

SOCIETY DOIN'S

Mr. and Mrs. David Hepburn of 4235 N. Gantenbein Ave. entertained in honor of Mrs. Hepburn's mother, Mrs. F. M. Lewis of Galveston, Texas. It was Mrs. Lewis' 76th birthday. A large group of friends were invited to share in the honor of making Mrs. Lewis' birthday one long to be remembered. The table was decorated with a beautiful birthday cake with "Happy Birthday, Mother" and lovely flowers of all colors decorated the cake. The numerous presents which the gracious lady received were also very useful. Mrs. B. Taylor assisted Mrs. Lewis in opening and showing her many lovely presents. Mesdames M. Redmond, Julia Neeley, Marie Smith and Kitty Fair assisted the host in serving refreshments. After an evening of much enjoyment, Mrs. Lewis in bidding her many friends Goodbye and thanking them for their gifts asked to join her in singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Mrs. Hepburn, well known among Portlanders, is a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and the Household of Ruth No. 844 G. 400.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Fred Peck, who is now in the Good Samaritan Hospital. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery, although he is not seriously ill. He is the husband of Mrs. Letha Peck, Dauter Ruler of the local Elks.

Mrs. Margaret Gary who lives with Mrs. Peck has gone home to visit her sick mother, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Gary expects to return to Portland as soon as her mother is better.

We are glad to see Mrs. James Braggs out again after being indisposed with a very bad cold.

Bishop L. L. Britton is a visitor in this city. He is staying at the home of one of his grandchildren, Mrs. Grace Tobasco, 1617 S. E. Clinton. His other grandchildren are sons and daughters of Rev. Robert Searcie, Bishop of the Church of God.

Mrs. Ruby Harding entertained the Chante Club with a beautiful luncheon, the affair was held in honor of her birthday. She received many lovely gifts. A bridge game was enjoyed by all. First and second prizes were won by Mesdames T. Flowers and Blanche Holladay.

P.T.C. STRIKERS ARE INDICTED

RESULT OF STRIKE AGAINST UPGRADING OF NEGROES

Attorney General Francis Biddle announced October 4, that a Federal Grand Jury in Philadelphia returned an indictment in two counts charging 30 employes and former employes of the Philadelphia Transportation Company with violation of the Philadelphia Transportation Company with violation of the War Labor Disputes (Smith-Connally) Act.

The 30 defendants—who are or were motormen, conductors or operators—are charged in Count One of the indictment with unlawfully instigating, coercing, inducing and encouraging a strike of Philadelphia Transportation Company employes last August while the facilities were in the possession of the Army.

The indictment charges that the defendants addressed the transit company employes "both individually and collectively," urging them to decline and to continue to decline to operate street cars and buses and "threatening employes with violence" if they returned to work.

Count Two of the indictment further charges that the defendants unlawfully aided the strike by "giving direction and guidance and by providing funds" for its continuance.

The War Labor Disputes Act provides a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and one year imprisonment for coercing, instigating or inducing a strike, slow-down or other interruption in the operation of any plant, mine or facility "in the possession of the United States," or for aiding or directing any such strike.

Return of the indictment climaxed an extensive inquiry conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a Grand Jury investigation begun on August 9. The case was presented to the Grand Jury by Henry A. Schweinhaut, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, under the direction of Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark.

Background

The strike of the employes of the Philadelphia Transportation Co. began on August 1. On August 3, pursuant to an Executive Order of the President, the Secretary of War took possession of the facilities with troops under the command of Major General Philip Hayes, commander of the Third Service Command. On August 4,

the Attorney General directed an immediate investigation of the strike by the FBI to determine whether there had been any violation of a Federal statute, particularly the Smith-Connally Act. The next day, August 5, the Attorney General requested United States Attorney Gerald A. Galeeson in Philadelphia to arrange for the calling of a Grand Jury to investigate all the circumstances in connection with the strike.

Negro Office Workers Scarce

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those workers. Hence, the south where the pay rate is not so high, may furnish the West with much needed Negro office workers.

The condition does not speak so highly for Portland and in view of the fact that every professional man here has had to train his own office help, there apparently has always been a dearth of trained office workers. The Portland Inquirer has carried an "Ad" for 2 months or more for a stenographer-typist, we received just three answers. One really was a Typist and now employed in the office of a large business house here. Another large firm advertised in a local daily for Negro Office Workers for a week, finally receiving one answer. The USES have none on their lists. At the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Gertrude Overman in charge of "Room Registry and Employment Service," states, "we receive requests daily for Colored girls as Office Workers but we just do not have any"

Mrs. Overman further states that "this dearth of office workers should be an encouragement to the young people to go to school even in the evenings after their regular days work and prepare for these positions that are sure to continue after the war is over."

Negro Seabees Aid Invasion

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Seabees who kept supplies coming in a steady stream.

Coxswain Jones was in charge of 15 men, all Negro members of the Seabees unit. His wife resides at 904 Ira Street, Southwest, Atlanta.

Fireman First Class Toles worked as a driver for the Campbell Coal Company of Atlanta before joining the Seabees. His wife, Anna Toles, resides at 470 North Avenue, Northwest, Atlanta.

