

**NEBRASKA NEARING HALF WAY MARK IN "PURPLE HEART" NURSES PLATOONS**

Lincoln, Nebraska, (Special) Nebraska is nearing the half-way mark in its quota of four "WAC Purple Heart" platoons for service to war wounded soldiers at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. It was announced by WAC H. Alison officers in Governor Dwight Griswold's office.

Organization of the first platoon honoring the One Hundred Thirty-fourth Infantry, "Nebraska's Own"—was completed last week, while additional enlistments since have nearly filled the second platoon of badly needed women for the hospital units, it was reported.

"I am very happy to learn that Nebraska women are responding to the call for help for our war-wounded in their time of need,"

said Governor Dwight Griswold, whose proclamation of a state of emergency launched the 3-day "Purple Heart" campaign in Nebraska.

But it must be remembered that many more volunteers are needed before Nebraska goes over the top. Every girl who is able to serve is needed at Fitzsimons, and needed badly," he said.

Liaison officers said that inquiries for further information about the "Purple Heart" platoons from women to whom the governor recently sent a personal letter had been very gratifying. More than 20,000 letters were sent to women in the state, pointing out the need of women to care for the wounded.

The women making up the first Nebraska "Purple Heart" Platoon go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., this week for both basic and technical training—either as medical or surgical technicians or as medical clerks. After completion of training—about 11 weeks—the Nebraska platoon will be assigned to Fitzsimons General hospital.

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- (3) Make out your income tax return now to save time and last-minute confusion. Everyone whose income was \$500 or more last year must file a return by March 15.
- (4) Buy only what you really need this Easter. Dollars unnecessarily spent contribute to inflation; dollars saved help to finance the war.
- (5) Help relieve the nursing crisis. All women, young or old, trained or untrained, can partake in one of the eight war nursing programs. Inquire at your local Red Cross.

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**THOMAS A. MORGAN, National Chairman of the United Negro College Fund**

**SPERRY CORP. PRESIDENT HEADS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND**

Thomas A. Morgan, president of The Sperry Corporation, has accepted the national chairmanship of the second annual United Negro College Fund campaign which this spring will conduct a fund-raising appeal for 32 private Negro colleges.

Mr. Morgan announced that the twenty-seven schools which comprised the United Negro College Fund last year have been joined by five additional institutions to bring the total number of participants to thirty-two this year. The new members are:

Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina; Bishop College, Marshall, Texas; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina; Paine College, Augusta, Georgia; and Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.

Other participating colleges are: Alabama: Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee Institute.

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"But the war, which has presented Negro higher education with its greatest challenge, has also imposed severe financial difficulties upon the colleges. It is for this reason that the thirty-two institutions represented in the United Negro College Fund will come before the American public this Spring to appeal for funds to help meet their current minimum needs. They seek—and sorely need—the generous support of public-spirited individuals, business concerns, labor groups, philanthropic foundations, and other organizations."

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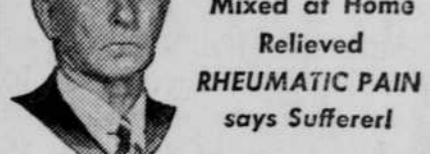
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