

First Negro WAACS from Area



Shown above are Miss Lillian F. Johnson, (left), daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, 800 East Third st., and Miss Dorothy E. Smith, (right), daughter of Mrs. James L. Smith, 638 Jischke st., who are the first Negro girls to join the WAAC. Miss Johnson was sworn in at Harrisburg January 21 and Miss Smith, January 15. Miss Johnson is a former adviser to the Y. V. G. Club at the South Side branch of the Y. W. C. A. Her father, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, served in the Spanish-American War under General Douglas MacArthur's father, General Arthur MacArthur. Both Miss Johnson and Miss Smith attended Liberty High School and the Pennsylvania State School of Aeronautics for six weeks and will leave for basic training at Des Moines, Ia., on April 7.