

NEGRO MILLIONAIRE LOSES \$75,000

MICHIGAN ISSUES
INVITATION TO ALL
COLORADO FARMERS

Division of Negro Welfare Officially Calls Attention to Agricultural Opportunities for Race in State.

Lansing, Mich.—In keeping with that part of the program dealing with the rehabilitation of Michigan farm lands, the Division of Negro Welfare and Statistics of the state announces the wealth of opportunity afforded Negro farmers in locating in various agricultural sections of this state.

The steady decrease in the number of operated farms and the continual stream of farm folks cityward, is having its effect in both avenues of life. Each fall finds a greater number of vacant farm properties and a larger list of unemployed in the city. In the latter case, because of racial lines, the Negro suffers more severely than the white workman and it is the hope of the division to help the Negro who has had agricultural training in securing a fuller measure of independence by taking over one of the many attractive offers to be found.

It is pointed out that the fall of the year is the ideal time to consider these locations, as that season of the year marks the movement from the farm, with many farmers eager to rent or sell their property after the crops have been gathered and disposed of. For the benefit of the tenant or purchaser, the winter months offer the opportunity of establishing and preparing for the spring sowing.

Although the division of Negro welfare and statistics is not a selling agent in any sense of the word, yet listings of available properties have been made for the sole purpose of being of service to the Negro group in this connection. It also serves as a guide or adviser to the prospective purchaser who may be unfamiliar with Michigan soil. The division is inviting the inquiries of any persons who may be interested and letters directed to the department, addressed to Lansing, will receive immediate attention.

WHITE MAN SENTENCED TO
DEATH FOR MURDER OF NEGRO

Jacksonville, Fla.—For the first time in the history of the state, the death penalty will be paid by a white man for the murder of a Negro. Governor John W. Martin last week signed the death warrant for the electrocution of Britt Pringle, white, and for the hanging of Abe Washington, Negro, along with seven other death warrants.

Britt Pringle, was convicted of killing an aged Negro wood dealer, whom he lured from his home to a place in the woods and killed by striking him with an axe. The crime was characterized as one of the most brutal in the history of the county. He was sentenced to the electric chair and the governor set to date of his electrocution for November 8. The pardon board absolutely refused to grant him a commutation of the sentence.

CHOOSE "MISS TUSKEGEE"

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—Miss Dorothy Gordon, Tuskegee Institute co-ed, has been chosen by popular vote of students and faculty members to represent the institute as "Miss Tuskegee" at the Tuskegee-Lincoln game in Philadelphia, October 29. The selection was made following an offer by Benjamin F. Hubert, former director of agricultural department, to contribute the trip to the girl student chosen by the student body and faculty.

YOUTH MOVEMENT WANTS
TROOPS REMOVED FROM HAYTI

Washington, D. C.—The Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Fellowship of Youth for Peace which held a joint conference at Watch Hill, R. I. recently asked President Coolidge to remove American military occupation from Hayti. The latter organization has become the youth section of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

SOUTHERN GUARDIAN LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY
MEETS READY RESPONSE

Columbia, S. C.—Since the announcement two weeks ago that a group of the leading business men of South Carolina had met and decided to launch a new insurance company for the state, the organizers, H. L. Dibble, and Andrew W. Simkins, report the acceptance of several other leading business men to their board of directors, and a large increase in their stock sales, which gives concrete evidence of the way the progressive citizens regard this movement.

The Southern Guardian Life Insurance company, which is the name chosen for the new organization, plans to do a general industrial business among our group, particularly in South Carolina, where at present there is only one home company of its kind in the state to offer its stock for public subscription.

COLORED CITIZENS
OF JACKSONVILLE
SEND MIAMI AID

Prompt and Generous Response Is Given to Appeal for Help From Storm-Stricken Section.

