

**Girl Scout News**

Scout leaders met Monday evening, December 8 for the regular meeting with 98 percent attendance. Mrs. E. W. Butler is president of the Scout Leaders Club. Troop 27 is having a Christmas party at the public library on Wednesday afternoon, after the party picture books and gifts made by the girls will be presented to the children's ward at the Lincoln hospital.

Troop 22, East End, put on a milk drive for unfortunate babies in their community there being a shortage of milk in this community. The troop gave more than 100 cans to these unfortunate mothers. Misses Perry and Holloway are the leaders.

Troop 23 has presented a Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang" Thursday, December 18 at the Pearson School Auditorium. The play was both entertaining and instructive. Miss Tonkins and Jones are the scout leaders of the High School girls. They are also giving toys which the troop made to the Empty Stocking Club.

Troop 26 is making gifts for the charity ward at Lincoln Hospital. The girls were very happy while

making these gifts and presented them on December 19, Misses McKelvy and Bailey are the scout leaders.

Troop 28 has made lovely dolls of cloth to be given the Empty Stocking Club. Most any child will enjoy these lovely rag dolls. Misses Lambeth and Cotton are the scout leaders.

Troop 21 is taking the First Aid course under the direction of E. W. Midgett they are working toward the badge as well as certificate. For Christmas they are having a Christmas party and are sending baskets to the needy families. Misses Gilmer and Robinson are the leaders of this troop.

Burton School troop 30, is making calendars for 1942 as gifts for their parents. They also wish to have a party in their last meeting before the close of school for the holidays. Miss Lois A. Shaw is the leader for the group organized in East Durham.

Walltown School, troop 31 was invested on Thursday, November 27. Six girls were made scouts. For the holidays they have made dress scarfs for their mothers as personal gifts. Miss Georgia G. Green is scout leader of this new troop.

Mrs. E. W. Butler is the energetic Captain of all Girl Scouts of this city.

**Hampton Pirates To Play Mexico City Cage Team In 1942**

Hampton Institute, Va. — As a part of their 1942 athletic program, the Hampton Institute Pirates will be "good neighbors."

Support of the "south of the border" policy of goodwill is seen as a major emphasis of the basketball game scheduled to be played February 19, at Hampton Institute, between the Pirates and a Mexico City YMCA quintet, according to Charles H. Williams, director of physical education.

This winter marks the second U. S. tour made by the Mexican eagles, many of whom are University of Mexico hardwood stars, according to the Hampton athletic director.

In addition to the Mexico City match, the Pirates have 16 other games lined up with eight other schools. According to the schedule, Hampton will meet each of the teams in two games.

The Pirates will start their basketball season January 9, at Petersburg, where they will meet Virginia State and will end it March 5, on their own floor when they play Virginia Union.

The complete schedule follows: January 9 Hampton versus Virginia State at Petersburg. January 10 Hampton versus A. and T. at Hampton. January 16 Hampton versus Morgan at Baltimore.

January 17 Hampton versus Lincoln at Lincoln. January 20 Hampton versus St. Paul at Hampton.

January 24 Hampton versus A. and T. at Greensboro. January 31 Hampton versus Howard at Hampton.

February 3 Hampton versus Virginia State at Hampton.

February 9 Hampton versus Lincoln at Hampton. February 13 Hampton versus St. Paul at Lawrenceville.

February 14 Hampton versus Virginia Union at Richmond.

February 19 Hampton versus Mexico City at Hampton.

February 23 Hampton versus N. C. State at Roanoke.

February 28 Hampton versus Bluefield at Bluefield.

March 3 Hampton versus Howard at Washington.

March 5, Hampton versus Virginia Union at Hampton.

**C. I. A. A. Mat Title Meet To Be Held At Hampton Institute**

Hampton Institute, Va. — The Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 1942 boxing and wrestling championships will be held at Hampton Institute on March 20 and 21. C. H. Williams, athletic director, announced today. "In preliminary bouts, the 'Pirates' are scheduled to meet six schools in mat contests. Three

dates are open. Benson L. Duttoa is boxing and wrestling coach. Hampton's first boxing and wrestling meet will be January 24, at Greensboro, where the Hampton matmen will engage A. and T. College.

The complete mat schedule for 1942 is:

January 24 Hampton versus A. and T. College at Greensboro.

January 31 Hampton versus Virginia State at Hampton.

February 7 Hampton versus A. and T. College at Hampton.

February 14 Hampton versus Virginia State at Petersburg.

February 27 (Open — Service Teams) at Hampton.

February 28 (Open — Service Teams) at Hampton.

March 3 Hampton versus Howard at Washington.

March 7 Hampton versus Lincoln University at Hampton.

March 14 Open.

