453 Persons to Enter Schools for Volunteer Air Raid Classes

Training for First of 15 Volunteer Civilian Defense Services Attracts 23 Persons over 60, One Past 72, Course Opens at Four Schools Monday

The Weather evening, 453 persons, twenty-three of them 60 years of age and one over 72, got to work in four junior high schools of school classes for instruction as volunteers air wardens.

Those classes, the first of the fifteen volunteer civilian defense services, will be held at Woodson and Walbrook from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m., at Douglass High School, Carey and Baker Streets; Dunbar High, Caroline and Mulberry Streets; Johnson Junior High, 2512 West Lanvale Street, and School No. 1, Fayette and Gilmor Streets.

The twenty-three volunteers 60 years of age and over are:

John J. Cunningham, 75, 926 North Calhoun Street; John A. Collick, 61, 2021 Madison Avenue; George C. Parker, 65, 2329 Druid Hill Avenue; Parker S. Douglass, Jr., 65, 2029 Park Road.

Robert M. Hicks, 60, 617 North Carey Street; Paul Pollard, 61, of 1202 Madison Avenue; Robert Thaler, 65, 1025 Madison Avenue; Theodore B. Brown, 60, 120 Robert Street; John G. Butler, 64, 731 Dolphin Street;

Mrs. Margaret Clemmons, 69, 1809 Madison Avenue; Thurman Gantt, 66, 839 N. Carrollton Avenue; Trudy Shotwell, 65, 1001 Druid Hill Avenue; Mrs. Hilda S. Brown, 61, 2007 Division Street; William A. Price, 65, 1018 W. Lafayette Avenue; James W. Peacock, 64, 1010 Morgan Street; James D. Jacob S. Shipyard, 65, 331 North Gilmor Street; John W. Davis, 61, 120 N. Castle Street; Frank Bergsman, 65, 314 Madison Avenue; James Smith, 61, 823 Spring Court; James Hillman, 61, 319 N. Eden Street, and Charles P. Summers, 60, 1035 McElderry Street.

The list of volunteer air raid wardens and the schools they have been assigned to, follows:

WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL

Edward A. Jones, 2007 North Carrollton Avenue; Charles C. Carter, 1900 Carrollton Avenue; Mrs. Annie Carter, 1900 Carrollton Avenue; Mrs. Annie Jones, 2007 North Carrollton Avenue; Harvey S. Brown, 1119 Argyle Avenue; Mrs. Mary Brown, 1119 Argyle Avenue; Robert Wilson, 1911 Druid Hill Avenue; Mrs. Mary W. Dyer, 1925 Druid Hill Avenue; Roland C. Burnett, 1206 Harlem Avenue; Joseph E. Campbell, 717 N. Fremont Avenue; William C. Cochran, 4308 Evans Chapel Road; Mary Chaffin, 708 W. Lafayette Avenue; Mrs. Ethel Chambers, 502 Bloom Street; Gordon M. Hughes, 916 W. Arlington Avenue; Mrs. Nora A. Curtis, 1900 Orchard Street; Lawrence H. Dreher, 1132 Division Street; Harvey Davis, 546 W. Biddle Street; Rose B. Dinkins, 1911 McCulloh Street; Carl E. Dixon, 556 W. Mosher Street; Isaiah Dorsey, 1206 Harlem Avenue; James H. Dougherty, 1914 McCulloh Street; Mrs. Mary Dougherty, 1372 Division Street; George Dugger, 1323 W. Lanvale Street; George M. Edwards, 1124 Pennsylvania Avenue; Julia Ellis, 2008 McCulloh Street; Mrs. Mary A. Fields, 1020 N. Carey Street; William Fisher, 1124 Pennsylvania Avenue; Theodore C. Fleet, 1419 Retreat Street; John Gaines, 1911 Druid Hill Avenue; Mrs. Carol Goins, 1211 Hickory Street; Joseph Gray, 2329 Pennsylvania Avenue; Rosetta Gray, 2329 Druid Hill Street; John H. Greene, 1614 Madison Avenue; Leon B. Gwynn, 1313 Division Street; Maude E. Hall, 2027 Druid Hill Avenue; Philip A. Hall, 1338 Woodyear Street; George M. Hall, 2305 Edward Street; Mrs. Bessie Hall, 1900 Druid Hill Avenue; Howard G. Hardy, 1900 Orchard Street; [illegible] Division Street.

Mad Brief Respite

ARTHUR CREIGLER,

stationed at Fort Dawson, Miss., whom holidav leave spent in Baltimore with his parents ended on Monday. Young Creigler was a member of the AFRO metrodical staff when he entered the army last spring.

