

KLANSMEN ON RAID BEATEN HERE

SPEAKS TO GRADUATES AGAIN



CHARLESTON — Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in commencement exercises of Burke school here on June 5, principal W. G. Nicolls said Monday.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Richardson attended Florida schools for his early education. He received his doctorate from Drew University, after making one of the most remarkable records in the university's history.

For the past 15 years he has been chaplain and director of religious activities at Tuskegee Institute, succeeding last fall to the presidency of Gammon.

Father Divine

Predicts Against Walter Winchell

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Walter Winchell will soon meet his maker and be judged, Father Divine predicted here last week after hearing the famed columnist and news caster had said the Father was suffering from heart disease.

Of Winchell, Father Divine wrote in his paper, "The New Day":

"I have called him this day to judgment before the SUPREME BAR OF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF HEAVEN. You may watch for the verdict, for he shall pay according to the LAW OF GOD and the JUSTICE OF CHRIST."

The religious leader also wrote:

"If I need the weapons of man to bring about justice I would have him, Walter Winchell, indicted for libel; for the lives of those of MY followers and others he seeks to destroy by just one such malicious lie he has written and published are worth more than many billions of dollars. He would not be able to pay for just one life that he seeks to destroy."

Winchell recently wrote in his column and announced on his radio show that Father Divine was a specialist because of a new invention.

Publishers Plan June Convention

PHOENIX — The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association will meet in Washington, D. C. for its 18th annual convention from June 18 to 18, inclusive. President Thomas W. Young announced this week.

Meeting simultaneously will be the Editorial, Circulation and Advertising Societies, component units of the Association.

The Washington Afro-American will be the host newspaper, and all sessions will be held at Carver Hall, Second and Elm Streets, Northwest.

Carl Murphy, president of the Baltimore, is chairman of a convention program committee.

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TEACHERS SCAPEGOATS

Probe May Ignore High Contact

The 806 Negro teachers charged with risk-taking during the February national teachers examination, may wind up being the scapegoats in a state investigation, it was generally hinted about the state early this week.

This single gained momentum following an official state board statement which said only Negroes were suspected thus far in the vast cheating ring, broken up by the state.

THOUGHT FBI PROBED Many teachers who "talked" quickly during initial investigations into examination stealing were very red faced this week to learn that investigators were not FBI agents as many had thought. There were unconfirmed reports from two sections of the state that investigators had suspected to believe they were FBI agents, whereas they were agents of the state.

on a prior tip, the department said it had received.

While scores of teachers continue to be questioned over the state, no announcement has been made on efforts or progress to trace the "leak" to its origin.

The people who talk are charging that since Negroes had not access to the examinations until just a few hours before they were to be given, it was impossible to have prepared so thoroughly and distributed so effectively prepared answers.

The inference is that some person close to either the printing office in New York, or the state department itself, could have gained a copy of the examination.

NAACP DROPS MALLARD TOUR

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The NAACP sophomoric tour of Mrs. Amy Mallard, widow of Robert Mallard, lynched last year in Lyons, Ga., has been closed as of April 30, Mrs. Mallard learned last week.

According to a New York newspaper, the NAACP gave up the tour, originally scheduled to continue until June 1 because it was a financial flop.

As its reasons for dropping the tour before June 1, the NAACP announced that Mrs. Mallard was difficult to get along with and that it would be unfair to NAACP members to continue a tour that was losing money.

Mrs. Mallard said the NAACP action has caught her by surprise. She says she couldn't be "stranded" without a job because

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prepared, perhaps in collusion with the state, and fed these out through a network, which apparently has been building up for some time.

NOT FIRST CHEATING Another angle which gained this week also was the assertion that cheating had been done on previous examinations, and was a common understanding; that those who had enough money, and the right contact, could score an "A" or a top rating with ease.

The scandal is destined to uncover one of the biggest racketeers ever to hit southern Negro education, with tales in every county of money having been paid over several examinations by teachers who wanted highest possible salaries. Unfounded, however, but nevertheless asserted, is the charge that buying grades was not confined to some Negro teachers.

With the initial hysteria over teachers settled down during the week to accepting whatever is meted to approximately 800 in service and college seniors, the state board may decide. Following a meeting here Saturday, when testimony was taken from teachers suspected in several counties, the board announced it would render its decision at a later date.

