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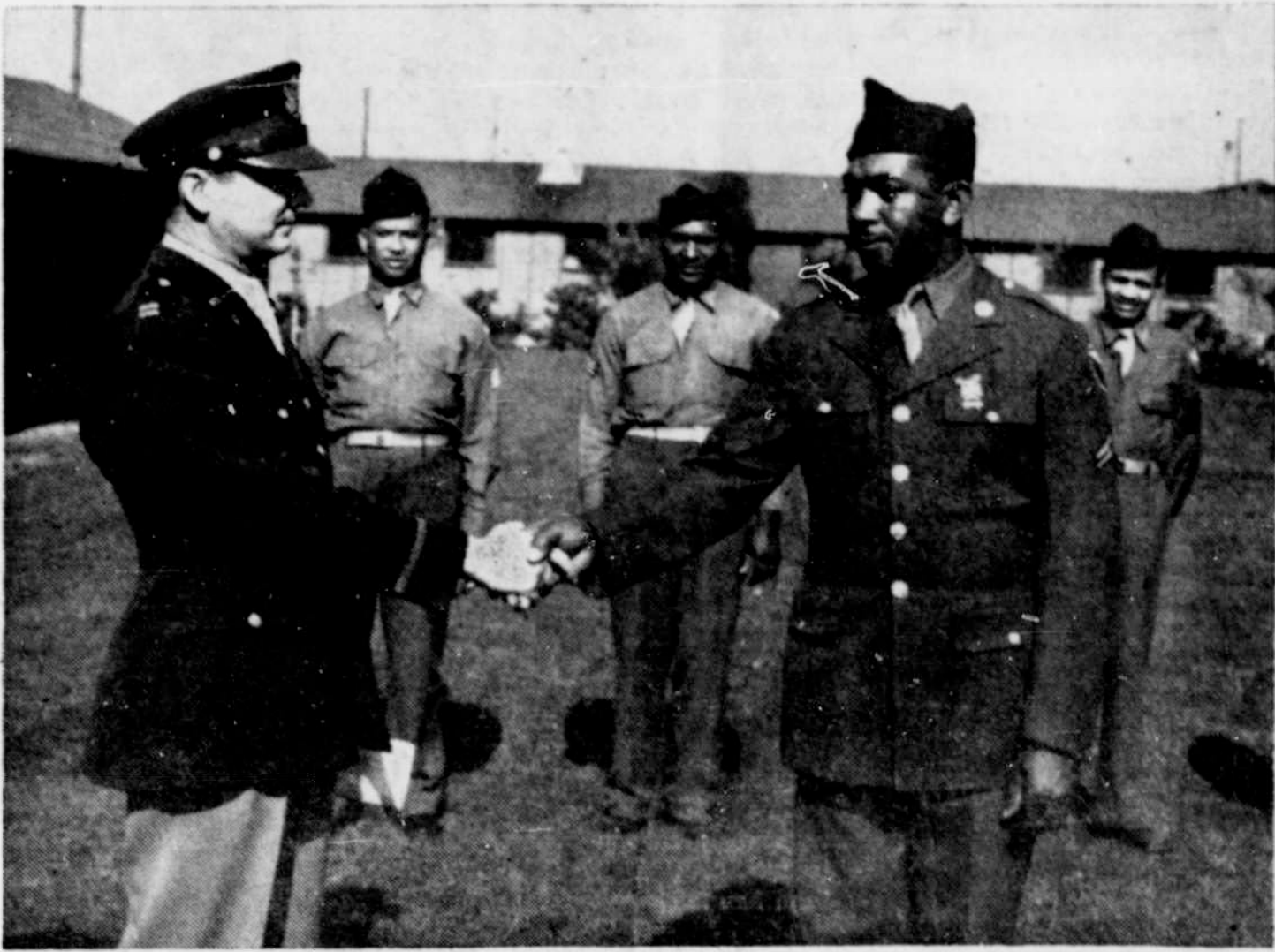
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PORTLAND ARMY AIR BASE Left to Right: Captain Herbert R. Price, Commander Squadron C and Corporal Robert W. Harpes who was commended for bravery.

