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## This week's Editorial Review

### THE CITY COMMISSION RACE

For a long time it appeared as though the present City Commissioners would be without any opposition. However, 22 candidates have filed, fourteen of whom will be nominated.

Opposition in elections is a good thing in our communities and country. Especially is it so when men have held office for many years. And it would be a good thing for new men to be placed on the Council now and then. What there is only one party in power and no opposition, the situation becomes dangerous for the citizen. And that is true whether it be the government of a city, county, state or nation.

Let the opposition tell us what they will do and let the present commissioners defend what they have done or not done or undone. The election should be interesting, indeed.

### POSTMASTER HARLEY G. MOORHEAD

Postmaster Harley G. Moorhead has been a model official as we expected him to be. He was the first Election Commissioner in Douglas County. The "Machine" ran Omaha in those days. And that "Machine" which had lived on plunder did not want the Election Commissioner Law, and it wanted none of Harley Moorhead.

But he made it work and made the ballot in fact the people's weapon. And this law, honestly and ably enforced by Mr. Moorhead, marked the beginning of the end for the "Plunderbund". Mr. Moorhead played no favorites as Election Commissioner; he plays none now as Postmaster. Regardless of color, race or religion he does his job.

Mr. Moorhead is a graduate of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, which school was the only one in the first class which admitted Colored Students before the Civil War. And he has carried the lofty humanitarian traditions of Oberlin into his public service. His legal education was obtained at Columbia University and he remembers always her liberal traditions.

Our hope is that some day even greater opportunities will come to you in the service of your country.

### COLORED MEN FROM AMERICA IN AUSTRALIA

The newspapers of the country several days ago told of the arrival in Australia of Colored Soldiers from the United States.

This is a very strange story, almost as strange as though Hitler had invited Colored men and Jews to come to Germany to help with the war effort. This, because Australia has been known as a "White Man's Country", for 150 years. Prior to the entry of the soldiers mentioned, Colored men from America or elsewhere could not reside there. Even theatrical folk of color could only remain for brief intervals.

We hope the Colored Men from the States will be well treated by the Australians and that the silly color bugaboo will soon pass away. It should not be difficult to understand that unless the white races can win and hold non white allies, they cannot win.

Germany made the Brown Japanese her allies and because they were her allies, Der Fuehrer made them Aryans (white). Maybe, Australia has "taken a leaf from Germany's book".

### THE OMAHA SCHOOL BOARD

The Omaha School Board now seems committed to a policy of

## REGIMENTS OF NEGROES WIN EAST'S ACCLAIM

### SHARP SHOOTING STRIES COMMAND RESPECT

(by MABE KOUNTZE) Boston April 5 (ANP)—When it comes to guarding the east coast of our country, our Colored Americans take the cake.

Usually, it only requires one rifle shot and you are ready to give colored sentries not only the cake, but all the ice cream, a five course dinner and your 1942 ration of confectionary sugar!

O, brother, these colored regi-

ments are tougher to do business with than Hitler! And everybody knows you can't do business with Hitler.

Take the New England rock bound coast and vital industrial and defense areas for example. Colored boys are on guard here.

When I say on guard, I mean on GUARD!

No bewitching feminine beauty no amount of college culture, and not even the misty spray of the

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## SPEED ACTION TO SELECT DRS. FOR NEGRO DIVISION

Chicago, April 9 (ANP) Plans for the selection of the physicians who are to make up the staff of the station hospital to serve the new Negro division to be established at Fort Huachuca, Arizona are proceeding rapidly. The country has been combed for outstanding men in various fields of the age and calibre whom it was felt could pass the physical examinations required, and ANP is able to report that the names of the group from which the first contingent of 32 doctors will be selected, have already been sent to Washington.

The group which was chosen by the procurement and assignment committee of the National Medical Association is widely scattered geographically. Chicago with its prominent hospital staff, comprising many of the foremost doctors of the country, was drawn upon most heavily, 10 doctors having been selected from this city. Washington was next with nine and Philadelphia, third, with eight. Sixty names were submitted out of which 32 will be selected.

There were 300 applications of physicians and dentists. There are places for only four of the latter. Dentists' names were cleared through Dean Dixon of Howard University Dental school, a member of the committee. The procedure was for the procurement and assignment committee of the National Medical Association, of which Dr. M. O. Bousfield is chairman, to select the physicians clearing them with a similar committee of the American Medical Association, after which they were sent to the office of the surgeon-general of the army.

