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First Negro WACS To Graduate

Graduation exercises for the first 62 Negro women to complete the basic phase of Regular Army training, will be held today at the Women's Army Corps Training Center at Camp Lee, Virginia. These women represent 23 States and the District of Columbia.

Graduation exercises will be held at the WAC Theater, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The principal address will be delivered by Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth C. Smith, Commanding Officer of the training center. Distinguished guests who have been invited to attend in-

Personal Items From Cherryville

Miss Mary Jane Roberts (Staff Correspondent)

We had fine service at Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion church the first Sunday in February. Sunday school at 10:45 a.m. taught by the pastor, Rev. M. B. Robinson. Rev. A. W. Anderson delivered the morning message, and Dr. W. D. Carson preached in the afternoon, at which time the church chorus sang. There were also two quartets. Pilgrim Harmony directed by Earnest Draham, and the Southern Humming Birds directed by Rosebud Lomick.

There will be a quartet contest at Wesley Chapel church Sunday night Feb. 20. Everyone has an invitation to attend.

John Chavis high school is getting a Home Economics Department, which will be a great asset to the school.

There will be a quartet singing at the school Sunday Feb. 20. The singers will be Heaven Bound Gospel singers and little Mackey Surratt of Forest City.

Rev. W. J. Powell for the past five years pastor of Rudisill Chapel A.M.E. church of Cherryville was Chapel speaker at John Chavis High school last Monday. (Rev. Powell, has since been appointed to the pastorate of Clement Memorial Church in Charlotte, one of Zion's top appointments).

Freight Train Wrecked

Since the publication of our last issue, a serious train wreck occurred here. The wreck occurred Sunday, January 30 at 2:30 p.m. when fast freight No. 97, enroute from Spartanburg, S. C. to Erwin, Tenn., came loose at the Harris depot causing 26 cars to overturn. No one was injured. Vegetables were scattered far and wide. People came from all over the county and Spartanburg and other places to get some "free vegetables" many also took advantage to get other kinds of material. Traffic was restored Monday morning after the "big hook" had moved part of wreckage and cleared the way under the personal supervision of the roadmaster and other officials from Erwin, Tenn.

clude: Brigadier General R. C. L. Graham, Commanding General of Camp Lee, Dr. Luther H. Foster, President of Virginia State College, and Dr. Granville Norris of Petersburg, Virginia.

A parade will follow the graduation ceremonies.

The trainees of this company, selected as the first Negro trainees to enter the Regular Army, began their basic training on November 29, 1948. Since basic training is fundamentally an introduction to Army life, the recruits' first week is taken up with interviews, tests, fittings for uniforms, and adjustments to a new routine of living. The recruits undergo an eight-week period of strict military training which is comparable to that given male recruits, except that weapons training is eliminated and more emphasis is placed on administrative and supply procedure.

At the end of the eight-week period, there is an additional week during which the recruit is processed for further training in either a Leadership School, Specialist School, or one of the Army Service Schools.

News In Brief From The 24th Infantry

Brigadier General Everett E. Wilson assistant division commander, 25th Infantry Division, made an inspection of training facilities here last month. During his visit the 24th Infantry Regiment honored General Wilson with a parade and review.

Private First Class Foster T. Jones, 7527 Freret Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a member of the 24th Infantry Medical Detachment, received a letter of commendation from the commanding officer, 28th Station Hospital in Osaka, for successfully completing the Pharmacy Technicians' course.


Foster was the honor graduate in his class with an average of 96.90. Before entering the service in July, 1947, he attended Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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 "When the roll is called up
 yonder, I'll be there."
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 "Lord, I'm coming home."
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 Rev. J. Gaston, Pastor
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