

ADOPTED SONS WILL ONE DAY INHERIT VILLAGE CASTLE

With one career behind her, Josephine Baker is taking the duties of motherhood quite seriously. She enjoys discussing her plans for bringing up her brood. Each boy will be instructed at home by tutors hand picked for the job. Each boy will learn his own language, plus French and English. On his 10th birthday, he will return to the land of his birth and spend four years there. At 14, he will come back to France where he will decide whether to remain "at home" or return to his own country.

Should he decide to leave, he will receive enough money to live on, but not so much that he will have no incentive to work. No matter what his choice may be, he will share equally with his brothers in the estate that the Bouillons have already willed to the children.

The estate will be a rich one. It will include all of Les Milandes, a clean, modern, charming town which is gradually becoming a tourist attraction. Jo Bouillon, who supervised the rebuilding of the village, has created a beach, grounds for sports, a restaurant, hotels, a garage, movie-house, outdoor theatre, and a nursery park for the boys. An attraction.

plan for the village has been initiated to provide the inhabitants with comfortable housing. "Our aim," says the former band leader, "is to make their lives easier, their countryside more beautiful, so that they will not wish ever to leave."

Although proud of their achievements, and optimistic about their plans, the Bouillons are proudest of their children, say: "They are everything to us . . . our happiness . . . our reason now for being."

The old French castle in which "Jo and Jo" live was built in 14th Century, once belonged to the lords of Castelnaud-Fayrac. Family's holdings include entire village of 25 cottages, plus farm and vineyards surrounding their large chateau.

Brothers now, children of six nationalities share family name, will one day inherit Bouillon property. Akio was adopted from orphanage in Oiso, when Josephine visited Japan in 1954 to give a series of benefits for Japanese war waifs. Luis is a Negro child born in Colombia, S.A. Claude, blue-eyed Jari is of Finnish descent.

Gathered around the patio table, Jo and Josephine spend snack time with their children as any married couple with offspring would. A former band leader, Jo Bouillon supervised the rebuilding of village, and hopes to make it a popular tourist attraction.

The children romp over their private lawn, reserved for open air play. Estate is a young boy's paradise. Josephine has already arranged to adopt a seventh son, a Mexican-Indian, to round out her unique international family.

Growing up like fruit of the same branch, boys will be taught to appreciate other cultures, religions, as they grow up in Josephine's "village of the world." Teruya, Korean orphan. Moses is an Israeli whom the Bouillons adopted when he was a babe in arms. Jean Claude is French now 20 months and is the youngest of the lot.

DENVER IS A CITY OF A THOUSAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES WITH TALENT

If you think that the only business Negroes ever invest heavily in are insurance, undertaking and real estate, then you should take the next plane out to Denver. Once there, ask to be introduced to a young man named Otis J. Martin — and we will guarantee that he'll have plenty of interesting news for you.

Martin is a Texas native who has found a literal goldmine in the Mile-High City. He owns the Otis J. Martin Investment and Development Co. which has interest in oil, uranium properties and real estate. Martin who considers himself a prospector, is the only Negro investment broker in the Rocky Mountain area registered with the Securities and Exchange commission.

Easily one of the busiest (and richest) young business executives in Denver, Martin is manager of Our Real Estate Co. and helped found the Carver Oil Co., Equity Savings Loan Co. and the Denver Board of Realtists. In 1954 he traveled over 35,000 miles in the interest of Carver Oil Company, a \$5,000,000 firm owned by a group of Denver citizens.

Was Invited to Tubman Inauguration

Martin's influence in the world of high finance was recognized early this year when Liberia's wealthy president, William V. S. Tubman, invited him to attend his inauguration. This affluent Coloradoan, who serves also as assistant manager of the Developers Mortgage Service Corp., has several oil wells in operation and many others planned. Martin is well versed with the interest Negroes are showing in oil, which he feels is one of the surest of all investments.

Woman Heads Department Store

Running a department store that sells everything from bobby pins to boxing gloves isn't an easy task. But it's "old hat" to a comely Denver widow named Min Shreyer who could easily be the only Negro woman in the nation who owns a department store.

A Virginia native, Mrs. Shreyer is one of the city's most popular citizens and has been cited for work with the March of Dimes, National U.S.O. and the American Red Cross.

Multi-Million Dollar Business

The biggest business owned and operated by Negroes in Colorado is

the 55-year-old American Woodmen organization — one of the nation's largest fraternal groups equipped to render life insurance service. Founded in April, 1901, The American Woodmen today has assets of more than \$7,000,000 and has paid out claims of \$10,000,000 to more than 32,000 persons.

Operating in 23 states and the District of Columbia, the Association maintains 476 subordinate lodges in the Denver area. Adding to the wealth and prestige of the Woodmen is the luxurious \$325,000 new home which also processes records of the Woodmen's more than 60,000 members. Air conditioned, and with an ultra modern reception room and lobby furnished with leather upholstered chairs, paneled walls and indirect lighting, the new building is one of the smartest in Denver.

Not an organization to forget the small fry, The American Woodmen has a Junior Woodmen Department that is open for membership to youngsters from ages 4 to 15. In addition to many other benefits the children are given an opportunity to compete for scholarship awards.

Mainly because of a progressive and fraternal structure, and sound business leadership, the Woodmen have grown into a multi-million dollar business. Few fraternal organizations can boast of more than \$26,000,000 worth of insurance in force. Making the American Woodmen "stand out" in the financial world, is the fact that its assets are increasing at the rate of a quarter million dollars a year of \$695 a day.

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