams recently moved into their new home on Rondo street.

MISS PIERSON BACK HOME

Miss Verdiea Pierson who is employed in Washington, D. C., as a stenographer, is in the city on a vacation, with her parents, and sisters at 930 23rd street.

TO PRESENT SHOW AT SERVICE CLUB

Pvt. L. Shoate will present shows November 30, at Service Club No. 2, Co. No. 7's Variety show 5 to 9 p. m. All musical arrangements are being done by Pvt. Hazel Brown.

SONG PROGRAM AT KYLES, SUNDAY

Sunday night, Nov. 26, at 8 o'clock at the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church, the choir will present the gospel in song. Numbers will be offered by representatives of the city churches. Mrs. Rosetta Saunders is president.

NAME COMMITTEE HEADS OF BUSY BEE CIRCLE

The Busy Bee Sewing Circle met at the St. Paul A.M.E. church Nov. 17. The women were engaged in quilting and sewing on various articles.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Mrs. Mildred N. Page, blind contralto, pleased an appreciative group of listeners at a song recital held Friday night, Nov. 17 at the Roadside Settlement auditorium, sponsored by the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church.

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Des Moines Young Women Are Getting Around Country

Young women of Des Moines are getting about the country these war-time days—answering the call for the need of women in all types of industries and professions.



MISS WALDEN

Shortly after the second group of Des Moines girls went to Dayton, Ohio, for jobs as secretaries and typists at Wright Field, Miss Harriet Walden, daughter of Mrs. Harry Walden, 946 14th place, was so thrilled that she revealed some of her experiences.

"I like Dayton quite well. We (referring to two other Des Moines girls in the persons of the Misses Mildred Randle and Montena Hayes, live at the Y.W.C.A. here. It is located on one of the better streets in the Negro section of town. It is also directly opposite Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, which is the large Negro school here. We are surrounded by doctors. Across the street is a 'swanky' Elks' Club.

"We have quite a lot of invitations to dinner. Last Friday we went to dinner, and now we have two invitations for the coming week. There are some very lovely homes here. Wide spacious lawns, nice looking houses which are very comfortable inside. The 'Y' is a very nice place also. It has all the modern conveniences and we just lounge around when we aren't going somewhere or planning something to do. Yes, I really like it here.

"At first we had no idea just what Miss Walden is concerned, we all agree that the answer is definitely on the negative side.

"Now, I suppose you would like to know something of our work here. First, Wright Field is an experimental base for planes of all types. We have seen some of the strangest planes here.

"At first we had no idea just what an Army Air base was like. To me it was like something you think of that happens only in movies, but never expect to see for yourself. Yes, it all seemed like a dream to see so many planes at once.

"It is really thrilling to see the planes take-off. I don't think I have ever seen a more beautiful plane than the B-29. When the sun is shining and it comes for a landing, the sight which one sees is really marvelous. Mildred and Montena are just about crazy over the planes."

"Iowa Girls Run Shop in Utah" "Ferte and I decided that what our shop lacked was a 'Bystander' among our reading material," wrote Miss Ruth E. Williams from Hill Field, Utah, where she arrived recently as an operator in a shop owned by a Des Moines girl, Miss Fern Southern.

With that opening Ferte and Ruth Williams, formerly with the Polly Beauty Shop here sent in a subscription and then Ruth went on to describe some of the bits of interest.

"I must tell you all about the beauty shop here at Hill Field, just 20 miles out of Ogden," Miss Williams continued.

"There are about 500 Negro girls out here on the post—of course, quite a few more whites. So you see the need of beauty operators," Miss Williams informed and added that there was only one licensed shop in the state of Utah and that Miss Southern is getting ready for the Utah State Board of Cosmetology.

"I wish you could see this part of Utah. It seems as though I could reach my hand outside of the window and touch the snow-capped mountains but they are in reality five miles from this post.

