



Two forward observers spot enemy positions on a map at their forward observation post in Korea. The two, Sgt. James D. Stone (left), Route 1, Graham, N. C., and PFC Conrad Schofield, Oxbow Rd., Weston, Mass., are members of the 3d Division's 58th Field Artillery Battalion.—(U. S. Army Photo)

NAACP Readies Plan For Political Action In Dixie

Resolution Strikes At Candidates

ATLANTA—Fifty delegates from six southern states ended a two-day political action institute here Sunday, April 20, with the adoption of a statement affirming their dedication "to the task of attaining a registration of 2,000,000 Negro voters in this region."

The institute, sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was devoted to the training of workers in the techniques of organizing registration and get-out-the-vote drives, to a study of registration requirements in the various southern states and the legal steps to be taken when registration is denied, to a consideration of the political issues of 1952, and to the means of involving the churches, labor unions, fraternal associations and other community organizations in the campaign.

Attending the institute were workers from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Texas. They adopted a resolution, part of which follows:

"None of the avowed candidates for the presidency has, as yet, demonstrated any genuine concern for civil rights. General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower, is on record in defense of segregation in the Army. He has not publicly disavowed his testimony in 1948 before the Senate Armed Services Committee in support of dualism in the Army. "Senator Robert A. Taft has clearly indicated that he is opposed to an FEPC law with enforcement powers. In addition, he is openly courting the Dixiecrats. Governor Earl Warren has given his service to civil rights but has failed to deliver, in his home state of California. Of General Douglas MacArthur, the less said the better. "The picture on the Democratic side is equally gloomy. Save for his position on the anti-poll tax bills, Senator Estes Kefauver has voted with other senators from this region against cloture and other civil rights measures. Senator Richard Russell, of course, is not seriously considered by anyone who recognizes the grave moral blight of enforced racial segregation. Despite a recent disavowal, Senator Robert Kerr has done nothing to indicate that he is not wholeheartedly in agreement with the Dixiecrats on racial and economic issues. "A 'compromise' ticket with a northern 'liberal' for president and Senator Russell for vice-president will not be acceptable. Should the Democrats nominate such a slate they can kiss the Negro vote (Please turn to Page Eight)

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Urge Probe In Moore Slaying



Pvt. Theodore Quick, Jr., son of Mrs. Fannie Quick, 607 Fayetteville St., is serving with the Army somewhere in Japan. Pvt. Quick entered the Army in March of 1951.

NEW YORK—President Truman and the Attorney-General should promptly "find the means to bring to justice the assassins of" Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Mims, Fla., a group of 45 professors, research scientists and graduate students in the bio-chemistry department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University say in a statement recently made public here.

Alarmed by the inaction in the Moore case since the fatal bombing of the couple in their home last Christmas night, this group of scientists, representing the majority of the members of the department, have sent their statement to the President and Attorney-General urging them to move "without regard to the obstructionist actions and views of any Florida officials."

The coordinator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "is cause for indignation and alarm in every decent American community," the statement asserts. "This political assassination climaxes a series of terrorist acts to form a clear pattern of force and violence directed against minority groups and those who strive to guarantee to all citizens the full rights of citizenship," the scientists charge.

The country, they maintain, "holds Fuller Warren, Governor of Florida, the United States agent of the United States Attorney-General, and the Pres-

countable for the safety of those Negro and white Florida leaders who by their courageous defense of Constitutional rights have incurred the hatred of Klan-minded terrorists." Meanwhile, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, who made an on-the-scene investigation of the killings, received a letter from FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover giving assurance "that no effort is being spared and that there has been no slackening in pace" in the investigation of the case. Despite "investigative problems," Hoover said "we are all hoping for success in the not too distant future."

NAACP SEEKS WORKER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

A vacancy for a field secretary to be assigned to North Carolina was announced last week by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The national board of directors at its regular monthly meeting last week voted to employ a field secretary to assist NAACP branches, youth councils and college chapters in North Carolina in conducting membership drives and promoting the Association's program in that state. NAACP field workers are required to have a college education or its equivalent. Application should be made to Gloster B. Current, NAACP director of branches, at 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York.

