THE FORTUNES OF WAR — T. J., a farmer highly paid business executive in civilian life, is forced to carry a Negro (Moss) to safety after Moss becomes incapacitated. T. J. hated Negroes. He cared not whether they lived or died, yet he saved Moss' life. Strange — but such are the fortunes of war. Scene is from the great motion picture "Home of the Brave" released through United Artists.

# 'Home of Brave' To Open In New York Theatre

The most important booking new of the season — the signing of the Victoria Theatre for the world premiere of the Screen Plays-United Artists new film sensation, "Home of the Brave" was announced today by Gradwell L. Sears, UA president.

The Victoria, New Yorker's newest showplace for distinguished motion pictures, inaugurated its present film policy with "Joan of Arc" now following with "Home of the Brave," the first motion picture of its kind. A guarantee of $100,000 has been put up by the theatre in the face of what is expected to be an extremely long run.

"Home of the Brave" is a dramatic action-packed story of a GI mission in the South Pacific, involving five men — one of them a Negro. Produced by Stanley Kramer, head of Screen Plays, it made Hollywood history in three categories.

Based on Arthur Laurents' prize play, it switched its central theme to a group of anti-Negro hate, the first motion picture of this theme ever to leave out of Hollywood.

It was filmed in secrecy, an unprecedented feat in gossip-ridden Hollywood, and it was the first motion picture production to go from start to finish in eight weeks. "Home of the Brave" was scripted for the screen by Carl Foreman and directed by Mark Robson, racing up to the same triumvirate responsible for New York's current hit, "Champion," at the Globe.

The world premiere of "Home of the Brave," is now scheduled for the Victoria for mid-May.

In making "Home of the Brave," producer Stanley Kramer has minced no words and has not evaded the film policy with "Joan of Arc" making a frontal attack on the great American dilemma — the Negro Problem. It has approached the American Negro Problem from the stand point of pure cerebral action, resists in its picturization the hear and ouchable of three exciting entertainment and revelation.

It took unusual courage for Stanley Kramer to produce this picture concerning one of the great taboos of the movie industry. It would have been easy to follow the convenient well-worn traditional paths to success. For a quarter of a century or more the motion picture industry has been afraid of the color of one's skin and second class citizenship. But now Stanley Kramer has had the courage to blaze a trail and while all studios are interested in producing a picture concerning people who form a fifth of our nation.

"Home of the Brave" is smash hit box office entertainment. There can be no American who are not anxious to hasten the day when Americans regardless of race, color or National origin, will be free and equal. We must see to it that whenever and wherever "Home of the Brave" plays, it plays to standing room only. Great Boxoffice is the only proof that those who have refused to produce pictures dealing with the Negro problem will accept as the true measure of "Home of the Brave."

No matter how sincere or how artful the Stanley Kramer's "Home of the Brave" may be, if it is a failure at the box-office, if American won't go see it, if it loses money, it won't be back. It will mean that it will be a long time before the Negro theme will be truthfully featured by Hollywood again.

James Edwards role in "Home of the Brave" is the first cracker-jack non-Jim Crow role to be given a Negro by a Hollywood producer. If the picture is a success at the box-office then a new day is dawning for Negro actors and actresses and the era of the blacken-faced white actors of leering Negro actors, will finally have arrived and a new channel of opportunity will have been opened.

Stanley Kramer has really started something which will effect the entire pattern of the Negroes relationship to Hollywood. Maybe "Home of the Brave" will finally end the evil war.

J. BILLIE HOLIDAY, the Na Hom's No. 1 Song stylist on recent visit to Freedmen's Hospital Howard University, Washington, D. C. for command performance which needs so much to be physically and morally according to the staff members who welcomed Miss Holiday. Photo shows Miss Holiday signs over the office forces. Left to right Dr. Herbert McKnight, M. D., Harry tie Dixon, Ruth Rich, Dr. Wm. A. Fraser, Miss Holiday. Also

J. BILLIE HOLIDAY, the Negro song stylist who took time out during her engagement at the Fox Theatre, Washington, D. C. to visit patients at Freedmen's Hospital, is greeted by the hundreds of patients as she gave Miss Holiday a great welcome.

