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Over 700,000 Negroes in Army

Washington, D. C.—At the end of September, 701,678 Negroes were carried on Army rolls, the War Department reported today. In the seven-month period between February 29, 1944, and September 30, 1944, the Negro strength increased 37,612. The report revealed an increase of 49,912 soldiers of color assigned to overseas stations in the three-month period following June 30, 1944. A slight decrease in commissioned personnel and slight increase in the Infantry and Engineers were noted during this same period.

Following is a partial breakdown of Negro strength as of September 30:

Infantry	49,483
Coast & Field Artillery	36,302
Cavalry	867
Engineers	133,180
Air Corps	73,686
All Others	408,160

Total	701,678
Commissioned Officers	5,804
Including:	
Dental Corps Officers	101
Nurses	247
Other Medical Corps Officers	463
Chaplains	236
Serving Overseas	411,368

The navy total estimate carries to Oct. 31, but the breakdown covers only the period ending July 13. These revealed the following: navy, 17 officers, 142,628 enlisted men; marines, 15,771 enlisted; coast guard four officers, 3,675 enlisted. Whatever increases there were between July and October were among enlistees in all branches, the survey reveals.

BEDROOM BEST PLACE TO SOLVE RACE ISSUE SAYS U OF C PROFESSOR

Chicago—The bedroom is the best place to solve the race problem, says University of Chicago's professor G. A. Borgese in the December issue of Negro Digest, published here.

Borgese, in a provocative article entitled "A Bedroom Approach to Racism" systematically discarded all previous patterns for the demolition of the color line and predicted: "All will be done only when the bedrooms open and the two bloods mix freely in marriages, free from blame and bane."

Borgese said that if he were a Negro he would "realize—that the pogrom-like happenings in Detroit and Philadelphia, added to the static supremacy of the southern white, were tentative acclimatizations of dynamic Nazism in Anglo-Saxon soil."

In Professor Borgese's opinion the only successful way to root this Nazism from Anglo-Saxon soil by brotherhood exercised on the altar of charity.

That altar of charity, Borgese pointed out, can only be found "in the bedroom."

COXWAIN GEORGE MANUEL HOME

George Manuel, coxwain, arrived home from a naval base in New Jersey on Monday night in time to drop in on the annual Christmas party of the Negro employees of the Younger Brother's Department store, where the seaman was employed before Upe! Sam selected him during the summer.

IOWA SERVICEMEN'S PICTURE PAGE ON

December 28
Servicemen's pictures for the month of December will appear in the next issue of the Bystander, Dec. 28. The paper began the monthly servicemen's picture page in June when more than 50 pictures of the Iowa boys appeared. If you are keeping scrap books of these pages get all of your extra copies before the end of the year.

Seabees Report Mistreatment



"THE BEST PRESENT FOR THE VERY BEST FUTURE!"

NAACP Told Stories of Discrimination Against Men Serving Overseas

Washington, D. C.—Stories of "gross mistreatment and discrimination" told by Negro members of the 34th Construction Battalion (Seabees) upon their return from 21 months overseas have caused the Washington Bureau of the NAACP to demand of Secretary of the Navy, Forrestal a complete investigation of the charges. Leslie S. Perry, administrative assistant of the NAACP bureau here, wrote: "We are in receipt of complaints from various men attached to the 34th Construction Battalion who are now stationed in Port Huene, California. Uniformly these men complain of gross mistreatment and discrimination on account of their race. First, they charge that even while serving abroad they were subjected to the most brazen and humiliating forms of segregation. Not only were they required to wait until white enlisted men had completed mess before they were given food, but even the drinking water tanks were set on the basis of color. It is reported that one Negro seabee was kicked by Lieutenant R. G. Aaron for drinking from a tank set aside for white personnel."

enlisted men were confined to the brig on the least pretext, especially when they protested the discriminatory conditions under which they were required to serve their country.

"Third, that although many of them are ill, the naval physicians, because of indifference or racial prejudice, refuse to furnish them with proper medical care. On occasion, it is reported, these men have been turned away by doctors with harsh and profane language. On other occasions, we understand, naval physicians have accosted men in the hospital with 'what's wrong with you, nigger?'"

"Fourth, these men are unanimous in their complaint that Negroes in the battalion are systematically denied promotion."

"Most of the discrimination practiced against these men appears to reflect the wishes of Battalion Commander, J. P. McBean. We are informed that McBean has stated only that 'as long as I am Commander of this Battalion, there will be segregation.'"

"In the light of these complaints, your office has a solemn obligation to American people to investigate conditions in the 34th Battalion with a view to drastic corrective action."

Supreme Court Upholds Firemen and Engineers

Washington, D. C.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen was told by the supreme court Monday it must represent non-member Negro firemen without race discrimination.

In unanimous opinions by Chief Justice Harlan Stone, the court ruled that the railway labor act requires an exclusive bargaining agent for any craft or class to provide such representation.

Agreement Cited

Two Negro firemen were principals in the railway ruling. Bestor William Steele, working on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, cited an agreement between the union and 21 southeastern railroads restricting use of Negro firemen. The union also excluded them from its membership. Tom Tunstall, who complained he

was forced from his job and succeeded by a white man, also cited the agreement and sued the brotherhood for damages and the Norfolk Southern railway for reinstatement.

The brotherhood contended that the agreement with the companies was to make railroad operation more efficient and provide competent railroad men.

The court said the law does not deny a union the right to determine its membership but, in cases where it is the exclusive bargaining agent, it must represent non-union workers "without discrimination."

In another labor case, the court split 5 to 4 in upholding action of the national labor relations board in setting aside its certification of an independent union as a bargaining agent in the case of the Wallace Corp. of Richwood, W. Va.

and Mrs. Alexander are both of African decent and are thereby legally prevented from owning or occupying the property because of restrictions in the abstract on the property.

Alexander, widely known contracting engineer, purchased the property last January from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feintech for \$20,000.

The petitioners had asked that the court hold the sale of the property was void and to enjoin the defendants from going through with the real estate transaction prior to July, 1948, when the restriction ends.

Dismissal of the injunction case by the court was a surprise to the trial

against the petitioners.