"The planes here are certainly large and numerous. There are thousands of them. Some have been on missions to China, Japan and Germany. Also like the planes—the G.I.'s are numerous, too."

Many Hear Mrs. Mildred Page

Mrs. Mildred N. Page, blind contralto, pleased an appreciative group of listeners at a song recital held Friday night, Nov. 17 at the Roadside Settlement auditorium, sponsored by the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church.

With Mrs. Josephine Williams accompanying at the piano, Mrs. Page sang a varied program which opened with a group of new and old Negro spirituals.

A second group of songs included art and love songs. Mrs. Page featured "Little Gal" (J. W. Johnson), "Ma Linda Lou," and "Daddy's Sweetheart," and gypsy songs.

Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, received as a lovely birthday gift from her husband on Thanksgiving Day—a ticket to hear a great American singer Marian Anderson, who appeared at the Shrine auditorium.

Just a few days before Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cropp on Seventeenth street were gathering in the harvest of their victory garden. While Mr. Cropp cleared away trees from the corner lot which they purchased near their home recently, Mrs. Cropp gathered turnips and greens from the garden.

Mrs. Frank Kaiser was initiating her chic little apartment the other evening when she and her tiny son, "Porky" prepared chow for her mother and several sisters and a brother and a neighbor. Barbara was ready to say "dinner is served" when she discovered that she was not only running out of dishes but chairs, too, so she invited her family to "eat in Chinese style—take seats on the floor."

BURLINGTON, IA. By MRS. ED WILLIAMS Burlington, Ia.—Pvt. Edward Shelby returned Saturday to Yuma, Ariz., after spending his furlough with his wife, Mrs. Fayette Shelby. Lt. and Mrs. De Edwin White are

here on a short stay from El Paso, Texas, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White on South Third street. His father, Mr. White, is seriously ill.

Pvt. Sam Roach is home from Scott Field visiting at the home of his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roach.

Mrs. Julia Hayes was granted a divorce from her husband, Raymond Hayes.

Cpl. Robert Cowens wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rideout, that he soon will be enroute overseas.

Mrs. Maude Chapman has returned with her mother to Wichita, Kas., for a visit with her mother. Mrs. W. A. Simpson and daughter, went to St. Joseph, Mo., for Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Palmer Woods who has been seriously ill has returned home from the hospital.

Several members of the St. Elmo Chapter of the O.E.S. attended initiation services at Ft. Madison Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Preston, Mrs. Ida Baker, Mrs. Vera Lewis attended quarterly meeting in Muscatine, Ia., Nov. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roach and daughter, Cynthia Deane, motored to Monmouth, Ill., to visit their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Burdette.

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Pfc. LACEY M. JOHNSON Private First Class Lacey M. Johnson arrived in the city Monday night for a 15-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam B. Johnson, Sr., 1112 14th street. Pfc. Johnson is WAC librarian at Ft. Benning, Ga.



Dance November 27 The Monthly Teen dance given by the Negro Community Centers will be held at the Jewish Community Center Monday, November 27th, 8:30-10:30 p. m. Sonny Wilson and his orchestra will provide the music. Refreshments will be served. There will be contests and door prizes. There will be a small fee charged.

Committee to Meet The Lay Nursery Committee will meet at the Center Wednesday noon, November 29. Plans will be completed for the December special meeting. The committee will also inspect the recently remodeled nursery rooms at the West Center. Mrs. Doris Wilson is president.

Thanksgiving Festival The Shining Star Campfire girls of East Center, will present a Thanksgiving festival at the East Center on Monday, November 27 at 4:30 p. m. The program is under the direction of Sylvia Snook, dramatic instructor. Members of the cast will include Wanda Hunt, Erma Hunt, Myrtle Wheel, Frances Deering, Gloria Nichol, and Betty Jackson. The public is invited.

