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## NEGRO SHIPBUILDERS WIN WORLD RECORD

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#### These Subscribers to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Fund Have Paid Their Subscriptions in Full and the Total Amounts Have Been Placed in Bank to the Credit of the Hospital.

#### As Subscribers Pay in Full, Their Names Will be Added to This List.

The Fourth and final Notice for the payment of pledges to The Wheatley-Provident Hospital Building Fund is being sent out this week, notifying all subscribers that the final payment is due June 1st, becoming delinquent after June 15th; after which six per cent interest is added to all pledges. We sincerely hope that all subscribers will make a special effort and a sacrifice if need be to pay their pledges in full by that date that our work may not be interrupted and that we may pay our contractors promptly, that our building may be ready for dedication and occupation not later than July 4th, when a great program is being anticipated. Won't you make a special effort and pay your subscription if you cannot come to the Headquarters, 1803 East 18th St. and you will call either of our phones, Bell E. 2789 or Bell E. 999 we will cheerfully send a collector who will bring your pledge and receipt. Have you been by the new building at 1826 Forest Ave., and witnessed the wonderful and beautiful improvements that have been made by our contractor? Every Negro in the city and our white friends as well will be proud of this beautiful and imposing stone structure that is to be the future home for those of the race needing hospital attention. The Ladies Auxiliary No. 1 has already purchased and are making more than \$100.00 worth of linen supplies for the institution paid for out of funds raised by them; while every room saved one in the hospital has been selected by the different Women's Clubs of the City to be completely furnished by them. Isn't this a glorious spirit? It amply demonstrates that in all those movements for racial development and advancement the Negroes of greater Kansas City lead all the rest. Do your duty. Pay your pledge. The following is a complete list of all those who have paid their subscriptions in full to date and as rapidly as those hundreds of others who have made partial payments complete their payments, their names will be added to this list.

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LEMUEL D. WILLIAMS a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class 1916 enlisted as a Mechanic in the U. S. Army March 1st and is now in France with Company A 312. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, 1019 Vine street and the Sun as well as his many friends are justly proud of him.

- Cranshaw, Miss Nellie Craig, Charles Fields, John T. Hughes, W. S. Baker, Miss Beatie Knight, D. J. Storey, Nick Laner, Miss Mary P. Woods, Elbert A. Gordon, Dr. C. A. McKelroy, Dr. William H. Houston, Rev. William Alphin, Miss Amanda Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson. \$4.00—N. Black, L. L. Smith, J. H. Claybourne, Percy L. Lewis, B. Pittman, \$3.00—D. E. Pinkston, Kate Powell, Mrs. Lett Jackson, Mary L. Knox, Cornelia Birch, C. D. Cowan, Leo Koehler, A. F. Payne, Hattie Cook. \$2.50—E. P. Epstein, Miss A. Della Newson, Miss Edna Hill, Joe Fowler. \$2.00—L. M. Cohen, Edw. Costello, Cook's Market, Mike Doohan, Chas. A. Agard, Leon Jordan, Jr., Clarence Leort, Yantis Fritz, Willa Henry, Jennie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Holmes, Elbert E. Mason, M. Fisher, Freedman Bros., Mr. Frazier, Georgia Harper, Mrs. T. W. H. Williams, Frank Brayer, C. A. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Witt, Ernest Whiteside, Pearl Biley, A. E. Toney, E. M. Wilson, Sam Preston, Mrs. Inez V. Chinn, Mrs. Carrie Preston. \$1.70—Pleasant Hour Club. \$1.15—E. S. Stobies. \$1.00—L. P. Cochran, M. T. N. Chaney, F. W. Calhoun, Miss Amanda Christman, L. J. Duncan, Lee Dooley, W. C. Donnelly, F. Hergschneider, Mr. Bridgen, Mr. Braden, Lizetta Johnson, Mr. Johnson, J. A. Johnson, Kansas Seal & Gate Co., A. M. Kleinheffer, Beaulieu Lewis, Clyde Lanahan, Arthur J. Gorman, Wm. Bernier, R. Lund, D. M. McClanahan, Theo. McPike, Fred Westbrook, J. Wise, Woodson & Hanley, Midwest Haines, Mr. Hanley, Flora B. Jones, Mrs. O. W. Jones, Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, J. W. Martin, Joe L. Heiman, B. S. Howard, Sam P. Hight, Heinkel Bros., G. A. Miller, C. L. Merry, Mrs. A. Miller, E. A. Merriman, H. R. Mills, India C. Moore, Martha Moore, Miss Petzel, L. C. Payne, W. T. Peters, Herbert Patterson, J. E. Reed, F. N. Redheffer, Tom Rini, C. H. Roberts, Mack Singer, Dora Gardner, Metal Co., F. Shugart, Essey Singleton, D. P. Shyrook, M. Silverman, Harold Smith, Elizabeth Joseph, Dr. F. M. Grieves, A. A. Graves, Mrs. S. E. Hart, Floyd Adamson, M. Chaney, Mrs. J. E. Reed, Miss Beulah Lee Lewis, J. B. Collins, Miss Leona Higgins, D. M. Grant, Miss Mollie Joseph, Dr. F. M. Lowe, Mrs. A. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Ida Bryant, Miss Edith Williams, LeRoy Burns. \$1.50—Mr. Lighthower, E. A. Mathey, Mr. Metzger, Gertrude Harper, Rev. A. G. Gillis, Dink Davis, Jno. Davis, Donated, Mr. Humphrey, T. R. Strobel. \$1.50—Mrs. T. H. Whitley. \$1.25—A. Friend, Lester Rolland, A. L. Smith, L. A. Stroth, Carl Tucker, Alma Williams, C. E. Haldeman, Pinkie Jones, Clear Man, F. O. Kline, Mrs. J. D. Burton, Tom Colley, Ed E. Gilbert, Mrs. McCarty. \$1.15—W. E. Slaughter. \$1.00—Gertrude Smith.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

