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## UNIONS FIGHT FOR SEPIA WORKERS

## WASHINGTON GETS RECREATION PLANS

### N.Y.A. To Supply Labor and School Board the Ground

Following his return from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he conferred with executives of the U. S. Housing Authority, Mayor Dress stated that the city's request for recreational facilities in connection with the Lincoln Gardens, low-income housing apartment, has been sent to the proper authorities in Washington, D. C., for their action.

According to Mayor Dress, the housing officials seemed very well pleased and impressed with the data presented, by Recreation Director Newcom, Dr. Raymond King and the mayor, and they promised to take it up with the officials in Washington.

To facilitate handling in Washington, a local civic committee headed by Mrs. Evelyn Karges, will redraft the data in detail.

The School Board has agreed to use of the Old Governor Street School property for a recreation building, and the National Youth Administration has offered to supply labor. Funds for material would have to be provided by the Housing Authority.

### O.P.M. URGES CONTRACTORS TO USE COLORED SKILLED MEN

WASHINGTON, April 24 — Warning that skilled labor stringencies, won evident in several fields vital to defense production threaten to become more general within the next three months, Sidney Hillman, co-director of the Office of Production Management, called on all defense contractors last Friday to abandon employment policies which bar colored workers or other minorities.

He disclosed at his press conference that in one week alone he had received more than 3,000 letters complaining of discrimination against employment of colored workers in defense industries because of racial prejudices of either industrial management or labor unions for which the local labor supply should be exhausted before recruitment of labor from outside areas.

"Every available source of labor capable of producing defense materials must be tapped in the present emergency," he said in his letter circulated to all government contract holders with the

approval of William S. Knudsen, director-general of OPM. Mr. Hillman warned contractors that artificial factors are tending to aggravate an increasingly serious skilled labor stringency.

As evidence of the necessity of giving defense jobs to all persons capable of performing them, his aides estimated that 1,500,000 additional men would be required before January 1.

Mr. Hillman announced that Robert C. Weaver, an administrative assistant on his staff, would direct a new OPM section to integrate colored workers into the defense effort.

### DON'T FORGET!

Than when a newspaper can do a good job of publicity far as free news stories are concerned an even better job may be done when you insert an advertisement. We say this because there are so many groups that use the columns of this newspaper to publicize their events, but use hand bills to advertise.

### To Bring Famous Singers To High School

Rev. W. M. Edward, former pastor of the Independence Baptist Church of this city and now pastor of the fashionable 17th Street Baptist Church in Indianapolis, will bring his Southland Jubilee Singers to the city, Monday, April 29, for a benefit performance at the Lincoln high school at 9:30 p.m. The program will honor the Reverend G. L. Cooksey, pastor of Little Hope Baptist Church. The Southland Singers, who are to soon be heard regularly over a national hook-up, are sustained artists on radio station WIBC, Indianapolis. This group was organized by Reverend Edward, who picked the personnel from the best choirs in the city churches. The singers are now on tour of southern Indiana, Illinois and western Kentucky. The group features 40 talented singers and seven soloists and is personally directed by Rev. Edward, outstanding singer.

### Ford Employees, Key Men In CIO-AFL Battle

DETROIT . . . Attention the nation over, now since the strike at Henry Ford's River Rouge plant is settled, is focused on the National Relations of Labor Board election, scheduled for the sanctioned by the NLRB, was decided before the strike was settled April 11. Under the Wagner Act, the union winning the majority of votes is granted the sole bargaining rights.

While preparations are being made for the election, both the UAW-AFL and UAW-CIO are concentrating their efforts on getting enough members to win the majority votes at the election. The Negro workers at the plant are the focal point of both unions. While efforts had been made to induce Negro workers to join the unions before the strike was called two weeks ago by the UAW-CIO, greater efforts were made during the strike, and speeding up since it has been ended. Both unions claim large enrollments.

The CIO, in its Ford-Organization Committee, with headquarters near the River Rouge plant,

employed a large number of colored workers in the drive. This campaign was accelerated during the strike as the CIO used the radio and advertisement in an appeal to colored workers to join with them in the campaign at the Ford plant.

At the same time the UAW-AFL set up offices on the West Side and on the East Side, headed by a Negro personnel, as the campaign to solicit colored Ford workers moved rapidly forward. When the hundreds of colored workers who had remained in the plant during the nine-day strike marched out last Thursday, many of them joined in the campaign canvassing each and every community in search of Ford workers to sign them to memberships in the UAW-AFL. Others were working as feverishly for the CIO.

Both unions are cognizant of the importance of the colored workers at the Ford plant and both are putting forth unusual efforts to sign the 13,000 Negro workers at the River Rouge plant as they are an integral part of the labor situation there.

### Bethlehem Steel Has Jobs For Whites Only

BALTIMORE, Md. — Don't blame me; if the company won't hire you men there's nothing I can do.

That's the reply that 50 Negro skilled and unskilled workers received from a company guard at Bethlehem Steel's huge Sparrows Point plant Tuesday, after they had stood in line for six hours in front of the company's

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### The Urban League Seeks Aid

The National Urban League has for months waged an intensive and successful campaign to secure a place for the colored worker in our National Defense Programs, but now it has run up against a 'snag' . . . it needs your assistance to clear this economic barrier!!! With your assistance it can intensify its drive in the crucial months just ahead. Without it, the Urban League will be forced to curtail its activities just when they are needed most. All persons are asked to send a quarter, a dollar, five dollars or ten—whatever you can afford.

### BRINGING RESULTS

The National Urban League's program is already bearing tangible results in many cities where Negro skilled workers have secured Defense jobs. But there's still plenty of work to be done before the masses of the colored people find employment. The Urban League can do the job—but only if you help! Send your donation to the National Urban League . . . 1133 Broadway, New York City. Do this today and the proper credit will be given the donor.

### State Police Applications Available

Almost one week remains in which to make application for one of the fifty state trooper positions created by the legislature, according to Don F. Stiver, superintendent of state police. After the deadline of May 1, by which all applications must be in the superintendent's office, no further applicants will be considered until April, 1942. Applications may be obtained by writing the superintendent or calling personally at state police headquarters in the State House in Indianapolis.

Initial qualifications require that all applicants between the ages of 21 and 35 years, be over 5 feet 8 inches in height and 150 pounds in weight, be a certified graduate of an accredited high school, and have been a resident of Indiana and an American citizen for at least one year. Birth certificates are required.

Every applicant will be given the opportunity to compete in the written examination, in part by

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**N.A.A.C.P.**  
**MEETING**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27  
**COMMUNITY ASS'N**  
4:30 P.M.  
**Very Important!!**



Makes Debut Easter

Very Lovely DORTHEIA M. SWAIT, member of the Senior class of Lincoln high school, made her debut into local social circles Easter Sunday afternoon at a formal musical reception in the home of her aunt, Mrs. William Emage, 1005 Cherry street. Guests included her class mates and a few junior class members. Refreshments consisted of punch, cookies, nuts and Easter designed candies. Upon her graduation, Miss Swait will further her studies, pursuing a business course. —Scheer's Photo.

### President Sets Quota At Five Hundred Members

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet Sunday, April 27, at 4:30 o'clock at the Community Association. This is the regular monthly meeting date of the organization, at which time the Executive Committee of the organization will make reports on the progress made toward breaking down the barriers, preventing the matriculation of colored students at the new Mechanic Arts School. In a statement released exclusively to the Argus, the local offices of the organization through its president, Robert Anglin stated that the fight to gain admittance of colored students to the new industrial school is one to the finish. "The organization will fight in spite of the efforts of other groups to appease us. This is a fight for the rights of the people, a fight to create and promote the type of relationship as found in democratic strongholds," he further stated.

