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## Negro Worker Needs Full Job Measure

### News Briefs From Far and Near

**LINCOLN U. (MO.) OPENS SEPT. 17**  
Jefferson City, Mo.—Registration for the 1945 fall term in all schools of Lincoln University will be held Monday, September 17, President Sherman D. Scruggs announced this week.

All new students are required to participate in the orientation program, directed by Dean Earl E. Dawson of the College of Arts and Sciences, which begins Thursday, September 13. The program includes testing, a reception, tours of the various campus units and special orientation features designed to thoroughly acquaint new-comers with all aspects of social, academic and extra-curricular college life.

The cafeteria and residence halls will open Tuesday, September 11, providing housing and boarding facilities for the early arrivals. Admission examinations for those students from unaccredited high schools will be conducted Wednesday, September 12, at 1:30 p. m.

**TO PROMOTE CLOSER HARMONY BETWEEN RACES**  
New York — Baroness Catherine DeHeuck Doherty, Russian-born director of Friendship House, a Catholic settlement house in Harlem for both colored and white, has announced the acquiring by her organization of a new farm in Marathon City, Wisconsin, to be used as the headquarters for their Friendship Summer School of Interracial Technique.

Beginning next July an eight week course on interracial problems and their cure will be offered to members of all races in an effort to promote closer harmony and understanding among the races. This farm was a gift of Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

**THEATRE-GOERS PROMISED EIGHT ALL-NEGRO MOVIES**  
New York—If the plans of the Hollywood Pictures Corp., for the coming season of 1945-46 carry thru theater-goers will be guaranteed at least eight all-Negro screen features, the first of which is Harlem on Parade, with Lena Horne.

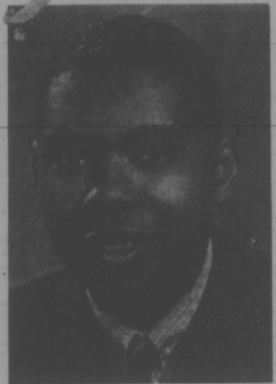
This was disclosed recently in a Coast to Coast radio interview between Adrienne Ames, the famous movie and radio star commentator and Jack Goldberg, one of the pioneers in the production of Negro stage and screen attractions.

### Phone Company Lists Postwar Building Plans

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's construction program provides for an expenditure of about \$20,000,000 each year for the next five years for replacements deferred during the war and for service improvements and extensions, according to V. H. Wilson, district manager of the company here. The company operates in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. The company's construction program in Iowa will approximate \$5,500,000 a year.

The company's first aim will be to provide facilities to serve those who are waiting for telephone service. During the war, it was not possible to add enough telephone facilities to meet all non-military service needs. However, now that the war is over, the company is acting as promptly as conditions permit not only to meet the backed-up demand for telephone service but also to resume service improvements, restore margins in its plants, catch up on maintenance work, and make deferred replacements.

### SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES



**WALTER W. MILLER**  
Walter W. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Miller of 1242 E. Sixteenth street, and one of the summer school graduates of East high school, is widely known in the boy scout circles of Des Moines. He is the only Negro Eagle Scout in the city. Walter, who wants to study architecture at Iowa State college at Ames, plans to work a while and if he is called



**VIVIAN B. CROCKETT**  
Miss Vivian Blossom Crockett, summer school graduate of North high school, is the daughter of Mrs. Helen McCraven of 913 Grove street, and Mr. Alfonso Crockett of 1024 S. E. Tenth street. Miss Crockett is planning to attend a barber college in Kansas City, Mo., this fall.



**ALFRED L. HACKNEY**  
Alfred L. Hackney, another East high school summer school graduate, is the son of Mr. Ernest L. Hackney of 1216 McCormick street. During his high school career he won letters in track and football. Alfred plans to enter college somewhere in Illinois this fall. He wants to study for a professional career in the field of law or medicine.

### SQUIRREL SEASON OPENS SEPTEMBER 15

Contrary to the opinion of hunters in some sections, the squirrel season in Iowa is not open until September 15. The daily bag limit on squirrels is six; possession limit 12.

### YMCA Starts Fall Program in New Address on Keo

The Crocker Street branch of the Y.M.C.A. moved into its new location on Saturday, September 2. The building was formerly occupied by the Keo Way USO Center and is located at 1333 Keosauqua Way.

A formal opening event for the public is being planned.

The Y.M.C.A. facilities include a game room, which, together with the equipment purchased from the USO, and added to that possessed by the Y.M.C.A., make it one of the best equipped rooms of its kind in the city.

A shower room, library service, and meeting places for club rooms are also included in the new setup.

The building is open as a general meeting place for social clubs, and all of them, both youth and adult, are welcome to the use of the kitchen in putting on their programs which require the use of cooking equipment.

