N. Y. State Probes Rade Discrimination

New York, Dec. 23 (ANP)clored citizens themselves do not ways suspect how severely they suffer from racial discrimination even in supposedly liberal conmunities, it is being revealed in the public hearings now being h li by the New York State Commissien on the Condition of the Urban Colored Population. The New York City hearing, which opened on Decomber 13th to carry through the greater part of the current week revealed even more damning testimony. Open violation of the various "equal rights" laws of the state have been reported and have

Chief among the violations is employment opportunities by pubwas found that Negro janitors in Negro school children. the State Capitol buildings were their white fellow janitors.

out the state, open hearings have program has been worked out. been held in Albany, Buffalo, Nassau, Westchester and Queens counties and with the four days hearing in New York City.

ed by the vice chairman, William been taught to read and write. T. Andrews, colored representative from the 21st Assembly District. Lester B. Granger is executive director: Dr. Dean S. Yarbrough is Research Director and Professor in homemaking. In addition, all Lowis Meyers of City College of students are given basic instruc-New York is Legal Counsel.

Dayton Woman Sells Valuable Property

of the largest real estate trans- grade levels, and the beginners of mated last week with the reported sale of valuable frontage on West woman to Robert D. Patterson, well. millionaire coal operator. The reported consideration was in excess of \$56.000.

Mrs. Anderson was reputedly left close to a quarter of a million by her first husband and within the past ten years by shrewd business methods, is reported to have added \$100,00 to her fortune. Active in social welfare and civic circles, Mrs. Anderson is chairman of the Westside day Nursery, which, through a see is debt Community Ches, drive and in the local YWCA, chairman of the Needlework Guild and a prominent Episcopalian. She is called by her friends "Dayton's first citizen."

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WPA Survey Shows . Relief Clients Happy Illiteracy Among So. As Jobs Open To Help Cleveland. In an effort to meet Carolina Negroes

Washington. D. C., Dec. 23 (ANP)-A recent report submitthat of the law regarding equal ted here to the Education Division of he Works Progress Administralie utilities on public works con- tion by Lawrence M. Pinckney, tracts or in civil service. A seri- South Carolina State Administraous housing scarcity with conse- tor shows appalling illteracy quent over crowding and exhorbit- among the Negroes of the state ant rentals have already been pro- who have been consistently denied ved. Pernicious racial practices by the fundamentals of education by departmental superisors and heads lack of schools and training and in the public service have been un- by the inequalities of State legiscovered, as for instance when it lated funds as between white and

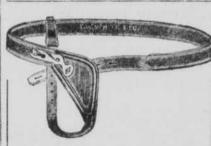
According to the report of State receiving \$200 a year less than Administrator Pinckney, a survey of 51,006 Negro homes in South The Commission, created by the Carolina made in the fall of 1935 Legislature at last year's session. revealed that 27,916 mothers and began its work in September and fathers could not read, 28.397 could has until March 1st to conclude not write, and 7.869 children beits preliminary investigation and tween the ages of six and fourteen report. While a small staff of field years were out of school. This inworkers has been busy for the past formation, brought up to date by two months searching available a later house canvass by teachers, documents and records through- is the basis upon which the present

At present the WPA program employs a total of 242 teachers to conduct 953 classes. The total number of enroliees is 17, 956, while Chairman Harold P. Herman, the number participating in relat-Assemblyman from Nassau Coun- ed activities s approximately 26 .ty, presided at the hearings assist- 500. More than 10,000 persons have

The program now includes literacy classes, general adult education, nursery school, classes in agriculture subjects, and classes tion in health and sanitation, recreation, and the use of library

As a result of this work, Mr. Pinckney reports, many pupils, old and young, who were illiterate three or four years ago are now Dayton O., Dec. 23 (ANP-One doing work of fourth and fifth actions ever negotiated in this city a year ago are writing simple letby a colored person was consum- ters and reading simple materials of first and second grade levels. At the same time there has been Sixth street, across from the new created within the parents the de-Union station-by Mrs. Marion sire not only to better their chil-Anderson, widely known business dren's condition but their own as

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Cleveland, Dec. 23 (By Clarence I. Simmons for ANP)-A goodly number of Cleveland's 57.000 relief clients are happy for word back to work, backed up by the word "immediately" from the au-

At the same time the Bell Telephone company announces that good news to the residents of Ohio cept for white collar workers who but it is non-effective to Negroes total eligible. By the first of the loesn't hire Negroes in Ohio state. projects authorized."

Armouncement from Columbus getting their share of employment, ed citizens,

More than 3,246 men an 1 women awaiting assignment on existing WPA projects were replaced Thurs day. After this replacement there were about 2.600 others eligible for WPA work and will be given jobs as soon as possible.

A large number of Negro workers who have been on the "waiting" lists have been placed and a number of them who had been employed and laid off some months ago, have new assignments. The first to go to work were those who were in immediate need.

It is also a blessing to the relief agencies who were being work ed night and day in their efforts to administer aid to new applicants.

Reports show that more than 1,000 persons were seeking relief who had been working in private

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'industries and had been laid off with the new business slump in the demands of the relief situation Dispel Their Gloom the mayor had ordered city service men from their jobs so as to make

the relief load. This move on the part of the lofrom Washington and Columbus wisest thing to do. for the city em- attempt to recite, but takes a posiassures them that the WPA is ployees were barely getting their sending more than 5,000 workers pay as it was and as soon as they until recess when he goes out to were laid off, many of them rushed the reijef windows seeking aid.

Colonel Joseph H. Alexander, county director of WPA, asserted that "there are enough vacancies the company contemplates spend- existing in projects already under ing \$7.000,000 here in 1938. This is way to absorb many workers, exand Greater Cleveland in general. number about 20 per cent of the since the Bell Telephone company | year we expect to have ample new

An all-time record number of notified local authorities to start direct relief applications was remaking assignments of new work- ceived here Tuesday. The total was ers "at once" to the WPA. So far 356, according to reports. The no "quota" has been set for Cleve- number is rapidly increasing. A land. It also stated that the as- weekly record of 1,152 was set signments would be flexible and last week. About 371/2 per cent of that Clevelanders may be sure of these new applications were color-

Dog Has Attendance. Record at Schoo

Knoxville. Tenn., Dec. 23 (By O. B. Taylor for ANP)-Across the river at the Jones school, in South Knoxvi'le, "Major" a big Germa-Police dog holds the best atterd ance record. He has not missed a roll call on any school day during the last nine years. When lit le Ruth Clark, nine

years ago, became six she started going to the Jones school and "Ma jor" decided too accompany her and has been coming ever since. Two years ago, when Ruth finished seventh grade, she was enrolled at the Austin high school, several miles away; but "Major" still inup the amount necessay to carry terested in education and the chil dren all of whom (teachers included) are kind to him, comes cal administration was not the slone to school ."Major does not ion near the large warm stove. romp and play with the children." 'Lo not know what we would do now without Major," said Miss Vivian Bradley, principal of the Jones school, 'Major" belongs to Mr. Henry Clark of Moody street.





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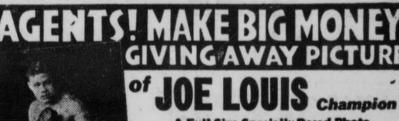
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