



Shown in here are the children who attended Vacation Bible School at the Bethlehem Church of God in Charlotte. Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, who was in charge, has supervised three other vacation bible schools in the city, including those at the St. James Church of God, Clin-

ton Metropolitan First A.M.E. Zion, and Myers Chapel. In the four bible schools total attendance was 175. Teachers at Bethlehem were Miss Carolyn Hamrick, Miss Nadine Caldwell, Mrs. Beatrice Kennedy, Mrs. Lois Eaves. The school observed four periods Bible Study, Recreation,

Handcraft and Devotion. At the close of the vacation school a commencement exercise was held. The children reviewed what they had learned and the handwork was put on exhibit. Each child received a certificate for attendance and faithfulness.

Refreshments were served after the program. Mrs. Caldwell, who looks forward every summer for the Vacation Bible Schools to start in the different communities, is Supervisor of the Young People of the Eastern North Carolina District.

Hustle, Work Pays Off For Mt. Olive Youth

RALEIGH
Clarence Smith, 13-year-old 4-H Club member of the Mt. Olive community of Bladen County, has learned "a way of life," according to W. G. Pierce, county agent for the Agricultural Extension Service, says young Smith has made outstanding progress, both financial and educational, while still in the first years of his teens.

Pierce says the young farm boy's "way of life" consists of "spending every available hour helping other farmers of the community harvest their tobacco. He has already saved more than \$100 from working in tobacco this summer.

"Unlike most other lads his age," says the farm agent, Smith has learned how to work, bank and spend his money wisely. He has bought his own clothing he'll need to attend school this year.

Young Smith has been an outstanding 4-H Club member three years and is becoming a real leader among the young people of his community, according to Pierce.

Recently, after a long summer of farm work he needed a good vacation. And it just happened that he was selected to attend the 12th annual Wildlife Conservation Conference at Reedy Creek State Park, Cary.

Back from a few days of fun and instruction at this Negro State Park, young Smith last week was preparing to return to school and another year of outstanding 4-H Club work.

Michigan's Gov. Williams Promises Look-See At Reported Biased Treatment Of G. I.s

DETROIT
Gov. G. Mennen Williams told a reporter here today that he was studying charges that Negro Air Force men were being denied service in restaurants, barbershops and taverns in the northern border town of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Gov. Williams, an outspoken advocate of civil rights without discrimination, said he had not known of the treatment reportedly given Negro airmen until he had a telegram from Roy Wilkins, administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asking that he refer the matter to the State Attorney General for action. He said no complaints by an aggrieved party had been filed under the Michigan civil rights law with local law enforcement officials, but that he was looking into the matter anyway.

Wilkins, in his wire of September 1, cited a special article in the New York Times of August 30 from Sault Ste. Marie which stated that Negro airmen had to go across the border into Canada to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to receive courteous treatment and service in restaurants, barbershops and other public places.

The Negro airmen are members of a mixed unit assigned here to a radar station and an interceptor squadron to guard the vital Soo canal against sabotage or enemy attack. The airmen say there is no discrimination or segregation on the air base or in its facilities, but that when they leave the base their white fellow servicemen are welcome in the American town, whereas they have to go to Canada to get decent treatment.

Arthur Johnson, executive secretary of the Detroit branch of the NAACP, said he had received a request from the New York office to obtain further and first hand information on conditions in Sault Ste. Marie.

Gov. Williams said his office had made preliminary inquiries and that it appeared "that there is a real difficulty which apparently arises because there have been no affirmative local efforts to make the Negro servicemen feel at home in the community they are defending. That certainly ought to be corrected."

The first New York Times dispatch had asserted that while local leaders in the community "are concerned about the racial problem, they see no ready solution."

An all-Negro battalion of troops sent to Sault Ste. Marie during World War II to guard the canal and looks had a similar rough time with local townspeople, it was re-called here by Detroit residents.



John W. Mitchell, center, Extension Service field agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who has been promoted to National Extension Leader, is being congratulated by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, J. Earl Coke, right, and Director of Extension C. M. Ferguson.

