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OPENING OF NEW PARISH HOUSE ANNOUNCED

Bishop Dagwell To Lead Services For Dedication

Rev. L. O. Stone, Vicar of the St. Philip's Church at N. E. Knott and Rodney streets, has announced that the new parish house will be opened April 29 from four until seven p. m.

Dedication services will be at five p. m. Among those to be present at the services are the Rt. Rev. B. D. Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, Rev. Lansing Kempton of Trinity Church and Donald Nelson, contractor.

This building was selected at an estimated cost of \$20,000. It has an auditorium, guild room, kitchen, office and Sunday school rooms. The public is cordially welcomed to attend the opening.

John C. Baker Leaves Post as Acme Club Pres.

This week John C. Baker, President of the Acme Business Club, gave formal notice of his coming resignation from the presidency of this organization. For more than five years he has been at the helm of this organized group of businessmen. Following is the letter which was read to the club members at their last regular meeting: To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my notice that on May 6, 1944, my resignation from the office of President of the Acme Business Club will become effective.

Many reasons have contributed to the making of this decision. Chief among them is the fact that my occupational work has become

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Navy Board Changes Status of 15 Ex-Seabees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Secretary of the Navy has approved the decision of the Navy Department's Board of Review that the discharges of 14 of 15 Negro seabees who were discharged by reason of "unfitness" or "ordinary discharges under satisfactory conditions by reason of inaptitude" be changed to discharges of "under honorable conditions," the Navy Department reported this week.

In October, 1943, 19 Negro seabees were discharged by one commanding officer of the 80th Naval Construction Battalion for either unfitness or inaptitude. These men were sent from an advanced base at which this battalion was stationed to the receiving station in New York, where their discharges were effected.

Shortly after the enactment of the Servicemen's Re-adjustment Act of 1944, which has a provision therein that discharged men could have their discharges reviewed, 15 of the 19 ex-seabees petitioned the Navy Review Board for a review of their discharges.

The review of the discharges of these 15 men was held at one and the same time recently in the Navy Department, Washington, D. C. The petitioners were represented by the following: Arthur Garfield Hayes of New York City, acting for the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Committee on Winfred Lynn; Gerald Weatherly of the Texas bar and of New York City, acting for the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Committee on Winfred Lynn; Thurgood Marshall of New York City, special counsel for the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Herbert J. DeVarco, representing the American Civil Liberties Union; Nat Kein, representing the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee of New York City.

No Criterion Scholarship Ball This Year

Notice has been given by Dr. R. N. Joyner, Jr., that the Criterion Club will not sponsor another benefit affair this spring for the raising of a scholarship.

Dr. Joyner explained last year enough money was raised at their initial dance to supply a scholarship fund for two years. The Negro high school student who graduates this year with the highest scholastic rating will be entitled to receive the Criterion scholarship providing the student is going to enroll in some college or university this next term.

Guide to Be Supplied Movie Producers

HOLLYWOOD (ANP) — Movie producers will be offered a new booklet that may be a guide in filming Negroes and other minority groups. That announcement was made recently by the International Film and Radio Guild, Inc. Norman O. Houston, secretary-treasurer of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company is chairman of the board of directors and Leon Hardwick, theater editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel, is secretary. The IFRG, organized in June, 1944, is now preparing to function on a national basis.

The IFRG booklet will be in (Continued on Page 2)

Portland Fliers Credited With Two Nazi Planes

Lieutenants Harold Morris and William Bell of Portland, Oregon, now attached to the 100th pursuit squadron of the 332nd fighter command in Rome, Italy, are credited with having shot down one German plane each in a recent air battle over Austria.

In this colossal air battle more than twenty-five Nazi planes were lost. The Negro pilots did not suffer any casualties. Ironically enough, Lt. Bell had the opportunity to avenge an old grievance. A few months ago, his plane was shot down while he was on a mission over Yugoslavia. First Lt. Charles Duke, also of Portland, covered his landing when he was forced to parachute to safety.

Lt. Morris is the husband of Mrs. Jessie Morris of 546 N. E. Stanton street. Lt. Bell is the son of Mrs. Mary Browning.

Lt. Duke is the husband of Mrs. Benita Duke of N. Vancouver avenue.

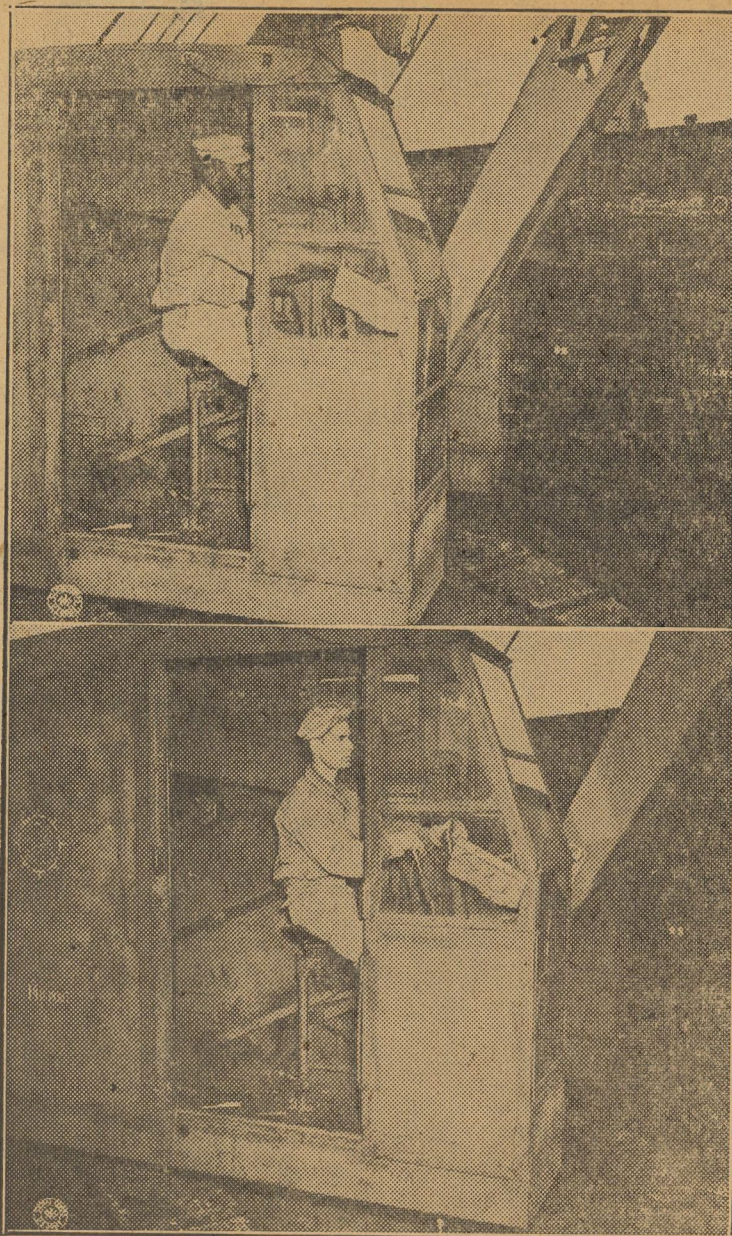
Dr. Unthank Speaks on Delta Radio Program

