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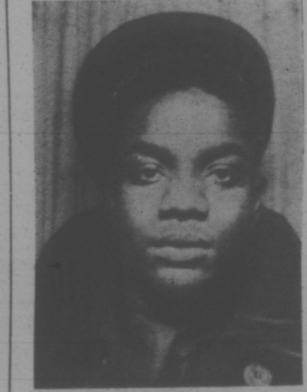
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BURNS METHODIST CHURCH

West 8th and Crocker streets, Rev. R. H. M. Hardiman, pastor, Parsonage, 913 Crocker, telephone 4-3623. Order of worship: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship 11 a. m.; Youth hour 6 p. m.; Vesper hour 7 p. m.; Midweek Fellowship, Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Men's Choir rehearsals, Thursday 8 p. m.; Regular Choir rehearsals, Friday 8 p. m. The little church with the big welcome.

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CHURCH OF LIGHT AND TRUTH

Spiritual Temple of Truth, Mrs. Hazel Brown, pastor, 1068 12th street, phone 3-8450. Spiritual classes held Wednesday evening 8 p. m. Sunday evening services held 6 p. m. with personal messages. Everyone welcome.

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

East Seventeenth and University, Elder F. T. Taylor, pastor, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon), 9:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m. Regular services Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Bogie, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

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1734 Cleveland, Rev. W. DeWitt Smith, pastor, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock; evening services, 8 o'clock. Regular services, Tuesday and Friday night, Y. P. W. W. services at 6:30 p. m.

PENECOSTAL OPEN DOOR CHURCH

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EAST SIDE UNION MEMBERS HOLD ANNUAL PARTY

The members of the East Side Union Missionary society held the annual party at the Roadside Settlement house, Jan. 10, at which time a potluck dinner was served. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record, Rev. W. F. Ogleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burrell of Ankeny, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Felix Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George King, Mesdames Willa Jones, Gertrude Murray, Gertrude Martinez, Bernice Edwards, Eva Johnson, Priscilla Brown, Clara Houston, Fannie Jones, Maggie Jenkins, Goldie Fant, Virginia Smith, Helen Clay, Mary Finney, Mae Howard, Ida Green, Ophelia Hill, Iva Ligon, Lora Darby, Ava Brewer, Marguerite Bailey. Gifts were exchanged.

REV. SIMMONS TO PREACH FOR MONGRAM

The Rev. H. A. Simmons will preach the annual sermon of the St. Paul's Monogram club Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, at 3 o'clock.

CALENDAR CLUB PROGRAM AT BETHEL JAN. 31

The Calendar club of Bethel A.M.E. church will have a musical program Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Ruth Doyle, chairman, presiding. The Rev. W. F. Ogleton is pastor.

MAPLE USHER BOARD DEDICATES HYMNALS

The Maple Street Usher board dedicated its new hymnals for the church Sunday. The senior choir helped in the purchase of the song books. The board was praised for its "fine work during the year" under the direction of Mrs. Arzola Dudley. The next meeting will be on Friday night, 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. Harvey Benning of 1408 Center street.

Last of 93rd Division to Land Next Month on Coast

Leyte, Philippine Islands — The last elements of the 93rd Infantry Division arrived on this island from Mindanao to await the arrival of the SS "Sea Cat" which will transport them, along with other troops, back to the United States. The expected time of arrival in San Francisco is the first week in February.

The Division will return to the States as a unit, but it will not be a large unit. All high and low-point men have been screened out and the strength of the Division when it arrives will be only 600.

The 93rd was the first Negro combat force of the Army Ground Forces larger than a battalion to be committed to action in the South Pacific. It participated in the Bougainville campaign in the northern Solomons, its first combat team debarking at Empress Bay on March 28, 1944. Detachments of the Division were also active in the Netherlands East Indies, Dutch New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

Fighting Ability
In the closing phases of the war in the Pacific, troops of the 93rd demonstrated their fighting ability when forward elements of the 368th Infantry Regiment climaxed a four-week drive on Jolo Island in the Sulu Archipelago with the killing of Major General Tetsuzo Suzuki, and running up a total of more than 750 Japanese killed, wounded and captured.

The 93rd went overseas in January 1944, under the command of

Major General Raymond H. Lehman, of Minnesota, and landed at Guadalcanal on February 7, 1944. In their first encounter with the Japanese, in April, 1944, elements of the 93rd killed thirty of the enemy on Bougainville while losing twelve of their own men. The unit is entitled to battle credit for participation in the northern Solomons campaign where it fought alongside the veteran American Division.

