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News Briefs From Far and Near

PICTURES FOR NEXT SOLDIER PAGE DUE

Pictures for the February servicemen's picture page are being accepted at the office of the Bystander now.

ROBERT WITHERS, 46, DIES AFTER ILLNESS

Robert Withers, 46, of 828 Tenth street, died Saturday at the Veterans hospital after a short illness. A Des Moines resident nine years, he was a member of St. John Baptist church and a World War I veteran. He is survived by his wife, Leota, and a brother, William, of Independence, Mo.

JAMES A. HOLLAND COAL MINER, DIES

James A. Holland, 89-year-old retired coal miner of 1031 E. Fifteenth street, died Sunday at Broadlawn General hospital after a long illness. He had been a Des Moines resident the last 50 years and a member of the Union Baptist church.

All-Negro Soldier Cast Plays Rest Camp in Belgium

Headquarters, U. S. First Army, France—About the first Continental All-Negro soldier musical revue was held recently before a capacity crowd of nearly 2,000 front-line troops from a First Army rest camp in Belgium.

"Shades of Boogie Woogie" is the title given the show by the men of the 999th Quartermaster Collecting Company, who make up the cast. Originated in England, while the company was stationed there prior to D-Day under Captain Chardlow J. Hansen, of Galesburg, Illinois, the troupe has played to some 20,000 soldiers and English civilians.

Scripts, songs, arrangements, even the costumes have been the product of the ingenious GI's. Their production manager, Sergeant Leon Rozene, 108 Garfield avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., a Special Service soldier, has been with them since the English production.

Spark-plugging the show is a musical pair, Corporal Alvin Chamblee, 5720 South Park, Chicago, Illinois, and Corporal Gilbert M. Blacken, 517 Avenue A, Norfolk, Virginia. Corporal Chamblee is director of the show, and is responsible for writing its score. His co-partner, Corporal Blacken, has done original musical compositions for the revue, along with assisting in the direction.

Corporal Chamblee even joins up with a trio in a number entitled "The Four Lords of Rhythm," one of the most popular hits in the musical. Other members of the "Lords," are Private First Class Earl L. Garnet, Jr., 2011 Park avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Private Joseph N. Hardin, 1121 W. Nichols street, Springfield, Missouri; and Private Israel Owens, 4671 Evans street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Corporal Chamblee is the son of Mrs. Marguerite Chamblee of Des Moines.

MRS. OPHELIA HILL MEETS WITH GROUP

Mrs. Ophelia Hill, chairman of the Central District Rummage Department for the State Baptist Women's Convention, met with a committee of women from each of the Baptist churches of Des Moines at the home of the district president, Mrs. Leota Slater, Monday evening where plans were made for finance for both the state and district. They also brought tokens in honor of Mrs. Slater's birthday anniversary and were served refreshments.

"OUR NEGRO FLIERS HAVE NOT ONLY BAGGED A RECORD NUMBER OF NAZI PLANES, BUT SIX MEMBERS OF THESE TWO OUTFITS HAVE WON DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES."



'YOU'VE DONE WELL MY SON'

LENA IS A WOW WITH FORT KNOX GI'S



Following her performance last month at the held house, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Miss Lena Horne, famed MGM movie actress, was swamped with GI's who sought her autograph. Miss Horne, who starred in the film hit, "As Thousands Cheer," spent three days at Fort Knox and Godman Field entertaining troops.

(U. S. Signal Corps Photo from Bureau of Public Relations)

T/SGT. O'NEAL BACK TO STATES; BURIES WIFE

T/Sgt. Kenneth O'Neal arrived in the city during the week end to attend the burial of his wife, Mrs. Anna Mae O'Neal, who died here December 24 at Mercy hospital after an illness of several months.

Sergeant O'Neal returned to the states two weeks ago from service with the army in the European theater of war. He had been overseas one year with an engineer's outfit which had been stationed behind front lines in England and France.

Mrs. O'Neal was the daughter of Mrs. Price Alexander, 3635 Cornell street. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

Sergeant O'Neal will leave the city this week end to return to Chicago where he and his wife lived. He was an architect before he went into the services.

Propose Negro Student Exchange Plan in South

Richmond, Va.—Virginia's governor, C. G. Darden, Jr., proposes that southern states team up to give their Negroes greater educational opportunities and to utilize more fully their Negro colleges.

The plan calls for a state exchange of scholarships under which a Negro student desiring a course not offered in any Negro college of his state would be able to go to an institution in another state participating in the exchange.

Governor Darden's suggestions was broached more than a year ago to a couple of fellow executives of southern states.

It received favorable comment and was placed before the conference of southern governors in November at Biloxi, Miss.

Now it is being considered by a committee of governors conducting a complete study of the south's educational problems.

"It will help in equalizing education for Negroes in the south," Darden said. "It might result eventually in developing educational opportunities in this section to such an extent that Negroes from other sections will come to the southern states for higher education."

Opposition to the plan, he added, has come principally from those who fear such a move would place further stress upon race segregation.

"Some feel," he said, "that it would be emphasizing segregation. They feel, too, that the probable courses of study would not be as broad or as high as those offered in the large universities. These would prefer state payment of cost to send these Negro students to northern universities."

"On the other side are those who believe the proposal is worth trying and that it would be a start toward better educational opportunities for the Negroes in the south."

TO CALIFORNIA

Irene White and children, Patty Ronnie and Verdo, have left the city for Vallejo, Cal., for an indefinite stay.

man. Report received states he died Jan. 14, in New Caledonia. Confirming letter follows.

Mrs. Veasley had received from her son, just a few days before two letters, written since January 1, in which he asked his mother to send him a pipe and newspapers.

Mrs. Veasley was of the opinion that her son had been ill. He had been in a hospital but was supposed to have recovered, his letter revealed.

Pvt. Freeman had been in New Caledonia over six months. He went into the army over three years ago and left for overseas in May 1944.

Born in Des Moines, Pvt. Freeman attended Scott and Willard grade school and Amos Hiatt junior high. He was a member of the CME church in Chesterfield. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Senator Veasley.

DIES IN CALEDONIA



PVT. RAYMOND L. FREEMAN

Mrs. Alice Veasley, 935 1/2 West Tenth street, received information on Wednesday, Jan. 17, that her son, Pvt. Raymond L. Freeman, 20, died in New Caledonia where he had been stationed with the United States army in the South Pacific.

The letter from the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C., on Jan. 17, read:

"The Secretary of War asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your son, Pvt. Ray Free-

FEPC Hearing Opens at Cartridge Plant Jan. 31

Chicago—A formal hearing on complaints of racial discrimination against the Western Cartridge Company of East Alton, Illinois, will be held by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice on January 31, it was announced by Elmer W. Henderson, Regional Director in Chicago.

"Our committee has received a number of complaints that this company refuses to employ qualified Negroes at its great ammunition plant and we have attempted to negotiate a change of policy without successful results," Henderson said.

The War Relocation Authority has also attempted to change this company's practices but was unable to and certified the case to FEPC in November 1943. At this time the company made a public statement

that it could not comply due to the prevailing community pattern in East Alton. This city has no Negro residents and there is an alleged sentiment among white citizens against them.