Radio station KWJJ presented the Beta Psi Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority in a special program Saturday, April 14. The program was dedicated to the memory of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Vocal selections with Mrs. Mignon Cabell as the accompanist were presented. Dr. DeNorval Unthank, prominent Portland physician, was the featured speaker. His talk on this occasion was impressive and magnetic. It furnished a clear and precise understanding of the way the Negro people felt about President Roosevelt generally. The text of Dr. Unthank's speech follows:

"The whole world is grieved by the death of our late President. Each generation has but few men who achieve lasting greatness. In Franklin Delano Roosevelt we have a man who will truly be so honored.

"All nations looked to him more than any other world leader for a solution—a new world order—a new type of peace. He was the balance wheel—so to speak. Now (Continued on Page 8)

EXPERT CRANE OPERATORS



Negro and white soldiers have become experts in the operation of crawler cranes at ports all over the world. This training and experience should establish them in profitable civilian careers. These photos, taken at an English coast port where extensive petrol loadings have been carried on since before D-Day in Normandy, show Sergeant Jacob S. Turner, Washington, D. C., above, and Private First Class Arol M. Murff, Greenwood, S. C., below. (U. S. Army Signal Corps photos from BPR.)

Bravery and Death In Italy Revealed by Wounded Sergeant

AAF REGIONAL AND CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, Miami, Fla.—Blinded in both eyes and with his left leg cut off below the knee as a result of German land mines, Staff Sergeant James H. Brown of Pulaski, Tenn., lay in his bed here at the AAF Regional Convalescent Hospital and related one of the grimmest stories yet to be told of the bloody struggle which the 92nd Infantry Division is waging against the Germans in Italy.

On February 8, when the Second Battalion of the 370th Infantry Regiment received orders to attack, the 21-year-old Negro infantryman was a squad leader in Company F, spearhead of the assault. What happened later is best told by Brown himself:

"Our mission was to take a hill beyond Peitrasanta and we were told that when our objective was won we would be close enough to throw small arms fire into 'Maine,'" Brown began.

"The Germans had laid mines all over the hill but the engineers quickly cleared a trail which they marked off with tape, and we jumped off at 1500 (3 p.m.).

"About the time we reached the end of the cleared area the Jerries hit another part of our line and my platoon got orders to withdraw. But our platoon sergeant, Technical Sergeant Fred Rose, of Louisiana, who loved to tangle with the Jerries, said, 'We're not going to withdraw. We're going to build up a line and stay right here and fight.'

"He then ordered me to set up my BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) and told the other squad leader to do the same. We had built a fire-line when the order again came for our platoon to fall back to the battalion line. Sergeant Rose reluctantly decided to withdraw.

"As we started to fall back, I stepped on a land mine and set it off. The explosion knocked me down and my left leg was broken in two places. Private Robert Cheney crawled over to me and said he was going to get me out of there. Just as he put his arms under mine and started to move me, his foot struck a mine and it went off breaking his leg and blinding me in both eyes. He fell down beside me.

"It had been getting dark when the first mine got me and although I couldn't see, I realized that it must be very dark by this time and that the men could not see. So I issued orders that no man was to

come up near us and try to get us out until daylight, because I was afraid they would step on a Jerry mine. However, one of the men sneaked up to me and tied a tourniquet on my leg. After that Cheney and I lay there all night. The next day the aid men from my company picked us up.

"Our casualties were pretty heavy in that action. Sergeant Rose stepped on a mine that night, next day the CO, Lieutenant Miles, had his leg blown off by a mortar shell, and the following day Sergeant William Smith, our first sergeant, was killed by a mortar shell that landed in his foxhole."

Tuskegee Cadet Nurse Enter Boston Hospital

BOSTON, Mass.—The largest group of colored cadet nurses to be sent to a northern institution arrived here when 12 nurses from the nurse training school of Tuskegee institute came to begin a period of study at Boston City hospital recently.

The girls, who were accompanied by Miss Lillian M. Holland, director of nurses at Tuskegee, will spend 12 weeks in the city hospital as part of their regular course of training. Formerly Tuskegee nurses used the city hospital at Augusta, Ga., for their institutional training. They return to Tuskegee when they finish their 12 weeks here.

