

"Negro Race Must Make Its Great Decision Now!" - Garvey

U. S. Agricultural Extension Service Reports Progress of Negro Farmers in the South

WASHINGTON.—A marked trend towards diversification on the part of Negro farmers, is recorded in the recently published report submitted by Dr. W. C. Warburton, director of the United States Agricultural Service to the Secretary of Agriculture. "Negro farmers," the report states, "did more diversified farming and participated more generally in co-operative undertakings than ever before. Negro extension agents in sections of Oklahoma and Alabama, wishing to promote dairying, organized tours of their farmers to Starkville, Mississippi, that they might see for themselves the prosperity of Negro farmers in Mississippi who have included farm dairying in their farm enterprises. One outstanding extension event in Lowndes County, Alabama, was a cooperative turkey sale in which six carloads of turkeys were handled. Approximately 90 per cent

of the turkeys brought into this sale were raised and owned by Negro farmers, the majority of them tenants. Credit for the success of this sale was given the Negro agent in this county. "Perhaps the outstanding work of Negro home demonstration agents was in child care, health and sanitation in rural Negro homes. Their food production and preservation work was also very successful. On the whole the record of Negro extension work for the year in all lines is a highly creditable one. Much progress has been made." The Federal Department in Negro Extension Work is represented by two field agents, T. M. Campbell of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, whose district comprises the gulf states and J. B. Pierce of Hampton, Virginia, whose district includes the northern section of the southern states.

Negro Business to Be Organized in Brooklyn

An interesting and encouraging meeting was held on Wednesday evening, April 23rd, 1930, at the Brooklyn Branch of the National Business Association at the Carlton Branch of the Y. M. C. A. After the reading of the minutes by the Secretary, Mr. Wm. McArthur, the President, Mr. A. Balfour introduced the speaker of the evening, in the person of Mr. Alton A. Halsey, chairman and organizer of the Y. M. C. A. stores in Harlem. Mr. Halsey furnished copious statistics, to give evidence of the need of organized Negro business. He stressed the urgent need of organization of grocery business, because there exists at present the keenest competition among grocery

stores. The plan for Mr. Halsey to address a special meeting of Negro grocers of Brooklyn on Thursday, May 1st, at 8:30 p. m., was suggested by the Secretary, Mr. McArthur, who has taken the initiative in bringing the group together. Mr. McArthur is being assisted by Mr. Chester R. Thomas, publicity manager and Mr. A. C. Comither, Secretary of the Carlton Y. M. C. A. After the new members were taken in, the meeting was adjourned. All business men and women of Brooklyn are cordially invited to attend our meetings, which are held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p. m., in the library of the Carlton Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn. (Continued on Page Seven)

National Urban League Observes Twentieth Anniversary; Members Of Original Committee Are Guests

On Thursday evening, May 8th, 1930, the National Urban League will observe the twentieth year of its activities under its present name. This celebration will take the form of a dinner at the Hotel Martinique, 32nd street and Broadway, New York City.

The following persons who were members of the original committee which merged to form the Urban League Movement will be the guests of honor: Dr. Felix Adler, Mrs. Ruth Standish Baldwin, The Reverend William Adams Brown, Dr. William L. Bulkeley, Mr. Paul D. Cravath, Miss Mary E. Dreier, Dr. E. T. Devine, The Reverend Caleb S. S. Dutton, Mrs. Pendleton Kennedy Edsall, Mrs. Halsey Flske, Mr. A. S. Frissell, Miss

Cora Jackson, Mrs. John Wesley Johnson, Miss Frances Kellor, Mrs. E. B. Leaf, Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz, Mr. George McAneny, Dr. R. C. McCrea, Honorable Fred R. Moore, The Reverend Clayton Powell, Dr. E. E. Pratt, Dr. E. P. Roberts, Colonel William Jay Schieffelin, Professor E. R. A. Seligman, Miss Elizabeth Walton, Miss Carolina Wood and Mr. L. Hollingsworth Wood. The speakers will be Edwin R. A. Seligman, Professor of Political Economy at Columbia University, New York City, and first President of the National Urban League, and Robert L. Vann, Editor of the Pittsburgh Courier. The toastmaster will be L. Hollingsworth Wood, present President of the National Urban League.

Elks Oratorical Contest Under Way; District Winners May Compete May 19

Montgomery, Ala., May 1.—Seven district contests in the various sections of Alabama are to be conducted as preliminaries to the state finals of the Elks Oratorical Contest scheduled to be held at Tuscaloosa on May 12, according to an announcement made today by President H. Council Trenholm of the State Teachers College who is also state director of the Elks Oratorical Contests for Alabama. The first contest was held at Opelika on April 28 and the second at Mobile on April 30 under the direction of Dr. E. T. Belsaw. Contests are to be held at Tuscaloosa on May 6, at Selma on May 6, at Fairfield on May 8, and at Montgomery on May 9, and at Athens

on May 12. The seven district winners from these contests will compete on May 19 for the state medal and the opportunity to represent Alabama in the regional finals.

