

# National Negro Newspaper Week

## NEGRO PRESS WEEK OBSERVANCE

ATLANTA, GA.—Final plans were being made this week for the fifth annual observance of National Negro Newspaper Week and the celebration of the One Hundred Sixteenth Anniversary of the American Negro Press which are to be held February 28—March 6, according to a statement released here by the Director of the Negro Press Week Project.

of the press in the most critical period of our national history. Negro newspapers all over America will take this opportunity to reassure America that they are not unaware of their obligation to promote national unity and restrain from releasing information which might aid the enemy in defeating our forces in the far-flung battle areas of the world, making it possible for the axis to heap devastation upon this land. The papers will re-emphasize their determination to continue to strive for the

rejuvenation of the democratic principles in the United States since victory on the battlefield will be without avail if the foes of decency and right are victorious at home. The theme of the celebration is to be "Functions of a Minority Press in a Nation at War."

Through the Negro Newspapers Publishers Association and the Delta Phi Delta Journalists Association, sponsors of the observance, schools and colleges, churches and all organizations and agencies which are interested in the pro-

gress and welfare of the Negro have been invited to participate in the observance. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League, the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Negro Business League, the National Negro Insurance Association, the Elks and Greek letter organizations are among the national bodies which have placed their approval on the objectives of this year's Press Week celebration.

The Columbia Broadcasting System and its affiliated stations from coast to coast will carry a program culminating the Negro Press Week observance. During this broadcast, Negro war correspondents will be heard for the first time in short wave pick ups from war zones. Another feature of the broadcast will be a panel discussion on the subject, "Functions of a Minority Press in a Nation at War," from Washington, Division of Domestic Operations, Office of War Information; P. L. Pratts,

executive editor, the Pittsburgh Courier; Carl Murphy, editor, the Afro-American, and C. A. Scott, the Atlanta Daily World and the Scott Newspaper Syndicate. William O. Walker, president, the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association will serve as chairman of the panel.

Other speakers to appear on the broadcast will include: P. B. Young Sr., editor, the Norfolk Journal and Guide; Truman Gibson, acting civilian aide to the Secretary of War; and Moss Hyles Kendrick, director, National Negro Newspaper Week. Juano Hernandez, veteran actor, who is well known for his radio characterizations of "John Henry," will "MC" the program. While it is probable that Marian Anderson, Roland Hayes, Duke Ellington and Howard Barlow and the Columbia Concert Orchestra will furnish musical entertainment for the broadcast.

## DuBois to Lecture Here Sun.

TO SPEAK AT PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1943—3 p. m.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, author, lecturer, founder of the Pan African congress and one of the incorporators of the NAACP, will speak at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 25th and Hamilton St., at 3 p. m. Sunday, February 28, on "THE NEGRO RACE IN TWO WORLD WARS; ITS OUTLOOK AND PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE."

from five universities, is head of the department of sociology in Atlanta university, and was editor of the university's Studies of Negro Problems for 15 years and founder and editor of Crisis for 23 years. He has published 13 books, including the widely-quoted "The Souls of Black Folks," and "Black Folk Then and Now."

Mr. DuBois has made special studies of both World Wars. He was in France for several months directly after the Armistice of 1918 and collected a mass of material. He visited Europe in 1921, 1923 and 1928 and was in England, France, Germany, Russia and Asia just before the outbreak of the Second World War. He is especially in-

## FISK PROF. OK'S BROWN'S ARTICLE

(By JOHN H. THOMPSON) HOUSTON, Feb. 21 (ANP)—Dr. W. B. Weatherford, head of the department of humanity at Fisk university, in an address at the annual interracial meeting here Sunday, criticized the Negro press interested in the future of the darker people in colonies and in economic reconstruction when the world is again at peace.

of the country, endorsed Warren Brown's article and asserted Negro newspapers preached race hate and were propaganda sheets. These statements were made before a mixed audience of about 500 persons. In the audience were Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese and whites. Dr. Weatherford also told the whites of some of their shortcomings.

## Negro Youth GET YOUR TRAINING

FREE COURSES OFFERED

The National Youth Administration has been given the job under the War Relocation Commission of preparing out-of-school youth for jobs in vital war industry. Any young man or woman between the ages of 16 and 25 years is eligible for this training.

Trainees learn to do by doing. They earn while they learn. They make things that have to be made and made correctly. They make a very real contribution to the war effort. At the present time the Omaha NYA is in process of producing 24,000 gun parts and 1500 tool chests which will be used by the armed forces. Articles which have been made at the NYA Production Shop include wood working vises for the public schools; cone markers for army air bases; brass fittings and pipe dies and tanks for the Nebraska Fish hatchery; all small tools for the NYA shop.

