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# RACE STILL BARRED IN DEFENSE

## Winston A.M.E Zion Church Purchases New Edifice

### President Gets Report On Attitude Of The Navy Toward Enlisting Race

Washington, —(ANP)— Washington is buzzing with reports concerning the recent conference at the Navy department with the Board of Commissioners, since assistant secretary of the navy, Ralph Bard was chairman of the group that met to discuss future policy concerning the Negro in the United States navy.

It is reliably stated that two reports have reached the President's desk—one a minority report of the more liberal and younger officers included in the afternoon.

The same source is responsible for the information that the old liners were for maintaining the same policy that now prevails in the navy—that is to limit the enlistment of Negroes to the mess attendant rating.

Liberals are said to have advised the President to open all doors, enlistments, and the academy at Annapolis for a full participation by Negroes—that there may be Admirals as well as mess attendants. They are reported to have been frank in their discussion of the situation although they were outnumbered 6 to 3 in the committee.

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### Visits In State



Lt. Lawrence A. Oxley, Department of Labor official who is now touring North Carolina studying employment conditions. Lt. Oxley is a former resident of the Old North State.

### Winston Negroes Buy White Church

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23. —(CP)—Members of the East Fourth St. Baptist church, white, held their last service in their church at East Fourth street and Dunlieth avenue Sunday morning.

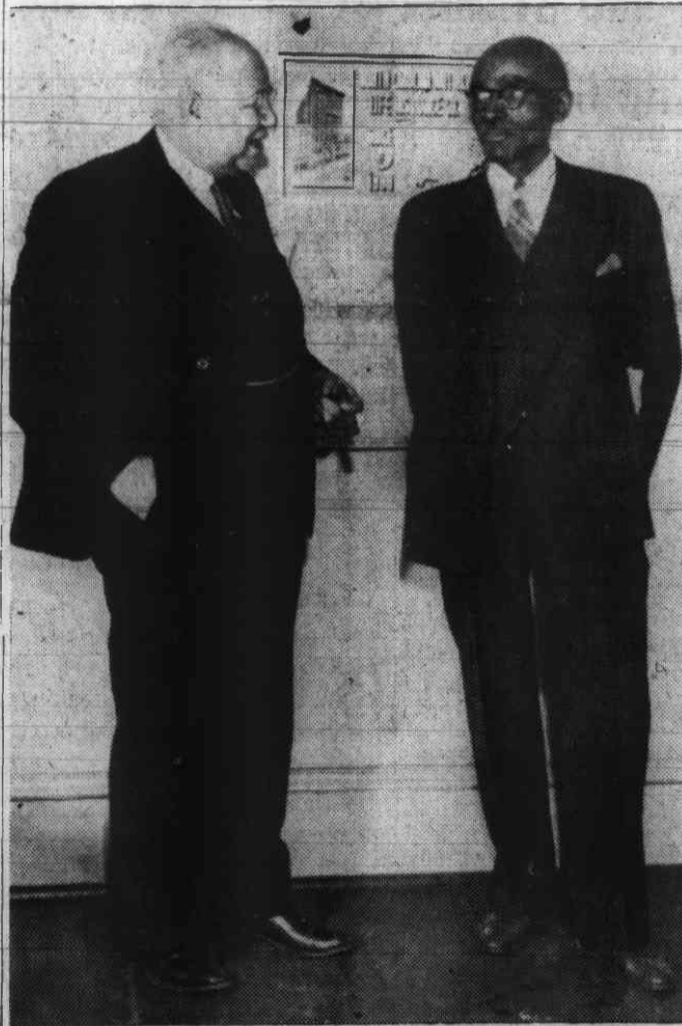
Goler Memorial church has voted to purchase the property and will begin services there on Sunday, March 4.

The Rev. L. P. Smith pastor of the white congregation, and other church officials were anxious for all members of the white constituency to attend the final service, last Sunday when letters were issued to all persons who desired them so that they could join any church they choose and the white congregation was dissolved.

Membership in the white church became scattered over town and more Negroes moved into the immediate neighborhood than whites.

Owners put the cost of building the Normandie at 56 millions, experts say she'll fight in a year.

