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News Briefs From Far and Near

TAN GI'S PACE ENLISTMENT DRIVE IN MEDITERRANEAN

Leghorn, Italy — Since the end of hostilities in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Negro enlistees have led the Peninsula Base Section's recruiting drive for two-year hitchees, according to Colonel C. D. Carter, Recruiting Officer at PBS headquarters here.

In the period September 1 thru November 21, the only men in the entire MTO signing up for two years were five Negro GIs from PBS. During the same period, 52 of the 118 men re-enlisting for three-year hitchees were Negroes.

TOTAL NEGRO STRENGTH OF ARMY 372,369 ON JANUARY 1, 1946

Washington, D. C.—On January 1, 1946, the total Negro strength of the Army was 372,369, it was announced this week by the War Department. This figure represented 8.81 percent of the total army strength at that time.

Commissioned officers, flight and warrant officers made up 4,743 of the Negro strength. Of the total, 216,897 were serving overseas.

On May 1, 1945, Negro personnel in the Army numbered 700,304, of which 4,003 were WACs. This represented the peak of Negro Army strength during the War years.

LAST OF NEGRO WACs FROM OVERSEAS RETURN TO STATES

New York Port of Embarkation—After serving in England and France for over thirteen months, 200 members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory, only Negro WAC unit assigned to duty overseas during World War II were scheduled to return to the states through this port on Friday, March 8, aboard the SS Claymont Victory.

The 11 officers and 189 enlisted women will represent the last of the unit to return to the states. When the unit sailed for England in February, 1945, it numbered 761, including 23 Negro WAC officers. Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams, then a Major, commanded the unit until December of 1945 when she returned to the states to be separated from the service.

BEAUTICIANS TO HOLD N. Y. CONGRESS MAY 12-14

New York City (C)—Mrs. Cordeia Green Johnson, National President of the National Beauty Culturists League, Inc., is making a tour of the South to formulate plans for the only Official Congress to be held in New York City May 12, 13th and 14th.

Beauty school heads, manufacturers and distributors from thirty-four states will attend the three day session which will be held at Abyssinia Baptist church, 130 West 138th street, New York City.

GI's to Discuss Bill of Rights

The first of a series of monthly forums to be sponsored by the usher board of Burns Methodist church will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock, at the church under the auspices of the Mary Church Terrell club No. 2.

A panel discussion will be held on the "G. I. Bill of Rights" with Atty. Henry McKnight as moderator. Participants of the panel will be young veterans: Tom Kelley, Paul Williams, George Robinson, Jr., Lawrence Burke. Musical selections will be offered by Miss Delores Fields. Mrs. Henry Hammitt, program chairman will preside.

YOUR RED CROSS MUST CARRY ON



1. VERIFICATION—Typical of hundreds of cases handled "on the spot" is this one at Godman Field, Ky., in which Cpl. Stephen G. Lawrence tells Grant Hawkins, ARC field director, of Indianapolis, Ind., that he is worried about an emergency at home. Field Director Hawkins rushes a message to the chapter asking for verification which may be needed by the commanding officer in deciding the question of Cpl. Lawrence's furlough.



2. NOTIFICATION—Field Director Hawkins passes on to Cpl. Lawrence the report from the chapter and the assurance that Home Service is already on the job helping the family. He offers to lend the serviceman the money he may need for the trip if his request for a furlough is granted by the commanding officer.



3. AUTHORIZATION—After obtaining the furlough from his unit commander, the worried GI goes to Operations Officer Maj. E. C. Glead of Kansas City, Mo., to see if anything is going his way. The major notes the urgency of the situation.



4. TRANSPORTATION—From Godman Field, Lawrence rides an army transport plane as far as Columbus, Ohio, a big jump on the way to Philadelphia. Early the next day, he is at home. "Nothing like the Red Cross in an emergency," said Lawrence.

National YWCA Plans to End Racial Segregation

Atlantic City (NNPA)—The Young Women's Christian Association adopted last Tuesday a thirty-five-point program recommending the inclusion of colored women in the "main stream of association life," and calling for an end of racial separation in community YWCA's throughout the country.

The program, presented to 3,000 delegates to the association's seventeenth national convention at Convention Hall, was accepted almost unanimously over the protests of a minority group of representatives from the South during a three-and-a-half-hour discussion of each of the thirty-five points.

The loudest discordant note was sounded by Miss Sally Sumner, a delegate, of Nashville, Tenn. She said the program would be "most difficult to accept" in Nashville, where, she added, "the men of our Community Chest Board, from which we get financial support, do not think as we women do. We believe in the recommendations, but I do not think our men will cooperate."

Few Protests

Protests from few delegates were heard as each of the thirty-five points was voted upon orally by the 1,200 representatives eligible to vote. The program was introduced by Mrs. Mary Tucker, of Summit, N. J., who supervised a survey of interracial practices in 228 of 434 local associations in the United States.

Held by delegates to be one of the most important points recommended was one urging local YWCA health departments to "recognize the importance of adequate health standards for all individuals and apply the same standards regardless of race." This was interpreted as recommending that gymnasium, swimming pools, showers and locker rooms be made available at the same time by colored and white members.

WHITE STUDENTS REBUKE D.A.R.

Dover, Del. (CNS)—Senior high school students in Dover, Delaware, have refused to take part in the annual "Good Citizenship Essay" contest sponsored by the Delaware branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the grounds that the good citizenship of the sponsors was open to question.

The students flaunted at them their prejudiced and bigoted attitude in refusing to rent the Constitution Hall at Washington to Negro and non-Jewish artists.

The Delaware D.A.R. plans to send a committee to the school to try to explain.

New Army Policy Does Not Abolish Race Discrimination

New York—The new Army policy on the use of Negro troops is a step forward, but "does not abolish segregation in the army," said the NAACP in an official statement March 14.

"The new policy provides for Jim Crow platoons instead of Jim Crow divisions," the statement said. "It also states that eventually Negro officers are expected to command the Negro units. There is some reference to specialists and technicians being used according to their ability, but the main body of the recommendations has to do with the formation of still separate Negro units, under Negro officers, for service in the army. Although it is stated that Negro officers will be accepted and treated the same as white officers, it is apparent that they will be dependent for promotion upon the openings available in so-called Negro units.

Take Cafe Owner Here to Court for Refusing Veteran

On Saturday, March 2, Jos. L. Johnson, a recently returned veteran and his wife the former Miss Elaine Rhodes, entered the Curley Cafe, in the Des Moines City Market and asked to be served in one of the booths.

Service having been refused they reported the case to Atty. S. Joe Brodn, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP who after an investigation which confirmed the report, took the two complainants to the Municipal court and filed two informations against the proprietor Cecil Streggall, on Tuesday, March 5. A warrant was issued and placed into the hands of the Municipal court bailiff and Streggall immediately brought in and pleaded not guilty and his case is set for trial on Thursday, March 14 at 2 p. m.

DAVENPORT BRANCH PROTESTS OFFENSIVE NEWSPAPER AD

Davenport, Ia. — Protesting an offensive advertisement which appeared in the March 5 issue of the Daily Times, Mrs. Charles Toney, president of the Davenport Branch of the NAACP contacted the president of the Eagle Insulation Co., a Mr. Crowder, whose company placed the advertisement in the paper.

