

# Wins 4-H Judging



**WINS 4-H JUDGING CONTEST AND SHORT COURSE**  
Jack Grays (right) of Brazos county is shown being awarded the championship cup last week by R.A. Sanders (left), county agent of Brazos county, which was won by Grays with a total of 74 points out of a possible 100.

James Meloson of Liberty County won second. This contest in connection with the 4-H Short Course and Enrollment is held annually at Prairie View State college, and this year 119 boys from 45 counties participated. (ANP)

## Negro Engineers, Technicians Meet at Tuskegee

**NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSN. CONVENTION WILL STUDY AVIATION AND MECHANICAL PROGRAMS WITH EYE TO FUTURE**

Tuskegee, Aug. 25 (ANP) Facing squarely the fact that Negroes are woefully lacking in technical skills and competence as tradesmen, and that the nation's crying need for mechanics and trained craftsmen cannot be met by Negro workmen because of a flagrant lack of skill and training, the National Technical association will hold its 13th annual convention here, Aug. 29, 30 and 31 to consider the situation.

The convention theme is: "Train ed technicians for National Defense," Richard C. White, president of the NTA, has issued a call urging all association members to be present for the opening session Friday, Aug. 29, at 2:00 p. m. in the William G. Wilcox Trades Building.

President F. D. Patterson traces the Tuskegee chapter of technicians in extending a warm welcome to the delegates. Negro architectural designers, draftsmen, sanitary engineers from all sections of the country will begin pouring in to Tuskegee Thursday, to see Hil yard Robinson of Washington, the first Negro to have a contract to build an air field for the United States government. This 1700 acre, \$2,000,000 construction project that Uncle Sam has turned over to Robinson is four and one half miles from the Tuskegee camp and is to be the 99th Pursuit squadron base. It will be a high spot of interest during the 25th anniversary of the American Tennis association, Robinson is a programmed speaker.

Carpenters, masons, plumbers, and electricians will be interested in the national "get to gether" because of the opportunity to hear Calvin McKissack of McKissack and McKissack, Negro construction company, that is turning architect Robinson's blue prints into hangars, mess halls, shops, offices and barracks of wood and steel almost over night. McKissack has first hand information for a revealing close up of Negro technicians, good, bad and indifferent, in the building construction field.

Young Negro graduates with the signatures on their degrees in civil engineering not yet dry—and many not so young—will seize the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the national technicians to see in the flesh a Negro engineer who has done a \$2,000,000 job for a state university, built railroad bridges for the traffic of transcontinental streamlined palace cars, sewerage systems for cities whose Negro population is negligible. This Negro of unique achievement in a world of white civil engineers is A. Alexander of Des Moines, Iowa. Alexander is another programmed speaker for the NTA. He is contractor for the Tuskegee flying field where the famous Negro college of the

deep south will train elementary military flying cadets for the U. S. Army Flying corps.

Technicians knowing well the rigid requirements connected with every phase of aeronautics have long been anxious to see a Negro school own and operate an advanced flying school licensed under the U. S. Department of Commerce. At the annual meeting of the National Association of Technicians at Tuskegee, this wish will be gratified. Here the delegates will meet G. L. Washington, director of mechanical industries and director of the division of aeronautics at Tuskegee. He is the man who has proved to the south and to the nation that Negro men can train air pilots and that Negro boys can pilot airships.

James C. Evans, national secretary, who is on leave from his duties as head of vocational training at West Virginia State college to work with OPM, announces that the Tuskegee meeting is "One of the few sessions to be held at one of the great institutions of technical training" and therefore offers an opportunity for delegates and visitors to observe the expanding program in civil and military aeronautics, to inspect other important works of Negro technicians, and to participate in considering the contribution of the Negro to the program of national defense.

Others among those expected to attend the national meeting are John A. Lankford, Washington, president-elect; Paul E. Johnson, Chicago, T. Arnold Hill, NYA; Frank Horne, national housing; D. A. Williston, sanitary engineer, Tuskegee and Washington. Officers of the host chapter are: G. L. Washington, president; Geo. Reed, secretary-treasurer; Wilson Allen, regional director, southern region; William C. Curtis, chairman program committee and Arthur P. Mack, chairman tours and inspections.

