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## Seek World Bill of Rights at Conference

### News Briefs From Far and Near

#### PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS HOUSING

The next Des Moines Public Forum and conference will be on the important subject of Housing. There will be both a forum, to be held in the Grand Ball Room, Fort Des Moines hotel, at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, May 1, and a conference the next day, May 2, meeting in the South Ball Room of the hotel.

"A National Picture of Housing" is to be given at the forum, with Dr. Charles Abrams, director of the housing division of New School for Social Research, as the speaker.

There is no charge for either the forum or conference. Interested persons are invited to attend any or all of the conference sessions, as well as the forum on Tuesday.

#### NEW COMMANDER FOR 34TH SEABEES

Oxnard, Calif.—In the words of most of the men of the 34th Seabee battalion stationed here, the coming of a new commanding officer in the person of Commander Lester M. Marles means a "new Emancipation." Marles replaces Com. J. P. MacBean of Hattiesburg, Miss. MacBean's removal was asked of the Navy department by the NAACP after its Los Angeles branch made an investigation of conditions at Port Hueme and recommended the action.

#### REV. HAWKINS SPEAKS AT UNION SUNDAY

The Missionary society of Union Baptist church will present the Rev. J. J. Hawkins, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian church and Drake University student, as guest speaker Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Other participants will be: Mrs. V. McElroy, soloist; Mrs. Fannie Rice soloist with chorus and the choir. Mrs. Earl Bundy is chairman of the program committee.

### Army's Negro Strength Overseas Increased 86,198

Washington, D. C.—Of the total Negro strength of 690,282 as reported through February 28, 1945, some 497,566 are serving overseas in all theaters, the War Department announced today.

Since September 30, 1944, the total Negro strength dropped 11,396, although commissioned personnel increased 744, including an increase of 6 Army nurses. During the same period, infantry personnel rose slightly while total personnel of Coast and Field Artillery, Cavalry and Air Corps units show negligible losses.

A partial breakdown of Negro strength as of February 28, 1945, follows:

Infantry	52,884
Coast and Field Artillery	27,162
Cavalry	770
Engineers	140,154
Air Corps	63,079
All Others	406,232
<b>Total</b>	<b>690,282</b>
Commissioned Officer	6,548
Including:	
Dental Corps Officers	120
Nurses	343
Other Medical Corps Officers	569
Chaplains	260
Serving Overseas	497,566
Including:	
Women's Army Corps	780

#### FELLOWSHIP DAY FRIDAY, MAY 4

May Fellowship Day will be observed on Friday, May 4, at the Christian Baptist church, with all the missionaries of the city cooperating. Mrs. Jessé Bell-Davis will be in charge from 2 to 3:30 p. m.

### NEGRO SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTED \$35,000 TO UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND LAST YEAR; MANY PLAN POST-WAR EDUCATION THROUGH THESE INSTITUTIONS



UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND CAMPAIGN-APRIL 1945

### KYLES CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE



Ministers of the city and friends turned out on last Sunday to the mortgage-burning ceremonies at the Kyles AME Zion church where an indebtedness of \$1,500 was liquidated during the 14-month pastorate of the

Rev. H. A. Simmons. Shown participating in the ceremonies are: (from left to right) Frank Jones, William Mash, Charles James, Jesse Frazier, John Graves, James Darby, trustees; Mrs. Alice Clinton and Mrs.

### Bomber Groups Denied Posts NAACP Tells Stimson

New York—A strong suggestion that command functions have been deliberately denied to the officers in the 477th Bombardment Group was contained in a letter from the NAACP to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, reviewing the current situation at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, where 101 Negro officers are under arrest.

"The men complain," the letter said, "that in each of the four squadrons all positions requiring command functions are filled by white personnel. In spite of the fact that the unit has been activated for a year and a quarter, that Negro officers have an average of approximately 700 flying hours, and that this unit is expected to go overseas soon, at no time has any Negro exercised command functions."

The NAACP letter was based upon personal investigation at the field by Leslie Perry of its Washington bureau. After reciting the long history of dissatisfaction in the unit which dated over when Colonel Robert R. Selway, Jr., and Major General Frank O. P. Hunter issued an order

barring them from the "white" officers' club, the NAACP letter, signed by Walter White, declared: "For more than a year this unit has made diligent effort to secure a thorough investigation of the manner in which it has been commanded. As far as I have been able to ascertain, the War department has not seen fit to make the type and kind of investigation conditions urgently require and warrant. We urge that a thorough-going investigation be made of the 477th Medium Bombardment Group and that particular attention be given to the attempts by Colonel Selway and General Hunter to segregate Negro officers in violation of War department regulations and policies."

### Kyles Zion Church Burns Mortgage

Officers and members of the Kyles AME Zion church held mortgage burning ceremonies Sunday afternoon, April 22, paying off a \$1,500 debt in the 14 months that the minister, the Rev. H. A. Simmons, has been pastor. The church is located at 709 S. E. 15th street.

The Rev. J. J. Hawkins was guest speaker for the occasion. The Rev. W. F. Ogletton presided and the music for the afternoon was offered by the Shiloh Baptist church choir and the Burns Methodist church. The welcome address was given by Miss Delphia Tillman. Atty. James B. Morris made a response.

Trustees along with some of members of the church participated in the ceremony. Among them were: Charles James, chairman; Everett Singleton, secretary; Frank Jones, treasurer; Jesse Frazier, John Graves, James Darby, Lewis Washington and William Mash.

### SIGN UP NOW FOR CLEAN-UP DRIVE

Registration for the Clean-Up and Beautify campaign will close on April 30. The campaign is being sponsored by the Community Garden Club, Des Moines branch NAACP and the Iowa Bystander. Phone 3-2822 for more information and blanks.

### NAACP Opens Local Drive for Members May 1

The Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will launch its annual membership drive at a sick-off meeting on Tuesday night, May 1, at the St. Paul AME church. The Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor, will be the guest speaker. Musical numbers will be offered.

