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## Remove Food-Medicine TAXES-Monteith Teachers Of Chesterfield Get Equal County Supplements

### CITIZEN COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL IN YEAR LONG FIGHT

CHERAW—By unanimous action taken in a meeting attended by the 36 county trustees, Senator James E. Leppard, Jr., Representatives James A. Spruill, Jr., and Paul Arant members of the Chesterfield board of education, superintendents from each school area in the districts, and the county superintendent of education, all Negro teachers in Chesterfield-county will receive supplements equal to those of white teachers, according to a report of a meeting held on April 19.

By agreement which came following a three hour discussion on how to spend the \$84,000 sales tax surplus available to Chesterfield county, the money will be spent as follows: (1) to equalize the basic supplement of the Negro teachers with that of the white teachers within each district during the 1954-55 school session; (2) to divide the remainder of the money in each school district equally among all teachers, regardless of basic salary, this money to be disbursed to teachers in nine equal monthly payments during the 1954-55 school session.

Persistent action of almost a year, spearheaded by the Citizens Committee of Chesterfield county, of which Van Buren Long is president, in protesting the inequality of supplements in the Cheraw schools, brought about what education officials characterized as "one of the most spirited debates to affect the school system in many a day." While the supplements were unequal in Districts had never been paid any supplements at all.

Although not generally known, the State Appropriation Bill provides that \$8.66 per pupil be re-ifies the growing respect and regard among Chesterfield county citizens.

tified to every school district in the state, with the money to be spent as directed by the majority vote of the county delegation, including the senator.

Negro leaders expressed themselves as gratified with the result of their labors and the justice done by school officials, which exemplified

### 4TH ANNUAL CAMP LEADERS WORKSHOP HELD

The fourth annual camp leaders workshop sponsored by the Palmetto Camping Council at Mill Creek Park was judged a great success by more than 44 participants. A well-rounded program of recreation and instruction in camp leadership highlighted the workshop which was held April 23-25.

The chief consultant for the workshop was Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, a group work instructor at the Atlanta University School of Social Work. Mrs. Johnson was the first Negro consultant in the 4 year history of the workshop, and proved highly competent. Mrs. Johnson concentrated on the values of camping and camper-counselor relations, making use of the socio-drama form of instruction.

Representatives from Benedict College, Allen University, and State A. and M. College, the Phyllis Wheatley Center of Greenville, the Charleston District Girl Scouts, the Bethlehem Center of Spartanburg, Mill Creek Orthopedic Camp, the Boy Scouts of South Carolina, Girl Scouts of the physical education departments of Booker Washington high school of Columbia, and Wilson high school of Florence, and the City of Columbia Recreation Department were in attendance.

Members of the Palmetto Camping Council who spearheaded the workshop were: Thomas H. Martin, Ollie C. Dawson, Arabella Goodwin, Wendell P. Russell and Paul H. Webber.



Mrs. Ellen C. Watson, State President of the South Carolina Federated Clubs met with the Planning Committee in Beaufort, S. C. at the home of Mrs. Jennie Kennedy, Hostess Federated Club President for the 1954 State Meeting May 7-8. Seated left to right are Mrs. Mamie Field

### A Detective And A Child Dramatize Easter

baffled, disillusioned, almost unwanted little boy of eight years found a wellspring of kindness in the warm heart of a Columbia city detective a few days, according to local reports.

Appropriately, it was on Easter Day that something happened in this little boy's life that may give him a more rational conception of Easter, and also may become a most significant turning point in his already checkered life.

Picked up for taking a quantity of candy Easter eggs from a home, City Detective J. L. Keefe, arresting officer was so much in sympathy with the child that he gave him a full Easter dinner, an outfit of wearing apparel, a beautiful Easter basket with ample candy eggs, and best of all the advice to go to school and Sunday school.

The detective said that when he told the child, "I want you to start going to church and school," the years ago, he said, took the idea

### Executive Committee Of Publicity of AME Zion Meets

Publicity and Public Relations of the A. M. E. Zion Church met last Thursday at the denominational office of the Bureau of Public Relations in Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, 151 West 136th Street, New York.

