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Solution to Entire Problem of Negro GI

News Briefs From Far and Near

CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT

By LOUIS LAUTIER
For the NNEA News Service.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ring out the old ring in the new! With its music and its misfortune, 1946 is nearly about dead. The No. 1 problem of the year—freedom and equality for all peoples—is no nearer a solution. Private reports from the European theater indicate that General Joseph T. McNarey, commander of United States forces and governor of the American occupied zone in Germany, is the no gooder he is said to be.

Bill Hastie became governor of the Virgin Islands in spite of Senators Ellen J. Ellender and James O. Eastland. Thomasina Johnson got a \$8,000 political plum but a headache with it. R. O'Hara was made Minister to Liberia. The FBI investigated high jinks in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

Business in the night spots continues to drop. The adage—the first to be hired and the first to be fired—proved true as government agencies cut personnel. Joe Walker, a teacher at Bundy School, planned to take advantage of the new provision in the retirement

GIFT OF HIS EYES OFFERED WOODWARD BY MAN FACING DEATH

NEW YORK—The gift of his eyes was last week offered Isaac Woodward by a man condemned to death in Washington, who hoped that Woodward, at least, might somehow be made to see again. To this touching and inspiring offer, the Wills Eye Clinic in Philadelphia, reputed to be the most successful in the world, promptly responded. It offered to restore Woodward's eyesight by his own gift. S. C. ... beyond ... named to ... sight— ... still goes

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In New Attack On Segregation In Education

NEW YORK—In a new attack on segregation in education, developed by the NAACP, a brief has been filed on behalf of Ada Lois Sipuel, in the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, exposing the fallacious theory that "separate but equal" meets the requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment. The rights of Miss Sipuel, an honor graduate of Langston university, eminently qualified to study law, who was admittedly refused admission to the University of Oklahoma Law School solely on account of her race and color, are being defended by NAACP counsel and Attorney Amos T. Hall, of Tulsa, Okla.

A brief was filed on her behalf on December 8, 1946, in an appeal to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma from the refusal of the District Court of Cleveland County, Okla., to compel the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma to admit Miss Sipuel to the school of Law.

Inequalities

Pointing out the inequalities which have actually resulted from the "separate but equal" system, as revealed by the statistical data gathered by experts in the field of education, the brief's argument read in part:

"Segregation constitutes a denial of the equal protection of the laws and is violative of the Constitution and the laws of the United States. Despite the line of cases in support of the 'separate but equal' theory, this Court is under an obligation to re-examine the rule and the reasons on which it is based in the light of present day circumstances and to adopt and apply a rule which conforms with the requirements of our fundamental law."

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Foundation President Visits Tuskegee



Basit O'Connor and Col. M. O. Bousfield, accompanied by Dr. John Chenault, Director of the Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis Center, visit patients at Tuskegee. Mr. O'Connor told unfortunate victims that "the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is pledged to fight infantile paralysis until victory is won over the cripple." Tuskegee, in common with many other centers, receives support through the March of Dimes, January 15-30.

Dr. C. Drew Gets New Hospital Post

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Dr. Charles Drew, organizer of the first blood bank in America, was last Wednesday appointed to the newly created position of Medical Director of Freedmen's Hospital where he formerly held the position of Chief of Staff.

At the same time, Charles E. Burbridge, assistant superintendent of the hospital was appointed superintendent in charge of administration, replacing Dr. James L. Hall, who resigned to resume his medical practice in Chicago.

TOTAL NEGRO STRENGTH OF ARMY 171,031 AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1946

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On October 1, 1946, the total Negro strength of the Army was 171,031, it has been announced by the War Department. This figure represented 9.84 per cent of the total Army strength at that time. Of the total as of October 1, 115,303 were Regular Army personnel and 73,195 were stationed outside the Continental United States. The Negro strength constituted 10.03 per cent of the total Army strength overseas. At that time Negro troops in the European Theater numbered 31,408 and constituted 11.26 per cent of the total strength in that theater.

Talmadge Wanted to Serve Fourth Term to Try Out His White Supremacy Ideologies

ATLANTA, Ga., (NNPA)—Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, under whose administration a revival of the Ku Klux Klan was planned, died last Saturday morning less than a month before his scheduled inauguration. He had won a fourth term as Georgia's governor on a promise to maintain white supremacy. Talmadge was a bitter opponent of equal rights for colored people. He contended that "nothing can be gained by giving equal rights to someone with an artificial civilization that has been forced upon him only 150 years ago."