### OMAHA LEADS AT TOPEKA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

According to the report by Rev. Clarence C. Reynolds, minister of Clair Methodist Church, the reports given by the ministers of the Topeka District revealed that Clair Church, Omaha, led in per capita benevolences raised. The Topeka District Conference convened in Independence, Kansas, August 12-17. Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska make up the Topeka District with the Rev. G. D. Hancock former pastor of Clair as the District Superintendent.

Clair Church was ably represented at the Conference by Misses Johnette Coleman, Wilda Chus, Gwendolyn Reynolds, Mrs. Clarence C. Reynolds and Clarence Jr., Rev. Reynolds delivered the introductory sermon on Wednesday night, served as the conference secretary, chairman of the Committee on Finance, and was instructor in Evangelism in the

### FAMOUS SURGEON



**DR. HOMER P. COOPER**, foremost Negro bone specialist whose skill in orthopedic work has won him wide praise. Curvature of the spine, knock knees, rickets bow legs, fractures of every degree come to Provident hospital in Chicago for his care. Joe Louis, Marian Anderson and Etta Moten are among those who attest his skill.

Leadership Training School connected with the conference. Mrs. Reynolds was elected unanimously as District President of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Upon the invitation of Miss Wilda Chue, the Topeka District Conference, Youth Fellowship and Convention of Women's Society will hold their 1942 session with Clair church, Omaha, next August.

### REFUSES TO TAKE BACK SEAT: EJECTED FROM BUS BY DRIVER

New York—Because he refused to give up his non-reserved seat in the front of a Quaker City bus to a white passenger, Charles Edwards, member of the New York Youth Council No. 1 of the NAACP, was forcibly ejected by the driver and a bus dispatcher at the Quaker City terminal here August 18. The driver has been arrested and trial set for Monday, August 25th.

Edwards was returning on a round trip ticket to Camden, New Jersey, where he is employed in a shipyard. He had no reservation, but was informed by the ticket agent, 1 minute before the bus was to leave, that he could take any available seat. At about two minutes before the bus was to pull out, Edwards got on and took a vacant seat near the front. Immediately the driver told him to move back, that a white passenger was entitled to that seat. Edwards protested that the seat was not reserved and that he did not intend to move.

The driver told Edwards that he would put him off the bus, and followed the statement by forcibly ejecting him with the assistance of the dispatcher. In the melee, Edward's jacket was torn and several passengers remonstrated with the bus driver. Edward's formal complaint for assault led to the arrest of the driver.

The hearing on the complaint was set for two o'clock the same day. Mrs. Edwards called the national office of the NAACP and Attorney Donald Crichton was called to represent the plaintiff. Because Edwards' two witnesses were not available, the hearing was adjourned until Monday.

The incident is one of many reported to the national office concerning the policy of various bus companies operating out of New York City to points above the Jim Crow line in assigning colored passengers to the rear of these buses. Further action to remedy this condition is planned by the NAACP legal staff.

### FINED AFTER POLICE CLAIM ILLEGAL SALES

Judge ester Palmer Tuesday fined Paul Grice, 48 of 1516 No. 28th Street, \$25 on a charge of being keeper of a disorderly house. A similar charge was dismissed last month by Judge Dennis O'Brien, according to Grice's attorney, Clarence Walsh.

Curley Huffman, 61, of 2003 N. 22nd street, also charged with being a keeper, was given a suspended fine. Police Capt. Fred Palmtag said

## TO HONOR DR. R. A. ADAMS AT GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

### DAY '41 LABOR

(by RUTH TAYLOR)  
September in Europe— what new horror will it unleash? What new nightmare of war will drive hapless, harried people from their homes, sending them scurrying hither and yon in search of shelter from the pitiless conquerors whose bloodlust is never satiated?

Here in this land of ours the first days of September will also send people from home—but for a different cause! Here the first Monday in September is set apart for the celebration of Labor Day. In contrast with the panic stricken hordes abroad, here city dwellers will be rushing to the country, shore and mountains for one last golden playtime, a fitting climax to a happy summer, while from the countryside and small town, Thousands of others will hurry toward to enjoy the pleasures of city life before settling down to the quiet of their calmly ordered lives.

