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Negro Artillerymen Stick to Guns

News Briefs From Far and Near

NAVY ACCEPTS NEGRO WOMEN IN NURSE AND RESERVE CORPS

Washington—Rear Admiral William J. C. Agnew, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, United States Navy Medical Corps, issued the following statement Saturday, January 27, 1945.

"There is no policy in the Navy prohibiting the appointment of Negro women in the Navy Nurse Corps or in the Navy Nurse Corps Reserve. Every application reaching the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for appointment, in the Navy Nurse Corps or the Navy Nurse Corps Reserve is given full consideration, provided the applicant meets the physical, professional, military fitness and other requirements for appointment."

TEDDY WILSON WEDS NEW YORK GIRL

New York (IPS)—Plano playing Teddy Wilson, 32, who is also a composer and arranger of note, took time out from the current musical production Billy Rose's "Seven Lively Arts," playing the Ziegfeld Theater here, on January 4 last to take unto himself a bride—the lovely Janice Carante, 21.

The couple were wed at the city hall in Newark, N. J., in secrecy. There will be no honeymoon for hubby's commitments aside from his performance with Benny Goodman's orchestra call for radio appearances with Chesterfield Cigarettes (Tuesday and Thursday evenings); Mildred Bailey's Show on Friday evenings. They reside at 270 St. Nicholas avenue in this city.

NEGRO, WHITE MP TEAM SMASHES CHERBOURG BLACK MARKET RING

Cherbourg, France—Members of a provisional detachment of Negro military Police, patrolling the huge harbors of Cherbourg along with veteran white soldiers of the GI gendarmerie, discovered and later smashed a black market ring here on the first night of operations, it was announced today.

The detachment is formed largely from Negro port battalions' quartermaster and amphibious truck companies.

Private First Class Wilson Forbes, 1109 East Earle street, Waco, Texas, and his patrol mate, Private First Class Harry Werner (white) of 6155 Pershing street, St. Louis, Missouri, detected suspicious activity in a side street here where headquarters of a small-time black market gang were set up. Working closely with French police, the two MPs kept a close vigil of the neighborhood until the time was ripe for a full-scale raid.

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSE'S AIDE

The Polk County Chapter of the Red Cross is still seeking volunteers for the Nurse's Aide Corps but training of the students has been delayed because of a shortage of trained nurses. Mrs. J. R. Laird, one of the officers of the corps, told a Bystander reporter, who was accompanied by an applicant, Miss Florence Carter, 919 School, who signed up last fall for the training.

Complaints had been made by some Negro applicants that "prejudice" might be the reason for their delay in not being called to report for classes.

Mrs. Laird exhibited a pile of applicants that had been on file for months, she said. She revealed that some students had been called earlier than others because they had expressed a desire to train for full-time work as paid nurse's aides in government hospitals but even that plan has been halted now, she said.

She urged all Negro women who desire to become volunteer nurse's aides to file applications immediately at 321 Flynn building.



READY ON THE FIRING LINE—Soldiers of a field artillery battalion in Germany swap palaver in their dugout while they await firing orders. Medic on duty with them (wearing red cross on helmet) is Pvt. Veerland Thompson, Newport, Virginia. Others are, left to right: Pvt. Lester Rutland, Sylvester, Georgia; Cpl. Robert Jones, Longbranch, Texas; Pfc. Lafayette Owens, Anniston, Alabama; Cpl. Ellis W. McNeal, Eufaula, Oklahoma; Pfc. James P. Laney, Beaumont, Texas, and Pvt. Lloyd E. Arrington, Chicago, Illinois. U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.



YE OLDE GIFTE SHOPPE IN MARSEILLES—An American GI, besieging the perfume counter in a well-stocked "shopping center" for soldiers in Marseilles, France, assists the sales girl by pointing to an article he can't describe. You can bet it's for the girl back home. Shown at right of counter are Private Franklin Riley, Baltimore, and Corporal Herman H. Briggs, New York City. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)

Launch Maintenance Fund For Fred Douglass Home

By SHERMAN BRISCOE
Washington—Marking the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Frederick Douglass, a \$100,000 drive is being launched by the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association on February 14 to provide a continuing fund for the maintenance of the Douglass memorial home here in the nation's capital, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, president of the association.

For the last few years, the Douglass home, which sits on a high hill in Southeast Washington overlooking the Anacostia river and the national capitol, has been in need of repairs. The need for several minor repairs are in evidence, and the home needs a new coat of paint. The collection of items inside the home, and the furnishings need the careful hand of a trained curator.