State Superintendent Jesse T. Anderson issued a formal statement Saturday, setting forth that the department had been speeded off in advance that copies were being circulated, and had instructed that copies be taken up.

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Southern Churches Approve Better Life, Treatment of Southern Negroes

ATLANTA — (ANP) — Recent church pronouncements in the field of human rights show that southern churches have assumed an important role in the effort to secure equal rights for all, declared the Southern Regional council here recently. The council, a group of Negro and white representatives from educational, professional, business and religious fields, said:

"During the past two years, religious groups in the south have shown a growing willingness to take a positive stand for a broader democracy."

Sampling of the pronouncements made by churches are:

Southern Baptist convention: "We shall protest against injustice and indignities against Negroes, as we do in the case of people of our own race."

"We shall be willing for the Negro to enjoy the rights granted to him under the constitution of the United States, including the right . . . to receive equal service for equal payment on public carriers."

Synod of South Carolina, the Presbyterian church in the U.S.: "American cannot be a white oligarchy in which the Negro is required to abide by rules which he had no hand in formulating."

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Plan Graduation Activities



Following May comes June and graduation! And that is the topic being discussed by the planning committee of the Midway Television Institute in Chicago. The committee is composed of seniors and faculty advisers. Seated from left to right: Eugene W. Patterson, Wilburn E. Gaither, Evelyn G. Gann, coordinator of graduation affairs, and William Donaldson, standing, Oscar P. Grant, Samuel C. Ward, faculty advisor, Harry Reddick, Benzie Wesson, faculty advisor, Marion Martin, Othello W. Tanner, Walter Seaton and Frank Wells (ANP).

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His view was supported by Clarence Roubens, Sr., principal of the Laurens county school, who said a speedier handling of transcripts and correspondence was needed. Mr. Lipscomb had charged that the college had allowed much "good material" to wander into other institutions.

Charles Brooks, a young Columbia businessman, charged that often students were allowed to enroll in wrong courses, and come up to near graduation time before the errors was checked.

The Reverend Miles D. Bogar, principal of the Lakeview high school at West Columbia recommended that the college have more attention to effective public relations in the future, and denounced what he termed "the letter a year" correspondence alumni are alleged to receive from Benedict.

EVANS HITS ATHLETICS John E. Evans, a Columbia businessman, made the liveliest talk throughout the meeting. He disclosed that a short while ago a committee called on the president for the purpose of having some changes made in athletic personnel at the college.

He said the suggestion was not considered and charged that a scandalous course the city over the alleged misconduct of some faculty members.

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S.C. Prisoner Called Bluebird

KINGSTREE, S.C. — (ANP) — John McClary, in prison serving a 10-year sentence for manslaughter, was given permission to spend a night at his home.

Sheriff Peeries Lambert reported Monday that McClary had surrendered after hiding out in a nearby swamp for almost a week.

here last week. The next day, he was accused of the murder of his wife, the third to die by his hands.

The slain woman, Mrs. Willie Alma Burgess, was found by police in a pool of blood at her home. Her throat had been slashed. The search was made at the home when McClary failed to show up at the prison camp.

In 1937, he went to prison for killing his first wife with a shotgun blast. Ten years later, he killed his second wife and her male companion with a pistol. He had finished his first sentence and remarried.

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Civil Service Positions Open WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The U.S. Civil Service commission announced last week the opening of competitive examinations or appointments to positions of architect, \$3,727 to \$6,235 per year; nursing consultant, \$4,479 to \$7,432; engineering aid, \$2,152 to \$3,727; and medical officer—radiating intern, \$2,200 to \$2,400; psychiatric resident, \$2,400 to \$4,100; and surgical resident, \$3,727 to \$5,000.

Positions as engineering aid are open in all branches of engineering except cartographic. The medical officer posts are at Elizabeth hospital, Washington. Education and or experience are the requirements. All necessary forms may be procured from the commission, its regional offices, and any first or second-class post office.

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Marshall Applauds Primary Ruling

Hailing the affirmation by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of a lower court decision preventing the Democratic Party of South Carolina from denying Negroes full participation in the party, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, stated this week that Negroes in South Carolina, "armed with this vindication of their rights," are at last making plans for full and complete exercise of their right to vote.