Acme Head Resigns

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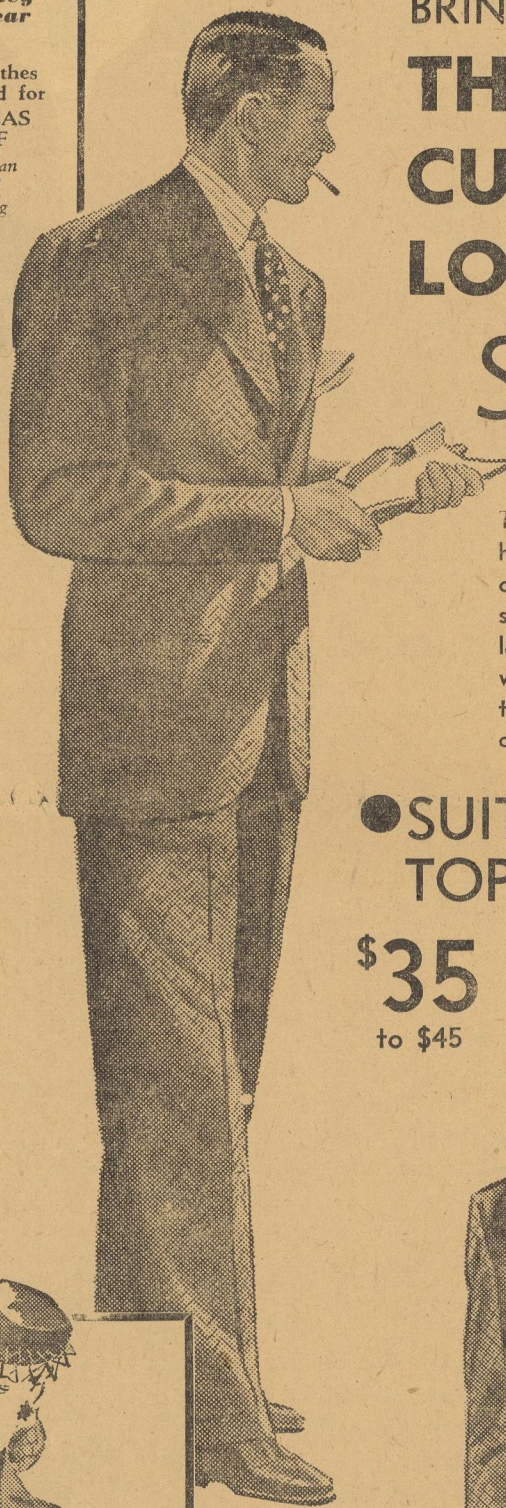
more complicated and the tasks I am required to perform are demanding an increased amount of my mental and physical attention.

In my leaving this organization, I wish to commend the members for their cooperation and support during the time I served them. Our progress for the last eleven months was nothing short of phenomenal. You may be sure that my best wishes go with you in your diligent efforts to carry on in the future as we did in the past.

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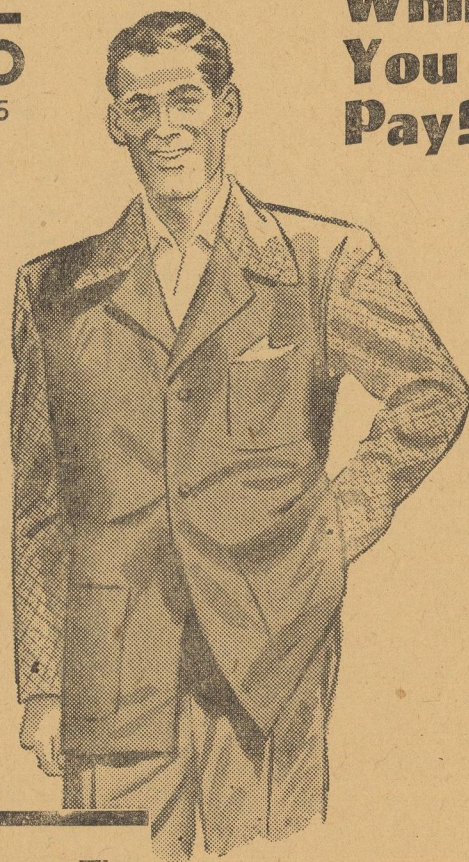


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YOUTH on Parade

By GERTRUDE WILLIAMS

Hello everybody! Yes, I'm back again, with just a little of what's going on among the teensters!

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Art Winslow, S 2/c, was home on a 15-day leave the first part of April.

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Miss Dolores Wilkinson had one mad jump at her home Saturday, the 7th, and it was only fine! But then, that is to be expected when you have the gracious Dolores for a hostess and the spacious Wilkinson home for a background.

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Salute to the Graduates of '45—No. 1.

In a series of articles I shall introduce to you the June '45 graduates. In this, the first of these articles, we have Miss Ruby Mer-

cia Brock. Ruby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Brock, 734 N. E. Shaver, was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 29th, 1928.

Ruby attended Sabin elementary school for six and one-half years, then transferred to Highland. She was graduated from Hihgalnd in January, 1942. The following September, she entered Jefferson High School. Ruby is a member of the June '45 class and will have been graduated at the end of three and one-half years instead of the usual four. In High School, a general course was adopted, however, she has a commercial and English major.

At this time Miss Brock is five feet, two inches of vivacious and charming young womanhood. The hobby of this seventeen year old graduate is sports. She is partic-

ularly interested in tennis and bicycling. She also spends some of her spare time drawing, but then, a young as popular lady as Miss Brock has little time to spend in the seclusive practice of art. Ruby is an active member of the "Tri Y" club and is a member of the newly organized interracial choir.

At present Ruby is employed as a page at Vernon Public Library. Her plans for the immediate future are to attend University of Washington this fall. What she will major in has not yet been decided.

After the war she hopes to travel extensively.

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C. M.—How did you come out with A. W.? Remember C. M. will be home on furlough next month.

J. M.—Is still interested in his one and only, Jo Anne.

E. F.—Off to California again, could it be Betty?

B. G.—Still the same J. P.

E. W.—Is freedom sweeter than A. S.

Several femmes hearts are skipping beats for one Art. Shephard—I might mention R. T.

See Rich Winslow for taxi service, 50c a ride, I understand.

GUAM ACTION BRINGS PURPLE HEART AWARD

One Negro bluejacket and three marines were awarded the Purple Heart recently for injuries received in action against an enemy of the United States, the Navy Department announced this week.

Andrew Leroy Flynt, steward third class, U. S. N., of 1709 Thurmond Street, Winston-Salem, N. C., was presented the medal at the U. S. Naval Air Facility, Mercer Field, Trenton, N. J., by Comdr. Harry F. Guggenheim, U. S. N. R., commanding officer, for injuries received June 6, 1944.

The other three awards went to members of the U. S. Marine Corps, who were injured July 24, 1944, in the reoccupation of Guam. They were struck by shrapnel when the landing craft on which they were loading ammunition came under enemy mortar fire. Their names are as follows:

Pfc. Darnell Haynes, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in November, 1943, and left for overseas duty April 1, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luberthe Johnson, live at 200 North 10th St., Monroe, La.

Pfc. Wilbur J. Webb, Jr., who enlisted in November, 1943, and left for overseas duty in March, 1944. His mother, Mrs. Pink Webb, lives on Route 1, Jackson, N. C.

Pvt. Jim W. Jones, enlisted in November, 1943, and left for overseas duty in April, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, live at 101 North B Street, Midland, Texas. They have another son in the service, Corp. Will Jones, Jr., who is with the Army in New Guinea.

All three marines are now serving in an ammunition company of a marine field depot in the Marianas Islands.

