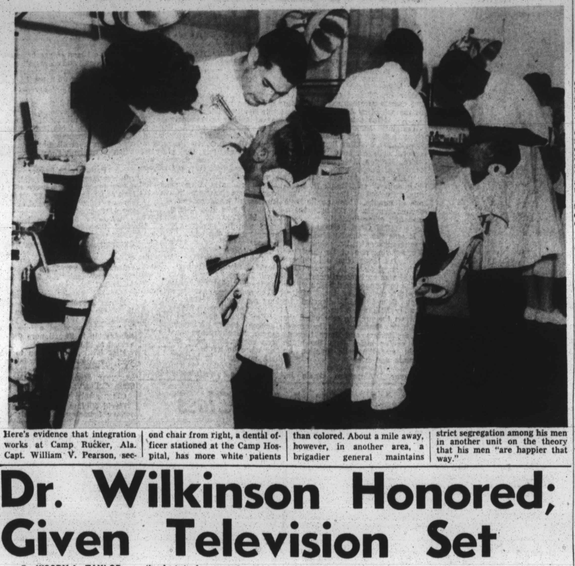
Integration Works at Alabama's Camp Rucker



Here's evidence that integration works at Camp Rucker, Ala. Capt. William V. Pearson, second chair from right, a dental officer stationed at the Camp Hospital, has more white patients than colored. About a mile away, however, in another area, a brigadier general maintains strict segregation among his men in another unit on the theory that his men "are happier that way."

Dr. Wilkinson Honored, Given Television Set

By WOODY L. TAYLOR

WASHINGTON

Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools in charge of Divisions 10-13, was honored Monday night with a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations and the Columbia Educational Association, in recognition of his retiring from the public school system after 49 years of service.

A total of 274 teachers was in attendance. There are 1580 teachers in Divisions 10-13.

The esteem in which Dr. Wilkinson is held could possibly be summed up in the tribute paid by Mrs. Edna Peyton, chairman of the Board of Junior High School principals on what makes a good teacher. Explaining that the assistant superintendent is considered one stated he has:

"The education of a college president

Executive ability of a financier

The humility of a deacon

Adaptability of a chameleon

Hope of an optimist

Courage of a hero

Wisdom of a serpent

Gentleness of a dove

Patience of Job

The Grace of God

And preistence of the Devil."

Gets Television

The teachers presented Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson with an RCA Victor console television set. The Recreation Department presented two Ronson lighters and two long playing classical records. Both are particularly fond of classical music.

In responding to the presentations made by Mrs. Ethel H. Grubbs head of the Department of Mathematics, and John Young, assistant to the Recreation Department superintendent, Dr. wilkinson announced that "during this summer and before another school year begins I will retire from public service and live thereafter happily in memory, among my souvenirs."

The retiring first assistant superintendent called on his associates, professional and layman, to rededicate themselves to the neverending task of public education.

He asked them to see to it that the children committed to their care achieve, in addition to the fundamental knowledge and skills a full measure of appreciation and understanding for our heritage.

He wants this done so that the children can possess those qualities which are necessary for effective citizenship in our democratic society.

"We must see to it that America is always supported from within by intelligent and loyal citizens who are dedicated to our American way of life and its ideals, in its methods and in its spirit," he added.

22 Made Speeches

Some 22 speakers appeared and paid tribute to Dr. Wilkinson in behalf of their organizations.

Six members of the Board of Education were present. Dr. Philip Johnson made reservations but was unable to attend. He sent a message of greeting however. Mrs. Elvira Magdeburger and Adelbert Lee expressed their regrets when asked to participate.

Melvin C. Sharpe, president of the Board of Education revealed that he had tried to get Dr. Wilkinson to remain for another year.

He said he had been assured however that certain circumstances prevented the assistant superintendent who has served in that capacity for 27 years, from carrying on any longer.

Sharpe said he could always get from Dr. Wilkinson "a truthful candid evaluation of any situation. I hope the day will come and the rules provide when I can read the best school in the city, Dr. Garnett C. Wilkinson School."

Corning Indebted to Him

Dr. Hobart Corning, superintendent of schools said he acknowledges "publicly, frankly and firmly, that I am deeply indebted to him."

Among the speakers Miss Jane Marie Coleman, member of the Senior class of Kelly Miller Junior High School, won the plaudits, admiration and respect from the guests with her masterful delivery, articulateness, and poise as she brought greetings from her school, the last to be erected under Dr. Wilkinson.