Activated in May, 1942, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, the 93rd was first organized at Camp Stuart, Newport News, Virginia, in December 1917. At that time the nucleus of the Division was composed of men from Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Upon arrival in France in the first World War, headquarters for the 93rd was set up at Bur-sur-Seine, pending the arrival and assembly of units of the Division. These units, however, consisting of the 369th, 370th, 371st and 372nd Infantry Regiments were brigaded with the French Army and in May 1918, the personnel of headquarters was attached to the 1st and 42nd Divisions pending the re-assembly of the Division.

It was never re-assembled, although never formally dissolved, and its history in the first World War resolves itself into the histories of its four Infantry Regiments, the 369th, 370th, 371st and 372nd.

Quentin Mease Now Captain

Quentin R. Mease, son of Mrs. Cornelia Mease of 1017 Thirteenth street, was promoted to the rank of captain, on Dec. 24, an order from the Sixth Army Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific he revealed.

Captain Mease, who is the fourth Negro soldier to go from Des Moines to the rank of captaincy, has been in the army for nearly three years. He has been in the Pacific Theater of Operations for 25 months.

Captain Mease is former executive secretary of the Crocker Trust Y.M.C.A. here. Other captains from Des Moines are: Robert L. Pitts, now in Detroit; Robert N. Hyde, still in Siapan of the Marianas; and James B. Morris, Jr., student at Iowa University.

NAACP

By BESSY L. GREEN
The Des Moines Branch of the NAACP met Jan. 22 at the West Side Community Center, with the Rev. W. H. Wheeler, first vice president, presiding. Mrs. Alice McCraney, program chairman, presented Atty. James B. Morris, who spoke on the Fair Employment Practice Commission. Atty. S. Joe Brown gave the background of the FEPC. Atty. Lawrence W. Oliver and A. A. Alexander were present from the FEPC Council.

Veterans of World War II and members of the Youth Council led the discussion on the employment problem of today.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 8 p. m. the Lincoln-Douglass program will be held at the Corinthian Baptist church. The program will be in the form of a Town Hall meeting. The public is invited. Program and education committees are in charge with the assistance of the Youth Advisor, Mrs. Clara Bayles.

WEST DES MOINES, IA.

West Des Moines, Ia.—The funeral of Mrs. Lovie J. Slaughter was held Sunday at the First Baptist church. Her body was carried to Bernice, La., her home. Mrs. Ed Gaiter accompanied the family to the home town. Dallas L. Elliott was home on a nine-day leave before reporting back to his base for departure to California.

Robert Griffin, Jr. is back home after three years overseas. He is at 116 Ninth street.

BURNS METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The young people's chorus is making progress under the leadership of Horace Brown, returned veteran, who is director. It meets Thursday, 8 p.

REV. CAULDER HERE

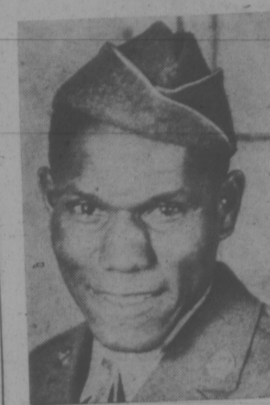
Rev. S. J. Caulder of Cedar Rapids, Ia., worthy grand patron of Electa Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. was in the city, Jan. 19 conferring with Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, worthy grand matron.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Baptist Illinois Messenger carried an article and photograph of Miss Mildred Griffin, one of our young members who is continuing her religious training in Rhode Island.

The pastor, Rev. G. W. Robinson, will deliver special sermons Sunday, Jan. 27.

IOWANS DISCHARGED FROM SERVICES



SUMNER J. MARION
Sgt. Sumner J. Marion, returned to the city Saturday, discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., after having spent three years in the army, thirty months of which were served in the South Pacific area. He is the son of Mrs. Maude Moss of 748 Tenth street.

DUNJEE TO BE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (MO.) JOURNALISM SPEAKER

Jefferson City, Mo.—Roscoe Dunjee, editor and publisher of the Oklahoma Black Dispatch, will deliver the annual Negro Newspaper Week address at Lincoln University Thursday, February 28, according to an announcement this week by Armitstead S. Pride, director of the Lincoln University School of Journalism.

Mr. Dunjee, a member of the Committee of Editors and Writers of the South, is president of the National Negro Business League and head of the Oklahoma Conference of NAACP Branches. The program on the Lincoln campus, conducted annually by the School of Journalism, will be in observance of the 119th anniversary of the Negro Press.

