

Youth City Award to Lt. Col. Davis

Philadelphia, Sept. 28 (ANP)—Youth City, Philadelphia's replica of Fetehr Flanagan's famed Boy's town, has announced the selection of Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. as the recipient of its annual award for outstanding service. The presentation will be made at a dinner gathering to which such notables as Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery, Cornell All American football star Jerome "Bud" Holland and fleet footed Jesse Owens have been invited.

The juvenile organization, the only fertile spot in a North Philadelphia section where 60,000 Negroes have little or no proper recreational facilities, has made two previous awards in 1941 and 1942. The first person to be thus honored was Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune; the second was Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The President's wife, during her appearance here last year to receive the award, made an extemporaneous visit to one of the colored families housed in the Richard Allen housing project.

Youth city pleaded its cause for existence last Sunday with a spectacular street parade. The teenage boys and girls with their young or companions carried huge banners and signs on which were printed slogans deploring the possible demise of the miniature city. The management headed by Samuel Evans, founder and backbone of a church organization's effort to secure the building headquarters for its own use. Youth city believes and attempts to prove that it thwarts the potential criminals that may be nested among its members and in the vicinity it serves. Should its present stronghold be taken away with no equal replacement in sight, it is felt the good which has been done by its maintenance will be of little value as far as future accomplishment is concerned.

TO INDEPENDENT PRESS

Ted Yates director of TYP News Syndicate, who for the past four years has been identified with a score of Negro weeklies as columnist, N. Y. correspondent and feature writer, leaning strictly on the amusement side—last week resigned his post to take over duties at Independent Press Service.

MISS. FEDERAL COURT FINDS WHITE MAN GUILTY ON PEONAGE CHARGES

Meridan, Miss., Sept. 28 (ANP)—A federal court here Tuesday found Donald Castle, white Toombs sawmill operator, guilty of peonage. Judge Sidney Mize will sentence Castle next Monday.

The charge against Castle was the result of an investigation by FBI agents. Castle is charged with keeping Rosy Wyse, Lauderdale county Negro, in a "virtual state of slavery."

The declaration filed in court also stated that Castle had tied Wyse to a bed at night with a log chain about his neck and that the man was forced to perform labor involuntarily in repayment of a debt due Castle.

ARMY LOWERS LITERACY STANDARD

Washington, Sept. 26 (ANP)—Literacy is not going to be the drawback to army service it had been for thousands of Negro youth, it was indicated in testimony before the senate military committee recently.

Major Gen. Millard G. White, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, said that the army is screening out only those who fail to pass the simplest form of intelligence test.

Later in the day, Capt. Henry R. Thompson of the adjutant general's department, who handles such matters, gave the committee a few examples of the tests given. He described an acceptable illiterate inductee as a man who could add 5 and 3, 8 and 3 or tell in what di-

rection an arrow is pointing. He must be able to answer 7 out of 17 questions.

"For instance," Thompson related, "the prospective inductees are shown five pictures, four containing circles, one a square. They are asked to cross out the picture that is different from the rest. The same kind of test is given with four vessels containing water, one containing clothespins."

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the soldiers at Northington is similar to that at the station hospital at Fort McClelland where they are segregated in wards, and denied joint accommodations in the board meetings, Red Cross recreation center and mess halls, according to eye witnesses.

Force Soldier-Patients Into Filthy Day-Coach

SEGREGATE THEM AT MILITARY HOSPITAL AS CITIZENS KICK

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Sept. 28 (ANP)—The Northington General Military Hospital here last week yielded to pressure from irate white citizens and instituted a system of jim-

crow among its soldier patients. Victims of this practice are 30 soldiers recently arrived from the station hospital at Fort McClelland, Ala.

Specifically the charges are that Negro patients have been:

1. Piled into separate wards;
2. Denied use of latrines used by the

whites; 3. Roped off, animal fashion, in mess halls; 4. Bared from the P. X. (post exchange) except for a brief hour during the day.

When the soldiers first arrived here they were accommodated without segregation, but immediately towns people began nasty mutterings and army authorities

succumbed to their demands. Negro army personnel also complained that while board the train enroute here from Fort McClelland they were herded into the stinky, dingy, squeaky, day coach but that white patients were allowed to travel in comfortable Pullman coaches. The treatment accorded

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Wasteful Spendin' Negro Troops Ready for Combat on 3 Fronts

(BY ERNEST E. JOHNSON)

As the days grow shorter the faces of many of us grow longer. The cause for this is easy to explain. We have been spendthrifts. We have wasted the greater part of the money we earned the summer just past.

