Need More Trainees for War Industries

The war vocational training schools are still in need of trainees to meet the increasing demands of war industries, Carl White, principal of School 456, at 1315 Druid Hill Avenue, said Thursday.

Mr. White said that there are still unlimited vacancies in all courses except welding, which now has openings during the 12 midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

Employment Assured

Emphasizing that there is no question that persons completing the courses would be hired, Mr. White pointed out that some industries are taking persons after a few weeks of preliminary training.

Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, he said, has a standing order for as many trainees as are available in several skills.

Training for Women

The American Hammered and Piston Ring Company is now training a large number of women trainees and next month will offer training to at least twenty-five more, with pay.

Interested persons should visit the recruiting center, also located at 1315 Druid Hill Avenue, for full information.

War Service Unit to Open

A war service center which will present demonstrations of interest to consumers will open January 18 at the Druid Hill YWCA and remain open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. for public information.

The center will be sponsored by the consumers' education division of the Civilian Mobilization Committee. All block captains are invited to the January 18 and January 22 special meetings.

Among the practical projects to be undertaken are explanations of fuel oil and coal savings systems and the point rationing program.

Plane Wing Makers Drop Color Ban

Six Women Hired as Riveters; Molson Made Supervisor

Colored women are now being hired by the aircraft division of the Crown Cork and Seal Company which has just recently dropped its ban against the placing of colored persons on skilled jobs according to official announcement to the AFRO this week.

Six women have been placed on aircraft riveting jobs, where the wages are 60 cents an hour for a 40-hour week, plus time and a half for work beyond this period. Persons with experience are given a starting wage of 65 cents an hour.

Molson Is Supervisor

George Molson, aircraft riveting instructor at the Waesche Street Vocational Defense School, was placed as supervisor with this company two weeks ago, following its announcement that colored men and women would be placed on skilled and semi-skilled jobs there.

Since then, several men have been placed and are paid the above quoted wages while getting further training.

This company, makers of airplane wings for the Glenn L. Martin Company, is located at O'Donnel and Kresson Streets.

Man Under $1,000 Bail for Stealing Machines

Jesse Davis, 35, of 1090 Low Street, was ordered held for Criminal Court action under $1000 bail Wednesday in Eastern police court for allegedly stealing two sewing machines valued at $275 from Maurice Gordon, white, of 1007 E. Pratt Street.

Manning a Man's Job

Mrs. Nannie Martin of 1238 Ashland Avenue, mother of one child, is shown on the front of an electric motor truck in the underground level of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, on Charles Street. The vehicle is used to carry mail, parcel post, etc., from the platform to the cars, and vice versa. Eight women are now employed as mail and baggage handlers by the railroad.

Here's Proof That Employment Habits Are Altered by War

Women Handle Mail, Baggage in the Subterranean Section of Pennsylvania Railroad Station

By W. A. BROWER

Added evidence that radical changes are occurring in American employment customs can be found in the tunnel under the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

Ten days ago, eight women were employed as mail and baggage handlers, marking the first time, according to officials of the company, that women have been used in such capacity.

These women assist in the loading and unloading of mail, parcel post and baggage and operate electric motor trucks used to carry mail and baggage from the platform to the train.

Paid 71½ Cents an Hour

They earn 71½ cents an hour and work eight hours a day, six days per week and are paid time-and-a-half for all time worked above eight hours a day.

Officials of the company told an AFRO reporter this week that thus far, the "experiment" has proved highly successfully and that it is probable that more will be used.

Among the women now employed is a mother of four children, Mrs. Mable Taylor of 2318 Pennsylvania Avenue, and Mrs. Mary C. Nelson of 1422 Madison Avenue, whose husband is now serving in the merchant marine.

NYA Begins Drive for 50 Trainees

A recruiting drive for trainees at the Druid Hill NYA Resident Center was begun this week, Robert F. Mack, Jr., director of the center, announced on Thursday.

Mr. Mack said that most of the 35 trainees enrolled at the center had nearly completed their training and expected to be graduated soon.

2 Are Welders

Two have already been placed as welders with the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipbuilding Company, he added, and it is expected that others will be integrated in industry soon.

The center is provided for youths in the rural areas of the State where vocational training opportunities are not available. Persons between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible for enrollment.

The quota for the center is 50, and th only qualifications required are a sound physical condition and a high school education.

