

COMMANDOS GET TOUGH TRAINING

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like fenced enclosure makes the recruit think quickly to get through another barrier with little waste of time. A 20-foot cargo net, strung on a heavy pipe lashed high in the trees and constructed in grid pattern, gives the boot actual experience in climbing swaying rope ladders off the side of a ship.

Every barrier along the path has been carefully planned to give the Negro sailor actual experience under conditions he may encounter when on duty with the U. S. navy.

Training leaders at Camp Smalls stress the point that training on the camp commando course is play rather than work. Laughing recruits strive to hurdle the barriers ahead of their company mates, with no prize at stake other than personal pride in a job well done.

First-hand knowledge of the course is acquired by the "boot" shortly after reporting here for training. Drills are held several times weekly throughout the entire training period to build up muscles long idle during civilian life.

Salvage Committees Busy In United States

There are now 13,000 local salvage committees throughout the country directing activities to obtain scrap materials of all kinds, it was announced today by R. K. White, chief, general salvage section, war production board.

These local salvage committees, under the leadership of voluntary chairmen in every state, are coordinating all the activities of civic organizations, mobilizing collection facilities, initiating municipal tin can programs and collaborating with newspapers, business firms and local citizens in carrying out the salvage campaign.

"Not enough credit," Mr. White said, "can be given to these energetic committee volunteers. From the Golden Gate to Brooklyn Bridge, from Maine to Louisiana, men and women have been working day and night without compensation in order to get in the scrap.

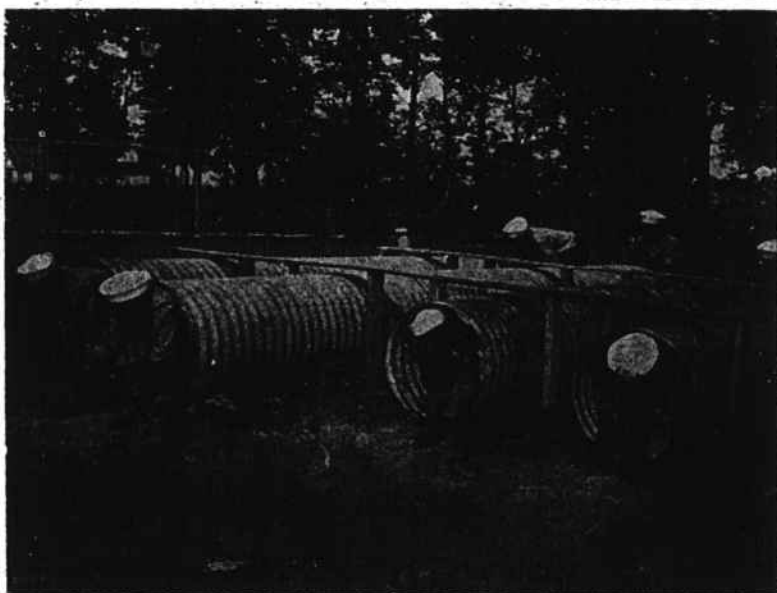
"Scrap materials are vital to our war effort—so vital, in fact, that men, women and children are building a 'second front' right here at home. But this 'second front' is of their own making. It has not been made possible by any outside agency. It is a community job that is being done by the people of the community."

In many instances, Mr. White added, local salvage activities were well under way before the national scrap campaign was inaugurated by the war production board. In all instances, these activities have been started and continued by voluntary workers under the guidance of the local salvage committee chairmen. They have organized to produce scrap for war production and form the basis of a continuous salvage program for the duration of the war.

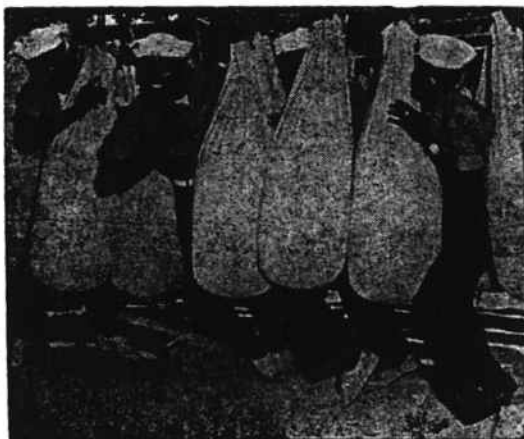
"Our thanks and gratitude should go to these men and women for the loyal, patriotic service they are rendering," he said.