### Fall Activities

Among the fall activities planned are a six man football league, and table tennis and pool leagues as well as instructions to beginners of both sexes in pool, table tennis, miniature bowling, and other games played around the building. There will be wrestling and boxing instructions to boys under fifteen who desire them. If enough adults can be interested, physical fitness classes will be opened for men and women. One of these classes is planned for mornings and will be offered to women who want to reduce or keep their present weight and figures. There will also be classes in physical fitness for adults in the evenings, along with sport clinics to acquaint the adults of the city and the boys with the purpose and fundamentals of the various sports as they come in season.

These clinics will be conducted by people who are authorities in their field, and are in most cases teachers and coaches. In the near future, a football clinic is planned for the purpose of letting the parents of those kids who play on the high school teams know just what takes place on a football field, and what happens to the boys who come out for football.

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cluding matches and lighter fluids.

8. Your package must not weigh over five pounds. It must not be more than 15 inches long, or more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

### OFF TO COLLEGE



**PAUL DeVAN**  
Prominent East high school athlete who won letters in track, football and basketball, Paul De Van left the city last week to enter Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Ia. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer De Van of 1336 E. 19th street, he has already begun practice with the school's football team.

## Walter White Tells Senate Group That Unemployment Would Aid Ku Klux Klan

Washington, D. C.—Negro workers, who got employment largely in emergency in war time plants and in temporary civil service jobs, need the Full Employment Bill passed by Congress, Walter White, NAACP secretary, told the Senate Banking and Currency committee August 29.

Not only does the Negro need the bill, but his fortunes as a wage earner will form "an important aspect of the whole problem of post-war employment," Mr. White said.

"While there has been a decided increase," he said, "in the number of Negro workers employed in what we consider continuing industries, the majority of Negro war workers have been employed in strictly war production. According to the War Manpower Commission's most recent reports, the Negro labor force in essential employment is distributed in the following categories: Shipbuilding, 192,000; Aircraft production, 116,000; Ordnance and communication equipment, 122,000; Basic metals and rubber, 103,000; other munitions, 160,000. From these estimates it will be observed that 600,000 Negro workers are concentrated in the industries that now suffer most severe cutbacks with the coming of peace.

**Suffer Cutback**  
"With reference to the post war prospects of the Negro worker it may be noted, on the basis of a comparison of the 1940 and 1944 figures on the occupational and industrial distribution of the Negro labor force that (1) the Negro has made his greatest employment gains in those occupations (especially semi-skilled factory jobs) which will suffer the severest cutbacks during the post war period; (2) further, he has made his biggest advances in those industries (especially the metals, chemicals and rubber group) which may experience the greatest proportionate post war declines.

"Finally," testified the NAACP secretary, "it also should be noted that in those occupations and industries in which the Negro has made his greatest employment advances, he was generally among the last hired. Therefore, under seniority rules he is more likely to be laid off than the average worker in these occupations.

Mr. White pointed out that widespread unemployment and suffering would speed the organization and influence of organizations like the Ku Klux Klan. The NAACP head also urged the enactment of the bill for a permanent FEPC, the national housing bill, S. 1342, the Kilgore unemployment compensation bill, the Pepper amendment to the Wage-Hour act, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security bill, and a federal anti-lynching law.

## New Warner Film Shows Many Talents of Hazel Scott

By PHIL CARTER  
Hollywood, Calif. — Hazel Scott, upon whom the gods have apparently decided to shower their blessings all at once, will for the second time in a matter of weeks become the talk of many towns when the Warner film, "Rhapsody in Blue" is released soon.

Riding the crest of the wave, in this expansive musical production, Miss Scott gets an opportunity to exhibit her many talents which include those of pianist, singer—and a new accomplishment—linguist. It is doubtful that anyone who has followed films over the years can remember when a Negro artist was permitted to display her cultural abilities as does the glamorous Hazel in "Rhapsody in Blue." Actually, she speaks French and several other languages with the same ease with which she handles English. In the Warner picture of the life of the late George Gershwin she interprets Gershwin's melodious songs in both French and English!

This represents a definite milestone in the career of the girl who through hard work became the musical toast of Manhattan. When she came to Hollywood people wondered how she would fare. Of West Indian extraction, she was known as much for her insistence on what she believed were her rights as she was for her famous boogie-woogie playing at the piano. Many predicted that her

