Untaxed Liquor Sales Jail Three

Three persons received jail sentences for alleged sales of untaxed liquor following their trials in criminal court, this week, as a result of testimony given by Joseph (Sergeant Blue) Jackson, 1378 Woodyear Street, who stated that he bought liquor in their homes and turned it over to the police.

Will Williams and his wife, Elizabeth, of 1705 Ditman Court, were each sentenced by Judge W. Conwell Smith, on Wednesday, to thirty days in jail as a result of Jackson's testimony that he had bought a half-pint of liquor at their home.

Sent by Detectives

Jackson told the court that he had been sent to the Williamses' home by detectives and, after purchasing the whiskey from Williams, he had called the officers into the house.

Arthur Williams, 54, of 1218 Ashland Avenue, was sentenced on Thursday to sixty days in jail following his conviction on charges of having sold Jackson a half-pint of whiskey at his home on July 11

Paul Dixon, 37, of the same address, who was arrested with Williams in connection with the same charge, was acquitted when Williams testified that he alone knew of and handled the liquor at his house.

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Georgia Group Attacks Denial of Franchise

LOG CABIN CENTER, Ga. — The State Central Planning Commission, in session here Saturday, adopted a resolution denouncing white primaries, the poll tax and other systems by which colored citizens in the South are denied the right to vote.

More than a hundred leaders in educational, religious, fraternal, business and agricultural circles attended the session, under the chairmanship of Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, president of the Georgia State College of Savannah.

Ask Military Fairness

In an earlier action, the commission called for the full right of participation in all branches of the nation's defense forces, with adequate training of the race's youth for such participation, and abolition of salary differentials in all public services.

Action on the franchise question was initiated by Bishop W. A. Fountain of the AME Church, who termed the white primary a violation of the Constitution and said:

Raps One-Party System

"I hope that day has gone when the colored citizens will vote en masse the Republican ticket. I hope I will never see the day when colored citizens en masse will vote the Democratic ticket. The most hurtful thing today to the Southland is the one-party sytem."

Dr. L. A. Pinkston of Augusta, Ga., head of the State Baptist Convention, was another active participant. Members of the commission pledged themselves to "exercise every legitimate means to obtain the right to vote."

Copies of the complete program were to be sent to President Roosevelt, Cabinet members and other Government officials.

Who Will Head GOP Campaign?

NEW YORK—With the naming of the Republican party's campaign personnel in the hands of Joseph Martin, national chairman and Samuel Pryor, Jr., director of the Eastern division of the campaign, GOP bigwigs are on edge waiting for an announcement of the selections.

From authoritative sources it is reported that Bishop David H. Sims of the AME Church, Philadelphia, and Francis E. Rivers of New York, have the inside track for heading up the Eastern division.

Mentioned most frequently in connection with heading up the Western division are Dr. L. K. Williams, Baptist leader and ex-Congressman Oscar DePriest, both of Chicago.

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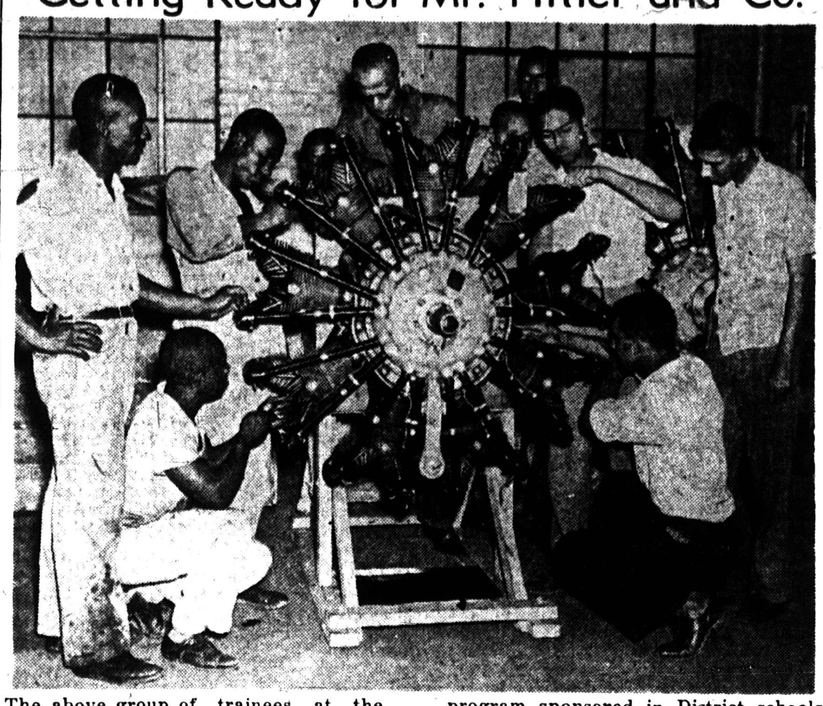

