

# "THE NEGRO HAS A GREAT STAKE IN THIS WAR"—Randolph "If The United States Loses, The Negro Is Through In The Western World"

By A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Japan has fired upon the United States, our country. We, all of us, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, are at war, not only with Japan but also with Hitler and the Axis powers. What shall the Negro do? There is only one answer. He must fight. He must give freely and fully of his blood, toil, tears and treasure to the cause of victory for the United States over Japan, Nazi Germany, and world fascism. There is no alternative to this decision. There should be no alternative to this decision. We are citizens of these United States and we must proudly and bravely assume the obligations, responsibilities and duties of American citizenship. We cannot escape this fact. We ought not to want to escape it. Happily, the Negro has never sought to escape it in the wars and crises of the past of our country.

## NORTH SIDE NEWSLETTES

By LELIA ROBINSON

Thursday, January 1, the churches of the Northside will hold an Emancipation Proclamation service at Allen Chapel church. Music will be rendered by the Five Soul Stirrers of Texas. Mrs. Jones, 1339 Adams street and two daughters, Freda and Gussie, are leaving soon to visit relatives in Georgia and Florida. Miss Katie Reed of Charles street is also planning to spend her Christmas out-of-town. Miss Reed is going to New York where she will stay with her brother.

### Bedford

Paul Reynolds and Charles Burnett of Charleroi and William Campher of Buffalo, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris. Mesdames Helena Marshall, Stella Davis, Maxine Boddy and Kenneth Dunlap motored to Martinsburg recently. Miss Sara Rebecca Harris, superintendent of Mt. Pisgah Sunday school, will present a cantata at the church Sunday evening. Mrs. Sara Anderson will have charge of the music. Gideon Boddy Everett was houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boddy recently. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunlap entertained Elder Gantt during his stay here. Rev. Edward W. Gantt held the first quarterly conference at Mt. Pisgah church Sunday.

## FORT PITT YULETIDE PARTY IN NORSE ROOM GIVEN FOR NEGRO WORKERS



Leroy Brown and his orchestra provided the music and William Harris, manager of the Fort Pitt Hotel, gave brief remarks during the annual Christmas banquet and dance for the hotel's race workers. The 1941 version of this affair was one of the best to date. Top left photo shows one of the guest tables. Seated are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donell, Mrs. Roosevelt Gloster, Roosevelt Gloster, Banquet Captain, and one of the hosts of the party; Charles Porter, James Hays, entertainer, who with Billy Alston as Emcee, put on a comical skit. The lower left photo shows the hosts for the evening of gaiety, left to right, Andrew Fulton, lounge bar captain; Clarence Bruce, head waiter, and Roosevelt Gloster, banquet captain. The right picture shows more of the guests and employees. Left to right are: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Othur Taylor, and C. E. Bruce and company.—(Harris photo).

## GOOD-WILL MUSICAL PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY LOCAL CHORUS

By ROBERT HUGHEY

During the present crisis when interracial unity and friendship mean so much to America's cause, one particular race group of the East Boro district is apparently getting a head start in its goodwill campaign of the neighborhood.

We have reference to the 22 voices which make up the reputable Saturday Evening

## SAT. EVENING CHORUS STARTS GOODWILL CHORUS



The first good-will campaign of its nature in the East Boro district is now reaping big dividends with the Saturday Evening Male Chorus playing the featured role in the current series of programs designed to bring about closer unity between the Negro and the white. This interracial friendship campaign proved a big hit to a Wilkesburg audience which heard the group in an impressive song recital last Sunday. Seated in front, are: R. W. Tingley, director of the Franklin Christian Center and co-sponsor of the "good-will campaign," Mrs. Brue Jackson, pianist, and Brue Jackson, director of the Saturday Evening Male Chorus. —(Socwell photo).

## DEMOCRACY SHOWN IN NEW HAVEN PROJECT

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—The Elm Haven Housing Project here, constructed under the jurisdiction of the Federal Housing Program, now has 487 families, two-thirds of which are Negro. A varied social set-up has been organized with both Negroes and whites participating.

