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## Fleeing Negroes of War Bonds

Authorities Getting Sharply Behind Unscrupulous Rascals Who Are Swindling Unlettered Colored Folk Out of Their War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

### BLACKSHEAR WARNING RACE

Urges Leaders to Advise People Against Disposing of Their Government Securities in Bonds and Thrift Stamps for Valueless Trinkets or Doubtful Stock.

DALLAS, TEX.—Exploitation of the southern Negro who has reached a new stage of prosperity as a result of record cotton prices and high wages of the past few years, has gained such proportions that federal and state authorities are preparing a drive on persons who swindle the Negro of government war securities.

Unscrupulous salesmen have flooded the south, telling the Negro that his Liberty bonds, war savings and thrift stamps are of less than face value and offering to take them in exchange for oil or mine stock or dazzling bits of jewelry.

Negroes all through the south bought freely of government securities. Sometimes they did not know just what they were buying, Negro leaders say, but knew the government wanted money, and quickly emptied their purses. Some thought they were giving instead of investing.

They were better off than ever before. Those who had farmed on shares the preceding years had obtained more money for their cotton than they ever expected to possess, and those who worked for wages in the fields were paid twice the wages of a few years ago.

A letter just sent out by Prof. E. L. Blackshear of the Negro extension work in Texas says Negroes are being offered cheap and often worthless goods with the assurance that their savings stamps and Liberty bonds are not of par value and will not be for several years. It is then casually suggested by salesmen that the Negro may be dead before his holdings reach par value and emphasis is laid on the enjoyment he would get by the immediate purchase of their goods, possibly cheap trinkets, a worthless sewing machine or musical instrument.

Prof. Blackshear has written circular letters to the leaders of the race in the state urging immediate action to stamp out the evil by a campaign of education.

### NEW LEGAL ADVISOR

#### FOR PYTHIANS

Elizabeth, N. C.—Attorney Cleon W. Brown, of this city, has been elected grand legal adviser of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North Carolina. This is probably the strongest and most influential secret order of the Colored people in this state.

## Omaha Gives Great Sendoff to Selectmen Who Leave for Camp Funston



The Crispus Attucks' Auxiliary and Red Cross Canteen Workers at the Union Station and Small Section of Crowd Watching Draftees Marching In. Band Halted on Platform and Playing "Over There" and a Medley of Patriotic Airs as Sturdy Selects Swing Down the Driveway and Fall Into Line.

OMAHA may be justly proud of the way she has given hearty God-speed to all her stalwart sons who have gone forth to fight for democracy. It was, however, reserved for the departure of the 215 Colored draftees, Monday morning, August 5, to eclipse all similar events, for Omaha has never witnessed a more thrilling scene than the departure of this contingent of her national army.

Several noteworthy events gradually lead up to the great ovation which thousands of the parents, relatives, friends and citizens of all classes, with cheers and tears sped our boys on their way. There were several social functions, both of a public and more or less private character, among which mention was made in last week's issue of the rousing and enthusiastic reception tendered them by the Colored citizens in St. John's A. M. E. church. On Saturday the whole contingent were guests of honor at a dinner in the handsome rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Here a brief, but inspiring address was given by Judge Slabaugh, chairman of the military committee, and almost the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce was present.

Then, too, the men had been enthusiastically drilling, night after night, since they were called under the command of William G. Pierce, who attended officers' training school at Camp Des Moines; James E. Bess, Clarence Brooks and others who had had military training. As a consequence the draftees marched with a

snap, swing and spirit which elicited most favorable comment.

Monday morning early saw crowds of people hurrying to the court house, from which point the procession was to start. Long before 7 o'clock a vast throng had assembled here filling the spacious courts, walks and grounds and overflowing into the streets. A brief program, consisting of the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America" by the audience, led by Desdunes' band and excellent addresses by the Rev. Griffin G. Logan, pastor of Grove Methodist Episcopal church and Mayor Smith were given.

#### Good Record Will Be Maintained.

Dr. Logan briefly, but with well chosen words spoke eloquently of the faithful work of Colored troops during all of America's history, and was confident that the honorable record would be maintained. The Colored boys were faithful at Bunker Hill, at San Juan, on the Mexican border, and are proving their valor and faithfulness in the world war. He said, "It is most fitting that Colored men are to bear their honorable part in winning freedom for the world, for we perhaps feel more keenly than others the meaning of freedom since it is but a few years since hundreds of thousands of good men died upon the battlefields that we might enjoy freedom. Go forth then, selectmen of Nebraska, assured of our love, our blessing and prayers that you may be returned to us again when victory shall be achieved."