N. D. BELL DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Word was received here by the Bell family of the death of their brother-in-law, N. D. Valentine of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Valentine will be remembered the husband of Laura Bell, the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bell.

Mr. Valentine was the father of Mrs. Edna Valentine Elgi, who visited here a few years ago at the home of the Bells, 1340 Jefferson street.

Tuskegee Polio Center Ito Be Great Negro Medical Science Training Unit

New York—More than half a million dollars for treatment of Negro victims of infantile paralysis has been spent at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama during the past four years. Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced this week.

Patients from communities in thirteen states without proper facilities for their local care have received treatment at the Tuskegee Infantile Paralysis Center. The National Foundation has since 1941 granted \$414,356.69 to the Center from funds collected in the annual March of Dimes. Local chapters have made additional grants, totaling some \$100,000, besides paying for treatment of patients in their own communities.

Vocational rehabilitation of patients and education of child suffer-

ers of the disease are also provided at Tuskegee. A boy from Georgia who was stricken with poliomyelitis learned commercial photography while undergoing treatment at Tuskegee. A young man from Oklahoma makes his living as a lintype operator as a result of his training at the infantile paralysis center. Patients have their choice of all the regular vocational courses offered at Tuskegee Institute.

The Tuskegee Infantile Paralysis Center is one of the few medical centers where Negro physicians and nurses can gain experience as specialists in various departments of medicine and surgery and where the best and latest facilities and findings in medical science are available to them. It is intended that the Center will become one of the great Negro medical science training centers.

NAACP State Head Urges Negroes to Be 'Diplomats Rather Than Artillerymen'

"It will be much better for us as Negroes and individuals to be diplomats rather than artillerymen" spoke Atty. Milton P. Fields Thursday night January 18, as he addressed over one hundred and fifty members and guests who attended the thirtieth anniversary of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which met at the St. Paul AME church.

Attorney Fields of Waterloo, Ia., who is president of the Iowa State Conference of Branches, used as his subject of the anniversary dinner meeting, "The Mote in Our Own Eyes."

The speaker said that "usually a speech to an NAACP audience is the giving of complaints and the damning of everybody for our condition and the blaming all on the honorability of the white man and never looking to see whether or not there might be contributing causes to these conditions that we as Negroes could alleviate ourselves."

He stressed the use of "good manners, better behavior, and friendliness."

"We should meet the other fellow halfway. Most of us worry for fear that the other fellow will think us Uncle Toms," the state president said and added that "you can be friendly and still demand respect."

"Be better diplomats and it will aid greatly in removing the mote as well as the beam from all eyes," Attorney Fields concluded.

A. P. Trotter, president of the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP, presided and presented the Rev. C. L. McAllister who gave the invocation and Messdames Sarah Steele Tucker, Donna Ogleton and Korine Jackson as soloists.

History of Branch

A brief report upon how the Des Moines Branch which started with thirty three members thirty years ago had grown to a present membership of nine hundred and thirty three was given by S. Joe Brown, dean of Des Moines Negro lawyers who called the meeting out of which the Des Moines branch was organized. He called the roll of the organization committee of which only nine, including Harvey Ingham, editor emeritus of the Register and Tribune, still survive.

The organization was perfected on Jan. 18, 1915 when the first group met at the Union Congregational church, then at W. Tenth and Park street, with Miss Kathryn E. John-

son, first national organizer.

The first officers were: S. Joe Brown, president; A. A. Alexander, vice president; Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, secretary; Wade H. McCree, treasurer; and E. R. Hall, Dr. A. J. Booker, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Jesse A. Graves, Atty. Casper Schenk, Editor Harvey Ingham, Mrs. John L. Thompson, Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and Rev. E. G. Jackman, as other members of the executive committee.

Dr. Joel E. Spingarn, first national chairman, addressed the Des Moines branch's first public meeting on Jan. 20, 1915, at the Corinthian Baptist church, then located at W. Fifteenth and Linden street.

"Never has the Des Moines branch been disbanded or had to be reorganized as have the branches in such metropolitan cities as Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill." Attorney Brown said and added that the branch "still holds its place as number twenty-five on the national register which now comprises near a thousand branches and tonight boasts of a branch membership of near a thousand among whom only six, your speaker, W. H. Warricks, Mrs. Gertrude E. Rush, W. H. Hughes, R. E. Patten and A. A. Alexander were active and only two, Harvey Ingham and Atty. Casper Schenk, were honorary members of the provisional committees out of which the branch grew."

Mrs. James B. Morris who organized the Iowa Conference of Branches five years ago gave a report upon how that movement came about in April 1940 when the first organization meeting was held. Mrs. Morris retired from the presidency and was elected president-emeritus.

Branches of the state conference are located in Waterloo, Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Burlington, Keokuk and Council Bluffs.

Greetings were extended from the Marshalltown Branch by Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, and from the Cedar Rapids branch, read by Mrs. William Nea, Des Moines branch secretary.

State officers presented were: Ike Smalls, first vice president; James B. Morris, both of Des Moines; Rev. A. R. Parks and Mrs. Viola Gibson of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, Mrs. Irma Morrow and Mrs. Mildred Spencer of Marshalltown; and Mrs. Ledia Page of Waterloo.

Mrs. Cecil Lewis was chairman of the banquet committee. The Monogram club of St. Paul church served.

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IOWANS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

SMITH BROTHERS



WENDELL R. AND MARSHALL RODNEY SMITH
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith, 1422 East Seventeenth street, have two sons in the military services. Flight Officer Wendell R. Smith of the Bombardier Squadron is at Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky. His wife is Mrs. Betty Kelly Smith who is with him in Kentucky. Marshall Rodney Smith is studying at Howard University, Washington, D. C., under the government's special military training for 17-year-old youth. "Rod," as his friends call him, will become eighteen years old on January 30, but will not enter the regular army until April. Both are graduates of East high school.



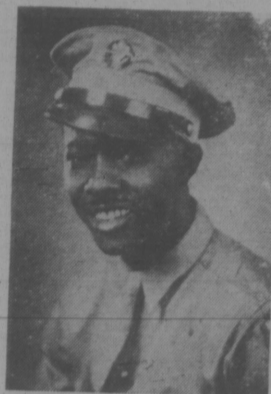
GRAVES BROTHERS



MORTON
Mrs. Alice Graves, of 779 Tenth street, has three sons in the military services of the country. They are Morton Graves, fireman second class



KENNETH
at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill., the husband of Mrs. Arlene Graves of 1023 Fifteenth street; Cpl. Kenneth Graves, stationed with the



LAWRENCE
army in Africa; and Pvt. Lawrence A. Graves at an army camp in Casper, Wyo., the husband of Mrs. Cornelia Graves of 1054 Sixteenth street.

PARKEY BROTHERS



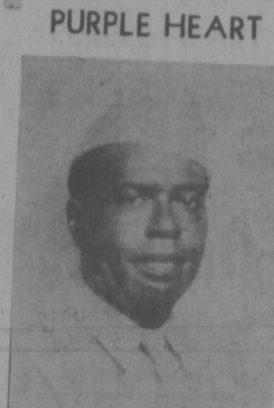
ROBERT M. AND KENNETH L. PARKEY
Flight Officer Robert M. Parkey, was commissioned on Nov. 20, last, at the army air forces school at Tuskegee, Ala. He is the husband of Mrs. Martha McGee Parkey of 1602 Buchanan street. Private First Class Kenneth L. Parkey who is attending the army's gunnery school at Yuma, Ariz., completed his radio training at Scott Field, Ill. His wife is Mrs. Barbara McCracken Parkey. The Parkey boys are sons of Mrs. R. S. Simms of 937 Fifteenth street.