A larger number of names was submitted than will be used in this first unit for several reasons, it was said. Some men, not receiving the rank for which they have hopes, that of major or captain, may refuse assignment; others may not pass the physical examination.

The distribution geographically is said to represent what is happening in medical education among Negroes, with the exception of New York City where the local medical society went on record against the establishment of the unit because it was to be all-Negro. Most of the men are from the north and most from the larger cities. This is because the general opportunities for training and hospital experience have been greater in the north and in the cities than elsewhere. Of the colored medical schools Howard has a larger representation than Meharry, largely for the reason that its graduates are centered along the eastern seaboard it was pointed out.

The basis of selection was purely upon professional attainments, medical training, hospital affiliation and general experience. Membership in the National Medical, the American medical or the county medical associations had no weight in the selections. It was sought to prevent leaving any communities without an adequate supply of practitioners.

There were 25 or 30 applications from nurses but the committee turned these over the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, with offices in New York, Mrs. Mable K. Staupers, executive

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## AGAR SAYS U. S. SHOULD WORRY OVER NEGRO

Not Britain and India

Birmingham, Ala., April 9 (by Walter C. Murdock for ANP)—

"The hopes of man have despaired and festered into cynicism" declared Herbert Agar, editor of Louisville Courier-Journal, speaking at the annual convention of Alabama Education association held here. "At the close of the first World War the United States had a chance to lead civilization, but muffed it. The returning soldiers found that this nation wasn't willing to back up its pledged words and that betrayal broke the hopes of mankind in other nations."

"Japan," he continued speaking to this white association, "is using occasion to sow in the minds of Asiatics the ideas that Americans are bigots, untrustworthy and oppressive of lower races. If we lose Asia, we lose the war."

"In God's name, why don't we do something about the Negro, instead of yapping about why England does not do something about India? Mistreatment of unprivileged people is at the base of the cause of this war."

## WA'LA WA'LA JIM CROW

### BLAMED ON OFFICERS OF 25th INF.

New York, N. Y. . . . The white officers of the famous 25th Infantry are accused of forcing jim crow regulations on the town of Walla Walla, Washington, in a letter received by the NAACP from a soldier, whose name cannot be used.

This letter says, "The merchants of this state have served us with pleasure. There was no partiality shown whatsoever. The only partiality we are confronted with is enforced by our own officers, most of whom are from Texas and other southern states."

"I have been an ear witness to words from fellow soldiers and civilians of this city who say 'what are these officers trying to do?' They are stopping colored soldiers from going any place, and are trying to make this town that has never known segregation the same as the states from which they come."

"On the night of March 12, 1942 a dance was given at VFW Hall for soldiers of the 25th Infantry. Among the civilians present there were three or four white girls, citizens of Walla Walla, who were enjoying the music and conversing with several soldiers. Then a white officer of the regiment approached them and told them they could not sit with the soldiers but had to sit in a booth away from the soldiers. The girls walked politely out of the hall. That same officer has taken authority to put Liberty Refreshment Parlor on 'Off limits'. This place has served colored soldiers without any discrimination whatsoever. I myself had a personal talk with the manager who did not understand why. I am a soldier and I am surrounded by my fellow soldiers, and voices are rising every day declaring

## Naacp Mass Meeting

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH MON., APRIL 13, 8 P. M.

ATTENTION: Announcement is hereby being made for a GIGANTIC MASS MEETING for the purpose of informing the people about the forthcoming trial of Sgt. Jack Graham, before the City Council in the Council Chambers, for his dismissal from the Omaha Police Department and to clarify any misleading statements that may have emanated through the channels of propaganda and to answer any questions that may have arisen in the minds of our people.

EVERYBODY PLEASE COME AND BRING ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS.

## KILL KNOX' L SOLDIER

AFTER REFUSING TO RETURN TO GUARDHOUSE;

WHITE CORPORAL, SENTRY HELD PENDING ARMY PROBE

Camp Lee Va., April 8 (ANP)—The Rev. J. H. McWhorter, Knoxville, Tenn., was officially notified that his grandson, Pvt. James W. Martin was killed by an enemy here last Saturday night, following the soldiers refusal to return to prison barracks. The 23 year old soldier, attached to the 8th medical training battalion, was said to have been confined for stabbing a fellow soldier.

Martin had been placed in the guard house, and upon refusing an order to leave the balcony on the second floor of the prison barracks, the corporal of the guard, white, ordered the sentry, also white to fire. Several pellets from the riot gun struck Martin in the head, killing him instantly.

