Texas Is Amazed It Works So Well

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in the Wac detachment stationed here at Fort Hood.

Lt. Edwards put her arms around Marguerite and told me that if a popularity contest were held among the girls in her command, Marguerite would be a sure winner.

Marguerite works in one of the key positions in the base post office commanded by Lt. Owens. Her command, incidentally, consists of colored and white Wacs and colored and white enlisted men drawn from various units located on the post.

— Battalion Executive

In the 56th QM Battalion where I had found the colored officer commanding the all-white headquarters detachment, I also found a colored captain, Captain Robert H. Franks of Woodville, Texas, serving as battalion executive officer and battalion S-4. His complete S-4 section is all white.

Frankly speaking, some of this was beginning to be hard to believe and my eagerness to Army policy had set me to thinking that much of this might be accidental and that soon these colored commanders would be removed from their command and replaced by whites.

But as I visited the QM Battalion the following day Lt. Chandler who commanded the detachment of whites got orders to ship out on a seat for Korea and before one could say "Jackie Robinson," he was relieved of his command and replaced by another colored officer, 1st Lt. James L. Satchell of 30 N. 50th Street, Philadelphia, who is holding down that position as this is being written. I thus realized that it is no accident here.

Col. Forsythe Did It

I then set about to find, who was the artist or artists, who had painted this beautiful black and white picture of integration deep in the heart of Texas.

I found that the paint had been mixed largely by Colonel John D. Forsythe, longtime deputy commander of Fort Hood with the assistance of Lt. Col. Leo Guibault, director of personnel.

They mixed the paint at headquarters where it should be mixed and left it to the commanders on the post to spread it on from there.

Lt. Colonel John H. Sharp, commanding officer of the 56th QM Battalion picked up the brush and gave his unit a liberal swab of black and white with white commanding black and vice versa. When Colonel Richard A. Jones took over from Colonel Forsythe as deputy post commander he followed the same mixture of paint and the idea went ahead.

Results Amazed Colonels

The results amazed even the three colonels who dared to try it. Thus far, and they proudly reported this, there has not been a single incident of racial friction at the base which is one of the largest in the world. It is located in Bell County, 150 miles southwest of Dallas and 160 miles north of San Antonio.

There had been no colored MP's at the post but the need was felt for some. But it was a delicate situation.

Some wanted a separate detachment of colored MP's.

But Colonel Guibault seized the bull by the horns and threw a bunch of colored soldiers into the white MP unit on an integrated basis. The results were so favorable that this unit of MP's will be the only mixed unit which will leave the states this month with the crack "Hell On Wheels" 2nd Armored Division and the division itself asked that they remain where they are.

Difference Between Post And Division Commands

Up to this point the writer has been talking of Fort Hood proper —that is the post command. The non-military reader must be able to make a distinction between a post command and a division command which is temporarily living on that post for training or some other purpose.

In such a situation one may find a colonel commanding the post and a general commanding a division which is temporarily housed on the post. Although he is technically the boss of the post, anyone knowing Army regulations knows that the colonel in command of the post is not going to try to tell a general living on the post how to run his command.

2nd Chapter Not Good

Thus we come to a second and most unfortunate chapter of the Fort Hood story.

There are two higher commands at Fort Hood, both commanded by generals. At the present time there is no integration of colored and white personnel in either one of them. What is more, with the exception of the interaction mentioned in the MP company above, there is no attempt being made to integrate colored men in these two higher commands.

These commands are the First and Second Armored Divisions—the First Division being commanded by Brigadier General Bruce Clarke and the second by Charles K. Gailey.

Jim Crow in the Divisions

In these two divisions colored and white are separated throughout and both divisions are flecked with all colored or "Jim Crow" units. The first is so Jim Crowed that a group of colored soldiers from the 56th QM Battalion, one of the post units, was refused permission to eat in the mess hall with elements of the First Division, despite the fact that they had been loaned to the division for duty. The division sent them back to their parent unit with the information that they had no place to feed them.

Officers Refused

In the Second Division, five colored officers sent here on orders to be assigned to the division were told that they could not be assigned to the division because the division had no colored troops at that time whom they could command. This information was given me by Lt. Col. L. C. Shea, division personnel officer, who despite the fact that they were infantry officers, sent them to duty in an all-colored artillery unit.

These officers were 1st Lt. Gafford Ardell, Route 1, Box 42, Lillie, Louisiana; 2nd Lt. Leaford Potts, 600 N. Stonewall Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 2nd Lt. Lawrence Wells, PO Box 1017, Hammond, La.; 2nd Lt. Joseph Calhoun, PO Box 502, Wiergate, Texas, and 2nd Lt. Thelma Frazier, Route 2, Box 88, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. All are assigned now to the 73rd Armored Field Artillery of the First Armored Division.

