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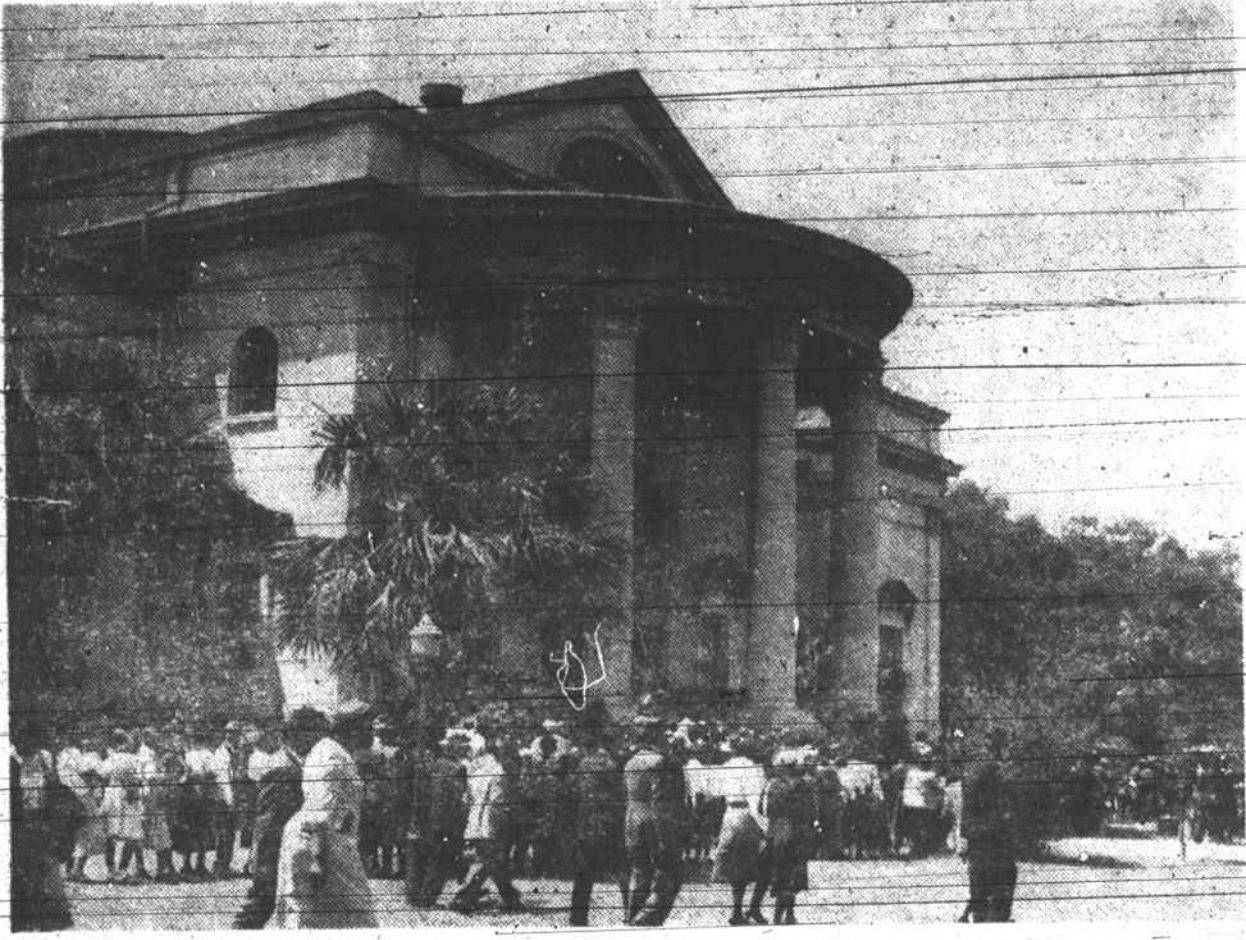
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On Record Adult Pilgrimage



Shown above is part of the 4,500 persons in an expedition of Adult School students who visited the Charleston Museum during the annual meeting of the Adult School, which was held in Charleston this year. The historic Museum building is a landmark in South Carolina, and inside the visitors looked over collections which are among the finest in the country. Museum officials said the pilgrimage was largest of record.

Charleston Is Host To 4,500 Adult Students

By E. M. PARKER (Staff Correspondent)

CHARLESTON — County Hall in upper King street was the gathering spot for some 4,500 adult school students, their teachers and chaperones Sunday.

