

Big Elks Parade Thrills Pittsburgh

Negro Troops-

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selves often. If something is not done by the U. S. Army soon, I would not be surprised to see a major battle between Negro and white soldiers. It seems that some top people want southern USA transferred over here. Even Mr. Bondy from the American Red Cross is over here trying to find reasons for moving the colored clubs (clubs staffed by Negroes) out of certain cities, because it is said that certain people must be satisfied. One of them is Mr. Gibson, the American Red Cross commissioner in Great Britain. One of his excuses is that he understood that the Negro personnel were too highly skilled in their jobs.

"White officers are behind most of the trouble. They have even canvassed communities, telling the residents and business people not to serve or associate with the Negroes (whom they command and get their promotion off). The few Negro officers are treated as bad by their fellow officers. There are some fair minded officers, but they are not permitted to do much because they are not promoted and are shifted in many instances from place to place. "Have seen a couple of colored ones who were very good, but their executive officers are over. The Negro soldier is doing rotten and slip many things a job. All he wants is to be treated like a soldier. Negro soldiers want Negro officers. Their conduct on a whole is excellent.

"If you can convince the white officer that each Negro soldier wants to get home to his colored wife or friend, you can do a good job. These boys are not excited by the white girls even though they are sought out by the girls in many cases. And the whole thing seems to hinge on the friendship of the Negro and the white girl. Many soldiers are in a low frame of mind, and if they were not real soldiers, I am convinced that the enemy would be trying to work on them. However, it is possible that the enemy is helping these riots to break out since the tension is so great.

"The American Negro soldier is often fined his entire salary or more for the smallest infraction. Oftimes they must travel 20 miles to another town to have a little fun. The Negro Red Cross worker is being resented because the soldiers look up to them for leadership. Also the American Red Cross workers are not wearing bandana handkerchiefs. The U. S. army is to blame for most of the trouble. The fifth column won't give the fifth column the fifth column. The office a chance."

Hospital

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Approximately 20 freshmen students have been accepted for enrollment in the September 1st class, which will give a total enrollment of approximately 50 students.

Marines

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The 1,200 men expected to be enlisted was a small plot of ground, but has been expanded into even different camps because of the increased and enrollment. Montford Point Camp No 1, although in process of construction is being partially used for the training of new recruits. It is larger than all the other camps put together. Additional Negroes are planned for the corps in the future and these likewise will receive their basic training here.

Elks

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country, Cuba, and the Canal Zone to establish new lodges. He said he had burned scores of mortgages on Elk homes with a value of \$350,000, and added that more than \$5,000,000 in war bonds has been sold to Elks. Wilson's service resulted in his appointment as a member of the advisory committee to the U. S. Treasury department.

Discussions in the business session will concern recommendations that 1) the balance of the sinking and other funds be invested in Series F war bonds; 2) that the lodge support every movement designed to promote training of Negroes in industrial, arts, craft and other trade occupations; 3) that moral support be given Negroes who attempted to secure union affiliation; 4) that group insurance for Elks be studied; and 5) that "open bars" in Elks homes be eliminated.

Open bars was dealt with at Cleveland six years ago where rules governing bars were adopted, but since that time many violations have been reported. Members in several cities, it has been charged, operate the bars under private ownership. Those guilty of the practice have indicated they will withdraw as did the Eureka lodge of Norfolk, Va., if the grand lodge interferes.

Other features of the opening of the convention was an address by Dr. William J. Thompson, recorder of deeds for the district of Columbia and chairman of the health commission, who expressed fears "lest the success of the allies be endangered by failure to keep ourselves physically fit."

Dr. Thompson said that although "we now have 4,000 or 5,000 physicians, we need 8,000 more. But any army call for 500 more Negro physician would greatly endanger the health of our Negro population." He urged that dentists distribute themselves among small areas where they are sorely needed rather than concentrating in the past on large urban districts.

Maj. R. R. Wright, president of the Citizens Savings Bank Trust Co., Philadelphia, climaxed the first few days activity with the purchase of \$100,000 war bonds.

Union

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they had been referred by the business agent of their local. The business agent immediately reported the case to the Committee and, on the next requisition from the project, referred four Negroes.

On the advice of the Committee also, the business agent took up the matter with the project foreman and was told that a number of the white workers had threatened to walk off when Negroes were put on the job. The union official promptly informed the foreman that he would "replace any operating engineer who quit for such a reason."

Two more Negroes have since been added to the project. There has been no work stoppage.