Under a heading, "Insulation Fax," appeared a picture of a dark character in a woodpile, over which was the statement, "There's a Negro in the Woodpile."

According to W. T. McKee, By-stander agent in Davenport, who sent in the information, "The Mr. Crowder who manages the company stated that all the advertisement comes from the Universal Feature Advertisement Co., in Irwin Kessler Bldg., Dallas, Texas."

"He also assured Mrs. Toney that he would check the following ads and see that a recurrence would not happen. He promised to meet the local branch at their next meeting and offer an apology," stated Mr. McKee.

merely a step toward integration. It is by no means integration and will not answer the legitimate complaints of Negro officers and enlisted men who served in the last war. If it is hoped by this report to secure the support of Negroes for peacetime military conscription, the chances are slim."

'HEAVEN BOUND' AT ST. PAUL CHURCH BY CHOIR SUNDAY NIGHT

The senior choir of the St. Paul A.M.E. church will sponsor a sacred drama, "Heaven Bound," Sunday night, March 17, at 8 o'clock at the St. Paul church with Mrs. Joburness Kelso, organist, as director. About fifty persons will participate. The public is invited.

A.A.U. Boxing Tourney Events Here March 28-29

Eight Iowa boys will compete in the National A. A. U. Boxing tournament, to be held in Boston, Mass., in mid-April, through the sponsorship of the Des Moines Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week by that organization, thru its tournament, John Sarcone.

In a tournament to be held at the Des Moines Coliseum, March 28 and 29, an elimination tournament will be run in all of the eight weight classes to determine the Iowa A. A. U. champions. These boys will then be sent to the Boston National Amateur Union Tourney, to compete with state champions of the other

NAACP Leader Predicts 'No Hope' for Dark People In Wartime Premier's Talk

New York—The speech by Winston Churchill, wartime premier of Great Britain, at Westminster College in Missouri March 5 "would virtually insure continuation of imperialism," it was declared last week in a statement by the NAACP.

"Great Britain's policies toward colonial peoples which have been continued by the present Labor government," said the NAACP, "can cause only shudders of apprehension as far as Churchill's proposal of an Anglo-American coalition is concerned." The complete statement:

"Mr. Churchill's address is beyond question one of the most dangerous and cynical made in contemporary history by a presumably responsible spokesman. It calls for an Anglo-Saxon bloc which, if successful, may destroy the United Nations Organization and plunge the world within a

short time into another war which, with the splitting of the atom, would make the destruction of the last war seem trivial by comparison.

"As far as colonial peoples are concerned, and particularly colored peoples of the world, the proposal would virtually insure continuation of imperialism. Great Britain's imperialist record in India, Indonesia, South Africa and in other parts of the world, and its policies toward colonial peoples which have been continued by the present Labor government can cause only shudders of apprehension so far as Churchill's proposal of an Anglo-American coalition is concerned. This would have direct and immediate effect upon all Americans in its underwriting of empire. It would have particularly disastrous effects upon the fate and fortunes of colored peoples."

U. S. Army Denies Ban on Mixed Marriages Overseas

New York—U. S. Army theatre commanders abroad have not prevented the marriage of American Negro soldiers and women of the countries in which they were stationed according to Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War.

Replying to a letter from the NAACP, Secretary Patterson said that "no incidents such as alleged in your letter," have come to the attention of theater commanders. Secretary Patterson suggested that specific facts such as names, ranks, serial numbers, and location of the unit of complainants would be helpful in conducting a thorough investigation.

"The Commanding General of the Theatre," wrote Secretary Patterson, "under instructions which he has issued, must take many things into con-

sideration in determining whether or not a marriage should be permitted or refused, such as the capacity to marry, application of the local laws to foreigners marrying, sterility of the individuals concerned, reputation of the intended spouse, et cetera. All rules and regulations which govern the marriage of military personnel in overseas areas are applicable to all members of the Army, regardless of race, creed or color. You may be assured that it is not the policy of the War Department to practice discrimination."

The NAACP is furnishing to the War Department the several specific complaints it has had and invites Negro soldiers to submit additional information to the national office at 20 West 40th street, New York 18, N. Y.

RIOT CASE DEFENDANTS AND COUNSEL



Five of defendants and counsel in Columbia, Tennessee "rioting" case. Seated left to right: Maurice M. Weaver, Chattanooga attorney; Julius W. Blair, 76 year old business man charged with "attempted murder"; Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville attorney and member of National Legal Committee NAACP; Walter White, Secretary, NAACP. Standing left to right: James Martin, 37, owner of three grocery stores in Columbia; James E. Morton, 36, undertaker; Charles E. Blair, 48, merchant; Saul W. Blair, 35, owner of four-chair barber shop in Columbia; M. G. Ferguson, president of Nashville branch NAACP and accountant, Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company.

Photographed by J. R. Anderson, 419 4th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, who contributed photography to defense.

forty-eight states, and to determine National champions and runners-up in each of the eight weight classes. Any Iowa youth may, and is urged to enter this tournament, so that the representation sent to Boston will include the best fighters in the state. Entry blanks and rules are available by mail or in person, from Dave Nemio, Tournament Manager, c/o Des Moines Junior Chamber of Commerce, Equitable building, Des Moines, Iowa. To enter a fighter must possess, or be qualified to re-

ceive amateur sanction from the A.A. U., never having competed professionally. Novices will not be entered; however, such boys will not be matched with experienced fighters until preliminary bouts have proven their ability.

Duke on Contented Hour

Duke Ellington, pianist and composer, will be guest artist "Contented Hour" program, March 18, at 9 p. m. on Radio Station WOI.

TO OPEN SERIES OF MEETINGS ON HOME PLANS

The Department of Adult Education of the Des Moines Public Schools is opening a series of meetings on Home Planning on March 19 when Mr. John Normie, Architect-Editor of Better Homes and Gardens Magazine speaks on "Trends in Design." This meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Des Moines Technical school, 15th and Center, 8 at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Normie studied architecture at the University of Illinois and did graduate work at Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. An experienced architect in residence design, he has practiced architecture in Des Moines for the past 20 years, and is a former president of the Iowa chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By BESSYE L. GREENE

The executive board and the banquet committee held a special meeting March 12 at the residence of the president, Mrs. Earl Robinson. The Auxiliary will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary with a banquet at the Y.M.C.A. on March 20. The guests will include: Commander Le Roy P. Bird, Mrs. M. Myrton Skelley, executive department secretary; William T. Burns, Sixth District vice commander and Mrs. Thomas R. Carr, state department president. Mrs. Georgia Roane is in charge of the dinner; Mrs. Olivia Hayes and Mrs. Maurice DeSleet in charge of the dining room; Mrs. Guy E. Greene and Mrs. Josephine Williams will present the program. The past presidents of the unit will be hostesses.

The Education American Defense conference was held March 3-4 at Hotel Ft. Des Moines. Mrs. Earl Robinson and Mrs. Oval Carter attended as delegates. Mrs. Roane and Mrs. Lillian Leath served as color bearers. Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Chester Phillips attended.

Assistance can be given the Veterans Facility bandage folding day and veterans at the hospital always welcome visitors. The next Unit meeting will be March 19 at the Legion hall, 750 W. 11th street.

