



Members of the Warren County Public Schools, Wise, who set a fine example in Christian citizenship in giving tokens to the staff of Shaw University. The group began planning for the occasion in December of 1944. Presently after Mrs. Chick's presentation to show



LEFT: Chairman of the Gift Committee, Rev. J. J. Alexander, of the Warren County Public Schools, Wise, presented a gold watch, 21 jewel Elgin pocket watch, and a gold fountain pen to Rev. G. E. Chick, pastor of Public Relations of Shaw University, as a token of appreciation for the 23 faithful years given by Rev. Chick to the principal of the Warren County Public Schools.

### First New York Charter to Negro Insurance Company



Walter Babelinger of the New York State Insurance Department is shown presenting an insurance charter to Charles S. Ford, President of the United Mutual Life Insurance Company, New York City. This was the first insurance charter to be granted to a company owned and operated by Negroes in New York State.



Setting the pace in subscription to the campaign for a quarter million dollars launched recently at Shaw University are five prominent Raleigh citizens who have pledged \$1,000 each to the drive.

### CHANGE MADE IN DIVORCE LAW

RALEIGH — The House Judiciary Committee 11-2 voted favorable on an amended bill effecting the period of separation for married couples contemplating divorce. A reduction of 11 months was put into effect. Instead of requiring these couples to remain apart for two years, the new law states that an absolute divorce may be granted at the end of one year and one month. The interdictory decree granted at the end of one year of separation will remain effective for 30 days before another marriage can be contracted by either party.

### JACK THOMPSON SHOT BY POLICE OFFICER

White Men Receive Suspended Sentence In Man's Death

RALEIGH — In Superior Court today, two white brothers-in-law, B. H. Wooten, Jr., and Roy W. Wooten, Jr., were sentenced to suspended terms when they pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the shooting of Joseph Wright.

## NEGRO TROOPS PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN ARMY'S GREATEST ENGINEERING FEAT

Negro troops of the Services of Supply constituted about 65 percent of the more than 15,000 soldiers used in the construction of the now famous Ledo Road, the War Department announced today.

Hailed as "the greatest engineering feat in the annals of the United States Army," the Ledo Road, connecting the vital ports of India with the interior of war-torn China, stands today as one of the most strategic road arteries in the world.

In building this road the Services of Supply once more have done the "impossible." When Brigadier General Lewis A. Pick arrived in India to take over the job of pushing the road into China he was told on all sides that the job was impossible.

"I've heard the same story all the way from the State," he told his staff. "It's always the same — the Ledo Road can't be built. Too much mud, too much rain, too much malaria. From now on we're forgetting this defeatist spirit. The Ledo Road is going to be built, mud and rain and malaria be damned."

It did seem impossible. The graves of the dead along the Ledo Road testify as to how "impossible" it was — the Road is 1,044 miles long — and there is grave for every mile.

A detachment of Negro Engineers of the 23rd General Service Engineer Regiment, using British and American equipment, began work on the Road at Ledo, near Assam, India, in December 1942, and when the first convoy from India to China rolled over the completed Road 25 months later, a Negro Technician, Fifth Grade Richard Barnett, of York, S. C., was driving the lead vehicle.

Of the 10,044 miles over which the men worked in the two years, only 42 miles of it were in friendly territory. In March 1943, Negro Engineers, after completing 41 miles of the Road, received information that large Japanese patrols were operating just above their point.

Security patrols were sent out and preparations made for battle, when it was learned that a large contingent of Japs moving in their direction had been forced to withdraw. The road, rather than Japanese troops, had been the cause of their retreat. The engineers, taking the elephants with them, the engineers put down their rifles and once more began to push the road farther into Japanese territory.

But the Japanese were only one of the obstacles to be overcome in building this "impossible" artery. For the Engineers, alone with supporting Service troops, were operating in enemy territory at the long end of one of the longest supply lines in the world.

Supplies were first carried to the front by mule backs but a discouraging stage was reached when even the sturdy-footed little mules bogged down and fell over the high hills. At this point native carriers

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### SEABEES ON HUNGER STRIKE

PORT HUENEME, Calif. — A hunger strike, staged by 1,000 members of the distinguished 34th Battalion here on March 3, was called off when the Seabees reported for breakfast last Sunday morning.

