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News Briefs  
From Far and Near

## POSTAL UNIT IN ENGLAND GIVING SANTA CLAUS BIG HAND

With U. S. Forces in the United Kingdom—When Santa Claus visits the European Theater of Operations this year he'll have the biggest load he's ever hauled across the Atlantic. The eleven Negro soldiers of this unit under the supervision of first Lieutenant Ernest J. Harris, 1118 Embury avenue, Neptune, New Jersey, are handling over six British carloads of mail a day.

The unit is the oldest Negro postal unit in the ETO.

"The men that have gone to France will get priority. We are doing everything in our power to see that they get their packages in time," said Lt. Harris, one of the first Negro Officers to be commissioned in Britain.

In a building about the size of a sub-post office building in Chicago, the eleven men and their helpers sort incoming and outgoing mail and parcels in addition to selling money orders, stamps and War Savings Bonds.

The unit was activated in July 1942, at Camp Lee, Virginia. First Lieutenant Wellington Parker of 2625 Dante street, New Orleans, Louisiana commanded it when it arrived in England in August 1942.

## TO HANG PICTURE OF DR. CARVER AT CITY LIBRARY

The Des Moines public library will hang a large picture of the great Negro scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver, in special ceremonies to be held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock, by the executive board meeting.

The picture is a gift from Ike Smalls who is a member of the Carver Endowment Fund who giving a number of Dr. Carver pictures to public organizations.

## Grant Review of Seabees Discharge

New York—The Lynn Committee to Abolish Segregation in the Armed Forces announced this week that a hearing was secured for December 11 before a Navy Board of Review for Isaac McNatt, Harvey Steele, Robert Louis Mims, and Clarence O. Clark, four Negro Seabees discharged without trial from the Navy as "unfit and inapt." Arthur Garfield Hays, noted civil liberties lawyer, and General Weatherly are handling their case before the Navy Board, set up for the purpose of hearing grievances of discharged men under the Service-men's Adjustment Act of 1940, better known as the G. I. Bill of Rights.

These cases were to be tried jointly with several other discharged Seabees. All of the men were discharged within a few days of a discussion of discriminatory, Jim Crow treatment in regard to ratings, recreation, food and work at their base in the Caribbean. The discussion was held at the request of the Commanding Officer of the battalion.

As a result of their "undesirable" discharges, the Seabees have been barred from veterans' privileges and professional training and employment.

"The Negro people of America are intently following the actions of the Navy Department in reference to these men," said Wilfred Kerr, chairman of the Lynn Committee. Discriminatory treatment on the part of the military services is a flagrant violation of Section 4(a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 and is an insult to the half million colored boys in uniform fighting and dying for their country."

## CHILDREN'S PICTURES IN NEXT ISSUE; SOLDIERS DEC. 28

The picture page of the children of Iowa servicemen will be published in the Dec. 21 issue of the Bystander. The December picture page of the Iowa men in the services of the country will appear in the Dec. 28 issue. Watch for these editions.

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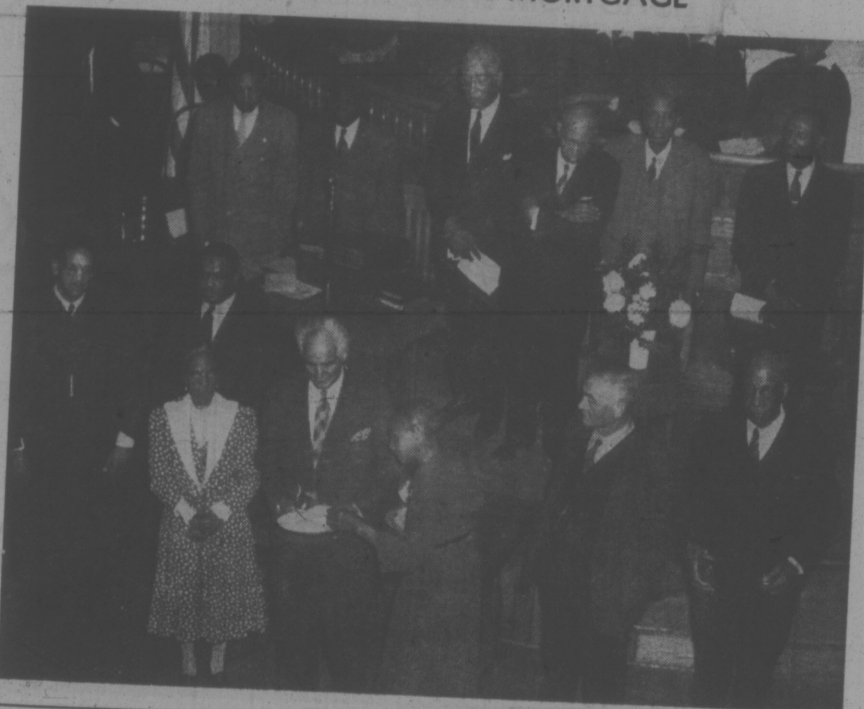
# Speaker Finds 'Spotted' Race Picture

### SPEED CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO WESTERN FRONT



When Santa Claus visits the European Theater of Operations this year he'll have the biggest load he has ever hauled across the Atlantic. The soldiers of oldest Negro postal unit in the ETO are already handling more than six British carloads of mail a day. Left to right: Private First Class Wilbur L. Grimillion, Chicago; First Lieutenant Ernest J. Harris, Neptune, New Jersey, commander of the unit, and Corporal William J. Cooper, Philadelphia. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo)

## CORINTHIAN BURNS MORTGAGE



Charter members of the Corinthian Baptist church who participated in the mortgage-burning ceremonies Sunday, Dec. 10, are: Mrs. Eva Owens who is shown lighting the \$20,000 mortgage, Mr. William H. Hammit, holding the plate with the burning mortgage and Mrs. Kitty Early standing to the left looking on.