### 300 NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT

"At the regular Sunday meeting, plans for the annual spring membership drive will be discussed and outlined, with captains and staffs to be named, because of this fact all members are urged to be present, and be on time he continued. "We now have a total of about 200 members but we need about 500 and we must have this number to keep up the fight which this organization has started." Reverend A. H. Chapin, prominent leader and religious worker will address the group, immediately after which an open forum will be conducted.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO REPORT

The Education Committee of the NAACP, of which Reverend J. M. Caldwell is chairman will report on the conference of that committee with the Superintendent of Evansville Public Schools in regards to the chances for the members of the Colored Race to enroll in the new Mechanic Arts School.

### SENTENCE STORIES

By  
J. W. Holder

### NEED A PAPERHANGER?

If you are in need of an expert to hang the paper on your walls, contact Norwood C. Jones, 607 S. Elliott street. Mr. Jones has a wide selection of very attractive new and old patterns of wall paper to be shown at reduced prices.

### OPEN ALL NIGHT

Alvin Williams, operator of the Deep Rock Oil Station at Lincoln and Line streets is announcing a new policy for the station—24-hour service on your automobile. The station has a colored attendant, Luther "Fats" Woods, one of the city's best car washers.

### SENTENCE STORIES CON.)

TIP TOE CLUB!!! Swanky Anniversary. Palm Hotel Green Room, Good Friday evening, nine present, white carnations and Hoosier roses on table, Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, English Peas, Lettuce and Tomato Salad.

## Huff Asks FBI To Stop Georgia Persecutions

## ALABAMA YOUTH LEGISLATURE STUDIES ARMY JIM-CROW

BIRMINGHAM. — For the first time since Reconstruction, the people of Alabama met in a Legislative Assembly to discuss the problems facing the common people of the state and to vote upon methods for bringing democracy to Southland. The Alabama Youth Legislature called by the Southern Negro Youth Congress met in Ensley, Alabama in the CIO Hall in a three day session, March 28-30. Here were representatives from the mines, the mills, the schools, the churches, the rural areas, Negro and white, discussing with a political maturity legislative laws that put to shame the corrupt legislature in Montgomery and the United States.

Virgil Moncrief, white United Mine Worker called for the unity of Negroes and white people in Alabama to take America out of the imperialist war and to guarantee that the right of workers to strike is not taken away from them. Louis Sims, of Tuskegee

Institute, pointed out in the Student Session that in this period of so-called national crisis, the rights of students are being taken away, that academic freedom has become meaningless. She called upon all students to "Join with the SNYC, the League of Young Southerners, to support the organized labor movement if we as students want to insure our freedom." Irving Rappaport of the University of Alabama seconded her on this statement, telling of the attempts on intimidate the Peace Council on his campus.

Matilda Pollard, domestic worker, of Milbrook, Alabama told of the condition in the rural schools and what the SYNC Club there was doing on the proposed library project.

Many of the delegates told about the condition in the camps for the conscripts. Plans were made to visit the camps, to give protest mass meetings on the condition in the camps, and to fol-

low up all cases of discrimination in the armed forces.

James Jackson of the Southern Negro Youth Congress read to the assembly the Declaration on Political Outlook which was adopted by the entire body. This declaration said in part, "We Southerners, Negro and white, shall win the ballot, and in concert with the common people of all America shall use it to make our country great by making democracy real. The Negro people following the lead of labor and in alliance with the poor farmers shall advance onto the political field as an independent force of the common people to the end that a rebirth of democratic government representing the true interests of the plan for democracy, security, prosperity, and peace shall replace the present deadly combination of unprincipled poll-tax politicians and economic royalists."

Esther Cooper, Administrative Secretary of the SNYC, in cos-

CHICAGO — Attorney William Henry Huff, Chief Counsel for the Abolish Peonage Committee, recently received a letter from a white citizen of Crawford, Oglethorpe County, Georgia which reads somewhat as follows: "A poor helpless young Negro ran away from the farm of Otis Smith of this vicinity to escape being flogged for making a fire in the field on a very cold day. After this Negro got to Atlanta, he wrote back to his wife and Capt. Otis Smith went to the Crawford post office, got the letter, burst it open, sent to Atlanta for the Negro and when he was returned put both he and his wife in the Oglethorpe County jail at Lexington, Georgia." The informant requested that Atty. Huff have the Government men

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ing the Alabama Youth Legislature, "We must go back to our respective communities, take these resolutions that we have voted upon to all of the people that we can reach—in spite of the rising tide of war hysteria which is running rampant in the country, we the youth can drown out this hysteria with our demands for jobs, security and peace."



# Jimmy Lunceford's 'Harlem Express' Revue On Grand Theatre Stage Four Big Days, Starting May Second



You wanted it! You asked for it! . . . and here it is — the sensational "Harlem Express" Revue headed by the one and only "Whatcha Know Joe" Jimmy Lunceford and orchestra with the famous Lunceford Glee Club; Miller Bros. and Lois, dancers extraordinary; Velma Middleton, 250 pound jive and joy queen; and Timmie and Freddie, riotous comedy-duo. This group of entertainers will hold sway on the stage of the Grand Theater for four days, starting Friday, May 2.

Featured in the famous Lunceford quartet are James Young, Dan Grissom, Elmer (Well All Right) Crumley and Willie Smith, these men also fit right in with the glee club.

The last time that the Lunceford crew appeared on the stage of the Grand, Manager Joe Fine had to turn back the crowds and hang out the N.S.R. (No Standing Room) sign as the crowds jammed the theater to the rafters. His last engagement was for three days, but this time, in order to accommodate the crowds, the revue will hold forth for four days.

**Lunceford Was School Teacher**  
Lunceford was born in Memphis, and was graduated from Fisk University in 1925 with four college degrees. He became a teacher in Manassa Township High School at Memphis, and

was faculty adviser to campus music groups.

In that capacity he coached a nine-piece jazz band. When the members graduated, they planned to attend Fisk University, and it was then Lunceford decided to cast his lot with music.

He resigned from Manassa, moved with his band over to the Fisk campus, where he became head waiter in a restaurant, continued with the band playing dance dates, and between times took extra work in music at the University.

When the boys were graduated, Lunceford started into the band business seriously. Five of the ad still are with him. They are Edwin Wilcox, pianist; James Crawford, drummer; Willie Smith, saxophone; Mose Allen, bass, and Earl Carruthers, saxophonist.

The band crashed into the big-time in 1934 when it followed Cab Calloway into the New York Cotton Club, and since then has broken most of Cab's box office records from coast to coast.

**MURDER TRIAL CONTINUED**  
Cornelius Jones, 20, 424 South Morton avenue, charged with first-degree murder, will be tried at a later date.

**GAIN POPULARITY !!!**  
Automobile manufacturers found popularity in prosperous times that bright-colored autos gain and lose favor in hard times.

**INSURANCE WEEK! !!**  
National Negro Insurance Week will be celebrated the week of May third, according to the officials of the two local companies, the Gibraltar and the Mammoth.

**KENTUCKY P. T. Aers !!**  
To be entertained by Lincoln School PTA Saturday when they sight-see in the city. Lincoln school will be visited by the visitors . . . from all over the Kentucky State . . . the groups meet in the Douglas high school auditorium Friday and Saturday.

# UNA MAE CARLISLE PRESENTED IN SONG RECITAL OVER CBS

NEW YORK—A sudden impulse to write a song that expressed her joy after a delightful day on the River Thames, England, resulted in one of America's current hit songs, "Walkin' By The River," 24 year-old Una Mae Carlisle, output of the music courses of Wilberforce University, revealed last Tuesday night, over CBS's national radio program of Gabriel Heatter's "We The People."

Miss Carlisle stole the show with her dramatic and charming rendition of her own composition. She told her audience that she took naturally to music, getting her first lessons at piano from her mother, Mrs. Millie Carlisle, a school teacher. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and her mother moved later to Lynchburg, Va.

