

DILLARD U. STUDENT LEADERS



A large part of student activities on the campus of Dillard University, New Orleans, this year will be led by the six students pictured above. Lower row, left to right, are: Henry Bradford, Music Club; Marjorie Williams, YWCA; Fern Roberts, Players' Guild; John Powe, Student Union

Top row male Harold Lucien, Science Club, and James Ramsey, NAACP. The four young men are New Orleanians; Miss Williams' home is

LAUNCHING OF SHIP AT CALIFORNIA YARD MAKES HISTORY AS MILLIONS LISTENS TO IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM

BY HARRY LEVETTE
Los Angeles, (ANP) — Climaxing over a month of anticipation millions of radio listeners all over the world heard history made Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Calship Shipyards at Wilmington harbor. This was the launching of the 10,500 ton Liberty ship which at the suggestion of Peter Ross, colored shipyard foreman, was named "Booker T. Washington," after that great leader.

As Miss Marion Anderson, noted contralto broke a bottle of champagne against the bows of the ship, the few hundred who were permitted to crowd into the immediate inclosure broke into prolonged cheer. Previous to this she had graciously declaimed, "I feel

highly honored to have been asked to perform this ceremony and I should like to sing for you the National Anthem." As the last beautiful note died away, came the command "Burn Fire," acetylene torches burned the fifth hole in the thick retaining plates and the great vessel started sliding with increased momentum down the ways and swept into the water for its maiden voyage.

An outstanding personnel took part in the dramatic program. The list of complete participants follows:

Sponsor: Miss Marian Anderson, noted contralto, Philadelphia; matron of honor: Mrs. Peter Ross, Los Angeles, wife of the Calship

foreman who suggested the ship's name; master of ceremonies: J. W. Wadsworth, industrial relations manager; Calship; principal speaker: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune director, division of Negro affairs, NYA.

Other speakers were John A. McCone, executive vice president Calship; Judge Edwin L. Jefferson, Rev. F. D. Jordan, Pastor First AME Church, Los Angeles;

Peter Ross, maintenance foreman, Calship; Ernest E. Cotton, former student at Tuskegee institute, a Calship welder. Distinguished guests included Dr. William J. Tompkins, Recorder of deeds, Washington, Mrs. B. L. Washington Pittman, only living daughter of Booker T. Washington now residing at Tuskegee; Miss Fannie Pittman and Miss Louise Washington, granddaughters of the beloved educator, and a daughter of Capt. Hugh Mulzac who will command the vessel.

With eloquent tones, Mrs. Bethune as principal speaker declared: "This is an advanced step towards building the morale of a group of people who are fighting for a chance to fight."

"I bring the gratitude and congratulations of the 15,000,000 Negroes of American, I am sure, of all fair minded thinking citizens to the California Shipbuilding cooperation for their spirit of courage and democracy."

"May I voice the loyalty of my people to the all-out program of our commander-in-chief and pledge our full support and cooperation to all these agencies working with and for him in bringing to the united nations a complete victory."

"This is not just another cargo vessel. This is a ship that epitomizes the true spirit and ideal of democracy. This is a ship named for a great man, not just a great Negro, a great man who happened to be a Negro—Booker T. Washington."

The ship is expected to be ready for service by the middle of October. It will be given for comparison to Capt. Hugh Mulzac, the only American Negro to hold a master's certificate, and will have a crew of white and Negro officers and men.

Newsreels were made of the event and many representatives of families as well as the Negro Press were present.

Four average homes could be heated for a year with fuel oil from a tank car, but four heavy bombers would stay aloft less

Livingstone Opens 61st Year Sessions;



The 61st session of Livingstone College, Salisbury, got off with a record-breaking Freshman Class on October 2nd. They come from many of the states in different sections of the country, and a well graded faculty was on hand to greet the new comers. Two welcome addresses were delivered by Irvin Oestroiker, leading business man of the city, and Rev. H. T. Henry, graduate of the college, and one of the leading pastors in the Western North Carolina Conference, and at present pastor in charge of the Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church this city.

President W. J. Trent, following the addresses presented the new students and the Faculty.

The following are the new members: Miss Rena Joyce Wadley, B. E. Teachers College, Conn., and A. M. from Drew Theological Seminary, Secretary to the President and part time instructor in Religious Education; Kenneth

A. Johnson, A. B. Colby College, and A. M. at Harvard University in History; Wendell H. Edwards, A. B. Talladega College, and M. S. New York University in Mathematics; Maxwell Brooks B. S. Wilberforce University, and A. M. from Ohio State University in Sociology; John Lash, A. B. Livingstone, and A. M. from University of Michigan in English; Miss Sophia Nelson, A. B. University of Pittsburgh, and A. M. from Atlanta University in English, and Mrs. Hattie Neal Flack Dean of Women.

Everyone present at the opening rejoiced to see the work going on the Price Memorial Building. The Carnegie Library seen in this picture which houses more than 18,000 volumes, has had considerable overhauling this summer, to say nothing of the more than \$3,000 spent on improvements in the other buildings and grounds. President Trent stated that it is the hope of the

Connection that the Price building will be completed by Founder's Day so that it can be dedicated. It will cost when completed and furnished and equipped (\$150,000) one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.



FARM QUESTION BOX

by **ED W. MITCHELL**
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- Q. Should salt be put on asparagus beds?
A. No. Experiments indicate salt does the asparagus no good and does not kill enough weeds to pay for the bother. Asparagus should get 500 pounds of 5-10-5 per acre after the last cutting, so that it can build up a good reserve of food in the roots for the following year. It should also get manure each fall if it is possible.
- Q. Will millet make grass silage?
A. Yes. You can make grass silage out of almost anything. The legumes need grass or grain or molasses or phosphoric acid to help preserve them, and the millet silage will be better if other things go in with it. But it can be used alone and without any preservative if the grain is almost ripe.
- Q. What is the best thing to use to kill cabbage worms?
A. There are ever ten worms that feed on cabbage, and the best control is rotenone dust. You can get it at any good feed or seed store. If that fails to give good control, add a little calcium arsenate to it. Use the arsenicals carefully so there will not be too much residue when the heads go to market.
- Q. Please explain a simple process for dehydrating fruit in an oven.
- Q. Dehydrating is comparatively simple, and I will get you a bulletin on the subject. Fit galvanized wire mesh trays in any sort of a box or even you can set over a burner on the stove. Slice, dice or mash the product so that it will dry out readily, and dry it with moderate heat till it is thoroughly dry. Then pack into an airtight container.
- Q. I have a plum tree that blossoms freely but bears no fruit. Can I do anything to make it produce fruit?
A. Probably. Next year cut a bouquet of bloom from some other variety of plum and hang it in your tree in a pall of water. This provides pollen for cross pollination to fertilize your bloom. Many varieties of plum are self-sterile.
- Q. Please tell me how to raise and feed turkeys?
A. Most growers are using the Bronze breed of turkeys, but Bourbon or White Holland is just as good. You can buy the day-old or six-weeks poults just as you can baby chicks. They should be kept on an elevated wire floor from the day they are hatched till they go on clean range where no chickens have been for three or four years. Some are kept on wire and in confinement all the time and never get on range. This takes more feed but is a protection against disease. You can put them out as soon as the weather is warm. I will get you a bulletin on turkeys.

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