New City Jobs Listed

In addition to various domestic jobs, applications may be filed at the City Service Commission in City Hall for the following positions this month:

Matron and assistant matron at city jail, paying $1400 and $1100 per year, respectively, until January 8; assistant superintendent at the nurses' home, $1200, January 9;

Drawbridge operator, 70 cents an hour, January 12; marine stoker, 56 cents per hour, January 14; pipe caulker, 68 cents an hour, January 14; stationary engineer, $1500, January 16;

Stockhandler at City Hospitals, $900; and in other departments, $1200, January 19; water meter reader, $1200, January 19.

The standing jobs include cook, domestic, laundress, laundryman, waiter, waitress, nurse's aide, part-time recreation leader, and farmhand.

Soldiers on the Home Front

By MAX JOHNSON

At a time when most persons are deserting other less essential jobs for war work, Mrs. Hermia Monroe Jordan has this week quit her $1440-a-year job with the local Social Security Board for a teaching post at Virginia State College.

Her new job, however, might well be considered along the country's first line of defense—that of physical fitness—for she is now assistant director of physical education at the college.

She contends that helping to keep the youth of this school in good physical condition is just as essential a defense job as her former one as a tabulating operator with the security board.

MRS. HERMIA M. JORDAN

A member of the Monumental Democratic Club, Mrs. Jordan secured her job with the board here some eight months ago through efforts of officials of that club. Prior to that she was a substitute teacher here and also did substitute work with the department of recreation.

She is a 1937 graduate of Virginia State, a native Baltimorean and is married to Linwood Jordan of 720 N. Arlington Avenue, commercial artist for a number of local theatres.

P.O. Now Hiring Women Clerks

The Baltimore post office is now employing colored women as clerks at the main post office, Neal Sibley, white, postmaster, said Thursday.

By the end of the week about twelve such women will be employed. Their job is to sort mail. They are paid 71½ cents an hour.

White women have been employed at this work for some time, but this marks the first time colored women have been given this opportunity.

During the Christmas holiday rush, however, students at Coppin Teachers' College and Morgan State College were employed on a temporary basis.

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TELEPHONE CO. EASES COLOR BAR

5 Women, Men on 1942 Honor Roll

Walter White Lays Gagging of FEPC to F.D.R.'s Secretary

Postponement of Hearings on Railroad Discrimination Causes Committee's Counsel to Resign

WASHINGTON

White House Secretary Marvin McIntyre is partly responsible for the Fair Employment Practice Committee's having to postpone public hearings on racial discrimination in the railroad industry, Walter White declared Thursday.

Mr. White, executive secretary of the NAACP, accused McIntyre of "making decisions for the administration on racial issues" while "President Roosevelt is occupied with military problems."

"Self-Appointed President"

He pointed out that the question of the hearings set for January 25 in the capital must have been considered first at the White House, and charged McIntyre with withholding from the President vital information on the discrimination problem.

"McIntyre, of Kentucky, is making decisions with his own particular slant on the race issue," White declared. "In effect, he is setting himself up as self-appointed President of colored people."

Basis for Accusation

This accusation, White said, was based partly on the fact that all recent replies to communications to the White House on racial issues had been signed by McIntyre.

While McIntyre refused to comment on White's statements, a White House source said that letters from the NAACP secretary always received the President's attention.

It was also pointed out that a large part of White House mail was signed by the secretaries, but that this did not mean that the President was uninformed of the exchange.

Chief Counsel Quits

Meantime, Henry Epstein, chief counsel for the committee and former New York solicitor general, has resigned his post on the committee in protest against postponement of the hearings.

Mr. Epstein, in a letter to Dr. Malcolm S. McLean, chairman of the committee, said that he understood that the hearings scheduled for this month had been postponed indefinitely against the expressed views of a majority of the committee."

In his letter of resignation, made public Tuesday night at his law offices, 30 Broad Street, Mr. Epstein said that indefinite postponement of the hearings was tantamount to cancellation and such action was a "challenge to democracy."

Continuing, the letter said:

Predicts Loss of Prestige

"The sudden cancellation of the hearings without warning or opportunity for discussion by the

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O'Conor Calls for Unity and End of Bias

Avers Race, Creed and Color Have No Place in Present Conflict

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—A plea for the end of discrimination and the unity of both races in the war effort was made here by Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor in his inaugural address, Wednesday.

