

# Roosevelt Post No. 30 Gets State Board's Approval On Resolution Granting Charters for Southern Negro Vets

## Spafford Trophy

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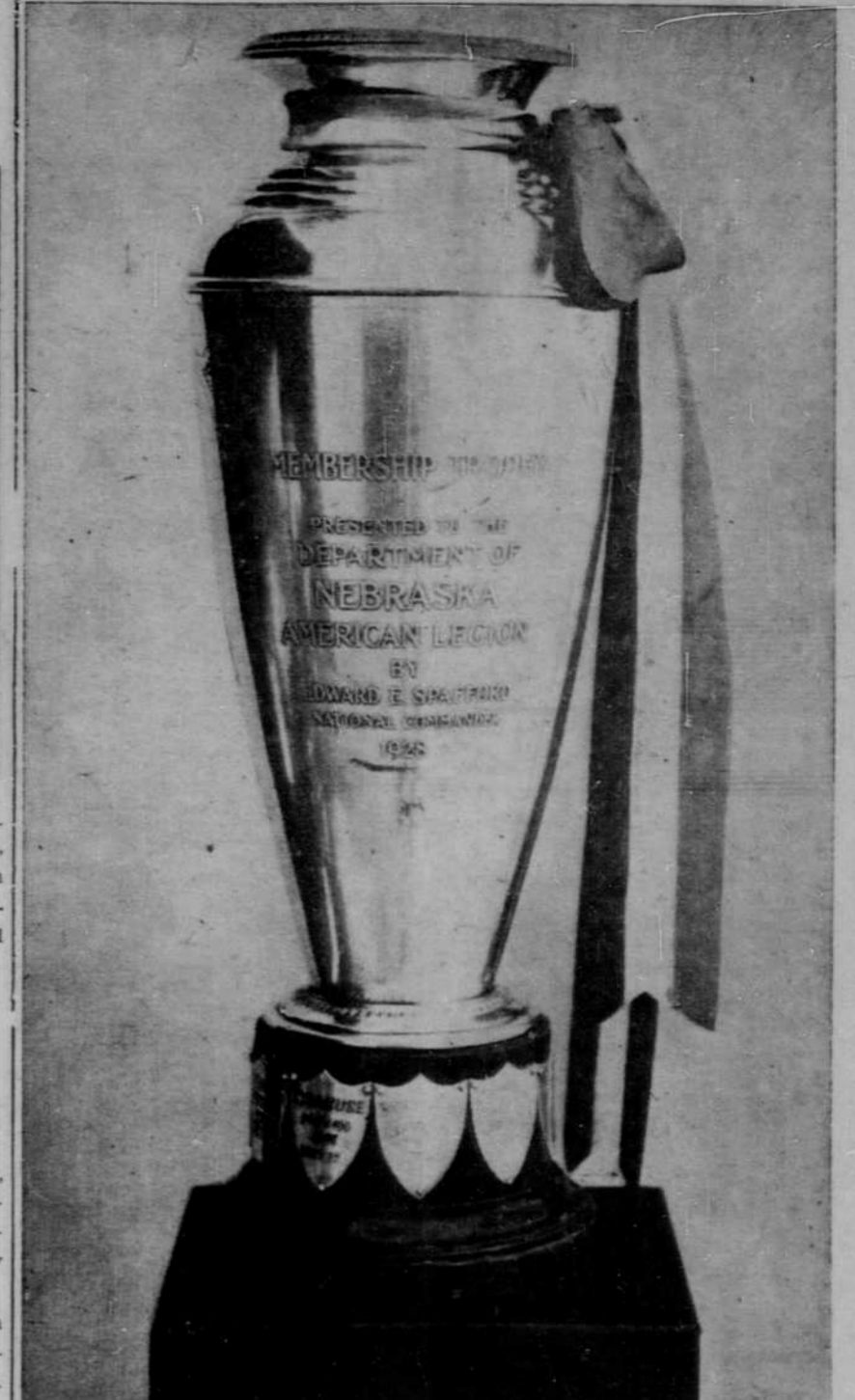
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CAREY INSTALLED AS COMMANDER



COMMANDER J. C. CAREY, ... having a fine supporting group, has very definitely put the omph in the American Legion, was installed Thursday evening, Sept. 2nd into office as Commander.