Story Hour Mrs. Lucille Smith will conduct a story hour at the East Center on Monday, November 27 at 4 p. m. All children between the ages of 4 and 7 are invited. Mrs. Smith is also in charge of the library at that hour. Books may be borrowed at that time.

KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS The Service Men's Wives club met Wednesday, November 15. Mrs. Mildred Wiley addressed the members on the subject of the "Returned Soldier." The discussion that followed proved that young matrons are as interested in the subject as thousands of other young American wives are who are looking forward to the return of their husbands.

The round table discussion of the Senior Hostess and Host Committee was led by a representative of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. A. Williams. The topic of the evening was the Y.M.C.A. in the Post-War Era. Corporal Brown a service man from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, made a valuable contribution to the discussion from a Serviceman's point of view. The next regular meeting will be December 1st, the first Friday of the month.

Sunday, November 19, was a full day at KEO-WAY. A senior hostess whose birthday was in November helped to make the party a success. The cake held 50 candles—but maybe that was several birthdays added—a sum total of ages. In addition to the birthday party, a Pre-Xmas party with Christmas decorations, and refreshments was held for the WACs, soldiers and sailors. To those members of the armed services who missed it, come and see the table display of Christmas gift suggestions, free cards given by the USO, a chance to have your picture made for the folks at home and voice recordings for that special person, and a rug made in the colors you choose.

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Iowa Association Colored Women

Launch Sue M. Brown Day The Sue M. Brown Hall Day, under the auspices of the Iowa Association of Colored Women, was launched on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Mason City, at the Union Memorial church where Mrs. Paul Scott, first vice president of the Association, presided over the program and sponsored the movement.

Highlights of the program included music by Union Memorial choir, the Just Rite Club members, Mrs. Marie Maddox Saunders, Brothers quartet, Gwendolyn Moore, Young Matrons chorus, Girls trio, Mr. E. F. Parker, Miss Dorris Bennett, Dr. Eunice Stewart, Mrs. C. E. Martin and Miss Cynthia Martin.

Mrs. Rosa B. Johnson, state president, talked on "Present Need of the Home"; Mrs. Cecil Lewis, second vice president, brought echoes from the district; Mrs. Jewett Walls told of "Girls in the Home"; Mrs. Maude Brewton, former Matron of the home, revealed the "founder of the Home"; Mr. Horace H. Spencer's subject was "Problems of Maintaining the Home"; Rev. Paul L. Scott told of "The Home As I See It"; Mrs. W. B. Martin, "Scholarship Loan"; and Mrs. Emma P. Stratton, "Club Women of Today."

As the initial money raised for the home in the Sue Brown Hall Day, Mrs. Paul M. Scott, reported \$138.50. The Sue Brown Hall Days will be observed by clubs throughout the state on Sunday, Dec. 10.

The Iowa Association of Club Women launched their drive in the sixth war loan campaign with Mrs. Cecil Lewis as bond chairman, assisted by Mesdames Eula Miller, Doris Wilton, Thelma Reeves.

All club women may contact these women who will be working in downtown stores for the purchase of bonds and stamps.

Mrs. Rose B. Johnson of Marshalltown, state president, appointed the following committee chairmen: resolutions, Mrs. Bonita Martin, Mason City; publicity, Mrs. Agnes Borzatta of Marshalltown; race relations, Mrs. Lula Douglass of Council Bluffs; national defense, Mrs. Jewett Walls, Mason City; women in industry, Mrs. Addie Howard, Marshalltown.

Mrs. Cecil Lewis, district chairman, will hold district meeting on Dec. 1, 8 p. m. at the Negro Community Center.

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1945 Readings Are Ready C. M.—We've been married two years but my wife and I have not been happy. One reason, she thinks that she is in love with her childhood sweetheart, as she calls him. I've suspected this for a long time, but tried not to let such thoughts come into my mind. I found in her diary where she wrote the following, "I love you so much. If I can't be with you soon, I'll go crazy."

