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News Briefs From Far and Near

NEGRO ARCHITECT WINS FIRST PRIZE IN NATION-WIDE CONTEST

By VERA ARVEY
Hollywood (Cavin's News Service)
—First prize in a nation-wide competition for the Practical Miracle Post-War Home has gone to Ralph Vaughn, young colored architect who is now a senior set designer at M-G-M studios in Culver City, California.
The contest was held by The Practical Builder, a trade journal published in Chicago for contractors, realtors and so on, and the first prize amounted to one hundred dollars. An article about Mr. Vaughn appeared in the February issue of the magazine. For this contest, Mr. Vaughn simply sent in photographs of the home he designed and built for himself and his family, along with sketches of what he intends to do to it after the war is over. This home is located at 2171 West 26th Place, in Los Angeles.

Immediately after the announcement of that prize, Mr. Vaughn won honorable mention in a nation-wide competition held by the Colotype Company (in Seattle) for a glamorous and yet practical bathroom.

Ralph Vaughn came to Los Angeles from Washington, D. C., and was for a time associated with Paul R. Williams, an architect of established reputation. Later, he began his work at the Culver City film studio, and while there he designed the tallest building on the M-G-M lot, and the longest scenic backing ever made at M-G-M.

TWO NEGRO WOMEN RECRUITS TO SPARS

Washington — Two Negro women recruits to the SPARS, Olivia J. Hooker, of Columbus Ohio, and Allen A. Cooke, of Los Angeles, Calif., are now taking "boot" training at the Manhattan Beach, N. Y. Coast Guard Training Station, United States Coast Guard officials in Washington announced this week.

Miss Hooker, a former public school teacher in Columbus, was born in Muskogee, Okla., attended Central High School at Columbus and graduated from Ohio State University in the class of June 1937, with a degree of B. S. in Education.
Miss Cooke is the daughter of a Navy man, Allen A. Cooke, steward first class, and received her high school education at Pasadena Junior College and attended the University of Southern California for three years, majoring in psychology. Before her induction, she was employed as a clerk-typist at an Army Signal Depot in Los Angeles.

SPARS are women's reserve of the Coast Guard and their recruitment program was enlarged last fall along with other branches of the naval program to include Negro women. "Boot" training courses last six weeks. All SPARS who receive "boot" training at Manhattan Beach are assigned to District Coast Guard Units or are sent to specialty schools.
The SPARS discontinued their Officer Training School last summer.

GOP WOMEN TO MEET SATURDAY, APRIL 7

A meeting of the Negro Republican Women's clubs will meet Saturday, April 8, at 8 p. m. with Mrs. G. H. Mason, 1183 Fourteenth street. Election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend.

SERVICEMEN'S PICTURES DUE BY APRIL 16

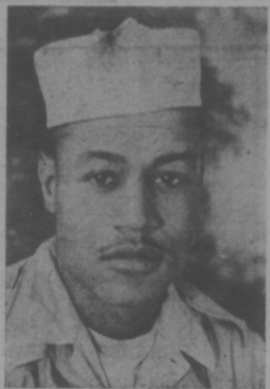
Soldiers pictures will appear in the April 26 issue of the Bystander. If you are planning to have your Iowa serviceman or woman represented, then send or bring your pictures to the office of the Bystander 221 1/2 Locust street, Des Moines, not later than April 16. Get all pictures in early to meet wartime engraving schedules.

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CRADDOCK BROTHERS



JOHN AND EDWIN CRADDOCK

Army sons of Mrs. Edna M. Craddock of 1110 W. 18th street and Mr. Ed Craddock of 850 Fifteenth street, are Sgt. John R. Craddock who is with the engineers in the South Pacific and Cpl. Edwin N. Craddock who is serving with a quartermaster's corps in Belgium. Sgt. Craddock has been overseas fifteen months. Cpl. Craddock who has been overseas fifteen months, has a son.

GREEN BROTHERS



PAUL AND CHARLES GREEN

Army sons of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Green of 1313 Fremont street are Pvt. Paul Green of Lubbock, Texas, and Private First Class, Charles Green who is stationed at Tallahassee, Fla. The latter's wife is Mrs. Gretchen Jackson Green who is residing in Florida with her husband.

WAC Band Plays At Ordnance Plant

Fort Des Moines, Iowa — On Wednesday, March 21, at 4 p. m., the 404th ASF Band of Fort Des Moines, under the direction of Miss Mary Waterman WOJG, also was present and both bands led the crowds from the different sections of the grounds to the grand stand, where the rally was to be held.
The program was officially opened with the playing of the General's drum major, Cpl. Lillian F. Brown of New York.
A recruiting drive for workers was in progress and buses brought peo-

ple from many Iowa towns to hear how important and vital the need for war workers had become.

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MOVE VETERANS INFORMATION CENTER HERE

The Polk County Veterans Information Center has moved from 507 Empire building to new headquarters at the northeast corner of Seventh and High streets.

The center is open daily except Sunday from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. The telephone number is 3-0625.

Get Blanks Now For Clean-Up and Beautifying Drive

Entry blanks are ready now for the Clean-Up and Beautifying Campaign and contest which opened on April 1 and will continue through July 15.

These blanks may be obtained at the office of the Bystander, 221 1/2 Locust street on or before April 16, 5:30 p. m. when registration will close.

The contest is open to any citizen of Des Moines and upon registering he or she agrees "to solicit the aid of all persons living in my block to see that our area is cleaned up properly."

Four WACs at Ft. Devens Restored

Boston, Mass.—Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, commanding general of the first service command, Tuesday voided the recent court martial proceedings against four Negro WACs who were sentenced at Fort Devens to a year at hard labor after being convicted of refusing to obey superior officers.

The army public relations office in a brief statement said the action followed receipt of an opinion from the office of the judge advocate general and that the WACs should be restored to duty.

