

## OUR GUEST Column

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### After The Cotton Picker

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The estimates that from 300,000 to 500,000 farm families will be displaced in the South by the cotton picker in the next 5 years constitute a challenge to the nation.

It is not just a problem for the South. Unfortunately, a plan proposed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for a readjustment in the South, adjustment of cotton acreage, diversion of crops, more family-type farms and encouragement of industry, has not been given serious consideration.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that many of these displaced people will migrate out of the South into the North and West. There will be colored people. And there will be white people—all human beings displaced in the mechanization of another agricultural crop.

The migration of southern people will offer economic competition to both groups. Accustomed to a bare subsistence, they may be willing to take farm leases or make farm labor contracts below the standards of the states into which they migrate. They may also offer laboring people competition in terms of wages. In both instances, there is danger that they will be met with force, intimidation and violence rather than understanding and helpful assistance.

Certainly, farm groups, labor groups, and all those organizations which deal with the problem of tolerance and human relationships, should prepare now to meet this situation intelligently. These people will be unfortunate, cast off by the reorganization of southern agriculture and forced to migrate by conditions beyond their control, including our failure as a nation to guide southern readjustment to meet or ameliorate the situation.

They will need educational assistance to adjust to the standards of their new homes. They will need assistance in re-establishing themselves. Certainly nothing will be gained by forcing them, in Ku Klux fashion, to keep on the move from one inhospitable area to another. We SHOULD deal with this matter as a nation. Realistically, however, people's organizations should begin now to prepare their members for the migration out of the South. If by any chance an intelligent national program to meet the situation is adopted, the preparation for a practical application of our principles will not have been wasted. It will have been a very worthwhile rehearsal.

## Woodard Attacker Shull Acquitted In Federal Court

COLUMBIA, S. C. Nov. 8.—An all white, Federal Court jury sitting in the Woodard case, took less than a half hour last week to acquit police chief Lynwood L. Shull of Batesburg, S. C., of any responsibility for the blinding of the Negro veteran Isaac Woodard, who will be blind for the rest of his life due to the brutal and merciless attack made upon him by Sheriff Shull, said after 22 minutes of deliberation. "The right man hasn't tried him yet," referring to no doubt to the Judgment Day when Shull will have to face his unprejudiced Maker.

Shull was being prosecuted for a violation of the Civil Rights code of the United States Code for having on the night of February 12th, at Batesburg, S. C., gouged out Woodard's eyes just a few hours after his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. Mr. Claude Sapp, the local Federal District Attorney in charge of the prosecution, although assisted by a special prosecutor from the Department of Justice in Washington, never asked for the expected conviction, but in his summation, practically apologized to the jury for having prosecuted the case, saying "I was only doing my job, and whatever verdict you gentlemen bring in, the Government will be satisfied."

The jury did not hear quite all the story, as the two witnesses who had been on the bus with Woodard were not called. They heard him when he talked back to a bus driver for swearing at him when he inquired whether or

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## Packing-House Workers Prepare For Strike Action

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT BELIEVED STARTED AS

### Dixie Policemen Kill Dominican for Negro

BUNNEL, FLA.—Dixie cops are believed to have started an international incident in their unwarranted shooting of Negroes when a deputy sheriff here shot and killed Jose Adrian Trujillo Seijas, nephew of the President of the Dominican Republic, in the belief that he was an American Negro. The Dominican consul, Jose M. Noel, hurried here from Miami on orders from President Trujillo, after holding a telephone conversation with the youth's father, Anibal Trujillo, brother to the President.

The deputy sheriff, Miller Teeter, was exonerated by a coroner's jury which decided that he had shot in self defense. A State Department official in Florida is reported to have been advised of the matter.

Young Trujillo was shot Saturday night during an argument with local policemen when he and his companion, Louis Henry Todd, a Jamaican, stopped at a cafe just before midnight and were refused service because they were thought to be American Negroes. They argued that they should be served and the proprietor called the sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff Teeter was sent to the scene. He found Trujillo seated in his car with Todd standing nearby. The deputy testified at the inquest that Trujillo drew a pistol and was told to put it away. When he refused, he was shot through the chest dying instantly. Bunnell is 25 miles from Daytona Beach.