Ans.: A little competition gives zest and spice to any affair. Neither of these boys will give up their friends and devote all of their time to you. Why do you feel that you should tie yourself down to just one boy? As long as the have to vie for your attention, you can be sure of holding their interest. But at their age, they aren't interested in getting serious with any one girl.

E. M. C.—I have been married, separated 7 years. I came to live with my parents and my mother takes me as a teen-age girl. I love a man who is separated from his wife, but my parents object to him. He always makes things pleasant for me. Recently, I've been going steady with a boy and my parents have taken a great like to him. He is married and has one child, but he denies it. He wanted to see any other boys around. What must I do?

Ans.: If you know that the man you have in mind is married, then you should not encourage his friendship, regardless of the attitude of your parents. Choose your friends from the desirable single fellows.

YOUTH EXHIBITOR A youthful exhibitor of the Negro art show was Charles Richardson, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of 1427 School street. A 10-B student at North high school his work included an Uncle Tom puppet, a plaster of Paris monkey head, a hand-carved violin, and a water color of a slum scene. Charles is an ambitious art student who studies at one of the downtown art centers during the summer vacation and on Saturdays during school terms. His slum scene is a vivid interpretation of a home and surroundings he saw while riding his bike one day.

Mrs. Juanita Kindred, IACW chaplain, Rev. G. A. Kindred, Miss Clara Webb, Mr. Clifford Bayles, all of Des Moines and Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard Bayles of New York City attended the Sue Brown Day in Mason City Sunday.

Mrs. Cecil Lewis, district chairman, will hold district meeting on Dec. 1, 8 p. m. at the Negro Community Center.

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REPUBLICANS MUST CHANGE TACTICS

Polk County Republicans had a difficult time carrying their ticket to victory this year. This has not been the first time this happened. With the campaign conducted by the P.A.C. the situation was more difficult this year.

One of the reasons for this is the primary law. Some candidates make their fight in the primary but when the election comes along they expect the organization to do the job when as a matter of fact, every Republican candidate should realize that the combined efforts of every one of them in the general election will have produced better results.

It is apparent that Negroes in Polk County gave President Roosevelt a majority of their votes; in fact in many precincts they gave the whole Democratic ticket the same vote.

And they did this not only because of their preference for Roosevelt but also because some of the Republican candidates have and still refuse to give Negroes any representation in their office.

The time has passed when Negroes are satisfied with a job at the polls on election day only. They know that the candidates have year round jobs at their disposal and that unless they give Negroes some of this patronage they had just as well vote for somebody else.

Maybe Polk County Republicans will wake up to the situation and thus aid in bringing the majority of the Negro vote back to the party, and unless they do, the same results may be expected in years to come.

THE SIXTH WAR LOAN

The sixth war loan campaign is on. We are a long way from victory yet. And while we have built a great army and navy, it takes lots of men and materials. It takes money to provide and maintain them. And we just can't pay for a war as it is being fought.

borrow any money under this bill to finance the purchase of homes. The Home Owners' Loan Corporation started out to help everybody who needed it and did so. Losses have not been excessive but as other agencies took over the lending of funds for Uncle Sam, local groups made the problem more difficult for the follow congress intended to help.

Under any public law, all citizens should be eligible to its benefits, and the location of a home or business should go to determine the amount of the loan rather than the question of whether the loan should be made at all or not.

This law should either be changed or regulations set up so as to assist all those who desire to benefit by it.

LINCOLN POST By W. T. BURNS The American Legion Service Association met in annual election at Highland Park Post Nov. 10 and the following were elected: Harry T. Murphy of Argonne Post, president; Osborne Williams, Highland Park Post, vice president and Ray Johnson, Baldwin-Patterson Post, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to executive committee until Nov. 10, 1945, were: J. H. Hoppe of Argonne Post, Ori V. Dawson of Baldwin-Patterson Post, Eldon Boots of Highland Park Post and C. C. Yost of Valley Post.

