

## Things You Should Know

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## Magazine Labels Migrant Workers As "Twentieth Century Slaves"

NEW YORK — (ANP) — America's migrant farm workers, called "20th Century Slaves," are being underpaid, miserably fed and cruelly exploited.

In a feature article, titled "Our Miserable Million" the new issue of Coronet reveals that the migrant

farm workers who come up from South Eastern States, Texas and California, hand gather multi-million dollar crops, live and work in conditions that are almost unbelievable.

Large families are crammed together in converted chicken sheds,

unheated and partitioned into tiny cubicles. Mattresses and stools are filthy and latrines are usually stopped up. Electricity and plumbing are slight, or non-existent.

On the promise of "pie in the sky" by unscrupulous and greedy crew bosses, this brand new form of bondage is being tolerated or ignored by the U. S. Government, the feature points out.

Urging that better legislation be enacted, and suggesting solutions that will ease the migrant problem, the Coronet feature ironically points out that the Government has appropriated \$6,500,000 for migratory birds. There is only a very small provision for migratory humans.

There is no minimum law, or age law for seasonal farm workers. One worker quoted in the article revealed that he has earned \$16.20 for picking beans, but over \$14 had been deducted for groceries, rent and transportation, leaving him a net of \$1.80 to live on. Some workers return home with no money at all, after six months work, Coronet states.

What do farmers and crew bosses think of the migrant workers? "They're scum" says one farmer questioned for the Coronet article. "Why build better quarters for them. They get drunk and break them up." This sentiment, widely spread throughout the country, is helping to perpetuate a deplorable situation.

The article points out that these nomads are not migrants by choice. There is not enough work for them in Southern states so they must keep moving in order to exist. According to Herbert Hill, national labor secretary for the NAACP, a large number of Southern migrants are former tenant farmers, dispossessed when cotton crops shifted West.

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## Desegregation To Be Major Topic At Bar Group's Meet

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The burning issue involving desegregation and civil rights now before the courts will highlight panel discussions and public addresses by members of the National Bar Association at its 33rd annual convention convening in Chicago, Aug. 28-30.

"This will be the most spirited convention session we've ever had," predicts the national president, Attorney William S. Thompson of Washington, D. C.

The Cook County Bar Association, host to the convention, is planning a progressive program under the chairmanship of Atty. Elmer A. Henderson. The meeting will be

held at the Hotel Sherman, Randolph and Clark Streets.

Atty. Charles F. Lane, chairman of the host committee, collaborating with the president of the NBA, has secured a host of outstanding lawyers and jurists to address the convention sessions. Among those participating will be Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel for NAACP; Gordon Tiffany, director of the Federal Civil Rights Commission; Atty. Cora T. Walker, third vice president of NBA; Atty. Thomas V. Stinson, president of the Barium Lawyers Association; Edward Bennett Williams, noted criminal lawyer.

President Thompson has expressed confidence that the association and its member groups will meet the challenges of these trying times. During Thompson's tenure Stars' top chairman, was delayed in award to the lawyer in the association displaying outstanding achievements. The National Bar Directory not published since 1952, was revived and brought up to date.

One of the commendable accomplishments of the year was the proclamation by the national president of "National Bar Week." During this week the member associations of NBA spotlighted the achievements and outstanding work of lawyers throughout the nation and compiled valuable information that was passed on to the national body.

## National Baptist Convention Not Officially Invited, Groups Charge; Factional Fight Now Looming

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The 5,000,000 National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., largest Negro church organization in the world, last week was confronted with a new problem as it prepares for its 1955 annual session here, Sept. 9-14.

The problem concerned a possible factional struggle between three Illinois groups. Two of these groups, the General Baptist State Convention, claimed they were not invited to the convention and the Baptist State consulted nor invited to extend the

official invitation to the national convention, although they are the duly authorized bodies of Baptists in the state.