To Make Repairs
Funds raised through the drive will

be used to make the much needed repairs, and also to provide a continuing fund for maintaining the home so that the shrine of the proud Douglass will not have to go hand in hand begging funds every time it needs the grass cut, a window sash or a coat of paint.

To enable persons in every section of the country to make contributions to the drive, Mrs. Stewart has asked the governor of each state to appoint a committee to collect the contributions. It has been pointed out that it is not the aim of the committee to collect a few huge donations, but rather to give every one the opportunity to contribute so that Americans everywhere can feel that they personally own a share in the shrine of this great American.

To Organize
The state committee which the governors will appoint will be urged to organize a sufficient number of sub-committees to provide channels through which schools, churches, so-

Forum Season to Open February 7

There is latent in the religious forces the potential for the world peace which we all want. The twelfth spring season of the Des Moines Public Forums begins Wednesday, February 7, with a discussion of "Religious Forces in the Coming Peace" by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. The meeting is to be held in the Shrine Auditorium. The speaker is Bishop of the Methodist church, New York area; and president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Bishop Oxnam's travels have led him into most of the countries of Europe and Asia. He was a member of the American Delegation to Russia in 1926, and of the Japanese Education Commission of the International Missionary Council in 1932, and a delegate to the World Conference at Edinburgh and Oxford in 1937.

"Behold Thy Mother," "Facing the Future Unafraid," and "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age" are among his latest books.

The meeting begins at 7:45 with a brief musical prelude. The forums are open without charge to the public. No tickets are needed for admission to these regular public forums.

The second forum of the week is on Friday, February 9, when Owen Lattimore, whom Europe regards as our leading authority on Far Eastern affairs, speaks on "China's Place in the Future of Asia." This meeting is also to be held at the Shrine Auditorium beginning with a musical program at 7:45.

WAC Band of 404 Army in Debut

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—With shoes polished to match the luminous glow of their brand new instruments, in the immaculate atmosphere of their dayroom, the 404th ASF band gave its first musical debut Friday, January 19, at 10:15 a. m.

This was the first of a series that will follow of informal concerts which will be held weekly at this time. The band is under the capable direction of Sgt. Leonora J. Hull, of Florida.

The 404th ASF band was organized in September 1943. Prior to this most of the present musicians had never played an instrument. A commendation was given to these women for their outstanding work and the time devoted to the study of music at the Drake University in Des Moines in their off-duty hours.

Col. Frank MacCroskie, post commander, stated that this was the first Women's Military band ever to have been organized for women of their race. He stated further that he expected to tune in on his radio some day when he and his 'Pipe' have retired, and hear one of these musicians playing and say, "Yes, I knew her back when—"

Lee Keyser on KRNT February 7

Lee Keyser, area director of the War Manpower Commission, will explain how the Universal Service Legislation, now in Congress, will affect the families of Iowa. Keyser will speak over station KRNT, from Des Moines February 5 and February 12 at six forty-five. New categories of essential jobs and other various manpower shortages will be discussed. Keyser speaks through the cooperation of the KRNT's special Events Department.

Thursday, Jan. 25, were held Monday at the Holy Church of God in Christ, E. Seventeenth street and University avenue. Burial was at Glendale cemetery. She had lived in Des Moines 41 years.

Surviving are her husband, John; a daughter, Marvel Blackburn of Omaha Neb.; and a brother, George Johnson of Booneville, Mo.

Nazi Mortar Bombs Fall 'Like Rain' on Negro Unit In Defense of Bastogne

With U. S. Forces in France—So close to German infantry that mortar bombs fell on them "like rain," men of the 969th Field Artillery Battalion, a Negro 155-mm howitzer outfit, stuck to their guns and fired all around the compass during the defense of encircled Bastogne.

The battalion, which landed in France last July was attached to the 28th Infantry Division at the time of the German attack.

On the morning of December 17, the battalion was informed by its forward observer that the Germans were moving in to attack. There was heavy artillery fire. "Then," said Captain William J. Wood, Communications Officer, of Wichita Falls, Texas, "our communications went out. Jerry artillery knocked out damn near all communications in the whole sector. He seemed to know the location of every switchboard."

Unaware of the situation, the battalion moved back toward La Roche, where it was attached to an artillery group and ordered toward Neufchateau. Enemy tanks and infantry attacked from the east and south. Twice the battalion went into firing position to repel threats to the column.

