

## Prospects Bright In Refrigeration And Air Conditioning Says Dean

**GREENSBORO**  
The bright prospects for job opportunities in air conditioning and refrigeration were enthusiastically related last week by an official at A. and T. College.

S. C. Smith, dean of the college's Technical Institute, stated that the demand for trained personnel in these fields is increasing year by year. "We are amazed at the requests for such people which have come to us this spring," he told reporters this week.

With this refrigeration boom, industry cannot now train servicemen in sufficient numbers to pace the demand. This is the reason the college added the refrigeration and air condition as a course last year.

The training requires just two years. The first year is devoted to classroom instruction and practical work to acquaint the trainees with the use of tools and materials used in the field. The second year lays almost all emphasis on the practical aspect so that the student, upon graduation, is ready to make his place in industry.

The program is arranged for persons now engaged in the field who wish a more thorough technical background; those who would like to enter the field of employment or open businesses of their own and for those who would not be interested in a degree course in engineering, but would take the course on a spare time arrangement.

Receiving the A. B. degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, Miss Merritt has taught in the public schools of High Point and Hillsboro, where she served as president of the local County Teachers' Association. She also serves as chairman of the Bible Department of the State Teachers' Association.

Miss Merritt has served for 15 years as president of the Junior Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. She was promoted to the office of Associate Junior Supervisor of the Junior Convention at the recent sessions held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church here. She will assume duties in the Durham City School system in September.

## Sigety Addresses Real Estate Brokers Confab

**LOS ANGELES**  
Because of the rapidly rising economic status of minority groups, Federal Housing Administration programs offer a wealth of opportunity to members of the real estate profession active in the Negro housing market, Charles E. Sigety, FHA Deputy Commissioner, told the National Association of Real Estate Brokers last week in Los Angeles.

Mr. Sigety told the organization of Negro brokers at their national convention that FHA's urban renewal program provides the greatest opportunity as well as the greatest challenge to all segments of the housing and home financing industry.

**DURHAM**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Michaux of Durham are vacationing on the West Coast and attending the meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers in Los Angeles, Calif. They left Durham August 11 and are expected to return home about September 4. Mr. Michaux heads Union Insurance and Realty Company here.

The Negro brokers, he said, could make an outstanding contribution especially in assisting in the relocation of families displaced as a result of slum clearance of other government action. Speaking of recently revised provisions of Section 221 of the National Housing Act permitting FHA to insure one hundred percent financing to provide relocation housing, Mr. Sigety said, "There is real business awaiting the real estate broker as a result of this and other governmental activity and the resultant displacing of families."

Other FHA programs which the Deputy Commissioner cited as providing opportunities to real estate brokers in the minority housing market were the trade-in house program, new means of financial assistance for housing for the elderly, increased activity in the market for existing homes due to recently liberalized financing terms and cooperative housing patterned af-



Sgt. Camilleus Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brown of 1321 Lincoln Street, Kinston, is serving in Japan with the first Marine Aircraft Wing. He is a member of Marine Aircraft Group 11, based at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan.

## Blind Boy Hit By Auto In Goldsboro

**GOLDSBORO**  
Last Tuesday, little nine-year-old Edward Whitley, was just missed by a truck and then stepped directly into the path of an oncoming automobile. He suffered a broken leg and numerous bruises.

The reason—Edward is totally blind in one eye and badly impaired vision in the other.

ter such successful pilot projects as the Jean Capers sub-division in Fort Worth, Bel Mar Gardens in Pittsburgh and the American Friends Service cooperative project in Philadelphia.

## Farm Agent Who Educated 12 Children At A Modest Salary, Honored At Regional 4-H Camp

**WASHINGTON**  
A retired farm agent, who reared and educated 12 children on a modest salary that averaged over the years only a little over \$40 a week, was honored Sunday along with three others during the closing session of the Ninth Regional 4-H Club Camp at Howard University.

This honoree is Louis H. Martin of Princee Anne, Maryland, whose citation read: for the practical demonstration he has given through his own family in the successful rearing and educating of youth.