The above group of trainees at the Phelps Vocational School are learning the construction of airplane motors as part of the national defense training program sponsored in District schools by the WPA. There are 180 student trainees assigned to Phelps and Armstrong High Schools.

Union Probes Hitlerish Abuse of Messengers

WASHINGTON

Investigators for Local No. 12, United Federal Workers of America, an affiliate of the CIO, are probing charges of race bias and anti-union activities of executivities in the Department of Labor on behalf of messengers, who charge they have been discriminated against.

List 17 Charges Against 2

On behalf of the messengers, the probers have been requested to investigate seventeen charges filed department in the wage nel director, and Mrs. Harriett Spaulding, chief of the mails and files department in the wages and hour division of the Department of Labor, who are accused of being openly antagonistic to colored workers. Both are white.

The investigation is being pushed by Miss Helen Miller, adjustment director of the union.

The messengers charge they have been willfully ignored in reclassification, although white messengers of shorter tenure have not only received pay raises, but have been promoted to white collar jobs within the department, while colored messengers have been harrassed and demoted without cause or trial.

Constantly Reprimanded

One of the chief irritations of which the messengers complain is that of constantly being reprimanded on charges of being impudent on the slightest complaint of any white worker or visitor.

One specific case which is being pushed for settlement is that of Harold Jackson, 5302 E. Capitol Street, head messenger, who organized the messenger corps in the division after being transferred for that purpose from another department.

White Man Took His Job

Johnson charges that he was relieved of his duties through a ruse when he was temporarily shifted to another building, only to return to find a white messenger performing his duties.

In answer to his protest, he was informed that the position of head messenger had been abolished. In spite of this, Jackson charges, all assignments, which normally go to the head messenger are referred to the white appointee.

The messengers also charge that they are frequently forced to sign papers condemning themselves for taking unauthorized annual leave when they were absent on legitimate business. All this, they charge, militates against their service records.

Charge Abusive Language

It is further charged that petty white officials use vile and offensive language in upbraiding messengers and threaten them with dismissal if they resent such treatment.

Prominent Senators and Congressmen have pledged assistance in correcting these evils and have asked for full reports on the progress of the probe.

Other Cases Under Probe

Others whose cases are being investigated are:

Nelson S. Burke, 1833 California Street; J. W. Powell, 2221 Twelfth Street, Northwest; James Fisher, 717 Twenty-fourth Street, Northwest; W. H. Simon, Jr., 2715 Georgia Avenue;

George H. Quander, 1518 Twelfth Street, Northwest; Andrew Archer, 1421 Twelfth Street; Roscoe Gray, 1304 Gerard Street, Northeast, and Roscoe Medly, 321 B Street, Northeast.

The men charge they have been denied reclassification and have suffered indignities.

Report Navy Had Taken Over Nearby Beaches Is False

WASHINGTON

Reports that two Maryland beaches, Carr's Beach and Sparrow's Beach, located near Annapolis, Md., had been taken over by the Navy Department were proved unfounded, late this week.

Sparrow's Beach officials told the AFRO that they knew nothing of any such action and that would to that effect could be nothing more than a "mere rumor."

D.C. Defense Trainees Win High Praise

Many Courses Taught at Armstrong and Phelps

Highest commendation of District Work Projects Administration trainees attending vocational training classes at the Armstrong High School and the Phelps Vocational School has been received from their supervisors and instructors by Paul Edwards, District work projects administrator.

