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Charlotte Negroes Pass Examination For Police, Firemen

MRS. HOPE RESIGNS FROM AWVS

U.S. Army Accepts Negro's Bracket Invention

Segregated Units Cause Prominent Woman Quit Committee

New York. — Because the American Women's Voluntary Service maintained a segregated unit for Negro women here, and ignored plans for the establishment of geographical divisions, one of its most active members, Mrs. John Hope, former administrative assistant in the division of program and extension, has resigned.

The AWVS, many of whose members are social registerites, lists on its national sponsoring committee Mrs. Mary McLell Bethune and Mrs. James Weldon Johnson, but Mrs. Hope says in her letter of resignation sent to Mrs. Alice T. MacLean, president, dated February 10: "Imagine my dismay when they report they have at no time been called to attend a Sponsors Meeting. I was even more distressed to hear from you that there had been no meeting of the national sponsoring committee."

Mrs. Hope states that a geographical unit plan was submitted by her to insure a cross section representation and active participation in the AWVS by all groups, but that the plan was rejected, "without adequate study."

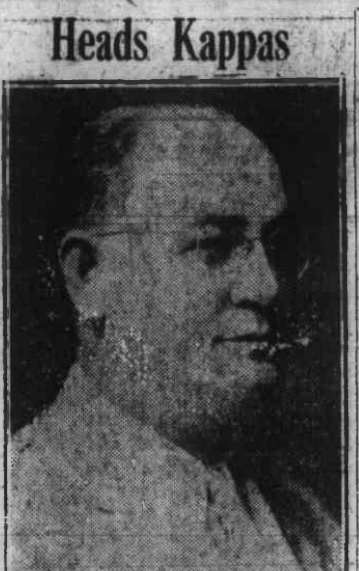
"Instead," her letter set fourth, "a segregated unit has been set up to serve the section, loosely called Harlem, but in reality, the 12th and 16th Fire Battalion area."

Mrs. Hope closed her letter by saying that she did not feel she could be true to her belief in the true democratic principle if she remains with an organization which from her point of view has violated basic democratic concepts.

Red Cross Accused Of Cruelty; And "Unscientific Lying"

New York. — Among the most severe criticism aimed at the American Red Cross for its policy in refusing to accept blood donations from Negroes and later in segregation the plasma taken from Negro donors, is that of Mary White Ovington, treasurer of the NAACP and one of the Association's founders.

Miss Ovington wrote to S. Sloan Coll, director of the Red Cross War Drive: "The Red Cross is placed in a position (wholly foreign to its conception) of being unscientific, cruel and disobedient to the Constitution of the United States."



Atty. Carl Roman Johnson, Kansas City, Mo., recently elected national head of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, this week announced completion of committee which will serve the fraternity during 1942. Atty. Johnson is a graduate of Oberlin, Howard, and Boston universities, has been for 18 years on the trustee board of the Paso Baptist church, largest Baptist church west of the Mississippi, and is known nationally as the militant leader of the NAACP in Kansas City. In past years he has been a member of Kappa's Grand Board of directors, and a provincial polemarc.



In the affable pose above is Dr. M. T. Brodie, prominent Charlotte physician who is rendering valuable service in the National Defense Program.

