

3RD PHELPS-STOKES REPORT SHOWS GAINS

Chicago (ANP) — In spite of many handicaps, the progress of the American Negro during the past 35 years has been outstanding and is creditable alike to the Negro and to those interested in his rights and welfare, relates the newly published report of the Phelps-Stokes fund.

The progress of the Negro, as true with all minority groups, is related directly with his education, the report points out. Statistics show that the Negro had a 20 percent gain in literacy from 1911 to 1945, a 30 fold increase of students in college courses, nearly the same amount of those in professional courses and a five-fold increase in annual expenditures for Negro education.

The report relates that perhaps the most outstanding gain came in the number of Negro high schools from under 100 to more than 1,000.

Despite the general low economic level of the colored man today, statistics show this is a remarkable increase from 1910. That year he conducted 20,000 businesses. Between 1940-45, he rated 57-195. During the same period, he increased his home ownership from 500,000 to 719,771. His one decline in this era was in farms which showed a decrease of about 50,000. This, the report points out, stemmed from the migration of rural Negroes to urban centers both in the south and north.

The report gives two types of factors as the cause of the Negro's climb. Under the general group, the accepted opinion of modern science stands out, inescapable is the factor that there is no question today of the superior and inferior ability of races. Given the same opportunities, as the white man he is capable of the same progress, and of manifesting the same abilities.

Other factors which have aided the progress of the colored man are the growing conviction as to the implications of constitutional democracy and liberty, and also the growing conviction as to implications of Christianity.

MALONES HOSTS AT TRIANGLES' LINCOLN DAY TEA

A Lincoln Day Tea, sponsored by the Triangle Club of the Wilcox Temple Methodist Church, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Malone, 303 Oberlin Road, Sunday, February 13, 1949. The program opened with the Negro National Anthem followed with invocation by the Rev. Mr. W. T. Brown, Pastor of Wilcox Temple Church, scripture — 23rd Psalm. Dr. J. B. Davis, Fuquay Springs, N. C. and Mrs. Bessie C. Pettiford rendered interesting short talks.

The Junior Choirs from the Oberlin Baptist Church and the Oberlin Methodist Church rendered Negro Spirituals. The Young Sisters' Trio also rendered two songs. The following sang solos: Mrs. Mary B. Hynes, Mrs. Elsie T. Hynes, Mr. George Adams, Mr. E. W. Reddick and Miss Julia Ann Bryant played an instrumental solo. Mrs. Lucille G. Campbell, Misses Geradine Turner and Ernestine Deaton were the accompanists.

A delightful repast — open-face and ham sandwiches, cheese biscuits, nuts, mints, Russian tea and cookies — was served by the members of the Club. Proceeds \$43.00. Approximately 100 guests were present.

A. U. STUDENTS HEAR LECTURE ON AFRICA

Atlanta — Before an audience that filled to capacity the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Professor William Leo Hansberry of Howard University unfolded the dramatic tale of the development of civilization in ancient and medieval Africa. The lecture was illustrated by actual photographs of these imposing ruins that have been unearthed by explorers and archaeologists.

Earlier in the day, Professor Hansberry had spoken at the morning chapel programs of Morehouse College, Clark College and Morris Brown College.

At the lecture in the library, he made it clear that the civilizations of Benin, Napa, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Songhai were flourishing at a time when most of Europe was in the Dark Ages. His photographs of beautiful temples, precious works of art, kings, queens, and able administrators left little doubt that the average textbook gives a false picture of Africa when it is described as a land of barbarism.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE CITED IN ALA.

Montgomery, Ala. (ANP) — The state health department disclosed here last week that 1,362 Negro babies and 1,663 white babies born in the state died before reaching their first birthday last year.

The figures were taken from the national office of vital statistics which revealed that 3,025 of the total 111,063 first year deaths were from Alabama. The report also stated that 39 states had a higher infant mortality rate for Negro babies than Alabama, but only 19 had a larger white infant death rate.

FOUR OAKS NEWS

Mrs. Frank R. Bagley of Four Oaks N. C. is visiting her husband S-Sgt. Frank R. Bagley for an indefinite time. The latter is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

'4-H'er Wins Cowboy Boots



DENVER, COLO.—Lois Mae Hamm, 15-year-old Whitney, Nebr. 4-H Club girl is presented with a special award by Harry Schwarz of the Acme Boot Company in recognition of her achievement in raising the prize-winning Hereford steer Cupid, which took the junior blue ribbon at the National Western Stock Show. Lois will receive a pair of unique, handmade gold inlaid cowboy boots like the sample pair she is holding, custom made from the hide of her winning animal. Other 4-H Club boys and girls who win in the major stock shows are to receive similar Acme Boot awards.

