

IN THE WAKE OF THE NEWS

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NEW YORK AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

New York State debated the problems of racial and religious discrimination. The anti-discrimination bill introduced in the State Legislature to outlaw discrimination in employment for reasons of race, color or creed. This bill would set up a permanent tripartite State Commission Against Discrimination, which would attack the problem in two ways: (1) It would carry on an educational campaign among employers and employees in an effort to ease racial tensions by arbitration and mediation; (2) it would have power to investigate and bring charges against employers accused of discrimination. Violators of the code would be liable to fines up to \$500 and imprisonment up to one year. This program was blueprinted by a committee appointed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey last June. It had bipartisan backing in the Legislature. Yet it encountered sharp opposition, particularly from employer groups, chambers of commerce and some labor unions. This opposition found support among up-State Republican legislators who forced the State Senate to call public hearings on the bill. At the four-hour hearing last Tuesday in the Assembly Chamber, 400 persons gave their views on the legislation. By a ratio of eight to one they favored adoption.

Representatives of labor, Negro Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations spoke in favor. They said the proposal was primarily a method of putting teeth in Constitutional guarantees against discrimination, that although by legislation could not be controlled by legislative action, it could be undertaken elsewhere, that it would be a discrimination against the American economy. Speakers for the opposing groups approved the vocational features of the bill and contended their attack on the punitive provisions. They stated that would mean that such a law would deprive management of its rights in selecting personnel, might even drive industries from New York. After the hearing one leading Senatorial spokesman said that he was "banging our heads against a stone wall." (New York Times of February 25, 1945)

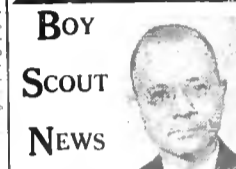
FRANCE IS THINKING

(New York Times of February 25, 1945)

FRANCE IS THINKING OF EMPIRE. APPARENTLY France has not learned a thing by the bitter experience through which she has passed during the four years of her humiliation. DeGaulle's constant demand that France be treated in all respects as a "great power" — even though she has no power at all and is utterly impotent under the American and British armies — might be understood, and even admired, as an evidence of the unquenchable spirit of the people. It is good that a nation should be able to lift its head quickly and hold it high, even while it is still being largely financed and fed by its friends and while it is completely unable to defend its own boundaries even after these friends have driven the enemy from its soil. There is something admirable in that pride of remembrance of the old imperialistic aims. The French cabinet voted to build a great land, naval and air base at Dakar, the only purpose of which can be to clutch its hold on the vast area of French West Africa. DeGaulle is suspicious and resentful because no assurance of the restoration of French Indo-China has come from the Allied conferences. France clings to its mandate over Syria and Lebanon, against the protest of these two countries which have enjoyed a de facto independence since the collapse of French military power. And all reports say that DeGaulle is "bitter" over the

NAACP DIRECTORS URGE PASSAGE OF IVES BILL

New York — A statement adopted by the Board of Directors of the NAACP at its February meeting, supported passage of the Ives Bill now before the State Legislature. The statement read: "Recent statements of opposition to the Ives Bill against racial and religious discrimination pending in the New York Legislature question the efficacy of compulsory legislation against discrimination in employment and emphasize the possibilities of voluntary adjustments. "Such arguments ignore all recent experience in this field. Such success as the National FEPC has had in obtaining compliance with its anti-discrimination orders is due to the actual use of compulsion. It has been made possible by the fact that employers know that the President's wartime powers can be invoked to enforce compliance if other methods failed. The existence of strong sanctions is prerequisite to effective settlement of such controversies. The Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reiterates its position that state legislation establishing a fair employment practice commission must include powers of administrative action and judicial enforcement. We again urge passage of the Ives Bill without amendment."



Boy Scout NEWS

By G. F. NEWELL

Oconeechee Council Negro Division Enrolls 1100 Scouts and Cubs

During the past week the Negro Division of the Oconeechee Council with headquarters in Raleigh reached another milestone by enrolling 1100 Scouts and Cubs. Troop 103, sponsored by the Lee County Training School had all units with twenty new recruits. The troop chairman is the second largest number of Scouts by the Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Other troops receiving new recruits were Troop 104 of 15, of Henderson, W. George Roberts, Henderson, and 36 of Henderson. The Divisional Committee of the Negro Division of the Oconeechee Council have set up 40 an enrollment of 1100 Scouts and Cubs in the Council.