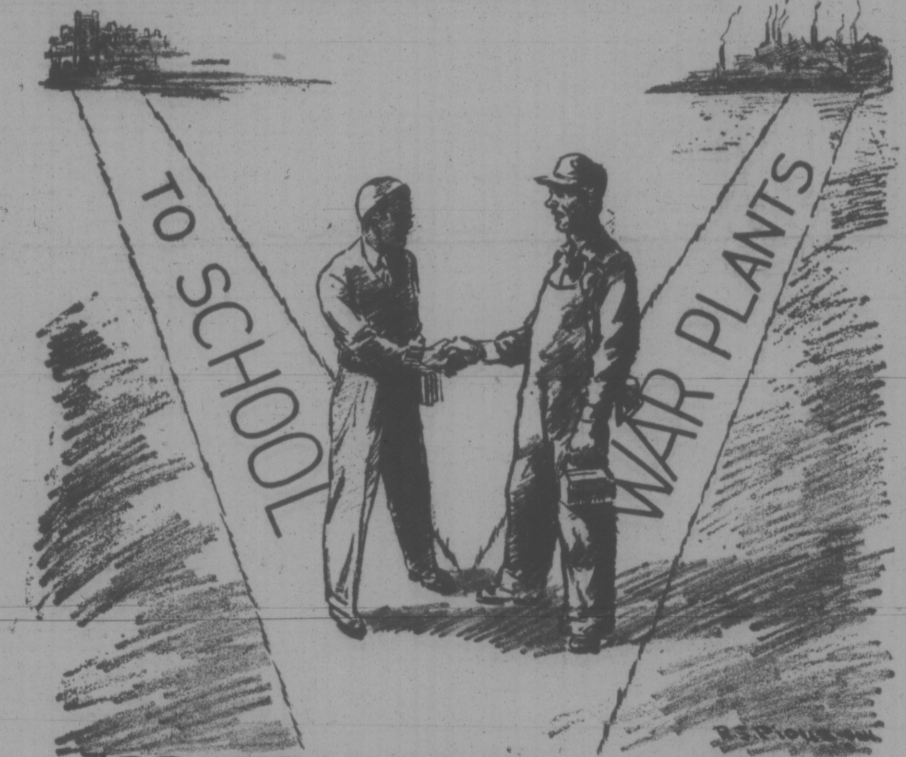
### Baptists of America Meet in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo.—In spite of war conditions, with all the inconvenience of travel, messengers from churches in the National Baptist Convention of America, are in session in this city this week.

The dates as announced are Sept. 5-9 inclusive. Rev. G. L. Prince, D. D., of Galveston, Texas, president of the Parent Body, is presiding over the convention proper, while Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller of Austin, Texas, who

heads the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Convention, is directing the work of that department; Mrs. Hatfield L. E. Williams of Alexandria, La., is the direct head of the Junior Women, while Mr. Ira Clark of Houston, Texas, is plotting the activities of the Laymen's League.

**SOLDIERS' PICTURES DUE SEPTEMBER 17**  
Soldiers' pictures for the next picture section are due in the office of the Bystander not later than September 17. Mail or bring them in early. Phone the office 3-3822 or write the Picture Editor, 221 1/2 Locust street, for further information.



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### LETTER TO EDITOR

Pass It Along

"In appreciation of all the good articles and editorials hitherto read and enjoyed and having neglected the opportunity to express that appreciation, may we make amends now.

"The occasion for this writing is the passing along of an idea as presented by Ted Malone on his morning broadcast recently that the listening audience would contact persons who had to do with public relations and suggest that they use the term 'work holiday' in preference to unemployment during this period of

reconversion to peacetime production. The psychological effect being to quiet the rising tide of fear of unemployment. If you heard the broadcast pardon my presumption.

"With best wishes for the growing success of the Bystander."—Mrs. Philip McGuire, 1055 Fifteenth street, Des Moines, Ia.

### UNION SERVICES AT FIRST CME CHURCH

Union services for the Southeast side churches will be held at the First CME church, Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7:40 p. m., when prayer and devotionals will begin. Preaching will open at 8 p. m. The Rev. J. R. Roman, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist church will bring the message.

The Rev. J. T. Johnson will preach Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services.

Women's Day will be held Sunday, September 16, at First CME church, with Mrs. Velma Brown as general chairman. Programs will be held during the morning and afternoon.

### DR. E. A. CARTER OF DETROIT VISITS HERE

Dr. E. A. Carter, prominent surgeon and physician of Detroit, Mich., was in the city during the week end visiting his brother, Mr. Lawrence Carter of 4061 16th street, and friends.

### MAIL CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO BOYS OVERSEAS SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15

Washington—Delivery of Christmas gift packages to servicemen overseas was a huge and complicated job in 1944, but it is going to be an even bigger job this year, according to Army and Navy postal officials, in spite of the fact that victory has been achieved in both Europe and Asia. OWI reports. The mailing period this year is from September 15 to October 15.

Here is how the public at home can give full cooperation to the Army and the Navy postal services, and thus help to insure prompt and safe delivery to 1945 bumper crop of Christmas gift packages:

1. If your soldier or sailor is en route home, or is about to come home, don't send him a Christmas package.
2. Use his latest address, and be sure that it is complete and accurate.
3. Mail Christmas gifts overseas from September 15 to October 15.
4. If there is any reason to believe that the soldier may move to a new location, it is safer to wait until you can mail your gift to the new address—even if this means asking the soldier for a letter requesting your gift, so that you can mail it to him after October 15 in accordance with the Army regulations.
5. Use a heavy box and strong cord. (Government-approved overseas boxes for Christmas gifts can be bought at retail stores.)
6. Send only usable gifts like dried fruit, canned luxury goods, razors or blades, fountain pens, wallets, watches, etc.
7. Don't mail perishable goods, intoxicants, weapons, poisons, or any inflammable materials, in-





# SOCIETY



## W. L. OLIVERS BACK TO CITY AFTER VACATION SPENT AT LAKES

After having closed a successful \$11,000 Community Center project on August 15, Atty. W. Lawrence Oliver, campaign manager, and his wife, Mrs. Hazel Oliver, left the city for a vacation and fishing at Pine Lake, Eldora, Ia. Attorney Oliver spent another week fishing at Moose Lake, Minn.