Made Jerry Keep His Distance
Mortar fire and enemy artillery grew heavy. Other battalions in the artillery were knocked out. Under direction of the 101st Airborne Division, the 969th moved to Villeroux, where it set up its guns. Enemy tanks and infantry approached. With the help of a few scattered tanks and a handful of infantry, the 969th made Jerry keep his distance.

At one time the enemy was so close that the battalion commander ordered all classified material destroyed. Enemy mortar fire grew even more intense. Small arms fire rained on the gun positions. Individual exploits were many. The battalion medics evacuated both German and American wounded under Jerry rifle fire. When the garrison aid station was destroyed by mortar fire, the aid men succeeded in rescuing all except

the hopelessly wounded. Corporal Mitchell Miles, of Chiefton street, Montgomery, Alabama, will never forget Villeroux. Standing beside his loaded truck, he narrowly escaped being killed by three mortar shells which exploded on the truck and set it on fire. Miles ran to a weapons-carrier some distance away, brought it back, and while under heavy small arms fire, disengaged a loaded trailer from the burning kitchen truck and drove away.

It was well that he did. The contents of the trailer were badly needed by the artillerymen, who lived for several days afterwards on one third of a K-ration per man per day.

Many Individual Exploits
The list of individual exploits is a long one. First Sergeant Mayo Crook, 510 E. Colorado street, Hammond, Louisiana, did the work of ten men, his officers reported. He helped evacuate the wounded, destroyed classified material, rescued vehicles, and finally was cut off by his outfit by enemy fire, having to find his way out of town himself. He rejoined the battalion hours later.

Enemy pressure increased and casualties became heavier. All except the actual cannoners fought infantry fashion, and even succeeded in taking 30 to 40 prisoners.

At last the battalion commander decided that the position at Villeroux was untenable. The batteries displaced to near Senonchamps. As the outfit began to pull out, one of the radio trucks was disabled by mortar fire. Through a hail of small arms fire, Sergeant Donald Corso, Hodeenfield, New Jersey, went to the truck and destroyed all the signal equipment to prevent its falling into Jerry hands.

At Senonchamps the battalion prepared for a last stand. Because of casualties, all gun crews were reduced to the minimum. By this time it was obvious that the enemy was on all sides.

Fired in All Directions
The battalion guns were set up to (See Editorial Page)

FDR Hints Peacetime Conscription May Not Be on Jim Crow Basis

New York—In a letter to the NAACP, President Roosevelt has hinted that peacetime military conscription may not be on a jimcrow segregated basis.

The Chief Executive does not make any promises, or any flat statements; but writes, "final plans have not been crystallized."

"Mr. Roosevelt's letter was in response to one from Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the NAACP, setting forth the apprehension of colored people over the probable extension of the present segregated Army policy into peacetime conscription.

"The views you expressed," the President replied, "are predicated upon the assumption that all policies have been finally determined with regard to the composition of the Army during peacetime and that they will be discriminatory in their application to Negroes. This is contrary to the facts. Final plans have not been crystallized."

To Utilize All
"Obviously those responsible for the development of War Department policies will utilize all of their experiences of the past four years," the letter said. "It would not be contended by the Army or anyone speak-

ing in its behalf that no mistakes have been made during the period of this war. Steps have been taken by the Army from time to time to correct unfair racial situations. Most assuredly his process will be repeated in the future."

Mr. Roosevelt revealed that the Army is studying the records of Negro troops in training and combat and asserted that the future utilization of Negroes in the Army "will depend upon an evaluation of this material which will be conducted in a fair manner and with due regard for all available facts."

The President admitted that the peacetime military training program "affects not only our military policy, but also the social, economic and educational aspects of our way of life." He expressed confidence "that the statutes which may finally be enacted will provide maximum protection of these aspects, and yet also accomplish the prime objective, the military security of the nation."

"I appreciate the views you have sent me and have transmitted them to the War Department for such consideration as might be given them there."

Where to Attend Church in Des Moines



BROWN'S CHAPEL
A. M. B. ZION
Rev. R. A. Wilhite, pastor, 1448 Walker...

FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
640 S. E. 28th street, Elder George Ward, pastor...

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Maple and East Sixteenth Streets, Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, D.D., pastor...

DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS
1237 Stewart street, Evangelist Leona Brown, pastor...

