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## THE WEEK IN GOLDSBORO

By E. A. THORNTON

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hodges have returned to their home in Philadelphia, Pa., after spending some time with Mrs. Hodges' sister, Mrs. Gladys Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Othman Butts of Danville, Va., have returned home after visiting their grandparents.

Mrs. Charity Merritt of Mount Olive, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wright, 604 Starboard Street.

Johnny Taylor of Petersburg, Va., spent the holidays at home with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodgers, 406 S. Leslie Street.

Mrs. Annie G. Thornton spent the week end in Norfolk, Va., visiting her sister who has been very sick.

Mrs. Birtha Fenner announces the marriage of her grandson, Herbert Gavin to Miss Nellie Crow in New York City on December 30, 1948. They are at home on Griffin Street. Both are graduates of Dillard High School.

**NEW DIRECTOR**

At the meeting of the board of directors of the colored community center on January 2, George M. Smith, 310 South James Street, formerly of Plymouth, was appointed director of the colored community center for 1949, succeeding J. T. Collins who resigned on January 1 to enter civil service work. Mr. Smith, the son of George M. Smith, Sr. of Plymouth, is a graduate of Washington County Training School. Plymouth received his B. S. degree from Elizabeth City State Teachers College. He has had eight years of teaching experience in the public schools of the state and has done some graduate work toward his Masters degree at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

He spent four years in service during World War II with one and a half years overseas in Japan and the Philippines with the rank of staff sergeant.

On coming to Goldsboro in 1947 he married Miss Laura Clark, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Clark of North John Street. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Dillard High School and Winston-Salem Teachers College. She is a member of the faculty at Central High School.

Mr. Smith was an outstanding player in high school, college and Army basketball. We are very proud of Mr. Smith. We wish for him a successful program.

**'LITTLE THEATRE, INC.' MEET**

The Little Theatre, Inc., held its regular meeting of the year at the home of 1927 Thompson, 726 1/2 Street, Friday night with the president, E. A. Thornton, presiding. After devotionals, a word of new year's greetings was expressed. The members who expressed a desire for greater cooperation in the group during 1949. Plans for the giving of the group's annual banquet party was set for February 17. This party is an annual affair which is given for the enjoyment and entertainment of the group's friends. Mrs. G. S. Carney was instructed to purchase one dozen plastic plates, pie dozen cups and saucers to be donated to the Old Folks Home in the Life Washington Section of the city. J. D. Middleton, director, announced that the play "Open Door" would be presented to the public by the group some time in March. The first reading for the play will be held at his home, 412 South George Street, Wednesday, January 12, at 8 p. m. Mr. Thornton expressed thanks to the group for their cooperation in making the Christmas Pageant "The Madonna's Success. The Little Theatre will meet at the home of Mrs. Irene Taylor, East Spruce Street, Friday, January 13, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present and on time.

**COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS**

Well, school has moved back into 1949 swing now. Recreote all the

### Ministers Deny Planning To Aid Ingram Family

Hokinsville, Ky. (ANP) — Ministers of his race denied the Rev. James Logan Deak last week in his statement promising aid to the Ingram family now serving life sentences in a Georgia prison.

"We know nothing about Mr. Deak's plea except what we have read in the newspapers," Dr. William Peyton Thurman, president of the association, related.

His statement referred to a promise by Rev. Deak that Negro and white churches here would give the Ingrams a 170-acre farm for five years if they are pardoned. He spoke in defense of Aaron and Payote Ingram.

The Ingrams, Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and two teenage sons, were sentenced earlier last year for the alleged murder of a white farmer, John E. Stafford, 66. Rev. Deak called their conviction "a great miscarriage of justice."

From Atlanta, Deak said he had been misquoted on "white churches." He said "I said five Baptist and two Methodist churches, all colored, in Hokinsville would help provide the farm."

The proposed farm site, however, may also prove unobtainable. Deak's own pastor, James G. Durham, night police chief, said. "That news to me. I haven't talked with Deak or anyone else about the sale of my farm. It's not for sale," Deak.

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### NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF FREEDOM HOUSE URGES END OF BIAS

New York (ANP) — The New Year's message from officials of Freedom House here Saturday urged that American people seek during 1949 "improvement in certain civil rights, end of racial discrimination and abolition of the electoral college."

Freedom House is a liberal center established as a memorial to the late Wendell L. Willkie.