Introduced by Mark Warnow, conductor of the Lucky Strike Hit Parade and the We, The People orchestras, Warnow told how he played the song for the first time several weeks ago, before it had become one of the most popular tunes on the nation. After the broadcast, a young colored girl came to him and said: "Mr. Warnow, I want to thank you for the wonderful arrangement." "I said to her," Warnow continued, "So you like that song. And she said, 'Well, you see, Mr. Warnow, I wrote it. I'm Una Mae Carlisle.' When she told me of what the song meant to her I asked her to come here tonight and tell it to the American radio audience."

Miss Carlisle told Gabriel Heatter the song is a reflection and expression of many peaceful moments spent in reverie by the River Thames, England, when she visited there several years ago. She always had two ambitions, she said, one to write music, the other to go to Europe.

Just as impulsively as she dashed off "Walkin' By The River," Miss Carlisle explained she kept busy playing American music for friends in Britain and it wasn't very long before she had the opportunity to appear in public. Her unique interpretations brought immediate offers to entertain Paris, where she went and within a fortnight, her name went up in light's outside a swanky Paris hotel. She swept Parisians off their feet with tunes by American Negro composers and before long she was singing in the best places on the continent, including command performances before royalty. War

interfered with her entertainment schedule, when she appeared in the world-famed Shepard's, who accepted it on the spot for Cairo, Egypt. She returned to New York sixteen months ago and with the manuscript of "Walkin' By The River." It was submitted to Milton Rettenberg, Chief Editor of Broadcast Music, Inc., who accepted it on the spot for publication. It captured public fancy several weeks ago and is now rated as one of the tuniest songs written in recent years.

## Lil 'Romance In The Dark' Green At The Castle Soon



Not so long ago, someone put a nickel in the vendor, pressed a number and heard "Romance in the Dark," sung by Lil Greene. The song and the singer "took the country by storm" and every establishment which had a vendor kept calling for this popular song and one record after another wore thin, while other recordings were idle. The query was heard every where, "Who is this Lil Greene?" And so, as often happens, a comparatively obscure singer had skyrocketed to over nite because of a certain song and the way she sang it.

And while popular song addicts were playing, singing, humming, whistling and talking about "Romance in The Dark," Lil Greene, herself, was packing them in at Club 308 in Chicago, where she was also making a hit with that other song for which she is now famous, "Mellow Man."

But finally Lil "hit the road" and before long, Sunday April 27, to be exact, she will be in St. Louis where she will appear with Floyd Campbell and his band at the Castle Ballroom from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. This will be St. Louisans first opportunity to hear this girl who sings with a feeling, which is transmitted to her hearers.

Tickets, which are going fast, are on sale at the Corona Hotel, 2840 Olive street, and at the Roun' Townner's House of Music, 987 N. Vandeventer.

## Ultra-Smart Cocktail Lounge In Grand Opening, May Third

"A blue bar room with beautiful stars in the ceiling, soft cushioned stools, fluorescent lights, murals on the walls and the very latest in modern fixtures, a Rainbow room aside from the bar room with leather covered chrome booths, fluorescent lights and the very latest in modern fixtures! . . . these are the best words to be used in the description of Al Hall's new, Cocktail Lounge that will open amid glamour and splendor, Friday night, May second at the Ratcliffe Hotel, Sixth and Oak streets.

Mr. Hall has gone to considerable expense to bring the nite-lifers of Derbyville a spot equalled by none in this section of the state; a spot that has featured floor shows nightly for its customers and beautiful leather-cushioned chrome booths where one may sit in comfort and sip to his or her heart's delight.

This writer had a chance to peek at the interior of Al's Cocktail Lounge . . . the very elegance of the spot almost takes your breath away, makes one feel as if he's in one of the better nite spots in some of the large astern and northern cities. This is truly the finest spot that Derbyville has offered its patrons. The very latest in modern fixtures with the murals on the walls add greatly to its brilliance.

Make a date now to attend the grand opening. Clarence Goin is in complete charge of the decorating. —The Optic

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# GOVERNMENT TO SPEND BILLIONS IN SPEED-UP OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

## 100 Percent Increase In Income Taxes To Help Defense Program

WASHINGTON — National Defense is drawing a total of \$24,000,000 daily from the United States Treasury, according to releases from the War Department. This is five times as fast as last July when the defense program got under way.

When production hits the peak—probably in the Spring or early Summer of 1942—spending is expected to reach a maximum of \$75,000,000 or \$80,000,000 a day. Expenditures last July amounted to \$177,000,000. The outlay in March totaled \$745,000,000, which is more than the government spent for all activities in the entire year of 1914.

### 16 BILLIONS NEXT YEAR

Defense spending for the fiscal year ending June 30 at present is figured to aggregate some \$6,400,000,000. The Treasury's outlay for the last nine months was \$3,641,638,923.

Defense spending in the fiscal year beginning July 1 is estimated at \$16,000,000,000, an amount almost double all the currency of the realm. That's an average of more than \$1,300,000,000 a month, a sum that would run the government for three years back in the early nineties and still leave enough to buy a bag of candy for every person in the country.

Top spending for a single month in 1942 is calculated to run close to \$2,500,000,000, which would be at a clip of \$80,000,000 a day.

The over-all projected cost of the defense program has soared to astronomical figures. Appropriations and authorizations plus proposed expenditures are near the \$40,000,000,000 mark. Some \$9,912,600,000 has been appropriated and authorized and an additional \$9,265,200,000 is proposed in the 1941-42 budget and bills before Congress.

**INCOME TAXES—BIG HELP**  
The money to pay for war preparation is coming from in-

come taxes, which every single person earning over \$800 and every married person earning over \$2,000 a year has to pay. Corporation taxes will also help. Internal revenue taxes on cigarettes, beer, wine, liquor, smoking tobacco, cigars and other widely-used products will also help.

Members of the Senate finance committee are now suggesting an increase in the income tax from 4 per cent to 8 per cent, or a boost of 100 per cent in order to pay the tax burden.

### CITY COURT . . .

State vs Ethel J. Cole, 25, 630 E. Walnut street, drunkenness, plea of innocent, fined \$10 and costs, sentenced 10 days.

State vs Dave Jordan, 32, 507 Cherry street, drunkenness, plea of guilty, fined \$10 and costs, sentenced to 30 days.

State vs Early Dortch, 26, 516 Lincoln avenue, vagrancy, continued to May 5, \$500 bond.

State vs Anderson Bruin, 25, 520 Adam avenue, assault and battery, plea of guilty, fined \$50 and costs, sentenced 90 days, all suspended pending good behavior.

State vs Genevieve Dusen, 22, 616 Short Canal street, fornication, continued to May 2, \$1,000 bond.

### CIRCUIT COURT

State vs Heywood Clark, defendant pleads innocent to violating liquor law, bond \$2,000, set for trial June 10.

State vs John C. Giles, defendant pleads guilty petit larceny, fined \$50 and costs, sentenced 60 days Indiana state penal farm.

State vs Lucille Offett, Juanita Keys, defendants plead guilty to grand larceny, sentenced one to ten years state women's prison all suspended.

### HENDERSON MAN

HENDERSON, Ky., April 21.—Ira Hazelwood, 55, was charged with murder today in the fatal shooting of his son-in-law, James Key, 24, last night at Hazelwood's home in Baskett, six miles east of this city.

Key was instantly killed when struck in the chest by three .32 calibre bullets which witnesses testified were fired by Hazelwood. George Key, the father of the slain boy swore out the warrant for the arrest of Hazelwood. Mrs. Ethel Key, the widow of James, and her sister, Mattie told the coroner's jury that Key and their father had not been on good terms, and that Hazelwood had warned Key to stay away from the home. When Key came to the house last night, they said, an argument ensued and Hazelwood shot Key.

Hazelwood told Deputy Sheriff B. R. Gaines (white) who arrested him soon after the shooting, that Key had been abusing members of his family while he (Hazelwood) was away.

