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GOP, South Kill 'Civil Rights'

PSIA Membership Largest On Record!

Truman's Program Set Back By Coalition



GOVERNOR THURMOND, DR. EVELYN C. MITCHELL, JESSE T. ANDERSON

Through the combined efforts of principals, teachers, college presidents and officers, membership in the Palmetto State Teachers Association is now at an all-time high. John F. Potts, PSTA president, said Monday.

More than 5,500 of the 6,000 state teachers hold membership in the organization, despite increased membership fees. Mr. Potts said he cited five private schools and twelve counties which have attained one hundred per cent membership. These are Allendale, Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Hampton, Kershaw, Lee-Union, Oconee, Saluda, Sumter counties, Claffin College, Coulter Academy, Betts Junior College, Mather Academy and Morris College.

Several additions are expected to this list by the time teachers meet their 1949 state convention here at Columbia on March 24.

With an interesting schedule arranged, the convention will hear several addresses. Speakers include:

Governor J. Strom Thurmond, superintendent of education Jesse T. Anderson, Mr. Potts, William Cooper, director of summer study and adult education at Hampton Institute, Dr. George N. Mitchell of the Southern Regional Council, Nelson J. Johnson, southern field director for the Urban League, and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, president of the United States Fund and chair of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

A battery of consultants will also appear, among whom will be Dr. Eva C. Mitchell.

Pearson Turns Down Cop Post

Philip Benjamin Pearson, one of the men who passed city civil service examinations last December for a position on the city police force, and along with George Elzezer was scheduled to go on duty this week but turned down the position, he said Monday.

Pearson, a 28-year-old, married, held to have passed on the test, which pays a top salary of \$2,400 a year, to remain at his trade, which pays about twice as much.

Pearson, who is a graduate of the police academy, said Elzezer would be put to work as soon as training was completed. Both he and Pearson had had suits measured and ordered, but it was understood late Tuesday that Elzezer had been back to police headquarters to complete his training.

Meanwhile, under council request, the police department was reported as completing investigation and classification of two other men who had been reported for positions. They are Ralph W. Mims and O. Mickens.

Pearson had conferred with present position with a construction company is foreman, a field which in itself is singular in the South.

Charleston AKA's Plan Fashionetta

CHARLESTON (ANS) - Gamma Xi chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will provide the entertainment for the first title contest in the Archer Auditorium on Monday during which Miss Fashionetta and Little Miss Fashionetta will be crowned.

Contestants for the first title include: Mrs. M. M. Moore, Colonel, backed by the City Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Isabella Guzman of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; Mrs. Eva Boone, business and professional women.

Miss Barbara Sasportas of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority; Miss Janine L. Johnson of the Sigma Kappa sorority; Miss Carutha Mitchell, Alpha Phi Omega sorority; and Miss Thelma Wright, member of the Burke Hi-Y Club.

Little Miss Fashionetta contestants are: Beata Grant, sponsored by Johnson's kindergarten; Cornelia Morant, by the Cooper River kindergarten; and Aerial Hicklin, by Shaw Center.

Regional Council Says 'White Supremacy' Losing

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (ANS) - The Southern Regional Council reported last Wednesday that the forces of "white supremacy" in the South are losing in their efforts to bar Negroes from voting. It pointed out the flexibility of the U. S. Constitution and the humanitarian legal interpretations of the federal courts, are blocking every "white supremacy" move to find the magic combination of ambiguous wording, legalisms and technicalities which allow them to make possible.

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It lamented the enactment of a voters registration law as a legal device that can be administered with racial bias. "However," it pointed out, federal courts are now reluctant to accept such measures at face value and insist on seeking the intent of the statute.

Don't Count Chicks Here Wed. Night

The hilarious comedy, "Don't Count Your Chicken," will be presented by the Culture Club on Wednesday night, March 23, in the Allen University Auditorium.

Starting at 8:15, the comedy of the 1949 annual play by the Culture Club, proceeds from when go to the Wilkinson Home for Girls in Cayce and other charitable causes. Admission is fifty cents.

Misses Zenobia Frazier, Catherine Davis, Thelma Davis, Messames Dorthula Talley, B. Blackman, Blossom Jones, Florence Brown, Zelma Malone, Alberta Stevenson, Leomah Hope, Louise Robinson and Catherine Brown.

