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BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

First Negro Women Hired At Washington Navy Yard

AMEZ'S RAISE \$48,000 FOR LIVINGSTONE AID

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED



WAACS AT WORK—Auxiliaries Ruth Wade of Detroit, Mich., and Lucille Mayo (left to right) demonstrate their ability to service trucks as taught them during the training period at Fort Des Moines and put into practice at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

20-YEAR-OLD MESS ATTENDANT HONORED FOR RESCUE FEAT

RICHMOND, Va. — A 20-year-old Negro mess attendant, who unhesitatingly entered the most dangerous section of the stricken aircraft carrier, USS Lexington, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, and assisted in removing injured personnel trapped below decks, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Navy Department announced this week.

The heroic young mess attendant, one of five enlisted men similarly honored from the Lexington's crew, is Elvin Bell, an orphan who formerly resided with his aunt, Miss Marie Lofton, at 139-08 114th Avenue, Jamaica, N. Y. He has been promoted from mess attendant, third class, to mess attendant, second class.

Bell, who attended Jamaica High School for one and a half years and later served in the Civilian Conservation Corps, applied for enlistment in the Navy on July 18, 1941, and reported for active duty immediately.

His citation reads: "For distinguished heroism (Continued on Page Two)"

Marjo Is Name Of Champs Baby

CHICAGO, (A N P) — "I wanted a girl," said Marva, "because a boy would never be the fighter his father is."

The "Bomber," now Sgt. Joe Louis, rushed to Provident hospital just after his arrival in the city by plane early Friday morning from Ft. Riley USO center. His first stop was at the maternity ward nursery to see his daughter, Marjo, born at 804 Monday morning. "This is worth fighting for," he told his wife.

Sgt. Joe was enroute to Hollywood where he to play a role in the picture, "This Is the Army." He planned to stay in Chicago a day.

Mrs. Louis was attended by Dr. William W. Gibbs, obstetrician and gynecologist, who expects mother and daughter to go home within 10 days.

Dr. Homer Wilburn, medical director of Provident, Julian Please Turn To Page Seven

Founders Day Fund For Salisbury School Nearly Doubles Previous Year

BY J. S. LASH
SALISBURY. — The sixty-first anniversary of the founding of Livingstone College was celebrated on Wednesday, February 10, with the presentation of \$48,226 to the school by the AME Zion Church and other supporters of the Methodist institution.

Led by the board of bishops of the church, the ministers and laity of Zion Methodism joined the faculty, student body and friends of the college in swelling the Founder's Day total to the amount which almost doubles the campaigns of any previous year. Bishop W. J. Walls, whose episcopal are contributed the largest single amount, keynoted the spirit of the campaign this year when he spoke of the ease with which the money had been raised, a fact which he saw as encouraging to the future of the school.

Hundreds of visitors to the campus, including many of the ranking officials of the church, (Continued on Page Two)

GREENSBORO TO BE SCENE OF RELIGIOUS WORKERS MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 26-28

GREENSBORO — A conference on problems coming from interracial tension has been scheduled for Greensboro A and T and Bennett college, Feb. 26-28, by the Committee of the Fellowship of Religious Workers in Colleges and Universities for Negroes. Dr. Frank T. Wilson of Lincoln (Pa) U. is chairman of the planning committee. In announcing the meeting, Dean William Stuart Nelson of the Howard university school of religion said:

"Complexity and confusion mark the human situation throughout the world today. Death and destruction move forward at an accelerated pace on the war front while hatreds Please Turn To Page Seven

Honored



DR. WM. J. TRENT — See Story, Page Seven

More About Disgraceful Condition Existing In U. S. Army Air Corps

It was not until March, 1941, that the Army Air Corps began accepting applications from Negroes for aviation cadet training. The actual instruction of Negroes to be flying officers did not begin until several months later. But even then, and to this date, there was and is only one type of combat aviation—namely, pursuit flying for which the Air Command will train a Negro.

How did it happen that the training of Negro aviators was started in the field of pursuit flying? It is common knowledge that grave doubts were expressed from the beginning as to whether the Negro was capable of making good as a combat aviator. The Air Command describ-

ed and still describes the training of the Negro in aviation as an "experiment." Yet, in the face of this expressed skepticism, the Air Command saw fit to begin with the training of Negroes for pursuit flying, the most difficult type of combat aviation. The single pilot in his pursuit ship has the most exacting of air tasks, handling his fast plane, maneuvering it at terrific speed in actual combat, mastering the technic of accurate and properly directed fire in aerial dog fights, and exercising split second judgment in unexpected situations and emergencies. Why was the Negro, whose ability was in doubt, not started on with observation flying or in bombardment where co-pilots

and other crew members assist each other and share and divide responsibility?

Only the men who made the decision know the answer. They may have reasoned that through pursuit flying Negroes would demonstrate their ability to perform any air combat task. Fortunately, it seems to be working out that way. They may also have reasoned that Negroes were less likely to succeed in pursuit flying than in somewhat less exacting work. Yet, in all fairness it should be said that the best of facilities and thoroughly competent instructors were provided for the segregated training program of Negro pilots. And the men in the field who started Please turn to Page Two.



Mrs. Johnson H. Ray, Jr., whose marriage is being officially announced this week by her mother Mrs. Bertha Morris Shaw. Mrs. Ray is the former Miss Loris Arnetta Shaw, popular among the younger social set of Durham. She is a graduate of West Virginia State College and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and is employed as a teacher in the Durham City School system. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson H. Ray, Sr., of Durham. He is a product of North Carolina College, and is at present stationed at Camp Butner as clerk of the Supply Detachment, Supply Division. The marriage took place March 7, 1942.

D. C. Company Halts Ban Against Race Women

WASHINGTON — For the first time in history, Negro women are now being employed in skilled jobs in the Washington Navy Yard. Within recent months more than 300 specially trained machine workers and mechanics helpers have been given jobs there at wages averaging \$45 per week, and more are being employed at the rate of 50 a month.

This development resulted from the efforts of the National Youth Administration and the Project manager and staff of the NYA Production training School at 1327 S. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This school, now working on a 24 hour basis, offers free training in arc and gas welding, sheet metal work, aircraft riveting, drafting electrical Please turn to Page Two

OPPORTUNITY MAGAZINE TO PUBLISH QUARTERLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY FOR DURATION

NEW YORK, (Special) — The National Urban League for Social Service Among Negroes announced this week that OPPORTUNITY Magazine, the League's Journal of Negro Life, will for the duration of the war appear as a quarterly instead of monthly publication. In announcing the change of policy to Opportunity's subscribers, Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, said: "The League is devoting its whole organizational strength

to serve the wartime needs of our nation. This calls for increased activity in a number of fields — war employment and housing of Negroes, community planning, cooperation with federal and state agencies, recruiting of Negro men and women for service in war industry, civilian defense, and other essential activities. The League's wartime responsibilities have increased faster than our budget. We are forced to 'put first things first.' Please turn to Page Two.

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