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## Daring Captain Gets Distinguished Cross

### News Briefs From Far and Near

#### PROMOTED TO MAJOR, CHICAGOAN COMMANDS BATTALION IN ENGLAND

Headquarters, 1349th Engineer General Service Regiment, England.—The promotion in England of Captain Walker G. Stone, 7614 St. Lawrence avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to the rank of major as the commanding officer of the second battalion in the 1349th Engineer General Service Regiment was announced recently.

Major Stone commands a Negro Engineer Battalion. He helped to direct operations in which D Company of his unit, in training for future operations on the Continent, beat the record of a top-notch Negro Pontoon Battalion in competition and established a new record by erecting in one hour and fifty-eight minutes the floating-type Bailey bridge over a 300-foot river span.

#### DU BOIS TO BE NAACP OBSERVER AT SAN FRANCISCO

New York—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, director of special research for the NAACP, and long a student of colonies, particularly African affairs, was named March 12 by the NAACP board of directors to be an observer for the NAACP at the United Nations conference opening April 25 in San Francisco, Calif.

#### Services for Holy Week Monday Through Friday

Holy Week Services under the sponsorship of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will begin Monday, March 26, and continue nightly at churches of the city, until Easter Sunday, April 1. Union services will be held in various sections of the city.

The theme for the year will be "The Cross, the Key to Life."

Holy Week services will be held on Monday night at the Ninth Street Christian church, with Rev. J. R. Roman as guest speaker and at the First CME church (Southeast) with Rev. L. G. Garrett; and at Brown's Chapel with Rev. H. R. M. Hardiman as speakers.

Tuesday night the Rev. J. T. Johnson will preach in West Des Moines, the Rev. J. J. Hawkins at the Siloh Baptist church and the Rev. A. J. Irvine at the Union Baptist church.

Wednesday night, Elder H. D. Cranshaw will be speaker at Burns Methodist church, Rev. G. A. Hendricks at Mt. Olive Baptist, and Rev. H. A. Simmons at Maple Street Baptist church.

Thursday night, Rev. G. W. Robinson, will be at Bethel AME church, and the Rev. H. R. M. Hardiman at Mt. Zion in Orlabor.

Good Friday services will be held at the Corinthian Baptist church, beginning at 12 o'clock (noon) until 3 p. m. with the Rev. W. F. Ogletton and Rev. C. L. McAllister presiding. The "Seven Last Words" will be given, the Revs. R. A. Wilhite, McAllister, Irvine, H. R. Fields, C. A. Record and Ogletton participating.

#### PHILADELPHIAN CENSORS ETO MAIL IN THREE LANGUAGES

United Kingdom Base, England.—Only Negro censor at the First Base Post Office in the European Theater of Operations, censoring mail written in three foreign languages, is First Lieutenant Tothwill W. Burke, 25, of 3856 Haverford avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### EAST SIDE SOCIETY MEETS SUNDAY

The East Side Union Mission society will meet Sunday, March 25, at Kyles AME Zion church with the Rev. W. F. Ogletton as guest speaker.



SENDING SHELL DOWN UNDER DEN LINDEN?—No, this 8-inch howitzer of a Negro field artillery battalion is about to be fired on Nazi position in support of the 90th Division infantry, who are storming the Siegfried Line. This cannon is emplaced on German soil. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)

#### IOWA U. TO RETURN TO PRE-WAR SEMESTERS

Iowa City.—The University of Iowa next fall returns to its pre-war schedule of semesters, with the first semester of 1945-46 opening Sept. 24. Freshmen will meet Sept. 17 for the first of their orientation events. Since 1942, the fall opening date has fallen within the first week of September and the accelerated program reduced vacation periods and provided for a summer semester. The first semester will have 101 school days and the second semester, from Feb. 2 to June 7, will have 103, as compared with the 94 of the current academic year's semesters.

#### Funeral Rites for Blanche Jackson Saturday at 1:30

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Aurelia Jackson, 21, a former resident of Des Moines, will be held at the Corinthian Baptist church Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manuel of 1431 Fremont street, died in Chicago on Friday, March 16, following an illness of several weeks.

A native of Des Moines where she

attended school, graduated from East high. Mrs. Jackson had lived in Chicago for over a year.

Mrs. Jackson was well known in the music circles of Des Moines. For several years she was one of the prize winners in the Bystander's annual

#### Beautifying and Clean-Up Drive To Begin April 1

One of the spring's clean-up and beautifying campaigns which will open officially on April 1, along with the observance of National Negro Health Week, will be sponsored by the Iowa Bystander, the Des Moines Branch of the National Association of Colored People, and the Community Garden club.

An intensive campaign will be launched throughout the spring and early summer and will close on July 18.

The campaign which will be run as a contest will be open to any Des Moines resident. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Entry blanks will be ready on April 1 and will be distributed at public places, churches and at the office of the Bystander.

The main object of the campaign is to make citizens more conscious of maintaining good ways, attractive lawns, clean alleys and to improve the appearance of the neighborhoods in which they reside.

talent shows.

In Chicago she had been featured as a songstress with some of the orchestras.

Surviving are her husband, Cpl. Lawrence Jackson, stationed in Indiana; her parents and a sister, Mrs. Mary Monroe, all of Des Moines.

#### AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS



CAPTAIN CHARLES L. THOMAS

Commander of a Tank Destroyer company in France who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on February 28, 1945, by the War Department for "extraordinary heroism in action." Captain Thomas, who entered the Army from Detroit, thus becomes the second Negro in the present war so honored. The other, Private George Watson of Birmingham, Ala., received the award posthumously after losing his life heroically at Pordoch Harbor, New Guinea, in March 1943. Sustaining multiple wounds in the chest, legs and arms, this courageous officer won the Army's second highest decoration by literally shooting his way through the Siegfried Line last December in a blaze of fire from enemy rockets, artillery and machine guns. (Photo by Hi-Lite Studio, Detroit, from Bureau of Public Relations.)

#### WAC Band Wins Recording Contest

Fort Des Moines, Iowa.—In a national contest, recently, for recorded music made by army personnel, the 404th ASF Band Chorus of the Women's Army Corps from Fort Des Moines won third place in the Group Singing category. It sang Fred War-

ing's arrangement of "Let My People Go."

