

W. G. Avery Promises Post-War Employment To Negro Employees

Affair Given In Appreciation Of Fine Service Being Rendered

By SARAH M. HARVEY

Pledging that he would do everything humanly possible to keep every one of his present Negro employees in jobs after the war, Mr. W. G. Avery, owner of the W. G. Avery Body Company here in Jackson, this week, further endeared himself to his 1,000 or more Negro laborers and gave to them a greater incentive for putting forth every effort to do a 100 per cent job in seeing that he gets out every contracted war job, now on the company's files, weeks ahead of schedule.

Mr. Avery made this promise of post-war employment to his employees during the past week, when beginning Monday night, December 6, the W. G. AVERY BODY COMPANY here in Jackson, entertained with Programs, Music and Refreshments the men and women who are employed at the Company's four plants located in different sections of the city. And, it is believed by those attending these affairs, both employers and employees, that never before in the city or state, has any working group been more lavishly entertained.

Classified by the WMC as an "Employer of Essential Labor," and a "100% War Industry," the W. G. AVERY BODY COMPANY thru its four local plants is doing a splendid job of not only contributing to the WAR EFFORT but also contributing to the Economic Security of Negroes in Jackson. During the four nights affairs, it was learned that the Avery Body Company employs Negroes almost 100%. That this company, with its highly efficient and well-trained Negro labor, is now and has for the past two years, furnished over half of all seats that have gone into army vehicles that are being used in every theatre of war where the Allied forces are fighting—that this company, with its Negro labor, was the first to make the ammunition boxes that are being used by our armed forces—that the other articles made in the Avery Body Plant by Negro labor, are playing a most important job in the winning of the war. It was also learned that most of these employees who are now considered skilled laborers, able to man all of the machines used at the plants, are men, who just some two, three and not more than ten years ago, were untrained and had no knowledge of the kind of work they are doing today.

Because of the large number employed by the company, four nights were used for the celebration and on each of these nights, a program, high in entertainment value was enjoyed and served.

Always having in mind the great need of a better spirit of

good-will and cooperation, not only between the white employer and the Negro employee, but a better understanding between all groups here in the state, W. J. Miller, Owner-Manager of The Mississippi Enterprise, and chairman of the planning committee for the Avery programs, secured the cooperation of officials of one of Jackson's most outstanding organizations, the Negro Chamber of Commerce, to take part in the four nights programs rendered for the Avery employees—and these men, W. H. (Duke) Williams, President-Elect, Jack Young, Vice President and Carsie A. Hall, Secretary of the chamber, did much toward making the programs successful—all bringing to the groups sincere messages that had one purpose—helping them to see the great importance of planning for themselves some form of economic security in the post-war world.

The following employees were on the programs:

Monday Night: Box Plant—Messrs. T. B. Smith, Julius Gatlin, Charlie Maddison, John Morris, Charlie Williams, Steve Buckley.

Tuesday Night: Mays Street Plant—Messrs. William Tillman, Mark Smith, Hugh Lee Dillard, Charlie Smith, Governor Smith and a solo by Miss Emma Lee.

Wednesday Night: High Street or No. 1 Plant—Messrs. Ray Bradford, Willie Lee Hicks, Gilbert Garson, Burton Y. Smith, Isom Bennett, Herman Smith, J. S. Butler, Monroe Jones, Albert Broomfield.

On all these nights, inspirational talks were given by Mr. W. G. Avery, Mr. Jack Young, Mr. Carsie Hall and Mr. W. J. Miller. Very entertaining music was furnished by The Golden Gate Quartet, and the Jackson Jubilee Singers and as a special feature, Mr. Amos Williams played the Harp and gave imitations. Rev. Frank Williams had charge of the spiritual side of the affairs.

Refreshments were in capable hands of Edward Lee, owner of the Mill & Oakley Cafe, who is known the state over for his courteous and efficient service, as well as well prepared foods.

Negro Delinquent Is Ordered Inducted By Draft Board Here

A. D. Shavers, colored, has been ordered by the United States District Attorney in Jackson to report to the Rankin county local board for immediate induction into the army as a draft delinquent.

Shavers was arrested last week by Meridian police for not having his draft classification card, and an investigation by the FBI revealed that he was delinquent

CLUB HEAD



Mrs. Beulah Moore, founder and organizer of the Christian Community Club, one of the city's most outstanding clubs.

On Sunday, November 28, the Christian Community Club met in the home of Mrs. Moore, 863 Crawford Street, in observance of the Club's fifth anniversary. During this meeting, an appropriate program was rendered and money in the amount of \$40.59 was raised.

The purpose of the Christian Community Club is to look after the Christian welfare and well-being of its members and to help financially all members and old people of the community who need such help.