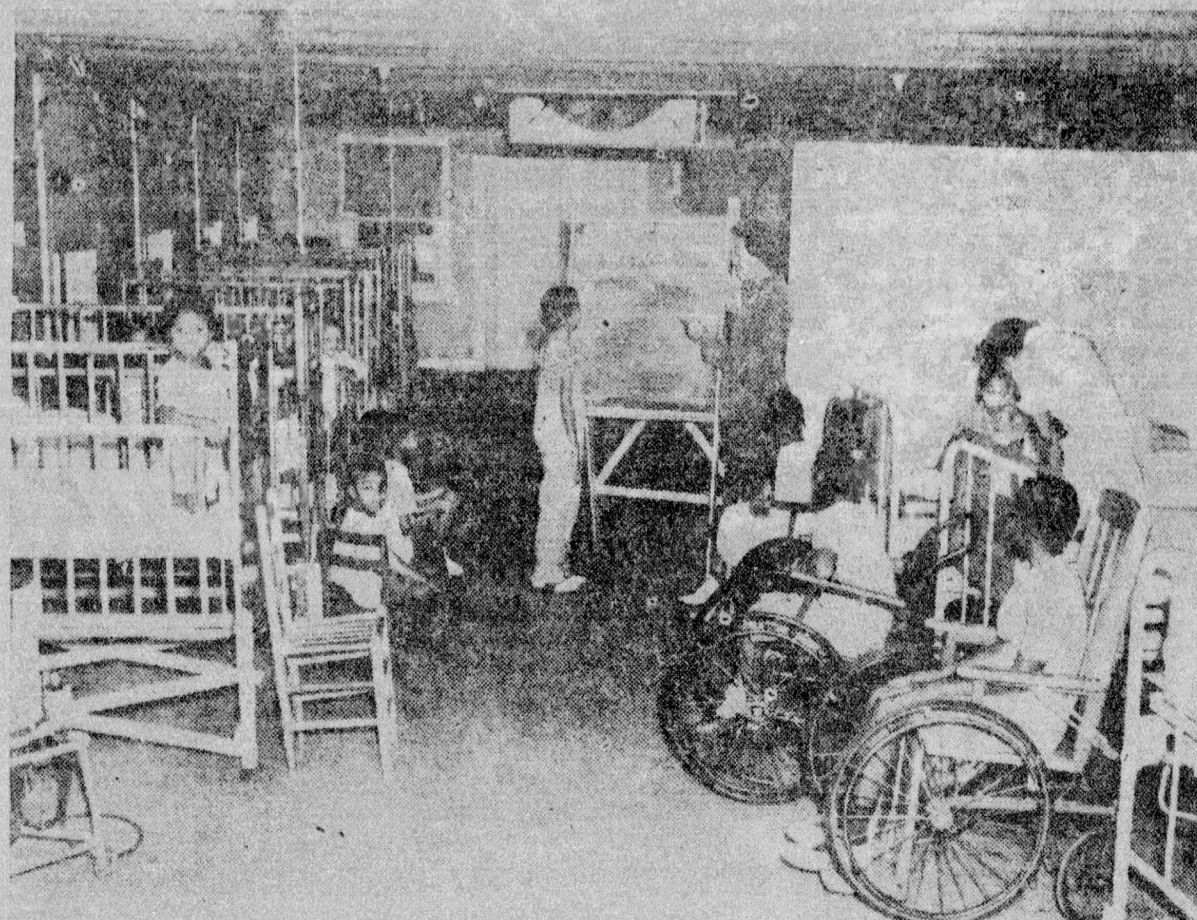
The message specifically called for the enactment of the program outlined as the President's Commission, liberalizing eligibility of disabled persons requirements, re-instatement of wire tapping by law enforcement agents, and amending the federal constitution to follow the direct election of the president.

On the civil rights issue, the officers demanded "elimination of segregation in the nation's capital, federal aid to education, anti-poll tax and anti-lynch laws, and the establishment of a permanent federal commission on civil rights to keep the people abreast of the abridgement or denial of fundamental rights of any American."

Signers of the message included Robert P. Patterson, president of Freedom House, and former secretary of war, Leo Cherne, the Rev. George B. Ford and Dr. Harry D. Gibson, vice presidents; Herbert Lloyd Swipe, treasurer; and Geo. Field, executive secretary.

Many Tar Heel farms contain idle land which would be ideal for pasture production.

### We Want To Walk



At Jackson, Mississippi, physical therapist and teacher work with pole patients. Their education and treatment are made possible by the March of Dimes.

### USAF TO EXPAND AVIATION CADET TRAINING PLAN

The U. S. Air Force will increase its aviation cadet training program from three classes to eight classes a year, beginning in April, 1949, to permit more efficient use of aircraft personnel, and instruction schedules.

While the annual enrollment will be larger than for any previous peacetime year, the size of each class will be reduced.