FATHER AND SON



PVT. RALPH STEWART
Pvt. Ralph Stewart, stationed at an army camp at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, is the son of Mrs. Ruth Stewart, 611 S. E. Fifth street. He is a former employee in the mailing department of the Iowa Bystander.



PFC. HOWARD W. DEERING
Private First Class Howard W. Deering, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Deering of 1441 Buchanan street, has been awarded the Purple Heart by Major Gen. John H. Hodge on Leyte Island. Pvt. Deering was wounded on Oct. 25 during the American assault on Leyte. His brother, Loren J. Deering, returned to the city after a visit with his brother, Howard, who is convalescing in O'Riley hospital in Springfield, Mo.



CPL. L. A. GARLAND
Cpl. Louis A. Garland, son of Mr. L. A. Garland, 1067 Fifteenth street, is somewhere in England with the army. He is the husband of Mrs. Quanajanic McElroy Garland, of 1525 Stewart street.



S/SGT. LEO SIMMS AND LEO MICHAEL
Supply Sgt. Leo Simms who is with the army in England is the proud father of a year-old son, Leo Michael, who is keeping the homefront happy with his mother, Mrs. Julia Nell Shipp Simms of Ames, Ia. The Iowa sergeant who is a former Des Moines life guard and swimming instructor, has been in the army for three years. His wife and son live with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shipp of Ames, Ia.



O'DON McCLAIN
One of the first Negro men to enter submarine service was O'Don McClain, C. K., third class, who is the son of Mrs. Rhoda Bass, 1124 Thirteenth street. He has eight overseas bars.



CLARENCE FRAZIER
After serving two years in the army, enlisting in June 1941, former staff sergeant Charles Frazier who was stationed at Ft. Devens, Mass., has received a medical discharge and is now enrolled at the Iowa College at Sioux City, Ia. Frazier of 1342 Sampson street. At twenty-one years old now he is going to school under the government's plan for war veterans. He is married and has two children, Clarence Dennis, 18 months old and Gwendolyn Ann, six months old. Mrs. Frazier will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hardin in Junction City and then join Mr. Frazier in Sioux City.



PVT. J. E. WILLIAMS
Pvt. John E. Williams, of Ft. Lewis, Wash., with the army, is the grand son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Glass of 1023 Chestnut street.



OBED C. BROOKS
Seaman Obed C. Brooks who is serving with the navy, is the son of Mrs. Lula Brooks, 506 S. E. Third street. He is the husband of Mrs. Lucille Brooks of 1191 Thirteenth street. Dental examinations, periodical inoculations, and first-aid treatments are handled by these Negro medics. The unit also furnished litter-bearers and ambulance drivers for the evacuation of front-line battle casualties from hospital ships to United States Army hospitals. Although this work carries none of the battlefield glamor, these Negro soldiers feel that their dispensary helps to maintain the steady flow of supplies and munitions from the United States to the troops on the continent by safeguarding the health of the personnel in the port area.



HARRY W. FLIPPING
Harry W. Flipping, yeoman third class of the navy, is stationed at the Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, Va. He is the grandson of Mrs. Maude C. Wyatt, 1042 Seventeenth street.



PIN-UP GIRL
Donna Lee Bell, two and one-half year old daughter of Private First Class and Mrs. Fred A. Bell of 102 West Seventeenth street, has been chosen as a pin-up girl of soldiers of the 445th Signal Battalion, she was informed in a letter from Pvt. James H. Davis. He wrote:

"This is to inform you that you have been picked for our pin-up girl for our tent. Your father granted the permission and you are in the 445th now as a radio girl."

"Your little picture is cute and be a sweet little girl. Your daddy is fine; only like the rest of us—hoping we can return soon, cause he can't see for looking."

Donna Lee is the granddaughter of Mrs. Beatrice Wallace. The soldiers are in the European theater of war.



CPL. EUGENE WESTON
Celebrating his twentieth birthday today (January 25) is Cpl. Robert Eugene Weston who is stationed at an army camp at North Fort Lewis, Wash. He is the son of Mr. Harrison Weston of 824 Fourteenth street and has been in the army nine months.



PVT. W. E. SEALS
Pvt. Wilbert E. Seals who is with the army in North Africa is the son of Mrs. Christine D. Pullum of 818 South Jackson street, Mason City, Iowa.



CPL. JOHN W. REED
Cpl. John W. Reed who is with the army somewhere in Slapan, Marianas of South Pacific, is the son of Mrs. Teenie Thompson of 464 Tenth street.



CLARENCE STROTHER
Seaman First Class Clarence Strother, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strother is now serving in the South Pacific with the navy. His wife is Mrs. Lavonia Strother of 977 West Twenty-fourth street. They have two children.



CPL. ALPHA B. DIXON
Cpl. Alpha B. Dixon is stationed at an army camp at Camp Claiborne, La. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Dixon now of Chicago and is the husband of Mrs. Josserean Dixon, 958 Fifteenth street.

BURLINGTON, IA.

By **MRS. ED WILLIAMS**
Burlington, Ia.—Mr. and Mrs. Ealmer Woods celebrated their twenty-third wedding anniversary, Sunday, Jan. 21, by entertaining a few friends with a turkey dinner. The

Rev. Lasley Fatally Injured
Many friends of Rev. Wm. F. Lasley, Baptist minister, who lived in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., learned that he

T/S J. W. BLANKS
Technician Fifth Grade J. W. Blanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blanks of Perry, Ia., is serving in the 118th A.G.F. Band in Italy. He is the brother of Miss Frieda Blanks and Mrs. Bertha Singleton of Des Moines, Ia.

was fatally injured Thursday when his auto he was driving was hit by a westbound Burlington mail train. He died three hours later. He visited the Baptist church here frequently and had many friends here.

Miss Bailey of Ottumwa was the guest of Miss Mary Morgan of S. Starr avenue, and Miss Morgan entertained at a party Saturday night complimentary to her house guest.

BUSY BEE SEWING CIRCLE MEETS

The Busy Bee Sewing Circle was entertained at a two-course luncheon Thursday, Jan. 18, at the home of Mrs. Victoria Cogwell, 2006 Lyon

street. Mrs. Cogwell was the hostess, leaving her birthday on Thursday. Twenty members were present. The next meeting will be held at AME church.



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RUNS CLINIC IN ENGLAND

At a United Kingdom Base Port, England—Operating the only Negro-staffed three-ward dispensary in England are seventeen members of a Negro Medical Sanitary company. They handle army, navy and merchant marine port casualties. The dispensary, a sprawling six-Nissen-but baby hospital is equipped with 120 beds, a dental clinic, a pharmacy laboratory, and a patients' mess hall. All transit military personnel, plus the permanent troops stationed in the area of the port who need medical care, are hospitalized here for treatment lasting two weeks.