The general dismissal order, signed by Equity Judge C. Edwin Moore, also listed nine equity cases which had been previously dismissed by the petitioners, in which costs in those actions were also taxed against the petitioners.

WAC Vespers At USO Sunday

Christmas day falls on Sunday, Dec. 24. The WAC Vespers will be held at the USO on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Christmas Activities Are Many at Churches of City

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT FIRST CME CHURCH

The Sunday School of the First CME church, S. E. 28th and Maury, will give a Christmas program Sunday night at 8 o'clock with the superintendent, Mrs. Louise Shelley, in charge.

Christmas Sermon

Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services, the pastor, the Rev. J. T. Johnson, will deliver a sermon on the subject, "God's Gift to the World," from St. John 3:16.

'American Christmas'

"The American Christmas Told in All Tongues," by Lucy Schulte, will be presented at the First CME church Sunday night at 8 o'clock featuring a verse-speaking chorus, reader, choir and soloists.

Members of the chorus are: Mesdames Gertrude Murry, A. Oneal, Velma Brown, Beulah Henry; reader, Mrs. Frank Bailey; choir members, Mesdames Pricella Brown, Louise Shelley, Misses Bernice Kelley, Leora Brown, Judith Johnson.

Special solos will be sung by Miss Bernice Kelley, "Ava Maria" (Schubert); "Holy City" (Adams), Mr. Eddie Burke; "O Holy Night" by Miss Margaret Torell with Mrs. J. T. Johnson accompanying and directing.

CHRISTMAS SERMON AT SHILOH SUNDAY

Sunday morning, Dec. 24, the Rev. C. A. Record, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, will deliver a sermon on the subject, "A Savior Born," at the 11 o'clock services.

Early evening services will begin at 7 o'clock Sunday after which the Sunday school will hold a Christmas program at 8:30 p. m. with Mrs. Odella Daniels, superintendent, in charge.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Mission Circle will meet at the parish house to prepare Christmas baskets to be distributed. Mrs. Roberta Frazier is president.

Among the Shiloh sick are: James Jackson, Mrs. L. Bailey, Mrs. Mary Howard, Lewis Weaver.

Christmas Morning

At 6:30 o'clock Christmas morning a candlelight service will be held at Shiloh with music by the choir.

CANTATA AT BETHEL SUNDAY NIGHT

Bethel AME church choir will hold a Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," (Holton) at 8 o'clock Sunday night, Dec. 24. Twin piano accompaniment will be played by Miss Joyce Smith and Mrs. Drucilla Johnson.

Sunday School Program at St. Paul Church

The St. Paul AME Sunday School Christmas program will be held Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Sunday School room. The junior choir will furnish Christmas music and the young people and children will present a program. Mr. Emanuel Davis is superintendent.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, will be held the annual Sunday School Christmas tree to which every member of the church is invited to bring a gift which will be presented to another person.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES TO BE OBSERVED AT MAPLE STREET

Christmas will be observed at the Maple Street Baptist church Sunday and Monday. At the morning hour of worship Sunday, the pastor, the Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, will speak on the subject, "Messianic Hope Fulfilled."

At the evening hour of worship, the Sunday school will present a Christmas program under the shadow of a beautiful Christmas tree. Gifts will be made to all the children and to the teachers as well.

The regular Christmas sermon will be delivered by Pastor McAllister on Christmas morning at seven o'clock. He will use as a subject, "The Birthday of Our Lord." The senior choir will render special music for the occasion.

See CHURCH Page.

Negro Soldiers Sent to Prison

Seattle, Wash.—Prison sentences aggregating more than 200 years were given Monday night to 27 Negro soldiers found guilty by a general court-martial board of rioting against an Italian service unit at Fort Lawton last Aug. 14.

Three of the defendants were found innocent of additional charges of murder in connection with the death of Pvt. Guglielmo Olivetto, whose body was found hanging in a nearby gully the morning after the riot.

Those cleared of murder charges, however, were convicted of rioting, and their sentences were the heaviest assessed by the court-martial board.

Corp. Luther Larkin, 23, Helena, Ark., was sentenced to 25 years in prison—the heaviest penalty. There originally were 42 defendants in the trial.

Alexander Case Is Dismissed

After nearly a year, an injunction action, questioning the ownership and occupancy of 2300 C. S. Parkway by Archie Alexander, was dismissed by the court.

Yours for and a H

CHILDREN OF IOWA MEN IN THE SERVICE



WILLIAM E. McINTOSH, Jr.
 William E. McIntosh, Jr., better known as "Sonny" has the honor of winning a baby contest that was sponsored recently by the Corinthian Baptist Church Aid Society. At one and one-half years old he plans to keep the home front smiling while his dad, Sgt. W. E. McIntosh who is somewhere in France with an engineers' regiment keeps things rolling. "Sonny's" maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burrell of Ankeny, Ia., with whom he and his mother, the former Thelma Burrell, reside. His paternal grandparent is Mrs. P. W. McIntosh of Washington, D. C.

FANT BROTHERS CHILDREN



MARVA JEAN

Getting many little Christmas gifts ready for her four grand children has kept Mrs. Goldie Fant, 1654 Maple street extra busy this fall. Her grandchildren are pictured below. Two-year-old Marva Jean Fant is not bothered about the cold weather of Des Moines. She is picking flowers in Riverside, Calif., where she resides with her parents, Cpl. and Mrs.



CHARLOTTE JEAN

Charlotte Jean who will be three years old next March is one of the three children of Cpl. and Mrs. Frank Fant. The other two are twin boys. Cpl. Fant is somewhere in France with the army. The children are with their mother, Mrs. Eleanor Colbert Fant in Denver, Colo.

Charles Fant. Her father is a barber at the army post in Riverside.



GARY AND LARRY HAWKINS

Pictured here when they were just a year old, Gary and Larry Hawkins, twin sons of Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins, 919 East Seventeenth street, are little busy-bodies in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, where the 20-month-old boys and their mother, Mrs. Marcell Nichols Hawkins reside. Their paternal grandmother is Mrs. Clara Hawkins of Minneapolis, Minn. Private Hawkins is stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois.



