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## 'Fortify Justice or Justify Force'-Bennett

### News Briefs From Far and Near

#### NEGRO GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOLS

One of the smallest number of Negro students to complete high school education in the Des Moines schools during January were the following graduates: North high—Lucille Jackson, 1330 Day, and James Allen Howard, 3419 Waukonsa Road; East high—Lillian A. M. Collier, 1223 E. 17th St., Frances M. Lowery, 1267 Stewart, Delores K. Ratton, 1414 Fremont, Nona Lee Spearman, 1209 McCormick, Marion Turner, 1330 Wayne John Williams, Jr., 1709 Walker street; and from Des Moines Technical high school (formerly West high) Jeanette Marshall, 938 19th street.

#### TO RE-DEDICATE SERVICE FLAG AT ST. PAUL SUNDAY

The service flag committee of St. Paul A.M.E. church will hold on Sunday evening, Feb. 18, its fourth re-dedication of its service flag, at which time the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Irvine, will deliver the dedicatory address and new stars will be added in honor of service men and women from St. Paul church who have entered the service since the last service, one year ago.

In addition to the new blue stars a gold star will be placed over the blue one now on the flag in memory of Master Sgt. Inman E. Perkins, a member of St. Paul church who made the extreme sacrifice while serving with the armed forces in Italy a few months ago.

#### Negro Exhibit at Younkers Store

"The Negro in American Life," displayed in pictures take up three of the large windows of the Younker Brothers store, downtown Des Moines will be on exhibit until Feb. 17, according to Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, of the Negro Community Centers Board, which brought the traveling exhibit to Des Moines.

The exhibit is the property of The Council Against Intolerance in America.

Pictures show Negroes in the wars of America, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I and II.

The influence of Negro art, painting and sculpture is shown in the pictures of the designs. Famous Negro educators and writers include Benjamin Banneker, Fred Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Richard Wright.

Pictures of Negro authors included Roi Ottley, Langston Hughes, Paul R. Williams. In the entertainment field are photos of Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Lena Horne, Katherine Dunham.

One special placard is devoted to highlights of the life of the late Dr. George Washington Carver, world scientist.

Included in the pictures is a scene from the bridge in Washington, D. C., which was built by the Alexander-Repass Construction company.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL TO OBSERVE BROTHERHOOD WEEK AT USO SUNDAY

The Youth Council of the NAACP will present a program in observance of Brotherhood week at the club, Sunday afternoon, February 18. The program is to take the form of a panel with subject "Looking to the Future." The public is invited. Two-hour and tea will follow program.

#### PAROLE REVOKED

Revoking a parole granted in April, 1943, District Judge Loy Ladd, Tuesday ordered Amos Holt, 23, to county jail for six months on a charge of child desertion.

Holt, according to his parole agent was \$141 in arrears on payment of \$5 weekly child support, set when he was paroled.

### NEGRO HISTORY WEEK



Negro History Week observation began on Feb. 11 through Feb. 18 nationally. Like these men above, the late Dr. George Washington Carver, the great scientist Booker T. Washington, famed educator, and Frederick Douglass, the abolitionist, orator and journalist, the lives of hundreds of other Negro personalities in American history are being honored this week.

In keeping with the observation, Younker Brothers, leading downtown department store of Des Moines has

on display three large windows on Eighth street which are filled with pictures of Negroes who are prominent in all phases of life in America. The exhibit, sponsored by the board of the Negro Community Centers, will continue until Feb. 17.

### LECTURE ON NEGRO HISTORY

Lt. Col. Roscoe C. Giles, Chief of the Surgical Service, Regional Station Hospital No. 1, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, who recently lectured on the Negro soldier in American history in connection with the Army's orientation course adapted from the War Department manual "Leadership and the Negro Soldier." Colonel Giles was the first Negro graduate of Cornell University's College of Medicine. (U. S. Army Photo.)



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### WAC Advisory Group to Meet at Fort on Friday

Fort Des Moines, Iowa—Alma Mater of the Women's Army Corps, will play host for the first time this week-end to a meeting of the National Civilian Advisory Committee for WAC and WAC staff directors for all major army commands.

The three-day meeting opens Friday morning at the post. Its purpose is a report on such new War Department plans and policies as have been recently established for the Women's Army Corps; a discussion of the current intensified recruiting program for WAC hospital units; and the consideration of such other questions as may arise with regard to the training, utilization and well-being of WAC personnel from now until the war is ended.

#### Col. Hobby Here

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Corps, since its inception nearly three years ago, will preside at the joint meetings Friday of the National Civilian Advisory Committee, WAC staff directors of the major army commands and other military personnel attending the conference.

One of the principal speakers will be Maj. Gen. Guy V. Henry, Assistant Chief of Staff, G. I., whose subject will be "The Returning Service Women."

Another of the Friday speakers will be Lt. Col. Anna Walker Wilson, who is on temporary duty in this country after nearly two years as WAC staff director in the European

#### Theater of Operations.

The National Civilian Advisory committee, composed of 22 women, each outstanding in her field of work was appointed by the Secretary of War, nearly a year ago. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune is expected to be here.

#### Need Hospital Technicians

The urgent and immediate job assignment for the Women's Army Corps and its National Civilian Advisory committee is the recruitment of hospital technicians. To meet the grave challenge of mounting casualty lists and the consequently growing shortage of Army Nurses, General of the Army, George C. Marshall, chief of staff, has asked the Women's Army Corps to recruit and train a sufficient number of women to form 103 WA medical units for assignment to 60 of the Army's general hospitals in this country.

Though there is a large and growing need for hospital technicians of all types of Army hospitals, the immediate goal is 6,170 women for training as medical and surgical technicians to assist directly in the care of the sick and wounded soldiers who are being brought back to this country at the rate of more than 30,000 men a month. These women, whose training and whose duties will be approximately that of nurse's aide, are need for the Army general hospitals.

### Floridans Get Ballot Right

Pensacola, Fla.—In a writ of mandamus granting Negroes the right to vote in primary elections in Florida, Circuit Court Judge L. L. Febinski Saturday ordered County Registration Officer Ben-Davis to register two Negroes as Democrats.

The decision, which was expected to stand throughout the state, was hailed as a victory for Negro voters.

### Many Applaud NAACP Style Show and Ball

Fashions for spring and summer went on parade Monday night at the Billiken Hall where the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented its annual Style Show and Charity Ball before an audience which enthusiastically applauded creations appropriate for at home as well as the coming seasons.

With Mrs. Bernita Cardwell announcing the show, mother and

### First Negro WACs Reach Overseas

Birmingham, England—A contingent of Negro WACs—24 officers and 677 enlisted women—has arrived in England en route to serve in the European theater postal service. They are the first Negro WACs to reach England, and were given a rousing welcome.

daughter styles, led by Mrs. Bernice Carter and her daughter and followed by the tiny Sloan sisters and Sharon Cardwell, started the ball of fashions moving.

Soft and colorful pajamas for lounging, and relaxing and negligees took the spotlight led by Mrs. Edith Newcomb wearing a Persian pink brunch coat which covered a figured nightie. She carried a towel and mirror.

Mrs. Ruth Alexander featured a chocolate satin and leopard design velvet pajamas ensemble. Mrs. Clementine Buckner's trend of lounging pajamas in black took a Chinese effect. Miss Eleanor Lillard wore a fitted rose jacket over black pajamas for lounging.

#### Gets Cheers

As Mr. Louis Brown took the spotlight in a 1945 gray outfit for the Easter parade he received cheers and a big applause as he strolled and displayed the draped effect of his suit.

The slacks were present with Miss Harriet Brewer in green and gray and her sister, Mrs. Delores Piggues in brown and salmon.

For sports—Mrs. Murlean Taylor wore a Mexican hosiery frock. Mrs. Buckner returned in a flowered playsuit.

Spring suits were worn by Mrs. Joan Brewer Johnson and Mrs. Loreta Slater who wore gray wool three-piece suits. Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler styled a black coat and flowered dress ensemble. Mrs. D. Lawson wore a gold and brown two-piece suit.

Afternoon dresses were worn by Miss Geneva Morrow, Mrs. Edith Newcomb who wore black; Mrs. Beasie Greene who wore sheer gray crepe; Mrs. Alice Sloan in black accompanied by her two daughters.

Afternoon dresses with furs were featured by Mesdames John M. Estes and Clarence Adams, both of whom wore black with sets of silver fox furs.

#### Colorful Formals

Formals were as colorful as the rainbow with the parade with featured young misses and matrons.

Highlighting the style show was a wedding scene which was under the direction of Mrs. Georgine C. Morris. In the wedding party were Mesdames F. O. Morrow in grey with Mrs. Otis James in wine velvet leading the procession. The bridesmaids in Persian pink taffeta gowns de-

signed with organ pleats and hats to match were: Misses Betty Jean Morrow, Nellie Jones, Ethelyn Green, Mae Henri Crumb, and Goldie Jones.