He particularly wanted to live to serve a fourth term to try out his white supremacy ideologies in this State.

Upon his nomination in the Georgia Democratic primary over James V. Carmichael, wartime bomber plant manager, who had the blessings of youthful Governor Ellis Arnall, some colored teachers in Atlanta said they were going to seek jobs in other states and it was predicted that there would be an increased exodus of colored people from urban centers and rural areas in Georgia to other sections of the country.

Opposed Franchise
A staunch advocate of white supremacy, Talmadge was opposed to the franchise being extended to colored people.

During his campaign for the gubernatorial nomination he promised to search incoming Pullman cars to remove colored passengers, to keep travelers from crossing Georgia in buses by making them change at

the state line to vehicles with Jim Crow seating arrangements, and proposed in general to "keep the Negro in his place."

He promised to restore the white Democratic party primary in Georgia by changing the party to a private club and thereby excluding colored Democrats. He planned personally to ask the Georgia legislature for his "white primary" laws.

Dismissed State Officials

He felt his election in 1946 was a vindication of his "white supremacy" stand which cost him the governorship four years ago. He had dismissed two state university officials because, he said, they wanted race mixing in schools.

His action brought withdrawal of accreditation from the state university system and Ellis Arnall, backed by thousands of college students, rode into the governorship with a promise to restore college standings. The state political situation was left muddled by his death. Speculation centers around the question of who will govern the state. Consideration was being given to the possibility that the legislature which convenes January 13 may elect a governor to succeed Governor Arnall, that Governor Arnall may hold over for another four-year term, or that Lieutenant Governor M. E. Thompson, scheduled to take office January 14, may sue claiming succession to the governorship.

Talmadge's death was due to complications following stomach hemorrhages suffered at Jacksonville, Florida, October 3.

MAIL NEWS EARLY

All news items for publication in the January 2 issue of the Bystander must be in the office not later than Monday, Dec. 30. The Iowa Bystander office will be closed on next Wednesday, New Year's Day.

M. Ray, Back from Tour Of Europe, Urges Abolition Of Segregation in Army

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Abolition of segregation and discrimination in the Army would solve the whole problem of the colored soldier, Marcus Ray, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, told a press conference last Friday in reporting upon the conditions he found in his recent tour of Army installations in the European theater.

This ideal, toward which he believes the Army is tending, would do away with colored units and statistics based on race, he said.

While in the European theater, Mr. Ray said, he observed nothing which warranted the singling out of them for misbehavior as was done in the report of a preliminary investigation of the American military government in Germany, made by George Meader, chief counsel of the Senate war investigating committee.

High Rate of Crime

Mr. Ray agreed that there was a possibility that the high crime rate charged against colored soldiers in the Meader report on the basis of Army statistical data may be due in part to individual prejudices of military police in Germany.

Irritation of military policemen from southern states at fraternization of colored soldiers with German women, he admitted, might be reflected in the crime rate. It was explained, however, that no arrests are made of colored soldiers for associating with German women or accompanying them upon the streets.

There are at present no colored military police nor colored members of the constabulary force in Germany, Mr. Ray said. "I feel that many problems in the European theater relating to colored soldiers," he added, "could be solved by the establishment of a colored military police organization and the assignment of colored soldiers to the constabulary force in order that colored soldiers may feel that they are a part of the Army."

He said he had made such a recommendation to General Joseph T. McNarey, commander of the United States Army in the European theater and, as a consequence he is informed

two colored companies of military police are being established in Germany. They are to be trained at Mannheim beginning January 1.

Interviews German People

No adverse attitude on the part of the German people toward colored



MARCUS RAY

soldiers was found by Mr. Ray, he said, "because rumors had led us to believe that there had been a large scale idea developed against colored soldiers."

His idea of the attitude of the German people toward colored soldiers, he said, was obtained from talks with representatives of the German people.

The attitude of the German people toward colored soldiers, he said, was quite different from that of the Japanese. In Japan, which he visited in August and September, Mr. Ray said white soldiers were responsible for the circulation of adverse propaganda about colored troops.

