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RICHARD WRIGHT TELLS DES MOINES AUDIENCE

Negro Problem 'Vulnerable Target' in U.S.

News Briefs From Far and Near

PROTEST BAN ON NEGRO DOCTORS

Cincinnati, Ohio—Protests by three white Cincinnati doctors over exclusion of Negro physicians from a meeting here of the Southern Medical Association were made public Wednesday by an officer of the association.

The three doctors, acknowledging an invitation to attend the meeting, said they noted "with distress that only white persons may attend."

"We would like to point out," they said, "that in this community Negro physicians enjoy full parity with white physicians. To show racial discrimination is in our opinion contrary to the principles of democracy for which this war was fought and won."

C. P. Loranz, association secretary-manager, replied in a letter to the doctors. "The association restricts membership in, and attendance upon annual meetings, to white physicians."

The Cincinnati doctors who wrote the message were Dr. Charles Blase, Dr. Ingeborg Syllm and Dr. Raymond Suskind.

78 ARTILLERYMEN ENLIST IN REGULAR ARMY IN GERMANY

Heidelberg, Germany — Seventy-eight Negro soldiers of the 350th Field Artillery Battalion, stationed at Kunelsau, Germany, were enlisted into the Regular Army during a ceremony held Saturday. The group represent the largest mass enlistment in the current United States Seventh Army Recruiting Campaign for enlistments in the Regular Army.

The men total almost twenty percent of the battalion's enlisted strength and many of the enlistees signed for three years' additional Army service. Each man received his accumulated pay, mustering out pay, and his re-enlistment bonus. Captain William D. Neville, Battalion Recruiting Officer, officiated at the ceremony and swore in the men.

Immediately after the ceremony, the men broke ranks, and took off for their barracks to pack for a speedy voyage home on furlough.

Twenty hours after they became members of the Regular Army, the men were on a train bound for the Third Replacement Depot at Marburg, Germany. There, a streamlined furlough plan is in operation, which keeps necessary processing to a minimum, and the men should be on their way within seven days.

Each enlistee retained all privileges of the G. I. Bill of Rights, overseas pay, combat infantry pay, and frank privileges. Those men who signed for three years of Regular Army service may select the branch of service they desire, and may also choose the theater in which they prefer to serve.

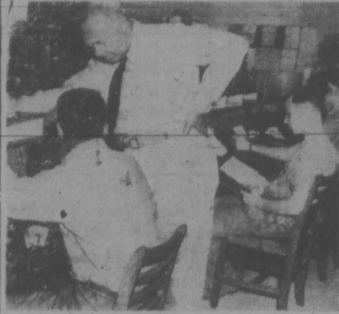
Crocker Y Drive Goes Over Goal With \$1,134 Total

The Crocker Street Branch Y.M.C.A.'s drive for \$1,000 in memberships which opened on Nov. 12, went over the top four days later with all teams reporting a total of \$1,134. This quota was double that of last year.

Team captains and totals were F. O. Morrow, \$281; Allen Ashby, \$478; A. P. Trotter, \$375. Members of various teams were Dr. L. R. Willis, William Ashby, Rev. W. F. Ogleton, Walter Thompson, W. C. Buice, Thomas Avant, Dolphus Lawson, Jesse Frazier, Travis Bailey, Toulasant (Speck) Howard, Alice McCraney, Oscar Glass, S. R. Cason.

The Rev. Mr. Ogleton was guest speaker at the report dinner meeting

GRANGER ENDS 25,000 MILE NAVAL INSPECTION TOUR



Lester E. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League and Special Adviser to the Secretary of the Navy, has just completed a 25,000 mile inspection tour of Pacific Naval bases. He talked with ranking Naval officers and with thousands of Negro sailors. In this way he obtained first hand facts regarding the administration of the poli-

cies of the Bureau of Naval Personnel on the level where the men are directly affected. Mr. Granger went aboard Navy ships like the USS Boreas which had in their crews Negro sailors with general service rates (center photo.) He visited some 47 Naval establishments stretching across the Pacific. In Hawaii he talked with Negro radiomen handling

feet communications, men who work on the docks and those who man small craft (photos on left). In San Pedro Bay off Leyte, P.I. and at Balikpapan he saw the men of Navy logistic support companies (lowest center and upper right photos.) In addition to Navy personnel, the Special Adviser inspected Seabee Special Battalions, some quartered on Navy

last Friday, the first time Negro had appeared on the program in that capacity.

Among the new memberships this year were: Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, nationally known tap dancer who appeared at the Shrine auditorium recently; Captain James B. Morris, Jr. and Lt. Virgil Dixon, both overseas; and William Brown.

The new general secretary, Robert W. Lindberg, and E. Menough, campaign chairman, highly praised the Crocker Branch membership workers.

Mr. Lindberg also mentioned the many improvements in store for the Branch, "if the people in the community continue to support the Y.M.C.A. program as they did in this campaign."

Recently moved to its present location at 1333 Keo-Way, the Branch offers to its members the use of showers, complete recreation rooms, club rooms, photo dark room, extensive library, lobby, large auditorium and a complete kitchen for banquet use.

Gym activities will be held during the winter months at West high gym, two or three nights weekly; also an adult program has been set up, allowing exclusive use of the building and facilities during the winter season. Allen Ashby is executive secretary of the Crocker Branch.

MRS. INEZ WALKER DIES

Mrs. Inez Walker, 55, 659 1/2 E. Second street, a Des Moines resident, 25 years, died Tuesday morning at Broadlawn General hospital. She had been ill a year. Mrs. Walker was a member of the Maple Street Baptist church. Her husband, James Walker, survives.

YOUTH COUNCIL TO HEAR MRS. ROBERTSON

On Friday, November 30, 8 p. m., at the Youth Council meeting at the Branch Y.W.C.A., Mrs. A. Robertson will give a talk on her "Travels in Peru." All members of the Council are urged to be in attendance. The groceries will be awarded on Nov. 23, 8 p. m. at the Y.W.C.A. Members are asked to make their reports to Victoria Kitchen.