The dead youth was adopted as a child by Anibal Trujillo brother to President Trujillo, known as the strong man of the Caribbean. He was named Seijas by his adoptive

### Seek To Raise The Educational Level Of Negroes

NASHVILLE, TENN. (Global).—A project designed to raise the educational level of "functionally illiterate" Negroes in the Nashville, Tenn., area has been started by Fisk University and Tennessee A. & I. State College. The project is sponsored by the United States Office of Education in cooperation with the American Association on Adult Education and the National Conference on Adult Education and the Negro.

### GOSPEL PREACHER HERE

Mother V. Z. W. Mooney, State Evangelist of Arkansas and Nationally known gospel preacher will open a revival at the First Spiritual Army Church of Christ, 1201 No. 24th St., Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. Preaching each night until the Spirit orders stop. All citizens are invited to hear this powerful woman. Mother Mooney is a master at preaching such subjects as: Opening the Seven Seals; Dry Bones in the Valley; Who Shall Be Able to Stand, As God Pours out His Wrath; and many others. Rev. Alfred J. Thomas, pastor. Rev. Mother Green, asst. pastor. Mrs. Hazel Taylor, rep.

### SUFFERS HEART ATTACK IN BASEMENT OF HOME

David Cole, 63, of 1831 North Twenty-second Street, was found dead in the basement of his home Monday morning. Police said death was from natural causes. Mr. Cole had gone to the basement about 6:30 a. m. to start a fire, police said, and suffered a heart attack. The body was taken to the Myers Funeral Home.

### FIRST TIME IN GEORGIA'S HISTORY Negro and White Baptists Hold Meeting Together

Savannah, Ga.—Negro and white Baptists of Georgia met Tuesday for the first time in their history to hear an appeal that the two races "practice" a spirit of good will.

The white Baptists adjourned their convention to go to the municipal auditorium and occupy

Rose of the Omaha Police Dept. wearing a new white captain's cap, he's declared an armistice on his old white duck cap which has given fifteen years of faithful service.

Captain Rose has the latest New York police style now.

### Prowlers Enter Home Through Coal Chute

Mr. G. R. Price of 2413 Caldwell Street reports the theft of a green slick suit, overnight bag, two leather purses, gloves and a pearl necklace. Someone entered the house through the coal chute on November 8th.

### ARRESTED IN ATTACK CASES

Messiah Thomas, 32, of 2214 N. 26th St., who was arrested Sunday in connection with reported assaults on two young women during last week end, was bound over to the District Court Wednesday after a hearing in Police Court on the two charges of rape. Judge Perry Wheeler set bond at \$25 thousand dollars in each count.

A 15-year-old girl told police that Thomas attacked her Friday afternoon at his home after threatening her with a knife. He had asked her to go to the grocery store, she said, and attacked her when she returned with the groceries.

While detectives were looking for Thomas, a 21-year-old woman reported Saturday night she also

special seats in the balcony as their leaders presented a program before the Negro convention.

The Rev. Leander Ashberry Pinkston, Negro president of the General Missionary Baptists convention yielded the gavel of his group after stating the joint session barked a "spirit of good will" between the two races.

had been assaulted. A man grabbed her as she was walking home from a streetcar line and forced her into the the baseball grounds at Twentieth and Burdette Streets, she said. There he assaulted her and threatened to kill her if she reported the attack to police, she added.

The second young woman Sunday picked Thomas from a lineup of prisoners as the man who attacked her. Thomas denied both charges.

Police reports revealed a Record for Thomas extending through Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska. He is reported as having been arrested by the Sheriff's office in Burlington, Kansas on May 16, 1935 and held for investigation and later released. On August 23rd, 1936, he was reported as being fined on an assault and battery charge. On January 18th, 1940, he was held on a burglary charge at Tulsa, Okla., and on Nov. 11th, 1940, he is reported as having been arrested on a charge of larceny-domestic animals at Okmulgee, Okla.

Thomas who is 5 feet 11 inches high and weighs 151 pounds, is reported as having worked at various times as a construction laborer.