The bride, Miss Geneva Morrow, wore a white bridal satin gown with insertions of Chantilly lace at the neck. A flowing veil fell to the hip line from a coronet of lace that crowned the bride's head. She carried a bridal bouquet.

Music for the style show and the ball was played by the Sepia Supper Club orchestra.

Others in the group of formal gowns were: Edythe Anne Gray, Helen Hubbard, Marguerite Madison, Mary Lou Johnson, Ruby Vandeviere, Mita Reed, Pauline Wilson, Delores Graves, Annabell Payne, Bernice Kelly, Kathryn Smith.

dent, chairman. A. P. Trotter, is president.

The annual event was sponsored by the local branch to aid in its fight for the "Five Freedoms."

### Drake U. Vice President Says Responsibility of a Better World on Church

"If you do not fortify justice you must inevitably justify force," Dr. Chilton G. Bennett, vice president of Drake University, declared on Sunday afternoon as he addressed the annual Inter-racial Sunday citywide service at the St. Paul A.M.E. church.

Speaking on the subject of "Do Church People Really Want World Peace," Dr. Bennett laid the responsibility of world conditions tomorrow to the church of Jesus Christ and the decision that it must make today.

Unless people find some way to get together on this earth, find a peace that will work, make a decision and lay aside "silly traditions," then "you and I are laying today the basis for fighting the world War No. 3."

Whether or not the church will "stand or fall," will "make or lose its reputation" depended upon the pattern of the social structure.

"The church is doomed to fail tomorrow" if the members come to church on Sundays to spend a "few polite hours."

"You are not doing your job," he declared and added that the many church societies were "very good—but—bless your hearts—they reach you and only you."

"The church must step outside and find the people today that it condemns," he urged as he expressed his concern for "churchianity instead of Christianity."

"We have taken off on one of the greatest undertakings that man has ever known and how we land will depend upon the principles of how we guide ourselves—not tomorrow—but five minutes after we get out of here."

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Pleading for a better understanding between all people, for the opening of all channels of communication, Dr. Bennett said "they are not so bad after all."

Do Our Job

"We must do the job and do it quickly or we die. You are the engineers—you are the architects of the future," he continued, and stated that "as you speak in your homes you begin to mould the character of a future citizen of the world. You are pouring the steel in that block of foundation in your building of tomorrow."

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White Students Ask for  
Uncensored Publication

Williamsburg, Va.—Denouncing the "infringement of the doctrine" of freedom of the press as "aid down by our honored alumnus, Thomas Jefferson," the College of William and Mary student body Monday urged a policy which "will insure free and uncensored student publications."

The mass protest was called after censorship of an editorial in the "Flat Hat" campus weekly newspaper, which advocated intermingling of races.

The 22-year-old editor of the newspaper and author of the proposal, Miss Marilyn Kaemmerle, had written that the time would come when Negroes should attend the college. "Join the same clubs, be our roommates, pin the same classmates and marry among us."

Work Must Be Done

The editorial, which the "Flat Hat" office said was written by Miss Kaemmerle of Jackson, Mich., said that "work must be done in educating ourselves away from the idea of white supremacy—for this belief is as groundless as Hitler's Nordic supremacy nonsense."

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# Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

**BROWN'S CHAPEL**  
A. M. E. ZION  
Rev. R. A. Whitte, pastor, 1448 Walker  
Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45  
a. m.; Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; A. C.  
E. League, 6:30 p. m.; Evening worship,  
8:00 p. m.; Midweek service and choir re-  
hearsal, 8:00 p. m., Wednesday. Everybody  
is welcome.

**FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD  
IN CHRIST**  
Elder George  
Ward, pastor; Elder Frank Hawkins, as-  
sistant pastor. Order of services: Sunday  
school 10:30 a. m.; Sunday services at 12  
o'clock (noon) and 8 p. m.; Y. P. W. W.  
at 7:30 p. m.; Weekday services; Tues-  
day evening Bible Band; Thursday evening  
regular services. You are cordially in-  
vited to attend all services.

**MAPLE STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Maple and East Sixteenth Streets, Rev.  
C. Lopez McAllister, D.D., pastor; par-  
sonage 1607 Walker street.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Morning wor-  
ship 11 a. m.; Baptist Training Union 6  
p. m.; Evening worship 7:45 p. m.; Mid-  
week prayer services Wednesday at 8  
p. m.; Missionary Society each Friday at  
2 p. m.; Choir rehearsal Wednesday at  
8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend  
all services.

**DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE  
CHRIST CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS**  
1235 Stewart street, Evangelist Leona  
Brown, pastor; Evangelist C. L. Branham,  
assistant pastor. Order of services: Sun-  
day School 10 a. m.; Praise service, 11  
a. m. and 8 p. m.; Week Day-Friday,  
8 p. m.; Bible class. You are cordially  
invited to attend all services.

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
1241 Seventeenth and University, Elder  
F. T. Taylor, pastor. Order of services: Sun-  
day School 10 a. m.; Praise service, 11  
a. m. and 8 p. m.; Week Day-Friday,  
8 p. m.; Bible class. You are cordially  
invited to attend all services.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
633 S. E. 28th street, Rev. G. H. Kin-  
drick, pastor; residence, 1621 DeWitt  
street. Order of services: Sunday school,  
9:30 a. m.; Supt. C. H. Cavil; Morning wor-  
ship, 11:30 o'clock; Evening worship, 7:30  
o'clock; Midweek prayer service, 7:30  
Wednesdays, Mission Circle; Thursday,  
2:40 p. m.; President, Mrs. Gertrude Mc-  
Cann.

**CORINTHIAN BAPTIST  
CHURCH NOTES**  
By ROXIE IGOU  
The Rev. Howard Huff, pastor of the  
Carlisle, Ia., Baptist church, spoke  
Sunday morning, Feb. 11, at the  
Corinthian Baptist church, in the  
interdenominational exchange of pul-  
pits. His subject was "Things That  
Cannot Be Broken."  
Sunday evening at BYPU hour, Mr.  
Arthur John Edmunds spoke on "The  
Young People in the Post War  
World." Miss Joan Jeffers recited the  
"Gettysburg Address," and "Look  
Ahead."  
On Feb. 18 at 6 p. m. the BYPU  
hour, the Rev. Fogleson of Grinnell  
will be guest speaker. He is super-  
intendent of Christian education of the  
Churches of Christ of this district.  
At the evening worship the Mother  
Board will give a program with Rev.  
A. C. Crawford as speaker. The Mis-  
sionary Chorus will sing.  
Get your church news to Miss Roxie  
Igo by Tuesday of each week.  
Phone 4-9226.

**ST. PAUL NOTES**  
Last Sunday St. Paul AME church  
observed Founders Day or the anni-  
versary of the birth of Richard Allen,  
the founder of the church, Interdenomi-  
national Sunday and Boy Scout anniversary.  
The pastor, the Rev. Irvine filled  
the pulpit at the First Friends church  
and the Rev. Jas. Furbay, pastor of  
that church was to have officiated for  
us but on account of illness was com-  
pelled to send a substitute in the per-  
son of Mr. Charleston Forte, a lay-  
man from the Friends church at  
Philadelphia, who was accompanied  
by Miss Mary Kita, a Japanese young  
woman.  
Troop 59 of the Boy Scouts with  
their cub pack, troop leaders and den  
mothers in full uniform occupied a  
conspicuous place in the front center  
section of the auditorium.  
The high light of the day however  
was the afternoon service which was  
the Annual City-wide Race Relations  
Service. Dr. Chilton Bennett, the  
newly appointed vice president of  
Drake University, was guest speaker.  
He exploded the myth of racial su-  
periority. Much for the occasion was  
rendered by the St. Paul choir aug-  
mented by the addition of the wom-  
en's chorus and several members of  
the Burns' mens chorus.  
The special observance of Found-  
ers Day was left to the Allen En-  
deavor League where papers were  
read on the various phases of the life  
of Richard Allen by Allan McGregor,  
Thomas Wallace and Paul Danforth  
and special songs were sung. Solo-  
ists were Gwendolyn Davis, Leslie  
Turner and the Youth chorus direct-  
ed by Margaret DeBelle.

**TO HONOR MOTHERS  
OF SERVICEMEN  
ON FEBRUARY 18**  
The Youth of Maple Street Baptist  
church will have a patriotic pro-  
gram honoring mothers of servicemen  
Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 3 o'clock  
at the Maple Street church.  
**AME MINISTERS  
TO INDIANA**  
The Rev. W. H. Ogleton, presiding  
elder of the Des Moines District, and  
the Rev. W. F. Ogleton, pastor of the  
Bethel AME church, left Monday  
night for Indianapolis, Ind., to at-  
tend the AME Connectional Confer-  
ence which opened Wednesday.