Jacksonville, Fla.—(A. N. P.)—The appeal for aid for the sufferers in the storm-stricken district of this state met a ready response from the people of Jacksonville and other sections of the state here during the last two weeks. B. C. Vanderhorst, general manager of the Peoples Insurance company, called a meeting of the business men of the city and started the appeal, which resulted in the raising of over \$600 by the local branch of the Business League. Mr. Vanderhorst later went to Miami, taking a trained nurse, Mrs. R. L. Brown, with him, who is now supervising relief work at that place and the nearby vicinity. The insurance company also organized other relief stations through its agents in that district.

The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Masons, D. D. Powell, grand master, gave \$500 to the work and the St. Joseph Aid society sent its grand chief, Dr. T. H. B. Walker with a carload of supplies and money to the district.

At the terminal station in this city, members of the Daughters Elks here under Mrs. Hattie L. Williams, and working under supervision of the Colored Travelers' Aid, did heroic work in assisting the distressed refugees who passed through here en route to their homes in various parts of the country. The Daughter Elks gave food, money, and clothing to the sufferers from a fund of \$300 sent by the Grand Daughter Ruler, Mrs. Ellen Berry of Chicago. The Afro-American Life Insurance company was another liberal giver to the funds. Most of this was given through the central relief committee in this city. The Red Cross has co-operated splendidly with the Negro workers and has abolished the color lines in assisting the unfortunates.

ROCK ISLAND BRAKEMAN
DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Mr. Harry V. Besse of this city, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon of hemorrhage. Mr. Besse had taken breakfast with his family as usual and later decided to drive over to Omaha. He was seized with the attack while visiting friends in Omaha.

Mr. Besse was well known, both in Omaha and Council Bluffs social circles. Lately he had been employed as a passenger brakeman for the Chicago and Rock Island Railway company. He had been in their employ for 25 years and established a record of efficiency. Honored and esteemed by fellow-workmen, this respect was manifest by the beautiful floral offering sent by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Mr. Besse is survived by his wife, a son, Harry, Jr., two sisters, two nieces, one nephew and a host of friends.

Short funeral services were held from the home, 1311 Sixth Ave. The body was taken to Trenton, Mo., for burial.

EDITORIAL

We have received a great deal of favorable comment upon our editorial leader of last week. Up to the present time, we have heard no unfavorable comment, although we have expected it. The general consensus of opinion is that the position taken was honest, sound and fair.

In this connection it is gratifying to note that there is after all a good deal of independent thinking going on among our people along political, economic and religious lines. This is a good augury. It is an indication of intellectual growth.

Of course we do not think alike on all questions. It would be a calamity if we did and would mean stagnation. It does us all good to do a little thinking and reasoning for ourselves; to put two and two together and then act upon our honest convictions. When more of do this the better it will be for all.

And may we not be permitted to again point out a great weakness among our people? It is our proneness to fall out with one another and call those from whom we differ "anything but a child of God," because they do not agree with us. This is particularly in evidence during political campaigns.

The American Negro is a great politician—for the other fellow. No group takes a keener and more absorbing interest in political campaigns than do our people where we are allowed to vote. We get all excited and "het up," for candidates, many of them excellent and sincere men, while others are men of very mediocre ability and low ideals,—all white men,—some of whom, indeed the majority of whom,—don't care a rap about us, and forget all about us, as soon as the election is over, and until the next campaign. We get angry at each other and remain angry, while these opposing candidates, over whom we have wrangled, some of the same party or of opposing parties, even during the most heated campaign, certainly soon after, are as warm friends as ever. They have forgotten all about their heated arguments and debates. But not so we.

This foolish and childish attitude upon the part of so many of our people, is really laughable, and would be nothing more than high comedy, if it were not for its tragic results in this serious and acute stage of our development.