Corinthian Baptist church at Ninth and School streets wiped out a \$20,000 debt on Sunday, Dec. 10, when the church held a Mortgage Burning and Dedicatory Service in three service with the Rev. D. A. Holmes, pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in Kansas City, Mo., as guest minister.

Presiding over the ceremonies was the Rev. George W. Robinson who is nearing the completion of twenty-eight years of service as pastor of the Corinthian church, one of Des Moines oldest and largest Negro congregations.

Bought in 1927

The present structure of the Corinthian church was purchased in 1927 at a cost of \$30,000. The debt was reduced to \$20,000 when the membership moved from its former building at Fifteenth and Linden.

on. At the left of Mrs. Early are: Garnett Cannon, chairman of the Deacon Board, W. C. Bulce, chairman of the Trustee Board; and, to the right of Mrs. Owens are Rev. John Beverly and I. A. Shelton, who served the Deacon Board for 18 years as chairman.

Standing on the rostrum from left

streets, and received \$10,000 credit for that property, one of the officers of the church revolved.

Participating in the mortgage-burning ceremony which was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Robinson were Mesdames Eva Owens and Kitty Early, and Mr. William Hammit, charter members; Rev. John Beverly, one of the oldest members of the church; I. H. Shelton, past chairman of the Deacon Board who held the chairmanship for eighteen years.

The mortgage-burning ceremonies were held during the afternoon services at which time the Rev. Mr. Holmes preached the sermon.

Dedication

The Sunday evening service was devoted to the dedication of the church building which had been remodeled recently at a cost of \$4,500. Many other gifts were dedicated

to right: Roy Kemp (seated), A. Fox, Rev. J. H. Ross, Rev. L. A. Garrett, Rev. D. A. Holmes of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor of the Corinthian church, Rev. C. A. Record, Rev. H. R. Fields. A part of the choir is shown in the background. (Ashby Photo).

which included the following: a large Bible for the church altar from an unknown friend; a writing desk set and desk pad from Mrs. Helen Wilson in memory of her deceased mother; a beautiful ceiling light for the pastor's study given by Mr. and Mrs. Rosenting Hardaway in memory of their deceased son; a beautiful vestibule light given by Mr. Fred O. Morrow. A set of drapes for the windows of the pastor's study was given by Harry Schmalz, general contractor who had charge of the redecoration of the church.

AFRO'S NEWSIES SELL SIX MILLION WAR STAMPS  
Washington—Newspaper boys of the Afro-American papers have sold 6,708,221 war stamps of the ten-cent denomination, totaling \$670,822.10, in the 140 weeks that they have devoted

## EDITORIAL

### THAT SCANDALOUS KATZ VERDICT

Last week, a jury of six women found Maurice Katz, manager of the Katz Drug Store, not guilty of violating the civil rights of Mrs. Glennie Fae Haggerty. Katz Drug Company attached a great deal of importance to this case because this was the first time a complaining witness has "stood hitched" and prosecuted them for their continuous violation of the civil rights law. And they not only employed a member of one of the leading law firms in Des Moines to defend the case but also sent a lawyer from Kansas City to aid in the defense. It had made a search of the history of Mrs. Haggerty for years back in an effort to find whether she had a criminal record.

The facts showed that Maurice Katz gave instructions before and after the offense was committed not to serve colored people or whites accompanied by colored people; that Rev. and Mrs. Haggerty presented themselves for service and although they requested service the waiters never came near them; that the lunch counter manager came from behind the counter and said he would not serve them.

It is quite clear that the jury completely disregarded their oath. Had this been a civil case, the judge would have set the verdict aside because it was based on prejudice rather than the evidence.

There are some serious aspects about this case which must not be allowed to go unnoticed. Assistant County Attorney Renda did a fine job trying the case; Judge Grund conducted the trial in a fair and impartial manner. This we commend, very highly.

See EDITORIAL Page.

## Robeson Brings Fine Acting to Des Moines Audience

The mighty and magnificent Paul Robeson in the Margaret Webster's production of William Shakespeare's play, "Othello," made the role of the Moor, the great and terrible figure of tragedy on Thursday, Dec. 7, when an audience of 4,000 applauded him at the Shrine auditorium.

Not only did the Negro actor receive an enthusiastic welcome as he portrayed the great role of the dark Moorish husband of the fair and lovely Desdemona, played by Uta Hagen, but he brought to Des Moines by his fine acting and his powerful resonant voice a deeper appreciation of the dignity of the Negro race which is hampered by racial prejudice.

Sharing the honors with Mr. Robeson was Jose Ferrer as "Iago," the "honest ancient," whose schemings caused the severe struggle between love and suspicion in the mind of the noble Moor who was in the service of the Venetian State. Following the performance, "Othello," and "Iago," and "Desdemona" who are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ferrer in real life, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander.