**SOCK RALLY SERVICE  
AT KYLES SUNDAY**  
The Missionary society of Kyles  
A.M.E. Zion church will sponsor a  
sock rally and service Sunday after-  
noon, Feb. 18, at 3 o'clock, at the  
church. The guest speaker will be  
Rev. Myrtle Cranshaw of the Ches-  
terfield Sanctified church. The Rev.  
H. A. Simmons is pastor of Kyles and  
Mrs. Laura Darby is chairman.

**THREE PURPOSE  
CLUB MEETS**  
The Three Purpose club met at the  
home of Mrs. Eunice Bates on Feb.  
7. Mrs. Bertha Wolder gave a book  
review. The program for the City  
Association meeting on Feb. 15 at the  
Community Center was completed.  
All clubs are invited. The next  
meeting will be with Mrs. Laura Gil-  
bert, 926 Sixteenth street.  
Messdames-Mildred Page, Josie Mae  
Redrick, Iona Windsor and Ruth  
Brewer, and a trio by Misses Leslie  
Turner, Velma Brooks and Gwendo-  
lyn Davis and Mrs. Katherine Mc-  
Farland gave a group of religious  
readings.

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Special healing Wednesday from 12 (noon)  
to 6 p. m.; Messages at each service night-  
ly. Private consultation daily by appointment.

**SILHON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1212 Scott street, Rev. C. A. Record,  
pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.;  
morning worship at 11 a. m.; 5, 7, 10, 11  
at 9:30 p. m.; Evening worship at 7:30  
p. m.; Senior choir rehearsal Tuesday at  
8 p. m.; Wednesday 1:30 p. m.; Midweek  
prayer service, Friday at 2 p. m.; Mis-  
sionary meetings.

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
181 and Crocker streets, Rev. A. J. Ir-  
vine, pastor; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.;  
Morning worship, 10:45 o'clock; A. C. E.  
League, 9:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 7:30  
p. m.; Official Board Monday, 7:30 p. m.;  
Midweek prayer service, Wednesday,  
7:30 p. m.; Choir rehearsal, Friday,  
7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to  
worship with us.

**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
1224 E. University, Rev. W. F. Ogleton,  
pastor. Order of services: Sunday school  
9:45 a. m.; Morning worship 11 a. m.; A. C. E.  
League 9 p. m.; Evening worship 7:30  
p. m.; Official Board Monday 7:30 p. m.;  
Midweek prayer service and Bible study  
Wednesday 1:30 p. m.; Usher Board meet-  
ing, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.; Choir re-  
hearsal Thursday 8 p. m.

**KYLES A.M.E.  
ZION CHURCH**  
124 and Shaw streets, Rev. H. A. Sim-  
mons, pastor.  
Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45  
a. m.; Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Ver-  
rick C. E. Society, 7 p. m.; Evening wor-  
ship, 7:45 o'clock; Midweek prayer ser-  
vice, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

## Bennett (See Front Page)

The citywide interracial Sunday  
service was sponsored by the Des  
Moines Interracial Commission. Cor-  
nell Hewson, vice president presided in  
the absence of the commission's pres-  
ident, Rev. C. Lopez McAllister.  
Other participants on the program  
were: The Rev. Walter Briggs, the  
Rev. A. J. Irvine and the Rev. G. W.  
Robinson. Music for the afternoon  
was offered by Miss Janice Stone,  
Drake University student, and the St.  
Paul AME church choir, Burns  
men's chorus.

**BETHEL AME  
CHURCH**  
The Lizzie Tolliver Women's Mis-  
sionary Society is sponsoring a  
George and Martha Costume party at  
the church, Tuesday, March 2 at 8 o.  
p. m. A prize is being offered for  
the most natural costume.  
Mrs. E. M. Ligon, 2631 Des Moines  
street returned on the 7th of the  
month from visiting her daughter,  
Mrs. Katherine Banks, niece, Mrs.  
Freston and friends of Kansas City,  
Mo. Also was the guest of her fa-  
ther of Lathrop, Mo.

**Elects Officers**  
The Girl Scout Troop Committee  
No. 17 elected officers at their regu-  
lar meeting Tuesday, February 13.  
Mrs. Theodore Martin, Sr., chairman,  
Mrs. J. Q. Evans, secretary and Mrs.  
Compan Chapman, treasurer.  
**Movies Held Weekly**  
The Negro Community Center is  
sponsoring weekly movies at Bethel  
AME church every Friday at 7 p. m.  
The picture for Friday, February 16  
is a Western "The Old Homestead."  
For the following week February 22  
is "Footlight Glamour."

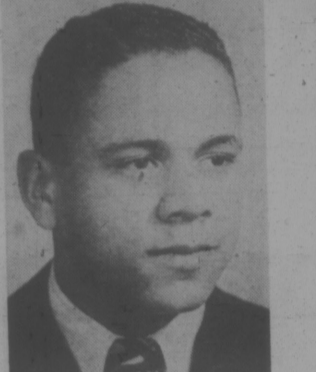
**Carnival February 16**  
Following the movie the sponsoring  
committee is having a Carnival at  
East Center from 9-11 p. m. Refresh-  
ments will be sold. There will be  
dancing and games. Mrs. Corrine  
Tillman is chairman of the movie  
committee.  
In the formal group were: Cath-  
erine Lee, Ray Cannon, Vivian Walker,  
Mildred Lee, Phyllis Witt, Delores  
Graves, Delona Martin, Fredrica Har-  
ris, Edith Williams, Ailse May, Gar-  
nell Gray, Bessye Greese, Margaret  
Sorrrell.

**MR. JAMES NEWSOME  
BACK FROM TEXAS**  
Mr. James E. Newsome, 1315 Laur-  
el street, returned to the city last  
Saturday from Galveston, Texas,  
where he was called to attend the  
funeral of his mother.  
While there he was entertained by  
Mrs. Emma S. Mosby and in Texas  
City, Texas, by Mr. and Mrs. Howard  
Rollin and other friends. In Houston  
he visited Mr. Carter G. Wesley, editor  
of the Informer, and Mr. A. J. New-  
ton, pastor of Methodist Churchman, Mr.  
and Mrs. Henry Comoch.  
Mr. Newsome had conference in  
Houston with Mrs. A. V. Gilmore,  
grand matron and Mrs. Dallas Gil-  
ford, grand secretary of the Rapid  
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern  
Star of Texas.

## MI-YE AR GRADUATES



**LUCILLE JACKSON**  
Margaret Lucille Jackson (North  
high) who resides with her uncle and  
aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Cason, 1330  
Day. She plans to enter the Ameri-  
can Institute of Business in Des  
Moines. Miss Jackson is one of the  
active junior service girls of the Keo-  
Way USO club here.



**JAMES A. HOWARD**  
One of the two Negro January  
graduates of North high school was  
James Allen Howard, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Neal Howard of 3419 Waukonia  
road. He will continue to work with  
his father who operates the Neal  
Howard Coal & Sand Company until  
he becomes eligible for military ser-  
vice.



**LILLIAN COLLIER**  
Lillian Collier, (East high) is the  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Col-  
lier of 1223 E. Seventeenth street Ct.  
She plans to continue her education  
at the American Institute of Business  
at Des Moines.

## COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 15—Boy Scout  
Troop 59 and Cub Pack 59 program  
West Center 3:30 p. m.  
Monday, February 19—Child Care  
Class 7:30 West Center, Mrs. K.  
Stewart, instructor. Dramatic class-  
es, both centers.  
Tuesday, February 20—Dancing  
classes, both centers.  
Wednesday, February 21—Girl  
Scout Troop 17, 4 p. m. West Center.  
Boy's club, East Center, 7 p. m. Mr.  
Edmond. Adult Sewing, East Center  
7:30 p. m. Mrs. Levin.  
Thursday, February 22—Craft  
classes, both centers; children, West  
Center, 4-6 p. m. Teen group, East  
Center, 7 p. m. Adults, East, 8 p. m.  
Adult Sewing, West Center, 7 p. m.  
Mrs. Morris.

Friday, February 23—Movies at  
Bethel church, 7 p. m. "Footlight  
Glamour." Carnival Dance, West  
Center, 7 p. m.

Sunday, February 25—Campfire  
Girls Tea, East Center, 3:30 p. m.  
Valentine Party.

On Tuesday, February 13, the Girl  
Scout Troop 17 were hostesses to  
forty-five guests at a Valentine party.  
Chaperons were members of the com-  
mittee, Mrs. Cora Chapman, Mrs.  
Virginia Martin and Mrs. J. Q.  
Evans.

