

Negro Farm Population Decline Now Indicated

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The continued decline in the Negro farm population indicates the need for a change in farming practices, says Calvin L. Beale, farm population specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In an amplified version released last week of a speech he gave some months ago at Prairie View, Texas, A. & M. College, Mr. Beale points out that Negro farm people have been leaving the farm at a faster rate than the rest of the farm population. Since 1940, the Negro farm population has dropped from 4,500,000 to an estimated 2,800,000.

And between 1950 and 1954 the number of Negro farm operators declined by 92,000 leaving only 468,000. However, the drop was made up almost entirely of tenants and sharecroppers. Through the years the number of owners has remained about the same—182,000 in 1920 and 181,600 in 1954.

The present tenure distribution per 100 Negro farmers is about as follows, says Mr. Beale: 23 full owners, 35 sharecroppers, and 26 tenants other than croppers, or a total of 33 percent owners and 67 percent tenants and croppers in the South where almost all colored farmers live. Only 22 percent of the Southern white farmers are tenants.

While the number of Negro tenants has dropped by 40 percent since the end of World War II, and the number of full owners by about 20 percent, the number of part owners (those who own part of the land they farm and rent the rest) has increased by 50 percent.

Part owners, states Mr. Beale, are the most prosperous of all farmers. They operate more land, use more machinery, and raise more acres of cash crops.

However, one big handicap to all Negro farmers, according to Mr. Beale, is their tendency to stick to traditional crops of cotton and tobacco at a time when these are in surplus, instead of raising more of a variety of products.

For example, 86 percent of the commercial-scale operators grew cotton in 1954, compared with 15 percent of the white farmers. But Mr. Beale explains that since the majority of Negro farmers are tenants, they have little means of shifting to some alternative farm enterprise as the demand for cotton and tobacco declines.

One outlet for these farmers, he suggests, is off-farm employment to supplement their farm income. The 1954 Census of Agriculture shows that 41 percent of the colored and 48 percent of the white farmers in the South did some off-farm work during the year. Seventeen percent of the colored and 33 percent of the whites worked more than 100 days off their farm.

As to the future for Negro farm youth now growing up in the South, it is estimated that 17 boys are coming of age during this decade for every farm of medium or large commercial scale being vacated by an older Negro farmer through retirement or death. Thus 16 out of 17 farm youths have no ready-made opportunity to assume

the operation of an adequate-size farm.

Mr. Beale points out that these problems offer a real challenge to Negro farmers and to the agencies and personnel of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges.

All small farmers face similar problems and it is an effort to find solutions to these problems that the Rural Development Program has been initiated.

Ways of further improving the services of extension agents to colored farmers will be studied by some 50 supervisors of Negro extension work in the South at a workshop in Dublin, Ga., February 15-20.

The five-day workshop, which will be held at the hotel of the Dublin 4-H Center near Dublin, Ga., will take up some of the major problems which have arisen as a result of the changing agricultural situation in the South.

Among other things, the supervisors will study the changing needs in agriculture, in rural life, and in the opportunities of rural youth.

The supervisors direct the work of more than 800 farm and home demonstration agents who serve close to 400,000 Negro farmers in the Southern region.

Workshop speakers will include Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View, Texas, A. & M. College; Director M. O. Watkins of the Florida Extension Service; Director W. A. Sulton of the Georgia Extension Service; and Dr. Mary L. Bellings, chief of the training branch of the Federal Extension Service.

Extension leaders making up the program committee of the workshop are: Ross W. Newsome, Virginia State College; W. C. David, Prairie View A. & M. College; Martin G. Bailey, University of Maryland; C. A. Williams, Tuskegee Institute; Alvin A. S. Brown, Savannah State College; and P. H. Stone of the Federal Office of Cotton Farmer Getting Same Share.

