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Three Colored Soldiers Of Army Engineers Decorated

JAMAICANS ARRIVE IN U. S.

Iron Wrench Doctor Waives Preliminary Hearing

ONE LOST ON SHIP BRINGING AID TO AMERICAN FARMERS

WASHINGTON, (A. N. P.) -- Col. J. T. Taylor, deputy war food administrator, last week issued a statement confirming a report that one of the two ships on which Jamaican farm workers were imported to this country was crowded and without adequate sanitary facilities, that a "disturbance" occurred, and that one of the workers accidentally fell overboard and was lost at sea.

This was the first official statement on the incident from the war food administration. The ship carried about 4,000 Jamaican workers, intended in the farm areas of northern and eastern states.

Taylor, in charge of farm labor for the agency said: "The Jamaican workers are now comfortably sheltered in a government operated camp where they will remain pending their placement on farm needing their assistance, which is now proceeding."

Soldier Returns To Army After Being Acquitted Of Rape

COLUMBUS, Ga. -- Charles Stout, soldier, who was acquitted on May 10 by a Muscogee County jury of a rape charge, has now returned to the Army, the NAACP revealed this week.

High Honors Given Negroes For Saving Doomed Plane Pilot

Three Negro heroes of a U. S. Army Engineers unit were accorded high military honors recently and decorated by an American Brigadier General for gallantry in the New Guinea area, an Office of War Information outpost reported this week.

The heroes, given Soldiers' Medals for an action which took place several months ago, were Pfc. Julius P. Franklin, Pfc. Harvey Crandle and Pvt. James Scott.

The soldiers distinguished themselves when a fighter plane crashed into a log while taking off from an aerodrome to intercept enemy fighters overhead.

The plane plunged into a river near the airstrip and its petrol and ammunition were ignited. Pfc. Franklin jumped into the river, swam through the flames and explosions and pulled the pilot clear. Pfc. Crandle and Pvt. Scott waded into the river and helped Franklin drag the pilot ashore at the risk of their lives.

The entire organization of Negro engineers stage a full



The photo above is the Drum and Bugle Corps of the 330th Field Artillery Battalion which

Leading Producers Of N. C. Mutual Durham Branch



Here are some of the leaders of the Durham District of the North Carolina Mutual who are playing an important part in keeping the local office among the top producing districts of the company. At the top left of the photo is L. Z. Creft, who operates the largest debit (\$308.86) on the Durham district. He also had the pleasure and honor of collecting more money on an industrial debit for the year 1942 than any other agent in the entire company.

In the center is C. C. Smith, assistant manager who teaches his men by example. Mr. Smith was recently forced to operate a debit because one of his men was inducted into the armed service, during which time he put on more increase than any man on the district.

At the top right is E. W. Green who operates a \$236 debit and closed last year without a single premium on his book being in arrears. Mr. Green also ranks among the top debit managers in

Attorney General Says Discrimination Hindrance To National War Effort

New Chairman For FEPC Appointed

WASHINGTON -- The Committee of Fair Employment Practice was today officially advised that a new chairman had been appointed and that the committee's reorganization will be effected immediately upon his assumption of the chairmanship. The committee has therefore been requested to postpone its public hearings scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, in Washington, D. C., on the Capital Transit Company case. Pursuant to this request, the committee, at its meeting today, postponed the Capital Transit Company hearing from Tuesday, May 18, to Wednesday, June 2. At the same time and for the same reason the committee postponed its scheduled in Detroit, Michigan, from May 24 and 25 to June 28 and 29.



Sgt. William Thomas Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, who visited his parents here last week. Sgt. Bailey is stationed at Luke Field, Ariz. Prior to being inducted into the army Sgt. Bailey was manager of Bailey's Store.

Today, when every unit of manpower within the nation's reservoir must be utilized, Negroes should not and must not be excluded. Attorney General Francis Biddle declared in an address delivered Wednesday night, May 19, in Philadelphia. Mr. Biddle spoke before members of the Educational Equality League in the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, 17th and Bainbridge Streets.

Discrimination against minority groups, he said, cannot go on in a country pledged to religious liberty.

Mr. Biddle refuted rumors that Negroes were not entering the armed forces in comparable numbers by quoting War Department statistics that half a million Negroes were in Army service today.

He mentioned Negroes in both Army and Navy who had been decorated and cited for heroism under fire, men who (Please Turn To Page Two)

Ship To Be Named For Hero Who Lost His Life In Battle

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has approved the assignment of the name USS Harmon to a Destroyer Escort Vessel, now under construction to honor the name of the late Leonard Roy Harmon, Negro Mess Attendant, first class, USN, and has awarded Harmon the Navy Cross posthumously for "Extraordinary Heroism" while serving aboard the USS San Francisco.

Harmon who was 26 and the son of Mrs. Naunita Harmon Carroll, of Cuero, Texas, lost his life during action against enemy Japanese forces in the battle of Guadalcanal, November 12 and 13, 1942. Throughout the engagement he assisted in caring for the wounded and evacuating them to dress stations aboard the ship, and, according to the citation accompanying the Navy Cross award, displayed "Unusual loyalty in behalf of the injured Executive Officer."

He was killed when he deliberately exposed himself to hostile gun fire to protect his shipmates.

THREE PRINCIPALS AND THREE TEACHERS OUSTED FOR TAKING PART IN EQUAL SALARY FIGHT

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. -- (ANP) -- In explaining the action of the Newport News school board last Friday night in ousting three school principals and three high school teachers, Dr. Luttrell F. Palmer told a NAACP meeting Sunday how he had served as chairman of the salary equalization committee for the Newport News teachers, and inferred that all of the dismissals were due to their fight for equal pay.

The following day, more than 1,500 people, representatives of educational, religious, fraternal, community welfare and labor organizations, attended a rally in protest of the school board's action.

The principals involved in the action are, aside from Dr. Palmer of Huntington high school, T. Rodger Thompson and J. Rupert Picott, elementary school principals. The high school teachers are Eric Epps, James W. Ivy and Miss Ethel Tannell.

Palmer has been in the system 23 years; Thompson, 21, and Picott, 11, according to re-

ports. According to Dorsey C. Pleasants, chairman of the city school board, "The board saw fit not to reappoint them for the benefit of the school system." Asked whether there were any charges against the three principals, Pleasants said, "If they want to know, they can come before the board and we will tell them."

Dr. Palmer said that at the time the equalization committee for Newport News teachers was organized, he was threatened with dismissal unless he discontinued his relations with the organization, but that he felt some members of the board would accept the court's decision without personal revenge.

Roy Wilkins of the Crisis magazine and assistant secretary of the NAACP, principal speaker at the meeting Sunday, expressed great concern over the fascism demonstrated at the Newport News situation.

Dr. Palmer has served for several years as secretary of the Virginia State Teachers' association.

ASSAULT CASE

Dr. R. P. Young, N. C. Health official who brutally assaulted Mrs. Maeshaw Burt with an iron wrench in Raleigh Friday May 14 has waived preliminary hearing and will be tried in the next term of Wake County Criminal Court according to information obtained this week from Attorneys F. J. Carnage, M. H. Thompson and C. J. Gates, counsel for the victim of the attack.

In the meantime Mrs. Burt is slowly recuperating from the terrible ordeal which started when she was ordered by the physician to not stand near him in a store where she had gone to purchase groceries.

headed the parade of the Battalion last Sunday afternoon at Camp Butner which hundreds of civilians viewed with pride the military spectacle.