of the Senior Class of the Old City Hospital Training School for Nurses

SUNDAY, MAY 26, AT 11:00 A. M.

Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. W. H. Thomas, Allen Chapel, Tenth and Charlotte Streets.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 8:00 P. M.

Commencement Exercises at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. as follows:

Invocation. Instrumental Solo—"Orange".....Miss Beulah Douglas. Commencement Address—"Service".....Prof. J. H. King, Kansas City, Kansas. Soprano Solo—"She Rested by the Broken Brook".....Coleridge Taylor. Mrs. Lena Johnson. Address.....Judge Jas. Cowgill, Mayor of Kansas City. Baritone Solo—(a) "Three Questions".....Johnson. (b) "Land of Blue Water".....Cadmen. Mr. Edward Boatner. Presentation of Pins.....Miss Lulu G. Warlick, Supt. of Nurses. Contralto Solo—"Untill".....Mrs. Emma Payne. Presentation of Diplomas.....W. P. Motley, President of Hospital and Health Board. Tenor Solo.....Mr. Lemuel Russell. Remarks.....Dr. Wm. J. Thompkins, Superintendent of Old City Hospital. Quartet.....Mesdames Johnson, Payne, Messrs. Russel and Boatner. Benediction.

### "KNOW THEIR STUFF"

A gang of Negro riveters working at Sparrows Point, Me., in the plant of Bethlehem Steel Corporation broke the world's record for driving rivets. One of the gang, Charles Knight, drove 4,875 three-quarter inch rivets in a nine hour day. The previous highest record was 4,442 made by a workman in a Scottish shipyard. This is the way the Negro is demonstrating his patriotism at home while his brothers in black in the army are showing it in France. Mr. Knight is a highly respectable and industrious citizen of Baltimore, a native of Virginia. Telegrams announcing the new record were sent to Mr. Chas. M. Schwab, Director-General for the Fleet Corporation and other officials connected

with shipbuilding. If a bridge of ships will enable our soldiers to go over, to be fed and our allies to have supplies, the Negro will have a large share in building those ships. Mr. Knight is one of thousands of Negro shipworkers. At Newport News Yards alone there are about 8,000 employed.

Commenting on this performance of work the Washington Times of May 18 said: Not many months ago German propagandists were spreading the story that the colored people of the South, even as far North as this city, were preparing to revolt against the Government and do what they could to hinder the work of the war.

Day before yesterday there was a revolution, but it was not the kind the Germans planned. Charles Knight colored, and seven colored helpers turned upside down every record that had even been made for driving rivets into the hulls of ships.