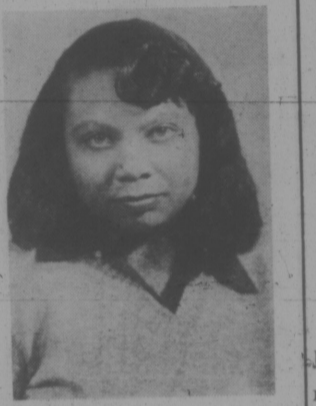
**Service People's Families**  
The Service Men's Wives club is  
hosting a party for the families of  
service people Friday, February 16,  
from 7 to 10 p. m. This party will  
acquaint the families of the USO ac-  
tivities carried on by the clubs all  
over the country for service people.  
Represent your service man or  
woman.

Calling all Service Men's Wives to  
join the Service Men's Wives club.  
The meeting is every Wednesday. Im-  
prove yourself, increase your phar-  
mian, Pvt. Geneva Alexander, was  
crowned queen of the WACs. She  
said the celebration made her home-  
sick which was the best proof of its  
success. Miss Dorothy Tomlin was  
selected queen of the Junior hostesses.  
The crowning of the queens, the  
cutting of the wishing cake and the  
grand march were events of the eve-  
ning.

Other special features were the  
Mardi Gras Fun Broadcast by the  
Junior hostesses and fortune telling  
by "Princess Evtant," impromptu  
features and dancing to the music of  
the Flash Orchestra. The club host  
and hostesses were really on the job,  
and relax with your favorite recre-  
ation until your soldier or sailor comes  
home.  
When you meet at WAC, soldier or  
sailor be sure to show him how to  
get to the USO. They might lose their  
way in the Brown Out! The USO  
is open all off duty hours as a home  
to service people. As a well meaning  
citizen it is part of your war effort  
to help steer somebody's son or  
daughter to Keo-Way USO when  
they are wandering about town won-  
dering where to go. Citizens are  
welcome to visit the club and learn  
about the activities offered these  
service men and women.

## INDOOR MARDI GRAS

Keo-Way celebrated Mardi Gras by  
dance Saturday night, February 10.  
An honest to goodness New Orleans  
style.



**JEANETTE MARSHALL**  
The only Negro graduate of the  
Des Moines Technical high school  
was Jeanette Marshall, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall of 938  
West Sixteenth street. She plans to  
enter Iowa State University next  
term.

## KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS

**MRS. SORRELL  
IS CLUB HOSTESS**  
Mrs. Margaret Sorrell was hostess  
to the club De Lux on Feb. 8. Mes-  
dames Tymony, Walker, Williams  
were appointed to represent the club  
at post war planning for Negroes at  
the Billiken hall on Thursday night.  
Mrs. Geraldine Stephenson will be  
hostess to the club on Feb. 22.

## PARLIAMENTARY CLUB MEETS

The newly organized Parliamen-  
tary Culture club met at the home  
of Mrs. Gertrude Rush, hostess. W. M.  
Mrs. Rush as instructor, the officers  
are: Mrs. Laura Darby, president;  
Mrs. Marguerite Chamblee, vice  
president; Mrs. Frances Brewer, sec-  
retary; Mrs. E. A. Galters, treasurer.  
Other members are: Leota Slater,  
Goldie Fant, Sarah Jett, Ophelia Hill,  
Verona McElroy, Juanita Kendrick,  
Roberta Frazier, Beatrice Brown,  
Betty Taylor, Daisy Johnson, Mildred  
Miller.

## CPL. G. CLINTON HONORED AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gibson of  
621 S. E. Eleventh street had as din-  
ner guest Sunday, Cpl. and Mrs.  
George Clinton and their daughters,  
Mrs. Alice Clinton, mother of Cpl.  
Clinton and Rev. and Mrs. C. A.  
Record.  
Cpl. Clinton arrived home last week  
from Staten Island, N. Y., where he  
is stationed.

## BURLINGTON, IA.

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS  
Burlington, Ia.—Rev. J. S. Beverly,  
pastor of the Union Baptist church  
and his choir with members united  
with Walnut Street church (white)  
in service at the latter church, Rev.  
Mr. Beverly was the speaker and his  
choir sang.  
Mrs. Elsie Baker Campbell died  
Jan. 27 at Mercy hospital where she  
was a patient for three days. She  
was the daughter of the late Mr.  
Susan Baker and Rev. John Baker,  
born May 30, 1869. She was baptized  
March 4, 1891 by her father who



**DELORES RATTION**  
Delores Rattion, one of the six Jan-  
uary graduates of East high school,  
is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal  
Rattion of 1414 Fremont street. She  
is planning to study at the American  
Institute of Business.

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Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

was organizer of the Second Baptist  
church at Clarinda, Ia.  
For the past six months Mrs.  
Campbell had made her home with  
her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank Jefferies, here. Three  
other daughters survive: Mrs. Rozella  
Daniels of Beloit, Wash.; Mrs. Mil-  
dred Allen, Reno, Nev.; Mrs. Saph-  
ronia Oldham of Clarinda, Ia.; three  
sons, Bruce of Des Moines, Paul of  
Omaha, Nebr., and Henry of Cleve-  
land, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Ella  
Cockran and Mrs. Anna Nash of  
Omaha, Nebr., and Mrs. Lula Everett  
of Kansas City, Mo.; also nieces,  
nephews and five great grandchil-  
dren.  
Mrs. Lois Adams, employed at Iowa

## ORIGINAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

JOHN MCCLAIN, 1526 East Capitol Av-  
enue, Des Moines, Iowa, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ESTELLE MCCLAIN, formerly of Des  
Moines, Iowa, Defendant.  
To the Foregoing Named Defendant:  
ESTELLE MCCLAIN  
You are hereby notified that there is  
now on file in the office of the Clerk of  
the District Court of the State of Iowa  
in and for Polk County, Iowa, the peti-  
tion of the plaintiff herein in the above  
entitled cause of action claiming and ask-  
ing of you an absolute divorce from the  
bonds of matrimony now existing be-  
tween the parties hereto and as grounds there-  
for alleging that since the marriage of  
the parties hereto you have been guilty  
of such cruel and inhuman treatment of  
this plaintiff, John McClain, as to endan-  
ger his health and life. Said plaintiff's  
petition further alleges that plaintiff is a  
resident of Polk County, Iowa; that his

## Insurance Department of Iowa DES MOINES ANNUAL CERTIFICATE FOR PUBLICATION of the ILLINOIS BANKERS LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Located at Menomoth in the State of  
Illinois.  
Whereas, the above named company has  
filed in the Insurance Department of Iowa,  
a sworn statement showing its condition  
on the thirty-first day of December, 1943,  
in accordance with the provisions of Chap-  
ter 404, Title XX, of the Code of Iowa,  
relating to Insurance Companies; and  
whereas said Insurance Company has com-  
plied with the laws of this State relating  
to insurance.

Therefore, in pursuance of law, I, Chas.  
R. Fischer, Commissioner of Insurance, do  
hereby certify that said Insurance Com-  
pany is authorized to transact the busi-  
ness of Life, Accident and Health Insur-  
ance in the State of Iowa, as required by  
law, until the first day of April, 1945.  
I further certify that on December 31,  
1943, the statement shows—(includes life  
department figures)  
1st. Total Admitted Assets, \$27,635,372.72  
2d. Total Liabilities, Except 22,672,258.21  
3d. Capital Paid Up 200,000.00  
4th. Surplus over all Li- 1,302,532.00  
5th. Surplus as regards 613,016.92  
Policyholders

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my seal of office  
at Des Moines, this 15th day of June, 1944.  
CHAS. R. FISCHER,  
Commissioner of Insurance.  
(Seal) Printed and published in the Iowa By-  
stander Feb. 15, 1945.

Ordinance plant as a driller, has been  
off duty due to illness but has now  
returned to work.  
**Gets Medal**  
First Sgt. John S. Beverly, Des  
Moines, son of Rev. J. S. Beverly,  
pastor of Union Baptist church, and  
Mrs. Beverly of Burlington, was de-  
corated with a soldier's medal recent-  
ly in San Bernardino Calif. Sgt.  
Beverly was cited for heroism in as-  
sisting in the removal of a disabled  
pilot from a burning airplane at the  
risk of his life at the army airfield  
at San Bernardino. A lieutenant and  
corporal also were given medals for  
helping in the rescue. The home of  
Sgt. Beverly is in Des Moines where  
his wife and children reside.

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Whereas, the above named company has  
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law, until the first day of April, 1945.  
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1943, the statement shows—(includes life  
department figures)  
1st. Total Admitted Assets, \$58,792,274.13  
2d. Total Liabilities, Except 32,672,258.21  
3d. Capital Paid Up 4,673,000.00  
4th. Surplus over all Li- 2,120,016.92  
5th. Surplus as regards 613,016.92  
Policyholders

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# **DES MOINES ORDNANCE PLANT**

# Man's Color in Caribbean Determines His Wealth

Chicago — A man's color is determined by his wealth in the two Caribbean possessions of the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. How much money a man has is the criterion of whether he is "white" or Negro, according to a revealing article by Eric Williams in the current February issue of Negro Digest published here.

