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## SINGING CONVENTION MEETS AT HARRIS

### Tuskegee Institute's Army Air Corps Program Comes To End

#### FINAL EXERCISE HELD THERE ON SATURDAY JUNE 29

School Has Graduated Total Of 992 Airmen During Its Term Of Existence

NINE IN LAST CLASS

Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama — A chapter in the stirring history of the Tuskegee Army Air Field was closed here Saturday, June 29, with the graduation of the field's last class of eight former cadets and one second lieutenant who were awarded their pilot's wings.

The graduation exercises, held in the TAAF Amphitheater, were highlighted by the presence of Mr. Marcus H. Ray, civilian aid to the secretary of war, who flew down from Washington to deliver the main address.

This last group to graduate brought the total number of fliers who were trained at TAAF since it opened in October, 1941, to 992. Lieutenant George S. Roberts, Fairmont, West Virginia, operations officer at Tuskegee, AAF, and a member of the first class of five pilots who received their wings at the field in March, 1942, was on hand to present the certificate to Second Lieutenant Claude A. Rowe, Detroit, Michigan, the last man to graduate from Tuskegee.

In his address to the new pilots, personnel of the field, and the hundreds of guests who attended the exercises, Mr. Ray said:

"In order that our books might be properly closed today, we recite a few of the facts and figures — Turn To Page Two

#### Gold Hill Sunday School Convention Meeting In Harris

Next Session Of Convention Will Be Held At Ellenboro In September

#### NEGRO STRENGTH OF ARMY TOTALS 187,383 MAY 1

Of That Total 123,132 Were Regular Army Troopers In U. S. Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. — On May 1, 1946, the total Negro strength of the army was 187,383, it has been announced by the War Department. This figure represented 8.64 per cent of the total strength at that time.

Of the total as of May 1, 123,132 Negro troops were regular army men, 20,145 of whom have enlisted since March 1, 1946.

Commissioned officers, flight officers, and warrant officers numbered 23,626 of the total. Serving overseas were 68,253 troops. Also of May 1, 6,566 Negro women were serving in the WACS, of which only one, a WAC officer, was serving overseas.

One year on May 1, 1945, Negro personnel in the army numbered 700,304, constituting at that time 8.49 per cent of the total army strength. Of that number serving overseas or enroute were 511,493 Negro troops. Negro WAC strength was 4,003 of which, in September of 1945, 820 were assigned overseas.

A partial breakdown of Negro strength in the army as of May 1, 1946, follows:

	Conti-	Over-	World-
	ental	seas	wide
Infantry	7,057	2,076	9,133
Coast & Field			
Artillery	1,706	1,006	2,712
Engineers	7,429	13,450	20,879
Air Corps	31,605	3,401	35,006
Transportation	12,501	5,307	17,808
Corps			
Quartermaster	19,135	24,213	43,348
Corps			
All Others	39,697	18,800	58,497
TOTAL	119,130	68,253	187,383

Officers: Included in above totals 2,626.

Including: Dental Corps officers 29.

Nurses 167.

Other Medical Corps officers 43.

Chaplains 91.

Serving overseas 68,253.

Including: Pacific theater 35,398; China and India-Burma Theaters 1,392; Alaskan department 1,144; European Theater 22,461; Mediterranean Theater 2,540; Caribbean Defense Command 721.

#### Growth Of The Harris Herald

January issue, 68  
February issue, 125  
March issue, 175  
May issue, 252  
June issue, 281  
July issue, 309.

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#### VETS MAY GET FRESHMAN OFF CAMPUS CREDIT

Arrangements Made To Provide College Training Off Campus

Veterans may now receive "off campus" college credit at freshman level in local communities from information received by Jack C. Winchester, Assistant State Service Officer, in Morganton, from Wiley M. Pickens, Director, N. C. Veterans Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

"The Governor's Committee on Veterans' Education through its steering committee, has worked out very definite and comprehensive plans to set up 'Off Campus Centers' in communities in the State where there is a demand for them. These centers will be run by qualified teachers at the freshman level with credit being given as if the work were done on the campus.

"In order that the Committee may know where the demand is, it is requesting that all veterans who are interested in securing a college education make application at the office of the city and county superintendents of schools on July 22 and 23, 1946. The superintendent of schools will be furnished forms by R. M. Gruman, Secretary of the Steering Committee, Chapel Hill, on which the veteran will make his application.