Catholic School In Texas Admits Negro Student

NEW YORK—For the first time, a Negro student has been admitted to a previously all-white Catholic high school in San Antonio, Texas, according to word received here by Herbert L. Wright, youth secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This "precedent-shattering achievement," Wright said, "will aid the NAACP materially in the fight to abolish segregation in the public schools of the South." The new student is a member of the San Antonio NAACP youth council.

Fire A. and T. College Causes \$40,000 Damage To Crosby Hall

GREENSBORO—A fire that started in an automobile mechanics shop Tuesday afternoon caused nearly \$40,000 damage to one of the oldest buildings on the campus of A. and T. College. Members of the Greensboro fire department were summoned to the college to combat a blaze which reportedly started when a cigarette ignited gasoline fumes during the transferring of gasoline from an automobile to an open container. Crosby Hall, 58-year-old building on the A. and T. Campus, was severely damaged when flames spread above the auto mechanics shop to the second story of the structure. Crosby Hall houses the fine arts department, nine classrooms, the School of Education and Science, the college bookstore, post-office, grill, and maintenance department.

Students assisted firemen in removing bookstore supplies, machinery, and other equipment from the building. A car undergoing repairs in the shop was burned and much of the building was damaged by water.

Prizes were donated by the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

2 Million Auto Casualties In Nation In 1951

HARTFORD, CONN.—Nearly two million casualties, the worst automobile accident toll in the nation's history, were recorded in 1951, according to figures released by The Travelers Insurance Companies. The death and injury totals are highlighted statistics from "Lucky You," eighteen in the annual series of traffic accident data booklets published by The Travelers. The company collects and analyzes accident statistics from each state. More than 13,000 persons were killed and 570,000 injured last year by drivers who were exceeding the speed limit, according to the report. Excessive speed was "far and away the most dangerous mistake in driving" in 1951.

Announce Bird House Winners

Irvin Holmes, Jr. won first place in the sixth annual John Avery Boys' Club bird house contest, with his house for a red headed woodpecker. Second place went to James Paul Freeland for his bluebird house. Third place went to Haywood Brown for his flicker house. Prizes were donated by the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

Mrs. Hattie Covington Trent Dies After Lengthy Illness

SALISBURY—Mrs. Hattie Covington Trent, wife of President William Johnson Trent of Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, died Saturday, April 12, in the Rowan Memorial Hospital following a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband and his three children, W. J. Trent, Jr., New Rochelle, N. Y., Mrs. Altona Trent Johns, Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. Estelle Trent Stewart, Fort Sill, Okla.; her mother, Mrs. Cornelia Covington, Rockingham, and C. B. Covington, Hamlet; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys C. Rush, Rockingham, Mrs. Viola C. Morris, Burlington, and Mrs. Evelyn C. Sinton, Roosevelt, Long Island, N. Y., and many other relatives and friends.

NAACP MEET

The Durham Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Cosmopolitan Methodist Church, Fayetteville Street, Sunday, April 27 at 4 p. m. The final report in the current membership drive will be presented at the meeting. A special feature will be made by the Amey Jubilee Singers.

Dr. L. E. Swift has accepted an invitation, as guest clinician and lecturer, to the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, April 22-25. He will lecture on "Uterine Bleeding."

