



Gloria Lockerman, the 12-year-old who spelled her way to fame on the popular television show, "The \$64,000 Question," is among the "Ten Young Women of the Year," named by Mademoiselle, national fashion magazine. In addition to Gloria, other recipients of the magazine's 1955 Merit Award are, in order of above picture reading from left to right and down, are Kim Stanley, actress; Jane Pri-

Two St. Augustine's Coeds Tapped By Honorary Sociology Society

RALEIGH — Misses Betty Jean Byers and Rosie Hood, pretty Co-eds of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, were formally initiated into the Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Sociological Society, during their last monthly meeting on December 9. This meeting was held on St. Augustine's College campus.

Miss Byers, a Junior, majoring in Sociology and English, from Kinston. She has also made a distinguishing record in her field. In addition to her many academic duties, her membership in various campus organizations also keep her very much occupied. She also holds positions of leadership in various organizations. She is a member of the Social Science Club, the Newspaper Staff, the Dramatics Club and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Her hobbies are reading and collecting pictures and souvenirs.

Other members of AKA on St. Augustine's Campus are Misses Irene A. Moore, Vida McCallum, and Professor E. E. Spradling, advisor.

Central Students Give Playlet On Broadcast

WHITEVILLE — The Teenage Club helped to usher in the yuletide spirit last Thursday, when they presented a playlet, "Unto Us a Child is Born", on the weekly broadcast. The playlet told the story of the birth of Jesus. It was narrated by Leacy Belle Shipman, with Jo Ann Battle playing a piano accompaniment. Back ground music of Christmas carols was furnished by a group of eight students who were as follows: Edith Powell, Gwendolyn George, Barbara Walker, Lane Wade Powell, James Rogers, James Hill, Jack Mauldin and Lenora Simpson. Harold Troy, the program announcer sang a solo, "Sweet Little Jesus."

Malton Gore spotlighted the news around Central. The program manager and director was Eura Mae Lennon.

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Outlook For Tenant Farmers And Sharecroppers In Region Dim For 1956; Better For Owners

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Compared with last year, the Nation's half million Negro farmers had a reasonably good year in 1955, and the outlook for '56 is about as promising for owners, but not so for tenants and sharecroppers, says P. H. Stone, assistant on the administrative staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Extension Service.

Although prices were down somewhat and production costs remained up to the 1954 level, good weather made the difference, says Stone. Not handicapped by drought, colored farmers, like the other American growers, produced near record crops.

"Last year," the Extension official continues, "wide-spread drought cut corn and hay crops to the bone, dried up gardens, and reduced cotton production. The story is different in 1955: There's hay in the barn, corn in the crib, and cotton yields were better than average."

Taking a look toward 1956, Stone expects for farm prospects to be bright if they provided there is no tightening of credit, and enough money to keep production up.

Sharecroppers and continued decreased numbers as more farmers either shift to hired worker status or town in the cotton acreage increased farm

for 1955 indicate that the number of farm operators in the States has decreased by 600,000 since 1950. Nearly half of the decrease in the South was accounted for by the decline in number of tenants and sharecroppers. Miss. alone lost 14,000 white farmers and 21,000 Negro operators, mostly tenants. Add the Negro farm operator losses of Arkansas, Georgia, and Texas to that of Mississippi and the total is

50,000. Stone thinks this trend will continue, but at a slower rate as crop adjustments are balanced against farm mechanization levels off. The South already has 1,220,000 tractors, 6,206 mechanical cotton pickers, and 18,000 strippers. Tractors totals represents a 4000 percent increase over the 1940 figure.

While these developments are tending to reduce the number of tenants and sharecroppers, the number of Negro farm owners is likely to remain at about the present level of 200,000, or increase somewhat, says Stone.

And because the Negro owners have small farms, the Extension official thinks they may enjoy some slight advantage over other farmers next year by not having to be caught so squarely in the jaws of the cost-price squeeze. Most of them may be able to avoid this by furnishing most of their own labor from their families, by raising feed for their small livestock herds and poultry flocks, and by continuing to use mulepower of by repairing the old tractors and other implements instead of buying new ones.

Stone concludes that on the whole, Negro farmers are better off at the end of this year than they were a year ago, and the outlook for '56 seems reasonably bright for owners, but not too promising for tenants and sharecroppers.

Bennett Coeds At Wake Day

GREENSBORO — Two Bennett College juniors, Misses Carolyn Ingram of Durham and Doris Sawyer of Bath, N. C., attended Wake County Day at the James E. Shepard High School, Zebulon, last week.

nence by some accident of democracy, turns out to have qualities in which the nation can see itself reflected." This was the 13th year of the awards given by the magazine to ten young women who—with one exception—range in age from teens to thirties and "who have already distinguished themselves in their fields and are expected to achieve greater honors."

Biology Paper To Be Read At Science Confab

ATLANTA, GA. — Dr. Barnett F. Smith of the department of biology at Spelman College will read a paper at the 122nd annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Atlanta December 28-29.

Dr. Smith's subject is "The Effect of Cysteine on Growth of Trichomonas vaginalis," and the paper will be presented as one of a group dealing with the protozoa before the 30th annual meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists which meets in conjunction with the A.A.S. The meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the Mirror Room of the



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