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HOOVER LAUDS RISE OF NEGRO

Praise Group for Remarkable Progress in Nationwide Radio Broadcast on Program.

WASHINGTON, April 14— Negro schools established since the days of slavery were credited Tuesday by President Hoover with having exerted the greatest influence in averting social upheavals following the admission of 4,000,000 slaves to citizenship.

From the study in the White House, where President Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation, the chief executive participated in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., by Booker T. Washington.

His address was transmitted to the chapel of the institute and there rebroadcast to the country.

Progress Surpasses Hope.

President Hoover praised the work of Washington in leading his race toward literacy, and said the progress of the Negro since slavery "has surpassed the most sanguine hopes of the most ardent advocates."

The President noted that in the past fifty years "the Negro race has multiplied its wealth more than 130 times, has reduced its illiteracy from 95 per cent to 20 per cent and reduced its death rate by one-half.

Own 750,000 Homes.

"It has risen to the ownership of more than 750,000 homes, has accumulated property to the value of billions, has developed a far-reaching internal network of social, religious and economic organizations for the continued advancement of its people, has produced leadership in all walks of life that for faith, courage, devotion and patriotic loyalty ranks with all the other groups in our country.

"The greatest single factor in the progress of the Negro race has been the schools, private and public, established and conducted by high-minded, self-sacrificing men and women of both races and all sections of our country, maintained by the states and by private philanthropy, covering the whole field of education from primary school through to college and university."

COLORED PRISONERS IN RIOT

Chicago, March — Following the fatal prison riot at Joliet on Friday, Warden Hill told investigators that among signs of dissatisfaction in the prison that had been noted was a dissatisfaction among the Negro inmates.

They had sent an emissary to him the warden admitted, asking him if it would be all right for them to get a petition which would hold that inasmuch as Negroes constituted 32 per cent of the prison population they were entitled to 32 per cent of the good jail jobs.

"I told the emissary," Warden Hill states, "that I could not be dictated to by a group of prisoners and that I would put every man who signed such a petition in solitary confinement."

Remembers Negro Catholics

Philadelphia, April 15th—Mrs. Alice F. Cord, widow of a Philadelphia lawyer, who died on January 25th, leaving an estate valued at \$84,577, bequeathed \$1,000 to St. Catherine's School for Colored Children in Germantown, a Philadelphia suburb.

On the same day the will of Miss Mary C. Beneke who died in Hanover Hospital, on March 27th was filed which provided for a Five Thousand Dollar bequest to the house of St. Michael and All Angels for Colored crippled children with the proviso that the sum is to provide for endowing a free bed. Her entire estate, according to the probate was valued at \$22,500.

Wilberforce Wins

WILBERFORCE, O., April — The Wilberforce Varsity nine turned in an easy win in their opening game by defeating Antioch College, white, 13 to 2.

Glover and McGhee hurled well for the Green and Gold and Pavey for Antioch but lacked the support.

Terry got three hits for the Force-ans, while two each were made by Jefferies, Singer and Stevens and one each by Redden, Poore and Harrison.



EDITOR J. F. JENKINS who is making good progress towards recovery after being confined to St. Joseph's Hospital for four weeks during which period he underwent two critical operations.

NEGRO JOBLESS ON THE INCREASE

ATLANTA, April — Unemployment is proportionately greater among Negroes than among white people throughout the country, according to a report of the National Urban League made public here through the Commission on Interracial Co-operation.

The report, based upon an extensive survey, said that generally the Negroes in the South were faring better in keeping jobs than in the North, but that in many cities Negro unemployment was from four to six times greater in proportion to population than white unemployment. St. Louis was cited as showing the greatest disproportion, Negroes there numbering 9 per cent of the population and providing 66 per cent of the city's total unemployed.

The survey also found that conditions now among the Negroes was not as good as reported last Fall, partly through constant substitution of white workers for Negro workers.

STUDENTS SING FOR LEGISLATORS

COLUMBIA, S. C.— A group of singers from the Colored State College and Claflin University rendered a number of vocal selections at the State House on Thursday night before the two Houses met.

The Claflin University quartet was composed of Emanuel Mansfield, S. Swann, J. James and L. Lockman.

The group from State College was composed of Weber Blackshear, Durant Hawkins, Cornelius Jenkins, J. Evans, Harold June, Richard Waymer, Alfred Ellerbe and Edward Griner. J. Harold Montague was the director.

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BATESVILLE, Ark., Apr.— This town was thrown into an uproar when O. J. Wright, who was murdered here March 19th, was positively identified as a Negro.

Wright had lived in this community for years as a white man and enjoyed the respect of the white citizens. On March 19 in a fight with Ollie Greenshaw, a white man, he was beaten to death. At the inquest it is reported that Coroner Pence stated to some of his friends that he believed the murdered man was a Negro and since that time has conducted a quiet investigation.

WON "MISS CHICAGO" TITLE

CHICAGO, April — Miss Edith M. Lautier, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., won a city-wide popularity contest held here during the past month and was crowned "Miss Chicago." The contest was held in connection with the "Tour to Tuskegee."

Miss Lautier, who is supervisor of the clerical staff of the Metropolitan Funeral System, received 3,235,843 votes, each vote representing a penny purchase at the South Center Department Store, the Regal Theatre, and the Savoy Ballroom. Miss Lena L. Compton of Pilgrim Baptist Church was second.