The time required to prepare a trainee for employment varies. An apt, industrious, cooperative trainee will make the best progress. Most of them can sufficiently master the skill to be ready for employment in from eight to twelve weeks. Mr. W. U. Hansen, superintendent of the shop, gained his mechanical training as an apprentice machinist at the CB&Q R. R. He has worked in various mechanical and particular skills which they supervise.

The work done in the Omaha shop is in arc welding, machine shop, and sheet metal. The shop is open from eight in the morning until midnight.

Miss Beryl Decker, Youth Personal Representative, is available at the shop for further information at 801 North 30th Street.

## WOMEN RAISE \$1,000 FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

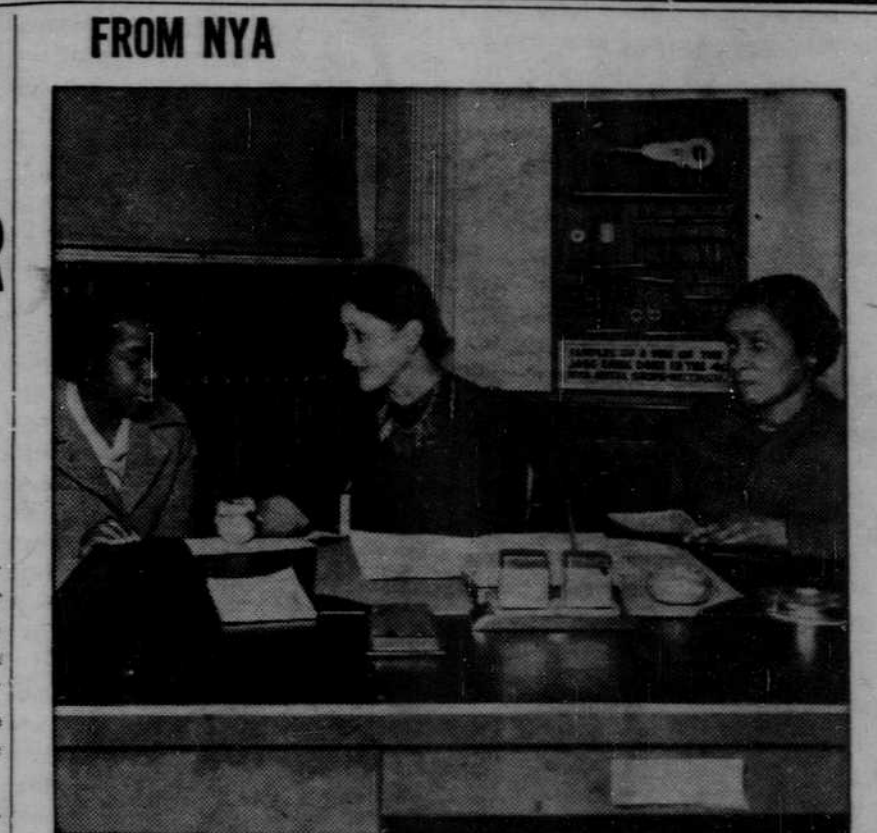
TUSKEGEE, Feb. 23 (ANP)—In a county wide drive, colored women of Macon county have raised more than \$1,000 for the current infantile paralysis drive. Under the sponsorship of the Tuskegee Women's club which is headed by Mrs. Catherine Moton Patterson, wife of the president of Tuskegee institute, every organization it was possible to touch and many individuals were canvassed during the solicitation.

## SENIOR WINS NEGRO HISTORY CONTEST

Hampton Institute, Va.—Joseph Mack, a senior of High Point, N. C. took first prize at Hampton Institute last Monday night, in the quiz contest on Negro history which opened the observance of Negro History week at the college.

## TO WASHINGTON NAVY YARD

Beginning as a helper at \$4.56 a day in the Washington Navy Yard, Miss Juanita E. Gray, graduate-trainee of the NYA War Production and Training Center, now earns \$45 a week. More than 300 NYA-trained Negro women are now working in the Washington Navy Yard and scores are being added monthly.



Official OWI Photo by Roger Smith  
Twenty-year-old Miss Juanita E. Gray of 226 Fifty-ninth Street, Washington, D. C., was working as a domestic when she heard about the local NYA War Production and Training Center. With uncertain earnings which sometimes dropped as low as \$4.50 a week, she decided to register for NYA training. Mrs. Lela M. Richmond and Mrs. Sadie M. Franklin



Official OWI Photo by Roger Smith  
Under the direction of Cecil M. Coles, NYA foreman, Miss Juanita E. Gray learns to operate a lathe machine at the Washington, D. C. NYA War Production and Training Center. This former domestic worker is one of hundreds of Negro women trained at this center.



