

Cotton Pickers On Big Southern Tour

Cotton pickers heading south AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Famous Carolina Cotton Pickers are starting their regular

Southern tour after taking the East by storm. They will play the states of Florida, Texas, La., Ga., and Ala., before returning East for a run in theatres that are now in the making. Minting of steel pennies to end this year.

Johnnie Harris open OKLAHOMA City — Johnnie Harris, the jump Prince of the Drums and his Band follows Sax Kari into the famous Ruby Grill this city. The Harris Band hails from "Naptown" and is rated as a great swing unit.

Southern Officers Says Negro Troops Will Give Good Account Of Themselves Under White Or Negro Commanders

Associated Negro Press NEW YORK — Negro soldiers whether serving under white or Negro officers will always give "a good account" of themselves, declared Maj. Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson, veteran army man and author of the book "Battleground of the Republic," in an article in Pic Magazine last week. Answering the question of the value of Negro fighting men and the skill of Negro officers, Maj. Wheeler-Nicholson said that, "I've seen a near mutiny precipitated among Negro soldiers by the abysmally poor handling of a white officer, and I've seen and heard them wrangling, and refusing to carry out the orders of equally incapable Negro leaders. The fault in both cases was the same, the infliction on the soldiers of inept leaders who reached their rank by routine methods instead of on real leadership ability. The army veteran said it is not a matter of giving the Negro soldier either white or Negro officers, but that it is essential that he have officers he can both respect and admire. "As a soldier, the Negro has certain disadvantages and advantages in comparison with his white comrade-in-arms," the Major continued. Improperly handled, the Negro is subject to more swift, unreasoning panic, to a swifter merging of his own personality and reasoning ability into the crowd mind. Probably handled that same characteristic makes Negro combat units some of the finest potential shock troops in the world. "Aspersions against Negro

should come on the firing line, among fighting men, made realistic by the ordeal by battle to the point of realization that enemy bullets are not earmarked for any individual race or creed." courage make a professional army officer who has served with them a little weary. Negroes have the same normal prejudice to remaining alive that any white man has, no more, nor any less, and motivated by a sense of duty and the wish to be respected by their group will fight against hopeless odds." Maj. Wheeler-Nicholson who served with Negro troops during World War I said that the white officer who can command the respect of Negro troops will be surrounded with so much friendliness that he will be spoiled for service with any other type. But to accomplish this warned the officer, the leader must learn to appreciate his virtues and be tolerant of his faults, and above all refuse to "brand the many with the sins of the few, and totally to adjure the fault of classifying any racial group with a mass label." "It must be realized," pointed out Maj. Wheeler-Nicholson, "that the Negro is an American, with the same fears, hates, loyalties, faults, and virtues as any other American. Maybe this is a pretty fair formula for us in any case, here in America, since we are stepping out of our insular isolation to mix ourselves in the destinies of all sorts of people with different colored skins, different religious, different habits, dress and customs, in all part of the world. Our destinies are already inextricably entwined with many diverse elements in our own country. The fusing of them

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King Kolax Triumphs In Fort Worth

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