NOTICE

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ARTHUR L. McCUNE
Mr. Arthur L. McCune, discharged from three years in the military services, on Dec. 30 at Camp Grant, Ill., served thirty months in the European Theater of Operations with the Headquarters Detachment of the 498th Port Battalion.

After spending eight days with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cranshaw of 776 W. Fourteenth street, Mr. McCune went to Washington, D. C., where on Jan. 14 he was united in marriage to Thelma Richards, seaman first class of the WAVES. She is stationed at Arlington, Va.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Adolph A. Birch of the St. George Episcopal Chapel, Mrs. McCune is a native of Boston, Mass.

Mr. McCune returned to Des Moines last Friday and will be joined here by his wife after Feb. 1 when she receives her discharge from the WAVES.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors, friends and relatives for kind expressions and sympathies in the loss of our beloved mother, Sinia Robinson, and for beautiful floral offerings and contributions of cards. Special thanks to Rev. H. Simmons, Rev. R. Hardiman, Rev. Mrs. Martin, Rev. C. A. Record and Rev. Bell; Mrs. Westella Tywater, Mrs. Ethel Volner, Mrs. Priscilla Brown, Rose Temple Daughter Elks No. 33, Antlerz, Club Hawkeye Lodge 160 and the Cherokee Temple 223 of Omaha; for beautiful selections by the choir; and L. Fowler and Sons for their splendid services.

Signed by Gertrude Hall and Margaret Yancy, daughters; Lillian Cooper and Bernice Turner, granddaughters.



ROBERT L. HAYES, JR.
T/S Robert L. Hayes, Jr., was discharged from Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. In the army thirty-three months, he spent twenty-eight months in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria, serving with an Ordnance Ammunition Company.

Mr. Hayes was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, ETO Medal with four battle stars, and World War II Victory Medal with one Bronze star. He is the son of Mrs. Olivia Hayes, 1537 Maple street.

In an interview this week Mr. McCune recalled his overseas experience—the arrival of VE-Day when his company was in the Rhineland area in Belgium. "D-Day," he described as "dangerous days" when his company was attached to the 821st Amphibious trucking outfit which went into France. "We were driving ducks and unloading supplies during the invasion."

After the drive of the Bulge was over—everything was "smooth sailing," he said. He told of visits to night spots in Paris and Brussels. The latter he pictured as "more modern than Paris or the United States."

McCune won Good Conduct, ETO ribbon, three battle stars for Northern France, Normandy, Rhineland Campaigns; American Defense, Victory ribbons and a bronze arrowhead for D-Day invasion.

He plans to take advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights and enter Drake University next semester to study accounting.

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SOCIETY



CHICAGOAN IS BRIDE OF MR. BOWMAN

JANE WALKER BECOMES BRIDE OF T. M. KELLEY IN HOME CEREMONY

Cpl. Jane Walker of Altoona, Pa., and Thomas M. Kelley, Jr., son of Mr. T. M. Kelley, of 1046 Seventeenth street, were married at the Kelley home on Jan. 5, the date Corporal Walker was discharged from WAC Training Center at Ft. Des Moines.

The Rev. W. F. Ogletton read the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Robert Brown, recently discharged from service in the European Theater of Operations with Mr. Kelley, was best man. Other friends included Robert Ward, another dischargee back from Europe, Private First Class Elaine Chase of Washington, D. C. and Pvt. Grace Oipin of Newark, N. J.

Miss Walker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker of Altoona, wore an attractive white wool dress and carried a bouquet of red roses.

Mr. Kelley, who served thirty-three months in the army, went to Europe as a member of a port company. He volunteered for service with a mixed infantry, received the Purple Heart Award for injuries received in Germany.

Kelley returned to the states on Sept. 24 after having served nearly 30 months in the ETO. He received his discharge on Nov. 22 at Ft. McClelland, Ala.

Along with the Purple Heart, Kelley has received several battle stars, was awarded Good Conduct, ETO, Victory ribbons and medals.

The couple will make their home here. Mr. Kelley plans to enter Drake university next month to begin studies for a degree in law.

MISS BARRETTO IS BRIDE OF MR. COX DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

Miss Gloria Barretto, daughter of Mrs. Rose McKee, became the bride of Thomas E. Cox, steward third class, who was recently discharged from the navy. The ceremony was held Saturday night, Jan. 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Atkins of 817 S. E. Twenty-seventh street performed by the Rev. J. T. Johnson.

Attending the marriage and reception were Mrs. McKee, the bride's mother, Miss Mary Graves, Miss Emma Graves, Mrs. Julia Angelo, Miss Mary K. Hill, Mr. Harry Cross, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Matilda McKee, the bride's grandmother and Mrs. William James Atkins.