## WRITES FOR MRS. M. PLATTER ON SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred Marie Platter, 46, of 1143 Enos avenue, will be held at the Estes Funeral home on Saturday at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Platter died Wednesday night, Dec. 13, at Mercy hospital after a short illness.

A resident of Des Moines for 39 years, Mrs. Platter was a member of the St. Paul AME church and the Lincoln Post Auxiliary of the American Legion.

She is survived by a son, Wayne, seaman second class, who is serving with the navy at Pearl Harbor; two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Boyde and Mrs. Jeanne Morris of Des Moines; three nephews and a niece.

To the task, the Department of the Treasury announced this week.

## Civil Liberties Head Says Interest Is 'Low' in Des Moines Racial Problems

Commenting upon a "low degree of interest in racial problems" in Des Moines, Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union who addressed a forum on Monday night at the central Y.W.C.A., said: "If I were colored I would feel that something out to be done."

Earlier during the afternoon Mr. Baldwin had conferred with a group of Negro leaders in an effort to learn the status of the Negro in every phase of life in Des Moines and what he received was a "spotted picture"—some bright and dark spots.

Mr. Baldwin spoke of the race problem in America as a scattered one since "one and one-half million Negroes have moved out of the south since the war."

"The South has no monopoly on the Negro problem. It is now a national problem."

By the Negro's own "insistence" he has advanced "under the pressure of this war" Mr. Baldwin said and pointed out as one case the organization

of the Fair Employment Practice Committee as the result of the threat of the "March-on-Washington" movement.

Mr. Baldwin said that most racial differences spring out of economic motives—"to keep people working for you—to keep them down and from competing with you."

He referred to the "worst and most tragic blot" in American history was the evacuation of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast. He told of the progress that the Mexicans were making in communities where signs were put up to bar them. "The signs are coming down and Mexicans are getting in public places."

"We ask ourselves this question—whether or not we are going to fail again after this war?"

"I am optimistic that this third world war will never come; that we can get away from the old roots—create that new order and thus help make this last great war end in victory."

## Iowa and Missouri Teams Debate the Admittance of Negroes to State Schools

Columbia, Mo.—Whether Negro students should be admitted to state universities was the subject of a debate here recently between students of the University of Iowa and the University of Missouri.

The question was, "Resolved, that students should be admitted to state universities without distinction as to race or color."

Two Missouri U. students, Miss Emma Lee Reed and David Westfall, took the negative side of the question. The Iowans, William Arnold and Gordon Christensen argued the affirmative.

Crowd Against Missouri U.

Negroes attend the University of Iowa in Iowa City but are barred from the University of Missouri so the debaters argued in accordance with the policies of their respective schools.

Following the debate, the capacity crowd in the Missouri U. library auditorium voted 216 to 93 in favor of admitting Negroes to the state universities.

The Iowa team divided the prob-

lem into three major phrases: (1) equal opportunity in social, political and economic fields should be available to all; (2) equal access to education must be present; and (3) the democratic structure will collapse without these freedoms.

Three Points 'Against'  
"With economic maladjustment and no equality we are condemned to economic peasantry," Mr. Christensen said. "Education is lost and the Negro will be put to work doing tasks below his native intelligence."

Equality of education will create a higher standard of living, an opportunity for culture training and preparation for professional work for the Negro, he said.

Challenging him, Miss Reed of the Missouri U. team gave three points against the entrance of Negroes to state universities. To show that there is no need for them to enter white schools, she said it has been proved that there is no difference in the Negro and white in academic and scholastic activities after graduation.

Her second point was that strong sentiment in the South would prevent

## Negroes Lose Civil Rights Battles on Home Front

Battles on the Des Moines home front for the civil rights of Negroes were lost this week when white juries returned verdicts of "not guilty" for white defendants in cases in the municipal courtroom of Judge Harry Grund.

Immediately following the "not guilty" verdict for Maurice Katz of the Katz Drug store who was being charged by Mrs. Prince Haggerty, white, with violation of civil rights, for the refusal to serve Negroes at the Katz eating facilities, a similar case against Elmer Yarnell, white Des Moines druggist, filed by the Rev. W. F. Ogleton, pastor of the Bethel AME church here, was begun.

The minister charged Yarnell with refusing to serve him at the soda fountain about noon on Nov. 2. The druggist testified that he offered to serve the Rev. Mr. Ogleton at a table.

The minister later was given food by Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Indianola, a white employee at the state traveling library, who was in the store at

the time, testimony revealed. Mrs. Florence Payton, another white library employee, offered the Rev. Mr. Ogleton food her testimony revealed.

A white jury of four women and two men acquitted the druggist of the charge on Friday.

A companion case to Mrs. Haggerty's charge against the Katz store manager, Mr. Katz, opened on Monday morning with Dr. Prince Haggerty, spiritualist and minister, as the complaining witness.

The case was halted when Dr. Haggerty asked that the charges be dismissed because he felt that "there was no justice in this court," he told a reporter.

Anthony Renda, assistant county attorney who was prosecuting the cases, speaking in behalf of Dr. Haggerty said:

"The complaining witness feels that he did not receive a fair trial in this court and that he has been greatly humiliated because of color and marriage to his wife."



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## MRS. BESSIE BURT OF DETROIT TO BE HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mrs. Bessie Black Burt arrived in this city to spend the Christmas holidays with her niece, Mrs. Sophia Lomas Grenfield, 914 Fourteenth Street.