### Old Timers Meet



It was a happy meeting when Zack Alexander, Sr., right and Billboard Jackson met last week in Charlotte. Both men are nationally known in Masonic and Elk circles.

### Urban League Charges Negroes Being Refused In Many Defense Plants

### Reynolds Tobacco Co. First To Initiate Payroll Deduction For Defense Bonds

By C. A. IRVIN,  
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It may be interesting to our readers to know that the very first large industry in America to offer to its employees an opportunity to purchase United States Savings Bonds on a payroll deduction plan was North Carolina's own R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem.

As early as July 30 of last year the Reynolds Tobacco Company, in keeping with its customs of providing for the security of its employees, organized and set up the voluntary systematic Savings plan which met with the hearty approval of the federal government, and was used as a model by a number of industries throughout the nation.

Below is a copy of the plan as initiated, and is published here for the purpose of encouraging other

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### Completes Training



C. RUSSELL HARRIS  
C. Russell Harris, former honor student at A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C., who completed the OPT pilot training program at A. and T. in the fall of 1940, is now an Aviation Cadet in the 99th Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee, Alabama, where it is reported that he is making excellent records. Mr. Harris showed excellent flying ability in his pilot training here finishing among the first three in his class. He has completed all requirements for graduation in the field of Biological Science at A. and T. College except practice Teaching and Thesis. He hopes to receive a commission as Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, in approximately seven months. While a Student at A. and T. he was a member of the YMCA and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

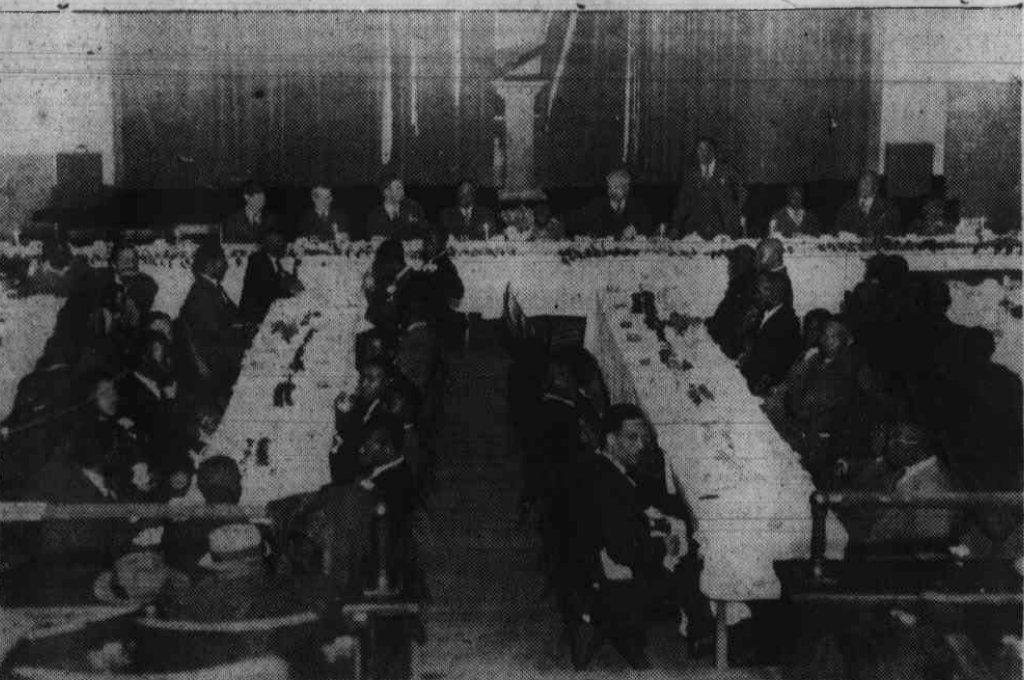
Representatives of the Urban League charged today at the Fair Employment Practice Committee Hearings that Negroes were being discriminated against in defense training courses, defense industries, public and private employment agencies making defense placements, unions operating in defense plants, and defense housing units.

