

Bullets From Belmead to Benito



ROCK CASTLE, VIRGINIA—Many alumni of the St. Emma Military School will recognize this old gun, now on its way to the scrap heap for active duty once more, this time in the form of bullets for Benito. Made of solid brass, it was used on a warship during the Spanish-American War, and has decorated the Parade Grounds at "Belmead" for many years. Loading it are members of the Cadet Corps of St. Emma, a boarding high school teaching agriculture and industrial courses in addition to the military activities.

Among the Cadets pictured are Lawrence P. Slade, Williamstown, N. C.; Robert Petrie, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas McEachin, Norfolk, Va.; Oswald Benoit, New Orleans, La.; James O. Brooks, Jackson, Tenn.; Elmer Braxton, Hampton, Va., and Edward B. Farley, Petersburg, Va.



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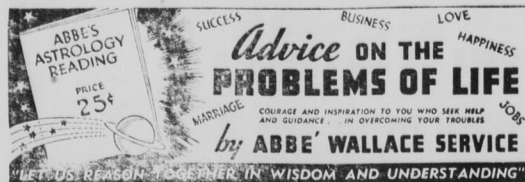
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D. M. T. — I've gone with a young man for over a year, but he has gone in service now to protect his country. Every time it gets to be his pay day, his people start writing him a lot about what I've been doing. He says he still wants to marry me and he has proven in some ways that he loves me but his people keep his mind poisoned against me.

Ans.: There will be no marriage for you with this boy until the war is over. He is not sure of his love for you and he hasn't too much confidence in your love for him... so he feels it's best that your marriage plans be postponed until after the "Nazis and Japs" are whipped. This is really best for both of you.

E. T. A friend of mine told me about this column and asked me to write your service for advice. My home has been unhappy for more than two years and I want to know if you can run this woman off so that my husband can be himself and do his home duties. I have 4 small children and you know how hard it is to be sick and worried up all the time by an outside woman.

Ans.: Run this woman off and it will only be a matter of time before your husband has another gal. You must wake your husband up. Show him that you can be independent. Put a stop to having babies every year. Prepare to get yourself an outside job just as the you were a widow with these children to look after. When your husband sees you are serious about either being treated right... or getting rid of him, he will have more respect for you and less for these other women.

T. J. F. — I am a graduate in high school and I have two girl friends whom I am very fond of. Will we be successful in getting jobs in the same city?

Ans.: You can easily get a job in the city of your choice but... won't stay there long for the old guy with the whiskers will get you... OLD UNCLE SAM HIMSELF. Wes Sir. It's the army for you and your time is growing short.

L. D. — My parents want me to go to school in Jackson and I want to go to school in another town but they are not able to send me to the place I want to go. Now what I want to know is should I go to school in Jackson or must I marry?

Ans.: You are entirely too young to marry. It is unfortunate for you that your parents cannot send you to the school of your choice but what does it matter? One school is as good as another in your case and I assure you... you will be well pleased with the Jackson School. Mother and Dad know what's best in this case so try to please them.

W. C. — I have read your column for about six years and like it. I am in prison and have been here for four years and I am expecting to go free in about four or five months if I get any good time off. Now here is my trouble. I met a family of people since I've been here and I started going with one of the girls. We were together one time. She had a baby and said it was mine and everybody says it looks like me. I want to do right but the girl doesn't care if she even writes and she writes only because her mother makes her. Her mother treats me like a wife or sister.

Ans.: That's all well and good, but it's the girl you are to marry and live with... not the mother. If she doesn't want you and makes no effort to show affection off



FOR SILL, OKLA.—Pvt. Willie Wright, Battery B, 31st Battalion, Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill, hasn't as yet had a chance to take a crack at the Axis with a gun but he is finished bombarding the enemy with \$9,202 worth—count 'em—War Bonds. Converting all his assets into cash, Private Wright marched into his battery orderly room, planked down the money, and said he wanted to invest in a few bonds. Wright's is the largest single purchase of War Bonds yet recorded in the 31st Battalion, the Replacement Center's Negro training division. Inducted in the Army October 15, 1942, the affluent soldier hails from San Antonio, Texas.

DR. PATTERSON SAYS
NEGROES CAN DOUBLE
OUTPUT IF AIDED

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute and special assistant to the secretary of agriculture, pointed out in a statement this week that Negro farmers could almost double their present food production if adequately financed and supervised.

Said Dr. Patterson, "I believe the 680,000 Negro farmers of America are doing all that they possibly can under the circumstances which they now live and work to meet the food needs of our nation. If, however, they can get more adequate supervision through additional farm and home demonstration agents, and through other supervisory services, plus the necessary financial aid on a low interest basis, I am sure that they could almost double their present production."