Brick Shortage, Cold Delay Housing Work

Expect to Complete $1,276,000 Job at Sparrows Point on Time, However, All-Colored Contracting Firm Says

Scarcity of bricks and the extreme cold of the past few days has slowed construction of the $1,276,000 Sparrows Point housing project at Turner's Station, Dundalk, contractor, said the Rev. C. L. Christian, assistant to Executive Secretary Lane of the AFRO this week.

Mr. Christian stated that the local brick manufacturing company with whom they have a contract has been unable to supply the bricks as needed, and it is due to that many of their 70 or more brickmakers, both of whom are colored, will seek other employment, as brickmakers are in great demand in this area.

The extreme cold has done much to halt work with what bricks that were available, he said, as the freezing of the mortar while laying used presents a serious problem.

Expect to Make Schedule

Mr. Christian stated, however, that the all-colored firm, whose headquarters are in Louisville, Ky., did not expect to be delayed in finishing the project on the scheduled time of 180 days from November 1, 1941.

Most of the brick work is expected to be completed within the next three weeks and the present force of about 150 carpenters, a third or more of whom are colored, will be doubled.

Recently three carpenters, members of the A. F. of L.'s union, Local 184, and three all-white local, 101, struck in protest of the company's removal of five crew signs from one house. While the colored carpenters struck, too, because their crews "obligated" to the white local.

Strike Lasted for a Day

However the carpenters returned to work after a one-day strike, agreeing to work out an arrangement among themselves whereby it would be "understood" that certain toilets would be used by the colored men and certain others by whites.

This decision was reached after the carpenters refused to allow the signs to be put up again.

The project covers sixty acres, a total of 1004 units in 80 buildings and will provide homes for approximately 1500 persons on the basis of about five persons to each family unit. It is designed to accommodate workers at the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

To Resume Art Series for Tots

The weekly lecture-demonstration series in the junior department of the Baltimore Museum of Art for school children will be resumed today (Friday) at 4 p.m. following the holiday vacation.

Today's session will introduce a sketching hour for children who like to draw. The lecture and sketching period will be devoted to Chinese pottery under the direction of Miss Vivian Saylin, curator of education of the museum.

100 Children Attend Weekly

While approximately 100 children a week attend the classes Miss Saylin said special trifolds for sketching from the collection of Alexander Schaal No. 113, School No. 115, and the Harriet Beecher Stowe School No. 118 for their attendance record.

New programs will include movies, demonstrations and guest periods. The schedule for the remainder of the season is:

January 16—a pottery demonstration by Mrs. Mildred Chase and Mrs. Dorothy Lee Miller.

January 23—movies showing how pottery vases and dishes are made of clay; January 30—a visit to the museum, "Baltimore, with the voice of Baltimore," and

February 6—a puppet show.

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2 Freed, 1 Held in Tire Theft

The first tire theft case since the government's order restricting motor sale reached Northeastern police court, Wednesday, resulting in dismissals for two of three accused men, while the third was placed under $500 bail for grand jury action.

James Cash, 32, of 810 Perkins Avenue, and Irvin Mills, 32, of 1418 Madison Avenue, both represented by Joseph Rosenthal, white attorney, were exonerated, while Frank Cannon, 28, of 1520 McCulloh Street, was ordered held for court.

The three men faced charges of stealing eighteen tires and two sets radios from an auto accessory store in the 2100 block of Greenmount Avenue. Police stating that the total value of the stolen goods was $287.30.

Man Commits Suicide en Route to Hospital to Give Himself Up

ANNAPOLIS—James Johnson, 38, Calvert Street, died of a gunshot wound of the right temple, inflicted by himself early Monday while riding in a taxicab on Cathedral Street near Franklin.

Police reported that Johnson was en route to the Emergency Hospital, here, when Mrs. Margaret Johnson, had been admitted with a bullet wounded in the forehead which he had inflicted during an argument.

Larry Sincoe, driver of the cab is reported to have told police that Johnson hailed his cab and asking to be taken to the hospital so he could give himself up. Dr. John W. Claffy, medical examiner, gave a verdict of suicide in Johnson's death.

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Cheltenham Head, 5 Women on '41 Honor Roll

Sniper Granted Stay

Willkie's Speech Longer Than Joe's K.O.

Joe Knocked Baer Out in 2:56 but Willkie Took 3 Minutes

By ART CARTER

NEW YORK—Wendell L. Willkie, defeated Republican candidate for President in 1940, returned a compliment to Joe Louis, here, Friday night. Louis was in Willkie's corner in the campaign of 1940, and Willkie, acting for the Naval Relief Society, jumped on Joe's bandwagon with a short but significant speech from the center of

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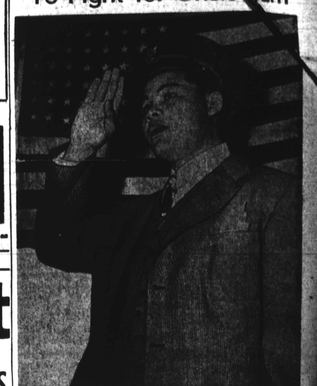
To Fight for Uncle Sam



Fresh from his one-round victory over Buddy Baer, Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is shown here saluting prior to his induction into the army at Camp Upton, Long Island, on Wednesday. "I'm a fighting man," said Joe. "Let me at those Japs."