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J. BILLIE HOLIDAY

SURGEON GENERAL

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and received pleasure in having Billie Holiday pay tribute to veterans, which saws the talented songstress with Fine Negro cases

of the great U. S. A. hospital.

A HOSPITAL OFFICIALS meet and greet Billie Holiday at Washington, D. C. Left to right Robert Carlton, Director of Radio Broadcasting, U. S. Army Medical Corps, shown with Gene Wilson, of the Armed Forces Radio Service and pet pianist Robert Tucker, A. U. S. Army staff car called for Miss Holidays party.

A FREEDMEN HOSPITAL was picked with patients and staff for the Billie Holiday songfest.

BROADWAY NEGRO STAR IN FILM — James Edwards, (Private Moss) in the sensational new picture, "Home of the Brave," United Artists release, aims a deadly rifle at a Japanese sniper, who a few moments later was dead. Edwards stars in "Home of the Brave." He was formerly in the Broadway production "Deep Are The Roots."

# Bennett College Choir Heard At J. C. Smith Univ.

CHARLOTTE — The music department of Johnson C. Smith University presented the Bennett College Choir in a formal concert on Sunday evening, April 24 at 8 P. M. in the Biddle Memorial Auditorium. The Bennett College Choir is composed of 60 selected women's voices with 32 girls and the Director, Miss Carrie W. Kelley. The choir is well known throughout the country for its outstanding work. For some years it has been heard in concert in many cities and towns and for the past two years over CBS and NBC networks.

The Bennett College Choir by its program packed Biddle Memorial Auditorium as it presented a wide variety of selections from the Negro spirituals. The audience reached the height of its appreciation as the choir interpreted several numbers written especially for them by the famous composer, Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, the well known Negro Composer.

Serving as accompanist for the choir was Frederic Kirchberger a native of Germany, who received early musical training in Berlin and later studied at the University and State Conservatory, Berlin. He has given piano recitals both in Europe and in New York. His Majesty of music was evidenced by the visible response with which he held the audience as he rendered several selections. Mr. Kirchberger is at present a member of the music faculty of Bennett College.

The choir is under the direction of Miss Carrie W. Kelley.

## APPLAUD JACKIE

NEW YORK (ANP) — In reporting Jackie Robinson's display of base running speed in the game against Philadelphia last Saturday, one account said "When Robinson came trotting to the bench after his base thievery in the sixth pearls all the Dodgers were on hand to applauding him."

Robinson had gotten on first when his drive was converted into a forceout at second on Duke Snider. Promptly Jackie raced around on the first pitch and went to third on the next one. When the catcher threw wildly into the left field trying to nab the fleet star, Jackie easily came home, scoring a run without benefit of a hit by batter or help from his teammates.


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SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MAY 8-9
LANA TURNER, VAN HEFLIN
IN
Three Musketeers
NOVELTOON
NEWS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 10
Bob Mitchum, Laraine DAY
IN
THE LOCKET
MUSICAL TREAT
NEWS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 11-12
FIRST PICTURES CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT!!
IKE WILLIAMS vs. ENRIQUE BOLANOS
ALSO
ROBERT MONTGOMERY
SUSAN HAYWARD
IN
THE SAXON CHARM
AND FIRST CHAPTER SON OF ZORRO

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 13-14
RICHARD DIX
IN
Buckskin Frontier
AND
The Secret Land
(One of the Most Interesting Motion Pictures)
ALSO CHAPTER 11
THE CRIMSON GHOST


## SHAW U. SINGERS FINISH ANNUAL NORTHERN TOUR

The Shaw University Choral Society has just completed its annual Northern tour on which it presented in every concert in every city

Thirty-eight students comprise the traveling component of the choir, along with Hayes Gilchrist, Head of the Shaw Department of Music and director of the group. Photos [illegible] ment.

The [illegible] Tuesday, April 26, with [illegible] ton Auditorium, Va. [illegible] Tuesday night at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Rev. A. [illegible] Pastor.

[illegible] Wednesday night at [illegible] Church, Baltimore, Md. [illegible] V. T. Wilkins.

[illegible] Thursday night at [illegible] Church, Lancaster, Pa. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] Pastor.