MOVIE PRODUCERS RECEIVE GUIDE

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the nature of a code for the guidance of producers in the presentation of the Negro and other racial minorities on the screen. The objective of the organization is to bring about, by a process of supplying information and presenting viewpoints, a more realistic presentation, on the screen and in radio of the status of the Negro and of members of other racial minorities in contemporary life and culture.

IFRG objectives were recently announced under an 8-point program:

"1. Complete abolition of racial stereotyping of all minority groups in Hollywood motion pictures.

"2. A new conception of the Negro's part in American life by Hollywood movie makers.

"3. Adoption by the studios of the norm of counterbalance in Negroid casting.

"4. More equitable employment of Negro script writers, publicity men, musicians, composers, and the like in the Hollywood studios in any capacity not governed by the AFL lily-white trade unions which control the technical side of production, referred by IFRG officials as a separate fight in itself.

"5. Application of the rating system to Negro performers the same as to other players.

"6. Higher salaries to Negro players, commensurate to their value as boxoffice magnets.

"7. Introduction of the courageous experimentation in production of all-colored films using Negroes in roles not necessarily Negroid.

"8. More stories dealing with Negro life."

Members of the national sponsoring board include Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. Alain Locke, Howard University; William J. Schieffelin, Tuskegee Institute; Judge William Hastie, Washington, NAACP executive; William Nunn and George Schuyler of the Pittsburgh Courier.

Cannoneer Fought All Over ETO with Four Allied Armies

STARK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Charleston, S. C.—Private First Class Fate Stanton of Tunnel Springs, Alabama, former cannoneer of the 999th Field Artillery aBtalion is a first class fighting man.

A glance at the combat record of this 38-year-old convalescent at Stark General Hospital shows that he has fought with four Allied armies on the Western Front: General Hodges' First, General Patton's Third, General Patch's Seventh and the fighting French First Armies. His one ambition is to rejoin his old gun crew in the 999th and fire just one more round at the Jerries from his faithful 8-inch howitzer.

Exactly one year after he was inducted into the Army, Private First Class Stanton was sitting in a valley near the Seine River in France, thrilling to his 8-inch gun as it lobbed shells into a small French town which the retreating

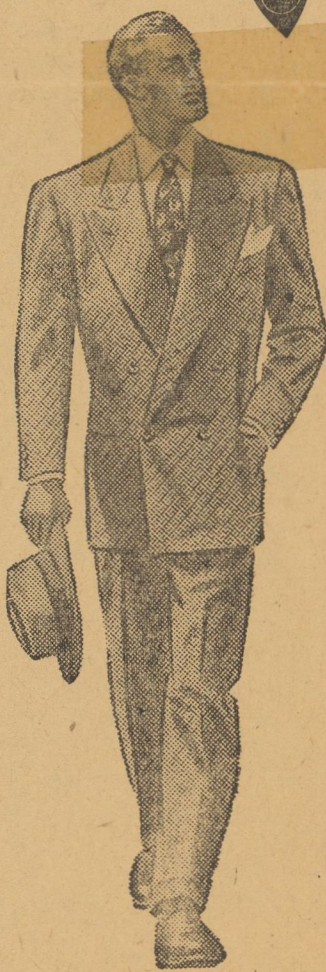
Germans had strongly fortified.

Stanton doesn't remember the name of the town. In fact Fate Stanton can't begin to recall half the names of the towns he has fought in—all he remembers is the name of the army he was fighting with—all he cared about was that he was fighting.

He first tasted action with General Hodges' First Army when his unit, C Battery of the 999th Field Artillery, was ordered into the line ahead of the reserve infantry. Stanton was so close to the Jerries that his gun fired all day on "charge one," the basic powder increment that provides the shortest possible range for an artillery piece.

"As soon as we got our guns zeroed-in, the order came down to 'Fire at Will.' That's the order I like," said the soft talking cannoneer. "Our gun crew could fire three rounds in 45 seconds and we sure let that little old town have it. After we ran the Jerries out, we passed through the town and there wasn't much of it left.

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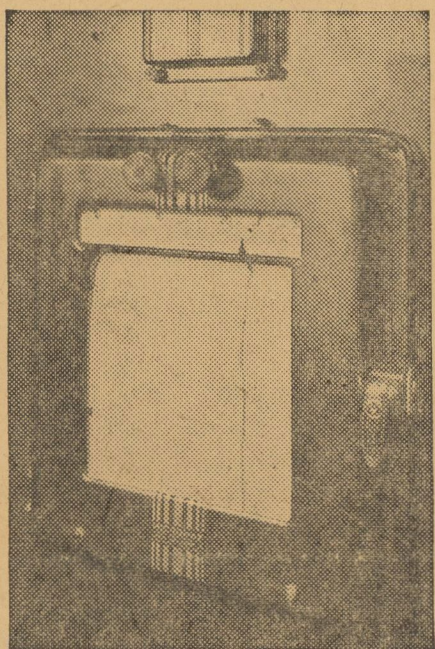
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ANOTHER BATTLE TO BE WON

Negro workers employed in the Kaiser Company, Vancouver Shipyards have told representatives of the Portland Branch NAACP that the Boilermakers Union has issued stop work orders for all Negroes who are refusing to pay dues to the Auxiliary union. They further state that although the Kaiser Company has served notice to the FEPC that it would comply with the directives not to discharge workers who would refuse to pay dues to an auxiliary union, that this compliance is not being fully met by the Company.

On the other hand, at the Kaiser Oregon shipyard, investigators for the Observer found that workers wishing to be employed in jobs coming under the jurisdiction of the Boilermakers Union were told in the personnel office that they would have to go to the Union hall of Local 72 and be cleared for work before they would be hired. The workers, upon going to the union hall were refused a clearance or a membership into the union. Most of them became discouraged and impatient feeling that they were getting the customary run-around so they didn't go back to the shipyards to learn what steps would be taken by the company toward hiring them. One spokesman confided, however, that the personnel manager he had talked with promised to hire these workers if they would make application for work after having been refused by the union. He explained that the company could not go ahead with the hiring of these Negro workers until it had been clearly established that the union was assigning them to an inferior union status or had denied them a work clearance based upon color.

