

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1944

Gov. Sparks

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Committee of the party doing the governing.

Some Should Be Registered

Gov. Sparks has told the writer that he believes that Boards of Registrars in Alabama should register negroes who are good citizens and who are vouched for as white registration applicants are vouched for. As far as the writer knows that has been the rule of boards over Alabama. At least it should have been the rule and Montgomery County should have been included, and probably was.

Gov. Sparks told the writer recently that registering negro citizens who have proven themselves ready to vote is a duty the people owe the negroes.

He says that by recognizing negroes who have proven their citizenship, encouragement will be given to other negroes to bet themselves and make themselves entitled to registration.

But registering negroes in Montgomery County, which could be done in many cases, will not interfere with our white marries. Gov. Sparks and the

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Democrats of Alabama will see to that.

Would-Be Negro Voters

Flock Here To Register

The county board of registrars, convening for the Summer term yesterday at the courthouse, was met by an unprecedented number of negroes requesting registration and approximately 50 applications from them were received by the board during the day.

Shepherding the negroes to the courthouse and apparently serving them as friendly adviser was Arthur A. Madison, New York negro attorney, who is a native of Madison Park and was formerly admitted to the practice of law in Alabama until disbarred several months ago.

Appearance of the negroes for registration was not unexpected inasmuch as Madison, during his recent trial, admitted an earlier boast that he would "register 5,000 negroes in Alabama."

The applicants for registration were admitted to the board two at a time, but Madison was never seen to enter the east courtroom where the registrars were convened. There was no report of disorder at any time during the day, the negroes waiting their turn in groups of 25 to 30 in the upstairs corridor. Others waited on the courthouse steps and the sidewalk.

While around 50 applications were received, none was ruled on yesterday. The Alabama law gives the board "a reasonable time" to rule on applications, and if there are a great many or if considerable investigation must be made, the time may run into several weeks or longer.

Some months ago, during the Winter session, the Board of Registrars denied application of approximately 15 negroes for registration as voters. Appeals were taken to the Circuit Court in most of these cases by Arthur Madison who had aided the parties in making application to the board.

Later, before the appeals were heard, five of the parties who had applied for registration appeared voluntarily in Circuit Court and made oath that Madison had not been employed by them to take appeal and that he had appealed in their name without their authority.

27 Alabama Boys Killed In Action

WASHINGTON, June 12.

The War Department made public today the names of 1,511 United States soldiers killed in action, including 27 from Alabama.

Corrections released are issued from time to time denoting change in time of casualty. When the symbol (X) appears before the name on this list it indicates such a correction has previously been made.

The list included:

European Area
Canant, First Lieut. Amuel—Mrs. F. Canant, wife, Louisville.
Drake, Staff Sergt. Earl T.—W. A. Drake, father, route 1, Lacon.
Orlinsky, Pvt. Roy B.—Mrs. Vivian Orlinsky, wife, Florence.
Raper, Second Lieut. Jack W.—Elizabeth B. Raper, wife, Birmingham.
Simon, Tech. Sergt. Aubrey C.—Felix Simon, father, route 1, Pell City.
Ward, Pfc. Luther T.—Mrs. Ward, mother, Ashland.
Mediterranean Area
Blackman, Pvt. Howard M.—Mrs. M. Blackman, mother, Mobile.
Brumbaugh, Corp. Jack C.—Mrs. M. Brumbaugh, wife, Birmingham.
Calver T. Pfc. Julius C.—Mrs. I. Calvert, wife, Route 1, Warrior.
Collins, Pvt. William A.—Mrs. I. H. Collins, wife, Mobile.
Goodwin, Tech. Sergt. Alvin C.—Lela D. Goodwin, mother, Mardena.
Green, Tech. 8th gr. Bertha E.—J. Green, father, Route 2, Cullman.
Haley, Capt. Percy E., Jr.—Mrs. I. M. Haley, Jr., wife, Mobile.
Hilley, Pvt. John L.—Mrs. Ruth Hilley, mother, Route 1, Gaylesville.
Hood, First Lieut. Andrew J., Jr.—Florence Hook, mother, Rutaw.
Ben Jenkins, Sergt. Tilton D.—Mrs. M. Jenkins, wife, care W. H. Jenkins, Route 1, Maylene.
Lucas, Pfc. Lee D., Jr.—Lee D. Lucas, Sr., father, Underwood.
Melock, Pvt. William C.—Mrs. Mel Melock, mother, Rock Run.
Palmer, Corp. Earnie L., Jr.—Willie M. Palmer, mother, Birmingham.
Peacock, Tech. Sergt. John J.—Margaret H. Peacock, wife, Route 1, Birmingham.
Peacock, Tech. Sergt. John J.—Margaret H. Peacock, wife, Route 1, Headland.
Roberts, Pfc. William K.—Mrs. L. Roberts, wife, Route 1, Rutledge.
Smith, Tech. 8th gr. Herman E.—Isis Smith, mother, Mulbury.
Smith, Corp. Joseph C.—Mrs. Ju Smith, mother, Route 8, Birmingham.
Spide, Pfc. Pack D.—Mrs. Mildred Spide, wife, Lovick.
Thompson, Staff Sergt. Ben M.—Annie W. Forbes, mother, Birmingham.
Walker, Pvt. Burle H. D.—Mrs. E. Walker, mother, Route 1, Linev.
Southwest Pacific Area
Bracknell, Pvt. Arlee—Mrs. Lora Bracknell, mother, Route 1, Trondale.

Frontline Air

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duties strafed and bombed