Mrs. Burt, a native Iowan, was a former chorister of the old Maple Street Baptist church. This is her first trip to Iowa in 21 years. She now resides in Detroit, Mich., where she is the chorister of the Gospel Chorus of the Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist church. She is also a worthy matron of the Good Samaritan chapter No. 2 of the O.E.S.

## HONORS MISS MORROW AT COSMETIC SHOWER

Mrs. Guy E. Greene entertained at her home on Dec. 12 in honor of Miss Eloise Morrow, whose marriage to Mr. William Walker will take place Dec. 20. A cosmetic shower was given and the bride-to-be received many gifts.

Sharing the courtesies were Mrs. Fred O. Morrow and Miss Geneva Morrow, mother and sister of Miss Morrow, Mr. C. V. Chapman, Mrs. Edna Mae Wells, Mrs. Luther H. Smith, Mrs. Frank Kaiser, Jr. Mrs. Anna Mae Carter, Mrs. Price Page, Mrs. Lydia Merritt, Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor, Mrs. Mildred Wiley, Misses Jeanette Smith, Gertrude and Evelyn Green and Mrs. Olivia Hayes and Mrs. Dorothy Finney.

## MESDAMES WILSON AND MEADOR RETURN FROM VISIT IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Rosa Wilson and her daughter, Mrs. Frances Meador, returned to the city last Wednesday night from Detroit, Mich., where they were called to the bedside of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Adeline Jordan who was recovering at the Harper hospital from a major operation. Mrs. Jordan had improved sufficiently enough to return to her home in Inkster, Mich., before the Iowans left the city. Mrs. Jordan teaches preschool in Inkster and attends Wayne University.

While there Mesdames Wilson and Meador were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. Jordan's uncle, Mr. David Collins in Detroit, and his aunt, Mrs. Alene Norris of Ypsilanti, Mich.

## MISS JONES HONORED AT BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Nelle Frazier of 1342 Sampson, honored at a birthday dinner Sunday, Dec. 10, her daughter, Miss Sadie B. Jones. Sharing the courtesies were Mesdames Mildred Johnson, Mery K. Monroe and Ruth Hall.

## MRS. MAUDE WOODS TO CHICAGO

Mrs. Maude Woods, 1420 Maryland, will leave the city this week end for an indefinite stay in Chicago, Ill., with her sister, Mrs. Cecile Armstrong, 5225 Calumet avenue.

## REV. BLACKMORE VISITS HERE

Rev. J. E. Blackmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Omaha, spent the week end with the Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, 1106 Seventeenth street. He is president of the Omaha branch NAACP.

## MRS. SIMPSON VISITS HERE

Mrs. Mary Simpson of Detroit, Mich., left the city last Friday after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, 1422 13th street.

## MRS. DIXON ILL

Mrs. Thurman Dixon of the city is recovering from the flu at her home in San Francisco, Cal., 1411 Scott st., where she has been ill for three weeks.

## WARRANT OFFICER PAYNE IN CITY

Warrant Officer Isaac Payne from El Paso, Texas, is in the city visiting his brother, Mr. Samuel Payne, and sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Randall, Melinda Brown and Miss Anna Payne.

## DR. DE LES PARTY DEC. 23

Dr. De Les club met Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Mabel Green, 1555 Buchanan. Prizes were won by Mrs. Frances Bonwell and Mrs. Miller. The next hostess is Mrs. Stella Greer, 1508 14th street. Christmas gifts will be given on Dec. 17. A Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. Greer, 1755 14th street, Dec. 25.

## USO VISITOR



**MISS FLORENCE WILLIAMS**  
Miss Florence Williams, program staff member of the National Y. W. C. A.'s USO division, will arrive in Des Moines, Saturday, December 16, for a 3-day stay during which she will visit with staff members, volunteers and community representatives of both the Locust Street and Keo-Way USO clubs.

Mrs. Williams visited here some months ago but her stay was short. She toured New England USOs earlier in the fall and more recently, has visited clubs in the Southwest. During both trips she was in touch with a variety of fine programs some planned for service men and women, others for service men's wives and families.

Mrs. Ruth P. McGregor, director of Keo-Way, is certain she brings new and helpful ideas for program. An authority and writer on health and recreation, Miss Williams is an inter-agency leader in national planning for the Junior Hostess groups of all six member agencies of USO. Mrs. McGregor plans to have her direct some of her attention to the Junior Hostess group along with other groups of the club while here.

## BUSY BEES TO HAVE XMAS PARTY DEC. 21

The Busy Bee Sewing circle met at St. Paul A.M.E. church Dec. 7 with Mesdames Thelma Reeves, Mabel Mason, helpers of the circle, spending the afternoon in quilting.

A pot luck luncheon was served after which Mrs. Lela Walker, the president, conducted the business of the circle while the members quilted. Four new members added to the circle are Mesdames Frances Brewton, Effie Brown, Victoria Cogwell and Beatrice Green.

Mrs. A. J. Irvine, the pastor's wife, is working with the circle. The Christmas party will be at the church Dec. 21.



## PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

Only ten days left now before Christmas and everyone seems to be bubbling with the spirit of giving. On Wednesday this week Miss Sadie Jones, on way to do her shopping, dropped in the office with a couple of sandwiches which were bounded by celery and carrot sticks and a piece of her birthday cake, for some of the hungry help in the office. Food always tastes much better before the holiday.