The much highly prized and coveted Spafford Trophy, having been won for three consecutive years, by The Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30 for having the largest percentage gain in membership, now is to remain in their permanent custody.

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**SUPERVISOR**  
at St. Agnes Hospital  
Raleigh, N. C.



MISS MARY HEDDE WIGGINS returns South after spending a very pleasant vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins. While here Miss Wiggins was appointed to the Nursing Staff at the Douglas County Hospital, but while there she was called to her present position as supervisor in St. Agnes Hospital, her Alma Mater at Raleigh, North Carolina.

**JUDGE JAMES S. WATSON**  
ELECTED MEMBER OF  
AMERICAN BAR ASSN.

Chicago, Ill.—At the 66th Annual meeting of the American Bar Association in the Drake Hotel, Friday, August 27th, Judge James S. Watson, of New York City, was elected a member. The same group had denied the application of Attorney Francis S. Rivers, also of New York City. Judge Watson was admitted to the bar in 1914 and is a member of the New York County Lawyer's Society. His sponsor was Lt. Colonel Poletti, former governor of New York. More than 1,400 lawyers attended the meeting.

## Leathernecks Celebrate 1st Anniversary

### ELKS PARADE THRILLS PITTSBURG

Howard P. Perry Was First Negro Inductee

New River, N.C. Sept. 3 (ANP)—Appropriate ceremonies were held last week at the training center in Camp Lejeune celebrating the first anniversary of the induction of Howard P. Perry of Charlotte, the first Negro admitted into the Marine Corps.

Since their enrollment a year ago the "Leathernecks" have advanced rapidly in the service reporting today several corporals and sergeants. Many have been assigned to battle areas overseas, while others have demonstrated an uncanny knowledge of amphibious tactics. The Marines have also organized athletic clubs and orchestra and a glee club as extra curricular activities.

Originally, the camp site for the 1,200 men expected to be enlisted was a small plot of ground, but has been expanded into seven different camps because of increase and enrollments. Montford Point Camp No. 1, although in process of construction is being partially used for the training of new recruits. It is larger than all the other camps put together. Additional Negroes are planned for the corps in the future and these likewise will receive their basic training here.

### Ala. Enforces 'Work or Fight Dictum'

Birmingham, Sept. 3 (ANP) Birmingham police this week were busy setting up machinery for putting into effect Governor Chauncey Sparks' "work or fight" order. Jefferson County's Sheriff Holt McDowell said that he had instructed deputies to round up all vagrants without regard to race or color and put them in the county jail. City police were similarly instructed.

Sheriff McDowell revealed that 400 placards with the "work or fight" order written on them were being placed in the city's pool halls, barber shops and places of recreation.

The placard reads as follows: "As governor of Alabama, I have instructed all law enforcement agencies to enforce the state vagrancy law. Idleness will not be tolerated while our men are fighting and there is need for food and weapons. The law defines a vagrant as: 'Any able bodied person having no property sufficient for his support who loafs, loiters, or idles in any city, town or village, or upon a public highway or in any public place in the state without regular employment, and any person over the age of 21, able to work and who does not work and

### Annual Elk Reports Show Large Gains

Pittsburgh, Sept. 3 (ANP)—The grand lodge and grand temple Elks of the World, was in full swing last week following the most picturesque and colorful parade in its history, and the formal awarding of prizes and trophies at the conclusion of the annual ball where 6,000 participated in the grand march led by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and Mrs. Wilson.

Lining the streets to view the parade were nearly 80 percent of Pittsburgh's 75,000 Negro inhabitants, swollen by thousands of whites to whom world Elk fame has spread. Salves of applause greeted the paraders, as they climbed and descended Pittsburgh's semiternal hills.

