



TEEN-AGE youngsters in New York City's Harlem have fun in their very own Recreation Center. Located in the heart of New York City's Harlem at 121 Lenox Avenue, the Pepsi-Cola Junior Club of Harlem has been presented as a gift to Negro youngsters in that community by Pepsi-Cola Company, through its President, Walter S. Mack, Jr. The Club is run on a

system of self-government by the teen-age youngsters themselves; an adult Director and Neighborhood Committee of adults give guidance. The Center, which operates late afternoons and evenings, was presented by the Company so that Harlem's youngsters could have a place of their own, with games, dancing, refreshments, and activities they would enjoy in wholesome surroundings.

Three Negro Flyers Killed in Plane Crash

FORT KNOX, Ky.—The first stunning tragedy since Col. Benjamin O. Davis took over command of the 477th Bombardment Group at Godman Field occurred Sunday when three of his flyers—one of them from New York—were killed, and two others injured when the B-25 Mitchell Bomber they were flying crashed into the Ohio River near Madison, Ind.

The news that Lt. Samuel A. Black of Plainfield, N. J., pilot, Second Lt. Stephen Hotesse of New York City, co-pilot, and Flight Officer Glen W. Bullin of Los Angeles, navigator, met their deaths in a test flight Sunday, threw a pall over the field when Col. Davis made the announcement. The commanding officer, himself a crack flyer who had often flown with his men, was visibly moved when he announced the tragedy.

The 477th Bombardment Group is rapidly becoming one of the prize outfits of the Army Air Force under the expert guidance of Col. Davis, who recently replaced Col. Robert B. Selway, jr., white, against whom Negroes had lodged protests for unwarranted discriminatory treatment of Negro servicemen.

Although the outfit is not all-Negro—some of its higher ranking officers being white—it is expected that white officers will gradually be replaced by Negroes in keeping with the Army jimcrow policy of not allowing white officers to serve under Negroes.

The appointment of Col. Davis, however, was looked upon among

SQUADRON C's "TIN HATS"

By Cpl. Cecil Mallette

Well Men:

It is a pleasure of the Squadron Special Service through the cooperation of Base Special Service to announce some of the planned summer programs: 4th of July started the program off with a bang when all the horse-shoe players joined in the horse-shoe tournament and really made a big success of the contest. Cpl. James Phillips led the squadron in high points, S/Sgt. Stokes followed by a very close margin; Pfc. Charles Ferguson and S/Sgt. Stewart made a good showing. The men feel that Cpl. Phillips and S/Sgt. Stokes should play the finals off. Friday will be the set date. Come on out and cheer.

—1230—

F/Sgt. Audley and S/Sgt. Stokes have really made a record in baseball this season playing with the Base team. The men are proud of you, keep up the good work.

Squadron C Glee Club was organized last Tuesday. Rehearsal has been started.

Educational trips have been planned for Sundays to visit many places of interest in Oregon. All EM are asked to take advantage of these trips—A fishing trip for the men who care to go fishing is outstanding. For further information contact Pvt. Brooks in the upper bay of the Day room.

Men of Squadron C are happy to acknowledge the presence of Sgt. Romeo Jones, newly assigned to the organizations. Sgt. Jones was transferred here from Walla Walla.

Cpl. Perkins and Cpl. Mallette were the two happiest Corporals in Squadron C Monday morning when both of their wives arrived in Portland. Mallette was so full of enthusiasm, he asked the writer to pinch hit for him this week: "Because I have a one track mind," stated Mallette. "And since my wife is coming . . ."

Saturday Inspection was made by Col Young, Base Commander. The result was most favorable. "At last my love has come a-

long," were the words of S/Sgt. Stewart last Sunday morning when he thought no one heard him talking to himself in his room. You have been tough a long time Stewart, but—but Vantport has tamed you down.

Colleges Plan Vets' Centers

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE — If plans discussed here last week by the executive committee of the Conference of Negro Land Grant College Presidents materialize, counselling centers for returning Negro G. I.'s will be established in each southern state. Such centers have already been set up in Virginia and Alabama.

These centers for advice and counsel to Negro veterans will also be closely coordinated with programs of Veterans Education, upon which much emphasis will be placed by the colleges.

Other matters on the committee's agenda included plans for developing a Washington office for the conference and exploring the possibilities of aviation as a part of the postwar education program for the member colleges.

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progressive circles throughout the country, as a healthy sign, since he was given more authority than any other Negro appointee in the Army Air Force.

His appointment came upon the heels of the conflict between Col. Selway and Negro flyers at Freeman Field in Seymour, Ind., in April, when 101 officers of the 477th Group were arrested and later released, for refusing to sign a paper, issued by Selway, stating that they would not attempt to use an officers' club, which, they contended, had been set aside for white officer personnel, in violation of War Department regulation. The last of the three officers were cleared last week by an all-Negro tribunal.

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