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FARMERS READINESS FOR MECHANIZATION URGED BY USDA HEAD

Urging white and colored farmers of the South to prepare to make the best use of mechanization, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan said in an address last week that there may be close to a million tractors in the Southern region within two years.

"Soon there also may be thousands of mechanical cotton pickers, choppers, flame-cultivators and other labor-saving equipment," the Secretary added. He was speaking before the Alabama Farmers Union meeting in Centre, Ala.

Using as a subject, **Better Living**, Brannan pointed out how mechanization and diversification can bring a higher standard of living to the South. Diversification, he said, will provide opportunity for more livestock processing plants, for milk plants, flour and feed mills, bakeries, frozen food establishments, and many other industries.

These, the Secretary stated will create jobs for those seeking part time off-farm employment. "It is only through such industrial expansion," he declared, "that the South can hope to attain that balance between farm and city that is the key to regonal prosperity."

As the South mechanizes, Brannan said many changes will take place, such as the development of larger farmers, partly through the absorption of smaller ones, with a need for fewer hands to plant, care for, and harvest crops.

"I think that with proper guidance and assistance," the Secretary asserted, "this development will be good for the family sized farm. Certainly, it will mean that some producers who are barely getting by with a hand-to-mouth existence on submarginal land and with a minimum of equipment will leave the farm for jobs in industry or the service occupations. But this is not a bad thing, if thereby they better their living standards," he assured.

Continuing, Brannan pointed out that other family sized farmers will get larger acreages. He said the Farmers Home Administration will help in this as in the past. Also, tenants will be added to ownership through FHA. He suggested that some farmers will take their land out of uneconomic crops and diversify. If they do not have the acreage to raise the livestock or take up dairying, they may go in for more poultry or truck crops.

Emphasizing the importance of livestock and poultry production, the Secretary said that although the South has increased its output of cattle, hogs, and chickens, the region still is not self-sufficient in its production of meat, milk, and eggs. He said the South needs far more of these than it presently producing in order to provide its people with diets adequate for health and efficiency.

In order to produce more livestock, Secretary Brannan suggested that the South must grow its own forage. He said the region is importing hay while more than 10 million acres of its land lies idle.

Brannan said the South will continue to grow all the cotton for which there is a market. But he advised that the way to larger income, more security, and industrial expansion is through diversification.

As for the small farmer's ability to meet the competition of large mechanized units, the Secretary said that some small farmers may gain the advantage of mechanization through cooperative arrangements or by engaging machinery on a custom basis.

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By John Henrik Clarke for ANP

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Military Leaders in U. S. and Overseas Confer via Tele-Con

Through the magic of "Tele-Con"—a method of overseas communication developed during World War II by the Army Signal Corps—military leaders in Washington conduct conferences daily with heads of the occupation commands in Europe and the Far East.

Seated in a third-floor Pentagon room, the Army chiefs jot a message on a piece of paper which is handed to a teletype operator. The latter presses a few keys, and the message is flashed on a beaded glass screen simultaneously in the Pentagon Overseas Conference Center and in Berlin, Frankfurt, Vienna or Tokyo.

On a similar screen alongside the first one, an incoming message in reply is projected. The two messages remain visible while the conferees in Washington prepare their answering comment.

As rapidly as the conferees at the respective ends of the circuit frame their questions, replies and instructions the messages are flashed back and forth across the ocean, and the conference continues—for an hour, two hours, or as long as the matter at hand may require.

Sessions Speed Action

During the course of a two hour Tele-Con session, it is possible to clear up a piece of military business which ordinarily would require a couple weeks of conventional transoceanic radio traffic. With all of those concerned in formulation of the appropriate action assembled in conference rooms at the points linked, a meeting of minds is usually achieved during the period of the consultation.

Utmost secrecy of communication is assured by a complex scrambling device at the transmitting end, and an automatic unscrambler at the receiving point.

Security and accuracy in the conduct of the conferences is the responsibility of a highly trained group of WAC officers assigned to the office of the Army Chief of Staff. Circuits and transmission facilities are maintained by the Signal Corps.

Placed in operation in March, 1944, Tele-Con utilized the Army's world-wide radio teletype network to play a significant role in many of the top-level military situations of the war. Wherever a major overseas headquarters was located, from Caserta, Italy, to Chungking, China, Tele-Con equipment was set up.

Philippine Invasion Mapped

A typical instance of this dramatic role was an occasion during a Combined Chiefs of Staff conference at Quebec, when a decision as to when and where the initial invasion of the Philippines should take place was dependent upon data from General MacArthur's headquarters.