The next class, beginning April 4, will initiate the expanded program. It will be limited to approximately 600 cadets. Classes of similar size will follow at intervals of approximately six weeks. In the October 1948, class — the last under the March-July-October class system — 1,300 students were enrolled.

Men accepted for Air Force aviation cadet training must be between the ages of 20 and 26 1/2 years, with two years of college education or the ability to pass equivalent examination, and must possess high moral, physical, and personal qualifications.

The aviation cadet program provides 12 months of flying academic and military training. Graduates receiving pilot wings, a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, and assignment to three years of active duty.

"Outstanding" graduates immediately receive commissions in the Regular Air Force. All other graduates have an opportunity while on active duty to qualify for one of the Regular commissions offered each year by the Air Force.

### JUDGE PROTESTS AS WEALTHY PRISONER IS GIVEN "FURLOUGH"

Pine Bluff, Ark. (ANP) — Circuit Judge T. G. Parham took a very dim view here last week of the Christmas furlough from the penitentiary granted W. T. Alexander, local grocer who began serving two 2-year terms Nov. 24 after pleading guilty to charges of accepting stolen goods at his store.

Alexander is supposedly on a 30 day furlough, but Judge Parham said the pass was for 60 days.

The granting of this furlough is one of the worst things along that which has happened," the jurist declared. "People here said all the time after Alexander was arrested that because he had money he would never go to the penitentiary; or if he did, he would never stay there. This is the most terrible reflection on the courts and everybody connected with the case I have ever seen."

The judge pointed out that the furlough did not cite any reason for the leave, and that the court and police officials were not consulted before the furlough was granted, "as is customary." He said he and Prosecuting Attorney Carlton Harris had protested to Gov. Laney by letter the granting of the leave.

It was disclosed that the furlough was requested by Atty. Same Levine, white, of Pine Bluff. The governor declined to comment on his reasons for approving the furlough.

### GROUP PRAYS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS LAW ON CAPITOL STEPS

Washington (ANP) — Prayer for "civil rights, brotherhood and world peace" was offered on the White House steps here last week by the Rev. Smallwood E. Williams, pastor of Bible Way church. The prayer was given before a rally sponsored by the National Negro council for several hundred persons.

In his prayer, Rev. Williams asked for President Truman on his coming inauguration and asked that the administration be crowned with "civil rights, brotherhood and peace."

"We are reminded of the fact that this is the only great capital city in the world where racial discrimination is practiced," he said in recalling that London, Paris, Rome and Berlin are "totally free from segregation and exclusion."

Edgar G. Brown, council director and chairman of the program committee for the rally, announced that appeals had been filed with congressional leaders to deny seats to newly-elected members from states voting for the States Rights ticket.



### Colored Physicians Get 11 Polio Scholarships

NEW YORK — Scholarships have been awarded to 11 colored physicians for studies preparing them to give better care to infantile paralysis patients, Charles H. Byrum, director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis interracial activities department reported this week.

They are Dr. Edward L. Davis, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Dr. Justin Plummer Runko, Va. Dr. Kricker, Berberke Hospital, New York.

Dr. John Marly Howard University, and Dr. John Chanault, Tuskegee Institute Infants Paralysis Center, Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Dr. T. M. Campbell, Tuskegee Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Oliver Crawford, Arora, Ill. Dr. Robert Nesbitt, Chicago, Ill. and Dr. Colbert Davis, Chicago, Ill. who are in their second year of training with renewed awards.

Dr. Hernandez LeBranche, New

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**FACTS ON THE NEGRO IN WORLD WAR TWO**

ILLUSTRATED BY R.S.P.I.O.U.S. NARRATED BY ST. Clair-T. Bourne

CPL. MITCHELL MILES, MONTGOMERY, ALA., OF THE 969th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, RECEIVED NO MEDAL BUT WON THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF HIS BATTALION-MATES FOR RISKING HIS LIFE DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE.

