

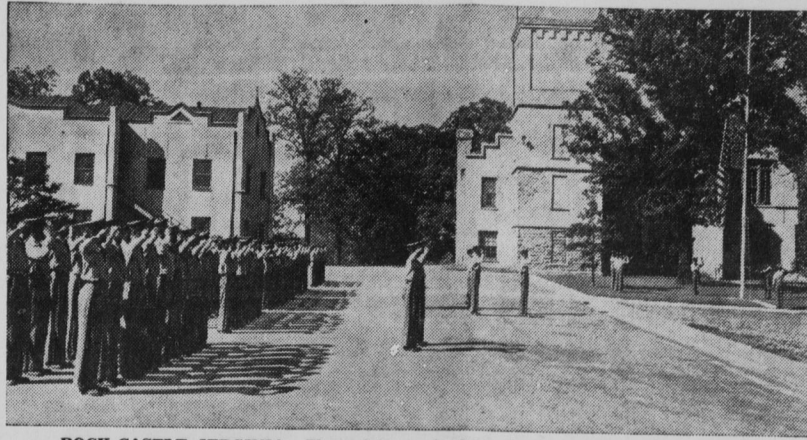
Pattern for the Future



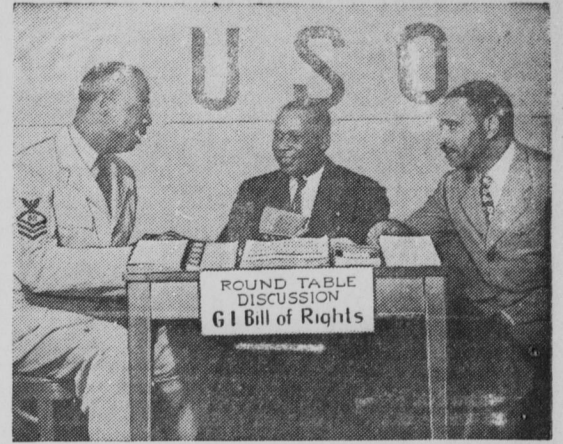
There will be a lot of surprised and pleased husbands when they return from overseas and discover that their modern wives have become just as nimble with the thimble as grandmother ever was. Two such wives are pretty Mrs. Helen McCullough and Mrs. Helen Toombs who learned what to do with a needle and thread in the USO club operated by the National Y.W.C.A. in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Members of a wives group who were not content to fritter away their time while their husbands were fighting, they organized classes in everything from cooking

and dressmaking to history and geography. Bright girls that they are, they'll be able to keep up their end of the conversation with their well-travelled husbands and what's more—they'll be ready to settle down to real family life with aprons and recipes ready to hand. Besides seeing to it that service men's wives in strange towns have everyday living necessities such as a place to sew, do their laundry and cook, one of the Y.W.C.A.'s main concerns in its USO work has been to promote better race relations. USO is a member agency of the National War Fund.

Retreat Ceremony at St. Emma Military Academy



ROCK CASTLE, VIRGINIA. The cadets are back at the St. Emma Military Academy for the new term, and the impressive retreat ceremony is again the order of the day. Each evening at sunset the bugle call is sounded during the lowering of the flag, while the cadets stand at salute. Cadet Corps activities at St. Emma are under the supervision of an officer of the U. S. Army. Military discipline is maintained, and efficient instruction given in accordance with United States Infantry Drill Regulations. The student is shown what is demanded of him as an individual and as a part of a large organization. During these years of boyhood he is taught the sound principles and correct moral habits that are the foundation of character. Upon graduation he will have acquired a high school education and technical training in modern methods of agriculture or in a trade.



Birmingham, Ala.: So that servicemen may learn of the privileges granted them under the GI Bill of Rights, Jesse W. Word (center), director of the Fourth Avenue USO, has introduced a USO program of round table discussions. Assisted by Chief Petty Officer, USNR, J. H. Smith (left), and (right) Molton H. Gray, Commander of the George Ruffin Council of Negro Veterans, Inc., Mr. Word has lead three discussions to date and because of popular demand, plans to continue them indefinitely.

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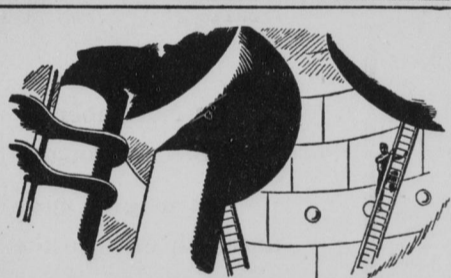
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Pointing out the importance of conserving and building up the soil as a means toward better crops and higher yields, Thomas E. Carter, right, technician of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, shows farmer James Archie of Chester County, S. C., silt deposited in the oat stubble, which proves that the soil is being washed away by heavy rains. This was 2 years ago. Technician Carter suggested that Mr. Archie develop a soil conservation program around cotton and dairying. Soon afterward farmer Archie, who lives in the Catawba SCS District, acquired four dairy cows—plans to add six more. Also he began rotating his cotton with hay crops for his cows, built terraces, strip-cropped his cotton, and plowed it on the contour. (See lower picture.) Results: Larger income from the higher cotton yield, and from his well-fed dairy cows. Still more important, he is conserving his land for his children.

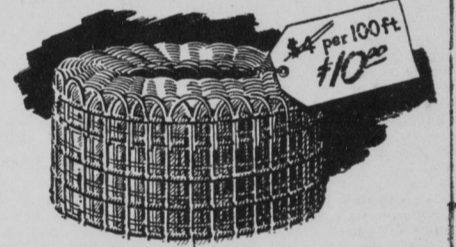
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