Iowan Describes Sights in Atomic Bombed Hiroshima

Kure, Japan—Since this is the Red Letter Day of the year (the natal date of your humble correspondent) it dawned on me that I should climax such an occasion by writing at least one letter tonight to fittingly close another epochal year" wrote Lt. Quentin R. Mease, to Atty. S. Joe Brown, on October 25 from Kure, Japan.

"I have been literally out of touch with all of you for the past two months due to my nomadic proclivities. As you probably know, I am now getting re-oriented to winter weather all over again in Japan.

The seasons here are identical with those of the same latitude in the States and we who have been sweltering under the tropical climes of the Southwest Pacific for the past two years and more are now experiencing late fall weather here in Southern Honshu and not taking it very well.

"All of those months in Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and the Philippines have rendered us all incapable of exposure to these frigid temperatures and we are most uncomfortable to say the least. But it was better for us to have come in now than to have arrived here in the middle of the winter. We hope to have become acclimated by the time the mercury dips toward the zero mark.

"Getting back to that birthday of mine—several things happened, all unscheduled and entirely unexpected, to make it quite a memorable one. Early this morning, who should drive up in a long, black Cadillac bearing four stars on license plate but General Walter Kreuger, commanding general of the Sixth Army. He was, of course, escorted by other generals and ranking officers of his staff and it was quite amusing to see a lot of our men ducking around the corners to avoid the scrutiny of all this high brass."

The general and his staff inspected the company area and commented favorably on a number of things that attracted his attention. As you know, General Kreuger is MacArthur's right hand man and has commanded the Sixth Army all the way from New Guinea, through the Philippine campaign and now into the occupation of Japan. As we are now assigned to the Sixth Army we will probably be seeing more of him in the future.

Trip to Hiroshima
"Shortly after the general left we departed from the area for what was to be the second big event of the day—our trip to Hiroshima. This now famous place is only 18 miles west of Kure and an excellent, paved highway connects the two cities. The place is 'off limits' to all Allied military personnel and entrance may only be made by obtaining a pass from the proper authorities, this we were fortunately able to do.

"We thought Kure had 'suffered mightily from air bombardment, but our first glimpse of Hiroshima changed all that. Radio and press reports were more than accurate in stating that approximately two-thirds of the city had been destroyed by the atomic bomb unleashed upon it last August. Unlike the large craters and gaping holes left by demolition bombs or the charred, ashen heaps left by incendiary attacks, the atomic explosion had the effect of seemingly flattening everything within the radius affected by it.

"Hiroshima had a pre-war population of more than 330,000 persons and an area of 70 square miles. You can well imagine the terrific impact of the atomic bomb when a single one can cause such wholesale devastation and ruin as I have just witnessed. For blocks on end throughout the city not a wall is standing, everything as I stated before, has been flattened and has disintegrated into (See Post Exchange)

APL's or floating hotels (lower right) and Marine AAA Battalions on Eniwetok and Guam (top center photo). This was the third inspection tour Mr. Granger has made at the request of Secretary Forrestal. The first two covered Naval establishments in the United States. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

Slave Ship
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CITYWIDE YOUTH PROGRAM DEC. 16

A citywide young people's program, will be sponsored by the Baptist Training Union of Maple Street Baptist church on Dec. 16, 7:30 p. m., with talent under the direction of George Wells president of the BTU and Rev. George Parish, acting pastor of Maple Street church.

Missionaries to Meet at Kyles

A missionary mass meeting of the Kansas City district of the AME Zion churches will convene here on November 24 and 25 with Mrs. Birdie Brown, district president, presiding at the Kyles AME Zion church. About fifteen out-of-town delegates are expected. A missionary banquet will be held Saturday night at Roadside Settlement.

Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, Methodist churches of the city will participate in a program. The Rev. H. A. Simmons is pastor-host.

The closing feature of the meeting will be a pageant on Sunday night, "The Challenge of the Cross," to be presented by Evangelist Estella Coates.

MARIAN ANDERSON ILL, FORCED TO CANCEL CONCERT

New York—For the first time in her career, Marian Anderson, world-famed contralto, cancelled a concert. Scheduled to sing at Carnegie Hall recital last Sunday an attack of bronchitis made it impossible for the singer to appear.

Since Miss Anderson made her New York debut with a broken bone in her foot in December, 1935, she never had called off an appearance. Because she was unable to walk during her appearance, the curtain was lowered when she entered and left the stage.

Author Reviews History of Negro in America; Says U. S. 'Succumbs to Folklore'

The history of the Negro in America, reflected through the writings of Negro poets, was reviewed here Wednesday afternoon, November 14, by Richard Wright, 37-year-old novelist, before one of the largest attendances of the Des Moines (white) Women's Club at the Hoyt Sherman Place here.

The author of the best sellers, "Native Son," and "Black Boy," Mr. Wright spoke on the Negro's contribution to American literature, contrasting the writings of European Negroes who could write in harmony with the culture of their own lands, with the works of Negroes, who were snatched from Africa, robbed of their tribal culture, held in bondage and deprived of the culture of the new land—America.

Mr. Wright opened his lecture by quoting excerpts from the writings of European Negroes, Alexander Dumas, French author of "Monte Cristo" and "Three Musketeers", and Alexander Pushkin of Russia.

"Is this Negro writing?" Mr. Wright asked and then answered that "being a Negro was the least important thing" about those writers who wrote out of the commonly shared culture of their age.

In 1761, when a slave ship from Africa came to the shores of America, from the auction block all of the slaves were sold, except a frail little girl, later named Phyllis, who was bought by a Boston family, the John Wheatleys.

Slavery had not yet cast its ugly shadow—the minds of the white people were not so warped—and the Wheatly family gave Phyllis, who displayed talent for writing, a classic learning. Mr. Wright spoke as he began the long line of American Negro poets.