Mr. Cox, a native of Mt. Vernon, Ind., is the son of Mr. Andrew Cox of that city. After having spent a year and four months overseas, Mr. Cox was stationed at the Ottumwa naval base for several months.

TOLSON FAMILY HOLDS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATION

On New Year's Day at 10 o'clock in the morning the Tolsons held their sixty-fifth annual family reunion at the home of Mrs. Lora Darby, 1149 Third street.

Their father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tolson began observing this day after the birth of their first son. Seven of their ten children are still living, all in Des Moines. They are: Elmer, Maggie, Myrtle, Charlie, Mae, Lora and Arthur.

The reunion was an especially happy one this year with the return of four nephews who were discharged recently from the armed forces. They are: Thomas Van Diver, George Daniels, Robert Daniels and Henry Simmons, Jr. With additions to the family, the immediate group numbered fifty.

Among the twenty-five visitors and friends were: Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Irvine and children, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Williams and daughter, Rev. W. H. Ogletton, Evangelist, Estella Coates and one out-of-town visitor, Mrs. Margaret Vandy of Omaha, Neb. After the consecrated services the tables were set with good things to eat.

About 9 p. m. the Tolsons retired to their respective homes.

SEMI-FORMAL DANCING PARTY FOR GRADUATES

The Monarch club entertained with a semi-formal dancing party Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. for the mid-year high school graduates.

Graduates represented North and East high schools and West Technical school. Chaperons for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Buice.



MR. AND MRS. J. E. BOWMAN

In a quiet marriage ceremony performed on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p. m., at the Corinthian Baptist church parsonage, Miss Gloria Holland of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Mrs. Odie Holland of Morgantown, W. Va., became the bride of Mr. James E. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bowman of 906 Sixteenth street.

The Rev. G. W. Robinson read the

newlyweds.

Mrs. Bowman, a graduate of Fisk university, was doing graduate work at Northwestern university.

Mr. Bowman was discharged a flight officer in the air corps on Dec. 2 at the Sioux City Air Base after two and one-half years in the military services.

Having attended Iowa State college for two years, he plans to enter Drake university next semester.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB HAS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The first anniversary party by the Sportsman's club was enjoyed by

150 guests on Sunday night, Jan. 20, at Sampson's Chicken Shack. Music was furnished by Eddie Barber and his band. Sam Frazier is reporter.

A. L. CRANSHAW ANNOUNCES MARRIAGE OF HIS NEPHEW

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cranshaw, 776 Fourteenth street, announce the marriage of their nephew, Mr. Edgar A. Cranshaw, and Mrs. Hortense E. Midgett of Kansas City, Mo., which took place on Dec. 29, 1945, at Kansas City, Kas.

After the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. G. D. Hancock at his residence, Mr. and Mrs. Cranshaw motored to Trenton, Mo., and Chillicothe, Mo., for a brief honeymoon. They are making their home at present with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cranshaw.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

Since the first of the year—when many of the New Year greetings from organizations appeared in the Bystander—Rev. W. F. Ogletton, pastor of Bethel AME church, has been waiting patiently to see his greeting to all of his members and friends appear in these columns.

When the Christmas issue came off press—he looked and we looked and no one could find his greetings. He frowned and complained and said: "What will my members and friends think?" We assured that he would be taken care of in the next edition—but something did or didn't happen and the greeting did not appear.

Again he was in last week—and asked—"what about my greeting to all my friends and members?" They'll think terrible of me. So again—we promised to take care of his greeting—and here it is—though a bit late.

To all of the faithful members and friends of the Bethel AME church—you are wished a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is a bit late for the Christmas wish—but it can be held for the next year. The new year is still young—and there may yet be plenty of happiness in store—wished to you by the Rev. Mr. Ogletton.

Willard (Jack) Cushingberry, veteran of ETO, is working for Uncle Sam again. He was seen this week one of his routes—picking up mail from downtown boxes. He and Mrs. Idella Reeves Cushingberry are now the proud parents of a baby boy born last week.

Seen at the downtown post office busy throwing mail with the rest of the clerks was Calvin Dacus, another veteran of the ETO.

HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

Mr. Arthur L. Cranshaw, 776 W. 14th street, honored his wife, Mrs. Margaret Cranshaw with a birthday dinner party on Jan. 20. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Danforth, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardaway, Mr. and Mrs. Lillian Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wolder, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cranshaw, and Mr. Arthur McCune. Many nice gifts were received and, a long distance telephone birthday message from Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Wheeler of St. Paul, Minn.