Conditions in Japan

Colored soldiers stationed in Japan, he said, felt that relations between them and the Japanese had been "poisoned" by such propaganda.

He said he was not able to "pin (SEE EDITORIAL PAGE)

Five Die in Hotel Fire in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—Abe's Hotel, a 20 and 35-cents-a-night lodging house, in which six persons were killed and forty injured in a fire last Wednesday night, had been given a clean bill of health after four different inspections, city officials disclosed last Thursday.

Three investigations—two of them by the fire marshal and one by the

corner—are in progress.

Fire broke out in the lodging house at 1702 South street, late Wednesday night. Five persons perished last Wednesday and one died last Thursday morning.

The six men dead as a result of the blaze were identified last Thursday by Carnegie Lester, night clerk of the lodging house, as William Clevens, William Price, Herman Wines, Herman Mims, Antonio Andrew and Charles Jones. They had been listed as residents of the lodging house for more than a year.

GEORGIA—WHERE THINGS HAPPENED IN 1946

Investigate KKK in Atlanta
June 13—Georgia Bureau of Investigation probed Ku Klux Klan for murder of a Negro last August and beating of Negro Navy Veterans.

Mass Lynchings Near Atlanta
July 25—Mass lynching of four Negroes—two men and their wives at Monroe, forty miles east of Atlanta. Federal grand jury to date—unable to identify any of the guilty persons.

Hate Group Formed in Atlanta
October—Columbians organized in Atlanta to fight Negroes and Jews, first clashed with the police on Oct. 28 when they warned a Negro not to move into a house he had bought near white residences.

Nation's Worst Fire in Atlanta
December 7—One of the most terrible fire disasters in the nation's history occurred when fire raged through the Wineoff hotel on Peachtree street Dec. 7 and at least 119 persons perished in smoke and flames. Not a Negro was mentioned.

Columbians Confess
Dec. 7—Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook announced confessions which pictured the Columbians, Inc., as a Nazi-modeled scheme to overthrow the government, with the help of arms smuggled from occupied Germany. Planned to use hatred of Negroes as a wedge to gain sympathy of white people and then go from there when they got control of things, one of arrested members confessed.

Atlanta Governor-Elect Dies
Dec. 21—Governor-Elect Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, a bitter opponent of equal rights for Negroes, died at Atlanta this morning, less than a month before his scheduled inauguration.

LOUIS FETED IN NEW YORK



JOE LOUIS

NEW YORK. (IPS)—Joe Louis, the much feted world's heavy-weight champion was feted here at the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Monday night, Dec. 16, in the Starlight room of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL CLUB NO. 2 MEETS

The Mary Church Terrell No. 2 club met Dec. 19 at the home of Mrs. Lydia Merrett. Gifts were exchanged by the members.

ORIGINAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA

MILDRED CATHERINE MYERS, Plaintiff vs. JAMES DAVID MYERS, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled case is filed on file with the clerk of the district court of Iowa in and for Polk County.

Notice of Incorporation AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA AND FLORENCE COLOMBINI.

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MORE THAN 1,000 VETS SUBSISTENCE CHECKS RETURNED

WASHINGTON, D. C., (NNPA)—The Veterans Administration revealed last Thursday that more than 1,000 subsistence checks for veterans in the Washington area have been returned to the Treasury Department.

The VA pointed out that such checks could not be forwarded again by the Treasury Department until the regional office here is notified and the veteran's correct address ascertained.

In order to expedite the placing of checks into the mails again so that veterans may receive them before Christmas, the VA is asking all veterans who have not received their subsistence checks to send in their claim number, their new address if they have moved, their old address if there has been no change, and the type of benefit being received.

The information should be sent to the Washington Regional Office 1825 H Street, northwest, Washington 25, D. C.

VA officials declared that one half-hour after receipt of a veteran's corrected address, the checks can be again placed in the mails.

TRUMAN RECEIVES BTW HALF DOLLARS

WASHINGTON, D. C., (NNPA)—President Truman last Monday received five of the first Booker T. Washington commemorative half-dollars.

The presentation was made by Henry Swain of Franklin County, Virginia, who is now 90 years old and who knew the famous educator as a child.

Witnessing the ceremony at the White House were Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, Dr. Washington's daughter, and Miss Fannie Pittman, her daughter.