Officers are: Mrs. B. Moore, President; Mrs. Frances Nelson, Secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Moore, Chaplain.

Thousands Spent For Paralysis At Tuskegee

A grand total of \$242,356 has been spent for infantile paralysis work at the Tuskegee Institute Center, Tuskegee, Alabama, it was announced this week by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The Tuskegee Institute for Infantile Paralysis Center, a thirty-five bed hospital was officially opened on January 15, 1941. It forms a special unit of the John A. Andrews Hospital which is located on the beautiful campus of Tuskegee Institute.

It consists of a three story fire-proof building equipped with the most up-to-date facilities including a gymnasium with treatment pool, whirl-pool arm and leg baths and electro-therapeutic machines, a chief surgeon's room, plaster brace-fitting and physical therapy treatment rooms, spacious sun deck, patient wards and laboratories.

In addition to serving as a treatment center for infantile paralysis, the hospital will be a research training center for Negro doctors and nurses who will become specialists in various communities. Study at Tuskegee has shown the great need of such specialists as 20 percent of all crippling among Negro children has been due to infantile paralysis while the facilities for aiding victims of this dreaded disease has been woefully lacking in the past.

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G. O. S. Observes Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 5

To celebrate one full year of service to our men in the Armed Forces the Girls' Service Organization of the USO Club, featuring the Coleridge-Taylor Music Ensemble, entertained hundreds of civilians and service men with an Anniversary program Sunday evening, December 5, 1943, at 4:00 p. m. at the USO Club.

Musical and literary numbers were rendered by GSO members, included in which was the history of our Girls' Service Organization. The highlight of the entire program was the very lovely address given by Mrs. Lula H. Patton, the efficient sponsor of GSO, and volunteer worker.

The Coleridge-Taylor Music Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Gooden, favored the audience with very well arranged semi classics, and included on their program were numbers from choirs of various churches of the city.

This program, superb in every respect, was one to be remembered by all who witnessed it.

Negroes Rewarded For Foiling Jail Break Here

Arraigned before Circuit Judge Hugh B. Gillespie, two Negroes who came to the aid of Hinds Jailer E. H. Currie and foiled an attempted jailbreak here last Sunday night, were rewarded with suspensions of their sentences.

They were named as Norris Cammon and Joe Burley. Cammon, who was charged with grand larceny, entered a plea of guilty to trespassing and was given a 90-day suspended sentence. Burley, who fought side by side with Currie throughout the attempted break, had previously been sentenced to six months on a plea of guilty to trespassing. He was called back before the court and his sentence suspended.

In rewarding the two Negroes, Judge Gillespie pointed out that had their charges been more serious he would not have been able to give them suspended sentences.

The judge observed that because the two negroes had been faithful to the jailer, they were entitled to some reward for assisting in preventing what might have been a more serious crime.

7th Liberty Ship Named For James Weldon Johnson

The seventh Liberty Ship to be named for an outstanding Negro American, the SS JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, will be launched at the Wilmington yards of the California Shipbuilding Corporation in December, the Maritime Commission announced this week.

The vessel will pay tribute to the noted poet, essayist, lawyer and diplomat who was killed in an automobile-train collision near his summer home at Dark Harbor, Me., on June 26, 1938.

Mr. Johnson, who also achieved note as a song-writer and a professor of literature at Fisk and New York universities, was born in Jacksonville, Fla., on June 17, 1871. Completing public school study in his native city, he later received B. A. and M. A. degrees from Atlanta University and did graduate study at Columbia in New York City.

His career began as a teacher in the Jacksonville public school, which was elevated to high school grade during his tenure as principal. During this period he studied law at night, and, in 1897, was admitted to the Florida Bar, the first of his race to achieve this honor since the Civil War.

In 1901 he went to New York City and with his brother, J. Rosamund Johnson, and Bob Cole, collaborated in the successful writing of popular songs and light operas. Later he was appointed U. S. Consul, first to Venezuela and later to Nicaragua. Returning to New York in 1910, he married Grace Nail and two years later his first book, the fictional "Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man," appeared anonymously. Its authorship was not acknowledged by Mr. Johnson until 1927.

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Finally, without ceasing to write, he returned to teaching in 1930, to become professor of Creative Literature at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and from 1934 until his death, visiting professor of Literature at New York University.

Among his best known books were: "Fifty Years and Other Poems," "Self-Determining Haiti," "Black Manhattan," "St Peter Relates an Incident of the Resurrection Day," "Negro America, What Now?" and "Along This Way." Other Liberty ships that have been named for Negroes are the SS Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Frederick Douglass, John Merrick and Robert L. Vann.