All unpaid memberships are due by March 19.

TO STRENGTHEN 'ROMEO AND JULIET' WITH MIXED CAST NEXT FALL

New York (NNPA)—Going on the assumption that a racial disparity would strengthen the dramatic impact of the family feuds in "Romeo and Juliet," Harry Wagstaff Gribble is making arrangements to present the Shakespeare tragedy in the fall with a mixed cast. Michael Myerberg also will be involved in the production.

For the role of Juliet, Mr. Gribble wants Hilda Simms, the actress who gave such a good account of herself in "Anna Lucasta," in which she still has the title role in the Chicago company.

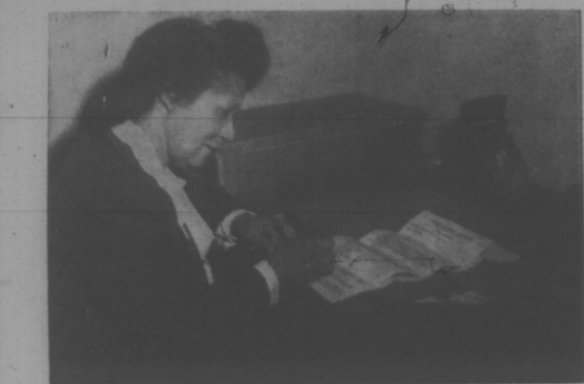
Mr. Gribble has also found his Romeo. He is Richard Angarola, who was recently discharged from the Army Air Forces after three and a half years' service.

Mr. Angarola's theatrical experience has thus far been confined to little theaters.

The role of Friar Lawrence in the Gribble production will be played by a personality who is well known to all actors who have played on the road. He is Ric Riccardo, the Chicago restaurateur.

LINDEN A. ROBINSON
Sgt. Linden A. Robinson, of Des Moines, Iowa, was honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces recently after serving as a radio operator and mechanic at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. Sgt. Robinson

SIGNS MEMORIAL CHARTER



MRS. PORTIA WASHINGTON PITTMAN
Shown signing the charter for the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial is Mrs. Portia Washington

Rocky Mount, Va.—Booker T. Washington, internationally known Negro educator, has been dead more than thirty years, yet so significant was the contributions that he made to national welfare that his name is regularly appearing in the news. It was a subject of country-wide press comment in 1940 when the Federal Government placed his image upon a postage stamp. Later, in World War II, Booker T. Washington's name flashed through the news when a Liberty Ship was named in his honor. And again his name came up as a matter of national interest in his recent selection to the Hall of Fame.

To Grow
Just prior to this election, there appeared in the press a story that told of the sale of Booker T. Washington's birthplace in Franklin county, Va., near Hale's Ford. This event, perhaps, is destined to grow into a factor that will keep the name of Booker T. Washington constantly before the American public.

As applicable to today's problems as they were to yesterday's have-organizers. A group of outstanding people who believe that this great leader's philosophy of helping the masses is just what a non-profit organization known as the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial. The plantation on which he was born has been purchased and the Virginia Corporation Commission has granted this group a charter to establish on these grounds a memorial to his life and to institute and conduct a program based on his ideals and teachings with headquarters to return to school to study electrical engineering.

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

W. L. WITT, Plaintiff
F. G. WITT, Defendant
To the Above Named Defendant, F. G. WITT:

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named court, the petition of the plaintiff above named claiming of you judgment for an absolute divorce and asking for a decree awarding the plaintiff personal property and furniture of the parties on the ground that you have willfully deserted the plaintiff and absented yourself without a reasonable cause for the space of two years, and asking for general equitable relief and for the costs of this action.

For further particulars see petition now on file.

You are further notified to appear before the District Court of Iowa in and for Polk County, in the Polk County Court House, West Fifth and Mulberry streets, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 11th day of April A. D. 1946, and that unless you so appear, your default will be entered and judgment or decree rendered against you for the relief demanded in said petition.

LOUIS J. GARSIEL, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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LINCOLN POST

By WILLIAM T. BURNS

Records in the national headquarters of the American Legion show that seven gold star citations have been issued through Lincoln Post in the honor of World War II dead and that the following mothers are official Legion Gold Star mothers: Mesdames Lillian Rollen, William Simmons, Lowell Bush, Sr., Blanche Nolan, William W. Jones, Mamie White and Alice Veasley.

To clear up any misunderstanding about veterans organizations, it is being announced here that veterans organizations are for service where the most good may be done for the most involved in the community. No veterans organization can get a veteran a job, can get any compensations. All the organization can do is to help.

Post membership on March 8 was 203 for 1946; 121 are veterans of World War II.—(William T. Burns, Sixth District Vice Commander.)

of the above be from limestone or other stone or mineral. And to deal in, buy and sell, all such products. This corporation may buy and sell all kinds of personal property and may buy and sell or lease real estate, or an interest therein. The amount of capital stock authorized is \$100,000.00 of the par value of \$100.00 per share, all non-assessable. The time and conditions on which the capital stock shall be paid in shall be determined by the board of directors but shall not be issued until the par value thereof has been paid the corporation in cash or in property in accordance with the laws of the state of Iowa.

This corporation shall commence business March 1, 1946 and terminate twenty years thereafter unless sooner dissolved at a regular or special meeting of the stockholders by a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock. The affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors of not less than two nor more than five the number to be fixed by the stockholders, but the number shall be elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held at the office of the corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, on the first Monday in February, 1947, and each year thereafter. The directors shall elect one of their number a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer. Said officers as well as the directors shall hold office one year or until their successors are elected, and may be re-elected. The officers and directors until the first meeting of the stockholders; K. B. Newcomer, President; Herman E. Snider, First Vice President; Arling E. Smith, Second Vice President; C. M. Kirtley, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be elected by the stockholders shall be exempt from corporate debts. All contracts, notes, mortgages, satisfaction of mortgages, and conveyances, shall be signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer or by the President and a Vice President or by the Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Special meeting may be called on five days' notice in writing by the President or by the Secretary-Treasurer and must be called by the President when so requested by those holding the majority of the common stock of the corporation.

Noted this 5th day of March, 1946, MISSOURI VALLEY LIMESTONE COMPANY, INC.
By K. D. NEWCOMER, as President.
Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946.

NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 1946, there was filed in the office of the secretary of state of the state of Iowa articles of incorporation of a corporation by name MISSOURI VALLEY LIMESTONE COMPANY, INC. in Des Moines, Iowa. The general nature of the business to be transacted shall be the mining, processing, preparing limestone products, such as aggregate, road rock, concrete aggregate, bituminous material, stabilized base material, rip-rap, and products to be used for agricultural lands and all commercial products whether any and all commercial products whether any

By Paul L. Wilson, President
Attested: Arthur Prosser, Secretary
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"The most important contribution towards the bettering of his position will be made by the Negro himself through his determination to make the most of the talents God has given him," Secretary Wallace concluded.

The Vocational Guidance issue of the Urban League's magazine, Opportunity, published this month, features articles to help Negro youth to select their future careers. One "Opportunities in the Field of Engineering" is by A. A. Alexander of Des Moines, nationally known engineer and contractor.