The veteran Howard University political science professor, who is author of a number of books on the Caribbean, declares in the Digest, "In the Caribbean, a man is not as white as he looks. If by virtue of his position or his wealth he moves about in society, he is 'white'."

**"Colored Ancestors"**

Williams points out that many "so-called whites in the islands have colored ancestors." In his article "Where Black Can Be White," he cites examples in which some Puerto Rico families have had one child classified in the census as white and another as colored.

It is well known that in order not to antagonize some prominent family which does not wish to be identified with Negroes, states Williams, "the census officers will classify its members as white and perhaps change the classification later."

In Puerto Rico, he further says, the term "white" defines class and status rather than color and race. In instances when dark mulattoes belong to the upper class by virtue of their wealth, they become socially defined as white persons.

Williams in his article tells how many colored leaders in Puerto Rico have obtained high places in politics and in the economic life of the island. He declares that legal race discrimination is unknown although social and racial prejudice is widespread and has been somewhat aggravated recently by the influx of American troops. Despite the lack of legal Jim Crow, the lower classes of Caribbean society still look to America "as the land of opportunity."

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By BESSYE L. GREENE  
Lincoln Post 126 and the Auxiliary will have a joint Americanism program Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club rooms, 750 West Eleventh street. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock. Mr. Don Platter and Mrs. Essie Davis are chairmen. The guest speaker is Rev. A. J. Irvine of St. Paul A.M.E. church and music will be furnished by Mr. Herbert Shirley of Drake University and Miss Quanjane Garland. The Gettysburg address will be given by Miss Joan Jeffers and Mr. Stiles of the Veterans Bureau will give remarks.

Commander C. V. Chapman will open the meeting and have the colors advanced. Chaplain A. D. Greene will give the invocation. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Frances M. Hall, Auxiliary president, urges all members to send in their dues by Feb. 19.

March 20 will be the spring festival of the Auxiliary.

## ART DISPLAY BY LINCOLN U. (MO.) PROFESSOR

Jefferson City, Missouri—A collection of 27 oil paintings, water colors and lithographs by J. D. Parks, head of the Department of Art at Lincoln University are on display here in the public library sponsored by the Jefferson City Art club. Included in the exhibit are several prize winning items which have been exhibited at the Missouri State Fair, Kansas City Art Institute St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Artists' Guild and Atlanta University and two unique pieces of statuary. "This is definitely a one man show" stated the chairman of the exhibit committee, referring to Mr. Parks as an artist of National fame.

## SECURITY BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS HERE

A member of the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C., Mr. Evan Clague, will appear here Tuesday, February 20 when he discusses "Developing Social Security" on a Des Moines Public Forum. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of East high school, East Thirteenth and Walker streets. It will open at 7:45 with a brief musical prelude by the vocal department of East high school under the direction of Miss Sigrid Greenhill. All regular forums are open to the public without charge, and no tickets are required for admission.

## Trays Are Trip Savers

Trays save trips from kitchen to dining room and from sink to cupboards. At the table stack dishes into glass, silverware and china groups so they can be unloaded in washing order at the sink, suggests the Home Editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer.

## Stuffed Baked Potato Teases Family Palate



Stuffed baked potatoes are a mayonnaise have a festive air that adds eye appeal to the dinner table and whets the family's appetite.

This recipe, prepared by Marjorie Griffin, Home Editor of the nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer, pays zestful dividends.

**Baked Potatoes a la Mayonnaise**  
6 large baking potatoes 1 egg separated  
1/4 c. mayonnaise 1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper

Bake potatoes in hot oven (450° F) 1 hour or until done. Cut a slice from top of each and scoop out potato. Mash, add mayonnaise, egg yolk and seasonings. Refill shells. Beat egg white until stiff and heap lightly on top of each potato. Place in 350° F. oven until brown. Serves 1.

## REV. G. W. ROBINSON

The Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church here, returned to the city last week from a three-week trip to West coast where he was one of the members of the Commission of the Home Missions Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Other members of the board were: T. Theo. Lovelace, corresponding secretary, Chicago, Ill.; D. Edwin Johnson, treasurer, pastor of Sunset Baptist church, Texarkana, Texas. This board is the agency of the National Baptist Convention through which the work of Evangelism and Missions in the United States is done.

Financial contributions were made by churches and pastors of California to the amount of 11,573.52, for the work of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism and the National Baptist convention.

## WACS AND USO HOSTESSES GO TO NAVY DANCE AT OTTUMWA

On one of the coldest nights of the winter, Wednesday, Jan. 31, when the temperature dropped down below zero, a busload of WACS of Ft. Des Moines, Ia., and junior service girls of the Keo-Way USO club motored to Ottumwa, Ia., to be guests of the sailors who are stationed at the Naval Air Station.

The dance was held in the downtown Y.M.C.A. building.

The WAC guests included Lt. Joan Leenay, Lt. Oleta L. Grain, T/4 Claudine E. Dixon, Sgt. Marie Jones, Cpl. Kathryn M. McChesney, Cpl. Alma Stallings, Pfc. Anna Saunders, Cpl. Constance A. Hudling, Pfc. Vergie Knox, Pfc. Charbelte Pittman, Pvt. Hannah Huley, Pfc. Florence Ba-

## Postwar Kitchen Remodeling Will Save Homemaker Steps



Ideas adaptable to many postwar homes are shown in above Story County, Iowa, farm kitchen. Mrs. John Holst pops a pan of bread into electric range oven, while daughter Mrs. Alvin Bowker works comfortably at sink. The Holsts remodeled their kitchen just before the war.

IN REMODELING a farm kitchen for efficiency and step-saving, there are three work centers to be placed—storage, preparation and cleaning, cooking and serving, according to Marjorie Griffin, Home Editor of Capper's Farmer.

"Sometimes a fourth—planning—is included," she writes in the Rural Home department of the nationally-circulated farm magazine. "The ideal working order is left to right.

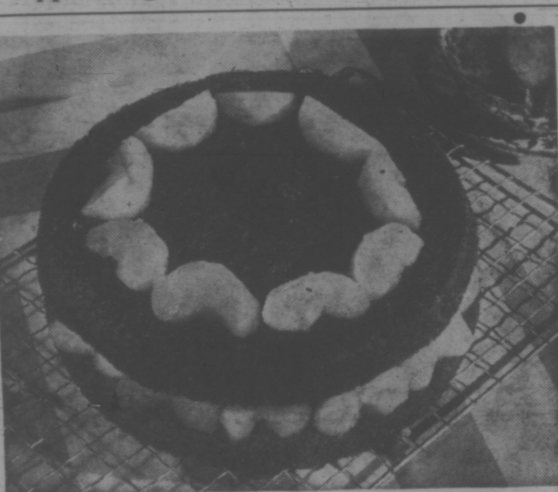
"The refrigerator, with adjacent cabinet, is the pivot of the storage center. This is advisedly placed near the back door in order that perishable foods can be put away as brought in, without crossing the room several times. The sink should be about middle way between the refrigerator and range. It is used while preparing food as well as when washing dishes. The range has advantages located near the eating nook or dining room."

No kitchen plan can meet the needs of all farm families, Miss Griffin points out. The type of farming, size of family, extra help, climate, personal habits, likes and dislikes make it necessary to vary the arrangements. In remodeling, size of rooms, structure of house, thickness of walls, number of openings and lighting will also cause variations. Basic kitchen arrangements for farm homes are in three patterns: U-shaped, L-shaped and corridor type. The U-shaped type often is seen in a medium or small room; the L-shaped plan is practical in a large kitchen; corridor arrangement fits into narrow, large space, she says.

## OVER 3,000 USOs CELEBRATE 4TH BIRTHDAY

New York City—With proclamations by governors and mayors, among them one by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, USO's fourth birthday was celebrated over the week-end by Open House held in the approximately 3,000 operations in Continental United States and the overseas bases.

## Apple-Ginger Shortcake Is Winter Treat



LIKE falling snow and sleigh riding, apples and warm gingerbread are two things that go with cold winter evenings. Marjorie Griffin, Home Editor of Capper's Farmer, points out.

"Combining the two foods gives a color-contrasting, sugar-saving Apple-Ginger Shortcake," she tells home-makers in the Country Cooking department of the magazine read by 1,250,000 farm families.

**Apple-Ginger Shortcake**  
1/2 c. shortening 1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 c. sugar 1 tsp. soda  
2 eggs, beaten 2 tsp. ginger  
1/2 c. light molasses 2 tsp. cinnamon  
2 c. cake flour 24 c. boiling water  
1 tsp. salt Apples

Cream the shortening and sugar thoroughly. Add eggs and beat well. Add molasses, then the sifted dry ingredients. Pour in water and beat until smooth. Bake in 2 greased 8-inch round pans at 350° F. for 30 minutes. Peel, core and cut apples in eighths. Drop them in sirup made with equal parts of sugar and water. Cook gently until each piece is transparent. Remove and drain on a plate. Put apple slices between layers and on top.