The throng heard a stirring address from Dr. J. J. Seabrook, president of Claflin University at Orangeburg.

The pilgrimage of 103 buses made a tour of historical places in the city, crossed the Cooper River Bridge, and visited Sullivan's Island. Lunch was served at the hall, after which Dr. Seabrook spoke on "Why Stop Learning?" He was introduced by Miss Wil Lou Gray, pioneer and head of the state's Opportunity schools.

Miss M. Tolbert, state supervisor of adult education, was in charge of the program. Bonds, Wilson, Burke high and the Gospel Singers rendered music.

Boy Scouts from Troops 40 and 102 distributed programs. The visitors were welcomed by G. C. Flampton, county superintendent. Rev. B. F. Sumpter gave the invocation and local arrangements were handled by Mrs. M. A. LaSalle, James R. Bonds, A. C. Wilson and L. Jennings, respectively.

E. Milby Barton, director of the Charleston Museum, said this was the largest single group ever to visit the Charleston Museum.

Mrs. A. S. Rollins of the Charleston County Board of Education, C. J. Martin, state agent of Negro Schools and Robert Schroeder, superintendent of St. Paul's Schools, all members of the state board of education were among those present.

McCray To Tell Greenville Citizens Of State Program

GREENVILLE — John H. McCray of Columbia, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer, and state chairman of South Carolina Progressive Democrats, will be main speaker at a mass meeting here Thursday night, May 11.

Roy Williams, editor of The Greenville American, said the Columbia civic and journalistic leader had been invited to address citizens on what is expected of them as fruitful citizens, attention being given to voting and other matters of interest to the state as a whole.

STATE DEMOCRATS IN VOTE SESSION FRIDAY

State Leaders To Complete Plans For Voting Here In Session Friday

A day's institute on voting procedures under the new state law and methods by which some 200,000 Negroes may be registered by June 10, is scheduled to be held Friday, May 12. John H. McCray, state chairman of Progressive Democrats, said Wednesday.

Calls to each club and precinct organization were expected to be delivered all over the state by week-end. Three sessions are scheduled to be held at Allen University, beginning at noon on Friday.

A two-hour review of the law is set for from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M. From 3:45 to 5:30, the meeting will confine itself to district and county programs and the final session is tentatively set for 7:30, at which it is expected that Rev. William L. Dawson or some other persons representing the Democratic National Committee, will deliver the main address.

The session is to be attended jointly by delegations from the NAACP chapters and other groups interested in getting Negroes registered and voting this year. A crop of reference for the afternoon sessions has been drawn, and includes the following persons who are to answer questions and be in position to help work out all voting details: James M. Hinton, state NAACP president; Attorney Harold R. Boulware, Mrs. A. W. Simkins, A. J. Clement, Jr., Julius E. Williams, Sr., Mr. McCray, Mrs. Annie Belle Weston, E. A. Montgomery and several others.

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The Columbia Women's Council, after much deliberation during a local meeting which came as a follow-up of the political action workshop held here last Saturday, decided to go directly to the local ministerial unions with the request for full cooperation on the part of every minister in Columbia and Richland county in the drive to get all eligible citizens to register now for participation in the July primaries when a state senator, governor, and other state, county and local officials will be nominated.

Mrs. G. E. Nelson, dynamic leader of the council forces, and Mrs. James M. Hinton were named to approach the unions at once.

Following Mrs. Nelson's report on the contacts, during the political action meeting of the Columbia Citizens committee on Monday evening, it was suggested that a seminar on registering and voting be arranged for ministers and all church auxiliary officers so that precise information could be carried by them to every member and friend of the respective churches, and through them into every neighborhood and every walk of life. Ministers present favored the suggestion.

Plans for the seminar are in the making with probably the Columbia Citizens committee and the Columbia Women's Council serving as co-sponsors.

Nelson's Case Up For Probing By Grand Jury

Following a hearing in the court of magistrate Cal Lawson here last Thursday, the case involving an alleged role in lists state teachers held in 1949 against Dean Guerny E. Nelson of Benedict College, was sent up to the Richland county grand jury by the magistrate, denying a motion for dismissal made by Dean Nelson's attorney, Gary Paschal, of Columbia.