Orphaned at the age of 10, he spent nine years in a Philadelphia orphanage. At 19, he entered Hampton Institute and worked his way through, graduating with honors in 1916. Then Mr. Martin married and joined the Maryland Extension Service as a county agent on the Eastern Shore where he served "with diligence and patience and industry" for 38 years. At the same time, he and Mrs. Martin reared 12 children. Today, 11 of these hold a total of 14 college and graduate degrees.

## ESSAY CONTEST LAUNCHED BY R. R. CLUB

**PHILADELPHIA**  
A Railroad Essay Contest offering \$750, \$500, and \$250 as prizes is being sponsored by the New York Railroad Club. The contest seeks to encourage constructive thought about railroad problems by students of transportation and young railroad employees.

Contestants may write on subjects of their choice, or topics selected by the Club. Names of contest judges will be announced later. Subjects suggested for essay contestants are:

1. Exploration of feasibility and costs of service improvement designed to place rail service more nearly on par with truck service, with a view to disclosing an approach to the economics of service improvement.
2. Suggestions for improvement of the utilization of the freight car fleet, with a view to improved car distribution, car turnaround and increased return upon investment in cars.
3. Exploration of possible adjustment of equipment, service and rates designed to restore rail competitiveness for ship-

ments in weight brackets between 5,000 and 25,000 pounds with an appraisal of economic feasibility.

4. What railroads can do to improve their system of recruiting, selecting and training personnel, including management personnel, to meet competition in American industry for superior man-power.

5. Suggestions for changes in rates and service to improve railroad traffic volume and net earnings, with the contestant's views on improving the competitive position of railroads.

6. Contestants who wish to write on some other subject should secure written approval from the contest committee. Essays should be based on experience or special study of the subject discussed; and should be from 3,000 to 7,000 words. They should be typewritten, double-spaced, on only one side of the page.

The name, address, age, and occupation or school should be typed on a separate page. Experience or special study which qualifies the contestant to write on the subject should also be listed.

Although writers whose essays do not win prizes may arrange for publication elsewhere, all essays submitted become the property of the Club, and contestants should retain carbon copies.

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Naval Aviation Officer Candidate Howard C. Petty is presented his commission to Navy Ensign by Cdr. H. S. Jackson, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

after completing 16 weeks of flight training.

He has been assigned to the Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Fla., for primary flight training.

## Michigan Woman Gets National Sorority Post At NCC Confab

Mrs. Corine Dean of Detroit was elected Supreme Basileus of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority as the highlight of its 11th annual session ended Sunday at North Carolina College.

A feature of the national meeting which opened Thursday was the banquet speech of Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, author and historian, who spoke on "The Role of the American Negro Woman in Our Changing Order." Dr. Edmonds is professor of history at North Carolina College.

During the banquet session Mrs. L. M. Harris, President of the Durham Business School, was honored as "Woman of the Year."

A special religious service at Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church Sunday marked the closing of the four day convention.

Named with Mrs. Dean Saturday were: Mary Mosby, Indianapolis, Anti-Basileus; Eliza Hamilton, New York, National Organizer; Helen Brantley, Detroit, Supreme Grammatous; Agnes Fisher, Detroit, Anti-Grammatous; Edythe Alsup, Chicago, Supreme Epistoleus; Drucilla Pearce, New York, Editor-in-Chief; Katherine Roberts, Detroit, Supreme Tamiochu; Arlene Ramage, Detroit, Corresponding Secretary; Cellius Morgan, Historian-File Clerk; Elnora Starks, Indianapolis, Keeper of Pins; Hazel Love, Chicago, Chaplain; Richardson Ewing, Detroit, Central Regional; Ann Felder, New York, Eastern Regional; Thelma Beilard, Sacramento, Western Regional; Lucinda Harris, Durham, Southern Regional; Olga G. O'Neil, Pasadena, Frances Smith, Los Angeles, Grand Board Members.

## Miss Merritt To Receive Degree From NYU In Oct.

Miss Eva L. Merritt, outstanding teacher of the city and director of youth activities for the Baptists of North Carolina, has returned to the city from New York, where she completed requirements for the Master's degree in Later Childhood Education at New York University. The degree will be conferred in October.

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