Many of us still have empty coal bins, and that with winter just over the hill. Others of us still are in need of warmer clothing and other things necessary if we are to weather the winter in comfort.

After so many of us experienced such a hard time trying to make ends meet with the pitifully inadequate salaries we earned working on the WPA before our country's entrance into the war, it would seem that when we got another chance to command better salaries we would spend it wisely. And some of us do—but they are in the minority.

It is not good that we are so lax in money matters. It is really regrettable. An end until we have more respect for it can we hope

for economical progress of any importance. For it requires careful and wise handling of one's earnings to acquire economic efficiency. It cannot be acquired in any other way.

Even when we take into consideration the rise in living costs there should still be enough left out of our earnings for laying aside a little nest egg for combating the days of depression that always follow war. And there is time enough yet for us if we start NOW! For the war is just coming to the point where it CAN be won but not by any means near conclusion.

It is quite likely there will be several years more of unusual good salaries from which something can be laid aside for the sure to come days of depression. And there is no better way, and certainly no surer way, than by putting as much of our earnings as possible into War Bonds and Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (ANP)—Invasions having been laid down by President Roosevelt in his message to congress of two weeks ago, reporting on his conferences with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Negro troops find themselves perched for action on at least three important fronts eagerly awaiting the signal.

"Actually we cannot think of this as several wars," he wrote the legislators. "It is all one war, and it must be governed by one basic strategy."

The blueprint that came out of the Roosevelt-Churchill talks was given to the congress in these words by the President:

"First: Despite our substantial victories in the Mediterranean, we face a hard and costly fight up through Italy—and a major job of organizing our positions before we can take advantage of them."

Seasoned Negro veterans from the North African campaign are now busily reconstructing bridges, rebuilding roads, repairing harbor and other landing installations, and laying out airfields so that the allied machine might continue its march through Italy, just as they did for the Sicilian invasion.

"Second: From bases in the British Isles we must be sure that we have assembled the strength to strike not just in one direction but in many directions—by land and sea and in the air—with overwhelming forces and equipment."

For nearly two years now Negro engineers have been bivouacked in

various parts of the United Kingdom awaiting the day when the big push would come, whether it be across the channel or through Norway or directly to the heart of Germany.

"Third: Although our Russian allies have made a magnificent counter-offensive and are driving our common enemies back day by day, the Russian armor still have far to go before they get into Germany itself."

Negro transport troops are busy in Iran delivering the goods and materials of war that are making possible the great offensive on the Russians are carrying on.

"Fourth: The Japanese hold firmly established positions on an enormous front from the Juries through the mandated islands to the Solomon sand through the Netherlands East Indies to Malaysia and Burma and China. To break through this defensive ring we must hit them and hit them hard not merely at one point but at many points, and we must keep on hitting them."

At this moment Negro engineers some coast artillery and anti-aircraft and some infantrymen are fighting under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the New Guinea area and others are operating in the Solomon group under Adm. Halsey. They are ready to move up to the great Japanese base at Rabaul and onto the other islands of the Neehrlands. In Australia, other Negro troops are ready to take their crack at the enemy.

In India Negro troops have been

readied to make their contribution to the drive through Burma that will give access to China which ultimately will cause the throw-back of the Japanese; hordes that have long occupied that valiant nation.

To cap this off a Negro division is ready to assist in the assault in the Southwest Theatre of Operations, another is being primed at Fort Huachuca to take its place in one of the important theatres. These all are fighting men looking for the fight to which the President has pointed.

Chicagoan Drops Suit To Claim \$7,413,286 Fortune

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 28 (ANP)—A motion was on file in the U. S. District court here last week asking for dismissal of the suit instituted by Columbus Bell Stevens of Chicago to own custody of the \$7,413,286 oil fortune of the late Leto Kelvin an illiterate Creek Indian woman. Stevens had claimed to be the Indian woman's only "son and sole heir."

Under a compromise decision made in the estate fight which has been in the Oklahoma courts since 1921, one-half of the estate was awarded to Floyd and Willis Mayweather, Kansas City, Kansas, brothers employed in a packing plant. The other half went to Miss Izora Alexander Lee of Claremore, Okla., a half sister of Miss Kelvin, and 45 other collateral heirs. The Mayweathers are nephews of the Indian woman's husband, Joe Stevens.

