

Fight Union of Negro and White Sharecroppers

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 5—Organized 18 months ago to safeguard tenants' rights under the now defunct AAA, the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union is causing grave concern to white planters throughout this state because for the first time they are seeing poor white and Negro sharecroppers united to improve their economic lot.

So serious is the concern of rich planters that evictions, beatings, summary trials and other repressive measures are used against this union. It has evoked an interest which previous governmental investigations on the sharecroppers' plight failed to arouse. Landowners, realizing its potential strength, envision it as an agency which may cause "uprisings" and "racial strife."

Organizers of the union have patiently fostered the doctrine that a common battle must be waged by white and Negro labor to improve the economic status of both and that both are in the same financial boat. Members are told to forget their prejudice and work together in harmony. And for the first time this policy is being felt on a large scale in Dixie, although previously there have been isolated instances of unions of skilled trades in urban centers.

In three counties where the union is strongest with a membership of 6,000 divided almost equally between the races, both groups are working together in extreme friendship in their common fight against what they consider unfair practices by landowners. This organization was allowed to get a foothold because planters took the position at first that it was one of those fly-by-night moves that wouldn't last. Now, however, they break up meetings and frankly declare they will not have union members on their plantations.

In order to combat the union, a blacklist has been prepared and issued secretly to planters. Union membership is sufficient ground for eviction and tenants evicted for that cause find it almost impossible to get placed at another.

A wholesale eviction which took place recently near Earle has caused union officials to appeal to Washington for a probe and Gov. Futrell has already sent state investigators to the scene. The trouble was caused by the wholesale eviction of almost 100 persons, half of them women and children, from the 540 acre farm of C. H. Dibble. The tenants were driven out by deputy sheriffs and left on a snowy road with their possessions piled beside them. The union got five tents, aided the women in getting to homes of friends in a nearby town and established an eviction camp still maintained by the men.

At a meeting near Earle held later, deputies drove both the Negro and white audience away and ran a Nashville socialist scheduled to speak there out of town. Two Negroes were shot and slightly wounded. Four others were sentenced by a justice of the peace to one year terms for rioting and another was held to the grand jury charged with assault with intent to kill.

When Dibble was questioned as to the eviction and his attitude toward the union, he gave an answer typical of the Dixie planter. "A Negro is just like a saddle horse," he said. "It's only good business to take care of him, but he's a dependent,

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November. His wife arrived January 8. She was born in Berlin 21 years ago of Austrian parentage and was private secretary to a prominent lawyer when she became acquainted with the young medical student. Mrs. Patrick was educated in Austria and German fairly fluently. She has blue eyes, cherry lips and reddish brown hair, and already has made herself at home on these shores.

Dr. Patrick was born in Roxbury and graduated from Howard in 1930. At Berlin he specialized in surgery and internal diseases. Six feet tall and weighing 190 pounds, the physician played football at Boston Latin School and took up wrestling at Harvard. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Frederick D.

Wigington Dies

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The immediate relatives surviving the deceased include his daughter, Mrs. Constance Wright; a son Nathan Wesley Wigington; two grandchildren, Miss Fredericka May Hall and Mildred Anne Wigington, all of Chicago; four sisters, Mrs. A. L. Bell, Sheridan, Mrs. Jean Shute, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Birdie Julia Washington, Chicago, Mrs. Hazel R. Butler, St. Paul; three brothers, Frank B. and Clarence Wesley, both of St. Paul; Paul Preston, Walker, Minn.; an aunt, Mrs. Agnes L. Butler, Omaha; five nieces, Mrs. Mildred Wigington Bohanon, Minneapolis, Minn., Miss Muriel Elizabeth Wigington, Los Angeles, Mrs. Mercedes Wilson, Sheridan, Mrs. Estella Thomas, Chicago, and Miss Virginia Bell, Sheridan; one nephew, Alfred Wesley Shute, So. Carolina; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Omaha and a number of cousins.

Girls Again

"I read in a book that Apollo was chasing a nymph and she turned into a tree."

"He was lucky. The one I'm chasing always turns into a jewelry shop or a restaurant."—Pearson's Weekly.

Literary Light

"She says her husband is a literary light."

"Yes, but he can't hold a candle to her when it comes to sputtering."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Genealogical Survey

Curious—I wish I could find out how many relatives I have.

Cynic—Why that's the easiest thing in the world—just buy a summer cottage.

Might Prove Interesting

Mother—Do you want to hear a story about a good little girl?

Daughter—Maybe—What was she good at?

Dr. Dibble To Succeed Colonel Ward

Will Head Famous Veteran's Hospital

Washington, Feb. 5 (APN)—Dr. Eugene H. Dibble is to be the new manager of the United States Veterans' Facility located at Tuskegee, Alabama, officials of the Veterans' Administration announced here Thursday. The 43-year-old physician succeeds the veteran Col. Joseph H. Ward, who has been dismissed from the service under a cloud this week, after heading the hospital since July 1924. Dr. Dibble is at present the medical director of the John A. Andrew Memorial hospital, located at Tuskegee Institute, a position which he has held since 1924. He at one time served at the Veterans' hospital as chief of the surgical section.

Dr. Dibble has built up an enviable reputation as a hospital executive at Tuskegee. To him is given the credit for the development of the annual John A. Andrew clinic which has grown to be one of the most important medical organizations in the country. Physicians from every section of the country make pilgrimages to Tuskegee each spring to attend the demonstrations of the clinical association of which he is the secretary-treasurer. Dr. Dibble is married, his wife being the former Helen Taylor, daughter of Dr. R. R. Taylor, for many years, vice-principal of Tuskegee Institute. They have four children.

The new hospital manager is a graduate of Atlanta University, of the Class of 1915, and of the Howard Medical School, 1919. He came to Washington Monday at the invitation of General Hines, Veterans' Administrator and was offered the post. In the city at the same time on orders from the bureau, was Colonel Ward, deposed chieftain, as well as the chief guard and the chief dietician of the institution, both of whom were dismissed on charges of malfeasance, as were four other subordinates.

Whatever fears which might have existed that the cloud created by the dismissal of the eight in a change of race insofar as the leadership of the institution was concerned, were allayed by Dr. Dibble's prompt appointment. It is understood that Veterans' Administration officials had assured Dr. R. R. Moton and President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, that the personnel would remain colored.

Dr. Dibble assumed his new post February 1st.

Fake Fingerprints

Fingerprints of different people, as we know, are never the same. But it is possible for a crook to imitate a genuine fingerprint so that the suspicion of the police can be diverted, says Pearson's Weekly. How this can be done has been shown by Dr. Harold Cummings of the Tulane University of Medicine, Chicago. Taking an original genuine fingerprint, he had it engraved, and made a three dimensional negative in wax. Then he took a cast in gelatin from the negative and stuck the gelatin on a dummy finger. Twelve of the 32 prints he made with the dummy finger were declared by fingerprint experts to be genuine. Though this proportion is not very great, the United States authorities believe it is sufficient to allow criminals many opportunities to put the police on false trails.

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