

WALLACE NEGRO SOLDIERS HOLD
"JAM" SESSION

By Conrad Clark

Camp Wallace, Texas—More than 300 Negro soldiers crowded the War Department Theatre No. 3 last Monday evening to attend the regular semi-monthly "jam" session of the Camp Wallace Swingsters, under the direction of S-Sgt. Clarence Gray, orchestra leader.

The "Swingsters" officially known as the orchestra of the 2nd Band, colored, AARTC, kept the crowd jumping for more than 60 minutes, and also appearing on the program were members of the Negro Galveston USO players, including, Williams and Blair, Comedians, Miss Blanch Douglas, vocalist, and others.

Master of ceremonies was Pte. Conrad Clark of Hq. Detachment, a former society reporter of the Washington-Afro-American, Washington, D.C.

Numbers on the program included a comical skit by Williams and Blair, a vocal selection by Miss Douglass, "Summertime" sung by T-5th William Parr, vocalist of the orchestra, and a "jive" quartette featuring S-Sgt. Gray, clarinet; T-4th Jenkins, piano; T-5th Parr, bass violin, and Pte. John R. Brown, drums.

Other numbers included "Four or Five Times," sung by Pfc. James Crabbe, trombonist; "Flying Home", an arrangement by Pfc. Humphrey Thomas, saxophonist, and played by the group, and the finale, "Walter Fuller's No Name Jive", a composition by Pte. Walter Fuller, a former composer and

arranger in civilian life.

Before the end of the program a surprise "pre-birthday" gift was made to Mrs. Reba Bess Taylor of Service Club No. 4.

All programs are arranged by a committee of enlisted men, including T-4th James L. Hawkins of San Antonio, Tex., chairman; Sgt. John F. Wedge of Washington, D.C., Cpls. William Williamson, secretary and Aaron Martin of Cleveland, Ohio; Cpl. Lewis Johnson of St. Paul, Minn., and Ptes. Thomas Murphy of New York City, N.Y. and Floyd Rawlins, of Pittsburgh, Pa., all members of the 33rd Training Battalion of the Negro troops of the Anti-Aircraft Replacement Training Center.

NOMA JENSEN JOINS
NAACP FIELD STAFF

New York, N.Y.—Miss Noma Jensen who until recently served as race relations worker with the Cleveland Baptist Association of Cleveland, Ohio is now an assistant field secretary to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced this week. Miss Jensen brings to her work with the NAACP a full background in interracial understanding.

A 1940 graduate of Temple University and the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers, Miss Jensen immediately set to work that year as a director of migrant camps for the Home Mission Council of North America. Miss Jensen is a native of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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