Mr. Mitchell, who has been in agricultural extension work for 36 years, is the first colored worker to be promoted to national leader. His office will be transferred from Hampton Institute, Va., to the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington. USDA Photo by Hunton

Negro Extension Field Agent Promoted To National Leader

WASHINGTON
Promotion of John W. Mitchell, Extension Service field agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to the newly created post of national leader on the staff of the Director of Cooperative Extension Work was announced this week by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

Mitchell, who began work for Extension Service as a buggy-driving emergency agricultural agent in two North Carolina counties 36 years ago, is the first colored Extension worker to be promoted to national leader. His headquarters will be transferred from Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., to the Department here in Washington by September 15.

The promotion broadens the scope of Mr. Mitchell's duties from regional to national level. And although the larger part of his work will still be with State Extension directors and Negro Extension supervisors in the South, he also will counsel with Extension Director C. M. Ferguson on national problems relevant to the agency's program.

"I regard Mr. Mitchell as highly qualified for the position to which he is being assigned," says Director Ferguson. "And I consider his promotion only as a first step in a long range program to further develop and strengthen the work with Negro farm families and 4-H club youths."

As an Extension career employee, Mr. Mitchell has worked

his way up through the ranks from emergency agent of Negro work in North Carolina. From that post he joined the federal staff as field agent in 1934, succeeding the late John B. Pierce.

For his work in North Carolina, Mitchell was awarded a number of signal honors. Last spring the U. S. Department also honored him by presenting him a Superior Service Award "for his contribution to development of effective and practical Extension work for Negro farm families."

Mitchell was born in Morehead City, N. C., and is a graduate of Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C. Also, he holds a master's degree from Central University, Indianapolis, Ind., and an honorary doctorate from Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

The national leader of Extension work is married and has six grown children. One of his sons, Talmadge, is in Extension work. He is serving as county agent of Pitt County, N. C. Talmadge is a graduate of Tennessee A. and I. State University and holds an M.S. degree from Kansas State College.

Expanded Graduate Training Ready This Fall At A. & T.

GREENSBORO
Registration dates for graduate students who will enter A. and T. College this fall were announced early this week by Dr. F. A. Williams, dean of the college's graduate school. Monday, September 20 has been set aside for full time graduate enrollees and registrations for in-service teachers and other part-time graduate students will be held on the following Saturday, September 26.

According to Dr. Williams, full-time or regular graduate students will find a full schedule of fifteen quarter hours available in the areas of Agricultural Education, Industrial Arts Education and Rural Education. Graduate programs in each of these fields will lead toward the Master's Teaching Certificate for the state of North Carolina, and adjoining states, as well as for self-improvement, certificate renewal and transfer credit for other institutions of higher education.

Graduate courses will be offered at the college on Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 9 P. M. and from 9 A. M. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

The on-campus evening and Saturday courses will include graduate work in guidance, curriculum, measurements and evaluation, history of education, specialized courses in agriculture and industrial arts, geography, industrial history and political science.

The Graduate School is also announcing the opening of several Off-Campus Graduate Centers for in-service instructors in certain areas of the state, and nearby states. Three of these Graduate Centers will be located in Pitt, Gaston, and Sampson counties. These centers will be taught by members of the regular graduate faculty at A. and T. College. Graduate credit will be offered for courses pursued in these Off-Campus centers.

Registration for entering, undergraduate students will begin on Monday, September 14 with upperclassmen slated to start on

Bible Reading Ex-PW Tells Of Atrocities

NEW YORK
Sgt. Manson Johnson, 367 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., who as a gesture of defiance used paper from Chinese Communist magazines to roll his own cigarettes, instead of pages from the Bible his captors handed him in the POW camp, returns home from Korea to have his arms filled with Old Gold cigarettes. Shown with Sgt. Johnson upon his arrival at La Guardia Airport is his father, the Reverend William Johnson, pastor of St. Paul's Disciples of Christ Church in Brooklyn. Making the presentation of "Old Golds", but not shown in the picture is Bradford P. Laws, first Negro to

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