"These two items: financial aid and supervision must go hand in hand in my opinion if the most is to be made of either of them."

Dr. Patterson also indicated that colored farmers should try to take full advantage of the lending facilities made possible through the department of agriculture. These include farm credit administration, regional agricultural credit corporation, and farm security administration. FSA loans are made available to farmers who cannot qualify for credit from other sources.

He also emphasized the fact that FSA loans are being made to small farmers who with such financing can become qualified as "essential farm producers" under the war-unit rating by adding to their livestock, or poultry, or by increasing their production of war needed crops.

Pointing out that extension service has made a significant step in getting information to farmers through the organization of "neighborhood leaders," Dr. Patterson urged, however, that extension increase its staff of farm and home agents to meet the supervisory need.

ARNALL ASKED TO
REMOVE SHERIFF AND
ARREST HIM FOR
MURDER IN LYNCHING

NEW YORK — The arrest and prosecution on charge of murder of Sheriff Claude Screws and Night Policeman Frank Jones for the lynching of Robert Hall at Newton, Ga., January 29 was demanded this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a letter to Governor Ellis Arnall. Arnall was asked to remove Screws from office pending action against him.

The NAACP stated that affidavits which it had secured and sent to the United States department of justice immediately after the lynching named Screws and Jones as the persons last seen with Hall before his death. The NAACP had supplied the department of justice with pictures of Hall's body as it appeared when received by the undertaker. The lynch victim's body bore twenty-one abrasions, his skull had been beaten until soft, and his wrists deeply cut.

"We are certain," the NAACP said, "that the state of Georgia under your administration does not intend that a citizen, no matter how humble, shall be snatched from his home at midnight, without even an oral charge of any serious crime and murdered while in the custody of peace officers."

All reports point to the fact that Screws and Jones called for Hall at his home at midnight, handcuffed him and took him away, presumably to jail. The next information comes from a hospital which declares that it received a telephone call from Sheriff Screws ordering the removal of Hall from the jail to the hospital.

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NEW YORK — Recognized as the company which has been most active in casting Negro players and in publicizing these talented performers, Republic Pictures is also in the vanguard in cooperating with the government in the distribution of office of war information films which feature the contribution of Negroes to the war effort.

Republic is currently distributing, through its thirty-three exchanges throughout the country a short subject entitled, "Henry Brown, Farmer," which was produced by the department of agriculture. The reel was directed by Roger Barlow, and is narrated by Amanda Lee. The musical score is by Gene Forrell. The film is a tribute to the Negro farmer and the part he is playing in the war effort. It not only instills respect for Negro farmers, but also shows them how to make their land produce the most of crops which are needed. Made in Alabama, the picture concludes with a visit to the Browne family to a son at the air field of the 99th pursuit squadron.

A second subject, to be released soon, is titled "Negro Colleges in War Time." It is concerned with the splendid manner in which Negro colleges and universities have responded to the call for trained manpower. Tuskegee Institute in Alabama has been graduating qualified flyers for some time. The U. S. army air forces stationed on Tuskegee's fields hold class on the campus to teach the fundamentals of ground school. Tuskegee shops prepare students for jobs in aviation plants.

Prairie View, one of the state colleges of Texas, is designing courses to supply trained men and women to the increasingly technical fields of industrial and military service. At Howard University, located in Washington, D. C., classes in mechanical designing train men and women for jobs in plants that make our tanks, guns and machines. Howard University Medical School has speeded up training to furnish doctors and nurses for the fighting forces.

Hampton Institute, located on the banks of Hampton Roads, Va., is working on what amounts to a twenty-four hour basis, training hundreds of war workers. Students studying building construction and architecture built most of the buildings on the Hampton campus. Because of the urgent demand for trained nurses, Hampton is cooperating with nearby hospitals by providing class room and laboratory training. Many of Hampton's facilities are now being used by the armed forces. Selected men are sent there for training as army motor mechanics.

Thousands of Negro men and women throughout the nation are war effort, highly trained as a now taking their places in our result of work in colleges like these. "Negro Colleges in War Time" is avidly pictorialization of how Negro colleges are helping to produce the trained minds which are necessary to victory.

Republic Pictures is gratified at the opportunity to cooperate in the dissemination of this important information, which shows how much Negroes are accomplishing in our war effort; and is giving its wholehearted cooperation to the war activities committee of the motion picture industry, under whose auspices these reels are being distributed.

A Detroit undertaker contributed an aluminum coffin to the local salvage drive, and in Deadwood, S. D., the wrought-iron gate of a cemetery went to the same purpose.

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