The Corporal and sentry were placed under arrest, ending a hearing before a board of three officers who were named last Tuesday to investigate the circumstances. Rev. McWhorter requested that the war department send the body to Knoxville for burial by the Jarnigan and Son undertakers.

that someone must go. We don't want people who hate us as they do for our officers. We are men, and this country is at war. We are good soldiers and just as good as anyone else in the world."

## ARMY RELIEF FUND TO PRESENT LOUIS-CONN MATCH IN JUNE

Washington, April 10 (ANP)—An Army Relief fund benefit bout between Joe Louis and Billy Conn of Pittsburgh is being planned for the week of June 21 at Yankee stadium in New York, an official of the society declared last Thursday. It is said that arrangements are now being worked out but that there will be no announcement at the present time.

Both Louis and Conn are buck privates in the army. At their last meeting, Conn was knocked out in the 13th round.

## WILL AMERICAN RED CROSS SEGREGATE ANIMAL BLOOD?

New York, N. Y. . . . Many colored Americans who noticed the announcement April 2 that scientists have almost solved the last problem in the process of using animal blood for human transfusions are asking whether the American Red Cross will segregate the animal blood in its plasma blood bank system. The Red

## ACTION AS NEGRO AND WHITE RIOTED IN DETROIT



Detroit, Pixpage—Photo shows police struggling with a colored citizen who protested the whites efforts to stop colored from moving into the Sojourner Truth Homes there recently.

## CALIFORNIA GETS FIRST STATE HIGHWAY POLICEMAN

Sacramento, Cal., April 9 (ANP) Homer Garrott was appointed a member of the state highway patrol of California last week. Garrott successfully passed a civil service examination a year ago and is the first colored officer to serve on the state force.

## MRS. BETHUNE BACK AT WORK

Washington, April 10 (ANP)—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune returned to her desk in the NYA headquarters Monday following a period of rest in Florida. Before actually resuming her duties Mrs. Bethune spent a day at the John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for a general checkup.

Cross is now segregating blood from Negro and white donors, although it admits there is no scientific difference.

## DELTA HONOR HALLIE Q. BROWN

Wilberforce, Ohio April 8 (ANP) Miss Hallie Q. Brown, noted teacher and club woman and one of the early forces in the growth of Wilberforce university, was honored on her birthday here recently when Delta Theta Sigma sorority chapters, Beta and Delta Sigma, honored her with a banquet attended by 6 sorority sisters.

## NAACP URGED CITATION FOR UNKNOWN MESSMAN LAST DECEMBER

New York, N. Y. . . . With the announcement of the official citation for Mess Attendant Dorie Miller by the Navy Department April 1 for his heroic action at Pearl Harbor December 7, it became known that the NAACP had urged Secretary Frank Knox of the Navy, in a letter dated December 26, 1941, "that the distinguished service cross or other official recognition be given to this hero of the battle of Pearl Harbor." Other suggestions for honoring Miller were not made until after his identity was determined early in March.

## RAILROAD WITHDRAWS MENU CARICATURES

New York. . . . Quick action was taken by the New York Central railroad after it received a rebuke from the NAACP for gross caricatures of Negroes which appeared on its children's menu.

The company sent its passenger representative to the NAACP offices bearing the message that the New York Central had "no intention of giving offense", that it appreciates the patronage of Negroes, that it has discontinued the use of the drawings and has hired Walt Disney to make new ones.

The drawings pictured Negroes with "lips so thick and a grin so broad as have never been seen on land or sea", and one who "looked as though he had just escaped from

## Pro-Rata Of Employ'm't

PROPOSED BY EDUCATION BOARD

April 1, 1942

H. J. Pinkett, Atty. 2115 North 25th Street Omaha Nebraska Dear Mr. Pinkett

At a meeting of the Omaha Board of Education last night, I offered a resolution, copy of which is enclosed for your information. I am pleased to state that this resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board. I noticed the World-Herald this morning makes no mention of the resolution. Therefore, I am sending copy of same to you so that you can see that your people have the information. With best wishes, Very truly yours, G. M. Tunison.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the colored people of Omaha comprise about one-seventeenth of the population, and WHEREAS, in several Omaha schools the school population is almost wholly colored, and WHEREAS the colored people of Omaha are responding fairly and ratably to the call for service to their country in its hour of danger, and

WHEREAS the employment of additional qualified colored persons on the teaching and custodial staff of Omaha Public Schools would inspire and hearten the colored people and would be simple justice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the applications of colored persons who are qualified under the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education be received and considered and accepted on the same basis as all other applications up to a point of fair proportionate representation; also that the same principle be applied in the selection of custodial employees.