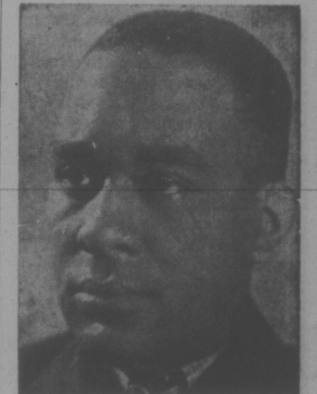
Phyllis Wheatley's early writings showed no traces of her being oppressed. She wrote of the culture of her age. She wrote of George Washington.

"Then what is Negro writing?" Mr. Wright asked. "Being a Negro—had to do with the American scene."

With the growth of slavery the Negro poets decried the killings and burnings. The brutality then compared with Hitler's brutality of 1933. Mr. Wright said.

After Phyllis Wheatley the speaker chose the works of George Moses Horton (1797-1833) in North Carolina, a slave of the Horton family, who was passed around like a tool from one member of the family to another.

Dunbar Tried
Dunbar tried deliberately to turn (SEE EDITORIAL PAGE)



RICHARD WRIGHT

"Something had happened since Phyllis Wheatley wrote," Mr. Wright said as he quoted from Horton's "On Liberty and Slavery":

Alas! And am I born for this,
To wear this slavish chain,
Deprived of all created bliss,
Through hardship, toil and pain!
Horton was a "trapped man"—a split man living in a culture which he could not participate. Horton's cry for freedom was destined to become the tradition of Negro literature in the United States."

After Horton, Mr. Wright named James M. Whitfield, (1830-1870) Boston barber, who wrote of that land that rejected him in his poem "America"; then Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911), whose eye were filled with scenes of violence, shown in her poem, "Bury Me in a Free Land."

"The Negro in America—meant something made here in America. He never had a chance to take his eyes from the auction blocks, from constant lynchings. Mr. Wright continued as he introduced more Negro poets, who wrote of Negroes who labored among men who hated them. Albery A. Whitman (1851-1902) was next with his best known work in "Rape of Florida."

"We see the beginning of complexity. The split in Negro personality deepens. The basic theme is set—and all black lips that sing will pay tribute to oppression," Mr. Wright spoke.

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) whose writings reveal a lighter and lyrical point of view; for the benefit of white consumption, at times spoke out bluntly what was in his heart. Mr. Wright informed.

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FEPC Forced to Close All But Three Regional Offices

Washington, D. C.—The President's Committee on Fair Employment has been forced to close all but three of its regional offices exactly at the moment when unemployment is growing at a terrifying rate and at the time when their services are urgently needed to prevent a reconversion to pre-war discrimination against minorities," said Anna Arnold Hodgeman, executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in a statement released this week.

Regional offices are being closed as of December 15 in:

City	Sept. 22 unemployment
San Francisco	14,888
New York	56,586
Atlanta	37,580
Philadelphia	7,500
San Antonio	27,080
Los Angeles	37,042
Washington, D. C.	negligible

Congressional action thus far indicates that the United States Employment Service is being defederal-

azire and turned back to the states. Congressional inaction on Permanent FEPC, and the closing of all but three of the regional offices of wartime FEPC definitely parallels the pattern which emerged after the last war and resulted in industrial confusion, widespread discrimination and joblessness, and ultimately in riots and violence.

Positive action by the Congress may still prevent widespread discrimination before unemployment reaches its peak. If the Senate, where the bill establishing a permanent FEPC is high on the calendar, and the House, where only about 60 signatures are needed to bring the bill to the floor, pass the bill, hope will be given to the desperate and disillusioned minorities of the country, and the basic forward steps towards democracy taken.

Elements of 92nd Division Arriving

Washington, D. C.—Elements of the 366th and 370th Infantry Regiments and an Advance Party of Headquarters Company, Special Troops, all of the 92nd Infantry ("Buffalo") Division, left Leghorn, Italy, November 16, aboard the SS Frostburg Victory and will arrive at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation on November 27, 1945, the War Department announced today.

Units of the 365th Infantry Regiment arriving are: Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, Regimental Headquarters Company and Companies I, K, L and M. A total of 818 enlisted men and 48 officers are expected.

Among the 770 enlisted and 46 officer personnel of the 370th Infantry Regiment scheduled to arrive are members of the Regiment's Headquarters Company, Service Company, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion and Companies I, K, L and M.

In the Advance Party of Headquarters Company, Special Troops, are 17 officers and 67 enlisted men.

Arriving on November 27, also at Hampton Roads, are the following elements of the Division: Headquarters Battalion, 317th Medical Battalion, 597th Field Artillery Battalion and Company M of the 371st Infantry Detachment.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

Rev. E. A. Gaters, former secretary of the Crocker Street Y, but now old agent for the National Baptist Seminary, was guest last Sunday morning preaching the "Seven Greatest Wonders of All Time."

Two persons, Mrs. Margaret M. Lowry, who was the first editor of the St. Paul Bulletin and Mrs. Thelma Graves Smith, were added to the membership.

At this service the pastor announced the appointment of Mrs. Jeanne Morris, to the position of director of religious education for St. Paul church, and also announced that

the annual church conference for the election of trustees would be held on Monday evening, Nov. 26. Among the visitors Sunday morning were Mrs. Gaters, mother of the Rev. E. A. Gaters, and Capt. Robt. G. Pitts, Iowa's only Negro Army Air Corps Captain, with his wife.

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service, the members of the Gospel Choir served a dinner.

Service Flag Dedication

On next Sunday evening the Service Flag Committee will hold its 11th rededication of the St. Paul Service Flag which is to be in the nature of a home coming celebration at which all returned service men and women will be honored guests and the principal address will be delivered by Atty. M. J. Carl, a veteran of two World Wars.

USHER BOARD MEETS

The Maple Street Usher board will meet at the home of Mrs. Joan Bullock, 1331 Center street, Friday night, 8 p. m. Mrs. Arzola Dudley is president.