By means of commercial land lines to Washington and San Francisco, and radio teletype circuits by way of Brisbane, Australia, direct communication with MacArthur in Dutch New Guinea was established within seven minutes. In less than a quarter of an hour, the necessary information which resulted in the decision to attack at Leyte was obtained.

In recent months, Army Tele-Con facilities made available to the State Department have had an equally valuable part in keeping those charged with direction of our international policy in close touch with world trouble spots. During the recurrent Berlin crises, State Department officials have frequently been linked with Berlin, London and Paris in four-way conference hookups.

Five Johnston Farmers Make 100-Bushel Club

Many Johnston County Negro farmers and 4-H Club members made outstanding corn yields this year, L. R. Johnson, County agent for the State College Extension Smithfield, Route 1, 103.23 bushels. The 4-H Clubbers, both members of the Richard B. Harrison Club at Selma, were John Everette, 107.77 bushels, and Roosevelt Revells, 100.5 bushels.

A total of 102 farmers and 4-H Clubbers entered a county corn contest sponsored by the Agricultural Advisory Council. Of that number, 52 turned in completed records showing an average yield of 67.61 bushels per acre at a cost of 30.6 cents per bushel, less labor.

There adults and two 4-H members produced yields ranging from 100.5 to 112.7 bushels per acre to qualify for membership in the State's 100-Bushel Club. The adults and their yields were: J. T. Hocutt, Middlesex, Route 1, 112.7 bushels; William Barnes, Middlesex, Route 1, 103.5 bushels; and Floyd Vinson, Service, has reported.

Music department of Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., has expanded its music department in order to offer a major in public school music.

Shown above is the music faculty, from left: Mrs. Hermine R. Williams, instructor of piano; William W. Davis, instructor of band instruments and band director; Miss Edna L. Davis, head of the music department, instructor of piano and public school music; Kermit W. Bailey, instructor of string instruments; Mrs. Amelia N. Young, instructor of voice, and college choir director.

—ANP

Suggest Law Change To Open Missouri Colleges To Negro Students

BY ROB ROY RATLIFF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (ANP) — Opening the University of Missouri and other state supported colleges to Negroes appeared a possibility when the head of the university came out suddenly for such action before a state legislative committee hearing recently.

The president of the board, Albert McReynolds, a former legislative official and party leader who has a law office in Carthage, Mo., said he would support legislation at state level to admit Negroes to classes at state schools when large concerns are not given at Lincoln University here.

Mr. McReynolds cited recent federal court decisions regarding cases in the neighboring states of Oklahoma and Arkansas, stating such decisions "do not permit maintaining Lincoln University with its small enrollment, low permanent and promotive physical plant."

Segregation in the classrooms is "not necessarily involved in the proposed law revision," Mr. McReynolds said. He suggested that this was an administrative question to be considered later. Governor Forrest Smith, who also attended the meeting, said he would be willing to go along with such a plan.

The end of the school problem was in sight, he said, if the legislature would provide the money for the development of Lincoln University.

Mr. McReynolds said that the state university to Negroes "is not a matter of bigotry but points out that there was sufficient room to take care of the students now at Lincoln University."

A representative of the Missouri Negro Bar Association, Mr. Charles Gordon, said that the association would "go along" with such a plan because of the national army policy. 2 companies of such units have been approved for south Kansas City and St. Louis but neither has been activated.

Michael J. Cornish, chief of the security division of that state employment office, said the department followed "a community policy in dealing Negroes and in all cases complied with the state health system. He testified that several Negroes are employed in the Kansas City and St. Louis offices.

The last other bills of interest were those requiring instruction in the history of Negroes in the public schools and providing for a state commission on human relations.

MARTIN FATHER, SON TEST CORN METHODS

O. W. Jones, Martin County Negro farmer of Oak City, Route 1, has convinced not only himself but also his son that it pays to use hybrid seed and plenty of fertilizer in producing corn.

According to R. M. Edwards, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service, Jones attended a corn result demonstration project conducted in 1947 and decided then and there that he would use hybrid seed for his 1948 crop.

His 28-year-old son, Ronald, however, remained doubtful. He just didn't like the idea of paying $10.50 for a bushel of seed and spending a lot of money on fertilizer.

So the two engaged in a little friendly competition. The elder Jones bought a bushel of N. C. 27 hybrid seed and planted 7.5 acres. He used 16-inch spacing in 3.5 foot rows and followed recommended fertilizer practices. Young Jones planted his crop with regular field corn and did not fertilize liberally.