It is right that we should all take an active and intelligent part in the government of our country. This is done by exercising the franchise, by voting for the men and measures we honestly believe will be for the best interests of all concerned. The one that does not vote is neglecting a sacred duty. We urge our people to take an active part in politics, by studying the issues involved, and ascertaining as far as they can by the caliber, character and fitness of the candidates who are seeking their support and to work zealously for the principles and candidates they favor. Allow the other man and woman the same privilege without falling out with him. We are not advising less interest in political campaigns, but we are advising our people to be and act like sensible men women, who realize that it is foolish, shortsightedness to permit friendships to be sundered over some political candidate whose only interest or chief interest in you is that he wants and needs your vote.

"In understanding be ye MEN; but in malice be children." Children all pout over their toys and games but never hold malice. Let us emulate children in this as we play as we should play with zest the game of politics.

LITTLE GIRLS ARE ALMOST EXTINCT

Little girls are almost extinct. Mothers have made them so.

Somehow these days parents seem to have a passion for getting their children grown up—especially their daughters. They start their girls out into social life long before they are out of their teens. They are sent to dancing school and parties and quickly acquire all the airs and graces of sophistication.

The urge toward maturity lies in every childish heart. Each lad sees himself strong and fascinating. Each lass visions herself with beaus at her heels. What she never realizes, and what mothers seldom try to make her understand, is that she will have all the rest of her life to be grown up, and that God has given her such a few years in which to be a little girl.

And little girlhood is such a magic time. Standing on the brink of the river of life, with the mist in your eyes and the glow of the sunrise ahead is a lovely bit of living. Cares are far away. The future gleams all golden to innocent eyes. Today is full of a grave wonder and a thrilling joy. Love is all magical and wondrous. The hours step slowly along so that we shall not miss any of the dreamy wonder of a single moment. Time seems to stand still. There is only wonder and trembling and dreams.

This would be a glorious interim in the life of every girl if grown-ups had half the sense with which God endowed children. But instead of letting them drink to the full of the solitude and loveliness of adolescence, mothers must be making them rush off to parties and dances and fill their minds with social cares, and must needs be teaching them the disillusion of life that always come with maturity. They are not left to stray softly in that lovely lane of little girlhood, because there are so

COLORED STUDENT
WINS AUDIENCE AT
N. C. UNIVERSITY

Speaks on "World Outlook" as Seen From Helsingfors Conference.

Chapel Hill, N. C.—Charles C. Spaulding, Jr., son of the president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, was one of the speakers at the recent Y. M. C. A. conference at the University of North Carolina, making the first time a colored student had ever spoken at this great institution. Just back from the World Y. M. C. A. conference at Helsingfors, he spoke on "World Outlook" as seen from that notable gathering, where forty nationalities were represented. His address was in fine spirit, thoughtful and splendidly expressed, and was heard with great interest and appreciation. Among other things he said:

"My trip to Europe has inspired me. It has given me an increasing appreciation of my fellow-man and the Gospel of Jesus Christ; a Gospel that uplifts and beautifies the lives of men, as this Gospel is translated into unselfish and genuine co-operation the world outlook becomes brighter and brighter. Someone has said that the world is growing better and worse all the time. I thank God that it seems to be growing better faster than it is growing worse. A better day is dawning, a better understanding between all nations and peoples; and we are beginning to realize as never before our dependence, one upon the other.

"In conclusion, permit me to say that the invitation extended to six others of my race and to me to attend the Helsingfors conference, and the opportunity extended to me to appear on its program, give encouragement and outlook to the Negro youth of the land. They deeply appreciate the new spirit of democracy and fellowship which this participation cemented, and they pledge you their loyalty and trust for the building of a better world."

EMMETT SCOTT'S DAUGHTER TO
WED BISHOP'S SON

Washington, D. C.—Miss Clarissa Mae Scott, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Emmett J. Scott, will be married to Hubert Thomas Delaney, New York City, son of Bishop H. B. Delaney, of the Episcopal church, at St. Mary's Episcopal church. The ceremony will be performed by Bishop Delaney and Reverend O. L. Mitchell, rector of St. Mary's and will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Scott is a graduate of Wellesley college, and was admitted to the Phi Beta Kappa society at the latter school, the year of her graduation in 1923.

