

NINE NEGRO POLICEMEN ON DUTY IN SAVANNAH

Ft. Leavenworth Prison Race Rioters Quieted

White, Negro Leaders Share Inaugural Rites

8 Veterans, 1 Other Given Oath By Mayor Kennedy

By C. LAMAR WEAVER SAVANNAH, Ga. (SWS)—Sunday in old Savannah, the birthplace of Georgia, a jam-packed audience of Negro leaders and laymen alike enjoyed the fruits of their long and toilsome registration drive when a newly elected city administration headed by Mayor John G. Kennedy dedicated a modern Negro recreation building and presented the newly appointed Negro police officers and six Negro municipal workers, who had been sworn in the day before.

The beginning of this realization began 18 months ago when a local grocer, John W. McClockton and two local ministers, Revs. S. A. Baker and R. M. Gilbert organized a local chapter of the statewide Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic Clubs to enlighten Savannahans of their newly unexpired franchise—the ballot. This organization spearheaded an intensive registration drive which increased Negro registration from 800 to 20,000. 12,000 Negroes voted in their first election.

In the dedicatory ceremonies of the Recreation Center key speakers presented were: Mayor John G. Kennedy and Judge Emmanuel Lewis, who both spoke to the audience. Dr. C. A. Henderson, city-county health officer; Mr. W. S. Scott, Sr., Savannah Police Chief; J. W. Rogers and Rev. R. M. Gilbert, pastor of the First African Baptist church.

Mayor Kennedy told his audience that in order to have a better community there must be a better "spiritual side, educational side, health side, and recreational side," adding:

"The Negroes of Savannah have leadership among their group of which they should be proud, leadership of which the people of Savannah should be proud."

Continuing, the mayor declared that his administration is going on record as having helped people help themselves and in that movement is expecting assistance and great results from the Negro population.

Following the Mayor, the Negroes of Savannah were given the oath by the officers of the Savannah Police Department. The officers are: City Police Chief James W. Rogers who spoke to the audience of their responsibility to the officers.

Judge Lewis spoke of the complexity of life, asserting that "all lives are precious."

Charleston Vets In Resort They Fought Against Last Year

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The Veterans Civic Organization said this week they would present the season's first big attraction, a dance music for which will be furnished by Erskine Hawkins and his orchestra, at Riverside Beach Park on May 22.

Two Charleston men play with Hawkins' band. They are St. Julian Dash and Aaron Maxwell, both saxophonists.

Triple Program Set By Marlboro PDP

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.—Three big programs are scheduled for May 18 by Progressive Democrats in Marlboro County, Harold T. Blackburn, county chairman, said Monday.

At 8:30 a. m. veterans will gather at Quick's place in the Richardson Casino and will be addressed by John H. McCray of Columbia, state PDP chairman.

County leaders then move over to McCull, S. C. where at 12:30 p. m. in the Beaver Dam Baptist church another program will be held the address being made by State Chairman McCray.

At 3:30 that afternoon, in the Grand Union Hall here, a giant mass meeting will be conducted for Bennettsville, the message again being brought by the PDP state chairman.

Mr. Blackburn said the "Fee Due Choral Ensemble" heard Sunday from Station W-A-T-N at Rocky Mount, N. C., and directed by Prof. Robert L. McCull, will provide special music for the afternoon program. Troop 29 of the Boy Scouts will assist in the program.

Chairman Blackburn said large attendances were expected for all the meetings to which admission is free. An offering to help further the effort to vote will be taken, he said.

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WINSTON-SALEM HAS NEGRO ALDERMAN



N. C. ALDERMAN-NOMINEE AND FAMILY—This is Reverend Kenneth R. Williams and family of Winston-Salem. Reverend Williams was nominated for City Alderman of the Twin City last week in the Democratic Primary race. He received a total of 2,169 votes against 827 for his closest opponent. Seated at the piano in the background are Mrs. Williams, Ronald, age four, and Kenneth, Jr., age eight. Both youngsters seem to be joining their parents in the victory. The picture was taken at the nomination of the Democratic ticket in Winston-Salem in last month's election. Rev. Williams is a Morehouse College graduate.

Attorney General Cook Promises May Hearing Against Ku Klux Klan

Denies Case Filed Against Order Dropped

ATLANTA, Ga. (SWS)—The pioneer efforts of former Governor Ellis Arnall to bring the Ku Klux Klan to trial will bear fruit if Attorney General Eugene Cook makes good on his promise made in Atlanta Saturday.

In a statement denying reports that the case filed against the Klan had been dropped, Mr. Cook made this definite statement:

"The Ku Klux Klan case will be tried. I am assigning this case to my special assistant attorney general, Claude Shaw, and he will try it during the month of May if the court and opposing counsel can agree on a trial date. It is my opinion that Mr. Shaw will complete his investigation at an early date."