"There is certain other information that is important. These off college centers will not be confined to veterans alone, but can be used by non-veterans as well. The classes will run in late afternoon and evening. Libraries and laboratories will be those required by college standards. In fact it is the plan of the committee through the cooperation of the colleges and high schools to bring all the facilities required to do freshman work to the communities where the centers are set up."

#### MEDFORD ATTENDS TESTIMONIAL

##### Attends Dinner Honoring Dr. Thomas A. Donahue Of New York

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (Special to the Harris Herald) — Dr. H. T. Medford, Washington, D. C., Secretary-Editor, Foreign Missions A. M. E. Zion Church, was seen in New York last week. I found that he was here by invitation of the Board of Missions and church extension of the Methodist Church to attend a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Dr. Thomas A. Donahue, who was retiring as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, Wednesday, June 20th., at Christ Church, 60th Street and Park Avenue.

The brilliant occasion was followed, at the same Church, by an impressive Commissioning Service for newly appointed Missionaries and Deaconesses, who are to be sent out for Foreign Service under the auspices of the Methodist Mission Board. Angola, India, Malaya, China, Mexico, The Philippines, Cuba, Africa, Brazil, Peru, and Uruguay are the fields to which the thirty missionaries appointed and commissioned are to be sent. Twenty colleges in various sections of the Country were represented in the training given and degrees carried by these young men and women Missionaries.

Dr. Medford, who is Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Missions Department of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and Editor of the Missionary Seer, stated, among other things, in addressing the 125th Session of the New York Annual Conference Meeting in Brooklyn last week that Bishop and Mrs. E. B. Watson, who went to the Mission Field in West Africa, December 1945, had visited and inspected every part of the

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#### DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF THE REV. E. L. GOODE

Has Held A Number Of Pastorates In This And Other Counties

We are happy to present a brief sketch of Rev. E. L. Goode in this issue. Rev. Goode was born in Rutherford County about fifty-five years ago, the son of the late Sam and Mrs. Victoria Goode.

At an early age Rev. Goode was converted and joined Doggetts Grove A. M. E. Zion church and was subsequently licensed to preach. His pastoral labors have been as follows: Zion's Grove, six months; Mtn. Chapel, two years; Logan Chapel, two years; Dallas, two years; Bynum Chapel Station, two years; Pleasant Ridge two years; Trinity Circuit, ten years, and Neely's Grove Circuit, six years where he is serving at present.

Rev. Goode entered Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., November 15, 1907, while pastoring the Dallas charge. He spent ten years in College and was graduated May 26, 1917, with the degree of A. B. while serving in the ministry. He has also attended several leadership training courses and ministers' institutes at Livingstone College.

Aside from his pastoral work, Rev. Goode taught school in Rutherford county for 18 years and one year in Cleveland county. He was principal everywhere he served in the county except Spindale. In all of these places he made a great contribution to the upbuilding and general welfare of the community served and to the youth in general.

Not only has Rev. Goode taught and pastored, but he has also been interested in farming, having come home from school in 1916 and saved his mother's farm from foreclosure and having added some to it. He also provided for his mother until her death in September, 1932.

He has a total of 58 1/2 acres of land today which he farms with the help of a tenant on his place. He always has feed and grain to sell. He was one of the few Negroes in this county to have C.C.C.

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#### To Use Time And Money Well

By J. H. Simmons Wayne, Pa.

Did you know that time flies and that money is not far behind it? Past time never returns, so it pays to use time well. It is said that a man makes 18,098 steps in one day, so why not make some of them toward the church, to visit the sick, and to cheer up some lonely heart? We must learn to work and make work our partner, for it is our best companion. It will drive many worries from us. Aside from bringing a sense of security to the worker.

Money and a fool cannot agree so they part. We should save something out of every pay check, because it is going to rain and turn cold then we will not be able to work. Young people should buy homes and also contribute something toward the upbuilding of civilization. We should set up a milestone so that others may become inspired to do more.

I want to make this world a little better by contributing \$25 to each of my boys and help to educate each of my grandchildren. I am starting today. First educate heart, head and hands. A certain sum will be set aside for each child as he or she makes progress in school and church.