The WACs contended during the trial that they had been ordered to do menial work in the Lovell General hospital "because of color." In their testimony they claimed discrimination because white WACs were not requested to do the same type of menial labor as Negro personnel.

REV. PARKS PRAYS

Rev. A. R. Parks of Cedar Rapids, Ia., offered prayer before both houses of the state legislature on March 28.

Health Week Broadcast Saturday

The thirty-first observation of National Negro Health Week, founded by Booker T. Washington, continues throughout the week, closing on April 8.

On April 7, at 1:30 p. m. the Negro Community Center here will sponsor a fifteen-minute Health Week broadcast over Station WHO. Nationally known Negroes will emphasize the Health Week theme of "A Healthy Family in Home."

Two Get Praise at Marianas Base

An AAF Base in the Marianas (Delayed) —Two men from Iowa, and other members of an Aviation Engineer Battalion, have been commended for an outstanding job in speeding to completion B-29 Superfortress installations on the Marianas Islands base.

The commendation, one of the first to be received by a Negro unit in the Pacific ocean area, was made by Lieutenant General Millard F. Harmon, Commanding General, AAF Pacific Ocean Area, who since has been reported as missing in the Pacific.

The commendation reads in part: "The work of this battalion as displayed in the completion of a difficult task in a short period of time is outstanding, particularly so in view of the fact that in no way was the quality of their work sacrificed to accelerate construction.

The men are: Private Lester Ballew, of Washington, Iowa, and First Lieutenant Glenn P. Ingwersen, of North Clinton.

Private Ballew's mother, Mrs. Lula Ballew, lives at 909 East Madison street in Washington, Iowa. He has a brother, Luther, in the army serving somewhere in France. He entered the army in September, 1918.

Lieutenant Ingwersen's father, Paul Ingwersen, lives at 444 Fourth avenue, North Clinton, Iowa. He was graduated from the Clinton high school in 1939 and attended the U. S. Military Academy.

Governor of Iowa, Brig. Gen. P. X. English, chief of staff of the 7th Service Command, and combat veteran, Sgt. Harry J. King, of the Italian Campaign, were among the prominent speakers. The program was officially closed by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, by both bands.

Men Get Honorable Papers; NAACP Requests Probe of 34th Seabee Battalion

Washington, D. C.—Discharges of 14 Negro seabees for unfitness or inaptitude Monday were changed to discharges "under honorable conditions."

The changes were ordered by a navy board of review and approved by the secretary of the navy.

Fifteenth Case Unchanged
The "undesirable" charge of a fifteenth Negro seabee was left unchanged, because he had committed infractions of naval rules and discipline before discharge.

The 15 were among 19 Negro seabees discharged at Trinidad, West Indies. Cases of the other four were not considered.

At a December hearing, a navy attorney said the records of the men as a group showed they attended "seditious" meetings, refused to obey orders, attempted sit-down strikes or "threatened sabotage."

He added, however, all allegations did not apply to each man individually.

800 Negroes, 200 Whites
The seabees' attorney argued they were dismissed because they were among the better educated Negroes in the battalion, comprising 800 Negroes and 200 whites.

They also contended the charges grew out of a meeting at which the men's commanding officer invited them to discuss grievances of the Negroes.

Some Negroes said they suffered discriminations because of their race. The defense attorneys declared the discharges kept the men from participation in the G. I. Bill of Rights.

FORMER 34TH BN SEABEE BRANDS J. P. McBEAN

New York—Commander J. P. McBean of the 34th Seabee battalion, whose members staged a hunger strike in California March 2, is described as "the worst I ever seen" in a letter to the NAACP from a discharged member of the outfit. "Not only is he the worst," wrote the seaman, "but Lt. Commander C. V. White is equally as bad." The NAACP has asked the Navy to remove

McBean and an official probe of the battalion is now under way.

On one occasion particularly, the seaman's letter pointed out, Commander McBean said "as long as he was Commander of the Battalion, there will be no Negro chiefs (chief petty officers). At no other time when insubordination was charged after an argument over the use of a toilet, the men and a white sailor (who declared he would rather "be with the Japs than with the Niggers)"—McBean is reported as saying, "you boys from the South should know better and you boys from the North—I am going to teach you better. There is going to be segregation in this battalion and you are going to like it too."

Thrown in Brig

The former 34th Bn. seaman, a native Texan and "used to segregation" stated further that Negro seamen were thrown into the brig for "anything that any of the whites said."

In describing the racial prejudices fostered by the officers when the men sought recreation overseas after hours of lying in foxholes he said "when we would have a little time for recreation, there were some white outfits on the island that liked to play us soft ball, and they were swell fellows too. Our Chaplain, a chief by the name of Powell and our Commander, tried to stop us from playing them ball, also on Guadalcanal we ran into the same thing. We had a swell baseball club, and they gave us orders that we couldn't play anything but colored. Imagine on Guadalcanal!"

"Although we had another Chaplain then of course he was from South Carolina, the first one was from Alabama, it's a fact that if you wasn't from the South and hated Negroes, you couldn't be an officer, or a chief, in McBean's battalion.

"The men of the 34th battalion feel the very way I do, but they are afraid to speak, because they know they would be punished, so I am proud to tell you a few things I know about the 34th in their behalf."

Sgt. Skipper Back Home; Des Moines 'Has Changed'

After two and one-half years of services in the army, Sgt. John Skipper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Skipper, of 504 S. E. Tehird street, returned home to his wife and family on March 27. He received a medical discharge.

Sergeant Skipper spent seventeen months in the jungles of New Guinea and while there became a victim of arthritis. He was a member of an engineer's aviation battalion.

In the office of the Bystander this week, Skipper was "feeling fine," dressed in civilian clothing. In relating some of his experiences he recalled his trip to the South Pacific when his ship was torpedoed near the Fiji Islands, then his journey continued to New Caledonia, Australia and New Guinea.