J. F. Gunn School Makes Study of Books

The elementary classes of the J. F. Gunn school are making a survey study of the different kinds of books that boys and girls would like to read best. A committee of the various classes has been appointed to make this study. This is done to interview library and select the best books of their choice, Johnette Long



PREPARING FOR TIGHT SQUEEZES—All recruits at Camp Robert Smalls, United States naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill., are taught to squeeze through small openings as a part of their regular training. These long metal pipes, barely large enough to allow a person to crawl through, assist in the training on the camp's "commando" course.



GETTING TOUGH—These four St. Louis, Mo., youths—James Ward, Sylvester Thornton, Arthur Cooper and Scott R. Parker—are using the "commando" course at Camp Robert Smalls, United States naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill., for necessary physical hardening. They are shown struggling through sand trap.

Mr. Robinson Is Bound Over For Larceny

Clyde Robinson, alias "Rat" Robinson, 35, Reidsville Negro, was given a hearing in recorder's court Friday on a charge of larceny and was bound over to Superior court, his bond set at \$1,000. Failing to make bond he was placed in the county jail at Wentworth.

Albert Wilson, a Negro farmer of Reidsville, route 3, sold tobacco in Reidsville last week and rented a room, which he had to share with Robinson, at the home of Bertha Wilkerson for the night. Next morning when Wilson woke up Robinson was gone and so was Wilson's money, \$320 in all.

Wednesday Robinson was arrested in Greensboro by officers of that city and Reidsville police carried him back to that city. It was Robinson's 12th arrest since 1935. On the 11 previous ones he has served 10 sentences.

More than 100 pounds for every person in Nebraska, was collected within three weeks during the state-wide "prairie fire" scrap drive, which netted 65,000 tons of scrap.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps

NEWS OF MAXTON

R. C. T. School Teacher Receives An Important Red Cross Appointment. Will Serve In England.

Miss Geneva J. Holmes, prominent teacher of the Robeson County Training school faculty, has been appointed to do personnel work by the American Red Cross. Miss Holmes will serve as assistant director of a service club somewhere in England. This position has a salary of \$225 per month, maintenance and uniforms.

The club staff consists of a director, assistant director, program director, assistant director and five staff assistants.

Miss Holmes will report to Washington for a two weeks pre-training period on October 26th and expects to sail for England the early part of November.

Miss Holmes has been a faithful and untiring worker in the school and civic organization of Maxton. She has pledged her hearty co-operation in all projects, campaigns and drives launched by the community.

The school regrets to lose Miss Holmes, but our loss is subordinate to the worthy cause for which she is leaving the school. She will be playing a vital role in the defense of America.

Vocational Agriculture Teachers Given

The Negro Vocational Agriculture teachers of the Piedmont district which include the following vocational departments: Pleasant Grove school, J. J. Lanier, teacher; Madison high school, G. C. Boss, teacher, Washington Street high of Reidsville, A. N. McKoy, teacher, Jordan Sellers high school of Burlington, W. J. Fisher, teacher, Carver high of Winston-Salem H. Coble teacher, are off to a big start in settling down to getting their departments on a war time footing. At their first year, which was held at Reidsville, the teachers agreed upon one common course: We have a job to do to win this war. Each teacher dedicated himself to do everything possible in meeting the government request for increased commodity in vegetables, pork, milk, soybeans and the fixing of farm machinery. This is a task that the teachers agreed had to be done.

Officers of the group were also elected.

J. J. Lanier, president.
W. J. Fisher, secretary.
A. N. McKoy, chaplain.

The program of work committee was appointed by the president and it was decided to discuss the planning and organization of commodity classes at the next meeting which is being called by the supervisor, Mr. S. B. Simmons at Reidsville. W. J. Fisher and A. N. McKoy will lead the discussion.

The shrouds of a single army parachute contain as much nylon as three dozen pairs of stockings.

CLUB FOR SEAMEN NOW ORGANIZED

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men's identification number; and their present address. The War Shipping Administration, Washington, D. C., will serve as Executive Secretary.

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