

# NAACP ASKS SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS

LOS ANGELES — Immediate action on civil rights legislation and the calling of a special session of Congress for that purpose was urged by delegates attending the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which closed here recently. In a telegram to President Truman the delegates said they "expect the civil rights mandate of the voters to be fulfilled." Identical wires were sent to Senator Scott Lucas, majority leader; Rep. John McCormack, House majority leader; Senator J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the National Democratic Committee; Rep. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House; Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican leader; and Rep. John Martin, minority leader in the House. The text of the wire, signed by Acting Secretary Roy Wilkins, follows:

### TELEGRAM

"Eight hundred delegates from thirty-eight states representing the convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in session here this week urge immediate action on consideration of civil rights legislation and that a special session of Congress be called for this purpose if necessary. Delegates assembled expect civil rights mandate of voters to be fulfilled."

Earlier in the conference, Henry Lee Moon, NAACP public relations director, speaking on "Civil Rights through Political Action," told the delegates that "we must call upon the President to summon Congress back for a special session for the express and exclusive purpose of passing civil rights laws as set forth in the platforms of both parties and as advocated by President Truman."

In the session on political action, Charles P. Lucas, executive secretary of the Cleveland branch; Dr. D. S. Wiggins, president of the Camden, N. J., branch; and Assenblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles recounted the efforts of NAACP branches on the local and state levels to achieve civil rights objectives.

## NEW PRACTICES ARE ADOPTED BY N. C. FARM FAMILY

The Alexander Gee family of David Chapel, Halifax County, recently launched a new system of farming on their 125-acre farm, according to D. J. Knight, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service.

With the assistance of C. E. Clark, Extension farm management specialist, the Gee family along with their county farm and home agent recently made an inventory of the farm and decided what needed to be done.

In addition to the new practices now being carried out on the farm, the Gees plan to begin the following practices this fall: 1. Terrace and meadow strip the badly eroded land. 2. Seed soil building crops. 3. Seed permanent pastures. 4. Add one room and cover the house with new material. 5. Start an intensive live-at-home food production and conservation program.

This farm, according to Knight, will be used as a farm and home management demonstration.

Interest in the cotton classing program is greater in North Carolina this year than ever before.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haywood, Price Street, announce the birth of a son, Stanley Stafford, born July 16 at High Point Hospital. Mother and son are doing nicely.



**FLYING FOTO** — This, another in the series of Flying Fotos, shows High Point's E. Washington Street Negro Business area, looking East over Perry Street Bridge, Washington Street can be seen from Perry on out beyond Kivett Drive Bridge. To the left of the pedestrian bridge in the center can be seen Wm. Penn High School just below the business section of the street. Just behind the school in the clear site is the school property for future expansion of school facilities. — Phot. E. Armstrong

## GRANGER TO HEAD SOCIAL WORK BODY

CLEVELAND O. (ANP) — Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, took over leadership of the National Conference of Social Work as acting president at the final session of the conference here last month. Granger, who is past vice president of the 1950 conference, is pinch-hitting for Dr. Martha M. Eliot, president who is in Europe as associate director of the World Health Organization.

As the acting president, he will have the responsibility of carrying out the program, planning and administration until the conference reconvenes in Atlantic City, N. J., next April.

A familiar figure at conferences since 1934, when he first went on the staff of the National Urban League, Granger will work with the executive committee in the coming year to implement recently adopted plans for conference reorganization. Complete reorganization will take at least three years or until the terms of the present committee and section members expire. However, there are many phases of the recommendations which can be put into operation immediately.