Relection of Grand Secretary James E. Kelley of Birmingham, (continued on page 2)

has no property sufficient for his support and has not some means of a fair, honest and reputable livelihood."

"Any person convicted of vagrancy may be fined up to \$500 and sentenced to hard labor for not more than 12 months."

"A job is open to you now, thousands of workers are needed in Alabama war industries and on the farms. Apply for a job at the nearest office of the U. S. Employment Service or to the county farm agent."

## Labor Day 1943

by RUTH TAYLOR

Labor Day 1943 finds us all workers—workers and fighters in a war against tyranny, against despots who would make us all slaves. The wheels of production are humming all over the land as an answer to the challenge of those who say that free men cannot do as much voluntarily as can ranks of regimented robots who work or rest at the nod of a master.

Labor Day is a typically American institution, bearing no resemblance to the "labor days" observed in Europe before the war. It is not a "class day, drawing distinctions between a downtrodden "lower class" and a thin upper crust of leisured and privileged individual. It is not a day of protest against conditions as they are. It is, instead, a day when the nation as a whole does honor to those who labor. And that includes virtually every one of us, regardless of class, creed or color.

This country was founded on the theory that a nation could be welded out of materials from all over the world. The elder nations owed their origins to grouping of various peoples of the same stock or tongue for protective purposes, or to wars of conquest where a dominant group seized power and established or overlorded minority factions.

Not so America. For the most part this nation was founded on hard work. For it took labor of all kinds to carve a nation out of virgin wilderness, to make roads through trackless forests, to cross mighty rivers, to find passes through the snow-crowned mountain heights and to subjugate a continent. It was labor that cleared lands, and built townships, clustering around those forerunners of civilized life, the church and the schoolhouse.

Our aristocracy has always been made up from those whose work was good, and who by their labor of body and mind made easier and better the paths of those who followed. Our scorn has always been for the idler, for the man who took advantage of what others had done without contributing either of hand or brain to the common welfare. The men and women whom we have chosen to honor have been those—no matter from what group they came—who have worked hard and done most for the common good.

For this reason Labor Day is not a day set apart for any one group but a day which all may celebrate. We have learned that only those things which are earned are enduring, that there is a task for each and every one of us. Knowing this, let us on this Labor Day in the year of our Lord, 1943, rededicate ourselves to the task set before us, and so labor that we may pass on to the next generation a nation better and stronger for our having lived and toiled therein, and a heritage of accomplishment to spur on to greater labor and greater accomplishment those who follow.

### Post Well Represented at Norfolk State Meet

Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion, was well represented at the 25th Annual Department Convention in a three day session at Norfolk, Nebraska.

The delegates to the convention were: Edward Turner, Ralph Underwood, Ray L. Williams, Dr. W. W. Peebles and Earl Thomas, under the very able leadership of their Commander, J. C. Carey.

The eventful trip to Norfolk was completely successful as there was more that was constructively accomplished than a any previous year. The success of retaining the Spafford Trophy, an award for the highest percentage of membership not only for the current year but the two preceding years, was acclaimed worth praise.

The Spafford Trophy has been hotly contested for by Posts throughout the State. It is a great honor to retain this among the archives of the Post. This feat has never before been accomplished by any individual Post in the State. The delegation received great ovation from the entire convention and special commendation went to the Department Commander.

Heading the list of achievements was the convention going on record as endorsing a resolution of the Post to be later presented to the National Convention, which will meet in Omaha, allowing Colored Ex-Servicemen to be granted charters for American Legion posts throughout the southern states, where the states themselves have refused to grant them charters. Nebraska is among other states endorsing the resolution, Honors for its sponsorship in this area can be claimed by Theodore Roosevelt Post. This was put into motion by the Commander, who persistently fought for the adoption of the resolution and was supported by the other delegates.

A check was given the Department Adjutant covering 1944 memberships, exceeding the membership quota by twenty-percent.