Parents must teach their children that the church and school is the best way to begin a life on a solid foundation. The scripture "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." So don't forget we can all make this world a little better if we will use time and money well.

#### Local and Personal Items Of Interest Gathered In County

#### ARMY GENERAL PRAISES NEGRO COMBAT TROOPS

##### Fort Benning Officer Tells Of Activities Of Negro Troops In World War Number Two

FORT BENNING, Georgia — Lieut. General Oscar W. Griswold, commanding general, Seventh Army, during his first official tour of Fort Benning, on June 29, was accorded an impressive and colorful review by the entire command of the 25th Combat Team and was high in his praise of the Negro unit for their "fine" appearance.

Accompanied by Brigadier General Phillip E. Gallagher, former commandant of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and now commanding general of the 25th Combat Team, General Griswold arrived at Sand Hill, the area five miles from the Fort Benning main post where the Negro combat team is in training, and proceeded to the parade grounds where the troops were already assembled.

General Gallagher introduced the distinguished guest to the officers and men.

During his brief address, General Griswold outlined the various Negro units which have served under him both in peacetime and during World War II. He eulogized the accomplishments of the battalion of the 24th Infantry Regiment which he commanded here at Fort Benning; the outstanding record of the 24th and the 25th Infantry Regiments and the 93rd Infantry Division, all of which saw action with him during campaign against the enemy in the Pacific Theater.

General Griswold served three tours of duty at Fort Benning prior to World War II. He was a battalion commander of the old 29th Infantry Regiment in 1925 and later was assigned to the 24th Infantry. During the war he commanded the XIV Army Corps in the Southwest Pacific.

General Griswold requested that the men who had served in the various units with him raise their hands, and there was an appreciable response in numbers.

The troops were then presented to General Griswold by Colonel Robert L. Dulaney, commanding officer, 25th Infantry Regiment, who was commander of troops. The units were inspected by General Griswold, accompanied by General Gallagher and Colonel Dulaney.

#### Personal Items Picked Up By Editor In Rambling Over The County

Mrs. Earline Whiteside, of Bostic, has been chosen as the representative for the Herald in that section. We believe that she will be an asset to the Herald.

Mrs. M. J. Staton of Monroe is the able correspondent of the Herald. She is also a school teacher. In addition to her other duties she is the state president of the Missionary Society of the Church of God. She held a successful meeting at Spencer July 7, which was attended by people from several cities of North Carolina.

The following persons visited Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Goode recently: Mrs. Ida Byers of Cleveland, Ark., Mrs. Adeline Adams, Grover, N. C., and Mrs. Blanche Wherley, Lowell.

Charles Alexander, STM2c visited his parents Rev. and Mrs. Aden Alexander of Doggetts Grove recently. He also visited his sister Mrs. T. W. McQuater of Knoxville, Tenn. He returned to camp July 2nd.

It is gratifying to know that the people of Uree community are all out in their support for the Harris Herald under the fine and intelligent leadership of Mrs. Eugene Whiteside, staff correspondent.

Mrs. Bernice Cannon, church worker and staff member of the Herald from Forest City is dependable, and tremendously interested in the progress from Negro race, an energetic worker for this newspaper and her church.

A recent letter from Sgt. R. B. McEntire states that he is back in Germany and doing fine. He misses the Herald and asks that we send it to him. His address is Sgt. R. B. McEntire, 34460639, 6975 Infantry, Regt. Hdg. Co. Co., APO179, N. Y., N. Y.

The Lincoln District Church School Convention met recently at Wright's Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, Lowell, N. C. Rev. E. L. Goode, pastor, Dr. I. L. Houston, presiding elder. The meeting was largely attended. Over \$300.00 was raised. Rev. C. H. Daniel, Wesley Ward, and McCorkle preached fine sermons. Persons attending from Rutherford county were Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Goode, their guest Mrs. Ida Byers of Cleveland, Ark., Miss Ruth Goode, delegate from Doggetts grove and Sylvester Goode, delegate from Hopewell.

Mr. B. C. Horn, prominent business man of Forest City has erected one of the most modern and up-to-date barber shops and beauty shops in this section of western North Carolina, and the writer wishes to commend him for his foresight and interest in the advancement of Negroes.