WESLEY AND BARBARA LEWIS

Little Iowans, Wesley Milton, 5, and Barbara Jane, 4, daughters of Private First Class and Mrs. Clarence Lewis are now residing in Chicago with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruedd. Their mother is Mrs. Emma Lewis of 915 Sixteenth street and their father is stationed at an army camp at Staten Island, New York. Wesley and Barbara are proud of an uncle, Sgt. Wesley Bettis now in the Philippine Islands, and a foster grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bush of 915 Sixteenth street.

Three-year-old "Sugar Pie" as she is called at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Vesta Williamson, 1022 Woodland, is really Vesta Clara who likes to sample all of the French perfumes that her daddy, Cpl. Chester A. Williamson, has sent the family from Paris where he had a chance to visit recently. The daughter of Mrs. Emma Williamson, "Sugar Pie's" maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams of 1482 Illinois street.



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The first twins that "Grandma" Fant can remember in her family are Andrew and Frank, shown here when they were three and one-half months old. Sons of Cpl. and Mrs. Frank Fant, they are now fourteen months old.



LE JOYCE V. PHILLIPS

A little three-year-old lady who constantly is in the atmosphere of beauty, is Le Joyce V. Phillips, daughter of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Chester A. Phillips. She resides with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Mae Phillips, a cosmetologist who operates the Le Joyce Beauty shop at 1058 Fifth street. Her father is somewhere in France. Le Joyce is shown here admiring some flowers at her home.

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WALTER WHITE TO PACIFIC AS N. Y. POST WAR CORRESPONDENT

New York—Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, left December 5, on the first leg of his trip to the Pacific as War Correspondent for the New York Post. Mr. White expects to visit all areas where Negro troops are centered, and to interview leading government, military and naval authorities in all theatres of combat, and civilian circles. His itinerary will include specifically the China-Burma-India theatre, and Russia. Stories, bulletins, articles and special dispatches from these sections will appear regularly in the New York Post, the NAACP press releases and leading magazines. With the addition of experiences in this new assignment combined with earlier ones in the European theatre of operations in 1943 and the beginning of 1944, Mr. White will write ultimately a book dealing with the whole problem of race in World War II.

Commenting on the eve of his departure, he said "I am delighted to visit additional battlefronts and to do whatever the NAACP can in improving the conditions under which Negro soldiers are fighting. I hope, also, by talking with the leaders of China, India, Russia and other countries to call attention to the importance of the world problem of race which must be solved and solved right, if there is going to be any lasting peace in the world." Mr. White will return sometime in the early spring.

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IT SAID ON THE PROGRAM THAT THE SHOW WOULD BE ON AT 7:30—NOT AT 8:00!

Yours for and a H

POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS



'Americans Would Learn' If They Saw Conditions in Philippines, Writes Iowan

"Perhaps you're thinking that we have forgotten you but I'm sure that when you finish reading this letter that all doubt will be completely erased from your mind and you will know that our intentions were perfectly good," wrote on Nov. 28 Sgt. Wesley Bettis for the group of Iowa boys who moved recently from New Guinea to the Philippines.

Your Christmas card was happily received and it was very much appreciated and beautiful and a million thanks are extended from my heart to a very thoughtful friend.

"The main event of mail call today was your letter to Cpl. Vernon Jennings describing your 'task' of delivering the presents to their main pin-ups. Of course, all were interested in it and it will please you to know—that particular letter will forever be a keepsake in Cpl. Jennings scrap book.

'Front Man'

"Perhaps, you're wondering why I'm answering this letter—so I'll tell you that I'm the 'front man' for them in whatever it takes a nation to do—I'm selected for most every thing even if they are to dig a ditch—but that is where I usually back up, so now you understand.

"Gosh, there is so much to tell you in this letter that I hardly know where to start. But, first, the boys are anxious to let Dorothy Tomlin and Babs Brown know that they are indeed happy to know that their presents pleased them so much for that is what they have been waiting to hear for so long as they have been sitting on needles and pins ever since they mailed the gifts wondering whether or not their selection would hit the spot.

"The bracelet was hand-made by my own hands in my spare time from Australian coins for Cpl. Jennings and one other which I put my heart into—for my wife, such as the necklace was selected by Cpl. Jennings himself, so you see it didn't take them long to plan it—only the time it took between duty hours to make the bracelet. A letter from Babs' mother would certainly be an exciting thing for the boys and they are looking forward to receiving it very much," wrote the Iowan.

The bracelet and necklace were prizes awarded to the Iowa girls, Tomlin and Miss Brown, following their victory in a pin-up girls contest conducted last spring from a page of pictures of high school graduates that appeared in a January issue of the Bystander.

Second Full Moon

"As you know we left our last destination weeks ago and made our bid into the Philippine Islands destination and time we arrived and all is forbidden by the censor, which I'm sure you understand," the Iowan continued.

"The situation is well in hand as far as our infantry is concerned but from the first morn we pulled in under smoke screen till this day and hour we have spent more time below ground than on top. This is now coming the second full moon and all night long you're safer below ground than on top. I'm sorry I can't explain as I'd like to but this is out of the question.

There was such a thing as a diary that I was keeping up until last week but have ceased to function entirely since our new moon is rolling in—for it is a pretty hard job to continue writing when you hear the whistle of bombs coming down.

"Yesterday was an exceptionally good day for they came in thick and by the end of the day 59 had gone down. They came back again all night long at high altitudes where not even searchlights could find them. You know they are there for you follow them over by the motor—then comes the bombs whistling and you hit the mud deep enough to swim in; they hit and you hear the lazy drone of their motors go out over the mountains.

"Of course, you never know what will happen till you have seen it. Weeks of these things are administered upon these ragged—starved—killed and children from two months ago—aged men and women—rooted and half-



Season's Greetings!

wave came in and watch a squadron of Jap suicide planes glide into ships as they came down in flames, hear the screams of burning humans, watch them stand on the rail burning to death and praying for God to save them—but it was hopeless for the heat is so intense that you can feel it yards away.

"Of course, I know those barber shop propaganda talkers wouldn't believe the war is that bad. To their idea the war is just another money-making deal; there is no one getting killed, no one lives in a muddy hole for months to hear them talk. Those are the ones who should be made to experience these things over here.