### MAYBERRY NOW AFFILIATED WITH HOLMES TAILOR SHOP

Mr. Herbert Mayberry, well-known Omaha Hotel man, has announced his partnership affiliation with Holmes Tailor and Clean Shop, 2218 No. 24th St. Mr. Mayberry says he will continue his present employment with his son-in-law Roosevelt L. Cawthorne being an active employee in the shop.

Mr. Cawthorne is well experienced in the tailoring and cleaning business having been proprietor of the Hawthorne Toggery Co. of Tulsa, Okla. for eight years. Messrs. Holmes, Mayberry and Cawthorne are inviting the public to give them a call that they may demonstrate their efficient service.

### Demand \$1 Hr. Minimum Wage

Skyrocketing Prices Given As Cause

CHICAGO, ILL.

Following a week-end conference of local union representatives, Ralph Helstein, President of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO, announced today that the representatives unanimously voted to prepare for strike action which would affect the Big Four Packing companies and most of the independent companies throughout the country. "Although we desire in every way to avoid the necessity of a strike," Helstein said, "the interests of our membership require that conditions of work and income be sufficiently adequate and secure as to permit them to live decently."

The more than 200 representatives who attended the conference from all sections of the country commented that "the continuing decline of the buying power of the wage earner's dollar, which was substantially accelerated in recent weeks, makes it urgent that immediate improvements be attained by the packinghouse workers. "The results of our negotiations at the moment leave no alternative but to implement our plans for strike action by establishing a strike strategy committee and by the preparing of the necessary strike apparatus by all local unions. "All local unions are instructed to complete within two weeks the collection of strike funds and the establishment of machinery for strike action," the conference declared.

The union has been negotiating for new contracts with the packers since last August. Opening date for the contract was August 11, although the workers have been employed since that time under an extension of the old contract.

Chief demands of the union are: 1. A dollar an hour minimum wage for men and women workers in all sections of the country. The present common labor rate for men varies from 88¢ cents an hour in metropolitan areas to 71¢ and 80¢ cents in the Southern states. Women's rates average about 10¢ cents an hour less. Approximately one-third of the packinghouse workers are employed at the common rate.

Commenting on the negotiations which are still in progress, Helstein said, "We sincerely hope that a peaceful settlement can be reached through collective bargaining. We know that the packers have made unprecedented profits in the past few years and now that they have successfully pressured the government into abolishing price controls, their prospects for the future promises even higher profits. "Although our membership has not completed their referendum strike vote, we have heard from the majority of the unions and their response is overwhelming in favor of strike if such action is necessary."

The UPWA-CIO conference established a 21 man strike strategy committee.

### Jeremiah Wiggins Buried Nov. 14th

The funeral of Jeremiah Wiggins, age 67, of 3016 Emmett St., who died November 12th, was held Thursday morning from Myers Funeral Home.

Burial was at Forest Lawn. Survivors: Brothers, Dr. Herbert Wiggins, Omaha; Robert and Moses Wiggins of Williamstown, New Jersey.

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### Salem To Sponsor Religious Institute

OMAHA.—The S. S. & B. T. U. Department of the Salem Baptist Church will sponsor an institute for all Christian workers who are interested in religious education, beginning Monday, November 18 7:30 p.m. each evening through Friday the 22nd with approved credits.

Mr. J. W. Dacus, Dean; Mrs. F. Wesley and Mr. Wm. Cooper, Instructors. PLACE, the Salem Baptist church, 28th and Decatur Sts. Rev. J. C. Wade, pastor.

### Nat'l Dental Assn. To Aid Vets Health Plan In Nebraska



WASHINGTON, D. C. (Atlas News Service).—Dr. W. T. Grady, Washington, D. C. Chairman of Veterans' Affairs Committee of the National Dental Association, announced that the Veterans' Administration has agreed to utilize the services of the members of the National Dental Association in the following states: Alabama; Arkansas; California; Delaware; District of Columbia; Florida; W. Virginia; Georgia; Maryland; N. Carolina; Massachusetts; Missouri; Kentucky; Nebraska; Ohio; Louisiana; New York; Indiana; Virginia; New Jersey; Oklahoma; Texas; S. Carolina; Tennessee; Illinois; Kansas; Pennsylvania; Mississippi in the dental rehabilitation program for veterans. All wars as well as WAVES and WACS.