[illegible] Friday night at Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn. Dr. Frank Stanfield, Pastor.

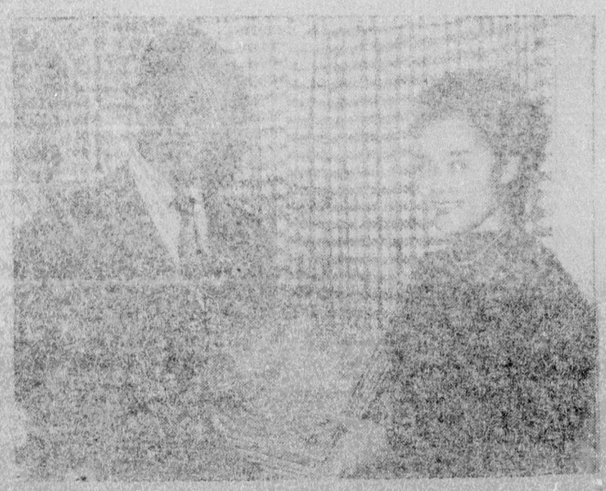
[illegible] Saturday night at [illegible] Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. [illegible] Sandy Ray, Pastor.

The Choir concluded [illegible] Sunday night at [illegible] Church, Jersey City, N. J. Rev. [illegible] Pastor.

Following standards [illegible] Choir, Dr. Gilchrist [illegible] Church, Pa.; Concord Baptist Church, N. J.; Bethel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.; Carolina Conference Hall, New York, N. Y.; Carolina Conference Hall, New York, N. Y.; Mary Dethune, Passaic, N. J.; Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Harding, New York, N. Y.; Lowe Memorial Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bethel Baptist Church, Roselle, N. J.; Rev. [illegible] Raleigh, N. C.; Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Hattie Johnson, Bessie Higginbotham, Jones, Raleigh, Margaret Hayes, Pauline Butler, Mcneill, Washington, D. C.; Daniel Mack, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Tyson, Miss [illegible] Saturday; Annie Nunn, Saturday; Joseph Pollard, Arlington, Va.,

Theatre

## Witherspoon Predicted To Be New "Blues" King



CHICAGO PORTRAIT OF [illegible] Witherspoon, [illegible] Kansas City, Kansas, [illegible] Records, Inc. in Chicago last week, and is shown receiving [illegible] Blues record in the [illegible] with sales having [illegible] 200,000 mark.

## ANDERSON FANS PACK CARNEGIE TO HEAR RECITAL

BY CARL DIXON

NEW YORK (ANP) — Hundreds of admirers of Marian Anderson were turned away from Carnegie Hall last Sunday because of [illegible] concert being [illegible]

[illegible] One of the most interesting features [illegible] Negro Artists [illegible] U. S. Bonds [illegible] Purpose Thereof [illegible] Christmas Oratorio [illegible] Works for Clarinet [illegible] Negro Lullaby [illegible] Negro Composers [illegible] U. S. "Dr. Mississippi" [illegible] Hemlocks won Adler [illegible] Stille Theatres" and Audiences Leave [illegible] from "Jesus of Asia" on Bach [illegible] Spring Come Away Death [illegible] Schiff to Encore "Solitude" [illegible] intended to the sincere and "War [illegible] Peace" [illegible] Ellington [illegible] Pender Sings William Lawrence [illegible] "Let Us Break Bread Together" [illegible] Ernest Boatner's "On Ma Journey" [illegible] Laurence Brown's "Hear de Lam's A-Crying" and Hall Johnson [illegible] Honor."

From a visual standpoint one [illegible] discerns constant growth in [illegible] in her singing all through [illegible] Anderson's long singing career [illegible] not from an aural one the [illegible] listeners in consumption [illegible] was not, at least Sunday night, a [illegible] the [illegible] employing the [illegible] proper quality except in the [illegible] and parts of a demanding character.

[illegible] Wednesday, [illegible] Wednesday, [illegible] Tuesday, [illegible] Thursday, [illegible] Friday, [illegible] Saturday, [illegible] Sunday, [illegible] Monday, [illegible] Tuesday, [illegible] Wedn