Jap Bombers Came

"When we first hit here we laid at anchor for a week and every day the Jap bombers came suiciding to ships all around us. One came straight at our aft end and no one saw him till after the ship next to us opened up on him as he strafed. He hit in the water close enough to see his yellow grinning face.

"Our number was up that time but somehow the Lord spared us for another purpose. For a week we sweated every day—eight in the morn, around twelve forty-five in the noon and six-thirty in the eve and never over five minutes off. Just the same as a schedule of a stream-line train.

"At first it was fun to see them explode in the air ten and fifteen a day—then they began gliding into our ships and when we would see them later our yells were quieted until they hit the water or land—then we would all yell and cuss them as they'd sink below the water or burn to death on land. I guess they were losing them too fast for water about four days of this the full moon rose and it began all night and there seemed to be one last wave coming over just at dawn in the morn, and not a one would get back over the mountain for they had over-stayed their leave.

"At least two hundred seen by my own eyes in flames and hundreds more shot down by our planes before they ever reach us. One day seventy-five were headed here. Our planes knocked down fifty-two of them, the few that did come through were knocked but by our ack-ack fire.

'Bring Them Home Soon'

"So you see that there is a war going on; yet, there are those slacker-bar-room-fies who don't have the lightest idea that there is and yet we are only at the light part—just a stop-over rest. Our next mission dwarfs anything we've ever been through—and if we come through that one—then I'm sure that I can survive any hardships that this world has to offer.

"If you don't hear from us for a while soon—please be patient for we are trying to carry our load and still let the folks at home know that we are well and I'm sure that every son, daughter and father in the service would be very happy to know that his or her family is backing them up all the way and working to bring them home soon as possible by BUYING BONDS and forgetting about STRIKES and more money.

"If only you could see for one day what we gaze upon every day you would realize that Americans are truly fortunate that war has never reached her homelands. We are in a place that it would bring tears to your eyes and sorrow to your hearts to see the treatment that these children from two months ago—aged men and women—rooted and half-

some poor people who know nothing of dislike and segregation.

"So you can see that we Americans have many things to be grateful for only we have never had the chance to find out just how grateful we should be. But, I hope you and all your readers will believe me that there are many things that we have to be grateful for and thank God for and I for one, can forever be sure of that.

"Forgive me for all of the mistakes and errors but at every misprinted word there is an unseen reason that could not be helped and just to keep you from thinking that I'm a poor writer, I'll tell you that those errors are caused by the haste of my going to my fox hole for there are Jap bombers in the area—so please overlook them this time for it is really hard to keep your mind on one thing just now.

"Before I can close, Cpl. Jennings and the Gang keep telling me to write that 'they wish Babs success in every way while attending Iowa University.'

"So I'll step out with—the wishing of A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—from the Gang."

Greetings from England

"No matter which way the wind blows—may your Christmas be merry," wrote Cpl. (Rev.) J. Burnell Cooper, on a greeting from somewhere in England.

Merry Christmas from Italy

Greetings for a "Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year," same (Continued on Page 5)

Season's Greetings

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(Continued from Page 4) from Sgt. William Pratt, who is somewhere in Italy.

Feels Good to Know That Friends Have Not Forgotten Him. Writes Marine Johnson

"Your nice card was received yesterday," wrote S/Sgt. William E. Johnson on Dec. 11 from somewhere in the South Pacific where he is serving with the Marine Corps.

"At present I am unable to cure the proper greeting so I am writing these few lines in hope that they will be accepted as such. A few lines from you would be greatly appreciated any time. Give my best regards to all."

S/Sgt. Johnson's address is: USMC, Battery "D," 51st Defense Battalion, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

Pfc. James McGuire Writes from Philippines

"Well, I'm reporting again—this time from Philippine Islands," wrote Pfc. James L. McGuire Jr., the latter part of November.

"As soon as we landed we dug in on the beach to protect us from the Japanese air attacks and the boys were really on time. Today we were well under an extensive air raid; plenty of bombers and zeros. These Japanese fellows sure don't mind dying for the emperor. (Smiles.)"

"There's nothing here but rain, mud, Japs, dead Japs, pint-sized natives. I see that Vernon Ashford wrote a letter criticizing Theydon Brown's and my discussion on the Hawaiian Islands—and mind you he is sitting safe on Saipan—safe from the Japs and other numerous attacks. No malaria or any diseases to combat. (Smiles.)"

"In my next letter I'll send you some Japanese money. I'm collecting it right along."

Pfc. McGuire's address is: 1st Bn. Hdqts. Det., 322nd Eng., APO 72, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Calling All Letter Writers to Drop a Line to Soldier in Belgium

"While being so lonely I asked my friend (S/Sgt. G. P. Williams) for some friend to write to and he said he would give me your address," wrote Pvt. Roosevelt Simms from somewhere in Belgium on Dec. 5.

Now girls and all of those persons who would like to brighten up the life of a young lonely soldier who is way over in Belgium—just drop Pvt. Simms a few lines and by the time for the new year to come—the soldier should have a few letters as his letter arrived in Iowa ten days after it was mailed in Belgium. His address is: Pvt. Roosevelt Simms, 34620039, QM Serv. Co., 3168 QM Serv. Co., APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Iowans in Belgium Doing Their Bit to End War Writes S/Sgt. Williams

"I know you are looking forward to a very fine Christmas also a happy, prosperous new year," wrote S/Sgt. George P. Williams on Dec. 2 from somewhere in Belgium.

"There isn't much we Iowa boys can do—but we can say we wish you much success and happiness for the coming year—T/Cpl. Edwin Craddock, Pfc. Robert Fowler, Pfc. David Callister, and S/Sgt. George P. Williams—in fact, the Company 3168 Q. M."

"We are doing our small bit trying each and every way to help end this war as soon as possible. England was a nice place when we were there. After leaving England and coming in France, an early date after D-Day—we finally made our way and got better acquainted."

"I must say the French people were much friendlier and nicer than the English. Then crossing England, France into Belgium—they are yet better."

Sees Paris

I must go back and say, Paris, from what I could see on passing through it—reminded me of home so much. I must say the army is quite educational. You go see and do things that you probably would never have seen or done. But after all—there is no place like home."

