City Nursery Schools Seek Federal Aid

Cash from 3-Million Lanham Fund Sought Through Local Board

Threatened with having to close because of abolishment of the WPA, the WPA nursery schools in Baltimore have, through the board of education, applied for Lanham funds, $3,000,000 set aside by Congress for any war need, to continue their program.

Nursery school officials said that since the WPA will close out on January 31, they hope either to have received the necessary money by that time or at least have had the idea taken under consideration.

Name Child Care Group

Meantime, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has appointed a statewide committee on child care to function under the Maryland Council of Defense to insure proper care for children of mothers engaged in war industries in case the WPA schools can no longer serve that purpose.

Miss Anita Williams, senior social worker with the Catholic Charities, a member of the Council of Social Agencies and Provident Hospital boards, is a member of the committee, headed by J. Milton Patterson, white, State director of public welfare.

The body met Wednesday to discuss its program should the abolishment of the WPA warrant its taking over the work. It will meet again January 11.

Schools which would be affected are located at Sharp Street Community House, 1208 Etting Street; Edgar Allen Poe, Gilmor, and Frederick Douglass housing projects, and in the basement of St. Mary PE Church.

2 Aberdeen Men to Get Bars, Sat.

Roger Laws of Pittsburgh and Clarena Taylor, Jr., of Jackson, Mich., will receive commissions as second lieutenants when the Aberdeen officers candidate school holds graduation exercises on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Mr. Laws was formerly attached to the 372nd Infantry and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, Hampton Institute, and the Pittsburgh Police School. Prior to induction, he edited a business journal in Pittsburgh. Mr. Taylor was a former manager of a club in Portsmouth, Va.

Make 71,299 Machine Guns from Cans Saved

Housewives can save enough steel for 71,299 machine-guns by replacing one can of fruits or vegetables a week during the next year with fresh or home-packed produce, a leading food distributor estimated this week.

The substitution, urged by the War Production Board, will save steel and conserve food by using extra supplies of fresh produce made available by increased production, canning restrictions and reduced storage facilities.

A No. 2 "tin" can averages .225 pounds of steel plus a small amount of tin, and a single family can save 12.2 pounds of steel in a year by the can-a-week reduction.

Baltimore's 204,548 families can save 2,495,486 pounds of steel, enough to make 71,299 .30-calibre machine-guns, each requiring 35 pounds of steel for manufacture.

BALTIMOREAN NOW MAIL CLERK AT CAMP SWIFT

BALTIMORE.—Cpl. Ernest T. Davis, former sub station postal clerk at the Northwestern Pharmacy here, is now stationed at Camp Swift, Tex., where he reports he is battalion mail clerk for the 920th Battalion.

Baltimore AFRO Carrier-Salesmen Feted at Annual Party

One of the score of tables set for the 250 AFRO carrier-salesmen at the annual Christmas turkey dinner given Tuesday afternoon at the Baltimore YMCA. Certificates of merit were given twelve newsies who had outstanding sales records.

AFRO Gives Dinner at Y for Newsies

AFRO - AMERICAN carrier-salesmen were entertained at the annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday afternoon at the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA.

Following the turkey dinner, awards were made to newsies who made outstanding records during the year. Albert Tillery of East Baltimore won the "Search for a King of Salesmen" title. He works under the supervision of Mrs. Velma Webb, carrier station head.

Doward Patterson won the cash award for being the best all-round carrier during the year. Dr. George B. Murphy, Sr., secretary of the company, made the presentations.

12 Given Certificates

Twelve newsies who maintained outstanding sales records during the year were awarded certificates of merit.

They are Robert Briscoe, Joseph Young, Edward Minnis, James Webster, Doward Patterson, William Morrison, Robert Deal, Sherman Lewis, Joseph Arlean, Melvin Washington, William Smith and George Mason.

Lloyd Davis, leading seller of war bonds and stamps, was given special mention during the drive.

Announcement of plans for the 1943 summer tours contest was made by Albert Washington, promotion manager, and Marshall Hood, city circulation manager, introduced the new carriers in East Baltimore.

Following the presentation of awards, the newsies were treated to a full-length movie feature, "The Last of the Mohicans."

SEEK DEFENSE VOLUNTEERS

A drive to get civilian defense volunteers to sign up for training will be conducted from January 3 to 9, with air raid wardens stationed in the Lafayette and Harlem Theaters during this period to register interested persons.