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BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

In response to an SOS from the recreation officer of the Ottumwa Naval Air Base, twenty-three junior hostesses and two chaperons made the trip to Ottumwa to attend an all-station dance Friday evening, Jan. 18. Due to some trouble with the naval bus, the girls got a late start, but the dance was held extended for the benefit of the girls.

The Junior Hostess club met Jan. 17 for the purpose of reorganizing. Since the USOs have closed and most of the service men have returned, they feel that their war service also is not needed and they want to reconvert to civilian status. The following officers were elected: president, Sue Craddock; vice president, Margaret Bundles; secretary, Doris Williams; assistant secretary, Goldie Jones; treasurer, Doris Bennet; program chairman, Thelma Brown.

The members will bring in suggestions for a new name at the next meeting.

As one of their initial projects they are planning to sponsor bi-monthly dances in the game room at Central. They plan to conduct their dances on the dry-night club plan and are also seeking a name for this club. Mesdames Clifford Watkins and George Robinson, Jr., are serving as advisors.

The S. O. R. club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The members enjoyed a chili supper Jan. 9. They have made plans for an interesting program of fun and service for the coming months. Mrs. Gerald Hayes is advisor.

MRS. WATKINS HEADS L. T. CLUB

The L. T. club held its annual election of officers Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. Birdie Winn. Elected were: Mrs. Ada Jane Watkins, president; Georgia Howard, vice president; Harriet Scales, secretary; Clara Miller, assistant secretary; Leona Jordan, treasurer; Mary Hardaway, reporter. The club will meet in February with Mrs. Miller at the home of Mrs. Pearl Burns.

MISS DANFORTH BACK TO PHILADELPHIA

Miss Dorothy M. Danforth of Philadelphia, Pa., spent two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Danforth and relatives. She left Jan. 18 to resume her duties as cashier at one of the corporations in Philadelphia.

LAFE FOWLERS, JR. CELEBRATE EIGHTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Ans.: You need to be living with your husband. There is no true happiness for either of you in the way you are living now. It would be best for you to go and live with him in his one room under adverse circumstances until you can find a place than to live there in your nice home alone.

Ans.: During your husband's absence you longed for him continually and never did consider a divorce so apparently you still have a deep and lasting affection for him. He came back to you not because of a feeling of obligation but solely because he wanted you as his mate again. Now you must decide between the two men, once and for all, as you can't have them both. Your first consideration should be in favor of your husband as you have no definite proof as to what the other man's intentions are.

M. M. S.—I am a married woman and have been going with a man who is much older than I. He says that he loves me and he has another girl friend and I can't bear him going out with anyone else. He tells me not to worry because he loves me. Should I go on with him or stop?

Ans.: Bring an immediate end to this relationship between you and the man friend. The fact that you are married is sufficient reason for you to terminate this association. Naturally he will seek friendships with other girls as he realizes that you two can't mean anything to each other under the existing circumstances. You are wasting your time and bring a lot of unnecessary worry on yourself.

P. C.—I am so miserable and need advice. My husband is working away from home. He doesn't seem to have much time for me any more. He rushes in every couple of weeks and right out again. We are buying our home but it won't be much of a home without him. I would like to know what to do?

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CONGRESS SHOULD ACT ON FEP MEASURE

The expected filibuster against even consideration of the FEP bill by the Senate is in full swing and in spite of the fact that sufficient votes have been pledged to pass the measure, there is no certainty as to just what the outcome will be.

There is much misconception about the measure and the procedure adopted by the sponsors to secure its passage. The unsuspecting may overlook them easily as the died-in-the-wool reactionaries continue to throw out the proverbial "social equality smoke screen" to detract from and create prejudice against the merits of the measure.

The uninformed person looks upon the fair employment practice bill as a measure to guarantee fair treatment to Negroes only when as a matter of fact it is designed to assure all minority groups an equal chance for employment and that means Jews, Catholics, and certain of our foreign born citizens.

When Senator Chavez, the sponsor of the measure in the Senate, called it up for consideration when Congress convened the first of the year, many people including senators thought the time was not apropos and that legislation dealing with the mounting strike situation should have been considered first.

As a matter of fact the Senate committees have not been able to agree on any strike legislation or any other important measure growing out of reconversion, so none was ready for consideration on the floor.

Of course the only way this bill can get before the Senate on its merits is by the adoption of a rule-closure-limiting debate. There are those who favor the measure but hesitate to adopt closure-which is a curtailment of the rule of unlimited debate in the Senate—a custom which many hesitate to adopt.