The refusal of food by these veterans of 21 months of service in the Pacific was in protest of what they believed was outright discrimination shown in the awarding of promotions among the group.

Norman O. Houston, local representative of the NAACP, investigated the situation and was told by the spokesman for the outfit that they were being denied promotion to chief petty officers. These ratings, he added, should come to them because of their training and experience.

Commodore William M. Quigley, commander of this advanced base unit, said that there was no basis whatever for complaint, since there has been absolutely no color line and no discrimination against members of the battalion by its own officers or by the Naval Base.

According to the public relations office here, no change in conditions have taken place, and that the strike ended simply because the men just got food and hungry."

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## N. Y. State Outlaws Race Prejudice In Jobs

NEW YORK — A bill outlawing the exercising of racial or religious prejudice in the selection of workers has been passed by both the New York State Assembly and the Senate and now awaits the expected signature of Governor Thomas E. Dewey whose congressional support is said to have encouraged the favorable action of the New York legislature.

When Governor Dewey does sign the bill, as he is generally expected to do at a very early date, he will make a law of what has been referred to by sponsors and opponents of the legislation as "the most drastic measure ever enacted in the United States." According to observers and debaters cording to the enactment it is an actual experiment involving the question as to whether or not legislation can be made an effective law in abolishing the inequalities and injustices which are imposed because of race, color or creed. (Editor's note: A law forbidding segregation or discrimination because of race or color is reported to be operating successfully in Russia.)

Governor Dewey expressed himself as being happy that "our State has led the entire Nation in the passage of progressive legislation."

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### WFA APPOINTS 11 COUNSELLORS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — What may be the beginning of a much needed rural recreation program for colored farm people took form recently when the War Relocation Authority's Office of Labor appointed 11 Negro recreation counselors through a grant of funds under the Latham Act to serve the farm labor supply centers in Florida where 4,000 colored Jamaican, Islandian, and American workers are cultivating and harvesting important food crops.

Organized through a week's special training course at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., the counselors have been assigned to labor supply centers and are now rapidly developing a recreational program for the farm workers and their families.

Among other things, the recreation counselors will direct games, present plays, provide for dancing and other forms of recreation, and they will arrange religious services for the workers.

The counselors and the centers where they are stationed are as follows: William Merry-catcher, Ft. Pierce; and Vera Beach center; Lillian Dunbar, Everglades and Ponce de Leon; Stanleigh Murrell, Oklawaha's permanent; and Mobile center; James A. Forchun, Ft. Pierce; and Santa Point Center; Thomas Flanham, Deerfield and Dania; Charles Whitaker, Palm-Town and Sarasota; J. Herbert King, Zellwood and Sanford; Miss Laura C. Whitehead, Guthrie, Fla.; W. Grant, Gualala; and Vagis Wallace and Frank Vincy, Camp Murphy at Hope Sound, Fla. This latter camp is a retraining center for West Indies workers who are ready to return home.

Merland L. Medlin, white, will supervise the program. He is stationed at Atlanta, Georgia. Two white recreation workers are to be placed on his staff to serve white families in Florida centers.

## 78th TANK BATTALION WINS ADMIRATION OF TOUGH 35th

SEVELLEN, Germany — With a ridge blown behind them, a Negro tank battalion task force staged a miniature "Bastogne" in Sevelen last Sunday, mauling Nazi parachute units in savage street fighting while cut off for 18 hours.

The 78th Tank Battalion was fighting its first offensive action beside the 35th Infantry Division. The battalion won a place in the hearts of the men of the battle-hardened 35th Division, who had fought from St. Lo to Venlo and beyond, by the battle it put up here and the spearhead fighting it did to get here.

Sgt. Walter "Pop" Half, a 47-year-old veteran of the last war from Little York, Ill., who came back in this war as the commander of a tank bulldozer, was called out under fire to fill craters in a road. He went on to knock out a German 88-millimeter anti-tank gun.

Sgt. Ambrose Hick of Mount Vernon, an artillery mechanic, was sent back to help bring a supply convoy through. He saved three trucks parked near a burning ammunition truck loaded with 2,300 pounds of TNT.