In New York City last Monday morning Dr. Emmett J. Scott, who was Dr. Washington's secretary for fifteen years, presented one of the first coins to Governor Thomas E. Dewey. The presentation was made at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Coina also were presented at the White House ceremony to Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder and Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the Mint.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION Notice is hereby given of the incorporation of the CAPITAL AUTOMATIC MUSIC COMPANY.

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MISS LEONA PALMER

Shortly after returning to Des Moines last month from Dayton, Ohio, where she had been employed during the war as a clerk-stenographer at Wright Field, Miss Leona Palmer of 1228 McCormick street, landed her a position here with the Day Care Service, a Community Chest agency which operates four pre-school nursery centers in Des Moines.

Miss Palmer is secretary to the director of the Day Care service, Miss Naomi Wright, who looks after the operation of these nurseries at Jewish Community center, Salvation Army, Southside Community House and Longfellow school.

"I like my work here fine, because I handle all the correspondence, filing, contact the public and finally run the office," Miss Palmer informed of her duties.

A native of Iowa, Miss Palmer is the daughter of the Rev. R. B. Palmer, Baptist minister who resides now in Battle Creek, Mich. She is a graduate of East High school; took a two-year course at Drake university. A member of the Corinthian Baptist church, she has worked with the Herald committee of the church and was active with the local YWCA before going to Dayton.

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BURLINGTON, IOWA

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS BURLINGTON, Ia.—Opening highlights of Christmas season was a party sponsored by the Mission Circle of Union Baptist church at the personage. A Christmas supper was served. Christmas table decorations were used. A well-decorated tree held gifts for all guests.

Miss Mary Brooks who recently returned to the hospital is seriously ill. Christmas tree programs were held at both Methodist and Baptist churches Sunday evening. During the afternoon a mock radio program given at St. John's AME church sponsored by the pastor, Rev. Henderson and was a success.

Maple Street Baptist Church Activities Services were well attended Sunday with pastor, Rev. George Parrish. The men's chorus sponsored a musical program. The chorus rehearsed Tuesday evening at the church. The PHITN club met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Georgia Johnson. The S. S. Christmas program will be Tuesday evening, Dec. 24.

Paul Robeson One of the celebrities to be featured at the thirty-second annual convention of the Alpha Phi fraternity which convenes at Columbus, Mo., Dec. 27-31, is Paul Robeson, the famed baritone.

MISS CATHERINE MYERS, HOME FROM BURLINGTON, Ia.—Mrs. Cat. Myers, Cath. of Tuskegee home this week with her party class, 1517 two children here by her R. Stewart.

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DINNER FIGHT

SOCIETY



MISS LILLIAN COOPER HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noble of 1435 Second place honored their daughter, Miss Lillian Cooper, at a surprise birthday party on Dec. 14. The evening was spent in playing games. Miss Cooper received many gifts. Sharing the courtesy were the Meses Dolores Fields, Maxine Wil-

MRS. CATHERINE STEWART HOME FROM ALABAMA WITH MRS. STEWART OF ATLANTA

Mrs. Catherine Stewart, instructor at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., arrived home this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Glass, 1517 Second avenue, and her two children. She was accompanied here by her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Stewart of Atlanta, Ga.

MARCUS McCRAVEN HEADS SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

Wm. Frank Powell Consistory No. 45, Scottish Rite Masons, reelected at the Temple Sunday night; Marcus McCraven, commander-in-chief; Morris De Smet, first lieutenant commander; James W. Rhone, second lieutenant commander; Commodore Hendricks, grand treasurer; LeRoy P. Bird, grand secretary for 1947.

MISS VIOLA CAVE TO OHIO FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Viola Cave of 902 16th street left the city Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, where she will spend the holidays with her brother and family.

LEAVE FOR KANSAS CITY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Wheeler of 777 13th street left the city Saturday to spend the holidays in Kansas City, Mo.

MR. AND MRS. G. SPRIGGS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Spriggs are in the city visiting Mr. Spriggs' father, Mr. and Mrs. William Spriggs of 1015 DeWolf street. Mr. Spriggs, stationed in Pennsylvania, was joined by his wife, Mrs. Spriggs, who was returning from Chicago with her mother.

LACEY SPRIGGS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

First Class Lacey Spriggs of Lewis, Washington, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Spriggs.