"The war's terrible effects have no regard for politics, for race, creed or color," the Governor stated.

"If ever in the life of Maryland there was a time when the concerted, non-partisan assistance of every man and woman was required, this is the time."

Pettiness Must Go

Governor O'Conor, beginning his second term as chief executive of Maryland said further:

"The greatest success in furthering the war effort can be made only by high-minded attitudes and the avoidance of petty and political considerations. Partisan preferences and personalities have no place when matters of such vast significance are in the balance.

"We would be untrue to those who are fighting the battle for decency and humanity to allow outside considerations to shape our course at this time."

Post-War Planning

The Governor also suggested that plans be made now for the post-war period. This is in line with a bill soon to be introduced in the State legislature by Fourth District Representative Albert L. Sklar, who seeks to have an interracial commission set up for this purpose.

He also urged that greater attention be given the juvenile delinquency problem, the establishment of chronic disease hospitals

Seven Others on Honorable Mention List

Men, Women Share Honors Equally 2nd Successive Year

(Complete Honor Roll on Page 9)

Five women are among the ten persons, two white, named this week on the AFRO's 1942 mythical Honor Roll for outstanding service to colored people during the past year.

This is the second year in succession that women have shared the honor equally with men. They are:

Miss Portia Miles, room registry secretary at the YWCA; Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, director of the March-on-Annapolis; Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, volunteer USO aide; Mrs. Jeane Brown, white, organizer of the CIO Domestic Workers' Union, and Mrs. Mary H. Waters, mother and CIO worker.

The men are J. Arnett Frisby, executive secretary of Ration Board No. 5; the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church; the Rev. Joseph J. Ayd, white, chaplain at the Maryland penitentiary; Thomas R. Aydlett, organizer for Local 43, CIO Industrial Union, and R. Clarke Davis, manager of the McCulloh Homes.

Why They Were Selected

Detailed reasons for their selection and a brief review of their work which made them eligible will be found on an inside page.

All were selected because, in the opinion of the judges—members of the AFRO staff and readers—they have done superlative work in their particular fields.

In addition to the honor roll proper, seven other persons with outstanding records to their credit gained places on the honorable mention list.

Win Honorable Mention

They are W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., NAACP attorney; G. Ferguson Laird, white, assistant superintendent in charge of the Glenn L. Martin Company's Canton division; Andrew R. Johnson, Boy Scout field executive; Dr. J. E. T. Camper, chairman of the March-on-Annapolis transportation committee;

A. J. Allen, Jr., industrial sec-

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5 Seditionists Go to Prison

NEW YORK—Leonard Robert Jordan, 42, head of the Ethiopian Pacific Movement, accused by the government of advocating a Japanese-controlled Africa, was given a 10-year prison term and fined $10,000 for sedition here Thursday.

Four others accused by the government of being ringleaders in the movement were also sentenced by Judge Clarence G. Galston to prison terms ranging from four to eight years.

These included James Henry Thornton, 42, eight years; Lester Eugene Holmes, 39, seven years; Joseph Hartney, 36, white army private arrested at Fort Dix, six years, and the Rev. Ralph Green Best, 62, four years, all of New York City.

Charged with Conspiracy

All of the defendants were charged by the government with sedition and conspiracy to commit sedition in using their organization to advise colored persons to refuse to fight for the United States and to impede enlistments.

Harthey pleaded guilty previous to the trial and the others were convicted on December 30.

According to one witness, Jordan declared during one meeting: "After Japan wins, I will have President Roosevelt picking cotton and I will ride around in a rickshaw pulled by Stimson and Knox."

JESSE O. THOMAS GETS NEW RED CROSS POST

WASHINGTON

Jesse O. Thomas has recently been named special assistant to the director of domestic operations of the American Red Cross and will assume his new duties as soon as he has received clearance from the Treasury Department.

Helping to Guard South Pacific

An American anti-aircraft battery stationed at an army air base in the New Hebrides, South Pacific island group off the east coast of Australia.

Cuban Minister of Education Resigns

Senator Vasconcelos, Leaving Outstanding Record, Accuses Batista of Color Prejudice

By MERCER COOK
(AFRO Staff Correspondent)

HAVANA, Cuba.—As was predicted in the AFRO less than a month ago, the strained relations between President Batista and Senator Ramon Vasconcelos have finally reached the breaking point.