Boot Gets Orders from Vet

Robert Leon Davis, Jr., of Washington (left), bakery student, shown taking orders from H. N. Gabriel of Washington, chief commissary steward, at navy trade school at Hampton. Chief Gabriel, formerly of Key West, Fla., has been in service twenty-five years.

How Oldsters Can Get Out of Army

WASHINGTON

Men now in the army who are 38 or over and who can return to essential industry or farm jobs will be discharged only as a result of applications made by employers and by the soldiers themselves, the Office of War Information revealed last week.

The OWI, in response to a deluge of queries, pointed out that each case will be considered individually and explained that a soldier over 38 may be discharged if:

He has voluntarily requested discharge.

He is handicapped by age to such an extent that his usefulness in the army is secondary to that of industry.

He has presented evidence that he will be employed in an essential war industry or agriculture.

To Build School for Ernest Lyon Homes

The 200 school children of war workers living in the Ernest Lyon Homes at Turners Station, Md., have been promised a school building to be erected right on the project, it was learned this week.

While no announcement has been made by the Baltimore Housing Authority, FWA officials report that the Federal government has allotted $58,550 for the building of the school and that bids for its construction will be opened at FWA regional office in Richmond on January 6.

Protests Lift Ban

At the beginning of the September school term, these children were denied admission to the neighborhood schools because county officials contended that no provision had been made to accommodate children living in Federally owned housing projects in addition to the regular pupils.

A week later the ban was lifted after protests to Edward G. Stapleton, white, assistant superintendent of county schools, and to the Federal Housing Authority. The younger children were then accepted at the elementary school at Turners Station and the older ones went to the high school at Sparrows Point.

Thirty-four Units Vacant

Plans prepared by Hilyard R. Robinson, Washington architect, give the new school five classrooms, a large assembly room, and auxiliary rooms. The building will be a brick and frame construction.

According to Warren Weaver, tenant manager at the Lyon Homes, the project, which can accommodate 304 families, has 34 two-bedroom unit vacancies.

Fall in D.C. Breaks Mrs. Martha Wasoma's Ankle

Mrs. Martha B. Warsoma, 258 Robert Street, is confined to her home with a broken ankle received Tuesday when she slipped on wet steps in Washington.

Mrs. Warsoma, a retired school teacher, is now employed in the Navy Department and was en route to work when the accident occurred. She received treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital here.

Plan Survey of Northwest Balto. Homes

War Housing Center Head Explains Area Not to Be Slighted

Officials of the Baltimore Civilian Mobilization Committee and the War Housing Center are preparing a survey of Northwest Baltimore neighborhoods to develop room, apartment and house vacancies which may be leased to the government and rented to war workers.

Robert O. Bonnell, white, chairman of the mobilization committee, is now preparing the questionnaire to be used in the survey by block captains in the various neighborhoods.

Districts to Be Canvassed

The areas to be canvassed are Districts 9, 11 and 14 in the block campaign. District No. 9 is bounded by Hoffman Street, Thirty-ninth Street, Greenmount Avenue and Harford Road.

District No. 11 is bounded by Lafayette Avenue, Druid Hill Avenue, Franklin Street and the Fallway area. District No. 12 includes area bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, Fremont Avenue, Lafayette Avenue, and North Avenue.

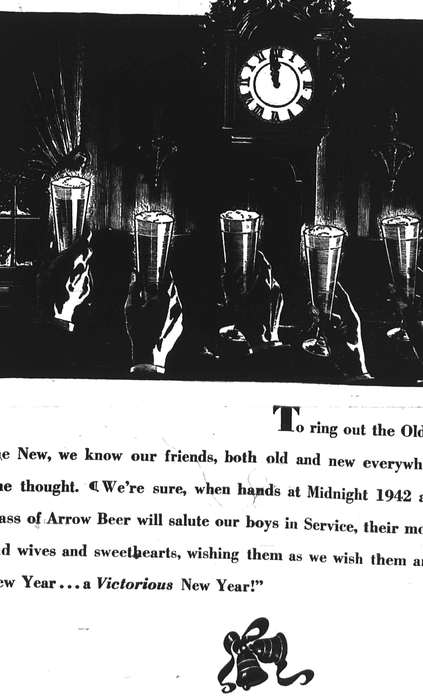
In announcing previously that the War Housing Center was not interested in homes in Northwest Baltimore because they were too distant from and inconvenient to the war plants, L. H. Denton, white, director, explained that the reference was to the Pimlico area.

