

General Race News

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VA., NEGROES OWN \$600,000

Lawrenceville, Va.—The eleventh annual session of the St. Paul Farmers' Conference at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial school was full of interest. The conference is an organization of 2,000 Negro farmers and workers of Brunswick county, organized and fostered by the school for the purpose of social, material, moral and religious uplift.

The conference gives attention to such practical and helpful things as better methods of farming, better homes, increasing the length of the school term by local self-taxation, buying land, and maintaining helpful relations between the races. The county is divided into conference communities corresponding to the schools and representatives from these are asked to report upon community conditions. There are fourteen questions asked embracing such subjects as the school, the home, neighborhood morals, amount of money raised by extending school terms, number of acres of land bought, number of newly built houses, or remodeled, repaired, painted or whitewashed; whether frame or log, number of rooms and upon the crop increase, or decrease of acreage, soil improvement, giving of crop liens, growing corn, raising hogs, chickens, stock, production of milk, butter, etc.

Negroes Own Property Worth \$600,000

Replies show that thirty-five new houses had been built at a cost of from \$400 to \$1,200 and others remodeled, repaired and painted. Over 1,000 acres of land purchased since last conference, two new schoolhouses built by co-operative effort, \$500 raised to extend the school term one month, \$1,600 raised by subscription or paid in cash for prospective new schools or for various school improvements such as new desks, industrial material, etc. In the matter of food supplies the questions brought out that more farmers were attempting to raise food for themselves and stock, more hogs being raised and the acreage in corn practically doubled. As to the money crops, tobacco, cotton and peanuts still hold first place, but more farmers are getting away from the strictly money crops and are diversifying their farming.

The president's address showed that the Negroes of the county, according to the auditor's report, owned a fraction less than 60,000 acres of land, valued with the houses thereon at nearly \$600,000, and that their real and personal property was assessed with taxes amounting to a little over \$6,000.

The women's conference took place on the second day. This is an organization of the mothers, farmers' wives and daughters of the county which meets with the conference, giving attention to matters of the home, the garden, vegetables, sanitation and making farm life conditions more tolerable. Their work through the various mothers' clubs of the country has done much to improve the status of women and elevate the sanctity of the home.

MEN OF 25TH INFANTRY OBJECT TO RACE FILM

Schofield Barrack, Honolulu, H. T.—The soldiers of the Twenty-fifth in-

fantry, United States army, stationed at this point, will not stand for the presentation of any play or picture film in the barracks' amusement hall which reflects upon the Negro race. This was shown on the night of June 8, when a picture play called "James Kirby" was put upon the screen.

Advertised as one of the best pictures ever on the island, the play drew a large audience of officers and enlisted men. But with the flashing of the first scene trouble began. The film was staged in the South and the theme harked back to slavery days. It showed the young Negro girls being handled by the slave owners and traders, and when the soldiers saw that the house was thrown into an uproar. From every section came the cry, "Cut it out!"

Film Causes Outbreak of Men.

There are several officers in the regiment who do not share in the southerner's prejudice against the Negro, and they showed their objections to the photoplay by leaving the hall as soon as the character of the picture was discovered. Their leaving was taken as a cue and half of the audience filed out, also.

As soon as the men reached the outside the rocks began to fly. The roof of the hall was bombarded to such an extent that officers had to order the stopping of the play. This is the third incident of the kind in the past six months.

Recently a local show came out to the barracks from Honolulu and put on a play called "Down in Dixie." Only the most strenuous efforts on the part of the officers prevented a riot and the mobbing of the players. The actors were glad to get back to Honolulu.

The men have let it be known on a number of occasions that while amusements are desired, nothing will be tolerated that reflects in the slightest degree on the Negro race. Some of the officers claim that the trouble is caused by some of the recruits, but this is not borne out by the facts. Every member of the Twenty-fifth infantry resents such pictures and plays.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL WANTS GIRLS

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Miss Burroughs, in her announcement, asks that healthy, promising girls, with faith in themselves and a desire to be molded into great and good women, be sent to her. Girls not wanted are those who have been misfits and failures in other schools, or who have been sent to a new school every year.

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