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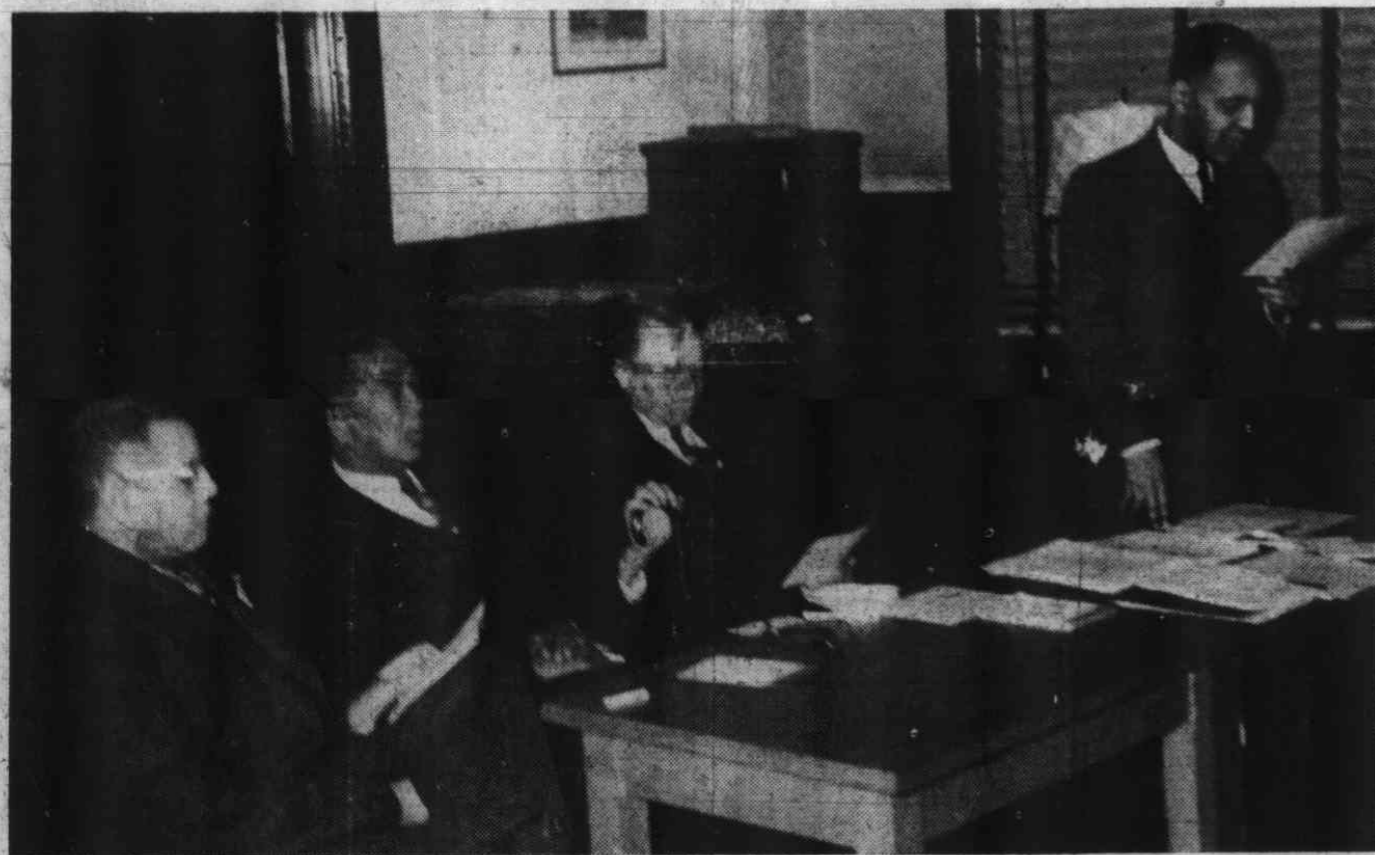
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BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

Nation Declares War On Infantile Paralysis Disease

JUDGE HASTIE QUILTS WAR POST

Mutual Building And Loan In Annual Meeting



Last week at the annual meeting of the Mutual Building and Loan Association it was disclosed that the local organization had experienced a total net increase during the year

of over \$60,000. Total assets of the company now amount to nearly \$400,000. The above photos shows J. S. Stewart, treasurer, making his annual report to the stockholders.

Others in the picture reading from left to right and seated are: Dr. Clyde Donnell, vice president; F. L. McCoy, chairman of the board and R. L. McDougald, secretary.

President C. C. Spaulding Says Company Had Biggest Year In History

In his address to the policyholders of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at their 44th annual meeting, Monday, January 11th, C. C. Spaulding, president of the institution stated that while reports for the year just closed had not been completed, there was every indication that operations during the year 1942 would net the company its largest increase in assets and business in force of any previous year in the company's history.

Commenting on the war and its effect upon the company, it was stated that answering the call to arms had made drastic inroads in the staff of key salesmen and the home office personnel. "This condition," it was stated, "would not be permitted to demoralize the company's operation or impede its progress. Both the management and the home office and field personnel recognize their obligation to the Nation and to the policyholders." (Please turn to Page Five)



Shown here are some of the recent aviation cadets who received their commissions and silver wings on Thursday morning, January 14, in the new Post Theatre at the Tuskegee Army Flying School.

