

Things You Should Know

TOM MBOYA



... SON OF A SISAL PLANTATION WORKER, LARGELY SELF-EDUCATED, HE BECAME GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE KENYA FEDERATION OF LABOR IN 1953/ NOW ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, REPRESENTING

CONTINENTAL FEATURES -

Gristmill And Varied Farm Enterprises Keep One Family As Busy As Any In Dixie

PEMBROKE, Ga. — Probably no farm family in the South is busier than the Lucius H. Garrisons of Pembroke, Ga., says A. S. Bacon, state agent in charge of Negro agricultural extension work in Georgia. The Garrisons are busy from early morning until well into the night, says Mr. Bacon, operating their gristmill, cutting firewood for sale in town, harvesting naval stores from 15 acres of pines, milking five cows, raising 11 head of beef cattle and 53 hogs, and growing cotton, corn, and tobacco. Income from their gristmill and farm enterprises has helped pay for a 140-acre farm, a modern 8-room home, a tractor, the gristmill, a mounted power saw and the education of their nine children, two of whom have gone to college.

Mr. Garrison started farming more than 40 years ago on 44 acres, largely woodland, he scrimped and saved to buy during World War I. But by the time he had cleared a patch big enough for a few acres of cotton, the Army called him. After the war, he cleared more land, built a little house, and married. He and his wife operated their small farm until 1941 when it was purchased along with scores of other farms for a military camp site. Then they moved to an ad-

joining county, began buying their 140 acres, and started all over again, clearing woods, converting an old shack into a modern home, and becoming reestablished.

As in the past, Mrs. Garrison and their daughters continued to make articles of clothing for the family, raise chickens, keep cows, and grow a garden from which they

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canned hundreds of jars of vegetables for winter eating.

In recent years they have been shown improved methods of food preservation and home sewing by their home demonstration agent, Mrs. Leona B. Henley. Now they not only make more attractive garments for members of the family, but also make slip covers for their furniture.

On their new farm, Mr. Garrison and the boys followed the advice of the Soil Conservation Service in developing pastures, digging drainage ditches, and establishing a sound system of crop rotation.

These improvements plus better seed varieties, increased applications of fertilizer, and more effective insect control have increased their cotton yield from 300 to 500 pounds of lint per acre, their tobacco from 800 to 1,000 pounds, and their corn from 21 to 55 bushels per acre.

Some of their corn is fed to their livestock and poultry, but most of it is milled and sold as meal or grits. The Garrison's gristmill, acquired seven years ago, is the pride of the family.

They do custom milling for farmers for miles around. Their share of the meal, taken in exchange for milling, as well as the meal from their own corn, is packaged attractively in five and 10 pound bags and sold in Pembroke and other nearby towns.

This busy family still does all of its work, except during peak cultivation and harvest of their cotton and tobacco. However, as the children marry and move away, the family is turning more and more to livestock. Of the four sons, only James now remains at home to help. He and his father are full partners in the gristmill and farm enterprises.

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"Miracles" Topic Of Dr. Johns In Address At Shaw University

Dr. Vernon Johns, dean of Maryland Baptist Center, Baltimore, Maryland, spoke April 1, at Shaw University's Nineteenth Theological Alumni Day Observance, Speaking on the subject "Miracles." Dr. Johns set forth two points as his objectives for his audience to consider:

1. To enjoy a firm and healthy belief in the possibility of miracles.
2. To induce the belief that miracles can not happen in our lives and be apart from us. Illustrating the electric eye as a modern invention, he stated that miracles are being performed everyday and as on any scale of progress, the things of to-

Youth Institute Of St. Paul Church To Be Held Here Sun.

BY MRS. LILLIE M. HODGE
The Youth Institute, originally known as the Sunday Night Sunday School of Saint Paul A. M. E. Church, will be held Sunday night, April 12, at 7:00 P.M. at the church, corner of Harrington and Edenton Streets. The general theme is, "Living For Jesus In The Space Age."

There will be six divisions: The Nursery - Subject, "Loving and Pleading God"; Beginners - "We Learn About Jesus"; Primary - "The Lord Is My Shepherd"; Juniors - "The Christian's Birth and Growth"; Intermediate - "Answering God's Call"; and Adults - "Fruits of The Spirit." This session promises to be very interesting. There will be speakers

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caution. In conclusion he warned that, unless the Negro puts caution behind generosity, as Christ did, he would not be worthy of His blessings.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. William R. Strasser, president of Shaw University.

The Reverend C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville, retiring president of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association announced the election of new officers as follows: The Reverend Charles Curran of Paterson, New Jersey, president; The Reverend J. R. Manley of Chapel Hill, vice-president; The Reverend E. B. Turner, recording secretary;

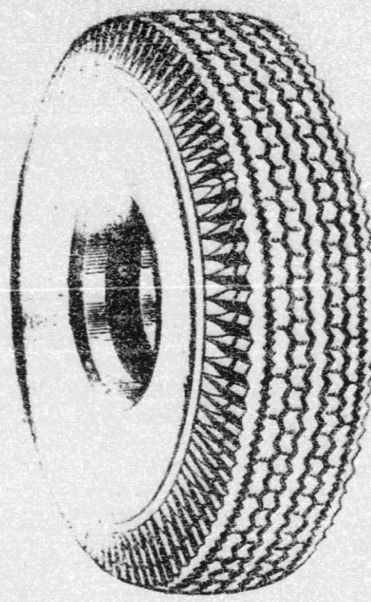
and The Reverend C. H. Tolson of Raleigh, executive secretary treasurer.

Music was furnished by the Shaw University Choral Society, under the direction of Harry G. Smythe.

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