Cub Pack 52 Holds Pack Meeting

The monthly Pack meeting of Cub Pack 52 was held during the past week. The following Cubs were advanced from Bobcat rank to Wolf: Willie Haywood, Paul Haywood, Charles Duberry Jones, Galie Whittaker and Parole Smith. The awards were made by Field Executive G. F. Newell.

Court of Honor Held in Raleigh-Wake County

The Raleigh-Wake County Court of Honor was held on Tuesday, February 27th at the First Baptist Church. Robert Brown and Julian Frazier were awarded the Life and Star rank. Algernon Daly, Floyd Matthews, Clarence Curtis, Clinton McPherson were awarded the second class rank. Arthur Stanback, James Smith and Prince Kelley received the first class rank. Scouts receiving merit badges with number indicated were as follows: Robert Sewell 1, Simon Poole 2, Herbert Chandler 3, Julian Frazier 2, David Johnson 1, Thomas Cooke 1, Harold Adams 1, Samuel Goodson 2, Oscar Kendall 1, Robert Bell 1, Harold Dunn 3, Marvin McQueen 2, George Roberts 1, James O'Neil 1, Joe Thompson 2, Jacec Lyons 3. Scouts receiving Civic Duty Awards were Harold Dunn, Marvin McQueen, George Roberts, James O'Neil and E. Jones.

Durham-Durham County Scoutmasters Roundtable

The Durham-Durham County Scoutmasters Roundtable will be held on Monday at 8:00 P. M. March 4th, at the home of Scoutmaster W. P. Edwards. The Court



Mrs. Lenora Gantt, shown above, is civilian personnel division clerk at Fort Huachuca. She has lived at Fort Huachuca for twenty five years, and holds War Department Rating Mrs. Gantt formerly lived in Kansas City, Kansas, and is the wife of M. Sgt. Kermit E. Gantt, now stationed at Fort Huachuca, after serving sixteen months in the South Pacific. Their oldest son, Cpl. Ross C. is now serving the Air Corps Overseas.

NAACP Attys. Block Removal Of Pa. Negro To Ala.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Ralph Johnson, who fled here in December, 1943, to escape a mob in Tattedega County, Alabama, will not have to go back to the southern state. In the midst of argument on his case here February 9 in the United States District Court, the Northern District of Alabama suddenly announced withdrawal of charges. Technically he entered nolle prosequi. The judge continued the removal proceedings for two weeks pending receipt from the United States Attorney's office in Alabama of a certified copy of the order to nolle prosequi. Johnson, who was being defended by a battery of NAACP lawyers, was indicted under the Federal Fugitive Act of 1934 following his escape from Alabama more than a year ago. It is believed that this is the first time a Negro who fled a southern state on threat of mob violence and lynching has ever been sought under the Fugitive Act. This is the second time Johnson has won his freedom in the space of a year. Last April Talladega County authorities sought his extradition on a charge of attempting to kill his white land-

FSTC Presents The 'Race Of Mankind' Exhibit

FAYETTEVILLE — "No Race is Most Primitive." "Nationalities Are Not Races." "Culture Is Not Inborn." "Our Inventions Have Come From Man, Races" are the titles of some of the panels which present graphically basic anthropological facts in the "Race of Mankind," an exhibit prepared by the Cranbrook Institute of Science and circulated by the Race Relations Division of the American Missionary Association, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. It is accepted that there is only one race, the human race, but the three major racial groups — white, black and yellow — are compared. This life-size, 22 panel exhibit called "a vital half-hour course in anthropology for the millions" is scheduled to tour the United States whenever city-wide sponsorship insures large attendance. Fayetteville State Teachers College will present it from March 23th to the 31st. Living humor is shown in the presentation of some of the facts, as in "Who Are the Aryans?" the Nazis are satirically shown as Nazis as Hitler — as long headed as Rosenberg — as slender as Goering — as tall as Goebbels." The clever caricatures show "It makes no difference if you are — a red blood — your blood is like all others." An interesting diagram shows how the four types of blood are used in direct blood transfusions. "Stoics of all men and apes are alike except for factors which control clotting. There is no character of race, class or religion transmitted by plasma." "The Jews Are Not A Race" is one of the most discussed panels. Pictures of Chinese Jews, Jews of India, a Jewish Negro, and a North African Jew seem to be new to many observers. The script explains the picture: "Jews are people of any race who practice the religion of Judaism. They are found among all races and sub-races and among people of every conceivable physical type and occupation." In answer to "What is Race?" the skins of deer mice of one species but each of a different color race, formed in isolation from the other are shown. This leads to long discussions: "Why are there different races?" is a drawing which shows a wide nose developed as the best means of insulating the moist, warm air and body hair disappeared. As he advanced into the North, those with lighter skins were better able to absorb the sunlight in the short months of summer and so store up a quantity of Vitamin D against the long dark winter to come. Here, too, the long thin nose was better adapted to inhale and warm the cold air, and a large amount of body hair was some protection against the cold. In some places in Asia, a fold of skin developed over the inner corner of the eyes to produce what we call the slant. "The geographical differences between men are, however, of small magnitude when one considers the fundamental likenesses."