The Navy Department has named a naval vessel, the Destroyer Escort Leonard Roy Harmon, in honor

CARNIVAL QUEEN AND LADIES



The Jackson College Carnival Queen with her ladies in waiting. Reading from left to right—Mrs. Lillian B. Tobias, senior representative; Miss Edith Richardson, freshman representative; Miss Maggie Belle Allen, the Queen and senior representative; and Miss Mamie Lee Griffith, sophomore representative.

Carnival Queen Visits Atlanta University

Miss Maggie Bell Allen, a student of the Senior class of Jackson College, spent a very enjoyable trip in Atlanta, Georgia, as a result of her triumphant success in the sale of tickets for our Annual Fall Carnival. While there she spent most of her time on the campus of Atlanta University and other colleges in the same vicinity, engaging in some of the student activities and becoming acquainted with the organizations of the particular colleges.

The charming Miss Allen very graciously reigned over the Carnival festivities which were held on October 29th and 30th at Jackson College. Each year in which this most exciting and frolicsome event has occurred, Miss Allen and the students in general have worked diligently in making numerous activities of this affair successful.

The Carnival not only has been an occasion of merriment and fun, but also it has offered a wonderful opportunity for student expression. It is our desire that in all other such activities of the College, students will more and more take the responsibility of sponsorship—that they will bring into fuller play their special talents and many desirable qualities that will characterize them as community leaders.

Baseball Players Aid Paralysis Fight Fund

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Announcement was made this week by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, that three baseball clubs of the Negro National League made a contribution of \$100 to the foundation. Funds for this contribution, by the baseball clubs, were earmarked for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, from funds raised through a double-header played at the Yankee Stadium, New York City. The teams were the Philadelphia Stars, St. Louis-Harrisburg Stars, and the New York Black Yankees.

In its fight against Infantile Paralysis, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through its over 3,000 chapters, sees that all possible aid is given to those who already have been stricken by infantile paralysis.

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Give To The Christmas Cheer Club Today

Send Contributions To Dr. A. H. McCoy

Golden Panthers To Play New Orleans Team

Alexander School Golden Panthers declared champions for Negro High School Big 8 Conference.

John H. Sims, back, and Ivy T. Brown, tackle, were placed on all state first team, while Robert Dow back, was placed on second.

The Golden Panthers will play in the first "Bowl" game at Brookhaven Friday night, December 10, at 7:45 p. m. at King's Field. The Gaudet High School of New Orleans, La., champions for that state in football for colored schools had to be substituted for the Corinth Yellow Jackets. Because of transportation facilities the previous team could not come. However, the school and sponsors feel that as good or a better game will be seen with the highly rated team from New Orleans.

All tickets will be good if bought for the Corinth game for the same price.

The Jackson Negro Christmas Cheer Club, which gives baskets of food for the holidays to the needy and poor, held its annual meeting recently at Central M. E. Church and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Dr. S. D. Redmond, president; Prof. B. B. Dansby, first vice president; W. S. Miller, second vice president; Rev. A. B. Keeling, secretary; Prof. O. B. Cobbs, financial secretary; Prof. E. B. Tadey, assistant secretary, and Dr. A. H. McCoy, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors are Dr. A. L. Holland, Rev. W. P. Whitfield, Rev. J. H. Robinson, A. M. Redmond, Rev. C. A. Greer, E. W. Banks, Rev. B. J. Nolan, Rev. P. E. Scott, Dr. C. L. Barnes, Prof. I. S. Sanders, Dr. J. L. Reddix.

When you give to the Negro Christmas Cheer group you will be giving to the William Johnson Bethlehem Center and helping to bring a bit of cheer to the very young and the very old.

As usual, there will be a large number of indigent Negro poor in Jackson who will be without the Christmas cheer unless it is donated by the good people of Jackson.

Both white and colored are asked to contribute and to send their contributions to Dr. A. H. McCoy, Treasurer.

EX-ACTOR

Irving Pichel forsook a successful acting career in Hollywood to become a director. His latest vehicle is Paramount's "And Now Tomorrow," from the Rachel Field best seller, co-starring Loretta Young and Susan Hayward.

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ACTRESS SHOWS HOW TO SAVE GAS IN OWN KITCHEN



One of many ways housewives can save gas—to keep the war heat on Hitler—is to place and cover utensil over top burner before lighting the gas, says Lena Horne, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film player, shown preparing a meal in the kitchen of her home. She adds: "Turn the gas off before removing utensil from burner; don't use gas-range oven for kitchen heating; use a low blue flame; cut down on water used to cook vegetables; cook more one-dish meals, and cook whole meals in oven whenever possible; keep burners clean; don't overcook foods; and stop peeking in the oven."