As part of the administration's national defense contribution, 180 District Work Projects Administration employees are undergoing a six-week vocational training course to form part of the reservoir of mechanics that are so necessary in a modern war machine.

Classes Held Daily

Classes are conducted daily in the machine, automobiles, sheet metal, woodworking, welding, paint spray and airplane maintenace shops and in the drafting rooms of the two schools.

During the first ten days of their training period, the trainees have taken apart jaloppies which were towed in to the training shops and put them together again and set them running, have built drawing tables for the public schools, made lawn furniture for District institutions, drawn details of house construction, etc.

"The character and the abilities of the District Work Project Administration national defense trainees have, I believe, surprised even those who expected much of this defense training course," F. E. Parks, principal of Phelps Vocational School, said.

Civil Tests Open to Social Workers

Tests for the position of district supervisor in the department of public welfare were among pending examinations announced, this week, by the City Service Commission.

Applicants are required to be college graduates with two years' of successfully completed post-graduate study in a professional school of social work, and must have had five years' of full-time paid professional employment in at least one of the various fields of social work.

In addition, two years of this work must have been in a supervisory capacity. Applicants must be between the ages of 27 and 50. August 15 is set as the closing date for the receipt of applications.

Furniture Repairman

Until 12 noon, August 12, applications may be filed for the job of furniture repairman. Applicants are required to be men between the ages of 35 and 55, with considerable experience in furniture repairing and a knowledge of the treatment and finishing of wood.

Applications may be filed until August 14, for the job of chauffeur. This test is open to men between 21 and 45, who possess a chauffeur's license, good physical condition, a knowledge of automobiles' mechanism, and one year's experience in the operation and repair of automobiles.

Further information concerning these and other announced positions may be had by applying at the City Service Commission, first floor, City Hall.

Woman Tries Suicide after Tiff with Mate

Said by police to have become hysterical after a quarrel with her husband, Mrs. Rose Sanders, 25, of 1412 E. Preston Street, allegedly attempted suicide, late Monday, by swallowing a potassium permanganate tablet and a large quantity of mercurochrome.

Raynor Sanders, her husband, immediately carried her to Johns Hopkins Hospital, when he discovered what had happened, and she was treated by Dr. Oscar Radnoff, white, of the hospital staff, for poisoning.

Latest hospital reports state that her condition is not serious.

Victim of Wild Shooting Buried

Following fifteen-minute services at the Halstead Funeral Home, conducted on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. John T. Green, James Parker, 34, of 830 Bradley Street, who was accidentally shot on Saturday, was buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Parker died from a wound in the left temple inflicted as he sat on a doorstep in the 600 block of Houser Street, by Sterling Hardy, 31, of 620 W. Barre Street, who allegedly ran into the street and began firing at random in the neighborhood after having an argument with his wife.

The services were attended by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Parker, with whom he lived; his wife, Mrs. Georgia Parker of 628 W. Biddle Street; an uncle, William Parker, and about twenty neighbors.

Mr. Parker is also survived by two children, Doris, 17, and William, 14, both of whom are in Columbus, Ohio. The Parkers were married in Swift County, Va., and had been separated for the past two years.

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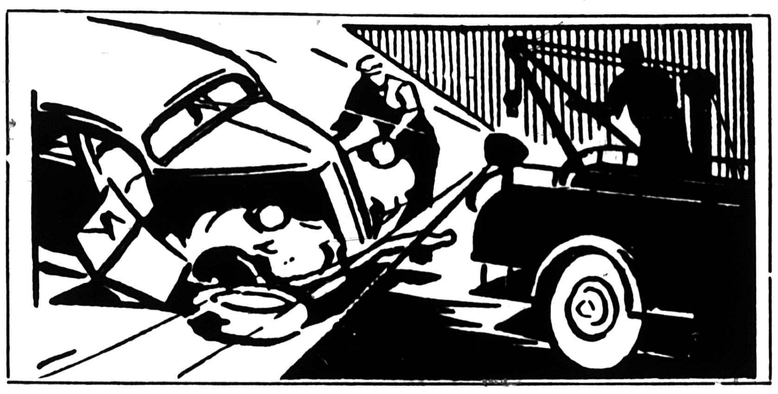

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