Wilkinson's Career

Dr. Wilkinson is a graduate of the old M Street High School where he subsequently taught for 10 years. He is a graduate of Oberlin College, holds a law degree from Howard University, M. A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has done graduate work at Oberlin College and Chicago University.

He holds a Doctor of Education degree from Morgan College and Doctor of Law from Howard and Wilberforce Universities.

He served as principal of the old M Street High School 10 years; principal of Armstrong 5 years; principal of Dunbar, 4 years; assistant superintendent 2 years; first assistant superintendent 27 years.

Dr. Wilkinson said he regrets to leave before all plans of upgrading and construction of new buildings in the system are fully realized. He said however that he has come to the conclusion that because of constant changing circumstances, completion is never fully realized.

Other Speakers

Other speakers on the program were, Dr. Harold A. Haynes and A. Kiger-Savoy, Associate superintendents; Dr. Gladys T. Peterson, Dr. Wilkinson's secretary; James I. Minor, director, special services; Clarence O. Lewis, assistant director, evening and summer schools; Lemuel A. Penn, assistant director, Veterans' High School Center; Irving A. Smith, chief engineer, Cardozo High School, Department of Maintenance;

Lajuan Mathies, Logan Elementary School; Warren Hughes, president, Armstrong Student Council; Jacqueline Polk, president, Miner Teachers College Student Council;

Milo F. Christiansen, superintendent, Recreation Department; Mrs. Marian B. Scott, past president, P-TA Federation; Benjamin Washington, representing retired public school personnel; Edward J. Edwards, vice president, Department of Elementary School principals; Mrs. Harriet DeMond, chief attendance officer, Department of Attendance; Mrs. Burnes Jones, president, Association of School secretaries, Miss Thelma Raymond president of the Columbian Educational Association.

Mrs. Hannah Harris is current president of the P-TA Federation.

Others on the program included the Rev. James D. Pair, pastor, First Baptist Church, North Brentwood, Md.; Mrs. Alma Blackmon, solo, accompanied by Nelson Logan; Miss Evelyn Lawlah, Dunbar High School student.

Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent of Washington schools, shakes hands with Miss Jane Marie Coleman, member of the senior class of Kelly Miller Junior High School following her farewell to him at testimonial dinner held Monday night in the Department of Commerce cafeteria. The affair, sponsored by the Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations and the Columbian Educational Association, was in recognition of Dr. Wilkinson's 49 years of service in the local school system. He is slated to retire on July 31. (Kay Dee Photo)

Retiring School Head Honored

Afro Raps $16 Ton Hike in Newsprint

D. A. Murphy, advertising director of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and a director of the National Negro Press Association, was in Washington June 12 with 24 U.S. daily newspaper publishers for a meeting with Michael DiSalle, Office of Price Stabilization.

Newspaper publishers are protesting the increase of $16 a ton imposed by Canadian manufacturers of newsprint within the past 6 months on the ground that it is excessive, and that it will compel newspapers immediately to increase the rates to advertisers and the per copy cost to readers.

$25,000 for Weeklies

Cost of newsprint to dailies will go up as much as a half million dollars. For weekly newspapers the annual increase will amount to $25,000.

First announcement of the impending increase was made by the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. Ltd., from which the AFRO purchases its newsprint.

Other announcements followed in quick order by International, Consolidated and Montmorency paper companies.

The increase caught most of the publishing industry by surprise. An agreement had been worked out to the effect the U.S. Government would be given ample notice before any price hike was made.

Short Notice Given

Actually less than 24 hours notice was given on the increase, which was immediately approved by Canadian Government pricing authorities.

The following scale shows how newsprint has almost tripled in price since 1935.

1935	$ 40.00 per ton
1936	$ 41.00 per ton
1937	$ 42.50 per ton
1938	$ 50.00 per ton
1942	$ 51.00 per ton
1946	$ 55.00 per ton
Sept. 1, 1943	$ 59.00 per ton
April 1, 1945	$ 62.00 per ton
Dec. 11, 1945	$ 68.00 per ton
July 11, 1946	$ 74.80 per ton
Aug. 8, 1946	$ 75.00 per ton
Oct. 11, 1946	$ 85.00 per ton
1947	$ 90.00 per ton
1948	$100.00 per ton
Nov., 1950	$106.00 per ton
July 1, 1951	$116.00 per ton

The increase of $6 Nov. 1, 1950 and then $10 on July 1, 1951 makes a total increase of $16 within a 12-month period and puts newsprint at its highest figure per ton.