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MT. ZION NATIONAL SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, INC.
1774 Gardfield, Phone 6-2182, Bishop E. Cole, general overseer...

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1213 Scott street, Rev. C. A. Record, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH
12th and Crocker streets, Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

RELIGIOUS MEETING OPENS FRIDAY AT E. 17TH ST. CHURCH
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Polk Red Cross Seeks Families of War Prisoners

Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross is anxious to get in touch with relatives of American prisoners of war and is asking the public to aid in contacting families of these men in order to distribute to them "comforting information." The Red Cross bulletin released that "mail but no packages may now be sent to a prisoner of war in Germany as soon as the official notice of his capture has been received, even though no permanent camp address is given."

Renew Church Notices

Each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a city-wide Sunday School will meet at the Young Women's Christian Association at Ninth and High streets.

MRS. ELIZABETH HENDERSON DIES
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Henderson, 44, of 1215 Park street, died Friday, Jan. 26, at Oakdale sanitarium.

BURLINGTON, IA.
By MRS. ED WILLIAMS
Burlington, Ia.—Mr. Samuel Smith who was found dead, seated in a chair at his room on South Third street, was buried Friday afternoon, Jan. 26, from Giles Funeral home.

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MAPLE STREET USHERS HOLD INSTALLATION

The Maple Street Usher Board met Jan. 26 at the home of Mr. William Elmore, 1315 E. 19th street. The Rev. C. Lopez McAllister installed the following officers: president, Mr. Elmore; vice president, Mrs. Arzola Dudley; secretary, Mrs. Lucy Sandelin; assistant secretary, Miss Kathryn Robinson; chaplain, Mr. Harvey Bennings; publicity committee, Mr. George A. Wells; program committee, Mr. Wells; sick committee, Mrs. Stella Barber.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanking all who sent condolences and cards of sympathy at the passing of our niece and cousin, Mary Etta Howard. Signed by French Brown, Sr., and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beloved daughter and wife, Dorothy Brown Ganaway, who departed this life one year ago on Jan. 31, 1944. Sadly missed by Mrs. Bessie Brown, mother and family; and Cpl. Lydie Ganaway, husband.

RATION FREE

Limited quantities of men's and women's "odd lot" shoes may be sold to consumers ration-free at specified price reductions during the two-week period February 19 through March 3, the Office of Price Administration announced this week.

HOUSE FOR SALE

10 room house with 2 complete baths. All steel furnace; Good basement; Interior redecorated; Double garage; Corner lot 70x160; Joins Corinthian church; 952 8th Street. \$5,250. Terms. Ph. 3-7109. N. L. ROBERTS 616 Paramount Bldg. 7-5365

CITE PERFORMANCE OF NEGRO TROOPS DURING GERMAN DRIVE

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SOCIETY

THE HARRY PATRICKS CELEBRATE TWELFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patrick, 845 S. E. Twenty-eighth street, celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary at dinner at their home Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28.

Sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bush, Mrs. Myrtle Taylor, Miss Corena King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles King and family, Mr. Emmett Bryant.

The couple received many lovely gifts.

THE BOWMANS GO TO TUSKEGEE TO SEE SON GET COMMISSION

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bowman left Monday to attend the graduation exercises of their son, James Bowman, who will receive his commission as a flight officer in the Tuskegee, Ala., Aviation School. Mrs. Myrtle Oscars of Sioux City, accompanied them.

MR. AND MRS. TATE ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Tate, 1615 Maple street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fields and Mr. S. M. Sadders of Detroit, Mich., at dinner Thursday evening.

Eight guests shared the courtesy after which Mrs. Essie Davis and Mrs. Robert Hudson complimented the guests at a theater party. Mr. and Mrs. Fields and Mr. Sadders left for Kansas City, Mo., Friday morning.

MRS. ETHEL HOLMES HERE FROM DAYTON

Mrs. Ethel Holmes who is employed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, was in the city this week to attend the funeral of a relative, Mrs. Sadie Blackburn.

MRS. L. RICE TO CHICAGO TO REWED MR. W. D. PARRISH

Mrs. Letitia Rice will leave the city Friday for Chicago where she will be joined by Mr. W. D. Parrish, well known pianist and composer. They will be remarried.

Mr. Parrish has been living in Paris, France, for 25 years and was among the Americans returned to New York since the war started.

WESLEY BURRELL HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Wesley Burrell, 935 Sixteenth street, honored her son, Wesley Charles with a party for his third birthday Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28.