This complete dental service will be done by any dentist selected by the veteran who has been approved by the Veterans Administration and organized dentistry to practice on a free basis and payments are made by the Veterans Administration to the dentist. The extractions, bridges, fillings, and plates will be permitted on the basis of the service connected dental disability record of the armed forces with the G. I.'s getting a dental application from the local Veterans' Administration office.

### NAACP Reports Violence On Ill. Central

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 5.—The record of violence of the Illinois Central Railway received a second blotch this week, when James Graves, a Memphis train porter, outlined in an affidavit to the NAACP his story of being blackjacked and shot by a conductor in Mississippi. In September, a conductor beat Albert Wooden, also a train porter, with a blackjack.

Mr. Graves, the father of three children, stated that on September 25th, N. E. Kaigler, a conductor, argued with him about the seating of two colored passengers bound for Memphis, who boarded the train at Merigold, Mississippi. According to Mr. Graves, the conductor struck him behind the ear with a blackjack, after saying, "Can't you get those n—g—r—s Negroes going to Chicago and to Memphis to come back here like I tell you to?"

The porter stated that he held the conductor's hand to keep from being injured further, and that two other white railway employees finally persuaded Kaigler to stop the attack.

When the train got to Mound Bayou, Miss., and the porter got out to assist departing passengers the conductor ordered him not to get back on.

While he was waiting to give the "highball signal" the conductor shot him in the chest, Graves charged. "I broke and ran behind the depot," said Graves, "as the mail porter hollered, 'keep running for he comes'". Mr. Graves managed to escape, but claims that he was in the hospital for eleven days and is still under the care of a doctor.

## Duke Ellington in Concert Tonight At Omaha's City Auditorium



DUKE ELLINGTON AT THE PIANO surrounded by three of his feminine admirers. Mr. Ellington, along with his band and other feature artists, will appear in Concert at the City Auditorium, Saturday night, November 16, for a one night engagement only.

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### High School Students Invited To Y-Teen Fun Night

"Harvest Horseplay", a fun-nite for all Omaha high school students will be held at the Y.M.C.A., 17th and St. Mary's Avenue, Saturday November 23rd from 8:00 to 11:30 A fun night Council composed of boys and girls from the five public high schools and sponsored by the Omaha Y-Teen Clubs are in charge of the evening. Group names, gym facilities, dancing, door prize, and snack bar will provide the main entertainment. Admission at the door is twenty-five cents. All high school students are welcome.

### NAACP RESTRICTIVE

### Covenant Fight Strongly Supported

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Queens County New York became the scene of the latest battle in the NAACP's nationwide campaign against restrictive covenants on Oct. 11th. Andrew D. Weinberger member of the NAACP moved in the Supreme Court of Queens County to dismiss a complaint seeking to prevent Samuel Richardson, Negro businessman, from purchasing a home in St. Albans on the ground that the race restrictive covenant upon which the white neighbors relied was not enforceable in a court of law.

Civic, religious and labor organizations rallied to the support of this attack on Jim Crow housing by filing briefs and arguing in support of the motion to dismiss at the hearing. Attorneys for the American Jewish Congress, the New York State Industrial Union

Council and the Greater New York Industrial Council and the Nat'l Lawyers Guild all appeared in the court in support of the NAACP position. The Social Action committee of the Congregational church, the Methodist Federation for Social Service and the City-Wide Citizens Committee on Harlem all filed memoranda in Court supporting the position taken by the NAACP.

New York State has never had a case involving restrictive covenants decided by an appellate court, although there are two decisions in lower courts upholding the covenants. The NAACP is still waiting for decisions in two other cases, one in California's highest court and the other in Michigan's highest court, both of which cases were argued in October.

### JIMMY JEWELL BUYS OUT VICTORY HOLDING CO.

James C. Jewell has re-acquired the property known as Dreamland Hall from the Victory Holding Co. The building was built by Mr. Jewell's father James G. Jewell in the early 1920s.

