

First Class of Colored Aviation Cadets Begins Training On Saturday, July 19th

Ten young colored men who have qualified as aviation cadets in the United States Army will begin training at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, on July 19, 1941, as pilots for the 99th Pursuit Squadron, first tactical unit in the Army Air Forces composed of colored soldiers, the War Department announced today.

The ten men constitute the first class in this project. Although the quota of pilots for the squadron is about 33, a total of about 100 colored aviation cadets will be trained annually. This is necessary because experience has shown that about 50 per cent of all pilot candidates normally fail to complete the training course successfully.

One of the aviation cadets is an enlisted man in the Army. He is Private Charles Dudley Brown, headquarters battery, 100th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) Camp Davis, North Carolina. The other nine cadets who qualified from civilian life are:

Lemuel Rodney Custis, 67 Pliny street, Hartford, Connecticut; Frederick Henry Moore, Box 666, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama; John Corrie Anderson, Jr., 669 Indian Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; Charles Henry DeBow, 2843 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana; George Spencer Roberts, West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia; William Arthur Buckner, 524 Willow street, Port Huron, Michigan; Theodore Edward Brown, 1819 Ashland avenue, Evanston, Illinois; Roderick Charles Williams, 3556 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois; Ulysses S. Pannell, Reagan, Texas.

Like all men accepted as aviation cadets by the Air Corps, the ten men have had 2 years' college education or have shown in tests they have the equivalent. They have also met the rigorous physical requirements of the Air Corps.

These aviation cadets will receive five weeks of pre-flight training, including basic military instruction and mathematics. Then, on August 23rd, they will begin their 10-week course of primary training. These fifteen weeks of instruction will be conducted at Tuskegee Institute, which has been awarded an \$80,000 contract for this purpose.

When this phase of the training is completed the men will take a 10-week course in basic and a 10-week course in advanced training in a school operated by the Army Air Corps at Chehaw, miles from Tuskegee.

When this first class of aviation cadets begins its primary training on August 23rd, a second class will begin its pre-flight training. By October 4 three classes will be in session and that number will be maintained continuously.

Meanwhile favorable progress reports have been received from Tuskegee Institute and from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, where another part of the training project for the 99th Pursuit Squadron is being carried on.

At Tuskegee an air base is being constructed for the squadron by a colored architect and a colored construction concern. The architect is Hilyard R. Robinson of Washington, D. C., while the building operations are in the hands of McKissick and McKissick of Nashville, Tennessee. The total estimated cost of the work is \$1,480,295.

At Chanute Field in an Air Corps Technical School a total of 271 colored enlisted men are in training at the ground crews for the 99th Pursuit Squadron. With 7 more men to be entered there in the near future, a total of 278 men, the full ground complement of the squadron, will be getting technical training.

When these men have completed their training they will be transferred to man the squadron's facilities at Tuskegee on or about October 1. Meanwhile it is reported that these men have taken on a soldierly bearing and deportment and are making excellent progress in their highly specialized training. They also engage keenly in inter-detachment athletic competition. On June 18 they held a field track meet.

Latest figures from Chanute Field show the types of training and the number of men engaged in each.

Table with columns: Course, Wks., Hrs., Enr'd. Rows include Aircraft Mechanics, Airplane Mechanics, Aircraft Welders, etc.

HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM PLANNED

By Julius S. Daly

A progressive program of Health Education for Negroes in Richland county is being planned by the executive committee of the auxiliary to Richland Anti-Tuberculosis Association, it was announced by Mrs. L. K. Nelson, chairman of the publicity committee.

begin about September 22nd. Ridgewood Tuberculosis camp is also benefitted from the sale of Christmas Seals.

The following persons are members of the executive committee: Mrs. Flossie Demmon, Dr. Frank Johnson, Mr. Henry Williams, Mrs. Alma Potts, Dr. O. J. Champion, Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, Dr. J. E. Briggs, Mrs. R. L. Piquese, Mr. Crosswell, Madden, Miss A. A. Nelson, Mrs. S. Tanner Stafford, Mrs. L. K. Nelson, and Rev. L. C. Jenkins.