Official OWI Photo by Roger Smith  
A full-fledged graduate from the NYA War Production and Training Center in Washington, D. C., Miss Juanita E. Gray, a former domestic worker, receives her certificate from J. P. Bond, Jr., project manager, while E. R. Rodriguez, youth personnel officer, looks on. Miss Gray was referred immediately to the Washington Navy Yard.



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## Kkk. AWAKENS TO FIGHT C.I.O. UNION

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (ANP)—Accepting the more modern methods of a strike-breaking instead of night-riding, the Ku Klux Klan has ordered state organizations to reorganize for a campaign against CIO and the Tenants Farmers' Union, according to reports.

Florida and Tennessee KKK's are said to have advertised for 9,000 Klansmen out of a combined membership of 18,000 to apply for special work.

An ad in the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel-Star read "Wanted: 4,000 or more of the 8,000 Klansmen from ties. There is work to do.—write Orange, Seminole and Ocoala counties, P. O. Box 1212, Orlando, Fla."

Last month the Maryville, Tenn. Enterprise is said to have carried the following classified ad:

"Wanted—5,000 or more of the 10,000 Klansmen in the following counties to answer this ad: Knox, Bount, Monroe and Loudon—there is work to do.—write Klansmen, Box No. 30, in care of Enterprise."

It is said that CIO and AFL officials in southern industrial centers have accused the KKK of fighting their unionization efforts and say that it was responsible for the many anti-labor bill which have just been introduced throughout southern state legislatures.

## USO. CENTER TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Soldiers and Sailors Recreation Center that has recently reopened at 2717 North 24th Street under the General Management of Mrs. Ruby B. Reese, who replaced Mrs. Ione Fellows as General Manager, is holding an open house Sunday, February 28 from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. There is no admission and everyone is urged to visit these beautiful and comfortable rooms that have been prepared for the pleasure of our men in the armed services.

## DIAMOND PIN FOR 50 YEARS OF RAILROADING

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 21 (ANP)—Charlie Gaines, an employe of the L&N railroad for the past 50 years received a diamond button recently in commemoration of his long and continuous service. Gaines began work as a helper in the shops Jan. 17, 1893, later working in the roundhouse. As he grew older he took on a job as porter in the office of the auditor of freight accounts. B. F. Russell, head auditor, pinned the button on Gaines' lapel as associates congratulated him.

## ARN ALL ASKED TO REMOVE SHERIFF AND ARREST HIM FOR MURDER

VICTIM



New York, N. Y.—The arrest and prosecution on charge of murder of Sheriff Claude Screws and Night Policeman Frank Jones for the lynching of Robert Hall at Newton, Georgia, January 29 was demanded this week by the NAACP. In a letter to Governor Ellis Arnall, Arnall was asked to remove Screws from office pending action against him.

The NAACP stated that affidavits which it had secured and sent to the United States Department of Justice immediately after the lynching named Screws and Jones as the persons last seen with Hall before his death. The NAACP had supplied the Department of Justice with pictures of Hall's body as it appeared when received by the undertaker. The lynch victim's body bore twenty-one abrasions, his skull had been beaten until soft, and his wrists deeply cut. "We are certain," the NAACP said, "that the State of Georgia under your administration does not intend that a citizen no matter how humble, shall be attacked from his home at midnight without a warrant (and in this case, without even an oral charge of any serious crime) and murdered while in the custody of peace of-

ficers. "All reports point to the fact that Screws and Jones called for Hall at his home at midnight, handcuffed him and took him away presumably to jail. The next information comes from a hospital which declares that it received a telephone call from Sheriff Screws ordering the removal of Hall from the jail to the hospital."

## BRICKER ASKED TO AID OHIO BILL BARRING EMPLOYMENT JIM CROW

Columbus, Ohio—Governor John Bricker, Speaker William McCulloch, and Representative Jackson Betts, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, were asked this week by the NAACP to lend their support to H. B. No. 11, a bill which would make it unlawful to refuse employment to any person "on account of race, color, creed or religion."

## JOIN THE AIR RAID WARDENS BE PREPARED!

Apathy breeds disaster.—help to protect your community and country against air raids.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p. m. at the Cleaves Temple CME Church, 25th and Decatur St., you will hear Mr. Charles F. Davis, exalted ruler of the Elks, Mrs. Thelma N. Hancock, civic leader discuss "What Civilian Defense Means to us."