## MRS. WARFIELD IS HOSTESS AT LABOR DAY PICNIC DINNER

Mrs. William Warfield, 127 Ridge street, honored at a Labor Day picnic dinner her son, Cpl. Irwin L. White of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. The dinner, planned for the lawn had to be held indoors because of rain during the afternoon.

Sharing the courtesy of the afternoon were Mrs. White and three daughters, Lella Bell, Annette and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rhodes and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sherwood of Omaha, Nebr., Miss Marie Ross and Mr. William Warfield.

Cpl. White who arrived in the city last week from the Army's Leadership School at Ft. Hamilton, New York, will be here until September 10, when he is scheduled to begin officer candidate training at one of the army's schools.

## MRS. J. P. JONES IS HOSTESS TO CHORAL OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

The members of the Maple Street Baptist choir entertained on August 30 at the home of Mrs. J. P. Jones, 1232 Dixon street, with an old-fashioned picnic supper. They all brought well-filled baskets.

The following guests shared the courtesy: Rev. and Mrs. C. Lopez McAllister, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Ogleton, Mrs. Emma Harris of Keokuk, guest of the Ogletons, Mrs. R. Forte, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. Mardella Hawkins and little son, Thomas, Mrs. Cuma Clayter, Miss Naomi Thurston, Mrs. Dora Igo, Mrs. Nancy White, Mrs. Willie Wells, Mrs. Maggie McCann and Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore.

## VANDEVERS GO ON VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. William Vandever, 814 E. 17th street, entertained their daughter, Mrs. Irene Gainey, and son-in-law, Mr. Charles Gainey, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who motored here and visited from August 12 to 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandever left the city on August 22 by motor with the Gainey's and their grand children for a two-day visit in Chicago, Ill., with another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes. Then the Iowans went to Detroit to visit a son, Mr. Lewis Fulton, who accompanied them to Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandever were extended many social courtesies in Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh by friends. The former returned to Des Moines this week but Mrs. Vandever will continue her vacation in Pittsburgh for another two weeks.

## RETURN TO CITY

Howard Rice and Mrs. Hessie Brown spent a week in Chicago visiting relatives and friends. They returned to the city August 29.

## CHICAGOAN HERE

Mrs. Orville Hoskins of Chicago, Ill., came to the city to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Stanley of 1344 Fremont street.

## HONOR NANCY MILLER AT DINNER PARTY

Misses Mary Jane and Norman Jean Bruce, 613 Racoon street, were hostesses at a dinner party on August 30 honoring Miss Nancy Miller. Sharing the courtesy were: Betty L. Allison, Harriette Kaiser and Dorothy Ann Collier. Formerly of Des Moines, Miss Miller now resides in Detroit, Mich.

## CPL. WATTERS OF CHICAGO A VISITOR

Cpl. Maurice Watters of Chicago, Ill., was in the city recently the guest of Miss Evelyn Brooks. He is with the 553rd Quartermaster's battalion and a member of the Third Army.

## BACK FROM CAMP

Freddie Hawkins, Jr., spent a week at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Boone, Ia.

## TO DETROIT

Rev. J. M. Eaves of Mason City was in the city Sunday enroute to Detroit, Mich., to attend the National Baptist convention.

Bystander Talent Show Oct. 8. Get Entry Blanks now!

## GETS COMMENDATION



Commodore Hendricks, 1331 Center street, pot and pan washer and polisher at the veterans hospital, has been doing that work in the hospital's kitchen for nine years.

For his proficiency in keeping the kitchenware spotless and shining, he recently was cited in the report of a Washington, D. C., inspector. Wrote the inspector:

"The employee assigned to pot washing should be complimented for the excellent manner in which all pots, pans, utensils, etc., are washed and polished. They look like new. When these are stored, they are stacked in perfect order, each in a definite place. This employee takes considerable pride in the appearance of these utensils."

Mr. Hendricks, at 50 years old, keeps these utensils arranged in orderly platoons on the shelves of his

## MRS. OSCARS RETURNS

Mrs. Myrtle Oscars and son, Frederic, have returned to the city to live permanently after having operated her own beauty shop in Sioux City, Ia., for the past two years. She will be located at the Lena's beauty Salon here.

## MR. AND MRS. BUTTRAM ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. B. Buttram of 2745 Cleveland avenue, had as their guests at luncheon August 31, Mrs. Ruby Macie of Mason City, Mrs. Mary Edgar and Mr. and Mrs. A. Reasby of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. A. Tucker and Mrs. Clara Houston of Des Moines.

