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CHURCH OF GOD & HOLINESS
 1015 E. 15th street, Elder F. H. Hawley, pastor, Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., evening service, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday evening service, 7:30 p. m., Thursday Bible Class, 7:30-9:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend this church.

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Southeast Fourth Street and Scott, Rev. J. R. Roman, pastor; Sunday school at 11:30 a. m., morning service at 11:30 a. m., evening service at 7:30 p. m., Sunday evening worship at 7:15 p. m., Missionary Service Friday, 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Ninth and School Streets, Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor; Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock; Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.; P. M. Service, 7:30 p. m.; Mid-Week Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.

WYOMING A.M.E. CHURCH
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ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES
 A fair-sized audience greeted the pastor Rev. A. J. Irvine last Sunday morning. Before the sermon the pastor announced that at the annual Church Conference last Monday the church had voted to make some necessary improvements upon the building for which they had launched a \$3,000 campaign to be culminated Dec. 1 and rejected all the former trustees. He also announced that he had re-appointed all the former stewards with one exception in place he had appointed T. W. Reeves, and announced the organization of the following new clubs: Ethical Culture club, with Lawrence Howard as president; Willing Workers club, with Mrs. A. J. Irvine as president; and at the conclusion of the service Mr. Howard announced that the newly organized Ethical Culture club would stage its first program next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at which time the subject of proper attire for both young and young men will be discussed by a prominent modiste of women's attire and a well dressed young man of the city.

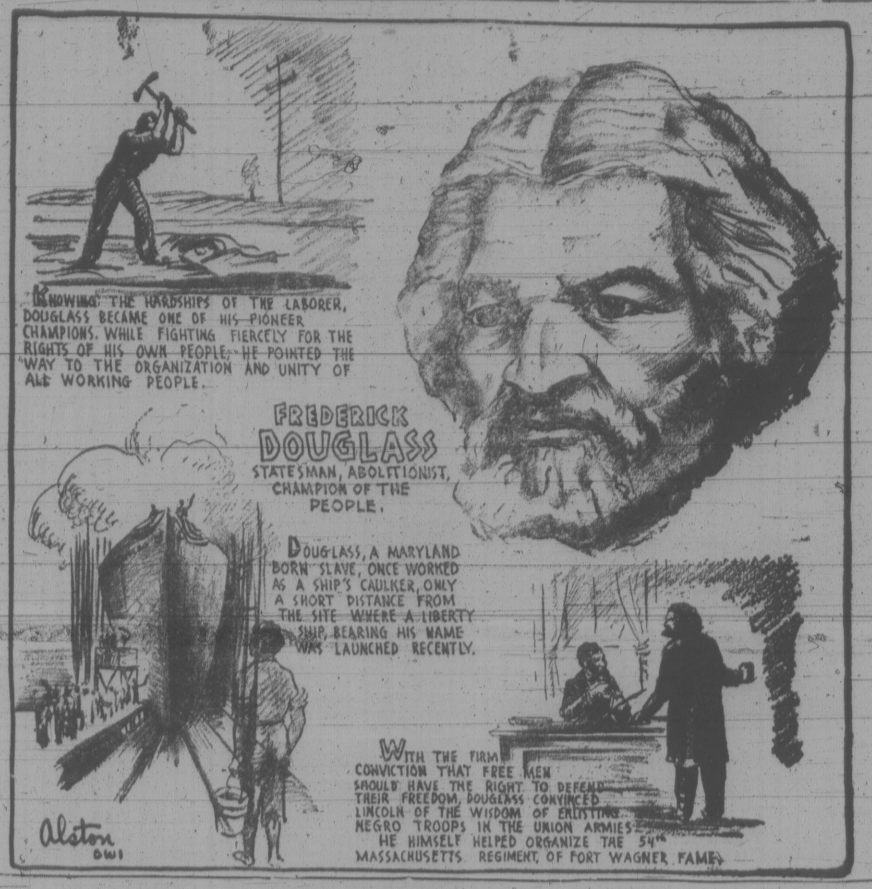
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Bishop W. J. Walls Finds Segregation of Soldiers On Increase in Germany

Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—Segregation of colored and white troops in Germany is increasing, Bishop William J. Walls of the African Methodist Episcopal Church declared last Tuesday in a formal report to Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royak.

