

Columnist, Geo. H. Davenport Cites Danger of Post-war Negro Unemployment Says 'Absenteeism Among Race Workers Is Outrageous'

Says Big Industrial Firms Now Making A List of Negro Personnel's 'Worthlessness as Workes' in 'Little Black Book' As Argument For Firing and Against Hiring in Future...

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Lloyds of London Insure Duke's Hands for 1 Million Dollars



The Maestro at the Ivories

DUKE ELLINGTON INSURES HANDS WITH LLOYDS OF LONDON FOR MILLION DOLLARS

Chicago, Ill., (PPNS) The magical hands of the master maestro, Duke Ellington whose very name is synonymous to perfection in music, have been insured by the renown firm of Lloyds of London for the staggering sum of \$1,000,000. Edward S. Harris, resident of Chicago issued the policy that has attached a fortune to the hands from which such masterpieces of song have come, such as "Sophisticated Lady," "In My Solitude," "Caravan" and many others that strike an immediate response in the hearts of music lovers.

cade of bands that appeared at the huge Coliseum in Chicago for three straight days; and for three straight days this large hall was packed and jammed with dance fans from all sections of the city and outlying suburbs that craved to hear and dance by the inimitable Ellington tunes.

After his smash appearance in the Windy City, the Duke and his sensational band invaded Baltimore for a week's engagement at the Royale Theatre to be followed by an engagement at New York's Apollo Theatre, November 24, also for a week. The advance sale of tickets for his musical concert to be given at Carnegie Hall December 19, indicates that this annual affair will be a complete sell-out.

Northside Health Committee Plan Educational Program

FIRST NEGRO WAVE TAKES OATH...



Massachusetts (PPNS) The first woman to be sworn into the Women's Reserve under the Navy Department plan approved by the President, for the acceptance of Negro women into the WAVES, was Miss Jean A. Freeman, 28, of 700 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, Mass. She was sworn in to the services as an enlisted WAVE at 8 a. m. Monday, November 20, by Captain L. D. Cousey, USN retired Director of the Office of Naval Of-

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON NEGRO HEALTH CALLS MEETING WEDNESDAY

Dr. Craig Morris, Chairman of the Negro Health Coordinating Committee called a meeting at the Urban League Community Center, Wednesday, evening at 7:30 pm.

The committee has been called upon to help with important health education programs and activities in this community.

Mr. Ryland E. Melford, recent appointee to the position of Assistant Director of Venereal Disease Control Education, presented some important matters to the committee.

The committee issued the following statement concerning their work by saying: South Omaha has a well-formed committee actively engaged in meeting the health problems in that neighborhood. It is desirable that we become informed as to the changes in the health situation in this area and plan an active program to meet the needs of the approximately 12,000 Negroes located in North Omaha.

Raymond R. Brown, is secretary of this committee.

Garner Heads So. Omaha Organization

The Woodson Center Health Committee under the direction of Mr. H. C. Garner, Chairman, is completing plans for an extensive neighborhood health program, including lectures, moving pictures, health classes, panel discussions, dramas, library of health literature, latest health bulletins, and general physical examinations in cooperating with the Nebraska Negro Medical Society, the State Health Department, and the United States Public Health Service.

The first of these projects will be the physical examinations to be held on December 11. Everyone is welcome. For more detailed information please contact the Woodson Center 2009 R Street, Market 2860.

injuries. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Williams of 4547 Vincennes, is a war worker.

Buy NAACP Negro Soldier Xmas Seals.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees on December markets should be enough to supply demands, the Forest Service of the USDA estimates from reports sent in from all Christmas-tree producing areas. There will be no need for many transient vendors to enter the Christmas trade, as they did last year. This caused an over-supply and wasted great numbers of trees. Labor shortage is not expected to hamper the harvesting of trees much this year.