Owners to Receive Rent

The housing center at 312 St. Paul Place is seeking homes which can be converted at government expense into housing units for the increasing number of war workers coming to the city.

Having leased the property to the government, the homeowner will receive some rent while it is being occupied and after the war the property will be returned to him.

Hands at Midnight 1942



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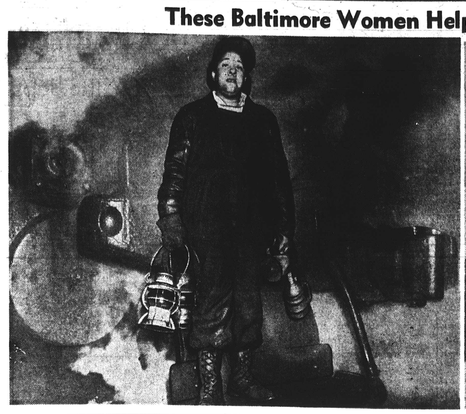
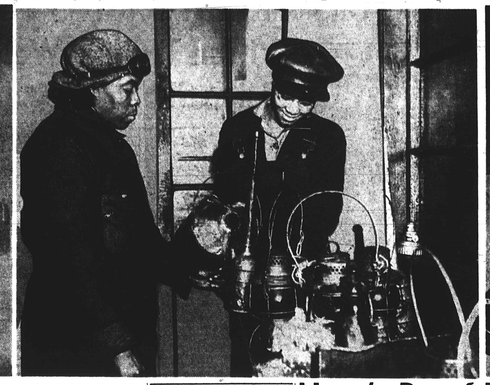
These Baltimore Women Help Keep Transportation Moving on Pennsylvania Railroad





Baltimore War Conscious in 1942; Court Cases Vying for Top Place in the News

Civilian Defense Units Formed; Leading Attorneys, Afro Editor, Teachers and Beauticians in Court Battles, Golf Democratized by One Court, Renazified by Another; Women Join WAAC, Other Military Auxiliaries; Men Go off to War.

The record for 1942 shows that Baltimore was definitely war conscious, although its news events figured frequently in the courts, including three major civil suits, three heart balm suits, two police killings and five hangings.

This was the year that the first air raid warden class was organized, local girls joined the WAAC, some war plants lowered their bars and hired colored employees, vocational training for war work was emphasized, thousands of young men began military service.

Blackout violators were fined, the Red Cross Women's Motor Corps was organized, survivors returned home with harrowing tales of war at sea, a USO center for service men was established and flag-raising ceremonies became weekly occurrences.

Lawyers Lose $10,000 Suits

In the civil court cases, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., and Robert P. McGuinn, attorneys, lost a $10,000 suit each against Northwestern District Officers Fred Rembold and John Griffin on false arrest charges.

The $1000 verdict awarded Carl Murphy, AFRO publisher, against Officer Horace Heinze of the Northeastern District, was cut to $25 by the Maryland Court of Appeals, and in the suit instituted by D. Arnett Murphy, all of the city's golf courses were opened to colored players and closed again by a recent decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Heart Balm Suits

In the heart balm cases, Mrs. Victoria Tyler lost her $10,000 alienation of affections suit against Mrs. Katie R. Williams, funeral director;

Mrs. Georgianna Gaddis, wife of an undertaker, instituted suit against Mrs. Viola Wise, proprietor of Sonny's Cafe, a case twice postponed and finally dropped from the records; and Mrs. Blanche Dixon, beautician, withdrew her suit against Mrs. Irma George Gwaltney, school teacher.

Chronicle of Events

Other events which made news during 1942 were:

JANUARY

The first air raid warden class es began in local high schools.

Mrs. Julia S. Harshaw, 28, and Howard King, 27, of 917 School Street were both given life sentences in the hammer-slaying of a Chinese restaurateur.

Furman Templeton resigned his position as industrial secretary of the Baltimore Urban League to take a $4,000-a-year post as racial relations advisor with the Office of Civilian Defense.

Carl White succeeded Dr. G. Lake Imes as director of the Waesche Street vocational training center.

Mrs. Gladys Shepherd, teacher, resigned as director of the women's division of the Maryland State Council of Defense because of the biased setup.

Elder Russell resigned his administrative post with the NYA.

Miss Grace Booker, YWCA adult activities secretary, was found to be illegally wed to W. Winston Hunt, whose divorce from Mrs. Marie Hunt, North Carolina teacher, was not then final. The couple was later remarried.

Fire destroyed the sub-office and storage house at the Ernest Lyon housing project for war workers being constructed at Turners Station, Md.