Where Tried It Works

But even Col. Shea admits that where it has been tried, integration is working. It was in the Second Division that Col. Guibault integrated the MP's. And the integration has worked so well that even the Second has asked to take the men along with them to Europe.

There are colored troops in the Second Division and they will be moving out with the division to Europe this month, but they are not integrated here and they apparently will not be integrated there.

Jim Crow Units

Among these Jim Crow units are the 17th Armored Engineer Bridge Company, the 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, and the 29th Medium Tank Battalion. They have colored enlisted men and white officers.

In the First Armored Division, which is a comparatively new unit and which is not going overseas, the Jim Crow units are the 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion and the 25th Infantry Battalion which arrived here last Saturday from Fort Bragg.

What Col. Shea Says

It should be stated here in fairness that Colonel Shea stated that he does not feel he has the authority to integrate the colored units of the Second Division. The units were set up by the Department of the Army as all colored units but one could say that the MP Company of the 2nd Division was set up as an all-white unit since it was not specified that it should be all-colored.

It would seem to follow that if the division can put colored MP's in an all-white company, it could with the same authority put colored men in any other unit.

It becomes increasingly clear, however, that until the Department of the Army clears up this, or spells out in detail whether field commanders can mix up units designated as all-colored, many commanders will use this as a roadblock to integration. A better solution would be to have the Department of the Army stop designating any unit as "all colored."

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Steelworker

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Communist infiltration. The CIO has tried to purge itself of Communist influence.

Of the approximate 20,000 production workers at the Bethlehem Company, about half belong to Local 2610, and the others to Local 2608. Union officials here have declined to discuss the investigation.

Mr. Henderson lives with his wife, Helen, and 18-year-old daughter Helen Josephine, a June graduate of the Soilers Point High School, and winner of a scholarship to Morgan State College. They came to Baltimore from Washington in 1945.

JOSEPH P. HENDERSON

Long Labor Record

Mr. Henderson cited quite a long record of labor activities.

He was at one time international representative for the Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, which has been expelled from the CIO because of alleged Communist tendencies.

He has also served as vice-president of the CIO Political Action Committee; State organizer for the Progressive Party in Maryland when Wallace was a candidate for President;

Business agent of Local 456, a labor union in Washington and as an official of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council.

FACE OF MORGAN'S CAMPUS LIFTED 16 TONS AT A TIME

Students who left Morgan College after graduation two weeks ago would not recognize the place if they came back today.

The stone pillars marking the entrance have disappeared.

So has the row of venerable 100 year-old trees which extended along Hillen Road marking the boundary of the campus ground.

Also gone is the row of quick growing boxwood underneath the tree rows.

Poorely paved Hillen Road, so narrow two cars could pass only with care, has been opened up to the width of a two lane highway with a part between the line.

Another big change which has come to this campus quadrangle which is bounded by Hillen Road, the Morgan Christian Center, Arlington Avenue, and the new Gymnasium and the land slope from the Gymnasium down to Hillen and Arlington Avenue, the slope has disappeared everyday under the bites of bulldozers and dirt grabbers.

Six wheeled-excavating machines move across the slope taking off six inches to a foot at one time, storing it in a rear compartment, then spread it out again at the bottom of the hill.

At one scrape these huge machines pick up soil 6 feet wide, 6 feet high and 12 feet long.

Eight or nine of these dirt grabbers working at one time pare 50 feet from the college campus to widen Hillen Road, eat away the hillside and level Morgan's greensward in front of the Gymnasium in one scrape.

Ships Anchor Found

Bulldozers uncovered a ship's anchor last week on the campus. James Carter, assistant to the college president, told the AFRO it probably came from the first ship that crossed the Pacific in 50 days and very likely belonged to the Hooper Family.

The Hoopers, ship owners, once occupied an estate where Morgan is located.

College officials are pleased with the operations now in progress.

Two More Buildings

They point out that still other changes will be made this summer as a Science Hall and a Greenhouse will be constructed. Two ancient buildings on the center campus, torn down and the campus itself landscaped.

The new Gymnasium and new Girls' and Boys' Dormitories are expected to be ready for occupancy in September.

Child Courses

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rant for arrest of the husband, Edgar Allen, 1800 block N. Broadway.

Arrested on Job

When arrested at a local chemical company, where he is employed, number slips were found in the man's locker according to Sgt. Jordan Beere, Southern District.

Magistrate Rifman ordered both the man and his wife held in $2500 bail for action of the Grand Jury. The woman was later released on bail.

In another case involving a housewife, Mrs. Lennie Bell, 50, 1300 block Orleans St., was charged with violating lottery laws when Detective Sgt. Robert Cohen, Northeastern district, found more numbers tickets in the woman's bosom, according to police.

Magistrate Samuel Gaboff released the woman in $2500 bail for action of the Grand Jury.