After preliminary contests in the nine service commands, the winning recorded selections were forwarded to the Special Services Division, New York City, where judges select the winners. Two of the nine judges were Deems Taylor and Benny Goodman.

Soloist was Cpl. Romaine A. Simmons of 240 North 57th street, Phil-

#### Officer Is Second Negro to Be Cited for 'Extraordinary Heroism' on Battle Front

Washington, D. C.—The War Department Monday announced the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain Charles L. Thomas, 24-year-old Negro commander of a Tank Destroyer Company in France, for "extraordinary heroism in action."

Captain Thomas, who entered the army from Detroit, thus becomes the second Negro in the present war so honored. The other, Private George Watson of Birmingham, Alabama, who received the award posthumously, distinguished himself at Pordoch Harbor, New Guinea, in March 1943 when he lost his life after assisting several men to safety on a raft from their sinking boat.

Sustaining multiple wounds in the chest, legs and arms, the courageous Negro officer won the Army's second highest decoration by literally shooting his way through the Siegfried Line last December in a blaze of fire from enemy rockets, artillery and machineguns.

When Task Force "Blackshear" of Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army was organized to storm and capture the strong German fortress at Climbach Captain Thomas, then a lieutenant, was ordered to take a platoon of Tank Destroyers of the 614th TD Battalion and keep several of the German gun batteries occupied while the infantry infiltrated into the town around the flanks.

Citation

How well the mild-mannered cap-

tain executed his orders is best revealed in the official citation, which reads as follows:

(Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 28 February 1945) "While riding in the lead vehicle of a task force organized to storm and capture the village of Climbach, France, Lieutenant Thomas' armored scout car was subjected to intense enemy artillery, self-propelled gun, and small arms fire. Although wounded by the initial burst of hostile fire, Lieutenant Thomas signaled the remainder of the column to halt and, despite the severity of his wounds, assisted the crew of the wrecked car in dismounting.

"Upon leaving the scant protection which the vehicle afforded, Lieutenant Thomas was again subjected to a hail of enemy fire which inflicted multiple gun shot wounds in his chest, legs and both arms. Despite the intense pain caused by these wounds, the Lieutenant ordered and directed the dispersion and emplacement of two anti-tank guns which in a few moments were effectively returning the enemy fire.

"Realizing that he could no longer remain in command of the platoon, he signaled to the platoon commander to join him. Lieutenant Thomas then thoroughly oriented himself on enemy gun dispositions and the general situation. Only after he was certain that his junior officer was in full control of the situation did he permit himself to be evacuated."

#### Court Martial Convicts WACs; Group Investigates

Fort Devens, Mass.—Four WACs Tuesday were convicted by an army general court martial of violating the sixty-fourth article of war—refusal to obey orders of superior officers.

The seven-officer court martial board included two male Negro officers and two white WAC officers.

They were sentenced to one year at hard labor and to be dishonorably discharged, and were deprived of all pay allowance due and to become due.

The four had contended they were ordered to do menial work in Lovell general hospital "Because of their color."

They are Pvt. Alice D. Young, 23, of Washington, D. C., Pvt. Anna C. McGrisson of Richmond, Ky., Pvt. Johnnie Murphy of Rankin, Penn. and Pvt. Mary Green of Conroe, Texas.

Boston, Mass.—After a conference with General Miles of the First Service Command, a committee of Boston citizens issued a statement which, while deprecating the action of the WACs and commending General Miles for his understanding and patience in handling the situation.

Protesting against work conditions which they said discriminated against them in favor of other military and civilian personnel, 100 colored WACs in Lovell hospital at Ft. Devens,

staged a brief sitdown strike last week end. Six face court martial.

The women refused to report for work, complaining that they were given more than a fair share of the "dirty work" at the hospital while others and civilian workers were sitting around.

After the conference with General Miles the committee made a statement:

#### Groups Investigate

"There is evidence to indicate that these WACs mistakenly assumed that a routine army procedure was prompted by discrimination which in fact seems not to have been so in this case. They appear to have jumped to this conclusion because of the overall policy of segregation in the army which makes all colored people very sensitive to this problem. We wish to go on record as opposing this overall policy while noting that this was an underlying but not an immediate factor in this case. We are certain that the splendid record which colored WACs have made in the war will not be blighted by the misguided actions of these young women.

"General Miles has assured us that the grievances which brought about the action of these young women are being carefully investigated by the First Service Command and that in so far as they are substantiated they will be corrected" the statement continued.

#### HOLD RITES FOR BENJAMIN CAMPBELL

Benjamin Campbell, of 1021 Eleventh street, died Saturday at Broadlawn General hospital. He was a member of the trustee board of Union Baptist church. Survivors—his wife, Florence, three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services for Mr. Campbell were held Wednesday at the Union Baptist church. Burial was in Glendale cemetery. He had been a resident of Des Moines for 28 years.

See EDITORIAL Page.

# Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

**BROWN'S CHAPEL**  
A. M. E. ZION  
Rev. R. A. Whitte, pastor, 1448 Walker street, Sunday services: 9:45 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. M. M. M. League 6:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 8:30 p. m.; Midweek service and choir rehearsal, 8:30 p. m., Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

**FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
640 S. E. 28th street, Elder George Ward, 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: Tuesday evening Bible Band, Thursday evening regular services. You are cordially invited to attend all services.

**MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Maple and East Sixteenth Streets, Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, D.D., pastor; parsonage, 1037 Walker street. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Baptist Training Union 6 p. m. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Midweek prayer services on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Missionary Society each Friday at 8 p. m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

**DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHRIST CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS**  
1220 Stewart street, Evangelist Leona Brown, pastor; Evangelist C. L. Branham, assistant pastor. Order of services: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching services 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**  
East Seventeenth and University, Elder F. T. Taylor, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon), 7 p. m. W. W. at 6:30 p. m. Regular services Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Bagge, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
633 S. E. 28th street, Rev. G. H. Kendrick, pastor; residence, 947 W. 9th St. Order of services: Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; Supt. C. H. Cavit; Morning worship, 11:30 a. m.; Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock; Mid-week prayer services, 7:30 o'clock; Mission Circle, Tuesday night 8 p. m.; President, Mrs. Willie Williams.

**CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
9th and School street, Phone 3-4073, Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor; residence, 1009 12th. Phone 3-4073. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45; Morning worship, 11 a. m.; B.T.U., 6:30; Evening worship, 7:45; Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.; Senior choir rehearsal, Friday night; Junior choir rehearsal, Sunday afternoon.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT PARAMOUNT THEATER

Holy Week services will be held at the Paramount Theatre under the sponsorship of the Des Moines Protestant churches each day during Holy Week from Monday, March 26, thru Friday, March 30.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Washington, D. C., will speak each day in the services which are from 11:45 a. m. to 12:45 p. m. Assisting in the services each day will be a minister and a layman from Des Moines churches.

All Des Moines people are invited to these devotional services which are without charge, and no offering will be taken.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindnesses, courtesies and sympathies extended us during the illness and at the death of our beloved one, Sylvester Southers. Especially do we thank the Revs. G. W. Robinson, H. R. Fields and C. L. McAllister and the Doric lodge.

Signed by Mrs. Olivia Southers, wife, and family.

**MT. ZION NATIONAL SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, INC.**  
1734 Garfield, Phone 6-2182, Bishop E. Cole, general overseer, Rev. E. Cole, pastor. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Spiritual Union 7 p. m. Special healing Wednesday from 12 (noon) to 6 p. m. Messages at each service night. Private consultation daily by appointment. Missionary meeting.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1213 Scott street, Rev. C. A. Record, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 8:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Senior choir rehearsal Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service, Friday at 2 p. m. Missionary meeting.

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
318 and Crocker streets, Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 o'clock. A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. 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**  
1624 E. University, Rev. W. P. Ogleton, pastor. Order of services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Allen League 6 p. m. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Official Board Monday 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service and Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Usher Board meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Thursday 8 p. m.

**KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**  
15th and Shaw streets, Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Rev. Rick C. E. Society, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Mid-week prayer Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST CME CHURCH**  
S. E. 28th and Maury streets, Rev. J. T. Johnson, pastor; address, 1182 14th street, phone 3-0468. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Beulah Reary, reporter.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1600 E. University University Ave., Rev. H. R. Fields, pastor; residence, 1507 Buchanan. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m. Sunday evening service at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Missionary society each Thursday 2 to 4 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday at 8 p. m. "The church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend."

## IN MISSOURI



**REV. McALLISTER**  
Rev. C. L. McAllister, pastor of Maple Street Baptist church, as attending a conference of rural pastors at Lincoln University, (Mo.) this week. He is chairman of the Des Moines Interracial Commission.

**TO PREACH**  
Rev. Granville Williams will deliver a sermon Sunday, at 3 o'clock at the First CME church.

## Zion Church Babies Raise Over \$186

Gerald Lee Forbush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pharrto Forbush won first place and a prize of fifteen dollars in the baby contest which closed last week at the Kyles A.M.E. Zion church. A report of \$63 was made for him.

Other winners were: Linda Marie Frazier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Frazier who won second place and a high chair with a total of \$56.50; Robert Allen Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, who won third place and a stroller with a report of \$36; and Jesse Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hill, who won fourth place and a gift of a blanket, knitted suit and a canvas awing with his report of \$29. All of the gifts which were used as prizes were contributed. The total of the contest was over \$186.

## ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

On last Sunday morning, the pastor finished the appointment of members to Stewardship Board No. 2, so that we shall hereafter have two complete boards. The complete personnel of Board No. 2 is as follows: Mrs. Adina Ringo, chairman, and Mesdames—Lenae Brown, Gertrude Reeves, Mary Miles, Haley D. Johnson, Emma Armstrong, Virde Matthews, Sarah Ward and Mary Mickles.

The senior choir is rehearsing twice each week on the oratorio "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Mr. Lester Benning who for a number of years has had charge of the special Easter decorations, asks that each one having a loved one in the service, bring a potted plant on Saturday evening before Easter that it may be displayed at the sunrise service Easter morning at 6 o'clock.

Rev. A. J. Irvine, the pastor also requests that those who have loved ones who have died recently, bring a live flower to be placed into the flower cross which shall be made up in their honor at the regular service at 11 o'clock Easter morning.

Mr. J. L. Ward who lead with men in soliciting \$100 recently challenged other men of the church, one of whom, Mr. E. P. Jackson, steward, reported \$100 last Sunday which he solicited himself.

## Matrimonial Commission

For several years Adelaide, capital city of South Australia, has had a government-appointed matrimonial conciliation commission, whose job it is to patch up domestic disputes and try to diagnose causes for divorce. In his recent annual report to the government, the commissioner made the following findings:

Most matrimonial strife is caused by mothers-in-law—especially those who live in the same homes as young couples; most puzzling riddle is to discover why men became infatuated with women "less worthy" than their wives; some people more than 60 years of age—who should know better—had appeared before him, and people associated with churches rarely came to court.

The commissioner reserved his strongest condemnation for the "office wife" who stole a husband's affection. Many office wives were the causes for cases with which he had had to deal.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from the many relatives, friends and fellow workmen during the sickness and at the death of William H. Elmore, my beloved husband.

Signed by Catherine Mease Elmore

## CHOIR TO ENTERTAIN OVERSEAS



Reverend Glynn T. Settle and his "Wings Over Jordan" choir, shown giving their 374th performance during their seven years on CBS, leave soon on a USO Camp Shows tour overseas.

## See In Our Dreams

We actually "see" what we dream, but paradoxically we don't use our eyes for "seeing" in our dreams. The stuff dreams are made of consists of mental memories. When awake vision is in the brain and not in the eye, which acts as a sort of receiving set for light rays, transforming them into nervous impulses which the brain uses to make its mental pictures. In dream-sleep the eye is asleep and the brain forms its pictures from its vast storehouse of memory, without the immediate aid of the eye. People who are color blind will have color deficient dreams; if near-sighted, recognition of friends at a distance probably will be as difficult in dreams as in real life.

## NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE

TO RAY KEPPLER, SUELLA KEPPLER. Persons in possession of real estate described below. To ALICE OLDFHAM, GLENN OLDFHAM, VERA G. MOORE, BERNICE SIMMONS. Persons in whose name the property described below is taxed. You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of December, 1943, the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit:

Lot 69 Geo. P. Curran's Addition to the City of Des Moines, Iowa, now included in and forming a part of the County Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, for the then delinquent and unpaid taxes against the said real estate for the years 1940, 1941, 1942 to Polk County, Iowa, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to Polk County, Iowa, by the County Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, pursuant to said sale, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by Polk County, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the said real estate will be made unless redemption from said sale is made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1944.