Among other highlights was the congenial exhortations between Commander and Adjutant Turner.

Washington, D.C. (Special to the Press Photo Service) The fact that Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavy weight champion was arrested and jailed by an MP here a few days ago, the incident has caused many war officials to flood the "brown bomber" with apologies. The Sgt. had violated a minor infraction of Army regulations by wearing an officer's shirt with shoulder flaps (as indicated by the arrow in the above photo). After reprimands by Army authorities, the "Fistiana King" was released. The arresting MP is reported to have said that his orders were to pick servicemen where ever he saw them wearing unauthorized army apparel. Sgt. Louis returned to his post at Camp Mead, Maryland, where he resumed his training activities.

### OFFICER TO FACE TRIAL IN SHOOTING

Selfridge Field, Mich.—Col. William L. Boyd, commander of Selfridge field, announced Monday that Col. William T. Colman, former commander of the air base, will be tried before a general court-martial September 6th for alleged shooting of a Negro private. Col. Colman is alleged to have shot Pvt. William McCrae, 24, a chauffeur, on May 5. McCrae was subsequently released from the station hospital.

### MORE TROOPS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND FOR ACTIVE DUTY

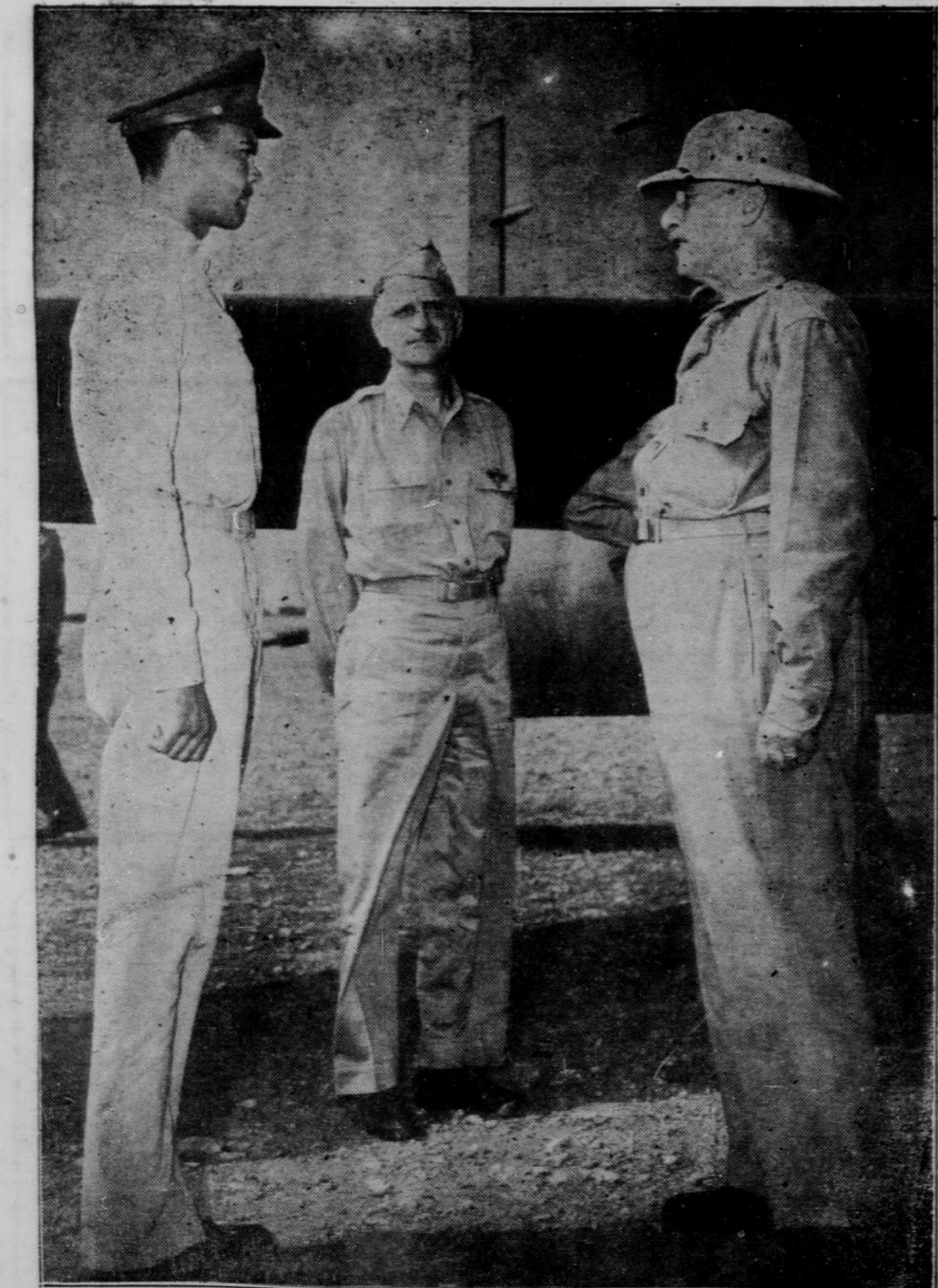
London, Sept. 3 (ANP) Thousands of American soldiers including air force personnel and Negro troops have arrived in England it was announced last week by the British Press Association.

