

Negroes Demand That Smith Censure Tiernan

HOTEL WORKERS GIVE SCHOOL NEARLY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS

CALL REMARKS "APPEAL TO MOB AND LYNCHLAW"

A HUGE MEETING HELD IN THE DINING ROOM

Of Royal Poinciana Hotel Sunday Afternoon. Waiters and Bellmen, Led by Joseph S. McLane, Headwaiter, Gave \$1,684.00 to Florida Normal and Industrial Institute at St. Augustine, Florida.

Palm Beach, Fla., April 1.—At a huge meeting held in the dining room of the Royal Poinciana hotel, Sunday afternoon, the waiters and bell men, led by Joseph S. McLane, the headwaiter, rendered an offering of \$1,684.00 to be given to the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute at St. Augustine, Florida. Mr. McLane's personal gift was \$500. This represents the largest single gift ever made to the education of Negroes by members of the hotel fraternity. The Royal Poinciana is the largest hotel on the east coast of Florida. N. W. Collier, one of the outstanding educators of the country is principal of the school. Last year he succeeded in interesting Mr. McLane, perhaps the best known hotel executive among the group and the latter pledged his men to furnish a room in the new building which the Institute had just dedicated. The meeting this week in which the men quadrupled the pledge was the result. Mr. McLane presided and after addresses by Principal Collier and Rev. Charles Stewart of Chicago who called attention to the fact that the hotel men represent some of the best institutions in the country commended his waiters by saying:

"This is perhaps the first time the waiters of any hotel on such a large scale have attempted to do something for our own institutions. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in serving the large number of people who have been here this summer. You have been workers and not shirkers, and you have put thought into the service you have rendered. I am proud of you."

A number of guests inspired by the waiters' attitude sent checks.

CARD OF THANKS FROM HOUSING COMMITTEE.

To all persons of Columbia who made reservations for the accommodation of teachers attending the convention last week, do we wish to address this card of appreciation.

The city was crowded with teachers attending their annual convention and they were pleased with the entertainment given them. There is just one matter that arose in the handling of the delegates that was a little unpleasant, and that was the fact that many of the persons receiving assignments cut their assignments by not going to the homes provided for them. They

Pres. Lawson Praises Humane Education

TEACHERS CALLED UPON TO OBSERVE NATIONAL WEEK; MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN WORK DURING STATE CONVENTION

April 13th Thru 19th Are Dates. Negro educators all over South Carolina are being called upon by Dr. Charles A. Lawson, president of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association and principal of the Sumter High school, Sumter, to observe with exercises and organization national humane week, April the 13th thru the 19th, in a letter to the field secretary of the National American Humane Education Society of Boston, Mass.

At the Friday afternoon sessions of the State convention that closed in this city a few days ago, President Lawson made special mention of the humane booth at the convention, and urged the teachers to supply themselves with humane literature that was distributed free to all of the teachers. At the opening of the convention Saturday morning when a special humane lecture was given with slides by one of the national workers of the society in his remarks of introduction, the noted Sumter educator again called attention to the splendid national work of the societies for kindness, justice and mercy to every living creature.

Many of the college and public schools of the State it was learned here during the convention are planning to observe the week. Much good can be learned thru humane education in kindness and love not only for animals, but every living creature, so the southern field workers are calling for a Band of Mercy in every school in the State by Thanksgiving Day, November 1925.

followed their friends to places other than the ones provided for them. This caused some embarrassment to the Housing Committee, and to the people who went to the trouble and expense of providing accommodations for the visitors.

The Housing Committee, is highly pleased with everything else connected with its work and wish to thank the entire people of the city for assistance in handling the big crowd here last week.

Rev. St. Elmore Means, Chr., Housing Committee.

THE PALMETTO STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Editor of the Palmetto Leader: Even at the risk of writing what may be considered late, if not stale news, I am impelled by a desire to express my appreciation to the good citizens of Columbia for the royal hospitality that was shown to the visiting teachers, to write a few words concerning our recent State Teachers' convention. We thank the Local Committee for the excellent manner in which they handled their part of the work. Courteous and polite hackmen met the trains and vied with each other in directing the teachers to their homes, and the entertaining hostesses were so gracious and kind to their guests that each teacher thought that the committee had assigned him to the best home in the city. How can we find words to express our appreciation to Allen University, Benedict College, the churches and the public schools of the city, and to the other organized bodies that did so much for the pleasure and entertainment of the Association?

The Association, in its recent meeting, was the greatest educational gathering that has ever been held in the State among our people. The meeting was composed of more than two thousand teachers, coming from all parts of the State, a body of men and women, who, under God, hold in their hands the very destiny of our race. Their task is greater than that given to the sculptor who chisels out of the unheaven rock the image of a man. The task of molding the character and shaping the lives of men and women who shall live through the eternal ages, is given to the teacher. A word of commendation and appreciation should be given Professor I. M. A. Myers, Principal of Howard graded school, and Executive Secretary of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association, for the excellent program of the meeting, and for the interest that he has aroused throughout the State in the Association. A teacher in trying to pay him a compliment said that Professor Myers was a "work ox". That was his way of saying that Professor Myers is a man of great energy and industry, with a vision that sweeps the whole State. Equal praise should be given to Professor C. A. Lawson, President, Professor C. A. Johnson, I. L. Cain, A. A. Sims, Mrs. R. J. Clark, Miss LaSain, Vice Presidents, and Professor S. L. Finley, Secretary; and to Mrs. C. D. Saxon, Treasurer, and the members of the Executive Board for the valuable assistance they gave to the Executive Secretary. Among the leaders of the Association whose influence is felt throughout the State, we would mention Professor D. H. Sims, President of Allen University, a man of high character, ripe scholarship, clear vision, and strong intellectual power. The State is proud of Dr. Sims. Professor C. A. Johnson, Principal of Booker Washington High school, known as the leading English scholar in the State. Professor J. L. Cain, Principal of the High school at Darlington, the parliamentarian, the man who would fight a circle saw if he thought that "error" was marked on that saw. Cain, though a fighter, is a great man, with a heart as big as his body, as a teacher he stands out pre-eminently among the members of his profession. Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, President of State College, is a born administrator and teacher. The State College bespeaks the greatness of the man, and his work. Dean Pearson of Claflin University is a ripe scholar, full of hope and good cheer. His smiles would shed gloom and pessimism like a duck's back would shed water. Dr. Pearson smiles and loves his way into the hearts of the people. Professor S. L. Finley, the Recording Secretary, is the principal of the Chester school, and is an educator of high rank who wields great influence in his section of the State. To attempt to tell of the great work that the women of the State are doing in the field of education would bankrupt my little stock of words. In this convention

