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## Negro Vets Due Over \$200,000,000 In Insurance Refund, Declares VA

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Joseph F. Albright, special assistant to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, has issued a warning to veterans concerning the insurance refund which VA expects to begin paying after Jan. 1. Included in the warning, are the following statements:

File only on the official VA application blank, procurable at post offices, through veterans and service organizations, and through other interested groups (Albright appeared before many national conventions last summer, urging organizations to render every aid in assisting veterans to file for the refund. He has estimated that over \$200,000,000 are due Negro vets). No other form will be accepted by VA.

Do not write VA about the refund after you have filed properly. Any correspondence is needless and will only slow down the process of getting the payments out as scheduled.

Do not listen to "advice" from well meaning but misinformed persons. If in any way in doubt, contact a VA office personally and have your questions officially answered.

There are still too many applications not yet received by VA, and Albright is fearful that a disproportionate number of these missing applicants are Negro vets. His office has renewed its campaign to arouse organizations to assist in reaching every eligible veteran (every policy which was in force over 90 days is eligible for a refund).

Speaking recently before the Frontiers' club of Baltimore, Albright made this significant statement: "It will be folly of the most inexcusable kind if Negro vets do not get their share of this money because of any lack of assistance on the part of organizations. Two hundred million dollars is a lot of money, and we need every penny of it."

## Farm-Home Week Planned For Nov. 16-19

"There will be a hot time in the old town," from Nov. 16-19. The occasion marks the annual Farm and Home Week activities on the University of Nebraska Agriculture College campus in Lincoln.

A series of meetings has been planned for the entire family. These will include addresses, informational movies, panels, laboratory periods, and discussions each to help bring about better rural living.

There will be many special features of interest for the women as well as their husbands.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is assisting the University who is sponsoring the event. Special entertainment has been planned including a concert by the University of Nebraska 100 piece band, and singing by the County Extension Choruses. A special Square Dance Jamboree also has been planned for the evening of

Nov. 16 at the University Coliseum.

Special tours have been arranged through many of Lincoln's leading industrial firms and business houses.

Even though the weather may be cold outside there will be a "hot time" in Lincoln Nov. 16-19.

## Channing Tobias Attends Luncheon For Pres. Truman

NEW YORK. (ANP). Dr. Channing H. Tobias, head of the Phelps-Stokes fund, was among the select group of luncheon guests at a special affair for President Truman at Gracie mansion.

The president was honored with this luncheon after he laid the cornerstone of the new UN building here.

Gracie mansion is the home of the mayor of New York.

The first long distance airplane flight in the United States—from Albany to New York City—was made in 1910 by Glenn H. Curtiss.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This Nov. 11th marks the 21st anniversary of the Armistice which brought the shooting phase of World War I to an end. It seems like a good time to review some of Nebraska's achievements in that struggle.

One of the most important of those accomplishments was the establishment of Base Hospital No. 49. Organized at Omaha by the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska, the hospital functioned at Allereye, France, from Aug. 7, 1918 to the Armistice. It was one of ten hospital units forming an American medical center adjoining the little French village about 40 miles from the Swiss frontier. Seven of them were regular army units. Three, including No. 49, were university units—the other two were from Minnesota and Cincinnati.

Maj. A. C. Stokes of Omaha was chief of the surgical staff, and most of the professional staff members were drawn from the faculty and alumni of the Nebraska College of Medicine. Likewise, many of the enlisted personnel were Nebraskans.

The late Addison E. Sheldon visited the hospital as a correspondent and has an interesting account of its activities in an early issue of *Nebraska History*, including a roster of the staff.

Although its period of active field service was relatively short, Base Hospital No. 49 performed significant and heroic work in the salvage of men wounded in the last great push which brought on German capitulation. A total of 4,844 casualties were carried for by the Nebraska unit. Its rated capacity was 1,000 beds, but frequently there were many more than 1,000 wounded being cared for in the hospital. At one time there were as many as 1,934.

Between Sept. 12 and Nov. 11, the hospital staff performed an average of 20 surgical operations a day. Altogether, the staff during that period performed a total of 614 operations and treated 180 persons for gas burns. The Nebraska hospital is reported to have had the best record for saving life of all American hospitals in Europe.

Of its success, the Omaha Bee said editorially on April 21, 1919, as the unit was returning to

## Scarlet Sports

When the Cornhuskers went to Missouri Oct. 29, they proved to everyone who saw the game that they could play football. Certainly Missourians weren't expecting what they saw that day. They couldn't imagine why they should worry about Nebraska. Instead, they were thinking about Oklahoma and the Big Seven title so much they looked right past the Cornhuskers.

The night before the game, students and townspeople talked with confidence about the terrible beating the Huskers were going to take the next day. They were convinced that the only contest would be between Bob Fuchs and Tom Novak, two great centers. All they knew about our team was that we had a center. The next day they awakened to the fact that we play with eleven men on the field who are all on the same team.

It was homecoming for the Tigers, but they drew a crowd of only 29,000. There were plenty of empty seats in the stands. It appeared people didn't want to go all the way to Columbia to watch a rout. And a lot of Nebraskans stayed at home for the same reason.

While the fraternities and sororities on the campus sported elaborate homecoming decorations, the visitors noticed that Nebraska was given a minor role in most of the displays. The featured item was the Big Seven title.

By the time the game was over, Missourians had nothing but respect for the scrappy but outnumbered Huskers. They were stunned. They agreed that Nebraska should have won the game, and began asking more questions about Oklahoma's team. They weren't so sure any more that the Big Seven crown was in the bag.

The Cornhuskers' mighty stand

America, that it was "due to the willingness with which men of medicine and surgery responded to the call, giving over their private interests, most of them making considerable sacrifice of personal prospects or income, but all of them devoting themselves with true American zeal to the work set before them in the emergency of war."

## News From Elwood, Kansas

By Wilberta Brady

Hello Folks:

I know the school children are happy, there is no school Thursday and Friday because of the State Teachers association being held in Topeka, Kas. The schools all over Kansas are closed.

Mr. George Johnson is home this week visiting family and friends. Glad to see you back, George.

Mrs. Elnora Ridings was burned Sunday when her pressure cooker blew up. She is better now.

Miss Nova Barker is seriously ill. She is in the Missouri Methodist hospital. She needs blood donors. If you can spare some, it may save her life.

Sunday, Nov. 6 the Hiawatha Sextet rendered 3 o'clock services at Bethel A.M.E. church.

Well, folks that is all this week. Bye now, Bert.

was enough to open the Tigers' eyes to what was coming when they tangled with the Sooners. The 21-20 score not only surprised the experts, it also put an added determination into the Tiger team to work harder for their game with the nation's No. 3 team.

Meanwhile a few hundred Nebraska roofers at Columbia that day changed their minds about the kind of team the Huskers have. And so did the wide-eyed unbelieving Missourians.

So the future looks good. Next year Glassford is going to have the bulk of his varsity team back. He will lose only nine men and will add a crew of strong frosh that will give the team a big boost. Regulars playing their last year for the Scarlet are Ralph Damkroger and Bob Schneider, ends; Dick Goeglein, tackle; Mike DiBiase, Arden Means and Darwin Salestrom, guards; Tom Novak, center; and Del Wiegand and Ken Fischer, quarterbacks.

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