The Bystander believes, and we think this to be the views of most reasonable people, that everything which needs to be said about the FEP measure has been said, it has been debated in-and-out of Congress for several years. And when measures have been as fully debated as this one, the closure rule may well be enforced.

The country is in a turmoil today because a group of narrow conservative men has blocked measures designed to help the country go forward. They may as well be stopped now as later on.

MOST UNFORTUNATE

It is most unfortunate that our soldiers and the American people as a whole have made a fool of themselves in the disorderly manner in which they have gone about to get the boys out of the army.

When the boys went into the service they understood that they were to serve for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. And although the shooting has ceased, officially we are still at war.

Then, too, experience has shown that following the close of World War I not only did we demobilize the army too fast, but we failed to occupy Germany long enough to make the people understand that we had won the war. The heads of our government, which includes the armed service, do not intend that this should happen again, and therefore propose to occupy Germany and Japan for a long time to come. With this, we fully agree.

SPORTS

By ALLE NASHBY

The second week of the Crocker Y league saw the dropping out of the Little Renns. In our estimation it was a smart move for them, since they were already in two leagues, and a setback at the hands of any of the teams in our leagues wouldn't do their prestige much good. If we have it straight, they are unbeaten in the Jewish Community Center league, having won their last three stars. The addition of Art McCune will make them a much tougher team than they have ever been before, and they will have a good chance to cop the honors in both leagues.

Last week, the Neal Howard Coal Co. team got into the junior league. The coal boys were made up of cast-offs from the other teams, and they took on the N. C. C. Aces. The result was a bit of an upset, to put it mildly, the Neal Howard boys winning 13 to 6. Long Johnny Jones and Herb Smart played in the back court for the Howard lads and turned the scoring efforts of the Aces into one shot affairs. They tried hard, but the red shirted boys had too much height. Then last Monday, the Howard boys were caught without their best players home, and they took a first class drubbing from the East Des Moines C. C. which looms as the team to beat in this league. The N. C. C. stars are tougher than old leather, with Donald Spangler and Harold Lewis playing in the back court on defense, and Paul Johnson looping them in from the corners.

In the senior league, the Sportsmen seem to be the toughest club in the league, but the Unknowns are getting tougher by the week, and scared the wits out of the Sportsmen last week by leading them until the last minute of play, only to lose out 19 to 21. The Raggedy Clowns have too much manpower for their opponents and so far have managed to literally run them to death by tossing fresh men at them. As one fellow said, "every time some fellow scores a basket, we find ourselves facing a new team." The Neal Howard senior team that will take the place of the Renns may prove to be the dark horse of the league, since they have a lot of good material.

While we are on the subject of basketball, we mustn't forget the game turned in by Ed Morton for North High last week as the Polar Bears ran over Tech. Morton was high point man and his teammates are still saying that they can't believe it was he. Nice going, Ed. He said that was what practice would do for a fellow. Maybe he meant it.

FEPC Bill

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to take counter-measures of their own.

Their most obvious weapon was a resort to cloture, a seldom-invoked device to limit debate. Its adoption requires a two-thirds vote, and they were counting noses to see whether they could get it.

Senator Morse (Rep.), Oregon, advocate of FEPC, told a reporter a fundamental issue was involved. Whether the Senate will permit a filibuster to block a vote on "a meritorious bill."

He said he favored unlimited discussion of the merits of the bill, but as soon as it became evident that the speakers were talking only for time, he would sign a cloture petition.

Senator Taft (Rep.), Ohio, likewise said he would sign, but he added he intended to vote against the bill.

A prolonged filibuster on FEPC would have the effect of stalling Senate action on all other pending legislation. It also would impose a further strain upon relations between the President and some members of Congress.

Eastland Thursday told his colleagues he questioned whether President Truman was "competent" for the office if he "has the idea this is the most important bill to take up at this time."

Senator George (Dem.), Georgia, said there had been an understanding that no controversial matters would be brought up until Congress received President Truman's state of the union message, delayed until next Monday. Democratic Leader Barkley headed off the introduction of bills last Monday with that plea.

"I criticize the Democratic party for bringing this up under explicit conditions that no controversial matter was to be brought up at this time," George said. "My party can take any course it will, but there are men on my (Democratic) side who are free men. They will not follow the party on this."

George said he thought the "very life of the nation" was at stake because of industrial strife. Congress ought to be doing something about that, he said, adding:

"This is notice to the American people that the Senate has no concept of the responsibility resting on it."

Senator Dennis Chavez, Democrat of New Mexico, one of the proponents of the FEPC bill, "God help the Democratic party unless some of its members support this measure."