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MISS FRIEDA DESLEET
Miss Frieda M. DeSleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris DeSleet of 3106 Bowdoin street, has been employed at the Veterans' hospital here as an orderly for two years.

As an orderly, Miss DeSleet's duties include the sterilization of all of the bandages used in the hospital, erection of oxygen tents for patients, handling all of the orthopedic supplies, making soap, sterilizing boric solutions, checking wards to see that all visitors leave the hospital after visiting hours; and storing all bandages made by the American Legion.

"These are some of the duties," Miss DeSleet informed as she made comments on the many interesting features at the hospital. Last week there were 469 patients, ten of whom were Negroes; and a waiting list of 1,000. The majority of the sick are World War II patients, she informed.

Working among the veterans is similar to the work of morale-building that Miss DeSleet did during the war while serving as one of the popular Keo-Way USO hostesses.

That is not the only reason that

Miss DeSleet likes her work so well. She has always had a desire to become a nurse and since her graduation from North high school, she has worked at the Mingus Nursing home and then for a year and two months was employed at the Broadlawns hospital doing maintenance work at the nurses' home. She spent six months in study for the work of an orderly at the Veterans' hospital.

A native of Des Moines, Miss DeSleet is a member of the St. Paul A.M.E. church, the Cosmopolitan Club, the Triad club and the Youth Council of the NAACP.

Miss DeSleet plays tennis and golf and last May won the city and state fencing championships of the Y.W.C.A.

HEAR SPEAKERS AT VFW POST SMOKER

Several representatives and officials of Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Des Moines were guest speakers at the smoker held by Roy Leonard Rollen Post 5487 at the Crocker Street Y.M.C.A., March 7.

Don Clinger, commission member of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium committee and state department employment officer, urged full cooperation by members of Rollen Post to make it one of outstanding posts of the city. John E. Dickey, commander of VFW post 738 praised the Rollen post for being first Negro post in the state. Edward Molloy, past commander of Post 638 cited availability of civil service jobs for veterans and how and where to submit applications. John Coleman, Spanish American war veteran, the Negro commission member of the VMAAC and a member of Rollen post, pledged his full support.

The success of the smoker is accredited to Archie Davis, entertainment chairman of Rollen post.

BURNS METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. R. H. M. Hardiman will preach Sunday morning on "The Purpose of the Cross," and at the vesper hour, on "Why Christ Had to Die."
Mr. Mays of Newton, Iowa, was Sunday visitor.

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MRS. FAYE HAYES IS HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Faye Hayes was honored by a surprise birthday party given by her husband and daughter. Mr. George Hayes and Mrs. Evelyn Ritchie, at her home at 1215 Park street, Monday, March 11. She received many gifts. Attending the party were: Mesdames Mildred ...

VICTORIAN CLUB MEETS THURSDAY

The Victorian club met March 11 at the home of Mrs. W. Flynn. Plans for a social were completed for Saturday night at the home of Sam Vaughn, 1150 Second place. The next meeting will be with Bertie Mae Hogan, 1146 Second place. Trelia Perry is president; Dorothy Vaughn, reporter.

ROYAL FLUSH CLUB

The Royal Flush club met March 7 at the Elk's Rest with Lavalie Little as host. The next meeting will be March 14 at 1407 Second place with John Robinson as host. Sam Vaughn is acting reporter.

JOLLY TWELVE CLUB PRESENTS GIFT

Members of the Jolly Twelve club presented a club gift to Miss Estella Woods who is leaving the city soon. Miss Woods was honored at a surprise party by Mrs. Carl Mays at her home. The club will meet with Mrs. Geraldine Walker, March 14.

TO DAUGHTER'S WEDDING

Mr. Clark Yeager Sr., will leave the city Sunday morning for Omaha, Nebr., to attend the wedding of his daughter, Miss Grace Yeager, and Mr. Emanuel Johnson of Omaha, who will be married Monday night there. Miss Yeager a former resident of Des Moines, is a graduate of East high school. Mr. Yeager will return home Tuesday night.

BITS AND SPURS CLUB PLANS BUSY SEASON

The Bits and Spurs Riding club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, 935 Fifteenth street as hosts, March 10. More riding and social activities are anticipated for this year than ever before. Two new members are: Udell and Dorothy Hanna. After the meeting and repast, the club went to Hawkeye Elks

GIRL SCOUTS OBSERVE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY



The nation-wide thirty-fourth anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America whose birthday was March 12, is being observed by Girl Scout troops of the city. Three troops which are sponsored by the Negro Community Center, are Brownies, No. 51, with Mrs. Frances Bates, leader; Mrs. Lawrence Graves, assistant; Intermediates, Troop 17, Mrs. Korine Jackson, leader, Mrs. Albert Owsley, assistant; and a new senior troop led by Mrs. Arthur John Edmonds. The girls and leaders here are pictured at a recent three-way Girl

Scout ceremony and graduation and fly-up of Brownies of Troop 17. Brownies were: Janet Wilson, Imogene Proctor, Frances Scates, Beverly Anderson, Florabel Gilmore. Invested as new Intermediates were Gloria and Norma Jean Bailey. Graduating from Troop 17 to senior troop activity were: Janice Wolder, Katherine Ahen, Margaret Langford, all second class, Aileen Gilmore, Gloria Anderson, Cleota Proctor and Lois McQuerry. New senior scout was Velma Bolden.

In the picture, first row from left to right: Sandra Wilson, Dora Wolder, Clodene Cobb, Camille Wilson, Bettie Wilson, Janet Smith, Chloe Weathers. Second row: Jean Toller, Norma Jean Bailey, Phyllis Carr, Flora Bell Gilmore, Irma Jean Proctor, Janet Wilson, Katherine McGuire. Row three: Mrs. Lawrence Graves, Mrs. Albert Owsley, Dean Langford, Bernadine Redd; Gretchen Slaughter, Donna L. Carr, Coleen Martin, Frances Scates, Mrs. Pauline Chaney (director of Girl Scouts

Council). Row four: Mrs. A. J. Edmonds, Alma J. Gilmore, Patti Graves, Bernice Sloan, Bettie Lou Carson, Carol A. Anderson, Lucy Shepherd, Mary Tull, Frances Bates. Row five: Gloria Bailey, Katherine Ann Bailey, Barbara Shepherd, Frances Carl, Janice Wallace, Eleanor Smith, Beverly Anderson, Cleota Proctor. Mrs. E. P. Jackson, Mrs. Frances Bates. Row six: Janice Wolder, Lois Jean McQuerry, Velma Bolden, Gloria Anderson, Margaret Langford, Aileen Gilmore, Katherine Allen. (Bill Ashby Photo).

MARSHALLTOWN, IA.