CURTIS MORTON, Extreme End Man at the Monarch's Minstrel Show at Hoyt Sherman Place Thursday night, Nov. 29.

BURNS METHODIST CHURCH

The group meeting of the Kansas City District No. 4 of the Methodist church will meet in Marshalltown on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 4 p. m. This is a district delegation group for the Crusade of Christ which includes

Richard Wright Speaks

(See front page)

his eyes from this vision of horror. He tried to ring a unity. "Other black singers cared less about what their whites wanted and wrote what they felt."

"From 1761 to 1900 was kind of unity that knit Negro expressions together. Mr. Wright noted and saw after Emancipation of the Negro a separation and stratification. "White attitudes hardened and intensification of pressure was put against the Negro."

The speaker old of two tendencies—two levels that appeared in the writings. "These levels remained apart until the depression. Negroes who accepted what their lives were—saw escape in religion, jazz, blues and folk songs. The spirituals, like "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Steal Away," "He Never Said a Mumbling Word," and songs of rebellion came into being.

At the bottom was the knowledge of the duo-life the Negro lived. Many of them knew that their hope was hopeless and out of this the blues were born.

Among the migrant Negroes who always found that it was the "always holy, righteous and uplifting that crushed them," sprung the "dirty dozens."

"What else would you expect of people—kicked out of life into the darkness?" Mr. Wright queried. Waring Cuney (1906-) summed up the meaning of Jim Crow in the war. What was happening upstairs?" the speaker asked and replied that someone was finding out that "if you prick me—I bruise; if you put fire to me—I burn—just like you."

Following W. E. E. DuBois, writer of free verse poems was James Weldon Johnson, whose "eyes were riveted upon the horrors of lynchings."

Horrors Remained

"Horrors that confronted the Negro remained during the war and peace, summer and winter, night and day," Mr. Wright spoke.

Claude McKay (1889-) with his "White Houses," in which he wrote "Your door is shut against my tightened face"; and Jean Toomer (1894-) and Countee Cullen (1903-) were writing at the apex of lynching. They spoke of the conflict of human needs that all but overwhelmed the Negro. "This is their judgment upon you

and your world," Mr. Wright told his audience.

"Despair is not the entire picture," Mr. Wright encouraged as he told of the "first real break" that World War I provided and Soviet Russia sending out its falls to the oppressed.

Before that time the Negro had to depend upon the "white definition"—but suddenly that spell was broken, forever, in the minds of the rejected Negro. Color consciousness lost some of its edge and a new sense of identification came to the Negro.

"The Negro made wholehearted commitments to a new world. Langston Hughes visited Russia—where Phyllis Wheatley visited the parlors of George Washington.

Catching this "new vision" were writers like Sterling A. Brown, Melvin Tolson who gave the Negro expression a wider base, Margaret Walker and Richard Wright, himself.

Question Freedom

"What value is there in writing like this?" Mr. Wright asked; and he responded: "we write out of what life gives us in the form of experience. The American Negro is the one group that consistently raises this question of freedom."

The speaker revealed that from the French, the soldiers of the Red Army, the Brazilians "come questions about the American Negro—living here in the greatest pretense of democracy on earth."

Following Mr. Wright's lecture, the meeting was open for questions—but there were no questions asked.

Addresses Center Board

Mr. Wright was guest speaker Wednesday evening at the annual dinner meeting of the Community Center Board, which was held in the art room of the Hoyt Sherman Place, where 108 guests heard the speaker on the "Negro Problems in America."

"When you raise the Negro problem—you raise a hornet's nest," Mr. Wright spoke as he told how folklore penetrated down—into the home by the radio, press and movies, in religion—to teach that the "Negro is inferior."

"The Negro problem has become symbolic of the world problem. America today stands foremost in the world. The first object in the next war will be to get the United States and I think we present a very vulnerable target with the Negro problem in the United States.

"How vulnerable we are—we succumb to folk lore; we submit to myths in matters of race in our every day living."

Mr. Wright talked informally with a group of Negro citizens who welcomed him at the home of Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris, late Wednesday night. While here he was guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander. He is on a tour, speaking to small white colleges, on the problems of the Negro.

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MRS. BARBARA PARKEY

One of the two efficient young Negro typists who operate a department in the office of the Tall Corn Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 701 Royal Union building, is Mrs. Barbara Jean Parkey, who has been employed there for 14 months.

Mrs. Parkey, with the assistance of Miss Jeanette Marshall, do all of the typing on Boy Scout literature that is sent out to Boy Scout troops, members and leaders.

The department in which the two young women work is filled with shelves of printed Scout matter. This week were Christmas gift folders—about 7,000 of them, Mrs. Parkey estimated, to be typed.

She also operates a mimeograph and multilith machines which run off more Scout literature.

"I like the work here fine," Mrs. Parkey commented and added that working with the other employees of the Scout office was a pleasure.

A graduate of North high school, where she learned her typing, she has been out of school since 1941. Her husband is Sgt. Kenneth Parkey, is radio operator-gunner assigned to the 477th Composite group at Godman Field, Ky. Mrs. Parkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCracken, 1050 16th street, is a member of the St. Paul A.M.E. church. Mrs. Parkey is employed in the office which is directed by Harold

West, executive secretary of the Tall Corn Council of Boy Scouts.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend sincere thanks to my many friends and to the Corinthian Baptist church and the Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor, Auxiliaries, for their telegrams, expressions of sympathy at the time of death of my beloved brother, Mr. Houston Faulkner of Memphis, Tenn.

Signed by Mrs. Moses Jones, sister; and Mr. Jones, brother-in-law.

SCOUTS PARTY DEC. 1

Scout Troop No. 5 will sponsor a party Saturday evening, Dec. 1, at the East Des Moines Community center. Prizes will be given. G. A. Wells is assistant scout master; Henry Edmond.

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To MATHEW DECOURSEY, whose name the real estate described herein is taxed.