## JOIN THE WARDENS NOW!

For further information call JA. 8333.

## DETT TO USO MUSIC STAFF

R. Nathaniel Dett, internationally known Negro composer, has been added to the staff of USO Music Advisers. Dr. Raymond Kendall, USO Music Coordinator, announced.

## LOUISIANA SCHOOL CHILDREN INTERESTED IN SALE OF WAR STAMPS

New Orleans, Feb. 23 (ANP)—Some 200,000 Louisiana school children have each promised to purchase at least one war saving stamp a week. From September, 1942, to Jan. 30, 1943, the students in the New Orleans Negro schools alone, brought the sale of war stamps to a total of \$9,273.43. In addition to war sales the children have interested themselves in various other phases of war work such as the collection of scrap, victory garden, and Junior Red Cross organizations.

## NEW GROUP TO EDUCATE WHITES ABOUT NEGRO

New York, Feb. 23—Over 100 colored and white citizens have organized here the Association for Tolerance in America which states its objective as the elimination of color prejudice through mass education in tolerance. The Association has temporary offices at 270 Convent Avenue. Its director is George S. Schuyler, well known author and journalist, and its secretary is Miss Corinne Dean, Art consultants are Elton C. Fax of Brooklyn, Miss Constance Bradley of Chicago, and Miss Louise E. Jefferson of New York.

According to Mr. Schuyler, the new organization will supplement and facilitate the work of existing organizations by preparing the way psychologically. Its job will be "selling" the colored American to the white masses who have hitherto been neglected by Negro propagandists who concentrated on the enlightened minority of whites.

The ATA plans through modern written and pictorial propaganda to try to undermine existing white misinformation about colored people and to dispel mass prejudice against them. The Association will use all modern media of propaganda: car and bus cards, newspaper and magazine displays, illustrated pamphlets, billboards and radio.

Some of the outstanding members of the new group are Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia; William Y. Bell of Atlanta; Rev. A. L. Bone of Cleveland, O.; Dr. Melville Charlton of Brooklyn; Frank Marshall Davis of Chicago; Attorney Water A. Gordon of Berkeley, Calif.; William C. Handy of New York; Alton L. Holsey of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Dr. D. V. Jemison of Selma, Ala.; Bishop R. E. Ransom of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; J. A. Rogers, New York.

## WOMAN KILLED AND MANY HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

MACON, GA., Feb. 22 (ANP)—Mrs. Phelmon Royster of Norfolk, Va., was instantly killed and many passengers were injured in a train wreck Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Royster's body was identified by Mrs. Gussie Carroll, a niece, also of Norfolk, who said that her aunt was enroute to Macon to visit a sister.

## FAMILY REUNITED AFTER FIFTY SEVEN YEARS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (ANP)—Reunited after 57 years of separation, two brothers and a sister are presently enjoying their family association again, and in Los Angeles. David E. Williams and his sister, Miss Annie F. Williams, both of Philadelphia are house guests of their brother, James Monroe Williams.

Miss Williams is a well known professional cook in the Quaker City, and her brother is an employe at the League Island navy yard.

## FIGHT BLANTON AS FED. JUDGE

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21 (ANP)—Opposition to the proposed appointment of U. S. District Atty. Harry C. Blanton as a federal judge was expressed last week by the Mount City Bar association in letters to federal officials signed by Joseph L. McLemore, president and David M. Grant, chairman of the committee on judiciary.

Blanton has too much race prejudice to serve as a U. S. judge, according to the bar association. One instance was cited in which Leslie Green, postal employe was ordered held in \$5,000 bail by Blanton following a fight between

Green and the white superintendent of the post office restaurant which started when the former refused to be jim crowed.

Although Green insisted that the superintendent started the fight, Blanton refused to issue a cross charge against him. The high bail of \$5,000 was dropped to \$1,000, the legal limit, only when a motion on its unconstitutionality was about to be filed in court. Under direction of the Attorney General, the charge against Green was dropped without even a preliminary hearing.

Blanton is the brother of David

Blanton, prosecuting attorney for county where the Sikeston lynching took place and where none of the mobsters has been indicted, as well as the son of the Sikeston editor who in his paper condoned the violence.

The letter stated that the bar association had unanimously endorsed Harry F. Russell, St. Louis circuit court judge, and Ruby M. Hulen of Columbia for the post.

Copies were sent to President Roosevelt, Sens. Bennett Clark and Harry Truman of Missouri, Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle, Judge Russell and Mr. Hulen.