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Shedding Light for a Growing Race

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S. C. Methodists Back Fight On Jimcrow

DIXIECRATS WIN WHEN:

Negroes Fight Among Selves During Election

EX NAACP HEADS JOINED FORCES MOST FOLK FOUGHT

CHARLESTON—(Special)—Why did incumbent mayor Wm. McG. Morrison, Jr., trailing him in the first Democratic primary, bounce ahead and defeat state Senator O. T. Wallace for the office of mayor here July 24?

Any resident will tell you "It was the race issue," and most will blame it also on a minority division within Negro ranks.

Five days before the important second primary, nobody would give you a nickle for Morrison's chances. Then, events turned, most of them on the Negro.

As detailed by one Wallace supporter, they ran something like this:

The night of July 20 the two candidates met in public debate on Marion Square. There, Morrison, who had been expected to evade the meeting, popped up and put some damaging questions before the state senator.

The next morning (Saturday) The News and Courier—a Morrison backer—came out with two letters from Negroes, one [illegible] A. J. Clement, Jr. who urged [illegible] to vote together and [illegible] the question. The other was from Dr. E. B. Burroughs, a Morrison backer, who declared that Negroes weren't going to be coerced into voting togteher.

In the meantime, Morrison backers had printed literature for white homes attacking a March 20, 1949 statement of the Rev. R. I. Lemon, also a Morrison supporter, the literature being some Negroes backing Wallace had had printed. At the bottom, the Morrison forces said:

"To The White People of Charleston—Let's give the Negro People a break in Charleston. Let's lead the parade. Let's invite them to rent living quarters in our new apartments. Let's open our Restaurants and Movie Houses to them. Let's invite them to our homes and schools Let's vote a straight Wallace Ticket. Call Your Friends. Win With Wallace."

On Sunday, July 22, Negro Wallace backers had distributed at their churches, handbills which advertised a political rally Monday night, July 23, in Morris Brown AME Church, at which John Wesley Dobbs of Atlanta was the main speaker.

Monday morning, the Morrison forces had printed and distributed below Calhoun street, predominantly white section, copies of the handbill, at the bottom of which was carried this affidavit:

State of South Carolina
County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me Reverend B. F. Sumpter and Dr. E. B. Burroughs, who being duly sworn, say and depose that on Sunday, July 22, 1951, immediately following morning service at Old Bethel Methodist Church and Mt. Zion AME Church several people standing outside the churches distributed to the respective congregations the attached handbill. The deponents further say and depose that one of these bills was handed to him.

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of July, 1951.

(S) Dr. E. B. Burroughs
(S) Rev. B. F. Sumpter
Charles J. Baker, Jr.
Notary Public for S. C.

Dr. Burroughs is a member of Old Bethel and Rev. Sumpter is pastor of Mt. Zion, being moved there from Newberry.

Former NAACP Heads

Labeled firm Morrison men were Dr. Burroughs, Reverends Sumpter and Lemon, each of whom has served as president of an NAACP branch, Burroughs and Lemon here, and Sumpter while at Newberry.

What apparently irked most of the Negro leadership was not the weight and influence of the trio within the Negro group; rather that the information they took to the other side was being used to stir up white voters, against Wallace, and more importantly against Negroes.

Much Together

On the other hand, having shaken off a bad case of disorganization during last year's state races, Negroes had perfected their finest unity for political action. Among this group were: [illegible] Clement, Jr., NAACP president and who ran for congress last year; Dr. W. W. Jones, county Progressive Democratic chairman, Mrs. Mable Green, noted organizational leader; Rev. Frank Veal, pastor Emanuel AME Church; Rev. B. J. Glover, AME pastor; Rev. E. A. L. Lampkin, YMCA executive secretary, Pinvkney B. Ezekiel, contractor; Mrs. Mamie E. Fields, women's

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Johnson To Skip Commission Job Being Rumored

Unconfirmed rumors, following a ministerial attack last week on his appointment to the State Education Finance Commission, swept Columbia early this week that C. A. Johnson, former supervisor of Columbia Negro schools, might resign from his untaken office of assistant to chairman E. R. Crow of the Commission.

Reliable, but unquotable sources, said "Mr. Johnson feels very hurt over the reaction his appointment received, and that if the people don't want him to serve, he will not do so."

Another source disclosed that a woman, who had been scheduled to act as his secretary in the new office, had told friends she wouldn't resign her present position since she understood "Mr. Johnson isn't going to take the job."

A third report was that the appointment had come to the veteran educator as a surprise, that he hadn't been consulted beforehand, and gained his first knowledge of it from newspaper reports. However, others commented that such an action was unlikely, considering the completeness as to time schedules in the newspaper stories.

Meanwhile, citizens backed up and applauded the Columbia Interdenominational Ministers Union this week for the stand they took. The union held that the appointment was made without deference to possible Negro thinking and was such that it would not succeed.