Spring Schedule for Adult Classes and Public Forums

The spring adult program of the Des Moines Public Schools is full of opportunities. There are the adult classes, the Public Forums, and a new Workshop Series which will highlight the coming season.

Among the new adult classes offered in the term beginning the week of February 5 are creative writing, a course for budding authors; and another in making over hats, a chance to give one's self a "lift" inexpensively with a new hat or two. New homemaking classes include "Learn to Be a Better Cook," pre-natal and infant care, and managing the home. An important course to help you and your service man when he returns is entitled Adjusting Ourselves to Returning Veterans, which will meet at the public library on Friday afternoons.

Decorating Classes

Several interior decorating classes are being offered this spring. Photography is being offered on the advanced as well as the beginning level this season. German will be taught to beginners and intermediates, and Personal Grooming, how to develop your own beauty assets, has been included again in the program, at Roosevelt and Webster schools. To the dancing schedule have been added square and tap dancing, besides the ballroom instruction.

Classes in the field of arts include crafts, sculpturing, woodcarving, drawing and water color painting. Music is coming into the limelight with four courses, Adventures in Listening for Pleasure, and a choral group for girls only to be held at Des Moines Technical school.

Adult Center

The adult school has developed into an important Adult School center. Its program includes, among others, such courses as typing, shorthand, office machines, business letters, and advertising writing and layout, as well as a very comprehensive offering in the trade and industrial field with arc and acetylene welding, machine shop practice, precision instruments, Diesel engine mechanics, machine and architectural drawing, and others.

Many commercial, recreational, and trade classes help to make the program at all schools. Classes are held at Roosevelt, East, North and Des Moines Technical schools, and at various other locations. Printed announcements of the entire program are available upon request from the Department of Adult Education, Des Moines Public Schools.

The Des Moines Public Forum schedule this year includes discussion of both national and international situations. Consideration of important local issues which come before the state legislature may also be scheduled in the forum program. The season opens with a two-forum week, Bishop G. Bromley Oxman on Wednesday, February 7, discussing "Re-

ligious Forces in the Coming Peace," and another top-flight speaker, Owen Lattimore, speaking on the subject of "China's Future in Asia" on Friday, February 9. Both forums will be held at the Shrine Auditorium.

The balance of the spring forum schedule, to date, is as follows: February 16, Eric Johnston—"Full Protection Ahead," Shrine Auditorium.

February 20, George Bigge—"Developing Social Security," East High school.

March 5, Mrs. Lillian Mowrer—"The Re-education of Europe," at Roosevelt high school.

March 13, C. Hartley Ghattan—"The Strategy of the Southwest Pacific," North high school.

March, Representative of Department of War—"Military Government," Des Moines Technical school.

April, Conference and forum on Housing.

Workshop Series

A new undertaking is the Workshop Series entitled "America's Role in International Organizations." It is a series which is being planned for representatives of the Des Moines Adult Education Council, as well as other groups and interested individuals. In a workshop we have the experience, through the guidance of experts and by means of group discussion, of building and "working through" our own ideas to set a sound basis for democratic action. This program offers a real opportunity for developing leadership thinking—a chance, too, to spread that thinking, for the leaders who attend each or all of the meetings in the series can carry their information back to groups in which they are active or which they have been sent to represent. The program follows:

Feb. 1, Dumbarton Oaks—Miss Dorothy Fosdick, an officer of the Division of International Affairs, Dept. of State.

Feb. 6, Education—Dr. Herbert Abraham, education liaison officer, Dept. of State and former member of the faculty of the University of Chicago.

Feb. 15, Hot Springs—Dr. Howard R. Tolley, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Dept. of Agriculture.

Feb. 21—U.N.R.R.A.—Mr. Chester S. Williams, Chief of Educational Program, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association.

Feb. 28, Bretton Woods—Mr. Norman Ness, Assistant Director of Monetary Research, Treasury Dept.

March, International Aviation—To be announced.

April 4, Plans for Action—Dr. Paul H. Sheats, administrative assistant, Town Hall, Inc.

The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Des Moines Public Library from 8:00 to 9:30 p. m. Admission will be by ticket, without cost. Any group or individual desiring a ticket may call the Department of Adult Education (4-2105).

and the tickets will be available for the entire series, or for single numbers. There is a real challenge in the above program for the people of Des Moines.

Paint Mixtures Furnish Many Attractive Tints

A very attractive tint can be obtained using cobalt blue, tinted with medium chrome green in the proportion of eight parts of cobalt to one part green, with one-half part English vermilion, to which white can be added until a pale tint of blue is obtained.

For a chartreuse color, use two-thirds white paint mixed with one-third lemon yellow. Into the yellow mix chrome green in the proportions of one part to ten. With jade green, the body of the tint is again white paint colored with chrome green, grayed with a bit of Venetian red and further cooled by a dab of Prussian blue.

If your brown paint does not have "life" enough to suit you, and you want it rich and warm, you can use burnt umber for the base paint. Then, if reddish brown is preferred, add Venetian red until the desired depth of color is obtained. For a lighter yellowish color, mix chrome yellow and burnt umber with white. A cinnamon-brown can be made with a mixture of raw sienna, golden ochre and white with proportionately more sienna than ochre. You can "gray" a shade by adding a little of its complementary color—red to green, for example, orange to blue, violet to yellow.

Find Eagle Formidable But Not Heroic Bird

Results of long study of eagles, and compilation of the studies of other scientists, presented in a new Smithsonian institution book, defeat the accounts that the eagle is a fierce, courageous and noble bird. True, the bald eagle is a bird of prey. But he is also not fond of the hard work involved in preying, and lives mostly on fish cast ashore dying or dead, or taken away from a smaller fish-catching hawk, the osprey. He can do his own fishing, but not so cleverly as the osprey, so he prefers to rob him.

When fish are scantily available, as in winter, the eagle does turn to true bird-of-prey tactics. He takes any bird or mammal that he can handle, and that runs up as big as Canada goose. Despite his size, he is an athlete in the air, often turning upside-down and diving under his victim to strike from beneath.

He does not build his home on a cliff nearly as often as on top of a tall tree, even in the Rockies. And there are far more bald eagles in Florida, least cliffs of states, than anywhere else in the Union. Eagles have even been known to build their nests right at ground level.

Manure Loader

Handling manure is a big job on livestock farms, particularly where cattle are fed in lots and sheds. On such farms the mechanical manure loader is a real labor saver. Although there are few new loaders available, a farmer who does not own one may be able to use a loader owned by another farmer in the community. The mechanical manure loader is well suited to exchange or custom work. In fact, since it will easily load for four spreaders, it is necessary for a group of farmers to work together to use a loader to its full capacity. A great deal of manure will be spread during the slack season for field work in the late summer and early fall. If there is a mechanical loader in the community, a small group of neighboring farmers can make the job easier by working together to use this machine to full advantage. Machine loaders do good work in cleaning off paved lots and feeding floors and are used to advantage where the manure is kept pretty well cleaned out through the year. Some farmers keep the attachments for the loader on a tractor most of the year.