Thousands of boys and girls are struggling hard this summer to get themselves in readiness for schools and colleges this fall. They are endeavoring to pay the price that their dreams of the future may become realities. Let us join hearts and hands and make their environments wholesome and healthful so that they may not fail in unfolding into great and useful citizens.

Remember tuberculosis is no respecter of persons, yet it is curable and is even preventable.

Mr. and Mrs. Capers of 14 Bull Alley have just returned to their home here in Greenville after spending several days in Savannah, Ga., where they were visiting Mr. Capers' mother. They enjoyed a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George Speed of University Ridge went to Asheville, N. C., last Saturday to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr. Harrison Speed who was killed in an automobile accident.

Messrs David 'Nick' Styles, Henry Flemings and James Bulow of Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C. visited their relatives here the week end. All friends were glad to greet their home boys in uniform. They are always welcome back home.

The many friends of Mrs. Cleo Smith-Love and family, Mr. Jas. Jeter and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith will sympathize with them in the loss of their sister-in-law and nephew. Their funerals were held in Spartanburg and Jonesville on June 22nd.

Mrs. Geneva Shumate of Center River is visiting her father and sister Mr. George and Miss Georgianna Robinson of Sullivan street.

Rev. S. M. Todd of Thompson street preached a wonderful sermon at Springfield Baptist church last Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Lill Thompson was held at one o'clock on Thursday near Simpsonville, S. C. The rally was Macedonia F. B. H. church was a success Sunday. A large crowd was present. Mrs. Ida Jackson of Glover street raised the highest amount.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Robinson of Main street recently moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will make their home. Their many friends wish them much success.

Mrs. Hazel Thompson is home from the hospital and is resting nicely at present.

The fourth of July was very quiet in the city for the first time in history. No serious accidents occurred. On a few arrests were made for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. A lot of enjoyment was had during the day by the pleasure lovers. Many picnics were held. Many went swimming at various places and ball games were held. There was a lot of enjoyment here on the 4th.

Miss Nell Grant of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Paul Horey of Greenville were united in Holy Welflock on June 28th and are making their home on Spartanburg street "Green Line". Their many friends wish them much success. Mrs. Horey is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Black of Green Line.

Mrs. Saludia Young.

Rev. J. P. Washington, Pastor

Our Sunday school opened as usual with Supt. Prof. W. T. Gillison, officers and teachers present. The lesson was beautifully discussed. Our Sunday school is highly blessed with the presence of mother Ollie Jenkins who is 73 years old and never late for her Sunday school.

At 11:30 Rev. Holman delivered a soul stirring sermon to an overflowing crowd. Mr. Theodore Glover left last week for Virginia where he will begin training in the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Olivia Adkins of Savannah, Georgia visited Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrod, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Smith, also Mr. and Mrs. William Eady.

AIKEN NEWS

Friendship Church News

On Sunday morning Rev. H. Z. Townsend preached an inspiring sermon on "The Fall of a Nation." On Sunday evening we had memorial services which were very beautifully carried out. The church was plunged into darkness, and as the pastor called the names of the deceased, candles were lit for the name called. His was accompanied by very appropriate music by the organist. Amidst the glow of candle-light, the pastor preached a wonderful sermon on the subject "The Light Unfailing." The junior and senior choirs furnished the music, with Mrs. M. M. Peace as organist and Miss Ulma D. Walker assisting her.

Next Sunday is Woman's Day at which time the Woman's Day Rally will terminate. The subject for the morning services will be "Women in a World of War." On Sunday evening Mrs. Annie B. Weston of Columbia, will deliver an address. The women are asking the support of all the members and friends in this rally.

The "Temple Talks" by the pastor, Rev. M. M. Peace, will begin next week and we are hoping all Aiken will support us during this week of services.

The visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Johnson; daughter of New York; Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown; Mr. Milton Strother; Mr. Fair Simpkins; Miss Ruth taley of Jacksonville, Florida, who is spending her vacation with Mrs. Annie Coleman; Miss Aurelia Jones of Sumter; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Collins and Mrs. Pickens of Augusta, Georgia.

Calendar of the week: The Brotherhood meeting will be held Monday night at 8:30 to which time there will be a readable discussion led by deacon V. M. Grant on "The joy of being a member of the Brotherhood." On Wednesday at 5 o'clock the Woman's Missionary Society will meet. At 6:30 the junior choir will meet. Thursday evening the senior choir will meet at 7 o'clock and at 8:30 there will be mid-week prayer meeting. Friday at 5 o'clock the story hour for the children will take place. At 6 the weekly teachers' meeting and at 7:30 the Builders' Club will meet.

The Ministers of Aiken Meet

The ministers of Aiken county held their last meeting Tuesday evening, July 8th, at Friendship Sunday school room. The meeting began at 8 p. m. The devotional period was conducted by Rev. S. J. Justice who led the opening song. Prayer was offered by Rev. Edinburg Graham. After the singing of a spiritual the scripture was read by the chaplain. Another song was sung and then the meeting was turned over to the president, Rev. M. G. Moseley who made a few brief remarks.

The program of the evening was read by the secretary, Rev. R. W. Winn. This being done for information, The president called the Rev. L. E. Gwinn to take charge of teaching the Sunday school lesson. The lesson was taught in such a way that everyone could get some good therefrom. The teacher of the lesson was thanked by the president and others for the information conveyed in the lesson-discussions.

The time for preaching was used as a suitable time for discussing the problems which come up in our various churches. This period was so used on account of the fact that the appointed preacher, Rev. H. M. Harrison, was not present. Rev. Harrison will be expected to preach on the following Tuesday night.

The president urged the ministers to attend the revival meeting at Rev. W. H. Vaughn's church, Tuesday night after the third Sunday of next month.

The program for the next meeting was read and approved. The meeting was very well attended considering these days when so many of the ministers are engaged with their revival meetings. The president made the statement that the ministers alliance would not close down for the summer but would continue as there would be quite a few ministers who could be out each night.

The business of the evening having been transacted the closing hymn was sung and the benediction was pronounced by the chaplain. We adjourned to meet the following Tuesday night at the same time and place.

Cumberland A. M. E. Church Rev. J. P. Washington, Pastor

Services were good and on a high order all day. The church school was opened on time by Supt. Jones and his corps of teachers. A brief study of the lesson was had, after which Prof. John A. Harris, state superintendent of Sunday schools, was presented and addressed in a dignified manner.

Due to the full program of the Sunday school, the morning worship was a few minutes late. The pastor abridged the preliminaries

the leadership of its pastor, Rev. C. W. Cummings, Supt. deacon Jim Hampton seems to be the right leader for the Sunday school.

When in need of good singing hear brother Hubert Heyward and his choir.

Mrs. Julia Heyward spent the 14th of July in Beaufort, S. C. visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milliton. Mrs. Dianna Milliton of Beaufort, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Heyward.

Mrs. Anna E. McFarlin, reporter

part of the service and got down to the order of the day which was the delivery of a masterful discourse. His text was taken from the Book of Isaiah 6:8, theme, "A Vision of God and a call to service." Many souls rejoiced as the man of God delivered the message.

Professor Harris was again presented and made remarks. He was accompanied by Mr. Miller, a recent graduate of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, who also made brief remarks. Other visitors were Miss Ulma Walker and Mrs. Jeter of Friendship Baptist church, also some persons whose names we did not get. Visitors are always welcome, and are asked to come at their leisure and discretion.

Because of the heavy down pour of rain in the afternoon, the evening services were sparsely attended. This seemed not to have had any effect at all on the pastor, for he preached one of the best sermons that has been heard from him since his coming here. He used as his text: 2nd Kings 6:16. "They that be with us are more than they that be with them."