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NYA, Defense Heads Quit

Sniper Gets 2-Mo. Stay of Execution

U. S. Apeals Court Will Review Case of White Killer

ELECTROCUTION WAS DUE TODAY

Use of Dictaphone in Cell Challenged

WASHINGTON

John Eugene Eklund, under sentence of death in Washington's sniper slayings, was granted a two-month stay of execution last week by Judge F. Dickinson Letts pending a review of his case by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Eklund, originally slated to die in the electric chair on Friday, was granted the reprieve at the request of Defense Attorney Harry Whalen upon the contention that the prisoner's constitutional rights had been violated by the police.

Says Rights Invaded

The alleged violation, constituting of the placing of a dictaphone in his cell, is the crux of the grounds upon which the defense is seeking a new trial.

The defense further contends that the prisoner's rights were invaded when the jury was permitted to hear evidence involving other crimes of which he was accused, although he was on trial only for the slaying of Lloyd McClarin, one of the five "Sniper" victims.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District is expected to hand down its decision within the next month as to whether the convicted slayer will be given a new trial.

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Elder Russell Quits State NYA Post

Elder Russell, administrative assistant to Glen D. Brown, white, State administrator of the National Youth Administration, has resigned his post, the AFRO learned this week.

Technically, the resignation is not effective until March 2 because, according to a formal statement given the AFRO on Wednesday by Mr. Brown, Mr. Russell is taking his accrued annual leave which extended until that date.

Robert May Get Post

However, Mr. Brown admitted Tuesday that Mr. Russell had resigned, effective January 5. Douglas Roberts, former project supervisor at Morgan State College, is acting in Mr. Russell's place and it is probable that he will be named to succeed him after March 2.

While no members of the NYA staff would comment for publication, it is understood that Mr. Russell's resignation was precipitated by what he felt was an unfair cut in the number of colored youth on NYA rolls in November.

It is stated that Mr. Russell

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"I'd Like to Keep You Here, Lieutenant"

Thus spoke Major William G. Harshaw, commanding officer of the colored troops at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tuesday, as he pinned the gold bar on the shoulder of Lieut Kenneth Moore, the first colored officer to graduate in a class of 76 from the Ordnance Officers' Training School at Aberdeen, Md.

The major expressed the desire to have the lieutenant assigned to his unit rather than to the Raritan Arsenal in New Jersey where he is to report on Monday. Shown in the rear is Capt. G. A. Ring, chief public relations officer.

Mrs. Gladys Shepperd Blames Bias

The resignation of Mrs. Gladys B. Shepperd as director of the colored group of the Women's Division of the Maryland State Council of Defense was revealed this week.

Mrs. Sheppperd, who accepted the voluntary leadership on July 8, gave as the cause of her resignation:

"A decreased amount of available time to devote to State direction, made doubly difficult by the discriminatory policy unfolded by the organization for incorporating the colored division into full participation of the defense program."

Cites Segregated Banquet

One of the incidents on which Mrs. Sheppperd based her charge of discrimination within the organization was its luncheon meeting at the Belvedere Hotel on October 28, when all of the colored guests were seated together in an alcove at one end of the banquet hall.

Questioned at this time, Mrs. Melvin C. Pierpont, white, ex-

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White Man Honored; Mrs. Whyte Repeats

(Complete Honor Roll on Page 5)

Vance E. Thomas, white, superintendent of the Cheltenham School for Boys, five women and five men were selected this week for places on the AFRO's 1941 Honor Roll.

This year marks the first time a white man has been selected for this honor. Basis of the selection was superlative service to the community during the year 1941.

The five women selected are Miss Janet Green, president of the East Baltimore Residential Protective Association; Mrs. Nellie Moore, Girl Scout field advisor; Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Maryland State NAACP; Mrs. Florence Snowden, president of the Northwest Residential Protective Association; and Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, policewoman.

Templeton Chosen

The men on the honor roll, in addition to Mr. Thomas, are Furman L. Templeton, now connected with the Office of Civilian Defense, but selected for his work

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New Council Proposed by 20 Bodies

Allied Council of National Organizations Voted by 60 Delegates Meeting in New York; Council Would Speak with One Voice Representing Millions of Colored People

NEW YORK — Answering the call of a distinguished committee, sixty delegates representing twenty national bodies, agreed Saturday to sponsor an allied council representing the major organizations of the country.