Mr. Delaney is a graduate of the College of the City of New York, and of the Law School of New York university.

SAM BAKER IS SIGNED
BY WARNER BROTHERS

Hollywood, Cal.—The missing link has at last been found. He is none other than Sam Baker, pugilist and screen actor, who has just been signed under contract with Warner Bros., to don the monkey make-up, at a Bull Montana, in the picture, "The Missing Link" featuring Syd Chaplin and directed by Chuck Reisner.

A special gorilla costume including teeth similar to that used by Bull Montana in "The Lost World" is being made by the Western Costume Co., at a cost of \$1,000. Baker is best remembered by his work in the "Thief of Bagdad" and the "Sea Beast" will draw a check running into three figures weekly.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Ferriday, La.—Willie Clark, Quimbly, La., is dead as a result of a boiler explosion twenty miles south of this place. A gang of men were loading logs and several whites were severely injured.

Jacksonville, Fla.—D. A. Dorsey, Negro millionaire of Miami, who returned to his home Tuesday night, after coming here to secure labor to rebuild the schools in that city, stated that the storm had done more than \$75,000 worth of damage to his property and holdings in Miami. The roof of the hotel which he owns was torn off and the windows blown out. Four of his apartments were unroofed, and twenty houses blown off their foundations, and eight or ten of them were completely demolished. The damage, he said, would roughly amount to \$75,000.

N. A. A. C. P. TO
FIGHT ATTACKS ON
CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

Judge's Opinion Holds Theatre Not "Public Enterprise but Private Property."

New York.—An attack upon the civil rights law of the state of Michigan, in the form of an opinion by a judge that a theatre is not a public enterprise "but is private property with the right to conduct its business privately the same as any other private citizen transacts his own affairs," will meet with the determined opposition of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, at whose instigation the Michigan Civil Rights Bill was enacted, it was announced at the national office.

The opinion is question was delivered by Leonard D. Verdier, judge of the superior court of Grand Rapids, Mich., in the case of Dr. Emmett N. Bolden, denied an orchestra seat, on account of his race, by the Grand Rapids Operating corporation in its local theatre on December 14, 1925.

Judge Verdier suggests in his opinion that since a theatre is not a "public enterprise" but a private one, "it is a very serious question" whether the civil rights act does not contravene the provisions of the United States constitution.

The case therefore involves the validity of the civil rights law in the state of Michigan, as it applies to theatres and other places of public entertainment. The national office of the N. A. A. C. P. has communicated with the Detroit branch suggesting that that branch, the most powerful in the state, take the leadership in fighting this case.

ACCUSED MAIL CARRIER
RESTORED TO DUTY

Washington, D. C.—Elmer Ellsworth, of Capitol Heights, Md., who had been under \$1,000 bond on a charge of house-breaking and with having stolen about \$4,000 worth of jewelry, has been completely exonerated and restored to duty as mail carrier. William Smith has made a complete confession admitting that he robbed the apartment of Mrs. T. B. McDonald in Wyoming. The case in the United States Criminal Court had previously been pressed. Following the exoneration of Brown, the postoffice suspension was lifted and he was restored to duty.

ABYSSINIAN ENROLLS
AT PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pa.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—The University of Pennsylvania has enrolled this year its first Abyssinian student. He is a freshman in the pre-medical course and his name is Malaku Bayen. He is the chamberlain of the prince regent of Abyssinia. The prince regent, according to Bayen, is anxious that Abyssinia become modernized and to that end he has sent sixty students to various European and American schools at his personal expense. Bayen is to graduate from Pennsylvania's medical school, study public hygiene and then return to his native land and apply what he has learned.

STEAL PRISONER FROM JAIL

Eunice, La.—Masked men broke open the doors of the city jail and abducted Louis Ledet, 18, who was alleged to have attacked a 6-year-old white girl. No trace of the man has as yet been found.