POW hero

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"Meadows," two of them marked "rural." I dialed the number for J. L. Meadows.

"My husband is a substitute mail carrier and I heard him tell of mail for Jacob Meadows before he came back from Korea, but I don't know him," said the woman who answered the telephone.

"Do you know where he or his family lives?" I asked.

'Oh, No, We're White'

"Oh, no. We all are white and they're colored."

A congenial staff member of the small weekly newspaper, which has a page "of interest to colored readers," knew.

In his modest "morgue" he turned up a picture of Mrs. Jacob Meadows, taken last Sept. 3 accepting congratulations from the mayor during the town's big celebration for its one white and one colored returnee.

On that day Sergeant Meadows, himself, was on a U.S. bound hospital ship while local merchants vied with each other in showering the family with shoes, shirts, a watch, a dress, a radio, a table, a shaving kit and 25 gallons of gas.

Mayor 'Real Nice'

The mayor has been "real nice" to her, Mrs. Meadows said, and had called her Mrs. Meadows." Though not actually present, her husband was hero for the day.

Some 10 months later—eight of them spent in the Army hospital at Valley Forge, Pa., and seven weeks nearer home at the VA Hospital in Durham—the former carpenter who won't be able to do any more manual labor will slip quietly into the simple, three-room, fly-filled home which he built seven years ago—unnoticed, unsung, unemployed, demoted.

When he is finally discharged from the Army, it will be as Private E. 1.

'Living Only For One Thing'

His biggest chunk of trouble in a series of "tough breaks" began, he told me in an interview in the isolation ward at Durham, while he was still a POW, in Camp 5 on the Yalu River.

Living "only for one thing"—to get back home—he swore that he'd never spend another Christmas away from his wife and two kids if Dec. 25 found him anywhere in the States.

At Valley Forge last December the Army doctor said he couldn't get a pass to go home to Virginia.

When Sergeant Meadows said he would remain in the hospital only until 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the doctor promised to try to see what could be arranged.

Faces Court-Martial

But he never came back to report on his efforts and at 4 p.m., "I was gone." By then he traveled to South Boston and by bus, three days later, he returned to Valley Forge where he faced a special court-martial.

The announced $117 fine did not unduly disturb him, nor did the suspended sentence of three months at hard labor.

But when without his having been told, his wife's allotment was cut $20 a month and the routine stream of Army paper to his bedside began to list him as "Private Meadows," his life plans underwent a change.

Having been in the Army before Korea, he had expected to make a career of it. But now, he concluded, he could not support his family adequately on a private's pay.

His wife is still weak from a serious operation while he was still in Korea. Today he is at loose ends as he canvasses the possibilities of earning a living within health limits set by the doctors.

Never Had It Easy

Private Meadows has never had it easy. His father died when he was five, his mother, when he was eight, leaving nine sisters and nine brothers. For four years he lived most of the time with a step-grandmother. Then he was on his own.

Living alone in a two-room shack, he worked for four or five families — housecleaning, canning foods, cooking, selling, caring for children.

At 14 he finished the seventh grade, but was never able to get to high school. At 16 he began sharecropping.

It was during this period of working for local families (several of whom have visited him in the Durham Hospital) that he picked up a talent for making rugs, pocketbooks, tablecloths and napkins.

Makes Rugs For Living

In South Boston his wife proudly showed me four pocketbooks he had recently made for her.

Several hours later when, with a regulation mask and clothes-covering gown, I entered the hospital ward, Private Meadows was surmounting his 293rd day of enforced monotony by working on the latest of his rugs.

He jumped at the opportunity to talk, while other patients, equally bored, looked over enviously.

His first signs of weakness began on the long march to the Yalu after he had been captured on Feb. 14, 1951. Despite wounds in the arm, leg and buttocks and shrapnel in the left foot, knee and forehead, he received no medical treatment.

Until December he felt poorly, was close to death more than once. Prayer, he feels, pulled him through, and eventually he improved.

Summer time was especially trying as he lay "anywhere I could," brushing off flies, tossing and turning in the intolerable Korean heat.