The latter has resigned his post as Secretary of Education and his resignation has been accepted.

Thus the Cuban Cabinet has lost one of its most efficient and energetic members, a colored man who has accomplished more in six months than most of his predecessors.

One day before his letter of resignation was written, I visited Senator Vasconcelos at his luxurious new home in Miramar (fashionable suburb of Havana).

Read Batista Interview

I showed him a copy of Al White's interesting interview with Batista as published in the AFRO of December 15.

On reading the President's comment that there was no race problem in Cuba, Vasconcelos remarked caustically that this was true only insofar as Batista himself was concerned.

When he read, a few lines further down, Batista's statement that he (Vasconcelos) would play an important part in Cuba's new educational program, the Senator exploded:

"Lies! Lies! Lies!," he exclaimed.

No Support for Reforms

Avoiding a direct answer to my question as to whether or not he would remain in the Cabinet, the Senator told me how he had had to struggle, without presidential support, for his numerous reforms.

In the matter of school lunches,

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Medic Ordered Held for Jury

Dr. James F. Walters, 66, of 2124 McCulloh Street, was ordered held for action of the grand jury Thursday at a State's attorney's hearing in Northeastern police court on manslaughter charges in connection with the death of a 16 year-old girl.

He is accused of performing a supposedly illegal operation, sometime in November, on Miss Laney Bridges of 1624 E. Madison Street.

Represented by Josiah F. Henry, Jr., attorney, Dr. Walters pleaded not guilty. He was released under $1,500 bail.

Hopkins Doctor Testifies

According to Dr. W. Drummond Eaton, white, of the John Hopkins Hospital staff, the girl was admitted to that institution on November 11 in critical condition, believed due to "an infection from an incomplete abortion."

Dr. Walters was placed under arrest at Northeasteren police station November 14 on a complaint filed by Dr. Eaton and a Hopkins colleague, Dr. Robert Schuman, also white.

Army Cooks Tell Stewart How It's Done

Troops Eat in Open but Enjoy Canned Vegetables, Steaks

By OLLIE STEWART
AFRO War Correspondent with U.S. Troops in North Africa

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CASABLANCA, North Africa (Via Mail, Delayed — Censored) — If you've never been a Boy Scout, you can have no appreciation of the circumstances under which our troops get their meals over here. Eating at home was a simple affair. All you did was go to the kitchen, cook a meal and sit down at a table and knock yourself out.

"It's a darn sight different in Africa," says Staff Sgt. Milton A. Cooper of Nashville, N.C., who was a cook in civilian life. Sergeant Cooper provides three meals a day for a whole company — the only one here, incidentally, which has all colored line officers.

Work 15-Hour Shift

"We use field kitchens, four of them, set up under a tent," the sergeant told me and showed me. "It takes about four hours to cook and serve. I have eight helpers and six are cooks. The others wash pots and do other odd jobs like peeling potatoes. We begin at 4 o'clock in the morning and finish between 7 and 8 at night."

The cooks have come up with some interesting dishes, but would not divulge the recipes. However, I learned that powdered eggs are excellent for pies and hot cakes. The men get pie once a week. Ra-

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Employs 15 Colored Girls as Clerks in Downtown Office

Mum on Operators' Jobs, Hints Our Capabilities Limited; Find Segregation Only in Restrooms

Relaxing its heretofore iron-bound restrictive policy against hiring colored persons in white-collar jobs, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is now employing fifteen colored girls as clerks in several departments, it was learned this week.

The first few young women were hired two weeks ago, while the others began work Monday as mimeograph and blueprint clerks, and sorting and delivering mail in all departments throughout the company headquarters at 320 St. Paul Place. Others are still being hired.

Declared War Plant by FEPC

The President's Fair Employment Practice Committee recently officially declared the telephone company a war industry and subject to the President's order waiving discrimination in employment.

The colored workers were obtained through the company's ninety-nine other colored employees, all of whom work in menial jobs.

The new employees are paid $16 a week during the training period and their hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Several of the new employees interviewed by AFRO reporters stated that their working conditions so far were pleasant and that they were receiving utmost co-operation from their fellow workers. It was learned, however, that while the girls are not segregated in their work they are assigned to separate restrooms.