H. U. Prexy Sends Regrets to Grads

WASHINGTON

"Warm regret" over the circumstances which beset Howard University's recent commencement is expressed in a letter being sent to each 1951 graduate by President Mordecai W. Johnson.

"Rainy weather caused the exercises last Friday to be transferred from the campus to the auditorium of Cardozo high school, where about 3,000 spectators—many of them standing—could be accommodated. Thousands of other friends and relatives of the graduates were forced to miss the exercises.

In his letter President Johnson thanks the graduates for their cooperation and their "patience and orderly conduct." He adds:

"One very strong regret remains with me. I am certain that some of the parents were not able to get into the auditorium at all; and some others who did succeed in getting into the auditorium were obliged to occupy seats that were not advantageous.

"It pains me that this should happen to any parent at all on any important graduation occasion at Howard University. It pains me especially that this should happen to some parents who came from long distances to be able to see their loved ones at the time of graduation.

"This is the second time in 25 years that the rain has caused us to make such a sudden adjustment and to place the beloved parents of our students at such a disadvantage. We hope that our new auditorium will be finished before we ever have to face such a situation again.

"Meanwhile, please give my greetings and best wishes to your own parents, and, if you find that they were among the number who were placed at a disadvantage, please convey to them personally my very warm regret."

Editor Sees "Greatest Blot" on U.S. Fading

"The Trend Is Plain, the End Is Within Sight," Graduates Told

By LOIS TAYLOR

WASHINGTON.

Calling certain unspecified items in Truman's civil rights program "outdated," and questioning the wisdom of another, Ernest K. Lindley, noted journalist, nevertheless predicted a happier day for race relations last Friday.

Speaking at the 83rd commencement exercises of Howard University he told the graduates that many of the restrictions on their activities as citizens "are on their way out."

"They will be eliminated," he continued, "not as quickly as many of us would like to see it done, but surely eliminated. The trend is plain and the end is within sight."

Mr. Lindley also declared that "most well-educated and informed Americans, regardless of race, know that in a Communist police state they would be liquidated or sent to prison camps."

1,800 Seats for 10,000 Persons

Because of inclement weather, the first on a Howard commencement day in over 25 years, the exercises Friday were held in the auditorium of Cardozo high school instead of outdoors on the university campus as was originally planned.

Since the auditorium seats about 1,800 persons, and about 10,000 were expected to attend, thousands of relatives and friends of the 852 graduates could not witness the commencement.

Some left Cardozo after a fruitless wait of over two hours—from four o'clock until the academic procession started to enter the auditorium at 6:12 p.m.

Others heard what they could over public address systems set up in the gymnasium and cafeteria of Cardozo.

Graduated in Groups

The graduates did not receive diplomas individually, as is customary at Howard. Instead, each group leader was presented on the dais to President Mordecai W. Johnson by the dean of the various schools and colleges.

No announcement was made of students who received certificates, of cadets who were commissioned in the ROTC and Air Force reserve, or of interns assigned to Freedmen's Hospital, although all of these were listed in the program.

These changes were made to shorten the exercises which, even so, lasted until 8:15 p.m.

3 Get Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees were conferred by President Johnson as follows:

Dantes Bellegard, Haitian statesman, Doctor of Laws; Mary E. Lee, Julian, distinguished Chicago scientist, Doctor of Science; and the Rev. Dwight H. Jernagin, prominent Washington clergyman, Doctor of Divinity.

The university choir, under the director of Dean Warner Lawson of the music school, sang two selections including excerpts from "Poem of Energy" by Mark Fax of the music faculty.

Among the Howard trustees who attended were Judge Myles A. Paige of New York City, Mrs. Juanita E. Thornton of Washington and Dr. James W. Parker, of Red Bank, N.J.

Race Problem "Worst Blot"

The invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. Charles H. Kopf, pastor of First Congregational church in Washington.

Mr. Lindley, who is chief of the Washington bureau of Newsweek, declared that he thinks that racial relationships within our country are "the worst blot on our escutcheon.

He added, however, that he believed conditions are improving at a stepped-up rate and that "within the visible future" the race problem will have "evolved at least to the point where relationships among the races are solidly based on full equality of rights and opportunity and mutual respect."

Interprets Civil War

More and more, Mr. Lindley said, these relationships are becoming and will continue to become the ordinary personal human relationships of man to man. Describing a conversation he had with an Asiatic, Mr. Lindley also asserted:

"Something he said gave me the impression he thought our Civil War was a successful slave rebellion inspired or led by Abraham Lincoln. I said that wasn't quite what happened.