### OLD SCHOOL TEACHER DIES

James Williams, 79, barber at Grandview for 75 years, died Monday at the Welborn-Walker Annex. He was a former school teacher at the Grandview school and was superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Williams was a prominent official of the Rockport Masonic lodge.

### THANK YOU CARD !!!

Friends, thanks very much for your kindness during my wife's illness and hospitalization.

### country on battle-fields of war.

While doing this, they naturally wonder why Government, exercising the power of Congressional compulsion, can force their youth into Army service, but is so definitely callous, so "buck-passing," so pussy-footed, in facing this issue.

The hopelessness of many of these people should be a matter of concern to Government. The establishment and preservation of standard living conditions for these people should be a concern of Government. The inherent right of these people to an equal right to work that they may support their families in comfort,—this too should be a concern of Government.

### Sidestepping Duty and Responsibility

Government cannot sidestep its duty and responsibility in these concerns of a people, who are native, loyal and dependable. Whatever its shortcomings in eradicating poverty and providing employment during the past 8 years it cannot avoid or evade this issue now.

It must see that some part of the Billions of Dollars now being provided by Government shall go in equitable proportion to eager and willing citizens anxious to do their part in defense of democracy.

These people are sick at heart. Things are going on all around them difficult to understand.

Why, they quite properly ask—and they wish an answer—why should Government in America be afraid to defend the ideals it professes?

Why should Government be so hesitant, and apparently so impotent, in dealing with this issue?

Why should the great powers given by Congress be so feebly administered and such fears exhibited in dealing with defense-industry when the interests and welfare of 13,000,000 men, women and children, citizens of the nation, who wear upon their faces, the burnished livery of the sun," are at stake?

Democracy's final triumph in America will be achieved only when equality of treatment is accorded each and every citizen in this Republic.

## Tip Toe Club Members Celebrate



Pictured above are the popular members of the Tip Toe Club, seated at a table laden with white carnations, Hoosier roses, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, lettuce and tomato salad with French dressing. The occasion was an anniversary dinner at the Palm Hotel Green Room Good Friday evening. Old fashioned cocktails preceded the delicious

dinner which was enjoyed by: reading left to right—Savannah Taylor, Dorothy Carter, Lillie O'Neal, Eva Jennings, Lucy Ferguson, Nancy Harris, Ruth Givens, Beatrice Cartwright and Fanny Williams, waitress. Delores Bailey, another member was absent when the photo was snapped by Argus Photographer J. W. Holder.

## Walter White Flays Ford Plant Officials In Address

(NAACP Scores Ford for Using Raie to Break)

DETROIT, Mich., April 18.—Declaring that the use of Negro workers in a hired "goon squad" to break the strike called April 2 at the huge River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company was "dangerous," Walter White, NAACP secretary, issued a statement April 9 deploring the action and calling upon the Negroes in the plant to leave.

The NAACP secretary flew here April 7 when long distance telephone reports to New York seemed to indicate that racial tension had been injected so strongly into the struggle between Ford and the strikers that a riot might be staged.

"The Ford strike," said Mr. White's statement, "faces the Negro with the toughest decision he has ever had to make in the matter of jobs and his relations with his fellow-workers and employers. Widespread discrimination by some employers, even in national defense industries financed by taxation of Negroes as well as whites, has driven the majority of Negro workers to the ragged edge of existence. Henry Ford has not only hired more Negroes than any other Detroit employer but has given some of them the chance to rise above the menial ranks which contrasts sharply with Knudsen's General Motors."

"The attempt to use Negroes as a club over the heads of those who wish to organize themselves in unions in the Ford plants, however, is a dangerous move in times like these. It may make for increased racial tension which would hurt the defense program. I regret that a few colored workers, in their desperation for jobs have lent themselves to staying in the River Rouge plant. They are not helping themselves, the cause of the Negro, nor labor relations generally. Especially when every one knows that the Ford company could evacuate the plant in fifteen minutes if it wanted the thousand or so white and Negro workers out of there. I again plead with the men in the plant to leave, to remove this source of friction, and to let the issue be peaceably settled by the vote which has been ordered by the NLRB."

"Gratitude of Negro workers to Henry Ford for jobs which other plants have decided them is understandable. But I want to remind Negro Ford workers that they cannot afford to rely on the personal kindness of any individual when what the worker wants is 'justice.' Death comes eventually to every one of us. It will some day come to the present heads of the Ford industrial empire. No Ford employee, colored or white, knows what the future heads of Ford may do. Honest industrial democracy in the Ford and other industries of our country offer the only real guaranty of present and future security for workers."

"The A. F. of L. has played a sorry role in the strike in its futile attempt to dupe Negro workers who are well aware of the constitutional clauses, ritualistic practices, and other devices by which a number of A. F. of L. unions maintain 'lily white' unions which shut Negroes out of jobs. The UAW-CIO has conducted itself admirably in trying to remove the color line in this strike. It needs to do

the Negro press of the city UAW —CIO inserted an advertisement setting forth its official position on the question of the Negro as covered in its constitution and enforced by its contracts. Points are:

"1. Under a CIO-UAW contract, Negro Ford workers will receive the same pay as other workers doing the same work and will share equally in all other benefits provided by such a contract. This is already the case in organized shops.

"2. Negro Ford workers will not lose any privileges or positions that they have enjoyed at the Ford Motor Company. On the contrary, they will enjoy greater privileges, more job security and more promotions on the basis of the seniority system."

Enforcement of the policies is provided in Article two of the union constitution which carries an anti-discrimination clause on account of religion, race, creed, color, political affiliation or nationality."

### Bethlehem Steel —

(Continued From Page One)

employment office, and watched this same guard call 150 workers into the office, regardless of their place in line, to receive pink slips of paper which would certify them for employment.

These Negro workers had spent 40 cents in fares to make the 10-mile trip to Sparrows Point, Md., just outside Baltimore. They had heard that the steel company had taken their places in line at 8:30 in the morning to wait for the office to open. In a few minutes they heard a company guard call out from the employment office: "Hey, you white fellows come in here."

They saw a group of white workers fall out of line and march into the employment office, only to come out in a few minutes with pink slips which would certify them for employment. They say this operation repeated many times during the long wait from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

And then the company guard came out to tell them, "Come back tomorrow, maybe we can do something for you. Don't blame me if the company won't hire you." The story of how the giant Bethlehem Steel company, with more than a billion dollars in defense contracts, refuses to hire Negroes at its Maryland plant, was told to a representative of the National Negro Congress by an unemployed Negro worker who has been making the rounds of industrial defense plants in this area during the past few weeks.

### SHE WAS LUCKY !!

Donors . . . Guiding Fleet Club . . . Prizes . . . 25 lb. sack of sugar. . . Winner: Mrs. Lucille Fauntleroy . . . Date: . . . April 7 . . . Place: . . . Home of Mrs. Beulah Fields.

### ANOTHER CITIZEN !!

A fine eight pound baby boy for the Robert Hills of 608 E. Sycamore . . . made his appearance Sunday night . . . mother and baby are fine.

### TO SIDEWALK CYCLERS !!

Corporal Arthur Bias warns . . . Heavy Fines . . . Sidewalks . . . bicycle riders, cyclers without proper license plates and lights . . . cyclers who run stop signs and traffic lights.

### THANKS TO YOU !!

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## DRS. YOUNGE AND SHERMAN SPEAK AT TUSKEGEE MEET

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The John A. Andrew Clinical Society, Tuskegee Institute, opened its twenty-fourth annual meeting, Monday Morning, April 7, on a new high with over a hundred and fifty physicians present, President Spencer D. Dickerson, M. D., Chicago, in the chair. Dr. John A. Kenney, Secretary-treasurer of the Society introduced Walter G. Crump, M. D., honorary president of the Society, head of Flower Hospital, New York City, member of the staff of at least a dozen other hospitals and for twenty years a governor of the American College of surgeons.