You are hereby notified that on December 17, A. D. 1942, the following described real estate situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit:

Except the East seven (7) feet Lot forty (40) Oak Hill, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines

was sold at a regular Tax Sale, by the Treasurer of said County to Cyrus B. Hills for the then delinquent and unpaid taxes of the year 1941, thereon; that the undersigned, Frank Barber is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued pursuant to the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the said real estate will be made unless redemption is made from said sale within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

Dated November 19th, 1945.
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ORIGINAL NOTICE

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

DOROTHY SCOTT, Plaintiff
vs.
JOHNNIE SCOTT, Defendant
To JOHNNIE SCOTT:

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 above named court claiming of you an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

For further particulars see petition, before said court in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on or before the 20th day of December, 1945, and that unless you so appear, your default will be entered and judgment or decree rendered thereon as prayed for in plaintiff's petition.

GERTRUDE E. RUSH,
Attorney for Plaintiff
229 Walnut St.
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MRS. RINGO LEAVES FOR VISIT IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Anna Ringo left the city Saturday, Nov. 17, for St. Louis, Mo., to visit her nephew, Paul Woods and family; niece, Ruth Hunter and family; and Alphonso Woods and family in East St. Louis. In Carbondale, Ill., Mrs. Ringo will visit her brothers and other relatives. She will be gone two weeks.

VISITING

Miss Mildred Steadham is visiting her brother in Illinois.

MRS. MORRISON HAS GUESTS

Mrs. Elsie Morrison had as house guests this week her brother, Mr. Joseph Jones, and Mr. Forest Franklyn of Milwaukee, Wis. Other guests were Mrs. Laura Bell Simmons of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Mrs. Ethel Carter and daughter, Geraldine of Kansas City, Mo.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Estella Allen gave a miscellaneous clock shower Nov. 10 at her home, honoring Maryola Underwood. Sharing the courtesies were: Mesdames Eloise Walker, Barbara Kaiser, Trella Perry, Marie Thomas, Maxine May, Inez McQuery, Virgie Wilcox.

VISIT IN Ft. DODGE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winn, Mrs. Virgil Dixon and daughter, Billie, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Hawkins spent Sunday in Ft. Dodge, Ia., with Mrs. Hawkins' relatives.

DAUGHTER TO MOOREHEADS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moorehead, 1412 Second Street place, announce the birth of a baby daughter, Lavonne Faye, born on November 4 at Mercy hospital. Mother and daughter returned home Wednesday from the hospital. Mrs. Moorehead is the former Miss Constance Peak.

CHARLES McLEAN TO SPEAK NOV. 22

Charles McLean of the treasury department, Washington, D. C., will speak at the Negro Community Center on Nov. 22, 8 p. m. His topic will be on the "Interacial Victory Bond Drive." Mrs. Cecil Lewis, is bond drive chairman of the Iowa Association of Colored Women, which is sponsoring the meeting.

AWARD PRIZES AT ART SHOW TEA

The life of Grant Wood, famous Iowa artist, who was drawing or painting forty-five out of the fifty years he lived, was the subject of a lecture Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, given by Mrs. Cornell Hewson of the art department of the city library. The lecture was a feature of the art exhibit awards tea given at the Negro Community Center.

Mrs. Theodore Martin, president of the Dilettante club which sponsored the nineteenth annual art exhibit which is now showing in the art department of the library, revealed that the tea was held at the center instead of the foyer of the library, because that department in the library is closed to the public on Sundays.

Mrs. L. P. McGuire, chairman of the exhibit, presented Charles Boston, young Des Moines artist, who returned recently from service in Europe with the army. Mr. Boston awarded the prizes to winners.

Paul Parker, of the Des Moines Art Center and one of the judges of the exhibit was presented.

CENTER BOARD MEETS: APPRAISERS CHECKING SITES FOR BUILDING

The Negro Community Center board held its annual dinner meeting last Wednesday evening at Hoyt Sherman Place, where 108 guests listened to Richard Wright, famous novelist, speak on "The Negro Problem in America."

Presiding at the meeting was A. A. Alexander, president of the board, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Cowles, Jr., of the Gardner Cowles Foundation which gave \$100,000 during the spring of the year for the building of a new Negro Community Center.

Mrs. Cowles, treasurer of the Negro Center board, presented to the audience the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Wright. Other members of the Center Board were introduced by Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Alexander revealed that appraisers were busy checking various properties for the location of the new Negro Center, which probably will be built during the coming new year.

IACW Holds District Meeting

Mason City, Ia.—The second annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Colored Women, district No. 2, convened here Sunday, Nov. 18, with sessions at the Union Memorial church.

Mrs. Paul L. Scott, district president, presided over the public meeting at 3 o'clock and listened to reports of delegates from Waterloo, Cedar Rapids and Mason City. The Justrite club of the city reported on the successful Sue M. Brown Hall Day program given Nov. 8.

The state president, Mrs. Rose B. Johnson of Marshalltown, and delegates from there, were unable to attend because of being stricken with influenza.

Mesdames Scott and R. A. Broyles of Waterloo are serving their second term in office. The elected officers were: Mrs. Vivian Smith, Cedar Rapids, re-elected district secretary; Mrs. Edna M. Saunders, Mason City, assistant secretary; Mrs. Frances Backstrom, Cedar Rapids, treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Murray, Waterloo, appointed chaplain.

Other appointees were: Mrs. M. Brewton, education; Mrs. Belina Warren, ways and means committee; Mrs. Louis Kipper, youth department.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, Manly, Ohio, woman in industry; Mrs. Jewette Walls, music. Other officers will be named later. The Rev. Jordan Ray installed the officers.

A reception, honoring the state and district officers, and delegates was held at the home of Mrs. Scott, with members of the Justrite club sharing the courtesy. Assisting Mrs. Scott were: Mesdames Horace H. Spencer, Nannie Smith, Izola Banks and Mary Davis.

Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. E. C. Martin, Mrs. Marie Maddox, Miss Esther Walls, Mrs. G. H. Kendrick of Des Moines, Mrs. M. Dacus, Mrs. Jewette Walls.