This is the kind of a revolution the colored men of this country are carrying on.

Foreman Knight set an excellent example of efficiency to every citizen of the country, whether he be black or white.

### NEGRO TROOPS AT THE FRONT.

#### Pershing Tells of Gallantry of Two Black Soldiers.

Washington, May 20.—The official communique from General Pershing today gives the first news of negro soldiers being in action on the American front. The statement tells also of the gallantry of two Negro troopers, who, while wounded, fought off a party of twenty German raiders.

Aside from aerial activity on both sides, yesterday was a quiet day at all points occupied by American troops. General Pershing said. American aviators brought down two hostile machines.

"Reports in hand show a notable instance of bravery and devotion by two soldiers of an American Negro regiment operating in a French sector. Before daylight May 15, Private Hen-



DR. WILLIAM J. THOMPkins, who rendered inestimable service to his race and the profession when he secured to them the management and control of the Old City Hospital, of which he was the first and is the present Superintendent, and will give to the public the greatest graduating program in the history of the institution next Monday night.

### Gen. Ballou Convicts Theatre Manager

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### General Ballou Writes Scott.

The following letter, addressed to Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, although dated April 22, 1918, has just been made public, since the prosecution and conviction of the offending theater manager. A letter similar in character has also been written to the editor of The Crisis, New York. The letter to Mr. Scott follows:

Headquarters 92d Division, Camp Funston, Kas., April 22, 1918.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, War Department, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Scott:

I have your request that I make a brief statement relative to Bulletin No. 35, these Headquarters. There seems to be no good reason why I should not do so.

Here are the preliminary facts: A soldier of this Division got into trouble with a theater manager at Manhattan and reported it to me. I at once ordered an investigation, placed the facts before the Division Judge Advocate and was informed by him that the theater manager had violated the law. I then put the case in the hands of the United States Attorney and requested the prosecution of the theater manager. The case was set for April 22d. I then issued Bulletin No. 35, which, in brief, is counsel to all soldiers to avoid race troubles. This Bulletin was given out to the colored press of the country, accompanied by an entirely misleading letter that not only completely suppressed all mention of any prosecution of the theater manager, but directly and falsely conveyed the impression to editors and readers that I had not done so. The most prejudiced person will, I think, at once see that this was a malicious attempt to stir up race feeling by misrepresentation.

Good Order and Military Discipline Foundation Stones.

The character of Bulletin No. 35 was that of advice, as already stated. This advice was ordered published to the Division. It had nothing to do with any policy of segregation, or with any policy outside of the military establishments. Its purpose was to prevent race friction, with the attendant prejudice to good order and military discipline. Good order and military discipline are the foundation stones of the military service. They are indispensable. Nothing connected with the service of the colored troops has ever been so threatening to good order and discipline as race troubles have been, and it is well known that our enemies have sought to profit by this fact ever since there was a prospect of war. No stone has been left unturned. There have always been

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made thousands of friends for the colored race and achieved glorious success. It did all of this by following precisely the advice that was repeated to the 92d Division in Bulletin No. 35.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Our enemies do not wish the United States to have its military power increased by colored soldiers, and they stand ready to add fuel to every race discord in order to embarrass our country as much as possible in this war. Is it any wonder then, in view of what the enemy has accomplished in the past and is seeking to accomplish again, that the Commander of the Colored Division seeks to nip troubles in the bud, and while prosecuting white men for their offenses against his soldiers, urges the soldiers to do their part to keep the peace and promote harmony.

I have shown that my position and action were deliberately and maliciously misrepresented to the colored people by the theater manager, and by falsely conveying the impression that I had taken no such action. The entire letter that accompanied Bulletin No. 35 to the press of the colored people was a misrepresentation of my attitude and of the facts in the case, and no fair-minded person, when the facts are known, as stated above, can fail to see the work of an enemy—an enemy of our country and an even greater enemy to the colored race. Is the colored race going to "fall" to such schemes? I think not. I think they will contrast the work of the trouble maker with the solid achievements of the colored officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines and of the 92d Division, and consider thoughtfully the words—"By their fruit ye shall know them."

Sincerely,

C. C. BALLOU, Major-General, Commanding 92d Division.