#### Guard Your Health and Give the Hun Hell.

Mayor Smith's remarks were felicitous and to the point. He urged the men to remember that they were American soldiers with honorable traditions to maintain. Two injunctions he laid upon them: First, guard your health; you'll need it; and second, give the Hun hell. I know you'll do both. And now a word to you, fathers and mothers. This should be a proud moment for you. I know what it means to see your boys march away. See this little star on my coat. It cost only 25 cents, but I wouldn't exchange it for the biggest diamond money could buy. For anybody with money can buy a diamond, but takes good mothers and good fathers to produce boys who are worthy to wear the uniform of Uncle Sam. And now, boys, Omaha sends you forth with pride. Conduct yourselves as we know you will and vast as this audience it will be but as a handful to the crowds that will welcome you upon your return. Good-by. God bless you. Good-by."

#### Judge Slabaugh Gives Directions.

Judge Slabaugh then gave directions how the procession was to form and warned that there would be no opportunity for farewells and leave-taking at the railroad station.

Led by the First Regimental Band U. R. of K. P., Dan Desdunes, leader, the march to the station began. This was the order:

Platoon of police.  
Band.

Crispus Attucks Red Cross organization.

Canteen workers from white Red Cross organizations.

Clergymen and professional men.

Selective service men and local boards, each headed by standards and flags provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

Organizations and fraternities.

Citizens on foot.

Citizens in automobiles.

The thousands in line proudly carrying flags made an inspiring sight.

The Red Cross section, the Crispus Attucks auxiliary, in charge of Mrs. I. T. Bailey, and the canteen workers in charge of Mrs. Luther T. Kountze, presented a beautiful picture.

From the hands of these patriotic women the men were given the usual appreciated gifts, comfort kits, tobacco, candy, post cards and such like at the station as they entrained. Mr. Frank Johnson of the Omaha Printing company, presented Wm. G. Pierce a liberal check to be used in buying smokes for the boys. This was judiciously spent for the purpose designated and the distribution placed in the hands of the Red Cross workers.

It was hard for many to keep back their tears as the boys entrained, but they were sent on their way with rousing cheers and a buoyancy of spirit, born only of patriotic fervor which moves those who fight in a righteous cause. It was a great demonstration which will cheer the hearts of our gallant boys as they fight for world democracy.

## One Million Women for War Service

National Training School for Women and Girls Formulating Plans for Training Women for Special War Work—Will Release Men From Various Industries.

WASHINGTON.—A million Colored women throughout the United States will be trained to take the places of men in various lines of work, if a plan now being formulated by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Training school for Women and Girls, this city, is carried out.

The first step in the plan will be to raise \$25,000 in a campaign which began August 1 to be used in equipping the school here to train 200 Colored women at a time for periods of ten weeks. If the plan works out as contemplated, the following courses will be offered:

Best methods of preparing and saving food; practical housekeeping; waiting in private and public places; home gardening; canning and drying; motor and truck driving and repairing; operation of elevators; first aid and emergency work; trained supervisors of women's work; trained welfare superintendents; group leaders among women workers; cleaning and care of public buildings.

In connection with these courses the school will conduct a lecture course to instruct Colored women to spread the gospel of loyalty and conservation. The whole plan is characterized by Miss Burroughs as one to train Colored women into an "army behind the army."

Miss Burroughs points out that the National Training School for Women and Girls in this city is the logical institution for organizing this army because it is nationally known, and the women who own it live in the states where they are in touch with hundreds of women of their race who would be trained for this work.

"There is not in all America any provision for the training of Colored women for war emergency work," reads a statement issued by Miss Burroughs.

"Special courses are being offered other women. We must not lose sight of the fact that the Colored woman is a most valuable ally. Her power and influence reaches from the kitchen to the castle—from desk to ditch. She handles the food for 10,000,000 of her own race, as well as millions of tons for other Americans. The country needs her intelligent co-operation in its food conservation work and in other war activities.

"America needs every woman, black and white, to help win this war. It is as necessary to provide for the training of Colored women as it is to provide for the training of other women to release men for service overseas."

## Fifth District Draftees Who Left For Camp Funston Monday