March 20-21 C. I. A. A. Championships at Hampton.

**Chicago Host To 1942 Business League Meet Aug. 26 - 28th**

Tuskegee. — (ANP)— Chicago will be the 1942 host to the National Negro Business League. The invitation extended by the Chicago Negro Chamber of Commerce was accepted by the steering committee of the league which met here last week. The dates selected are Aug. 26, 27 and 28.

Other important action taken by the committee included appointment of a special committee headed by Jesse O. Thomas to work with the National Urban League, the U. S. Department of Commerce, the OPM and other agencies to coordinate qualified Negro manufacturers in order for them to secure some defense contracts.

Dr. J. E. Walker, president, announced the establishment of the J. E. Walker Annual award to the city which enrolls highest number of memberships in the national league in excess of 25. Early in the new year, an intensive membership drive will be inaugurated by local organizations.

Plans proposed by Roscoe C. Dunjee for a nation-wide popularity contest in connection with the contest.

At the suggestion of President Walker, the observance of founder's day in April will be broadened and made the occasion for focusing national attention upon the need for tolerance and interracial goodwill during the present emergency. Other national organizations will be invited to cooperate in planning for and participating in the observance.

Mrs. Mary L. Beasley of Detroit was appointed chairman of a committee to assist in arranging exhibits of Negro enterprises during the annual convention. Arrangements are being made to offer a very attractive prize for the exhibitors.

The committee voted to send a telegram to President Roosevelt pledging the support of the business league in the present emergency and appointed M. S. Stuart and Roscoe Junjee to draft the message.

The following national officers were appointed delegates to attend the conference called by the National Urban League to coordinate the program of Negro national organizations. Dr. Walker, Dr. F. D. Patterson, Don A. Davis, George W. Cox and A. L. Holsey.

**Open Forum**

Dear Mr. Editor: Here's HOW TO SLAP THE JAP OFF THE MAP!

The war in the Pacific presents a problem that has the minds of our strategists in a terrible state of flux. The loss of part of the Backbone of our Fleet has caused the discard of the time-molded plan of superior power simply engaging the Jap fleet and in the subsequent Slugging Match of give away we would come out a weaker but victorious and dominant power of the Pacific. This simple solution is what the Japanese have set themselves to circumvent. They, by a dispersal of their sea power, and by pursuing a sea war of attrition, plan to wear our navy down. Then, with the tables turned, they will mass their fleet in battle formation and stand the invulnerable masters of the Pacific.

There is a weapon that lies in the grasp of the Aroused American people; a weapon born to the task; a weapon whose inherent characteristics make it so well suited for the task that it seems that it must have been an Act of God that placed it, exclusively in our hands.

The vast salt wastes of the gigantic Pacific were made to suit the Japanese grand strategy as before outlined. There is nothing in the cards to prevent their plans from coming to successful conclusion, or the best that can happen will be a bloody and costly stalemate with a possible victorious and grinning Russia looking on. EXCEPT! EXCEPT! EXCEPT! if our Navy Intelligence and striking power is equipped with a sufficient number of our exclusive but at present dormant weapon. This weapon, with deadly dive bombers and torpedo planes in its belly, has the destructive power of a battleship with twice the cruising range. It has the ability, with sealed and supercharged cabins, to cruise above the ceilings of any Jap plane now in existence. Its speed is six to ten times that of surface craft and is capable of sustained flight for weeks on end, and its cost less than that of one destroyer. With this weapon in use in our hands, the Japanese grand strategy will fall like a house of cards. Our Naval Intelligence would know all the enemy positions and movements and the Japs could no longer spring surprise attacks out of the limitless salt wastes and keep us forever on the defensive. Our navy would again assume the role the

WITH THE DRAFT LIMIT SET

Compromise reached by the house and senate conferees under which minimum draft age is set at 20 years is as acceptable to the News Journal as it is to the two branches of Congress. Similarly we believe it represents the composite view of the American people.

It may be necessary, although heaven forbid, that younger men be drafted into the service before this war is over. That likelihood, however, is predicated upon an extremity which we hope and pray will not occur. Necessity must govern future steps. Meanwhile, it is a wise government which strives to keep its civilian and industrial life on as even keel as possible, the exigencies and the demands of the war period considered.

A minimum of 20 years for conscription means that the youngest men who are drafted into the armed service will have turned, or will certainly be approaching, 21 and when they are actually called upon to enter into combat. Weeks and perhaps months will lapse before the new registration can be taken the drawings made, the classifications worked out and the manpower source tapped for additional recruits. Then will follow an induction and training period. By the time these young men reach the full burden and responsibility of soldiering they are likely to have attained their majority and thus can participate in the democracy which they are fighting to save and to preserve.



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