

Total agricultural exports for the year are expected to reach 3.4 billion dollars as compared with 3.9 billion in 1947.

Net farm income in 1948 is likely to be below the 1947 level. If so, the drop will be the first in 16 years.

FLA. A. & M. PREXY IS COMMENDED BY MRS. BETHUNE

Tallahassee — Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., president of Florida A. & M. College, received the annual citation for meritorious service in the field of education from the Trustees and Faculty of Bethune-Cookman College in an impressive ceremony on November 27.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, President Emerita of Bethune-Cookman College said in presenting the award:

"Dr. Gray, the record of your service and achievements as an Educator and Organizer in the field of Education, is outstanding."

"You have given tirelessly of your services for the efficient training of our Youth, for the progressive improvement of educational standards in Florida and throughout the country."

"Because of all of these accomplishments, and because of our desire to watch steadily your steps upward, Bethune-Cookman College presents you this Award for Meritorious Service. Keep your hand in God's hand. Keep your feet on the ground. Our blessings are your acceptance of this award."

Negro farmers of the Sunbury Community, Gates County, have bought and raised more than 2,000 chickens during the year.

THREE ARRESTED AS OPERATORS IN DIGGITS RACKET

The "numbers racket" in Raleigh was slowed down Friday as three of the operators were arrested on charges of illegal possession of gambling devices and operating a lottery.

One of the men has been labeled as a top man in the "numbers racket" in the city. He is W. H. Bryant of 108 Fayetteville Street, who has been released on \$2,000 bond. It was reported by Captain F. E. Goodwin that a quantity of "numbers tickets" were found in Bryant's possession.

Another man, Otha Lee Perry of 329 East Davie Street, who faced similar charges, was released on \$500 bond. Tickets were also found in his possession, officers reported.

Willie Gilchrist, the third operator at 232 Cannon Street, was arrested and released on \$1,000 bond.

The investigations, that led to the arrests, were made by the entire Detective Division. The arrests were made by Patrolmen Joseph Winters and John Baker.

A campaign has been started by seven agricultural agencies to get 450,000 rice seedlings planted in Union County during the 1948-49 planting season.

FLA. NAACP BACKS CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Resolutions urging early enactment of President Truman's civil rights program and expressing bitter opposition to the proposed establishment of segregated regional colleges in the South were passed at the eighth annual meeting of the Florida State Conference of N. A. A. C. P. branches held here last week.

In a discussion of civil rights through political action, Harry T. Moore, executive secretary of the Florida State Conference, reviewed the political activity of Negroes in the state during the past year.

Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Rev. W. J. H. Black of Lake Wales; vice presidents, J. A. Whitehurst of St. Petersburg and E. K. Bass of Live Oak; executive secretary, Harry T. Moore of Mims.

RED CROSS AIDE SPEAKS TO FLA. A. & M. STUDENTS

Tallahassee — Jesse O. Thomas, National Representative of the American Red Cross, visited the Florida A and M College last week and spoke to the student body for all people giving full support.

He emphasized the great need to the Red Cross and cited sev-

NEGRO PROSECUTOR PREPARES TO TAKE MICHIGAN OFFICE

Baldwin, Mich. (ANP) — Percy J. Langston is in the process of pulling together the little odds and ends of his private law practice here so that come January, he will make the big step in political history of becoming the first Negro prosecuting attorney in the United States.

The 36-year-old Langston was elected Lake County prosecutor

on the republican ticket in November with a 1138-986 victory over his independent running mate, Dic I. Cooper.

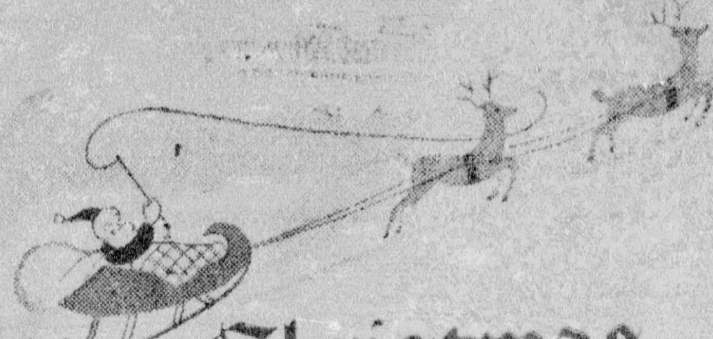
Being "first" in a new job isn't too unusual to the attorney for he has come a long way as the first in many incidents. For instance, he was the first Negro to receive a bachelor's degree and a law degree at Duquesne university. Langston has worked as a shoeshine boy, pullman porter, CCC camp adviser and army instructor.

He campaigned among the sparse population of Lake county with the pledge to stand "as a symbol of tolerance." Of 3600 voters in the county, 912 are Negroes.

OKLAHOMA SCIENCE ACADEMY HEARS LANGSTON U. PROFS.

TULSA, Okla. (ANP) — Dr. S. P. Masste, head of the chemistry department at Langston, and Roscoe C. Chesley of the social science department read papers at the meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science held here recently at the University of Tulsa.

The Oklahoma Academy of Science is affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Its membership is drawn from individuals engaged in the field of science.



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