Talent Show at North High School Oct. 8. Enter now!

**PERSONAL TOUCH**  
By MARIE ROSS

Starting or getting back in school was the main interest of the local household this week. Mrs. Marri Johnson, secretary to the director of the Council of Social Agencies here, took some time this week—getting her five-year-old daughter, Jeanne, started in the kindergarten.

Eather Saunders of Talent Show fame, who spent the summer contacting the subscribers of the Bystander for the company, had lost her street car pass on the first day of school. She sat with wide-eyed, whispering: "East high just scares me so!" Then she began to wonder, "Should I take geography?" What good will that do me in a business course?? History should do me more good!" Then after failing to recognize the leading cities of some of the forty-eight states, she decided that she had better study geography.

Celebrating the end of her all-summer of having labored in her house—repainting and redecorating the walls of her home, Mrs. Lela Warfield on Ridge planned an old-fashioned lawn picnic. Then the rain came and the picnic, honoring her son, Cpl. Irwin White was held indoors. Her table groaned under the weight of barbecued beef, crisp brown chicken, the famous meat-ball with hot rolls, too, corn on the cob, green beans, brown baked beans, mashed potatoes and giblet gravy, candied yams, escalloped macaroni and cheese, beet relish, slaw, and on top of all that, lemon cream pie, Irwin's favorite dessert, chocolate-covered white cake, ice cream, coffee and grape punch. The picnic which started in early afternoon lasted, until the wee hours of the morning, when the Warfields were washing dishes.

## MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS OF HAMPTON, IA., HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Hampton, Ia., and their niece, Miss Harris of Eldorado, Ark., were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome of 1315 Laurel street, on August 27.

## SPENDS LABOR DAY HERE

Mr. Humphrey Jones of Kansas City, Mo., spent Labor Day with his sister, Mrs. Millie Estelle, 1315 Laurel street.

## RETURN FROM MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Joe Brooks and children returned last week from a visit in Minneapolis, Minn., with their sister, Mrs. Wornell Rhodes. Accompanying them home was their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Madison.

## GUESTS OF AUNT HERE

Mr. Johnnie Sylvester of St. Paul and Cpl. Merle Young from St. Paul, Minn., were guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Willie Broadus at 1026 Twelfth street, visiting from Aug. 24 to 27.

## TO DETROIT

Mrs. Emma Evans left the city this week for two weeks visit in Detroit, Mich., with Mrs. Fay Bruce, a relative.

## MRS. LEOLA WISE TO NASHVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. Leola Wise, 1160 Thirteenth street, will leave the city on September 22 for Nashville, Tenn., where she will begin studies at the National Missionary Training School for Women. A resident of Des Moines for five years, she is a member of the Corinthian Baptist church.

## LABOR DAY GUEST

Mrs. Mary Winslow was Labor Day guest of Mrs. Cora Shanks on Monday.

## TO MINNESOTA

Miss Jean Morris left the city Sunday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Williams in St. Paul, Minn.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Harriett Scales and Mrs. Agnes Eppright wish to thank all who were so kind and expressed such heartfelt sympathy at the time of the death of our aunt, Mrs. Mary Spriggs. Especially do we thank the Estes Funeral home, Rev. A. J. Irvine and Elder Bogie.

Mrs. Harriett L. Scales and Mrs. Agnes Eppright, nieces.

## MISS TOBIAS HERE

Miss Jessie L. Tobias of New York City is visiting here enroute to the West Coast where she is a student at the University of California.

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## ENDS VACATION



## MISS JEAN M. MORRIS

Miss Jean Mary Morris, daughter of Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris, left the city Thursday after having spent a month's vacation here with her parents. She was enroute to Denver, Colo., where she is a Y.W.C.A. secretary.

## FLYNN BROTHERS RETURN HOME

The Flynn Brothers, Ed and Willie, of 913 Laurel street, accompanied by their wives, spent a vacation in Gary, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., visiting their mother, Mrs. Belle Bailey and sister, Mrs. Eric Scott. The couples returned home on August 25.

SUGAR: Stamp No. 36 (Book 4) good for 5 pounds through Aug. 31, 1945.

CANNED GOODS: Not rationed.

MEAT, BUTTER, CHEESE, OILS: Red Stamps "Q2, R2, S2, T2 and U2" (Book 4) worth 10 points each, good through Aug. 31. "V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2" valid June 1 through Sept. 30, 1945. Red Stamps "A1, B1, C1, D1 and E1" valid July 1 through Oct. 31, 1945. Red Stamps "F1, G1, H1, J1 and K1" valid Aug. 1, 1945 thru Nov. 30, 1945.

FUEL OIL: Not rationed.

GASOLINE: Not rationed.

STOVES: Not rationed.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Book 3) good for one pair shoes each. Valid indefinitely. Book 3 must be presented when shoes are purchased. OPA non-rationed low-priced shoes release Aug. 17 through Sept. 29th.