NNPA MEETS IN ST. LOUIS

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Jackson, St. Louis Argus; Frank Stanley and Frank Gray and L. Blackwell, Louisville Defender; C. A. Scott, Atlanta Daily World; N. A. Sweets, E. N. Davis, St. Louis American; A. Marcelle Kennedy, Myles Stevens, and James Hamlett, Kansas City Plaindealer; Robert Barber, Elmer Baker and Bernard Toomy, Kansas City Call; Louis O. Swingler, Memphis World; A. G. Shields, Arkansas World; Emory O. Jackson, Birmingham World; Velma McKee, St. Louis American; Robert L. Saunders, Cincinnati; Mrs. Brown, Arkansas World and Mrs. Faith Benjamin, Cleveland Herald; Russ Cowan, Michigan Chronicle; Emory Jackson, Birmingham World; H. H. Murphy, Afro American; James Morris, Iowa Bystander; John Sengstack, Chicago Defender; Mr. Howard, Howard News Syndicate. Visitors included Misses Theo Nix and Consuelo Young from the Lincoln University School of Journalism, Jefferson City, Mo.; R. B. Atwood, President Kentucky State College; and William Clarke, representative of the OPA.

BUY BONDS!

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YMCA

Schedule for Week of Jan. to Feb. 2

Sunday, Jan. 27, Panther's Club 2:30 to 5:30; Brotherhood 4 to 6; Monday, Jan. 28, Basketball at North high; Adult night at Y; Tuesday, Jan. 29, Burns Male Chorus 8 to 10; Meeting of junior groups; Wednesday, Jan. 30, Basketball at North high; Thursday, Jan. 31, Burns Choir; Older Boys meetings; Friday, Feb. 1, Teen Age dance; Intermediate meetings; Saturday, Feb. 2, Morning kiddie program; Pool tournament.

Basketball Schedule for Week

Monday, Jan. 28, Aces vs. East D. M. 6:45; Neal Howard vs. Roadside 7:30; Roadside Eagles vs. Unknowns 8:10; Renns vs. Sportsmen 9 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, Stars vs. Roadside 6:45; Neal Howard vs. Panthers 7:20; Roadside Eagles vs. Veterans 8:10; Renns vs. Clowns 9 p. m. The Sportsmen and Renns have set themselves up as the teams to beat in the senior league. But there should be a mad scramble for fourth place. Buck Spangler won the ping pong tournament Saturday by setting down Floyd Dixon in three out of four games. All of the games were close, but Spangler managed to gain the edge in at least three of them. Dixon hit his stride in the second game, but slipped back in the next two.

Our schedule for the use of the game room by age groups and their time is being made. Watch the bulletin board for your group name and the time you may use the room equipment.

The Thursday afternoon program kept the building in constant use from 4 p. m. until midnight last week. First the group of young boys and girls from the Brotherhood Auxiliary drilled from 4 until about seven p. m. Then the Burns Choir took over until 9:30; to be followed by a party for the high school graduates given by the Monarchs that lasted the rest of the evening.

POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES You Keep Writing

By MARIE ROSS

Lieut. Smith Receives Purple Heart and DFC in Hospital Bed

Last week at the Schick hospital at Clinton, Ia., where he had undergone another successful operation on his lungs, First Lieut. Luther H. Smith, Jr., was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieut. Smith, who was injured over a year ago in Europe when his plane was shot down, kept in a German prison camp for eight months, has been recovering at the hospital since last summer when he was admitted.

During the holiday season he visited his parents and wife, Mrs. Susie Smith. He is scheduled to remain confined to his bed—on his back—for six months now during his period of recovery.

T/5 Cecil Brewton, Jr., Writes of Eating, Sleeping and Playing in Band in Nahu

"Received three letters, a pack of paper and two Bystanders," wrote T/5 Cecil H. Brewton, Jr., from Nahu Island of Okinawa, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brewton, Sr., recently.

Brewton who is now playing with the "Jive Bombers," one of the company bands, wrote, "I played out at a coast artillery. Boy, did I eat. We had 100 gallons of ice cream to eat. We had do-nuts to go with it.

