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BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS

DENATURED ALCOHOL KILLS NINE

Ushers Convention Closes Successful Session In Oxford

Negro Troops In Europe To Get WAAC Help

Army Announces Plan To Send Negro WAAC's To England Disclosed

London (Calvin's New Service) — The Army plans to send many Negro WAACs to England to perform duties such as car driving and secretarial work and also to provide companionship for the thousands of Negro troops here.

General Eisenhower explained that Negroes were here because they comprised about 10 per cent of the United States population and he believed that all segments should be represented on the fronts. In addition he said that Negroes were performing essential duties. They have however, been without the companionship of other Negroes. The residents of smaller English towns where they are stationed have entertained them in homes and have extended various sorts of hospitality.

Frankly, recognizing the problem, the Army is attempting to deal with it on a sensible and practical basis, the general stressed. In the larger cities, like London, where in the nature of things there is less home entertainment of soldiers, Negroes on leave wander disconsolately, one of them remarking: "There's no hot music and none of our girls."

Other soldiers also complain of the lack of swing music.

Pitt County Farm Agent Says Negroes Loyal

Greenville — The thriving and energetic farmers of Pitt County, "The Best Tobacco Market in the State," are 100 per cent behind our national defense program was the response of County Agent D. D. Dupree to a representative of the CAROLINA TIMES today. The conference was held in the farm officials office. His opinion was shared by Mrs. A. S. Capehart Pitt County home demonstration agent. Both expressed the



Mrs. Mary L. Lee of Burlington who was crowned Queen of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association in Oxford at its Annual session last Saturday evening. Mrs. Lee is president of the Ebenezer Christian Church usher board of her city.

Harlem Families Being Overcharged For Food Stuffs

New York — Proof that Harlem families are being systematically overcharged for the food they buy, and that price ceilings on food set by the Office of Price Administration are being violated is contained in a comparative survey of retail food prices just released in pamphlet form by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In the light of findings in the study, made by the NAACP in July, Leon Henderson, director of the OPA, has been asked to consider steps to roll back prices in areas such as Harlem to an equitable level.

The Association is convinced, it stated this week, that the charging of excessive prices and exploitation of a disadvantaged section of the population are to be found in almost every urban community in the country. It has instructed its branches throughout the country to make similar surveys and report the results to local OPA offices.

Called "Food Costs MORE In Harlem," the study shows that every dollar spent on food by a housewife, she pays six cents more than housewives in other sections, where the income level is comparable, are charged.

It reveals that the same products Harlemites get for the higher price they pay are inferior to those sold in another economically

Sikeston Mob Attempts To Lynch Minister

Sikeston, Mo. — One lynching victim this year has not quenched the blood-thirsty mob in this town. Because the Rev. J. B. Ross of St. Louis preached against the lynching of Cleo Wright which took place here in January, he was hounded to the Frisco railroad station, and saved from the mob only because the conductor locked him in the men's washroom of the train.

Rev. Ross, a clergyman of the CME church and president of the NAACP branch organized here immediately after the lynching last January 25, came here Tuesday, August 18, and preached a sermon denouncing the lynching. Early Wednesday the mob, learning that he had "dared" to speak out, chased him to the station. He narrowly missed sharing the fate of Cleo Wright by boarding the train just ahead of the pack. Members of the mob followed him into the train and pounded on the door of the washroom until the conductor persuaded them to leave.

The St. Louis NAACP has called upon Governor Forrest Donnell of Missouri to take immediate action. Recently a federal grand jury investigating Cleo Wright's lynching issued a statement in which they deplored the crime, but found no basis for federal prosecution, and returned to indictments, although members of that lynching gang were walking the streets every day and are known to the entire populace.

ARMY PILOT TAKES BRIDE



Yes, even the new Army pilots being turned out at the Tuskegee Army Flying School, fall in love and get married! Second Lieutenant Charles H. DeBow, 25, who was one of the first class to get wings at this school, was married one day last week to Miss Gertrude Carter of Tuskegee. DeBow's home prior to his entrance into the Army was at 843 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by Post Chaplain Douglass T. D. Robinson, in the chapel in the presence of a few close friends. A classmate and fellow officer, Lieutenant Mac Ross, was best man, while Mrs. Fay Robinson was bridesmaid.

The new bridegroom will continue his duties as an instructor in flying at the air base.

BOOTLEG LIQUOR TAKES GRUESOME TOLL OF ASHEVILLE REVELERS

La. Teachers Win Equal Salary Fight

New Orleans, La. — Beginning with the coming school year Negro teachers here will get salary raises amounting to one-half the difference between their former salaries and those of white teachers. By September 1943 they will have full equalization.

These are the provisions in the decrees, which will be signed at an early date according to Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel. The New Orleans teachers previously turned down a proposal for equalization over a five year period.

Over 3,000 Negroes To Receive Merit Badges For Service

Wilmington — More than 3,000 Negroes in the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington, are scheduled to receive Labor Merit badges for meritorious production effort, the U. S. Maritime Commission revealed this week.

The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company is one of ten firms designated by the Board of Awards of the Maritime Commission to receive the "M" Burgees Pennant, the Victory Fleet Flag and Merit Badges for outstanding production performance.

In addition to the award of the "M" pennant to the plant, each worker engaged in Maritime Commission work will be given a Labor Merit badge. This letter award is the Commission's recognition of workers for meritorious production effort.

Other plants receiving the awards including Koppers Company, Baltimore, Md.; Combustion Engineering Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Babcock and Wilcox, Barberton, Ohio; Globe American Corporation, Kokomo, Ind.; Hopman Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa.; National Malleable Steel Castings Company, Sharon, Pa.; Kerolast Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Fier and Stowell Company, Milwaukee, and the Wisconsin and American Hoist and Derrick Company, St. Paul, Minn.