"Some colored fought in that war, I told him—free colored men on the Northern side—but most of the fighting was done by white men.

"I said that that bloody war was the result of many factors—economic, political, psychological—but that they were all related in one way or another to the institution of slavery, and that one of the factors was conscience, or religious or ethical belief, the conviction that slavery was an intolerable evil.

What Happened to Conscience?

"He asked me what had happened to that conscience: why so long after the Civil War colored people were still discriminated against in America. I told him, I could give many reason why colored people were still discriminated against in the United States but that they would not add to a justification.

"My friend asked me why . . . our Congress had not passed President Truman's civil rights legislation. I explained to him as best I could. But I said also that one or two of those bills seemed to be outdated, that they deal with situations that already have been corrected or so nearly corrected that they had ceased to be major problems.

"And I said that I doubted whether the bill would have passed—the one which many people regarded as the most important—was a wise piece of legislation.

Values Other Methods

"I said its objective was good and that the agitation for it was useful in focussing public attention on conditions that needed to be remedied, but that perhaps the continual agitation would accomplish as much as or more than the legislation would if it were enacted.

"I told him that I attached more value to other methods. I mentioned the successful appeals to the courts under the Constitutional provisions guaranteeing equal rights and privileges to all— a development in which the students and faculty of Howard University law school played an important part. I cited many voluntary actions.

"As a matter of fact, I told him, many discriminatory customs are being abandoned. There is not a little active feeling behind them that any effort to force them will cause them to crumble. I cited the ban on colored people in major league baseball. It was one of the first to be breached, there was no social disturbance of any kind and hardly a protest.

Changes in Armed Services

"I cited the changes in the customs and rules within the Air Force which, I said, had led the way."

"My friend asked why colored Americans would fight for a country a society which still discriminated against them. I said I could not speak for them at that point, but that I was sure that the very prominent colored American whom he quoted to me did not speak for many of them.

"I said that perhaps one reason was that, like other Americans, they believed that they could live a better life, on the whole, in the United States than in a Communist police state where they could live liveled that our kind of government and our society offered the only real hope for the future.

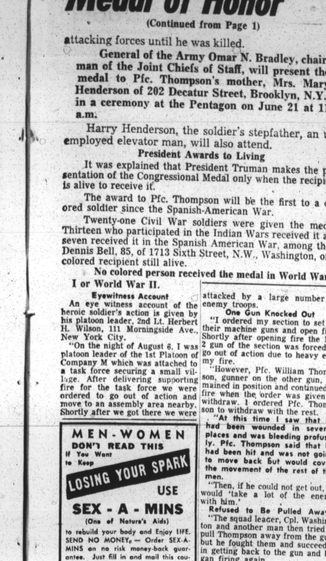
Cites Prejudice Elsewhere

"I said that most well-educated and informed Americans, regardless of race, know that in a Communist police state they would be liquidated or sent to prison camps."

Mr. Lindley also cited prejudice and discrimination against other groups in the world, including Russia, and scored Stalin for breaking pledges made by the USSR at Yalta. He said he did not see peace until the Soviet regime undergoes a radical change and until atomic energy is put under the international control, with safeguards against its use for purposes of war.

Addressing himself directly to the graduating classes he urged them not to be gullible, saying "an educated person is one who not readily susceptible to demagoguery." He also called for "a healthy skepticism on the part of college-trained persons in the duties of citizenship.

Korean Hero Home in D.C.



Capt. Charles Bussey, famed commanding officer of heroic combat engineers attached to the 24th Infantry in Korea, who is home on rotation plan. He makes his home at 3720 Hayes St., N.E., with his wife and two children. This photo of Capt. Bussey was made on the Korean fighting front last December.

Horse Show Set for June 23,24

WASHINGTON

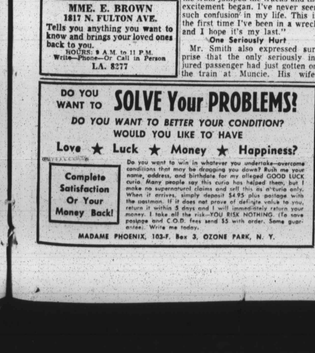
The Land and Sea Sportsmen Club's horse show which opens at Deer Park, Vista, Md., at 12 noon June 23 has attracted a large entry list, including all the top performers in the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia area.