The membership drive which has a goal of 1000 new and renewed members is headed again this year by F. O. Morrow, chairman. Five captains will have ten workers each in the drive. A. P. Trotter is president of the branch.

### Miss Washington Plays Recital

Drake University College of Fine Arts presented Miss Donna Marie Washington, pianist, and James Lounsbury, baritone, in a senior recital on Tuesday night at the school's auditorium.

Miss Washington played "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor" (Bach-Tausig) and "Hungarian Rhapsody" (Franz Liszt). She received a hearty applause and several curtain calls from an appreciative audience.

Miss Washington, native of Beatrice, Neb., is a candidate for a Bachelor of Music Education Degree this spring.

Mr. Lounsbury sang two groups of numbers, "Aria—Within This Sacred Dwelling" (Mozart), "Ich Grolle Nicht" (Schumann) and "Aria—Vision Fugitive" (Massenet) "Courage" (Hahn).

### DR. MUZUMDAR IS COSMOPOLITAN CLUB SPEAKER MAY 3

Dr. Haridas T. Muzumdar will address the Cosmopolitan club, May 3, at 8 p. m. at the Y.W.C.A. auditorium, 9th and High street. The subject will be "Orient's View of the Peace."

He is a friend and biographer of Mahatma Gandhi, distinguished Hindu sociologist and educator, authority on the Orient, interpreter of the political crises in India.

A former faculty member of the department of sociology of Wisconsin and Hoyard University, he is now professor of sociology and economics at Penn college of Oskawosa, Iowa. The meeting is open to the public. Panel discussion will follow the address.

### DISCHARGED ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL DISCOURAGED TO RETURN CLOTHING

Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. Express is the word, not mail, if you're planning to return GI clothing to the Army for renovation and re-issue to troops.

The Army recently appealed to all former service men to return—uniforms no longer needed to help meet immediate needs of troops.

Any package of such clothing, not over 30 pounds wrapped or boxed, may be shipped—EXPRESS collect to the Quartermaster. Clothing and Equipage Classification Officer, at the nearest army post or camp.

Many persons have sought to mail such packages through their post offices. If mailed, the packages will require postage. If expressed, the charges will be paid by the Army.

## Walter White and DuBois Consultants to Americans At San Francisco Parley

New York—A world Bill of Rights which will include unequivocal affirmation of equality of all peoples and races" will be a primary goal of Walter White and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the World Security Conference in San Francisco opening April 25.

Dr. DuBois and Mr. White will be consultants to the American delegation at San Francisco, officially designated as such by the State Department. The NAACP is one of 42 organizations, and the only Negro organization, invited by the State Department.

In a statement issued before board a special train in New York April 19, Mr. White said:

"It is our hope as consultants to the American delegation, to induce the San Francisco conference to face what is one of the most serious problems of the twentieth century—the question of race and color. We are particularly concerned with what is done about colonial empires and the well-being of colonial peoples around the world. Most of these colonial peoples are colored. What happens to even the most exploited of these has direct bearing upon the future of Negroes in the United States.

"Disturbing to Read"  
"It is disturbing to read on the eve of the conference the statement by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., that the position of the United States government on the question of assignment of trusteeships for Pacific islands and former mandated territories has not been determined upon. The Army, the Navy and other forces, including the Hearst press, are waging a determined campaign against the American delegation approving any formula for former

mandates and island possessions which would interfere with the United States retaining as military bases certain Pacific islands which have been wrested from the Japanese. It is reported that powerful forces in the United States are willing to permit colonial powers like the British, Dutch and French—to do whatever they choose in colonies they held before the war if in return the United States is permitted to hold on to the islands it wishes.

"It is to be hoped that the United States is not going into the conference with any willingness to perpetuate colonial empires.

### World Bill of Rights

"Equally important is the adoption by the conference of a world bill of rights which will include unequivocal affirmation of the equality of all peoples and races. Such a resolution was introduced at Dumbarton Oaks by the Chinese but was quietly smothered. It is our hope that there will be no repetition of such suppression at San Francisco, since that would be merely an affirmation of determination to perpetuate 'white supremacy.'"

"We realize that the task we face is not an easy one. Our voices will be heard only if a sustained and enlightened public opinion backs the efforts to induce the San Francisco conference to support such reasonable and necessary principles."

At the last moment Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women, was added to the NAACP delegation with the permission of the State Department, but she will not be recognized as representing her organization. She is one of the vice presidents of the NAACP.

### GETS PURPLE HEART



PVT. ROBERT BROWN  
Pvt. Robert Brown, who is recovering in an England hospital from shrapnel wounds of the legs and hands, received the Purple Heart award for military merit. The award was received here this week by the soldier's mother, Mrs. Mary Manuel of 1518 Walker street.

Private Brown was wounded on March 19 in Germany where he was serving as one of the members of the Fighting First Platoon of the First Infantry.

When Brown's platoon became a part of the infantry, it was headed by T/Sgt. Casper Koch of Beaver Dam, Wis. Their first action was in a little German crossroads town, an item from Stars and Stripes revealed.

"We had practiced taking houses while we were resting," Koch said. "When they came to this town we only gave them eight or nine houses on one side of the street to clean out just to see how they worked."

they had 63 prisoners and there were more dead Germans inside the houses," Koch described.

Writing to his mother, Pvt. Brown who was one of these men, said: "It makes me feel good to know that we did as good as we did. The houses that they talk about having taken, I was the first one in the very first house and killed the first Jerry for our platoon and my one regret is that I am not there to kill more now."

"Well Mother," continued the Iowan, "you can be proud of your son because at last—he is in a combat outfit," he wrote before he was injured. "I had just considered myself a civilian here in soldier clothes because of the fact my main mission was to work hard every day. But now, I am a soldier and know it and know I am getting a break—in the best outfit ever seen. Of course, you know I will do good because I have a mother who is praying and also a grandmother. (Mrs. Margaret Ashby) to pray for me. Then I have a very sweet little girl who is waiting on me to return—so I will be back."