Meeting with Bishop William J. Walls who is chairman, were Rev. J. W. Findley of New York, who serves the bureau as director, Rev. David Cecil Lynch of Jersey City, N. J., Rev. J. B. Adams of Johnstown, Pa., Rev. J. A. Belton of Gastonia, N. C., and Mrs. Cleo Tyner of Williamston, N. C.

The business discussed was concerned with a far-flung program that included plans for research, for representation in the news coverage of policy making at the United Nations and active participation in the problems in the Federal government affecting the Negro and the A. M. E. Zion denomination.

### CAROLINA OMEGAS CITE CATHOLIC BISHOP

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The Sixth District Conference of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity holding its annual meeting here last week, April 16, 17 and 18, cited a Catholic Bishop for his stand on segregation in his church.

At the public meeting held in Fries Auditorium on the Winston-Salem Teachers College campus on Friday evening, The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, was awarded a handsome plaque for distinguished and historic pronouncements in the cause of Christian brotherhood and social progress.

Father Francis A. Gorman of St. Benedict's Church of Winston-Salem received the plaque on behalf of Bishop Waters. Father Gorman explained that Bishop Waters is bound by church law to remain in his cathedral during Holy Week.

Father Gorman read a statement of appreciation from Bishop Waters. "Each and every individual is another Christ," the bishop said. "Christ has of the plaque.

### Citizens Committee Urges Registration

The Rev. J. P. Reeder, president of the Citizens Committee of Columbia and Richland county, issued an urgent appeal this week for all unregistered persons to be sure to go to room 312, Richland county courthouse on or before May 8 to qualify for voting on June 8 for U. S. Senator, governor, congressman, solicitor, state senator, members of the house of representatives, and various local officials.

Dr. Reeder emphasized that the permission has been given now for citizens in Columbia and Eau Claire as well as in all other parts of the must be greatly increased registration in order to give full support at the ballot boxes for the committee's candidates, Albert A. Kennedy, Columbia attorney, for membership on the Columbia city school board; and Dr. H. D. Monteith, Columbia physician and banker, candidate for the legislature from Richland county.

It was also pointed out that persons now holding certificates dated January 1, 1948, or later, are qualified to vote until 1958.

### Mrs. Simkins To Address Florence NAACP

FLORENCE—Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, state secretary of NAACP and acting editor-manager of the Lighthouse and Informer, will address the local branch of NAACP in Cumberland Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, May 23, it has been announced.

The important role that women can play in civic and political action programs, with special relation to NAACP activities will be emphasized, it was said.

The officers of the branch hope to have a large increase in membership during their campaign now about to get under way.

Dr. A. O. Steele, professor of religious education and dean of chapel at Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte, presented the plaque.

### Daughters Of Elks In Rockhill Meet

CHARLESTON, (SPECIAL)—The Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Daughter Ruler, and the Grand Directress of Education of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World will appear on the program of the South Carolina Daughter Elks' association to be held in Rock Hill, May 9-11, according to an announcement by Mrs. Mabel L. Green of this city, president of the organization.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, successor to the late lamented J. Finley Wilson, who has rendered salient service during his two years in office, will be making his first official visit to this State.

Also here for the first time will be Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, New York, leader of the largest fraternal organization of Negro women in the world. Mrs. Jackson is a dynamic, tireless worker in many far flung organizations embracing a wide field of activities which include director of the Staten Island NAACP, past matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation; member of the family service board of the Staten Island Salvation Army, rehabilitation chairman of the Armfield-Kittrel auxiliary of the American Legion in Staten Island, and recipient in 1951 of the Red Feather certificate of merit for service rendered in the Community Chest drive.

Miss Ethel, Charleston, Grand Directress of Education, will be making her second visit. Each year the Grand Lodge of Elks gives four-year scholarships to seven young people entering college, with the present number of scholarships being approximately 57. Just recently a scholarship was made available at the Bethune-Cookman college at Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Green appealed for a large attendance at the Rock Hill meeting for which she said local members are making exhaustive plans.