A well-balanced program has been arranged for the two days, Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday there will be the junior classes and flat race and on Sunday the open classes will be held. M.A. Gray, president, said the "the great performance of entries indicates competition of the keenest variety.

Added features for show fans will be pony rides for youngsters and valuable prizes to lucky ticket holders.

New Vista Park, rated as one of the finest in this area, is located about seven miles beyond the District Line. Persons driving to the park can keep out Bladensburg Road to Peace Crossing, turn right and follow Route 50. Special busses will leave from the Republic Theater on both days at 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

Nurses Honor Inez Just



WASHINGTON

Miss Inez Just, supervisor of the Just School of Nursing, receives from Walter Sanderson a money tree bearing $100 given to her by students at the school at recent program in her honor.

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NEWS FROM HOME

MOTHER REALIZES AMBITION

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A mother, who saw her three children through college, with two obtaining master's degrees, realized a life ambition recently when she received a B.S. Degree from South Carolina State College.

She is Mrs. Corrie F. McDuffie, 412 Waverly Pl., Marion, S.C. She has taught school for over 25 years.

CHATTANOOGAN AT COLUMBIA U.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The following local residents left recently for New York City, where they will enroll in Columbia University for graduate study:

Mrs. Charlies M. Hutchings, Miss E. C. Jefferson, Miss Wilma McCleave, social workers, and Fred Pulliom.

COLLEGE SEEKS FUNDS

NORFOLK, Va. — Col. J. W. Roberts of the Virginia House of Delegates, at a recent meeting of the "Tidewater Chapter of the Frontiers, stated that the House is contemplating appropriating $500,000 to the Norfolk Branch of Virginia State College.

ATTEND DANVILLE PARLEY

DANVILLE, Va. — Y-Teen directors and advisors attended a sectional conference held here recently in Langston High School here.

Miss Gladys Henderson, Lynchburg; Mrs. M. L. Crowder and Mrs. A. Biedleman, Roanoke; Miss C. Wade and Miss C. Price, Bluefield, Va.; Miss G. A. Spencer and Mrs. V. B. Murphy, Danville; Miss Mary Gay, Roanoke, and Mrs. L. Heck, Lynchburg.

AT NIECE'S NUPTIALS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mrs. Carrie Jefferson of Forest St. left last week for New York City nell.

James Harris of 2200 Baldwin St., Chattanooga, Tenn., has been a newspaper agent since 1947. He says that he started by selling 10 newspapers and has increased to gets the newspapers from there. that number to approximately sub - ution for the AFRO in Chattanooga and Mr. Harris

Elected to Buffalo U. Board of Trustees

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Leeland N. Jones Jr., senior student in the University of Buffalo Law School, has been elected to the school's Advisory Council, which functions as the Board of Trustees of the 105-year-old institution, according to Chancellor Raymond McCoy.

Medal of Honor

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attacking forces until he was killed.

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will present the medal to Pfc. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Mary Henderson of 202 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., in a ceremony at the Pentagon on June 21 at 11 a.m.

Harry Henderson, the soldier's stepfather, an unemployed elevator man, will also attend.

President Awards to Living

It was explained that President Truman makes the presentation of the Congressional Medal only when the recipient is alive to receive it.

The award to Pfc. Thompson will be the first to a colored soldier since the Spanish-American War.

Twenty-one Civil War soldiers were given the medal. Thirteen who participated in the Indian Wars received it and seven received it in the Spanish American War, among them Dennis Bell, 85, of 1713 Sixth Street, N.W., Washington, only colored recipient still alive.

No colored person received the medal in World War I or World War II.

Eyewitness Account

An eye witness account of the heroic soldier's action is given by his platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Herbert H. Wilson, 111 Morningside Ave., New York City.

"On the night of August 6, I was platoon leader of the 1st Platoon of Company M which was attached to a task force escorting a small village. After delivering supporting fire for the task force we were ordered to go out of action and move to an assembly area nearby. Shortly after we got there we were attacked by a large number of enemy troops.

One Gun Knocked Out

"I ordered my section to set up their machine guns and open fire. Shortly after opening fire the No. 2 gun of the section was forced to go out of action due to heavy enemy fire.

"However, Pfc. William Thompson, gunner on the other gun, remained in position and continued to fire when the order was given to withdraw. I ordered Pfc. Thompson to withdraw with the rest.

"At this time I saw that he had been wounded in several places and was bleeding profusely. Pfc. Thompson said that he had been hit and was not going to move back but would cover the movement of the rest of the men.