Bridegroom Is Slain

Donald (Frenchie) White, proprietor of the Deluxe Five-and-Ten, was slain by Alfred Tibbs, estranged husband of Mrs. Pauline Jones Tibbs, to whom White had announced his engagement.

The U.S. Navy Department denied having ordered the jim-crow policy practiced in the local Red Cross blood bank operation.

Two fires claimed three lives over the week end, including 88-year-old blind Mrs. Lucy Hatchett Burrell, her sick daughter, Mrs. Agnes Allen, both of 321 W. Twenty-eighth Street, and William Brown, 64, of 1351 N. Gilmor Street.

William E. Henry began duties as president of Bowie, Md., Teachers' College, succeeding Leonidas S. James who had resigned in December.

FEBRUARY

The local school board was asked by the Citizens' Committee for Justice to standardize Coppin Teachers' College on a plane with other teacher-training schools and to eliminate other educational inequalities.

Northwestern District Officer Edward R. Bender killed Private Thomas Broadus at Pennsylvania Avenue and Pitcher Street.

Ten pupils of the National Training School for Boys at Bladensburg and three residents en route to a Douglass High School basketball game were hurt in a bus crash.

Lawrence Hess, white cab driver, was given a six-month jail term for attacking a 5-year-old boy.

The city health department struck out the 9-year-old jim-crow requirements for separate toilets for colored and white.

MARCH

The Druid Park athletic field was assigned to the use of Douglass High and Vocational School pupils.

Francis J. Luke, East Baltimore physician, was found guilty of threatening to shoot a white grocer in an argument over sugar.

Cephas Mills, 19, of 1805 Lauretta Avenue, died while being initiated into the Monumental Lodge of Elks.

The Rev. F. L. Hertzfeld was ousted from the AME ministers' meeting affiliation for having ordained a woman beautician.

John R. Wiley, 23, of 633 W. Lee Street, was given a life sentence for attacking four women in a local beauty parlor.

A 12-year-old girl was held as the kidnapper of another little girl.

APRIL

Citizens called on Mayor Howard W. Jackson asking for the appointment of a colored school board member. He later named another white person.

Dr. J. Leslie Jones won custody of his 13-year-old son from his former wife and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Garland of Syracuse, N.Y.

Two thousand persons joined the Citizens' Committee for Justice in its March-on-Annapolis to ask the governor for civic reforms.

MAY

The shift of the Rev. W. H. Manokoe from the pastorate of Ebenezer AME Church to a small city church in Hagerstown, Md., was linked to his participation in the March-on-Annapolis. This was later denied by Bishop Monroe H. Davis.

The Baltimore Trust Building allowed Office of Civilian Defense Staff Adviser Furman L. Templeton to move into the office building along with other OCD members after many complaints against its original refusal.

Wilbur Pritchett, 37, of Salem, Md., was hanged after conviction on an attempted attack charge.

The Western Electric Company at Point Breeze, Md., hired its first colored employees on an equal basis, in line with President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 8802.

The Rev. C. Y. Trigg ended his 13-year pastorate at Metropolitan Methodist Church to serve at Salem Church in New York City.

Governor O'Conor promised to investigate refusal of State bureau of bacteriology to hire Miss Ruby E. Mills, 24, of 1207 N. Eden Street. No announcement of his findings was ever made.

As the result of the March-on-Annapolis, the governor appointed a commission to study the problems affecting colored people. The housing, employment, and police and liquor sub-committees have made recommendations to the governor, none of which have yet been acted upon.

Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company hired its first colored women.

JUNE

Mrs. Daisy C. Keets, teacher, was convicted of shoplifting.

Frank Haywood, 33, Lakewood, Md., farm hand, was hanged for criminal assault on a white woman.

The new 587-unit Gilmor housing project for war workers took in its first tenants.

The back-to-the-farm movement, sponsored by the U.S. Employment Service and backed by Willard Allen and Bishop M. H. Davis, encouraging COLORED people to work on farms on the Eastern Shore, was a total flop, getting only two applicants, one of whom was one-armed.

Reason: No assurance of hours and pay for farm jobs was given while war plant jobs in the city were available.

The local courts rescinded the curfew ruling on the sales and closing hours for Pennsylvania Avenue taverns.

JULY

Andrew Henry, 54, of Cambridge, Md., was hanged for shooting a white Easton, Md., garbage collector.