Unmoved By Propaganda

To Communist propaganda, he says, he never gave a thought except when, with other POWs, he had to sit for hours and He added:

"I never was the type too

MAMMA'S A WINNER—When Mrs. Esther Cole of the 1500 block N. Caroline St. came in for her $5 as a Lucky Pic winner, her daughters, Cheryl, 7, left, and Chesteena, 5, came along to make sure everything was alright. Another Lucky Pic is circled in this edition of the AFRO. If it's you, come to the AFRO office and collect $5.

Two cancel

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Mr. Saunders: Yes, it is set up to accommodate all our employees. We don't make any money on it. It is an even-Stephen thing. We do permit our customers to eat there.

Colored Employees

Question: What do you do with the colored employees?

Mr. Saunders: What do we do with them?

Question: Yes. If it is set up mainly for employees, what do you do with colored employees?

Mr. Saunders: We have a dining room. It is a cafeteria.

Question: Separate cafeteria for these colored employees?

Mr. Saunders: It's in a separate location, yes.

Question: Did you refer this customer to the separate colored dining room?

Mr. Saunders: I don't know.

George A. Roberts

At this point, Mr. Saunders referred the AFRO reporter to Ward's personnel manager, George A. Roberts.

Question: How many employees are there at Ward's?

Mr. Roberts: It varies between 2,000 and 3,000 during the course of the year. This is our lowest period and we have 2,000 now.

Question: You say you are from Chicago?

Mr. Roberts: That is correct.

Question: What is the policy in Chicago's Ward store as to serving colored customers?

Chicago Different

Mr. Roberts: There are a lot of things that vary between here and Chicago. The Ward policy is to follow the practice of the town.

In Chicago, it is different. There the hotel and industrial cafeterias and dining rooms, not only at Ward's—but the whole city is different from that of Baltimore.

Question: If your cafeteria is set up mainly for store employees, why should these employees object if a colored customer asks to be served a sandwich or a glass of milk.

Mr. Roberts: Well, I explained that to you.

Question: Your employees are hired by you and then earn their living by selling merchandise to customers (including colored customers). What is the logic behind Ward's policy which states that these same customers and employees cannot eat in the your cafeteria which is also open to the public?

Mr. Roberts: To the best of my ability, I have tried to answer these questions. I can only state that the whole matter is being re-examined.

We are in the process of answering similar letters which we have received from other persons and since we are getting an answer on that, I will be glad to get you an answer.

Over the years we are continually appraising and changing our policies and re-examining them. I have already raised the question about this whole matter and I assume I will get an answer soon. It is just that simple.

I am not the one and only person who decides these policies. This is a big outfit.

I am the personnel manager here in Baltimore and I am supposed to be familiar with general policies of the store.

I was in the process of investigating and checking myself regulations concerning the cafeteria. Generally the policy is to follow the practice of the particular city in which we have a unit.

Question: Did you know some places in Baltimore have changed their cafeteria policies?

Mr. Saunders: I did not.

Question: Your answer then to Mrs. Brown is that Ward's president policy is not to serve colored people in its cafeteria, provided mainly for Ward employees but which is open to your customers;

And the only food service, which Ward can offer to colored customers is to buy something and take it out to eat it. Is that correct?

Mr. Roberts: I was going to say, why don't you wait until you get an answer from Chicago?

Mrs. Linton

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their problems minute compared to hers.

Mrs. Aletha Fields, 909 Bethune Rd., is taking time out from caring for her three small children, to plan a benefit program for the destitute family next week.

And Mrs. Fields has gone two steps further to help out. She has written "Strike It Rich" for a "helping hand" and has also contacted the Welfare Department requesting a social worker to visit the Linton family.

Mrs. Linton was advised to do that immediately after her husband's accident, but she got so tied up in making funeral arrangements and straightening out her husband's affairs, that she forgot it.

Police Have Car

Police are still holding Mr. Linton's car, a 1947 black Buick sedan, because there is a $200 loan on it that must be paid. Mrs. Linton made the loan early this year to help out with his finances. He was employed at a small garage.