"Then, if he could not get out, he would 'take a lot of the enemy with him.'

Refused to Be Pulled Away

"The squad leader, Cpl. Washington and another man then tried to pull Thompson away from the gun, but he fought them and succeeded in getting back to the gun and began firing again.

"When I left the area, Thompson was still firing and the enemy, who by then were very close, were throwing grenades at him.

General Matthew B. Ridgway, Commander in Chief of the Far Eastern Command, gave this recognition to the gallantry of Pfc. Thompson:

"This splendid soldier fought with distinct gallantry and fortitude for the ideals of freedom and protection of his fellow soldiers. His personal bravery and self-sacrifice were far above and beyond the call of duty and brought honor to himself, the military service and to his company."

Served in Alaska

Pfc. Thompson was born on August 16, 1927 at New York City and was educated in the public schools there.

Product of a broken home at 15, he was left behind the wedding of her niece.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown and Arthur Wright of Chicago were here for the Memorial Day holiday.

Ace AFRO Carrier

Mrs. Mary Henderson, New York City, reads telegram announcing her son, Pvt. William Thompson, killed in Korea, had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the first such award in 62 years.

Rev. M. Eva, superintendent of a home for Homeless Boys found him asleep on a sidewalk and took him in for two years.

Rev. Mr. Eva, a Presbyterian clergyman told the AFRO he was quick to learn, cheerful, with a delightful personality and a singing voice that earned him a place as soloist in the Chapel Choir.

Singing Willie gave the Boys Home as his address when he entered the Army.

In his first period of army service, from October 1945 to February 1947 he served at Adak, Alaska. He was a newcomer to Korea when he landed there in the early days of Korean fighting last July.

When he re-entered the army in January 1948 he was sent to Korea the following June and served there with the 6th Infantry Division until January 1949 when he was ordered to Japan to join the 24th Infantry Division.

What Citation Says

The Medal of Honor citation for Pfc. Thompson reads as follows:

"Pfc. Thompson, Company M, 24th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Haman, Korea on 6 August 1950.

"While his platoon was reorganizing under cover of darkness, fanatical forces in overwhelming strength launched a surprise attack on the unit. Pfc. Thompson set up his machine gun in the path of the onslaught and swept the enemy with withering fire, beating them down momentarily, thus permitting the remainder of his platoon to withdraw to a more tenable position.

"Although hit repeatedly by grenade fragments and small arms fire he resisted all efforts of his comrades to induce him to withdraw, steadfastly remained at his machine gun and continued to deliver deadly, accurate fire until mortally wounded by an enemy grenade.

Pfc. Thompson's dauntless courage gallant sacrifice reflects the highest credit on himself and upholds esteemed traditions of the military service."

Was Liked by All

Col. Arthur S. Champeny, commander of Pfc. Thompson's regiment, in a letter to the soldier's mother, said:

"Your son was liked by all of his associates. He was a swell soldier, performing all tasks assigned to him in a cheerful and efficient manner, thereby winning the commendation of his immediate superior and the respect of his comrades.

"News of his death comes as a severe shock to all of us."

Medal of Honor Nation's Highest Military Award

The Medal of Honor, often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, is the highest military award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States.

It is given for gallantry and courage at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. The award is a 5-pointed bronze star: wreathed in green enamel and held by a white-starred ribbon of blue silk.

The star is suspended from a bronze bar bearing the inscription, "Valor," and is surmounted by an eagle. In the center of the star is the head of Minerva, the Roman goddess, which is encircled by the inscription "United States of America." On the blue ribbon are 13 white stars.

Persons awarded the Medal of Honor must have been in actual combat with an enemy and Army regulations insist that there can be no margin of doubt as to whether it is deserved. The deed of the winner must be proved by incontestable evidence of at least two eye witnesses; and it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes his gallantry beyond the call of duty from call from lesser forms of bravery.

Little Dynamite Keeps on Gaining

WASHINGTON

BULLETIN

Elijah (Little Dynamite) Williams showed a marked improvement early Thursday over the previous day in his fight to overcome critical head injuries he suffered last week at Griffith Stadium.

An increased appetite and more noticeable effort to use his arms and legs were the signs to his progressive recovery. Should his recovery continue along the same lines, he will soon be out of danger altogether, Garfield Hospital attaches said.

No operation has been performed on the injured fighter. Doctors are continuing to tap his spine.

