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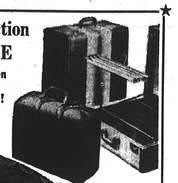

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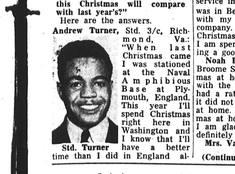

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Cheer Brought to These Disabled Vets at Meade Through the AFRO and the Telephone Fund for Our Soldiers

HELLO, OPERATOR—Second Lt. Gwendolyn Foulkes, one of the 30 Army nurses at Fort George G. Meade, Md., helping put through a free Christmas telephone call for a disabled veteran from the Regional Hospital where she also tends their wounds.

PVT. DONNIE WILLIAMS of 2828 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, talked with his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Williams, for the first time in four years. "Hello, Darling!" Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It certainly is swell hearing your voice. Sounds like you are in the next room talking to me. I hope to be home soon." He was the first to call from Meade.

"HELLO, MOTHER!" Cpl. Freeland Winslow, a veteran at Fort Meade, greeted Mrs. Emma Winslow of Philadelphia from Radio Station WITH on Sunday night, where he called from the studio. "I cannot get home for Christmas. Hope to see you soon. This call was made possible by generous Baltimoreans. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"HELLO, BETTY!" said Cpl. Frank Dobson of 109 Broad St., Martinsville, Va., talking to his sister. "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It's wonderful hearing your voice. It's just like a dream. Pray for me." (Story, photo on theatre page.)

2 Die in Holiday Fires

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2ND DIES IN ROOM

Woman Dozes Off Smoking, Is Burned

Baltimore's first peace-time Christmas since memorable Pearl Harbor Day, accompanied by rain, sleet and slush, was ushered in by a city-wide series of fires, two of them resulting in deaths and a third victim seriously burned.

The dead were Robert Henrahan, 63, of 530 Hubbard Alley, and Joseph Mannah, 40, of 1420 N. Eden St.

Critically burned about the body, Mrs. Alice Matthews, 37, of 641 N. Central Ave., was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Was Visiting Nearby

Most devastating of the fires was the two-alarm blaze which partially gutted the three-story home of John W. Brown at 1420 N. Eden St., Christmas Eve, less than a year after the death of his wife.

Brown, skilled laborer for the Gas and Electric Company for 18 years, was visiting with neighbors when told flames were shooting out of his living room windows.

Unable to enter the home to save any personal belongings, the 56-year-old man rushed to a nearby fire box to sound an alarm.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Mary Wade, 25, who with her husband, James, occupied a second-floor room, became trapped on the upper floor and leaped to safety from a rear

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Commission to Make City, County Survey

A city and county survey of educational, and employment needs was planned Thursday at the meeting of the Governor's Commission on Problems Affecting Colored People.

Josiah F. Henry Jr., executive secretary, reported that during the closed meeting of the body, it was decided that a colored and white citizen would be selected from each county and district to collect data for the survey.

Re-argument May Be Asked to Save Doomed War Veteran

A motion for re-argument may soon be filed as a final attempt to appeal the death sentence given Harry Shanks, 24-year-old war veteran, for alleged criminal attack.

The court of appeals last week upheld the hanging sentence which Shanks received last April 11 from Criminal Court Judge Herman Moser.

The veteran, of Towson, Md., has denied the white woman's charges that he dragged her into a Fayette St. alley last December, knocked her unconscious and assaulted her twice.

Racial Bias at Meade Opposed

In response to inquiries from the local NAACP, Brig.-Gen. C. G. Helmick of Fort George G. Meade stated that clerical workers there are not to be subject to segregation and discrimination.

The letter said: "There are 500 civilians assigned to the station center. Of this number 150 are colored; only 35 are in the swing shift arrangement." He also stated that the informal typing test is a new innovation. It is given to all applicants for typing positions except those persons certified on Civil Service lists of eligibles.

A letter to Postmaster Neal A. Sibley, expressing concern over the fact that no colored attendant is regularly assigned at the Druid Postal Station brought the following reply:

"In this connection you are informed that the Post Office Department has recently issued regulations governing the assignment of employees, viz: where regular vacancies occur, a notice of the vacancy must be posted and applications requested and a qualified

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Letters From AFRO Readers

3 READERS ANSWER WAC'S LETTER

Oakland, Calif. — Pfc. Marian G. Davis in her letter to the AFRO (Dec. 8) attempts to justify rather than ridicule Ollie Stewart's story about service women's attitudes and conduct.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Private Davis charged that Ollie Stewart's AFRO commentary in several articles "was insulting and embarrassing to nurses, Red Cross workers, and to the Wacs. She reminded readers that service women are "the women that every GI left behind. We are as your mother, sister and sweetheart."]

