



VETERANS AT NCC CROWN QUEEN — Miss Barbara Valet, (center) freshman, English major from Baton Rouge, Louisiana has been named Miss NCC Veteran of 1958. Pictured here left to right are: Andrew Evans, Fayetteville; Clementine Harp, Raleigh; Robert Melvin, Fayetteville; Barbara Valet, William Cook, Durham; James Nesbitt, Charlotte; (background) and James Wilkerson.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—This farmer now has his "eggs" in half a dozen good baskets. He used to count on just cotton and tobacco, but not anymore," reports A. S. Bacon, supervisor of Negro agricultural extension work in Georgia.

The farmer is Hotham Jones of Barney, Ga., who realized several years ago that he couldn't earn enough off 15 acres of cotton and three of tobacco to provide adequately for his family of seven. So he began diversifying, adding cantaloupes, watermelons, corn, and hogs as cash crops. Now even when he has a bad

Governor Harriman To Fight Housing Bias Now As A Private N. Y. Citizen

NEW YORK — (AP)—Governor Averell Harriman told reporters at the opening of new quarters for the State Commission Against Discrimination that he would continue to fight for equality in housing, but as a private citizen.

Governor Harriman will be succeeded next month by Governor-elect Nelson A. Rockefeller, Republican.

"There can't be equality of opportunity," declared Governor Harriman, "unless there is equality to buy and rent a home."

"New York must keep its lead in the anti-discrimination field, if only to be in a position to demand that other states abandon their inherited prejudices."

The state's chief executive noted to the press that New York's SCAD still was limited in its authority to file complaints.

Although Governor Harriman did not allude to the fact, upstate Republican members of the state legislature created last year a Civil Division within the State Attorney-General's office. Privately Negro leaders contended at the time of the division's creation that such a body might impinge on the

efforts of SCAD.

The State Assembly passed the law creating the division, rather than grant the State Commission power to investigate possible areas of discrimination without a formal complaint. As it now stands, the state's anti-discrimination law stipulates that SCAD cannot act until a formal complaint alleging discrimination is filed by an aggrieved person or civic organization.

Lately both the NAACP and the Urban League have filed formal complaints with SCAD, thus enabling the state agency to investi-

gate alleged discrimination in this connection. Governor Harriman promised to lend assistance as a private citizen.

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Interracial Councils To Number 50

TOLEDO, Ohio—Catholic interracial councils will number near fifty by next summer, Mr. George K. Hunton, executive secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, predicted here.

At present, he said, there are 36 such councils, including eight in the South.

Mr. Hunton spoke at the first annual meeting of this city's Catholic Interracial Council.

Hospitals must meet the challenge of racial equality, he declared. Only a minority of hospitals, he asserted, will encourage the training of Negro nurses. Problems exist in the acceptance of Negro private patients and in the appointment of qualified Negroes to staff membership, he continued.

Mr. Hunton called the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People a "great organization in our American democracy," in which he is proud to serve as a national director.

He recommended liaison between Catholic interracial councils and NAACP.

Mr. Hunton said that in the last 25 years Catholic colleges and seminaries in the northeast have reversed policy and now accept Negro applicants. A generation ago only a minority of such institutions did so, he noted.

He urged council members to participate in neighborhood and community projects, including efforts to solve juvenile delinquency, antagonisms between groups and panic-selling of homes.

What the Negro leadership wants Mr. Hunton stated, is equal rights due to all as American citizens and children of God. He said Negroes want the responsibilities rights and privileges "that our beloved country gladly confers on the most newly-landed refugees."

cotton year the returns from these extra crops ease most of the pinch, says Mr. Bacon. His four acres of cantaloupes and 12 of watermelons gross an average of from \$1,600 to \$2,400 a year; and his 70 acres of corn and dozen or so hogs adds about \$2,000 more.

But diversification alone hasn't accounted for all of Mr. Jones' increased income, he hastens to explain. County Farmers Home Supervisor W. C. Thigpen, Jr., and County Agent J. B. Stevens have given him pointers on increasing his cotton, corn, and tobacco yields and on methods of curing his tobacco for better quality.

"And the money we save by growing most of our own food is counted also as extra earnings," Mrs. Jones adds. "Our home freezer is full most of the year. Even at Christmas time we do very little shopping."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones began farming 11 years ago as sharecroppers when he quit his railroad job because it kept him away from home too much. As a Navy veteran of World War II, he took on-the-farm training while they grew a little cotton.

Three years later they applied to the Farmers Home Administration for a loan to buy a farm of their own. The loan came through and they bought 126 acres and built an attractive cottage. "Few homes in all Georgia are neater or better kept," says their home demonstration agent, Mrs. Etta T. Copeland.

And neatness and orderliness go for the whole farm. County Agent Stevens points out. Their tools and equipment are neatly arranged in the tool shed when not in use, and the tobacco curing barn with its coal stoker is as prim as some homes.

Looking to the future, Mr. Jones plans to develop more pastures and expand his hog production. "I'd prefer to raise beef cattle," he says, "but I just don't have enough land."

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