The decision, handed down by Judge J. Parker, Murray A. Speer and Armistead M. Dobbie, fully sustained the permanent injunction issued by Federal District Judge J. Waties Waring of South Carolina in the NAACP case, *Brow v. Beakin*, ordering the Democratic Party of the state to cease its discrimination against Negro citizens.

NAACP attorneys handling the case were Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, S. C., and Thurgood Marshall, Robert L. Carter and Constance Baker Motley of New York.

J. B. BECK IS RETIRED AT HOWARD

GEORGETOWN — J. B. Beck, principal of the Howard School here for a number of years, will be officially retired on June 2 at the annual commencement exercises.

Considered the dean of South Carolina principals, Mr. Beck, the accomplished educator, took over an insignificant elementary school consisting of about 300 children many years ago, and it has been developed into one of the best in the state, having an enrollment now of 1,700. Working with him has been G. W. Howard, vice principal.

This year's closing will be the first in the first since the addition of the twelfth grade. Class honors were won by Miss Pearl Ruby King and Charles William Brown.

The commencement address is to be delivered by Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, a native son, who is instructor in biology at Morgan State College. Rev. F. K. Sims, pastor of Bethesda Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 29. The finals will be held on June 2.

Say Principal Fired Pair Liking NAACP

MULLINS — Charges that principal Saul Johnson of the Palmetto high school fired two teachers because they held NAACP memberships, or approved their dismissal, flew thick and fast here on the week-end.

The charges developed after Mr. and Mrs. Harris, both having worked satisfactorily at the school for four years, received notices by mail from education superintendent Cox, notifying them that the trustees had voted against rehiring them for another year.

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Say Six Beaten By Men

How an unidentified group of young men turned the tables on six unmasked klansmen bent on meeting justice and treatment to a Negro who had incurred KKK wrath was being told around West Columbia on the week-end, though nobody was able to identify any of the colored men who are alleged to have put half a dozen unmasked white men to routs last Friday night.

As the story was told a reporter, the sextet had headed for a Negro's home, to give him a pasting for some action with which klansmen had not agreed. It appears that Negroes in the section, not far from "Dixiana" where 17 year old Shelton Lorick was seized and taken for a midnight ride and beating two weeks ago, had prepared for another visit, and that when the group arrived in two cars, they were seen by a group of youngsters who had not retired for the night.

The young men are said to have quickly swelled their number and to have descended upon the marauders, putting them to rout. Two or three shots were reported fired by the attacking group. The invaders fled in their automobiles, and pronto.

ROBBERY FOULBROED A check of homes in the vicinity of West Columbia, Cayes and Dixiana disclosed that the owners have prepared against a midnight invasion. In one area, younger men have volunteered to hang around late at night to spot suspicious white men, who

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Georgia Mayor Unmasks Klansmen

SOPERTON, GA. — (ANS) — If there is any mayor who has gained the plaudits of all his citizens, it is mayor James W. Cochran, who stout of policemen, went out Sunday night and ripped the masks from three of six klansmen he found running a round town, plucked them in the town's town, and announced that the trio will have to stand trial in the town court, over which he may preside.

In Atlanta, Grand Dragon Samuel Green lambasted the Soperton mayor, declaring that the KKK had had trouble before and may take action against this little town's defiance. Informed of Green's statement, mayor Cochran stood his ground, and offered no apology for his forthright action, which had brought him hundreds of applauding letters by late on Tuesday.

who held NAACP membership here, and that Johnson had accused the couple of "taking side with the organization, and against him, some time ago when the state NAACP spanked him for alleged misuse of veterans labor at the institution.

HAS OWN PROBLEMS Meanwhile, Mr. Johnson had worries. He spent Saturday at Columbia, testifying as to his part in setting "bonuses" to his teachers during the February examinations. Reports are that some teachers in the county paid as high as \$40.00 for these. Johnson is said to have admitted his part in county hearing at Marion several days ago.

One complaint said to have been made by the principal against the Harris family is that he suspected they (Harrises) had tipped authorities off on the selling of answers of examinations here, the deposed instructors deny.