However, this year the celebration of Labor Day takes on a new meaning, an added significance. This year Labor Day is not just a day of recreation. It must also be a day of rededication to a way of life, to a form of government in which each of us has a part and where one of our great holidays has as its purpose to do honor to those who work—to all men and women whose toil and travail has made the country great.

In the days that lie ahead even if the war be kept from our shores, we will all be mobilized for service in some form or other, for the adequate defense of this our country and for that form of government which we hold dear. There will be no room for idlers. We will all serve and serve gladly. Whether we serve in positions of prominence or in the humblest capacity we are all laborers, working for the good of the many, that the rights and privileges which we have struggled for and won at such a great sacrifice, may be handed down to future generations.

Labor Day 1941 is not a day set apart for any one group. It belongs to all of us, whether our work is of brain or hand. How we do our appointed task is the important thing—not what that task may be. We cannot see the end from the beginning or what fruit our labor may bear. All we can do is the best of which we are capable, working conscientiously and sincerely at the task just before us. It may be great or it may be menial—but it is work to be done—and it is our job to do it well.

We are all laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. And in the end, as in the Parable of the Talents, the reward is "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Grice and Huffman "start bootlegging every night after the legitimate places close."

### KANSAS CITY NAACP ASKS MO. GOVERNOR TO STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

Kansas City, Mo.—To urge remedies for the outbreak of police brutalities against Negroes here, a delegation, headed by officers of the local branch of the NAACP, visited Missouri Governor Forrest Donnell, Friday, August 22.

Public opinion here is aroused over the latest case which involved the shooting in the back of a Negro by a police officer resulting in the suspension of one and the possible indictment of two others for manslaughter.

At the request of the branch the national office of the NAACP, sent a telegram to Governor Donnell urging his sympathetic consideration of the facts to be presented by the delegation and pointing out that these abuses and discrimination in defense industries are causing unrest in the state and the country.

## FORT BRAGG PROBES "NOT SUFFICIENT"

---Says NAACP

### A Treat for You

Will the June Grade School graduates please phone in their names and addresses to the Guide no later than this week. It is very important.

## DETROIT HOLDS MASS MEETING ON CLASH BETWEEN MICH. TROOPS AND ARK. WHITES

Detroit, Mich.—Parents and friends of Negro boys, members of Michigan's 94th Engineer's Battalion, stationed near Boughton, Arkansas, are so aroused over the reports of mistreatment of the soldiers that on behalf of them the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a mass meeting at Bethel Church here Sunday, August 24th. At the request of the branch, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary addressed the meeting.

According to information received by the NAACP, nearly half the 100 colored men in the camp have left to try to get back to Fort Custer, Michigan.

Stories in the Negro press last week told how the men were ordered off the highway by Arkansas State police and how the camp was invaded by armed civilians who threatened the colored troops. These incidents were part of a series in which southern whites showed resentment against the soldiers from the north.

The NAACP has asked the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for an immediate investigation of the Arkansas camp and quick reprisal for those who invaded the camp.

### NAACP RAPS MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSMAN RANKIN

Washington, D. C.—Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi was scored by the NAACP last week for making on the floor of the House of Representatives "inaccurate and dangerous" statements about criminal attacks on white women by Negroes here.

On August 19 Rankin said "There have been 19 accomplished ravages of white women by Negroes in this city since January 1, 65 reported attempts and probably 10 more that have been unreported."

In a telegram to the Mississippi congressman, the NAACP declared, "we are informed that your statement has greatly inflamed public opinion among both whites and Negroes in the District of Columbia and throughout the country."

The Association then quoted information received from Edward J. Kelly, acting mayor and superintendent of the metropolitan police department of Washington, who reported three white women attacked by colored men since January 1, two attacked and killed by unknown persons and nineteen attacks on women of both races by men of both races.

Rankin was asked to correct and to give publicity to the correction of his statement.