St. James P.E. Church took action in Circuit Court to collect an income allegedly due from a $20,000 gift. The court ruled against the church and an appeal is now pending in the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The 304-unit Ernest Lyon Homes for war workers opened at Turners Station, Md.

Edward Wofford, 27, and Charles Benjamin, 22, were hanged for the holdup murder of a white storekeeper. Their alleged accomplice, Robert White, 24, granted a last-minute reprieve, was later given a life sentence.

Colored school teachers were barred from special courses in aeronautics at the University of Baltimore to prepare themselves to instruct high school air-course students. In September, the teachers began pre-flight training at Polytechnic Institute, some of them being required to take the training and teach the courses to the high school students at the same time.

Edward Ewing, former manager of the McCulloh housing project, accepted a $3,600 job as rent examiner.

An area office of the War Manpower Commission was established in Baltimore with A. A. Liveright, white, as director. He was succeeded in October by Royden A. Blunt.

AUGUST

Colored women employees at Edgewood Arsenal were threatened with dismissal for using toilets and washbowls marked for white only. Signs were later taken down.

The Rev. E. W. White, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, won the AFRO's annual vacation contest for ministers.

Miss Nellie Lee of 1120 N. Carey Street, and Jerome Anderson, 25, were killed in an explosion at the Mayfield Cleaning Company.

Western Union Telegraph Company employed nine colored messengers.

Miss Ethel Heywood became the first colored Baltimorean to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

William Henderson, 26, of the 1400 block of Bruce Street was fatally shot by Officer Joseph Snider of the Southwestern District, making a total of eleven police killings within the past three years.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday morning services at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 1617 W. Saratoga Street, ended at the Southwestern police station following a long dispute between the pastor, the Rev. James Matthews, and the deacons.

Mrs. Iona Wood Collins was employed by the Pratt Library at the Fremont Avenue and Pitcher Street branch following a campaign to have colored women admitted to the library training classes.

The governor's Commission on Problems Affecting Colored People asked him to reopen the case of the fatal shooting of Private Thomas Broadus by Officer Edward R. Bender.

The Druid Health Center at 1315 Druid Hill Avenue was dedicated.

Mrs. Carolyn Robinson was appointed as the city's second colored policewoman.

Linwood Koger won the primary nomination for State Senator from the Fourth District. He was later defeated in the November general elections.

OCTOBER

The Domestic Workers' Union was granted a CIO charter.

The Rev. A. D. Nance resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church.

Randall Tyus became executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP.

NOVEMBER

Edward S. Lewis handed in his resignation as executive secretary of the Urban League to accept a similar position at the New York City Urban League.

Court action gave the widow of Edward Hayward, sweepstakes winner, authority to bury his body.

Irving Berlin, famous song writer, ordered epithets removed from his song hit, "Abraham," after interview with the AFRO theatre editor.

Jim-crow practices were given as reason why Wallace Nelson resigned his post as cottage master at Cheltenham School for Boys.

DECEMBER

The C. and P. Telephone Company hired Mrs. Eva Sawyer, but withdrew the offer upon discovery that she was colored.

A four-alarm fire gutted the Avenue Cafe, 1550 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The ax-slaying of Mrs. Emily Arris, 33, of 804 George Street, still remains a mystery.

The new USO center for service men opened at 529 Gold Street.

Here's Proof That War Has Changed American Industry

Housewives, Mothers Are Now Engine Tenders, Oilers at Pa. Railroad's Orangeville Shop

By W. A. BROWER

If you are looking for convincing proof that the war has caused drastic changes in American industry, it can be found at the Orangeville Shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 201 N. Kresson Street, near Orleans Street, in East Baltimore.

Approximately fifty women have left household duties in the last two months and are now carrying on maintenance jobs heretofore exclusively performed by men.

They are serving as water and fire watchers, engine oilers, cleaners, tool gatherers and sweepers.

They're Female Pioneers

Women were used in World War I in some maintenance capacities, but this, so far as is known, marks the first time that they have been used by a railroad in skilled jobs.

There is nothing spectacular about their work. It is not of the glamour type—in fact it has an unpleasant atmosphere, and is to a large extent hazardous but it is necessary and vital. It has to be done and women with the courage to undertake it are deserving of widespread praise.

Particularly is this true of Mrs. Bernice Mickey of 953 N. Wolfe Street and Mrs. Ethel Leggett of 727 Sterling Street who are employed as water and fire tenders.

Their job is to keep up the fires and steam in the locomotives while standing in the roundhouse so they are ready for immediate use. Water must not fall below a certain level else there's danger of and explosion.