### YOUTH COUNCIL TO HONOR FORMER HEAD FRIDAY NIGHT

The Youth Council NAACP will have a social meeting at the home of Mr. John Coleman on Friday, April 27, at 8 p. m. in honor of the former president, Bernard Lewis, who is a student at the State University of Iowa and who will be here attending the Drake Relay. The visiting athletes attending the Relays will also be invited. Individual members of the Youth Council are furnishing refreshments.

The next regular business meeting will be May 4, at the Blue Triangle Y.W.C.A. The membership drive is being launched.

# IOWANS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

## REEVES BROTHERS



**PVT. WILLIAM FREEMAN**  
Pvt. William Freeman, son of Mr. L. Freeman of West Des Moines, is somewhere in North Africa with the army.

**PFC. D. J. MURRAY**  
Private First Class Daniel J. Murray who is in Perry Point, Md., is the son of William Murray of Chicago, and the husband of Mrs. Edwina Heath Murray of 1313 Fremont street. In the army four years he spent a year and a half overseas in the European theater of operations before returning to the states.

**SGT. C. J. RHODES**  
Sgt. Charles J. Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, 950 15th street, is somewhere in Italy with the army. In the army four years he has been overseas for one year.

**SGT. THOMAS PINSON**  
Sgt. Thomas Pinson, somewhere in Burma with the army, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pinson, 1318 Day street. He has been overseas about 20 months. He is the brother of Mrs. Wesley Burrell, 935 Sixteenth street.

**CARROLL A. HEATH**  
Carroll A. Heath, brother of Hilda Rose Kelley of Ames, Ia., is somewhere in Belgium with the army.

**SISTERS CALLED HERE**  
Mrs. Eula Lawson of Los Angeles, Cal. and her sister, Mrs. Hugh Powell from Detroit, Mich., were called to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. J. A. Cleveland who is ill at the home of another sister, Mrs. I. C. Burrell, 1070 14th. Mrs. Powell left Wednesday for her home.

**EDWARD AND HENRY REEVES**  
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Reeves, of 3013 Third street have two sons in the service of the country. S/Sgt. Edward Reeves who is somewhere in Italy and Cpl. Henry Reeves in France. Both in the army, S/Sgt. Reeves was formerly with the Ninth Cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kas., before he was transferred to a trucking company overseas. He has served in North Africa and Sicily. The parents are members of the St. Paul A.M.E. church.

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES**  
Last Sunday was the date set for the culmination of the Victory Rally as a result of which the pastor and officers expected to liquidate the entire mortgage indebtedness of about six thousand dollars.

**ATTEND CONFERENCE**  
Mesdames Cottie Lucas, Estella Allen, Marie Thomas, Dorothy Hammitt, members of Burns Methodist church, attended the annual Methodist conference in Kansas City, Mo., last week.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES**  
The installation program for the Rev. G. A. Kendricks was held last Sunday afternoon with Rev. C. L. McAllister and choir in charge. The following ministers and their choirs or soloists participated during the evening meetings: Rev. G. W. Robinson.

## Buy War Bonds

## Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

### BROWN'S CHAPEL A. M. E. ZION

Rev. R. A. Whitte, pastor, 1445 Walker. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.; Midweek service and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m., Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

### FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

940 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 1637 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 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

The David Spiritual Temple of Christ of All Nations—1229 Stewart street, Evangelist L. W. Brown, pastor; C. L. Brinkman, assistant pastor. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Week days, Wednesday spiritual strength at 8 p. m. Friday Bible class. Everyone welcome.

### CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

East Seventeenth and University. Elder P. T. Taylor, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon). Y. P. W. W. at 6:30 p. m. Regular services Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Hogue, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

### ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

533 S. E. 28th street. Rev. O. H. Kendrick, pastor; residence, 947 W. 9th St. Order of services: Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; Supt. C. H. Cavill, Morning worship, 11:30 o'clock; Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock; Midweek Prayer service, 7:30 o'clock; Wednesday; Mission Circle, Tuesday night 8 p. m.; President, Mrs. Willie Williams.

### FIRST CME CHURCH

S. E. 28th and Maury streets; Rev. J. E. Johnson, pastor; address, 1182 14th street, phone 3-0400. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Beulah Reary, reporter.

### COBINTILIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

9th and School street. Phone 3-4073. Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor; residence, 1096 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.

### MT. ZION NATIONAL SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, INC.

1734 Grandfield. 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 8 p. m. Messages at each service night. Private consultation daily by appointment.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

1212 Scott street, Rev. C. A. Record, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 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

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, 8:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

### BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

1023 E. University. Rev. W. F. Opletun, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Allen League 6 p. m. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday at 8 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.

### NYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

124 and Shaw streets, Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Verick C. E. Society, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Midweek prayer Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

### UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

1600 E. University University Ave. Rev. H. R. Fields, pastor; residence, 1607 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 7:45 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.

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## Women's Day

AT MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29  
Speakers, Miss Ruth B. Pritchard, 11 A. M.  
Mrs. Ina A. Bolton of Lincoln U. (Mo.) 3 P. M.  
"War Effort" Symposium by Women in Services at 7:45 p. m. 404th (WAC) ASP Band and Choral Group will furnish music Sunday Night.  
East Sixteenth and Maple Streets

### SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Iowa, Polk County, ss. FLANNERY SUPPLY CO. & J. J. FLANNERY, Plaintiff vs. GEORGE ISHAM & MRS. GEORGE ISHAM, also known as LOLA M. ISHAM, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a general execution, to me directed by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, against the goods, chattels, lands, tenements, etc., of Mrs. George Isham, also known as Lola M. Isham, defendant in favor of Flannery Supply Co. & J. J. Flannery, plaintiff, I have levied on and will offer at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at East Front Door of Polk County Court House, in the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 26th day of May, 1945, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M., on said day, all of the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described property, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit:

The West half (1/2) of Lot side (B) and the East half (1/2) of Lot side (10), in Block sixteen (16), Plat Two (2) Chilton Heights, an Addition now in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

Sale to commence at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day. Witness my hand, this 16th day of April, 1945.