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Clean Canning

Wash your hands before starting and wash them often during the canning. Have your kitchen, stove, pots and pans, and all work spaces spotless. Wash your jars with soap and water, then sterilize them by boiling. Wash the fruits and vegetables before preparing them for canning. Work clothes need not be one's best housedress, because it might be spattered by stains, but whatever clothes are worn, dresses, aprons, or slacks, should be clean when put on, and should be washable.

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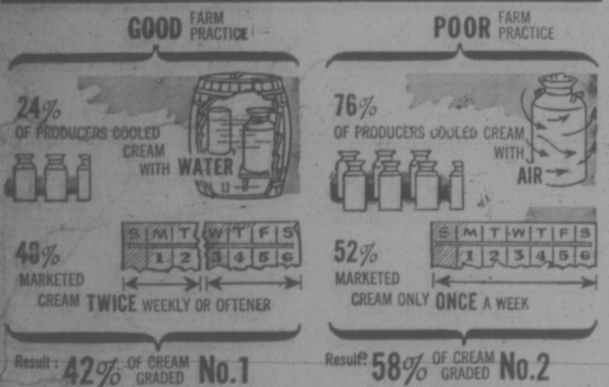
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The survey also revealed the importance of temperature and cooling in relation to the quality of cream. Whereas only 42 per cent of the cream from the farmers surveyed was No. 1 in midsummer, July



SOCIETY



HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Mary Jones, 1629 Maple street, honored her granddaughter, Judy Darling Smith, at a surprise birthday party on the evening of Jan. 20.

Guests were: Marlene Wellington and sister, Susie; Nancy Harris and Patsy, Judy and Connie Frazier and Joy Smith.

Refreshments were served by her mother, Mrs. Andrew Smith, and Mrs. Alyce Jackson. Many gifts were received by Judy. Greetings were received from her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Cordelia Brown and Sgt. Andrew Smith, her father, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Mrs. Dorothy Frazier.

MRS. HAMMITT HONORS FRIENDS AT HER HOME

Mrs. W. H. Hammitt entertained a few friends at her home, 1126 Eleventh street, Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Maude Davies who recently graduated from Crescent School of Beauty Culture and passed the State Board of Cosmetology.

The evening was spent with group singing led by Billie Jean Davies, the daughter of Mrs. Davies.

Sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames G. W. Robinson, C. C. Johnson, Jessye Bell Davis, Iona Hubbard, Ruth Forester, Julia Cannon, Mattie Dameron and Mrs. Jackley, the mother of Mrs. Hammitt.

MRS. ALISE MAY HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Alise May was honored at a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Edith Bell, 1159 Enos, on Saturday night, Jan. 20. Sharing the courtesy were: Gaynell Gray, Edith Bell, Delores Morton-Fredica Harris, Mary Louise Banks, Laura Miller, Evelyn Carter, Evelyn Holt, Allene Peniston, Nellie and Goldie Jones, Esther Wadsworth, Geraldine Madison, Doris Carter, Shirley Obregon, Ruby Vandever, Barbara Bettis, Birdie Hayter. Mrs. May received many lovely gifts.

THE LIGONS ENTERTAIN GUESTS AT DINNER

Mr. Elmer Barker and Mesdames G. T. Fant, Margaret Chamblee, Virginia Smith were the dinner guests on Jan. 14 of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ligon of 2631 Des Moines street.

MISS CORINE HALL OF MEXICO, MO., HERE

Miss Corine Hall of Mexico, Mo., arrived Saturday, Jan. 20, and will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Bernice Hall Turner and mother, Mrs. Gertrude Hall, 1308 Keo. The sisters are reunited after being separated since childhood.

HONOR MRS. G. T. FANT AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Choral club and the Usher Board of Bethel AME church sponsored a birthday party Saturday, Jan. 20, honoring Mrs. Marguerite Chamblee at the residence of Mrs. Goldie T. Fant, 1654 Maple street.

Those present were: Mesdames Dora Davis, Mildred Miller, Beatrice Brown, Dorothy Bush, Corine King, Martha Wheeler, Ruth White, Iyer Ligon Ethel May, Virginia Smith, Gertrude Claybrook, Mr. W. M. Wheeler, Mr. A. J. Claybrooks, Mr. Elmer Barker, Mr. John Blackburn. She received many gifts.

CELEBRATES HER FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Miss Phyllis Jean Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, celebrated her fifth birthday on Jan. 18. Sharing the courtesy were: Betty Lou Smith, Norman Jackson, Wendell Bailey, Freddie Williams, Beverly Snyder and Betsy Whaley.

Lt. Wm. LaMasters Honored at Dinner in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal.—Lt. William LaMasters who was commissioned recently in the army, was honored at a dinner by his mother, Mrs. Maude Mash, during the holidays.

Guests sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Majors, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. William Telex, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roane, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Murray, Mesdames Vivian Morris, Mary Alice Thompson, Ruth Brown and Mr. Evan O. Gilvie. Most of the guests were former townsmen.

MISS BAILEY HOSTESS TO CLUB DE LUX

Mrs. Delores Bailey was hostess to the Club De Lux on Jan. 18. After the club meeting the members joined with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams at the Billiken at a going-away party for Mr. Williams who left Friday night enroute to Hawaiian Islands for construction work.

Mrs. Edna Walker will be hostess to the club on Jan. 25.

NAACP 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



At the speakers' table of the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's thirtieth anniversary at the St. Paul AME church dining hall Thursday night, Jan. 18 were the following guests: (left to right standing) Mrs. Irma Morrow, state counselor of youth; Miss Mildred Spencer, state youth president; A. P. Trotter, Des Moines Branch president; Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, state president; Mrs. A. R. Parks, state treasurer; S. Joe Brown, founder of Des Moines Branch; Mrs. Viola Gibson, assistant state secretary; Mrs. William Neal, secretary of Des Moines branch; Ike Smalls, first vice president of state conference; Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, assistant secretary, Des Moines.

Second row—Atty. James B. Morris, state board member; Mrs. Lida Page, state board member; Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, state secretary; Atty. M. F. Fields, state president; Rev. C. L. McAllister, first vice president Des Moines branch; Rev. W. H. Wheeler, and Mrs. Cecil Lewis, members of the executive committee, Des Moines branch.

Second Picture—A portion of the 150 guests who attended the thirtieth anniversary banquet in the dining room of St. Paul AME church.—(Bill Ashby Photos).

Y.W.C.A.

Annual Dinner Meeting of Des Moines Association Y.W.C.A. Tuesday Evening

The annual dinner meeting of the Des Moines Young Women's Christian Association will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 30, at 6:30 o'clock at Younkers Tea Room.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Y.W.C.A. of Des Moines and the fiftieth year of the Y.W.C.A. organization of the world will be celebrated at that time.

Participating on the program will be: Mrs. E. T. Scales, invocation; recognition of past presidents; introduction of board members, guests and staff; "Review of Past Five Decades," skit; Dr. Frederick M. Meek, guest speaker; commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Y.W.C.A. of the world.

Friends and husbands are invited to accompany members to the dinner. The election of officers will be held. Eight out of twelve nominees running will be elected. Running for re-election to the Y.W.C.A. board are: Mesdames Korinne Jackson, Cornelia Hewson and Trenna Logue. Eleven past presidents will be honored and presented corsages.

