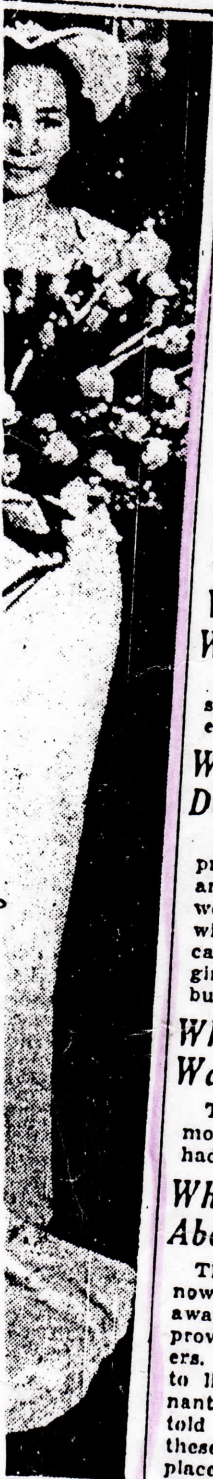


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# FACTS ABOUT TRANSYLVANIA

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## What Is It?

Transylvania is a plantation settlement about eight miles west of Lake Providence, La., in the north east portion of the state of Louisiana. For over one hundred years it has been a plantation of farmers and since slavery has been used by Negro

tenant farmers who have worked the fields on shares and have made their homes on the boss' property. They have built nice homes, churches, schools, and have developed a high type community life. About 100 families live there.

## What Has the Federal Government to Do With It?

The federal government has taken over the property from the owners and is attempting to divide it into small plots of forty

or so acres and it is permitting the farmers to purchase these over a long period of twenty to forty years.

## Whom Does the Government Wish to Live There?

The federal government has stated that it wants white farmers to live on Transylvania and

states no reason other than that they have selected it as a white settlement.

## What Has It Promised to Do With its Negro Farmers?

The federal government has promised the Negro farmers that another settlement for them would be started on plantations within short distance of this location; that schools, churches, gins, canning works would be built, modern homes, barns, out-

houses, etc., constructed and social and agricultural workers furnished to assist them. The government also promised that the men and women who qualified would not be moved until good places had been provided for them.

## What Did the Farmers Want From the Government?

They did not want to be removed from their old homes but had reconciled themselves to the

movement after being told of the new arrangements for them in their proposed new place.

## What Has the Government Done About Transylvania?

The federal government has now stepped in and moved them away from Transylvania and has provided nothing for these farmers. Some have been sent away to live on privately owned tenant farms without having been told as to the arrangements on these farms. Some have been placed in houses absolutely unfit for human habitation. Water

and sanitation are lacking in most instances in their new places. The ground in many instances has not been tilled for many years. The government has not publicly stated its policy nor stated a definite time for furnishing those who could and have qualified with the things promised them.

## What Do the Farmers and Citizens Now Demand of the Government?

They ask that the government deliver according to promise. They wish to be accorded rights and privileges due American citizens. They wish to know the

truth in the matter and the plans of the government in the matter. They wish to be publicly told what to expect and when to expect it.

## Who Is in Charge of the Project?

Dr. Will Alexander, former Negro college president, is the administrative head. T. Roy Reed of Little Rock, Ark., is the re-

gional director. B. A. Brady of Transylvania is the community manager.

who lived with her. Mrs. Evans, as was learned later, had deliberately planned to kill the younger woman and had gone to the home of the women on New Year's morning with an automatic he had stolen from the car of a white university student while polishing it at the garage where he worked. When he knocked on the door, Mrs. Evans answered that he should instead wish her a Happy New Year. He answered with two shots, both missing their mark. At this the mother, who was across the street, ran over and told the desperate man to leave. As she followed her daughter into the house, she kept between her and the would-be killer, slamming the door behind her. But Glosson fired through the door, the ball entering the aged woman's back. Officers and an ambulance arrived from Newton station, and the stricken victim was rushed to Georgia Street Receiving hospital where she died. Glosson was arrested a few hours later at his place of employment.

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## BACK HOME FROM SPAIN



Dr. Arnold Donowa, former dean of the dental school of Howard University, photographed in New York City shortly after his return from Europe. Dr. Donowa served with the American contingent which fought on the side of the Loyalists in Spain.

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