Bishop Walls, presiding bishop of the second episcopal district of his church, was one of fourteen clergymen who toured Europe last summer under the auspices of the Army Department.

While generally praising top army personnel in the European theater, Bishop Walls was critical in his report of the discrimination practiced against colored American troops.

Pointing out that the colored soldier "must fight and live for the honor of both the nation and the race, for he is always in the eye of the test," Bishop Walls declared that this state of things is not fair but "it is a realism we must face and defeat."

Asserting that the United States has the problem of conciling the Germans of the practicalities of democracy, he reported that the Germans are saying the Russians offer it to them with a dictatorship, the English with a class system, and the Americans with two faces—white and colored. The people of Europe, he stated, want to know which one to take.

Persecutions
 The preliminary report made by George Meader, former counsel of the Senate War Investigating Committee, made last December, showed that colored troops composed one-twelfth of the United States Army strength in Germany but committed 85 per cent of the crimes in the American zone of occupation, Bishop Walls said less shocking figures have been obtained from authentic sources, showing that colored soldiers committed 17 per cent of the crime and constituted 27 per cent of the prisoners.

"And undisturbed these figures are stimulated by the fact that officers in charge of Negroes are white and there is a tendency among white GIs to maneuver Negroes into embarrassing positions and downright persecution which the Negroes in suspicion resent to the point of disobedience to regulations, he declared.

Bishop Walls added that Army tribunals are white and in many cases give colored soldiers undeserved penalties. "One Negro crime is regarded as a race crime," he said.

ings between the administration and the faculty, and to make its recommendations to the full board."

A committee of the faculty reported to the board at the morning meeting. The board declared this was the first "official notification" it had received of campus unrest, which was reported to have extended to the students. The members of the faculty committee were Charles H. Williams, department of physical education; Dr. L. P. Palmer, education; William F. Goins, chemistry; J. Saunders Redding, professor of English and Paul Drost, general studies.

Dr. Henry Wilder Foote, formerly of Harvard University, was named chairman of the trustees' committee to conduct the investigation.

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New York (NNPA)—A committee to investigate conditions at Hampton Institute will be sent there November 1, the board of trustees of the school decided at a meeting here last Friday.

The decision to conduct a trustee inquiry was prompted by a vote of "no confidence" in the administration of Dr. Ralph F. Gridgman, Hampton president since 1944.

The board, after an all-day session here, authorized its chairman, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, to instruct the board's committee on faculty relationships "to make a broad investigation of all reported misunderstand-

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POLICE SAY WHITES FIRED HOME
 Atlanta, Ga.—A special police detail was assigned to an Atlanta section Thursday after officers reported white men set fire to a house into which a Negro family had just moved. The house is in a white residential area.

Patrolmen were at the house when the fire started. They reported a white man asked them how long they expected to be there. When the officers replied "probably all night," the man said, "You may not want to stick around and see what will take place." Shortly thereafter, the officers said, flames burst from the rear of the house.

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MR. AND MRS. G. B. TUCKER BACK FROM TRIP TO ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tucker, 1101 School street, returned to the city Saturday from a motor trip that took them to Arkansas to visit relatives. They visited in Arkadelphia with Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Tucker, parents of Mr. Tucker, went to Prof. Lett, Ark., to visit Mr. Tucker's sister who has been an elementary school principal there for 15 years; to Lake Village, Ark., where Mr. Tucker's brother, Willie, and family reside; to Gould, Ark., where an uncle, Willie Tucker and a cousin, David Tucker, live.

In Pine Bluff, Ark., the Tuckers visited his sister, Mrs. Wiley Crosby and her family; at Little Rock, another sister, Mrs. Mary Miller and her family and other relatives. The Iowans spent a day in Hot Springs with Rev. L. Chamberlain and then they went to St. Louis, Mo., to visit Mr. Tucker's nephew, Martin Tucker, who is attending an embalming college.

The Tuckers were accompanied home by his mother who will visit here indefinitely.