Mrs. Elna Sighler is directing the show. Mrs. Catherine Brown is president of the Culture Club.

Claffin Girls Win SEAC Title

SAVANNAH, Ga. (ANS) - Proving the surprise team of the Southeastern Athletic Conference's basketball tournament here on the weekend, the Claffin University's girls' team of Orangeburg, S. C., defeated a favored Bethune-Cookman sextet 24-23 to annex the girls' championship title.

Meanwhile, Claffin boys came through with an easy 69-50 win over Florida Normal to cop the consolation game. The Georgia State Tigers clawed bitterly but lacked enough with which to keep Bethune-Cookman boys from winning their second tournament crown, 46-42.

Claffin girls dominated the tournaments all-star team, taking three of five places. Florence Marcus, Myrtle Guppie and Nora Teamer, all of Claffin, were placed on the all-conference team by coaches Mundul Buksha of Claffin made all-conference among men.

Memphian Sues After Beating

MEMPHIS (ANS) - A suit for \$10,000 in damages was filed in federal court here last week against the city and officials of West Memphis, Ark. for Jack Bunn Jr., of Memphis, who was brutally beaten and attacked by police in the neighboring municipality last Jan. 1.

The suit, which charges that Bunn's constitutional rights and the civil liberties statutes were violated, names as defendants the city of West Memphis, Sheriff Cecil Veron Goodwin, Marion, Ark. Patrolmen and Deputies Thomas J. Johnson and Charles Burrows, West Memphis Police Chief H.D. (Bud) Holland, and the Fidelity and Casualty company of New York, Inc.

Brutally Beaten

The complaint says Bunn was "wrongfully, brutally beaten and attacked," placed in jail "where proper medical attention was not administered," not allowed

N. Y. Communists Named In Trial

NEW YORK (ANS) - Persons listed as subversives by the House committee on Un-American activities were again named last week in proceedings here against 12 communists charged with conspiracy.

Included in the list were Arnold Johnson, national legislative representative of the party; Claudia Jones, secretary of the New York party; Barney Josephson, owner of Cafe Society where many Negro stars got their chance; Congressman Vito Marcantonio, William L. Patterson, executive secretary of the Civil Rights congress; George Marshall, also of the Civil Rights congress; Paul Robeson, D. Winkerson, defense witness for the Communists and an organizer for the party.

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\$1,000 Sought For Cripples

A goal of \$1,000 is sought in fund raising drive which opened Thursday, March 17, to carry on the work in behalf of Crippled Children. Mrs. Dunham Court, director, announced.

The drive continues to Easter Sunday and is a part of the state and national campaign of the Crippled Children Society of the state and nation.

Proceeds are used to provide hospitalization, medical care, crutches, wheel chairs, transportation, camping and home bound teaching of handicapped children.

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Naptown Clowns To Play Here

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANS) - The Indianapolis clowns of the Negro American League, back to the Columbia, S. C. All Stars on an exhibition schedule in the latter's hometown on April 5.

The Clowns and All Stars will play in Hall Field of Allen University. The Clowns will be en route from their winter camp at Jacksonville, Fla., and will move to Gastonia, N. C., for a game against Winston-Salem there.

'Loaded' Women Land In Jail

TAMPA, Fla. (ANS) - Two "loaded" and freely spending women who landed in Tampa by green-back storm, wound up in jail here last week after a Virginia citizen was dropped and got his car loaded.

Miami Beach police who had earlier claimed the pair, identified them as Madeline Thornton and Myrtle Lee Jones, charged with having stolen \$15,000 from their white employer and skipping town. Officers recovered \$6,000 of one and \$500 on the other, plus bundles of beautiful gowns, dresses, undies, shoes, all the finest Tampa could give.

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ELKS' PRISCO MAYOR PLAN MEETING: The organizing committee for the Grand National Convention of Elks is pictured above going over plans with mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco where the 1949 convention will be held by more than 70,000 delegates August 21-27.

Seated are General Chairman S. W. Corlett and Mayor Robinson. Left to right standing: Douglas Simpson, exalted ruler; Shaeta Lodge, host to the convention; Louis Verrett and Edward Robinson, Elks public relations man.