W. H. Davenport, has begun his duties as supervising principal of the Greenville, North Carolina public schools. He succeeds the late Prof. C. M. Eppes. Mr. Davenport having taught in this section for more than fourteen years has gained the warm admiration and respect of the member of both races. The schools have been put in first class order for opening Monday August 1.

The educator who received his training at Virginia Union University Richmond, Va., and Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., says he is grateful for the high honor the citizens of Greenville have reposed in him and will work hard to justify their confidence.

Asheville, N. C. (Special to the TIMES) — The ninth victim of poison alcohol was claimed by death here today when Simpson Moore, "one of a group of eight Negroes and one white man, was the last to succumb as the result of drinking the fluid sold to the Claude Williams, 43, of this city.

Three of the men died Sunday, five Monday, and one Tuesday. Others who are believed to have drunk some of the poison are either in Mission hospital here or ill at their home. Among those at the hospital is Williams who is charged by police with selling the poison alcohol. He will possibly be tried for manslaughter and selling alcohol without license if he recovers from the effects of the deadly liquid.

Those dead are Rosa Walker, alias Gaston-Sylvester Earle, Clara Lee Williams, Ruth Jackson, Dewey Splawn, Conley Wells, Sam Compton, and Simpson Moore who was the last to succumb. Physicians report that no other persons are expected to die from the effects of the alcohol unless there is a fresh outbreak. Rosa Walker who was the last to die is said to have purchased her alcohol at a paint store in the uptown section of the city.

According to police the alcohol drunk by the victims was used as a paint solvent, and is manufactured under a trade name.

LARGEST DELEGATION IN HISTORY ATTENDS USHERS MEETING

OXFORD, Aug. 24 — What many declared was the most successful annual session of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association, closed here Sunday afternoon following an address delivered by Dr. A. Henning of the North Carolina College for Negroes, and the parting talk delivered to the delegates and visitors by L. E. Austin, president of the organization.

The delegation to the convention this year exceeded in numbers by far any that has ever attended the annual session. In addition there were many visitors in attendance who came from all parts of the state.

Of special interest was the public session Friday evening held in the First Baptist church of which the Rev. G. W. Watkins is pastor. Welcome addresses were delivered on this occasion by Mayor Thomas Jordan, Rev. H. S. Davis, principal of

Mary Potter School. Response to the addresses was delivered by the president of the association, Mayor Jordan who is quite a young man to be the Mayor of a thriving and going little city such as Oxford, impressed his audience with his sincerity and interest in the development of all the citizens of the city of which he is the head.

The election of officers was held Saturday afternoon resulting in two new additions being added to the roster, S. M. Deas of Fayetteville was elected to the Board of Directors to succeed Mrs. E. McIlwain of Salisbury whose term on the Board had expired. Ambrose Evans of Fayetteville was elected Sergeant at Arms to succeed J. Wiley Thompson, of Goldsboro and W. N. Ellis, First Sergeant at Arms was re-elected.

On Saturday evening at the Oxford Orphanage the Annual Oratorical Contest was held immediately following the contest

the entire delegation was treated to a banquet in the dining room of the orphanage. As a means of showing their appreciation for the banquet the delegation presented the orphanage with a gift of \$50.

President Austin announced at the banquet that the association voted to stage an annual state-wide "Oxford Orphanage Day" on the second Sunday in March at which time a drive to raise funds for the institution will be launched. The amount raised will be presented to the Orphanage at the Mid-Year session Sunday following Easter.

The 1943 Annual session will be held in Greensboro and the Mid-Year session will be held in Fayetteville as voted at the convention.

Sunday morning the delegates and visiting ushers formed a line of march in front of the colored graded school and marched to the First Baptist Church

Greenville Tobacco Market Expects Banner Season

Greenville — Tuesday, August 22, marked the beginning of Greenville's 52nd tobacco selling season. It was way back under on September 23, 1891, when the warehousemen of Greenville sold their first load of flue-cured tobacco for the producer. Approximately 25,000 pounds of Tobacco, then an experimental crop in Eastern Carolina, was sold on his first opening day, and the market ended the season some time during the next spring with a total of about 225,000 pounds to its credit. While 225,000 pounds is no more than a normal day's purchase for any one of the five sets of buyers on the Greenville market today, at that time it was a sizable amount of tobacco and it represented the greater portion of the crop grown within Greenville's immediate territory. It has been a long time since September, 1891, and all things have undergone changes, but none a more miscellaneous change than the Greenville market. Starting at scratch with one little warehouse of 7,200 sq.

ft. which is about the size of the leaf rooms of some of the present day warehouses in Greenville, the market has expanded until today there is more than 2,000,000 sq. ft. of floor space devoted to tobacco.

That first year's record of 225,000 pounds jumped rapidly into the million pounds figure and now more than 40,000,000 to nearly 50,000,000 pounds constitute a season's sales for the Greenville market. During the past 25 years nearly one billion, two hundred-fifty million pounds have been sold (1,250,000) a figure almost unbelievable and comparable in digits to some of the vast war appropriations being made by Congress almost weekly. For this tobacco the Greenville warehousemen have paid out more than a quarter billion dollars.

While the growth of Greenville as a tobacco market has been far more rapid than many other markets in the state, it has not just happened or come about without

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The Carolina Times will salute the citizens of Rocky Mount in its Sept. 6 edition. It will be chucked full of local pictures and news stories.

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