The cotton farmer's share of what the consumer pays for a group of 25 manufactured cotton products has changed very little since 1947, says a bulletin issued recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Average composite retail cost of the 25 cotton products was \$2.17 in 1947 and \$2.12 in 1957. The farmer's share for his cotton was 33 cents in 1947 and 32 cents in 1957.

The farmer's share was 25 cents in 1947 and 24 cents in 1957. The farmer's share differs for different products, depending largely upon the value added by manufacture and distribution.

Business shirts, work shirts, and sheets are typical of such products. In 1947 the average business shirt retailed for \$4.17. The farmer's share was 25 cents, or 7 percent. The work shirt sold for \$1.70, of which the farmer got 27 cents, or 16 percent. Sheets sold for \$2.42 of which his share was 76 cents, or 31 percent.

In 1957 these items sold for slightly less, and in general the farmer's share was proportionately less.

Over 500 Attend School Band Clinic At A And T

GREENSBORO — The performance of a clinic and composed of 150 young musicians in attendance at a school band clinic at A and T College last Thursday, pleased in a one hour concert.

The concert was a climax to the one day Combined Western and Central Districts School Band Clinic, a warm-up session leading up to the district and State Band Festivals started later this spring. The band was conducted through its paces by four clinicians, all prominent in the band music field in North Carolina, and directors of college and university bands.

They included: Dr. Paul Bryan, Duke University; Hosea L. Taylor, A and T College and Dr. Robert Johns and R. H. D. Jones, both of North Carolina College at Durham. All of the clinicians had high praise for the youngsters playing together for the first time.

A planned meeting of the school band directors was cut short by threatening weather.

Earlier in the morning more than 550 youngsters participated in sectional rehearsals for percussion, brasses, clarinets and saxophones

and double reed instruments. The clinicians gave special help to the fledgling musicians.

The clinic was held under the supervision of Walter F. Carlson, Jr., director of bands at A and T College. H. D. Wheeler, Winston-Salem is chairman of the Central Morganton, heads the Western District group. Roy McCullough, District and L. A. Paige, Charlotte, heads the Central District group.

School band members came from the following schools: Lincoln Junior High and Dudley of Greensboro; Paisley Junior High, Carver and Atkins High of Winston-Salem; Jordan Sellers, Burlington; Randolph County High, Liberty; Church Street High, Thomasville; Cleveland County High, Shelby; William J. in High, High Point; Washington High, Reidsville; Caswell County High, Yanceyville; Charles Drew High, Madison; Freedmans High, Lenoir; Stephens Lee High, Asheville; Second Ward High, Charlotte; Douglas High, Leaksville; Hillside High, Durham; Lincoln High, Chapel Hill and Perkinson County High, Roxboro.

Marian Anderson Thrills Audience

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — (ANP)—Marian Anderson thrilled a packed audience here Monday night in the T. A. Willet Auditorium. She was never better with her magnificent contralto voice in her long and distinguished career.

The eloquence, the richness, the clarity and the superb interpretation of the musical selections on the program which the public has heard again and again on her records and has come to expect, were the highlights of the program which won high praise by critics and patrons alike.

From the beginning until the last selection was sung, Miss Anderson was complete master of the program. She presented a picture of poise as she stood by the grand piano with her able accompanist, Franz Rupp.

As in years past, Miss Anderson sang herself into the hearts of her audience. There to greet and to hear the distinguished singer were people from Portsmouth, Norfolk and nearby communities with a

few white people. The concert was sponsored by Martha Chapter No. 10, Order of Eastern Star, Portsmouth.



Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.—(St. Matthew 7:12.)

That is the Golden Rule—and who is there among us who would not subscribe to it? But in the daily rush and hurry of our lives, so many of us forget to apply it—and to live it. Thus do we hurt ourselves, as we hurt others.