#### THE HOME UNION CONVENTION MET ON JUNE 29-30

Two-Day Session Enjoyed By Large Number Of People From Wide Area

#### IMPORTANT MEET

The Home Union Singing Convention met June 29-30th at Hopewell A. M. E. Zion Church. The meeting opened Saturday night with the president, M. B. Robinson, presiding with Goler Harris, acting secretary. Aside from reports from representatives from Zion Hill, Hopewell, and Doggetts Grove there were many important decisions made. Goler Harris gave the welcome address with a response by J. L. Ford. Amount raised over \$17.00.

Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. found us in a union Sunday School with the superintendent, Goler Harris in charge. The entire class was taught by M. B. Robinson. Collection 65c.

The morning session began with singing by Hopewell and Doggetts Grove, Hopewell, and Zion Hill. By request Mrs. Bessie McEntire sang "Jesus Knows How Much That I Can Bear." The offering was taken by Bros. S. B. McKinney and E. M. Miller. Amount \$8.35. \$6.35 was given to Bro. E. D. Hopkins who has been sick for some time. Rev. J. D. Gladden spoke as did Bro. E. M. Miller.

Fraternal Messenger

Bro. S. B. McKinney, president Union Silver Circle Singing Convention brought greetings from his convention and also from the Quarterly Sunday School Convention of the Gold Hill Association which was held at Jerusalem Baptist church at the same time that our convention was held.

All agreed that the Home Union Singing Convention is taking high ground and is destined to take its place in the musical program of this county. The convention came to a close with singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

REV. M. B. ROBINSON, President,  
CLYDE MCENTIRE, Sec'y,  
J. L. FORD, Treasurer.

#### DEPENDENTS MAY JOIN SERVICEMEN

##### Wives And Children May Be Taken To Mediterranean

LEGHORN, Italy—Since the Army started transporting dependents overseas last May one mother, seven wives and three children of Negro military personnel have arrived in the Mediterranean Theatre.

The number of Negro troops in the theatre total 2,446, according to latest figures in a troop list published by Peninsular Base Section headquarters to which all except two Negro units in the MTO are assigned or attached. The husbands and fathers of the wives. Tuskegee has graduated a total of 983 pilots to date. With the additional nine, who sit here today with eager anticipation and a willingness to accept the responsibilities of the traditions they inherit, the final number then becomes 992. Of this number single engine, twin engine, liaison, and service pilots are represented.

"The records state that the graduates of this installation flew their first mission June 1, 1943 at Fardgauna in North Africa, followed by missions over the island of Pantelleria, Italian stronghold guarding the Sicilian straits. Next came the Sicilian campaigns, followed by the battles for Italy. The 99th fighter squadron had its biggest day on January 27, 1944 in one of the fiercest air battles of the Italian campaign over the Anzio beachhead, south of Rome. Pilots in the 99th on that day scored the greatest single feat of the 332nd fighter group was the sinking of an enemy destroyer

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#### NEGRO CAPTAIN COMMANDS M. P. COMPANY IN ITALY

#### Captain Henry T. Morgan Of Pittsburgh In Charge Of 90th M. P. Co.

Leghorn, Italy — Captain Henry T. Morgan, 7345 Idlewood St., Pittsburgh, Penn., has been named commanding officer of the 90th military police company activated recently under Peninsular Base Section Command.

Captain Morgan, a veteran of the Italian campaign, spent several days in Naples selecting personnel for his unit from the Naples Air Forces General Depot 838th Engineer Aviation Battalion.

Following the assignment of troops to the new unit, it started on a 4 to 6 weeks training program after which it will be placed on duty in the Leghorn area.

Prior to coming to the 90th Military Company, Captain Morgan commanded the 4069th Service company. During the war he served with the 758th tank battalion which distinguished itself in the capture of the town of Voltri, 15 miles North of Genoa. Nearly 6,000 Germans were made prisoners in the battle and the towns were occupied by Captain Morgan's troops for two months until the arrival of allied military government officials.

Recent arrivals aboard the SS Thomas H. Barry, June 3, included:

#### Beauty Parlor Opens

Mrs. Harriett Philson has opened an up-to-date beauty parlor in Forest City. The shop is modern in every respect and deserves the support and patronage of everyone. Mrs. Philson is a native of Ellenboro, N. C. She was graduated from Grahamtown high school in 1943, and has studied elsewhere. She is well qualified to do the work. More will be said about this new negro business in our next issue.