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Berry sentenced Mrs. Hester to a term of 10 to 20 years in Tennessee State prison. Motion for a new trial was promptly made by Atty. Webster L. Porter, who defended the young woman.

The prosecution was handled by Atty. General J. Fred Bibb, assisted by Atty. W. O. Lowe, special counsel, said to have been retained by James Swaggerty of Newport, Tenn., brother of the slain man.

The dual shooting last July was one of the most sensational crimes ever recorded among Knoxville's colored citizens and attracted wide attention because of the prominence of the principals. During the two-day trial, Mrs. Hester did not take the stand. Atty. Porter relied on a plea of temporary insanity, wherein he offered many witnesses to show that the brutal treatment to which she had been subjected by Swaggerty during the two years she had been his common-law wife, caused her to "crack up" and kill both him and his woman companion, Mrs. Ruth Tinsley.

The double slaying occurred in front of the Swaggerty home on E. Vine avenue.

her salary as an employee of the Government Printing Office.

She charged Davidson exhibited an ill temper and invariably expressed objections to the expenditures she made out of her own earnings for the purchase of her clothing and other necessities.

Justice Gordon allowed no alimony. Davidson testified he received a salary of \$1,800 a year as a temporary military instructor in the high schools. He said he receives no remuneration for his services as secretary of the Howard Alumni Association. He also stated that he had closed his real estate office. Mrs. Davidson earns \$1,500 a year.

Nathan A. Dobbins, attorney, represented Davidson.

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# Davidson Divorce

8—Justice Peyton Gordon last Wednesday granted a divorce to Agene Davidson, secretary of the Association and temporary

am, but said their separation was due to his failure to provide property for her. While they were living together, she claimed, she virtually supported their household out of

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# TENANTS 'ON SPOT' BUILDING

### N.A.A.C.P. Asks FSA Director To Suspend B. A. Brady In Connection With Transylvania Controversy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—The Farm Security Administration at Washington has been asked to suspend B. A. Brady, community manager of Transylvania, the government-sponsored resettlement project at Lake Providence, La., pending an investigation of a tenants' removal notice posted on the project this week and signed by Brady.

Brady's removal was urged by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a telegram sent to Dr. Will W. Alexander, director of the Farm Security Administration, Thursday, December 1, and made public today.

### NOTICE 'HOSTILE AND THREATENING'

The notice, the language of which Mr. White termed "hostile and threatening," advised tenants on the project to move by January 1, 1939. The notice further advised the tenants that the vacated properties would be thoroughly inspected and that any damages found would be charged against the tenants. The notice added that the tenants would also be prosecuted by the government through the courts for payment of any damages found.

Following a telephone conversation with Walter White, in which he expressed "regret" over the tone of the removal notice, Dr. Alexander sent the following telegram of explanation:

### 100 TRANSYLVANIA FAMILIES AFFECTED

"More than 100 of present Transylvania families will be moved this year to their new permanent homes on lands further south. About forty families will be left on Transylvania for next crop year. Others will be offered rehabilitation loans and the co-operation of our county supervisors in obtaining leases which fully protect their rights.

"Since some families were to move, some legal notice was thought to be necessary under Louisiana laws. I regret that the form and tone of the notice as posted was most inappropriate. I have assurances from responsible officials in the regional office that no pains will be spared to take care of every family now on Transylvania plantation."

Removal of Negro tenants from the Transylvania project, where both races are now housed, has caused a long controversy between the tenants and government officials. Whites have protested the removal of the Negro tenants as working a definite hardship on a community where both groups get along well together.

### CELEBRATION HELD

From the "Witness to the Truth" Research Collection (Cleo Scott)

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of its other programs... longer make any... build and maintain... houses. However, to... the loss of Negro... particularly in the... for the next few... increase its approp... some Negro indiv... fellowships and for the... improvement of Negro...

# KLAN RIDES ONCE MORE IN DIXIE

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don't believe in mob violence... "Yet I do believe we should fight the CIO by educating the odds. The CIO is Communist supported and its members and executives are nothing but thieves and anarchists. If one man loses a bit of property, we call him a thief, do we not?"

"Then what shall we do? A group of men who own the property of mill owners, manufacturers or business men? Are they thieves and anarchists? Of course we will fight them by every legal means at our disposal."

He asserted that if the heads of the CIO had their way they would destroy society as we know it.

### WOULD ABOLISH RACE LINES AMONG WORKERS

After the broad stand taken by the Congress of Industrial Organizations in Pittsburg, abolishing race and color among workers, it was expected that the South would retaliate with the most reactionary organizations in the South in the firing line.

The Ku Klux Klan has quickly come to the support of big business, such as it is, in the South.

Dr. William Stuart Nelson, president of Dillard University, delivered the principal address. Dr. A. Hardin, member of the national committee of the NYA, presided. A flag presented by the city fare department was raised on a new flag pole erected in the NYA on the Gilbert campus.

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