THE W. F. OGLETONS GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. B. HERNDON

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Ogleton spent their last few days in Des Moines before leaving for Terre Haute, Ind., on Oct. 24, as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Herndon, 1545 Walker street. The Rev. Mr. Ogleton was appointed pastor of an A.M.E. church in Terre Haute.

MRS. SAM WALKER HAS WEEK END GUESTS

Mrs. Sam Walker, 1064 14th street, had as week end guest, Mrs. Ardona Hadley, Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Hadley and Mr. Earl Hadley, all of Edwardsville, Kas. They returned home Tuesday morning.

MRS. HARRY JOHNSON BACK FROM CLEVELAND

Mrs. Harry Johnson of 1132 17th street has returned home after being called to Cleveland, Ohio, due to the serious illness of her sister, Miss Essie Lucas. During her stay there, Mrs. Johnson spent several days as guest of Mrs. Helen Whitley and was also entertained by Mrs. Margaret Black, sister of Mrs. Vera Morrow of this city. Mrs. Johnson left her sister much improved.

MRS. ALEXANDER HONORS EDITH COMLEY BROWN AT NOON LUNCHEON

Mrs. A. A. Alexander, 2220 Chauhan Parkway, was hostess at a noon luncheon Friday Oct. 24, commencing Mrs. Edith Comley Brown of St. Paul, Minn., who was house guest of Mrs. Lucia B. Wilburn.

Mrs. Brown, a native of Webster City, Ia., graduated from Drake university here, was an elocutionist and married before she left the city and remained away twenty nine years before returning recently.

She was kept busy during her weeks' visit here, renewing friendships, visiting many former haunts and seeing the changes in the city. At the luncheon were many of the friends of her college days when she was one of the original members of the Mary Church Terrell club.

HONOR J. J. HAWKINS FAMILY AT SHOWER

Miss Ruth Forrester and daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Peterson, and Miss Sylvia Peterson, of 917 W. 14th, street, gave a miscellaneous shower Oct. 21, at their home in honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Hawkins and children.

Guests and joy, who left the city this week for the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss. During the courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bulce, Mr. and Mrs. G. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Myrtle Edwards, Ella Payne, Mrs. Audrey Peterson and daughter, Joyce, Mrs. and Mr. Frye and sons, Richard and Edward, Virginia Forrester, Mrs. Carl Kaiser, Norman Ellingwood, Peterson, Sylvester Forrester, Jr. The evening was spent in playing games. The Hawkins family receive many gifts.

MOTOR TO MINNESOTA

Mrs. Lillian Edmunds and Mrs. Nellie Peters motored to St. Paul, Minn., during the week end to visit Mrs. Edmunds' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wil-

MARRIED IN CHURCH CEREMONY



MR. AND MRS. GILBERT RANDLE, JR.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Cook, 1226 DeWolf street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, and Mr. Gilbert Randle, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Randle of 1155 Fourteenth street.

The ceremony was performed Saturday night, Oct. 25, at the Maple Street Baptist church by the Rev. George Paffish in the presence of relatives and friends of the couple. Attending the bride were the Misses Joan and Patricia Randle and her father, Mr. Randle, St. was best man.

A wedding reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's family where hostesses of the evening were Mesdames Gertrude Brown, Fannie Heisted and Miss Gwendolyn Smith.

The bride, a native of Tulsa, Okla., attended schools there. She is a member of the Church of God in Christ at 13th and School streets. Mr. Randle, native of Des Moines where he attended North High school, served two years and seven months in the army, 14 month of which were in Korea. He is in business as a truck driver.

MRS. SMITH AND DAUGHTER ENTERTAIN

Mr. Arthur Smith and daughter, Goldie, 925 School street entertained their aunt, Mrs. Lillian Johnson of Omaha, Neb., Saturday night, Oct. 25. Guests included M. Sam Edwards, Mrs. Katherine Edwards, Mr. Pete Hudson, Mrs. Joan Johnson and Mr. Herbert Johnson.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By Marie Ross



Pirates, gangsters, dudes, flappers, gypsies, senoritas, Dutch and Chinese dolls, little girls and even the devil—all garbed in their characteristic attire—got together at the Omega Phi Psi fraternity's first annual Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday night and turned the Billiken Hall into one merry conglomeration of weird-looking creatures.