The next meeting of the District No. 2 will be in Marshalltown, October 1946.

MRS. JONES HERE

Mrs. Leota Jones from Detroit, Mich., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Brown, 301 S. E. Twenty-eighth street, over the Thanksgiving vacation.

MRS. DANFORTH HEADS MONOGRAM CLUB FOR FIFTEENTH YEAR

The Monogram club met Nov. 1 at the home of Mrs. Annie Danforth. Plans were made to give away a ton of coal on Nov. 15.

Election of officers was held by the Rev. A. J. Irvin as follows: Mrs. Danforth, re-elected president for her fifteenth year; Mrs. Myrtle Page, vice president; Mrs. Osceola Sims, re-elected secretary for her fifteenth year; Mrs. Gertrude Reeves, chaplain; Evangelist Estella Coates, spiritual advisor. The club will hold its next meeting on Nov. 15 at the home of Mrs. Hattie Brown.

MASON CITY, IA.

Mason City, Ia.—Union Memorial Methodist church, Rev. Jordan Ray, pastor. Women's Day was held recently with Mrs. P. L. Scott, Rev. W. A. Hunter of Marshalltown, were guest speakers. The Rev. Mr. Hunter presided.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

Thanksgiving Day—this first post-war one—is quite a happy occasion, especially in the homes of the returning servicemen. All this week Mrs. Vesta Williamson, 1022 Woodland, has been waiting for son, S/Sgt. Chester Williamson, to show up. He just returned from nearly two years in Europe.

Mrs. Williamson likes the old-fashioned kind of Thanksgiving celebrations—where there is a big feast on the turkey, cranberries and all of the other good eats. She said she could not accept the day—just as any other day—because she was not brought up that way. She did not always have turkey—but "whatever we had—we gave thanks and had a grand time."

Mrs. C. L. Bogan of 833 E. Twenty-fourth street, said she could feel much better about Thanksgiving time if her three sons were back home from military services. She said she is thankful to God for one day as she is another.

BOND DRIVE CHAIRMAN



Mrs. Homer Lewis, one of the active club women of Iowa, is pushing the sale of victory bonds among the club women of the state. She is state chairman of the bond drive for the Iowa Association of Colored Women.

A special bond drive meeting was held here on November 22, at which time Charles McLean of the treasury department of Washington, D. C., addressed the club women.

er showed a Biblical picture, "The Prodigal Son," Sunday evening.

Quarterly meeting services were held at Union Memorial. District Superintendent, Rev. H. L. Overton spoke on "The Crusade For Christ." Day of Prayer and Self Denial was conducted by Mrs. P. L. Scott, spiritual life leader of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Scott and Mrs. Jordan Ray attended the Women's Day program in Marshalltown, Nov. 11, when Mrs. Scott was guest speaker.

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Mrs. Clyde Walton reviewed the "Primer For White Folks" (Bucklin Moon) at the regular meeting of the Booklovers club Nov. 16. New members are Mrs. Marguerite Chamblee and Mrs. Mary Hardiman.

The membership committee, Mrs. G. B. Tucker, chairman, met Nov. 13 and made plans for the launching of its annual membership drive soon.

The Mary B. Talbot club gave a successful dinner at the Branch on Nov. 16. Several persons took advantage of this opportunity to entertain friends.

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MRS. WILEY BACK TO DES MOINES

Mrs. Mildred Wiley, 955 17th street, returned to the city recently from Vallejo, Calif., where she held a position as United States Organization director. She is a former Keo-Way USO director.

coming year. President is Marceline Doyle; vice president, Venice Davis; secretary, Edith Watkins; treasurer, Gertrude Crumb; sergeant-at-arms, Clara London; reporter, Gwendolyn London.

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Ans.—It isn't good taste for your husband to be carrying around women's telephone numbers regardless of whom they may belong. You have already reproached him and expressed your views and there is no need for further criticism. A husband usually only takes the privileges his wife sanctions—if you feel he is overstepping his liberties by staying out nights you should talk it over with him and come to an understanding. You are making a mistake not to encourage the friendship of the young married couples in your

city. If you do so he will be less prone to seek out his old single friends and hang out nights. Your marriage is in a formative period and you should set certain standards at once.

F. C.—I am four years older than my husband. Since he has been over seas he writes that he has seen his mistake and wants to come home to me and our four children and do better. Do you think these four years is too much difference in our age the reason we didn't get along so well?

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Y.M.C.A. PROGRAM MUST CHANGE

For a number of years, the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. had practically no building or equipment but maintained a fairly good program under trying conditions. It boasted of one of the largest camp periods for Negro boys in the country to the extent that this one week's outing annually became just about all the program for which the executive and board worked.

In years gone by those camp periods—although segregated and contrary to the principles of Christianity which the Y is supposed to stand for—were a source of outing for families and friends of the campers. And although just a pen prick when a whole year-round program is considered, the period had the respect of people who knew about it.

However, during the past few years, something has gone radically wrong. Instead of a well supervised program carried out with reasonable discipline, the period has degenerated into a gathering for petty criminal actors. The officials composed of white and Negro directors have had absolutely no control over the campers. And while a good attendance has continued, the increase in the flow of money, rather than the program which was offered, accounted for numbers. It has come to the place where many parents refuse to send their children to these camps because they seem to do no good.

The responsibility for these conditions of affairs rests upon the officials of the Y.M.C.A. both down town and in the Crocker Street department. Somebody has adopted a do-nothing program with a result that the youngsters have suffered immeasurably.

Recently, the Crocker department has moved into more desirable quarters with prospects of additional room and equipment. A new executive secretary has come to the Central Y.M.C.A. whose views are more in harmony with a decent deal for Negro youngsters. We hope that the staff at the Crocker department will be completed shortly and a program worked out which will place the Y.M.C.A. in Des Moines more nearly in line with principles of decency.