MISS A. CARTER OF KANSAS CITY HERE

Miss George Noble, 1435 Second street, is spending the holidays in Kansas City, Kas., with her mother, Mrs. Noble, who will be here for the holidays.

BOOKED FOR RECITAL TOUR



ROENA SAVAGE

NEW YORK CITY, (Global)—Roena Savage, daughter of the far West and one of our known concert artists whose beautiful soprano voice has thrilled many, is now readying for an Eastern Tour. Roena sings classics, opera or folk music with such clarity, sweetness and expression that she has been referred to as the "Mocking Bird of the West."

Following an appearance in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Times wrote: "As an interpreter, Miss Savage is superlative in intelligence and sincerity of expression and her program, interestingly varied by wide diversity of school and style, gave her audience the opportunity to realize the rich merits of the composers represented."

AMVETS AUXILIARY PLANS HOLIDAY PARTY

The Auxiliary of the AMVETS post 40 met at the home of Mrs. Elnora Walker, 605 Scott street, Dec. 12, with Mrs. A. Martin, president, in charge. Plans were made for a holiday party to be held at the home of Mrs. Daisy Williams, 609 S. E. Fourth street.

Donations were made for a gift box for a thirteen-year-old boy of the Soldiers' Home in Davenport, Ia., who has been adopted by the Auxiliary Unit 200. Mrs. Elnora Walker is reporter.

NOBLES OF ZEID TEMPLE HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The nobles of Zeid Temple No. 90 A.E.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine held their annual election at the Temple Sunday night. Officers are: James W. Morrow, illustrious potentate; James W. Rhone, Chief Rabban; J. A. Claybrook, assistant Rabban; Charles H. Coleman of Boone, high



PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

A group of Girl Scouts had a full afternoon of fun last Saturday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, 1106 17th street, where they held a Christmas party.

Little Maxine Bolden got her time mixed and arrived for the party—two hours early—in plenty of time to read and relax. An hour later Donna Lou Carr came—rushing and puffing—because she believed she was late for the party. These two scouts got started on the corn-popping sessions—and by four o'clock Scout Leaders Korinne Jackson and Eunice Bates arrived for the fun. More Scouts rushed in from their Christmas shopping—with gifts.

When Coleen Martin, Janice Wallace, Frances Bates and Frances Scales arrived—Mrs. Evans started the kettle of molasses to boiling—for the taffy-pull which was the main fun of the afternoon. Little Maxine was greased for that little ball of sticky goodness which she pulled and pulled. Scouts were pulling contest to get the taffy but most of the taffy was pulled by the hostess in her hands that got sticky with the strands of the candy was cut as the eyes of the girls with happiness.

While the girls were pulling the taffy, the hostess had prepared a special treat for the girls. It was a special taffy pull. The girls were pulling the taffy with happiness.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



MISS VIRGINIA F. PIERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Pierson, 930 W. 23rd street announce the engagement and the approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia Florence, to Mr. Eugenio S. Coulter, son of Mrs. Amelia Coulter of Philadelphia, Pa. The couple plan to be married in February.

Miss Pierson, native of Des Moines, is a graduate of North High school, a member of the St. Paul A.M.E. church, the Thorobreds club of the Y.W.C.A. and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is employed at the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Mr. Coulter, born in Philadelphia, served in World War II in the marine corps.

MAIL NEWS EARLY

All news items for publication in the January 2 issue of the Bystander must be in the office not later than Monday, Dec. 30. The Iowa Bystander office will be closed on next Wednesday, New Year's Day.

VISITORS



MISS MARY BROOKS

In the city visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie B. Scott and other relatives, is Miss Mary Brooks of Chicago, Ill.



MISS FRANCES LOWRY

Miss Frances Lowry, student at the University of Minnesota, is spending the holidays here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Cunningham, and aunt, Mrs. Alberta Warden.

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New 1947 Inspirational Readings Are Off The Press I came home on a furlough and I had my wife to go to my mother in the east and bring her out here. I am out of service now. Since returning I have found out that my wife did everything she could to make mother happy while I was away. For some reason we aren't a bit happy now. My wife and mother fuss all the time. If I do something for my wife, mother pouts. If I do anything for mother, my wife pouts. I am so upset I don't know what to do. We all three have to live in the same room as it is impossible to find a larger place to stay out here. I love both of them very much. Tell me what to do.