QUEEN MOTHER ELIZABETH talks with sister Grace Williams of Nigeria during intermission at a concert sponsored by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. The Queen Mother is a patron of the nursing unit. Nurses from Jamaica were also present in the guard of honor. More than 12,000 was raised in aid of the Institute which has affiliated organizations in Malta, Jamaica, and Tanganyika. The Queen Mother will visit Kenya and Uganda in February 1959. (ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS).

Actress Says African Children Best Behaved

LOS ANGELES — (ANP)—Actress Juliette Grace said recently that African children are the best behaved in the world.

The star of "The Roots," Miss Grace referred to as the French Garbo, returned from an eight week safari into French Equatorial Africa. Upon her return she said: "Whoever says children are the same the world over hasn't been in Africa. I've never seen children as happy as these. In the marketplace the infants are carried through the crowds either held against the small of the back by a shawl, or supported by a hip.

It's hot and dusty and the poor kids are jostled continually, but never let out a peep." The older children are as well behaved," she said.

EXAMPLE They don't scream and shout, they don't get into fights or arguments; they just seem to have fun. What accounts for this, the mother of three said, is "probably their very simplicity. They have no big problems, no frustrations, and their needs are easily filled."



"There still are a lot of wide open spaces in this country. The trouble is most of them are surrounded by teeth."

Only 32, Women Gives Birth To 21st Child

TAMPA, Fla. (ANP) — A 32-year old woman last week became the mother of 21 children.

Mrs. Cassie Mae Lokenman, the mother of six sons of twins, gave birth to her seventh set Tuesday at a local hospital.

The newcomers who weighed in a five pounds, three ounces and five pounds, 10 ounces will have as playmates: Donald and Dominic, 19; Margie and Rezie, 17; Jo Ann and Jo, 13;

Bonnie and Bonnelle, 13; Susie and Stewart, 12; and Joseph and Jo Ann, 4.

The 'singles' are Donald, 16; Edna, 14; Johnny, 3; Phillip, 2; and Gracia, 13 months present in the 'brood' and 'dummed' father is Ralph Lokenman. What's No Junior in the bunch?

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MISS HAYES WEDS—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hayes, of Louisburg, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Burnella Jane Hayes. The ceremony was performed November 28 at Durham. She is now the bride of Mr. Donald Ellis Burke, son of Mrs. Mary Smith of Moononghela, Pa. and the late Mr. Smith. The bride is currently a sophomore at N. C. College, Durham, where she is pursuing a course in commercial education. Mr. Burke is a senior in the business department, planning a career as a certified public accountant, at North Carolina College. The couple is expected to set up residence in Pa. immediately. Mrs. Burke is slated to go to Pittsburgh, Pa. and the groom will continue in school, having negotiated with a business firm in Puerto Rico where he is hoping to be employed.

FOR WOMEN

BY BETTY COOK FOR THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

COLORFUL GELATIN SALADS

PARK PORK DISHES

Economical and hearty dishes are in order now that January has rolled around again. This is the time of year to take advantage of the plentiful pork supply and dress it up with interesting side dishes. For instance, this tasty vegetable salad provides a colorful and flavory accompaniment to any pork dinner. Easy to prepare with apple-flavored gelatin, it features a medley of crisp vegetables that not only taste good but are good for you. Try this zesty gelatin salad with roast pork, spare ribs, pork chops or ham hocks. It's an equally tasty accompaniment for pork and beans and grilled frankfurters and ideal for buffet suppers too.

CRISP VEGETABLE SALAD

- 1 package apple-flavored gelatin
 - 1-2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup hot water
 - 3-4 cup cold water
 - 1 tablespoon vinegar
 - 1-2 cup finely chopped celery
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
 - 3-4 cup finely shredded cabbage
 - 1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
- METHOD: Dissolve gelatin and salt in HOT water. Add cold water and vinegar. Chill until slightly thickened then fold in the remaining ingredients. Pour into 1-quart mold or individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise. Makes 6 servings.

Thriftily" Elsie Braidon, the average 8th grader, conducted the program.

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