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### ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY.

ANNA LEWIS, also known as ANNA LEWIS GRANZOW, R. R. GRANZOW, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, and all the unknown claimants of Lot five (5) of the subdivision of Lot ten (10) of the Official Plat of the SW 1/4, Section 31, Township 78, North of Range 22, West of the Fifth P. M., Polk County, Iowa, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, including all persons of mental or legal disability, having or claiming to have some lien upon or interest in said property above described, Defendants.

To the Above Named Defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled case is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, alleging that the Plaintiff is the absolute owner in fee simple of the property described as: Lot Five (5) of the Subdivision of Lot ten (10) of the Official Plat of the Southwest Quarter, of Section 31, Township 78, North of Range 22, West of the Fifth P. M., Polk County, Iowa, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa;

and that the defendants herein and each of them, their heirs and assigns and legal representatives and all persons claiming by, through or under them, are and each of them, their heirs and assigns and legal representatives and all persons claiming by, through or under them, have been and forever estopped from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest therein or thereon adverse to plaintiff's title to said real estate and that the title to said real estate be quieted in the plaintiff. Said petition also asks for general equitable relief, including the costs of this action.

For further particulars see the petition on file.

You are also hereby notified to appear before said court at the Polk County, Iowa, District Court House in the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on or before May 24, 1945, and that unless you so appear your default will be entered and judgment and decree will be entered against you for the relief demanded.

For further particulars see the petition on file.

Attorney for Plaintiff, T. C. JONES, 610 Fleming Bldg., Des Moines 5, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander April 19, 20 and 23, 1945.

### NOTICE IN PROBATE

Will of Alice M. Graves, Deceased.

You are hereby notified to appear at the Court House in Polk County, Iowa on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1945, at 9 o'clock A. M. as an executor or probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Alice M. Graves, deceased, of Polk County, Iowa, at which time and place you will appear and show cause, if any, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court, at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of April, A. D. 1945.

FRED BARKALOW, Clerk District Court.

CLYDE FAIRGHAZE, Deputy. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander April 12, 19 and 20, 1945.

### ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY.

C. W. HOTZ, Plaintiff vs. LULA H. HOTZ, Defendant.

To the Above Defendant or Defendants: You are hereby notified that a petition of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled action is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court, and which petition prays for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony upon the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. For further particulars see said petition on file.

You are also hereby notified to appear before said court at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on or before the 18th day of June, 1945, and that unless you so appear your default will be entered and judgment or decree will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

S. JOE BROWN, Attorney for Plaintiff, 207 9th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander April 26, May 3 and 10, 1945.

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### LITTLE MAGNOLIA

SAY, MA! I WAS WONDERING! WHAT'S A SECOND STORY MAN?  
YOUR FATHER!  
FATHER?  
SURE!  
WHEN HE COMES HOME LATE AT NIGHT AND I DON'T BELIEVE HIS FIRST STORY HE TELLS ME HIS SECOND STORY!

MRS. B. CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY  
Mrs. A. celebrated twin sons whose birthday was celebrated at a day given by Catherine Jones, Misses No. Jones, H. Frazier, Mrs. Veggie Verle Johnson, Mesdames Julia Cannon, Ella Mitchell, Goggles, Jett, Williams, Maureen, Alice Kiser, William Taylor, Many by Miss C.  
MRS. W. PARTY IN  
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AREIGHT**

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**MRS. BEVERLY  
CELEBRATES 80TH  
BIRTHDAY HERE**

Mrs. Angeline Morrow Beverly celebrated her 80th birthday with her twin sons, James and John Morrow whose birthdates all come April 21. The family of three sons and three daughters with their husbands and wives enjoyed a dinner served at the home of the oldest son, F. O. Morrow at 1060 Twelfth street.

The mother and twins receive many gifts from the family and friends here and from the only absent son, V. M. Morrow of Los Angeles, Cal. Others sharing the courtesy were Mr. John Beverly, husband of the honoree, and a cousin, Mrs. H. McCowan and Mr. McCowan.

**MISS MAEHENRI CRUMB  
HONORED AT SHOWER  
AT DAVIES HOME**

Miss Mae Henri Crumb was honored at a miscellaneous shower Sunday given by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Crumb, and Miss Billie Jean Davies, at the home of Miss Davies.

Participating in the courtesy were Misses Nellie, Goldie and Dolores Jones, Harriet Curley, Kathleen Frazier, Mildred Griffin, Geneva Morrow, Vega-Zalonia Johnson, Thyra Verle Johnson, Kitty Lou Allen and Mesdames Mary Catherine Monroe, Julia Cannon, Henry Manuel, Lottie Jones, Mabel Crowder, Lucy Miller, Ella Mitchell, Valeria Mease, Georgia Goggins, George Robinson, Sr., Sarah Jett, Willa Bell Sloan, Hazel Gaither, Mauree Frazier, Mammie Jackson, Marie Kiser, Leola Martin, Louise Ware, Alice Crowder, Helen McCraven, William Potts, C. C. Brown, Myrtle Taylor and Jessye Bell Davis.

Many beautiful gifts were received by Miss Crumb.

**MRS. WELLS GIVES  
PARTY FOR HUSBAND**

Mrs. Venita Wells of 1425 Maryland honored her husband S/Sgt. Wells at a party Saturday night, April 21, at the Sepia club. Other guests were Mrs. Gwendolyn Temple, Mrs. Ellen Robinson, Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Marian Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ross, and Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright.

After spending a 21-day furlough with his wife and mother, Mrs. Willa Mae Wells of 1725 Walker, S/Sgt. Wells left early Sunday morning for Waco, Texas, where he is stationed.