Marshalltown, Ia.—The Second Baptist church observed the pastor, Rev. A. N. Fox anniversary Sunday with a special program. Rev. Orval Cox of the Friends church, guest speaker, spoke on "The Supposed Presence." Deacon M. J. Jones, Rev. W. H. Hunter, Mrs. Percy Rudison, Mr. Artice Maxwell brought greetings from the Methodist church of God and Presbyterian churches. Mrs. Sarah E. Jett brought greetings from Corinthian church, Des Moines; Joan Jeffries gave a reading. Music was furnished by the Union chorus under the direction of Mrs. Mona Pettis. Mrs. Martha Warn introduced the visitors from Des Moines. Deacon Cannon and T. L. Howard lifted the finance. Mrs. Frank Johnson pre-

sented Rev. Fox with a purse and Mrs. Fox with a beautiful bouquet of red snap dragons. Mrs. Wilkey Lawrence was in charge of the program. Rev. Fox will have baptizing after worship service next Sunday. "Spiritual Athletics" was well presented at Morrow Chapel Sunday morning by Rev. W. A. Hunter. Mrs. Frank Wilder, Mrs. Maggie Dobbin, Mrs. Mary Carter are on the sick list.

Mrs. Gladys Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John Estes, Mr. and Mrs. M. DeSleet and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Howard visited here Sunday.

CLARINDA, IOWA

Clarinda, Ia. — Mr. Joe Griggs is quite ill at his residence, 701 E. Stuart street. Mrs. Lizzie Washington was a dinner guest in the home of Mrs. E. Jones Monday. Leonard Brown and Glen Brown, recently discharged from the army, visited in Clarinda over last week-end. Both formerly lived in Clarinda but are now residents of Waterloo, Ia.

Robert Franklin, Jr., was stricken with a heart attack and has been taken to Omaha, Nebr., where he is under the care of a heart specialist. Rev. J. W. Nicholson of Omaha, Nebr., was a pulp guest of Rev. Brewer of the AME church Sunday.

DAVENPORT, IOWA

Davenport, Ia. — A group from Keokuk, Iowa, chartered a bus to bring them to Davenport March 10 to hear the Marian Anderson concert. The Hi-Twelve Club of Hiram Lodge No. 19, having had such splendid success with their semi-formal

THE CLICKS' NEW CLUB OF YOUNG GIRLS FORMED

A group of young girls has formed a club called the "Clicks." A Valentine party was given at the home of Marguerite DeSleet for the girls and their guests. Officers and members of the club are: Marguerite DeSleet, secretary; Willa Mae Hayes, treasurer; Betty Jo Estes, Betty June Hayes, Agnes Grant, Bertharena Strothers, Ada Camel, Jeanette Marshall, Lessie Mae Turner and Bernice Tomlin. The last meeting was with Agnes Grant. The next will be with Betty June Hayes.

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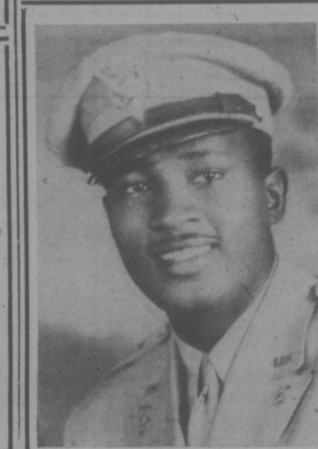
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Y.W.C.A. LISTENING HOUR PROGRAM WITH IRISH MUSIC WELL RECEIVED

The Y.W.C.A.'s second monthly Listening Hour held Sunday afternoon at the Blue Triangle Branch, drew an enthusiastic group of listeners who applauded participants as they presented Irish music.

Mrs. Bernice Gaines, piano and voice instructor here and chairman of the Listening Hour program, presided and interspersed the vocal and instrumental numbers with bits of history and facts about music of the Irish.

The program opened with a group composed of Audrey Gibson, Jean Manuel, Rose McDonald and Mrs. Cuna Clayter singing "The Harp That Once Thru Tara's Halls" (Moore). Miss Sadie Harris, accompanied by her voice teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, sang "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" (Moore). An "Irish Washer-women's Folk Dance" was interpreted by Coleen Martin and Donald Scott; Miss Doris Bennett played a medley of Irish numbers; and Mrs. Clayter offered "Danny Boy" as the closing number.

The Listening Hour programs will be held monthly at the Y.W.C.A. Eastern music will be featured on the April program.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Baptist churches of Des Moines are now carrying on a union revival meeting. The Corinthian young people returned from Trinity Methodist church Sunday evening with reports of having heard an interesting discussion by Atty. S. Joe Brown on "Race Prejudice." Highlight of the evening was the mixed recreation hour. Corinthian will celebrate the thirty-eighth anniversary of the church with

PRESENT HELP CLUB TO GIVE SILVER TEA SUNDAY AT Y.M.C.A.

The Present Help in Time of Need club is sponsoring a silver tea on March 17 at the Crocker Y.M.C.A., 1333 Keo-Way, at 3 o'clock.

Participating on the program will be: Crescent Beauty School chorus, Four Friends and True Friends quartets, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Warden, Mrs. Katherine McFarland, Misses Betty and Henrietta McDonald, Mrs. Mildred Fields. The public is invited to attend this affair. Refreshments will be served free. Mrs. Ada Jefferson is president; Mrs. Ethel Baxter, chairman of program; Mesdames Laura Nichols and Mattie Brown, co-workers.

KEOKUK, IOWA

Keokuk, Ia. — Mr. DeMarr Solomon of Detroit, Mich., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Birney Smith of this city. Mr. Solomon was recently discharged from the 93rd division and the 25th infantry.

Mr. Donald Sidney of Kansas City, Mo., is also visiting his sister, Mrs. Widdell Carter of this city. Donal Fields of this city received his discharge in Kansas March 7. Mr. Fields served in the ETO and South Pacific.

Troop 49 of Boy Scouts of America held its annual parents night at the Masonic hall March 5. Refreshments were served. Scoutmaster is I. S. Johnson, Edward Buckley, senior patrol leader. Mr. Howard Letts of St. Louis, Mo., is here visiting Miss Kathleen Wilkerson of this city. Mr. Letts was recently discharged from the navy.

a banquet April 4. The affair will be sponsored by the Excelsior Literary Society, Mrs. Georgia Roane, president. The Rev. G. W. Robinson is pastor.

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SINGS IN DAVENPORT



MARIAN ANDERSON
Davenport, Ia.—Marian Anderson, the celebrated contralto singer, received the enthusiastic applause of a large audience when she appeared Sunday afternoon, March 10, in the Masonic Temple auditorium.

MINISTERS' WIVES HOLD MEETING
The Ministers Wives Interdenominational Alliance met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Hawkins on West Ninth street, March 6. Quite a few of the members were present.



PFC. L. E. NICHOLS
Private First Class Lawrence E. Nichols returned to the city last week from Okinawa of the South Pacific where he spent over a year.

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CHRISTIANS
Let's not fool ourselves any longer. It will soon be Easter, the opening of Spring—or Easter as you choose to call it—The day Christ arose from the dead.

THOUSANDS OF HIGH-POINT MEN RETURN FROM THE PACIFIC

Washington, D. C.—The week of January 20-27 saw 3,040 Negro troops return through the West Coast ports of Seattle and San Francisco from the Philippine Islands and Okinawa.

A total of 666 enlisted men from two AAA gun battalions, the 503rd and the 369th, who were last stationed on Okinawa arrived at the Seattle Port on January 20, aboard the USS Admiral William S. Benson.

On January 24, the SS Dutchess arrived at the San Francisco Port from Manila. Aboard were 2,353 enlisted men with points above the official score and 22 Negro officers.

