

SHARECROPPERS HOLD NATIONAL MEET

Twenty-Seven Cities Observe Croppers Week

EVERY AMERICAN, white and Negro, should welcome efforts to better the conditions of 9,000,000 Americans—men, women and children—who are the victims of the South's feudal sharecropping system. Hundreds of thousands of the men and women who have produced much of the world's cotton have been evicted from their ramshackle huts, forced onto the highways of the nation, to wander along seeking for work where there is none—America's refugees!

As is the custom, the WEEK will center in New York City where Mayor P. H. LaGuardia is co-chairman of the local committee which is running a dinner at the Commodore Hotel, March 5th. Speakers at the annual dinner include Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jonathan Daniels, noted Southern Editor, Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, J. R. Butler, President of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, and sharecroppers, Negro and white. Another New York project is a Sharecroppers Night of Stars in the great Mecca Temple, Sunday evening, March 10th under the chairmanship of Paul Muni. A manuscript sale will be held shortly after the week.

The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union calls upon all Americans, black and white, to support Sharecroppers Week and in turn the Union's work, which has as its goal—that of making occupancy and use the only valid title to the land. The Union's 35,000 members are united regardless of race, creed, or color, in a great cause. They have built a movement for social emancipation whose purpose it is to achieve economic and social security upon the land for those who till the soil, a sure in the fulfillment and extension of our democracy and active participation in the reclamation of the soil and the rehabilitation of the people throughout the region. They deserve the support of all of us.

Part of the assurance that race relations may be improved is the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union which, since its beginning in 1934, has organized more than 35,000 sharecroppers and migrant workers, regardless of race and color. The fact that these two groups—the so-called poor white and his equally down-trodden black brother whose hostility to each other has been proverbial—have been able to join together in one union, is evidence not only of the desperation of their condition, but also of the vision and courage of the Union.

Voters

CHARLOTTE — The Colored Voters Alliance held a meeting in the office of The CAROLINA TIMES on last Friday, during which time plans were begun to show Negroes the importance of registering and voting in the coming election. W. H. Moreland, president of the Colored Voters Alliance stated that the organization this year will devote the major portion of its activities to curbing the nefarious activities of Negro ward-healers.

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CHARLOTTE Social Notes

Grace AME Zion Church sponsored a go to Sunday School hour. The church choir furnished the music. The drive was quite a success, the attendance doubled, with most of the ones present coming in as new members.

The Blue Ribbon Social club met with Mrs. Callie Brown Wednesday evening at her home on East Stonewall Street.

Members of the Consolidated Charity club met with Mrs. Hattie Stitt Sunday evening at her home on South McDowell Street. After the business part of the meeting was over the hostess served a tasty repast.

Mrs. Neal was hostess to members of the Gypsy Beauty Council Tuesday evening at the Gypsy Beauty Parlor on South Graham Street. Special guests invited were W. P. Malone, and C. H. Beckwith.

Mrs. Anna Camp of Pennsylvania, guest in the home of Rev. S. Q. Mitchell on North Myers Street, entertained at a birthday dinner party Friday evening. Guests invited were Dean and Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Eugene Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Brooks, Mrs. T. L. Gunn, Rev. I. H. Jackson, and Rev. and Mrs. S. Q. Mitchell.

Miss Hattie Russell was hostess to members of the Swastika club Wednesday evening at her home on Beatties Ford Road.

Members of the Tuesday evening Bridge club met with Miss Hattie Russell Tuesday evening at her home on Beatties Ford Road. Mrs. Core Boston won high score prize.

Mrs. Aurelia Tate Smith is visiting her sister Mrs. Mildred Pettus of Richmond, Virginia.

The South Side and Literary club met with Mrs. Mary Cook Wednesday at her home on E. Hill Street.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson entertained members of the Blue Bird club Saturday evening at her home Beatties Ford Road.

Eric Hercules has returned from Atlanta, Georgia, where he has been attending the AME Bishops council.

Mrs. Roberta Hercules is able to be out again, after being confined to her home for several weeks.

LeRoy Grier was host to members of the Pick Wick Bridge club, entertaining them Thursday evening at his home on Monroe Road. First prize was awarded to G. T. Nash, second prize to John Lyles.