**IOWANS BACK FROM  
VISIT IN K. C.**

Mesdames Fred Allen and Fletcher Thomas attended the Methodist Conference in Kansas City, Mo., and were the house guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Lee. They spent a few days in Kansas City, Kas., with Mrs. J. P. Bell.

**MISS CAROLYN BURRELL  
HONORED AT BIRTHDAY**

Miss Carolyn Burrell of 915 West Seventeenth street, daughter of Pfc. and Mrs. John A. Burrell, was guest of honor at a birthday party celebrating her fourth anniversary, Sunday, April 15. She received many gifts.

The guests were: Betty Lou, John Jr., and Marzetta Izell Burrell, Myrtle Carter, Marie Barker, Shirley and Richard Smith, Donald and Wesley C. Burrell, Micky and Lawrence Robinson, Isaac Jones, Jr., Leland Burrell, Yaladia and Marlene Burrell, Eugene Moore, Darlyne Bennett, Shirley and Wesley Davis.

**MR. FRED MILLER  
BACK FROM CHICAGO**

Mr. Fred V. Miller returned to the city last Thursday from Chicago, Ill., where he spent four days with his son, Clement V. Miller, who received his medical discharge recently from the army.

**THE JAMES NEWSOMES  
HONOR VISITORS**

Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome, 1315 Laurel, entertained at dinner during the week end, Rev. George W. Hubbard of Colorado Springs, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Whaley and Rev. Ennis M. Whaley of Portland, Ore., Rev. M. Hubbard was returning from the Methodist conference in Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. Mr. Whaley was in the city in business.

**WCTU IN MOTHERS'  
DAY BREAKFAST MAY 8**

The W.C.T.U. met at the home of Mrs. Emma Evans Tuesday. Mrs. K. Shelton talked on Temperance Education in the home and the effects of alcohol on the health, social and economic conditions. The next meeting will be a Mother's Day breakfast on Tuesday, May 8, from 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sadie Hammitt. Mrs. H. M. Tutt is president.

**Women's Day Speaker**



**MRS. INA A. BOLTON**  
Annual Women's Day will be observed at the Maple Street Baptist church Sunday, April 29. Three services will be held during the day.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Miss Ruth B. Pritchard, principal of the Logan school, will be the speaker. Cpl. Romaine Simmons will be the guest soloist.

At 3 p. m. Mrs. Ina A. Bolton, Dean of Women of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., will deliver the Woman's Day address. The Saint Paul A.M.E. choir will render the music.

Graduates of Lincoln university who live in the city will be special guests of the Sunday afternoon service.

**Symposium**  
A special service will be held at 7:45 p. m., a symposium on "War Effort," with representatives from the various branches of the services. WAC First Lt. Thelma B. Brown; Wave, Yeoman First Class, Virginia Ash; Army Nurse, Second Lt. Carolyn B. Griggs; Red Cross, Mrs. Fred P. Gilbert; USO, Mrs. James Bailey; The 40th ASF band and choral group of Fort Des Moines will furnish the music for the occasion. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Ruth Huggins McAllister is chairman of program committee; Mrs. S. B. Boyers is general chairman of the day.

**Fashion Review  
Next Thurs. Night**

The Usher Board of the Corinthian church is sponsoring a Spring Fashion Review with "models in perfection" Thursday night, May 3, 8 o'clock, at the church. Styles for 1945 will be modeled by 75 men, women and children who will be presented in scenes of the seasons.

Appearing in the show will be nine professional models from the French room of Younkers Store who will display styles from their own wardrobes.

**ELEGANT EIGHT  
CLUB MEETS**

The Elegant Eight club met at the residence of Mrs. Bernice Carter, 911 16th street. Mrs. Marilyn Freeman discussed post-war plans. Bridge was played. Winners were: Virginia Forrester, Felice Stevenson and Obenetta Green.

**CHEERETTES MEET  
AND PLAN PARTY**

The Cheerettes met at Mrs. Nancy Jackson, April 18. Plans were made to have a party at the Sepia on April 28. Lunch was served and games were played. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Corene Miles, 1047 Sixteenth street. Dorothy Morris is president.

**PERSONAL  
TOUCH**

By MARIE ROSS

It was pay day for Miss Katherine McDonald and she sat at one of the lunch counters downtown getting ready to eat lunch. Next to her was a hungry soul. Miss McDonald felt the urge of doing a good deed—so she looked over and smiled and asked, kindly, "won't you be my guest today?" The guest thanked her and smiled—"I'll be here again next Friday, too."

Pauline Brown Humphrey was getting an early start the other morning before the stores open—going to the market to shop. Then she had a very special engagement with a foot doctor before returning to her class at the Crescent Beauty School.

**KEO-WAY USO  
CLUB NEWS**

Happy birthday all you April born service people. KEO-Way is celebrating your birthday on Saturday, April 28.

National Baby Week April 29-May 5 will be observed at KEO-Way on Sunday, April 29. All service men's babies will be honored by a tea for them and their mothers from 3:00-6:00. Entertainments and refreshments will be provided.

The Senior Hostess regular meeting will be held May 3rd at 8 o'clock.

The Junior Hostesses regret that three of their members left for Dayton, Ohio, the Misses Lucille Jackson, Jeanette Smith and Dorothy Tomlin. A party was given in their honor after the meeting, Thursday, April 19. They have been transferred to the USO in Dayton.

**LINCOLN AUXILIARY**

By FRANCES M. HALL  
The next regular business meeting of the Auxiliary will be Tuesday evening, May 1 instead of May 8 as previously announced. Mesdames Hall, Mabel Mason and Jessie M. Phillips, Commander Compton Chapman and LeRoy Bird, adjutant of the Post, have returned from Perry, Ia., where they attended the Sixth District joint conference of the American Legion and Auxiliary. An extensive post-war program will be launched immediately by the Post and Auxiliary.