Whistles, horns and cricket noises shrilled above the rhythms of Tony Anthony's band, as couples danced and dodged confetti and found themselves tangled in the mass of streamers that were thrown about the hall.

Outside of the ballroom an Omega brother, Arthur Bryant, was garbed in a drab World War I uniform and hid behind a mask. On the door to greet the guests was an Omega brother, Atty. Luther T. Ganton, Jr., snug as a bug in his army undergarments which was topped with a wise-colored robe. Omega brother, "Shrimp" Eustace Ware in his navy and white assisted his Omega brother, Marsh Houston, was a dangerous-looking figure and Omega brother, Robert M. Parkey wore some pajama creation.

Keeping an unmasked eye on everything that went and came was Omega brother Rev. J. J. Hawkins. Who was feigned in the ticket booth. Welcoming guests about the hall were Drs. J. M. Powell and Stanley Griffin, unmasked Omega brothers.

Mardi Gras costumes varied from quaint pictures of beauty—Mamie Reess, as a Dutch girl, Gwendolyn Fowler as a Chinese maiden, Lucille Smith with a veiled face and black sheer gown of the Turkish women; as a Spanish senorita, Gloria Molt.

Mary Hyde was breath-taking as "Daisy Mae" and Anna Bell Payne in blue jeans and Miranda's wide-brimmed hat was a former girl. Cute as her five-year-old daughter was Mrs. Leon Jones in pigtail, a sweater and an abbreviated skirt.

Jackie Mense was in riding tights, Ariena Graves in one of the former-fitting tafelias and sailor hat of the early twenties; and Martha Parkey in ruffled pantaloons.

Pandemonium broke loose when Margaret Sorrell, arrived as a "black-faced" handkerchief headed, "Aunt Jemima" of stupendous proportions. She wobbled in and about the dancing couples and stole the show from the "devil", Eddie Bayles. In a fiery red costume with long horns shooting from his forehead, and a tail wagging, Bayles did alright without his pitchfork which he was afraid to carry, for fear of sticking himself.

"Aunt Jemima" wobbled herself into the first prize for the most unique of the masked guests. "The Devil" got third place.

Copping the second prize—was the columnist—in a gypsy costume. The most interesting feature of Gypsy Ross' attire was her long necklace of mammoth red radishes—fresh from the city market that day. A few tiny green peppers added color to the necklace—but when the guests noticed that the radishes were real—the radishes began to disappear—one by one—and bite by bite from the gypsy's necklace. Only the red-hot green peppers were left dangling on the string when the ball was over.

There were more hungry guests. Louise Ware, dressed in a riding outfit, worked up a terrific appetite for hamburgers after the sixth radish—and was pleading with her husband, Eustace to get her some fried shrimp before they went home.

Clara Bayles admired the red "Carrots" and wondered why they were so large. Marie Owens described them as "uncut Russian rubies." Leonard Palmer was certain someone would think she was "from the country"—but she just couldn't resist the radishes.

A tip to the Omegas for their second annual ball: buy a bushel of radishes and give them as souvenirs.

Get the Treats Ready

Get the cats ready for the little throwovers who have been on the go this week—doing tricks and puzzling their neighbors in their weird-looking false faces and costumes.

One of the "early maskers" was Mrs. A. Madison who turned the Corinthian Aid meeting last Friday into an evening of laughter when she arrived in a comical costume. She had seranched her neighbors and was rewarded with some very precious eggs.

Back in town from a 2,200-mile tag-to Arkansas are Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tucker. They had an enjoyable trip. According to Mr. Tucker, he was driving an new 1947 Nash "which has twenty-six trinkets on the instrument board, automatic windshield wipers, gets thirty miles

RELATIVES FROM GALLATIN, MO.; SPEND SUNDAY HERE WITH THE ROY WALKERS

In a school bus from Gallatin, Mo., relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker, 921 Twelfth street, motored here Sunday and spent an annual celebration. Though the day was rainy, the group had a happy time as they opened picnic and bushel baskets well-filled with a variety of ready-cooked foods.