### St. Louisans Speak

On Tuesday night, the session was held at the U. S. Veterans Facility auditorium. Featured speakers were Newdigate M. Owens, M. D., Atlanta, Ga., "Psycho-somatic Disorders"; Charles Prudhomme, M. D., U. S. Veterans Facility, "The Challenge of Mental Disease among Negroes"; W. A. Younge, M. D., St. Louis, "Diagnosis and Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias"; and Charles E. Sherwin, M. D., St. Louis, "Surgery of the Breast with Special Reference to Good Arm Function after Radical Operations." (with natural color motion pictures).

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# VASHON GIRL WINS NEGRO TRADE WEEK LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP

## 'Parade of Negro Business' Is Fitting Climax to Event

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI — Miss LaDoris Sanford received the twenty-five dollar oratorical scholarship award Tuesday night at the Vashon High School, which culminated the two special activities of the Alpha Zeta Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority in its observance of the Negro Trade Campaign begun April 6. Miss Sanford a Vashon High School senior, represented the Ross Furniture and Appliance Company, 4275 W. Easton. The presentation of the scholarship was made by Soror Olivette Powe, president.

# STRIKE TIES UP MOVING

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI — Violence flared during the week in the furniture and piano movers strike called last Thursday by 300 AFL movers who are demanding a wage increase of 25 cents an hour. The Public Movers' Association of St. Louis, owners organization, failed to come to terms. Efforts of a number of independent movers to take jobs in the usually busy moving season of mid-April met with opposition.

Tuesday bricks were hurled at moving vans belonging to Guy Hudson Moving Co., 2713 Chouteau Ave., on Warne avenue at Easton avenue; a crowd of about 50 strikers forced a mover to return a load of furniture into a house in the 4200 West block on Aldine avenue; a van operated by McRoy's Bonded Movers, 1829 S. 9th street was turned over in front of 3822 Greer Ave. Fifty strikers were arrested Tuesday and nine of the group held, seven of whom were colored.

Windows Smashed  
Gay Hudson, 53, operator of the Guy Hudson Moving Co., was identified by two members of the striking movers union Local No. 731, A.F.L. Friday night as the leader of a gang routed a group of the strikers with a pistol Friday morning at Gravois and Allen avenues. Hudson who said he was at his place of business at the time of the purported incident.

About 150 independent movers met at Hudson's place and formed the St. Louis Independent Movers Union No. 711. Francis Jones is president.

# JUST GARRIN'

By MARYLYNN J. MOORMAN

### TO INDIANAPOLIS

Motored Mrs. Mary Wells, our public health nurse, where she attended the annual T. B. auxiliary meet. While there Mrs. Wells was the recipient of many social courtesies and enjoyed herself immensely.

### VISIT DERBYVILLE

Misses Sallie Mae, Margaret and son, Higgs, accompanied by William R. Johnson and Pete Hester, all of Owensboro, Ky., were in our city over the week-end, visiting relatives Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Moorman . . . from Providence came Mrs. Minnie Wilson, mother of Mrs. Caldonia Fauntleroy and Miss Mary Julia Wilson . . . and Earnest Mason the mortician who hails from Madisonville who is in the city.

### 'SIGMA FRAT MEN ONLY' FORMAL \$10 A PLATE DINNER ON APRIL 26

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Announcement of a \$10 a plate Sigma dinner on April 26 by Joseph H. Faison, acting president of the Nu Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was made Monday.

Proceeds from the dinner will be applied to the Conclave expenses that will fall on the local chapter during next December. Of the ninety-six men in the Philadelphia chapter, many have already said that they will be in attendance at the dinner-unique in fraternal activities.

### Conflicting Booking Cancels

Southland Singers Til Later Date  
Rev. W. M. Edward and the Southland Jubilee Singers will appear in a recital at Attucks High School in Hopkinsville, Ky. Monday afternoon, and at Cadiz, Ky. Monday night. Because of conflicting booking the singers will not appear here until a later date, thus cancelling the April 28 engagement at Lincoln High School.

### NEWEST IN FURNITURE AND HINTS

Furniture has taken a new trend . . . it has entered the stage where it is available to the "average" income family. In bedroom and dining room furniture, living room equipment and accessories, you'll find loads of plastic material this spring. They are beautifully designed in old and new forms. The material is as heavy as wood—just as hard, and clear as glass . . . visit the GEM FURNITURE MART and ask about their lines . . . they carry the latest, styles, colors and prices . . . and, lest you forget, mention seeing their ad in the Argus.

Hints by the dozen and all kinds . . . for instance, your costume jewelry. Have you ever thought of cleaning it up so it looks like new? You can, if you will wash it frequently with a soft-bristled brush dipped in a thick soap lather. Use only a little water to avoid loosening the stones, rinse carefully and dry with a clean lintless cloth and they'll sparkle like new.

### TO LOSE POPULAR MEMBER OF SOCIAL SET . . . is Derbyville, when Mrs. Ruth Virtue departs in September for Nashville, Tennessee where she will accept a position as Dental Hygienist with a prominent dentist.

SPENDS WEEK-END IN OHIO  
Miss Allouise Jaxon, Lincoln high school nurse spent the week-end visiting relatives in Ohio and had a very nice time. So nice that she plans a return trip in the near future . . . It is truly delightful to 'get away from it all' at times.

# Wm. Henry Huff's Pen

WORDS AND DEEDS  
Some believe in empty words and more  
I believe in doing deeds.  
Some believe in scoffing at the poor,  
I attempt to meet their needs.  
Some believe in building walls of hate,  
I express love for all;  
Everyone must do this soon or late—  
Hate must have no solid wall.

### GOD'S CONTEMPLATION

The man who says he hates the Jew  
Yet says he loves the Negro  
Is nothing but a common liar  
Who thinks by such cheap fool  
He makes himself a hero.  
Poor dupe—he simply plays with fire!  
From one red blood God made all men;  
No group was made inferior.  
He made no whims, no racial hate,  
But looks upon all such as sin.  
No group was made superior;  
This way, He did not contemplate!

### JUSTICE

They say 'tis o'er the hill somewhere  
Or just around the corner.  
To me it is a blind nightmare  
Whose sharp steel bit has torn 'er

For when it comes to men and mine  
She simply bucks and paces  
And spits and snorts and bites the lines  
And kicks apart the traces.

### THE AWAKENING

I went into the woods and cut  
A hundred logs of pine  
With which to build a lowly hut  
For me and all mine.  
Between the logs I daubed with mud  
Which acted like cement.  
That Georgia clay which looks like blood  
In time gets hard as flint.  
I planted collards in my yard,  
But not a single rose.  
I since have learned to have regard  
For every plant that grows  
Because each one of them belong  
To nature's noble plan;  
And nature never has done wrong  
By growing things for men.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
To the John Dupees who lost their sister last week.

FROM NINA TEMPLE . . . . .  
THE VOICE

Seems that some women are beautiful until they speak and then spell is broken . . . why? Because the voice is high pitched and sharp and that takes away from any woman much of the charm and beauty she might have. There are some women who are beautiful only because of their voices. Low sweet musical voices have drawing power and the possessor of such a voice has the magic of beauty thrown about them. If yours is not sweet and low, make haste to change it you can.

ESPECIALLY GOOD  
is cream dressing as a topping for fruit salads. To make it, use one cup of mayonnaise with one-half cup of sweet cream whipped, folded in.

MIGHTY FINE  
Is the Harlem Express Revue scheduled to make its appearance on the stage of the Grand Theatre for four days starting May 2. Jimmy Lunceford and his fine orchestra; Miller Bros. and Lois, sensational dance team; Timmie and Freddie, internationally famous comedians and Velma Middleton, 250 pound jive and joy artist, are the stars.

Miss Beatrice Forte spent the week end in St. Louis visiting relatives.

National Negro Insurance Week . . . May 3-10. Give Negro Insurance Companies The Business and they Will Give You The Jobs.