If no arrangements can be made, the Fidelity Finance Corporation, 1908 Charles St., which is holding the title, will take the car and sell it at public auction.

Mrs. Linton will receive the balance of the money from the sale after the company takes out the amount for the loan.

She has her husband's $700 insurance policy, but after she pays for the funeral expenses, the overdue apartment rent and other bills, she will have less than $200 to live on.

And $200 isn't much in these times to support a family of six.

Neighbors Gave Money

Some neighbors chipped in $35 a week ago but that money is spent, along with the $15 he's pay which her husband's employer mailed her.

The young mother hesitates to say what she needs, but she admitted that she does not have clothes nor a crib for the expected child and her youngsters are quickly outgrowing the few little garments they have.

She has a boy, 6; and four girls, ages 18 months, 3, 4, and 5.

The apartment is almost barren except for a tattered couch in the living room, a rickety kitchen table, four chairs, beds and dressers.

Mrs. Linton is struggling to hold her head up and smile with the world, despite her burdens, but she needs help and she needs it right away.

Two drown

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and another boat happened to see the boat upside down out there in the bay and right away we started searching around and found them.

"This one man who is missing, they are still searching for him. There were only two drownings—three, I guess this other man is gone too.

"The captain of the boat was brought in a while ago. He is up at the hospital now. We haven't had too much to say with him. They are all pretty well exhausted, you know.

"The story we get is that there are a couple of planks missing out of the bottom of the boat. She is upside down—

"Evidently a couple of planks came loose and she sank, that's all.

"I understand they all got up on the sunshade and she capsized. On the shade, the top of the boat.

"That's when she started to leak.

Floating Around

"They were floating around in the life preservers.

Another Baltimore Party

Another party of Baltimoreans had just fished in Lewes, Delaware, the day before.

It included Sam Stewart, Newman Reavis, the Rev. Mr. Butler, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Alonzo Lancaster, and John H. Murphy Jr.

The boat which overturned was the Nora V under the command of Captain Harry Heideck.

All survivors were reported in the Beede Hospital in Lewes, Delaware.

The attendant said that it was not possible to summon any of them to the phone. They have to be kept in bed.

Their condition is fairly good. He did not think it necessary for the families to visit them, but they could if they wanted to.

William J. Gosnell, attorney, advised first by the AFRO that two of his cousins were saved and one was still missing, was astonished. He said, "I had heard about the accident but I didn't know they were in the party."

Bowers Beach is a fishing village on Delaware Bay. As many as two score boats, most of them 40-footers, carry fishing parties out into the bay from five to seven o'clock each summer morning.

Fishing is exceptionally good off Bowers Beach and parties often return with 200 to 500 hardheads, flounders, porgies, bass, trout each trip.

Clarence Roberts, friends of the Jones arranged Friday to drive Mrs. Jones to Beede Hospital to see her husband.

Could Not Swim

Surviving Mrs. Owings are her son, Charles Milton Owings, Washington government employee; Samuel Owings, Jr., Yellow Cab operator; and Mrs. Margaret Driver, city school teacher and wife of David Driver, principal of Bannecker High School.

Mrs. Owings had never been on a boat before and could not swim.

Bodies of Mrs. Owings and Mrs. Jennings were taken to Nelson undertaking establishment at Lewes.

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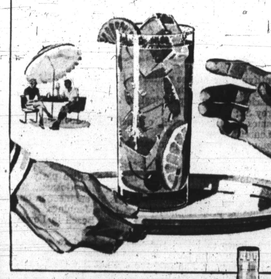

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5 win outstanding citizenship awards

Five outstanding youths from five Bureau of Recreation community centers received the Chuck Richards award at the bureau of recreation's first annual citizenship award program recently at Booker Washington Junior High School.

Approximately 200 persons were present as honor the winners and the 10 finalists from Cherry Hill, Chick Webb, Gilmor, Lexington and McCulloh community centers. The program was also tape recorded and broadcast over Radio Station WITH on Monday.