THE SUFFRAGE FIGHT AND NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

By Katherine Shryver, Executive
Washington, D. C.—Negro History Week properly serves to remind us of the role that Negroes have played in our national history.

Pruning was often, of course, not enough. The vine had to be gouged, the blossom ripped off, or the stem stripped away.

History of Fight
Especially we want to record the history of the fight against the poll tax, which for seven years has been headed up by the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL CLUB
The Mary Church Terrell club met with Mrs. Joburness Kelson on Monday. The next meeting will have Mrs. Pearl Thompson as hostess.

ing his death and the details connected with it. Read it. Now in Daniel 9:27 you will find the correct time of his death.

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A civil liberties committee set up at this meeting took a look at the many futile attempts to repeal the state laws and decided to turn to their Federal Congress for relief from intolerable burden.

Anti-Poll Tax Fight
In a long fight during which the anti-poll tax bill has three times passed the House of Representatives.

C.A.K. CLUB MEETS
The C.A.K. club met at the home of Charles Smith, 1551 E. University avenue, March 11.

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Mason City, Ia.—Rev. Jordan Ray preached Sunday morning at the Union Memorial Methodist church.

CLINTON, IA.

By MISS RUTH WALLACE
Clinton, Ia.—Paul Perkins from Des Moines, Ia., visited with Mrs. Mary Freels and Miss Bess Wallace.

The O.E.S. Chapter No. 8 met Tuesday evening in the lodge hall. A birthday dinner given by Mrs. Mary Freels, Mrs. Bertha Williams and Mr. Holand Williams, was enjoyed before the meeting.

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at Union Memorial. A program was rendered by the members of St. John church with Miss Vivian Martin presiding at the piano.

CLINTON, IA.

Mrs. Reuben Thompson is convalescing in Mercy hospital following a major operation. Miss Winifred Wallace and Eugene Freels were home for the week end.

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NEARLY ONE MILLION NEGROES SERVED IN ARMY UP TO VJ-DAY

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CALENDAR

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DAUGHTER SOCIETY

NAACP STYLE SHOW FEATURES MANY SPRING SUITS AND WEDDING GOWNS

Attractive spring suits and ensembles which had been made by the owners in sewing classes highlighted the eighth annual style show and charity ball of the Des Moines Branch NAACP, last Wednesday night at the Billiken hall.

Conspicuous for their presence at this year's show were many returned servicemen who were making their first public social appearances since their discharge the latter part of the year.

Presiding over the show was Mrs. Guy E. Greene, press and publicity chairman of the Branch, who presented officers of the Branch of which Mr. A. P. Trotter is president.

Leading the parade of fashions were kiddies who carried large letters forming the name, "NAACP." In fluffy little frocks were: Carol Ann and Verna Jean Monroe, Bennie and Verbina Sloan and Myrtle Lanier.

In the misses group appeared Marilyn Matthews in a plaid creme wool suit; Paula Smith in pink wool; Gwendolyn DeSleet in black and plaid. House coats and the lingerie group included Miss Evelyn Walker in a lounging robe of cerise with blue taffeta pajamas.

Parade of Suits
Leading the parade of suits and ensembles which were designed and made in the sewing classes of Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, who was gowned in black and white stripe, was Mrs. Murray Wolder wearing a three piece gold wool suit with brown accessories. Following her were: Mrs. Margaret Ewing in black wool suit (ready made) and little Miss Patricia Graves in a blue suit; Mrs. Herman Wallace in a three piece blue outfit; accompanied by little Myrtle Lanier in checked wool and blue; Miss Zola King in a butterfly yellow suit with black; Mrs. Reba Dean in blue suit; Mrs. Gladys Johnson in brown; Mrs. Verline Propes wearing black; Miss Cottie Lucas in grey; Mrs. Corena King in white summer attire.

Other participants in this group were young matrons, Mrs. Robert Hyde in aqua blue suit with brown accessories and a shoulder bag and Mrs. Arthur McCune, wearing her navy uniform of the WAVES. In summer sports attire were the Green sisters, Evelyn in creme colored gabardine, and Beatrice in light yellow; Mrs. Margaret Ewing in

MRS. ADAH J. WATKINS HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY
Mrs. Adah J. Watkins entertained friends on her birthday, March 10, at 3320 Terrace Road. Sharing the courtesy were: Miss Billy Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ewing, Mrs. Olivia Southers, Mr. Wiley Dixon, Mrs. Jessie Brown, Mrs. Beverly Brown, Miss Edith M. Sparks, Mrs. Gertrude Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ewing, Mrs. Clara Miller, Mrs. Elsie Wyatt and Mr. Charles Coleman and Mrs. Ruby Ewing of Boone, Ia.

MRS. MABEL CROWDER HOSTESS AT FAMILY REUNION DINNER
Mrs. Mabel Crowder was hostess at a family reunion dinner Sunday, March 10, at the Crowder home at 211 Day street in honor of her son, Ralph L. Crowder, who returned recently from military services overseas. Spending the week end here for the reunion dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crowder of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. O. O. Buckner of Ft. Dodge, Ia.; and Mrs. Chester Howard of Washington, Ia., and rs. Ralph L. Crowder.

MRS. BAYLES ATTENDS SOCIAL WORK CONFAB; HONORED BY FRIENDS
Mrs. Clara Webb Bayles attended a conference on social work in Atlantic City, N. J., March 7. From there she returned to Des Moines, Iowa, at the home of Mrs. George Cooper, Saturday, where she was joined by Mr. Bayles. While there she was entertained at a party by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gillen of Omaha, Nebr.; at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. John Faucett also of Omaha, Nebr.; at a brunch by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Douglas and a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks, both of Council Bluffs.

Support the Red Cross before March 15.

MORE MARRIAGES * * ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED



MISS EDITH I. MILLER BECOMES BRIDE OF RAYMOND T. WRIGHT

Miss Edith Irene Miller, daughter of Mrs. Osie Miller of 782 Thirteenth street, and Mr. Raymond Tucker Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams of 218 Racoon street, were married on Tuesday night, March 5, at the Williams' home. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis Emery in the presence of the immediate family.

Mrs. Wright, native of Iowa, attended North high school. She is a member of the Corinthian Baptist church. Mr. Wright who attended Lincoln high school is a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist church. The couple will reside at the Racoon street address.



MISS ALBERTA BATES

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bates of 1218 Franklin street, Keokuk, Ia., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alberta Ruth, to Mr. Hobart B. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Evanston, Ill.

Miss Bates, who has been residing in Des Moines four years, is now employed as junior key-punch operator in the State Department of Social Welfare.

A native of Keokuk, graduated from Keokuk high school, she has won piano and voice contests, was a member of the national music honor society. She attended the School of Fine Arts at Drake university as a regular and special student for several years. As a junior hostess of the former Keo-Way USO, she was very active during the war.

A member of the Corinthian Baptist church, Miss Bates directs the junior choir of the St. Paul A. M. E. church, and chorus of girls. She is active in the Youth Council of the NAACP. She resides here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Davis at 1115 Eleventh street.

Mr. Williams, discharged recently from three years in military service, saw 18 months in the ETO and South Pacific.

