OMEGA MEN AT BENEDICT COLLEGE — The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was established on the campus of Benedict College in Columbia, S. S., May 8, 1947, being the first chapter of a fraternity to be set up on the campus.

Pictured above are charter members, along with two faculty members of the college, also Omega men. Left to right: Marquis Singleton, keeper of peace, Zack Weston, vice basileus, Herman J. Kirby, keeper of records and seals, Francis W. Jones, Ezekiel Jefferson, T. J. Hanberry (faculty) advisor, Dean of the college O. E. Nelson, Luns C. Richardson, basileus, Daniel R. Brockman, Coolidge Johnson, chaplain, C. C. Caldwell, Cole Gilliam. Shown kneeling behind fraternity emblem, Willis Brown, Jr., keeper of finance.

In addition to Mr. Hanberry and Dean Nelson, other faculty members on the campus who are Omega men include, E. E. Riley, dean of men, Dr. W. R. Harrison, Division of Social Science, M. S. Gordon, School of Theology, W. J. Gilliam, chief Veteran Guidance Center, Waverly Bradford, Veteran Center and L. C. Jenkins of the School of Theology.

Reporter's Beat

SWELL AFFAIRS — The annual cabaret ball of The Sphinxmen at the Columbia auditorium last Monday evening was just about the last word. The ladies were gorgeously attired and the unique arrangement of tables and booths made it just fine. Sphinx president is Charles T. Brooks, Joseph A. Richie is V. P., Taft M. Watson, secretary, Hollis McKim, treasurer and Emmet D. Clark, business manager. Other members are: James M. Cobb, A. B. Coleman, O. Y. Hicks, R. H. Hill, Ezekiel Jefferson, Samuel Jenkins, Robert Johnson, Albert Kennedy, Abraham Robinson, Marquis Singleton, Leslie Stallworth, Abraham Stewart, D. D. Sweeper, Arthur Thomas, T. M. Thompson, Edgar B. Williams.

Thursday evening in the A. U. gym, graduate nurses staged their gala annual ball, with plenty good music and refreshments and a good time for some 200 guests.

HARD TIMES DOG — Taxi driver John Edmonds is looking for another dog. Some time ago a dog he then owned walked in the house with a ten dollar bill between his teeth; later, for some unexplained reason, somebody killed this canine. Now, Mr. Edmonds says, times are pretty hard and a man could appreciate a dog that goes around picking up stray dollar bills.

FACES AND FOLKS — It's good to see Dan "Brother" Thompson out again after a three week illness.

Mrs. Clementine Williams (Blue Palace) says the newspaper is no good unless it carries this column. Thanks pal, we love you when you say such nice things. We (all) are going to tease Arthur Brown, however.

Brother Wilbur Ford, however says this is the worst column since it stay on him and cramps his style of playing around a bit. (Mrs. Ford, we're only joking. Wilbur is a very fine, Christian gentleman).

Baxter Leach, well-known New York newspaperman is visiting relatives in the Taylors section on a two weeks vacation. Miss Clater Means, Howard school teacher has been irked by reports that some Columbia slicker has been villifying Newberry, her former home town.

Seems that the slicker has been saying "whitefolk 'round Newberry put you in jail if they catch you reading a first reader," to which Miss Means snifts, "Newberry is a very nice place to be from."

JIVE NOTES — They are forever picking on the 100 block of Washington street. Incidentally, Miss Isadore Reid of New York City, who lived here much of last year, writes to protest such names as "Congo Square," "Ape Avenue," etc. But newest title is "Washington street belle" which without the "e" in belle can be given men. They are known by their loud talk and equally as loud conduct. — Chris Garrett, that utterly polite and popular man about town is in circulation again after illness. Nice going Chris. And we hope you don't get sick ever again for all of us missed you.

Miss Freida (Little Bit) Bailey (Lawyer Boulware's secky) refuses to hide her specs, while out of the office although they are about as large as she is. "My eyes hurt," she wails, "and I'm gonna wear them so I won't miss a single sight."

WONDER: What's happened to Master Norman Pendergrass II. Papa hasn't said a word about the little Scout in a long time. — And Miss Jennie E. Young, anti-T-B secky, is scarce these days. Either she is working overtime or has slipped off on another vacation. Attorney Boulware rushes home each Saturday to play baseball at Irmo. Thrown down the big city boys, Squire? — Paul Griffin (Mister Griffin, that is) avers that any woman hollering "rape" who hasn't been molested ought to be horsewhipped. That's an old racket, he says.