Officers elected by the Sixth District Auxiliary were: Mrs. M. L. Haisner, Marion county, president; Mrs. Gertrude Fessler, Polk county, vice president; Mrs. Paul Taylor, Story county, secretary-treasurer.

**MAKE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AT  
YWCA STAY-AT-HOME CONVENTION**

When Mrs. John McGill, president of the Des Moines Y.W.C.A. called a Stay-at-Home convention meeting of the six hundred and fifty electoral members of the organization on April 17, she was joining with 1005 other Y.W.C.A. presidents in the United States to discover what directives should guide the National Board Y.W.C.A. until war conditions no longer prevent national conventions.

Mrs. Harry Gross, chairman of the membership committee, assisted by Mrs. Guy Lambert had decorated the second floor with flowers and green branches. Mrs. Vega Lytton and Mrs. Dayse Johnson led the group in singing at the meeting opened.

Under the title "The Times Demand an Inclusive Fellowship" the following persons reported for their sections of the Y.W.C.A.: Industrial Girls, Miss Eleanor Rod, president, Industrial Council; Business Girls, Mrs. Ruth Foster, program chairman Tri-F club; Miss Ruth Baynes, president, Live Y'ers; Younger Girls, Mrs. W. T. Smith, chairman Younger Girls' Department; Inter-Racial Study, Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, chairman of Blue Triangle Branch; Student Y. W.C.A., Miss Patricia Kelly, president Drake Y.W.C.A.; USO, Miss Mildred Kamm, director Locust Street USO. Mrs. Guy Lambert then led the group in worship.

**IOWAN WEDS CALIFORNIAN**



**MR. AND MRS. ISAAC DILLARD, JR.**  
Los Angeles, Calif.—Miss Margaret McCracken, former Des Moines girl, became the bride of Mr. Isaac Dillard, Jr., Tuesday, March 6. The reception was held at the home of Mrs. James McBee, 9414 Baird avenue, sister of the bride. The couple received many beautiful gifts. The bride and groom are both graduates of Jefferson High school here. She is the daughter of Mr. Charles McCracken, 919 School street, Des Moines, Ia., in which city she was born and resided until two years ago when she went to California.

Immediately following the meeting Miss Katherine Luchini, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and Miss Mildred Kamm, USO director, were introduced by Mrs. John McGill and Mrs. W. J. Ritchey.

Refreshments were served by the Girl Reserves under the supervision of Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Charles Henshaw poured.

**Y.W.C.A.**

Branch Committee meets May 3, 8 p. m. Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, chairman.

**Club Schedule**  
Keen Teens, April 30, 7:30 p. m.; Teen-Age Co-eds, May 3, 7:30 p. m.; T.I.D.'s, May 3, 5 p. m.; Senior Girl Reserves, May 3, 8 p. m.; Book Lovers, May 4, 2 p. m.

**Class Schedule**  
Pre-Natal and Child Care May 1, 8 p. m.; nutrition class, May 1, 8 p. m.; Negro History class, May 3, 8 p. m.

Recreation club Saturday, April 28, 8 to 11 p. m. at the branch, with Mrs. Rose Johnson, chaperon; Saturday, May 5, Mrs. Hazel Oliver, chaperon.

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Fate and Worry—I have trouble on top of trouble. The man I have been going with is married and has two kids. Everyone said neither of them are his and I know for sure the oldest one does not belong to him, but it makes no difference to him. When his youngest son was five months old, his wife left, so I felt sorry for the kids, and went to live with him and the children. I love him very much and each time his wife leaves him, I go to live with them. She has left three times. Now I have a few other friends but please tell me if this married man loves me or is just using the for one of those good things. Please tell me what to do.

Ans.: It was humane and kind of you to care for the children in their mother's absence but where you made your mistake was to move in and be a wife to this man. You made this mistake on three different occasions and you must not let it happen again regardless of your sympathy for the children. If he had loved you, he would have done something about it long ago, and would not have kept you in suspense all of this time. Take his silence as a direct dismissal by all means cultivate these other friends that you have and try to find happiness with a husband of your own and children.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
ACTIVITIES**

Monday, April 30, Rehearsal for "Personality Parade"

Tuesday, May 1, Special workers meeting at 8 p. m. West Center; Miss Clara Webb, Mrs. Dayse Johnson and Mr. Walter Thompson in charge of the meeting.

Wednesday, May 2—Lay Nursery committee meeting at noon, West Center. Mrs. W. T. Johnson, president; Mrs. Lillian Scales, chairman of program committee.

Thursday, May 3, Forum at East Center 8 p. m. Mrs. Dorothy Simms and Mrs. Hallie Tutt are in charge of the program.

Friday, May 4, Community Garden club at 8 p. m. West Center. Mrs. Amos Adams is in charge of the program.

**MRS. HAWKINS  
SEEKS DIVORCE**

Mrs. Nina Hawkins, 1513 School, filed a petition on April 21 in the district court of Polk county, for divorce from Freddie Hawkins.

**JOLLY TWELVE**

The Jolly 12 club met at the home of Mrs. Ridgell, 1144 W. 17th street, April 19. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Carter.

**MRS. GREENFIELD HOME**

Mrs. Sophia Greenfield returned home Tuesday from Broadlawn hospital. She suffered an ankle injury recently when alighting from a street car. She is recovering nicely.

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THE NAACP DRIVE

The NAACP is beginning its big drive for 600,000 members. The Des Moines branch is starting its 1945 campaign on May 1 for 1,000 members, a mark which was barely missed in 1944.

Fortunately, the national membership has made a big jump in recent years and with that increase has come more funds with which to work. This has produced a stepped up program all along the line.

What has been true in the national organization holds good locally. For instance a more vigorous prosecution of racial discrimination cases in Des Moines has been carried out, an industrial survey is being conducted in Des Moines, the branch is participating in the clean up and beautifying campaign, full support of every request from the national office both financially and otherwise has been given; careful investigation of and action, where the situation justifies it, has been given all matters brought before the branch for consideration.