Telephone the Y.W.C.A.—3-4012 or 4-5171 for reservations not later than Monday.

Co-ed Chorus
The Y.W.C.A. Co-ed chorus will practice Wednesday and Thursday night at the Branch at 8:00 p. m. Miss Alberta Bates is directing the chorus and Miss Marian Morrison is pianist.

Blue Triangle Branch committee will meet Thursday, February 1, at 8 p. m. All members are expected to be present. Election of officers will be held.

The chapters for the Recreation club for Teen-agers for the next four Saturdays are as follows: Jan. 27, Mrs. Rose Johnson; Feb. 3, Mrs. Mary Lou Williams; Feb. 10, Miss Marguerite Proctor; Feb. 17, Mrs. Julia Proctor.

Booklover's will meet Friday, Feb. 2nd at 2 p. m. Mrs. Cecelia Carl, president.

CORRECTION
In the list of employees of the Iowa Legislature printed last week it stated that Mrs. Eva Roper was a matron when as a matter of fact Mrs. Roper is a cloakroom attendant.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR NEW YORKER



Miss Dorothy Bell, Des Moines girl who has been residing in New York City for the past five years, was honored Sunday, Jan. 21, at a birthday party given by her sister, Mrs. Drusilla Johnson at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mae Hawkins, 1338 Fremont street.

Miss Bell, who is the house guest of her father, Mr. Kenneth Bell of 1007 Fifteenth street, is an entertainer and singer in New York City where she has appeared at the Palm Garden Theater on Fifty-second street.

Miss Bell is one of the Bystander Talent Show winners having participated in shows in 1937 and 1938 when she won one of the first prizes in singing. She plans to end her visit here with relatives and friends next month when she will return to New York.

Surrounding Miss Bell in the picture is a group of friends who attended the party. The guest of honor is shown opening one of her many gifts. From left to right in the picture are: Mr. B. Madison, Miss Edyth Ann Gray, Mrs. Nellie Frye.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tillman, 1271 Stewart street, will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary.

Mr. Tillman who gave the information this week commented that he has been "taking her sass" all those years and he seems to like it, too.

Home for their celebration is their son, Cpl. Lowell Tillman, who is stationed at Scott Field, Ill., after having served over a year in the South-west Pacific. One son-in-law, Pfc. Leslie Johnson, is in Belgium.

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TEN KEY CLUB MEETS FEB. 2
The Ten Key club met at 1029 Tenth street in its regular meeting. Mrs. Inice Carter was hostess. The next meeting will be Feb. 2 at Mrs. Mamie Dixon, 2805 Third street.

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Pvt. P.—I am writing to a very sweet little girl by the name of Sara. She lives down South and is going to school. She writes me often and says she loves me, but claims that I am jiving her. I am stationed in camp in Kentucky. I love her good enough to marry her. Should I ask her now, or wait until she gets out of school?

Ans.: Marriage right now, is out of the question, so encourage your girl friend to finish her schooling. Indeed you should let the girl know your true feelings and of your future plans for marriage. When she learns exactly where she stands she will put her trust in you, and be very eager to build her future plans with you.

M. A. J.—My husband has been working on this job for the last 15 years but in the past year he has become dissatisfied. They don't pay him as much as he thinks he should get. He has two big buildings and a lawn to see after. Should he make a change?

Ans.: Living costs have increased and if your husband isn't making enough to enable him to suitably care for his family, he should ask for a raise. After 15 years of faithful service, he certainly is entitled to some consideration. Encourage your husband not to leave this job without first having an understanding with his employer. If they cannot agree, he can then, seek work elsewhere.

E. C.—I am married and my husband is in the service. He is so good to me. I have a good job and have been working ever since we have been married. We have bought us a home and have money in the bank. He is so nice to me, now he doesn't want me to do any kind of work. Should I continue to work on it?

Ans.: Your husband's main concern is your good health and happiness, and he doesn't want you to take on too big a responsibility during his absence. It is thoughtful and con-

siderate on his part to want you to take things easy, and you should appreciate it. But remind him in your letters that you would be miserable unless you have something to occupy your mind. The money you earn will easily pay your expenses while the allotment he sends you can be added to your growing bank account. If you show him that you are happy working and saving for your future together, it will greatly boost his morale.

P. M. F.—I read your column regularly. I would like to know if you can give me any information on joining the WACs or the WAVES. I want to know how far you have to go in school before you can join and can you join either one after finishing Junior high school? I am very anxious to find this out. Please help me.

Ans.: Inquire at your local Post Office for information on this subject if there is not a recruiting office located in your town. The Postmaster will be glad to help you secure information of this nature. If you prefer write to the WAC Recruiting Office in the largest city in your state and they will give you descriptive literature about this branch of service. Your qualifications should make you eligible to join either branch.

H. T.—My problem is this: I have been going with a boy and he married about a month ago. He has gone to California and left his wife here. He writes me and I write him. He says he is not married but I know he is. What shall I do? I love him, does he love me like he says and should I continue to write him?

Ans.: Avoid any dealings with this fellow as though he was contaminated with a contagious disease. He made his choice now let him abide by his decision. He wasn't very much in love with you, else he would not have chosen the other girl. Time heals all wounds—it won't take you but a very few weeks to put this matter out of your mind entirely.

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HOME SHARING WORTH AIDING

While the special "share your home with a child" campaign sponsored by group of child-placing agencies in the city has closed, it is a project which should continue the year round. No doubt sufficient homes were provided to care for the more than 200 homeless youngsters but others will be found from day to day who will need to be placed so they may be housed in normal surroundings and get a chance to begin life on somewhat of an even start.

The Bystander notes that the participating agencies are the Catholic Charities, Iowa Children's Home Society, Jewish Social Service and Lutheran Welfare Society. Some of these organizations place Negroes. Some don't. And in spite of the fact that in proportion Negro children suffer greater because of lack of proper homes, there is no organized effort upon the part of Negroes to fill this gap.

Here in Des Moines, our women maintain numerous clubs many of which have no program other than to kill time. In these days when whirlwind action and changes are taking place everyone should so use his time so as to lend aid to some worthwhile projects. If ever there was one, this share your home program should command the attention of one or more organizations to join up and work with these existing agencies or the general committee to the end that Negro youngsters might be cared for properly. It is a challenge to get all of us.

NEGRO LEADERSHIP

The world is crying for able, fearless, worthy leadership. This is true of our country, our state, our city. We are certain that many of our difficulties today might have been obviated had the people chosen a different type of leader to represent them.

We elect a president to speak for the nation, governors to speak for the states and mayors to speak for cities. Racial groups with particular problems requiring definite leadership to find for solution of them have no method of voting for leaders. They arrive either by their ability to make a success of their particular job and thus are selected to represent the group. Or, there is a class which through egotism or sheer boldness assume to lead or speak for a group.

In spite of criticism of Negro leaders, they have done a pretty good job with the available help at their command. Because of lack of finances which help make a leader fearless and free from unreasonable temptations, it has not always been easy. Many have fallen prey to their shortcomings; many have played into the hands of those who would betray the very group for which they were working.

Possibly the most dangerous leaders of the Negro has are those smart fellows who delve in every type of unfair practices and yet insist that they speak for the race and the ignorant fellow who sells his race for a mess of pottage and allows himself to be used as a stooge to hinder his fellowman.