### OFFICERS KEEP MOB FROM NEGRO YOUTH

Rixborough, N. C. (C) All Friday night long, a mob of 500 men, armed with guns, stones, bottles and sticks tried to get their hands on Cy Winthead, a 22 year old Negro youth, who is charged with the rape of a young white girl, but was kept back by the police who threw tear gas on the crowd at intervals.

"It was the worst night in Per-

### REPEAT REQUESTS FOR CIVILIAN-MILITARY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE MP SITUATION

New York—Assurances from the Department of War and from General Edwin W. Watson, on behalf of President Roosevelt, that the killings at Fort Bragg, N. C. involving military police and Negro soldiers would be fully investigated are not sufficient, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated last week.

General Watson who is secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, wrote the NAACP that General B. O. Davis, as Assistant Inspector General of the Army, is in charge of the Fort Bragg investigation and that General Gullion, Judge Advocate General of the Army, recently appointed provost Marshall General, has been charged with the direction and coordination of all military police activities.

"Supervision of this experience senior officer should be sufficient to remove any grounds for charges of racial discrimination on the part of military police personnel," Watson wrote.

The NAACP replied, that with all respect to General Gullion, his supervision may not be sufficient, for this issue goes beyond one of racial discrimination, though that is the most acute aspect.

The Association pointed out that it believes a civilian or civilian-military board appointed by the President to make a thorough investigation of the entire military police situation is "imperative, if further difficulties are to be avoided." It stated that the appointment of such a board would serve to guarantee that no whitewashing of the facts would occur and it "could and should complement and greatly enhance the value of General Gullion's action."

The request that the President appoint such a body was renewed. In answer to the NAACP's telegram, the War Department simply replied that it is conducting an investigation at Fort Bragg and that "when conclusions have been reached, the public will be fully informed."

On last Friday, Senator Alben Barkley was informed in a letter from the NAACP that the senator must bear part of the responsibility for the outbreaks in military camps, of which Fort Bragg and the Prescott, Arkansas incident where Negro soldiers were insulted and bullied by white patrolmen are dramatic examples. "Had the Senate last February acted with the same promptness on Senate Resolution 75 as it has on other national defense matters, it is entirely likely that these grave outbreaks could have been avoided," the NAACP said.

It was emphasized that it is still not too late for the Senate to act on this matter, and that the whole national defense program is being jeopardized by the destruction of morale not only of Negroes but also of other elements of the population.

son County history," said Sheriff M. T. Clayton of the Person County Jail. "The damage to the jail alone certainly is above \$1,000. There is a bottle plant across the street from the jail and the mob entered that and hurled case after case of empty bottles into the jail. Throughout, we kept pumping tear gas at them and sending calls to Durham and Raleigh for help from the police and state highway patrol. Finally, when sufficient help arrived, the crowd began dispersing and we rushed Winthead to State's Prison in Raleigh. He was never harmed."

Several times, the Sheriff said, he could hear shooting but no one was actually hit by a bullet, as far as he could learn.

## ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

St. Paul Church of Wichita, Kans. To Honor Worthy Churchman

SEPT. 16-19, 1941 DATE OF CELEBRATION  
(by Mrs. Katherine Helm)

We, the officers, members, Anniversary Committee of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, and friends of progress, in Wichita, Kansas, consider that we are honoring ourselves in our effort to do honor to Dr. R. A. Adams, by placing emphasis on the life and work of this man who has given fifty years of earnest labor in the ministry of the A.M.E. church.

Attention is called to the fact that this Negro man, born of slave parents, in Mississippi, and reared in the midst of dense ignorance, has raised himself to first rank among thinkers and preachers in America. And the remarkable thing is that after these years of service he is vigorous in body and mind, and, in accomplishments, is able to cope with those of the younger generation.

As Pastor, Presiding Elder and Evangelist, Dr. Adams has labored in many of the states of the country; brought into the Kingdom more than twenty-five thousand souls; has accomplished inestimable good as a lecturer on Higher Eugenics, Social Economics, Practical Pathology and General Prophylactics.

Dr. Adams has written many books; is an author, journalist, literary collaborator; for fifteen years has been president of the Literary Service Bureau, thereby giving assistance to many in preparation of manuscripts on a large variety of subjects, and in criticism and correction of manuscripts of all classes; recently organized the Progress Publishing Co., Inc., with the ambitious aim to publish books by Negro authors.