Guests were: Betty, Carolyn, Marzetta and John A. Burrell, Jr., Norma Jean Jackman, Robert Pinson, Jr., Reba Jean and Willie W. Wells Jr., and his brother Donald Burrell. Refreshments were served and many gifts were received.

MRS. PEARL BURNS HONORS HUSBAND AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Pearl Burns, 1319 Ascension street, honored her husband, W. T. Burns at a surprise party on his fifty-third birthday, Jan. 21.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Lillard Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tolbert, Mr. and Mrs. M. Humphrey, Mrs. Odel Gaines, Mrs. Oscar Roper, Miss Marguerite Proctor and Mr. Donald Platter.

Many gifts and greetings were received. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in games and other amusements.

JAMES VOLINEERS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. James Volineer, 1625 Walker, had as their house guest for two weeks, their cousin, Miss Nina Patrick of Denver, Colo.

IN CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thomas, 1705 Harriett street, are visiting Mr. Thomas' children in Chicago, Ill.

MR. NEWSOME LEAVES FOR GALVESTON

Mr. James Newsome, of 1315 Laurel left Saturday for Galveston, Texas to make funeral arrangements for his mother who died Friday, Jan. 26.

MRS. CLINTON AND MRS. FRAZIER GO TO ATLANTA, GA.

Mrs. McColl Clinton, 725 S. E. Twenty-sixth street court, and mother, Mrs. Thomas Frazier, 626 S. E. Twenty-sixth street court, went to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frazier's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Frazier, Jr.

Annual Charity Ball and Style Show by NAACP, Billiken Hall, Feb. 12.—Adv.

ENTER DRAKE UNIVERSITY



FANNIE M. MCGREGORY
Miss Fannie McGregory, graduate of North high school in class of 1944, enrolled as a Freshman at Drake university this week. Miss McGregory who has served as a secretary at the Iowa Bystander for several months after her graduation from North high school.



JACQUELINE E. MEASE
Miss Jacqueline E. Mease, granddaughter of Mrs. Cornelia Mease, 1017 Thirteenth street, entered Drake university this week as a freshman. She was employed as a secretary in the office of the Bystander for several months after her graduation from North high school.

Making Smart Clothes Helps Make Careers



POISE is part of the young careerist's stock in trade. The prospective employer, and the producer who is looking for a new star, look for this quality as well as for special talents. The young woman who possesses both, usually gets the nod.

Poise depends a lot upon the appearance the young woman feels she makes while she is being interviewed. Yet very few of these career-seeking young people have money to spend on clothes. They are spending on voice lessons, and on business courses. They cannot make a bid for the high styling that is done in ready-to-wear.

Home sewing solves their clothes problem. It places good fabric and fine basic styling within reach of their budgets. Contrary to a popular belief, making your own clothes is not difficult. The sleeveless jumper shown on Marie Ellington (left), can be sewn with complete success by a beginner. Marie is a graduate of the business department of Boston University, and this is the type of dress she finds practical this season. During her business hours

at the 13th Street branch of the YMCA in New York City, she wears this jumper dress with a long sleeved, bow-necked blouse. For an evening date, she can make a quick change by removing the blouse and highlighting the scoop neckline with a choker of pearls. The skirt too, is an easy one to sew and to wear. It doesn't require much material, because the illusion of fullness is created by the soft gathering under the waistline. This is a McColl pattern, number 552.

Doris Block, nineteen-year old Dillard University graduate, likes to wear this home sewn bolero suit, when she makes the rounds of the producers' offices. She has her eye on a career in the theatre. She views current fashions with a practical eye, too. She feels that home-sewers who don't work up a big selection of blouses, miss out on a good thing. A variety of colorful blouses help to relieve the monotony of wearing that one good suit. And when you make that suit, says Doris, make it slim, smooth, and without fuss. Her suit is cut on McColl pattern 557. The blouse is McColl, too, number 552.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

One of the coldest sub-zero days this week Mr. Jacob Pope, 1616 S. W. Second street, 82-year-old resident of Des Moines, blew into the office stepping high. He said he liked this kind of weather but he was going back to his home in Augusta, Ga., where it is much warmer, or he will have to get him a "two-legged blanket."

Mr. Pope who was in the nursery business in Georgia before coming to Iowa two years ago, is still active and energetic. He revealed that he had been married sixty years before his wife died several years ago. Asked how he managed to remain married so long, he said the "Lord joined us and what the Lord has joined together—no man can separate."