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The Iowa Bystander, 221 1/2 Locust, Des Moines, Iowa.

L. E. L.—I want to tell you about should be friendly and cordial to all my annoying problem. I am 18 and the young people if she is to remain popular. my boy friend is 23. A boy of 19 was coming to see me before I met the older boy. I didn't tell him about his coming. I told the younger boy not to come any more as I loved the older boy dearly. I met the younger boy one day and while talking, the other fellow came up in his car and now he wants to quit because he says I've been doing this all along behind his back. I really love him so what must I do to prove to him that I really love him and not the other young fellow?

D. M. L.—May I congratulate you on your fine work? I have been reading your column for a number of years. I have made up my mind to ask you for some help. I have been going with this friend for a year and six months. He is in service now somewhere in the Pacific. He says he loves me and I know that I love him. We have everything in common with the exception of this. We are two different religious faiths. He wants me to marry him as soon as he returns. Do you think we could make a go of things with only this one obstacle in our way?

Ans.: Your friend has no right to monopolize all of your time when you are not engaged. This sort of authority is just plain jealousy. Sometimes it takes a little competition to make a fellow open his eyes and appreciate what he has at his finger tips. Don't let his actions offend you because if he is serious and wants to mean anything in your life, he will not let the above episode come permanently between you two. A girl

Ans.: That depends entirely upon whether you two are broad enough to appreciate each other's difference of opinion. Many couples have found true marital happiness despite a difference in faith but to do so you must remain broadminded and unselfish in dealing with this delicate problem.

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CONGRESS SHOULD NOT LET US DOWN

Just as we were caught unprepared for war in 1941 when the Japs pounced upon us at Pearl Harbor, so were we unprepared for the peace which came out of a clear sky as far as the public knew, when Japan decided to go no further in an effort to hold the territory she had gained in her recent conquests.

It was generally known that the war plants would close down, that agencies which grew up as a part of the war would no longer be needed when hostilities ceased yet most of those associated with them were somewhat at sea when their separation orders came.

Last spring, congress was reminded that large numbers of people would be thrown out of work when the war closed. An effort was made to pass a measure to pay idle war workers twenty-five dollars per week for 26 weeks as unemployment compensation. Strong opposition developed and congress adjourned without taking any action. And the people are disturbed.

The new deal, under the late President Roosevelt taught that the federal government should guarantee everybody the bare necessities of life and carried through on this theory with WPA and other alphabetical agencies which provided the unemployed with some form of made work or relief.

In years gone by, private industry has pulled this country out of depressions. In the last one, the federal government undertook the job and it is conceded that it was longer and as painful as any we have had.

This government system of preventing and curing depressions has its weaknesses as any measure will. While it stood off hunger and cold until war made jobs for all, it produced thousands of worthless people who not only got it into their thinking that the government ought to take care for them but also that they were willing to take less as recipients of relief in order to escape doing an honest day's work. This is one of the objections to the full employment bill now before congress.

The Bystander feels that we ought to improve our laws so as to have some type of employment measure as a guard against mass suffering which is bound to come with 2 to 6 million people out of work this winter as has been commonly estimated. Certainly if we can spend money to fight wars, we can feed and house our citizens. On the other hand, while nobody should be allowed to suffer, stringent rules should be provided to eliminate those who would abuse the system and every effort should be made to encourage industry to take the responsibility over from the government.

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Iowa has been shocked over the escape of nearly two hundred boys from the training school at Eldora. It has been known pretty generally for several years that conditions had been going from bad to worse at the school, but like many other such things, nobody seemed inclined to do anything about it.

While there has been some improvement—not enough by far—in the physical plant at the institution, the program for dealing with incorrigible youths has not been modernized in keeping with present day needs.

It took the life of one of the boys

and a prison break to wake officials to what was going on.

From investigations, it has been shown that cruel and inhuman treatment was practiced on the boys. And while the superintendent claims no knowledge of such conduct, he was charged with knowledge by virtue of his position.

It too often happens that people in authority give no attention to complaints by inmates of penal institutions proceeding on the theory that everyone of them is just alike and that extreme methods of handling them is the rule with no exceptions. Of course, we appreciate that there are trouble makers among any such group and that they must be made to obey the rules in order to maintain and properly deal with all the inmates of an institution. On the other hand there are exceptions to the rule—all men cannot be handled in the same way.

The superintendent, now suspended, has been on the job thirty years, entirely too long to have kept in touch with the new type of youngster that has come to him in these changing times. Probably, we are at the root of the trouble. The state ought to start from there to rectify the conditions which brought on the disgrace.

121 Boys Wind Up Vacation Period at YMCA Camp

A total of 121 boys attended the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. camp between August 20 and 27 at Boone, Ia, the Rev. E. A. Galters, executive secretary of the branch, announced last Friday before leaving for a vacation to be spent in Chicago, Detroit and other Eastern cities. He will attend the National Baptist convention in Detroit, also.

