

COLORED PEOPLE GO BACK TO SCHOOL UNDER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



chemistry of cosmetics (lower left), and a class in radio mechanics (lower right). The inset above shows a student in a literacy class learning simple arithmetic with the aid of the teacher. WPA Photos

DENIED the privilege of public education in their youth by lack of facilities, apathy on the part of the public or ignorance on the part of their parents, over 350,000 colored men and women all over the country have in the past few years been going back to school—in leisure daytime hours, evenings after work, even late at night. Packing makeshift WPA study centers, they have seized eagerly upon opportunities for learning which before the start of the work-relief program did not exist. Their teachers, too, are benefiting through the program, as their work with the WPA keeps them in trim for a better teaching job. Shown above are an elementary class in reading and writing (upper left), a shorthand class (upper right), a class in the

Maryland Negro Teacher Seeks Equal Salary Scale

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md., Nov. 17—A petition seeking a writ of mandamus to compel the board of education of Calvert county "to adopt and establish salary schedules for teachers and principals in Calvert county without distinction as to race or color of teachers or as to the school taught" was filed in the Circuit court here November 10 by attorney, acting for Elizabeth Brown, a teacher in the Mount Hope colored school. The order was signed by Judge W. M. Loker. The petitioner, Elizabeth Brown, sets forth that she is a graduate of the Philadelphia, Pa. normal school and has taken courses at Hampton institute, holds a first grade certificate of the first class issued by the state department of education in Maryland and is in her eighth year of teaching experience in the state of Md. The petition declared that she is being paid \$75 a month for 8 months or a total of \$600, whereas white teachers in Calvert county with the same qualifications and experience and forming the

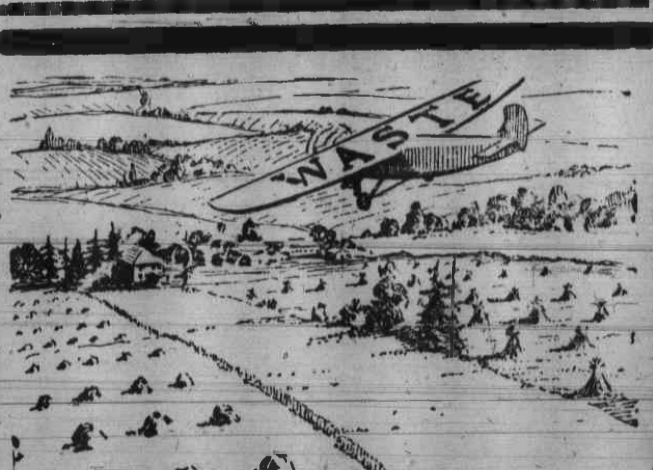
same duties receive a salary at the rate of \$1100 annually. This petition avers that the differentials in salaries between white and colored teachers are based solely on race or color and that the enforcement of the salary schedule "is unlawful and arbitrary and in violation of the constitution of the state of Maryland and denies your petitioner and others of her race the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the U. S."

The board of education of Calvert county, the petition recites, was requested by petition filed on September 28, 1937 to adopt and enforce a salary schedule providing for equal salaries to all teachers with the same qualification and experience without any distinction as to race or color but the board of education refused to adopt such a schedule and still refuses to do so. Thurgood Marshall, member of the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is counsel for the petitioner. He declared that the average salary in the

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EW—I am the mother of two

WC—My father and brother both have good jobs earning nice salaries. Should my brother continue to work and help support the family or go back to school?
Ans: There is no doubt what your brother's salary would be an addition to the family budget, however, I think the family could manage without his help during the school term. He has every right to secure an education and should be allowed to do so.

HAER—For over four years I have been troubled with large, ugly spots on my face. If there is any way whereby I can have these spots removed I am willing and able to work the rest of my life to do so. Will I get them removed?
Ans: It is indeed unfortunate that a young, and otherwise attractive girl, should be afflicted in such a way as yourself. Whatever means you employ to remove the blemishes, do so only with the advice and consent of your physician.

BENNETT QUARTETTE TO SING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM IN BALTIMORE

President Jones To Speak

GREENSBORO—The Bennett quartette, upon special invitation will sing at the City-Wide Young People's Forum, Baltimore, Maryland on Friday evening, November 19 at 8:00 o'clock and Dr. David D. Jones, president of the College, will deliver an address on "The Place of Woman in Education Today."

R. Nathaniel Dett is director of musical Bennett College and is expected to accompany the group to Baltimore and speak briefly on "Music in the Woman's College."

The repertoire of the quartette will include "Homing" (Del Rio); "Star" (Rogers); "Somebody's knocking at your Door," "There's a Meeting here tonight," and "Sinner Please don't let this Harvest Pass" a spiritual arranged by Dett and two, Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "I am Seeking a City", arranged by Burleigh.

The members of the quartette are the Misses Minnie Reeves, Frances Randall, Phyllis Shelton and Frances Lucas. Miss Daphne Lawson is accompanist.

MF—Is there any need of keeping my boy with me and sending him to school?
Ans: Absolutely . . . Keep your son with you at all costs and see that he secures the best education possible. Guide his footsteps on the right path of life during his early years and he will make you proud of him in his manhood.

AMF—Is there a "jinx" on me or just what is the trouble? It seems that I never get the things that I want.
Ans: I fear that you have adopted an attitude of wishful waiting in trying to gain the good things in life, rather than really working for them. You have no right to expect to gain anything without making an effort to get it. Most worthwhile things are gained only through hard work and faithfulness to duty.

REH—Will my hair ever grow long and like the hair of other girls? When will I marry?
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