

# THE VETERANS LIGHTHOUSE

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For ANP

## Vets Solve Own Problem

**SUCCESS STORY:**Two Negro veterans, with \$300 in capital between them, decided to go into business on their own. With this small amount of money, they realized that their beginning would have to be a modest one, and that their choice of a business must necessarily be one in which no great outlay of initial expenditure was required. After giving the matter some careful thought, and after surveying all the possibilities which fell within the sphere of their limited fund, they finally decided to open a small dry cleaning agency.

Approaching a large dry cleaning establishment with their idea, they so favorably impressed the organization with their honest determination that they were given a month's course of instruction in the mechanics of the business and further assistance in finding space for their operations. Today, six months after their decision, they employ two girls, have expanded their operating space and are doing a net profit business of over \$600 per month. (Note: Know of any more vets business success stories? Send your information to "The Information Specialist," c/o Col. Richard McDonnell, the veterans administration, Washington 25, D. C. Telling your story might be of encouragement to some other veteran.)

The Surplus Property administration has ordered a release of excess government buildings to states and towns. These buildings will be used as emergency housing for veterans and their families. All red tape will be cut to facilitate the transfer. Nobody will predict at this moment just how far reaching the effect of this order will be, but that it will alleviate a portion of the present crisis is conceded by everyone.

Veterans organizations will keep a watchful eye on the substitute for the administration's "full employment" bill recently approved by the house expenditures committee. The new bill sets up a three-member "council of economic advisors" in the White House whose duties will be to gather and analyze information on economic trends and developments for the President's guidance in preparing reports. It will not be surprising if there is not a demand made that one of these "advisers" be a veteran.

When Maj. Gen. Paul Hawley, acting surgeon general of the Veterans administration, threatened to resign if certain members of congress persisted in the attempt to place veterans hospitals under political patronage, he stirred up a veritable hornets' nest. Public opinion will undoubtedly support the courageous stand of the general.

"Veterans controls" are being rapidly established in communities throughout the country. These centers, usually sponsored by community government, are supported by veterans and patriotic organizations, are providing a much needed service in assisting the dischargee to become rehabilitated with the least possible inconvenience.

Just as en. mar Bradley repeatedly pointed out, it is becoming fore evident daily that the adjustment of veterans to civilian life is a primary community responsibility. There is no standard pattern by which communities can be guided in assuming this responsibility. Needs vary with localities and the problems presented by these needs must be faced with entirely different approaches. It is unthinkable that Negro organizations everywhere will not step forth to assume their respective duties in this urgent matter.

One of the most baffling enigmas to confront USES these days is what to do with the veterans who rose to become officers of the line, but who, because of their youth, had practically no job experience before entering the services. One solution being widely discussed in Washington is to provide these men with a specialized training program to equip them for administrative positions in civil service. Many of these men, finding their lack of civilian training and experience a handicap, have promptly entered school.

In the meantime, "a job for every veteran" is a goal completely tied up with the full employment program. That is why more and more groups interested in veterans' welfare are pressing congress to make full reconversion the number one item on its agenda.

NOTE: If you are interested in securing a government position, take your civil service examination now. Don't wait until you have spent all your money and exhausted all your compensation allowances. Do it at once!

## FSA Winning War Against Tenancy

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — One of every seven Negro full owners of farms in Georgia, and one of every ten in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, are former tenants and sharecroppers who have attained ownership through the Farm Security administration program, E. S. Morgan, regional director, has announced.

The 1940 census shows there were 8,604 "non-white" full owners of farms in Georgia. Full owners are those who own and operate their farms as distinguished from part owners who own a part and rent a part of the land they operate. The FSA, since the beginning of the program on July 1, 1935, has aided 1,200 Negro borrowers in Georgia to attain the status of owners.

Most of these new Georgia farm owners, 759, received loans for the outright purchase of family type farms under terms of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act. These loans are repayable over a period of 40 years at 3 per cent interest. An additional 99 Negro families purchased family type farms under repayment of the Bankhead-Jones act in the liquidation of FA projects.