Ans: The mystery is that you have been able to live together this long, three in a room, without a battle royal. It is absurd to try to continue such an arrangement. There is mutual love and respect between your wife and mother but the tension of jam-packing your living in one small room is too nerve-racking for all concerned. Help your mother to find a nice room to herself, for she is not totally dependent upon you. Once she is on her own again, relations between the three of you will be restored to normal.

M.A.P.—I have two children, one eleven and one four. I am not married. I live with mother and have quite a hard time caring for her and the children and trying to hold down my job. Mother is sick at the present and is bedridden. My youngest child's father does not send money for her support. He writes me that he would like to help me and asked that I send my two children to him in Detroit and he will care for them both. Would this solve my problem? I feel that if my brother and his wife were to move in with us and do their share, the burden wouldn't be so heavy on me. What must I do?

Ans: The baby's father is most generous in helping you financially and his offer is sincere, but he has no one to look after these children were you to take up his proposition. The children are better off with you even though your load is unusually heavy right now. Ask your brother for financial assistance while your mother is sick. You and his wife have never been able to get along, it would only add to your unhappiness for him to move in with you at this time. He could help you more by employing a practical nurse for your mother and contributing a little money, than by living with you.

Mail news to Bystander early next week. "Holiday Wednesday!"

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EDITORIALS - FEATURES - SPORTS

THIS NEWSPAPER, IOWA'S OLDEST NEGRO WEEKLY, IS AN INSTITUTION DEVELOPED FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE OF IOWA AND THE MIDDLEWEST TO PRESENT THE NEWS OF THE DAY, FOSTER BETTER RACE RELATIONS, LEAD PUBLIC OPINION AND TO CONTEND FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES.

REPUBLICANS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY

Along with the control of congress by Republicans goes a responsibility that they adhere to and put into law substantially the things they advocated and preached to the voters before the election.

The Republican leaders of both houses are making plans to organize the new congress. They are planning a legislative program by which they hope to ease some of the ills which the country suffers today.

The left wing group of the Democratic party and their allies are skeptical of what may happen predicting that since the old guard Republicans are in control they hope to revert back to the days of preceding the election of the late President Roosevelt.

This, of course, is silly thinking. The rank and file of the leaders in the Republican party knows that it is not wise or expedient to scrap a great many of the things brought about by the new deal. They know America has moved forward along with the rest of the world and that new times have brought in new demands.

In the program or the new deal, President Roosevelt did a great many things personally for the Negro which he could not put into law. For instance, the FEPC was created by executive order. There was never a definite law creating it and thus at times funds for its upkeep were hard to get from congress.

The FEPC along with WPA, NYA and other ideas of Roosevelt did much to lure the Negro from the ranks of the Republican party. Legislation which benefited the rank and file of labor was another of those ideas which placed the Negro in the Democratic ranks in spite of the fact that such men as the Burns,

REPORT ON NEGRO SOLDIERS (SEE FRONT PAGE)

down" the circulation of such propaganda to any particular groups or units, but he considered the charge of such importance that he discussed it with General Douglas MacArthur, commander of United States forces in the Pacific and plans were made to counteract such propaganda by an Army program of education.

A definite answer to the problem of colored soldiers in the Army, Mr. Ray said, is the assignment of a better grade of men. He added that a better Army would be brought about by the screening out of men who show no aptitude for soldiering and repeatedly commit minor offenses.

Mr. Ray disclosed that the Army is now in process of discharging such men and all soldiers who have a score of less than seventy on the Army general classification test. He said the percentage of men who are being screened out will run about 50 per cent white and 50 per cent colored. Colored soldiers at present constitute about 11 per cent of the total Army strength.

RIGHTS OF ALABAMA VOTERS TO BE DEFENDED BY NAACP

NEW YORK—The case of Mitchell v. Wright, involving the right of Negroes in Alabama to register and vote in the Democratic primaries was set to come to trial on December 18, 1946.

This case was sent back to the District Court for trial when the U. S. Supreme Court, on October 14, 1946, denied the registrars' petition for writ of certiorari to review the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, which reversed the District Court's dismissal of Mitchell's original complaint against the registrars.

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SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Of course, your famous scribbler has to imitate the big time sports writers and name some choices for the year's best performers, thrills and events in 1946.