I have observed the conduct of colored service women in the United States. About 90% of them, I would judge, are not doing justice to the uniform they wear.

Some are outspoken in their attitudes about crossing the color line, and, in the shadows of nightfall, resort to indiscreet, shady activities.

Many soldiers overseas know that our service women are involved in shameful escapades—specializing in men of rank mostly in the white group.

Colored soldiers are almost completely ignored, unless they are first sergeants or above.

Decent people are quite often compelled to admonish even their own mothers, wherever they resort to scarlet and anti-social performances.

Ollie Stewart has the good will and deserves the commendation of every decent colored American.—

ASKS ABOUT JC IN COFFEYVILLE, KANS.

Washington — I am taking issue with the article published in the Dec. 1 issue of the AFRO, "I Rode with James" by George Coleman Moore. The writer is an alarmist.

From his account, I deduced the only fact to be that he was asked to leave the jim-crow car because his train was "getting into

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What's in Store for Me?

Seven-month-old Ronald Coulbourn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Handy Coulbourn, 1207 McCulloh St., Baltimore. He's expecting big things from 1946.

the week

Love for Patton

Taxi Shakedown

By PEYTON GRAY

Colored veterans and men yet in uniform joined the millions of persons the world over in mourning the death of Gen. George S. (Blood and Guts) Patton.

Not being supreme commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during the war, he could not, like General Eisenhower, issue orders banning discrimination within the armed forces because of one's color.

But I venture to say, he had the interests of his men, and I do mean all men, as much at heart as did any equally ranking officer serving in the Army of the United States in Europe.

Distinctly do I recall his visit to the outfit I served in for 18 months and what an effect it had on all of us, from the lowest private up to the ranking top sergeant.

We knew he was scheduled to arrive. But the time was a mystery, one of those military secrets. The men were lolling around some huddling over bonfires, some sleeping and others playing cards when over the hilltop rolled a cloud of dust.

BLOOD AND GUTS

Through it emerged the forms of three jeeps. On the front of the first one was a small steel plate with three red stars. Blood

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Injured Passenger Files $3,000 Suit Against Transit Co.

A $3,000 damage suit against the Baltimore Transit Company was filed in City Court, Thursday by Baxter Seay of 4214 Evans Chapel Rd., who alleged he was seriously injured on a company bus last July 5.

Through his attorney, Robert P. McGuinn, the claimant stated that as the bus neared Greenmount Ave. and 39th St., he was violently thrown against the railing and floor by a sudden stoppage of the vehicle.

He said that severe injuries to his hands, head, and body prevented him from working for a long period of time, and caused him considerable medical expense.

Patterson Warns APSC on JC Rule

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — President Frederick D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute has informed the Alabama Public Service Commission, that its recent directive, requiring railroads to "segregate white and colored passengers by partitions and curtains, if separate accommodations are not available," will not actually "accomplish what is desired.

The educator told the Commission its directive would "prove an embarrassment to colored passengers, and that the only way to complete compliance is to provide separate coaches or Pullman quarters" for them.

President Patterson urged "leniency" until this can be done.

Colored Citizens Balk

A hearing scheduled before the Commission on Dec. 17 was postponed until Jan. 14, 1946, when R. E. Steiner of Montgomery, chairman of the Alabama Railroad Association, asked a continuance because many of the lines

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Phoning Home Cheer to Vets

Free Calls Unite Wounded With Kin

NURSE ON JOB

Ward Surgeon Lauds Efforts of Citizens

By E. B. REA

The Telephone Fund for Wounded Colored War Veterans reached into Fort George G. Meade on last Sunday and made more than 50 disabled soldiers happy by enabling them to talk home to their loved ones.

These GI's many who have not heard voices from home during their three and four years of absence, expressed mixed emotions as connections were made and conversations began.

The fund, made possible through contributions of business firms and individuals, re-united soldiers and their families from nearby cities in Maryland to such distant States as Illinois, Michigan, Georgia, Florida and Kentucky.

Bed-Ridden Vet Talks

Pvt. Donnie Williams, a bed-ridden veteran of 2828 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, talked with his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Williams, for the first time in four years, saying in part:

"Hello, Darling! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It's certainly swell hearing your voice. Sounds like you are in the next room talking to me. I hope to be home soon."