When the corn was harvested, the father had a yield of 109.4 bushels per acre. The son produced only 47.5 bushels per acre.

Looking at his father's 7.5-acre field, young Jones said he had never seen so much corn on one piece of land. From now on, he plans to use hybrid seed and fertilize according to recommendations.

FOUNDER'S RITES HELD IN HONOR OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

FARMELE, Dec. 17 — N. C. Chance, principal of Farmele High School, was honored at a Founder's Day anniversary program held last week at the school. O. R. Foster, supervising principal of the Rocky Mount City Schools, was the main speaker.

Greetings were extended by Peace Cox, president of the school board, who also presented a photograph of Principal Chance. The picture will be displayed in the school auditorium.

Alonzo Carter, teacher in the Bethel School, brought a tribute from the alumni to the service of Mr. Chance.

The choral club of 50 voices under the direction of Mrs. Vivian Armstrong, rendered several selections.

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Joint Hotesses Give Miscellaneous Shower

WARRENTON — On Monday, December 13, Miss Gloria Laws bride elect of December 27, was honored at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Thurston Brown and Miss Louise Graves at the home of Mrs. Brown on Macon Street.

Upon her arrival the bride-elect was presented a corsage of red carnations by the hostesses. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with poinsettias and Christmas decorations, with a green and white motif predominating.

The dining table was covered with an eyelet lace table cloth and holding white candles flanked the Christmas Centerpiece and hanging wedding bell.

Bridal Contests and several progressions of rhombic and whist were played with prizes being won by Misses Mrs. Miss Mildred Martin, Mrs. Hattie B. Mason, Mrs. Mabel B. Hall and Mrs. Pattie Tyson.

The girls were presented the bride-elect on an arched table decorated with silver bells.

Bridal cake, punch, cheese pap, mints and Christmas candies were served to the following: Mrs. Emma Mrs. Mamie B. Davis, Mrs. Mattie M. Alston, Mrs. Annie Mrs. Jane Adams, Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Lavinia McGriff, and Mrs. Hattie T. Mason, all of Warrenton and Mrs. Pattie Tyson, Mrs. Mildred Martin and Mrs. Hattie Williams of Henderson and the hostesses, Miss Crocks and Mrs.

The honoree also received gifts from Mrs. Andrew Hodges, Mrs. Lunn Mrs. Robert Davis, and Mrs. Lloyd Fallaw.

Mrs. Laws was the only daughter of Claude Laws of Garner and graduate of Warren County School.

FIRE GA. TEACHERS IN EQUAL PAY FIGHT

Atlanta, Ga. (Atlas News Service) — The suspension of two of the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor who were active in the fight for equal pay for Negro and white teachers in Atlanta is being vigorously fought by the Atlanta Teachers Union, a Local of the United Public Workers.

The recommendation that Mr. and Mrs. Rhedhan Taylor be dismissed from their school post after approximately twenty years of teaching is viewed here as one of a series of vindictive rulings by the Atlanta Board of Education.

Mr. Taylor is president of the Gate City Teachers Association, the group which together with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People initiated and financed a court suit against discrimination in the field of teacher's salaries.

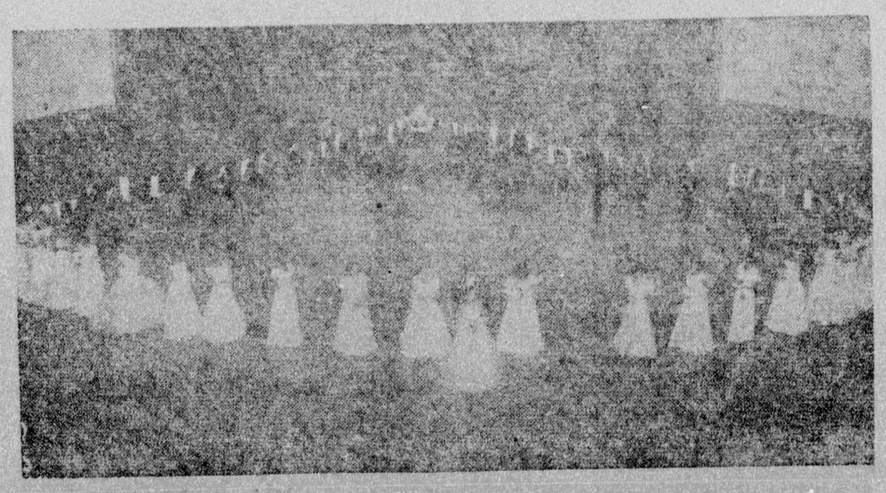
The Atlanta Union group has thrown all its resources into the fight for the reinstatement of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, whose suspension was obviously related to their leadership in the campaign against discrimination rather than the result of the flimsy charge of a two-day absence from school.

