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Also February 22, Charity Ball, Lloyd Hunter, Dreamland.

Dreamland Ballroom was really a sensational knockout. The music set the hep cats oozing along the floor with complete satisfaction. Those Gitterbug partners, such as Wendell Jenkins and Lilly Anderson, Arista Taylor and Luther Taylor, Ester and her partner and a couple of other couples entertained the mob during the dance. The large sentimental hall was well packed and no damage was done. Leroy Johnson seemed to like the way Mary Harris dances—he spent a good deal of the evening with her.

Mary Franklin was really the lick that Chic was sharp as a Jap. She was wearing a draped peg blue stripe suit. She was really on like mad—Leaving the hall, we dug a black Chesterfield and Chickie derby she added to the rare outfit.

The most attractive corner on 24th St. is the beauty parlor called "Verse's". It is really attractive from the outside and inside. Maybe that is why a certain cat that runs from Low Angeles to Bronzeville stops there on every stop to get a manjure.

Lloyd Hunter's orchestra who played for the Elks dance Saturday night gave the bus something to bug on. That music was so "hot" it "heated" the hall, and after every session those cats and chicks were going out gasping for wind. The style show which is an annual affair was a complete success and was followed by a dance lasting until the orchestra struck up "home sweet home" at two o'clock.

The jammed hall that is rather small compared to the Dreamland was rather difficult to turn around in when it came to "buggin'". So the studs left everything up to Lloyd Hunter—he played mostly sentimental numbers that just "sent ya".

At two five everyone was up stairs socializing for the rest of the morning.

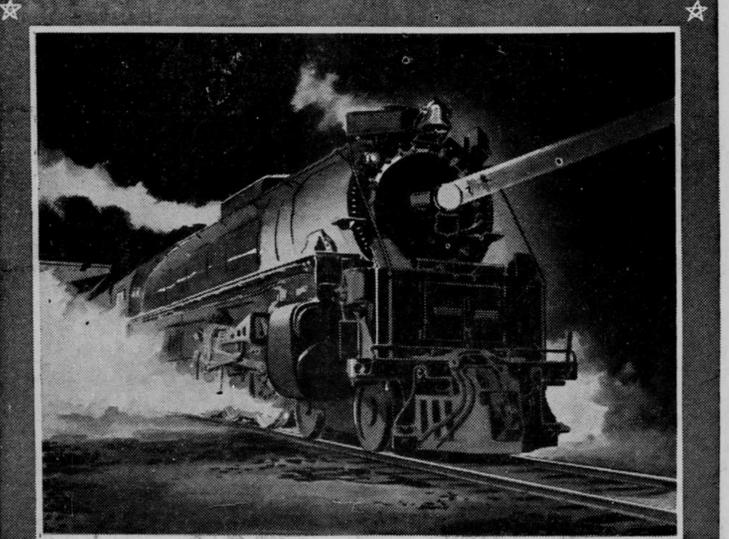
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The Ink Spots were also at the Ernie Fields dance while in "Bronzeville."

**IT'S IMPOSSIBLE**  
to keep Bronzeville's play mates out of that Greek place on 24th called the American Weiner shop. The owner likes the way your money circulates while you are there, but he doesn't care about you being there.

Oh! If only there was some way you people could throw your money in there from the outside.

There is a new manager in there now—Police Foxall. We gets a little better service now. Thanks to Foxall.

Of all the people to want to use a knife—can you feature Marjorie Johnson at the Elks club flashing one she planned to sharpen on another out of the city chic.

Maggie Johnson who is in Detroit visiting—expects to return home soon. She is really enjoying herself according to last reports.

Donald Stewart who is over seas is doing nicely with those Yellow Japs. He was hurt sometime ago but everything is honkey donkey now.

He'll be home when he helps kill up our enemies—those Japs.

Next Week is "The Great Lover's" Week.

You hep cats can explain what you've been trying to say all year with a "Valentine." Seen in the Drug store pricing candy—a certain hep cat.

What kind of business is this? Since Jean Wright has antroed back to Omaha from the small town—she seems to excite Jack Hoard and Nate Mills.

Delphia Nue who has been gone for sometime was seen in the Weiner shop.

Isn't it strange—Joe Brooks is in the army—yet Charlotte Hayes Brooks ordered a couple of chicks up from a occupied booth saying—Those two seats are taken—who is shorty?