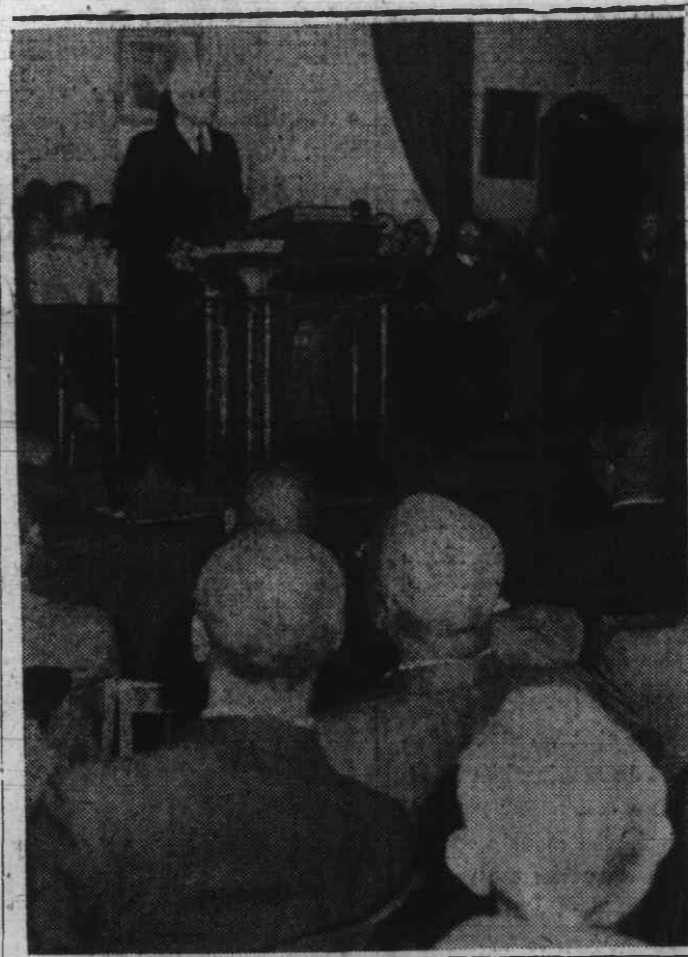
Dr. C. C. Spaulding Speaks At Allen School, Asheville

Asheville, Feb. 11. — Allen School, Asheville, North Carolina was signally honored Wednesday, February 11, when Dr. C. C. Spaulding, of Durham, N. C., was guest speaker at their chapel service observing Negro History week.

After the singing of the Negro National Anthem Rev. L. A. Brown, pastor of Berry Temple Methodist Church led in the scripture lesson and prayer. Miss Julia Titus, superintendent and principal of Allen School then introduced Mr. A. E. Spears, manager of the Charlotte district of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, who in turn introduced Dr. Spaulding. In this introduction Mr. Spears stated that Dr. Spaulding, who is president of the Mutual Building and Loan Association of Durham, the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham with a branch at Raleigh (the only Negro bank maintaining a branch bank) had been elected president of more organizations a greater number of times than any man of the race. Dr. Spaulding is also trustee of Shaw University and of Howard University and much interested in the cause of education. Dr. Spaulding's address was full of practical advice and encouragement for neatness, thoroughness, reliability and personality development. He told that he got out of school forty-nine years ago he went to the dictionary to find big words with which to make a good impression. He came upon the words dependability and responsibility and in studying them had found so much meaning that he had never gotten back to looking for any more big words. He spoke of the large number of young women who are employed in home offices in Durham and said that he could tell which were efficient and making good in their work by looking at the way they left their rooms in the morning. He stressed the opportunities which are waiting for the girls who make the most of their chances for education and training, and laid emphasis on the four "F's": find the facts, filter the facts, focus the facts, and face the facts.

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SPEAKS TO FARMERS



At the recent meeting held at Shaw University for the benefit of Negro farmers of Eastern North Carolina, C. C. Spaulding, president of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company was the principal speaker. Mr. Spaulding is shown above delivering his most inspiring address to the farmers. Seated on the rostrum are other celebrities of the race.

National Groups Uncork Valuable Information in Missouri Lynching

St. Louis, Mo. — White citizens in Sikeston will not testify against each other in any prosecution for guilt in the lynching of Cleo Wright there January 25, and they use the threat of a race riot to prevent further investigation and publicity.

These facts came out in an investigation for and report to the NAACP made last week by Mr. and Mrs. L. Benoit Tompkins of this city who spent 24 hours in Sikeston four days after the lynching, questioning leading whites in the community and leading Negroes in Sunset Addition, the Negro ghetto.

Mob Was "Just Folks"

The make-up of the mob was described as being "just folks— not like our last lynching—done by the upper classes." Southeast Missouri's last lynching was in Mississippi County, December 18, 1921.