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LENSES DUPLICATED

Undue Police Force Reported in 3 Cases

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statement that no witnesses were present.

Was Not Drunk

Mr. Grimes testified that he had taken a few drinks of whiskey but said he was not drunk, and did not assault the officer. The first knowledge he had of the policeman's presence was the blow on the head, he testified.

Daniel Smokler, 239 W. Lafayette Ave., a white painter working on the exterior of the Elk's Home, was on a scaffold at time of the incident and had a birdseye view of the affair. He testified: "That police officer dragged the man down the steps and hit him three times with his blackjack.

"I went over there and said I didn't think it was right because the fellow was asleep and not doing anything. The officer then turned to me and said, "If you don't like it, I'll rust you in."

Agrees With Witness

The three other witnesses, Joseph McPherson, 642 Pitcher St., Oscar Williams, 1121 Shields Place, and William Powell, 1339 N. Carey St., substantiated Mr. Smokler's testimony.

In rendering his verdict Magistrate Berry said the defendant had admitted being asleep on the steps and so would be fined $5 for disorderly conduct.

In dismissing the charge of assaulting the officer, the magistrate said he felt that the officer used an excessive amount of force in arresting Grimes was more guilty then the man he charged.

Boy on Errand

In another case, James Evans 15, 401 Pearl St. was sent on an errand by his mother, Mrs. Mary Evans, and met an older acquaintance, William Jenkins, who decided to accompany him.

Passing a pawnshop in the 500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. the youths saw some policemen milling around inside. One of the officers cdme out, cursed, and then struck Jenkins, according to Evans.

Young Evans became frightened and started to run away but the officer ordered him to halt, and then struck him several times with his expansion, injuring the boy's head, leg and eye, related the youth.

Treated at Hospital

Both Jenkins and Evans were then carried to Northwestern station house where each Jenkins was charged with a burglary. Later in the day, Evans was treated at Provident Hospital for his injuries.

At no time was the youth docketed on any charge, but did he appear before Magistrate Berry the next morning when Jenkins was held in $1000 bail. An officer William Rose is listed as one of the arresting officers in the Jenkins case.

In the third case, Robert Ervin Sr., 326 E. Federal St., said a central district policeman beat him upon coming to his house looking for his son, Robert Jr., on a traffic charge.

Father Struck in Face

When the parents refused to surrender the son for fear of the officer using physical force, they said the officer beat the father about the face with his nightstick.

Mr. Ervin was then taken to Central police station and charged with assaulting an officer. Magistrate Marshall Levin fined him $100 on the charge. Officer Theodore Bachman is listed in the case.

Meanwhile a warrant has been issued for the sons arrest on a disorderly conduct charge. Robert Watts, NAACP attorney, represented him at the hearing on Sunday, June 24.

The Baltimore chapter of the NAACP promises a complete investigation of all the cases. Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president, said "I think it's disgraceful for a police officer to find it necessary to use force to arrest anyone, especially our older men and children."

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Move to Fire 7,000 Drivers Blamed on GOP

WASHINGTON

"It's just another Republican move to embarrass the Administration," was Rep. William L. Dawson's reaction to a rider in the appropriation bill, which would eliminate 7000 federal agency chauffeurs.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of the chauffeurs on the federal payroll are colored.

Congressman Dawson, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said that it was "a false economy drive on the part of Republicans. I am against this movement."

Val Washington, special assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee, when appraised of the fact that Senator Homer Ferguson's "rider" would cost the jobs of more than 6,000 colored employees, stated he would "study the matter."

Senator Ferguson (Rep., Mich.) introduced an amendment that would eliminate chauffeurs for all federal officials with the exception of the President.

The President's chauffeurs, incidentally, are "white."

Boom Judge Scott for District Bench

WASHINGTON

President Truman was urged, this week, to appoint Judge Armond Scott of the municipal court bench to the vacancy on the District Court level created last Friday by the death of Judge T. Alan Goldsborough.

James J. Laughlin, white attorney, was among the local lawyers, who has requested the President to appoint Judge Scott.

"Judge Scott is a man of highest integrity, is learned in the law and possesses the necessary judicial temperament and over the years has ably discharged his judicial duties," Mr. Laughlin wrote.

Judge Howard Suggested

"If for any reason Judge Scott should decline this appointment, I strongly recommend that appoint Judge Andrew J. Howard, who was appointed last November as a municipal court judge," he added.

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Presbyterians in Dixie Kill JC

Vote for Unification With Northern Church

ORLANDO, Fla. — A two-hour debate that ended in a tie vote resolve its one colored synod allowing both races to sit together in business meetings, and another calling for unification with the Northern church highlighted the 91st General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church here.