Dancer Sails For Africa To Study Native Folk Dances

NEW YORK (ANP) — Mr. Pearl Primus, one of the country's foremost dancers, left early last week for a one-year research trip to Africa to study the music, dance and dances of the natives in Belgian Congo and West Africa. The study is being made under a Julius Rosenwald fellowship.

She plans to study the dances and music of Nigeria, Ashanti, Gold Coast, Liberia, Senegal, French West Africa and that of the Ibos and the Walsi people of the Belgian Congo.

Nomination for a reward well deserved: the elevation of R. Maurice Moss (Pittsburgh executive to the national office staff of the Urban league. Older going, ULO.



AS DEBUTANTES WERE PRESENTED — Above is shown the colorful formation that debutantes from the eastern part of the state and their escorts made as they were presented to society at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at the annual debutantes' ball sponsored by the Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Miss Gwendolyn Harris, of Louisburg, the queen of the ball is shown in the center.

YOUR NATIONAL GUARD DIVISIONS CONTINUE THE OLD TRADITIONS

This is the seventeenth of a series on the Infantry and Armored Divisions of the new National Guard. They are presented to acquaint you with the organization which will be an M-Day Force, trained, equipped and available for immediate service with the Regular Army in the event of any emergency.

42ND INFANTRY DIVISION—Organized from National Guard troops for World War I as non-guardsmen in World War II, the legendary 42nd "Rainbow" Division has returned to the Guard in the postwar military establishment.

"The Fighting 69th," which earned undying fame as one of the Rainbow Division's Infantry regiments in World War I, has been redesignated the 165th Infantry and is once more an integral part of the Division. It is located in the metropolitan New York area, as are the other two Regiments, the 71st and the 105th, and other elements of the division.

The 42nd Division earned its nickname as the "Rainbow Division" because its troops were drawn from National Guard outfits of 26 States and the District of Columbia when it was first formed in August, 1917. Three months later it was in France, and in March, 1918, it went into the line in the Luneville sector. It was in the Champagne-Marne and Aisne-Marne offensives that the Rainbow Division made its reputation, emerging from the war as one of the most celebrated organizations in history.

As a Non-Guard Division in World War II, the 42nd was reactivated and trained too late for the Normandy landing but made up for lost time when it went into action in December, 1944, as part of the Seventh Army's right flank at Saarbrucken. It made its first penetration of Germany in March, 1945, driving through the Hardt Mountains. Later it rolled 25 miles east of the Rhine, taking Furth and Schweinfurt in May. The men of the 42nd entered Munich and were co-liberators of 32,000 victims of the torture camp at Dachau. They drove into Austria, and then—shortly after VE Day—occupied Kufstein, German film capital.

HELP ASKED FOR T. B. WARD NURSES IN HARLEM HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An appeal to Harlem residents to help secure nurses to adequate conditions in the tuberculosis section in Harlem hospital, where [illegible] nurses have [illegible] and [illegible] nurses [illegible] the [illegible] Dr. Edward Lorenz by the Citizens committee for Nursing Education and Service here in Harlem.

Special mention was made of the more aggravated conditions existing at Harlem hospital.

Mrs. Alice Sylvia Ellis, committee chairman, said in a letter to the hospital commissioner, that [illegible] ward [illegible] several TB patients [illegible] to give adequate care [illegible] are almost impossible for the average person to believe actually exist."

"The Citizens' committee is convinced [illegible] Negro nurses [illegible] adequate nursing care can be given under crowded conditions [illegible] where patients are [illegible] for [illegible] another in hospital [illegible] and halls. These conditions exist at Harlem hospital as well as at Bellevue and in other institutions in the city.

"The committee, in urging the [illegible] for [illegible] patients, wishes to [illegible] commissioner of its [illegible] of action designed to alleviate this situation," [illegible] said.

A. & M. DIRECTOR ATTENDS MEETING

Tallahassee — William P. Foster, Director of the Florida A. & M. C[illegible] band, attended the annual meeting of the College Band Directors National Association which was held in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, December, 16, 17, and 18, 1948. The Association was composed of the leading college and university band directors of the country.

And speaking of the VA, have you seen its "Circular 33" on implementation of the President's FEP directive for the federal government. It is a fair, no-[illegible]

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