Sgt. Skipper left the states with another Iowa, Clinton Carter, who was on the ship with him when it was torpedoed near day break. "The first thing I did was to look for Carter who had been sleeping next to me. When we found each other about 12 hours later he was in a life boat smoking a cigarette and I was on a life raft wishing I had a smoke." Carter returned to the states in January when he received a medical discharge.

Cleared Jungles

"When we got there everything was just jungles, mosquitos and disease," he described telling of some of the

work that this company did in the building air strips, roads and setting up a base.

"I'll never forget my first air raid there if I live to be a thousand years," Sergeant Skipper commented as he told watching the bomb doors open and the bombs falling out—"like they were coming right on you." He said the fellows "would politely dive into the fox holes."

During air raids on the Islands the Iowan said the boys had to watch out, too, for the falling of coconuts from the trees, because if one of them hit you—"you were pretty bad off."

Talked of Strikes

"Nearly every night we would have a gab-fest on the strikes back home and on what we would do with the strikers," Skipper said. He described the natives as "very intelligent."

The first thing Skipper wanted to do when he got back to the states, March 16, was to drink a quart of ice cold milk, something he had not had on the Island. He drank three quarts. Then he wanted to sleep on a soft mattress and after arriving in Des Moines on March 27, he was anxiously awaiting the night of his family and little son, John Thomas, better known to him as "Butch," who was about two months old when he saw him last.

Now that Skipper is back home he wants to go into the war work "to get the stuff over there because too

MRS. ALICE GRAVES IS DEAD. HERE AT 62

Mrs. Alice Graves, 62, 770 Tenth street, died Sunday at Broadlawn General hospital after an illness of several months. She was a member of St. Paul AME church and the Eastern Star lodge.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Smith; three sons, Pvt. Lawrence Graves in Mexico, Fireman First Class Martin Graves in the South Pacific, and Cpl. Kenneth Graves in Liberia; and a brother, Curtis Martin.

Funeral services for Mrs. Graves were held Thursday afternoon at the St. Paul AME church. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

Iowan Bags Two Nazi Planes

Rome, Italy—Operating in close co-operation with the Russian army, sweeping into Austria, escorted Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. 15th Air Force Sunday bombed rail yards and bridges along lines leading to Vienna.

Top scorer of a Negro Mustang group was Lt. Robert W. Williams of Ottumwa, Ia., who shot down two German planes.

The aerial activity came amidst a continued stalemate on the ground in Italy.

many of my buddies are still over there."

He commented on the "changes," "many unfamiliar faces" in the hometown. He resides with his family at 1633 E. University.

IOWANS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

SIMMONS BROTHERS (In Memoriam)



PFC MELVIN L. MOORE
Private First Class Melvin L. Moore, son of Mrs. Siberia B. Moore of 1517 Buchanan street, is somewhere in England with the army. He went overseas last December.



ANDREW MORRIS
Second class petty officer in the navy, is Andrew Morris, son of Mrs. Mary King of 815 S. E. Twenty-seventh street. He was home recently with his mother and step-father, Mr. George King, on a furlough from the South Pacific. He has returned to the coast for a new assignment.



T/5 R. W. SIMMONS
Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons of 1235 McCormick street, the parents of twelve children, have two sons now serving in the military services of the country, Tech. Fifth Grade Robert W. Simmons who is serving with an engineers' outfit somewhere in Burma, India, with the army. He



PVT. ELWOOD SIMMONS
Simmons, died one year ago on March 17, as the result of a gunshot wound while an A.S.T.P. student at Prairie View, Texas. His brother, Robert, was a student at Prairie View, at that time, but was later transferred to a surveyor's school in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, the par-



CPL. W. A. YOUNG
Somewhere in Italy with the army, is Cpl. Winifred A. Young, husband of Mrs. Marie Young, 111 Ridge street. He is the son of Mrs. Shirley Lawrence of Baxter Springs, Kas. In the service two years he has been overseas eleven months.



SGT. CHARLES BOSTON
Technical Fourth Charles Boston who is with an army ordnance company somewhere in Italy, is the son of Mr. James Boston of 1550 Maple street. His wife is Mrs. Eleanor De-van Boston of 1336 E. Nineteenth street. They have two children.

Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

BROWN'S CHAPEL
A. M. E. ZION
Rev. E. A. Wilkitt, pastor, 1448 Walker
Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; A. C. E. League, 7:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.; Midweek service and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
440 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. 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. Lopes McAllister, D.D., pastor; parsonage 1657 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 service on 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 our services.

DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHRIST CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS
1239 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 E. T. Taylor, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon). Y. P. W. at 6:30 p. m. Regular services Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Engle, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
632 S. E. 28th street, Rev. G. H. Kendrick, pastor; residence, 947 W. 5th St. Order of services: Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Supt. C. H. Cavi; Morning worship, 11:30 o'clock; Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock; Mid-week Prayer service, 7:30, Wednesdays; Mission Circle, Tuesday night 8 p. m.; President, Mrs. Willie Williams.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
9th and School streets, Phone 3-4072. Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor; residence, 1009 12th. Phone 3-4075. 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.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS
Mr. Bennie Manuel, deacon is out again after spending several weeks in the Broadlawn hospital. The next special effort will be men's day. H. C. Bennings is general chairman of the day. The March club reported Sunday the sum of \$56.18 for the month. This amount is the largest amount yet reported by any of the monthly clubs. Mrs. Minnie Maupins was chairman of the club.

CHURCH NOTES
The Easter program at Bethel church started with a breakfast at 7 a. m. at the church, by the Junior Missionary Society with Mrs. Ruth Doyle as supervisor. At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. Ogleton, brought the Easter message. The choir rendered special music for the occasion. There were two added to the church and one baby christened. At the Vesper Hour service the Sunday school, with Mrs. Beatrice Brown in charge assisted by Mrs. Mildred Miller, sponsored a pageant, "Life and Love Triumphant." Rev. W. F. Ogleton is pastor.

