

U. S. Soldiers Overseas Urge "Back to School"

A GI's thoughts turn to learning, as well as fighting, when he is overseas.

More than half of the enrollments with the United States Armed Forces Institute, a correspondence school sponsored by the Army and Navy, are from service men and women overseas.

In addition to the quarter of a million men and women enrolled for self-taught courses with the Institute, 500,000 students are studying in off duty classes, obtaining books provided by the USAFI.

Most GIs are "cracking their books" in the hope that their diplomas will help them to better jobs when they come back to civilian life, and they urge boys and girls at home to follow their examples.

In fact, a number of overseas soldiers have recently written back strongly endorsing the current drive of the U. S. Office of Education and the Children's Bureau to encourage school-age children to return to high school this fall.

T-5 James Richmond of Kingston, Pa., for example, says: "I quit after 3½ years of high school and went to work, and boy, am I sorry now! Youngsters should stay in high school and finish up a job—the way men overseas are finishing theirs. You wouldn't want a doctor to give you nine-tenths of a prescription and walk away, would you?"

Pfc. Clayton Emkey of Baltimore adds: "I have two younger sisters who are working now, and I am telling them to go back to school this fall and finish. I never finished school and I know how much it held me back."

Finally, Cpl. Kermit Greason of Atwood, Kan., has this warning for the thousands of young boys and girls who may be wondering whether to leave jobs for school this fall: "Any boy who's in high school now had better finish right away. Because if he doesn't finish before he's drafted, or before he takes a full-time job, chances are he never will. That goes for girls, too."

Xmas Gifts Chat at Library Dec. 7th

Christmas gifts and decorations will be subject of the craft chat to be given by Frances Werschkul at Central library Thursday morning, Dec. 7, at 10:30 o'clock, and of the radio broadcast she will make over KBPS at 12:15 p. m. the same day. Mrs. Werschkul heads up the arts and crafts classes, sponsored by the recreational division of the park bureau.

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N.C.C.P.T. BACKS V. D. CAMPAIGN

The nation-wide campaign against venereal disease has the full cooperation of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, according to Mrs. Anna M. P. Strong, of Marianna, Ark., who represents this organization on the National Women's Advisory Committee on Social Protection.

"Meet Your Enemy—Venereal Disease," is a new booklet prepared by the Social Protection Division, Office of Community War Service, Federal Security Agency, at the request of—and in consultation with the National Women's Advisory Committee on Social Protection. Mrs. Strong is also a member of the Executive Committee of the N. W. A. C. and played an important part in drafting its resolution which declared that members of this women's committee supported the social protection program and would work together to achieve its objectives which are to prevent and repress prostitution and sexual promiscuity.

Mass blood testing for syphilis is one of the important steps in a venereal disease control program, according to "Meet Your Enemy—Venereal Disease." Public health departments are prepared to offer their services which include diagnosis and treatment of persons with venereal infections, irrespective of race, legal residence, or ability to pay for such services.

Millions of Americans of all ages and levels of economic life have syphilis and gonorrhea, the two most common venereal diseases, says "Meet Your Enemy." However, these diseases can be cured. One difficulty lies in locating infected individuals, placing them under treatment and keeping them under treatment until they are cured or no longer able to infect others. "Meet Your Enemy" goes further to assert that finding and treating infected persons is not enough. Better understanding of the problem, mobilization of resources, and a concerted attempt to bring about safe, healthful and socially desirable living conditions are needed as basic protection against venereal disease.

"Meet Your Enemy—Venereal Disease," deals specifically with the main source of venereal diseases and ways of combatting them. It is concerned primarily with social protection, which is defined as "the prevention and repression of prostitution and sexual promiscuity as a means of controlling venereal disease."

The National Women's Advisory Committee on Social Protection was formed in June 1943, when a group of representatives from the leading women's organizations in the country met with Charles P. Taft, then Director of the Office of Community War Services, Federal Security Agency, to discuss this country's venereal disease problems and the steps that were being taken to meet them. The committee was appointed by Mr. Taft, and has since acted in an advisory capacity to the director of the social protection division.

Big Attendance At Rec. Centers

Reports turned in to Miss Dorothea Lensch, director of the recreational division, Bureau of Parks, show that 9,821 persons, children and adults, used the indoor play centers in November, while the recreational equipment was used by over 235,700 persons, and there were over 22,000 spectators at various events—tournaments, games, boxing, smokers, dances, etc. sponsored by the park bureau.

Liberty Ship to Be Named For Colored Seaman

The names of several Negro merchant, seamen who lost their lives as a result of direct enemy action are included in the latest list of names assigned for the last 100 Liberty ships under the present construction program, the United States Maritime Commission announced this week.

Names of the 100 heroes selected from 722 known dead on the official casualty list to the American Merchant Marine represent men of all grades and nearly every State and Territory. Selection of these names was made not only to honor this group of men, but also the more than 5,000 merchant seamen listed as missing or prisoners of war, commission officials said.

The first group of 22 names assigned to hulls on the ways in five southern shipyards included the name of James Kyron Walker, who was second cook on the SS Gulfamerica, torpedoed on Apr. 10, 1942.

Walker was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, January 25, 1910, and enlisted in the Merchant Marine services from Baltimore, Md. Records of the Maritime Commission do not list his family. Instead of next in kin, Walker listed a friend, Mrs. Fanny Morse, of 2554 McCulloch Street, Baltimore, as the person to be notified in case of emergency.

Assignment of names for the remaining 78 Liberty ships will be announced at an early date.

The SS. James Kyron Walker will bring to fifteen the total of Liberty ships named for Negro Americans.

Lewis and Clark College Student Broadcasts

On Sunday, December 3, Richard Moffatt, the only colored student on the campus of Lewis and Clark College, sang the solo part of the Negro spiritual "Poor Little Jesus" on the Council Choir hour. Richard is a Freshman student from Mississippi, now residing with his parents and a sister, who attends high school, in Vanport. He is a voice student of Mrs. Maud Bohlman of the faculty of Lewis and Clark College. The depth of feeling with which the selection was rendered was commented upon by many of the radio audience. Richard may go a long way up the road to fame and fortune if he continues making such rapid progress as he has made while on the campus. He will appear again on the College music programs so you will want to watch the Christmas concert notices in your daily papers.

Richard is quite versatile since he is also an accomplished pianist. It is a common sight to see students gathered about him in the Student Union room while he plays any number requested.

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Daughter Elks To Hold Election In January

That Dahlia Temple No. 202, I. B. P. O. E. W. will hold election of officers at its first regular meeting of the new year, was announced this week by the Daughter Ruler, Mrs. Letha Peck. All members of this temple are requested to be present and members of other temples who are visitors here or living here are invited to be present.

The meeting will be held at the Elks Hall, 2504 N. Williams Ave.

on Tuesday evening, January 2nd, at 8 o'clock.

When baking bread, why not bake banana nut-bread. Now there is a real treat to put in the family lunch boxes. We should be seeing a few more bananas on the markets soon, too, for the removal of certain shipping restrictions is expected to increase civilian supplies. However, bananas will be coming into the country via New Orleans as west coast ports become more and more clogged with military personnel, so prices here may be higher to reflect cross-country shipping costs.

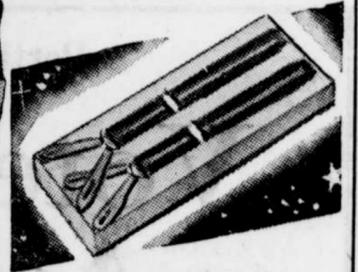
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