"I keep quite busy trying to help keep morale of men of this company in high standing. Of course, at times it seems useless but I have the courage to keep trying. I must say—out of all that comes and goes—God is with us. We never forget to attend church. We have a very faithful chaplain; he really sticks by us in every respect. I know he is a God-sent man."

"The men take all of T/Cpl. Craddock's time keeping the armory for men. Pfc. Callister stays on job looking out their view."

Fowler is really on the ball with his duties. I, myself, can't say much. I only try to keep some good chow and hot coffee as T/Cpl. Craddock really loves his coffee at all times. Best regards to all of the home forces."

S/Sgt. Williams' address: 37654852, 3168 Q. M. Serv. Co., APO 230, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

Hawkeye Elks to Install Officers On January 3

The newly elected officers of the Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 of the IBOPE of W to be installed on Jan. 3 are: Norville Tillman, exalted ruler; Charles Poindexter, esteemed leading knight; Eugene Gates, esteemed loyal knight; Roy Vaughn, esteemed lecturing knight; Everett Wolfskill, inner guard; William Taylor, tyler; William Vaughn, esquire; John Williams, secretary; William Hubbard, assistant secretary; A. J. Claybrook, treasurer; Paris Skanes, master of social session; Lavell Little, assistant master; Rev. George Kendricks, chaplain; and, Essie Holt, R. D. Claybrook and J. G. Browne, trustees.

Elks Christmas Party

The Elks will be hosts to 500 children on Christmas morning at their new home, 783 Twelfth street, which was dedicated Dec. 14.

The Elks will conduct also a statewide oratorical contest this year. The winner will be sent to Philadelphia to compete in the national contest in August.

Memorial Service

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 with Rose Temple held joint memorial services at the St. Paul A.M.E. church Dec. 10. The state deputy, Mr. J. G. Browne, eulogizes the late W. J. Shepherd. The Rev. A. J. Irvine delivered the memorial sermon.

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SOCIETY



MRS. ESTHER CONROY RETURNS FROM VISIT WITH CPL. CONROY

Mrs. Esther Conroy, 1332 E. Seventeenth street, has returned home after spending seven weeks with her husband, Cpl. Robert Conroy, who is stationed at Staten Island, New York. The couple were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Nora Burnett, the former Nora Kenny of Des Moines, who occupies apartment houses in New York City. Mrs. Conroy was guest of Mrs. Burnett on a sight-seeing tour of New York City on a sight-seeing tour of Radio City Music hall.

The Conroys enjoyed stage shows, accompanied by Cpl. R. Hall and Pfc. C. Lewis. Mrs. Conroy visited Miss Nancy Lillard formerly of Des Moines and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. William Glasser at whose home she resided, to show; visited cousins, Mesdames Viola Pegesse of Englewood, N. J., and Dortha Roberts of New York City; attended the November USO dance.

In Plainfield, N. J., Mrs. Conroy visited Mrs. A. Ross Brent who has recovered from a recent illness.

CHICAGOANS ARRIVE FOR WEDDING

Messrs. William Walker, L. A. Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, all of Chicago, arrived here early this week for the wedding ceremony of Mr. Walker and Miss Eloise Morrow, held Wednesday night at Corinthian Baptist church.

TO CHICAGO

Mrs. Laura Nichols left for Chicago Friday night to spend the holidays with her daughters and grand-children and other relatives.

MESDAMES CARTER AND MANUEL VISIT CHICAGO

Mrs. Helen Carter and daughter, Mrs. Leslie Manuel and grandson, George Manuel, Jr., were guests in Chicago recently with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wadsworth and family. Mrs. Wadsworth is their daughter, sister and aunt.

MINNESOTAN IS HOUSE GUEST

Mr. James Murray of Minneapolis, Minn., was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Todd, 1051 Seventeenth street, Saturday night.

THE LINCOLNS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Lincoln, 1021 Crocker, entertained friends at their joint birthday party on Monday evening, Dec. 18.

MR. ROBERTS TO CHICAGO

Mr. J. R. Roberts, 1213 Park street, left Monday night for Chicago to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. Frank Roberts, who died there Sunday.

MRS. PAGE SINGS FOR W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, was guest singer on Monday at the meeting of the W.C.T.U. at the University Church of Christ. Mrs. Ida Wise Smith, one of the national officers, was in attendance.

VISITS FATHER

Miss Maizie Weaver who has been in the city visiting her father, Mr. Lewis Weaver, and other relatives, will leave Friday for Chicago.

MR. R. EWING OF KANSAS CITY HERE

Mr. Raymond Ewing of Kansas City, Mo., spent the week end here visiting his brother, Mr. Ezra Ewing, and Mrs. Ewing; and two sisters, Mesdames Reba Dean and A. P. Trotter, and Mr. Trotter.

MRS. L. JONES OF ST. PAUL EXPECTED

Mrs. Lala Jones from St. Paul, Minn., will spend the Christmas holidays here with her sister, Mrs. Ada Watkins, of 2523 Terrace Road. Mrs. Watkins injured a leg recently in a fall on ice.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Three Purpose club met at the home of Mrs. Harold Spangler, 14th street on last Wednesday. They were made for a party to Harry Johnson, Jr., who will be in the service soon. Favours were made for a party and a gift for the members.

YOUNKERS EMPLOYEES AT ANNUAL PARTY



Youngers' Negro employees and their guests were honored at a Christmas party on Monday evening at the Sepia Supper club where they were banqueted at a turkey dinner, and entertained with a snappy floor show.

The employees of Des Moines' largest department store number twelve men and twenty-two women, when before the war there were as many men as women, Mr. Fred Allen, head of the Negro workers revealed.

The entertainment for the evening included music by the Gray brothers

orchestra with the "Mad Genius" at the piano, jitterbug dancing by Bob White and I. Maasey, songs by Harold Reynolds, Dora Moore and Azalee Robinson.

One of the surprise guests of the evening was Coxswain George Manuel from Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he is stationed at a naval base. He received a big reception from his former co-workers.

Shown in pictures above are the following employees and their guests: (top scene reading from left to right around the table) Elbert Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John Nickens, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Ewing, Mr. Thornton Adams, Miss Della Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Paris Skanes.