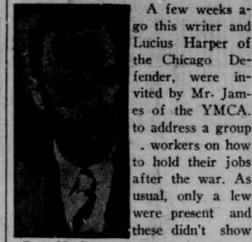
"MA" SENT TURKEY



New York City, (PPNS) U. S. Coast Guardsman Walter W. Davis returned here from a 21 day furlough at his home in Chicago, jolly, joyous and jumping and raring to get back in the attack! Much to his surprise a huge turkey from his mother arrived in due time for his Thanksgiving dinner. The youthful 2/c Machinis Mate spent 15 months in heavy active service with his unit on the Caribbean seas, receiving only minor

GEO. H. DAVENPORT'S

Dynamite



A few weeks ago this writer and Lucius Harper of the Chicago Defender, were invited by Mr. James of the YMCA. to address a group of workers on how to hold their jobs after the war. As usual, only a few were present and these didn't show much concern. Both the writer, and Mr. Harper pointed out the importance of efficiency, promptness and cleanliness on and off the job—loud talking in public and on the job was also discouraged. Since making this talk, we have been told by heads of large war plants, Negro personnel managers and common laborers that absenteeism among Negroes is outrageous. A manager of one of the largest airplane factories, stationed in Chicago, told this writer that Negroes get

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"HELP THE WAR EFFORT BY STAYING ON THE JOB"

I want to go out with my head erect,
 I want to deserve all men's respect.
 But here in the struggle for fame and self,
 I want to be able to like myself.
 I don't want to look at myself and know—
 That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I never can hide myself from me,
 I see what others may never see,
 I know what others may never know—
 I never can fool myself—and so
 Whatever happens, I want to be
 Self-respecting and conscience free
 —Sgt. G. E. Bivens.

A Prayer of Gratitude

BY RUTH TAYLOR

With humble and contrite hearts, we gather together, this Thanksgiving Day, 1944, to give praise unto Thee, most bountiful Giver of Gifts.

The shadows of war have darkened our lives. We have been menaced by the enemy from without. From within we are still hampered by our own self-will and personal ambitions. Our nearest and dearest are being sent into danger all over the world. The even tenor of our ordered lives has been shattered.

Yet we give thanks to Thee, O God, and bless Thy name for Thy manifold mercies vouchsafed unto us.

We thank Thee for this land of ours, its fertility, its resources, its homes, its people who are still free to fight and work and strive for freedom for all the world.

We thank Thee that we are Americans; that the days of prosperity and peace did not sap the spirit which was our heritage from those who came to this land seeking freedom to worship Thee according to their own conscience; that as Americans, regardless of class, creed or color, we can stand firm, shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for the rights of all mankind.

We thank Thee that we are a United States; that we can differ in details of theology, of economics, of politics and still be united in demanding for and in granting to all others the same freedom we claim for ourselves.

We thank Thee for the victories granted us, not merely over our enemies on land, sea and in the air, but on that battleground within ourselves for the day by day clash between the forces of prejudice and ill will and the forces of neighborliness and fair play.

We thank Thee for Thy purpose in our lives as peoples and as a nation; that we may in Thy good time establish more firmly the democracy whose command is Thine—"Love thy neighbor as thyself," and bring Thy kingdom to reign on earth from now until everlasting.

AMEN.

Wilberforce Beauty



Wilberforce, Ohio, (PPNS) Miss Hazel Hunter student at Wilberforce University, Sr., Commerce, is truly one of the loveliest examples of our modern American youth that we have to offer. Miss Hunter's scholastic ratings are on par with her looks, which is a subtle way of saying she has beauty plus brains. Her winning personality has made her a popular figure on the campus with students and faculty heads, who declare her to be one of the school's most brilliant students. Miss Hunter is a native of Lockland, Ohio.

Marva Stricken Rushed to Hospital

Chicago (PPNS) Marva Louis, lovely wife of Sgt. Joe Louis, heavy weight boxing champion, has been entered in Provident Hospital after suffering a collapse Monday morning upon her arrival in this city. Declaring Mrs. Louis to be in need of complete rest, physicians have barred all visitors; however, reporters were informed Thursday that her condition was improved.

Dr. William Gibbs, her personal physician, attributed the sudden attack to over taxation caused by Mrs. Louis' intense devotion to her theatrical work. Launching her career as a singer a year ago, Mrs. Louis has appeared in a number of the country's swankiest niteries. During her short meteoric rise to fame and popularity, she has acquired thousands of admiring fans—who have thrilled to the sound of her charming voice and magnetic personality.

Mrs. Louis recently appeared at famous Three Sixes Club in Detroit where she caused sensation among critics and night liars. The consensus of critics is that Marva has hitched her career to a star. Her manager, William Graham, recently announced that the star's next engagement would be the Trocadero Club in Hollywood, from which many heralded entertainers have catapulted to stardom on the silver screen.

STILL OUR FAVORITE BIRD!



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