Increased interest is being manifested in the weekly meetings. A splendid group attended prayer meeting last Tuesday evening. Among them were the true and tried, viz. Bro. D. A. Jones, Mrs. Mary Massey, Rebecca Branch, Emma Singleton, Frances Connor, D. E. McGhee, Angeline Jenkins, Sheldonia Spells, Irine Alston, Mrs. Annie Jones, et al. Brother Jones is always on hand. We trust that others will be added to the number. "The church is moving on."

Wesley Methodist Church Rev. E. N. Jamison, Pastor

Sunday school was opened at the usual hour with teachers at their posts of duty. At 11:00 a. m. Rev. Jamison delivered a wonderful sermon from 2nd Peter 2:9, theme, "Destruction and Deliverance." Due to the unfavorable weather, there was not any evening service.

July 20th, the young people will render a program at 8:30 p. m. Prof. Z. Townsend will be the speaker of the evening. The public is invited.

Don't forget prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:30. The Vacation Bible school opened this morning with good attendance.

After service yesterday morning, Rev. Jamison, Mrs. F. Watson, Mr. P. W. Cave, Mrs. Celestine White and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Gramblin and little daughter; Mrs. Anna B. Hightower, Mrs. Savannah Riley, and Miss Geneva Hightower motored to Allendale. They reported an enjoyable trip.

Bethlehem Baptist Church Rev. R. W. Winn, Pastor

Sunday school opened at the usual hour with the Supt. and teachers at their posts of duty. The lesson was reviewed by the pastor. The banner went to class number one, Lic. Wash Posey, teacher.

A very warm prayer service was held after which the pastor ascended the rostrum. Pulpit associates were Rev. J. E. Palmore, Lic. Robertson and Rev. Posey. The pastor preached a very brief but instructive sermon. Visitors were, Miss Alice Shuler, Mrs. Mildred Samuels, Miss Rebecca West, Mr. Eddie Medlock.

The sick member on the church list is Mrs. Carrie Ganton. Mrs. Alice Mathis and Mrs. Minnie Mathis of Johnson were visitors in town to pay and house guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Pearl Grisby.

Mr. Nelson Oconnor, Harry Miller and Anderson Mathis motored to New York to visit relatives and friends also in Flushing, Corona and Washington, D. C.

George Smith, Jr. of N. Y. C. is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Marina Miller.

Second Baptist Church News

With a very fine morning to begin the day with, we found many members and friends out to morning service.

Sunday school was very interesting, yet quite a few were attending the Home Mission Baptist Sunday School Convention held with the Jeter Baptist church, Edgefield, S. C., July 12-13.

At the morning service in his usual way Rev. C. W. Turner came to us with a message from Isaiah 58:13-14. Subject, "Isaiah's vision of the Lord." This was a great message. At the evening service he spoke from Romans 8:3. Another message which was enjoyed by all. After the sermon and regular church offering the men's rally took place. On account of the rain quite a few were hindered from attending the rally. The amount reported from those present was \$26.85. Mr. Alvin Setles, one of the captains, reported \$12.65. The rally will be completed next Sunday.

Visitors at the morning service were Mrs. Ester Jenkins of New York, Dea. George Perry and Mrs. Ora Bell Glover. Visitors are welcome at all times.

Mr. A. L. Spann has return home after a 10 day visit in the north. His first stop was with his sons in Chester, Pa., and from there to Philadelphia, Pa., thence to Newark, N. J. He also stopped at Wilmington, Delaware. He has relatives and friends at each of these places. He reported a very pleasant trip. We were glad to see him home and in his barber shop. Mr. George Johnson was kept very busy while he was away. These two work together. When you are in Aiken and need a hair cut or shave see these young men, Curve street, A. L. Spann's barber shop.