PORTLAND, ORE., Oct. 9—Corporal Robert W. Harpes, of Yokera, Miss., was presented with a letter of commendation for an act of heroism from Brigadier General J. M. Parker, Commanding General of the Fourth Air Force, at a presentation ceremony held at the Portland Army Air Base.

The text of General Parker's citation read, "It is with great pleasure that I commend you for the heroic rescue of David Watson from the path of an on-coming automobile at Portland, Oregon on or about March 1, 1944. Due to your quick thinking and timely action and with utter disregard for your own safety, you saved this boy from serious injury or possible death. Such action reflects high credit not only upon yourself, but upon the Fourth Air Force."

On that eventful March date, Cpl. Harpes was standing at the corner of 5th and Morrison streets in downtown Portland, waiting for the traffic signal to change, when tiny David Watson, eluded the protective hand of his nurse and darted impetuously into the traffic stream. Acting with utter disregard for his own safety, Cpl. Harpes darted after the child and scooped him from the path of an on-coming automobile. Depositing the boy in the arms of his nurse, Cpl. Harpes merged with the pedestrian throng and was out of sight before the sturmed nurse, Mrs. A. L. Jamieson, of Portland, could express her gratitude.

About a week after the incident, Mrs. Jamieson saw Cpl. Harpes walking down the street and stopping him satisfied herself that he

was the one who had saved her young ward. It was then that Capt. Robert Maguire, Harpes' commanding officer, heard of the soldier's act of heroism. He subsequently notified Colonel R. L. Mangham, commanding officer of the Portland Army Air Base, who in turn submitted an account of the incident to Fourth Air Force Headquarters in San Francisco. General Parker then sent Harpes a personal letter of commendation.

Cpl. Harpes is the son of Mrs. Susie Harpes who resides at Route 1, Box 11, Yokera, Miss. He enlisted August 15, 1942 at Camp Shelby, Miss. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity and the Marksman Medal for proficiency in the use of the rifle.

I. B. P. O. E. W. ENDORSES DEWEY

Elks Leader Throws Weight of Largest Negro Organization Into Campaign

NEW YORK — J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, with a membership of over 600,000 and Chairman of the National Voters League Independent Committee for the election of Dewey and Bricker, this week threw the entire weight of his fraternal organization behind the Republican ticket, declaring:

"Our committee calls upon every sane thinking and sober minded American to determine whether the best interests of this minority group and the nation lies in a segregated wing of New Deal regimentation or under an administration pledged to grant and secure first-class citizenship to every American regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

"Every sincere American is desirous of giving his country the best and most efficient and honest administration in the post-war era, and resents the tactics of the machine bosses in their efforts to vilify and malign Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's position in support of a permanent FEPC for the State of New York and for the nation," he declared.

The famous leader of 600,000 Negro Americans, who has usually taken a stand in national political affairs that is best for all Americans, has been for a quarter of a century active as a publisher and civic leader. His influence is wide; his contact varied; his viewpoint profound.

"There has been considerable discussion about double talk in this campaign," the doctory Grand Exalted Ruler declared in a press interview at the Hotel Theresa last week. "In regard to double talk, what of the double talk of the Four Freedoms with the Negro soldier jim-crowed and beaten, humiliated and sometimes murdered in an army dominated by bourbon tradi-

tion, and the Democrats writing a platform weaker on Negro issues than the Republicans and throwing out Vice President Henry A. Wallace, who alone of the candidates at the New Deal convention spoke up unequivocally, forcefully and dramatically for Americanism and equal equality. The Democrats substituted Senator Harry S. Truman, a messenger of the vice and crime Pendergast machine and office boy to a controller of those vicious activities which have throughout the years stigmatized the Negro community as unfit and indecent for habitation, as their vice presidential candidate.

