

NPC Employees Compete for Prizes at their "County Fair"

More than 900 exhibits of fresh and canned vegetables from the Victory gardens of Nebraska Power Company employees vied for prizes at the company's "county fair" last Thursday night at the Service Headquarters Building, Forty-third and Leavenworth Streets.

The fair was sponsored by the Victory Garden Committee, the Ne-Po Co. Club, company men's social organization, and the Women's Division of the Company. There are more than 280 employee Victory gardens this year. Judges were L. H. Brown, county agent's office, and Walter E. White, agricultural secretary, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, for the vegetable displays, and Mrs. Evelyn Halm, county agricultural extension officer, and Mrs. Edith Bettinger, American Red Cross nutrition expert, for the canning exhibits.

A midway, complete with side-

shows and concessions, pony ride and contests provided entertainment for the 600 company employees and their families attending.

NEWSREELS OF NEGRO UNITS IN INVASION AVAILABLE

New York—Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy, announced that the War Department is taking newsreel footage of the accomplishments of Negro soldiers in France and other parts of the European theatre of operations, which will be available to all newsreel companies.

In a letter to Walter White, Mr. McCloy stated, "Carlton Moss who played the leading role in 'The Negro Soldier' has been sent to the European Theater of Operations by the War Department. Mr. Moss has been working with Signal Corps directors and cameramen filming a comprehensive record of the work of Negro soldiers both in combat and in the vital job of speeding supplies to the front."

The information came in response to the NAACP's letter of August 24 to Secretary of War Stimson asking that the War Department do more to assure broad film coverage of the activities of Negro troops. Newsreel companies have been advised and urged to make available this material. "It is our hope," said Mr. White, "that you will utilize this material as far as possible for distribution to white as well as Negro theaters."

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION



Dr. D. V. Jemison, despite the small element of opposition, was elected by acclamation to head the National Baptist Convention. The popular minister told the PPNS, newsmen while in the Texas City, that he will plan a post-war christian program, which will bring about a closer relationship between them and God. This, Dr. Jemison said, will insure peace, harmony, and brotherly love between all races of mankind.

Claude A. Barnett next to Dr. Schoening, reads the letter of commendation from the secretary. (US-DA photo by Cummings).

ARMY HAS YET TO ADOPT POLICY ON TREATMENT OF NEGRO PERSONNEL

(by Arthur B. McCaw)

NEW YORK—With the anti-Negro South dictating, the United States Army has yet to adopt a policy on the treatment of Negro personnel, and under the National Democratic Administration's influence, it is still floundering and committing colossal blunders as it feebly attempts to handle the color problem on both battlefield and in training camps. This situation was forcefully brought out by a hardhitting editorial in the Norfolk Journal and Guide last week entitled, "The Fruits of a Day-to-Day Policy."

"That the Army has no policy yet on the Negro," declared the Journal and Guide, "on his utilization and disposition, was again evidenced this week by disclosure that it has set up the first of segregated redistribution centers for returned veterans of its ground forces; and this on the heels of the commendable (if widely ignored) order of Adjutant General Uto banning discrimination at facilities."

Foreign Red Cross Unit Director, Wife, honored Guest at Dining-Dancing Party at Shalimar

On Wednesday eve, about 10:30 p.m., a gala dining and dancing party at the beautiful Shalimar Country Club was given by Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Woods, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Woods of Lincoln.

The occasion was one of many given Mr. and Mrs. Millard Woods since he returned to this country on furlough after serving for 2 years in North Africa as a Red Cross Unit Director.

Cocktails and a delightful and delicious chicken dinner was served and the guests finished off a very enjoyable evening by dancing and socializing.

Among those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Millard Woods, of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Woods of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Thomas, Mrs. Paul Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. McCaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Weldon Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson, and Miss Dorothy Harris, and Mrs. Walteretta Young, both of Lincoln, and Mr. Edward Luster of Memphis, Tenn.



AMERICAN NEGRO TROOPS IN FRANCE. A platoon of American Negro troops surround a farm house in a French town. Operation was required to eliminate a German sniper hiding up the advance. (Continental)

NNPA Executives Meet in Chicago Last Week

The Executive Committee of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association met in Chicago Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16. Members of the Committee who were present were: Howard H. Murphy, Afro-American Newspapers; Alexander Barnes, Washington Tribune; Frank L. Stanley, Louisville Defender; Carter Wesley, Houston Informer; William O. Walker, Cleveland Call Post; Mrs. Robert L. Vann

ities on Army posts. "Once again," the Journal and Guide points out, "it becomes clear that, before the war, the Army had no policy and probably no plans to use any but a bare minimum of Negro troops. Instead of beginning with an amendment to the Selective Service Act prohibiting racial discrimination it has met problems as they have arisen, compromising on some, moving backward on others, and occasionally getting on firm, democratic ground. But no fixed determination or guiding principle by which to deal in a specific way with each question was in existence, nor has come into existence, except in a piece-meal way."

While in Chicago, the members of the Committee were the guests of the Chicago Defender officers and staff at an informal dinner. James B. Cashin, Chicago Civil Service Commission and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Defender served as host.

CITE NEED FOR GOVT ACTION TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION BARRIERS IN INDUSTRY. Citing the need for Government action to eliminate discriminatory barriers in industry, Malcolm Ross, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, stated before the Senate Subcommittee on Education and Labor that "the way out of the economic swamp for minority workers is to raise their productivity to their highest potential level."

In testimony before the Committee, headed by Senator Dennis Chavez (Dem. N. Mex.) in which witnesses were heard for the bill to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, Ross dwelt at length on the cost of racial and religious discrimination to the economy of the entire nation, and urged governmental action to cover the difficult adjustments in the reconversion and peacetime period ahead. "Action by the Congress to relieve economic depression among particular groups would be but a continuation of the national policy established by the Fair Labor Standards and Social Security Acts," Ross said. "Discrimination puts minority workers in a depressed economic group and must be avoided in order to promote the free flow of commerce between states and the economic prosperity of the nation as a whole."

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