

**Cultivates Two-thirds South's Farm Land**

Important Facts Are Presented at Seventh Annual Session of Southern Sociological Congress.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Negro cultivates two-thirds of the farmland in the South and he owns one-tenth of it. Major Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee institute, told the educators assembled at the race relations section of the seventh annual session of the Southern Sociological Congress in Birmingham recently. This session of the congress attracted wide attention from Southern newspapers. It is the only conference in which leading educators of the South meet, regardless of race, and discuss the future. Previously the congress has felt itself rather ignored, but now it has won a place.

Monroe N. Work of Tuskegee institute, who presented the race's side, said that of the increased wage brought to the men and women by the war activities, some of it had been spent foolishly for silk dresses and automobiles, but a far greater portion has been spent for live stock, invested in lands and in Liberty bonds and savings stamps. He said that the race had given \$170,000 toward the Rosenwald rural school fund. The only pleas in behalf of the Negro were for adequate educational advantages, a fair wage compared with white labor and a square deal from policemen, constables, sheriffs and petty officers, who are too free with pistols and too anxious for fees.

Major Moton advised that the best way to help the Negro to better things was to educate more of the race so there would be more intelligent leadership.

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**TUSKEGEE PLANS A BIG SUMMER SCHOOL**

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., May 31.—With the summer school session, which opens here June 10, and the training of the 380 Colored soldiers in trades, which begins next week, the Tuskegee institute will be a very busy place this summer. The General Education Board has arranged to send all of the teachers in Rosenwald rural schools to the Tuskegee summer school and will pay the railroad fare to and from Tuskegee institute of all such teachers selected by the county superintendents of education and the state rural school agents for Negro schools. These, together with the regular summer school teachers and the soldiers, will make about 800 persons enrolled for study at Tuskegee during a large portion of the summer months. Dr. Moton, principal, announced that arrangements would be made to fill in the recreation hours of students, workers and teachers with interesting and instructive entertainments.

**MRS. CURTIS SAILS FOR FRANCE**

New York, May 31.—Mrs. James L. Curtis, widow of the late James L. Curtis, United States minister to Liberia, has sailed for France, having been the first Colored woman selected by the Y. M. C. A. for its war work. Since returning from Liberia Mrs. Curtis has been stationed at Camp Upton, Yaphank, heading a special work which the Y. W. C. A. has been doing among the soldiers.

**PULLMAN COMPANY CONDUCTORS TO BE RECRUITED FROM STUDENTS**

New York, May 31.—The Pullman company has applied to several of the colleges for recruits to fill vacancies in the ranks of their conductors caused by shortage of men due to war conditions. Columbia college will send 400 young men as soon as the school term closes.

Hiawatha Taylor, son of the late S. Coleridge Taylor, is serving in France with the British Red Cross.—The Crisis.

**WAR TALKS**  
By UNCLE DAN  
Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.

"Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going some."

"Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."

"Whoopee!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months, then he came home for a few days. We were astonished at his appearance. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-

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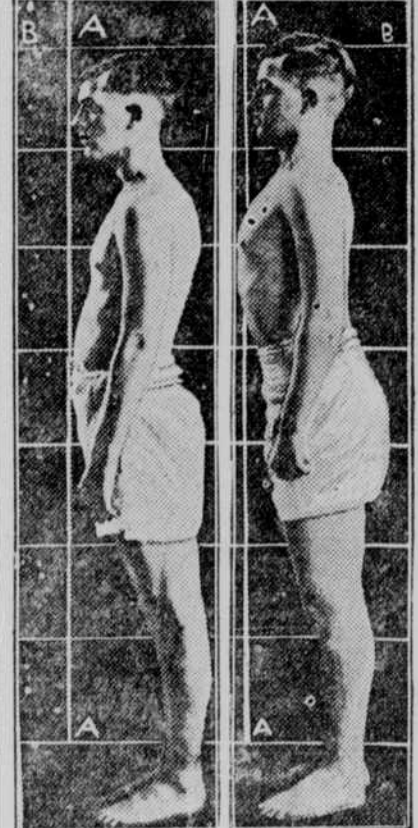
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Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew Jimmie owned a colt worth \$100; that he would make almost another \$100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a \$100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed to find that Jimmie would still lack about \$300 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivering, he said: "I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie."

Uncle Dan was silent a moment or two, then he asked Billie to go down to the orchard and get him some apples to eat on the train. While he was gone, it was arranged that Uncle Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Graham would advance the money necessary so that Jimmie could go. When Billie returned he was told about it. He ran to the phone and called Jimmie, saying: "Come on over, run just as fast as you can, I've got the greatest news you ever heard of."