Sgt. Jesse Lawrence Hughes of Anchorage, Ky., talking to his uncle, Jesse D. Johnson:

"Hello, Uncle Jesse! Really

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Urban League Budget of $19,012 Approved

The Baltimore War and Community Fund has approved the 1946 budget of the Baltimore Urban League for $19,012.47, which represents an increase of $2,176.97 over 1945, Alexander J. Allen, executive secretary, announced on Thursday.

Items included in the budget were: Dues and contributions, $180; education and training, $60; heat, light, etc., $316.50; office furniture and equipment, $531.25; Office supplies, printing and stationery, $492;

Postage and expressage, $581.12; publicity, $375; rent, $900; repairs and maintenance, $250; salaries for administration $6,790; salaries, case-workers, $5,000; telephone and telegraph, $444.60; travel and transportation, $520; wages, $416; miscellaneous, $246.

Vets Tell What They Were Doing on Christmas, 1944

Recalling the terrifying days of last Christmas when the Germans were making the last desperate drive against our men in Europe, the AFRO this week asked returned service men this question:

"Where were you last Christmas, and how do you expect this Christmas will compare with last year?"

Here are the answers.

Andrew Turner, Std. 3/c, Bichmond, Va.:

"When last Christmas came I was stationed at the Naval Amphibious Base at Plymouth, England. This year I'll spend Christmas right here in Washington and I know that I'll have a better time than I did in England although the English people were very hospitable. It's just good to be back in the U.S.A."

Std. Turner

Douglas Sweeper, student, 46 Somerset St., Newark: "I was a student at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., when I entered the service in 1943. Last Christmas I was in Belgium. I worked all day with my quartermaster trucking company. It did not seem like Christmas at all. This Christmas I am spending in the south—having a good time."

Noah Lester, unemployed, 160 Broome St., Newark: "Last Christmas I was at home in three years and with the 450th Field Artillery. I had a rather fair Christmas, but it did not compare with Christmas at home. This is my first Christmas at home in three years, and I am glad to be here. This one definitely is better."

Mrs. Vashti Matthews, of Balti-

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Local Matron Dies Three Days Before Reaching Century Mark

Death on Sunday claimed the life of Mrs. Lucy Hardy, 99, of 836 N. Carey St. three days before she reached the century mark and two days before Christmas.

Born in Virginia almost 100 years ago, Mrs. Hardy was active until Thursday when she was confined to her bed. She came to Baltimore 57 years ago from Carroll County.

Four Children Survive

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday with the Rev. C. S. Harper, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church and the Rev. William Byrd, assistant pastor of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Auburn cemetery.

Surviving are her two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Golder and Mrs. Belle Matthews, two sons, Isaac D. and Charles Hardy; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Nominations for Afro Honor Roll Solicited

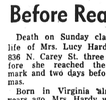
There is still time to send in your suggestions for the 1945 AFRO Honor Roll of outstanding citizens which will appear on Jan. 12.

Not only may it include those who have made significant achievements in their respective lines of work, but humble workers who have done a job well enough to merit public attention.

The Honor Roll will include also ministers, social workers, business and professional people, service men and women and parents of outstanding children who are making good.

Deadline for suggestions is December 31. All communications should be addressed to the AFRO Honor Roll Editor, 628 N. Eutaw St.; Zone 1.

Merry Christmas To All . . .



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3rd Appeal Made for New Housing Board Members

The matter of replacing present members of the Baltimore Housing Authority with "new blood" was brought to the attention of Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, Wednesday, for the third time in the past four months.

A committee on housing, CIO, along with Addison V. Pinkney, executive secretary, NAACP, submitted to the mayor the names of Dr. J. E. T. Camper, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Justice, and Charles J. Rusk, president of the Eastside Community Committee, as possible new members of the authority.

Calling attention to the expiration of Dr. George B. Murphy's term with the board in Nov., 1944, and that of Albert D. Hutzler's this month, the committee declared that residents of Baltimore's project developments were dissatisfied with the authority's present administration, including Yewell W. Dillehunt, executive secretary.

Await Annual Report

Mayor McKeldin said he would hold their grievances and suggestions under advisement until Alfred H. Fletcher, who has signified intentions to resign from the authority, submits its annual report.

Others conferring with the mayor were Miss Helen Sorrell of the Somerset Homes, Mrs. Alverta Parnell, Frederick Douglass Homes, and Philip Gran, white, chairman of the housing committee.

