

Africa Is Continent Of Low Fertility Rate, Says Writer

NEW YORK — Recent studies have revealed that Africa "is not a continent of teeming millions and that in some areas it is not reproducing itself," according to an article in the current issue of The Crisis, official journal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The author, Dr. Irene Diggs, professor of anthropology at Morgan State College in Baltimore, observes that during her extensive travels she has been "definitely impressed with the emptiness of Africa."

She says that nowhere in Africa is there a sizable area with a population density comparable to that of India, Indonesia or China.

Among factors which the author lists as accounting for a low fertility rate in Africa are the introduction of disease from

Europe, the spread of disease because of improved communication and transportation, malnutrition and dietary deficiencies associated with poverty and unhygienic conditions, "cultural shock and social disorganization with the coming of the European," and population migrations to urban and industrial areas.

Dr. Diggs believe that demography (the statistical study of populations) is "an important factor in Africa's future."

"The fact that black Africa is sparsely rather than overpopulated in influences the potential urban and rural work force, the birth rate, mortality rates, etc.," she points out.

"If we exclude North Africa with its 42 millions of people, we find that black Africa has only some 160,000,000 of people, a

RCA Victor Records Lena

NEW YORK—Lena Horne's engagement at the Empire Room in New York's Waldorf Astoria is one of the most talked-about of the 1957 season. Her repertoire was varied and exciting. RCA Victor has captured on records Lena at her best, singing for a receptive audience all the tunes she does so well.

From where she was born in Brooklyn to the Waldorf is not a great distance if measured in miles, but the long and circuitous route began when Lena was still a little girl. Her rise to success in the entertainment world is a well known story, and now, at the peak of her career, the talented thrush's many fans can hear her as often as they wish via recordings.

The new RCA Victor album, titled "Lena Horne at the Waldorf Astoria," features fifteen top tunes, including a Cole Porter medley and old favorites such as "Mood Indigo," "I'm Beginning To See The Light," "Honey Suckle Rose," and "I Love to Love." The orchestra is under the baton of Lennie Hayton.

population roughly equal to that of the United States and much less than of Russia." "Africa," appears in the June issue of The Crisis.

BIBLE SCHOOL HELD

JONESVILLE—Vacation Bible School was held here June 10-14. The teachers were Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Julia Spann Long, Mrs. Martha Foster and Mrs. Parthenia Glenn, Mrs. Martha Foster was also the directress. Mrs. Maude Stewart, Mrs. Rosa Hughes and Mrs. Tressie Dogan were responsible for the refreshments. The highest attendance was 83. The total enrollment was about 105.

The Bible Class closing exercises were held Sunday night June 16, 1957.

We hope the children who don't attend Sunday School have been encouraged this week to attend some church some where.

Mrs. Parthenia Glenn

ROCKFORD AND GLOVER A.M.E. CIRCUIT

Rev. W. P. Gambrell, Pastor

MT. CARMEL—Sunday School was opened on time at Rockford with the faithful few. All classes combined and taught by the Reporter from subject — Recognizing God's Providence. Everyone enjoyed the review by the pastor.

Morning service began. The message by Rev. Gambrell from 11 Thes. 1:11, 12: as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and

changed everyone of you, as ye know how ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you into his kingdom and glory. Thm. 2:15, Submit The Father's Responsibility.

This being St. John's Day we left for Bronah A.M.E. Church, where the Mt. Carmel Lodge turned out. The program was good.

After the M. W. J. presented the sermon. He used as a subject: —The Rolling Stone— This message was delivered with much power coming from the soul of the man of God. He concluded by singing "When All of God's Children Get Together." Rev. Gambrell, Rev. Cade and Rev. Thompson made some remarks. Benediction.

Dinner was served on the ground.

Mrs. C. B. J. Reporter

LEXINGTON NEWS

NEW BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Rev. Carl C. Black, Pastor Sunday School opened at the usual hour with a large attendance. The lesson was beautifully reviewed by the Supt. after which Rev. Black mounted the Rostrum reading for his scripture lesson St. John, 14th Chapt. His text was found in St. Matt. 2 Chap. 13th verse. Subject: "Detour A-Long Life's Highway." Ministers were Elders David Wise from Columbia and Rev. W.E. Lee.

Little Bernice Marcell Boughnigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boughnigh of Dutch Folk, was baptised.

Rev. and Mrs. Black had as their guests Monday, Rev. Black's Mother and father Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Black. Carl Black Jr. returned to Smokes with his grand parents for a visit. Little Charlotte Black is spending some time with her grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. David Haruin of Lanes, S.C. Both are the son and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Black.

Mrs. Eddie Taylor and Mrs. C. W. Rawls gave a program Sunday afternoon at Bethel for the Trustees.

Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Black were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James T.W. Wise and Mr. John F. Wise on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Black had as their dinner guests Rev. A.B. Bailey from St. Paul Baptist church. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeLong, Mrs. Edward Wise and others.

Mrs. Sam B. Orley and Miss Beatrice Green are attending summer school at State College in Orangeburg, S.C. Mr. Wayne Rawls is spending the summer in New York City.

The T. A. Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones. Next meeting will be held at home of Mrs. Sara Keiser.

Visitors in church Sunday were Mrs. Amy Pugh of Edmond, S. C., Minnie Boykin from San Angelo, Texas; Mrs. Justine Young and sister, R. B. Summers all of Columbia. Mrs. Bell Rawls is on the sick list.

Nadine Harris, Reporter

VACATIONING IN FLORIDA

Nine billion checks totaling 3-trillion (that's 12 zeros!) dollars were cleared through the nation's 14000 banks last year. Mrs. Ella Mae Owens is vacationing in Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and other points in Florida.

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