Experience shows that a strong branch of the NAACP in any community is an asset. And branches remain strong only in proportion that citizens support them and they carry on an active program.

Des Moines should pass the 1,000 mark by all means. And it can and will if the people, who are honestly interested in fair play for all people turn in their membership.

IT CAN AND WILL WORK

The war department reports that Negro engineers who volunteered for combat duty with white troops on the western front are doing a fine job and that placing them in white units has not precipitated any resentment on the part of the white men with whom they are fighting.

Those enlisted men are entitled to a lot of credit for in many instances they took a reduction in rank; in many instances they left positions of comparative security to expose themselves to the hazards of battle in infantry companies where admittedly the going is really tough.

It is quite apparent that these men have demonstrated very clearly that white and Negro soldiers can fight together without friction and that, as the record speaks in other wars, the Negro is a good fighter.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE REQUIRES RECOGNITION OF EQUALITY OF ALL MEN

The Bystander believes that delegates to the San Francisco conference could work out a program whereby nations acting jointly can prevent future wars. But when we witness the leaders in that conference denying to a large minority group within its borders equal treatment, we just don't expect as a practical proposition anything they evolve will succeed.

Last week the unprecedentedly bold announcement came over the radio, and it was published in daily and weekly newspapers, that 100 Negro officers at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, had been placed under arrest and carried by plane to Kentucky because they dared to exercise their rights as American citizens and as officers of the United States Army and also because they refused to sign a pledge to Jim Crow themselves—to make "second" class citizens of themselves.

Frankly, this is one of the most flagrant misuses of authority that has

SPORTS ON SICK LEAVE

By ALLEN ASHBY

Relay Stars Here

When you read this the Drake Relays will be on in full swing.

Dave Bolen of Lincoln Air Field, an entry in the 440-yard invitational, stands a good chance of winning that featured event. He went to Southern Methodist, won the Tuskegee, Ala. meet last year on a muddy track in a driving rain at :50. His best time is :48. His qualifying time for this meet, :48.4, the best of the six men entered.

Paul Ware of Iowa City, Ia., Drake freshman is another entry in that event. Paul will also run on Drake's medley team which might break a record. Henry Williams of Los Angeles, Cal., a sophomore, is another man on that medley team.

Illinois' Bob Kelley may not be here and the Indian squad which had three fine Negro performers, was broken up by draft calls and will not be here.

The other day we ran across an article on the use of Negro ball players in the major leagues. The writer suggested that a few of them try to break into minor league clubs and play their way up. He also stated that big league club owners have a natural "out" by saying that the applicants just aren't good enough and who is to dispute their claims since they are the final judges.

So the writer argues that getting one or two of them into the minors where their records would speak for themselves would do more to offset those claims than all the arguments, verbal and written could ever do. It is argued in this article that major leagues will use one-armed players, players with one leg, Cubans, Mexicans, Indians and are even talking about going to South America spending good cash to look over "prospects" thousands of miles away and will dismiss Negroes with a wave of the hand as not good enough.

The puzzled author wants to know why Negro youth have risen to top ranks in every other sport and in spite of the fact that they play "baseball all the time" can't make the grade of major league quality. He smells a rat—as who doesn't? Your illustrious scribber might add that of all the major league games we saw last summer, none approached the glamor and color of the Negro All-Stars game and we were equally as certain that the White Sox Team we saw floundering around in the field could have used some Negro or just any other talent.

The Negro Majors are getting under way again and we wonder what has become of Satchel Paige who led the strike against the All Star promoters last year. Last reports had him touring army camps and the Satchel could have some tall tales to help amuse sports hungry Negroes on the various fronts.

The greatest collection of Negro sports talent ever assembled is off for a tour of the fighting fronts. The group, headed by Henry Armstrong, expects to make a lengthy tour before they get back this way. The trip, to our way of thinking, should have been done sooner.

Arthur Martin, and Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Thursday evening complimented to Mrs. Belle and niece, Mrs. Helen Hopkins and son, Michael of St. Louis, Mo. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson and daughters, Miss Juanita and Nancy Thompson.

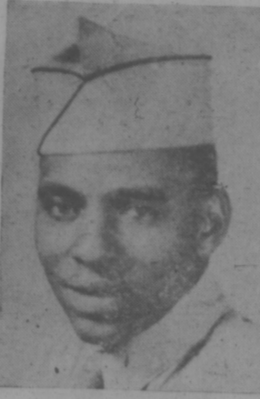
Mrs. Belle and niece, Mrs. Hopkins and son are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson. Pvt. Edward Shelby is on furlough from Arizona visiting his wife and brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rideout at their home on Starr avenue.

Robert Lloyd, one of the champion runners of the track team of Burlington high school, made good at their meet in Ft. Madison last Friday afternoon. He is the son of Mrs. La Monte Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibson have recently purchased a home at 512 S. Fifth street. Mrs. Roy Nickerson is employed as elevator girl at Klens department store. Miss Mary Morgan is an elevator girl at Schramm's store and Miss Mercedes Drew will be salad girl at Kregg's dime store.

LINCOLN POST NO. 126 AMERICAN LEGION

Now is the time to start planning for Memorial day getting the uniform ready and other things. Also plan to give the ladies of the Unit a lift on poppy day. Do not know the plans for I Am An American Day



SGT. WESLEY BETTIS
Sgt. Wesley Bettis, Des Moines soldier who has served a year and a half in New Guinea, Australia and the Philippines, is back home on a medical leave with his wife Mrs. Barbara Bettis of 915 Sixteenth street, relatives and friends.

Sergeant Bettis was injured in January during some of the Jap bombings on the Philippines. "I got pretty torn up," he said. Weeks of convalescing were spent in the hospital there and on March 31 he arrived in Des Moines.

At home, he hasn't been able to get enough rest—in the easy chairs and soft beds, after having spent three years on army cots.