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MY ZION NATIONAL SPIRITUAL TEMPLE INC.
1724 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 2 p. m. Messages at each service night. Private consultation daily by appointment.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1213 Scott street, Rev. C. A. Record, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. School, 9:30 a. m. Spiritual Union 7 p. m. Senior choir rehearsal Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH
12th 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, 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
1524 E. University, Rev. W. F. 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; Ver-lick 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 3-0403. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Beulah Henry, reporter.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
1408 E. University, University Ave. Rev. H. E. Fields, pastor; residence, 1407 Buchanan. Order of Services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Baptist Training Union, 8:30 p. m. Sunday evening service at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Missionary society each Thursday 7 to 9 p. m. Choir rehearsal Friday at 8 p. m. The church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

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T/SGT. A. PRESTON
Technical Sergeant Alphonso Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Preston, 1273 E. 18th street, is stationed with the fifth army in Italy. His wife is Mrs. Ella Preston of Chicago, Ill.



PVT. J. E. MCCOY
Pvt. John E. McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, of 910 Grove street, is somewhere in the South Pacific where he has been serving for three years with the 92nd division, of the quartermaster corps. He went into the military services four years ago.



JACK C. LEWIS
Jack C. Lewis, seaman second class, in the navy, is somewhere in Hawaii. He is the son of Mrs. Hesia Brown of 1412 Center street, and Mr. Homer C. Lewis of 1548 Des Moines street. Seaman Lewis, brother of Mrs. William Brewer, has two children.

ivate Green's citation, he "dived from the top deck" for a drowning soldier and swam with him to safety. "After rescuing his comrade, Private Green swam after four life rafts which had broken loose from the vessel, bringing them back one by one, so that other men trapped in the sinking vessel could reach safety."

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Women elevator operators wanted. Prefer over 25 years. Apply 325 Securities Building after 9 a. m.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CANCEL CONTRACT

To William C. Blaine and Betty Blaine, husband and wife: You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned is still the holder and owner of the following land contract, dated about June 1, 1942, by which it agreed to sell and you agreed to buy, the following described property in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, viz.: Lot 312 in Boulevard Addition, now a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and known as No. 1416 E. 26th Street in said city. You are further notified that it is advised that you assigned said contract to James R. Hanawalt and Mrs. James R. Hanawalt; and that it is the intention of the undersigned to cancel said contract for default therein, because of the following matters: that said contract provides that monthly payments will be made at the rate of \$12.00 per month on the first day of each calendar month, by the purchaser, and that he will promptly pay all taxes as they mature and before they become delinquent, and pay all insurance premiums for the protection of said property; that 25 installments of \$12.00 each matured, a total of \$312.00 on which payment of only \$107 was made, making \$205 of such monthly installments past due and delinquent and wholly unpaid; that the undersigned has been compelled to pay the taxes for 1942 and 1943 in a total sum of \$31.47, and insurance premiums in the sum of \$4.75, making a total due and unpaid thereon and in default of \$244.22; that because of said defaults it is its intention to cancel said contract, which provided that any such default hereunder is cause for cancellation on thirty days written notice to you; and that unless within thirty days after the completed service of this notice on you you pay said sums and remedy the said defaults under said contract, and also pay the reasonable expense of the service of this notice upon you, said contract will stand forfeited and canceled, and any and all rights of you or either of you under said contract or in or to said property or any part thereof, including the right to possession thereof, will at once terminate, and proceedings will be instituted to regain full possession thereof.

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SOCIETY



ROOSEVELT ENTERTAIN AT EASTER PARTY

The Roosevelt Club, Inc., was host to their wives and several friends at their annual Easter party at the Billiken Hall, Monday evening, April 2.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Doris Anderson and two children, Jacqueline and William, of Minneapolis, Minn., are spending two weeks with their aunt, Mrs. Maude Jones, 1006 School street.

SGT. WESLEY BETTIS COME ON LEAVE

Sgt. Wesley Bettis arrived in the city last week on a sick leave here with his wife, Mrs. Barbara Bettis, and relatives. He has been stationed for many months in the South Pacific and returned to the states from the Philippines.

MRS. SORRELL ILL

Mrs. Margaret Sorrell, president of the De Luxe club, has been ill for two weeks with pneumonia. She is recovering slowly.

MISS POWELL AND GUEST SPEND EASTER HERE

Miss Eleanor Powell and Miss Evelyn Stewart, teachers in the Kansas City school system, spent the week end with Miss Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morris, 1046 Seventeenth street.

BABIES BAPTIZED AT FIRST CME

The babies who were baptized on Easter Sunday at the First C. M. E. church were: Patricia Lou Collier, Marjorie K. Martin, Jessie Ann Brown, Larry Murray, Donald L. Thomas. Pictures of the group were taken by Miss Gussie Brown. Certificates will be given Sunday to all mothers for their babies.

MODERNISTIC CLUB MEETS

The Modernistic club met March 27 at the home of Mrs. Minnie Robinson, 1004 Enos. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Osceola Simms, 915 15th street, April 10.

CLUB DINNER

The Victory club will give a dinner at the church, East Sixteenth and University on April 7.

HOSTESS TO 6-60 CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. Mary Lou Williams was hostess to the 6-60 club on March 29. The members played polo. Mrs. Hazel Davis, secretary, is ill. The club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Hartzel Wolf on April 11.

BACK FROM K. C.

Miss Marie Ross returned Monday from Kansas City, Kas., where she spent the Easter week end with her mother.

PROMOTED

Mrs. McColl Clinton received word this week that her husband, George Clinton, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant at Staten Island, New York.