Removed from the critical list Tuesday afternoon after a slim 50-50 chance for survival since last Thursday night, Elijah (Little Dynamite) Williams, the boxer, is being given a good chance to recover.

Williams was taken off the critical list, Tuesday around 3:30 p.m. after regaining consciousness and being able to identify persons talking to him.

He came out of the coma some 85 hours after being floored for the second time in a match with Gene Smith, last Thursday night, at Griffith Stadium. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and a basal fracture of the skull.

Out of Oxygen Tent

The 22-year-old fighter was removed from the oxygen tent where he was kept since Thursday night. During this time he was fed through the veins.

He took food through the mouth for the first time on Tuesday, and late Tuesday night was fully conscious. Dr. William T. Spence said he had full control of his arms and legs.

Billy Banks, who was in Dynamite's corner during the near-fatal fight, visited the stricken fighter Tuesday evening. When he walked in Dynamite recognized him, he said.

Visited by Family

Dynamite was visited by his family on Tuesday, and chatted coherently.

However, according to Dr. Spence, he still remains drowsy and sleeps a lot. He may be able to receive visitors other than his family around the first of the week if he continues to improve, it was said.

Banks disclosed in his talk with nurses attending Dynamite and the doctor, it will be a long time before the fighter will be able to do any kind of work. He will never be able to fight again.

Should Dynamite recover fully, he will be the second local fighter since 1946 to recover from a ring injury. Yancey Henry, injured in a fight with Curtis Hutchenian) and Sheppard in a Baltimore match, was found in his room unconscious by Banks. Rushed to Freedmen's Hospital, he was operated on for a head hemorrhage, and recovered.

Benefit Match Proposed

Meanwhile, Banks disclosed he is willing to match his fighter, Jimmy Cooper, against Smith in a show which Dynamite may receive some benefits.

While the interest and sympathy of the public is still keen relative to the near tragedy, Banks suggested that the match be held in the next two weeks or so. He said he would approach Promoter Gabe Menendez this week.

Although Bobby Brown, manager of Gene, could not be reached at press time on Wednesday, there was little doubt he would object to a match between Smith and Cooper as a benefit show with a percentage of the proceeds going to Little Dynamite.

.....BY FRED LEIGH

AFRO Carriers Help Sell Defense Bonds

The U.S. Treasury's first Defense Bond sales promotional campaign in the national emergency will be brought to the doors of local AFRO subscribers by 350 AFRO carriers, George Lee, circulation manager of the Baltimore AFRO announced today.

"Our carriers are among the 500,000 newspaperboys representing over 600 newspapers who will serve as official U.S. Defense Bond sales agents by distributing Bond pledges to subscribers July 5, 1951," Mr. Lee said.

Largest Effort

The campaign, sponsored by the International Circulation Managers Association as a public service, is believed to be the largest volunteer door-to-door effort in recent history. Over 25 million families will receive pledges from their newspaperboys.

"Your carrier has undertaken a greater responsibility than mere distribution," Mr. Lee said. "He will deliver and collect pledges from subscribers and is ready and able to talk about Defense Bonds."

A total of 10 prizes donated by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers will be awarded those carriers turning in the most signed pledges.

Crownsville Children Have Beach Excursion

Thirty-five children, residents of Crownsville's Winterode Building will go bathing every Tuesday throughout the summer at Carr's beach. This has been made possible through the manager, Rufus Mitchell and hospital officials.

It will be first time many of these children have had the opportunity to enjoy such an experience, according to Miss Myra Blanston, co-ordinator of volunteer activities at the hospital.

The boys and girls, ranging in age from five to 20 years, will be accompanied by the psychologist, the school teachers, and attendants. The Crownsville bus will transport them to and from the beach. The hospital will provide a picnic lunch.

Bathing Suits Supplied

The project has the interest and support of the entire staff, according to Dr. Jacob Morgantaler, superintendent. Bathing suits have been supplied by the employees who, in turn, have readily volunteered to guard the children in the water.

The children on their first trip last week, lived up to Dr. Morgantaler's expectations.

Has Encouraged Children

"Our training program, Dr. Morgantaler said, "needs a greater stimulation than such recreation. It may, at any time, upset the hospital routine and atmosphere a day spent as normal children spend a summer day, has encouraged these children to show what they can do. We have always told me that these children were better behaved, more co-operative and left to beach and property more tidy than any other group which uses its facilities."

Wins Scholarship

Sandra Mae Koger was awarded a $1000 a year scholarship to Hunter College. Sandra was also awarded a $2000 scholarship to Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., but declined the latter to accept the Vassar award. She is a June graduate of Northfield School for Girls at East Northfield, Mass., and is the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. A. B. Koger of Baltimore, Md.