Mail

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men depend upon mail almost as much as they do food for the best morale and frequently interrupt mess or delay mess when it conflicts with mail call. They have said that arrival of mail home results in a distinct lift for every man, and its delay or absence invariably results in

reduced efficiency and morale. Post office officials therefore are urging every person with a friend or relative in the service to get their mail in between the prescribed dates.

Principle rules for mailing these Christmas packages are (1) the parcels must not exceed five pounds, or be more than 15 inches long and 30 inches in length and width combined; 2) not more than one package may be mailed in the same week to the same service man or for the same mailer, and such packages must be marked "Christmas Parcel" to call attention to its delivery before the December 25 holiday; 3) contents should be tightly packed in a strong box of metal, wood or similar material, wrapped in heavy paper and tied with twine, but arranged so that the censor can inspect such as fruits are prohibited; 5) intoxicants and inflammables such as fluids, matches, and poisons are also proscribed; and 6) sharpe articles like razors, knives and glass object must be packed so that they will not break and injure postal personnel.

Press

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fore it could be put into effect. His present service began in 1942 when he was commissioned a captain and assigned as commanding officer of the Military Police Detachment at Fort Huachuca. Captain Roberts studied engineering at Kansas State Agriculture College where he entered the advertising field.

Lieutenant Day also a resident of Chicago, entered the U. S. Army in 1941 when the 8th Infantry Regiment of the Illinois National Guard was federalized and became the 184th Field Artillery. He had been a member of the National Guard since 1938 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery in 1941 and in 1942 was promoted to first lieutenant. His present assignment is with the 931st Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Forrest, Tennessee as Battery executive officer. Lieutenant Day attended Crane Junior College, Lewis Institute, and the Chicago Art Institute.

Both officers have been on temporary duty in Washington for three days and will proceed back to their stations after which they will report to the Bureau for permanent duty.

QUEBEC CONFERENCE

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were prepared against the rising menace of attack. The Russian 12 million trained reserves and more millions on tap. Russian arms also grew—tanks, guns, planes by thousands and factories for more thousands—scores of submarines for the Pacific, a modernized fleet for the Baltic and the Black Sea—all these signs got ready. They were big and many and strong. They were a young people; a hundred and ten million strong of them were under 30, knowing only the new Russia. For the new Russia, as Russians and as Socialists, they were ready to fight and suffer and die. Which they are doing.

The war has been unbelievably hard for Russia. At least half a million square miles of her land were overrun. Her third and fourth cities were taken, her two largest, Moscow and Leningrad, besieged and battered. Tens of millions of her people are still under the invader's heel. Millions of her finest young men are dead or wounded. The "scorched earth" policy, applied by both sides, has destroyed untold Russian wealth. The defiance of the Russians, blowing up their own hard-built dams and wrecking their own mines, was outdone only by the fury of the baffled Nazis burning and slaughtering in retreat.

The Russians are still fighting, on the 2,000-mile front, in the great factories, and behind the enemy lines. They know their cause is just, and they know that they will win. The above is a word picture of the nation whose representatives are already being ignored in shaping the course of this war and are expected to be ignored in the shaping of the peace. This is the nation that is being played with about a second front and an invitation to the various conferences held by Roosevelt and Churchill.

Unless the common people of the United States and Great Britain get busy they will never get through paying the debts of the present conflict before they are going to be called upon to pay for another war on a greater scale than that of the present conflict.

NNBL IN MOST SUCCESSFUL MEET AT BALTIMORE LAST WEEK; SFAULDING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Associated Negro Press
BALTIMORE, Md. — Negro Business Now and in the Post-War Period," was the theme which sparked the National Negro Business league in its 43rd annual convention held in Baltimore last Wednesday through Friday. With the largest attendance since the days of Booker T. Washington, the founder of the league, delegations coming from a score of different cities as far north as Boston and New York and as far west as Texas, with southern Florida sending representatives from half a dozen cities, the widespread interest in business today was well exemplified.

As an evidence of the new appreciation of the vital part which commercial enterprise must play in the future of the race, President J. E. Walker of Memphis pointed out that the income this year from delegates and branch fees was nearly 10 times what it was when the League and its steering committee began the new program in Oklahoma City four years ago. He said that a deepening and widening of the work of the league would result.

Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., of the United States treasury; Gov. Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, Mayor Theodore McKeldin of Baltimore shared the program with President J. E. Walker of the league on the first night meeting held in historic Bethel A.M.E. church and which filled that edifice with 2,500 people.

Mr. Morgenthau, making one of his first utterances in the new governmental drive for 15 billion dollars in war bonds, pointed to the dire necessity for funds to finance this most costly war in history. The secretary paid tribute to the valor of Negro troops, singling out the exploit of Dorie Miller of whom he said, "Many of us would give our last dollar if we could wear the Navy cross which was won by Dorie Miller at Pearl Harbor. He heard the impressive citation which went with Miller's award.