Considering that this church and this progressive City are tremendously honored in having Dr. Adams as a citizen and a worker, we are very anxious to demonstrate our appreciation of his worth and work; therefore, we have planned this celebration for September 16-19. An outline of the program is as follows:

1. Tuesday, the 16th, the program will be under the auspices of the Negro Ministers League, of which Dr. Adams is President.

2. Wednesday night, the entire program will be supplied by the Wichita Council of Churches and Ministers' Association, organizations composed largely of white people;

3. Thursday night's program will be sponsored by organizations, including all professions, fraternal orders, sororities and other civic organizations;

4. Friday night will be "St. Paul's Night", when officers and members of Dr. Adams' own congregation will manifest their appreciation and good will.

The Committee has sent letters of invitation to many persons and it is hoped to have Bishops N. W. Williams, and J. A. Gregg, other bishops, a large number of ministers and many laymen from surrounding communities.

The friends here are invited to cooperate as follows: to be present, if possible; to send messages to be read, and to be given a place in the volume making report of the celebration; and to send a contribution to be added to that which is to be presented to Dr. Adams at the close of the celebration.

It might be added that this Celebration was suggested by Dr. Asa Ferry, president of the Ministers' Association, an organization composed largely of white ministers, and the suggestion was given unanimous approval.

NAACP QUESTIONS NEW MORALE CHIEF ON APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO TO STAFF  
New York—With the appointment of Frederick H. Osborn to be brigadier-general and in charge of the Army's morale division last week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made inquiries of the new morale chief if he would appoint



**MISS VONCEIL E. ANDERSON** Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Anderson of Louisville, Kentucky, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Vonceil E. Anderson, to Mr. Walter M. Echols, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Echols of Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Anderson, a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, is a graduate of The Louisville Municipal College and Atlanta University School of Social Work. Mr. Echols, a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, is a graduate of Morehouse college and Atlanta University. Mr. Echols has been appointed recently as a teacher of mathematics and coach of basketball at a Charlotte, North Carolina High school.

### THREE HELD IN TICKET FAKE

New York (C) Two colored laborers, arrested early Tuesday morning on charges of having sold counterfeit tickets which precipitated a fatal riot Sunday before last on a pier at 132nd St. and the Hudson River, were held for further hearing by Magistrate Michael A. Ford in Felony Court. A third man was arrested on a similar charge.

Charged with suspicion of forgery, Louis Pope, 45 of 220 West 64th Street and Edwin Henry, 30, of 303 East 101st Street, will get their hearing on Friday. The third man is William Reed, 34, of 215 West 115th Street. He will be arraigned this Wednesday.

Police are combing the city looking for possible suspects in connection with the counterfeit tickets which caused the death of three colored women and 60 injured persons to not sail on the "State of Delaware" ship last Sunday.

a Negro on his staff, taking the position that recent outbreaks in Firt Bragg, N. C. and in Arkansas indicate the low morale in army camps and point to the necessity for immediate and sympathetic treatment of the situation.

### SEVERE DISCIPLINE FOR WRONG DOERS SAYS FFF.

In an open letter to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, organizations which include 18 Youth Committees of the Clearing House for Youth Groups, Fight for Freedom, Inc., Union for Democratic Action, Committee to Defend America, Council for Democracy and Friends of Democracy, declared that the incident at Ft. Bragg "is more than just a case of Negro discrimination—it is the use of Hitlerian methods in our army."

The statement added that, "Today all are agreed that the fall of France can in no small measure be laid to the fact that fascist-minded officers had no real interest in the preservation of democracy. We must not forget this decisive lesson."

"We are confident," the six groups told Stimson "that you will do everything to make impossible any white washing. Anyone guilty of wrong doing should be severely disciplined. Such punishment will be just, and will serve as a warning to others that ours is a vigilant democracy."

"This demand," said Edward T. White, Executive Secretary of the Harlem Division, Fight For Freedom, Inc., "on the part of these patriotic organizations is further evidence of true democracy at work. We are happy to welcome these fine groups as real fighters for Freedom."