L. O. LINSTROM, County Auditor of and for Polk County, Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander March 8, 15, 22, 1945.

## NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE

TO H. M. GARDNER. Person in whose name the property described below is taxed. You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of December, 1943, the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit:

2 Block 8 Davis's 3rd Addition to the City of Des Moines, Iowa, now included in and forming a part of the County Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, for the then delinquent and unpaid taxes against the said real estate for the years 1940, 1941, 1942 to Polk County, Iowa, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to Polk County, Iowa, by the County Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, pursuant to said sale, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by Polk County, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the said real estate will be made unless redemption from said sale is made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1944.

L. O. LINSTROM, County Auditor of and for Polk County, Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander March 8, 15, 22, 1945.

## Find 19 Different Types of Storage Needed in Homes

Roughly, 19 different types of storage space are needed for the family-type home. Space should be allotted for wraps for children and grown-ups; for vehicles, outdoor games, indoor interests, correspondence, clothing in daily use, and for sewing and mending.

You will also want to measure for kitchen equipment and materials and for food reserves, including canned and frozen foods and root vegetables. General storage for articles in seasonal use, such as porch furniture, screens and storm windows, and an air-tight space for woollens and furs must be considered.

Also to be included in your planning is space for luggage, bedding, linen and towels; china, glass, vases, candle-holders, silver, trays and electrical equipment; medicine, first aid and toilet supplies; cleaning utensils, laundry supplies and equipment; fuel for furnace and fireplace; garden tools, stepladder, lawn mower, or and refuse and waste.

## RATIONING

**SUGAR**  
Stamp No. 33, SUGAR. Good for five pounds of sugar, continues valid. Next sugar stamp becomes valid May 1.

**MEATS, FATS**  
Red stamps Q5 through Z5, A 2 through J2 are valid for ten points each. Last date for the use of Q5 through S5 will be March 31. The next red stamps will be validated April 1.

**PROCESSED FRUITS & VEGETABLES**  
Blue stamps X5 through Z5, A2 through S2, good for ten points each, continue valid. Last date for the use of X5 through Z5, A2, B2 will be March 31. New blue stamps will be validated April 1.

**GASOLINE**  
On Thursday, March 22, A-15 coupons, good for four gallons each, will become valid and will remain valid until June 21, 1945. A-14 coupons will expire at midnight March 21.

**FUEL OIL**  
Period 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 coupons, good for ten gallons per unit, continue valid throughout the country for the rest of the heating year.

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

## Easter Sale

ZOOT SUITS \$14.50 and up  
ZOOT PANTS \$2.95 and up  
BUY HERE AND SAVE  
WARREN'S CLOTHES SHOP  
315 LOCUST

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**HOTEL FORT DES MOINES MAIDS**  
Day or night shift offers good pay with uniforms furnished. Would welcome girls over 16 for full or part-time. Apply Miss Blake, housekeeper, at Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

**MEN OR BOYS**  
For Housemen  
Men or boys for housemen—we will train; high wages for parttime or full six-day week. Apply Miss Blake, housekeeper at Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

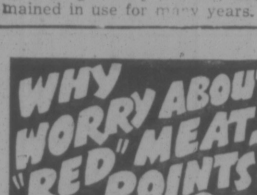
## HOUSE FOR SALE

1056 Fifth Street, 7 rooms, brick, modern, newly decorated, \$2250, terms. Hansen 328 Royal Union Building, 3-2427.

## Help Wanted

"Positions with a Future." A & P Food Stores have excellent openings for both men and women on a full time or part time basis. A & P has fine opportunities for veterans. Call Personnel Department, A & P Office, 316 S. W. 5th street, Tel. 3-6137.

**First Union Jack**  
Upon the union of the two crowns of England and Scotland under James I in 1603 it was proclaimed by that ruler that "henceforth all our subjects of this Isle and Kingdom of Greater Britain" and the members thereof, shall bear in their main-top the red cross commonly called St. George's cross, and the white cross commonly called St. Andrew's cross, joined together according to a form made by our heralds, and sent by us to our admiral to be published to our said subjects; . . . This was the first Union Jack, as it is generally termed, and remained in use for many years.



**SEYMOUR'S CLOTHES**  
The FAMILY for Easter on CREDIT!  
I DEPOSIT Reserves Your Complete EASTER OUTFIT at SEYMOUR'S 606 WALNUT ST

**What is it goes easy down the hatch?**  
NUTRENA-FED FRIED CHICKEN  
And . . . you can raise tender, juicy, meaty fryers in 8 weeks! See your friendly Nutrena Dealer today. NUTRENA CHICK MASH is proved for profit before you buy, or Nutrena's Proving Farms.

**Buy Chicks Early**  
Remember, Uncle Sam has announced 110,000,000 more pounds of poultry meat are needed overseas NOW. Be Sure, Be Safe, Be Thrifty. Feed Profit-Proof.

**Nutrena CHICK MASH**  
Red Bird Hatchery  
313 E. Fifth St.

**Overtons Laundry Dry Cleaning**  
10 percent off for cash and carry. Guaranteed work at a price you can afford to pay.  
813 E. 14th St. Ph. 6-1910

## END MERRY! DON'T LET THE CURSE OF DRINK

drive your loved ones to an early grave or spoil your chances for Money, Happiness, Health and Success. Write to the man who knows how to break the whiskey spell. Tell me your problem. NEWTON, Dept. P.O. Box 861, Hollywood, California

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# WOMEN'S SOCIETY

## EDITOR OF 'NEGRO HISTORY'



Alice Browning, popular young Chicago teacher and editor of the widely read "Negro Story" magazine, who is conducting a contest to unearth now and aspiring Negro authors. She reports a growing re-

## IN WHO'S WHO



**DONNA M. WASHINGTON**  
Among the twelve senior students of Drake University who were elected for the "Who's Who" in the Drake Quack book was Miss Donna Marie Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Washington of Beatrice, Neb. Seventeen students were candidates. Miss Washington is believed to be the first Negro student to make the "Who's Who."