"Your government needs the help of every one of you," Morgenthau said. "You did an excellent job before but the records of the past are not good enough. During September you are going to be asked to personally invest two weeks' pay in the supreme effort to win this war and get it over with." Gov. O'Connor, praise eloquently the part which Negro people

are playing in the war predicted that the post-war period would bring about many changes and that "our colored neighbors will emerge with the respect and appreciation of all." "As you are equal before God so you will be equal before man, the governor said.

In the great work of organization, production, transportation and combat which characterizes this war, I am proud to be one of those who can attest to and record the fact that the men and women of the great Negro race of these United States are at the forefront in every activity," said Mayor McKeldin. "You are on farm, in mine, in the production of ships and planes and the tools and engines of combat, in the fox holes and on the battle lines on land and sea, fighting, suffering, dying that the glorious heritage of liberty bestowed upon your race by Abraham Lincoln shall be preserved in this generation for them and for all of us who are joined together fighting for freedom of America and mankind."

Dr. Walker in his annual departing from his description of work—being done by Negro businessmen called for "an understanding among the leadership of our people."

"It is foolhardy for the so-called radicals to criticize the so-called conservatives," Dr. Walker said, "or for the so-called conservatives to criticize the so-called radicals because they differ in method of approach to our problems. The goal of all Negroes is the same whether they live in Boston, Mass., or in Jacksonville, Fla."

C. C. Spaulding of Durham, N. C., president emeritus of the league, delivering the keynote address at the Wednesday session at the Masonic temple said, "I believe Negroes are making progress in business today. There is a revival of confidence among our people. We own two and a half billion dollars as a race. We have 40 odd life insurance companies operating successfully, employing seven or eight thousand people. Let's let the colored of our skins not have anything to do with the way we run our businesses. Clean up your businesses. Make them look like the other man's business. Let's not have Negro business but business conducted by Negroes."

"We can't afford riots," Mr. Spaulding continued. "You businessmen must do everything possible in your communities to prevent any indication of a riot. Get rid of the loafers. Build up our communities. Let us teach our people to be law-abiding citizens."

Willard Allen, general chairman, and Reginald A. Gardner, president of the host organization, the Maryland Association for the Promotion of Business who provided a wonderful background and excellent facilities for the convention, were the recipients of praise.

Vice President George W. Cox of Durham, opened the Wednesday evening meeting and Sec. Albon L. Holey presented the officials to the guests and the audience.

Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, acting president of Hampton Institute, delivered the address on "Booker T. Washington Night," speaking on the founder's contribution to the economic progress of the Negro.

The National Housewife's league, Mrs. Fannie B. Peck of Detroit, president, met simultaneously with the businessmen frequently appearing in discussions. The housewives conducted an interesting exhibit of business being carried on in various citi-

"Why Not Play Football At N. C. College This Fall?"--"Shorty" Davis

Former Tuskegee Athlete Wins Track Meet At Fort Knox

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — A news release received by the President of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. F. D. Patterson, from the Special Service Bureau, 375th General Service Regiment, Fort Knox, Kentucky, states that "Pvt. Arnold Lewis, of Galveston, Texas, a former track captain of Tuskegee Institute, took third place in the Fort Knox track meet on August 19. Competing in the three mile run for the 375th Engineers, General Service Regiment, Pvt. Lewis ran a great race in KI shoes. His time was 19 minutes, 27 seconds. He has been appointed a member of the Fort Knox cross country team which will compete in Louisville, Kentucky, on Turkey Day. Pvt. Lewis will soon be a noncommissioned officer in the engineering department of the 375th Engineer General Service Regiment."

Lewis was widely known and highly regarded by both students and teachers while enrolled at Tuskegee Institute and they will be glad to learn that he is carrying on his track activities in such a satisfactory manner for the Army.

The Office of Public Relations at Moore Field, Texas, also informed President Patterson that "James M. Conley, Tuskegee graduate (B. S. '41), has left this Army Air Forces Flying School for Air Forces Administrative Officer Candidate School at Miami, Florida.

He arrived here as a private

Ruth Taylor

wisp of fancy for the steady flame of idealism. When our cussedness rules, we obey our prejudices — prejudices based on lack of knowledge of our brothers' needs or motives.

Just as we need three branches of government to check the usurpation of power by any one, so we need to let the three — head, heart and cussedness — rule our thoughts.