MR. FRAZIER HERE FROM ATLANTA

Mr. Thomas Frazier of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frazier, 602 S. E. Twenty-sixth street court.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The East Side Union Missionary Society will hold monthly board meeting on April 11 at 2 p. m. at the Brown Chapel church.

MISS BROOKS, GRAND DAUGHTER OF MRS. MATTIE B. SCOTT

Miss Mary Louise Brooks, one of the 1944 graduates of North high school, who is employed in Chicago at the War Food Administration Office of Distribution where she is a scientific aide, is the grand daughter of Mrs. Mattie B. Scott of 1623 Seale here. In Chicago she resides with her mother, Mrs. Thelma Bacon. The story in the previous issue of the Bystander incorrectly stated that Miss Brooks was a grand daughter of Mrs. Mary Mease Scott.

MRS. WOOD LEAVES TO BURY SON

Mrs. Frankie Wood, 1028 10th street, left the city April 1, for Newport, Arkansas, to bury her son, Mr. Lincoln Wood. She will stay at least two weeks.

Accompanying her was a daughter, Katye White of 528 10th street and granddaughter, Augustine Wood of 125 10th street.

MISS CRUMB TO MARRY



Miss MAEHENRI CRUMB Mrs. Ethel Mae Crumb, 1110 Scott street, Des Moines, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Maehenri, to Mr. Manfred E. Hendred of Providence, Rhode Island.

The couple will be united in marriage at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hendred of 902 Locust street, Ottumwa, Iowa, on May 22, in the presence of the immediate family and friends. The Rev. William Shaw of Ottumwa will perform the double-ring ceremony.

Miss Crumb, a graduate of East high school here, has been employed as a stenographer at the Iowa War Chest, Inc. Mr. Hendred is a graduate of the Ottumwa high and is employed at the Kaiser Shipyards in Rhode Island.

WINS CONTEST



GERALD LEE FORBUSH Winner of the baby contest which was sponsored by the Young Women's Society of the Kyles AME Zion church recently was Gerald Lee Forbush, 10-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phraith Forbush of 506 S. E. Nineteenth street. He won first prize with a report of \$63. Other winners were: Linda Marie Frazier, second; Robert Allen Williams, third; and Jesse Hill, Jr., fourth. Proceeds of the contest were \$186.

BABY CONTEST ENDS AT BETHEL CHURCH

On Easter Sunday afternoon baby contest was sponsored at the Bethel AME church by the Choral club of which Mrs. Dora Davis is president, and the Usher board, headed by Mrs. Ruth White.

The following babies participated and won prizes: George D. Obregon with \$50, first; Rudolph Duff, Jr., with \$44.05, second; Robert Wheeler, with \$35.05, third; Donald Cooley with \$40.00, won fourth, and Jill White, with \$17.55. Each contestant received a prize.



PERSONAL TOUCH By MARIE ROSS Spring was nice—while it lasted throughout Easter Day. All of the little kiddies and the grown-ups had a chance to breeze around in their new Easter finery. Few thought of the occasion being April Fool's Day. But on Monday when the breeze turned cold, on Tuesday when the rain and hail showered, and on Wednesday when snow flurried all over the beautiful green grass and leaves that had sprouted—many of the Easter parades had donned their mid-winter attire.

FORT DODGE, IA. By SUDIE WELLS 411 8rd Ave. So. Fort Dodge, Ia. Rev. Wm. L. Johnson officiated at the Easter serv-

BETTER AMERICA FORUM AT USO SUNDAY

The Better America Forum will hold its monthly discussion at Keo-Way USO, Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p. m. The topic of discussion will be the "Service Person Looks to the Future." The public is cordially invited to attend.

KEO-WAY USO CLUB

The Keo-Way USO club will hold its first dance of spring Saturday, April 7, at 8 p. m. Other features of entertainment will be available for those that do not wish to dance. Senior and junior hostesses are invited to come and bring their G. I. week end guests. All service people are special guests of the evening.

The Junior Hostesses held their regular meeting on Thursday night.

The Better America Forum will meet at Keo-Way USO Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p. m. Public invited.

Easter after church activity at Keo-Way was enjoyed by the service people. Records about the church services they attended were made to send home. Hot cross buns with coffee, homemade fudge and brunch served by the hostesses to service people.

MR. ALEXANDER TO CHICAGO AND TUSKEGEE

Mr. A. A. Alexander left the city Monday morning to attend a board meeting of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company in Chicago, Ill., and from there he will go to Tuskegee Institute, Ala., for a meeting of the board of directors of the school.

FLAG DEDICATION AT FIRST CME CHURCH SUNDAY

Kyles AME Zion church will be at the First CME church on April 13 to represent Frank Bailey in a drive which will end on April 23. The Rev. H. A. Simmons will preach and his choir will sing.

Flag Dedication A service flag dedication will be held Sunday evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock at the First CME church with the American Legion officiating. A short program will be sponsored by Mrs. Edna Burse, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Willie O'Neal.

RATIONING

SUGAR Sugar stamp No. 35, good for five pounds of sugar, continues valid. Next sugar stamp becomes valid May 1.

MEATS, FATS New red stamps K2, L2, M2, N2, P2, good for ten points each, are now valid through July 31. Red stamps Q3 through Q5 continue usable. Q3 through Q5 have expired. Changes in the point values of pork, pork products, lard, shortening, margarine and salad and cooking oils are now effective. These products have risen 1 to 3 points.

PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES New blue stamps T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, good for ten points each, are now valid through July 31. Blue stamps C2 through C5 continue usable. X5 through X8, A2 and B2 have expired.

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The Membership Committee will meet at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Paul Wilson, Monday, April 9, at 8 p. m. All committee members are urged to be present.

The Finance Committee of the Blue Triangle branch will meet Tuesday at 1 p. m. at the Branch Y.W.C.A. with the chairman, Mrs. Phillip McGuire, presiding. Members are urged to be present.