## Clarksville

By JAMES E. LOCKETTE

This recent war scare has revealed many facts about the young and old in these parts. Some of these guys who have been telling people that they were in their late twenties, suddenly tell the world now that they are in their forties! That statement won't help them now because this next call will include grandpa with his sloping shoulders and few molars. Our community can only boast of a few eligible young men who will do their duty for our Uncle Sam. With Christmas around the corner, and prosperity too, we do have lots to be thankful for! There seems to be a certain burst of speed among our group when it comes to putting things in order. I trust that the iron will remain hot a long time. We feel proud of our community and the spirit which it carries on holidays. Let's make this a banner one. The Christmas program of the First Baptist Sunday school will be held on Christmas light at 7

Male Chorus, a unit which in the past decade has skyrocketed to state-wide fame by its impressive performances throughout the Tri-State area. The Saturday Evening Male Chorus has set out upon a new mission which in all probability will boost its stock to unprecedented heights. The current campaign presents the chorus in a series of goodwill performances designed to bring about a more closer unity between the Negro and the white. Director of the chorus is Brue Jackson, popular trainer at Duquesne University. R. W. Tingley, director of the Franklin Christian Center, serves in the capacity as booking agent and assistant sponsor of the goodwill campaign. The group's most recent performance, last Sunday, marked the first interracial triumph in the new interracial friendship program. In addition to Brue Jackson, the personnel includes: Mrs. Brue Jackson, pianist; T. B. Thomas, James Price, Tom Bradford and Jimmie Walker, first tenors; Chester Hughes, Tom Garlock, W. H. Ross and Huett Fleming, second tenors; B. W. Hereford, Robert Massey, Clyde Williams, Gus Neville and Gayfield Easton, baritone; Samuel Owen, William Martin, June Elliot, Dorsey Walters, Edmond Stewart, LeRoy Walters and McKinley Davis, bass.

## Monessen

By FRANCES MICKLES

Mrs. Sarah Duncan, 73, wife of the late Henry Duncan, died Thursday at her home in Patton avenue, following a lingering illness. Services were held Monday afternoon at the Warden funeral home, with the Rev. W. E. McClelland, and Rev. A. J. Woods, officiating. Interment was in Grandview cemetery. The deceased came to Monessen 23 years ago from Alabama. She is survived by seven sons, William and Silas of Monessen, Walter of Aliquippa, Shelly of Texas, Joseph of Louisiana, James of New York and John of Alabama State Teachers' college. Two brothers, a sister and 23 grand children also survive.

Friday evening, December 5, in the Arch Tavern, Edmore, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hamilton were honored guests at a reception given in their honor. The Victory Rally ended Friday, December 5. Mrs. Evans Killings won the living room suite and Mrs. Ella Wheeler received a three-way lamp.

The pulpit committee of Wayman A.M.E. will give a luncheonette in the dining room of the church for the school children Friday, December 12. Price 15 cents. The missionary society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Warden.

The Christian Social club met at the home of Mrs. Daisy Washington recently. Before the regular business session, a short program was rendered. A vocal solo was given by Miss Norvie Cannon. Guests were: Mrs. Florence Taylor, Mrs. Brewington, Mrs. Leila Fort, Miss Norvie Cannon and Mrs. Jessie Branch. The hostess served a delicious lunch assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Hiawatha McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lea visited in little Washington over the week-end. Mrs. Elsie Maceo is recovering from an operation in Monessen-Charleroi hospital.

## ASK NEGRO PASTOR TO SERVE ON JURY

ANNISTON, Ala., Dec. 18.—Rev. A. W. Rice, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian church here, has been asked to serve as juror in the fall term of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County. Hon. Lamar Field will preside.

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In The Courier Healthy Baby Contest at  
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ADDRESS.....  
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- cake may be plain or iced—winners are judged on quality, not fanciness.

**The Night Before Christmas — by Mr. Hi and Mr. Hatt**

Our stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that our Xmas gifts soon would be there. For rumors had spread that our socks would be filled, With Kessler's, the whiskey that's smoothly distilled And blended with lightness and mildness to spare, The whiskey that men say is "rich, and so rare!"

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