MISS LUCY V. DAVIS
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Davis, 1115 Eleventh street, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lucy V., to Mr. Herman J. Smith of New York City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vasco Smith of Memphis, Tenn. The marriage is scheduled to take place here during the latter part of this month.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Miss Davis was educated in Des Moines where she graduated from North high school and attended the University of Iowa from which she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in general science in the class of 1943. She has gone some work on her master's degree at Drake University here.

Holding the position of junior social welfare worker and investigator for Polk County Old Age Assistance for two years, Miss Davis is a member of the State Social Welfare Association. Prominent in the affairs of young people of the St. Paul A. M. E. church, she formerly headed the Northwestern Youth Conference of the A. M. E. church; is serving as assistant secretary of the NAACP, an active member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A., and is former chairman of the Keo-Way USO hostesses club, which was active during the war.

Mr. Smith, who spent 26 months in the military services, was discharged as a first-sergeant Feb. 23 at Indian-town Gap, Pa., after his recent return from 22 months in the European Theater of Operations. He received three bronze stars for the Northern France, Normandy and Rhinefeld campaigns; Good Conduct, ETO, Victory medals and ribbons.

Born in Jericho, Ark., Mr. Smith was reared in Memphis, Tenn., where he attended the public schools. It was during his study of engineering at the University of Iowa that he met Miss Davis. While in England he attended the Warton American Technical School.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and National Technical Association. He is a Catholic.

Following the marriage this month, the couple will leave the city to reside in New York City.

Mrs. Alice Wilburn has a very tasty recipe for ginger and molasses cookies that are made without any sugar. She sent a bag of them over this way last week.

CORDORETTES MEET
The Cordorettes club met at the home of Mrs. Nancy Jackson. Pokeno prizes were won by Dorothy Morris, first; Corine Miles, second and Celia Bell Fritz, booby. The next meeting is to be a potluck.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of 1356 E. 17th street court announce the marriage of their daughter, Edythe Ann, and Mr. Wilson Leverett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leverett of Lodi, New Jersey, which took place on Saturday, March 2.

The bride who wore a light green suit with a corsage of gardenias, was attended by Mrs. Seymour Gray.

A graduate of East high school, she also completed a course in beauty culture at the Crescent School of Beauty Culture. She is now affiliated with the Modern Beauty Salon.

Mr. Leverett, better known as "Count Leron," graduated from a New Jersey high school. He is featured with the Skating Vanities of 1946, which appeared here recently at the Coliseum. He left last week for Detroit, Mich., where the show held its next performance.

Mrs. Leverett is at home with her parents. She will join her husband in Boston, Mass., on Easter Sunday.

Y.W.C.A.

The Membership committee met on Tuesday at the Branch. Mrs. G. W. Tucker is chairman of this committee.

The young adult committee met on Friday at the Branch. Mrs. Marshall Smith is chairman of this committee, Thursday afternoon the Old Age Association met at the Branch.

Thursday the Branch Management Committee met at the Branch with the chairman of the committee, Mrs. J. W. Ritchey, presiding.

The Dillitane club met on Tuesday evening, March 12 at the Branch. Mrs. Marri Johnson was hostess.

Miss Betty Haynes of New York City, a member of the cast of the stage comedy, "Dear Ruth," which was presented Tuesday night at the Shrine auditorium, was a guest at the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A. Tuesday night.

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A. M. T.—I am now a senior here in high school. I desire to know if it would be wise for me to go on to college before I take the course in nurse training that I contemplate or go immediately after graduating from high school. I am sure that you can give me the kind of advice that I need.

Ans.: Go to college for at least two years before taking the course in nurse training. During the war emergency the hospitals had to lower the nurse entrance requirements to that of a high school graduate but it stands to reason that the girls advance quicker and find their work simpler if they have the proper background. Time nor money is no object in your case so take the college work first.

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Ans.: Until you actually know beyond a doubt that you love the boy, you shouldn't give your consent to get married. Liking a boy is no foundation for marriage. It takes much deeper devotion and affection than that on which to build a happy marriage. Continue going with the boy if you like but you might also encourage other friends until this period of uncertainty passes.

MRS. CARSON BACK FROM SLATER, MO.
Mrs. Mack Carson returned to the city Monday night from Slater, Mo., where she went to attend the 76th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Maude Allen. A family dinner was held Sunday afternoon.

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THE CHURCH SHOULD STAND UP

Both the Y.W.C.A. and Council of Churches, holding national meetings last week, fully endorsed a non-segregation policy with respect to Negroes. They are to be congratulated on their stand and we trust that local churches and Y.W.C.A. organizations will adhere to these commitments.

There is much speculation that young people are getting farther away from "Christian" organizations. We are not so sure. But we are sure that young Negroes are losing faith in a "Christianity" which fails and refuses to practice true brotherhood.

In February, we observed Brotherhood month. From the pulpit of most of our churches, beautiful expressions about brotherhood and the application of the term were heard from the lips of the clergy and the laity. But once outside the church, these words were forgotten by many or so shaped around their practical application means nothing.

In short, the church in many cases—does not have the courage to stand up and be counted on the very things it preaches. And the members themselves all too often so shape this position as to follow that practice. For instance, the Federal

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Speaking in the Senate Tuesday, Senator Tom Connolly of Texas, chairman of the foreign relations in that body, said that while Russia has the unchallenged right to maintain any form of government she wants, "these rights do not extend beyond her boundaries."

As a spokesman of our foreign policy in that body, the Texas Senator's pronouncements should have great weight. On the other hand, what he says ought to be consistent with our conduct officially and unofficially for what we do speaks louder than anything we may possibly say.

It is most unfortunate for America that we have as the spokesmen of our foreign policy Secretary of State Byrnes and Senator Connolly, men whose thinking is the very opposite of democracy. Both have gained prominence by a system of voting which has so intimidated and threatened most of the citizens of their community that their election to office has not been on a true democratic basis.

"These rights do not extend beyond her boundaries." Granting that this be true, let us see what we have done toward practicing what we are preaching here. The Negro boys who went overseas can testify that they had more difficulty with a certain type of American soldier than with the enemy all because these Americans attempted to force other countries to treat Negro soldiers as they had been treated at home. This practice became so pronounced in England that a debate in the House of Parliament heard members protest efforts to browbeat and mistreat Negro soldiers simply because some British people attempted to treat them civilly and extended the hospitality to which they felt the boys were entitled.

Not only was this practice true in England but also wherever American soldiers were stationed: it prevailed in World War I as well as II. And very little was done to curb such conduct.

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SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Boxing

The recent slugging at the Coliseum shows to what lengths promoters will go to make up a card, and to keep a favorite on top. After the one round kayo of Del Cockayne by Bill Heath, the powers behind boxing had visions of losing a promising meal ticket. So, what do they do? They get Cockayne a couple of matches to get him sharpened up; then they get him a rematch with Heath, who doesn't get any work before the bout. No matter how hard one might train, there is nothing like actual fighting to really get one in shape. So, when the two boys go to the post this time, Del has the necessary work to be ready, and Bill is holding the sack. There can be but one result, because, no matter how hard he has worked to get in shape, he doesn't have the razor edge that his opponent has. Cockayne gets the last battle between the youngsters, because the next time Bill might be ready, and might embarrass the boys again. Too bad, Bill; we were hopeful that you would repeat your former kayo, but we didn't realize how things had been sort of piled up against you.