Hastie Up Named For Top Court

With the presidential election only a year off, already politicians are talking of making Judge William H. Hastie a U. S. Supreme Court Justice. Writing in the September edition of Our World magazine, Warren Gardner explains in his feature story, "Is He Headed for the U. S. Su-

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preme Court why he thinks this move will be made.

Pointing out that Negro voters began throwing their weight around in 1932, Gardner declares that in the next election they will hold the balance of power in 15 key states. Knowing all this, plus the fact that they haven't passed any of the promised legislation of the '48 elec-

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Move To Halt No Bias Fight Beaten In Court Ruling

WILMINGTON, Del. — The suit to abolish segregation in the public elementary and secondary schools of Delaware remains on the calendar of the federal three-judge court here, following denial of a motion by the State's Attorney General to dismiss the case. The suit, instituted [illegible] citizens, is supported by the NAACP, which succeeded last year in breaking down the barriers against Negro students at the University of Delaware.

A NEW COMIC!!

For you kiddies! A brand new comic strip! Puggy and his Puppy! On page Three!

Corporal James H. Malone of Fort Jackson, is working on a large representative picture of an infantryman in combat for post headquarters on assignment from Major General Harry J. Collins, commander of Fort Jackson and the 8th Infantry Division. The completed canvases, composed of two pieces of canvas spliced together, will be over seven feet wide and nine feet high

Third Army Headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga., has announced that all six pictures entered in the Third Army Art Contest by Malone, who won the Fort Jackson Art Contest, have been chosen for competition in the All-Army Art Contest in Washington.

Fort Jackson Corporal, Who Has Won Many Awards, Doing Special Portrait

All six paintings by Corporal James H. Malone of Fort Jackson, entered in the Third Army Art Contest have been chosen to be forwarded to Washington for the All-Army Art Contest.

Judged by Atlanta art critics in a contest held at Fort McPherson, Ga., July 7, the results were recently announced by Third Army Headquarters. Corporal Malone had won [illegible]

Art Contest [illegible]

Impressed with the soldier's talent, Major General Harry J. Collins, commander of Fort Jackson and the 8th Infantry Division, has given him an assignment on a large painting at post headquarters.

The [illegible] representative [illegible] seven feet wide and nine feet high.

A versatile artist, Malone works in techniques varying from oil and watercolor paintings to pencil and ink drawing. A [illegible] self-taught, he first received recognition in 1948 when [illegible] a poster contest sponsored by the Atlanta Crime Prevention Association. The next [illegible] earned first prize in [illegible]

[illegible] Currently assigned to Special Services with the 3451st Service Unit at Fort [illegible] Corporal Malone has done extensive art work on recreational facilities. He recently returned from the 8th [illegible] Leave Center at Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he did murals in the recreation hall [illegible] decoration in the mess hall and in the guard's quarters.

[illegible] A native of Atlanta, Ga., he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Malone who now live on Route 1, Austell, Ga.

The soldier-artist, a staff sergeant, is a member of the school faculty of Atlanta's Booker T. Washington High School, from which he graduated in 1949, and of Morehouse College, which he attended [illegible] prior to entering the service.

Citizens Asked To Sign Cards Asking Special Election

Thousands of Columbians began receiving letters and postal cards Wednesday, requesting them to indicate whether or not they favor a $2,363,560 city improvement program, recommended by the City Planning Commission and approved by city council.

The cards, if the citizen approves the program, are to be signed, along with the address of the signee, and dropped in the mail. No postage is necessary as this is furnished on the self-addressed postal cards.

A card does not represent a vote on the issue. It merely requests council to hold an election on the proposal, which is to be scheduled later in event 51 percent of the freeholders favor the program.

The improvement program, something the city hasn't worked on in 10 years despite its having increased in population by 37 percent, covers such items as the new Millwood-Gervais Traffic Way, a beautiful addition to the city, better facilities for sanitary garbage disposal, the police department and the city jail, city buildings, parks and recreational facilities, drainage and street paving.

In the event this program is defeated, then the city would have to resort to increased taxes. The present plan makes additional taxes unnecessary.

Civic leaders have all agreed to the improvement program.

Dr. Hill Speaker For Allen U's Closing Exercises

Dr. D. G. Hill, dean of the chapel at Howard University in Washington will be the commencement speaker for the Allen Summer School graduates Thursday night, August 9, 7 o'clock, in the Allen University auditorium.

Dr. Hill was born in Annapolis, Md. and is the son of a minister of the local AME annual conference. He studied at Lincoln University, Hill School of Theology, the University of Oregon, Pacific School of Religion, and took his Th. D. at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.