Reading from left to right: Cadets, Clinton Bernard Mills, 1211 Fayetteville Street, Durham, N. C.; Quintman Charles Walker, 724 Church Street, Indianola, Miss.; Andrew MacPlea, Jr., Box 403 Church St.,

NAACP Secretary Quits Council Of Democracy Post

New York, N. Y.—Because of the Council for Democracy's refusal to accept responsibility for the publication of an article by Warren Brown, one of its paid employees, slandering the entire Negro press, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the (Please turn to Page Five)

Tuskegee Fights Dreaded Crippler Building Dedicated

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—In the heart of the South on the grounds of the famous educational institution founded by Booker T. Washington, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has dedicated a building for the purpose of training Negro doctors and nurses in the type of warfare needed to combat a foe more insidious and devastating than a human enemy. This foe is so minute that the most powerful of microscopes cannot detect it. It is no respecter of position, creed, or color, yet, the appalling casualties it leaves in its wake strikes terror into the heart of the entire nation.

The Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis Center, dedicated January 15, 1941, is one of the agencies that has been made possible by the great organization that has, since 1938, fostered the concerted national campaign financed by the Annual President's Birthday Celebrations. Each year the contributions made by the American public, in honor of the man who is a victim of this disease, have more than any one person focused the eyes of the layman upon the needs of hundreds of sufferers.

Infantile Paralysis has for many years struck with five (Please Turn To Page Five)

REAVES-CROOM MARRIAGE NOT ON ROCKS

By L. E. Austin

In an interview with Sergeant William C. Reaves, and his wife the former Miss Dorcas Croom, highly respected teacher of Hillside High School, a representative of the Carolina Times uncovered here this week one of the most malicious lies ever circulated in this lie-infested city. The rumor now going the rounds in Durham that the recent marriage of Sergeant Reaves and Miss Croom had gone on the rocks when a second wife and three or four children later appeared at the home of the newly married couple, was proved to be unfounded and apparently circulated with the malicious intent of doing injury to the character of both Sgt. and Mrs. Reaves.

The former Miss Croom is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Croom, prominent citizens of Durham. Her father is the pas- (Please Turn To Page Five)

Noted Attorney Quits War Department Post; Lautier Asked To Stay

Wins Supreme Court Decision



ATTORNEY M. HUGH THOMPSON of Durham, North Carolina, who was successful in having his case affirmed by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in a decision filed January 8, 1943.

Attorney Thompson represented the defendants, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey, well known merchants of this city in an action for slander, wherein Mrs. Susie Mitchell was the plaintiff. \$7,000 was sought as damages.

The case grew out of an action brought by the children of Mrs. Susie Mitchell and the late Pegram Mitchell of Rougemont, N. C. wherein certain statements were used as "privileged communication." The case was ordered non suited upon Mr. Thompson's motion when it was heard in the Superior Court of Durham County before the honorable Henry A. Grady, judge presiding at the time. The plaintiff, Susie Mitchell, appealed to the Supreme Court and the case was argued there on December 15th, with Bennett & McDonald (white) representing Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Thompson representing Mr. & Mrs. Bailey.

MONTICELLO, Va., (ANP)—Thomas Jefferson's historic home here, Monticello, as well as as favorably known as the history of its owner, was designed by a Negro architect. Hiram H. Higgins, the designer, also drew up plans for Athens college in Alabama, one of the few buildings not destroyed during the Civil war.

TWO NEGROES IN WEST POINT LATEST CLASS

WEST POINT, N. Y. (ANP)—Before several thousand, including prominent civilians and the highest ranking military officials, two Negro cadets received their commissions this week from the hands of Sec. of War Henry L. Stimson. The cadets were Robert Bernard Tresville, II, who received a second lieutenantcy in the United States Air Forces, the first Negro to be commissioned from the military academy into it, and Clarence M. Davenport, who was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army. The ovations were loudest when these two men received their commissions and became the first to graduate from West Point in the accelerated wartime classes in three and one-half years instead of the usual four.

These youths were the sixth. Please Turn To Page Five

In the past, replying to inquiries prompted by rumors of speculation, I have stated that, and when I should leave the War Department, the press would receive direct and authoritative information. Accordingly, the press is now advised that I have submitted my resignation as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, effective at the end of January, 1943. I have asked Mr. Louis Lautier, Administrative Assistant in this office, who has been leading effectively with matters involving civilian personnel to remain at his post. It is my belief that he can continue to contribute substantially to gains already represented by the placement and advancement of thousands of Negroes and the satisfactory adjustment of many employee grievances.

I have also asked Mr. Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Assistant Civilian Aide, to remain at his post, at least through such transitional period as may be necessary to prevent any discontinuity of effort in matters which have been undertaken by this office.

I wish to state my sincere appreciation for the measure of (Please turn to Page Five)



The above photo shows a happy meeting of two veterans of the first world's war when they met again after more than 20 years at the Tuskegee Army Flying School. Sgt. Oscar C. Fisher (right) is from Greensboro and is a winner of the French Croix de Guerre for individual heroism. Shaking hands with him is Lt. Douglas L. Robinson, now chaplain at the school.