"Today we got up early and built a frame around our tent. It sure is nice. It took almost all day to complete the job. Tonight we are playing at one of the fellow's mess halls. This is the life—eating, sleeping and

blowing. "I met Archie Greenlee from Des Moines when the band played out at the replacement depot. Shade and Hoskins were there. They will be on their way soon. There are quite a few Des Moines boys on this rock. "Just think, this time year before last I was learning a part to play with Jeanette. My how time flies. We G. I.'s have gotten on the ball and it finally looks like Christmas over here. The ships on the harbor have Christmas lights on the rigging and it is very pretty at night. "I finished Richard Wright's book, 'Black Boy,' today. It was pretty good. In the first part of the book he told how he set his mother's curtains afire. I thought about another character who set his mother's curtains afire." Brewton was recalling some of his childhood activities.

Another letter told of New Year's night. "Last night I went to church and I happened to be on my knees praying when the New Year came in. It felt nice—being back in church again. I shut my eyes and I could see our church as I left it last year. I was a little uneasy during the celebration. The G. I.'s were shooting live ammunition. It looked like the Fourth of July." T/5 Cecil H. Brewton, Jr., 37697900, 292nd Port Co., APO 180, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Mickey Anderson Thinks Town is Running Wild; Something Should Be Done

"The whole town is running wild"—is the impression that La Verne (Mickey) Anderson had of the home town after he returned to Des Moines Saturday from thirty months with the coast guard in the South Pacific.

Anderson, a steward's mate, first class, was discharged on Jan. 19 at St. Louis, Mo. He was awarded three battle stars for Siapan, Iowa Jima and Okinawa campaigns. Enroute home he stopped in the Marshall Islands to visit his brother, Alvin Anderson who is a seaman first class in the navy.

Mickey as his friends called him when he left to go into the services in May 1943 was sixteen years old then. He said he had a group of young friends on the Southeast side of town who used to go to church with him—but—since he has been home and has tried to find the whereabouts of his young buddies—he concluded that all are "ahead of me."

"Something should be done about these conditions," Anderson declared and added that "while I was overseas I heard a plenty." Mickey was a well-known dancer in the amateur talent shows in the city and while he was overseas he did some dancing, played softball, tennis and did some swimming. Now that he is back home—he wants to take advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights and continue his education. He has a half-year yet at East high which he will complete before entering college to study industrial arts—and invest in some business.

A former office boy of the Iowa Bystander, Mickey asked—"Do you think the boss will sell this paper to me?"

PFC. BERRY HONORED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. John Condree of 1565 Buchanan street entertained grandson, Henry Berry, private first class, Saturday, Jan. 19, at a birthday party.

Sharing the courtesy were: James Boston, Etta Mae Thompson, Prezell Frazier, Miss Sadie B. Jones, Mrs. Nelson Gwenn, Mrs. Alma Berry and family, Mrs. Nellie Frazier and Henry Berry, Jr. Pfc. Berry left the city Tuesday for Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

CENTER OPENS FORUM WITH DISCUSSION ON 'WAR, PEACE AND NEGRO'

"War, Peace and the Negro Soldier," was the subject discussed at the first of the Negro Community Center forums, for the year, Sunday, Jan. 20. Guest speaker was Captain James B. Morris, Jr., who reviewed activities of Negro troops in World War II, the benefits for these men to receive by the use of the G. I. Bill of Rights and the political and economic future of the Negro service-man.

"We are all young men," Captain Morris spoke as he turned his thoughts to the future, "our lives are before us. We have seen things, been places and done things all over the world. The things we have seen, make us know that the fate of the Negro is bound with all other minority groups of the world."

A. A. Alexander presided at the forum. Other veterans presented were: George Robinson, Jr., back from Hawaii; and Eustace Ware, discharged member of the coast guard.

MOCK INITIATION FOR OES CHAPTERS JAN. 31

The Electa Administration of the Order of the Eastern Star has invited its three chapters to a mock initiation to be held on Jan. 31 at the Masonic hall. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. All members of the chapters are urged to attend.

Tea was served by wives of veterans.

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JOSEPH R. SCOTT

"Happy to be back home" this week is Joseph R. Scott, private first class, who was discharged on Jan. 18 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., after having served three years in the army and 27 months in the Southwest Pacific area.

Member of the 235th Port company, Scott served in New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines where he was stationed fifteen months. He was awarded two battle stars for the New Guinea and Philippine Liberation; medals and ribbons for Good Conduct, American Defense, Victory, ATO and Pacific Asiatic.

He returned home with the intention of going back to his former work at the Iowa Packing Company where he had been employed for eight years, but with the strike on—Scott said he would mark time a while.

"There's no place like home," he was certain—and his home is with his wife, Mrs. Minnette Scott at 1611 E. 15th street.

MRS. BROWN IMPROVING

Mrs. Melinda Brown, 1125 Eleventh street, is doing nicely after having undergone an operation at Mercy hospital.

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