On the basis of auxiliary unions having been denounced by the FEPC and the fact that in other states numerous fights and court opinions have classified them as being unnecessary, even illegal in some instances, Negro workers in many communities are eager to deliver the knockout blow to this evil arrangement. The ground work for the beginning of new struggles will be laid in the decisions to be handed down by the California courts in the case of the Boilermakers Local No. 6 vs. Boilermakers Auxiliary No. 45. This is a case wherein an auxiliary is contesting the right of the parent union to relegate it to an inferior position or status within the framework of the Union.

Now that the legality of this type of organization is in a precarious position in the American working life, every effort should be put forth to see that those workers who have been exploited and abused by its existence are given an opportunity to recover the financial assessments they were forced to donate. Moreover, a special attempt through legal means to recover wages lost by Negro workers who were pulled off their jobs when they refused to join an auxiliary, should be made. This will be an excellent fight for the NAACP to inaugurate nationally. This is another great contribution this organization can make toward developing job security for the returning Negro servicemen.

CONFIDENCE IS NECESSARY

When the national political contest of last November was looming large in the minds of all people the Observer took an uncompromising stand for the reelection of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This was done because the publisher believed that it was mandatory that the Negro people concentrate their efforts toward electing a presidential candidate who had and would continue to voice effectively their aspirations for freedom and justice.

Despite the many contradictions existing in the Democratic party (the southern wing of which is known to thrive on unmentionable brutalities, cruelties and oppression), Roosevelt was able to set a progressive pace for this organization which heretofore was believed impossible. His dynamic denunciations of racial prejudices, his frontal attacks against discrimination, his efforts to create a better America for all people liberalized the Democratic party considerably.

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"IF YOU HEAR IT—DON'T REPEAT IT!"

In many sections of American Negro life, President Truman's taking of office is regarded as a legacy to the south. It is believed that the death of President Roosevelt will give rise to a momentous and decisive shift from progressive social and economic trends to the time worn oppressive and abusive practices which have earmarked the South for generations. It is felt that instead of the progressive political concepts of the leader of the Democratic party setting the pace for the political machine, the Democratic machine, particularly the southern wing, will dictate every move that the new president will make during his term of office. Some skeptics have gone so far as to say that Negroes no longer have any persons or places to whom their just grievances may be carried for a sympathetic solution.

Negro functionaries who have a sound political understanding of the broader aspects of the methods under which our political machinery operates, know that such fears are without reasonable foundation. Truman has declared himself 100% behind the Roosevelt policy of unconditional surrender for the Axis. He is collaborating with the British and Russian governments to bring a speedy end to the war in Europe. His compliance with the foreign and domestic policies enunciated by Roosevelt before his death have been forthcoming. These actions are indicative of the fact that the Negro question will be handled in a like manner. Truman's political record prior to the election of last November was one that is seldom equalled by the most emphatic liberals. On every piece of proposed legislation coming before the Senate for the entire period that he served in the capacity of Senator, his vote was always favorable to organized labor and minority groups.

William H. McLendon

Presidential Citation To 969th FA Battalion

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, France.—The 969th Field Artillery Battalion, a Negro 155-mm howitzer outfit, was one of 34 odd units which received citations in the name of the President of the United States for action in the Bastogne area when attached to the 101st Airborne Division, SHAEF announced today.

Men of the 969th stuck to their guns and fired all around the compass during the defense of encircled Bastogne even though mortar bombs fell on them like rain. The unit which landed in France last July was attached to the 28th Infantry Division at the time of the German attack. At one time, when enemy pressure increased and casualties became heavier, all except

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and certain attached units were formally presented with the honor on March 15. Twenty-five other odd units, including the 969th Field Artillery Battalion, were not present because operations required their presence elsewhere. However, appropriate ceremonies will be held for these units at a future date.

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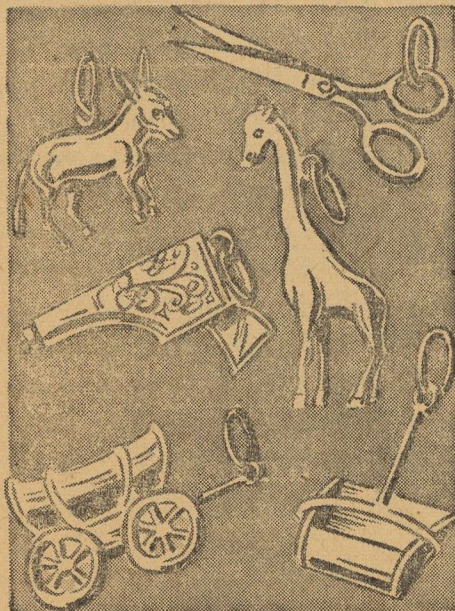
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SOCIAL NOTES

By MARJORIE LEVERETTE

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson had as recent visitor their son, who is in the armed services. He is scheduled to leave for an over-seas post soon.

Sgt. Donald Hepburn, well known Portlander who has been in the armed services for more than three years, was recently reported to have received a commis-sion as a second lieutenant from Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Gaskins are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Harriet Kathleen. Sgt. Gaskins, who is stationed at Fort Lewis has found it possible to make short visits home to see the new arrival. For the time being the new addition has a priority on dad's attentions.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Proctor recently left Portland for Wash-ington, D. C., where they will take up residence. The nation's cap-itol is Mrs. Proctor's former home and the place where the couple first met.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosebud Study Club was held on April 4 at the home of Mrs. Ruby Hardin. "Minorities in Japan" was the topic of discussion, led by Mrs. Blanche Holladay. Attractive plans were made for the annual Mothers' Day party to be held on May 2.

The "Dames and Damsels" met with Miss Lily Evans on Sunday, April 8. Discussion of the local employment situation drew the inter-est and participation of all present. Ideas for future club activities were heard with enthusiasm.

A recent week-end guest of the L. A. Flowers household was Miss Winnifred Morris of Seattle,

Washington, sister-in-law of Mrs. Harold Morris, and aunt of little Jessie Joy Morris.

Rhythm Round-Up

A new addition to the realm of musicians in this city is Dave Hen-derson, great tenor-sax man of Jay McShann fame. He also plays a fair amount of ivory. Both Joe Crane and Frank Redding claim him as a member of their respec-tive bands.

Don Anderson and "Cookie" are in their fourth week as the feature attraction at the Club New York-er. Considering the warm recep-tion they have enjoyed at this classy spot, they will probably put in another four weeks with their fine line of melodies.