The other cold and snowy evening a friend dropped by the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin as she was seated at her dinner table which was laden down with steaming chicken and dumplings, green beans and ham, cranberry sauce, mince pie with ice cream. Boy—oh boy!

To top it off she went to her cookie chest which was filled with freshly made delicacies for the WACs and presented a bag of the sweets to the visitor. WACs drop in her home often because they always find a warm welcome and a filled table at the Franklin home at 927 Twelfth street.

Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, is still all adither. Not having fully recovered from a handshake and a chat with the magnificent Mr. Paul Robeson who was in town last Thursday, she has been unable to figure out how she picked up a strange—"new black, three-button galoshes." She has retraced all of her steps but is still unable to locate her two-button shoe piece which is "quite old and comfortable to her foot." She lives at 1417 Center street.

Give a BYSTANDER subscription for a Xmas gift.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

## ANNUAL YWCA VESPER SERVICE AND RECOGNITION TEA SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The annual Christmas Vesper service and recognition of members of the Y.W.C.A. will be held Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 5 p. m. at the Y.W.C.A. at Ninth and High streets. This will be followed by a tea for members and friends and caroling until 6 p. m.

Rosanel Reynolds Schenk will read "Why the Chimes Rang," by Alden as a special feature of the service and the PTA Mother Singers will sing "Angels O'er the Fields," "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," and "O Holy Night."

### "The Gift"

A part of the Christmas service each year is the "bringing the gift," an offering for the World Fellowship work of the Y.W.C.A. which is this year to be used for emergency work among women of China and the occupied countries.

Miss Mae Anders, World Fellow-

ship chairman on the Y.W.C.A. board, will give a brief presentation of this work. Eighteen members of the Y.W.C.A. Girl Reserve will serve as gift bearers and ushers.

The recognition of members in a candlelighting service will be led by Mrs. Robert Root, outgoing chairman of the membership committee and member of the board of directors, assisted by Mrs. Paul L. Wilson and Miss Hazel Brown of the membership committee and Miss Beas Johnson.

The PTA Mother Singers will be led by Mrs. Stanford Hulshizer, director; Mrs. Benjamin Sideman, pianist, and Mrs. C. H. Fisk, chairman.

An hour of tea and caroling in the Y.W.C.A. lobbies will follow the vesper service. Mrs. Harry L. Gross, incoming chairman of the membership committee and Mrs. Paul Wilson, chairman of the Branch membership committee, will pour.

## KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS

The Service people who had not seen the "SULLIVAN FAMILY" a movie made to the memory of the lives of the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo, Ia., who died fighting for the Navy, saw it at Keo-Way December 9.

Sailors from the Ottumwa Naval Air Base, the Hastings, Nebr., Ammunition Dump, and Soldiers of Harvard, Nebr., made a grand picture breezing in and out of Keo-Way over Saturday and Sunday, with the WACs who were attractively attired in hoods over their caps for the wintry weather.

All of the cookies for the service people were not baked on Friday evening last, so volunteers are urged to come in on Friday night, December 15. These cookies are to be used for service people during the holidays along with other gifts from interested people. Should you wish to make a gift it will be well received. Remember the USO is a home away from home, and that someone is perhaps returning your services by being "simply swell" to your son or daughter away from home.

The Service Men's Wives club made fudge at their last meeting and mailed it to the Knoxville Veteran's hospital for the returned soldiers. They said: "it was delicious."

A beautifully arranged hour program will be presented as a Christmas Vesper hour at Keo-Way, December 24 at 4 p. m., Sunday, by the WAC Band Choral Groups and members of Company 7. Come out for a musical treat and give the women of our race a bit of encouragement for their grand courage in joining the armed forces.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By BESSYE L. GREENE  
Mrs. Frances Hall, president, reminds the Auxiliary members of their dues, which will be delinquent if not paid by Feb. 20.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, a rehabilitation program will be held with Mesdames Mable Mason and Jessie Mae Phillips in charge of the program, who are carrying on the rehabilitation work in the absence of Mrs. F. T. Stone. Mrs. Anna Mae Carter, second vice president, and Mrs. Mason, will assist other rehabilitation workers and presidents in giving to the veterans one dollar bills on Christmas eve, 5 p. m.

Mrs. Hall, Auxiliary president, will be on her Christmas vacation at that time in Minneapolis, Minn., visiting her three brothers, Lloyd, Prince and Will Walker. Miss Frances Carter, junior member will be home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Anna Mae Carter, 1945 Poppy chairman, has started collecting pop-

LOOK: Big Xmas and New Year Eve parties at Watkins Hotel, 9th and Keo Way. Watch for details next week.

## Y. W. C. A.

### Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens party will be held tonight at Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A. starting at 7:30 p. m. The Senior and Junior Reserves and their friends will decorate the building. A chorus of young girls under the direction of Mrs. Gladys Walton and Mrs. Susie Evans will sing carols during the Hanging of the Greens. The Education Committee, of which Mrs. Adah Johnson is chairman, is sponsoring the Hanging of the Greens and will serve refreshments.

### Booklovers

Booklovers will hold their annual Christmas party Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., Dec. 22nd, at Branch Y. W. C. A. The Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. church will be the guest reviewer. Members will exchange 25c gifts.