Another appetite-tempting winter eve dessert that's easy on the sugar rations is Cracker Pudding.

**Cracker Pudding**  
1 qt. milk 6 tbsp. graham cracker crumbs  
4 eggs, beaten Dash of salt

Scald the milk and add finely rolled cracker crumbs. Let cool and add eggs and salt. Pour into custard cups or baking dish. Set in pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven (325°) for 30 minutes. Serve with Lemon Cream Sauce.

**Lemon Cream Sauce**  
2 eggs 1/2 c. water  
1/2 c. sugar 1/2 c. cream  
1 tsp. cornstarch 2 tsp. lemon rind  
Dash of salt 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Beat egg yolks. Add to these the sifted sugar, cornstarch and salt. Stir in lemon juice and water and cook over hot water until thickened. Chill, add cream and stiffly beaten egg whites. Sprinkle with grated rind and nutmeg. Serves 6.

**VERNON DANIELS**  
Vernon Daniels, 10-year-old Bystander newsboy who received injuries when he was struck by a truck on Jan. 30, a 4A pupil of Curtis school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Daniels, Southeast Eleventh street.

## BABY DEES HONORED BY C. C. JOHNSONS

The Baby Dees were entertained by Mrs. C. C. Johnson, 1176 Thirteenth street, on Jan. 29. A delicious supper was served. Atty. C. P. Howard was guest speaker, presenting to the club a message on "Post War Planning." The club elected three delegates, Mesdames J. Q. Evans, C. P. Howard, and Iva Mae Hayes, to attend a post-war planning meeting.

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## Announcement TO Bystander Subscribers

The Bystander wishes to announce that beginning March 1, 1945, the subscription rates will be changed as follows:

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The changes has been necessitated by the increased cost of producing the Bystander and delivering it to the subscribers promptly. However, in order to absorb a part of the increased cost of production and delivery, to those who pay their subscriptions within 30 days from the date of the notice of expiration, the old price

ONE YEAR ..... \$1.75  
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will prevail. So before remitting, note the date of your notice.

# Engineers Restore Port Rail Lines and Bridges

With U. S. Supply Forces in France—Members of the 392nd Engineer General Service Regiment, now working on bombed and shelled railway tracks and bridges in and around a channel port, are materially aiding in the rehabilitation of the city while readying tarrage for the transport of materials of war. Headquarters European Theater of Operations announced.

Coming into France shortly after D-Day, they already have an itinerary that looks like a list of important towns taken from the Germans. It includes, among others, such places as Valognes, St. Lo, Avranches, Chartres, Dreux, Varsailles and Laon—the last only a few miles from the Belgian frontier.

Long-time specialists in the field of track and bridge reconstruction, this Negro regiment has followed in the footsteps of both American and British armies, sometimes working within range of enemy artillery. Recently they returned from an assignment that involved track grading for the transport of essential goods to British forward troops, who were engaged in the advance toward the northwest Reich.

Equipment handled by members of 392nd Engineers ranges from giant graders weighing more than one ton, to pencils. Many of the men have had previous experience on the railroads, which they utilize to the best advantage as each assignment is tackled.

The city's yards, road-beds, and bridges, having been exposed to enemy fire and demolitions, as well as Allied fire and bombardment, presented just about everything in the book in the way of railroad repair problems, but the complete job was turned over to the Transportation Corps, ready for use, only a few days after beach-unloading had begun.

Iowa members of the regiment are: Sgt. Eugene Ellis, 919 School street, Des Moines; and Cpl. Clarence A. Ninn, 1722 E. Fifth street, Sioux City.

**FUEL OIL**  
Period 1, 2, and 3 coupons, good for ten gallons per unit, continue valid in all areas throughout the heating year. Period 4 and 5 coupons become valid in the South on Monday, January 29. Period 4 coupons will become valid in other areas on February 5. At the same time Period 5 coupons become valid in the midwest.

**SHOES**  
Airplane stamps No. 1, 2 and 3 in Book Three continue valid indefinitely.

**SUGAR**  
On Thursday, February 1, sugar stamp No. 23 became valid, good for five pounds of sugar through June 2, 1945. Sugar stamp No. 34 will remain usable through February 28.

**MEATS, FATS**  
Six new red stamps, good for ten points each, are now valid. They are red stamps Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2 and D2. Last date for their use will be June 2.

Red stamps Q5 through X5 also remain usable. (Last date for the use of Q5, B5, S5 will be March 31. Last date for the use of T5, U5, V5, W5, X5 will be April 28.)

Margarine ration value has been increased from two to three red points a pound.

**PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**  
On Thursday, February 1, five new blue stamps became valid. They are H2, J2, K2, L2 and M2 good for a total of 50 points, and continuing valid through June 2.

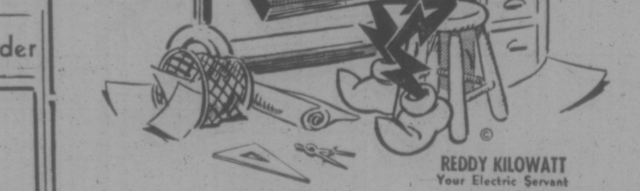
Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5 and blue stamps A2 through G2 continue valid. (Last date for use of blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2, B2 will be March 31. Last date for use of C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2 will be April 28.)

**GASOLINE**  
A-14 coupons good for four gallons each remain valid through March 21, 1945. Operators of passenger cars with basic "A" rations are reminded that no supplemental rations will be issued without presentation of a mileage rationing record. The mileage rationing record must be submitted with applications for supplemental rations.

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# DINNER AT EIGHT SOCIETY

## FASHIONS ON PARADE AT NAACP STYLE SHOW



In one of the pre-spring fashion events of the season, the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented its annual Style Show and Charity Ball to an appreciative audience at the Billiken Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 12.

In the top picture, (left) are shown many of the participants in the style show. Flowing evening gowns and a bridal party featured this scene. Messrs. John Estes and T. L. Howard, stand in front of the stage, assisting the participants.

In top picture (right) Mr. Louis Brown is strolling along in gray wool suit and topcoat as the audience applauds him. (Inset) Mrs. A. P. Trotter, wife of Mr. Trotter, the president of the Des Moines Branch NAACP, is at the ticket window with Mrs. Murlain Taylor, one of the participants in the

style show, buying her ticket like all of the other persons who took part. Bottom picture (left) Mrs. Eleanor Lillard is modeling an attractive lounging suit with rose jacket and black pajamas. Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler (right) is being assisted by Mr. John M. Estes as she displays a

two piece wool dress and coat ensemble worn with black accessories. The coat is black with the lining and dress made of a figured crepe. (Photos by Bill Ashby.)

### MRS. A. ROSS BRENT HOUSE GUEST HERE ENROUTE TO ST. PAUL

Mrs. A. Ross Brent of Plainfield, N. J., was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffers, 536 Twenty-ninth street. Mrs. Brent was enroute home from Kansas City, Kas., where she was called several weeks ago because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Langner. Mrs. Brent was unable to attend many courtesies planned for her due to her recent illness but on Saturday evening about twenty friends called at the home of Mrs. Jeffers where a pot luck dinner was served as a courtesy to Mrs. Brent. She left Sunday evening for St. Paul, Minn., where she will spend a few days as a guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lottie Brent. Social courtesies were also extended by Miss Cecel Madison.

### MRS. BEATRICE CRANK HONORED

Mrs. Mamie Jeffers honored Mrs. Beatrice Crank at a birthday dinner on Feb. 7. Others sharing the courtesy were Mesdames Jessie Davis, Mamie Jackson, Capitola Jones and Adelaide Brinker. She received many lovely gifts.

### MRS. MILLER TO LEAVE FOR TENNESSEE

Mrs. Carrie Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., who spent three months here the guest of her sister, Mrs. Richard Bogle, 1431 Buchanan, will leave the city Thursday night to return to her home.

### THE HOMER LEWISSES ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lewis entertained a few friends at their home at 1548 Des Moines street, on Sunday, Feb. 11. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, Mr. Glen Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rhodes. Ping pong and pool were the diversions of the evening. Refreshments were served.

### VISITORS FROM ALGONA

Mr. and Mrs. William Bodridge of Algona, Ia., attended the NAACP's annual Charity ball and Style Show here Monday night.

### MRS. WADSWORTH VISITS HERE

Mrs. Wanda Wadsworth of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Des Moines, spent the week end here recently visiting her mother, grand parents and sister. She was accompanied here by Mrs. Mildred Hudson.

