



**"COMMUNITY AND FAMILY OF YEAR"**—The Gadsden community near Columbia, S. C., was chosen as South Carolina's "Community of the Year" for 1963, and the Coleman Green family of Santee was named the State's "Farm Family of the

Year" recently at South Carolina State College by the Palmetto State Community Development Association. Top: T. J. Crawford, public relations director of the college, presents a plaque and \$350 to representatives of Gadsden community.

Bottom: Mrs. Coleman Green pours a glass of water for her husband as he dismounts from his tractor in front of their five-bedroom modern brick home. They have nine children. Two have finished college and two are in college. — USDA Photo

### Local Union 256 Venable Tob. Co. Elects Officers

Local Union No. 256 of the Venable Tobacco Company has announced the recent election of officers which was held at the Labor Temple on North Roxboro Street. The officers, who were elected for three-year terms, are as follows:

Melvin F. Ward, President; Ollie Watson, Vice President; Emmitt Caldwell, Recording Secretary; Nelli Hunter, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Julia Graham, Chairman; Rosa Merritt Sergeant at Arms; Lathar Thom; son, 3-year Trustee; Julia Graham, 2-year Trustee; Estelle Mazych, 1-year Trustee.

The following committees were also appointed:

**SHOP COMMITTEE**  
Melvin F. Ward, Chairman; Lathar Thompson, Vice Chairman; Ollie Watson, Bluford Myles, Estelle Mazych.

**NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE**  
Melvin F. Ward, Chairman; Ollie Watson, Vice Chairman; Lathar Thompson, Bluford Myles.

The Union which was organized in September, 1945, had as its first president, Willie Mlungu who has been succeeded consecutively by Mrs. Lillian Bass and Mrs. Bluford Myles, the present president, who was elected in 1950.

### NAACP Passes Half Million In Membership

NEW YORK — Signaling its leadership in epoch-making civil rights activities of 1963, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the first time passed the half million mark in membership.

Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins reported at the Association's annual meeting here, Jan. 6, a total of 515,396 members as of Dec. 24. This figure represents an additional 117,988 members over 1962, an increase of 29 per cent.

Youth membership reached 55,867, a 50 per cent increase over the 1962 total.

Under direction of Gloster B. Current, director of branches, a record number of new units were chartered during the year — 120 branches, youth councils, college chapters and young adult councils. The newly-chartered units brought the total to 1,125, the highest in the history of the organization. There are active units in the District of Columbia and in every state of the Union except Alabama where the Association has been barred by a state court injunction since 1956.

Chicago with a total of 31,690 was the largest single branch in the Association. However, the 12 branches in the five boroughs See NAACP, page 6-B

### Bolden and Woodbury to Manage Fayetteville and Roanoke Districts

The Agency Department of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has announced the transfer of James S. Bolden, former manager of the Roanoke District to the management of the newly established Fayetteville District; and of David H. Woodbury, former Field Training Supervisor to Acting Manager of the Roanoke District. The Fayetteville District was established on January 1, the effective date of the new appointments.

James S. Bolden began his insurance career on the Spartanburg District under the management of his father, G. W. Bolden following his graduation from Claflin College in 1938. He served in this district as Debit Manager until 1940, when he was promoted to Staff Manager; the position

he held until his induction into the Armed Services in 1943. Upon his honorable discharge in 1945, he was assigned to the Richmond District as a Special Representative. In 1946 he was named Staff Manager of the Roanoke District located at Lynchburg. In 1948 he was transferred to the Wilmington District, where he served until its merger with the Durham District in 1958. From 1958 until 1963 he served as Staff Manager of the Durham District. In July, 1963 he was promoted to Manager of the Roanoke District.

Bolden is a winner of several special awards, among them, a trip winner to the Aaron Day Cloudburst Convention in Atlanta, Ga. and Staff Manager of the Year 1957. He has pursued courses in LUTC and other agency manage-

ment studies. He is a civic worker, a member of Asbury Memorial Methodist Church in Durham, is married to the former Ruby Fisher, and they have one child, a daughter.

David H. Woodbury began his career with the Company in 1920 as an agent on the Chester, S. C. District. The following year, he was appointed Staff Manager; and served in this capacity until 1932 when he was named a special agent and assigned to the traveling staff of the Agency Director. In 1933, he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Augusta, Ga. District, and served in that capacity until 1936, when he assumed a debit assignment on the Raleigh, North Carolina District. In 1938, Woodbury went to Norfolk as an Assistant Manager. He was named Manager of the Roanoke District in 1940 and held this position for ten years. He was employed for several years in a different profession. Later, he returned to the Company to take up a special assignment on the Roanoke District. In 1959, he was named a Special Representative and assigned to the Agency Director's Staff, and in 1963 he was named Field Training Supervisor.

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