It is not easy to get rid of those two types of leaders. They bob up where least expected and by expiating a few unsuspecting innocent people, place themselves in position of prominence which embarrass the race.

We must learn to reward those people who carry their responsibilities properly; we must be willing to refuse to allow people to represent our cause who do not respect themselves, who do not have the respect of both white and Negro people in a community. Otherwise those who select unworthy leadership are put in the same class with them.

Eventually we hope to be rid of most of these people who impede our progress. Possibly father time will do the job but in the meantime while we are trying to do the best job possible in this all-important history-making era, let's put the best leadership forward.

WALLACE-JONES FEEL EXPECTED

It was evident from the start that President Roosevelt would run into serious difficulty when he nominated former Vice President Henry Wallace to become secretary of commerce.

And have not those people who believe in operating America as we did fifty years ago made a howl?

Frankly speaking, by all the rules of the game, while Mr. Wallace is a brilliant man in his field, he is not, fitted by temperament and training, to occupy that post. But his appointment goes to show why we have entirely too much bad management in government; that in altogether too many instances men are appointed for political reasons rather than on the basis of qualifications.

NAACP

(See Front Page)

Thursday afternoon President Roosevelt held a meeting of the state executive board at which Atty. J. B. Morris, chairman of the state legal redress committee, reported upon a trip he had made to Ames in company with half dozen other public-spirited members of the Des Moines branch and had succeeded in having all the Negro students of Iowa State College housed in homes of white citizens of Ames, near the college campus and secured a promise that any who applied and qualified hereafter should be admitted to the college dormitories.

The state officers decided to hold the 1945 state conference in Cedar Rapids during the month of June with the Cedar Rapids branch as host to both the senior and youth conferences.

The board also passed a resolution of condolence upon the passing of Mrs. Evelyn Fultz Moore of Burlington, one of its members who died since the last meeting.

NAACP NEWS

By BESSYE GREENE The Des Moines Branch NAACP met Tuesday night at the Negro Community Center with thirteen members present, including three new executive board members: Mrs. S. Boyers, Mrs. Goldie Fant and Rev. W. H. Wheeler.

The newly appointed committees were read: Mrs. Azalia Mitchell, chairman of Charity Ball and the seventh annual style show on Feb. 12, at Billiken hall. The style show will be put on by Des Moines girls and women.

Mrs. William Neal, secretary of the branch, will go as a delegate to the NAACP conference in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3 and 4.

The next branch meeting will be Feb. 27 at the Community Center. The executive board will meet at 7:30 p. m. and the public and membership at 8 p. m. Miss Clara Webb, chairman of the Youth Council, gave a report on the activities of the youth.

VALENTINE PARTY T.O.B. CLUB PLANS

The T.O.B. club met Jan. 19 at the home of Mrs. Geraldine Gomez. Plans were made to celebrate the birthdays of two members, Mrs. Agnes Matthews and Mrs. Thelma Clark at the Sepia Supper club on Jan. 26. The club will meet on that date with Mrs. Iva Hayes. Guest of honor at the Jan. 19 meeting was Mrs. Minnie Rhodes of Minneapolis, Minn., a former member of the club.

The club held its Jan. 12 meeting at the home of Mrs. Adelaide Bowman with Mrs. Clark as hostess. Plans were made for a Valentine party.

BUY BONDS!

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY BASKETBALL

Your illustrious scribe sat in the Chicago stadium last Saturday night and watched four of the nation's top ranking basketball teams scramble through two of the hottest contests we ever saw. As we sat there, hoping that the Negro in the De Paul squad would get into the game, so we could find out who he was, we reflected that there was really nothing new in the cage game, in spite of what the writers and game followers would have one believe.

Notre Dame, De Paul, Great Lakes and Hamline all used the same tactics that have been used for years in the game of tossing the casaba through the hoop. Three men down one side and one down the other to pull the defense to one side, the figure eight with its revolving attack down the middle of the floor, swamping the two luckless guards who happen to be caught back near their baskets.

The fast break with both features, and the four men running pell-mell down the center of the floor, along with the pivot or post man and both shooters cutting around him, were used by all four teams. They all, with the exception of Hamline used, a rather fast break, faster than anything of the twenties or the early thirties ever broke with consistency, but after that, they all used the same mode of attack, or worked along the same line. The defense hadn't changed a bit, with the strictly man to man defense that first characterized basketball, but with the Hamline boys using the zone defense annoying surprising luck with it. The shooting and passing had improved at least fifty per cent. Shots and passes that we were forbidden to use in the earlier years are now taken as matter of fact performances.

Bring Down House Shots that used to fairly bring down the house, and make head lines as sensational are just ordinary shots now. The same goes for passes, but the teamwork element of the game hasn't changed any. With everybody using the fast break now and racing their heads off up and down the floor, and using a straight man for man defense, it was really a treat to see Hamline college use the old precision style of basketball and the old defense. They stuck to their zone defense in spite of the rough going, and had De Paul players trying to cut around their pivot man piled up on the floor all night. Their offense had the earmarks of the great teams of the late twenties and early thirties, and the set plays were something to see.

The only reason for their four point defeat was the presence of one of the greatest basketball players in America, George Mikan. Without Big George who stretches a mere six feet nine inches above the floor, the De Paul boys might have been severely trounced and otherwise embarrassed. But, it was a treat to be able to watch four of the greatest teams in the country and compare the game as they play it now with the way it was played ten or fifteen years ago, and surprising to see that no coach has devised a new system of attack or defense that wasn't known and used then.

We have contended for years that the key to defense against the present fast break is to set up your zone defense down the floor and float back with the offense, checking the break before it gets started, and that was just what the Hamline boys did. They were pitted against a team that averaged around seventy points a game, and that makes on an average of sixty per cent of its shots. The boys from the north showed that lightning fast break down to a mere walk, and held the Chicago boys to their lowest score of the year, losing 45 to 42. It was a sight that took your writer back quite a few years to see that floating zone defense used as effectively as it had ever been at any time of the game's existence. But, with all that, the Negro from DePaul didn't get into the fray because the coach made just

one substitution and that in the last minute of play. But we know that we have a Negro good enough to make the roster of one of the country's outstanding basketball teams, and he is just one of thousands who could make similar squads if they happen to be where they could try out for the clubs.

Looks as if the only thing in the way of a battle between the two Sugars of boxing, Ray Robinson and Costner, will be the matter of signing up the contract, and trying to persuade Robinson into the ring before he gets too anxious for a shot at the title now held by Welterweight Champion Red Crochran.

Costner-Rangel The bout between Costner and one Sheik Rangel last week at the stadium was advertised as a bout with the winner to have a shot at the Big Sugar. Rangel is the lad who fought Henry Armstrong down the stretcher and lost a split verdict with lots of the crowd disagreeing. Then he took the measure of one Fritzie Zivic in a terrific brawl, so one can see that the Sheik was or is no slouch at the art of peak busting. Well, Young Costner never looked better than he did in this scuffle. Rangel came out of his corner throwing hooks all over the place. But Sugar just tossed straight punches and danced around until he got off to the side of his victim. Then boom! and the Mexican hit the canvas.