Dr. Hill was a Second Lieutenant in World War II in the Infantry. Upon return to civilian life he became probation officer, Court of Domestic Relations of Multnomah county, Oregon. He was case worker and supervisor, State Relief Administration, Oakland, California, 1936-40, and for 25 years experience in [illegible] work in Missouri, Colorado, Oregon and California [illegible] 1940-43, he was a [illegible] of the Oakland YMCA, a member of the Mayor's Defense and Recreation Committee, Oakland and Berkeley, Cal., 1942-[illegible] chairman of the Race Relations Committee, Denver Council of Churches, 1944-45; and [illegible], Denver FEPC Commission, 1945.

Dr. Hill is resource leader for race relations conferences and activities among student groups, and for the application of social work techniques in pastoral programs. Presently, in addition to the chair of dean at Howard University, he is associate professor of practical theology in the School of Religion at Howard.

Bishop Bowen Supports NAACP's Test Suit

Members of the South Carolina Methodist Church, this week, went on record, through their presiding Bishop, as end jimcrowed public schools.

Notification of the denomination's position was given in a letter to James M. Hinton, NAACP state president, from Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, bishop over the Atlantic Coast Area of the church, which embraces South Carolina.

"You have my full and wholehearted support in this endeavor of the NAACP in the State of South Carolina", Bishop Bowen wrote. "I have kept my deep interest in this great movement", the prelate said.

"My attitude", he wrote, "has been, and is, that this whole situation of segregation, such as we suffer particularly in the South, and in many instances in other parts of our Country, is both unreasonable and non-Christian altogether.

"It is the basis of many evils, too numerous to mention, but among them the evil of keeping one group underneath the heel of another group simply on account of the division of peoples by race, will be eliminated, whether this is in public schools, or in other areas of life, when men will come to recognize men as such, and give full credit to the contributions that people can make to the culture of the land without regard to the place where there ancestors were born.

"I go wholeheartedly behind all movements", Bishop Bowen went on, "which will eliminate differences among men, differences that men create, differences that are created to exalt one man and to debase another". He pledged the support of his office to help "eliminate the artificial barriers that men have erected one against another."

"May God bless your movement", the prelate concluded.

The Methodist Church in South Carolina, thusly, joins forces with the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the State Baptist Convention, both of whom have previously thrown their full support behind the legal action to eliminate segregation in public schools. Bishop Frank Madison Reid of the AME church issued a denunciation of jimcrowism several weeks ago and told the NAACP his 110,000 or more members would support the action. The State Baptist Convention, in May, resolved against not only school jimcrowism, but segregation in all forms.

During the week Bishop D. Ward Nichols advised the national office of NAACP that the entire organization in this country and abroad [illegible] behind the support of the effort in South Carolina, and backed Bishop Reid fully in the position he has taken.

The Palmetto State Teachers Association denounced segregation in its annual meeting here last March, and several other organizations have done likewise.

Augusta Hate Sheet Having Case Of Fits

AUGUSTA, Ga. — (Special) — Georgia's hate sheet, The Augusta Courier, is still in a rage over the way Atlanta received the 42nd national NAACP meeting last month.

In its July 23 issue, the four-page Roy V. Harris weekly, assails Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta, the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution, for what he said was a "howling success" for NAACP, the alleged high point being the dancing of white women and colored men and white men and colored women, at a social function during the session. (In an editorial, Harris refers to the colored men as "Negro bucks" but white men are just

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ANDERSON SAYS FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS LACKING

The 75 million dollar school improvement program adopted by the legislature this year is not sufficient to establish equal school facilities for the two race groups, State Superintendent of Education Jesse T. Anderson told the Columbia Lions Club here Monday.

In an extemporaneous address, the department head said that a survey by his department indicated that 131 million dollars was necessary to build adequate and equal facilities in the state, or some 56 millions more than is probable now under the full use of state planning. (Some sources have held that some of the 75 millions expected under the new sales "jimcrow" school tax will be diverted for administrative expenses incidental with it, and for additional items not yet reported to taxpayers).

However, Mr. Anderson said, the overall effort is to build and to maintain equal schools for the two races. If state funds fall by the wayside, he said, it was the hope of officials that local efforts would make up deficiencies.

He indicated that the number of districts in each county would be substantially reduced by a consolidation program, and that operation of school buses would

LOVELY [illegible] bride was the former Miss Lula Ethel Weir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weir, of Anderson, and a former Anderson school marm, who was married to Henry B. Williams of Greenville, a commercial artist, June 11.

BISHOP NICHOLS SAYS:

AME Church Backs Stand Of Bishop Reid

NEW YORK — Taking the "irrevocable stand that enforced racial segregation is immoral and

ch has rejected proposals to take over state schools in South Carolina, Bishop D. Ward Nichols this week informed the NAACP.

Writing as chairman of the AME Connectional Commission on General Public Relations and Social Welfare, Bishop Nichols in a letter to Walter White ed up the rejecti[illegible] Frank Madi[illegible] Carolina of[illegible] state offici[illegible] state sch[illegible] Supr[illegible]