And that decency, we believe, should include putting an end to the almost total exclusion of Negro boys from facilities at the Central Y.M.C.A.; the abolishment of the practice of forcing Negro youngsters to confine themselves to one camp period—the Boy Scouts have never done this and their programs have been highly successful; the training of Negro camp leaders by giving them more than one week's experience; the planning of a year-round program and actually working with a sincere effort to make it work.

If the Y.M.C.A. cannot do this, it conditions cannot improve at the Y camp it would be better to close the whole thing up. And while the boast of large camps has lulled some people into a state of satisfactory work done, it would be better to carry out a program which will serve ten campers well than one which has brought a lot of boys together and failed to help any of them.

problem is. "The white people help create unfavorable positions for the Negro, and then criticize and discriminate against him because those very conditions exist," he said. "His lack of education, economic standing, poor housing conditions all are traceable to the denial of the principle of the brotherhood of man purely because that man happens to be black."

Like some other people who have spoken here recently, Mr. Wright was high in his praise for Russia's handling of the race problem. And many have not felt friendly because of these views. However, it must be conceded that we have done a miserable hypocritical job so far, so when a person finds a country which practices what it preaches, he is bound to give credit where credit is due.

It cannot be emphasized too often that the race question will not be solved by soft-peddling the denial of the principles of the golden rule to all men nor full cooperation by both white and colored people each group sharing its full responsibility.

The defeat by the Iowa's University football team over Minnesota Saturday is just another instance that a fellow is never out of the race unless he himself thinks so.

It has been rumored that Hazel Scott would divorce her husband, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., congressman from New York. The more we hear his outbursts in public print, the more we believe the rumor has some foundation.

YMCA

CROCKER Y NEWS

The big financial drive is over, and the money is still rolling in. At this writing, the Y.M.C.A. has just about \$1,200 and more coming in every day. Mr. Ashby is quite proud of one of his sales stunts. He made up a list of about sixty boys who either couldn't or didn't have memberships in the Y. He sold just about forty of these boys. Among those who bought memberships for one year and gave them to the boys were Mr. G. W. Scott, who gave three, a Mrs. Susan Ridgell who topped the list with four; Homer Lewis, Owen Watkins, Arthur Tureheart, Lowell Williams, K. P. Lodge, John Nickens, all of with one each, and Duke Statka with two. Also buying three was Mr. Reggs Basket. Several more people bought one, including the Mary Church, Trefell Junior club. A complete list will be made next week.

For the first time Crocker Y had three victory members before they had raised their quota. Speck Howard and F. O. Morrow had become members of the victory club in former years, each in a different year, but this was the first time that we could boast of three. Mr. Trotter, Bill Ashby and Allen Ashby were presented their cards in the order named before the team went over the top.

The Burns Male Chorus practiced in the Y last week, and Mr. Ashby neglected his duties to try to sing with them. Bill Ashby also came in for his share of the fun.

Mr. Spriggs has formed a Sunday afternoon club that will embark upon a definite program of Sunday recreation for young men and boys.

Basketball will be started the week of December 4. Then there will be at least one clinic with one of the high school coaches acting as instructor, and have the rules explained to the players before the regular league season opens.

During basketball season there will be two nights for adult nights, on these nights adults may come in and use the building just as the boys do.

THE SCREEN'S MOST GRIPPING DRAMA OF MURDER AND DESIRE! ALICE FAYE, DANA ANDREWS, LINDA DARNELL. Fallen Angel. A 20th Century-Fox Picture.

RICHARD WRIGHT IN DES MOINES. Anyone who heard Richard Wright in Des Moines last week can well understand how he writes the style he follows. Historical, logical, direct. Mr. Wright did a fine job of telling his two audiences in Des Moines just how utterly silly our American race

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Football

The selection of Estes, Ratton, Brown and Morton on the all city team came as no surprise, because these lads have simply merited their places by their play during the season, and it would have been no all city team that didn't include them. But, now we shall wait and see what happens to them when the all state teams are picked. If there are any better all around backs than Estes in the state we would like to see them. In the words of the old timer, "We don't think there is any such animal."

Looks as if the Indiana team will have a chance to finish its first unbeaten season in a long time, thanks to the Talifaro and another "guy" named Groom. Wonder what happened to Simmons at Iowa when the Hawkeyes upset the experts by trimming Minnesota?

Your servant didn't get to see the game between Iowa State and Drake last week, but we heard from just a number of sources that Perry Harris fumbled and cost the Bulldogs the safety that proved the margin of victory for the Cyclones. That was just one of the things that happen in anybody's ball game, and after a season of brilliant play, it was just the law of averages catching up with Perry. Everybody makes some mistakes in a season at one time or another. But, the big job is to get ready for the next test, and we hope the guy doesn't take that one bobble to heart and let it affect his next game. None is immune from fumbles or mistakes, whether the chips are down or not.

Boxing

The scribes and ballyhoo experts are getting to work on the Joe Louis-Billy Conn scrap. Both parties to the brawl which is expected to draw at least a million dollars are insured against being upset by some young, ambitious youngster who doesn't care a hoot about their reputation. Neither man is supposed to engage in any boxing before the big brawl. The odd part of it is that there doesn't seem to be anybody on the surface of things who can step into the limelight of a title bout ahead of Conn. This is the first time we can recall or ever heard of that time actually stood still for anybody. Father Time certainly came to a halt for Conn and Louis.

Twin City scribes are still trying to explain the sudden kayo of Jackie Graves by Jimmy Joyce last week. Sec Taylor explains it by saying that, in his estimation, Graves is rather easily hit, and doesn't have any too much cement in his jaw. That is just about what Bill Heath has been saying both before and after his fight with Graves. Looks as if Bill is more of an expert than some of those who are getting paid for expediting. But a few of the local sport scribes went overboard on the Minneapolis youngster before his recent upset, and now they are having a time to straighten themselves out. But, our guess is that Graves will meet Joyce again, and take him next time by one method or another.

all week, and no small boys will be allowed in the building after seven p. m.