### Annual Dinner Meeting

Mrs. Marguerite Chamblie, chairman of the 1945 Annual Dinner meeting committee announced the following committee chairmen this week: Mrs. Mildred Miller, programs and invitations; Mrs. Beatrice Brown, decorating; Mrs. Velta Thompson, menu and serving; Mrs. Goldie Fant, finance; Mrs. Donnie Ogletton will lead the group in singing and Mrs. Maxine Thomas will be pianist for the occasion.

Mrs. Helen Young Howard, Industrial-Secretary South Parkway Branch in Chicago, Ill., will be the guest speaker, for the annual dinner meeting which will be held on January 8.

### Membership

Y.W.C.A. members who have not paid 1944-45 dues are urged to do so in the near future as ballot lists are now being prepared to go into the mail. Mrs. Wilson, membership chairman, announced that members who have not been contacted personally should mail or bring their dues to the Y.W.C.A., 1407 Center or 9th and High.

## YOUTH COUNCIL PARTY AT COLEMAN HOME FRIDAY NIGHT

The Youth Council of the NAACP will hold its annual Christmas meeting and party at the home of Mr. John S. Coleman, 1300 Harding Road, on Friday night, Dec. 15. A buffet supper will be served. Members and friends who attend are asked to bring an inexpensive Christmas gift that will be suitable for a boy or girl.

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X. X.—I am a girl of 15 and have been keeping company with a married man of 50. He left his wife and also his girl friend for me last summer, but now he has gone back to his wife, but I still see him. His girl friend isn't any trouble because she is 50 years old, too. Now I have young friends I would like to go out with, but this man doesn't want me to. He wants all of my time. He gives me his money, but he also wants me to get a job. When I work, he acts like he wants part of my money. I know that I am as much to blame as he is for going with him, but think what gifts and money mean to a 15 year old girl who has never had a quarter in her pocketbook at one time. I would like to quit him but I don't know how. I get lonely for boys my own age, but they won't go with me as long as I go with this older man.

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### KATZ CASE

Dr. Haggerty is a Negro; his wife white. This is their own business and should concern no one. Certainly this is no crime in Iowa and no reason to deny a person the protection of the law. As county attorney Renda said to the jury "if a Negro soldier with a leg or arm shot off at the front in this war came into Katz Drug store that day, he would have met the same rebuff." We agree with him and commend Dr. and Mrs. Haggerty for standing up for their rights.

When the United States Supreme Court, in its famous Dred Scott decision, held that a "Negro had no rights which a white man was bound to respect" the country became so enraged that after freeing the slaves the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted. This amendment purported to clarify the status of the Negro and to assure him the same rights as any other American citizen.

As was expected, many cases have been carried to the Supreme Court upon the ground that this amendment had been violated, and even though aimed to enlarge his rights, for many years the court put such strict construction on its every word that the rights of the Negro were restricted rather than enhanced.

During recent years, thanks to the liberal attitude of the Supreme Court, strict legalistic trend has been reversed and some real spirit has been applied to the court's decisions involving the rights of Negroes. A striking example of this is the recent decision reversing one by that court in 1895 which outlawed a rule by which the Democratic party in Texas had prevented Negroes from voting in the Democratic primaries of that state.

When Iowa Legislature passed the civil rights law, they proposed to equalize the rights of the Negro with that of other citizens in line with the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Our State Supreme Court has taken about the same views of it as the U. S. Supreme court has of the 14th Amendment. However an earlier divided decision of the Iowa Supreme Court holding that at a free show, the management could exclude whom it chose without violating the Iowa Civil Rights law, is not commendable. Two judges, Evans and Weaver, wrote strong dissenting opinions.

And while, as stated earlier, the court was not involved in the unfair decision in the Haggerty case, the jury was for they are the judge of the facts and there is no appeal from their decision which would change the results in the criminal case.

This being true, it is quite evident that Des Moines citizens, if they propose to be fair to the Negro, if they propose to help enforce the laws of this state, must adopt a more liberal view on the rights of the Negro. They must not, as honest men and women, take an oath to follow the instructions of the court and return a verdict based on the evidence properly admitted by the court without meaning what they said. This, the jury did not do in the Haggerty case; they violated their oath.

The Bystander believes that decent fair-minded citizens, white and black, should not be deterred by the scandalous verdict in the Katz case; it does not believe that a chain store has any right to come into Iowa and pursue a policy contrary to the laws of the State. We do not believe the citizens of Iowa should aid them in such a course and that is just what happens when jury verdicts like this are rendered in our courts.

## McAllister Heads Racial Commission

At the annual meeting and election of officers in the cafeteria of North high school Tuesday evening, the Des Moines Interracial Commission elected the following officers for the year 1945:

Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, Negro, chairman, Cornell Hewson, white, vice chairman; Mrs. Lillian Scates, Negro, secretary-treasurer; and an executive committee consisting of Rev. Walter M. Briggs, and Dr. A. T. DeGroot, white; John S. Coleman and W. Lawrence Oliver, Negroes, Miss Marjorie McCoy, white, and Miss Clara Webb, Negro; and Frank J. Dillon, retiring chairman, ex-officio and special committee on education consisting of Rev. Walter M. Briggs and Miss Stella Scurock, white and A. A. Alexander, Negro.