In the party from Gallatin were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jackson, Mrs. Pinky Mae Holloway, Mrs. Blanch Smith, Mr. Homer McLaugh, Mrs. Leola Walton, Mr. Marion Williams, Mesdames Jackson, Holloway and Smith are sisters, Mrs. Cranshaw, an aunt, and Mr. McLaugh, a nephew of Mr. Walker.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBay of Creston, Ia., Mrs. Harold Holloway of Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley of Osceola, Ia., Bishop and Mrs. D. H. Cranshaw, Miss Faye Southers and Mr. Ramon Monroe, all of Des Moines.

MRS. EDITH C. BROWN EXTENDED MANY SOCIAL COURTESIES ON VISIT

Mrs. Edith Comley Brown of St. Paul, Minn., left the city Saturday after a week's visit here with friends. She was house guest of Mrs. Lucia Birney Wilburn, 1715 Walker street.

Among the friends who extended her social courtesies were: Mrs. A. A. Alexander, noon luncheon; Mrs. James Blaine Thompson, luncheon; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, dinner; the members of the Mary Church Terrell club who entertained at the La Marguerita hotel.

Miss Ernestine Shackelford was hostess to a theater birthday party Oct. 18 celebrating her fifth birthday. Among the guests were: Marsha and Ramona Houston, Peggy and Joan Jones, Janice Miller, Edward Carter, Raymond Bates, Harry Stewart, Jr., Richard Keiso, Shirlene Bell and Gayle Winters.

They attended a Saturday matinee for children at the Forest theater then returned to the guest of honor's home for refreshments. Many gifts were received.

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to a gallon of gasoline—and he would have been still raving about his new car if he had been asked to put an ad in the Bystander about the new Nash.

Girl Scouts of the city are celebrating Girl Scout Week and observing the birthday of the founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Among the many activities of the closing day—Nov. 1, will be a radio script, scheduled for Station KRNT at 1:15 p.m. The script was written by a member of the Des Moines Radio Council—the columnist.

Mrs. Millie Estelle who celebrated her ninety-second birthday on October 23 was rocking at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Newsome, 1315 Laurel street, this week, and happy that her most important worry—was a toe-ache. A sick and shut-in committee of her church, Burns Methodist, surprised her with a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen.

Mrs. Mabel M. Mason left the city Thursday morning for Chicago, Ill., to attend an executive meeting of the Fourth Episcopal District Laymen's organization of the A.M.E. church which is meeting at the St. Stephen's A.M.E. church.

MOTOR TO KANSAS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Cannon and daughter, Ray, and Mrs. Thomas M. Carl accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin on a motor trip to Kansas City during the week end. They visited relatives and friends.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. B. Grigsby, mother of Mrs. J. E. Tunstall, is visiting at the Burns church parsonage.

MRS. GLADYS ROSS VISITS HERE FROM CHICAGO, ILL.

Mrs. Gladys Ross of Chicago, Ill., left the city last Saturday after two weeks here at her home and visiting friends and relatives in Des Moines and Marshalltown.

She was guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Jr., of 781 14th street, who also had as visitors, Mrs. George Jackson, Sr., and Mrs. George Robinson of Ottumwa, the mother and aunt of Mr. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson, Jr. is the daughter of Mrs. Ross.

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JUSTICE PREVAILS IN IOWA COURTS

Last year, two Des Moines police officers, who took upon themselves the extra official task of arresting a young Negro woman whom they mistook for a white woman, because she was in company with a Negro man with a darker skin, got no support for their malicious conduct when the Iowa Supreme Court upheld the verdict of the Polk County District court which had awarded her six hundred dollars for false arrest.

Thus, the court upheld the traditional fair judicial pronouncements it has made in other cases, before it involving the rights of Negroes by cutting through a fog of lies and juggling of position which ran throughout from the beginning of the case and which left some pretty deep scars on certain of our public officials.