**MRS. DAVIS HOME**  
Mrs. Hazel Davis of 1436 Maryland is home from Mercy hospital and is doing nicely.

**PERSONAL TOUCH**  
By MARIE ROSS

On one of the balmy pre-spring days of last week Mrs. Florence Schooler took a stroll downtown to the office of the Bystander—just to pay her subscription. After climbing the stairway she chatted as she caught her breath.

Born in 1862 Mrs. Schooler gets around quite well and attends first one church meeting and then another—"looking for the truth," she said. She spends all of her evenings reading papers and books and looking for more "truths."

"If you don't read our papers, how are you going to know what's going on amongst our people?" she said. She reads all of the NAACP literature, she was proud to state.

Mrs. Ike Green was doing a bit more home decorating this week with the making of a dressing table skirt to match some beautiful floral curtains in one of her bedrooms. At the time she was preparing to stir up some gingerbread and a whipped cream topping which she assured "would not be fattening."

Mrs. Marguerite Chamblee had spent several hours this week helping to prepare one of the committee dinners at the Y.W.C.A. when by evening she was singing, "Oh, my heels are killing me." Someone came to her rescue with a pair of slides and she merrily continue her work with the dinner.

## NAACP Activities

By BESSYE L. GREENE  
The Des Moines branch of the NAACP will hold its regular meeting March 27 at the West Side Community Center. A. P. Trotter, president, will preside, with his executive board meeting opening at 7:30 p. m. The program will open about 8:45 p. m. with Mrs. Sarah Jett, program chairman, presiding. Mrs. Alice McCraney will review the book, "A Rising Wind" by Walter White. The membership and public are invited. The membership drive will begin soon.

## Community Centers

**Sports Winners**  
Two Negro Community Centers teams were awarded winners' trophies in the Crocker Y. M. basketball league on March 20. The N.C.C. Intermediates were winners in the Intermediate League and the E.D.M. Seniors were winners in the Senior Leagues. Members of the teams are: Harold Lewis, captain, Donald Spangler, Bobby Terrell, Grandall Crockett, Lewis Strothers, Conrad Jones, Jimmy Martin and Paul Johnson. The Senior teams is composed of John Brewer, captain, Paul Devan, Harold Simmons, Karl Smith, John Williams, Alfred Hackney, and John Jewett and Alvin Anderson who now have left for the navy.

**Ping Pong Tournament**  
The N.C.C. will sponsor their annual spring ping pong tournament at West Center on April 6 and 7. All persons interested are urged to enter. Entries will be accepted until Monday, April 2. The tournament is open to both boys and girls.

**Movies on Friday**  
The East Center movies which are held weekly at Bethel church will begin at 7 p. m. Friday. The movie for March 30 is "Holiday Inn" featuring Bing Crosby. There is an adult committee in charge of this program.

**Dilettante Club**  
Members of the Dilettante club are meeting again March 27 to continue with their craft project of stenciling. The members who attended last Tuesday were Mesdames Virginia Martin, Minnie Wray, Pauline Wilson, Adah Johnson, Nellie Esters, Lillian Edmunds, Maude Howard, Joan Bullock, and M. Cothorn.

**MARSHALLTOWN, IA.**  
Marshalltown, Ia.—The Paul Lawrence Dunbar club held a religious program last Sunday at the Second Baptist church by sponsoring a Lenten service. Rev. O. W. Yaggey of the State Street Evangelical church was guest. Miss Jessie E. Walker, chairman of the trustee board of the Sue M. Brown Hall at Iowa City, gave highlights of the Iowa Association of Colored Women's Work. Mrs. Irma Morrow led the music accompanied by Miss Helen Warn. Rev. Albert Fox sang. Mrs. Rose B. Johnson was mistress of ceremonies.

Palm Sunday service will be held at the Second Baptist church, Sunday, at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Albert Fox, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Warn entertained the Rev. Mr. Fox, Mrs. Fox and son at dinner Sunday.

The Second Baptist Mission met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Helen Johnson.

Funeral services for Edward Brown who died Saturday afternoon were held at the Second Baptist church. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Betty Brown; daughter, Donna, and son, Edward, Jr.

## Y.W.C.A.

**BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH**  
The Pre-Natal class will begin Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p. m. For further information call Mrs. O. Simms, 3-8333, who is in charge of the class or the Branch secretary, Mrs. Virginia Williams is the instructor for this class which is open to the public.

The Nutrition class will begin Tuesday, March 27, at 8:30 p. m. with Mrs. S. L. Evans as the instructor. Call Mrs. Mildred Miller 6-3362 or the Branch for information.

## Wash Day

Soaking, soaping and scrubbing may hinder rather than help on wash day. While the dirt in white cottons and linens is loosened by a two-hour soak in soft, lukewarm, soapy water, longer than overnight soaking may do more harm than good, allowing the soil in the water to be drawn back into the fibers of the cloth. If you are using an electric washing machine, allow seven to ten minutes of machine agitation for badly soiled cottons, five to seven minutes if they are slightly soiled. Three to five minutes are sufficient for rayons and silks. Clean suds are in order if clothes are not clean in ten minutes, though in hand washing a slightly longer time may be necessary. But long, hard rubbing will not get clothes clean if the water needs changing.

## Accident Hazards

The first job is to find the accident hazards on the farms and the next one is to eliminate them. Barns are good places to start. Have a place for things and keep them there; avoid storing loose materials overhead in the rafters; keep forks, scrapers and other barn equipment in places where they cannot fall down. Feed chutes, ladders and stairways present falling hazards in most barns; ladders should be securely nailed and hand rails provided for stairs; keep things out from underfoot as much as possible. It is easy to trip over a single tree or fork handle; broken forks and other tools should be thrown into a barrel or box until repaired.

A union Easter program will be held at the Presbyterian church April 1, at 11 a. m. under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Maxwell, Mrs. Maggie Clark and Mrs. Leander Morrow. The Baptist, Morrow Chapel and the Presbyterian churches are sponsors.

The Rev. W. A. Hunter reported a successful "Crusade for Christ." Miss Eleanor Wilder, a student nurse at Kansas City General hospital, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilder. Miss Willie Ann Wilder who has been a member of the WAC for two years received a medical discharge recently and is resting in Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Aide Spencer and Mamie E. Richardson are attending the American Institute of Business in Des Moines.