The address of the evening was brought by the Rev. Lester Suzuki, Japanese American, born in Pearl Harbor, but now pastor at large in the Des Moines district of the Methodist church who pointed out the fact that Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, is an example of a really democratic civilization, where there is no distinction made between white, black, yellow or brown Americans; but that all are on absolute equality.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the publication committee, reported that one of the members of his committee, Miss Ruth Lumbard had been incapacitated for the time being through illness and at his request, Mrs. Cornell Hewson and Atty. Jas. B. Morris were added to this committee which with Atty. Brown and Dr. DeGroot, make up a committee of five to whom has been assigned the task of selecting and compiling the sketches to be included in the proposed publication of "Who's Who in Des Moines Negroes," which the Commission plans to issue at some time during the year 1945.

Mr. Ike Smalls, chairman of the Racial Justice Committee, reported that in response to the repeated requests of his committee, the Negro W.A.C. Band recently disbanded at Ft. Des Moines, had been re-organized and would give a concert at the Keo Way USO in the near future.

Mrs. Blanche Smith, of the State Traveling Library and Reva. A. J. Irvine of the St. Paul A.M.E. church and Rev. J. T. Johnson of the C.M.E. churches were elected to membership at this meeting.

## Anniversary Ends At Maple Street

The third anniversary services for Rev. C. Lopez McAllister as pastor of the Maple Street Baptist church ended Monday night. The banquet tendered the pastor and family by the membership of the church was the greatest social gathering of the church at any time during the year. Gifts of money, groceries and general house utilities were made to the pastor and wife.

Among the participating pastors and churches during the anniversary week were the following: Rev. J. R. Roman of the Mt. Olive Baptist church; Rev. H. R. Fields of the Union Baptist church; Rev. L. A. Garrett of the Mt. Hebron Baptist church; Rev. C. A. Record of the Shiloh Baptist church.

Friday night was observed as citizens night. The following speakers brought greetings for the occasion: A. P. Trotter of the Y.M.C.A. board; Mrs. Julia Proctor of the Y.W.C.A. board; Mrs. Margaret Colhorn of the Des Moines Community Centers; Mrs. Goldie Fant of the Federation of Women's Clubs; Gilbert Randall of the Brotherhood; Mrs. S. B. Boyers of the Sisterhood; J. B. Morris of the ACP and Interracial Commission; Rev. R. W. Whitte of the Inter-denominational Ministerial Association; Mrs. Estella Coates of the Methodist churches; Mrs. Myra Johnson of the Negro Chamber of Commerce; Dr. W. H. Dickinson of the Baptist Ministerial Association of the Des Moines area; Frank E. Gibbs of the WRA (War Relocation Authority); Miss Constance Peak was a soloist.

Dr. Clement Richardson, president of Western Seminary of Kansas City, Mo., delivered three messages on the anniversary occasion Sunday. Appreciative audiences greeted him on all three appearances.

Following the debate Prof. John Ruf and Prof. Loran D. Reid, both of the university, spoke on the panel. Dean Frank L. Mott of the School of Journalism was chairman of the debate.

Clarinda, Ia.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Montgomery returned recently from an extended trip east, where they saw their sons, Pvt. Louis, Jr., at Indiantown Gap, Penn., and Pvt.

William Montgomery at Great Lakes, Ill. They also visited in New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

Clarinda has lost by death recently three of its oldest citizens, Mrs. Carrie Roberts who died Nov. 18; Mr. David Black, Dec. 3; and Mrs. Lou Nash, Dec. 9. "Aunt Lou" as she was affectionately called had been given a birthday party sponsored by her great-grand niece, Mrs. Lorene Franklin, in honor of her 100th birthday on Dec. 7. Two days later she died of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. Nicholson of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. William Walker, Mr. William Headley are on the sick list. Pvt. Charles Oldham is at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Oldham on furlough.

Mrs. Florence Henderson and Mrs. Bessie Johnson attended the funeral of Mr. King David Black. Mrs. Henderson, a sister, is a teacher in the public schools of New York City. Mrs. Johnson, a niece, is a teacher in Bartlesville, Okla.

Rev. Grant Page and wife, Mrs. Lucy Page, were in Osceola, Ia., last Sunday. Rev. Page will hold services there once a month the remainder of this conference year.

Mrs. Cora Jones was called to Council Bluffs, Ia., to the bedside of her son-in-law, Mr. Fred Reeves, who is ill.

### BURLINGTON, IA.

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS  
Burlington, Ia.—Pvt. Harold Buckner returned to his camp in Texas Dec. 3 after spending a pleasant visit with his wife, children and other relatives.

Mrs. La Monte Drew, her son, Robert Lloyd and mother, Mrs. Ed Williams, have recovered from the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Duncan and baby were here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson and were entertained at his aunt's, Mrs. Sophia Bird and Mrs. Matilda Johnson at the latter's home to a Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Frank White who has been seriously ill, is somewhat improved as this writing. Lt. De Edwin White and wife who have been spending his furlough here visiting his parents and relatives returned Dec. 5 to Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White and baby of Chicago, Ill., also his sister, Miss Thelma White also of Chicago spent Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rideout entertained for the visitors of the Frank White family at their home on Starr avenue. Robert Ashby and James White have been called for examination for the army.

### BETHEL CANTATA ON DEC. 24

Bethel A.M.E. church will hold its Christmas cantata Sunday, Dec. 24, instead of Dec. 31, as announced previously.

## POST EXCHANGE

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

By MARIE ROSS

### During An Air Raid a Fellow 'Wonder' How He Stands With Fate' Writes Iowan

"It's wonderful people like you who make homesick people like me realize that although the time between mail boats may seem a bit extended, there is always someone thinking of us and our interests," wrote First Sgt. David M. Davies of the Marines, on Nov. 25, from somewhere in the South Pacific.