The House Committee of Blue Triangle Branch will meet Wednesday at a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a. m., April 11. Members are urged to be present.

The Negro History class will meet Thursday, April 12 at 8 p. m. with the instructor Rev. C. Lopez McAllister in charge. The film, American News featuring the "Negro in the News" will be shown. The class is open to both men and women, and children who are interested in knowing more about the Negro race. This class is sponsored by the Education committee.

Vesper services will be held at Blue Triangle Branch Sunday, April 15 at 4:30 p. m. until 5:30 p. m. Mrs. Goldie Fant, member of the Education committee, is in charge of the vesper services.

In response to requests from members and friends who were unable to attend the shower given for the Blue Triangle Branch recently but who still wish to send or contribute gifts, the following suggestions are made: kitchen silver, pans, lamps (table or floor) bedroom or lounge equipment.

The Book Lovers club will meet Friday at 2 p. m. at the Branch. Mrs. Lillian Scales will review "The Green Years" (H. A. Cronin) and Mrs. Cecelia Carl's book will be "America As I See It" (George W. Mims).

L. T. Club Meets

On March 21 the L. T. Club met with Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson, 1735 E. University, Wednesday, April 4, the club meets with Harriett Scales, 915 15th street.

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M. A. L.—I am a married woman but I don't love my husband. We have been together two years off and on. I am planning on giving him his freedom. I have found someone else that I can love. Would it be wise to tell him this or just move on away and say nothing? Please help me out as soon as possible.

Ans.: Sooner or later you will have to get together and talk your problems over and come to a decision—the time to do it is now. Face the facts and handle the situation as you would any other business deal if you are convinced that there is absolutely no place in your heart for your present mate. It is wrong and most undesirable to encourage the friendship of another man until you have your legal freedom. As long as you remain in your husband's home and accept his support, you owe him the decency to respect his name.

M. B. S.—I have been going with a boy for three and a half years. My parents are very fond of him. He is seventeen and I am fifteen. We plan to marry as soon as we finish school. We are getting quite serious all of a sudden and I am in a quandary as to know what to do. I am young, wild and foolish and I wouldn't want to do the wrong thing. I know you follow me. Please let me know immediately the course to follow.

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TACKLING A PROBLEM WITH A PUNCH

I believe that if people like Hitler can take a generation and educate it to the worst, then we can take our generation and educate it to the best.

This statement was made by Frank Sinatra, famous stage and screen star, in an address on racial and religious tolerance before a group of student leaders and teachers in Philadelphia. This appearance is one of the many he is making in a campaign to better racial and religious relationships in America.

The Bystander fully agrees with this statement and adds that we shall take another three or four centuries to solve these problems unless they are attacked head on by men and women in high places rather than as adjuncts to some other program.

Hitler believed in certain principles. He went out and fought for them uncompromisingly and even though morally wrong he was able to carry the whole German people along with him. And in spite of the dire straits in which they find themselves today, they are still with him.

If America tackled this question of racial and religious tolerance sincerely and with force spear headed by the heads of our national and state governments, industry, labor, religions and movie interests, like Sinatra said, we could pretty well clear up the situation within a generation. But if we continue to rely on the slow process of evolution which we have followed over the years, except for a few sporadic efforts here and there, we may expect very slow progress for the next hundred years.

SAME RESULTS FOLLOWED

In the issue of March 22, the Bystander editorial on juvenile delinquency with particular reference to outbursts of bad conduct in Des Moines which had occurred the previous week, has been the subject of considerable discussion. Some branded it as too severe criticism of the again. To be more specific: too many quired to respect older people, are causes of the trouble; others thought otherwise. However, the Bystander is happy that the editorial started people talking for in the end if a situation is brought out in the open for discussion, some good can and will be done.

Fundamentally, there is no substitute for proper home training and although some unfortunate youngsters who have none manage to land on their feet after coming through the difficulties of childhood, they are exceptions and not the rule.

We are fully aware that things are not as they were twenty-five years ago. The war has added to complications. Children have more money to spend so they do things. Parents are busier than ever before making money so less attention is given to the youngsters.

But these changes in times should not be an excuse to let the bars down on everything for once lowered, it's a most difficult job to get them up again. To be more specific, too many youngsters are not taught and or required to respect older people; are not taught decorum in public; are encouraged and permitted to go on the theory that bad conduct is smart, are allowed to dress to look as bad as they can rather than as well as they can. As a result of the failure to

teach these fundamental things, the conduct of most youngsters is bad on the street cars, on the streets and in fact everywhere they gather—even in church. And an outsider who attempts to correct them, is most unpopular.

Of course much of this comes from neglect and carelessness rather than any desire that the child should not be brought up properly. Thus we are forced to depend upon the churches, newspapers, schools and clubs which are interested in bettering the status of people to pound on the parents incessantly to do their part of the job at home. With their aid it will be easier for the schools and social agencies to improve the lot of each individual child.

SIGN UP NOW! PLEASE

It is well to keep in mind that even though the Clean Up and Beautifying campaign announced last week will continue to July 15, now is the time to make the beginning. With the close of winter an accumulation of ashes, rubbish, and other forms of trash generally leaves many places unsightly; this is the season to plant for beautiful lawns. So don't put off the job of signing up for the campaign.

NAACP ASKS GIBSON FOR HIS EXACT WORDS ON 92ND DIVISION

New York—Truman K. Gibson, Jr., civilian aide to the Secretary of War, has been asked by the NAACP to clarify statements attributed to him in a March 14 press conference in Rome, Italy, on the 92nd division. The interview appeared in the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, and other major papers throughout the country.

The NAACP Committee on Administration discussed the Gibson statements at its regular March meeting and instructed Acting Secretary Roy Wilkins to write for verification.