There were Negro tankmen who climbed out of the shelter of their tanks under mortar and shellfire to refuse.

When 30-caliber ammunition inside their tanks was exhausted, the tankmen came out from behind their protection and used 50-caliber (flak) machineguns in the open on top.

The battalion was part of "Task Force Bryne," named after Col. Bernard Bryne of Bradenton, Fla.

### TRANSFER OF SCHOOL MEETS DISAPPROVAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — In a letter protesting the National Housing Agency's plan to deprive Negro children use of the \$60,000 FWA school originally planned for them in connection with the 200 unit housing project transferred to whites in New Boston, Tex., the NAACP told Major General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, Federal Work Agency.

It is one information that the original justification for the erection of this school resulted from a survey conducted in the area by FWA showing a continuing emergency need for increased and improved school facilities for colored children.

area by FWA showing a continuing emergency need for increased and improved school facilities for colored children since one school was destroyed by fire in 1943, and the remaining school structures are woefully inadequate. Your survey (Continued on back page)

### Local Rent Control Rolls Back Rent To 1944 Level

RALEIGH — Rents charged in Raleigh and all of Wake County would be no more than were charged on March 1, 1944 — with very few exceptions — George W. Jeffrey, Raleigh Defense Rental Area Director, declared today.

Already rents are being slashed in many instances in Raleigh, Zebulon, Wendell, Wake Forest, Garner, Cary, Fuquay Springs, Varina, and Morrisville. Rent control became effective March 1.

At the same time, Jeffrey said that savings to Raleigh citizens and others should go into the thousands of dollars per year.

"Rent control means," Jeffrey said, "that from now on persons who rent dwelling quarters in Wake County must pay no more rent than they were paying on March 1, 1944 — unless the landlord has built a new bathroom, garage, or made some substantial change in the accommodations."

"Tenants should report any cases of rents being higher than the March 1944 level — without such changes in the dwelling accommodations being made — to the Area Rent Director, Raleigh, and refuse to pay higher rents," Jeffrey declared.

The rent control machinery is now being organized in Raleigh and all persons renting dwelling quarters will be required to register at an early date, Jeffrey said.

### Smith College Concerned About Negro in Post-War

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — What Negro Youth Expects in the Post-War World, is one of the many topics Smith College students are interested in and to which Mrs. Ruby Hurley, NAACP Youth Secretary addressed herself in three sociology lectures here February 27 and 28.

Not content with mere discussion, the problems presented, students expressed desire to formulate specific action in subsequent meetings with the interracial groups headed by Miss Joy Pickens; at a dinner meeting at the local A. A. Sorority; and at luncheon held in Chapin House.

While on the campus, Mrs. Hurley was the guest of Professor and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow. The instructor is a member of the N. A. A. C. P. National Board of Directors.

### D. C. Lobbist Captivates Wilmington Audience

By C. Howe McDonald

WILMINGTON, N. C. — Mrs. Thomasina Walker Johnson, Washington, D. C. Lobbist for the Alpha Kappa Alpha National Sorority, was presented Sunday, February 25, 1945 by the local A. A. Sorority at St. Stephen's church, Wilmington, N. C. The program opened with an Organ Prelude and Medley of Fragments by A. K. A. leaders to secure equal opportunities for race women in various branches of the armed forces without segregation and discrimination; the excellent clinic operated in the state of Mississippi. The Sorority, announced its audience and been using its influence to aid in the solution of the Poll Tax in certain southern states as a prerequisite for full rights of citizenship at the polls and for the formation of a permanent War Employment Practice Committee and many other legislative measures affecting Negroes.

