

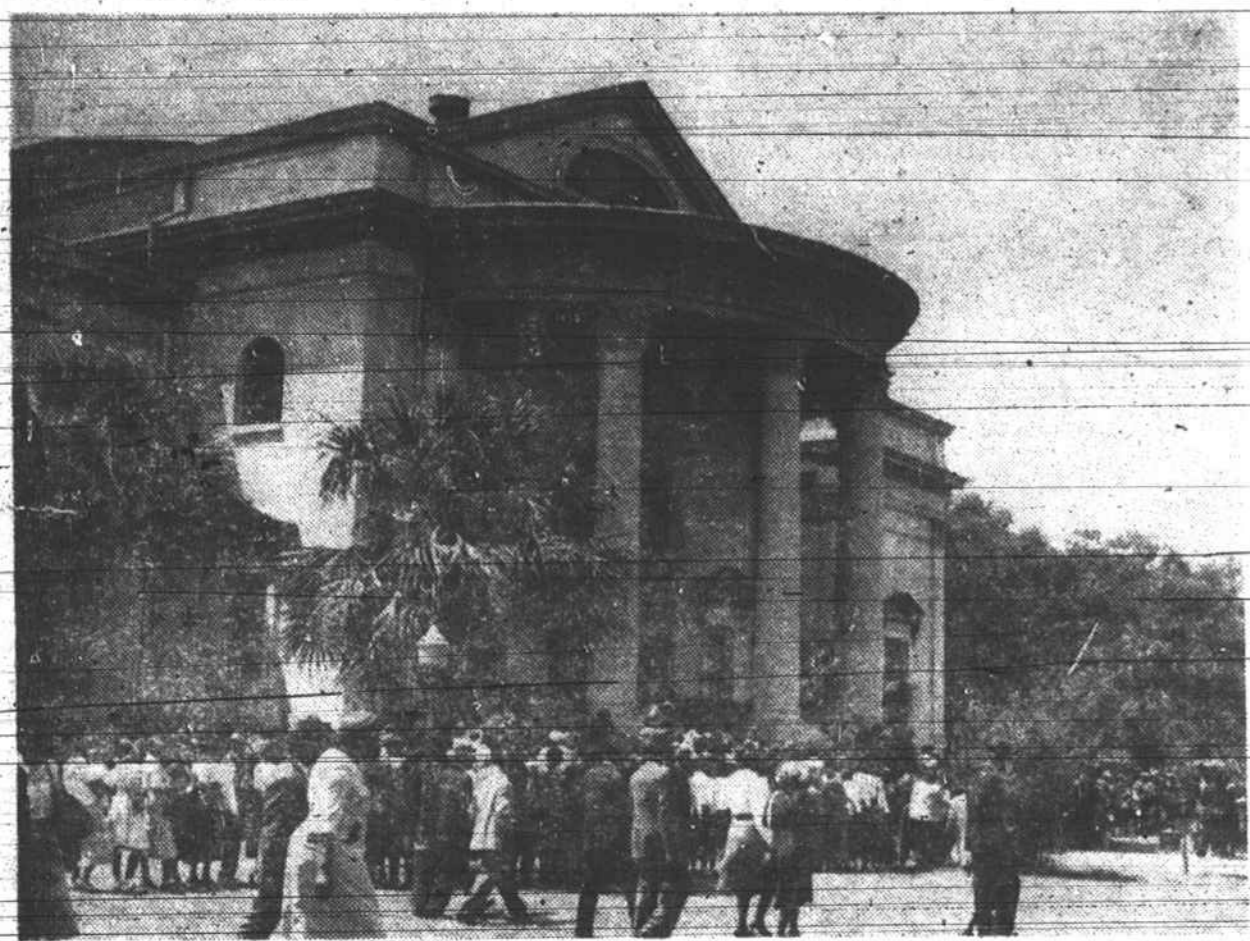
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PRICE TEN CENTS

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 their parents...

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...

Women's Council Asks Pastors To Join Vote Drive

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.

McCray To Tell Greenville's State Program

GREENVILLE — John H. McCray of Columbia, editor of The Light House 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 Columbia Civic and Journalistic Leader had been invited to address citizens on what is expected to be a fruitful citizens' attention being given to voting and other matters of interest to the state as a whole.

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 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 in 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 Dr. McCall 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. McCall 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.

Get Up Or Shut Up AN EDITORIAL

Of the 811,216 Negroes in South Carolina, 381,009 of them are of voting age. One-half of the adults can easily register to vote and cast their ballots in primaries on July, canvassed carefully, 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 CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR

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."



Mr. McGill

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 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.

S. C. Priest New Head Of Catholic Comm. of South

ATLANTA — Rev. Maurice Shean of Rock Hill, S. C. is the new acting chairman of the eleven-state Catholic Committee of the South, interracial organization of clergy and laymen devoted to racial justice, labor relations, education in social problems and similar activities.

Father Shean 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 Shean, "so that now it is entering a period of better organization and more intensified effort. I hope, in his plans, to be able to aid in the development of the committee."

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."



SPEAKS SUNDAY — Judge Homer Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa. will deliver the annual address for the Alpha Phi Alpha men in the Columbia area here Sunday afternoon. The program will be held in the Allen University Auditorium and begins at 4 P. M.

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."

Court 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.

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.

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.

BULLETIN

Arriving here shortly after 11 A. M. Thursday, Mr. Clement posted his \$500 entry fee for the race in the first district and left for Florence on business before returning to Charleston. He said he qualified at about 11:40, and had no difficulty in doing so. The fee was paid in \$500 new \$1.00 bills.



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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.

Darlington Has 6,000 Registered, Seeks 4,000 Yet

By E. P. Broome

DARLINGTON — Our people in this Pee Dee County are talking about politics in a big way these days, and not just through their hats. Darlington, really has something about which to talk, an examination of the record shows. To begin with, they have written a bit of political history. At the recently held county convention, they had 25 colored sitting with the total of 341 delegates. Then, their county chairman, businessman W. J. Hunter, was nominated and elected a delegate to the state convention. The nomination was made by a white delegate in the county convention.

On the action front, Darlington CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

DEMOCRATIC BOSSES IN CIVIL RIGHTS PANEL

Truman To Close Major Meeting After Leaders Consider Program

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

United States Senator Theodore Francis Green, of Rhode Island, Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will preside over the panel meeting. Arrangements for the panel are being made by Representative William Dawson, of Illinois, also vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Simultaneous announcement of the human rights panel was made in Chicago by Stuyvesant Peabody, Jr., chairman of the Chicago Host Committee for the Conference and Jubilee, and Barnett Hodess, Executive Chairman. The Chicago Conference and Jubilee opens on May 13 with a meeting of the Democratic National Committee. Discussion panels will be held on Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday.

Indian Mother Made Mother Of Year 1950

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 Wesleyan 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.

On Monday evening, President Truman will attend a gigantic rally at the Chicago Stadium and deliver a major address. In announcing the Human Rights panel, Chairman Boyle said: "In a time of cold warfare it was a candidate for the county election here and made an excellent showing."

The entry marks the first in modern history and possibly the first since operation of the party Rights panel. Chairman Boyle said: "Two years ago, Mr. Clement was a candidate for the county election here and made an excellent showing."

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. Bettel, 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."