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4-H'ers Urged To Help Promote Ikes Program For Low Income Farmers

One hundred and twenty-five of the nation's top 4-H club boys and girls, meeting here at Howard University last week in their eighth annual Regional Camp, were urged by Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse to help promote President Eisenhower's Rural Development Program which is aimed at aiding low-income farm families.

Speaking in the patio of the Department of Agriculture, the Under Secretary told the rural youths from the seventeen Southern States that they as 4-H leaders can play an important part in the program by helping to give fellow members the knowledge and skill they need to become healthier, happier, more prosperous and useful young citizens.

In expaining the new program, Mr. Morse pointed out that the Department wants to make it possible for low-income families to borrow the necessary money to build up their farming operation; also it wants to increase its research and extension work to help them do a better job.

Continuing, the Under Secretary said the program also would seek to bring new business and industry to areas where low-income farmers live to help increase their opportunities for part-time and full-time off-farm employment.

The youngsters got off to a good start in advancing the program when one of them, James Shipman of Liberty County, Ga., sat down in the Under Secretary's big chair and looked over some of the work he is doing as director of rural development. "We are going to do all we can," James assured Mr. Morse.

Underdeveloped Resource
Other speakers on the week's

program were: Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, Federal Extension Administrator C. M. Ferguson, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Trade and Professional School for Women; Miss Emmie Nelson, field representative for the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work; Dr. C. V. Troup, president of Fort Valley, Ga., State College; the Rev. Moses Newsome, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.; and Dr. Herman R. Branson, head of the department of physics at Howard.

The importance of training themselves for larger service in farming and other occupations so as to help meet the needs of the people of the world more adequately was the recurrent theme emphasized by all the speakers.

"Millions of people all over the world go to bed hungry every night," Assistant Secretary Butz declared. "We must keep open the doors of opportunity for all."

Administrator Ferguson told the 4-Hers, "It'll take training for whatever you want to do. To be a good farmer, you'll need to be a good manager, a kind of mechanic and engineer to keep your equipment in running order, and enough of a chemist to know something about animal nutrition, soil deficiencies, and fertilizer analyses.

In his vespers message which closed the encampment, Dr. Branson urged the 4-H boys and girls to equip themselves to make a real contribution to humanity. "America," he continued, "has a slim chance of fulfilling its responsibility to the world without your contribution and that of other Negro-Americans. I think we are our country's greatest underdeveloped resource."

Check Those Little Feet

Millions of reluctant young feet will be dragging back to school during the next few weeks as the all-too-short summer vacation comes to an end.

Before school starts is a good time to make sure that your reluctant scholar isn't dragging his feet because they hurt. As you know only too well, youngsters' feet grow at an unpredictable pace, and it's a good idea to check their shoes before they return to school.

Selecting a back-to-school shoe that will meet your insistence on healthfulness and durability, and your youngster's demand for style will be no trick this Fall. The stores have what is perhaps the greatest selection of children's leather shoes ever produced.

Just make certain that the shoes are well constructed, with leather soles and uppers, as recommended by foot specialists. After that, give your youngsters their heads and let them have the fun of selecting real grownup shoes which have been skillfully scaled down to look like Mom and Dad's, but provide the support needed by growing feet. Generally, shoes for both boys and girls are slimmer and lighter this Fall, as a result of the new lightweight leathers for both uppers and soles.

Here is a brief run-down on what you and your youngsters will find in the shoe shops:

Leather pumps are a big thing for little girls. The single strap shell silhouette is still the most popular single type in dress and party shoes. Little girl's feet will really twinkle in the new luster leather pumps. Patent, of course, is a perennial in girls' party shoes, but printed leathers, metallic finishes and the lusters are taking some of the play away from it.

For school shoes, fine crushed grains and soft glove leathers are most popular. Suedes are used in some school shoes, frequently in combination with smooth leathers.

Boys shoes - more than ever-fellow Father's. Tassel ties, gored slip-ons, loafers, wing-

tips and U-wings are most popular. Low-top lines in two-eyelet styles will probably be the most sought-after shoe among boys this Fall.

The brown family is still Number 1 with boys, although black is coming up fast. Black leather is making a comeback mainly because of the greys and blues which are being featured in boys' suits. Cordovan color-which is a sort of happy medium-is also being shown widely.

The most popular leathers are the fine grains. They are being used in both dress and sport shoes. An innovation is high-walled leather welting which adds a real fashion note to the sturdy boys' oxford.

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Civil Rights Cites Labor Progress

A Labor Day roundup of developments in the labor-civil rights field issued by Charles S. Zimmerman, Chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee's Anti-Discrimination Department, reveals that "substantial progress has been made during the past year in combating racial and religious discrimination."

Throughout the country marked gains were noted in eliminating discrimination by employers that continue to practice exclusion or segregation. The survey also indicated advances in breaking down restrictive practices on the part of those few unions that still exclude or discriminate against minority groups.

In commenting on developments during this period, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the forthcoming merger of the AFL and CIO would make the fight for minority rights, especially in industry, more effective than it has been at any previous time in the history of this country.

As evidence of this, Mr. Zimmerman noted that the draft constitution of the new federation safeguards "the right of all workers, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin, to share in the full benefits of trade union organization in the merged federation." It furthermore provides that a committee on civil rights shall be set up "to bring about, at the earliest possible date, the effective implementation of this principle of non-discrimination."

The Jewish Labor Committee leader observed that the united federation would include over two million Negroes, Jews and Puerto Ricans.

Mr. Zimmerman also noted that a comprehensive program of civil rights activities for the united labor movement had been outlined by George Meany at the National Trade Union Conference on Civil Rights convened recently by the Jewish Labor Committee. This initiated a National Trade Union Council of the JLC whose purpose it will be to work in cooperation with the united labor federation on civil rights issues.

Among the major developments cited in the Jewish Labor Committee roundup were the following:

In Chicago, the CIO Packing-house Workers Union succeeded

in getting Armour and Company, one of the nation's largest meat packing concerns and holder of a large government contract, to abandon its traditional policy of not hiring Negroes as office workers, salesmen and technicians. The union was aided in the negotiations by the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

In a conciliation agreement with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Pullman Company of Chicago agreed to abandon a 90-year-old policy of restricting categories of employment to certain racial groups. As a result of this, a wider selection of jobs will be open to both white and Negro employees.

Last fall, delegates to the convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers voted to turn down applications for charters from new groups planning to set up segregated locals.

The CIO Newspaper Guild has started a campaign to get the

national newspaper owners to stop discriminating against Negro job applicants. Practically no newspapers hire Negroes as reporters, copy boys, proof readers, or in advertising and other professional jobs.

The AFL Bricklayers local in Dade County, Florida, has agreed to accept 15 Negro workers as full members. The change followed a series of negotiations with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Negro stagehands will be admitted, for the first time, to full membership in the New York lo-

cal of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and, as a result of the union's agreement with the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, Local A-1, an all-Negro affiliate of the union, will be dissolved.

The Capital Transit Company, one of the largest employers in Washington, agreed to hire qualified Negro drivers, following many years of die-hard resistance on the part of the company and the union. The President's Committee on Government Con-

tracts conducted the negotiations. A few months earlier, the St. Louis Public Service Company hired 160 Negro drivers. This step was taken in cooperation with the AFL Street and Motor Car Employees Union.

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