"We intend to prosecute this case purely on a legal basis devoid of any political color or fanaticism. Our sole purpose in bringing the suit was to revoke the charter of the Klan and we will use our best efforts to see that this purpose is accomplished."

FINAL PREPARATIONS

Mr. Cook indicated also that he and Mr. Shaw were making preparations for that argument to be submitted before the United States Supreme Court on the freight rates suit set for May 13. The arguments he said, will last about ten days that up on their return they hope to

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Morehouse Grad Election Victor

(SPECIAL TO WORLD) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—A Negro will sit on the Board of Aldermen in this city for the first time, since reconstruction days as the result of the Democratic Primary held April 22.

S. C. State College Begins ROTC in Fall

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special)—Students entering State A and M College at Orangeburg, S. C. for the 1947-48 school year will, for the first time in the history of the college, have the opportunity of enrolling in a Reserve Officers Training Corps unit. Brigadier General Crump Garrison, Executive for Civilian Components of the Third Army, here announced Monday.

Infantry Begins in July

An infantry unit of ROTC has been activated at the school, effective July 1.

The ROTC course runs concurrently with the four years of academic work being divided into two phases: elementary and advanced. During the elementary work of two years, the military aspect of the enrolled college life will cover basic military subjects—drill, customs, courtesy, sanitation, Army uniforms and equipment are furnished throughout the course.

During the second phase of the advanced study, the ROTC unit will learn the finer points of their branch of service. In their final two years they are furnished daily subsistence allowances, accommodations with Regular Army schedules. Annual encampments will be held where the ROTC students will put into practice in the field the theories they have learned in classrooms and on the campus. When they successfully graduate and if they are 21 years of age, they will receive commissions in the Organized Reserve Corps.

Instructors will be Regular Army officers. (Continued on Back Page)

Georgetown Plans PDP-NAACP Meet

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—A joint meeting of leaders of the Georgetown NAACP and Georgetown County Progressive Democrats was announced for May 23 here, following a joint meeting of officers for the two organizations in Manaulgully place during the week.

G. S. Patcher, county PDP chairman and president of the local N. A. A. C. P. branch, said that John H. McCray, state PDP chairman and Mrs. Annie Belle Weston, state PDP secretary would be speakers for the meeting, originally scheduled to commemorate organization of the party three years ago.

The following were named to committees: Mrs. Nancy Johnson, J. E. Prieoleau, Mrs. Marie James, Mrs. Bernice Rutledge, Mrs. Louise M. Porcher, Mrs. Janie Lee, Mrs. Rosetta Gibson, Mrs. Emma Stafford, Mrs. Topsy Holmes, Mrs. Juanita Rhur, Mrs. Albert Walker, Mrs. C. K. Knox, Mrs. Albert Brown and many others.

Dinner for the occasion will be served at 7 p. m. in the annex of St. Stephen-AME Church.

NeSmith Citizens Fight For School House For Students

NE SMITH, S. C.—Announcement that an offer to contribute one-third of the cost of a new school house to replace the Brown school which burned March 29, 1946, had been withdrawn was made last week by leaders of a committee which has not yet been able to budget trustees in district.

Furthermore, the leaders pointed out, 440 of their children have been crowded into four small rooms of the spared building and county authorities show no interest in erecting a new building. More than 100 other children are unable to attend school, they said, because of inadequate space.

The Brown school had an enrollment of 537 elementary and high school pupils when fire from a faulty wire consumed it. With 13 teachers, it was originally erected in 1918 at a cost of \$7,000. The Rosenwald Fund gave \$1,400 of this cost; \$400 came from the state and \$400 from the Millyard county. Parents and neighbors, owning 20,000 acres of land in the community, contributed \$4,500 of the sum and greatly regretfully now that the school board has contributed exactly \$25 for chalk, erasers, fuel and other necessary items in 46 years.

Leaders reported the matter had been discussed with attorney Harold R. Boulware, NAACP counsel at Columbia, and that legal action was likely.

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Above are the nine newly appointed Savannah officers as they were presented to the crowded audience at the city Negro Recreation Center at 715 1/2 Street and Oglethorpe Road in Savannah. On the rostrum behind the officers is City Police Chief James W. Rogers who speaks to the audience of their responsibility to the officers. (Photo by Cecil Maddox, Jr.)

Testimonial Rites For Dr. Reeder Set For African Trip

A PUBLIC testimonial and "good wish" service will be held in Zion Baptist Church at 9 p. m. Sunday, May 11, for Rev. J. P. Reeder who sails from New York May 13 for West Africa to study development of the \$100,000 building program begun on his last trip there the site is located on a thousand-acre plot allocated through interest of the Liberian government.