He took a nine count and got back up. The deal was repeated all over again, and once more Costner danced around to his opponent's left side and tossed that straight right. The Sheik hit the floor again, and that was that, as the spectators started reaching for their hats and coats, and a lot more who hadn't yet reached their seats cussing because they had paid six bucks for a ringside seat and hadn't even got to sit in it. The time was one minute and twenty two seconds of the first round.

The local fight fans went ga ga over Costner and are rash enough to predict that Little Sugar will take Big Sugar when and if they meet. But your humble servant just can't forget the sight of Big Sugar stalking Lou Woods like a big cat, and tossing dynamite in both hands without the formality of dancing around much, just throwing punches so fast that it was hard to tell where they came from. So we say, don't get out on a limb with Little Sugar, because confidently, we expect Robinson to stop the lad. Costner is a fine performer, but we don't think he can plunch with Big Sugar. Incidentally, there is a campaign on for a new nick-name for Little Sugar. We are thinking of turning in the name we have for him here, Little Sugar.

MRS. JELLY HEADS JOLLY S CLUB The "Jolly S" met Friday at the home of Mrs. Bernita Cardwell. Election of officers was held as follows: Mrs. Helen Roper Bell, president; Mrs. Cardwell, secretary; Miss Edythe Ann Gray, treasurer. Other members of the club are: Mesdames Meta Redd; Gaynell Gray, Marguerite Madison, Clementine Buckner, Joyce Hardaway, Marylou Johnson, Myrtle Miller and Misses Ruby Vandever and Pauline Wilson.

L. T. CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. MARTIN The L. T. club met with Mrs. Leona Jordan on Jan. 17. Election of officers were held as follows: Ada Jane Watkins, president; Elizabeth Sampson, vice president; Harriet Scales, secretary; Leona Jordan, treasurer; Christine Martin, reporter. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Martin at 1069 Sixteenth street.

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POST EXCHANGE

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

Boys Doing Well in Belgium, Writes Iowan "All of the boys are well and doing alright," wrote Pfc. Robert E. Fowler from somewhere in Belgium recently.

"The boys are all hoping that the war will crack soon. We all want to get home. I receive the Bystander quite often. So I'm able to keep up with the news pretty good now. All my comrades send their best regards. Pfc. Fowler's address is: 3168 Q.M. Serv. Co., APO 230, c/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

Cpl. Spriggs Hopes to Read in Comfort "Perhaps you'll be interested in knowing that I read and enjoy very much your column in the Bystander," wrote Cpl. William H. Spriggs, from the Pacific on January 5. "Some day I hope to read it in comfort. Thank you for the remembrance." Cpl. Sprigg's address: 237 - Port Co., APO 503, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Joseph C. Howard Is Commissioned Second Lieutenant in T. C. Corps New Orleans, La. (Special)-Joseph C. Howard, whose parents are Atty. and Mrs. Charles P. Howard, 1136 14th street, Des Moines, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans Army Air Base and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lieutenant Howard was a student at the State University of Iowa before induction June 3, 1944. He also attended North Des Moines high school. The officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps immediately after receiving his commission. The mission of the Transportation Corps is to transport soldiers and war materials to theaters of operations.

Lt. Mease Receives Many Letters from Iowans on War Fronts "I experienced a very delightful surprise this afternoon (Christmas) wrote Lt. Quentin R. Mease from somewhere in New Guinea on Dec. 25. The letter was addressed to Atty. S. Joe Brown. The Iowan continued: "Travis Fowler, whom I have already told you in a previous letter, is a member of my organization, came over to my quarters and told me that there was someone outside to see me. Imagine my surprise on going to the door and finding Martin Tucker, G. B.'s nephew. He is a staff sergeant and a member of an engineer battalion. He tells me that he has been overseas since last March. He had already had dinner with his own organization when he came over but he didn't need any persuasion to eat some of our ice cream.

"In addition to operating the Base Field Commissary, which is quite a huge installation, we also run the ice plant and refrigeration plant here, so if anyone gets anything special in the food line—we are it." Another letter arrived from Lt. Mease last week, written on Jan. 9 to the columnist. A very interesting letter it was—with notes about the Iowa lieutenant receiving letters from fellows scattered all over the Central and South

west Pacific, Europe and back there in the States, "many of whom learned of my location in Guinea through your Post Exchange column." He mentioned Travis Fowler, Martin Tucker, Sandy Hughes and Eugene Booker who are on his particular base.

"And so I must leave you for the present with a sincere promise to do that letter about the South Pacific within the near future. But I am expecting you to take some time out from your reportorial duties to post me some scratchings on the mellow doings back there. Do yiu dig Me?" the lieutenant signed off. Lieut. Mease's address: O-2087143, 302nd RHD Co., APO 928, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Cpl. Tommy Avant Has Been Touring England, France and Belgium in a Jeep "I feel that you will be surprised to hear what I have to tell you at this time," wrote Cpl. Thomas B. Avant recently from somewhere in Belgium. "Yes—I have been touring this part of the world—England, France and Belgium. I got a chance to see what our forces are doing or have done. "After landing in France, I got to see (in a jeep) why the fellows in the Normandy campaign needed the little rest they got. The Germans had everything well fortified and were fighting every inch of the way. The veterans had to destroy whole towns and cities to get them out. I mean there wasn't anything left standing. Caen and St. Lo and many other towns in France were the same way.

"Paris Is Fine" "Oh! But to see Paris you wouldn't know that there was ever a war. Paris is so fine. I am sorry I cannot describe it to you as it should be. All I can say—its shops, stores and clubs are just the lard words. It's more like a dream than anything else. We think we have the finest—well, you haven't seen anything until you see Paris. "As you know the French women are known for being well-dressed and enchanting. Well—as they—twenty

million Frenchmen cannot be wrong—and you can prove it by me. (And to top it off—you don't have to worry about the racial question). "The French people are very friendly; nice to be around. And good workers. "The Belgium people are very much the same. If you could see this part of the world you, too, would know why this little country is so powerful. History cannot tell you as much as you can tell for yourself. Its farms remind you of over here.

People Happy "It really surprises me to see the people so happy and so well dressed. Fur is something you see a lot of. The Germans may have taken a lot away from here in four years but they didn't kill their spirits. "Oh yes—while in France a woman told us how the Germans beat the dark-skinned people and kill many of them. Sometimes the Germans would give the children candy which wasn't often. They would run the colored ones away. I got to see one that the Germans wanted to kill but the people hid him so they couldn't find him. He was supposed to have been working with the underground movement at the time we were on our way.

Can Solve Problem "The Germans and Japs have proved that they don't have any use for us. They have been following some of us along—trying to get us to uprise. Anyway for myself I think we can work this racial question out in due time without the help of a people who just want to use us. What do you think? "You'll find that the returning vet will have a new outlook on life. He'll want security and happiness for his family—and that with his fellowman. He can get it without killing him. They have seen what can happen when people are pushed around. "There aren't any addresses I want at this time—fellows don't write much unless they were very good friends. Dig? But chicks—yes! All of them." Cpl. T. B. Avant Jr.'s address is: 1954th Ord. Depot Co. (AVN) APO 149 c/o Postmaster, New York City.

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