Ellyn Hamilton has ambitions to sing. She works out in rehear-sals with J. Crane and company occasionally. We knew that she was a fair dancer . . . this singing angle comes as quite a surprise.

The Horseshoe Dine and Dance on N. W. Third Avenue has some torried Jam sessions sometimes . . .

Walter Roberts is still singing and playing the bass when he can be found.

Is it true that Bugs is going to leave town because he has a little competition?

Johnson In Carnegie

James P. Johnson, called by many "the dean of jazz pianists," will launch the first in a series of concerts in Carnegie Hall with the "1945 Jazzfest," scheduled for Friday evening, May 4. Mr. John-son has received international rec-ognition for his compositions in-

terpreting the traditional culture of America. He is the author of more than five hundred published compositions.

From Boogie Woogie To Bach

After reigning unchallenged for six years as the queen of night club pianist, pert Hazel Scott has decided to abandon the fun spots to exhibit her talents more form-ally in the statelier settings of the nation's concert halls. Thus the most exciting of the contempor-ary night club figures bows out of the super club field to do the thing that will give her artistic soul its fullest satisfaction. Her concert career begins October 1, when she gives her first recital.

Miss Scott is perhaps one of the best trained formal pianists in the country but gravitated to the swing feld as a means to an eco-nomic end partially because of her flair for creative experimentation and partially because if offered an immediate source of revenue.

Born in Trinidad, she came to America when but four years of age and had already shown a na-tive ability on the keyboard. This being the case it is understandable why her mother took her to Juil-liard for a hearing when she was but eight. One of the professors there was so impressed that she was taken under his personal sup-ervision for eight years.

CARNEGIE AT SIXTEEN

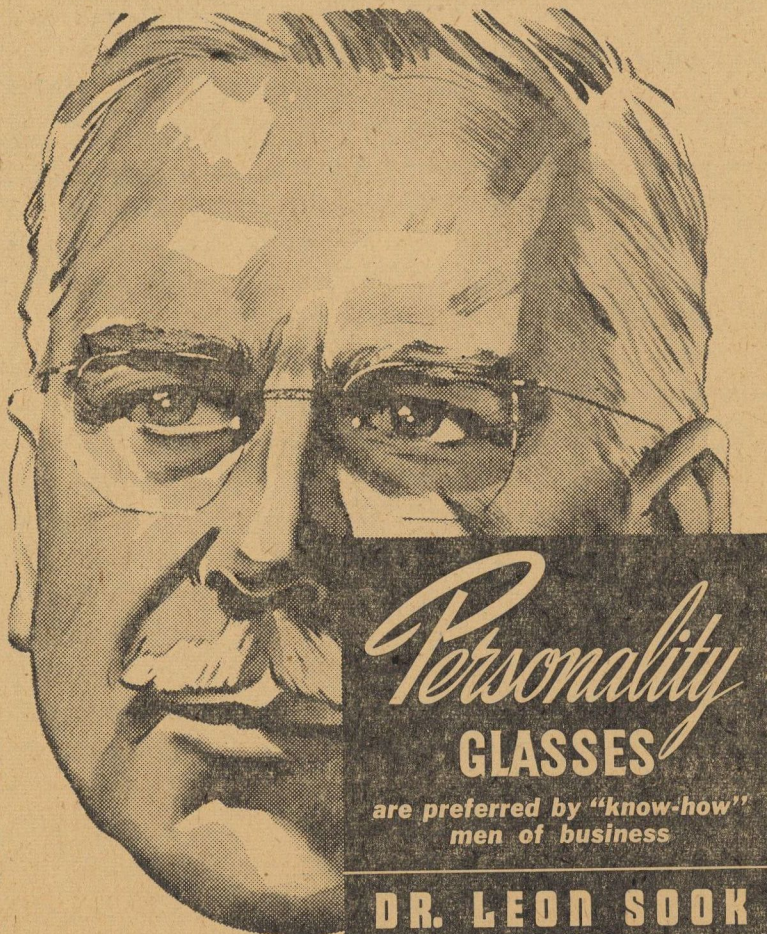
At sixteen the youthful pianist appeared in Carnegie Hall and also had her own program over WOR. Then came the decisive turn in her career. Playing at a Hickory house jam session she was heard by Barney Josephson. When Ida Cox was unable to open, at Cafe Society Downtown, Barney had Hazel to substitute. Ida never opened. Hazel stayed there a year and then Uptown Cafe Society was opened to star her. She re-mained five years until this move of deserting the popular field.

In her night club career which has been punctuated with movie and record work she has seen her salary go from a paltry forty to four hundred dollars per week. During her concert tour she will demand a nightly stipend running into four figures.

Grimes World's Fastest

Lloyd "Tiny" Grimes' claim to fame nowadays is that he is the world's fastest guitarist. He matched on his guitar, note for note, the breakneck speed of the incredible swing pianist, Art Ta-tum.

To prove his claim, Grimes of-fers the recording, "I Know That You Know" (Comet Records) where Tatum can be heard all through the number playing fur-iously-paced swing music. The drive was one of the greatest ever carried by Art. When the record ends, the listener will find that Grimes was right with him all the way. Slam Stewart, bassist, also stayed right in the groove on this selection.



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"Soldiers of Same Level Fight the Same"—Gibson

In recent weeks, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, has been criticized and denounced for his supposing to have made derogatory and discrediting statements to the news reporters concerning the much publicized all-Negro Ninety-second division now stationed in Italy.

The controversy over his utterances in Rome last month have brought about sharp attacks on his holding office by a large portion of

the Negro press.

Following is the full length statement of Gibson at a press conference, April 9, 1945, in Washington, D. C.:

"The press has already reported that Negro and white Infantrymen are now fighting side by side in Germany. In France I visited some of the Negro platoons before they left for the front and talked with the men being trained at the Reinforcement Training Center. What I saw and heard was evidence that the Supreme Command in SHAEF was following in racial matters what must be the basic policy of any Army, in any war, namely, that of utilizing most efficiently all available resources of men and material to defeat the enemy.

Such a policy is working. At the Training Center a white noncommissioned veteran, who was assisting in the training program, said graphically, if ungrammatically, about the Negro trainees: "Sure they'll get along all right. It don't matter whose firing next to you when you're both killing Krauts." The Texas-born, battle-scarred Commanding Officer of the Center was confident that the trainees, all of whom volunteered for the training course with all noncommissioned officers taking a reduction to the grade of private, would do well in combat. He said, "These men will fight because they have been trained and treated just like the other soldiers here and they know they are going to be used in the same manner, in the same Divisions. They want to fight. When the first group went out we had only two cases of AWOL among all the Negro soldiers in the Center. We found out where the two men were when we received a wire from a front line Division Commander informing us that they had reported to him to fight."