For three years the high schools of Alabama have been participating rather enthusiastically in these contests and have had the signal distinction of having their state winners to win the regional contest and scholarship. The winners of these three years came from the Sheffield High School, the State Teachers College High School and Trinity High School respectively and are now in school at Morehouse College, West Virginia State College and Talladega College respectively on the scholarships furnished by the I. B. P. O. E. W. (Continued on Page Seven)

Harlem Barber Shop Owners Organize

By Staff Representative Two hundred and fifty Harlem barber shop owners, sitting in a special meeting at the Urban League Building on Sunday, April 27, decided to clean up and unionize the barber-shop business of the largest Negro city in the world. The meeting marked the first and most direct step of the Master Barbers of America to take in the Negro shop owners. Mr. Charles Di Neri, four vice-president of the Master Barbers of America, was in charge of the meeting, while Mr. Campbell acted as secretary for the Negro barbers. There has been so much difference

Race Must Not Be Defeated—Must Direct Our Efforts for Racial Betterment — There Must Be Complete Racial Unity — A United Front

Race Must Develop Along All Lines — Must Keep Our Courage On the Flow — Must Be Honest and True

Must Purge Ranks of Traitors, Thieves, and Deceivers — "Everyone Must Do His Duty" — Says President-General

FELLOWMEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

The decision of what shall be, or shall not be as a race must now be made.

Collective Decision It is for every man, every unit of the race along with the rest to make this decision collectively. We cannot fail to do it, for we are living in a strenuous and difficult time, when men and groups and races must make such a decision, if they are to survive in this great battle in which all humanity is engaged.

Life a Warfare Life is a terrible warfare, a conflict between ideals,—individuals and groups, each seeing things in their own way, and will not be diverted except by stronger and greater forces. How prepared the Negro is to successfully battle his way through such a crisis is the question before us. To the thoughtful man he is not prepared, he is not ready, and this constitutes his weakness,—weakness that will ultimately mean his down-fall, his defeat, if he doesn't change front.

But as races are made up of individuals, and as individuals are not always of the same way of thinking, there are some of us in the race who are determined not to see the race go down in defeat. And so we are desirous of seeing all things set right; we believe that the time has come for us to decide what we must do. We must go forward! We must battle our way through this great warfare with courage and determination. We must live not to store up individually, but to see that the way is made clear for all. The time must be for a united Africa, at home and abroad; that is, (in other words) every unit of the Negro race must come together, whether it be in America, the West Indies, South and Central America or in Africa. We must realize that our part and course is one.

A Mighty Army Like a mighty army on the march to the front, there must be uniformity in our movement, there must be a continuous tramp! tramp! tramp! towards the battle line, and we must tramp the way under the leadership of a general in whom we have confidence. The Universal Negro Improvement Association (August 1929) assumes the position of a general leading the scattered army of the four hundred millions towards the destiny of an Africa redeemed.

Hold The Line As soldiers and officers we must hold the line. If we fail we shall fall to defeat. We must hold our heads up; we must keep our knapsack dry to supply us with the ammunition of war — the ammunition of mental forces, physical determination and courage. The warfare is: "Can we win out in this question, and how? By keeping united. The Universal Negro Improvement Association (August 1929) has given us a program. The weapons we are to use are weapons of commerce, of industry, of education, of culture, and of science. Those are the battle implements of the new age, the new era; no longer are cannon-balls, shots and shells the weapons of war; but the mind, the powerful weapon of mind over matter.

Let us be inspired with our mental reserve—reserve that has slept for 3,000 years. We can march to the great battle, and to the victory that we aim at. Let the Negro in the United States of America, in the West Indies, in South and Central America, and in Africa, summon his courage at this hour. Let us be united. To be united we must be honest and upright to each other.

Eliminate Deceivers We have to eliminate from our midst, the great deceivers that have led us astray. As in the army, the general removes the treacherous spies from among them, because they are



the destroying elements of the army, so we must eliminate the vagabonds, and thieves who have been using the organization only to feather their own nest. We must eliminate them as we go along. We must not be discouraged, but let every act be a step forward to progress. We have a big programme before us, which calls for Six Hundred Million Dollars, in ten years. We have to build factories, develop plantations, launch steam ships. We have to find work for the millions of our people in Africa, the West Indies, South and Central America, and the United States. We must have capital to finance this mighty economic movement, and if every man will do his duty in ten years, it can be easily done and the race will be saved. Each man must shoulder his responsibility. Every Negro should contribute something to this Fund. Some can pledge ten thousand dollars, some five thousand dollars, three thousand dollars, two thousand dollars, one thousand dollars, three hundred dollars, one hundred dollars, or fifty dollars, in ten years, to be paid in instalments, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly, as convenient. Suppose every Negro should do this, why, in ten years the organization would have sufficient funds to finance our commercial programme, our political programme, and our general economic programme. **Money Needed** Money, as you know, is the lever of the world, with it you can set all the trains running, you can set steamships sailing. With money, and enough of it, you can compel the world to listen to you, not so much in the case of the individual, but in that of an organization that all individuals can trust—such as the Jewish organizations and white combinations. These combinations operate in behalf of the individual and the group, and you can only benefit whom each and every unit gives support in a similar manner. Those who desire to contribute to this International Fund should communicate with the Secretary General, Universal Negro Improvement Association, Edgewood Park, 67 Slippe Road, Cross Roads P. O., St. Andrew, Jamaica, B. W. I., and at the same time send in his or her name with the amount pledged to be paid up in ten years. With very best wishes, I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, **MARCUS GARVEY,** President - General Universal Negro Improvement Association, African Communities League (August 1929) of the World, Edgewood Park, 67 Slippe Road, Cross Roads P. O., St. Andrew, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Excelsior Division Stages Banner Meeting—Hon. Wm. Sherrill Returns to the Fold