### Among the many courtesies extended

Mrs. Wadsworth and her sister, Mrs. Leslie Manuel, was a dinner given by Mrs. Lavonia Strother.

### MRS. BROOKS TO PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Winifred Brooks Smith returned Friday from St. Paul, Minn., where she was called on account of the illness and death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Smith. She left Monday morning for Philadelphia, Pa., for a month's stay, after which she and her husband will return to St. Paul to make their future home.

### LT. AND MRS. GOMER GUESTS OF JACKSONS

Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Gomer were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Jackson and Miss Betty Jackson, during the week end. Lieut. Gomer, a flyer, recently returned from Italy where he saw action with the 332nd Fighter Group.

### VISIT IN WISCONSIN

Ms. Edward W. Perkins and son are visiting their sister and aunt, Mrs. Grover Ellis, and their brother and uncle, Mr. Bermong Hill, in Milwaukee, Wis.

**PERSONAL TOUCH**

By MARIE ROSS

Thelma Craddock breezed in the office on the spring-like Valentine's Day — just bubbling over with thoughts of romance. She has been flashing a diamond engagement ring thinking of her "love" who is somewhere in France with the army.

The Bystander office is getting an early start on spring cleaning with painting and redecoration done by the painter when he can get around to all of his jobs.

As soon as the office got torn up — boy — did visitors start flocking in. The old saying is — start flocking in and will company come.

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H. M.—I have a serious matter trip to California just for a visit, confronting me. I am a mother of two children. I married a man some time ago and he doesn't know that I am the mother of these children. Should I tell him now or should I let him find it out some other way? What will the children think when they know about him? Please tell me what to do because I am getting worried.

Ans.: The only way for you to relieve your mind is to confess to your husband that you are the mother of these two children. A detailed confession may not be necessary but your husband does have a right to know about these children and should have known it before your marriage to him. If you allow this matter to rock along, eventually he will find it out from other sources and you will stand a grave chance of losing him altogether. This problem will have to be handled if all three are mutually congenial. Break the news to your husband first—go to the children and tell them of their new step-father—later arrange for them to meet each other.

M. M. P.—I am a reader of your column. I am thinking of making a

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### BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

The Education committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8 p. m. at the Branch with the chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Chamblée, presiding.

Members appointed by the chairman are: Mrs. Margaret Patten, Mrs. William Kaiser, Mrs. J. Q. Evans, Mrs. Goldie Fant, Mrs. Beatrice Brown, Mrs. Mary Ratton and Mrs. R. S. Simms.

The Negro history class sponsored by the Education committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 22, at 8 p. m. The Rev. C. L. McAllister is instructor.

The Young Women's Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p. m. at the Branch with the vice chairman, Mrs. Leola Martin, presiding. The chairman, Mrs. Frances Wells, will be unable to attend. Members of committee include Mesdames Lenore Johnson, Cora Carter, Victoria Parker, Leola Martin.

Mrs. Dorothy Simms will assist Mrs. Maxine Thomas with the Girl Reserves who meet regularly each

### MODERNISTIC CLUB ENTERTAINS HUSBANDS

The Modernistic club entertained their husbands at their annual dinner party, Feb. 13, at the Sepia club. The officers of the club are: Mrs. Ossie Simms, president; Mrs. Mary Hardaway, vice president; Mrs. Muriel DeSleet, treasurer; Mrs. Agnes Matthews, secretary; Mrs. Chloa Miller, assistant secretary. Mrs. Minnie Robinson is reporter. The club meets Feb. 27 at the home of Mrs. Miller.

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LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THE FACTS

Talking with folks in all walks of life convinces us that the masses of the white people know very little about the Negro except what they learn from the uncomplimentary articles appearing in the average daily newspaper.

One of the ideas back of Brotherhood month is to supply in part the proper type of information about minority groups and to emphasize the fact that all men are created equal and entitled to be treated as such.

Sunday, the army hour as a part of its weekly broadcast devoted a portion of its program to Negro soldiers. Unfortunately, the policy of the war department which has placed most Negroes in service units, and that of the public relations department which has restricted news about Negro troops to Negro newspapers only, has given many people the idea that Negroes are doing no fighting in this war.

Hundreds of people passing Youngkers store—and the display will remain until February 17—have seen the splendid exhibit "The Negroes in American Life" sponsored by the Committee on Intolerance.

The Des Moines Interracial Commission sponsored an excellent program at St. Paul AME church Sunday. The Bystander wishes that every American could have heard it.

The audience was excellent; the music well rendered. Dr. Chilton Bennett, vice-president of Drake University, the speaker, said that until America solved its race question with fairness to the Negro, there could be no just and lasting peace; that we were not making headway by trying to by-pass that responsibility in America and going to the world with unclean hands seeking to make the other nations believe that our house was in order.

The three projects, national and local in scope, did much to inform the American public people about the better side of the Negro. They conveyed what individuals must know in order to understand and appreciate him and in the final analysis create a better and lasting understanding of his real worth.

We should like more of such projects because they serve to wake the public to a realization that such information is available so that those who are so inclined may pursue their observations further.

The Bystander feels that the Negro and those white people who have the foresight to know that America must meet and solve its minority problems now appreciate those responsible for making available these fine projects.

A GOOD BEGINNING

During the campaign last fall, some people criticized Gov. Dewey because he blocked consideration of a bill in the legislature sponsored by his appointed temporary commission against discrimination. Dewey countered with the explanation that the measure had not been given sufficient study and was so loosely drawn that it would not stand the slightest test in court. He knew that there would be those who would fight it from the start.

Now his commission has given the matter further study and presents a measure which seems to have gained the friendly consideration of his critics of last fall.

As the Urban League says: "Of primary importance is the section of the bill which declares the right to employment without discrimination to be a civil right. For the first time in the history of the country there are prospects that a state will recognize that physical safety, education, and health cannot be properly guaranteed unless an additional right is protected—the right to an equal chance at employment according to an individual's training and talents."

The measure would fix a penalty of \$500.00 for its violation. And while some think the fine too small, people experienced in the enforcement of that type of law know that the size of the fine makes little difference.

There are those who feel that this type of social legislation is unenforceable because the people have not changed their mind with reference to the rights of the Negro. This could be the argument against any law for all of them are violated at some time. It is true with the bill of rights. The Bystander thinks that it is valuable to have such a law on the statute book. At least, it embodies right thinking in the laws of the state.

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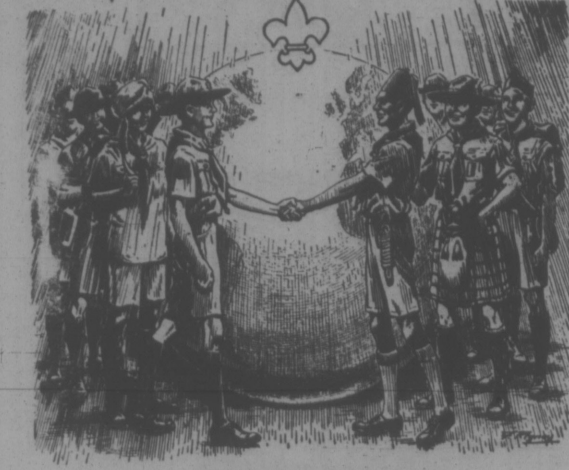
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BOY SCOUT TROOP AND CUB PACK 59 CELEBRATE SCOUT WEEK

The Boy Scout Troop 59 and Cub Pack 59 are sponsoring a program and exhibit at the West Center Sunday, February 18, 3:30 p. m. in celebration of National Boy Scout Week which closes that day.

The program will include the presentation of the Troop charter and Cub charter, and presentation of awards to the boys.

On of the highlights will be the cub graduation and Scout investiture for those cubs who are entering the Scout Troop.

Arthur Propes is Scoutmaster; Herman Wallace, chairman of Scout committee. John Danforth, chairman of Cub committee and Murray Wurder, cubmaster. The Cub Council will serve tea. The public is invited.

Lincoln Post meeting on veterans legislation was held Feb. 8. Post membership is 147. Of which 23 are veterans of World War No. 2. On Feb. 1, 39 of 1944 members had not renewed.

Chairman Don Platter reported that on Feb. 18, 8 p. m., Lincoln Post will assist the St. Paul AME church service flag committee with their flag ceremonies.

Joint Post-Unit patriotic program will be at Post club rooms on Feb. 20 at 8 p. m. The Rev. A. J. Irvine will be speaker. All Post and Unit members are requested to be present on Feb. 15 and 20.

Commander Chapman appointed to the post-war planning committee Comrades Benning, DeSleet and Turpin.