He gave as a recipe for remaining married: "first be in love." Six months are long enough to court and not more than a year and after that time if you have not found "genuine love" then "put 'em down and get another."

He said his health kept good but he has had a pain for fifteen years—"a pain in the pocket," since he lost most of his property in Georgia.

Mr. Pope said he was a twin—like Jacob in the Bible—who had twelve sons. And he, too, had twelve sons. He was three years old when the Civil War started and he has seen five wars. He believes that England, America and Russia will win the war because the "Lord backs up any country that fights for righteousness." Mr. Pope "can't understand Japan."

Mrs. Ethel Holmes of Dayton, Ohio, was back in Des Moines this week. She is eating all of the Iowa chicken that she can because in Dayton just for one wing—you pay forty-seven cents without trimmings and for a thigh—fifty-two cents.

LA FLEUR DE LES CLUB MEETS FEB. 2

La Fleur De Les club met Jan. 26 with Mrs. Rachel Robinson, 1603 Maple street. Pokeno prizes were won by Bertha Clark Thelma Perry and Dorothy Vaughn. The next hostess will be Mrs. Margaret Miller, 1503 Lyon street, Friday, Feb. 2. Stella Greer, the president, has a broken arm.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB MEETS

The Three Purpose club met Jan. 24 at the home of Mrs. Frances Wells. A program was discussed for the City Association meeting in February. Mrs. Eunice Bates review of the book, "Mother" by Kathleen Norris. The club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Bertha Wolder.

MRS. CLINTON ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Alice Clinton, 506 S. E. Twelfth street, entertained Pvt. Leonard Volneer on his recent furlough at a dinner in his honor. Sharing the courtesy were Mesdames George Clinton and Alice Marilyn Clinton, William Clinton, George Tywaters and Mr. Andrew Clinton.

KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS

USO 4th Birthday
The whole of USO is in a dither all over the country and so is Keo-Way. The time for the celebration of its fourth birthday is at hand.

On Saturday night, February 3, Keo-Way is celebrating with a Four-Year-Old Dance. Following this there will be "USO Backwards" on Sunday. The WACs are taking over the club on Sunday and will serve the public. Open House will be from 1 to 5:00 p. m. The public is invited. Come and be a guest with WAC hostesses on duty.

Drake students will present a program at 4:00 p. m. Sunday in honor of the Fourth Anniversary celebration. If you fail to drop in the club during this celebration, you will miss a treat you will always regret.

Regional Supervisor
Miss E. Estelle Thomas, associate regional supervisor, is making her regular supervisory visit of the club. She is supervisor for Regions VIII, IX, X and XI. She has been quite pleased with activities and atmosphere of the club observed on this visit.

Miss Thomas came from Cheyenne, Wyoming, here via Ogden and left here Wednesday by train to catch a plane in Kansas City, enroute to Texas. She will give the USO Fourth Anniversary address at Camp Maxey in Paris, Texas. During her short stay here she has been quite helpful with program and administrative suggestions. She will return next in the spring.

Miss Goldie Carter of USO National Y.W.C.A. staff was a visitor in the club on Saturday, Jan. 20. She was formerly a supervisor to the present Keo-Way director when on another location.

VICTORIA CLUB MEETS WITH FLYNNS

The Victoria club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Flynn. The group enjoyed a lovely group of games. The hostess served refreshments. Next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob White; Louis Brown, president; Marion Carter, secretary; and Bertie Hogan, reporter.

CLASSIFIED ADS

BOYS
Boys—Over 16 years old for all types of hotel work. Good pay for full, part-time or week-end work. See Mrs. Harris at Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

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Girls—Over 16 years old for all types of hotel work. Good pay for full, part time or week-end work. See Mrs. Harris at Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

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HOUSEMEN
Steady job, six-day-week, good wages for choice of days or night shift. See Mrs. Harris, housekeeper, Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

IACW to Observe History Week

The Iowa Association of Colored Women will observe Negro History Week Feb. 11 to 17 with clubs of the state presenting historical and interracial programs throughout the week. Mrs. Inez Willis, chairman of Education and Mrs. Lula Douglass heads interracial relations. Both of Council Bluffs Ia.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Rose E. Johnson of Marshalltown, president of the IACW.