The voyage from the States was an uneventful one the announcement added.

### WHITE WOMAN STEALS RATION BOOK, CASH

Little Rock, Aug. 31 (ANP) Mrs. Roberta Cornelius reported to police last week that a white woman snatched her purse containing \$8 and ration books and fled. The woman said she had left the pocketbook with a small child while she entered the Honey Hash cafe.

### SECRETARY OF WAR VISITS THE 99TH FIGHTER SQUADRON—Mr. Stimson is pictured here talking with Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., Commanding Officer of the unit. Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, Commander of the Northwest African Air Forces, is seen in the background. (Northwest African Air Forces Photo.)



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## Accuse State of Florida of Slaveocracy Practice

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Orlando, Fla., Sept. 3 (ANP)—Florida's slaveocracy is still alive, said members of the Citrus and Allied Workers union, CIO, when they investigated the arrest of Otis Nation, leader of the union.

Nation was formally arrested on a charge as doing business as an emigrant agent with a license, when his activities actually consisted of his supplying the War Manpower commission with a list of names of unemployed union members who might be referred to jobs in Camden, N. J. to break a labor shortage threatening to destroy a tomato crop.

Nation who is slated to appear before a jury during the week of Sept. 13 is now at liberty under a \$2,000 bond.

Reports say that 438 Negro workers who made the trip despite citrus growers' and shippers' threats are busily packing tomatoes in Camden, mostly for the army. They will return here Oct. 1, expenses paid by the Campbell Co. All of this is going on while Florida's Atty. General Tom Watson goes on preparing a case against Nation.

An article appearing in the Orlando Morning Sentinel, revealed that the newspaper regards any attempt to direct idle manpower to work out of the state as "labor theft." The labor theft concept is said to acquire special significance when it is recalled that all the 438 workers now in Camden are Negroes. All were previously employed.

A picture in the Sentinel depicts a minstrel show type Negro hold-

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## Army Making England Like Jim-Crow South

RACE RIOTS NUMEROUS AS DIXIE OFFICERS SUCCEED IN FORCING DISCRIMINATION; SOLDIERS BITTER; FEAR MAJOR CLASHES BETWEEN AMERICAN TROOPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (ANP) From confidential sources which the Associated Negro Press has every rea-

son to believe competent and reliable, and which the Associated Negro Press will not reveal, the following account of the American Negro soldier in England has been secretly received:

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in northern England when white soldiers are reported to have resented British girls being with Negro soldiers. In a southern England city, there were a number of fights which started when a white lieutenant made remarks about some "Nigger soldiers and merchant men" who were passing. The soldiers resented it. A riot was

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