In a report on the camp period the secretary revealed that \$968.60 was the total of the finance taken in before the boys boarded the train for camp, for which the Rev. Mr. Galters received commendation from the general secretary, Frank T. Dillon.

Camp activities wound up with the Pennsylvania baseball team winning the championship with the following members: James Brown, captain; Hall Rattton, Bobby Tate, Raymond Monroe, Victor Massey, Leonard Volinger, Louis Strothers, Teddy Duncan and Marvin Taylor.

Championship volleyball team was the Cross-eyed Kelleys with Paul De Van, captain and John Williams, Lloyd Dixon, Leonard Spangler, Melvin Jackson, Stanley Williams and Otis McGregor.

Other activities included swimming, hiking, track, football, and a water carnival. During the absence of the secretary, Allen Ashby, sports columnist, will be in charge of Crocker Y.M.C.A., which is now located at 1333 Keo Way.

WIN PRIZES IN CLUB'S SPELLING CONTEST

The Three Purpose club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson last week. Prize winners in the spelling contest were: Mrs. Verda Spangler, Mrs. Grace Shelton and Mrs. Dorothy Wallace.

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SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Business is picking up in Negro sports all over the nation. Jimmy Ewins, the "duration champion," is still proving that he is the best of the current crop of heavies by punching in the daylight out of whomever the promoters dig up to face him. The touch of war certainly showed its hand in the Negro National tennis meet when Lloyd Scott and Jimmy McDaniels, both former champions battled it out for the title with Scott winning.

To make it seem even more a veteran's tournament, Reggie Weir, champion in the twenties, and early thirties, was eliminated in the semifinals. Lays emphasis on the things that we so often discuss with the older athletes. Who is going to take their place when the old timers finally do fade out? The Kansas City Monarchs are still hot on the trail of the second half of the Negro National League pennant, and might win it. Ray Robinson's scheduled bout with Jake La Motta in Chicago has been indefinitely postponed because of an ailing back suffered by Sugar Ray.

While we are on the subject of Robinson, we wonder how the promoters and sports writers get off talking about a title bout between Red Cocherane, and a guy named Graziano? Of course, this Graziano fellow has hung the kayo on the welter-weight champion twice, but if we remember correctly, Ray handed this fellow a going over. Then it hasn't been so long ago when they were calling Ray the uncrowned king of the welters, and promising him first shot at the title as soon as the champion got out of service and had a couple of tune-up bouts. Can Ray help it if in these tune-up bouts the chap got his royal block knocked off?

Local Sports

Football season is here with us

JOLLY 12 MEETS

The Jolly 12 met with Mrs. Nina Hawkins on August 30.

BACK FROM ST. LOUIS

MRS. GERTRUDE BIBBS Mrs. Gertrude Bibbe of 1026 Sixth street, who was chosen by the Women's Division of the Kansas City District as delegate to the Bishops' Area Council of the Methodist church which was held in St. Louis, Mo., August 21-23, has returned to the city. While in St. Louis, Mrs. Bibbs was house guest of Miss Cephyr Love, dean of women of one of the high schools and dinner guests of Miss Josephine Banks, a St. Louis public school teacher. Both are members

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Register now—for volunteer service at the Community Center. Give a few hours of your time each month to aid in making the program what you want it to be, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, director, urges.

Plan work now for the annual art exhibit to be held in November.

Ping Pong Tourney

The annual ping pong tournament opens on September 28. Registrations are due by September 24. Trophies will be given in three divisions. The Garden club will meet Friday. To assist with fall canning the Community Center offers the use of its pressure cooker. Phone at any time.

Over at East there are just any number of hopefuls out who are supposed to have first team berths for the asking. We shall wait and see what we can find out about them during the coming week—before we attempt to bring you the dope on them. We would like to remind the pickers of the all state teams who are jumping the gun that there are just any number of factors which may keep a good man off one of the mythical teams. An early season injury may slow a back until late in the season or possibly all season, while not making it impossible for him to play. The team around the star may not be so hot, so that he can't show off to the same advantage that he did in other years. Then there is always the spectacle of eligibility that may keep a guy out of an important game as well as temporary injuries that might do the same thing.

Last, but by no means the least important is the factor of breaks, a missed pass that just grazes the fingers may mean the difference between being a hero or a bum who lost the game. Someone may slip up on a blocking assignment just enough to prevent the star's getting away for a needed gain or score that might win the game that counts the most.

Reputations have been built on such simple factors as the fact that an opposing lineman broke through, had the ball carried tapped for a huge loss and slipped or stumbled just long enough to lose his advantage, or sometimes it was the ball carrier who had the advantage and who was either slowed by having to avoid one of his teammates or slipped or stumbled at the wrong time. These

POST EXCHANGE

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

By MARIE ROSS

Charles C. Johnson, Jr., Marine Student, Looks to 'Unpredictable Future'

"Many months have passed since I last wrote to you—and in recent days many important events have occurred that changed the course of the world from one of war to that of peace," wrote Charles Johnson from Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., on August 20, to a friend, Atty. S. J. Brown.