The NAACP will meet Sunday afternoon at the Morrow chapel at 3 o'clock.

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## TRAVIS BAILEY FAMILY HOLDS FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., 825 Tenth street, entertained at a family reunion Sunday, March 19, in honor of their two sons, Pfc. John E. Bailey, stationed at Seattle, Wash. and Petty Officer 2/c, Travis Bailey, Jr., of Westerly, Rhode Island, who were at home together for the first time in two years.

The occasion also marked the birthday anniversaries of Travis Jr., and his aunt, Mrs. Catherine McFarland. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Mrs. Travis Bailey, Jr., and children, Travette and Edward, Mrs. McFarland, Kathryn A., Burton and Maggi L. Bailey.

Pfc. Bailey will leave for Seattle on Friday evening and Petty Officer Bailey will return to Rhode Island on March 26.

## MISS MARY HOLMES HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Mary Holmes, 955 Seventeenth street, was honored at an "apartment-warming" on Sunday evening when friends gathered at her apartment and brought gifts.

Sharing the courtesies were Mesdames Marguerite Cghorn, McGree Brown, Katherine Stewart, Dora Moore, Virginia Williams, Mildred Wiley, and Miss Dorothy Emmanuel.

## MRS. ARZEA THOMAS BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Mrs. Arzealia Thomas who spent a year in Washington, D. C., where she was employed as a stenographer in one of the government offices, returned to the city this week for an indefinite stay. Enroute to Des Moines she visited in New York and Chicago. At present she is residing with her sister, at 132 Reigart street.

## ENTERTAINS AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Clara Cooper, 1338 E. Seventeenth court, entertained the members of the Choral club at a birthday dinner party Saturday evening, March 17.

Those present included Mesdames Dorothy Collier, Dora Davis, Marguerite Chamblee, Dorothy Bush, Mildred Miller, Corena King, Ruth Davis, Beatrice Brown, Messrs. Audie Cooper, William Wheels and John Blackburn. Mrs. Cooper received many gifts.

## MRS. GERTRUDE FIELDS OF OREGON HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Fields and sister, Mrs. Gertrude Fields of Portland, Ore., at their home, 831 Tenth street, March 9 with a dinner. Mrs. G. Fields is the sister of Mr. William Fields. She was entertained while here by many friends of the Fields. She returned home last week.

## MRS. ALEXANDER BETTER

Mrs. Ruth Alexander, 3635 Cornell, is able to be out again after a two weeks' illness.

## MRS. IRENE CASON TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Irene Cason of 1316 University, avenue entered Mercy hospital March 20 where she will undergo an operation.

## L. T. CLUB MEETS ON MARCH 21

On March 7 the L. T. club met with Mrs. Ada Jane Watkins, president. Husbands entertained the club members at the Sepia club on Feb. 21. The club meets with Chloe Miller, March 21.

## LA FLEUR DE LES CLUB MEETS SUNDAY

La Fleur De Les club met March 18 with Mrs. Marian Carter, 1156 Second place. Pokena prizes were won by Dorothy Vaughn, Wilma Hunt and Reba Green. The next hostess will be Mrs. Bertha Clark, 1227 E. 16th street, March 25.

## MODERNISTIC CLUB HEARS OFFICER

Modernistic club met at the home of Mrs. Thelma Reeves on March 13. After a short business meeting, Flight Officer Robert Parkey spoke on cadet training. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. at 1004 Enoch avenue, March 27.

## ENTERTAIN BUSY BEE CIRCLE

Mrs. Marceline Estes and her sister, Miss Marie Owen, entertained the Busy Bee Sewing Circle March 15, at a luncheon for their mother, Mrs. Savannah Browner at 814 14th street. Seventeen members and two guests were present. The next meeting will be held at the church.

sponse on the part of ambitious writers and forecasts a number of interesting stories for her magazine as a result of the contest.

(ANP Photo)

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY

The Youth Council of the NAACP will meet at the Y.W.C.A. on March 23. Mr. Nimrod Townsend will give a farewell speech. A graduate of Drake University, he will leave the city for Canada. All members are urged to be present.

## FOUR CHORDS SING AT OMAHA CHURCH

The Four Chords sang spirituals on March 11 at the Community Sanctified church and on March 18 they appeared at the Pleasant Green Baptist church in Omaha, Neb., on an anniversary program for the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Reynolds.

## CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. Lillie Coyle was hostess to the Club De Lux on March 15. Pokena was played by the members. The club will meet with Mrs. Marie Porter, 1331 McCormick on March 22.

## MRS. WARFIELD TO ARKANSAS

Mrs. Lela Warfield left the city Tuesday for Ft. Smith, Ark., to be at the bedside of her sister Mrs. Essie Mae Stewart, who will undergo an operation.

## MRS. ANNA RINGO IS SURPRISED AT PARTY

Miss Estella Woods, 842 Thirteenth street, honored her aunt, Mrs. Anna Ringo, at a surprise birthday party on March 14. Guests who shared in the courtesies were: Mesdames Zora Ewing, Elizabeth Grayson, Emma Evans Rosa Bland, Elsie Morrison, James Fraction.

Mrs. Ringo received gifts and many cards from friends.

## JOINT SESSION BY GROUPS

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood held a joint session on March 11 at which time they donated \$25 each to the Red Cross drive. The building fund birthday club will sponsor a popularity contest in the future.

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D. J.—This is what I would like to know why I am so unhappy? Is it that I am so disagreeable or what is the matter in this home? I don't feel like I have a home. Why did my son take the notion to get married, knowing my condition as he does and will I ever get able to be-around like I use to?

Ans.: Your son taking a wife may be the means of your house becoming a real home. Your son isn't happy and neither are you—under present conditions and you should welcome a change. Before this change can take place you will have to assure your son of your approval of his marriage. Then you must make his wife aware of the fact that you aren't losing a son, but gaining a daughter, for which you are very proud. You must realize that a young married couple wants and should have, their privacy, and some time to themselves, and if will see that they get it, both of them will show you more attention and the three of you find more happiness.