WILKINSON WOULD GO TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Birmingham, Sept. 28 (ANP)—Judge Horace C. Wilkinson, who was in the national spotlight about a year ago because of his efforts to organize a "League for the Preservation of White Supremacy," is planning to run for delegate at large from Alabama to the national Democratic convention, it was announced here Wednesday.

Wilkinson plans to base his campaign on a platform of "anti-bureaucracy, racial segregation and local self government." After a

political setback in 1938, Judge Wilkinson had said previously that he was "through with politics."

Speaking before the Bessemer Kiwanis club about a year ago, Judge Wilkinson vigorously attacked the NAACP and the Negro and liberal press, calling on his hearers to form the "League for the Preservation of White Supremacy" as a counter movement. He described the league as an organization that would be less clamorous than the Ku Klux Klan.

CAMP STEWART PIN-UP GIRL OMAHA'S OWN



ANNA MAE WINBURN
Camp Stewart, Ga.—Pretty Anna Mae Winburn
Omaha's own well known musician and entertainer,

and now the directress of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm all-girl-band was chosen pin-up girl for Camp Stewart's fighting unit by Pfc. Allen L. Herndon (Chicago) who headed the committee. Miss Winburn and her band played to a jammed house in the Windy City recently and is scheduled for Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 1, Lawton, Oklahoma, Oct. 2 and Wichita, Kansas Oct. 3.

NPC Employees File Referendum Petition With City Council

A referendum petition containing 26,126 names of Omaha citizens was filed with the city council today by representatives of Nebraska Power Company employees.

The petition calls upon the Council to suspend its recent resolution in forming a public power commission and then to repeal it or refer the power controversy to the voters of the city. Martin W. Nelson, president of Local Union B-763, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Edward A. Hofmann, president of the Independent Employees' Association of the Nebraska Power Company, who made the presentation of the petition, also submitted a joint statement declaring that the resolution passed by the Council "is legislative in character, and notwithstanding its form as a resolution, actually constituting an ordinance in fact and substance."

The two employee representatives also pointed out that the acquiring of more than 26,000 signatures in only five days' time "demonstrates the considered will of at least a large segment of the voters that the resolution be repealed."

Bound in seven volumes and composed of several folios, the petition's 26,126 signatures are more than six times the number required for a reconsideration of the resolution, and after much reconsideration, to bring about a repeal of it or a presentation to the people at an election.

Iroquois Lodge Drive Nets \$1,800 in Bonds

Approximately \$1,800 in war bonds was sold Sunday afternoon at a rally of Iroquois lodge, No. 92 Elks club. The rally brought the club's total bond sales to \$4,225 in the last week.

A committee has been appointed to continue sales through the drive Charles Harding, publicity manager of the war finance committee, spoke at Sunday's meeting.

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Worth
of Good Reading

Soldiers and Roland Hayes Appear in Concert with London Symphony



The ears of the world were turned towards London's famous Royal Albert Hall on September 28 and 29, when the voices of some 200 American Negro soldiers filled the air in the first concert of its kind ever presented in the British Empire. Pictured at rehearsal here are members of Engineer aviation units in England who made up the choir. In center picture, First Sergeant Alexander B. Jordan, St.

Paul, Minnesota, directs the choir during rehearsal held in one of the Nissen hut theatres in rural England. Featuring "Ballad for Americans" the concert sponsored by Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express," also featured Roland Hayes the distinguished American tenor. The event was broadcast by companies in Great Britain and America.

Sec'y. Stimson Asks Quick Action on Colman Case

Washington, Sept. 28 (ANP)—Sec. of War Stimson told his press radio conference Thursday that he has asked that the record in the case of Lt. Col. William T. Colman,

court-martialed commander of Selfridge field, Mich., be "expedited."

"Our system of court martial procedure and military jurisdiction is that the record in each general

court martial trial is reviewed first by the authority that appointed the court, which in this case was the commanding general of the first air force," Stimson declared.

"Finally it is reviewed in Washington in the office of the judge advocate general of the war department.

"That record has not reached

here yet, but I am taking steps to expedite in this case."

Both Reps. O'Toole and Shafer have been prodding the war department through threats of a congress-

ional investigation to determine why a stiffer penalty had not been handed to Colman other than demoting him to a captaincy.