WEEKLY THOUGHT: Dr. Charles L. Hill, to Progressive Democrats last week: "The only time white people impress upon Negroes the fact that they are first class citizens is when there is a war going on and somebody is needed to die for the sake of the country."

Langston Hughe's Latest Poems Are Filled With Charm

FIELDS OF WONDERS, by Langston Hughes. A book of lyric poems. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York; 115 pages, $2.50.

REVIEWED BY FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS For ANP

Langston Hughes writes with such ease and disarming charm that many people who ordinarily would have little patience with poetry are completely captivated by his work. That, I think, is the secret of his popularity which has made him the most widely read of Negro poets for some two decades.

His fifth and latest volume, recently published, is devoted to lyric poems. Brightly polished they are, and carefully cut like small diamonds. They range from pure imagery to glimpses of reality. Best of all, they communicate directly with the emotions.

Of course, Mr. Hughes is modern, having a command of both rhyme and free verse, but giving rhyme the living feeling of today instead of the stuffiness of the departed past. For instance, here is his "Little Song":

Lonely people
In the lonely night
Grab a lonely dream
And hold it tight.

Lonely people
In the lonely day
Work to pay
Their dream away.

In this volume, Mr. Hughes is not preoccupied with what is known as "the race problem." He uses a universal approach, on behalf of all humanity, so that the reader may see the world through the eyes of a poet who happens to be a Negro instead of as an open propagandist. There are just enough verses that could have been written only by a Negro to assure the success of this indirect approach.

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FBI Powerless In N. C. Kidnap Case

WASHINGTON (ANP) — No violation of federal law was involved in the kidnapping of Godwin (Buddy) Bush from the Northampton County jail in Jackson, N. C., according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Bush, who was being held in custody as a suspect in the alleged attempted rape of a white woman, was taken from the jail by a mob of armed men who forced their way in, seized the prisoner and carried him to a waiting automobile. Bush took the chance of breaking away from the mob, and fleeing into the darkness. The shot fired at him by one of the members of the mob missed, and the fleeing prisoner hid in a woodland for 48 hours before placing himself in the protective care of FBI agents, through contact with a minister.

The FBI obtained confession from one of the members of the mob which implicated seven white persons.

EVIDENCE GIVEN STATE

Hoover said the evidence in the case was examined by the department of justice which held that no violation of federal law was involved. Thus the evidence was turned over to State Solicitor Ernest B. Tyler of Jackson.

Almost simultaneously with the FBI announcement that the federal law did not cover the case, an antilynching bill was introduced in the senate by Wagner of New York and Morse of Oregon.

The bill provided heavy fines for persons found guilty of mob violence or aiding lynch mobs. It also provides for payment to mob victims or their families by the state or political subdivisions in which the crime occurred.

Under the bill maximum penalties of $10,000 fine and 20 years imprisonment could be imposed on persons who in way incite or aid a mob or join one in an act of violence.

This bill is almost identical with the bill introduced in the House a few weeks ago by Rep. Lane.

Nurses Slated For Atlanta Meet, June 15-21

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will hold its first post war biennial convention at Clark College, Atlanta, the week of June 15-21.

According to Miss Alma Vessels, executive secretary, an unprecedented attendance is expected from all parts of the country.

With the theme, "New Frontiers in Nursing," a full schedule of meetings will provide for discussion of this subject from many angles.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

Outstanding speakers who are expected to address the convention include Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, former consultant, National Nursing Council, Miss Hortense Hilbert, director, division of nursing, New York City Department of Health, Mrs. Edmonia Grant, assistant administrator, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton, executive secretary, Atlanta Urban League.

Some of the sub-topics to be discussed are: The American Nurses' Association Security Program; the Role of the Bedside Nurse; the Status of Negro Nurses in Public Health and Institutional Nursing; the Study of the Structure of the National Nursing Organization; America Needs More Nurses; How We Can Get Them.

Plan Boycott Of Lynch Area Products

NEW YORK — (ANP) — A proposal to boycott products manufactured in communities where lynchings occur was being studied by civic, fraternal, religious, labor and political leaders here this week following a conference of Manhattan Democratic party officials who met at the Hotel Theresa at the suggestion of Deputy Housing Commissioner J. Raymond Jones, Mayor O'Dwyer right-hand man in Harlem.