Plaques, donated by Radio disc jockey Chuck Richards, were won by five youths who were nominated by other center members and elected through open elections in each of the five centers.

Qualifications

They were nominated on the basis of such good citizenship characteristics, outstanding achievements in center activities, participation in community affairs, personality, leadership ability, and scholarship.

Winners were Carroll Alexander, Cherry Hill Community Center; Roland Howard, Chick Webb center; Melvin Hopkins, Gilmor center; Shirley Foy, Lexington center; and Mary Martin of McCulloh Center.

Finalists from each center included George Sutton, Ruby Gresham, Herbert Imes, Floyd Thomas, Marian Grant, William Howard, James Newsome of Chick Webb; Frederick Palmer, Victor Kane, Paula Brown, Rebecca Tate, Eleanor Bell, Leonard Covington and Mary E. Northern of McCulloh.

Other Finalists

Also Virginia Day, Jessie Cole, David Brown, Madelaine Jones, William Stokes, Elizabeth Hartlow, Theresa Ellis, Alice Johnson, and Barbara J. Venerable of Cherry Hill; Annette Monk, Melvin Wallace, Harry Ward, Carolyn Johnson, Nathaniel Hicks, Dolores Smith, Amy Johnson, Naomi Thomas and Ross Young of Lexington and Robert Jackson, William Johnson, Bettie Taylor, Sterling France, Elizabeth Vennie, Clyde Derrill, William Holland, Thelma Craig and Isaac Berry of Gilmor.

Among those who appeared on the program were Miss Emma Baylor, recreation leader, McCulloh Center, who sang "Summertime"; the Four Clefs from Chick Webb who sang "Come A Little Bit Closer" and "Good-night Sweetheart," and Betty Taylor, Gilmor center, who performed an interpretive dance.

The Cherry Hill rhythm band, directed by Mrs. Alice Caster, recreation leader at Cherry Hill community center was featured along with the Webb Chords of Gilmor community Center; the McCulloh community center chorus, directed by Wilbur Jackson of Morgan College, and the Cherry Hill Children's Dance group, directed by Miss Sonya Carney, dance instructor at Cherry Hill.

Program Participants

Theodore E. Brown, senior supervisor, bureau of recreation, made the award presentations. Members of the awards committee who took part in the award ceremonies included Mrs. Alice Parham, director, Cherry Hill Center; L. C. Nixon, executive director, Chick Webb center; Mrs. Hattie B. Smith, director, Gilmor center; Robert Coleman, recreation leader, Lexington center; and James Gordon, director, McCulloh center.

The Bureau of Recreation also presented in the lobby an arts and crafts exhibit from several of its centers. C. C. Jackson Jr., supervisor of Boys' and Men's activities, Bureau of Recreation, was in charge of the exhibit.

Chuck Richards congratulated the outstanding citizenship award winners, Harold J. Jennifer Jr., supervisor of Municipal sports, was master of ceremonies.

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Liquor Board rejects one application; postpones 2

An East Baltimore tavern owner's appeal for a class "D" beer and wine license was turned down by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners Thursday.

The application, which the Eastside Community Committee protested, was submitted by William T. Becker, proprietor of the Rose Tavern at 1148 E. North Ave.

No one was present at the hearing to protest against the application. The Eastside Committee submitted their protest in writing earlier.

"Wanted More Money"

Mr. Becker told the board he wanted to change his establishment from a package goods store to a tavern because he was not making enough money.

The Board took under consideration Miriam M. Higgins' application for a new class "D" beer, wine and liquor license at Joe's Tavern in the 1800 block of Rosedale St.

The Higgins application was protested by the NAACP. Over a month ago the case was remanded by the Baltimore City Court for the purpose of taking additional testimony.

Tavern Near School

Mahon Oswell of the 2300 block Poplar Grove St., was among those who protested on the grounds that the tavern, now licensed for white trade, is near a school and in addition, the neighborhood is mostly inhabited by colored homeowners.

The protestants were represented by Bowen Jackson, coordinator of the Baltimore NAACP.