It developed at the hearing, which was one Dean Nelson had sought unsuccessfully for several weeks following his arrest, the first part of March, that the state had caused to be issued a warrant alleging that in 1948 the dean had sold an answer list to one Robert Dean of Aiken county. However, at the hearing, the 1948 date was stricken and the charges were made as of the examination in 1949.

Thus far the state has made no allegations as to cheating in any year prior to 1949, admitting that it would have to have samples in order to bring the charges.

Chief witness for the state at the Thursday hearing was Robert Dean, who testified that he had obtained the list from Dean Nelson at around 11 P. M. the night before the examinations on Feb. 19, 1949, paying \$150 for it, or three times the \$50 paid the year before. Dean said he was getting the list for teachers at Aiken county.

However, under cross examination, Dean admitted that he had given members of the constabulary false information at several times as they worked on him following his own arrest in connection with the case.

Mr. Paschal, questioning McColl of the University of South Carolina, who had custody of the tests, brought out that Dean Nelson had received his set of the examinations at about 4 P. M. It was reasoned that he arrived at home about two hours later.

Dr. McColl said it took about 10 hours to work out the test and conceded that Dean Nelson couldn't have worked out the answers alone by 11 P. M., even had he started at 4 P. M.

Dean Nelson did not testify himself, this being a preliminary hearing.

The case is expected to come up in the June term of General Sessions Court here, if it is not disallowed by the grand jury.

He Kissed Dog, Gave Wife Pat

DETROIT (Global) — A divorce was granted Mrs. Patricia J. Stephens here last week because her husband "thought it funny to kiss the dog goodbye and give me a pat every morning."

Get Up Or Shut Up

AN EDITORIAL

Of the 314,216 Negroes in South Carolina, 281,000 of 11, and in the November election this year. If they were them are of voting age, one-half of the adults can easily register to vote and cast their ballots in primaries on July 11, if they are registered. It is possible that as many as 300,000 of them can meet registration requirements, but certainly 200,000 of them can.

Among them are school teachers, preachers, professionals, farm hands, laborers, domestics and men and women from all walks of life. Practically everyone of them knows the score in so far as their race is concerned. They know under what pain they have been put, and of what efforts are exerted to keep them ineffective and dawdling people. The door mats of the race-bigots, the Dixiecrats and those who believe and say that when God created man, He meant for one man to keep his foot on the neck of another.

In their meetings, in little groups at the barber shop, the beauty parlor, in the college classrooms and after services in the little country church, they exchange views on their common plight, but then they return to their place on the ground, stretch out their necks and allow somebody to replace his foot on their throats, and there they lay and writhe under the pressure.

It is time that the Negro get up off the ground. It is time that he stand on his feet and fight unitedly against the foot and the pressure. It is time that he slap the racial demagogue in the teeth, perhaps knock out a few of them; and he can do all of these things through the simple expedient of the ballot, the right to full use of which he now has—if he qualifies by June 10; that is: get registered to vote.

There are perhaps 75,000 registered Negroes in the state, but this is less than one-half the number we must

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MCGILL SEES COURT ACTION AS SOLUTION

By William Gordon

ATLANTA — (SNS) — Ralph McGill, editor of The Atlanta Constitution, told an audience at Morris Brown College Tuesday that "we must believe in civil rights" and that above being good Southerners, "we must first be good Americans."

The occasion was the 69th annual Founder's Day celebration of Morris Brown College being held on the campus of this most highly praised institution founded by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. McGill was the principal speaker. Editor McGill told his capacity audience, composed of students, faculty members, and of friends of the college that a most effective means for the Negro to achieve full citizenship rights is through governmental procedure. Such, he said, would come about as a result of well planned and well organized court action.

Lauds Dr. Bunche While emphasizing his stand on civil rights, editor McGill praised Dr. Ralph Bunche for his present stand on the question of human relations. He apologized for not being present to hear Dr. Bunche on his visit to Atlanta Sunday, at which time the director of the United Nations Trusteeship Division delivered the fifth John Hope lecture, a special feature, dedicated to the life and work of the former president of Atlanta University.

While telling a brief story of his recent trip to Palestine and the Far East, editor McGill said, "we are not alone with a problem here in America." He told how deep the feeling of hate and prejudice still persist among the Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land.

He backed up this statement by saying that "prejudice is false in its premise" and that to generalize in this field is most "dangerous."

Courts Disappoints In praising the founders and present leaders of the college the editor told his audience that he was disappointed in the recent Supreme Court decision of the Georgia county unit system.