Speaker On "Youth Day" Program



Rev. Douglas Hall, popular minister of Augusta, Georgia, delivered one of the most powerful messages heard in this section in many days, at the Antioch Baptist church "Youth Day" program held this past Sunday. He used as his text "Youth at the Crossroads." Several hundred persons were in attendance.

He pictured Youth at the crossroads bewildered, befuddled and disgusted. There are so many doubters, "isms," "religions," "doctrines," he stated, that youth is often in doubt. But his is hope and doubt and there live more faith in honest doubt than in half the creeds. He challenged Youth to take up the cross, of Christianity and help convey Jesus to the world.

Rev. Hall is a senior at Paine College where he is very popular. He is editor of the student publication, publicity director for the school, manager of the football team, member of the debating club. His out side activities consist of weekly features for a local newspaper, chaplain at a local Camp, Asst. pastor of two churches, Springfield Baptist and Macedonia Baptist churches. He is also a photographer and furnishes pictures for his weekly features. He is an able preacher and his services are in demand, at all times by clubs, churches, and civic organizations. Rev. Hall's article on "Faith Cabin" libraries was carried in the Leader sometimes ago. His home is in Clinton, S. C.

LAKE CITY NEWS

Sunday was trustees' day at St. James A. M. E. church. Sunday school opened at 9:40 with the officers present. The discussion of the lesson was very interesting.

At 11:15 Rev. M. C. Wilson preached a wonderful sermon from St. Matt. 5:8. His subject was "Be True." At 8:00 p. m. Rev. S. L. Thomas delivered an inspiring sermon that made his hearers rejoice. The junior choir, which was recently organized furnished very good music.

At 3:00 p. m. The Sons and Daughters of Job from Sumter, S. C. had their lodge turn-out at St. James. Refreshments were served after the service.

Rev. W. D. Primus of Wesley Methodist church is busy getting ready for the Florence district group meeting which will be held at Cooper's Academy on Wednesday of next week. The junior choir, which is under the direction of Mr. J. A. Green, will furnish several musical numbers. Miss Queen Ester Washington is to give a recitation. This is to be the young peoples' day. The group meeting will be called to order by Rev. C. C. Reynolds, district Supt., at 10:00 a. m.

Mrs. Monnie Moore was called to Bennettsville on account of the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Kazzie Moore. Mrs. Kazzie Moore is the mother of the late Mr. Alonzo Moore who died about five weeks ago at the Veterans' Hospital in Columbia. She died last Saturday.

Miss Mary Jones of Lovers' Lane is still on the sick list. On July 11th, Rev. A. R. German along with her leader and some other members consoled her.

Mrs. Rosa Jordan and her little daughter are in New York visiting her daughter, Miss Rosa Lee Jordan. They are to remain three weeks.

Mrs. Janette Mae Bryant left Saturday for New York after visiting here for several days. Her little son went with her.

Mrs. Caefia Mae Singletary, Miss Margaret Bradley, and Mr. James Bradley made a trip to Saluda on last Sunday.

WHITMIRE NEWS

Mrs. Ethel L. Fort, Miss Ethylene Williams spent last week at Myrtle Beach, S. C. They reported a pleasant vacation.

Miss Ruth Byrd has returned from Lexington, N. C. after visiting friends from Clinton College, Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. Alice Byrd attended the

W. H. B. Society Convention at Seek Well Baptist church, Saturday, July 12. Rev. H. P. Clark delivered a fine sermon Sunday night at Sims Chapel Baptist church. Mrs. Quoster Bowman has returned from summer school at Columbia, S. C., Benedict-Allen Summer school. Mrs. Essie Byrd from Cincinnati, Ohio is visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Johnnie Byrd and family. Mrs. Manton Sims and family from Carlisle, S. C. were the guests of Mrs. Broesia Williams and family July 4th. Mrs. J. S. Moore sprained her leg. We hope for her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Inez Thompson and son, Melvin, visited friends in Whitmire July 11th and 12th.

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