The idea originated with Lloyd Everett Dickens, a real estate operator. Mr. Dickens, who is also active in politics, explained to those attending the conference that he had not blue-printed the proposal because he believed that N. A. A. C. P. and Urban League officials were in a position to execute the boycott in a more effective manner than a strictly local political group.

TRACE PRODUCTS

The broad outline of the unique proposal involves tracing a product from its manfacutring source to the wholesaler and distributor.

"Take the city of Greenville, S. C.," he explained. "Here we have a community which specializes in the manufacture of textiles. Negroes wear—shirts, pajamas, use handkerchiefs and sheets. Federal law requires that the maker of such materials is registered in Washington. If Negroes knew that cloth ing worn by them was being made in Greenville, or any other lawless community, wouldn't we refuse to buy such apparel?"

CHEMICAL OPEN HOUSE — One feature attending commencement exercises of Allen University was an "open house" demonstration by the department of Chemistry, under direction of Miss Susie M. Nelson and E. E. Taylor.

Members of classes in Physical Science Survey, General Chemistry, Foods Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis took part in setting up the displays and explaining them to visitors.

Visitors saw laboratory made rayon plastics and synthetic rubber in the organic section and the composition, decomposition and purification of water in the inorganic section. Visitors drank iced tea from beakers, tea sweetened chemically.

Swainsboro High Completes Term

SWAINSBORO, Ga. — The Swainsboro High and Industrial Institute, Swainsboro, Georgia, came to a close with the final event which was the graduation exercise on Friday evening, May 23, in the school auditorium.

The library address was delivered by Mr. A. H. Fitts, of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia. Atlanta Elizabeth Hopkins was valedictorian, and Dorothy Mae Kelly was salutatorian.

The principal, Mr. H. F. Williams presented the diplomas to the seniors and the certificates to the 7th Grade. Members of the senior Class receiving diplomas were:

Curtis Milton Bowers, Joseph Brown, Johnnie Belle Brown, Ralphael Cross, Lawrence Lee Harris, Amarida Elizabeth Hopkins, Dorothy Mae Kelly, Wesley Tillman Lewis, Lucious Merdell, Jr. Dessie James Parrish, Robert Louis Scott, Jessie Belle Settle, Frankie Leola Varner, Minnie Lee Wilson and Jeanette Young.

Other closing events included the Baccalaureate Sermon which was delivered by Rev. G. B. Lancaster, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Swainsboro District A. M. E. Churches, Sunday, May 18, at 4:00 P. M., the Junior-Senior Prom Class Night plays by the elementary and high school classes, and picnics.

The school chorus, directed by Miss L. M. Williamson and accompanied by Mrs. M. S. Jones, rendered music for the Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises.

Ella Fitzgerald Records Chick's '39 Favorite

NEW YORK — The big attraction on the nation's juke boxes is once again the plaintive voice of Ella Fitzgerald, America's "first lady of song." This time the singing sweetheart is scoring another smash success with her arrangement of the number one torch tune of the day, "That's My Desire." However, there lies behind the decision to record this tune one of the most touching human interest stories in the history of show business. The tune was brought to the late Chick Webb back in 1939 and he decided it was just the type of tune for his then rising protege. However, before he had the chance to record the tune with Ella he was overtaken by what proved to be his fatal illness. One of his last known plans was to record "That's My Desire."

The great singer never forgot the preference of the man who discovered and developed her into stardom for the tune but for one reason or another never got around to actually making the record. One reason for her reluctance was a sentimental hesitancy because her idol has been unable to make it with her. But following the resurgence of the song as a big favorite following Frankie Laine's recording, Ella decided that she would pay a real tribute to the great drummer by making the record that he has proved. Thus, the decision to keep faith with her buddy and friend and America got another hit.

Clark Urged To Prosecute Lynchers

ASHEVILLE, N. C. — Prosecution under the federal civil rights act of 31 avowed lynchers acquitted by a Greenville, S. C., jury was urged by Joe Felmet, southern field secretary of the Workers Defense League.

"It is terrible enough that robs can get away with lynchings," Felmet wrote U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark. "It is inconceivable that they can take part in a lynching, confess it in written statements and still be acquitted."

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