Sanitary Officers Listed for Help on Clean Block Problems

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ATTENTION CLEAN BLOCKERS!!! When problems get beyond your control, call your Sanitary Officers, Mu. 1600 and ask your Sanitary Officer. They are listed below.

Central District, Officers Martin and Mrs. Ethel Cornish.

Eastern District, Henry Busby and James McNamara;

Northern District, Francis Duffy and Irvin Marders;

Southern District, Henry Plunkett and Charles Eyler;

Western District, Harry Croghan and Walter Welsh.

Northeastern District, John Reynolds and Thomas Henderson;

Northwestern Annex, John Brown and Russell Joiner;

Southwestern District, Timothy Moran and Maurice Cochran.

Western Northwestern Annex, the number is Liberty 5163. The officers of the Northeastern Annex can be contacted at the Northeastern District.

Singing Willie Entered Army From Home for Homeless Boys

When Pfc. William (Singing Willie) Thompson entered the Army he was living at the Home for Homeless Boys, 462 E. 158th St., Bronx, N.Y., according to the Rev. Harry C. Eva, superintendent and founder.

Young Thompson came to the home when he was about 15½ years old. He was "a real boy" he said, AFRO, and was in and out of it over a period of two years.

He sang in the choir. The youngster sleeping on a bench in Union Park (this is the place to go on Sunday the Communists hold many of their meetings).

Local Waiter Hurt When Train Is Derailed Near Muncie, Ind.

A Baltimore waiter was one of 26 persons injured when eleven cars of the New York Central's westbound Knickerbocker passenger train jumped the tracks near Muncie, Ind., Sunday.

Cecil L. Smith, 43, 1518 E. Federal St., suffered a spinal injury and was reported in critical condition at his home under supervision of the railroad physicians.

Mr. Smith said: "We had just left Muncie, and about 5 miles outbound. Knickerbocker was going at excitement began. I've never seen such confusion in my life. This is the first time I've been in a wreck and I hope it's my last."

One Seriously Hurt

Mr. Smith also expressed surprise that the only seriously injured passenger had just gotten on the train at Muncie. His wife, Mrs. Bernice Smith, read of the accident on the radio and when she called the office, was told her husband was getting the best medical attention and soon would be home.

Mr. Smith has been employed by the railroad for about ten years, commutes to Baltimore twice weekly from New York to be with his family.

He and his wife have one child, Yvonne, 3 years old. He was born in Georgetown, S.C. and moved to this present home in November, 1949.

Mother Relents, Judge Cuts Prison Term of Assault Suspect

A 26-year-old Cherry Hill laborer had his sentence reduced in Southern Police Court after the magistrate was asked advice of the mother of the victim.

George Shaw, 2700 block of Berea Rd., was charged with 2nd degree of assault on a 6-year-old neighbor, carrying a deadly weapon, and disorderly conduct.

The mother of the child involved told Magistrate Avrum Rifman that during a crab feast at her house Shaw was found lying on the bed with the child.

When pulled off the bed, Shaw became abusive, pulled a long knife and began to fight, the mother said. Police had been called to the home, and officer Ashe was unable to subdued the man and arrested him.

When Magistrate Rifman sentenced the man to 6 months in jail on the assault charge and 6 months on the "deadly weapon" charge, he cried and pleaded for mercy.

The magistrate asked Mrs. Knox how she felt about the sentence. The mother replied she felt a year in jail was sufficient. The assault sentence was then reduced to 6 months, making a total of 1 year in jail. Sentence of $25 and costs on the disorderly conduct charge was suspended.

Morgan State Freshman Writes Winning TB Essay in Contest

An 18-year-old Morgan freshman was first-place winner in the 1951 Tuberculosis Essay Contest for college students, which is jointly sponsored annually by the AFRO-AMERICAN and the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Dorothy Armstead, 1216 N. Eden St., will receive a check for $25 which is donated by the AFRO. She plans to bank the money for college expenses in the fall.

Miss Delores E. Williams, of Miss Vinette Jones, both from Maryland State Teachers College, Bowie, will receive second and third prizes of $15 and $10 respectively, presented by the Association.

Home Economics Major

Miss Armstead is a home economics major at Morgan and plans to be a dietician upon graduation. Her mother was a dietician and the young college student wants to follow in her footsteps.

"She was very surprised to find