Corrinne Seay was seated with an old flame A. T. Where was Kappell and why wasn't he on scene?

Why did a certain cat W. McJoin the army a few months after he married—Is it because he figured—it couldn't be worse than married life?

That's all this week—**GIRLS ON THE STREETS.**

**STATEMENT OF WM. HASTIE RECENTLY CIVILIAN AIDE TO SECY OF WAR**  
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vide enlisted technicians for the new air base at Tuskegee, a few Negro soldiers were accepted for technical training at Chanute Field where a large school is maintained. The men were well received and did excellent work. I urged the importance of continuing such training of Negroes in this existing unsegregated school. But the program stopped with the first group. The Air Forces then made efforts to set up technical training at Tuskegee or elsewhere. Difficulties were encountered. Meanwhile, successive classes of Negro pilots were being trained, but no technical schooling of supporting ground crew members was in progress. Thus, even the segregated program bot badly out of balance in the effort to effect its extension. The prospect is that in 1943, even with a tardy resumption of technical ground training, Negro pilots will be ready before and faster than adequate numbers of trained ground crews are available.

The Air Forces also are rejecting Negro applicants who wish to become weather officers or officers in other highly specialized technical fields. A few such men were trained for Tuskegee. But for a period of more than six months, all qualified Negro candidates have had their completed applica-

tions returned to them with the information that the Air Forces need no more Negro weather officers. The Air Forces, however, do need large numbers of additional weather officers so badly that white volunteers are being solicited and accepted, despite a general policy against voluntary enlistments in the Army. Yet, it is unthinkable to those in authority that a Negro officer can fill such a position except at Tuskegee. The same situation exists in armament and engineering, both ground specialties for which the Air Forces have been accepting cadets generally, but refusing Negroes.

To date, all Negro applicants, a number of them well and fully qualified, for appointment as Army service pilots have been rejected. Two applicants were actually instructed to report for training. They did so but were sent home as soon as it was discovered that they were Negroes. I am advised that this matter is receiving further study. The simple fact is that the Air Command does not want Negro pilots flying in and out of various fields, eating, sleeping and mingling with other personnel, as a service pilot must do in carrying out his various missions.

Negro medical officers in the Air Forces are getting only part of the special training in aviation medicine which is available. They are not admitted to the principal school of aviation medicine at Randolph Field. Even the branch school program in which it is represented that Negro officers share without discrimination is in fact, discriminatory. Many white officers enrolled at branch schools of aviation medicine have the opportunity of full time resident study. The Negro officer is permitted to commute periodically from his home station at Tuskegee for work at the Maxwell Field branch school. Such grudging partial tender of makeshift schemes may be expected to continue, unless a genuine change of racial attitude and policy occurs in the Air Command.

While Negro trainees and cadets at the Tuskegee Air Base have done well from a strictly technical point of view, they have suffered such demoralizing discrimination and segregation that, in my judgement, the entire future of the Negro in combat aviation is in danger. Men cannot be humiliated over a long period of time without a loss of combat efficiency.

Specifically, Negro and white officers serving at Tuskegee in the common enterprise of training Negroes for air combat have separate messes. They are not permitted to have quarters in the same building. Separate toilet facilities have been provided. If the group of white officers at Tuskegee insist upon this and I have no evidence that they do—they are psychologically unsuited to train Negroes for combat. If they do not insist, the racial attitude of the local commander or of higher authority is all the more apparent.

Despite original design to advance Negro officers and to place them in posts of administrative responsibility at Tuskegee as rapidly as they should qualify, that design is not being carried out in the post administration, except in the station hospital.

Early in the history of the Tuskegee project, a Negro soldier guarding a warehouse was disarmed and arrested by civilian authorities because he had challenged a white civilian. From then on friction continued. A new commander was appointed. He disarmed Negro military policemen assigned to patrol duty in the town of Tuskegee. A recent mem-

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ber of the Alabama state police force was assigned to Tuskegee as an Army officer with duties related to his civilian experience. The Negro soldier was embittered, but the prejudiced community was somewhat mollified.

Fundamentally, it seems to me the Air Command has either failed to comprehend or failed to care that its policies and practices are tending to tear down rather than build up the pride, dignity and self respect which Negro soldiers, like all other soldiers, must possess if they are to achieve maximum combat efficiency. Military men agree that a soldier should be made to feel that he is the best.

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