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Six Queen City Negroes Successful Candidates For Civil Service Jobs

Army Okays Negro Engineer's Invention Of Radiator Bracket

Nashville. — (By William A. Reed, Jr., for ANP) — The U. S. Army accepted this week a radiator bracket, the invention of W. G. Madison, a local plumbing engineer, for use in the Lone Star Ordnance plant in Fort Worth, Tex.

The bracket enabled the hanging of radiators at varying heights on the walls of offices, shops and assembly rooms and was patented by Mr. Madison in 1931.

Mr. Madison's invention is in use throughout the south and west in schools, federal buildings, business concerns and homes. The Office of Production Management awarded Mr. Madison a contract to furnish the brackets for the \$29,000,000 ordnance plant in Texas.

The inventor, a Tuskegee graduate, is a member of the Iowa Engineering society, the National Technical society and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

PEBBY-JENKINS

Miss Gladys Jenkins of Franklinton and N. L. Perry of Louisville, were married Saturday night, February 14th, in Wakk Forest.

Dr. Vernon Johns At Presbyterian Church Sunday

Dr. Vernon Johns, noted minister of Farmville, Virginia, will be the speaker at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and Sunday evening at 7:30 according to an announcement of the pastor, Rev. W. Tyer Nelson.

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Dr. L. A. Howell, of Tampa, Fla. chairman, executive board, National Dental Assn., who has called all board members and committee chairmen to meet at Meharry Dental college in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 23, to plan for forthcoming convention and participation of dentists in armed forces. (ANP)

First Negro Company To Specialize In Foot Comfort Aids; Is Organized in Philly

By BERNICE and DOLORES CALVIN (Exclusive to Calvin Service)

Philadelphia, Pa. — In 1941, a group of Negro Philadelphians got together and organized a company which would specialize in combatting all types of foot ills, for this group felt that of all peoples, the Negro's feet were the most overworked.

Significantly called Laughing Foot Company, it not only put on the market two new products, the Laughing Foot powder and ointment, but did something unheard of by creating a consulting clinic which would scientifically analyze the problem of our lowest extremities.

Almost overnight, the clinic has been a sensation, for it answers the walking person's prayers. Right now it is making a complete study of the causes, prevention and correction of foot troubles. For instance, did you know that 1-4 of all the bones in your body are in your feet?

Charlotte, Feb. 16. — (C P) — Six of 10 Negro applicants for police and fire department jobs made grades of 70 or higher on recent civil service examinations here and will be eligible for the official register from which appointments are made, it was reported Friday.

At least two of the Negro applicants, made excellent grades on the mental tests which was passed by 63 white applicants, 26 men, including four Negroes having failed with quiz grades, which ranged from less than one per cent to 69.

The city clerk pointed out the possibility that some of the men hurdling the examination bugaboo may still be disqualified for "other reasons," when the civil service commission meets to complete the approved list.

Other officials hinted none of the Negro candidates, whatever their grades, are likely to obtain police or fire jobs within the immediate future, because of "lack of facilities for segregation of the races at Charlotte police and fire stations."

They said the city's two Negro police do not work under civil service regulations, having been designated as "special policemen" to patrol "certain limited Negro Areas."

Jersey Governor Pleads For Negro; Urges Alabama To Be Lenient

Trenton, New Jersey. — (C) — Governor Charles Edison, son of Charles Edison, interceded today with Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama on behalf of Nathan Beauchamp, colored, who escaped from an Ala. camp prison in 1940 while serving a life term and voluntarily surrendered to Newark police upon advice of the Jersey branch of the NAACP. Due to the adoption of uniform extradition laws, the Gov. of Jersey no longer exercises discretion in regard to prisoners from other states and the issuance of a warrant is a matter of course. It is the case of Beauchamp, Gov. Edison wrote to Gov. Dixon that the man's action in surrendering and that of his advisers should "be given due consideration by the authorities of the state of Ala. in future dealing in the case." The conviction is about to be returned to the prison camp.