MRS. PANCY TO SPEAK AT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH. Mrs. F. Pancy, president of the women's department of the North-western District conference of the

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You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS

Sgt. Davies in Okinawa Sends 'Some Thanks' to Paper for Moments of Pleasure. "There've been lots of 'orchids' given to the servicemen for winning this war. It's our turn to pass some thanks," wrote First Sgt. David M. Davies on Nov. 1, from Okinawa.

"Number One on my list is the Bystander. The moments of pleasure it has given me add up into weeks, maybe, months. Editions have come to me while I was in the Hawaiian Islands, in the Marianas and finally here on Okinawa. "I regret that there wasn't a single lowan in my unit that I could share the papers with—but upon the arrival of every issue there were fellows from other cities waiting to read it.

"The column, Post Exchange, deserves special commendation. It's a wonderful project. A column dedicated to us makes us KNOW that we're being remembered. It has enabled us to be with joys, sorrows and exciting events of our friends in the service. It has afforded us opportunities to relax and 'write the boys.' The beautiful part of the whole thing is the fact that our writings were uncensored by the editors and our opinions were respected.

"It would be interesting to know the names of the different places the Bystander has been. I submit the Bystander itinerary: Oahu, Maui, Salpan, Tinian and Okinawa.

"I was very much amazed and amused by the 'solemn' note of the censorious remarks about some intended satire that I wrote sometime ago. My criticizing friends can rest assured that, far be it from me to seriously ridicule the grand job the American women have done in this crisis national emergency.

"At the present my outfit is just 'marking time,' waiting for a 'ticket home.' Recent administrative changes cause me to be a little more-extraneous in my wishful thinking. Have any of the Iowa Marines returned from the South Pacific yet? Regards to all my friends.—First Sgt. David M. Davies, 18th Marine Depot Co., c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Pentecostal Assembly of the World, will speak at the Pentecostal Open Door church here at Southeast Twenty-eighth and Maury in public meetings, three nights, Nov. 23, 24, 25. The pastor is Elder W. H. Spivey.

THE G. I. BLUES. I go to sleep in a G.I. bed, on a G.I. pillow I rest my head. My blankets they are G.I., too. Then G.I. sleep and think of you. A G.I. bugler wakes me up. I drink G.I. coffee in a G.I. cup. The powdered eggs they are G.I., too. But G.I. wish I were with you. When I come down with G.I. pills, they stuff me full of G.I. pills. Ointments and drops are G.I., too. But G.I. head just seeing you. Or G.I. food, I've had my fill. Or G.I. clothes, I'm tired too. But G.I.'ll never be tired of you. At night a G.I. prayer I'll say, "Oh G.I. God, I've had my fill. But when this G.I. war is through, this G.I. boy will return to you. Now G.I. stands for Government issue, but my darling G.I. miss you. And G.I. hope you miss me, too. For G.I. love you, G.I. do.

The above lines were sent by T/5 Cecil Brewton, Jr., from Okinawa to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brewton of 1312 Laurel street. Brewton's address is: 37697900, 131st Port Co., APO 180, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. Quentin R. Mease Writes of Visit to Atomic Bombed Hiroshima in Japan. (See Front Page)

"The Japanese estimate that more than 40,000 were killed by the explosion and the after effect of the radio-active waves, and other strange phenomena have been responsible for the death of many more.

"We have talked to some Japanese civilians who live in Hiroshima and were there at the time of the bomb explosion. All say that there was hardly no noise, just a blinding flash that lasted for fully a minute. Even those indoors were momentarily blinded by the brilliance of the pyrotechnics which was described as brighter than sunlight.

"Most Everyone Stunned" "Most everyone within the radius of destruction was stunned if not killed. One Japanese interpreter

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told us of having come outside of the building he was in after recovering from his stupor and witnessing some unbelievable sights. He saw people, on picking themselves up from the street, rub their hands across their faces and the flesh would fall off just like cooked meat leaving the bones exposed. He stumbled over scores of others lying in the street—their bodies turned to many strange colors. Actually seeing the awful holocaust caused by just one bomb and listening to the horrendous stories told by the people themselves gives one a very graphic idea of what happened, and more importantly, some idea of what the next war will be like. May God forbid the continuation of such madness.

"The third item on the day's birthday program was entirely unofficial and of a lighter vein. Danny Kaye, the famous film and radio comedian, and Leo Durocher, widely known manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team visited Kure and we took in their show in the evening. The boys worked very hard to put over a swell bit of entertainment; and, all in all, it was a grand show. It really I shan't soon forget.

"So much for one day. But all of topped off a very busy day—one that the days in nearly the month we have been here have been extremely busy ones. My company was one of those selected by Sixth Army headquarters to come in on initial stage of the occupation. We debarked here on September 20 after a most hectic trip from Mindanao. As part of the

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advance echelon of the Tenth Corps, we arrived along with about 9,000 other troops, the 41st Division having preceded us by a day.

Mass Exodus

"It was all very strange and most unusual to find a virtual total absence of people anywhere in a city of this size. We later found out that there had been almost a mass exodus of civilians to the hills, fleeing in dread fear of what they thought would be wholesale acts of atrocities perpetrated by the Americans, so similar to the conduct of their own soldiers.

"They soon found out that the G. I.'s instead of mistreating them, are eager to see and talk with them, and of course are buying up souvenirs in typical American fashion. The Nips are quickly sizing up the situation and taking advantage of the easy going soldiers and sailors. Souvenirs that we could get for a song when we first came in are now selling for hundreds of yens.

"There are realms I could write about this strangely beautiful country of contrasts and inconsistencies and will do so in the future, but I have already exceeded the bounds of propriety by consuming all too much of your valuable time in reading this much trivia.

"Until then, with best regards and my fervent wishes for a truly blessed Thanksgiving to you and our mutual friends.—Lt. Quentin R. Mease, O-2037148, 3024 RHD Company, APO 517, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Lieutenant Mease, son of Mrs. Cornelia Mease of the city, was formerly Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. secretary.

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