Speaking of the methods by which the Negro is trying to achieve full citizenship, he said: "If I were you, I would also be impatient."

Several other distinguished citizens and church leaders were among speakers during the observances during the celebration.

Father Sean will serve for Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell, of New Orleans, who has been transferred to Massachusetts by his superiors in the Society of Mary for a six month period.

The new chairman was chosen at a meeting of the CCS executive committee in Atlanta. Committee members also decided to hold the next CCS convention in Columbia, S. C. in January.

Father O'Connell brilliantly and successfully has led the Catholic Committee of the South through some trying years of expansion, said Father Sheen, "so that now it is entering a period of higher organization and more intensified effort. I hope that in his place, to be able to aid these efforts of the South."

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Indian Mother Made 'Mother Of Year' 1950



Mr. McGill

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WASHINGTON — Announcement of a panel discussion on "Protecting Human Rights" to be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago on Sunday, May 14, as part of the National Democratic Conference and Jefferson Jubilee was made today by William M. Boyle, Jr., Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — (CNS) — Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud is all smiles this week after being notified that she has been chosen "Mother of the Year" for 1950. She is the first Indian woman to be so named.

Mrs. Cloud is the mother of Mrs. Marion Hughes, first Indian girl to graduate from Wellesley College.

The award had another "first" several seasons back when they chose the mother of Atlanta University president, Rufus E. Clement, who was the first colored woman to be so honored.

CHARLESTON LEADER BACKED FOR HOUSE

Spectacular Congressional Fight Looms Ahead In First District

(An Exclusive Story)

CHARLESTON — Barring an unexpected turn, plans were complete around 11 P. M. here Wednesday night for the formal entry into the congressional race of the first district by A. J. Clement, Jr.

Yielding finally to urgings of close friends and several groups, Mr. Clement, an insurance executive had agreed to make the race late Wednesday night, and was scheduled to go to Columbia Thursday morning and pay his \$500 entry fee just before closing time at noon.

Mr. Clement would oppose Rep. Mendel Rivers of Charleston, who for several terms passed him had no opposition. If the entry is made as it appeared it would be late Wednesday night voters in the first district are possibly in for a real battle, and a colorful campaign.

Rep. Rivers, a bitter foe of civil rights, and outspoken foe of civil legislation and who first offered impeachment proceedings against U. S. District Court Judge J. Waties Waring because of the latter's decisions in two primary voting cases, will find himself in the position of traveling from county to county in this nine county district and having to pit his wit against that of an accomplished orator, and one of the most capable among leadership in Mr. Clement's group.

Will Be Supported No official comment about the expected entry was available late Wednesday, political leaders saying they preferred to wait until after the official entry. But at Columbia, John H. McCray, state chairman of Progressive Democrats, for whom Mr. Clement is the executive secretary, admitted that efforts had been under way several months to get the 42 year old dynamic leader to make the race.

He said he was "happy to know that Arthur (Mr. Clement's full name is Arthur John) has agreed to make this sacrifice. I am sure citizens in the first district will welcome the opportunity to vote for a man of his ability and views, and will begin now to get for him the largest vote in the history of the district."

According to the 1949 census, the first district listed a total of 122,000 white citizens, and a total of 147,000 colored. Counties are: Charleston, Berkeley, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Allendale, Dorchester, and Clarendon.

Negroes held a decisive majority in eight of the nine, the exception being Charleston, in which there wasn't as much as one percent difference in the almost 50-50 population.

District manager for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company here, Mr. Clement is a graduate of Johns C. Smith University at Charlotte, N. C., and is married to the former Miss Irma Robinson of Charleston. They have two sons, Howard and Billy.

The entry marks the first in modern history and possibly the first since operation of the party under provisions of the state constitution of 1895.

Two years ago, Mr. Clement was a candidate for the county council here and made an excellent showing.

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RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Attorney George W. Crawford of New Haven, Conn., who has been a trustee of Talladega College (Talladega, Ala.) for the last 45 years, is shown (left) above during convocation exercises at Talladega on April 14, at which the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him.

Attorney Crawford is shown with President A. D. Beittel, center, and Dean James Tate Cater, right. Mr. Crawford has also served as trustee of Howard University, Washington, D. C., for the last 24 years, and his interest in the welfare of Talladega prompted one trustee to say that "no other living person has done as much in the interest of Talladega."