"The coming of peace brings with it many problems. Naturally the one in which I am currently most interested is that of demobilization. As far as the Marine Corps is concerned there have not been any definite plans for such outline to us here in the service, but it is rumored that we shall adopt the army system of acquiring eighty-five points. Should this be the case I cannot expect to be discharged until the last of 1946 at the least.

Former Platoon Sergeant

"It is also expected that the program that I am presently associated with will be discontinued at the end of this semester. Should this happen we would be returned to our old status (platoon sergeant) and transferred back to the Fleet Marine Force." With this in mind I have not neglected the possibility of my having to go back overseas as part of a contingent of occupational troop. So you can see my future is anything but predictable.

"For the brighter side of the picture I have much to be thankful for. I will soon have been in this outfit for three years. Honestly, I did not know that time could pass so quickly. When I came in I was a private, I was in the states when the war began, I was in the states when the war ended—still, a private however. For one that did not know me he would probably remark disparagingly of my failure to progress. But I think that I have gotten a great deal out of my time in the service.

things are not apparent from the stands, especially to the inexperienced eye, but you have no idea how much luck might figure in the making of a football reputation. But, don't rule out the fact that your choice for the all star teams has to be good, or luck can't do him much good, except in rare cases and in story books or movie plots.

'Most Thankful'

"I have held every rank that an enlisted man could hold, travelled over more sections of the United States than I expected to at my age, seen part of the Pacific, its islands and the war that was brought to these islands; travelled through the Panama Canal zone, all of which have given me first hand information that is not easily acquired in books or in the class rooms. Then, I have also been given a year and a half of college that sends me a long way toward getting that education that I have always longed to have. For these I am most thankful.

"But more than this I thank God for having brought me safely thru many dangerous situations, for having spared me to fight my own battle of the future that lies ahead of me. I also send up a little prayer for those buddies of mine that were not quite so fortunate as I and may their loved ones see that their sacrifices were not in vain."—Pvt. Charles C. Johnson, Jr., Md. Navy V-12 Unit, P. O. Box 876, N.T.S., Lafayette, Ind.

Cpl. John W. Doyle Sends Items From Magazine in Germany

"These articles were sent to me by my son, Cpl. John W. Doyle, who is stationed in Germany," wrote Mrs. M. B. Martin of 523 S. E. 27th street court. "He cut them out of a German magazine. The first one is entitled 'Negro Soldiers.'

"Dear Yank: I received a copy of your magazine and read that the A. M. G. is letting the Germans go back to school. After that I read in Mail Call about the Jim Crow treatment of colored American soldiers. "Now I am from Mississippi. Until I came into the army I hated Negroes. It wasn't anything they did to me. I just didn't like them. Since I have been in the E. T. O. I have fought from D-Day to VE-Day with Negro soldiers. I was wounded twice in one fox hole and a Negro saved my life by using his first aid kit on me. Then he carried me to where a doctor could work on me. Later he died. He was from New York and he knew I was from the south where he had no freedom. "Many Negro soldiers have died on the front for American soldiers who thought Jim Crow was right. So if Germans can have freedom after

they have caused so much suffering why not let the Negro race have what they fought for? I feel that they should and a lot of southern G. I.'s feel the same way."—T. Sgt. Willie Jones in Germany.

Another letter read as follows: "Dear Yank: The other night we had a jam session with some colored boys from a quartermaster trucking outfit quartered near us. This morning we were read an order which prohibits us to associate with colored troops 'except on business.'

"A colored tank outfit fought side by side with this regiment clear to Steyer, Austria and were never ordered not to fight along side of American troops of the colored race—so why should we be forbidden to associate with other American soldiers because of color?"—Pvt. David Isherson.

Des Moines People Are Doing 'Very Nice Thing' Writes Iowan from Germany

"Today there is no sun and without the sun everything appears dull," wrote Sgt. Hugh F. Semple on August 13, from somewhere in Germany. "It is raining or slowly drizzling; the kind that penetrates most anything. It reminds one so much of a day in England. The fog is so very low and damp and has a tendency to recall the unpleasant memories of my last and difficult trek across France to this point in Germany. So much for my side of the world.

"Received the Bystander the other night and was very glad. The people of Des Moines are doing a very nice thing by attempting to raise funds to equip a new Community Center. At present my contribution will be more or less meager, but believe me when I return you will find me doing my part.

"Most of the Des Moines boys are slowly leaving Germany and I sincerely hope I may be next. I've seen more of this country than I dreamed of.

"I can't seem to remember if I told you what my score was or not—so if I failed to do so here it is. I have 82 points which aren't enough to get out of here. So looks as if I'll have to go down to help the other boys out. I only hope I go through the states."—Sg. Hugh F. Semple, #7444221, 998th QM Salv. Coll. Co., APO 403, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.



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