Season's Top

Our choice for the season's top athlete would be John Estes Sr. Old John either won or finished well up in the money in every Negro meet he entered and did pretty well in the Des Moines city meet. Right behind Estes would come two sprinters, Dick Atkins of East High and Geo. Nicholas of North. Then we would place Bill Ashby for his tennis exploits. Nearing forty, and having to watch that waistline carefully, Bill had the best year of his tennis career, winning the city playground singles, and making a good showing in the Missouri Valley and state meets. Then he paired with Paul Williams to make up a formidable doubles team. The pair annexed the city Negro honors and were capable of giving just about any of the better white teams a rough session.

For the year's best competitor, we would name Marie Ross, winner of the city Negro women's singles honor. Miss Ross had to battle the field, each of whom was out to get her. Just about everyone in Good Park wanted to see Marie beaten and made no bones about it. But this opposition only made that Ross girl harder to beat, and she took her two chief opponents both in one day, each match being three sets.

Miss Ross commented that—"though the women offered equal interest in the annual tournament and battled for a 'promised trophy'—to date—and the year has almost gone—the winner has not yet received the handsome cup—like the men's winner did."

The team of the year was the N.C.C. Little Renns basketball team which grabbed just about all the basketball honors in town from everybody and we mean just everybody. Had they stayed in the Crocker league, they might have won that and had a clean sweep of the city. The Crocker Y softball team won the doubtful distinction of the biggest disappointment of the year by their rolling over and playing dead to the East Des Moines Monarch twice, losing by scores of 8-1 and 17-1.

enclosed with her best wishes—a subscription to the Bystander.

POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS... EXTINGUISH FEAR... UNITE DIVISION... DRAW DISTANCE NEAR

By MARIE ROSS

'Merry Christmas' from Schoolmarm in Detroit

A "Merry Christmas" came from an Iowan, Miss Naomi Walden who is teaching in Detroit, Mich. She added that "I'm swimming at the 'Y' this winter—trying to keep up the summer's activities. Laverne Jones (in Chicago) came up here for a week-end this fall. See you next summer." Miss Walden's address is 355 LaBelle, Detroit 3, Mich.

'Hello and Happy Days' from Julia Boyd in Sunny California

A Christmas greeting with a "Hello and Happy Days" to the staff of the Bystander was received from Julia Boyd, from 3899 Jackson street, San Francisco 18, Calif. Mrs. Boyd

Best Show

For the best show, we would name the finals of the tennis meet, a good two or three-hour affair that moved right along with no dead spots. The sports award dinner was in a class by itself and should not be mentioned with any other event.

The biggest disappointment was the fact that the Raggedy clowns, Crocker League winners and the Little Renns never got to finish their game that started at East High.

Most Confused

The most confused affair of 1946 was the Hilltop tennis club handling of the tennis meet. Players were defaulted one day and were allowed to play the next, even replacing others they had defaulted to and who had moved into the next round. Other players were forced to postpone matches, even though all opponents were present and ready to play because "it wouldn't look good." Then later these same players were defaulted after their opponents had failed to appear on schedule but did come later at their own convenience and at a time when the opponents had announced previously they could not play. That was the pay-off.

But all in all it was one great year and we hope 1947 gives us some equally thrilling moments.

BETHEL AME CHURCH HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Last Sunday morning at Bethel AME church, the Rev. W. F. Ogleton, pastor, preached a Christmas sermon on "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them." The choral club sang. Four accessions to the church were: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Slaughter and son, Edward; Mrs. Alice Jackson.

At 5 p.m. the Sunday School and the choir presented the cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies," directed by Mrs. Donna Ogleton. Shepherds were Gordon Brown, Carl Cooper, William Ogleton, Lowell Cooper, Robert Doyle and Ronald Gray. "Angel of Light" was Lela Bell White; "Herald angels" Carol Crumb, Gwendolyn Mills, Betty Sharp, Jacqueline Fine; "kings," Virgil Miller, Morris Claytor, William Kaiser; "Mary," Charlotte Murray; "Joseph," George McElroy; "Christ Child," Darrell Oregon. Dramatic director, Mrs. Mildred Miller; scenic director, Mr. Aulie Cooper; reader, Miss Corena King.