## News Of The Churches

All Church News MUST Be in The Argus Office By Monday Evening, 5 p. m.

### Rev. D. C. Weaver, Editor

### HOOD TEMPLE AME ZION

Sunday School was attended by many with all teachers present. Rev. Sink conducted morning service at 11:15 a.m. Rev. Mrs. Ina A. Thompson preached an inspiring sermon at 3:00 p.m. and at evening services. Christian Endeavor was held at the same hour with a banner attendance. Mrs. Thompson will continue to hold revival services here through the twenty-fifth of this month. All are invited to come out and hear her inspiring sermons. We welcome all visitors.  
Rev. Henry H. Sink, pastor; Mrs. Leople Dinwiddie, reporter.

### TAYLOR CHAPEL BAPTIST

Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Morning services 11:30. Special afternoon service 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Rev. J. L. Cooksey and congregation will be in charge of services here. Everyone is invited to come out and hear the

### TOO MUCH MOUTH

(a poem with a moral)  
Once upon a time a frog  
Lost his happy dwelling place;  
Drought had cleared the bull  
rush bog  
Where for years had lived his  
race.

Brother Turpin had a den  
By the river, 'neath a rock;  
This poor fellow took him in.  
Though he came not from his  
stock;  
He was welcome as is May  
In the south.

After supper had been served  
Straight to bed the turpin went;  
From this course he never  
swerved—  
In the bed his nights were spent.  
But the frog climbed on the rock  
And commenced to squawk and  
squawk;  
Soon he felt a deathly shock  
From the clutches of a hawk;  
Neighbors then were heard to say  
"Too much mouth! !"

### program and services.

Rev. John Tate, pastor; Sis. Boyd, clerk.

### INDEPENDENCE BAPTIST

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. B.Y.P.U. 6:00 p.m. Evening service 8:00 p.m.  
The pastor preached a very soul stirring sermon last Sunday, using as his text, "Pray for Deliverance", Math. 6 chapter.

We will have our annual revival, beginning May 12, and will continue for 10 days. In charge will be the Reverend Mr. Browder of Louisville, Ky.  
Rev. M. H. Aston, pastor; Fleming Leavells, reporter.

The Baptist Ministers conference met Monday at the East View Baptist church with Rev. G. E. Johnson, moderator in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened by Rev. S. E. Dulin, followed by a lecture of the Sunday school lesson by Rev. J. M. Caldwell. Ministers present were:

Reverends G. E. Johnson, H. Robinson, N. B. Ervin, M. H. Alston, G. W. Cole, Jeff Dixon, C. A. Lamons, L.S. Smith, S. B. Dulin, J. W. Hoover, N. T. Talley, Harris, L. A. McIntyre and

C. Brown, Deacon Rash Ferguson.  
Visiting ministers, Rev. L. T. Lewis of Denver, Colorado and Rev. Hunt of Hopkinsville, Ky. We are inviting you to come out and meet with us each Monday and learn what we are doing in the interest of your young folk.  
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## DERBYVILLE

COVERING THE WATERFRONT . . . MARION "BEN" NALL was hittin' the spots last week. He's still 'Hameing' at a Petersburg hotel. \*\* MRS. FLOSSIE DAVIS is much improved after undergoing an operation for the removal of her tonsils. \*\* CHESTER WHITE is A-one rated with Uncle Samuel. \*\* "Saucer" is playing it with a very young miss on Fifth street. \*\* JOHN POLK is setting a mighty good service record as head man at Bon Marche. \*\* AARON and GEORGIA have agreed not to disagree any more, after several months' separation. \*\* WALTER JACKSON and JACQUELLA—CHESTER KIRBY and L. JUNO are the sort of romances that we call 'perfect.' \*\* The boys' eyes were wide-open last week when they spied beautiful MARY WILEY from Napton, in town. \*\* The WILLIAM "BILL" FAUNTLEEROYS are making their home in the Warfield Apartments. \*\* MAURICE ANDERSON, JUNIOR is in town and is attending Lincoln high school. \*\* They will be Mr. and Mrs. LAWRENCE WARREN on Mother's Day.

ON THE ENTERTAINMENT SIDE . . . BOYD KELLY, the guitarist extraordinary, former Derbyville cat, is swinging out in hot spots in Chicago. \*\* Talented ADA COTTON, chirper on the mello' side is packing them in at the Palm Hotel Green Room. Miss Cotton came to the city direct from the Rainbow End in Webster Groves, Missouri, where

she was a sensation. . . she was well liked in Tillie's Place over in E. St. Louis ere she went to the Rainbow. . . RUBY HENDRICKS is tickling the ivories at the Palm Hotel. . . this is the best combo that the Green Room has featured. . . UNA MAE CARLISLE, the young lady who so brilliantly chirps, "Walking by the River," is Colored and composer of the popular song. . . she's some beauty, too. . . reports have it. . . CHARLES POSEY and orchestra are jamming up a while down Sturgis, Kentucky way on Saturday and Sunday nites. . . LUTHER BELL'S SUNLIGHT INN Tavern is now opened after several months' inactivity, with "POAKIE" McCrory and COSBY MORTON as bartenders. . . GRACE McNary is the young lady in charge of the kitchen. . . Tis stated that TOM PIPER will be head bartender at Ossenberg's new nite spot at Lincoln and governor.

ON THE GRAND THEATER STAGE . . . JIMMY LUNCEFORD and his very fine orchestra with the famous Miller Brothers and Lois dance team, Velma Middleton, 250 pound comedy-vocalist and dancer, and Moke and Poke, comedy team will hold forth on the stage of the Grand Theater for four days, starting May 2. The band has been 'saying box office records at theatres and ballrooms the country over. . . a lot of these records were set by Lunceford himself.

Besides Lunceford there are 15 men in the band: including five reeds and six brasses. Featured performers in the band are Willie Smith, arranger, also saxist and clarinetist; Joe Thomas, tenor saxophonist, James Young, trombonist and composer of "Tain't What You Do," and Gerald and Paul Wilson of the trumpet section. . . The bands vocal quartet includes Wilson, Smith, Joe Thomas and Trummie Young, Smith Young and Elmer Crumbley are vocal soloists. Crumbley was the hit of last spring's show with "Well All Right." HITIN' THE QUESTION BOX . . . What of that 'screen-romance' twixt MARSHALL "I Love Life" TYLER and LUCILLE? . . . they don't seem the same as in days of yore. . . seems that A. ALLEN has moved in on him with the speed of a "greyhound." . . These 2 seem to coincide in their views as to the type of girls . . . which reminds me of other romances some months ago. . . Why is it that PETE, the Grocery store man sends the flowers and candy to 1314 FULTON AVENUE so that Jimmy of Woods may have the privilege of smelling the flowers and eating the candy? . . . 'tis reported that Jimmy munched candy for a while last week after he returned from an Easter vacation, and it was candy sent by Pete. . . then, they say that he always is eager to deliver groceries out Jim-Town way to a certain address on E. Oregon. . . Why is it that "SOCKO" is always emerging as winner in the rip billiard games at Abe Owens very nice Billiard Hall. . . is his game that tough? . . . They say that Marvin Bynum and Mac the Carpenter are pretty handy with the stick, too. . . \*\* To the request, "how are the LAMBERTS doing in Chicago?" . . . I report . . . "Fine." . . He (former Hotel McCurdy employee) is doing a fine job of interior decorating with a Chicago firm.