Manager Refuses to Bare Plans

When asked by an AFRO reporter whether the employment of these young women represent a step toward the hiring of colored switchboard operators, jobs for which the company advertises daily, William T. Bannerman, public relations manager, said:

"I can't say what we contemplate doing."

Mr. Bannerman admitted that the young women had been hired to work for the company, but said that he didn't know exactly what they were doing.

A Miss Mullins, personnel worker, sat in on the interview, but said that she preferred that all statements be made by Mr. Bannerman.

He added that the C. and P. monopoly has always hired colored people and will continue to do so. "When jobs are available that we feel that colored persons can do, we'll give them a chance," he said.

When the reporter again asked that Mr. Bannerman make some statement about the company's future plans for hiring switchboard operators, he said cryptically: "I have nothing further to add."

TWE Body Won't Comment

Officials of the Total War Employment Committee, when asked whether this latest move of the company represents "token employment," said that they were not in a position to comment since they do not know what further steps the company anticipates taking.

In a statement made public Thursday by A. J. Allen, Jr., and Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, co-chairmen of the War Employment Committee, it was declared that "the poor service of the telephone company is

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Catoe Goes Berserk as Execution Nears

Five Indicted in Miss. Lynching

JACKSON, Miss. — Two indictments, charging four private citizens and a deputy sheriff, all of Jones County, with violatihn of Federal civil rights statutes were returned by a Federal grand jury on Saturday.

Charges grew out of the lynching of Howard Wash at Laurel, Miss., on the night of October 16, and marked the second time in history such an indictment has been returned and the first time an officer of the law has been involved.

The first indictment named Nathaniel Shotts, Allen Pryor, Barney Jones and William Oscar Johnson. The second named these four and Luther Holder, deputy sheriff and Jones County jailer.

WASHINGTON

Jarvis Catoe, doomed sex-slayer, dashed from the District jail's mess hall Thursday evening, scaled a 65-foot wall and perched for three hours on an iron bar until his attorney persuaded him to jump into a safety net.

His conduct may lead to a stay of his electrocution, scheduled for Friday morning, on a sanity plea.

Lifer's Fate at Stake

Catoe was to have appeared this week before District Court Justice James M. Proctor to repeat an alleged confession that might free James M. Smith from a life term he is serving in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans.

The confession, which Catoe now denies he made, involved the murder, in 1935, of Mrs. Florence Dancey, wife of a former D.C. recorder of deeds. Smith was convicted of that murder.

The hearing in Smith's behalf has been indefinitely postponed.

Kimble Kicked Upstairs from Tuskegee Airport

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Colonel Frederick von Kimble, commander of the Tuskegee Army Flying School, has been transferred to a wing command of the Southeastern Division with headquarters in Macon, Ga.

The transfer, it is believed, puts him in line for promotion to the rank of brigadier general and places him in position to continue to wield considerable influence in the shaping of policies and practices at Tuskegee.

The Tuskegee school will be under his command administratively.

Policies Under Fire

Colonel Kimble is being severely criticized for jim-crow practices which have been in effect here under his command.

He is considered responsible for jim-crow signs on various post facilities and for rules requiring complete segregation of colored and white commissioned personnel except where their duties compel their working together.

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Judge Upholds State Beauty Parlor Code

Judge J. Craig McLanahan upheld the constitutionality of the State Beauty Parlor Code Wednesday, by overrulling a demurrer filed by W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., on behalf of the state's 2,000 colored beauticians.

Charges that the code is unconstitutional were contained in an objection to the indictment of Mrs. Henrietta Scott on a charge of operating her beauty shop since October without having purchased an owner-manager's license.

Trial Due Soon

Overruling of the demurrer means the case will go to trial in Criminal Court within the week.

The demurrer attacked regulations made by the Board of Beauty Culturists, under the authority of the State code, as unreasonable for a beautician's trade.

In answer, Judge McLanahan

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Dinner Honors Mulzac and Crew

NEW YORK—Paul Robeson and Councilman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., appeared at the dinner here Tuesday night in honor of Capt. Hugh Mulzac and his crew of the liberty ship Booker T. Washington.

Transit Co. Faces Suit for $2,500

Miss Sadie Brown of 1518 Harlem Avenue filed a $2,500 personal injury suit against the Baltimore Transit Co., in City Court, Wednesday.

Her petition states that she was boarding a trolley at Gilmor and Lanvale Streets on December 4, when it started forward, dragging her along the street.