The Alexander Street Parent Teachers Association held its regular monthly meeting, Monday night, February 26 in the school auditorium. Mrs. E. L. T. Haynes presided. A brief business meeting was conducted, at which time announcement was made of the March meeting, and the April meeting, to be held at Mt. Mariah Church, the 4th Sunday. Mrs. Currie, one of the Fourth grade teachers presented to the group the cause of the Girl Reserve to raise funds for the YWCA in connection with the Mardi Gras to be held in March. This association has gone on record as having done a fine piece of constructive work this school year aiding needy children. Their plans are not completed along this line as they are offering help to some deserving Sixth Grader in the way of helping to buy their graduation necessities.

The Primary and Grammar Grades, with the assistance of the teachers, sponsored a Negro History Program in the form of a 2 Act Playette written by Mrs. L. Y. Harris, one of the second grade teachers. Outstanding leaders of both races were portrayed, and a very impressive dramatization of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," and the Negro National Hymn was rendered. The program was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Announcement was made of the Pride Memorial which is to be unveiled in April.

Mrs. J. W. Hemphill, school principal, extended a very warm welcome to the parents and friends present. She also expressed her appreciation to the parents for the wonderful cooperation they have given.

Refreshments were then served, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

Under the leadership of Miss Venetta Grier a George Washington supper was given at Friendship Baptist church in the Sunday school room February 22. Helping Miss Grier in this program was Mesdames Roberta Hannibal and Jessie Harris. The Sunday School room was beautifully decorated with cherry trees and hatched. The party was quite a success. In this effort \$52.25 was raised, which was turned over to the Chairman of the Trustee Board. The sponsors of this program wishes to thank every one that helped to make this effort a success.

To Hold Student Pays Tribute Conference

RICHMOND, Va. "Resources for Democracy in Youth," will be the theme of the first annual student conference sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to be held here at Virginia Union University, March 29-31.

According to James H. Robinson, acting youth director of the NAACP, the conference is designed to fill the need of active participation in the work of the organization by college students who rarely have a chance to participate in the annual conference deliberation of the

association held in June.

"While the conference will be built around the work of the NAACP in regards to youth," he said, "it is not limited to members of the Association. We are inviting representatives of student Christian movements, political science clubs, student government bodies, fraternities, societies, and other campus organizations."

Discussion groups will be held on Democracy in Education, Politics and Government, Security and Opportunity, and Relationships in Minority Struggles.

Remembers NAACP In Will

NEW YORK — M. L. Adler, manufacturer of bowling alley equipment, who died February 19, remembered the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in his will, it was revealed here yesterday.

The exact amount which will go to the NAACP is not known, however, since it is to share with four other organizations in the income from the residuary estate. The amount of the residuary estate or the rate of income are not known, therefore, the sum which the NAACP will receive cannot be announced.

announcement said the residuary estate was "more than \$10,000." Mr. Adler's will revealed he was concerned with the welfare of all races and religions. He wrote:

"My dear wife—during her lifetime—and I reached the belief that a testator renders scant honor to his own church or his relatives if he makes them their sole beneficiaries and neglects the general public from which wealth really came."

Five-twelfths of the income from the estate will go to the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies; two-twelfths each to the Charity Organization Society of New

To R. S. Abbott, Publisher

NEW YORK — Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People paid tribute today to Robert S. Abbott, publisher of the Chicago Defender; and Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, famous Chicago surgeon, both of whom died this week.

Terming them "two great fighters for justice," Walter White, executive secretary of the Association praised Dr. Williams a life member of the organization, for having given freely of his time, energy and money to the work of the NAACP both in Chicago and on a national scale. He lauded Mr. Abbott in the following telegram which was

sent to his widow, Mrs. Edna Abbott of Chicago today: "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People shares your great loss and extends to you its warmest sympathy in the death of Mr. Abbott. He contributed more than most men towards a new day for the American Negro."

Teachers Pay Case Ousted

York, the United Hospital Fund of New York, and the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York; the remaining twelfth to the NAACP.

Mrs. Adler, who died about two years ago, began contributing to the NAACP in 1939 and gave regularly each year until her death. In 1938 Mr. Adler sent a contribution in her memory.

NORFOLK, Va. — Judge Luther B. Way signed a final judgment here Thursday, February 29, dismissing the case to equalize the salaries of Negro and white public school teachers.

NAACP attorneys, acting for Melvin O. Alston, the local school board, immediately filed notice of an appeal to the U. S.

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