IN THE MAIL BOX . . . I found the following inquiry, "why is it that soon as the 'democratic' joints get on-foot, they hang up a sign, saying, colored cannot sit down or we give sack service to Colored?" . . . continuing, he stated that he knew the time when the two Eighth Street joints and the Fifth Street joint catered in a big way to the colored clientele, but soon as they got the trade a-moving (among the fays) they turned 'hostile to the browns and stated that one of our number got a little to fresh with a fay fem. . . this is always the way they do after they drum up a sufficient amount of trade and put all of the blame on us, as if we can't stand a decent place. Then, Mr. Optic, I saw two nice lookers, and I do mean colored femmes, standing up, receiving sack service in an Eighth Street place after the NAACP Mass Meeting last week. . . a meeting destined to help awaken the Race as to the benefits derived from patronizing your own Race-owned stores or firms or such places giving employment to the Race. These two nice lookers passed Edmunds, Sun-Rise Cafe, Ideal Cafe, and Bud's on the way to the Jim Crown place on Eighth Street. . . I have heard these same two young ladies holler that "I don't go in those no-good places on inohn," yet I saw her getting sack service at the place mentioned above and saw her out at a joint on Kentucky, getting side-door car-service. . . can you imagine that, and they are in 'ciety, too. These chicks are all too good to go in the avenue spots for beer

yet they tread (yes, I have seen some walk out to this spot on Kentucky) out to the Kentucky avenue spot and go to the back and side door and get their beer and what have you. . . same ole slave psychology, I guess. . . in other words, I can't afford to be seen in a decent joint for colored, but 'tis alright to be seen at the back door of these fay joints.

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National Negro Insurance Week is Being Celebrated from May 3-10. Be Sure to Form Your First Line of Home Defense by Insuring With A Colored Insurance Company During This Week.

WHILE DOING THE SPOTS . . . last week-end, I spied Houston Moorehead, the playboy with a mite-y ily queen. . . Roy (Glass House) Clemons having a good time. . . Spied I a certain young stitched lady (now separated) doing the spots with Helen's boy friend, they were at the Palm Hotel Green Room. . . 'Cutie Pie' Edith of SunKise almost got her wires crossed as she was partying with Dickey. . . because Sebree boy friend drilled in and Dickey drilled out of the booth. . . all ended well when she finally resolved to join the home town boy friend with whom she had the date. CAN IT BE TRUE?? . . . the "Glamour Boy" spent a total of four hours, laying his spell on a new entertainer. . . during the course of the conversation, mention was made of the popularity, glamour and charm possessed by the same person. . . to which she replied: "anyone with that much charm and glamour is not my type, they usually are too hard to handle."

That this state was made at the Count Basie dance in Owensboro, "I envy you every minute that I am at work and out of your presence."

CAUTION TO YOU CYCLERS . . . better you be careful that you do not ride your bicycle on the sidewalks as Corporal Arthur Bias states that all offenders will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The same persons found riding bicycles minus license plates, and those found running stop signs, traffic lights and riding bicycles without lights "after hours," will have to stand trial.

IN SAYING GOOD-BYE . . . I want to urge you readers to take advantage of the facilities being offered by Teddy Cole at his new Sunflower Gardens. . . a very beautiful place, will be available to churches, schools, lodges, and other organizations, free-of-charge every night excepting Saturday and Sunday. There will be bingo parties every Friday.

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## Attorney Huff Asks FBI

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go to Lexington and talk to these people. The informant, though white, begged that his name be not mentioned, as otherwise Oglethorpe soil would be as hot for him as it manifestly is for Atty Huff.

Atty. Huff said, "Otis Smith, the former Commissioner, or chain gang boss of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, has no more right to rifle other people's mail than the cheap mail rifling culprits of Chicago and elsewhere who are sent to the Federal prisons where they should be. In view of this fact I have forwarded this complaint to the proper authorities at Washington, D. C. and demanded action."

It will be remembered that one of the early charges lodged against William Toliver Cunningham of Oglethorpe County, Georgia was that of rifling a letter sent to Miss Ada Smith, a young Negro school teacher. Both Miss

Smith and her father William (Gody) Smith were lodged in the little dingy red jail at Lexington, Georgia because Cunningham found a money order intended for Solomon McCannon in a letter addressed to her, which Cunningham is said to have rifled. Oglethorpe County, Georgia must be made to know that it is a part of the U. S. A."

The same letter mentioned the maltreatment of an elderly man by one W. J. Paul of Lexington, Georgia because the Negro made inquiries about a Government check, in which he, the Negro, was alleged to be entitled to share. The letter said Paul owed the Negro fifteen dollars, but told him unless he agreed to remain on his plantation, he would not get anything, and when the Negro went about investigating the condition pertaining to the Government check, he was run off the Paul plantation.

## Dr. Lawlah Named Medical School Head

Scholarships Awarded To Seven Students

WASHINGTON, D. C.— At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard University Dr. John W. Lawlah, Medical Director of Provident Hospital, was appointed dean of the College of Medicine and of the School of Medicine as the successor to the late Dr. Numa P. G. Adams, it was announced this week by James M. Nabrit, Jr., Secretary of the University.

Dr. Chauncey I. Cooper, of St. Louis acting dean of the college of Pharmacy, was appointed dean of the college, and regulations affecting the tenure of non-teaching employees and professional librarians were adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Cooper is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where he secured his B. S., M. S., and Ph. D. degrees.

Dr. Lawlah, who will also serve the medical school as professor of Roentgenology, is a graduate of Wisconsin, Rush Medical School and the University of Chicago.

Three new members were elected to the Trustee Board; Dr. Sara G. Brown, of New York City, Loriner D. Milton, president of the Citizens Trust Company of Atlanta, Ga., and the Rev. James E. Rose, of Rochester, N. Y.

7 Students Awarded Fellowships. The Secretary of Howard University announced that the Lucy E. Moten Travel Fellowships were awarded to the following seven students:

MISS LUNABELLE WEDLOCK, \$275 for travel and study to investigate Jewish-Negro relationships.

MISS JANE C. MARSHALL, of Chicago, \$350 for travel and study in Puerto Rico to investigate court procedures and attitudes of judges and counsel toward cases involving the Negro. C. PHILLIP BUTCHER, of Washington, \$225 to participate in a summer work-shop for creative writers at Columbia University and to make preliminary stu-

dents of Negro life in the New York City area as a basis for further creative activity in the field of short story writing.

WILLIAM T. PATRICK, of Detroit, \$225 for travel and study in selected areas of the South to investigate the impact of race pressure upon Negro churches, and newspapers.

RICHARD WELLS, of Washington, \$250 to participate in the dramatic work-shop at Atlanta University and to investigate Negro College little-theatres.

OTTO McCLARRIN, of Philadelphia, \$225 for travel and study in selected areas of the South to gather material through the mediums of photography, pencil sketches, and lithograph crayon drawings of typical aspects of Negro life in the southern areas.

ULLMONT JAMES, Virgin Islands, \$285 alternate fellowship.



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SPEAK UP "DEMOCRACIES"

As the world crisis deepens, and the old order changes more and more precipitately, thought turns naturally to the coming order of things. What precisely will be this coming order can only be guessed at, so dim are the outlines of the aspirations of the "democracies" to which we are told tomorrow surely belongs, and so unthinkable, to the average mind, at any rate, is a Hitler world of sustained hate and terror and master-race lordship.

This much is clear, though, we are witnessing today no more imperialist war; the struggle is more than one for markets and raw materials and colonies; it is a struggle between fundamental ways of living, of looking at life, of shaping and directing the energies and aspirations of the people of the earth, it is a world revolution, no less.

Revolutions can be muffed. And the "democracies" are in grave danger of muffing this one. The Nazi-Fascists, creatures of the revolutionary upsurge of the past twenty years, are trying to pervert this revolution; they would turn the clock backward, bring men to a lower and not a higher destiny, brutalize and not humanize men, defile and not duly celebrate the human spirit. Victory for the Nazi-Fascists would be like leading mankind out into a great and barren wilderness. Yet what do the "democracies" propose to do to win, to save mankind from the fate the Nazi-Fascists have so clearly indicated?

Do the "democracies," for example, think they can meet the revolutionary challenge of the Nazi-Fascists with non-revolutionary attitudes, with things-as-usual fixations? Do they think to channel the aspirations of the people of the world today back into the old moulds, the old streams of consciousness?