The Columbia Baptist Ministers' Union is in charge of the program, to which are invited friends and well-wishers of Dr. Reeder, who is secretary to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America.

Ben Freshley, New Addition To Staff: Is Cartoonist

Benjamin Freshley, recently discharged from the Army after three years of service, will begin cartoon drawings for The Light House and Informer publisher John H. McCray said Monday. Mr. Freshley's first cartoon will appear in next week's paper.

Born in Columbia, Mr. Freshley has studied art at the Wheaton Institute in Philadelphia. He plans to open a Home Art studio in Columbia soon and to do commercial portraits. Mr. Freshley hopes to so enlarge this service that the masses will have brought to their door.

Already he has done several beautiful paintings of wedding pictures and portraits from old family pictures, their owners hold in high esteem and wish preserved. Pictures of any size and color are expertly and lovingly done—their artist to whom drawing is his greatest love.

Mr. Freshley raises to three recent additions to the newspaper's staff. A few days ago announcement of the appointments of Lorraine Butler to city circulation and Mrs. E. M. Parker to the Charleston territory, was made by the newspaper.

Louis title fight off until fall; Joe to retire next year.

Tear Gas Used To Stop Prison Riot

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas (SWS)—A race riot within prison walls was quelled Saturday as a result of a riot order that white and Negro prisoners thought have them mean together in the same mess hall.

Army authorities reported Saturday that they had subdued 250 of 800 prisoners who engaged in a night-long riot. The 250 said to be inmates of one of two cell blocks involved, surrendered after Col. Graeme Parks, disciplinary barracks commandant issued an ultimatum over the loud-speaker system telling the fighting men that the Army was in full control, and unless they gave up, all air would be shut off and the cell blocks would be flooded with tear gas.

The commanding officer told the men over the address system that white and Negro inmates had been segregated at breakfast Saturday morning and that this practice would be continued.

The men were ordered to line up of the cells in groups of five. They were brought into the rotunda, stripped and searched. Then they were herded into another cell block which had been emptied and prepared for isolation of the rioting prisoners.

The rotunda was guarded by 100 troops armed with "billy clubs" and tear gas. Freshley had two fire-hoses set up ready on the men if they showed signs of giving further trouble.

A white man, Dewy Osborne, age 20, of Mountain City, Tenn., was identified by Colonel Parks as the victim who was stomped to death. Injured were a prisoner named Woodberry, Robert Lee Freeman, 31,

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May 15 Deadline For S. C. State Graduate School

ORANOEBOURG, S. C.—Students seeking admission to the graduate division for the 1947 summer school session at State College here are urged to file applications before May 15, according to an announcement made this week.

The 45 days of the summer session begins June 11. Courses for graduate credit will be offered for the first time in the summer session.

A deadline of May 15 has been set by the head of the Graduate Division for filing applications for admission to the graduate division for the 1947 session. A special application blank should be requested of the registrar and the blank filled out properly and returned accompanied by an official transcript of the applicant's undergraduate record before the May 15 deadline.

Lawyer Boulware Speaks At Dillon

DILLON, S. C.—Lawyer Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, S. C. will be the guest speaker at the NAACP meeting to be held Sunday, May 11 at 5 p. m. It was announced Tuesday. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting to be held at the AME Church.

Chytanooga, Tenn., E. C. Smith, 37; Baltimore, Md., Henry Turner, 27; Columbus, Ga., fractured arms and several cuts; Paul H. Nelson, 25; Kansas City, Kas., and Peter C. Valenti, 25; Englewood, N. J., Sergeant Robert L. Lizer, 34; New Orleans, and several other guards. (Continued on Back Page)

Alabaman Saved From Mob After "Attack"

BY EMORY D. JACKSON BASONVILLE, Ala. (SWS)—Apparently suffering from a terrifying memory, the wife of Robert E. Huntly, 28, who was rescued from a shooting mob estimated from 300 to 600 Thursday night, May 1, could tell little when interviewed here on May 3.

Lodged in the St. Clair County Jail, Pell City, accused of criminally attacking a pregnant 20-year-old old white farm woman, Huntley was saved by a rainstorm and the arrival of a detachment of State troopers. (Continued on Back Page)



OMEGA SWEETHEART—Miss D. Jean Hinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hinton, of Columbia, S. C., and a junior at Talladega College, Talladega, Ala., was selected "Miss Gamma Psi" for '47 and '48 by the Talladega undergraduate chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at their annual neophyte dance.

Active in various organizations and social circles, Miss Hinton is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. (Continued on Back Page)