

BUDDY JOHNSON'S ORCHESTRA WHAMMING 'EM



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One of the greatest bands right now is Buddy Johnson's who with vocalists Ella Johnson and Arthur Prysock are scoring on a tour triumphant. A popular Decca recording artist Johnson's musical aggregation is a favorite with the bobby-sox crowd. Small wonder when reports come from north, south, and west that Johnson is whamming 'em. P. S. That's the coined phrase for "solid smash hit." Incidentally this orchestra is setting new attendance records on a tour through the South playing key southern cities after having already been acclaimed "tops" on the west coast.

HOWARD VICTORY SHIP SOON TO SEE ACTIVE SERVICE

Named for Howard University of Washington, D. C., the SS Howard Victory, a 456-foot-long, sleek and speedy cargo vessel, which later will be converted to a troopship, will soon be ready to take her place on the sea lanes to our armed forces overseas. The Howard Victory successfully passed a series of rigid tests on her trial run, June 5, the United States Maritime Commission announced this week.

The new ship will be commanded by Capt. H. L. Nillson, a native of Sweden and a veteran of 37 years of seafaring life. Capt. Nillson said he was impressed by the vessel's trial run, but that the type was not entirely new to him because he has sailed on other C-1 ships. He said he was happy to have been chosen the master of the SS Howard Victory.

His chief engineer is Daniel Duffy, who also has a long and commendable record at sea.

Included among the multitude of tests the Howard Victory was called upon to pass were a six-hour endurance run; a "crash" stop, which put the ship's turbine engines in reverse immediately after a full-speed-ahead; anchor test, rudder steering tests and a full-speed-astern performance.

The Howard Victory was delivered by Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc., Baltimore, Md., to the Maritime Commission and it will be boarded and operated by W. J. Roundtree and Co.

The keel for the Howard Victory, one of four such ships named for Negro colleges, was laid March 29, 1945; she was launched May 14 and turned over to the Maritime Commission June 8, with a total of 61 working days from keel laying to loading.

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Negro Nurses Re-Classified

Nurses in Veterans Administration service, including 109 Negro nurses in four Veterans hospitals, have been ordered reclassified from a subprofessional status to professional status effective July 1, 1945, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, announced this week.

The reclassification order, which will bring about pay increases, making the salary range from \$2,000 to \$4,600, plus overtime, is designed to place nurses in the Veterans Administration service on a parity with Army, Navy and Public Health nurses, and, it is believed, will help recruitment of nurses to meet the demand for 2,000 needed immediately in the Veterans Administration facilities.

The 109 Negro nurses now on duty in Veterans Administration institutions include 74 at Tuskegee, Ala.; 15 at Oteen, N. C.; 15 at Kecoughtan, Va., and five at Fort Bayard, N. W. Vacancies

for negro nurses at these facilities include 25 at Tuskegee, 15 at Oteen, and one each at Kecoughtan and Fort Bayard.

In addition to reclassification, a new policy of automatic rotation from isolated stations after two years of service and an advanced educational program also have been announced. The education program will include post-graduate courses at Government expense, together with leaves of absence without pay for those nurses desirous of obtaining college degrees. Under this policy, seniority will be retained by nurses during the time they are in schools.

The use of senior cadet nurses by Veterans Administration facilities will be continued, and the establishment of in-service programs of training in amputation and chest surgery centers and cancer clinics, together with 27 hospitals designated for special treatment of spinal cord injuries, will result in a broad opportunity for nurses to improve their knowledge.

Under the reclassification policy, nurses will be employed with a rating of P-1, with a starting salary of \$2,000. Operating room supervisors will be P-2, salary of \$2,600; in this same class will be

head nurses, assistant to chief nurse and assistant chief nurse. Salaries of chief nurses, classified P-3 and P-4, will range from \$3,200 to \$4,600, depending on the type and size of the hospital. Nursing arts supervisors and assistants as P-3 and P-2, respectively.

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