Opportunities Available For Local Men

RALEIGH — Attention is called to examination being offered by the United States Civil Service Commission. The examinations are Clerk-Carriers for the City of Raleigh, salary \$1,800.00 plus overtime per year and Substitute Railway Postal Clerk salary \$2,400.00 plus overtime. Every man who is qualified should apply to room 305 in the Post Office Building and secure the necessary information and application blanks. pers and not to assist the states from one state to another. Johnson was represented by the law firm of Smith and Smith of Greensburg, Penn., Homer Brown of the NAACP National Legal Committee, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel and Robert L. Carter, of the NAACP staff. The American Civil Liberties Union was represented in court by Miss Marjorie Matson of the Pittsburgh office.

Bennett Announces Institute Theme And Speakers

GREENSBORO — Announcement of the theme and two additional speakers for the nineteenth annual Home-Making Institute at Bennett College which opens Sunday, March 18, was made here this week. The institute planning committee under the chairmanship of Miss Barbara A. Ware, director of home economics, selected as a topic, "The Veteran Returns to His Family." A outlined the institute will consider the problems which both the veteran and the family to which he returns must face as he resumes his pie-war civilian role. Art Carter, war correspondent and sports editor of the Afro-American Newspaper who returned to the country after covering activities of the 94th Fighter Squadron at the 33rd Fighter Group in Italy and Rev. W. Tyce Nelson, Jean Rural Church Counselor, will be additional speakers for the event. Speakers previously announced included: Dr. Katharine Lengua, chief, Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Col. Campbell Johnac, Executive Assistant to the Director of Selective Service. Dr. Lenox opens the institute Sunday, March 18, Mrs. Roosevelt speaks Tuesday, March 20, and Col. Johnson Thursday, March 22. Rev. Nelson will be on the causer throughout the week as a source person in rural and farm problems. Mr. Carter will visit college Thursday and speak Friday March 23.

YWCA Slip Covering Class Ends

RALEIGH — Thursday night class marked the end of a six week course in slip covering, which was offered at the Soljourner Truth W. C. A. During the course three chairs were covered and all members of the class had actual experience in the making of the covers. Persons enrolled were: Mrs. H. Fleming, Mrs. Alberta Livingston, Miss Fannie Williams, Mrs. Beas Harris, Mrs. Rosa Burnett, Miss Adelyn Mordcau, Mrs. Indle Smit, Mrs. Della Pope, Mrs. Bertha Terry, Mrs. M. L. Watts, and M. Raines. Mrs. Lulu Myers was instructed for the class. The need for salvaged fats great now than at any other time since the war began, says Miss Estelle Smith of the Extension Service at State College.

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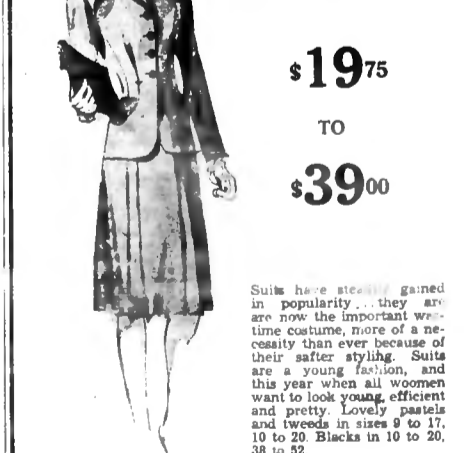
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By Tomp

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