EXCELSIOR LIBERTY HALL, 687 Lenox Avenue, (N. W. Cor. Lenox Ave. and 144th Street) New York City, N. Y.—Interest and enthusiasm reached heights of intensity here tonight, when the Excelsior Division No. 114, of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (August 1929) of the World, staged its regular weekly mass-meeting. The Corinthian Band, under the direction of Prof. James Saltus, rendered spirited and animating strains, which lent added attraction to the evening's program. Miss Berniza DeMena at the piano, also rendered splendid service, which was greatly appreciated. At precisely nine o'clock the meeting began with the band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers," while the procession was led and escorted by the Excelsior Regiment, U. A. Le-

gions, under command of Col. Luther Thompson. At the close of the processional, the chaplain, Rev. K. Baxter, read the opening declaration, and announced the singing of the opening ode, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," which was followed by the prayers from the ritual, read by the chaplain, and the hymn, "God of the Right." The opening address was made by the president, Rev. E. T. Brown, who presided and welcomed the friends, expressing the hope that they had come out with a consciousness of what is required of us today, and with a stern resolve to live up to the aims and objects of the association, and so shape the course of the division that not only the race, but all mankind will have reason (Continued on Page Eight)

Philadelphia Division 121 Stages Enthusiastic Rally

Loyal Member Passes Away — Hon. S. A. Haynes at Great Tabernacle Baptist Church

By DOROTHY JONES Liberty Hall, 2109 W. Columbia Ave., Phila., Pa.—Two remarkable meetings were staged on Sunday, April 27th, at 3 P. M. The weather was ideal, bringing a large gathering of members and friends to the portals of Garveyism. At 3 P. M. the meeting was opened by the president, Hon. S. A. Haynes. The Weekly Message was read by the Executive Secretary, Miss Dorothy Jones, followed by the chant of the President's Hymn, "Father of

All Creation." The Welcome Address was delivered by Mrs. Sarah Bantum, 1st lady vice-president. The musical program was featured by selections from the Choir and the Wandering Four Quartet, with Miss Alice Tilghman as pianist. The principal address was made by the president, who was in fine fettle. Inspired by the brilliant audience President Haynes turned the meeting into an enthusiastic rally, and gained five new members in an (Continued on Page Seven)

Dr. R. R. Moton Gandhi Is Arrested So India Stirs

Foresees Era for Better Race Relations in South

Great Excitement Prevails —Followers Call General Strike—Arrest Under Old Ordinance

Both the North and South were represented at the meeting for better race relations at the Masque Theatre in 45th Street, West of Broadway, on Sunday afternoon, April 27, sponsored by the Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation. White and colored leaders took part. The large audience was mixed. The Commission is conducting a National campaign to raise a Stabilization Fund of \$1,360,000 which will insure the success of a ten-year program. While the work is to be (Continued on Page Eight)

LONDON, May 5. Latest advices from India state that Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, who was arrested early this morning, was brought to the Yoridia Jail, Poona, in excellent condition. The city is flooded with special editions of the Bombay newspapers. (Continued on Page Eight)

Madame DeMena Speaks To the Negroes of Panama,

I am delighted to be in your midst for a few days, after three years absence, to shake hands with you in the name of the millions of Negroes across the seas; and bid you, "take courage in the great struggle of racial emancipation." The obstacles now hindering our progress must be ostensibly removed.

"As a man thinketh so is he." Our minds have been duped for years, but more and more we, the Negroes from the northern countries are catching ourselves with things Negro. In the recent achievement of the Naval conference held in England we note with interest that men of all other races are determined to bring about "peace on earth" through arbitration instead of forceful methods. All other race groups are adjusting their differences to make a solid front in all lines of endeavor in order that their posterity may be able to live in the future and continue to build upon the foundation (Continued on Page Seven)

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During Music Week do not forget the books on music in the 135th Street Library. Some of the new titles are: "Manual de Folia and Spanish Music," by J. E. Trend; "Study of the History of Music," by Edward Dickinson; "Music: 1900-1930," by A. J. Swan; "New Musical Resources," by Henry Cowell; "Anatomy of Music," by W. Parikhurst; "Project Methods in Orchestration," by A. E. Heaton; "How to Organize the Amateur Band and Orchestra," by R. H. Korn; "The Orchestra and Its Instruments," by Esther Singleton. Good standard books are Hadow's "Studies in modern music," 2 vols.; Weisman's "Problems of Modern Music;" Bauer and Poyser's "How Music Grew;" Bekker's "Story of Mus-

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