

Irregularities Disclosed In Transylvania Situation

Probe Lends Credence to Talk that Proposed Removal of Negroes 'Smacks of Imposed Injustice.'

TRANSYLVANIA, La., Dec. 15--(ANP)—During the past few weeks many irregularities have been disclosed to lend credence to the contention that the proposed removal of Negroes from the Transylvania Farm Resettlement project in

East Carroll Parish "smacks of injustice." These irregularities have been exposed in comparing correspondence to and from FSA officials, through personal investigations and in conversation with persons directly connected with or interested in the Transylvania situation.

From an authoritative source it was learned that B. A. Brady, a state official of the Transylvania project, whose dismissal from the department has been asked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through Walter White, is responsible for most of these irregularities. Brady, it is reported, fired the plantation manager because of his participation in a state political campaign and have posted signs on the project requesting the Negroes "to move off or else."

The irregularities are as follows: It would be found on a check-up that there is a cotton seed shortage of between 75 and 100 tons; An account of one of the project tenants for the year 1937 showed a charge of \$25.14 having been made for blacksmithing, when this tenant did his own blacksmithing throughout that year. That several charges have been listed for poisoning cotton, when cotton was not poisoned against the boll weevil, charges for mule rent at \$112.00 per year were made when \$35.00 would be a reasonable charge.

There seems to be some question as to the compromise being offered

SUPERINTENDENT



Principal Earle C. Smith began his duties December 1 as the newly-appointed assistant superintendent of schools in Fayette county, West Virginia. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Lincoln University and earned his Master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

by the Administration and what is proposed by official representatives of the Administration. The tenants express disapproval at being forcefully ejected from the project without due consideration being given their future welfare. Some are willing to testify as to the actuality of the above irregularities in the event an investigation is made. Some expression is reported to have come from Senator Miller of Arkansas that he would be willing to help clarify some phases of the situation if brought to his attention, in that he has some first hand information regarding Major Reid, the Regional Director, who also, along with Alexander and Brady, are determined to remove the Negroes regardless of proven ineptness and nationwide protests.

Tenants on the project are inclined to doubt Mrs. Daniel's investigation, made a few weeks ago when she came here, as being sincerely in the interest of them. They term the compromise she suggested as, impractically outrageous. Although letters from FSA of-

ficials have assured that when the removal is effected, better facilities will be established for the Negroes, many of them are wondering what will be done about the overcharges and bookkeeping discrepancies to which they have been subjected, or on what plan and under what supervision will the Thomastown project be conducted.

Since Whites and Negroes, both those on the projects and those in the area and throughout the state regard the proposed removal as "out of tune" with the purposes of the Resettlement program, it still remains puzzling why Dr. Alexander and a few others are so determined to go through with their "scheme."

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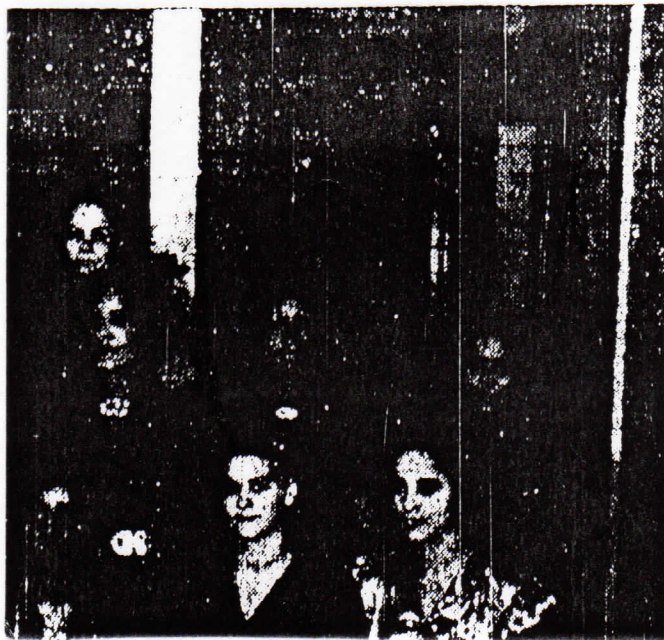
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its fullness. Left to right:
Harriet Robinson Berth, of
Philadelphia, her grandmother,
Hattie Durham, visiting
in Augusta, Ga., and her daughter,
Dorothy Geneva Haney.

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