New Homemaker Group Installs 1949 Officials

JOHNSTON COUNTY — The New Homemakers of America Club of the Johnston County Training School held its installation services on Wednesday, February 8th in the school auditorium.

The officers were dressed in white, the chapel was darkened and candles were lighted on the stage. With the playing of soft music, Mildred Rufford, the Spirit of NHA, appeared on the stage followed by the officers of the club and girls who wished to join.

The NHA is the national organization of Negro pupils studying in the states having separate schools for Negroes. The organization was founded in 1944 by pupil representatives from all of the states that are incorporated in the program.

The NHA is a non-profit corporation which has for its pur-

pose the development of social qualities, the provision for wholesome recreational activities and the promotion of better home life for its members and their families.

Through the program of the organization, its members are afforded an opportunity to develop desirable character traits which contribute to leadership and help to prepare them for the vocation of homemaking.

The distinguishing colors of the organization are navy blue and white. Blue denotes earnestness, faithfulness, steadfastness and an unwavering determination to succeed.

White denotes purity, cleanliness and happiness. These are the attributes which should be attained through the program of New Homemakers of America.

The red rose is our flower. It is symbolic of vibrant, glowing

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health — a necessary attribute for happiness and efficiency.

The motto is **Better Homes for a Better Nation**. The motto expresses the goal of the organization and one of the major purposes of all homemaking education.

The newly installed officers for the club are as follows: president, Mary Buie; vice president, Eddie Faye Rufford; secretary, Jean Blackmon; assistant secretary, Rosaline Williams; treasurer, Merline White; reporter, Rosaline Williams; historian, Virginia Rowland; song leader, Mildred Rufford; and advisers, Mrs. A. M. Forte and Miss E. B. McNeill.

The club is scheduled to meet once a month.

Washington (ANP) — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) made a sharp retort to "the forgetful and the revengeful" whose rumors that the administration would soft pedal civil rights legislation "are not without political motive."

He scotched the rumors with an emphatic statement that "the fight for civil rights has only begun, and we who pledge our services to the elimination of our country's greatest shame will continue to lash at discrimination, at lynching, at poll taxes, against bigotry until these blights are banished by law."

The senator's rebuke was delivered at the last Tuesday afternoon session of the Conference on the Unfinished Business in Social Legislation, held at the Interdepart-

mental Auditorium, Department of Labor, Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The Minnesota senator declared that it is not only necessary to enact legislation to abolish the poll tax, lynching, segregation in the armed forces and job discrimination, but there is need for a civil rights commission in our federal government to vitalize the law enforcement and educational processes.

He said he intended to introduce a bill to establish such a commission in the very near future.

Sen. Humphrey also introduced by Dr. Sadie Alexander, a member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, Mrs. Alexander led the 600 delegates representing the leading national organizations of the country, that they should urge their congressmen to fight for the enactment of the civil rights section of the department of justice.

Rep. Andrew J. Bardenier (D. Wis.) spoke on the same program, outlining the health situation in this country and advocating the passage of some federal health le-

U. S. SEN. HITS DUAL SCHOOLS IN RADIO ADDRESS

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Senator William Langer (R., N. D.) hit a crack at the segregated school systems practiced in certain sections of this country in a radio address last Sunday.

Appearing on the "Americans All" program over station WOOK, the North Dakota senator stated that he believed that the "elimination of segregated schools would bring about better treatment for all children, would broaden opportunities for minorities, would provide a basis for all groups to be more interested and would encourage a greater mutual understanding."

He claimed that the dual school system advocated in this country has been very harmful to the U. S. "How many our representatives around the table of the UN continue to claim leadership for democracy when the representatives of all the other nations think that as far as Negroes are concerned, that so-called democracy has been a joke in this country."

Appearing on this same program were Mrs. Lily A. Perry, president of the National Industrial Justice Association, and Dr. Frederick E. Reisinger, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Church-

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Have You Grown?



Probably you haven't "grown" like this rotund fellow, but chances are there is one thing around your house that has. Your use of electricity, that is.

Most families have greatly increased their use of electric service in the last ten, or more years as they have added more and more electrical appliances to make their home more comfortable, attractive and convenient. And, that is a good thing. However, as you enjoy more and more electrical living in your home you should give a thought to the wiring. Have an electrician check your house wiring and be sure that it is adequate for the use you are making of it—with a good margin for the appliances you will add in the future.

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