Supplies were taken from transports, transferred to LCT's and then to Armtracks that brought the supplies across the coral reefs to the beaches.

Casualties among Seabees during the first three days of fighting on Peleliu were estimated at approximately 20 killed and 20 wounded.

GOP Assistant Director of Women's Activities



Miss Jane E. Hunter, Cleveland, Ohio (left), who was drafted by Herbert Brownell, Jr., Chairman of the Republican National Committee to serve as Assistant Director of Women's Activities, is shown with Miss Marion E. Martin (right), Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Director of the Women's Division.

NEW YORK—Republican National Committee Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., announced that he had drafted Miss Jane E. Hunter of Cleveland, Ohio, as Assistant Director of Women's Activities, to work with Miss Marion E. Martin, Chairman of the Women's Division.

Miss Hunter is recognized as one of the ablest leaders of her race, having established the Phillis Wheatley Association in Ohio. She is also president of the Ohio State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and a member of the executive committee of the powerful National Association of Colored Women.

Miss Hunter, at her office in the National Headquarters in the Hotel Roosevelt, said: "I have come here in answer to your call and you cannot pay me for any service I

can render, because I believe it is our duty, all of us, to rescue our country in this crisis in national as well as radical affairs. I was content to, carry on as a Republican in my own state as I have for many years. But, when I learned of the brutal mistreatment of our boys in the armed services who are fighting for world freedom—with not a word of protest from President Roosevelt, the Commander-in-Chief—I decided to accept the command to do what I can in this larger way. The mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of our fighting men must vote to give them an equal chance. All our men and women must vote to secure equal jobs and equal civil rights in the post-war period. Only Dewey and Bricker, through the Republican Party can do this, in my opinion."

Journal and Guide Raps Army Policy

NEW YORK—With the anti-Negro South dictating, the United States Army has yet to adopt a policy on the treatment of Negro personnel, and under the National Democratic Administration's influence, it is still floundering and committing colossal blunders as it feebly attempts to handle the color problem on both battlefield and in training camps. This situation was forcefully brought out by a hard-hitting editorial in the Norfolk Journal and Guide last week entitled, "The Fruits of a Day-to-Day Policy."

"That the Army has no policy yet on the Negro," declared the Journal and Guide, "on his utilization and disposition, was again evidenced this week by disclosure that it has set up the first of segregated redistribution centers for returned veterans of its ground forces; and this on the heels of the commendable (if widely ignored) order of Adjutant General Ulio banning discrimination at facilities on Army posts.

"Once again," the Journal and Guide points out, "it becomes clear that, before the war, the Army had no policy and probably no plans to use any but a bare minimum of Negro troops. Instead of beginning with an amendment to the Selective Service Act prohibiting racial discrimination, it has met problems as they have arisen, compromising on some, moving backward on others, and occasionally getting on firm, democratic ground. But no fixed determination or guiding principle

by which to deal in a specific way with each question was in existence nor has come into existence, except in a piece-meal way."

Praising the fact that the Army under pressure of public opinion admitted Negro men to the Air Forces and sent them overseas, and committed selected combat-type units to action such as the 93rd Division, the 54th Coast Artillery Regiment and the 24th Infantry, the Journal and Guide declares, "They are steps forward. But the confusing and discouraging factor is that for each such step ahead there is a comparable step backward," noting that, "Such units as the 369th Regiment (famed as New York's Fighting 15th) trained for combat, are given routine guard duty. Others are converted to service and stevedore units. One, trained for over two years, not counting its peace-time preparation as a National Guard unit, got overseas, but was given non-combat duty even though General Mark Clark requested it for a combat assignment with his Fifth Army. Similar illustrations could be multiplied," observes the Journal and Guide.

RATION CALENDAR

(Clip and keep for handy Reference)

Processed Foods:

Book 4—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through R5 valid indefinitely.

Meat, Butter, Cheese:

Book 4—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through K5 valid indefinitely.

Book 4—Spare stamp 25 good for 10 pounds lamb through October 21.

Sugar:

Sugar stamps 30 through 33 valid indefinitely, 5 pounds each. Sugar stamp 40 valid through Feb. 28, 1945 for 5 pounds home canning only. For more canning sugar apply local board using spare stamp 37.

Shoes: Lose Stamps invalid

Book 3—Airplane stamps 1-2 valid indefinitely. New stamp valid Nov. 1.

Gasoline Coupons:

Not valid unless endorsed.

"A" 13 expires Dec. 21. Each coupon worth 4 gallons.

Stoves:

Rationing of coal, wood stoves ends October 15. Apply local board for purchase certificates.

Wood, Coal, Sawdust:

Delivery by priorities based on written statements of needs.

Fuel Oil:

Period 4-5 coupons and new period 1 coupons valid through Aug. 31, 1945.

Price Control:

Refer inquiries and complaints to price clerk at local board.

Manufacturer of active dry yeast have now been instructed to set aside all of their current production for government needs, the War Food Administration tells us. That means those of us who've been making our light rolls with "Maca" will have to turn to moist yeast in the future.



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