Basing its remarks on the experience and record of the Urban League organizations in New York, Brooklyn, and New Jersey, the National Urban League statement pointed out that many industrial corporations working on large defense contracts obey the letter but not the spirit of the President's Executive Order by placing one or two Negroes in unskilled positions, or making "token" placements in plants, employing hundreds of men, or by imposing unreasonable qualifications where Negroes are concerned, or by politely receiving the applications of Negroes, promising consideration and letting the matter rest there.

The practices of certain unions, likewise, bar Negro workers from defense jobs and handicap those employers who are attempting to comply with the President's Executive Order. Unions, operating in important defense plants, such as the International Association of Machinists, American Wire Weavers' Protection Association and certain marine unions have consti-

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### Fatherless - Sons Banquet Held



History was recorded last Friday night when the Phalanx Fraternity entertained the Fatherless Sons with a banquet in the auditorium of the Second Ward High School, Charlotte. The above photo shows the youngsters enjoying themselves. Among the speakers were: J. A. Jackson, jr., J. S. N. Tross and Atty. F. O. Clarkson, and Lex Klutz of the Central Y.M.C.A. Edward S. Brown and Hugh R. Hill of the Second St. Branch Y.M.C.A. directed the program.

### Tenth Annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign To Emphasize Defense Jobs

The 10th Annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign, which is sponsored in the Spring of each year, by the Department of Industrial Relations of the National Urban League, has been scheduled for March 15-22. Miss Ann Tannehill, Secretary of the League's Bureau of Guidance and Placement, is in charge of the Vocational Opportunity Campaign.

"Because of the importance of the National Defense Program, the emphasis will be on defense jobs and training as well as individual guidance and counsel," announced Miss Tannehill. "As in other years, Negro schools and colleges in the South, mixed schools in the North, Urban League branches, community organizations in non-League cities, and interested white and Negro individuals, are being asked to volunteer their services in conducting the campaign in their own locality. It is important that Negro youth be trained so that they will be able to take their place in defense industry and to

that end, the campaign should be carried on with vigor. Every publicity channel—the radio, conferences, public meetings, labor unions, contacts with employers and printed material—should be utilized."

Under Miss Tannehill's guidance, the National Urban League Office, 1133 Broadway, New York City, will help campaign participants in the preparation of printed materials, radio and public meeting programs, and in organizing the entire campaign week.

The campaign in its nine years of existence has stimulated Negro youth to train and prepare for jobs and spurred Negro communities on to find jobs for trained youth. Last year the campaign reached over 75,000 young people in high schools and colleges.

The American who said that one American could lick 20 Japs should sit down with the man who said the French army was the greatest on earth.

### Mississippi Supreme Court Reverses Rape Case Conviction

Vicksburg, Miss. — The supreme court of this state has ruled that the "uncorroborated testimony of the woman he is alleged to have raped" is not sufficient evidence to convict Willie Upton, found guilty and sentenced to death on the charge in the Warren County circuit court here last spring. The opinion was handed down Monday, February 9, and the NAACP branch here which is financing Upton's defense, reports that further action will be taken in the Warren County circuit court to which the case was remanded by the state supreme court.

The national office of the NAACP will assist in the appeal, set for sometime in March.

The case is an unusual one from many aspects. According to the supreme court opinion: "The appellant's (Upton's) defense was an alibi and physical incapacity and

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### President MacLean Too Modern For Hampton Institute

New York. —(ANP)— All is not well with the administration of the affairs of Hampton institute, according to information being circulated here, with President MacLean on the carpet and not entirely too sure of his pose despite the vote of confidence given him at a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

It is said that the "glamorizing" of the famous institution has met the disapproval of many of the trustees, who while they feel

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### Frankie Baker Sues Republic Pictures For \$250,000.00

St. Louis —(C)— The song was bad enough, Frankie Baker, who shot and killed her lover, Joan, back in 1899, indicated early this week, but what's more, it wasn't right.

She said she shot Allen (Johnny) Britt "with a .41 and not a .44 calibre gun," even though it doesn't rhyme as well. "And the picture," she declared, "was more than any mortal could stand." Frankie, now 65, came here from Portland, Ore., to testify in her \$250,000 suit against Republic Picture, Corporation. She claims the movie version of the song "Frankie and Johnny" damaged her to that extent.

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