The estimate of this officer has been confirmed by the report of an official observer who spent time with some of the platoons in the fighting around Remagen where the first of the units were committed to combat. He reported that the Negro soldiers fought as well as any others and that the mistakes they made were the same as those made by other troops lacking battle experience.

This policy of making the best use of all soldiers is further evidence in the excellent performance of the Service of Supply troops throughout the theater. These troops, a large percentage of whom are Negroes, regard themselves as soldiers performing vital jobs. They had a very real identification with the fighting front. In one Quartermaster Depot, manned by Negro personnel, the first sergeant when questioned as to why the men were working voluntarily around the clock, replied: "We have got to keep the supplies moving and all of us want to do our part." The officers in this unit were white and were enthusiastic about their men and their work. Discussing their men, Negro officers in a Quartermaster Truck Company said that on many occasions their drivers had insisted on delivering white Infantrymen into dangerous territory late at night far in advance of the debarkation points because "they hated to see the 'Doughs' walk."

In the European Theatre of Operations are the first units of Negro nurses and Wacs to go overseas. The nurses, stationed at a hospital in the north of England, are busy treating American soldiers who have been wounded in action. They are described by their Commanding Officer as being the equals professionally of any nurses in the area. The Wacs officer and man the Central Postal Directory for the entire European Theater of drawn repeated praise from the Operations. Their efficiency has Commanding Officer of the

Sport Briefs

Seelie Samara, famous Negro wrestler from Boston, avenged the previous unfair decision which gave the northwest championship title to Ted Christy three weeks ago. In a return match, April 11, Samara threw Christy all over the auditorium to demonstrate that he was the better wrestler. Christy, in the meantime, was disqualified for fouling on the second fall. In the third and final fall, Samara opened up and gave him the works. Sam-

ara again holds the title as Pacific Northwest Champion.

Smooks Lacey, amazing Negro fighter, stated to representatives of the Observer following the raw decision given him in his fight with Johnny Suarez Friday, April 6, that, "I am sure that the racial concepts of the South have been deeply ingrained in the hearts of many western white people."

Lacey said, "I feel that I actually won the fight decisively. Reporters of local papers, numerous sports fans and even policemen confided to me that the fight was falsely judged. I have had many fights during my career. Some of them I lost. I never quibbled when I was defeated. However, it is obvious to practically everyone attending the fight that only the opinion of the judges and the referee brought about my defeat. I am amazed that the people of Oregon, especially Portland, tolerate such foul practices in what should be clean sporting contests."

Lacey fought last Tuesday in Bremerton, Washington. He met Midget Wallgast of the U. S. Navy, whom he defeated.

Lacey confided that he would like a return match with Suarez, saying, "Even if the decision is against me, I would enjoy demonstrating that in the ring, he is not my equal."

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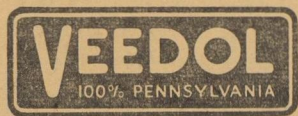
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Says Soldier Beating Stab at Morale of Race

Jackson, Miss.—Launching their investigation as a silent but unmistakable pall of indignation and resentment settled over the entire Negro community, members of the inter-racial committee of the Jackson Negro Chamber of Commerce, gathering facts to be presented in a joint meeting with the interracial committee of the white chamber of commerce, heard eyewitnesses' accounts of the unwarranted brutal beating by military and civilian police of Negro overseas veterans at the Illinois Central depot here recently.

Earl W. Banks, chairman of the Negro division, Hinds County War Finance committee, reflected the feeling of Negroes generally in a letter addressed to R. G. Kennington, chairman of the committee.

Referring to the Illinois Central station incident, Mr. Banks wrote: "While I do not pretend to be in a position to give the background or causes upon which any justification of the act may be predicated, yet the description of bystanders of what happened presents a horrifying picture, and a picture which does nothing to make it easier for us to sell our people the idea that they owe their government the last full measure of sacrifice and financial support. It is a stab to Negro morale."

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OPA MEWS

Five new red stamps, worth 10 points each for a total of 50 red points, have been validated for the April rationing period, Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, announced today. The new red stamps are K2, L2, M2, N2, and P2. They are good from April 1 through July 31.

The five new blue stamps, each worth 10 points for a total of 50 blue points, are T2, U2, V2, W2, and G2. They are good from April 1 through July 31.

Four sets of the red and blue stamps may be used during each rationing period. Each set is good for about four months, the first set going out of use when the fifth becomes good.

Sugar stamp 35 is the only one that is now good. It may be used through June 2. Another sugar stamp will become good on May 1, providing an overlap of one month.

Because of heavy demand and relatively short supply of eggs, steps have been taken to permit sale of "current receipt" (ungraded) eggs f. o. b. the seller's farm, place of business or other location, the OPA announced today.

On sales to a government agency, 1½c a dozen may be added to the ceiling price of eggs that have been treated for preservation by immersion in hot water followed by a coating of mineral oil. The addition of 1½c a dozen to the ceiling price for eggs so treated is a half-cent more than for mineral treatment alone, and the addition is not permitted on sales to non-government buyers, OPA officials explained.

A new plan for classifying into four preference groups persons who are eligible for passenger car tires has been announced by the OPA in cooperation with the War Manpower Commission in order to aid local boards in issuing tire certificates, Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, announced today, and is expected to get the most out of the reduced supply.

The number of eligibles is not reduced under the plan but channels the tires to persons whose transportation needs are most essential to the war effort, he commented.

Group I priority is limited almost entirely to physicians, public health nurses, police, and employees in critical war industries, whose occupations are of emergency nature.

Group II includes farmers, farm workers, and representatives of management, labor and Government who recruit for essential establishments.

Group III includes such occupations as buyers for essential establishments and persons who perform necessary technical services at these establishments such as advising on machinery maintenance problems.

Group IV takes in all other persons eligible for Grade I passenger tires.