Pictures were made by Rev. Mr. Clinton, representative of 100 years of Methodism in Iowa Movement, who will show them at the First Methodist church on Dec. 29.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The pastor, Rev. G. Parrish, preached Sunday morning. Revs. Mr. Fields and Saunders were visiting ministers. Sunday evening the choir gave a cantata. Sunday afternoon the pastor was guest speaker at the Mt. Olive Baptist church. Sunday School's Christmas program was Tuesday evening. The senior choir gave a Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Ruby Noble. The usher board met Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Mildred Tymony. Sick of the church are: Messrs. Matthew Campbell, Babe Barber, George Robinson, Mrs. Missouri Gates and Frances Dickens.

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MISTLETOE.... IN NORTHERN COUNTRIES, IF ENEMIES MET BENEATH MISTLETOE IN THE FOREST THEY LAID DOWN ARMS AND CALLED A DAY'S TRUCE. LATER, MISTLETOE WAS HUNG OVER DOORWAYS AT CHRISTMAS PLEDGING THOSE WHO ENTERED TO KEEP FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE



CANDLES.... AT CHRISTMAS, ENGLISH FARMERS USED TO LIGHT CANDLES AND PRAY GOD TO BLESS THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FIELDS AND THEIR LIVESTOCK. AND CANDLE-MAKERS PRESENTED THEIR CUSTOMERS WITH FREE CANDLES BY WAY OF WISHING THEM A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

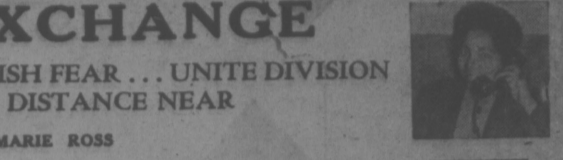


CAROLS.... ORIGINALLY A CAROL WAS A DANCE AND LATER A DRINKING SONG. IN ENGLAND, WANDERING MUSICIANS BEGAN THE CUSTOM OF SINGING CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS BY GOING FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND, IN SONG, WISHING FOLKS HOLIDAY CHEER, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.



BELLS.... IN EUROPE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE DEVIL DIED WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN; SO FOR AN HOUR BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE BELLS WOULD TOLL THE DEVIL'S DEATH KNELL. AT MIDNIGHT IT CHANGED TO A JOYOUS PEAL, THE BELLS RINGING OUT A "JOYFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS"

AND SO THE CHRISTMAS CARDS WE SEND ARE MORE THAN GREETINGS—THEY ARE AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP, A BLESSING, A WISH THAT OTHERS MAY SHARE Complete Complexion Beauty use... US THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE... THEY ARE OUR WAY OF PERPETUATING WHICH CHRISTMAS REPRESENTS.



Quentin Mease Had Planned To Be Home for Christmas—Finds Much to Do in New York—Had planned to be home for Christmas, but am not sure if I can make it now," wrote Quentin R. Mease from New York City on his "Season's Greetings" card which bore "best wishes for a happy holiday season and a 'Bright New Year.'"

HAPPY NEW YEAR
New Years Day is a conception Carried in the mother's womb, Till the light of full gestation Brings the New Year into bloom; Twilight—dawning—and the sunrise, Constantly returning charms, Are but life in evolution, Like the babe in mother's arms.

New Years Day is but another, So much like the days before, Or the days that come a creeping, Like the babe upon the floor; Though the babe becomes a mother, When another year has passed, And another charming infant Comes to liberate the last.

New Years Day is God's creation, Same as other days—you know, Built the clock and made it go; Wrote the Calendar to guide us, Added wheels to Nature's plan, Alphabet and Mathematics, Happy New Year—fellowman, Copyright 1946—By EDWARD YOUNG.



GUIN MICHAELS
NEW YORK CITY, (Global)—Guin Michaels, 24-year-old day the late Dan Michaels, internationally known actor-comedian is home any day now after a successful six months' USO tour in the Pacific. Guin is making a name for herself as musician and leader of an all-male orchestra, which has won acclaim throughout the Pacific area.

CENTERVILLE, IOWA
CENTERVILLE, Ia.—Services were well attended at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Douglass church Sunday morning and Rev. Patton Sunday evening. The junior chorus sang at both evening services. Rev. Patton and members had services Sunday afternoon at the Old Folks home in West Euren. Miss Kathryn Smith of Des Moines is here caring for her mother, Mrs. Robert Smith who is ill. Mrs. Clara West of Mystic was a Centerville shopper.

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