PFC. ISAAC LEWIS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Pfc. Isaac W. Lewis of Casper, Wyo., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Bernice Carter, 911 16th street.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB HONORS HARRY JOHNSON

The Three Purpose club honored Harry Johnson, Jr. with a buffet party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, 116 14th street Friday. Guests were Willa Mae Hayes, Marguerite DeSleet, Bernice Tomlin, Betty J. Hayes, Bernice Kelley, Barbara Parkey, Sylvia Payne, Dorothy and Lottie Williams, Messrs. John-

son, Raymond Monroe, Leonard and Harold Spangler, Walter Jones, Napoleon Cropp, Alvin Miles, John Estes, Willie Brewton, Lonnie Dixon.

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CITY ASSOCIATION REPORTS \$200 FROM BROWN DAY PROGRAM

The Sue M. Brown Hall day held by the City Association raised \$205.50 at the observation and program held Friday night, Dec. 15 at the Negro Community Center.

Mr. A. A. Alexander, guest speaker, told of the needs of the home. Others who participated were: Miss Jessie Walker, chairman of the trustees; Mrs. Rose B. Johnson of Marshalltown, state president; Mrs. Paul Scott of Mason City, first vice president; Mrs. Cecil Lewis, second vice president; Mrs. Sarah Jett, chairman of scholarship. Music was in charge of Mrs. Margaret Chamblee.

Mr. Ike Smalls presented a large picture of the great Negro scientist, the late Dr. George Washington Carver, which will be placed in the Brown hall. Mrs. Goldie Fant is president of the Association.

KEO WAY USO CLUB NEWS

Company 6 of the Third Regiment, the First WAC Training Center, of Ft. Des Moines, which has finished basic and is entering staging waiting for assignments and orders, came to dinner at KEO-WAY USO, 7:00 p. m., Sunday, December 17th. The traditional red and green for the Christmas season was carried-out in evergreen branches, red crepe paper, tapering candles, and a gorgeous poinsettia plant for the table decorations. The 40 WACs attending had a swell time singing familiar songs, such as "God Bless America" and "When the Lights Go On All Over the World." Lieutenant Vera Campbell and Lieut. Martin were the officers in charge. Members of the company also sang "Happy Birthday to Lieutenant Campbell."

LE FLEUR DE LES CLUB MEETS

La Fleur De Les club met Dec. 17, with Mrs. Stella Greer, 1508 Lyon. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Pokeno prizes were won by Selma Williams, Wilma Hunt and Nancy Jackson. The next meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 7, at the home of Mrs. Hunt, 1642 Walker.

MRS. MARTIN IS NEW HEAD OF DILETTANTES

The Dilettante club met Dec. 12 at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Cothorn. Election of officers was held as follows: Mrs. Virginia Martin, president; Mrs. Nellie Esters, vice president; Mrs. Orea Bulce, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Turner, assistant secretary; Mrs. Joan Bullock, treasurer. Mrs. Lillian Edmunds will be the hostess on Jan. 9.

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H. W.—I am 80 years old and my woman is about the same age as I am. She left me in June and now she is back, staying about a block from me. Do you think she intends to come back or should I look for me another woman?

Ans.: It is hard for a man of your age to learn new tricks. The thing for you to do is to try to get this woman back. But by offering her marriage, you would be most likely to succeed. She would like to have some future security in her remaining years.

L. B.—I have been going with a certain boy one year and 6 months. Sometime ago, he was called to the Navy. We have been writing regularly and he has told me how much he loves me. After he returned to camp, he writes and tells me we are through. I write him and after he received my letter, he writes and asks forgiveness for the one he has written because he says he still loves me. 6 days ago he wrote me a letter and asked me to wait for him and marry him. 5 days ago, he wrote and told me he was through, he didn't love me anymore and sent my picture back. 4 days ago, he wrote forgiveness for that letter and said that he still loves me. But I am just tired of the way he is carrying on. I love him and wish to continue on with him, but don't know what to do.

Ans.: From all indications, your boy friend thinks he is supposed to keep a girl guessing to keep her interested. His emotions fluctuate like the mercury in a thermometer. He doesn't like for his love life to run smoothly—a little discord adds spice and zest. The main reason he likes to fuss is to have the pleasure of making up. So don't take his tantrums too seriously—they don't mean a thing. You can rest assured that he is more interested in you than any other girl of his acquaintance.

R. L. B.—I read your column regularly and am seeking your advice. I am a girl between the age of 18 and 19. I have made one mistake in life and my aunt tells me that I will never get married. Naturally this worries me greatly and I am wondering if I will have to pay for this mistake all of my life?

Ans.: The mistake you made was a serious one, and will naturally have some effect on your future life. Some boys you will meet will be willing to overlook this mistake—while others have very set and rigid rules about the girls they choose for wives. The only way you can rectify this mistake is to be sorry and never repeat it. If you will live a life above reproach, with an unshamed conscience; you can put this behind you, and in time, others will forget the episode.

M. M.—I am a young lady of 25 and am employed in a physician's office. He's very handsome. I have fallen very, very weak for him, but he does not know it, altho we have come in contact with each other. Now the man I love is in service over seas and has been for some time. I don't know what to do. Should I leave this office and forget him and go north, or remain on here? He did say he thought he could care an awful lot for me.

Ans.: He probably could, as long as he can hide behind his wife's skirts and offer you nothing but an affair. But even an affair would soon grow boring to him after the newness wears off. You are placing yourself in a precarious situation which can only end in tragedy and unhappiness for you. You are in love with the G. I. and are pledged to him. If you can't hold your job without falling victim to the wiles of this man, by all means leave it and seek work elsewhere.

Mrs. R. J. H.—I have been a constant reader of your column for about 8 years. My husband and I lived very happily in our home until his people moved in. They have about gained control over everything here. What shall I do, move or stay on? I believe they would like to have me put out of the house. I am terribly worried.

Ans.: When relatives can no longer live together in peace and harmony, it is time for a showdown. If you were visiting in your relatives home, they wouldn't allow you to rule the roost—and certainly you are justified in standing up for your rights in your own home. But do so in a manner that would cause no friction between you and your husband. They are his people, and let him be the one to ask them to seek housing quarters elsewhere. Insist in a firm but tactful way that he do so.