Mr. Gibson was asked if his remarks were correctly presented in the following paragraph from John C. Smith's dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune: "Mr. Gibson said he had tried to find out why Negro troops so often 'melt away' in the face of the enemy—where a few stragglers will fall by the wayside in other units, a whole Negro platoon will sometimes get panick." Mr. Gibson was also asked if he was correctly reported in the following paragraph, also from the Herald Tribune: "Mr. Gibson said most of the 92nd division officers killed in combat have been Negro officers, which he said, reflected more credit on their courage than their judgment."

EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S

The Easter season at St. Paul AME church was ushered in by an Easter party for the young people preceded by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Sunday-school rooms in charge of the recreation committee consisting of Mesdames Jeanne Morris, Zora Ewing and Anna Ringo who were assisted by Misses Gwendolyn Davis, Marilyn Fraction, Margaret Grant, and Victoria Kitchen of the Young People's department.

Sunday, starting with the sunrise service at 6 a. m. the congregations of Corinthian, Burns, St. Paul and First Baptist church of West Des Moines, filled the main auditorium to witness the Easter decorations and to hear the sermon on the "Risen Christ" by the Rev. L. G. Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist church. The decorations were the most elaborate of any in the thirteen years that Lester Benning, versatile trustee has had charge of them.

At the eleven o'clock service the pastor brought an Easter message before a large audience. At this service the guests included a whole company of the Women's Army Corps from Ft. Des Moines, Petty Officer Second Class Baker Dixon of the Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon, Jr. of the Navy and Radioman Kenneth Parkey, son of Mrs. R. S. Simms.

The pastor administered the sacrament of baptism to four infants: Sharron Simple, Verda Williams, Lawrence Slater, and Sherold Little, two young girls Agnes and Marion Grant and one adult, Mrs. Zelma Todd.

At this service the recently organized First Aid contingent under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Johnson, stewardess and a trained nurse and conductor of Misses Agnes Grant and

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Your illustrious scribbler sat in the Stadium last week-end, and watched the New York Renns, and the Globe Trotters just about get themselves shut out of the world's professional basketball meet. The Trotters lost out in the closing minutes of a game with the Chicago Gears which they apparently had won, only to lose by a last second basket and free throw which made the score 53 to 51 to the delight of the crowd of around fifteen thousand.

The Renns made it two straight by thumping the team from Cleveland, and then were decisively dunked by the present champs, Ft. Wayne Zollner, who by the way were the first team to win the thing twice in a row, 68 to 45. Then the Renns led the Gears all the way in the play-off for third place. They seemed on the verge of winning at least third place, only to fade out in the stretch, and go down 62 to 54. As we sat there, we reached the decisions that we can't help but convey to the readers. The first is that the dominance of professional basketball by Negro teams is for the time being, at least, and likely for a long to come. This is because the Negro teams lack the field to draw the wealth of material to match the white clubs.

Then there is the lack of stature that is a serious handicap to Negroes. We can't recall when we ever saw any Negro in basketball who was over six feet four. That is midget height to the towering white boys who start at six feet six and go up. There is just a small example of Big George Mikan of De Paul, a mere six nine, being guarded by a guy who happens to tower a mere seven feet above the floor. This is just one example and one that wasn't uncommon during the past season. That is one of the main reasons for the Negro clubs being unable to hold their own against the better clubs.

"Hey, Home Boys: Just a few lines of scribe booting you to the fact that all the cats from the ace burg are down with your frantic mess. We collar all your spels and also cop all the hypes that you put down because not so many brights ago we were putting down the same. Tell the Jodies that are left to stay out of the way of the snatch board because in this mess they will have to put down a slave of solid seven brights and when the solid black shows and its Elgin to stash my mellow frame upon the sod to cap myself a nod.

Tojo's express falls in to lay their iron eggs. All I do is drop on my duce of benders and spiel a solid peal that—if I should join the stiff Joe's before the early toot, I will hype to the head—knock to make everything all root and scrape a spot for this hep in his upper dominy.

I hope somebody will cop a win so we can track back to the big flat and cross the huge wet and I will blow my wig jumping lush pad to frolic crib eyeballing the frantic chicks.

Home, this speed is killing me. So I'll slow down my scribe, but dig this piece of jive; Jack, when I get back all those frantic queens will stash their frames on the corner and cap their brace of blinks on my solid stroll.

I know Jodie is playing life made now because He's there and I'm here, but I won't be always, but will be bowling back. And it won't be long because Sam is digging Tojo's mess. Jack, Sam won't let that slitting rest. Of course, Tojo is doing his best, but that ain't good enough to tuff, you follow me, Joe?

"Well, I got to do me some slave, but I'll be back with more, fer sure with lore. This stuff

Margaret DeSleet with Alan McGregor, as orderly was on hand. The pastor was attended by two altar boys, Walden Miller and Arthur Irvine.

At three o'clock the Sunday school held its Easter program in the auditorium. A program consisted of two divisions the first comprising recitations and musical numbers by the smaller children, featuring piano solos by Miss Barbara Oliver and Bobbie Wilson and a vocal solo by Jaquelin Solomon, while the second division was an Easter pageant in three episodes, under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude North, in which Alan McGregor acted as announcer and the characters were: Mary Tillman, Gwendolyn Davis, Agnes Grant, Paul Morrison and Robert Ewing.

At the end of this program, the pastor administered the sacrament of baptism by immersion to Frances Bates. The climax of the day's program was the rendition at 8 p. m. of the oratorio "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Joburness Kelso accompanied by Mrs. Marian Morrison, with electric and sound effects produced by Mr. Benning. The oratorio featured Madam Sarah Steele Tucker, soprano; George Brewer, tenor and Melvin Maya, baritone. At this service both Bethel and Burns churches who had their services early, joined St. Paul for this program.