FREE GREEN SEA RAPE SUSPECTS

CONWAY (ANS) - A general sessions court, after three hours deliberation, acquitted two white men here late Saturday on charges of attempted and criminal assault on an 18 year old bride, on Jan. 12.

The two men, Jack Huggins and Boyd Rowell, were accused by the victim, who had married on the day before, of having driven her to an isolated section near Greensea, and not far from the farm homes of the accused, and subjected her to criminal assault under duress. One of the men committed the offense, and the second, unable to do so, had her in an unnatural act.

The men, testimony disclosed, had picked her and her husband up after offering a ride, as the newlyweds walked towards relatives in Greensea. After driving a short distance, and announcing this was as far as they went, the men were accused of slashing the husband with a knife as he strove to prevent their riding off with his wife.

Officers were summoned by white neighbors and arrests followed.

The incident greatly incensed white residents in the county, many of whom openly stood with colored citizens in pushing the case for prosecution.

Baptists Rally Set For May 4-6

CHARLESTON - A spring rally with a goal of \$23,000, and the 1949 state Baptist convention are scheduled to take place here, May 4-6, in Morris Street Baptist Church.

In a letter to pastors and auxiliary and missionary groups, Rev. H. W. D. Stewart of Greenville, director of the Morris College drive, explained the \$23,000 goal, needed to provide the college, which is at Sumter, with the balance of \$60,000 sought for the year.

Pastors were asked to register with not less than \$1,000, auxiliaries, \$500, associations \$250, unions with \$100 and missionary societies with \$50.

Davis Lee Comes South To Raise Funds

SUMTER (ANS) - Davis Lee, publisher of The Newark Telegram, departed even by himself as a "scandal sheet," and whose editorials last summer placed him high on the list of southern Dixiecrat governors and at the same time, way down the list among Negroes, teamed up with Rev. H. B. Brown here last Wednesday in a \$400,000 hospital fund drive.

An announcement said that Lee had been invited to South Carolina by Brown, president of the "Sons and Daughters of Job," a sort of burial or lodge organization.

The drive, set to end March 31, allegedly seeks funds with which to complete the New Community hospital started here on the Broad street extension, and to furnish equipment.

As an opening touch, Lee called Governor J. Strom Thurmond in Columbia and received the governor's good wishes. Thurmond also welcomed him into the state.

Arkansas Readies Anti-Lynch Bill

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (ANS) - A bill to make lynching a crime in Arkansas, with punishment equal to penalties now imposed for murder and assault, is all set for legislative consideration, it was disclosed during the week.

The measure, a part of Governor McMath's campaign platform, provides the death penalty for lynchers if the victim dies; if he does not, the case is to be treated as an assault matter, with punishment varied according to the degree of the case.

An administrative spokesman disclosed that Arkansas, which has had no known lynching in the past two decades, already has a statute making lynching a crime. He said, however, that it has not been determined if the statute, passed in 1904, is still in effect.

Wooten Named Coach Of Year

E. Phillip Wooten, coach and athletic director at the Finch high in Chester, was chosen "Coach of the year" during the South Carolina Athletic Conference held here on the week-end.

He was given the Collins Award and a citation for the alertness his

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Also attending were four NAACP attorneys, who outlined procedures to the body. These included Attorneys Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, Thurgood Marshall of the national office and his assistant Robert Caret, and Spotswood Robinson of Richmond, Va., who handled the celebrated Virginia cases, which resulted in federal court decisions ordering complete equalization of all differences.

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Local NAACP Drive Begins Here Sunday

The 1949 membership drive of the Columbia NAACP branch will be officially launched here Sunday, March 20, Rev. A. H. Harris, chairman of the committee on membership, said Tuesday.

The campaign will be started in a mass meeting at Allen University, 3:30 P. M., Sunday, with a goal of 3,000 members, the target, Rev. Harris said he expected to field a solidifying team of 700 workers, these competing for three prizes.

First prize is a trip to NAACP headquarters in New York City; second is a trip to the NAACP's Washington bureau and a third prize is a trip to the southern regional meeting in Raleigh.

Persons wishing to work in the campaign may do so by calling Rev. Harris, Mrs. A. W. Simkins, chairman of the executive board, or by contacting I. C. Brown, president of the branch. This year's memberships cost \$2.00 each.

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