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INCONSISTENCY BOGS DOWN WORLD PROGRESS

Secretary Stimson has signed an order permitting American born Japanese to return to the west coast areas from which they have been barred since 1941. This partially rights a grievous wrong which was committed against these people when the war began based solely on race prejudice because there was no more reason to intern loyal Japanese citizens than to follow through logically and intern citizens of the German or Italian race.

Nat. Fanery, of the Register Washington Bureau said the order was signed in righteous ire by Secretary Stimson because of reports that movements were on foot that names of more Nesei would be excluded or scratched from honor rolls similar to the action taken by an Oregon American Legion post. In a statement condemning this action he said: "To me it seems incongruous and wholly inconsistent with American ideals of democracy that these men, who like millions of other Americans, have demonstrated their loyalty to their country should be subjected to unworthy discriminations."

Stimson said there are 13,000 American-Japanese in uniform, 5,000 from the United States and the rest from Hawaii. He praised their record in action, pointing out that 402 casualties have been reported from the group, a far higher rate than in the army as a whole.

Well, if that isn't something. Last week, the war department announced that there were more than seven hundred thousand Negroes in the army. Their casualty list has been small because they have been restricted to work units rather than combat units without any fault of their own.

Secretary Stimson and the administration have been furnished with voluminous evidence showing the mistreatment of thousands of Negro civilians and army personnel. He has never done anything to help them.

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bad reputation Ames was getting because of its intolerant attitude, a group of professors and fairminded citizens living near the campus agreed to rent rooms to Negro students where they could be comfortable and near the college buildings. At present all Negro students are well cared for by these citizens, all are happy over the arrangement and nobody has been injured.

Of course, this does not do away with the discriminatory practice of barring Negro students from the dormitories—a matter which white and Negro groups are working to eliminate—but it does bridge a gap which has embarrassed Negro students for many years, and makes it easier for them to secure an education under more favorable circumstances.

It may not be possible for individuals and small groups to shape the whole course of a nation or a community, but it is possible that individuals and groups can go along from day to day doing his or her duty toward mankind which collectively can and does make the whole world a better place in which to live.

And so as we come to Xmas 1944, even though the world, our nation, our state or community is not as we should like, if we, like the small group at Ames College, have done our duty, we can with satisfaction to our own conscience and those we have helped say "Peace on earth and good will toward men" and know we have done our part to make that great thing possible.

NAACP GROUP CONFERS WITH AMES CITIZENS

A group of citizens representing the Des Moines Branch, NAACP, attended a conference on the problems of Negro students at Ames Sunday, December 17.

The meeting was held at the home of our state our community is not as we should like, if we, like the small group at Ames College, have done our duty, we can with satisfaction to our own conscience and those we have helped say "Peace on earth and good will toward men" and know we have done our part to make that great thing possible.

NAACP HITS USE OF 'NIGGER' IN DICTIONARY USED BY GIs IN FRANCE

New York—Letters were sent December 12, by the NAACP to Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy and Ted Poston, OWI News Bureau, protesting offensive use and definition of the word "nigger" in a pocket-size English-French dictionary widely used in Belgium. The matter was brought to the attention of the Association through a letter from a Negro GI in that area who said, "I don't believe it is the intention of the Belgium people to insult us because they are exceptionally friendly and nice to us, but that it is an unfortunate situation on the part of the person or persons responsible for printing these books."

In suggesting steps to be taken by the War Department to eliminate this humiliation to Negro soldiers, the NAACP said:

"In the English-French section 'nigger' is defined as 'negro' meaning a black man. In the section of the dictionary giving simple short conversational phrases occurs the sentence, 'the niggers who are with you, where do they come from?'"

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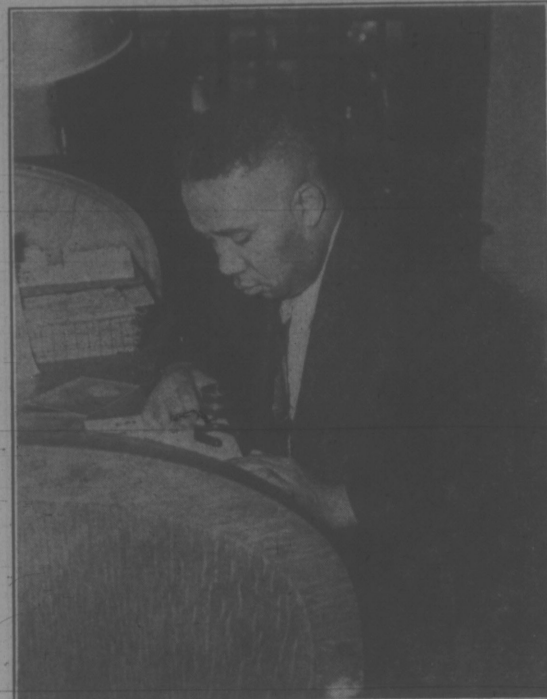
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LUCIUS B. ASHBY

Lucius A. Ashby is on duty again as a deputy in the county bureau of identification. The Polk county board of supervisors recently approved the appointment by Sheriff Vane B. Overturf. Ashby was dismissed last August by Overturf as head of the bureau of identification as a result of trouble between Ashby and a Negro city policeman, who later resigned from the police force on which he had been serving as a duration officer.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By RUTH TAYLOR

Giver of all gifts, we beseech Thee that Thy spirit may descend upon our hearts this Christmas Day. We thank Thee for the great and manifold mercies bestowed upon us during the past year, for the victories over our enemies and for the victories over ourselves.

Grant us, O Lord, humility and courage in the days ahead. Give us new strength to endure the time of our testing; that we may in our daily tasks work not for ourselves alone but for Thy Glory, and Honor always.

Help us to put aside all prejudice, vainglory and hatred. Grant to each the wisdom to act justly, to speak the truth boldly, to fight valiantly for the right, to be merciful, understanding and loving toward our fellow men everywhere.

On this Christmas Day give us, we pray, the power and the courage to follow Thy will, that we may help bring Thy Kingdom to reign on earth, and that the least of us may be led by the still waters into green pastures where the paths of all may be the paths of righteousness and peace. Amen.

Humphrey. The Sampson quartet sang. The Rev. J. E. Blackmore, Presbyterian minister of Omaha, Neb., was a visitor.