Two other cases scheduled for a hearing Thursday were postponed by the Board. Protests against both were also made by the Eastside Community Committee.

Among those postponed were the application of Wilmer L. Robey, Christopher E. Graham, and Delores Steinbach for a new class "B" beer and wine license for the 20th Century Bowling Alleys at 1918-22 Harford Ave.

Also, an application submitted by Frank P. Giles and William Fowlkes for a class "C" beer, wine and liquor license at the East Moulding Republican Club, 1100-02 Rutland Ave.

Man loses race with policemen

For four blocks James Gibbons, 54, of the 1700 block W. Mosher St., was out in front. But he weakened in the fifth block and that's when he lost the race, police testified on Tuesday.

The fifth block was the one in which officers said they captured Gibbons after he assaulted a young woman at Mount and Mosher Sts., on Sunday afternoon.

Struck With Board

According to police Gibbons struck Miss Rebecca Truitt with a board which he was holding a small child in her arms. They told Magistrate E. Everett Lane in Northwestern police court, that when they attempted to arrest Gibbons "he took off."

When police finally captured Gibbens he was booked on a disorderly conduct charge. Miss Truitt refused to place an assault charge against him.

Magistrate Lane found Gibbons guilty and sentenced him to 60 days in jail.

Witness tells story of fall

The employer of the 15-year-old junior high school pupil who plunged from a third-floor bedroom window at her home in the 1600 block Gwynns Falls Pky. on June 30 offered the AFRO her version of the incident this week.

Mrs. Lea Turkel, of the 3300 block Auchentroly Ter., said she was in the room when attractive Emily Smith leaped from the window and sustained injuries that still have her confined to Provident Hospital in a "fair" condition.

According to Mrs. Turkel the plunge stemmed from a discussion between the girl and her aunt, Mrs. Cora Webb of the Gwynns Falls address, over a small quantity of wine the girl drank at the Turkel home.

Mrs. Turkel explained that she gave Emily a very small portion of the wine which she (Mrs. Turkel) had won at a bazaar. She said that Emily had accompanied her and Mr. Turkel to the bazaar and the drink was in the nature of a toast to the pleasant time they had.

Funeral services held

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held for George H. Jackson of 78 R St., NW, at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church Wednesday at 1 p.m. The Rev. C. T. Murray officiated.

Mr. Jackson died Saturday at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian I. Jackson; two daughters, Mrs. Ava Jackson Harris and Luvenia Jackson; and a brother.

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Three schools list students

Loyola has 38 in summer class

Loyola College, the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University all have colored students studying on their campuses during the current summer semester.

For the University of Maryland it marks the first time that colored students have been admitted to undergraduate courses given on the campus during the summer.

Loyola and Johns Hopkins have had colored students in their summer schools before this year.

The offices of the registrar and the statistician at the University of Maryland reported this week that they were unable to provide information on the exact number of colored students as this information was not included on school records.

Estimated 30

However, an estimate given by Dean Ronald Bamford in June said that at least 20 students had been accepted at the school for the summer session.

Officials at Loyola reported that there were 21 graduate students and 17 undergraduates enrolled in the summer session. This compares with the top enrollment of 53 undergraduate students at the school in the fall of 1951.

A spokesman for the registrar's office at Johns Hopkins said that the office did not list students by race and that it was unable to supply the number of colored students now enrolled there.

She did say, however, that there "are a number of colored students" studying at the school.

Forte case to grand jury

The cases of Dr. Allan H. Forte and Mrs. Ernestine Thomas will be presented directly to the grand jury instead of going through a preliminary hearing in the Northwestern police court as originally scheduled.

The physical therapist and his attractive receptionist have been charged by police in connection with an alleged criminal operation on a young white girl in May.

Dr. Forte and Mrs. Thomas were arrested last Friday evening and were booked on Saturday at Northeastern. They were scheduled to appear for a hearing today (Friday) but the state bypassed the police court hearing and sent the cases to the grand jury.

Both defendants are free under bail. They entered not guilty pleas to the charges. Dr. Forte is represented by Robert B. Watts, local attorney.

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