The Bystander is proud of this victory, proud of those who produced it. There are communities where Negroes and whites find it embarrassing even to converse on the street. To walk or ride down the street together creates a scene. And police officers feel called upon to put their bit in to help perpetuate such unfair practices.

Too much of that has gone on in Des Moines. Too often, police officers who in attempts to impose their intolerant views on innocent victims have gone entirely too far, often arresting people ostensibly for other reasons but in fact in order to keep whites and Negroes apart. It is none of their business and the courts of Iowa told them in no uncertain terms.

Undoubtedly, this decision of the courts that the two officers must fork up six hundred dollars for acting outside of their official duty, of subjecting people to unlawful arrest simply because it pained them to see the couple in question together, will force them and other officers to remember that they can't mistreat citizens and have them turn the other cheek.

MEN WITH COURAGE OF THEIR CONVICTIONS

The six men in Pacific Junction were found guilty of disturbing the Mayor, who ordered a young Negro out of town simply because "no Negroes are allowed to stay there," but they won the respect of every fairminded man, woman and child for their courage, their convictions and willingness to stand by them.

The prosecution offered to dismiss the case if the men apologized to the mayor. They refused. They were convinced of the justice of their cause and were willing to make the fight.

Even Pacific Junction, with a reputation for intolerance, dislikes the advertisement it has received in this case. It argues badly for a community. It argues badly for Iowa for a lot of such communities will do the state irreparable injury.

WAYS TO QUELL HATE MONGERS

Ordinarily, one would not look to find an article on racial intolerance in a periodical like "Better Homes and Gardens." But upon second thought, one can see why it should be there. Recently a post-war fortune magazine showed that there was more racial prejudice in the country and small towns than in the large cities.

Included in the November issue of "Better Homes and Gardens" is an article "How to Stop the Hate-Mongers." H. H. H. Carter, which should be read by everybody. Fortunately the magazine is read by 2,000,000 families.

Carter says many Americans take an ostrichlike position on intolerance, are not alarmed at its growth. This passive attitude encourages the hate mongers.

Hate is a more militant force than brotherhood. Its missionaries are persistent. There are a lot of them, the article states. "Love against hate are necessary," he says, "but it can be raised most effectively, not in Washington, but in your town and thousands like it."

"Next to money," he says, "it is an efficient job of indoctrinating youth with hate. If the U. S. is the moral opposite of the totalitarian state, we should realize the moral law underlying democracy is as basic as the three R's."

Mr. Carter warns against electing the least public official with intolerant views for mayor, he will be running for a major office later.

He has a wealth of suggestions for improvement of racial relations and concludes by quoting from a fellow townsman who advised him: "You can't do anything on the grand scale. But you can work for your own people in your own town. It isn't national leaders we need so much as men of good will in each of the little towns of America. Try to keep Greenville a decent place by being a correct citizen yourself. The total of all the Greenvilles can make the kind of country we want or don't want."

PETITION ON TREATMENT OF NEGROES PRESENTED BY NAACP TO UNITED NATIONS

See Front Page. Men in India, yellow men in China and black men in Africa, we submit that no lasting cure of the causes of war can be found until discrimination based on race or skin color is wiped out in the United States and throughout the world.

M. Lugier, in a short speech, said he was glad to receive the petition in behalf of the Secretary General of the UN and that the United Nations Charter, of course, as everyone knew, was against discrimination.

Mr. Humphrey said that the Human Rights Commission was now in the process of formulating an International Bill of Human Rights and would meet in Geneva December 1 to draw up this document. He said that until definitions, policies and powers were set down, the Human Rights Commission was not empowered to do anything except receive and pass on documents, grievances, complaints, etc.

The NAACP petition has excited more interest and comment than any similar document placed before the UN. Approximately half of the nations in the UN have requested copies of the petition and indications are that the NAACP complaint will figure in the agenda of future sessions.

NEGRO ARMY STRENGTH 56,184 ON AUGUST 1, 1947

Washington, D. C.—On August 1, 1947, the total Negro strength of the Army was 56,184, the Department of the Army has announced. Of this total, 27,336 were serving within the Continental United States and 28,848 were assigned to duty stations in foreign theaters of operations. Assigned to either Army Ground or Service Forces were 162 Negro troops who were en route from the United States to overseas stations on this date.

