

## Second Service Home for Seamen To Be Opened

The War Shipping Administration today announced establishment of a second United Seamen's service home to be located at Bay Ridge, Md., for the care and rest of torpedooled American merchant seamen. The new unit will be opened on September 24th.

The first seamen's rest home, opened on September 7th, at Oyster Bay, New York, was the estate of Major Kermit Roosevelt. Originally the Maryland home had been planned at Elkridge, in conjunction with the CCC. However, since it is essential that these homes be in operation as quickly as possible, it was felt that the Bay Ridge location would more easily lend itself to the immediate need for quarters.

Located approximately five miles from Annapolis, the new home was formerly a summer hotel. The premises are being leased by the Administration's Recruitment and Manning Organization for the duration of the war. While the United Seamen's Service will eventually operate as an independent unit, the Recruitment and Manning Organization has been assisting in its initiation.

The hotel, which will be completely renovated, will accommodate approximately 55 seamen and will be under the general supervision of Dr. Daniel Blain, who will appoint resident nurses and other necessary medical aides.

## Airport Authority Purchases Building

Greensboro-High Point airport authority has purchased the restaurant building, gas station, and barbecue pits located at Greensboro-High Point airport and will take over management of them October 1. It was announced today by J. T. Martin, chairman of the authority.

Purchase was made from Lewis L. Higwood, owner of both the restaurant and the filling station. The buildings, Martin stated, will be renovated and painted.

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**A. K. A. GIVES SCHOLARSHIP**—Mrs. Ann L. Davis, treasurer of Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at A. and T. College, is shown presenting a check for \$54 to Miss Frances Johnson, of Greensboro, while Prof. L. A. Wise, college registrar, looks on. Miss Johnson, formerly of Dudley high school, is the daughter of Mrs. Alverado Johnson, who is an alumnus of A. and T. college. The recipient is majoring in business administration at A. and T.

## Here's What Goes On At Camp Smalls

A company of white-clad Negro sailors passes by in review — eyes straight ahead, marching as one, all with that military bearing attained only through intense training—that's a word picture of what's going on at Camp Robert Smalls, home of the first all-Negro regiment at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., under the Navy's new program of recruiting men of the Negro race.

The first contingent of Negro recruits to enter training under this new plan has already completed its recruit work. Some have been selected to become members of Ship's company, to aid in training other recruits; others have been selected to attend one of the Navy's Negro Service Schools, either at the U. S. Naval Training Station or at Hampton Institute, Va. The remainder have been awarded a leave, and are ready to be sent to all parts of the globe with the regular Navy.

These Negroes are coming into the Navy from farms, factories, offices and classrooms throughout the entire country.

When the Negro recruit arrives at the station he undergoes a stringent physical and mental examinations to determine his fitness for service in the Navy. When he has successfully passed the physical tests conducted by competent medical officers, he is issued his uniform and equipment. Uniforms include woolen "blues" for winter and white twill garb for summer.

Assignment to company and barracks is next on the schedule. Here it is the new sailor actually starts his life in the Navy. The barracks are large, steam-heated structures and are equipped with Jack stays to lash hammocks — the sailor's Navy bed; large and well equipped washing rooms and clothes dryers, and other conveniences to be found only in a U. S. Navy barracks.

Canvas leggings worn by recruits label them as "boots" throughout the entire training period. During this period the "boot" learns everything from the art of swinging asleep in a

hammock without falling out—"hitting the deck" in Navy lingo—to tanning the three-inch and five-inch guns.

"Boots" are placed in companies of about 130 men, under the command of chief petty officers. These chiefs are the teachers, the guides and counsel of every embryo sailor. Many of them are colorful veterans of sea action, men who have made their mark under war-time conditions, who know the Navy from A to Z.

First lessons start simply. Recruits learn to wear their uniforms properly, to give them proper care, to roll their clothes and stow them in sea bags, to do their own laundry by scrubbing, to salute properly and conduct themselves in a military manner.

Then comes a period of conditioning, calisthenics, hours of infantry drill, long hikes carrying a full pack, and many hours on the "commando" course, a specially-designed course to teach recruits the art of going over barriers of all types and description found in landing party operations. Recruits enjoy the "commando" practice more than any other type of exercise, since it is run in the form of a game or sport, more than drill work.

In seamanship Negro recruits learn knots and splices, receive swimming and life-saving instructions, learn about life aboard ship and the maneuvers and nomenclature of ships. Signaling lessons are an important phase of the training for each recruit.

It doesn't take long for the recruit to "wise up" to the Navy customs and habits. He discovers the secrets of sewing, replacing missing buttons and repairing rips in his clothing. He learns, to his sorrow, that equipment—known as "gear" in the Navy—lying loose on the floor—"deck" to sailors—is placed in a "lucky bag" and that he must do extra duty to retrieve it.

Naval shore stations are regarded as "ships" during training, and the Negro "boot" soon learns to call the floor a "deck," the walls "bulkheads" and "port" and "starboard" are left and right in civilian lingo. The recruit "comes aboard" when he

## More Sugar In Some Areas

There will be more sugar for workers in areas where the population has jumped because of war industries. Apple processors may raise the price of canned applesauce, apple juice, cider and dried apples to cover the increased cost of picking and harvesting apples. Ceiling prices for dry cleaning, shoe repairing, laundering and other common services must be posted for public inspection. Retail prices for footballs, and other autumnal sporting goods will be cut. Boys and men will have to get along with whatever woolen lounging robes are on hand, but mothers need not worry about woolen robes for infants, sizes 1 to 3, and over-size persons can have their woolen garments to fit. Measures to protect the nation's Federal buildings against air raid hazards and sabotage are being taken by the Federal Works Administration. Two problems: To prevent escape of prisoners from Federal prisons, and of dangerous animals from hospital zoos. Violators of the men's and women's clothing simplification orders, who make expensive "zoot suits" and "juke" coats for male and female jitterbugs face WPR trouble. The third anniversary of the German invasion of Poland found that tortured country still defiant and unconquered, with more than 1,500,000 of its fighting men in action on United Nations fronts.

## Bicycle Thieves

Greenville. — Recorder's Court Judge J. W. H. Roberts sentenced a Negro youth to 12 months on the roads on each of three counts for stealing bicycles. Then Roberts walked out of the city hall to find his own bicycle had been stolen.

enters camp, and "goes ashore" when he leaves.

While in training for war service, the Negro "boots" receive every consideration. Movies are shown several nights weekly; "happy hours," musical and entertainment programs arranged and presented by the recruits themselves, are staged at least once a week; all forms of athletic activity are stressed, both from the competitor and spectator viewpoint, and church services are held regularly in the camp chapel.

By the time "boot" training is completed, young Negro Bluejackets have gained weight, they have matured mentally, they are physically more tough than they have been at any time in their lives, and they have mastered their Navy lessons. Physically, mentally and spiritually they are ready for the fight that faces them. They're all set to do their job in America's "first line of defense."

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