At St. Paul church Saturday Commander Chapman conducted Legion rites for Comrade Spencer Elliston. Color guards were Don Platter and Frank Parker; color bearers, Joe Sampson and Mack Carson. Pall bearers were Comrades DeSleet, Oval Carter, Guy Greene, Lester Benning, Lawson Leathe and G. B. Tucker. Flag detail was Don Parker and Lawson Leathe. Bugler was Irwin Turpin. Other comrades attended were: J. B. Morris, C. P. Howard, W. T. Johnson, Lefty Bird, Eddie Allen, Geo. Poston and Earl Bundy. Service men or women may secure copies of American Legion Digest monthly at Keo-Way USO. W. T. Burns, Post publicity. 4-2946.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank the many friends, neighbors, relatives and members of organizations for their many deeds of kindness, expressions of sympathy, cards, condolences, and telegrams, extended to us at the death of our beloved husband and son, Spencer Elliston. We also thank those who contribute beautiful floral offerings and the use of their cars.

Signed by Mrs. Helena Elliston, wife; and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nichols, parents.

LINCOLN POST By WILLIAM T. BURNS The week of Feb. 5 to 11 all Legion Posts in Iowa met in special legislative meetings to support veterans legislation or senate file No. one now before the Iowa General Assembly.

On Feb. 5 Commander Chapman and Adj. Bird attended the special meeting of Post No. 60 and on the same date Comrades Worth Wright, Parker, Turpin, Burns and W. T. Johnson attended the special meeting at Post No. 274 and previewed a war picture taken by the U. S. Signal Corps on the Western and Pacific fronts.

POST EXCHANGE

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

Pfc. Fowler Receives Bystander 'Quite Often Now' in Belgium 'Well, Christmas has passed and I hope the new year has some good things in store,' wrote Pfc. Robert E. Fowler from somewhere in Belgium on Jan. 30.

'Over here snow is on the ground and it is really quite cold, I hear you had a snow storm there—usual Iowa weather, I guess. I hope that next year this time I can be home to see some of it.

'I receive the Bystander quite often now.

Harold Carr Back Home from Liverpool Harold Carr, coast guard seaman second class, arrived home during the week end for a visit with his family and relatives. Since his last trip home his ship has been to Liverpool, England.

Seaman Carr would like this branch of the services 'fine' he said, if prejudice did not interfere with him doing his duty as a seaman. He said he is given steward's duty to perform and has been asked to change his rank from seaman to a steward.

Robert L. Martin Promoted in Italy 15th AAF in Italy—Robert L. Martin, 25, son of Mr. Henry A. Martin of 5360 Hill street, Dubuque Iowa, P-61 Mustang Fighter Pilot in the All Negro Fighter Group, commanded by Col. B. O. Davis, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

Lt. Martin wears the Air Medal for 'meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of P-51 type fighter aircraft during sustained operational activities against the enemy.'

The Negro Mustang Fighter Group is actively engaged in long range escort for 15th Air Force heavy bombers and participates in the strafing of enemy ground targets and installations. The Group has served overseas for one year as a combat unit and has destroyed more than 200 enemy aircraft during combined aerial and ground strafing activities.

Lt. Martin is one of the newer replacement pilot within the Group and prior to his entry into the Armed Forces he was a post-graduate student at Iowa State University from which he was graduated with a B.S. degree. He was a student of Electrical Engineering and was pursuing his Masters Degree at the time of his enlistment into the Army Flying School at Tuskegee, Alabama.

JAMES FORRESTER IN LUZON INVASION Mrs. Ruth Forrester of 914 Fourteenth street read in the daily paper on Monday evening that her son, James E. Forrester, steward's mate second class, was aboard a ship which participated in the Luzon invasion. Although the ship took a direct hit from a Jap plane, the day before the invasion, it succeeded in landing its men on the shore the next. Unloading operations took 19 hours.

Since the invasion which took place on Jan. 14 Mrs. Forrester who has been 'quite uneasy' about her son, has received a letter dated Jan. 26 from him in which he mentioned the invasion which he described as 'simply ruthless.'

Seaman Forrester has been in the services for two years and never had a furlough. He left the States in December 1943. He is an aircraft gunner on the ship.

Cpl. Spriggs Has Done Much Traveling Since He Has Been Overseas 'Since I have been getting the Bystander I have seen and heard of quite a few of the fellows that I used to know and see every day in civilian life,' wrote Cpl. G. Max Spriggs, on Feb. 1, from somewhere in Italy. 'The majority of them not quite as fortunate as myself are in the South Pacific.'

Ambitious Soldier Writes of Many Activities in His Letter in Rhyme 'Something a bit out of the ordinary in servicemen's mail to the columnist this week is this soldier's letter in rhyme which he has entitled, "Much of Nothing."

MUCH OF NOTHING Your letter dated January 29 Found me active and really fine. After a busy week I incline Toward the pleasure of a line. Sorry not to do much writing Weather cold, icy and winds biting; Transportation—Gaps—outlines uncertain. With all its tasks, an enormous burden. By this time, a joke this rhyme Not 'from ridiculous to sublime' All in fun as you may see. I shall learn whether or not you agree. Officer Candidate, a pleasure to be sure But 'twas much more than I wanted to endure. I was told one would be secure I guess I'm to be rated only just poor. Your radio programs interest me So much I miss; the rhapsody. A symphony, Concerto or little suite Any of these would be quite a treat. As I go one more stanza down: But since I'm on my way tonight I feel as though I may as well write. Right now I'm like a baby boy— With another grander toy: To state the case I pen this note Without rule, no worry, not even rate. Perhaps this is just an ode to joy Being a man, I'm still a boy. Comping these lines I do find joy Making pen and paper my only toy. When I end this little ditty I shall neither worry nor pity— The fact that I have the same routine, After four years, I think it's mean. You've mentioned a Concerto of Rachmaninoff Number Two is just a dream. Hearing it read by one Sokolov is to understand just what I mean. At long last I get the name of that composition To put it mildly, a beautiful rendition Only so scant a repetition. To have 'Arabian Nights' with omission. I must add to my collection now; So that later, I shall take a bow— The number has such appeal That's bound to lend me zeal. From Casper, Indiana, I have not heard Even just a little word. I hope that wherever he may reside, Happiness, health and peace may abide. I've really had 'loads of fun' Getting your letters when day is done I should like to see sometimes All your letters, which once were mine I'm just curious enough to ask If you'll condescend to task Of finding all my silly messes A whim of mine—oh, I guess? Last eve a beautiful sight did meet my eye. Tankers, barges, lighters and ships all Lined up against the sky A 'brown-out' on the shore one had to declare. Parachute in compactness beyond compare. I thought of you as I usually do Whenever gazing upon a pretty view To mention its kind is nothing new But so good to say of such to you. 'Beauty is only skin deep.' No skin on a 'vast harbor' 'sleep' Such quotation seems a bit of 'gassing.' Just a few more lines, so pen I swear, I've had no gift. I've only started a simple idea Nonsense, personified, without a peer. In closing let me leave the remaining too Carefully heed to my advice. Judge me not harshly for this small pun A gathering of words for a little fun. He is S/Sgt. Gurney M. Woodley, 444 Port Co., Fox Hills, Staten Island, N. Y.

'Quite a few of the Des Moines service men that are in this theater have passed through here at some time or other. John Fant was through here about six months ago. His organization was in transit and I didn't get to see very much of him. Jimmy Payne was around for a while and then he left, too. Cpl. Winfred Young and Gordon Miller are both in the same organization I am in.

'I have done quite a bit of traveling since I have been over here. I have been in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. I think more things happened and faster in France than anywhere else I have been. We went in on D-day and came out about a week later with a load of prisoners of war.

'I am writing this letter in hopes some of my friends will see my address and drop me a line. (B. O.—I would like very much to hear from you). Well, as we say in Italy—'Buon Giorno.'

Cpl. Spriggs' address is: 17152976, Hq. 524 Port Bn. TC, APO 782, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

CHARLES P. HOWARD MENTIONED IN BROADCAST Ted Malone, on a blue network program, broadcast over radio station KSO, Monday evening honoring the role of Negroes in the war, mentioned Private First Class Charles P. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Howard of 1136 Fourteenth street.

Mr. Malone told how Howard, a public relations man in England, set up journalism classes at which Negro reporters are trained. Before entering service, he was editor of the Iowa Observer.

SMITH FAMILY GETS NEWS FROM SON IN GERMAN HOSPITAL The Luther Smith family at 901 Twenty-third street received "good news" from their son, Lt. Luther Smith, who is somewhere in Europe in a German prison camp.

On a card which the Smith family received during the week end, the Iowa flyer whose plane was shot down on last Oct. 13, wrote on November 14:

'Dear Mother and Dad—Here I am at last, a patient in a German hospital with a broken leg that I got in Yugo Slavia. I am getting good care and I will be well in a few weeks. Tell everyone that I am thinking of them and not to worry.'

Another card received by the Smith family was dated Nov. 28, in which the flyer sent "seasons greetings" for Thanksgiving which he hoped that his family would receive before Christmas.



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