The call, sent out by Lester Granger, Urban League head, who acted as secretary, and Hubert Delany, New York tax commissioner, who presided, termed

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Carl White Succeeds Imes at Defense Training Center

Carl G. White, Vocational School teacher, has been named to head the Vocational Defense Training Center No. 453 at 775 Wesche Street, according to announcement Thursday by Charles W. Sylvester, white, director of vocational education in the city schools.

Mr. White will succeed Dr. G. Lake Imes, who has been serving as principal of the school since August. He will take over his new duties on Monday.

A graduate of the Princess Anne Academy and Hampton Institute, Mr. White joined the Vocational School faculty in 1937.

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500 at Rites for Father Gillard

More than 500 persons of both races joined in paying tribute to the Rev. John T. Gillard, white, secretary to the superior of the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, during funeral services held at St. Pius Catholic Church Thursday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Gillard was stricken with a heart attack Tuesday afternoon at the House of Administration of the Josephite Society, 1130 N. Calvert Street.

The deceased was also director and chaplain of the St. Francis Academy at Forrest and Chase Streets which is conducted by the Oblate Sisters of Providence, old-

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Kenneth Moore Is Lone Officers' School Grad

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—Lieut. Kenneth H. Moore, 27, who has been in the army only eleven months, was graduated from the Ordnance Officers' Training School here Tuesday, the first member of his race to be so honored.

In the midst of the seventy-six white classmates with whom he has been studying, sleeping, eating and playing during the three-month course, Lieut. Moore marched from their barracks to a nearby post auditorium where the diplomas were awarded following a brief ceremony.

The officers received their

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Caretaker, 65, Leaps Six Stories to Death

Henry Webster, 65-year-old caretaker of the John E. Hearst Building at Lombard Street and Hopkins Place, leaped to his death, Tuesday, from the roof of the six-story building where he had been employed for more than forty years, carrying with him the motive for his act.

According to Central District police, Mr. Webster, who lived

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Six Lose Lives in D.C. Blaze

WASHINGTON

Tragedy of the week in the District of Columbia was the burning to death of a young mother and four children, and the death of another woman as a result of the conflagration.

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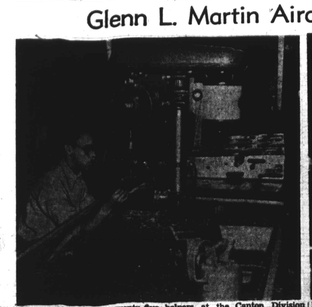
K.C. Boosted as War-Free Site for '44 AME Session

TACOMA, Wash.—Selection of Kansas City as a site for the 1944 AME General Conference was proposed to Bishops and lay leaders of the denomination this week by D. C. Stephenson of this city.

In an open letter, Mr. Stephenson based his proposal on the fact that this central location would avoid the war dangers common to the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, as well as cause less hardship through transportation expenses of delegates.

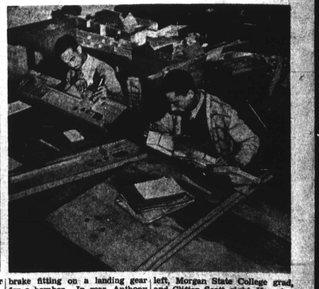
Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore Now Has Seventy-Five Colored Men at Work



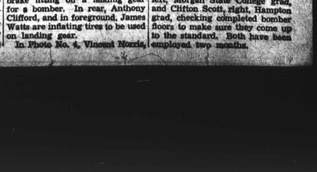
Approximately seventy-five men, all of whom received some training at the Vocational Defense Training School in Baltimore, are employed as assembly helpers at the Canton Division of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, which dropped its color bar last October.

No. 1 shows Charles Pace, who has been employed at the plant since November, operating a drill machine to counter sink holes in a piece of a plane floor in order that they will fit flat-head rivets.

No. 2 shows workers making a step for a bomber's floor. In back-ground is complete floor for airplane. Left is W. A. Holshauser, white, of Bristol, Va., who has been employed at the plant five months, and right, Leslie Winston, who has three months to his credit.



M. Perdue in Photo No. 3, former Vocational School teacher, now acting as contact man in a supervisory capacity, observing Walter James as he places a hydraulic brake fitting on a landing gear for a bomber. In rear, Anthony Clifford, and in foreground, James Watts are inflating tires to be used on landing gear.



In Photo No. 4, Vincent Norris, left, Morgan State College grad, and Clifton Scott, right, Hampden grad, checking completed bomber floors to make sure they come up to the standard. Both have been employed two months.