Like many other fellows who are returning from the hot temperatures of the Southwest Pacific, Bettis wanted first—just to get a swallow of some ice cold milk and while here he has been drinking plenty of it.

"White Christmas"
Relating some of the experiences in the battle areas, Sgt. Bettis told of the Christmas eve message of "Madam Tojo" who announced over her radio that she would give us a white Christmas—and that she did.

"We were off shore—sitting on the wave when Jap planes started coming in. We caught them in a searchlight and started blasting away. One of the Jap bombs threw millions of little pieces of white shrapnel. One of the pieces hit the breach of a shell we were loading. Had it been a minute sooner it would have blown us up.

The White Christmas started and continued all night.

While in New Guinea Sgt. Bettis said "everything was pretty quiet. We were loading ships."

In the entire South Pacific the Iowan "saw no beauty spots and learned to hate a full moon because the Japs loved one. On such nights we stayed in the fox holes."

Thinks of Post-War
The soldier who wrote many letters for the "Iowa Gang," which at first was in New Guinea, said, the home town "seems the same." He is hoping to get a medical discharge and then would like to take up a trade in electrical engineering. He might even go back to railroading. He used to run into Denver, Colo., where he would like to return.

He is also hoping that all of the boys get back to their homes.

yet, but be prepared, May 20. Atty. J. B. Morris attended the last meeting and told some of the things that had been outlined for the good of the community. Most important was the clean up and beautify program. Commander Chapman and Atty. Morris will take a part in the adult education school program, May 1, at which time housing will be discussed. Commander Chapman and Adjutant Bird expect to take part in the joint 6th district conference at Perry, this week.

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By MARIE ROSS

Iowan in England Shocked Over News of Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt

"I receive the Bystander papers regular," wrote P. Burnell Cooper from somewhere in England on April 12. "The only fault I find is the things I am most interested in—are not in there—such as the Post-War, Veterans Advantages, etc."

"I was very much shocked to learn of the death of our president, the honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt. His death caused many of us who are over here to shed brilliant tears, due to his guidance and brilliant thinking. We as Negro troops looked upon him as the greatest asset the world has ever known—a man who was for all classes of people, regardless of creed, color, or nativity;—a man who had a place for Christianity as well as humanity in his heart."

"His honorable memories shall ever live in my mind, heart and soul—because we were facing, in a sense, the makings of death. My prayers are that our new president who was once my state governor of Missouri, in the person of Mr. Harry S. Truman, will go as good a job—to keep up the morale of us fighting as our deceased president, but his best efforts forward to do so with his weak and feeble body."

"Tuesday is to be a day of memorial services throughout the entire English country. We wholly pledge ourselves to our new president, to do our share of this work and fighting just as well for him as we did for our former president.—J. Burnell Cooper, 37681376, Hq. Sect. 598th Port Co., T.C., APO 510, B., c/o Postmaster, New York N. Y."

Iowa Soldier in Marianas Has Something to Think About—Post War Work

"I have just recently received a letter from Billy Robinson," wrote Pfc. Theydon A. Brown from the Marianas on April 16. "He tells me how hard it's to find a suitable job. "I wonder how it will be when the bulk of soldiers return and try to find suitable jobs. I'm a little afraid myself. The only escape I can see is to go into business for oneself. Of course, I could be wrong. I haven't fully analyzed the situation as yet. Only the high school graduates, not the college nor universities, but they might even have trouble."

"Bobby (Capt. Hyde) is fine and looking well as usual. He sends regards."

"I also received around three By-standers. The latest one was addressed with my new APO number. Thanks. I should receive them much sooner now."—Pfc. Theydon A. Brown, 37114547, Hq. & Hq. Sv. Co., 2806th Engr., GS Bn. APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

Seaman Tolson Returns to Ship After Visit

Elmer Tolson, S 1/c has returned to his ship after spending nineteen days visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Cannon, 780 Thirteenth street. He has been in service two years and this was his first furlough. He has

been in five of the largest invasions. He has spent 14 months overseas and has been around the equator.

Another son of Mrs. Cannon, Pvt. David Jackson, known to his friends as "Kansas City" is now in Belgium. He wrote that he enjoyed the trip overseas.

"Nice to Go Any Place and Be Treated Like Human Being" Writes Iowan in Belgium

"Yes! This part of the world really has an interest for you," wrote Cpl. Thomas B. Avant, Jr., from somewhere in Belgium on April 10.

"I don't know just how to say it, but it's really nice to go any place you want to and be treated as a human being. As I have said before—they take you for you and yourself—alone."

"It's hard for some of the fellows (of the other races) to see that the American Negro and the people over here get along so well. I hope it will help to wake-up some of the narrow-minded people. It can and will help to keep down a lot of the trouble there—when this war is over."

Home-Front Better Wake Up

"The Home Front had better wake up on this race problem, too, because the Negro returning from this war is much prepared than the one's of the last; and, too, we as a whole, have learned a lot since the war has started. Before, some of us were having too good a time to think of what was really going on; and if we knew, we would look out for ourselves and say to ourselves—let the youth do it."

"Well, they had better get hep and do like other races—save and plan for their sons and other youth to have a place to work as well as to learn about the facts of the outside world. You and I know that many of the youth today come out of school with the feeling that all they have to do is go down and get a good job—doing the thing they have learned to do—just to find out that it's not like that at all."

Security Meeting

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curity meeting they are holding now. The representatives may think they can give the servicemen's viewpoint. I just hope that they don't forget the Negro's—and think we are going to be the same. If they are—they are wrong. No ham-sandwiches and beer to get our votes. It's going to be a better understanding—and better jobs. Just our share—no more, no less. But to have world security you will have to bring about a better equality between races of the world. I do feel that America should clean their house first.

"But, we must remember that the Lord only helps those who help themselves. That's why I cannot see why every American Negro doesn't join the NAACP. If everyone did—then we would have money enough to fight and overcome the handicaps that are before us."

IN MEMORIAM

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