Lincoln Post, an active part in the American education week. Commander Chapman, Comrades Bird and Manuel were hosts at grade and junior high schools.

About 50 members of Lincoln Post marched in the Armistice Day parade, Nov. 11. After the parade, Post members and veterans gathered at the Post club rooms for their yearly chat about the sick buddies in the hospitals and those who have answered "last taps."

Post membership Nov. 11 was 120 in full. William T. Burns represented Lincoln Post at the Polk County American Legion Association meeting held at Baldwin Patterson Post Nov. 21. Comrade Festus Stone and his wife arrived safely in Arizona. Commander Chapman is requesting 180 members by mid-winter conference Feb. 21, 1945. W. T. Burns, Post publicity. 4-2946.

FUNERAL RITES FOR S. A. SPENCER Perry, Ia.—Funeral rites were held Monday, Nov. 20, at the Melick Temple A.M.E. Zion church, for Mr. Samuel A. Spencer, 89-year-old former coal miner.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY WISH WE COULDA BEEN THERE

Your humble servant had intended to say quite a bit about the weekly exploits of Buddy Young and his gang, but we got a bit of news last week that gave us such a thrill, that we thought the readers ought to know about it. Herman Wadsworth sent his brother, Everett, a bunch of clippings of every football game played by East and North high, during the past season in Des Moines. The doings of Young John Estes for North high stamped him as one of the best high school backs we have heard of around there in recent years.

We also got a kick out of the fact that Jay Howard was a veteran guard on the Pink and Green team, because we last remember him a little younger watching the Neal Howard basketball team playing, and wishing he was big enough to play with them. He has come a long way since then, and we were glad to read the clippings and see his picture in the papers as one of the players on whom North depended.

Then there was the Paul Devan and Johnny Williams combination at East that made us think of the days of Al Thomas and Harold Sharp when they used to block and hustle for each other. Devan and Williams were a big part of the East offense, but they had to share honors with a hard hustling white boy named Harold Rook.

Perhaps some of the kids "themselves don't realize it, but most of them got their athletic styles from the old bunch that used to hang around the corner, some of whom were the Late George (Toady) Jackson, Mose Hayes, Roy Mays and his brother Chubby, Harry Miller, and a lot of others that we can't think of now, but these three were to our minds the pace setters for the younger generations of athletes who come along now, and their athletic habits and styles, both good and bad, are being carried on just as if they themselves were there to teach the kids.

Then we learned of a fellow one one named Brown who was a tough defensive end, and a sub back named Hackney, and the same kid Everett Wadsworth and your illustrious scribbler used to razz when he was trying to play first base for the East Des Moines Community Center, and he was playing a good game, too. There was another fellow, Hall Ratton, who played a little end, and we also tangled with in football, and we were glad to see him out there with the boys.

Big Ten Football Injuries and that big Ohio State line, headed by Bill Willis, kept Buddy Young and Paul Patterson of Illinois out of the scoring column for the second week. One critic wondered why Young was not used oftener, but evidently the quarterback had his orders, and the presence of Young was to serve more as a threat than a scoring possibility because of his bad leg and the heavy field. There was a lot of talk about the "new" defense that Michigan sprang on the Illini in their game, but it was simply a case of three linebackers playing wide because the Illinois' team didn't have anybody who could make them bring those other linemen up.

A tough fullback would have shattered that five man line and forced a rearrangement of the Wolverine defense. Somebody told us that Illinois had the ball well within scoring distance last week, and failed to call Young once, even though they needed a score badly. The guy said this happened twice, and each time he wondered how come. So would we if we had been there. Each time Young went into the game, it was to be supposed that he was able to carry the ball or he wouldn't have been in there. But, then this is Monday morning, and we could always call the plays much better than.