Both War Widows, Mothers

And, more important, both of them have husbands now serving in the armed services and are mothers of small children.

Corp. Gilbert Mickey, husband of Mrs. Mickey, has been in the army eighteen months, and is now stationed at Fort Devens. Mrs. Mickey is the mother of one child.

Mrs. Leggett's husband, Pvt. William Leggett, is stationed with a cavalry unit at Fort Riley. She is the mother of two children.

How capably and faithfully they are performing their duties is indicated by a statement of a white foreman who declared that since they had been assigned to their jobs no complaint has been raised concerning their work.

To appreciate the importance of the work of these women in the Orangeville shop, you must take into consideration **the fact** that our transportation system must be kept rolling to get arms and munitions to our soldiers.

Paid 52 Cents Per Hour

Classified as laborers, the women are now receiving fifty-two cents per hour. They receive time-and-a-half for all time worked above forty hours. Three eight-hour shifts a day are now in operation.

As the manpower shortage increases, it is expected that women will be employed in other work at the yards. At the present time some are being instructed to operate the "turntable," a mechanism used to set locomotives in proper direction after inspection.

On the basis of the experiments, it has been proved that women can perform those duties also.

Mrs. Lillian Nelson of 1029 N. Wolfe Street, a tool gatherer, is shown in No. 1 as she rides on the front of a locomotive. She is carrying lanterns and lubricating oil as a dismal, smoky aura hovers about her. Mrs. Annie Young of 1914 E. Eager Street and Miss Susie B. Arthur of 1121 E. Lexington Street, oilers, are viewed left to right, in No. 2 as they fill lubricating containers. They see to it that the engines are properly lubricated. In No. 3, Miss Mary Richardson rolls a wheelbarrow after making rounds to collect tools and maintenance equipment. In all, approximately fifty women work here in various capacities.

Our Boys in India Praised for Valor

U.S. AIR BASE IN NORTHERN INDIA — Colored engineer troops were among those exhibiting commendable bravery during a recent attack on this base by Japanese Zero planes.

Among the engineers specifically mentioned was Sgt. Clarence T. Jackson of Washington. Others were Sgt. Elmer Stephenson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sgt. Ralph Snell of Dothan, Ala., who rushed a company of 150 men to repair the bombed air fields.

Pvt. Mack B. Anderson of Gayhill, Texas, stood up in the middle of the airfield firing a machine gun while a Japanese Zero fighter repeatedly swooped over him.

Praised by Officers

Acts of bravery by these men and others provoked personal commendations by Brig.-Gen. Clayton Bissell, commander of the 10th Air Force operating in the China-Burma-India theatre, and Brig.-Gen. Caleb V. Haynes, commander of the India Task Force.

General Bissell telegraphed Major Donald L. Jarrett, commander of the colored organization:

"Reports say the conduct of the colored troops was magnificent in their return to duty and the damage to the airdrome was repaired almost immediately. I desire you and your troops to know the performance of your duty is in line with the best traditions of the army."

Gen. Hayes called the work of the troops "great."

First Back to Work

The colored troops were among the first back to work after the Jap planes disappeared after strafing the field. They filled up holes in one runway and worked far into the night plugging a huge pit in another.

A reporter tells of watching the troops wielding picks and shovels a few minutes after the raid and of one soldier who looked up long enough to say:

"Well, that was nothing. When are they going to start a real war?"

Californians Fight Bus Co. Color Bar

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(ANP)—Following the information secured by a Citizens' Committee that there were 300 cars and buses idle because the Los Angeles railway will not hire colored men and women as crews, the indignation of local colored citizens rose to new heights last week.

A mass meeting attended by 1,500 persons was held at First AME Church on Sunday under auspices of the Negro Victory Committee, the NAACP and the National Negro Congress, with the Revs. Clayton D. Russel of the Independent Church of Christ, J. Raymond Henderson of Second Baptist Church, and Frederick D. Jordan, host, as speakers.

A committee appointed to present positive demands to officials of the railway is determined to carry the matter to the highest authorities at Washington if they continue to ignore pleas to let down their admitted color bar. The committee estimated 30,000 workers as being hampered in the war effort because of lack of transportation facilities while adequate cars and buses stand idle.

BROOKLYN WANTS $5,000

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—The Carlton branch YMCA will conduct its annual financial campaign January 11 to February 5, with a goal of $5,000, Herbert T. Miller, executive secretary, announced this week. Norman B. Johnson will head the drive.

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