

OXFORD ORPHANAGE PLAYING IMPORTANT PART IN NEGRO LIFE

This is the second of three stories to be published in the Carolina Times of the important part which the Colored Orphanage at Oxford is playing in providing care for unfortunate Negro youth in North Carolina. Persons interested in contributing to a worthy institution are asked to write Prof. J. K. Borders, principal of the Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, N. C.

OXFORD—"I am glad that the state owns such a place for Colored boys and girls and that you have adequate money to care for them properly, because here with the type of care you are giving them they must eventually become good citizens, that is, most of them, and if this institution can produce one 'Carver' or Booker T. Washington in 40 years all of the money will have been well spent."

There were the first words of a distinguished white visitor from Shelby, North Carolina on developing into one of the best his visit to the Orphanage Oct. in the south.

PRINCIPAL



Prof. J. K. Borders, principal of the orphanage, under whose guidance the institutions is developing into one of the best his visit to the Orphanage Oct. in the south.

16, 1938. This gentleman had about the same reactions that all visitors have after being on the campus of the Colored Orphanage for a short while. He was amazed at the cows, the pigs, the amount of food canned and preserved for winter and at the happy and satisfied faces of the boys and girls. However, his first impression of State ownership was erroneous because if the State owned the Orphanage as so many people believe, it would be unnecessary for us to have drives for money. The State of North Carolina does not own an Orphanage, yet it subsidizes two orphanages for a considerable part of these two orphanages' maintenance. These two are the Colored Orphanage North Carolina and the Oxford Orphanage (white) which is owned by the Masons of the state. In an Orphanage there is much more to be done beyond feed, clothe and send children to public schools. There is land

DAIRY SCENE



The above is a photo of several of the cows at the Oxford Orphanage dairy. Plenty of milk for the children in the home from healthy pure bred cows is an established rule.

to be bought and paid for, there are buildings to be put up, painted and remodeled. The money for these two urgent necessities must come from the public at large.

The Colored Orphanage is controlled by a Board of Directors mixed with colored and white. These eleven gentlemen have the destiny of the institution as to policy in hand, but since the Corporation is a non-profit one, they do not own personally anything at the orphanage because everything here has been put for one purpose—to serve the dependent Negro children to serve, and if past history indicates anything of the future we shall always have this type of child to care for.

To do an efficient service for this group of children, around \$50,000 yearly is needed. Where is this money to come from? The State gives a large portion of it, the Duke Foundation gives on a proportionate basis, and the third part must come from the public throughout the State at large. Only North Carolina children are cared for at the orphanage and this tends to limit donations from outside the State. Another portion of the

needed money comes from farm operations here on the Orphanage farm. This year, 150 acres of corn, wheat, hay and vegetables have been grown. If small brown hands could produce the balance of the needed funds it would be gladly and willingly produced, but there are many things which they may not do. For example, last year a heating plant was given for the Boys Building, but these small hands cannot put in this furnace, radiators, and pipes. Contributions from friend of humanity, friends who want these children to stay warm on cold winter evenings must do the job or they must continue to live in a building inadequately heated by three heaters which have seen their best days.

If these small willing hands could do as they desired, they would build a cow barn for which they have already made the bricks, but they cannot, they cannot lay these bricks, a mason must do that. Roofing and cement must be bought with money supplied by citizens of our State, members of our churches, lodges, and civic orders who want these children to have enough milk to produce sound, healthy

bones, teeth and bodies so that some day they might develop into good healthy citizens.

If these small brown hands could mould and shape machinery for a laundry where washing and ironing must be done in the crudest fashion for 100 boys and girls to have change of clothing several times each week, winter and summer, they would gladly mould the wheels, hew out the boards and make washers, mangles, driers, etc., and install it because this would mean less time out of school over back breaking wash tubs, but they cannot—they can only stretch forth to the good citizenry of our Great State and ask you to do this for them, and when they ask you they are doing as the dependent have done always—not charity for charity's sake, but for a chance through education, training in profitable lines and a chance to develop into good citizens.

HOW IS THIS HELP TO BE GIVEN?

At present an attempt is being made to set up in every county in the State an Orphanage Aid Committee of representative and influential colored citizens. This committee is to solicit funds from citizen—white and colored churches, clubs, schools, lodges and civic organizations. These funds are to be sent to the Orphanage, when collected, on or before Dec. 1, 1938. If no such committee has been set up in your community, please call your Superintendent of Public Welfare and ask him or her about the committee, as that office in each county was the point of first contact.

If you do not wish to do that, send your donation directly to the Orphanage and it will be appreciated and put to work to build the type of environment needed to adequately care for and train children to be worth while, well trained children and citizens.

A FUTURE CITIZEN



Jonnie James six year old youngster who under the guidance of carefully trained instructors is developing into useful manhood. There are hundreds of such children in North Carolina who need the comforts of a home. What will you do to help them?

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TO MEET IN RALEIGH

(Staff Correspondence)
 RALEIGH, Oct. 19—The Thanksgiving week end, November 25th and 27th has been set by Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as the date for the eastern regional meeting of the sorority in Raleigh, N. C. It is expected that this meeting will be well attended by sorors throughout this section as well as others throughout the State. Plans for the entertainment of the regional were formulated at a recent meeting of Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter held at the home of Miss Margaret Bugg, President, and this will be the first of such meetings to be held in Raleigh since the organization of the two chapters here.

ROOSEVELT BEHIND REPEAL OF ARKANSAS POLL TAX

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Oct. 19. (CNA)—President Roosevelt has placed the weight of his influence behind the drive to repeal the Arkansas poll tax at the Nov. elections. In a letter to Brooks Hays, Democratic national committee man for Arkansas, the President denounced the tax which disfranchises 750,000 people as inevitably contrary to the fundamental democracy and its representative form of government in which we believe. He said that the effect of the tax was not far removed from efforts to prevent people on relief from exercising the franchise.

I am, of course, not advising the voters of the state of Arkansas how to vote on this question, added the President. But there is no reason under the sun why our constitutional form of government to every state in the union.

While efforts to repeal the poll tax requirements are under way in several of the eight Southern states that still retain the tax, Arkansas will be the first actually to vote on the question.

The repeal campaign has been led by a group of progressive citizens organized into the Voters Campaign Committee under the direction of Roy Prewitt, Little Rock attorney and has been endorsed by AFL and C. I. O. union, the railroad, brotherhoods the Arkansas Farmers Union, and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. A committee to defend the tax has also been set up, comprising representatives of power and lumber interests and of plantation owners.

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 19. (ANP)—Because they thought it might have been the man guilty of slaying R. M. Blair, white, and his woman companion, a high way Tuesday night, a mob of several hundred white went to the shack of W. C. Williams, 19 near Kouston, 30 miles from here, Thursday night and lynched him from a tree in an adjacent pine grove.

The death of Blair was the second fatality from similar causes within the past few weeks. In the first case following an attack on a white man and his companion, a suspect was arrested and rushed away to thwart an angry mob.

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