Other state officials of the Daughter Elks include Miss Edna L. Butler of Columbia, secretary; and Mrs. Nesby Armstrong of Mullins, treasurer.

### Williston Branch Of NAACP Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Williston Branch of NAACP was held in Fair Mount Baptist church last Sunday afternoon, at which time the annual membership campaign was launched with Latin Berry as chairman of the membership committee.

The branch president, Mr. Lewis, urged each member to bring in as many new members as possible. Fourteen new members joined during Sunday's meeting, during which the audience heard inspiring remarks from the Reverends Smith, Rouse, and Bush. Mrs. Mary Ann Frank—Reporter

### Candidate For Legislature Decries Taxation

Doctor H. D. Monteith, candidate for the house of representatives from Richland county, speaking during the county campaign meeting at Lower Richland high school last Saturday, urged a careful study and readjustment of the state tax structure by professional tax experts, to prevent the duplication of tax levies or their overlapping. Monteith also said that expert government planning and careful government spending would result in lower taxes as well as more benefit from every tax dollar.

While revision and relief from taxes were emphasized more or less by almost every aspirant for the legislature, Monteith alone called for relief through the removal of sales tax from foods and medicines, saying that the sales tax on a ten dollar weekly grocery purchase would buy a large loaf of bread or a quart of milk and help lessen the threat of malnutrition in many hundreds of families.

Monteith said that he also bases his contention on sales tax removal on these two items on the fact that the income from sales taxes is beyond that expected, so that the resulting surplus from this source would be evened out by giving the benefit to the people from whom it came.

Sixteen persons in addition to Monteith are running for the eight house seats in Richland county. Monteith, a native Columbian, a physician, and president of the Victory Savings Bank is making his big for political office as a drafted candidate of the Citizens Committee of Columbia and Richland county.

### Hinton Refutes Timmerman's NAACP Charge

President James M. Hinton of South Carolina Conference of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, reiterated today that the NAACP is not supporting any candidate for governor.

He said a claim by Lt. Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. that NAACP support is "misleading and untrue."

Timmerman made the statement this week on the county-to-county campaign he and Bates are waging in their two-way race for the governorship. Hinton said: "It is deplorable that the race issue should be brought into the campaign by any candidate for any office." "South Carolina has many important issues that candidates should discuss," he said "and leave race and color out. "The segregation school case is before the U. S. Supreme Court and no person . . . can say what will be done, no matter which way the courts decide. . . . "Negroes will vote as they have always done, as they think and feel about candidates, and nothing Lt. Gov. Timmerman will say, or any other candidate, will change that picture.

### NAACP To Meet At Dillon

DILLON, (SPECIAL) —The junior and senior organizations of the NAACP will hold a special joint meeting Sunday afternoon at the St. Stephen Methodist church, at 4:00 o'clock. D. C. McDuffie, principal of the Little Rock school will be the speaker of the occasion. Herbert Crawford—Reporting



"Primitive Hunters" a piece of sculpture exhibited by Professor Jack Jordan, director of the art department of Allen University, won unanimously the top award of \$250.00 during the 13th annual Atlanta university art exhibition of Negro art, recently held, it has been announced.

The second award of \$100.00 was won by Margaret S. Collins of Tallahassee, Florida, for "Bust Of A Woman", "Spring" by George Shivery of Long Island, New York, received honorable mention.

Approximately 150 professional and amateur artists compete annually in the Atlanta exhibition.

Following his Atlanta award, Jordan was notified that his "David and Goliath" valued at \$350.00 and his "Primitive Torso" valued at \$50.00 have been accepted by the Jury on Selection to be displayed in the Gibbs Art Gallery in Charleston, South Carolina, through May 24.

His "Primitive Hunters" on exhibit in Atlanta through May 2, will be seen later on television and newsreel services. Jordan, a graduate of Langston university, Langston, Oklahoma, received his master's degree from the University of Iowa. He is a Mason, and holds membership in the NAACP, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and the American association of university professors. His sculpture, characterized by a primitive style, demonstrates the creative spirit that he possesses.