"Your swell column, your letters and now greeting cards—your tireless efforts to help us to be contented are really appreciated as they are inspirational. I've never felt disturbed because of incidents of indifference that appear on the home front. The good overshadows the bad to such a great degree that the bad is hardly noticeable.

"Miss Ross, I'm a very inconsistent correspondent, as you've no doubt noticed, but I hope you'll not take for granted that I'm equally strained adjectives to give a false impression. I am happy that you've remembered me so many times. And I'm sure that the rest of the fellows whom you've made happy by remembrances appreciate your thoughtfulness as much as I do.

"There is very little I can write. Censorship regulations are very tight in this theater of operations. There is so much I've wanted to write about. You know, sometimes I wish telepathy were possible—but then, it wouldn't be fair for me to dominate the thought waves, and I probably would.

### Air Raids

"Guess you've read about the air raids we've been having. It's during one of these that a fellow really wonders how he 'stands' with fate. The 'Nips' are so erratic that I think they're resorting to indiscriminate bombing more of the time. Then, too, they're 'entertained' so warmly by our ace artillerymen that they have to drop 'em in a hurry and get the heck out quickly. They must feel like rats on a rifle target.

"Today is a beautiful day. The sun's rays racing helter skelter over the near water of the blue Pacific, then suddenly rebounding skyward. The vividly colored coral which lies about three feet below the surface, shows up with magnificent beauty. Our camp is located on a hill overlooking the shoreline, there are few obstructions to a wonderful view on three sides as well as, cooling breezes which blow in from the ocean almost continuously.

"Down below—near the beach—two teams are busily engaged in a

game of softball. Tokyo only a couple of thousand miles? We don't worry; our airplanes cruise reassuringly overhead; they guarantee our safety.

"Fray that the 'Nips' might get wise quickly—see you when they do," wrote Sgt. Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davies, 1105 Fifteenth place. His address is: 18th Marine Depot Co., c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

### When Not Running From Jap Planes, Pfc. Scott Is Working on Road Home

"Well, Miss Ross, I have had a slight change of address since the last time I wrote to you and believe you me I sure have a strong dislike for this neighborhood in which I now live," wrote Pfc. Joseph R. Scott from somewhere in the Philippines on Nov. 25.

"When I am not running from the Jap airplanes I am busy working—doing my small bit on the long road home. Though it wasn't of my asking I have been given a front row seat in the big show over here. Of course, if I were on your staff there would be some swell stories I could tell and we have sure learned some tricks from the Jap.

"But getting away from the war for the moment, I guess the rest of the fellows over here are 'dreaming' of a white Christmas and of all the fine things that go along with it, so in passing, in the event that I am unable to send you a greeting of some kind, which may be quite likely, may I extend to you my sincerest and most heartfelt wishes for a most enjoyable and pleasant Christmas holiday season."

Private First Class Scott's address is: 235 Port Co., APO 72, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

### Sgt. Wiley Dixon Writes of 'Varied Experiences' On Bougainville

"Always look forward to my Bystander for current events in the home town," wrote Sgt. Wiley D. Dixon on Nov. 26 from somewhere in New Guinea. "However, too, I find myself first looking for your column where I read of many of my comrades all over the globe—all of whom are doing a swell job in completing their missions.

"Well, I think had a good idea—this of enclosing one's APO number. Although this is quite a large piece, I think there must be a few Des Moines fellows here. There are two Des Moines fellows in my outfit, Sgt. Alfred Rhodes and Pfc. Melvin Tate. "So we have had quite varied experiences especially on Bougainville

where we first campaigned against the Jap and completing successfully our missions which were assigned us and adding two battle clasps to our regimental colors.

"Have been here a short time. I don't care much about it here. Three or four colored Red Cross workers here—none of whom I have yet met. That is all for this time—so, for Al Rhodes, Melvin Tate and myself we send our best regards to all our friends there and wherever they are."

Sgt. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon, 951 Fifteenth street, is addressed as follows: Hq. Co. 2 Bn, 25th INF, APO 93, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

### Boys in France Send Greetings to Staff

"Here's wishing the staff and you a Merry Christmas and much progress through the coming year," was a greeting from the boys somewhere in France, signed by Pfc. Robert E. Fowler, 3168 Q.M. Serv. Co., APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

### Elbert Webb Gets Promotion in New Guinea

Miss Clara Webb, 1022 Pleasant street, reports that her brother, Elbert who is serving in the navy somewhere in New Guinea has been promoted from coxswain to boatswain M. A. second class. Overseas since July, he is the son of Mr. Robert Webb.

### LINCOLN POST

By W. T. BURNS  
Post Adjutant LeRoy Bird reports that the Post's annual kiddie Christmas party will be held at Lincoln Post club rooms, 750 Eleventh street, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, from noon to 4 p. m. Oval Carter is chairman for Post Christmas activities this year.

The finance committee of Lincoln Post supplies the cash money for the Unit to purchase the "gift packages" for the yanks who gave. "The Post-Unit national assignment was eleven gift packages to disabled veterans in hospitals in this area. Congressman Paul Cunningham replied to the article: "Enforcement often defeats the laws."

LOOK: Big Xmas and New Year Eve parties at Watkins Hotel, 9th and Keo Way. Watch for details next week.

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