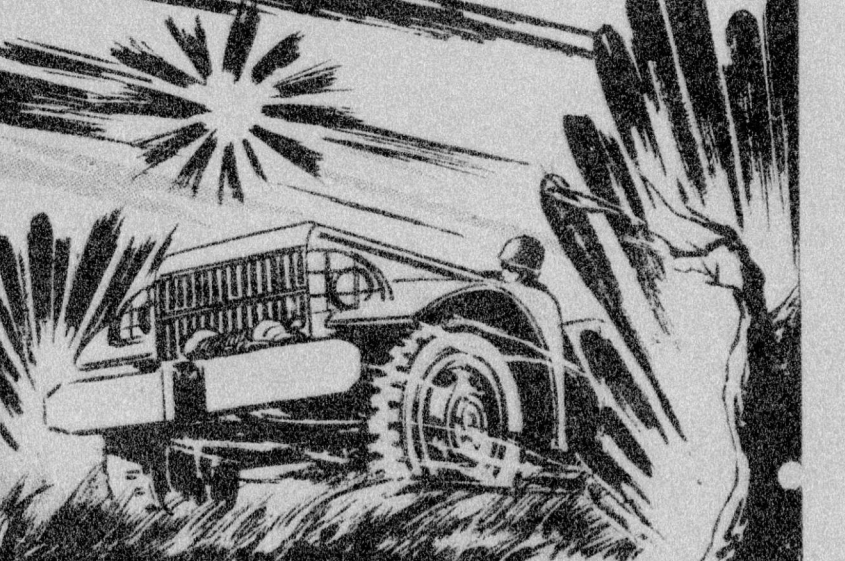
VILLEROUX, FRANCE... THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE IS RAGING. CPL. MITCHELL MILES IN CHARGE OF THE 969th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION'S KITCHEN TRUCK AND FOOD TRAILER WHILE HIS OUTFIT BATTLES UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM THREE SIDES. NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH WHEN THREE HITS BY MORTAR SHELLS ARE SCORED ON THE TRUCK.



REALIZING IMMEDIATELY THAT THE KITCHEN TRUCK WAS DAMAGED BEYOND SALVAGE, CPL. MILES DASHED OVER THE BATTLE-INFLAMED FIELD TO A WEAPON'S CARRIER SOME DISTANCE AWAY.



DISREGARDING THE VERITABLE CURTAIN OF SHOT AND SHELLFIRE, HE DISREGARDING THE VERITABLE CURTAIN OF SHOT AND SHELLFIRE, HE PROVE THE CARRIER BACK TO THE FLAMING KITCHEN TRUCK.



...WHERE, DESPITE A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY FIRE, HE SUCCEEDED IN DETACHING THE FOOD TRAILER FROM THE BURNING KITCHEN TRUCK AND HOOKING IT ON TO THE WEAPONS CARRIER.



BY THIS SAVING THE FOOD TRAILER, CPL. MILES RESCUED WHAT LATER PROVED TO BE THE ONLY FOOD AVAILABLE TO THE REMNANTS OF HIS OUTFIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS AFTERWARDS. DURING THEIR WITHDRAWAL AFTER THE BATTLE, THE MEN WERE FED ONE THIRD OF A K-RATION PER MAN PER DAY UNTIL THEY REACHED A PLACE WHERE MORE SUPPLIES WERE AVAILABLE. THEIR GRATITUDE TO CPL. MILES WAS BETTER THAN ANY MEDAL.



### End Of a Tradition CHICAGO JITNEY CABS FACING BAN RULED ILLEGAL

CHICAGO (ANP) — The 350 "jitney" cabs operating in Chicago's south side "Bronzeville" section, were ruled illegal Thursday by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The cabs operate primarily on South Parkway between 31st and 60th Streets, but also have a run on Indiana Avenue.

In the ruling, the commission held that the cabs operated on an established route as "buses" and at a fixed rate of 15 cents for the distance. It said that as a "bus line," the cabs constitute a public utility. Further, the commission ascribed the manner of operation as "hazardous and dangerous to passengers and the public," declaring that the accident rate on South Parkway was four and a half times greater than on any other park district roadway.

The decision was the most adverse to the cabs in an 18-year-old battle to halt their operation, and came in response to a petition filed in August, 1947 by the South Parkway Improvement association. The petition has had extended hearings.

Since the commission lacks the power to issue a "cease and desist" order, it asked Atty. Gen. George Barrett to proceed against the seven companies and 63 individuals for violating the public utilities act. The upshot of this is that the cabs will probably continue to roll on for several months or years unless the attorney general obtains an injunction to halt operations.

until the courts decide the issue. The "jitneys" haul about 4,500,000 passengers annually — a big business of 15 cents a head. It is hinted that political influence, mainly behind their continued operation, is losing out to the mounting protest of an aroused citizenry.

The Chicago Motor Coach company, operators of a bus line through the south side, intervened in the case with a promise to improve service along the route in the event cabs are outlawed.

Meanwhile Assistant Corporation Counsel James J. Danaher, white, joined with Defense Atty. Joseph E. Clayton, Jr., Negro, in stating that a mandatory petition for a rehearing of the case by the commission would be filed within the 30-day limit.

The commission then will have 30 days in which to allow or deny a rehearing. If it is denied, both sides may appeal to the circuit court, from which the case may then be taken to the Illinois Appellate or Supreme Court.

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