Don't they know the hour of fundamental change is struck? Don't they know that they can't meet a revolutionary situation with old methods, old prejudices, old outlooks?

If the United States and England, with their allies, really want to win this present struggle for power and a way

of life, they must make ready their minds for changes more far reaching than can as yet be imagined. They must realize now and clearly that if they are really fighting for the people of the world as against their despoilers they must enlist the people on their side.

No one, in his right mind, would dare argue that the people of the world do not desire peace and security and respect for their manhood and womanhood. They do desire all this. But to what extent have the "democracies" given them this in the past? To bring the question up to date, to what extent are the "democracies" prepared to fight to give them this in the new order which, we are told, surely belongs to them?

What about race and color and class in the new order? What about respect for individuality and human dignity in the new order? What is it that the "democracies" would have us die for? On what ground do the "democracies" claim the trust and support of the people of the world in the present struggle?

Why, in a word, is there such an unwillingness on the part of the "Democracies" to announce their war aims? What are they holding back? Don't they know what they are suppose to be fighting for? Can it be that they indeed know, but dare not tell the people whose trust and support they want?

To what extent, on wonders, have the leaders of the "Democracies" made ready their own minds for the task before them, for the job of building a better society?

Can the plans and leadership of the "democracies," with their promise of hope and betterment for the world, outweigh and outscore the people's fear and trembling in contemplation of a Hitler victory and world? This is the question for the "Democracies" to ponder and ponder now.

—Marc Moreland (Typ. New York)

NAACP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will soon launch its annual spring membership drive. In the past few months this organization has forged to the front with a militant, progressive program sure to reap benefits if the Evansville populace will rally and support the same.

This organization now boasting a membership of over two hundred persons needs about twice that many to present a 'solid front' in its efforts to force show-downs on issues as pertain to the problems of the colored citizens.

The organization is making a plea to the white citizens of this city to provide industrial training for the colored youths as well as jobs in the many plants possessed of defense contracts; these interested whites have not altogether turned a deaf ear to the pleas of the group, which in itself is evidence of gaining at least, interested listeners, who in turn may prove to be interested helpers.

It is up to the colored citizens to help support the NAACP in its campaign to secure additional members . . . the organization is our protector, let's help to keep it on the front lines of the fighting camp.

Now is a time when a person has more than just his assigned duty to perform . . . when he leaves his post, his work should not stop just there, but should continue so as to make a better community in which his children may grow to be men and women. We do not need such selfish people who feel that the public expects too much of them because they happen to be professional men and women; we are now in the thick of the battle, where the fittest will be the lone survivors. The fittest may be so produced by the concerted efforts of all colored people, in all walks of life. Just such thoughts are uppermost in the minds of the leaders of the local NAACP branch and their one aim is to impress the entire citizenry of the importance of such beliefs.

We are all colored and face the same problem—"prejudice on all hands." If we do not stop now and unite, all will be lost. Let's stop now and forget the old saying that; "why should our Race expect the teachers, preachers and lawyers to be the leaders, and criticize us for not taking a more active part in the civic advancement of the community? Other groups and races do the same." This may be true, but the Afro-Americans are a non-typical group, a group that is the victim of the vilest system of oppression and jim-crowism, the cooperation of all persons is now needed to get the "black-ball" from in front of our faces.

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Since now it seems that Labor is moving rapidly toward the front seats of power, it would be foolish for the Ford Motor Plant workers in Detroit to oppose Labor. When the plant is organized non-Union members will lose their jobs, and this will include many colored workers. Had the so-called Race leaders of Detroit urged the colored workers to join the Union some time ago, these same workers would now have seniority rights and guarantees of good jobs.

Officials of the American Peace Mobilization are preparing to file suits against seven New York Hotels for violation of contractual arrangements in the housing of colored delegates who attended the Peoples Meeting at New York recently. Written agreements were received by the APM officials from the hotels' managers, stating that there would not be any discrimination against colored delegates, but one hotel, Chesterfield, refused to accept the delegates of brown hue and the others caused inconvenience and embarrassment to the colored delegates before they would allow them to stay. The hotels involved include the Imperial, Broadway, Chesterfield, Lincoln, Picadilly, Plymouth, Times Square, and the Breslin.

Tomorrow morning, Saturday, April 26th, N.A.A.C.P. members in 50 key cities will picket defense plants barring colored workers.

The persimmon, the fruit of a tree which grows wild along the roads and in the fields throughout the South has been found to be an excellent base for a formula, destined to cure pyorrhea, a disease of the gums. This formula was presented by Dr. Geo. W. Carver, prominent scientist of Tuskegee to the dental division of the John A. Andrew Clinical Society last week. The persimmon is boiled for its juice and the juice is combined with other ingredients to form a liquid with strong astringent properties.

Beginning July 1, officials in Washington declare that they intend to draft men at the rate of 60,000 per month, which will give a total during 1941-2 of 72,000 inductees. Preparations for the second draft, for those who have become 21 years old since the last registration, are under way in the capital.

Alexander Cunningham-Reid (white) of Great Britain, now receiving \$20,000 yearly, alms from his wife wants \$12,000 more to care for their two children now in his custody.

IMPORTANT DATES IN HISTORY

On the 19th of April in '75—as every schoolboy knows—Paul Revere ended his famous ride, and the American Revolution . . . On the 19th of April in '61 the first blood was shed in the most tragic of all America's wars . . . On the 19th of April in '98 Congress voted war against Spain, and the martial spirit swept on towards Manila Bay, Santiago and San Juan Hill . . . And almost on the 19th of April in '17, America solemnly observed Good Friday by entering World War I.

The Metropolitan District of the WDL—112 E. 19th street, N. Y. C., announces the following benefits, proceeds to go to defense of labor's rights in the New-York-New Jersey area: April 9 to May 3: The Circus (Barnum and Bailey-Ringling

Brothers: Madison Square Garden). Tickets \$1.10 at WDL office, good for any day.

April 19: Central Branch of Y MCA, Brooklyn. "A Night of Magto", prominent prestidigitators. Brooklyn Branch WDL. Tickets \$1.10.

June 8: Boat Ride to Bear Mountain with Workmen's Circle.

The much-postponed election of the I. L. A., Local 1419, is scheduled for April 28. This election will settle the long dispute among the various groups, as to who will have the right to form the leadership of the union. It will settle the issue once and for all. But the most important element of the oncoming election is the fact that it will determine the policy of the ILA for years to come. The workers who cast their vote will indicate by their choice whether they want to go on being exploited and the objects of racketeering and graft, or whether they want a real, honest-to-goodness labor organization dedicated to the interest of the workers. The road they take will be decided April 28.

State Police

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which men will be chosen to attend the state police training school opening June 16 at Indiana university for six weeks, Supervising Lieutenant Don L. Kooker, director of the training school, announced that at least one hundred men will be chosen from the applicants by written examination, by investigations into their character references, and by a rigid physical examination. Of these one hundred men, fifty will be employed to fill the new positions, an additional number will replace present vacancies and the remainder who satisfactorily complete their training will be placed on the reserve eligible list for early appointment.

Superintendent Stiver stressed the fact that anyone meeting the initial qualifications may apply, regardless of political affiliation or their standing under the selective service act.

Heads Franklin County Teachers

WASHINGTON, Mo. — At the annual meeting of the Franklin County Teachers Association held at Washington High School April 5, Mrs. Helen L. South was elected president of that organization, to begin her second two-year term as head of the colored teachers in Franklin County.

Among the prominent visitors attending the sessions was president Sherman D. Scruggs of Lincoln University; Roland L. Wiggins, State Supervisor of Negro Schools; J. L. Russell, State Supervisor of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration; Mr. Herman S. Dreer, assistant principal of Sumner High School, St. Louis; Zaid Lenoir of Vashon High School, St. Louis, Sherman Savage, department of history, Lincoln University.

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