**LEVELS CHARGE AT PRESIDENT**

They further charged that a third group, formed by Dr. J. H. Jackson, V. Stinson, president of the Barium Lawyers Association, was asked to extend the invitation. Ministers of the other two groups charged the third body, called the Baptist Fellowship, and comprising a number of small Baptist church-

es, was organized by Dr. Jackson when he found he could not control the two principal bodies.

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

The charges were contained in a statement to convention delegates, in which the ministers criticized the principle and methods of the parent body. It read:

"We, the undersigned, feel morally obligated to you to make the following statement respecting the coming of the National Baptist Convention to Chicago in September of this year.

"First of all, we want you to know that we are not enemies to any member of the national body. We are not in opposition to any right procedure of our national convention but we are opposed to the principle and at this time, methods which are being used.

"The National Baptist Convention has not been officially invited to the State of Illinois for its annual session. The General Baptist State Convention of Illinois and the Baptist State Convention of Illinois were not invited into the act of extending to the national Baptist family this invitation. We profoundly regret that the invitation to the Baptists of America was extended or given by an organization known as the Fellowship Group which holds no membership in the National Baptist Convention.



Growing plants in the house is quite different from growing them in a greenhouse because you cannot control light, temperature and humidity as well. You must study their requirements and place them in the most favorable locations for maximum performance.

Is there a best container? Possibly not as long as you provide adequate drainage in the bottom. However, it is hard to beat the unglazed clay pot because of its porous nature which admits air to reach the roots. For good bottom drainage, use a piece of broken clay pot over the hole and place coarse gravel over the bottom of the pot. You might also try a thin layer of charcoal over the gravel.

What is a good soil mixture? If you are having success with what you are using, don't change, but here is a suggestion: one-half good garden soil; one-fourth sharp, clean sand; and one-fourth peat. Add about one-half teaspoon of a complete (8-8-8) fertilizer for a six inch pot, and mix well.

Watering? This is perhaps the cause of more failures than any other one operation, connected with growing plants in the home. Water not only keeps the cooling system of the plant in good working order but also dissolves and transports the plant nutrients so important in the manufacture of food. To little water will cause wilting and too much prevents proper aeration of the root system. While plants differ in water requirements, they should be watered often enough to keep the soil moist. Do not over-water.

Feeding? Most plant foods, if bought in small packages, will have directions for use. Follow them. While no rule of thumb can be given, about one-half teaspoonful of an 8-8-8 fertilizer added to the water about every two weeks, should give good results. This suggestion is made for a plant growing in a six inch pot.

## State College Answers

**QUESTION:** I would like to store some of my 1953 corn crop under the Government's Commodity Credit Corp. loan program. How does the loan program work?

**ANSWER:** At the time the producer puts his corn under the government loan program, he is paid for the amount stored at the current rate of \$1.49 per bushel for the commercial corn producing counties of the state and \$1.12 per bushel for the non-commercial counties. If at any time during the storage period and prior to the term of the loan date, he can repay the loan, plus 3 1/2 per cent interest, he can reclaim his corn. At the end of the loan period, if the loan has not been repaid, the government takes over the corn and ships it to government storage.

**QUESTION:** Is there anything being done to improve the stock of loblolly pines now grown in North Carolina.

**ANSWER:** Yes. There is a program, under way at N. C. State College to select the best loblolly pines to be found in the state. These superior trees are taken to seed orchards and

crossed with other good trees, as a means for developing an improved tree stock.

**QUESTION:** When does the new federal poultry inspection law go into effect?

**ANSWER:** Jan. 1, 1959. At that time federal inspection will be mandatory for all poultry moving out of the state. By the end of this year, 95 per cent of North Carolina poultry processing firms are expected to be taking advantage of the inspection program. At the beginning of 1953, only 8 per cent of the firms had federal inspection. Poultry specialists feel that the new law will enable North Carolina producers to better compete in the major markets.

Proper curing is essential to good tobacco production. Loblolly farm machinery is the most costly.

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