Of the Army total, 312 were members of the Women's Army Corps. Assigned to Fort Ord, California, were two WAC officers and 144 enlisted women. Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, was the home station of two officers and 50 enlisted WAC personnel. Two officers were on duty in the Washington Military District and eight Wacs were assigned at various Army General Hospitals. (Serving with the Air Force at Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio were two officers and 192 Wacs).

WILKIE HOUSE NEWS

WEEKLY EVENTS. The Halloween party for children, 13 years and under, will take place in the Wilkie House on Oct. 31. The party will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. The party will be held in the Wilkie House on Oct. 31. The party will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. The party will be held in the Wilkie House on Oct. 31. The party will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The Wilkie House extends an invitation to young adults and adults to use the branch library facilities which are in the building. The P. O. ceremony which promotes girls in the Brownies to enter the Intermediate Girl Scout troop will take place the second week in November. Mrs. Margaret McGinnis, assisted by Mrs. Signe E. P. Jackson is the Intermediate troop leader.

Ten-age dances are on Wednesdays at Wilkie House. Boys and girls are invited to attend.

HEALTH FOR ALL

Don't Underestimate Measles

Parents are apt to think of measles as a necessary evil. It is such a common childhood disease that they often regard an attack as inevitable and not very serious for their children. But measles may have dangerous consequences and should not be underestimated.

Measles itself is seldom a direct danger to the child. It may, however, lead to complications which gravely menace health and may even cause death. The child with measles is particularly susceptible to pulmonary infections or ear or eye infections. He may be susceptible to diphtheria.

Because it is a highly infectious disease, measles is passed on by contact with secretions or by direct infection from the cough and sneezing of a person in the contagious stage of measles. It is most contagious in the period before the typical red spots appear in the skin. Therefore, it is often passed on before the disease is diagnosed.

By the time the patient can be quarantined, many other children have been exposed to measles. In this early stage the symptoms are like those of a cold: sneezing, headache, running nose, watery eyes, loss of appetite and fever. There may be vomiting. The skin rashes do not appear until about the fourth day. If the symptoms appear, the child should be put to bed and kept separated from other children. The doctor should be consulted at once. Every possible precaution should be taken to prevent spread of the disease in the home. Very young children in particular must be protected from contact with the sick child. It cannot be emphasized too often that children should never be deliberately exposed to measles. Common as the disease is, slight as the case may seem, the possible complications and the threat to future health are too dangerous to risk.

Directions for the treatment of a measles patient are usually simple, but should be followed explicitly. The convalescence is a most important stage and watchfulness and care may prevent serious complications. To protect children against measles, a serum is being tried which seems to give partial immunity to the disease or lightens its severity. There are different types of measles, however, and on type does not create immunity to another type. Advice about serum and other protective measures should be obtained from the family doctor.

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VETERANS WHIRL

By James L. Hinks, NNPA Staff Writer. The Dead Return. Colored soldiers continue to remain a problem to our naval and military authorities, even today.

Under regulations governing the return of war dead who served as members of the armed forces of these United States the next of kin may request that the serviceman be buried in a national cemetery and have his request granted.

This poses no problem to the brass hats except in some states the local white yokels object to "a colored boy sleeping by my boy."

These are national cemeteries located in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, the District of Columbia and at Sitka, Alaska.

A colored veterans organization has been quietly gathering data on national cemeteries and, according to reports, is ready to fight to get colored war dead is afforded the burial rights as are their white brethren.

This organization says it has evidence to show that in some southern national cemeteries, which the local authorities claim are all-white, the bodies of colored soldiers killed in the Civil War are actually buried there, and they are planning to use this evidence as "wedges" to force entry into these cemeteries.

On July 29, 1946, Major General Floyd E. Parks, then chief of the War Department's bureau of public relations, was quoted as saying that no regulation of the War Department requires that the bodies of colored and white soldiers be segregated in national cemeteries but that it had been a "custom" to bury them in separate parts of the cemeteries since the Civil War. The War Department's National Council of 47th Street at Long Beach, Calif., has been informed of this.

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