NAACP Plans FEPC Rally; Charles Houston to Speak

In an effort to aid legislation for a permanent FEPC, the local NAACP, at the request of the national office, called a meeting of labor, social, and church groups, Saturday, at the YWCA and laid plans for a mass meeting tentatively set for Jan. 14.

A telegram from Walter White, national NAACP executive secretary, to Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the local branch, said the organization is using every means to have their congressmen committed to sign the discharge petition which would bring this legislation to the floor of House.

Mr. White said action was urgent because of President Truman's "do-nothing attitude on FEPC and Capital Transit Co. and his "lip service" only concerning a permanent FEPC.

Houston to Speak

The mass meeting is to be one of several large ones to be held throughout the country, and at

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1946 Predictions

Serious Labor Fight

I predict that the labor situation will be a serious matter until late spring or early summer. Labor and management will be in a knock-down and drag-out fight, with politicians in the counting out position making the fight all the more interesting. However, I believe that we will compromise and get together. America once more will hit its stride in social and economic development

SAUL M PERDUE
Principal, Carver Vocational High School.

Mr. Perdue

Uncertainty Prevails

Any prediction for 1946 can be no more than a guess, because of the uncertain state of both national and international affairs. Each person should move into the new year with courage and faith, for the difference between success and failure can easily depend on the effort or its lack, of a very few persons. The church stands in an enviable position to direct the course of history for 1946. Fearless leadership

Rev. Pearie

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3 Local Servicemen Re-Enlist in Army

Three soldiers re-enlisted for Army duty at Fort Meade last week. They are:

Pvt. Ernest Cobiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cobb, 605 N. Eden St.; Pvt. Granville Curtis, son of Raymond Curtis and Pfc. George Flood of 925 N. Eden St.

Estimate Board Votes $3,500 to Get Homes

The Board of Estimates on Thursday reversed a previous decision and agreed to provide $3,500 of a $7,000 publicity campaign to secure foster homes for 100 children.

The board approved the proposal of Thomas J. S. Waxter, director of the Department of Public Welfare, on the basis that the campaign, which last week termed "too expensive," would be operated temporarily.

Mr. Waxter argued that the children were left homeless when the City Council eliminated the proposed Talbert Home for Children from the 1946 budget.

A total of $15,000 was allocated to the department for the project at the beginning of the year to renovate an old building on the Osburn estate, where a home for white children already exists.

Slain Teacher Buried; 1700 Attend Rites at Enon

More than 1700 persons jammed Enon Baptist Church Sunday to witness double funeral services for Miss Hattie L. Smith of 1516 Harlem Ave., local school teacher, who was slain by an ex-service man last week, and Mrs. Emma Conte of 232 Dolphin St.

The Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor, delivered the eulogy, and music was furnished by the senior choir, of which Miss Smith was president. Both were buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Native of Virginia

Born in Gloucester, Va., Miss Smith had lived in Baltimore since childhood and taught in the public schools for the past seven years. She was active in auxiliaries at Enon Church.

She was allegedly shot four times by Joseph H. Ross, 39, of 1022 Brantley Ave., a discharged veteran who served overseas. He is being held without bail pending a hearing before the State's attorney.

Survivors are her stepfather, Mr. Conte, wife of William Conte, an upholsterer, died Thursday at her home after an illness of two years. She was a member of Enon, and was born in Culpeper County, Va.

Other survivors are three sons, Sgt. Howard Conte, who is reported to be en route to the U.S. from Okinawa; Pvt. William Con-

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Contact Needed to Reduce Bias, NY. Instructor Says

The necessity of people of various groups, races and faiths coming in contact with each other was stressed as one means of overcoming prejudices by Dr. Hortense Powdermaker of Queens College, New York, at Enoch Pratt Library Wednesday.

Speaking to more than 250 members and guests of the Baltimore Interracial Fellowship, she pointed out that while the ideals of American democracy are not carried out, they are here, and in that lies hope that they will be attained.

Training Urged

Supporting local and Federal legislation aimed to create economic security; attempting to understand prejudices and bringing them out in the open, and training children in lessons of equality were suggested as other means of eliminating prejudice.

Dan Atwood, executive secretary of the Fellowship, outlining the aims and purposes of the organization, declared they favored doing away with separate facilities for the races because they were never equal.

Dr. Powdermaker admitted that eliminating prejudice required intelligence, time, determination and patience.

The meeting was the first of a series of lectures planned by the Fellowship.