

MILLIONS WITH NEGRO BLOOD PASS AS WHITES IN U.S. SAYS COLLIER'S.

Herbert Asbury, associate editor of Collier's, writes in its August 3 issue: "Between five and eight million people of the United States who have Negro blood are known as whites, and from 15,000 to 30,000 Negroes 'pass over' to the white side each year. . . ." Titled "Who Is a Negro?" and based on studies of census figures and studies by laboratory scientists, the article declares that, contrary to common belief, a man or woman of little Negro blood cannot have a child of obvious Negro blood.

COLOR LINE STRIKES GRID

Reno, Nev., Oct. 29 — The southern color line on the football field today endangered the November 16 game between Nevada and Mississippi State College, Miss.

Graduate Manager Joseph T. McDonnell, of the University of Nevada football team, revealed that athletic officials of the southern school had written Nevada Coach James Aiken that the appearance in the lineup of his two star Negro players would cause "an unfortunate commotion."

McDonnell said that the Nevada Athletic Board would meet later in the week to formulate a policy in the matter.

The contract between the schools calls for a \$3,000 forfeit to be paid by the school cancelling the game. As a result both sides were cagey, with Mississippi State Coach Allyn McKeen saying he had no comment on the situation.

The Nevada Negro players, William Bass, 24 of Monogahela, Pa., and Horace Gillom, 25, of Massillon, O., have been mainstays of the wolf-pack all season.

Nevada fraternities took the side of the Negroes in the discussion.

McDonnell said the Athletic board had written Mississippi State for a clarification and that a reply was expected later in the week.

The race discrimination question arose in the Fresno State-Oklahoma City University game recently. The Californians did not play their Negro players and took a lacing.

BUYING AND SELLING TOGETHER, A C-OP IN ST. PAUL

By Samuel A. Reed
A new venture in the Negro community of St. Paul, Minnesota, a co-operatively owned neighborhood grocery and meat store was opened recently. Neighborhood Co-operative Store No. 3 grew from an idea of a progressive group of young Negro men and women, the St. Paul Credjafawn Club. At a public forum held by this group late in 1944 Mr. V. S. Peterson, an officer of Co-ops, Inc., of St. Paul, discussed co-operative movements generally and community co-operative grocery stores specifically.

Impressed with such a prospect, the group appointed a committee to find a site for such a store and to raise funds to finance it. A considerable sum was raised by July 14, 1945, before a location was found. The committee discovered a grocery and meat store for sale on the corner of Rondo Avenue and St. Albans Street. The price for the inventory, equipment and good will was \$7,470, with a two-weeks' limit for decision.

Feeling that the location was ideal and the price satisfactory, a mass meeting was called immediately. At this meeting the people of the community decided to become members of St. Paul Co-ops Inc., and recommended that Co-ops Inc. buy the store. A whirlwind fund-raising campaign then began.

John Banks, a dynamic young St. Paulite, was named campaign manager. In two weeks \$2,220 was raised—enough to secure the lease. By the end of August an additional \$2,800 had been secured, bringing the total capital to \$5,000.

On the first of September the owner of the store vacated the premises. Inventory was taken on September 2. The next day the store was thoroughly cleaned by several of its owners, and Neighborhood Co-operative Store No. 3 opened for business the following day.

On September 15, a formal opening was held. The store was decorated with floral tributes and crowded with eager purchasers and well-

FORMER TRINIDAD INSPECTOR VISITS CITY HOME & SCHOOL

In Trinidad the school system makes room for training of the pupil teacher, Joseph E. Clarke, former inspector of schools there, told an audience of London Home and School Association members at the quarterly meeting of the H. and S. Council at Central Collegiate recently.

This was among several superficial differences in the system described by Mr. Clarke, who said that problems in education in Trinidad were much the same as in Canada.

Mr. Clarke, whose son is attending the University of Western Ontario, is residing in London at present. During the war he was deputy director of education for Trinidad.

He said that the British system of education was largely in vogue in Trinidad, aiming at university or the trades. Among the seven assistant inspectors two were women. Mr. Clarke referred to the Canadian mission schools established in Trinidad stating that the government bore half the expense of the school. The government is semi-representative.

"London is one of the most cultured cities I have known," he said, referring also to the friendly welcome he had received since making his home here.

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That evening at the community center another mass meeting was held and shares of stock in the store were distributed to the proud co-operators" who had put up the initial capital.

The store opened with three full-time workers: a store manager, a check-out girl, and a butcher; and four part-time workers: a fruit and vegetable girl and three stock boys.

The meat business expanded so rapidly that the local Meat Cutters' Union required that another butcher be hired. All of the workers in the store, except the butcher, were Negroes. The co-operators decided that the additional butcher should come from the ranks of Negro labor. This decision was implemented by the combined action of the St. Paul and Chicago Urban Leagues, the People's Co-operative of Chicago, and the local Meat Cutters' Union. Through the efforts of this group an unemployed veteran was sent to Chicago early in October for three weeks' apprenticeship training. After completing his training, the new butcher joined the store staff as an apprentice butcher and has since been promoted to second butcher.

Meanwhile shares in this promising enterprise sold like hotcakes. At a meeting of the shareholders held on the first of December, financial reports revealed that money raised had already exceeded the \$7,470 goal. In less than five months a small, predominantly Negro community had raised over \$7,500 toward the purchase of its own store! Moreover, financial reports revealed that the store was doing a monthly average business volume of between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

The people in the community have been completely converted to the co-operative idea as is evidenced by their whole-hearted support of their first co-operative venture. Even persons outside the community gave support to secure the success of this undertaking. A soldier, a former resident of St. Paul, stationed overseas, bought three shares of stock in the store. Other servicemen stationed in various section of the United States also bought shares.

Although most of the employees and patrons of the store are Negroes, the business is inter-racial. White people in the community have contributed considerable financial support. The former owner of the store has invested several hundreds of dollars in shares for himself and his family.

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