Unquestionably we must first think with our heads, for we need clear and logical thought. We need to face and assimilate facts, to be realistic and practical in time of national tension. But we must also think with our hearts, that we may add the leaven of compassion to our thoughts, that we may have faith and hope and charity, that we may work in harmony with our fellow Americans because we think in harmony with them.

To these two we must add the spice of cussedness, turning it from personal prejudices against people to an active determination to fight a thing — an evil which seeks to divide and disrupt, to set religion against religion, race against race, class against class — and color against color — an evil which seeks to control by destruction of that unity which is democracy.

Who does YOUR thinking? You are but one — but as YOU and YOU and YOU think, so will the nation act. The responsibility is great — and it is up to you!

Panel discussions on various vital topics presented by experts and practical businessmen crowded the three day session.

last September, and at the time of his appointment as an officer candidate held the rank of First Sergeant. He was "Topkick of the 61st Aviation Squadron.

At Tuskegee, Conley was a captain in the Reserve Officers Training Corps unit. After graduation he worked as a civilian in the Sub-Depot at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. He is a native of Livingston, Ala.

Conley was well-known on the Tuskegee campus and his rapid advancement in the Army of the United States.

Shaw University Announces New Pre-Theology Course

RALEIGH — Shaw University announces the organization of an undergraduate program of Religious Education which will provide undergraduate courses preparing students to be religious education workers, missionaries, field workers or a minister who may enter the school of Religion and pursue courses leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The concentrated program of pre-theological training will enable a high school graduate to complete the pre-theological course of three academic years of training which will qualify a student to be admitted to the school of Religion according to statements made by Dean John L. Tilley of the Shaw School of Religion.

Both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Divinity degrees can therefore be earned in a period of five years. A student pursuing this concentrated course will carry a full program of studies for two regular school years and two twelve week summer sessions.

Students maintaining satisfactory school records during their enrollment in the pre-theological courses under the stated conditions may be eligible to the provision of the Selective Service classification in 2-A according to an announcement issued July 1, 1943 by the Selective Service Administration.

The undergraduate department of Missionary and Religious Education offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree providing opportunity for men and women to prepare themselves for work as home or foreign missionaries, teachers of Bible or Religious Education in the public schools, director of Religious Education or church secretaries in local churches.

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Brazilian Paper Devotes Supplement To Status of Negro

RIO DE JANEIRO — Reflecting the growing concern of the races in this hemisphere a recent issue of a Rio de Janeiro publication, "A Manha" devoted an entire supplement to the status of the Negro on both American continents.

Included in the group of articles are such topics as Education of the Negro in the United States by Charles Thompson, a biographical sketch of James Weldon Johnson, the Role of Africa in the Americas by Merville Herskovitz, some poems by Langston Hughes and an article by Franklin Frazier.

All Small Colleges To Have Teams This Season

BY SHORTY DAVIS

GREENSBORO — Just as I got off the bus Monday afternoon in front of the Red Lantern, I met Sgt. Henry, stationed at A and T College. I was talking with him concerning A and T's football team this year. He told me that they were going to have a football team this year, while we were standing there talking, DeBerry passed in his car. Sgt. Henry said there goes A and T's coach now and I told him I wanted to see him about a schedule.

Sgt. Henry said they opened their first game with Winston-Salem Teachers College in early September and I thought to myself, if Winston-Salem Teachers College is going to have a football team, any school can afford one. They always have had the smallest group of boys of any school in the state of North Carolina.

North Carolina College has planned to drop football for the duration, due to the shortage of manpower, but if you can remember correctly, back in 1937 Coach William Burghart, head coach at North Carolina College played an eight game schedule that year and won only one CIAA game that season. The following fall they won only two conference games and those teams were, St. Augustine College and St. Paul Normal Institute. If you can see in any way, why they should be ashamed to play football this fall on account of a small group of men, when they had forty or fifty men to go out for the team in 1937-38 and could only win from one to two games a season, I would appreciate you telling me your reason.

NEW YORK — Dr. Max Yergan, President of the National Negro Congress, today condemned the findings of Governor Kelly's Commission investigating the Detroit insurrection, and at the same time announced the beginning of a drive to secure two million signatures petitioning President Roosevelt to smash the fifth column in America. The petition calls upon the President to direct the Attorney General to take immediate action to bring the thirty three indicted seditionists to trial, and to arrest and prosecute the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan, the American First Party, and other known fifth columnists operating within the country.

Yergan Commends Governor's Interest In Detroit Riot

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The way to beat an inflation is to wait it out.

A journalist is an expert writer who needs no facts.

A philosopher does not worry about what other people think.

The success of a meal depends very largely upon the cook.