MISS WEBB ATTENDS WELFARE CONFERENCE

Miss Clara Webb of 1022 Pleasant street was one of the six employees of the State Department of Social Welfare who motored to Clarinda, Ia., Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Southwest District Conference of the Iowa Welfare Association. The trip included a tour of state institutions and a visit to the mental clinic which was under the direction of Dr. Norman D. Renda, who is superintendent of the Clarinda State hospital.

Miss Webb will spend the week end in Kansas City attending the regional conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

HOSTESS TO DELUXE CLUB

Mrs. Edna Walker, 955 Fifteenth street, was hostess to the Deluxe club last week. A treasurer was elected, Mrs. Geraldine Stephenson. After the regular meeting pokeno was played. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Mary Lou Williams.

MARSHALLTOWN CLUB MEETS

Marshalltown, Ia.—The Civic and Social Service club met at the home of Mrs. Mayme Gardner. The newly elected president, Mrs. Iver J. Bailey, presided. Other new officers are vice president, Homzell Johnson; secretary, Agnes Borzota; treasurer, Mayme Gardner; chaplain, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence. The hostess presented gifts to those who had birthdays, in the persons of Iver Jean Bailey, Betty Brown, Agnes Borzota, Mrs. Mary Carter.

The club voted to donate cookies, cakes and fruit once a month to the USW club of Marshalltown for the servicemen. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Bailey, president.

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W. E. J.—My aunt advised me to write to you. I am not the kind to hang around dissipated people. I try to keep as decent as possible. My wife is not my type. She runs around with other men and puts in where I can get it. I don't care for her at all. I have a common-law wife. Now my wife keeps running to our door after me to keep from this woman. Should this woman put her under peace bond to keep her away from our door or should she take the law in her own hands?

Ans.: "Fride cometh before a fall." Pride and independence are marvelous traits to possess but there are times in life when we find it necessary to go to our friends. Go and offer your services as you did before. Accept their hospitality only if they will agree to let you work. In this way you can save your pride and end your financial worries.

F. L. R.—I met a very lovely girl and we are in love. There is nothing too good for her also she has proven her love for me more than once. She had made me very happy, and we have everything in common. I think we have been together long enough to know that we were meant for each other. I want to know will we be happy?

Ans.: Yes, if his mutual confidence continues to exist between you two. Your being in the service complicates matters to some extent. There will be times when you will be separated for indefinite periods and you both are going to have to be strong in your belief and confidence in each other. When the war is over you can build your "love nest" together.

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CARRY OUT PROGRAM

At a recent meeting of the Republican National Committee in Indianapolis, Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., submitted for adoption a comprehensive program which Republicans should follow if they expect to win the elections in 1946 and 1948.

He recommended a year round program which among other things included a substantial portion devoted to the Negro problem.

Chairman Brownell recognizes that the Republican party cannot hope to win an election without the Negro vote; that an honest effort must be put forth by the party to better his lot, a program which heretofore has meant lip service mostly.

The 1945 platform called for the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, federal legislation against lynching and the poll tax as a qualification for voting and the adoption of corrective measures against the mistreatment of Negro soldiers.

The National Committee approved his recommendations. The Bystander track.

During the campaign last fall, Chairman Brownell and Governor Dewey had fine ideas and they tried to make them the policy of the Republican party down to and including precinct organizations.

Republican governors and state chairmen were called into conference in order to sell them the idea because they knew that after all state organizations were close to the voters and thus could do more to get the program over than the National Committee operating miles away.

In line with this program, the Bystander believes that between now and the next election, state organizations, governors and other state officials can do a big part of Chairman Brownell's job.

There is a governor who is interested in the program. But we do have a number of state and county officials who are not in sympathy with it.

Amunition was a serious problem. Finally only clearly observed targets were fired upon and one gun was used in place of a battery.

Then the tide turned. C-47's appeared, dropping supplies of food and ammunition. The battalion displaced again, this time to the outskirts of Bastogne, to be in a position closer to the infantry.

The battalion, with its complement of white officers and Negro enlisted men, hit the Normandy beach on July 9 as part of VIII Corps Artillery.

Each legislative session finds a host of proposed measures designed to regulate the beer business. And some of these proposals are so ridiculous that it makes a person wonder how some legislators got elected.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY ROBINSON-COSTNER MEET FEB. 14

The battle of the two Sugar men of boxing is definitely on for February 14, having been set back from the ninth because of a cold that has kept Robinson from giving the proper time to training.