There was a large group, however, who had received training for the responsibilities of ownership in the FSA's rehabilitation program who were unable to purchase farms in the Farm Security ownership program. In some instances loan allotments to counties were insufficient and in oth-

## Picket State Dept. Building

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Several Negroes were among those picketing in front of the antique State Department building, demanding the ouster of South Carolina Jimmy Byrnes as secretary of state. The demonstration was staged by Communists who also demanded the return from China of the United States marines. Chiang Kai Shek also came in for a placard beating with the words, "No aid for Chiang Kai Shek" prominently displayed in the march by a Chinese male.

er cases suitable land could not be found within the price limit set by the Bankhead-Jones act. These borrowers, therefore, purchased farms of their own from various sources such as the federal land bank and insurance companies upon varying terms and at varying rates of interest. There are 342 families in this group in eGeorgia who have been rehabilitated by FSA and who purchased farms outside of the FSA program.

In the program as a whole, 18,413 former tenants and sharecroppers have become owners through participation in FSA's rehabilitation and farm ownership programs in the four South-eastern states. This is one of every 14 full owners of farms in the region.

Mr. Morgan explained the FSA operates only two programs—the rehabilitation program and the farm ownership program. The rehabilitation program is designed to prepare the borrower for the responsibilities of ownership and is, in fact, an ownership training program. In this program farm loans are made to farm families who are unable to obtain credit from any other source. The family thereupon enters into an altogether different routine of farming from that observed by the average tenant and sharecropper.

Under the guidance of the county FSA supervisor he follows a live-at-home program with ample canned foodstuffs to feed the family, and is given the opportunity of raising as much livestock and poultry as may be practical. (Most tenants and sharecroppers are not permitted to have much livestock). He follows a diversified farming plan with two or more cash crops. In short, he learns a great deal about farming that he never had the opportunity to learn as a tenant and sharecropper. The family is provided with a record book and encouraged to keep a record of all expenditures and all income. A record book, of course, is something that few tenants and sharecroppers have ever seen.

Borrowers in the rehabilitation program are also eligible for consideration for loans to purchase farms under terms of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act.

In the farm ownership program only a few farms can be purchased in certain counties each year because of the limitation of funds made available under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act. County FSA committees composed of three well-known farmers, each year select the applicants who in the judgment of the committee are most likely to succeed. Since congress during the half the annual loan authorization for the purchase of farms under the Bankhead-Jones act, many families who were ready for farm ownership could not be given this opportunity. Therefore, some of them purchased their farms from outside sources. A large number who could not find farms simply carried on as renters.

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## Retardation of South Is Problem

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Retardation of the south in health, education, and social security affects the total national welfare, declared Dr. Lavinia Englo, director of Region IV of the Social Security board, in an address Tuesday before a luncheon meeting of the local chapter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

"Migration," said Dr. Englo, "is the most significant result of this war. When a train-load of migrants left the south or any other section of the country they took with them the effects of the advantage or disadvantages that they have had with respect to health, education, and economic welfare." "Thus," Dr. Englo added, "the handicaps of one section becomes the liabilities of another section."

Dr. Englo pointed out that the south has been tied to a one crop agricultural economy—hand labor, low income and the consequent inability of the southern states to provide anything more than sub-standard health and educational facilities for their people.

She urged the enactment of a unified national social security program—one which would include farm people and domestic workers. She pointed out that thousands of rural people who have had jobs covered by social security during the war will return to the farm with little hope of ever receiving any benefit from the money they have paid into the social security fund.

Dr. Englo was introduced by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, president-elect of the American Sociological society, and chief of the division of farm population and rural welfare of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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## Jamaicans Think Twice Before Propose Marriage

KINGSTON—(ANP)—The low marriage rate here, said to be one of the lowest in the world, may reflect—among other things—amaican men think twice before they propose marriage.