### H. J. Pinkett, Attorney Here 39 Years, Recalls First Armistice in France

Monday was a big day for H. J. Pinkett, 63, of 2118 North Twenty-fifth Street.

Not only was the Negro attorney starting his fortieth year as a member of the Nebraska Bar Association but he was thankfully remembering the cease-fire order in World War I.

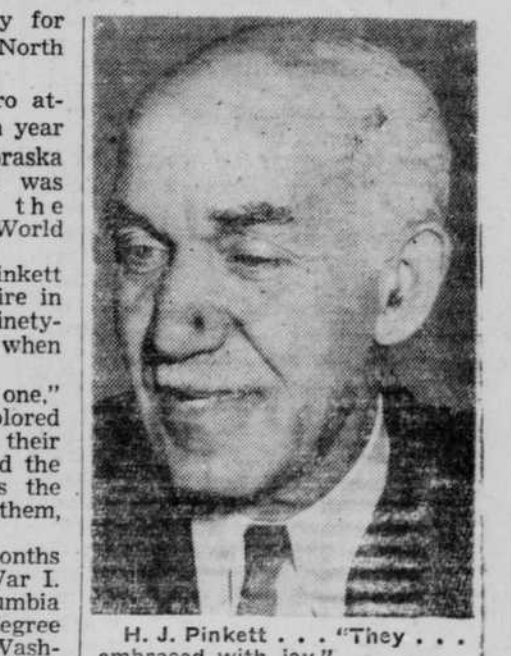
He was Capt. H. J. Pinkett then, and he was under fire in front of Metz with the Ninety-second Infantry Division when the war ended.

"I'll never forget that one," Mr. Pinkett said. "The colored boys under me laid down their rifles, and the Germans did the same. They rushed across the clearing that separated them, and embraced with joy."

Mr. Pinkett spent 11 months in France during World War I. The attorney attended Columbia University, got his law degree at Howard University in Washington, D. C. and was admitted to the Nebraska Bar on November 11, 1907.

"I was the first colored attorney formally educated for the practice in Nebraska," Mr. Pinkett recalls. "I was quite a curiosity in those days, especially in small outstate communities."

Mr. Pinkett said he considered his work as legal counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People one of his most important contributions to his people. "I have won 25 of 26 cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. All of them involved the civil liberties of the American Negro," Mr. Pinkett



H. J. Pinkett... "They... embraced with joy."

### Booked For Safety

James I. Danner, 22, of 1432 N. 22nd St., was booked for safekeeping at Central Station Saturday night.

Police said he admitted that he had stolen various pieces of clothing from the South Side Laundry where he worked as a presser.

### Christmas Seals—1947

420,000 sheets of Christmas Seals, selling for one dollar a sheet, will be sent out in Nebraska on November 25 to finance the fight against tuberculosis for another year, according to Dr. John F. Gardiner, President of the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association.

The design for this year's Seals features a lamplighter, in an overcoat, red muffler and mittens. He is standing at the top of a ladder placed against a lamp post, in the act of lighting the lamp. The entire design is on a light blue background, carrying an arch of seven five-pointed stars.

"Christmas Seals have become a Yuletide tradition in this country," said Dr. Gardiner, "but they are more than just pretty ornaments to be placed on Christmas cards and packages. They are really weapons against tuberculosis, which last year resulted in the deaths of 178 Nebraskans and caused 446 newly-reported cases of active tuberculosis in our state. That figure has already been surpassed this year for new cases, with more than 500 new cases of active tuberculosis reported since January 1, 1946."

## Catholic Women Outlaw Discrimination

WASHINGTON—A pledge for support in securing for minority groups a "more equitable and humane treatment" is among the resolutions adopted by the National Council of Catholic Women at their Twenty-Third National Convention and published here.

The resolution is as follows:

"Discrimination as to race, color or nation origin has no place in a democratic country, but certainly it has no place among Christians who must see in each human being an individual created to the image and likeness of God. Yet, Negroes, the Spanish-speaking peoples in the United States, and

other minority groups are subjected to discriminatory treatment in their right education, to work, to a decent wage, to housing, to legal protection in fundamental matters. We pledge our support in securing for these groups a more equitable and humane treatment."