"This is more than a political contest. It involves the future outlook, the hopes, the aims, and the ambitions of all people of color throughout the world.

"On the social, economic and racial scene what is good for the Negro in America is good for all people everywhere because the Negro only desires to enjoy the full benefits granted to all citizens who make up a democratic American society.

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DEAN OF BAPTISTS JOINS DEWEY FORCES

NEW YORK—Republican National Committee Chairman, Herbert Brownell, Jr., announced today the appointment of Dr. George H. Sims, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Harlem, as Assistant Director of Special Activities of the Republican National Committee. Dr. Sims is recognized as the dean of colored Baptists in the nation, not only in length of service, but in constructive civic and church work. He is the head of the New York

State Baptist Ministers Association.

Dr. Sims, when interviewed at his busy parish institution in the heart of Harlem, said: "The future welfare not only of my people, but of the mass of Americans, depends upon our putting now, a courageous and capable executive in the White House. The next president must be above all, a president of all the people, not bound by sectional, bloc or corrupt political machine ties.

"The present administration in Washington cannot so serve the masses of our people because the South is in the saddle, since south-

ern Senators and Congressmen head all of the all-powerful committees in the House of Representatives and in the United States Senate. The present astute politician in the White House must do the bidding, not only of these reactionary statesmen, but as well that of the professional labor bosses, of Tammany of New York, of Hague of New Jersey, of Kelly of Chicago, and of the Pendergast machine of Missouri.

Dewey will free the country from this three-headed incubus. He will usher in an era of peace, at home as well as abroad, and prosperity for all."

NEGRO SEABEES AID INVASION

PELELIU, Palau Islands — (Delayed) U. P.—Two Negro Seabees from Atlanta, Ga., played a big part in keeping the famed First Marine Division supplied with ammunition, food, water and other supplies during the invasion of Peleliu.

The two men, Coxswain Walter Jones and Fireman First Class Andrew G. Toles, were two of the

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Head of Negro Press Visits Portland

Claude A. Barnett, head of the Associated Negro Press, visited in Portland for two days last week, accompanied by Mr. Weir, representative of the Dept. of Agriculture. These two distinguished Negroes arrived here from California where they had been conducting a survey to determine the trend of the newcomers to the West toward farming. This survey is being con-

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'Dog House' Thumper Has New Ambition

(By Marine Corp. Collie J. Nieholson of Winnfield, La.)

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC, Delayed.—Marine Private F. Class Joe C. Dickerson, of Detroit, Mich., who played the bass violin with some of the leading Negro jazz bands in the country, now has a new ambition. He wants to play the "Stars and Stripes Forever" on the streets of Tokyo.

Dickerson was a member of and arranger for Earl Hines' famous band before he joined the Marines in July 1943. He also played with other outfits, including those of Ted Tinsley, Clarence Love, and Ruben Huges. At one time, Dickerson headed a trio, which was featured at the Club Morocco, one of New York's swank night clubs.

His wife, Mrs. Virginia Dickerson, lives at 281 East Vernon Highway, Detroit.

GOV. BRICKER VISITS PORTLAND

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Crystal B. Fauset Derides Democrats

Mrs. Crystal Bird Fauset, formerly the highest Negro woman in the Democratic Party in the nation, the first colored woman elected a member of the legislature—elected Democratic member of Pennsylvania legislature 3 years ago—who has announced her support of the Dewey-Bricker Republican ticket, spoke to a crowded house in Newark Wednesday night.

In eloquent language, Mrs. Fauset appealed to the Negro voters of Newark and Essex County to support Governor Thomas E. Dewey for President, Governor John W. Bricker for Vice President, Hon.

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NEGRO OFFICE WORKERS SCARCE

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The shortage of Negro Office Workers in the Portland Area is alarming. That there is a shortage has been proven conclusively in the past couple of months and now the condition is so grave that there has been a suggestion made that requests be placed with the Southern schools for workers. The East is plentifully supplied with workers and high-pay jobs and it would be almost impossible to get any of

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