Indiana Town Teen-Age Canteen for All Races

New York.—The Junior Association of Commerce of Marion, Indiana, by insisting upon making the new Teen-Age Recreation Center in that city available to youth of all races, has established a desirable precedent in Indiana for the action of other communities. The Parent-Teachers Association and the Carver Community Center, an affiliate of the National Urban League, were among the first organizations to propose the service for young people. A number of other individuals and organizations withdrew their support when it was learned that Negro youth would be included. The Junior Association of Commerce became the sponsoring agency with the express provision that all teen agers should be served. The letter, now being sent to all parents in Marion, reads in part: "Next month the Teen-Age Recreation Center will open, providing a place where your youngsters may gather for fun and recreation under full time supervision."

Harold Harrison, President of the Junior Association of Commerce, is a member of the Race Relations Committee of the Carver Community Center.

Hamp Receives Award At Carnegie

Lionel Hampton and his orchestra gave an Esquire Award Concert at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, April 15.

At the local concert debut of the Hampton orchestra, Lionel got an award following his selection as leader of the greatest young swing band to come into prominence in 1944.

The concert was staged by Leonard Feather, Jazz editor of Esquire magazine and Barry Ulanov of Metronome.

Hampton played an evening of music from seldom heard spirituals, to his own composition, "Hamp's Boogie Woogie".

As a special feature of the concert, the regular Lionel Hampton orchestra was augmented by 32 strings under the direction of Eddie South, who acted as concert master.

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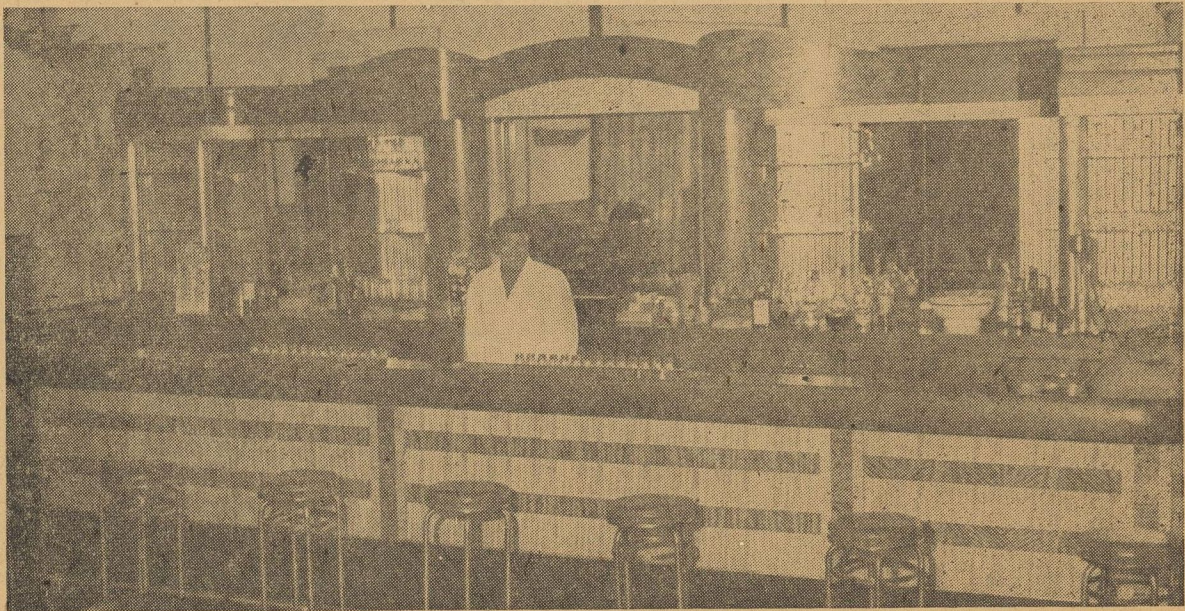
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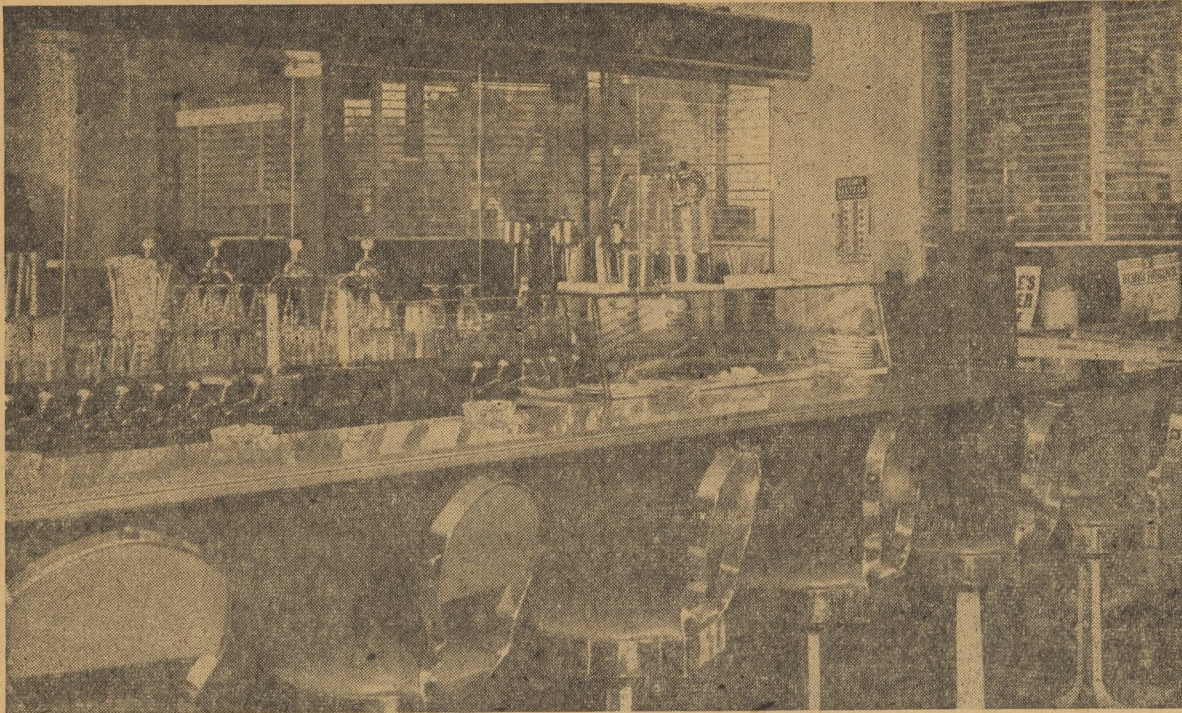
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