They say that this Jones boy who fought the giant Cestac could have won his bout if he had been allowed to go on. We weren't there, but those who saw the bout, said that when Jones was counted out, he really had got on his feet before the ten count. They seemed to think that the boys in charge realized that the boy named Jones might not play to the right tune, and upset things.

Basketball

The Raggedy Clowns won the play-off game against the Sportsman the other night at East High 30 to 15. The combination of Payne and Skipper was in rare form, and between them they scored enough points to fix things up. The original Sportsman's team would have been much tougher, and might have won the thing, but they lost most of their best men to the army. As we raced up and down the floor at the job of calling fouls, we wondered just what would have happened with Paul De Van and Dick Hackney in there along with a couple of fellows who had to be away from there that night. The Dragons did about as everyone expected them to, and stand an excellent chance of finishing the season without a single loss. Long Tom Ward and Bell were the powers on this club all season, but at the last, when the Stars managed to get Ward and Bell bottled up, the two new guys Trombone and Humbard came through and caused so much trouble that the Stars had to let Ward and Bell go and look after these two fellows. That settled it.

YMCA

Schedule for the week March 17 to 23: Sunday, March 17, Maple St. Church Club; Monday, March 18, Younger boy's club meetings and organization; Tuesday, March 19, Val-Ganization; Wednesday, March 20, Golf Club; Thursday, March 21, Princess Dorr Chapter Eastern Star dinner; Friday, March 22, Teen age dance; Saturday, March 23, Birthday party 2-5. Movies or special feature program.

Several of the fellows have been planning to get a boxing team in the AAU boxing meet March 21 and 22. We hope to have a strong team representing the Crocker Y.

The basement was almost too small to hold the crowd for our movie program last Saturday. George Robinson helped out and ran the machine and helped to return the projector. About sixty boys crowded into just about every available seating space to see a fine program.

Now that basketball season is out of the way, we can get our pool and checker tournaments started. We have been holding up the use of the pool table because of basketball, and now we can start off with a meet. Maybe we can get some of the town's better players to come in for instructions to the boys.

With so many of the fellows gone to the service, we don't seem to have any great falling off of attendance in the building, and a lot of boys from other parts of town are beginning to find their way to the Crocker Branch Y.

The Friday night dances have been held largely because one lady is kind enough to lend us her record player. The Ambassadors are in the market for one, and they hope to come up with it soon.

Bill Ashby is working on an idea that will come out soon, and will really bear watching. Bill dares us to say what it is yet, but he says just watch the Bystander. Mr. Spriggs has worked his Panther Club to membership of around twenty-five and says that he expects even more to get into it. He is proud of this group, and has spent quite a bit of money on it, which seems to be appreciated. One of their projects has been to keep the Y in table tennis balls.

STEWARDESS BOARD

The Stewardess Board No. 1 of St. Paul A.M.E. church will award a blanket Monday, March 18, at the church. Mrs. Lucille Rainey is the Advertiser.

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LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES You Keep Writing

By MARIE ROSS

WAR NEVER ENDS FOR RED CROSS

(The war never ends for the Red Cross—give your contributions to the drive this month. Read of some of the recent overseas club activities. All five defendants are charged with "attempted murder.")

Chaplain (Captain) Ernest Thompson on Leave in Geneva, Switzerland

On Saturday, March 9, Walter Thompson received a trans-oceanic telephone call from his brother, Captain Ernest E. Thompson. Chaplain Thompson is on leave in Geneva, Switzerland, attending the International Council of Churches. He sent his regards to his many friends in Des Moines and stated he should arrive in the states sometime in May.

Sunday afternoon Bishop Bergan, recently returned from Rome, talked with Chaplain Thompson stating that he and the chaplain had visited together during his stay there and that he found the chaplain as healthy and jovial as ever.

Chaplain Thompson who has been overseas twenty months at present is stationed near Naples, Italy, with the 883 Engineers Bn. His APO is 528; c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

American Red Cross Club Out of Chaos for GIs in Japan

Kure, Island of Honahu, Japan—Springing from the iron wilderness that once was Japan's greatest ship-

LOCAL LODGE OFFICIALS MEET IN CEDAR RAPIDS

N. E. Tillman, exalted ruler of Des Moines, Hawkeye Lodge No. 160, and other members of the Post Exalted Ruler Council of Hawkeye Elks' Lodge No. 160 will attend the annual P.E.R.C. meeting in Cedar Rapids, March 17. The following members of the Hawkeye Lodge will be the guests of the Fidelity Lodge No. 1028 of that locality: J. Williams, A. J. Claybrook, R. D. Claybrook, J. A. Claybrook, Charles Pondexter, Willie Vaughn, Isaac Lewis, R. A. Jackson, Essie Holt, Charles Howard, Sr., Edward Wolfscale, Roy Vaughn, Parris Skanes, Fred Brown, Javelle Little, George Brown, Jim Taylor, Lefe Fowler, Sr., and Leon Williams. Reporter, Frederick D. West.

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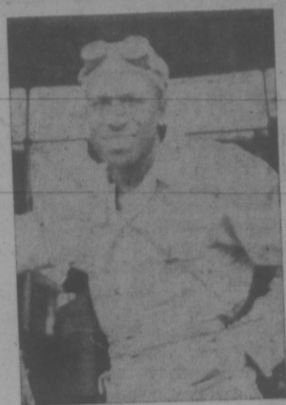
Marked Difference

She sees a marked difference in the attitude of boys coming overseas today from that of older soldiers curing combat days. "These are just kids," she says, "and it's almost more important than during the war years for the Red Cross to give them a place to roost, plenty of recreation and the feeling of home, in a country where the language is different and where the civilian population is our former enemy."

The Victory Club, housed in one of the best Red Cross buildings in Berlin, has an unusually active program. Three Negro Red Cross girls are in the club daytimes and in the evenings. A chaplain has his office in the club. A GI executive committee plans and supervises the club's program and an advisory committee of the commanding officers of units using the club meet monthly to discuss club needs.

Red Cross Overseas Clubs Important for Young GIs in Germany

Berlin, Germany—The 18- and 19-year-old GIs just over from the states feel much more at home in Red Cross clubs than they do in the cafes and "dives" here, according to Alice Jane Carter, director of the Negro-staffed Victory Red Cross Club here. "They may try the cafes out of curiosity but on the whole they say they prefer coming to our clubs as a regular diet," Miss Carter added. "The majority of our boys are used



KENNETH GRAVES
Kenneth Graves and his wife, the former Georgia Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones of St. Louis, Mo., have been visiting relatives here. Mr. Graves was discharged from the army on Feb. 1 after having served three and one-half years, eighteen months of which were spent in the European Theater of Operations. While in the army he was awarded the Purple Heart in Liberia; ETO, American Defense, Victory, Good Conduct, World War II medal and an outfit citation medals and ribbons. He has re-enlisted in the army and will report back to the Aberdeen Training Ground in Maryland.

OE'S MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Electa administrative council of the Order of Eastern Star, which was to have been on March 24, has been postponed to Sunday, April 7.

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