Except for 1907, the year of the great earthquake here, and last year—the year of prosperity due in part to the employment of Jamaicans in agriculture and industry in the United States—it seems that cupid has been on vacation.

Last year 6379 nuptials took place. This was equivalent to 5.07 per thousand of the population. In the United States, even in 1942—before the war sent increased thousands to the altar—the marriage rate was 11.9. In Canada it was 10.09; in the British Isles, 8.8, and in New Zealand, 7.9.

It is pointed out that several factors tend to retard the marriage rate here: (1) married women cannot work in the government, (2) the men have a great deal of pride and don't want their wives to work, therefore seldom marry until they feel able to take care of a wife and (3) marriage here means an elaborate ceremony, not a trek to the justice of the peace; such ceremonies are costly.

The fact that 40,000 Jamaicans were working in the United States last year and part of this provided many men with the means with which to get married. Perhaps for years some of these men who went to America had been trying to save up a nest egg so that they could put the question to the girl of their choice. But it was not until the war came and with it jobs in the United States that these men got the opportunity of salting away money for the ring, a house, and perhaps a piece of land.

Another factor accountable for the increased marriage here was the induction of men into the armed forces. Such men wanted to leave someone to come back to.

## Three Pastors Die

BIRMINGHAM — (ANP) — Motoring ack from the Alabama State Baptist convention that convened in Mobile, the three Baptist ministers and a wife died in flames here when their automobile collided with a big truck.

Listed as dead were the Rev. I. Hunter, of Bessemer, pastor of St. Johns Baptist Church, Pratt City; the Rev. J. M. Jenkins, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, the Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Pettus, of 22 Avenue Baptist Church.

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## Tammany Irks Harlem Leaders

NEW YORK —(ANP)—Exposing the underground methods of Clarence Neal, Democratic leader in Tammany Hall's organization, which tended to set up a dual leadership based on race, Guy Brewer, duly elected leader of the 12th A. D., has been the target of a bitter and vicious attack seeking his ouster.

Brewer was elected leader on July 31, has led the tottering and warring forces in his district into a unified group, winning elections for Democratic candidates by a three-to-one majority in the recent campaign.

In every election, workers are paid for their efforts and when the time came to pay the campaign workers, Mr. Brewer received a check for \$500 for the Negro districts, which comprise two of the district. When he learned of the size of the check, Mr. Brewer protested saying some mistake had been made and his check was short.

It was that the Neal showed his real colors and told Brewer the check was not short, but a white man had been given a check to pay the white workers in the 12 minority districts of the 12th.

This infuriated Brewer, who had had a white woman elected co-leader of the district, to the extent that he returned the check and raised funds otherwise to pay the Negro workers who were becoming disgruntled.

The separation of the races is the idea of the powerful leader who indicates a return to white rule in Harlem—which Brewer fought for years from 1930. The statement that whites should be paid by whites and not by Negroes leads many to believe that the same practice is followed in the other districts where Negroes hold leadership.

Neal, who holds an important political post, came into the limelight shortly after the famous Jimmy Hines was dropped and while seizing of the power the former Tammany boss wielded, it has not been tined with the genuine interest for the minority groups shown by Hines.

Neal is said to have told Brewer to resign and get out, forgetting that Brewer was elected to his post as leader following a conference between Tammany officials and outstanding Negro Democrats of Harlem who proposed Brewer's name.

Recently on election day, Brewer was brutally beaten and assaulted by a member of the New York police force and although the mayor ordered an investigation, nothing has been done and every effort made to close the incident and to silence Brewer. Overtures have been made to others to supplant Brewer as leader and several names have been mentioned. None has been put forward as yet.

## Porter Saves 2 Pilots

BIRMINGHAM — (ANP) — James O. Bennett, porter for 13 years at the Birmingham airport, was credited Nov. 22 with saving the lives of two white pilots who were in a crash landing of an Army B-26 medium bomber.

Risking his own life, Bennett risked his own life to pull the men from a burning plane in Village Creek. Names of the injured white pilots were not made public.

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