Bob Church, GOP Leader, Is Buried In Memphis

SPECIAL MEMPHIS—The son of a former slave who rose to be the top Negro Republican in the country died here last Thursday and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday. He was Robert "Bob" Church, who, through many years of service and devotion to the Republican Party, came to be known as an influential politician of inestimable value and worth to his people. Church's father, Robert Sr., was one of the early day Negro millionaires, a shrewd businessman who left a son and two daughters when he died in 1921. Young Church attended Oberlin College in Ohio before going

to Wall Street where he was active in banking for five years. After returning to Memphis to assume responsibilities in the Solvent Savings Bank which his father had founded, he began his political career which shot him to the top in Republican ranks. Church was one of the chief exponents of registering and voting and his insistence that the Negro could change many undesirable conditions by his vote was reflected in his lengthy and successful participation in politics. The story of Church's role in the ousting of former Memphis Mayor, Edward (Boss) Crump, was known by thousands of voters who didn't know that Church had been directly responsible

to office. Presidents sought counsel from Church, who, in all his many political endeavors, retained the respect of friends and constituents by his unassuming manner and quiet temperament. After returning last October to Memphis from Chicago—where he had gone during the depression years—Church had resumed active participation in politics and had announced his support of General Eisenhower for the Republican nomination for president. The man whom Church taught the tricks of politics, Lieutenant George W. Lee, will now become the Church whom thousands of American's knew as one of the Negro race's greatest politicians.

30 High School Choral Groups Participate In 18th Annual Music Festival, Contest At NCC

Marion Egbert, (right), field worker of the American Music Conference, was to serve as one of the critics at the 18th annual state high school music festival and contest, scheduled at North Carolina College, Friday. Warner Lawson, dean of Howard University's school of Music, was to be the other critic judge. Lawson was to direct a mass chorus of over 500 voices, composed of choirs from 30 high schools in this district. The thirty participating high schools choruses in this area, including Hillside's, were



those which received a rating of "one" (maximum) at the district elimination held last winter. In addition to the Glee clubs and choruses which scheduled participation in the festival, the finals of the state piano contest were to be held. The piano finalists were also winners at the district eliminations which were held in March and earlier this month. Miss T. H. Claggett, director of Music at Hillside, is president of the sponsoring North Carolina Music Teachers' Association.

AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE See Eventual End Of Jim Crow Schools

WASHINGTON—Walter White, executive secretary, and Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, respectively, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, were among participants in the conference on the courts and racial integration in education at Howard University, April 16-18. Reviewing the history of the NAACP legal efforts to end segregation in all public education, Marshall explained why the fight was initiated at the University level. At that level, he told the conference today, "no provision for Negro education was a rule rather than the exception."

law schools, engineering schools and graduate schools of all the variety of offerings available at most state universities would almost be a financial impossibility. It was felt that if effort at this level was pressed with sufficient vigor many states would capitulate without extended litigation. The "separate but equal" doctrine, the NAACP lawyer said, "still stands in the road blocking full equality of opportunity." However, he pointed out, "recent cases have been closing the doors of escape from a clear cut determination of the validity or invalidity of this doctrine."

Despite some setbacks, "the promise of victory is so clear that even South Carolina and Georgia will have integrated schools within our lifetime." White said at the dinner meeting of the conference tonight. Court action, to which "there is no alternative," the NAACP executive asserted, must be backed up by political and legislative action to prevent uneconomic expenditures of public funds to maintain segregated education and by a public relations program pointing up the inequities and wastefulness of the dual school system. Those Negroes who have acquired a vested interest in Jim

Morever, he asserted, "the difficulties incident to providing equal educational opportunities even within the concept of the 'separate but equal' doctrine were insurmountable. To provide separate medical schools,

The Merrick-Moore P. T. A. honored Founders Day of the National Congress of Parent Teachers Association at its meeting Monday, April 21, with a short pageant "The Shining Road." The following parents participated: Mrs. Iola C. Mason, Mrs. Geneva Love, and Mrs. Zelma Holloway. A brief history of former parent Teachers Association of Durham County was given which included Mill Grove P.T. A. which was organized in the

fall of 1927 by Miss Amey Parham, with Charlie Lawrence as first president, the Rocky Knoll P.T.A. organized in September, 1926 with Charlie Page as first president, and Page School P.T.A. organized in 1926 by Mrs. E. D. Dunlap with Sidney Evans as President. The above mentioned groups were consolidated in September, 1950 as the Merrick-Moore Parent Teachers Association under the leadership of its present

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