The vote on the question, one of the major issues before the assembly, came after a motion to hold it over for another year was shouted down by the Southern Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Most colored Presbyterians in the South had already voted for the proposal, but when it came to the floor of the assembly, in session here last week, the question aroused more debate than has marked any general session in the history of the Southern church.

Virginian Among Leaders

In the forefront of the battle and making an impassioned plea for dissolution of the lone colored synod was Col. Francis P. Miller of Charlottesville, Va., who made a strong bid for governor of Virginia during the 1950 gubernatorial election in that State.

Colonel Miller, titular head of the anti-machine forces in Virginia, called action on the issue a "Christian community thing, not a race issue."

Yet to act on the matter are the synods of Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana. The General Assembly, by a standing majority, voted for reunion with the Associated Reformed Presbyterians and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (Northern Presbyterians).

Named alternate delegates to the Ecumenical Conference are the Revs. Holman W. Evans, Chicago; L. S. White, New York; C. F. Odum, Jackson, Miss.; M. J. Bell, Shreveport, La.; G. W. Washington, Jacksonville, Fla.; Horace H. Davis, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. E. W. F. Harris, Greenville, Tex. and James A. Hamlett Jr., editor, Western Index, Kansas City, Kansas.

S. F. Keene Graduated from Wayne University

WASHINGTON

William F. Keene was graduated from Wayne University at the June commencement in Detroit, with a major in psychology. Mr. Keene was formerly a student at Howard University and served in World War II as sergeant.

He is the son of the late Alphonso A. Keene, who was head of the physics department at Sumner High School in St. Louis, Mo.

UNIVERSITY OF N.C. SCHEME SCUTTLED:

Trustees of N.C. College Block Chapel Hill Plan

DURHAM, N.C. — President Alfonso Elder and the trustees of North Carolina College, during a meeting here last week, turned thumbs down on a proposal to expand the college's graduate school to offer Ph.D. work.

Adoption of the proposal would have stymied the efforts of colored graduate students to enter the 162 year-old University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

President Elder explained the position of 40-year-old North Carolina College in this manner: "The concensus of the (trustee) board is that we are not prepared to extend the work of this institution with the present deficiencis now in existence."

Tenure Plan Adopted

The NCC head elaborated his position in a prepared statement to the trustees, in which he said, in part: "I realize that the deficiencies in the present undergraduate and graduate programs are too great to warrant the upward extension of the graduate program."

In addition to vetoing the Ph.D program, the trustees adopted a tenure plan for faculty members for the first time in NCC history. The plan was not discussed at the trustee meeting, according to R. M. Gantt, Durham lawyer, acting chairman of the board.

Although the trustees vetoed the idea of expanding the graduate school, they appointed a committee of three to work with a similar committee from UNC to discuss graduate work for colored and white students.

The NCC committee was instructed, however, to inform the UNC group of NCC's unreadiness to extend upwards a Ph.D. program.

Sentence N.C. Man in Child's Slaying

RALEIGH, N.C. — Convicted in duel began in Chavis Heights and Wake Superior Court of involuntary manslaughter for the slaying of a nine-year-old schoolgirl during a gun battle with his brother, Joe Giles,36, was sentenced Thursday to serve from two to three years in prison.

The girl Annie Delores Martin was struck by a stray bullet a music half-mile distant from the scene of the gun battle on Feb. 8 between the defendant and his brother, Norman. She died in a classroom of Hunter School listening to records with other children.

According to Norman, he began shooting at his brother earlier in the day after Joe refused to pay him $225 that he owed him. The son of Rev. and Mrs. Barnett E. Murray, 520 10th Street, has successfully completed his 14 weeks infantry training with Company "G", 38th Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division.

D.C. GI ENDS COURSE AT FORT JACKSON

Private James Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett E. Murray, 520 10th Street, has successfully completed his 14 weeks infantry training with Company "G", 38th Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, S.C.

THE RICHMOND BEAT

By BIDDY WOOD

You talk too much! That expression is common among elder folks talking to their "younguns." Once in a while, I consider myself by no means old; I'm quite conscious of belonging to the talkative class. So, I think the "beats" going to do away with a bit of the idle chatter.

But in passing, kindly allow this gem from last week's twister to come your way. It was only told to me:

Around 4 p.m., a gent sat sipping his second brew in his First St. home. The taste of the hops was fresh in his mouth. Suddenly the beer bottle began walking across the table.

"Was a bad of yourself, fellow," he reassured himself, as the bottle continued edging away. "I'm just seeing things." Still the beer walked on.

"I'm getting the hell out of here" Just then, a Coca-Cola crate left its spot in the corner of the room and walked the floor. That was the last straw.

"I'll never take another drink."

Looking up to take the vow, he noticed that along with the bottle and crate, the roof had also "walked."

Friends and neighbors, after a straight-jacket or two, finally convinced him that Richmond had just suffered its first tornado.

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