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Here our photographer snapped him. Pious, relaxing again, talked on. We asked him how he was inspired to do the stunning work on News-pic. He told us that "Now is the time when Negroes are more than ever interested in what their boys are doing overseas. They are anxious to know the good work on the land, in the air and on the sea. And this is what I've tried to show on News-pic's covers. You know, this is the first time a Negro magazine has ever had a painted cover."

ENGINEER REGIMENT MOVES AND SETS UP TRAINING CAMP FOR INFANTRY DIVISION

See FRONT Page.

of the activity. He prepared menus for the men and organized the truck convoy to secure the rations from the depot. British civilians, paid by lend-lease agreement, operated the depot from which the food was drawn. Drawing of the rations was a slow process even though this was a priority requisition.

At the depot, because of a shortage of manpower, two civilians did work that formerly required ten men. The ration detail checked with the depot subsistence officer to determine whether supplies for menus desired were on hand; ironed out differences between British and American measurements and weight; conveyed it to a central location and broke it down according to the number of men in each camp. This was done to insure fair distribution.

The ration detail was among the most active groups on the project. The warrant officer with his assistant, Corporal Antonio Davis, 38, 510 Lowell street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, secured 164,000 pounds of food, worked a straight 26-hour shift and delivered it to the various mess halls on schedule.

The infantry division ate in six mess halls that were organized under the supervision of Staff Sergeant Woodrow Foster, 25, Hub, Mississippi. Sergeant Foster also planned the outfit of the kitchens and the installation of huge British ranges. In addition he directed the work of 178 Negro and white cooks that were assigned to him.

Sergeant Foster, on the basis of experiences as mess sergeant, was able to avoid bottlenecks in his chow line. By running a double line he served 100 men every four minutes. This correspondent made a tour of the mess halls and found that the reception committee had done a magnificent job of organization. And the guests had nothing but praise for the royal reception that was accorded them. There was not a single complaint about the food and the cooks were singled out for special mention.

With these provisions made, the placement unit had what it needed: time to relax and drop a line to the folks back home, before moving into action against the enemy on the European continent. The reception committee's work was directed by the battalion commander Captain Walker G. Stone, Chicago, Illinois.

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POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting By MARIE ROSS

Lt. Morris Arrives in Philippines; Writes 'It's Quite a Show.' "Here I am in the Philippines and it is quite a show," wrote Lt. James B. Morris, Jr., on Nov. 6, to his parents, Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris, 955 Seventeenth street. "No doubt you have been reading about it in the papers. It is very interesting and is much different from New Guinea. The Japs aren't letting us get much sleep at night and it is plenty hot in the daytime.

"The people here are very interesting. Quite neat and very proper. They are very chummy people. The Japs took so much of their food and other produce that they were in dire straits when we arrived." On Nov. 10 Lt. Morris wrote: "We had a typhoon a few days ago and it was really something. I thought I had seen some storms in my day, but this one took the cake. The rain and wind were terrific.

"Am enclosing a couple of pieces of the invasion money that the Japs used here in the Philippines. Today a little Filipino boy came into my tent and asked for a cigarette. After my asking him what he wanted with it, he looked around shyly and spotted some candy which he immediately wanted and would pay for with some of that worthless Jap stuff. Am also enclosing some Dutch money—a 'gulder.' We got paid in the money while in Dutch New Guinea.

"I wish you could see some of these little kids over here. They are the cutest thing. Often you see them wearing only a little short skirt and they hold up two fingers and squeal 'vee-c-tory!'"

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES Rev. A. J. Irvine and family have moved into their new home, 1079 Sixteenth street. The rally is on until April, the trustee board asks of each member one dollar per Sunday. Thirty captains are contacting members of their clubs.

Eight persons united with the church Sunday morning. They have been invited to attend Bible study Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Irvine will teach the Book of Acts. The publicity committee asks that all church news for the Bystander be given to Atty S. Joe Brown.