The audience was told that there were two Negro organizations in Washington, D. C. that employed full time lobbyists — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which she represented. This work in Washington began in 1930 under the auspices of the A. K. A. Council and has grown steadily since that time. Through the efforts of the Council the only anti-discrimination Bill to become law was passed. The A. K. A. Council was interested in all legislation affecting Negroes directly or indirectly. The Federal Education Bill up before Congress now was being studied carefully by the Council with timely suggestions being made to insure the interest of the Negroes when and if it becomes law. She wanted her people to know that it took tact, diplomacy, persistence, strategy, and careful maneuvering to get a bill passed which gives any security or rights to the American Negroes. She asserted that there were many strong and powerful people at work which have to be combated on every hand and in addition to these — evil forces ever present to keep the Negro in economic, educational, political, social, and moral slavery. The fight for full and real democratic citizenship will be achieved only after a long and bitter struggle. She pointed out several techniques employed by those who wished to keep us segregated, ignorant, and in economic insecurity, and so subtle that they are techniques being used that unless

### Nude Burglar Draws Life Imprisonment

RALEIGH — Ishai Curley, 35-year old man of this city, was sentenced to life imprisonment when he tendered a plea of guilty in Wake Superior Court this week to a charge of second degree burglary.

He was indicted on a charge of burglary in the first degree, with intent to commit larceny, rape and crime against nature. A charge of the lesser crime, however, was accepted by Solicitor Bickett.

The defendant was charged with breaking into the home of Dr. Clarence E. Smith at 372 New Bern Avenue at 3 o'clock in the morning of last May 21.

Testimony given by Clara Cogbill, occupant of the room which Curley entered, stated that she was awakened when the light in her room was turned on, and discovered Curley standing there in the nude. When she asked why he was there, the man fled through an open window, she said. Miss Cogbill identified Curley as the intruder.

Mrs. Clarence Smith testified that she had noticed Curley's appearance near the house for about three days prior to his entry.

Curley was arrested on a previous occasion, charged with indecent exposure when he was seen on the streets stripped of his clothing.

Fingerprints taken from the bedroom window were identified as those of Curley, he was arrested 8 months later in Norfolk, Va.



Arthur William Reed, Detroit inventor, who recently entered into a contract with the express purpose of manufacturing and selling his various devices, which include one of the outstanding power brakes of the world. The contract carries a \$500,000 guarantee with a 10 per cent gross royalty. Mr. Reed has been made the supervising engineer of construction.

### STANLEY APPOINTED DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS UNCF

NEW YORK — Stanley Roberts, former Ohio branch office manager of "The Pittsburgh Courier" has been appointed director of public relations of the United Negro College Fund it was announced today by W. J. Trent, Jr., executive secretary of the Fund.

Mr. Roberts will serve as press publicity specialist for the second annual United Negro College Fund nationwide campaign on behalf of 22 private Negro colleges and units to be conducted this spring.

Mr. Roberts, whose home town is Cincinnati, received his academic training at Wilberforce University and the Graduate School of Public Administration, University of Cincinnati.

After serving his professional apprenticeship in two social agencies, he joined the National Youth Administration in Cincinnati as an Area Advisor on Negro Affairs, supervising the integration of Negro youth into NYA defense training and work experience programs and assisting in their eventual job placement.

In 1941 a citizens' committee in Southern Ohio, under the leadership of Mr. Roberts, produced a vivid Negro patriotic demonstration called "The Negroes of Ohio State" which focussed dramatic attention on the job plight of Negro citizens in expanding defense industries. During the meeting the Governor of Ohio, the Mayor of Cincinnati, and leaders in industry and labor publicly pledged cooperation.

Early in 1942 Mr. Roberts was called to Pittsburgh where he was given intensive training under Pittsburgh Courier officials. A year later he was sent to Columbus to set up an Ohio office and to manage the laws, circulation, and advertising of the Courier's Ohio State edition, in addition, he conducted a widely read column, fulfilled frequent speaking engagements, and covered important State events.

The new United Negro College Fund public relations director is married to the former Ruth Younger of Cincinnati. They have two daughters, Alma, aged 9, and Stanley, (Continued on back page)

### MOTHER SUCCESSFUL AT BIRTH OF TRIPLETS

WILSON — Mrs. Missoua Morgan, 36-year-old mother of five children, died in a hospital here last week where two of a set of triplets were born to her.

Mrs. Morgan, who lived at 697 Banks Street, delivered a 13-pound boy at her home last Sunday night at 11 o'clock. She was then rushed to a hospital and three hours later delivered twin girls weighing 4.4 pounds and 4.5 pounds.

Cleveland Morgan, father of the children is employed at a veneer factory here. The oldest child is seven.