I offer the foregoing Resolution and move that it be referred to the Instructional Committee for consideration and report. George M. Tunison.

an institution for the feeble minded." Four white figures were caricatured, but nowhere near as exaggerated as those of the Negro.

The NAACP told the company in its letter of March 20: "This kind of feeble humor put in the hands of impressionable children can do harm in fixing a stupid stereotype of the Negro which is partly responsible for the tremendous handicaps he now suffers."

## WINCHELL "INKED" BY INK SPOTS



Billy Kenny and the Ink Spots get their first opportunity of meeting and thanking in person the great Walter Winchell who was so instrumental in bringing their first record "If I Didn't Care" to the Country's Attention. The boys taxied in from New Haven after their theatre stint to appear at the Navy Relief Benefit at Madison Square Garden.

## JUDGE RULES FLORIDA MUST EQUALIZE SALARIES

OF TEACHERS BY 1943-44

## COASTS FIRST NEGRO OWNED MARKET

Ready For Opening

Los Angeles, April 9 (ANP)—With the long-time lease all paid for and signed with the Gore Brothers owners of the corner, the big Major Market on the corner of 43rd place and Central avenue changes next week into the hands of the first all-Negro group to ever undertake such a venture. The investors are headed by the Independence Church of Christ as the great of many outstanding moves put in motion by its dynamic pastor, Clayton D. Russel.

The market, while fully equipped for its grocery, meat, vegetable, delicatessen, bakery and soft drink business, has had still more improvements added by the capable directors.

Virtually a complete personnel of Negro employees will be used, whereas in the old market, about half of the employees were colored.

## 20 COLORED STUD'NTS PER DAY REGISTER TO REPLACE JAPANESE FARMHANDS

Los Angeles, April 10 (ANP)—According to C. A. Dickinson, for six years principal of Thomas Jefferson High School with 64 percent colored student body, colored boys have begun registering for farm work this summer at a rate that handed him a pleasant surprise.

Upon receiving notice of the great shortage of farm workers, looming because of the evacuation of Japanese from the vegetable and fruit growing sections of California, he placed a small notice in the school's daily paper.

The next day 20 students reported to Mr. Brown who has 15 years of age.

Pensacola, Fla. . . . A first victory in the Deep South and a major one has been won in the series of suits for the payment of equal salaries to teachers in public schools. On March 21, Judge Augustine V. Long of the U. S. district court here, signed a declaratory judgement and a perpetual injunction compelling the Board of Public Instruction of Escambia County to equalize teachers' salaries by not later than September 1943.

It was also provided that the county board must pay \$5 more per month to every colored teacher in its employ for the school years 1941-1942, and that for 1942-43, and 1943-44 the difference between salaries paid white and Negro teachers will be equalized by applying one half of the difference each scholastic year. This means that 1944 salaries will be equal. It was stipulated that after the school year 1943-44, the Board of Public Instruction of Escambia county "will avoid all differences in salaries paid Negro and white teachers."

In addition to the Escambia case, five others are pending in the state in which Thurgood Marshall NAACP special counsel is working with local attorneys. They are S. D. McGill of Jacksonville, in Escambia, Duval, Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties; L. E. Thomas of Miami in Marion county and Charles Hyde in Dade county.

charge of the registration and according to reports from that office, that has been the daily average since applications were asked for.

Registration is in charge of the California state board of education and is not compulsory. However, the applicants must be over

## Negro Labor Group Buys Bonds



AID WAR EFFORT: Labor organizations of New Orleans, La., have purchased more than \$30,000 worth of United States Defense Savings Bonds, Series F, since last May, and the largest block purchased by a single labor union was \$6,700 worth of bonds by the Carpenters' Union No. 2039. Much credit for the fine showing of the New Orleans labor organizations is due Clarence A. Laws (third from left), industrial secretary of the New Orleans Urban League, who looks on above as Ernest Deloit (right), president and business agent of the Carpenters' Union, presents William E. Harris (left), financial secretary of the union, with the bonds purchased by that group. John Cary, Jr. (second from left), chairman of the board of trustees, also watches the proceedings.