Mrs. Virgil Dixon is a new member of the ladies usher board. The captains of the rally will meet monthly to report to the pastor. Contributions are being received for Wilber-

Cpl. Avant Has Time to Look Around a Bit at Sights in London "Really, I had one fine time in London," wrote Cpl. Thomas B. Avant, Jr., from somewhere in England recently. "It really does one good to get away from camp and look around. "The clubs are jumping and the drinks are fine. But, I looked up a few more things—good shows and even had some pictures made. "While there I went to a club that some West Indians are running. It is backed by white like many of our clubs are over there. "I met a little West Indian girl there. She was very nice and I learned from her. She has a brother somewhere in Iowa—and she hopes on going there after the war. But to get back to the point, I found that they are not happy as a whole and their race questions. They can go almost any place they want to, but they cannot work on jobs that will pay them well. The people won't tell them they cannot have the jobs—but they don't hire them, either. "There are a large number of them in England who would be happier at home. The East and West India's African sea lines—some of their standard of living would be better at home. Being British subjects, they were brought here to help take up the man-power shortage. But they are doing as well as the Negroes there.

"The racial question is the biggest question of the world today. The way I see it—it is going to take a lot of hard work and planning to overcome the things we want. "So why not have your NAACP and interracial boards work together more. You are going to need every thinking man and woman to do this job. I do hope the younger Negro can see this and quit thinking about zoot suits, dances and drinking and all the jive they can find. There's much more to life than that. There is more I have heard about but I will have to see it before I say what I think about it."

Corporal Avant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Avant, 1215 Day street.

BE THANKFUL Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and unto his courts with praise be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalms 100:4.

force University. All persons with January birthdays are invited to help plan entertainment for that month. CHORAL CONCERT AT BURNS FRIDAY Friday night, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock, a choral concert will be held at the Burns Methodist church with the men of the church under the direction of the Rev. E. M. Whaley, competing against a women's chorus, directed by Mrs. Joburness Kelso. Mrs. Marjann Morrison will be piano soloist. Buy War Savings Stamps

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Pfc. Floyd Madison Home on Furlough Private First Class Floyd Madison left the city Wednesday after having spent 15 days here with his mother, Mrs. Arminta Madison, 1125 Thirtieth street and other relatives. He is enroute to the west coast from Camp Claiborne, La., where he was stationed.

William G. Bailey an Army Lieutenant Seen in the city this week on a furlough from Aberdeen Maryland, Proving Ground, where he is stationed was the former state-chemist of Iowa, William G. Bailey of Ottumwa, who in a short time has risen to the rank of Lieutenant Bailey. He spent some time in Ottumwa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey and in Des Moines with friends.

Hears From Son After Year's Silence Mrs. Minnie Singleton, of 717 S. E. Sixth street, received a letter from her son, Pvt. Charles Singleton, who is in France. She had not heard from him for a year.

CARD OF THANKS I wish to express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended me during my hospitalization and convalescence. Signed by Mrs. Leota Hunter.

RATIONING CALENDAR MEAT—The Book No. 1 red stamps A5 through Z5 and A5 through P5 are now valid and remain good indefinitely. Next stamps valid Dec. 2. PROCESSED FOODS—The Book No. 2 blue stamps A5 through Z5 and A5 through W5 are valid and remain good indefinitely. Next stamps valid Dec. 1. SUGAR—Stamps B5, C5, D5 and E5 labels "Sugar" in Book 2 good for five pounds each are valid indefinitely. Sugar stamp B5 valid through Feb. 28, 1945, for five pounds for cooking. SHOES—Stamps No. 1, 2 and 3 on the airplane sheet in Book 3 are good indefinitely. GASOLINE—No. 134 coupons now valid. They are good for four gallons each, through Dec. 21. B and C coupons good for five gallons each. B-3 and C-3 coupons no longer valid. FUEL OIL—Period four and five coupons valid throughout the coming heating year. New period one coupons also valid year.

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