The Brotherhood and "Sisterhood" were guests of the S. L. Birt club last Sunday evening at St. Paul AME church.

Honor Negro Air Hero in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo.—Tuesday was Capt. Wendell O. Pruitt day in St. Louis. Special ceremonies were held at the city hall, at which the 24-year-old Negro fighter pilot was presented a watch. A military parade in his honor was called off because of cold weather.

Captain Pruitt was sent to Italy with an all-Negro fighter squadron nine and one-half months ago. He flew 70 missions in his P-51 Mustang without injury, shot down three enemy planes, accounted for eight more on the ground, helped sink a German destroyer, and won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

In setting aside this day for Pruitt, Mayor A. P. Kauffman said, "You have done your best. You are typical of the fine young Negro men from St. Louis and all parts of the country who have gone to war."

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SPORTS Crowd Attends Monarch Club's Annual Minstrels

By ALLEN ASHBY

BOXING

It's hard to think of Christmas and sports together, with the thoughts of getting home running through our mind, but there is still a little news happening around these parts.

Young Sugar Costner is being hailed as the latest sensation and a likely bidder for the light weight honors that everyone is hoping to win. The Sugar has twenty-one consecutive wins at this writing, and all of them but one have been kayos. That one was the brawl with Sergeant Lou Woods, who went down without being hit after being floored by Costner, and was declared the loser on a foul, a mandatory rule of the ring.

The Chicago papers are playing up a bout between Costner and Ray Robinson. Such a bout would certainly pack whatever indoor place it was held in. It would likely have to be the Stadium, because the Marigold Gardens holds only around two thousand, and the Coliseum around eight thousand. But, we don't have any ideas that Robinson would accept a bout that he knew was going to make him get out and go without a fat purse, and that would be the hold-back.

Weak Support

For some reason, Chicago enjoys the doubtful distinction of being one of the poorest supporters of fights in this part of the middle west. This is partly accounted for in the fact that so many balmy decisions have come out of the Windy City. For instance last month a bout between Johnny Bratton, former Golden Gloves winner, and some white boy was awarded to the latter in spite of the fact that Bratton had just about annihilated the boy throughout the entire brawl, flooring him several times and having him nearly out on his feet at the end.

This made some old timers recall the honey that was pulled on Tiger Flowers when the late Georgia Deacon beat the ears off one Mickey Walker and lost his crown in a decision that made even the fight announcer scream through the mike to the entire world that they were robbing the Tiger. Then the old timers recalled some others just about as rotten but that we didn't happen to be familiar with, but the way they were told must have been some really hot ones. Naturally no fighter of any repute cares to risk his reputation or title in a place where the only sure way to win is to knock your opponent stiff, because that is sometimes hard to do, in spite of the fact that you outclass him from here to Boston and back.

Fastest Thing

But the Sugar Costner is just about the fastest thing on his feet your illustrious scribbler ever looked at, and throws his punches straight as arrows with the punch of a small charge of dynamite. He doesn't waste many moves, and makes each move count for something. But, so for that matter does Ray Robinson. Robinson is punching harder now it

The Monarch Minstrels were a riot of fun on last Thursday evening when a crowd of spectators filled the Hoyt Sherman Place auditorium for the annual show which was under the direction of T. L. Howard, music; and Curtis Morton, show.

Added to the enjoyment of the show this year was the music of Ernest "Speck" Redd and his orchestra who had the audience calling and clapping for more of the musicians' arrangements and compositions.

As the curtain rose the following members participated in the circle ensemble: Harlod Reynolds, C. Hendricks, Ira Wyatt, Donald Platter, Harbon Merritt, Herman Wallace, James Mitchell, John Morrow, William Weathers, G. B. Tucker, Arthur Propes, Lewis Jackson, James Martin.

The end men starting their capers of the evening were Messrs. Morton and Howard. George Brewer, Colen Scales, Raymond Johnson with James Rhodes as interlocutor.

Featured in the annual parade of crooners were: Mr. Scales, "Straighten Up and Fly Right"; Mr. Wallace, "Someday I'll Meet You Again"; Mr. Tucker, "Song of Songs"; Mr. Brewer, "It Ain't What You Do"; Commo-

dore, Hendricks, "Til Walk Alone"; Mr. Johnson, "Hole in the Stocking."

After the entrance of extreme end men, Messrs. Morton and Howard, the songs continued with Mr. Mitchell singing, "Don't Bring Me Posies"; Mr. Howard, "Do You Mind"; and Mr. Morton, "Gee Baby, Ain't I Good to You"; Mr. Propes, "It Could Happen to You." Missing from the songsters were John Estes who was ill.

Guest soloists were Mrs. Mildred Page, blind contralto, "He's Funny That Way," and an encore; Mrs. Gertrude Carl "When You Grow Too Old to Dream."

During the olio the "Four Queens" composed of Mesdames Carl, Page, Cuma Clayter and Beatrice Robinson sang a group of numbers. George Brewer, Jr., and Raymond Johnson did a dance specialty.

Climaxing the show was a skit, "Over the River Charlie," which featured Dr. E. T. Scales, a scientist; James Rhodes, lover; and Curtis Morton, the porter whose job it was to steal a dead body and bring it to the office of the scientist for research purposes.

Mr. Herman Wallace is president of the club.

BOY'S AILMENT NOT SMALLPOX

The city health commissioner said Friday that hospital records showed a diagnosis of erysipelas and other ailments in the case of a 7-year-old Negro boy whose death Tuesday was reported as having been caused by smallpox.

Dr. H. E. Ransom, the commissioner, said Broadlawn-Contagious hospital records stated the boy, Robert Hugh Williams, Jr., suffered from erysipelas; cellulitis, a general inflammation of the tissues, and a blood stream infection. The three commonly were found together, he said.

The boy, whose father is a sergeant in the army, died in Broadlawn-Contagious hospital. His mother, Mrs. Elzada Williams, lives at 3011 Amherst street.

Only one smallpox case has been reported in Des Moines in more than three years.

est high school stars ever developed in Chicago, carrying Wendell Phillips to city championships on his shooting ability in the early twenties, when basketball was more of an individual game than it is now.

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