M. B. S.—My husband, baby and I would be very happy together if my mother who lives with us were more reasonable. She is always nagging me, talking against him behind his back and never wants to keep the baby so I can get out once in a while with him. She gets mad and says we do not want her around when we go off to ourselves in the other room, or even sit next to each other on the sofa. He says if I don't do something or tell her to move he is going to leave. He works out in the cold all day and he wants me to his self sometimes and wants me to go out with him more. What must I do about the situation?

Ans.: Your husband is providing a comfortable home for your mother and it is only fair that she agree to help out in any way that she can. Explain to her firmly but kindly just what is expected of her to insure the happiness of everyone concerned. Let her know that it is only natural that a man wants his family to himself occasionally and she must be big enough to take it. Arrange ahead of

**CLUB DINNER**  
The Victory Club will have a supper at the Union Baptist church on March 24.

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STOP THE YOUNG GANGSTERS NOW

Last Saturday and Sunday evening around ten thirty, neighbors and passersby in the vicinity of 12th and 14th and Center streets witnessed the disgraceful spectacle of about 150 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 20 roaming the streets in mob fashion engaging in fist fights, abusive indecent language and generally speaking molesting and otherwise discommodating the public.

As a matter of fact, the affair was most disheartening to anyone who has any respect for law and order and a desire that young people come up under reasonable decent conditions.

Fundamentally, the responsibility for the conduct of these youngsters rests upon the parents for they are of such ages that ordinary care required that they should have been in bed. And yet we don't believe that 95 per cent of the parents knew where their children were. They are careless and indifferent depending upon someone other than themselves to chart a course in life for them.

The police department should not permit such things to happen. It had been rumored openly that east and west side youngsters planned to battle things out and they should have been prepared to nip the first signs to make this threat good and drive them from the streets.

The police department did drive them into hiding and arrested a few when the fights began; they should and could have taken some action before the fights began.

The business people in these neighborhoods share some responsibility for this situation and we don't hesitate to include the agencies in on this criticism. If dances are given for youngsters, either in social agencies or in public halls, the management should demand and secure decent conduct both inside and outside the places for the public has a right to place responsibility on them—where it belongs.

And if they cannot control the situation, they are certainly neglectful when they hesitate to call in law enforcing agencies to assure proper conduct on the part of these youngsters.

The churches and social agencies are due for a share of the criticism for conduct of this type. While the Bystander appreciates that our social agencies are understaffed and underfinanced, it seems that a combination of the churches and agencies might well work out some kind of a program which will aid in avoiding conduct of this type.

Incidents of this type go to show very clearly that a week's camping period is not a drop in the bucket for year round programs these youngsters need. And unbecoming conduct tolerated by some agencies is just one of the reasons why we are having so much trouble with youngsters at these camp periods during the past few years.

The Bystander recognizes that this is a difficult problem. It exists among white as well as Negro youngsters. But what we complain about is the comparative complacency with which those who ought to be concerned display toward a solution of the problem.

CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN WITH HEALTH WEEK

Now that spring is here, most people have an urge to do things in their homes, their yards and adjoining alleys. Winter usually leaves a surplus of ashes, rubbish and cans which

make neighborhoods unsightly. And yet there are those who are careless and neglectful; who do nothing about it to the detriment of their own places and their neighbors.

April 1 has been designated nationally as Negro Health Week. Three public spirited organizations: the NAACP, Garden Club and The Iowa Bystander are launching a clean-up-beautifying campaign. Along with Negro health week and until April 16, an extensive effort will be put forth to enlist the citizens of Des Moines to join a campaign to clean up and beautify their homes and yards.

Common decency ought to enlist the cooperation of everybody. We ought to have pride in our own surroundings—in our city, in our race because nobody wants to live next door to the fellow who will not rake his yard, clean up and carry away the rubbish, who keeps broken down furniture on the porch, sticks rags in windows rather than spend a few cents for a glass and otherwise keeps his place unsightly. And this campaign is designed particularly to wake the people up to the place where they will do something tangible about just such condition.

As an additional incentive for everybody to enter, a public spirited citizen has donated cash prizes to be given at the close of the campaign: July 15.

The Bystander hopes every church, business, individual and club of all kinds will join to make this campaign a success and demonstrate that we can and will clean-up and beautify our homes and surroundings.

LINCOLN POST

The American Legion Service Association met March 21. Report will be made at Post meeting April 3.

On June 30, Post membership must be over 184 members to keep over 100 percent of quota for past five years. Lincoln Post history is being compiled by Comrade Platter and his committee, Comrades Carter, Earl Robinson and W. T. Burns, Post publicity.

Commander Chapman and Service Officer DeSlet report a number of veterans in hospital again. Comrade Carl Martin and Forrest Williams are ill.

Taps were blown for former chaplain, service officer Comrade William H. Elmore, on March 16. The Post was in charge of funeral. Color guards were Guy Greene, LeRoy Bird, palbearers, Oval Carter, Wm. T. Johnson, G. L. Leath, Morris DeSlet, Don Parker, Mack Carson, George Sampson, all in uniform. Other comrades were Bugler Sampson, Atty. J. B. Morris, E. Amos, C. Jefferson, Harry Hatters, W. Wright, Robert Jones, S. Estelle, C. Brinker. Commander Chapman was in charge.

Any member who has not paid his dues will not receive his legion papers.

KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS

On Sunday afternoon refreshments were served to the service people participating in the club activities. These were brought in by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Austin interested friends.

The Better American Forum of the month was well attended. Prof. Dunn of Drake University acted as chairman and made a number of interesting observations from his experiences as professor of sociology. The Negro Community Centers and KEO-WAY USO will present another forum soon, time, place and subject will be announced later.

The Junior Hostesses will present special program features on Sunday, March 25, from 3:00-5:00 p. m. The program will be informally given as part of the activities of the club. Miss Willa Mae Tunley, chairman of the program committee, will be in charge.

Scrap books are being made for the hospitalized veteran service people. Hostesses and hosts are eagerly contributing original ideas and are working toward the completion of these scrap books.

Camera days are here and so are cameras. Any service person may borrow a camera to go kodaking any time. Ask the office.

Hot cross buns and coffee will be served at the club on Easter Sunday morning before or after service. Brunch will be served on order. Place your orders on or before Good Friday.