MRS. CASON HOME Mrs. Irene Cason is at 1216 University Avenue changing from an operation at Mercy hospital.

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LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting By MARK BOSS

Pfc. Brown Hopes 'Somebody Will Cop a Win So We Can Track Back From Mariannas'

"I was certainly glad to receive your letter and very cute Easter greeting—thanks!" wrote Private First Class Theydon A. Brown from somewhere in the Mariannas on March 21.

"I don't believe there are many Japs left in the hills behind us because we seldom see and hear the infantry blasting the hills.

"Our mess hall is finally completed. It is really a relief to be eating indoors after two months of eating outdoors—rain or shine."

Then Pfc. Brown devoted the rest of his letter to "THE BOYS BACK HOME."

"Hey, Home Boys: Just a few lines of scribe booting you to the fact that all the cats from the ace burg are down with your frantic mess. We collar all your spels and also cop all the hypes that you put down because not so many brights ago we were putting down the same.

Tell the Jodies that are left to stay out of the way of the snatch board because in this mess they will have to put down a slave of solid seven brights and when the solid black shows and its Elgin to stash my mellow frame upon the sod to cap myself a nod.

Tojo's express falls in to lay their iron eggs. All I do is drop on my duce of benders and spiel a solid peal that—if I should join the stiff Joe's before the early toot, I will hype to the head—knock to make everything all root and scrape a spot for this hep in his upper dominy.

I hope somebody will cop a win so we can track back to the big flat and cross the huge wet and I will blow my wig jumping lush pad to frolic crib eyeballing the frantic chicks.

Home, this speed is killing me. So I'll slow down my scribe, but dig this piece of jive; Jack, when I get back all those frantic queens will stash their frames on the corner and cap their brace of blinks on my solid stroll.

I know Jodie is playing life made now because He's there and I'm here, but I won't be always, but will be bowling back. And it won't be long because Sam is digging Tojo's mess.

Jack, Sam won't let that slitting rest. Of course, Tojo is doing his best, but that ain't good enough to tuff, you follow me, Joe?

"Well, I got to do me some slave, but I'll be back with more, fer sure with lore. This stuff

won't do. I'll leave it up to you. Take it slow, Moe, and keep your weight on the freight, Gate! Give my oddies to toodies. Why? Because I know I'm right. Dawkins. Now dig me!"

Pfc. Brown's address is: 37114547, H&S Co. 2806th Engr. GS Bn. APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Sgt. Williams Writes of France and Italy

On an Easter greeting from Sgt. Wm. H. Williams in Italy, came a message this week.

"I'm now in Italy; was in France. Both countries are very fine and very picturesque. Cars are very fine other than army trucks. Bicycles are numerous. The style of dress is much like that of the states only the shoes are leather tops with wooden soles."

"The cars here are about the size of an Austin except the trucks. Paris was on the beam. Much to see and places to go. I've had the opportunity of going to the top of the Leaning Tower and the St. Mary's Cathedral of Pisa."

Sgt. Williams' address is: HQ Co. 679 T D Bn. APO 464, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Arthur Bagby In Italy Comments Bystander on News of Negro Artillery

"I know you do not know me which is probably true of many of the soldiers from Des Moines who write you," wrote Technician Fourth Grade Arthur L. Bagby from somewhere in Italy recently.

"I receive the Bystander over here in Italy and like it very much. I am writing this letter to commend the Bystander on a fine article that was in a January issue. This article was about a Negro artillery battalion which is fighting the Germans. Our battery executive liked the article so much that he read it to the whole battery."

"Since my battalion is an all-Negro artillery battalion and in a Negro division you probably will not hear much of us over here in Italy. So we were particularly interested in this article since there are so few Negroes like ourselves, in artillery."

"If it had not been for the Bystander I don't believe we would have known of this other Negro artillery battalion."

"There are not many boys from Des Moines in the 92nd division. I know of only three besides myself: Charles and Carl Fry who are in an ordnance company and Elmer Bell, who is in an infantry regiment."

"I see Charles Boston whenever I go back to his ordnance company. We exchange news from home. Well, this is all for this time."

T/A Bagby's address is: 37421908.

Btry. A, 600 FA Bn. APO 92, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Lieutenant Mease Tells of Life in Tropical Climate at New Guinea

In a three-page letter to Atty. S. Joe Brown, Lt. Quentin R. Mease wrote recently from New Guinea, "I have mused long enough on the NAACP and the grand job you 'regulars' are doing back there in its behalf. You all rate a snappy salute for keeping things going during these difficult times. More power to all of you."

"My mail is finally arriving in its accustomed volume now that I have settled down for a few months. Among the six letters today was a letter from S/Sgt. Ozzie Morrow, somewhere in Hawaii. He says that he is doing fine and likes Hawaii very much (who wouldn't, especially if you have been in Guinea for the past eighteen months) but would like very much to have been home for Christmas. He states that he ran across my address in the Bystander."

Sees Hometown Folk

"You might be interested in knowing that I've happened across another 'Des Moineser' recently. Sam Vaughn, whose family you know there on the east side, came into the area looking for me. He had been told that Sergeant Fowler and I were on the island, and dropped in to pay us a visit. Sam is stationed across the bay from us at a naval installation, he is a gob, you know."

"Martin Tucker also happened to pay us a call and attend the show at our theater so the four of us spent a jolly hour or so reminiscing over old times, especially when Sam used to backstop for the Union Baptist baseball team in our old 'Y' league. Incidentally, Sam tells us that Elbert Webb was also stationed over at this same base until just recently but had now moved out."

At the time Lieutenant Mease wrote his letter he had read of the sub-zero weather in Iowa, "while over here we are baking (no, I didn't say baking) in subnormal tropical temperatures. It is now time for the rainy season which is cooling, although when it starts it continues for weeks on end and makes a quagmire of everything."

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