Of course, people in small towns react differently from city people to bear and liquor laws. Unquestionably the majority of the people want beer and hard liquor.

We just can't get everybody to obey the law. Neither must we penalize the majority for the things the minority does.

NEGRO ARTILLERYMEN STUCK TO GUNS AS NAZI SHELLS RAINED ON BASTOGNE

(See Front Page) fire all around the circle. "We made two-gun platoons," explained Major James W. Melville, Operations Officer, of Broken Bow, Nebraska, and fired in all directions.

The guns were firing at ranges of 1200 to 1500 yards—guns which normally have a range of 1,000 to 15,000 yards.

"We took everything the Germans had to throw," said Staff Sergeant Lloyd Wilkinson, of 363 Bainbridge street, Brooklyn, New York, "tanks, mortars, small arms fire. That mortar fire was like hail. I never thought that a 155 howitzer outfit would get that close to mortar fire. I don't know what we'd have done if it had not been for the help we got from that airborne infantry outfit.

The promoters hope to get the great battle between Johnny Bratten and Bob Earl repeated as one of the preludes of this fight.

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WINS MEDAL



CPL. FRAZIER EUBANKS Cpl. Frazier Eubanks, stationed somewhere in Hawaii, wrote his sister, Mrs. Odella Daniels, and his mother, Mrs. Columbia Weaver, recently that he had received a good conduct medal.

LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS Legion Calendar

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POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS

Cpl. Pickett Here Visiting Family

Cpl. David F. Pickett, bomber crew radio operator, has completed the army's flexible gunnery course at Yuma Army Air Field, Ariz. The graduating classes at Yuma were the first group of colored enlisted men in the air course.

WAC Swing Band Plays at Service Club Weekly

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Something new has been added to the 404th ASF band of Fort Des Moines, a Swing Band. This group is under the capable direction of Cpl. Evelyn Haley, daughter of Mr. William Haley, 1021 12th street, Portsmouth, O.

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derful piece of sculpture. Sacred goldfish ponds—age-old farm houses—ancient buildings—fields of sugar cane interrupted by clumps of palm and Papaya trees. We've read of all these things, now we're seeing them. It's new and exciting. But don't worry, we'll still storm beaches, slap the Japs and keep pushing them off strategic strongholds—but do you mind if we slip off to do a bit of sight-seeing when these wonderful lulls occur?

"Incidentally, this company was included in the units receiving the Presidential citation for 'outstanding performances in combat' during the seizure of this group of islands."

Lt. Mary Lewis to Lincoln, Nebr.

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Though Lt. Mary L. Lewis, former mess officer of Mess No. 7 has been transferred to Lincoln, Nebr., to be commander over a group of WACs, she will not be forgotten by those whom she left behind in Fort Des Moines.

The grass here is like a huge green carpet with a border of many varieties of flowers, bushes and vines. One of the most beautiful of these is high in the mountain and there are about fifty stone steps to be climbed to reach it.

The WAC Swingsters will appear every Thursday at the club. The members of this group are looking forward to many large engagements in the near future.

Sgt. Davies Writes 'Life of a Marine Is More Than Storming Beaches—Fox Holes'

"Many people have the idea that the life of a Marine is all storming beaches, sleepless nights in muddy fox holes and blasting 'Nips' here and there" wrote 1st Sgt. David M. Davies of the 18th Marine Depot Company, in the Slapan, Mariannas.

"We live a rugged life but there are many added attractions attached: travels, scenery, time at sea, etc. Sure, we've had some morbid experiences, but we've also had some that will remain as cherished memories.

"My outfit was in the Hawaiian Islands for a while. Memories of Oahu's famous pier seven, where royalty of various countries and famous figures of the world disembarked (pre-war) as the Royal Hawaiian Band strummed island melodies and leo ladies oosed through the crowd selling their chains of flowers, visiting it was a real thrill; Waikiki beach; trips over mountain roads to points that command scenic views of the island of beauty; the statue of King Kameameha, first ruler of the united group of islands, was a must on our sight-seeing list.

"Other islands of this group though not as prominent, are overwhelming in their natural beauty. Maui's rugged terrain was surprising to one who expected more green grass and palm trees. This was our introduction to the 'South Sea Islands.'

"Delightful Days" "Weeks abroad ship on the Pacific—no changes in scenery, same day after day, but just looking at the horizon as the sunset or watching the

New and Exciting "Also left standing is a huge statue of some Japanese notable, a won-

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