VARIETY PROGRAM

A variety program will be given on Friday, March 23, sponsored by Mrs. Rosetta Frazier at the Roadside Settlement.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Three Negroes out of twelve who were left won titles in the finals of the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions at the Stadium last week. Perhaps the most important victory to the Chicago team was the heavy-weight tussle in which Luke Blayard, local two time winner in the city punched his way to a three round win over rotund John Harding of Kansas City, and settled the team championship at the same time. The battle was hard, but neither boy carried a killing punch, and neither was any too far over the other to make it a one-sided victory. It was just a case of slug, grab, slug, grab and wrestle around the ring again.

In the semi-finals, Blayard uncocked a kayo punch and set another Negro, Paul Thomas of Milwaukee, who had been handed a win the week before, on his heels in the opening round of their battle, and Harding earned the nod over a guy who was expected to win the title, a white boy from Omaha, Corporal Bill Zuker.

Bob Jarvis of Kansas City had quite a scuffle on his hands to take toe measure of a white boy from Ft. Worth, Hector Martenique. They fought their way out of clinches without any aid or command from the referee, and went to it again. Each fellow was staggered and seemed about to go down but rallied to continue with Jarvis putting on a last round rally that just about cinched things for him. Martenique stopped another Negro, Sam Patton of Cleveland in the second round to gain the finals, and Jarvis had to hustle all the way to win a close decision over Russel Dundy of Gary.

Bernard Paige, a Chicago boy fighting for the CYO team, took over the lightweight honors by nosing out Roscoe Scully of Los Angeles in a hard three rounds in which the left jab that just about all those CYO boys seem to know how to use was the deciding factor. He had a clever way of making the boy from the West Coast miss his hard punches and then countered effectively. In the last round, Scully went literally right hand crazy, because he felt that only by a knockout could he win and this made him a set-up for the counter tactics of Paige.

Most of the Negroes in the crowd took a violent dislike to the decision of Virgil Franklin of Oklahoma City, an Indian, over Willie Stevenson of Cleveland, Franklin became the first Indian to win a title, but, in our estimation, he owes most of his title to Priyate Frank Surnstall of Columbus, the Negro, who fought Stevenson in the semi-final bout. This bout was so hard and so bitterly fought that Stevenson just wore himself out, and had nothing left to come back against Franklin in his last bout, and wilted in that all important last round.

Several Negroes have been robbed in every instance, but one that we know of, they have always been able to shake the hand of their opponents, for they knew that they didn't have anything to do with the decision.

But, Klem, when Thomas went over to shake his hand, just turned on his heel and walked away angrily. But, that wasn't all to the things we noticed that we forgot to tell you about last week. Whenever the Ft. Worth team was involved a battle with a Negro, the team coach would refuse to let the boy go over to the corner of the Negro and shake hands after a bout as was the custom, and has always been here as long as we can remember.

SEABEE HUNGER STRIKERS TO BE SENT OVERSEAS

See FRONT Page that the white first class petty officers will be promoted to chief, not they. Other Negro Seabee units have Negro chief petty officers, so the men of the 34th want them too. There are fifty-two college graduates in the unit, all skilled men who are ambitious and who wish to advance in the service of their country.

Restrictions Lifted Monday, when the restrictions were lifted, no newspapers came into the camp. Throughout the camp area allocated to the 34th, regimental guards with rifle and bayonet were stationed and were kept there during the ensuing week. The men also discovered a friend in one white officer who warned them that their commander, P. J. MacBean (of Meridian, Miss.) was trying to incite them to bid conduct so there would be an excuse to put them in the brig. This warning served its purpose, and the men avoided doing the things that would cause their arrest. The chaplain, to whom the men might otherwise go with their grievances, were also a white man.

It will be remembered that this battalion has served honorably and heroically at Tulagi and Guadalcanal, having been in the South Pacific for twenty-one months. The men are conscious of matters that relate to the welfare of the country as a whole and on one recent Sunday in Los Angeles, a large group of them attended church and contributed several hundred dollars to a home that was being established for delinquent girls.

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POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS

Iowan in England Plans to Visit Cliffs of Dover

"I have been very busy working with the Post Chaplain, that I've hardly had a minute to myself," wrote J. Burnell Cooper from somewhere in England on March 8. "I have had a very bad cold and just can't afford to stay in for a while else I would have my quarters full of Ems waiting to see the chaplain."

"Marie, the paper is becoming more and more interesting to the fellows and I of my company—to me particularly because it has mostly news of Des Moines in it. While talking about the paper, may I now take time out to tell you about one of my old school pals I am now corresponding with—thanks to the Iowa Bystander. He is Arthur L. McCune, Harry Brown, the fellow that drew the picture for you that time I always asking about you."

"I am going to see the White Cliffs of Dover next month when I get my furlough. I only wish I had a camera to take with me so I could take some pictures and send them to you to put in the paper. I have just about forgotten to mention something—and that is the picture page

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Gets Thrill

The Jan. 11 issue of the Bystander carried pictures of the annual Y.W.C.A. meeting. When I saw the pictures of Miss Ruth Pritchard and Miss Cooke—twenty years ago flashed back to me. Miss Pritchard was my home room and arithmetic teacher. Miss Cooke was my music teacher.

He Sees Pictures of Teachers

"Hi Marie," wrote Sgt. Chester L. Williamson on March 4 from somewhere in the European Theater of War. "Excuses don't go in the army, so I won't offer one to you about my failing to write sooner. But knowing you as I do, as well as seeing it in the Bystander, I know that you have found out for yourself, the little news about me." The Iowan was referring to his recent promotion to the rank of sergeant.

"Like the rest of the fellows I must first compliment you on your columns. Rather late, I know, but sincere. The paper sure helps. When the mail is late I just can't help from letting my morale tend to lower. But, finally, the papers come and presto!! My morale goes up again. The fellows of the company are as anxious as I about the papers."

"Thanks a lot for the Christmas greeting with your picture. Several fellows asked for your address but they got cold feet when I told them you were a newspaper lady. Did I do wrong? I'm sorry if I did. "One of the things that seems to disturb me most in the army is the fact that as yet, I haven't seen anyone from Des Moines that I know. Since I've been in the European Theater of Operations, I've only talked to one person from Iowa. That is strange for so many that I know are over here somewhere."

Sgt. Chester L. Williamson's address: 37672217, 3689 QM Trk Co., APO 562, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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