

P. O. Box 351.
Lake Providence, La.
Aug. 9, 1938.

Mr. William Pickens,
Director of Branches N.A.A.C.P.
69 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Pickens:

I received your letter of July 27. Concerning
Organizing a branch at Transylvania, La.
I also received under separate cover 25 membership
blanks and some other literature and a copy of
how to Organize a branch.

During the week ending Aug 6, I sent 4 men
canvassing membership pledges for the N.A.A.C.P.
Branch. I received 125 pledges to join and there
are still some more to get.

On Aug 6, a party of 4 men came here from
New Orleans, La. by our request, (The Committee
for the Transylvania project) whose names were
as follows, Mr. A. P. Turcaud, representing
the N.A.A.C.P., Mr. G. V. McDemmon, Rep. The
National Negro Congress, Mr. O. C. W. Taylor, Rep.
the Pittsburgh Courier and Mr. Leon Lewis, Rep.
The Associated Negro Press.

Saturday Evening and Sunday they and the local
Committee made several contacts with local white
Citizens and colored families on the Transylvanian
Project.

We called a meeting to organize a branch, Wm.
A. P. Jureaud City. With the help of the local Committee
chose the temporary officers, J. H. Scott Jr. Pres.
Charles Shields Vice Pres. Samuel G. Whitney Secy.
J. H. Scott Sr. Treasurer. We received \$1,00 from
14 members and pledges of others to pay theirs within the
next 2 weeks. If all can't pay by that time we will
at least try to have enough to send for our Charter. I have
the whole community interested, and I have several
other pledges from people who do not live on the project.

I suggest that you send me 125 pieces of each
kind of literature you sent me, namely, "How the NAACP
began", "You can't win by yourself! You must organize!"
And envelopes with, "To help the N.A.A.C.P. in its struggle
for full emancipation for the American Negro". Send any
other literature you think necessary with this amount of
literature.

Thanking you for your assistance thank you.
I am Very Truly Yours,

Wm. Samuel G. Whitney.