there was all the beauty, grace and loveliness, that make strong men bow and worship at the shrine of noble womanhood. It was a pleasure to listen to their reports, hear their addresses, and if it would be allowed, watch the shafts of wit, scintillating thought that flashed from their minds. But I am quite sure that Mrs. C. D. Saxon's class in English at the Booker Washington High school will call me down and tell me that my metaphors are mixed, and that thought, it matters not how bright, or scintillating it may be, can not be seen.

This letter would not be complete without telling of the work that the white citizens of the State are doing for the cause of education among our people. Mr. J. B. Felton, the State Supervisor of Negro Schools, has broken down the barriers of misunderstanding and prejudice and has enlisted in our cause some of the leading white citizens of the State and Nation. He has the confidence, and the united support of every teacher in the State, and his Jeanes workers Rosenswald teachers are among the most potent factors that are now making a people out of our people. A boy, or girl, is fortunate indeed who comes under the influence of the noble life of Dr. C. B. Antisdel, President of Benedict College. This good man does not know, and can not know, the wonderful influence that he is exerting, and the value of his life to our people.

The meeting of the Association is now a part of history, the seed thoughts scattered, and the good influence set in motion will reach to the farthest corner of the State. Asa Thompson, Spartanburg, S. C.

JOHN W. BEACHUM AND ED. CALHOUN DOING THINGS IN FIELD OF ARCHITECTURAL WORK. GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN SUMMER.

Possibly few people in Columbia and South Carolina outside of the men engaged in industrial work—the builders and masons know of the startling ability of John Beachum and Ed. Calhoun, both of Columbia.

Mr. Beachum lives at Colonial Heights and Mr. Calhoun lives in the city. They are contractors and follow mostly plastering and inside finishings of buildings where the most technical skill is needed. In speaking of the ability of Mr. Beachum, Mr. G. R. Berryman of the firm of Wilson, Berryman and Kennedy of Columbia gave out a few days ago the following testimony:

"The plastering in the new High School of Wilson, N. C., was done by J. W. Beachum of Columbia, S. C. This work includes the application of considerable ornamentation. That I am very glad to be able to state that this work has been done in excellent manner and without the necessity of the usual effort on the part of the architect in securing such results."

G. R. Berryman, Firm of Wilson, Berryman and Kennedy—Columbia. As your correspondent writes these notes we are walking around the newly constructed high school for whites in Sumter, S. C. Mr. Beachum and Mr. Calhoun are showing us the artistic finish and designs in the auditorium of this most handsome building—one of the best on the inside in the state. With us is Mr. O. B. Furry of the Booker Washington High school of Columbia.

Judge J. Harry Tiernan, in Sentencing Negro for Robbery is Alleged to Have Said that "For The Same Crime the Prisoner Would Have Been Burned at the Stake in the South."

When these men took charge the inside was nothing but a hull the columns and pilasters, beam across, columns and ornamentations that give the auditorium and class rooms such a handsome appearance, finish and appeal so much to the eye were worked out of the blue print and formed in plaster paris by the hands of diligent workers directed by such master minds as are found in the souls of Messrs Beachum and Calhoun.

Mr. Beachum attended Howard school of Columbia in his early days and stopped school before finishing the grammar department of the then Howard High school. He says that his education is hardly equal to that of a first rate seventh grade pupil measuring it in terms used by the school teacher. But Mr. Beachum has more technical education and more business ingenuity than many of the college graduates who majored in our best southern colleges. In potential wealth Mr. Beachum produces more in a week than the so-called educated man is able to produce in a quarter of a year.

John Beachum is a fine man and it is said he handles his labor as few men can which adds to his success. When you come into his presence he greets you with a smile that bespeaks sincerity of purpose, virtue, and a Christian soul. His disposition is indeed an asset to his business and his fair dealings with all have won for him the confidence of the leaders of both races in his particular field.

Men like these should be so situated that boys of high school age and men who desire to learn how to become skilled in trades could be schooled in this and kindred arts. The opportunity might be offered in night classes in our local high school or in Allen and Benedict. We need more men like Beachum and Calhoun in Columbia.

GRAND RALLY WESLEY M. E. CHURCH

Last Sunday, the 29th of March, was a memorable day of noble results and grand achievements. An enthusiastic and an inspiring congregation assembled at 11:30 o'clock A. M. Devotionals were conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. S. Smith.

The music rendered by Wesley M. E. Church choir was very appropriate, charming and sublime. According to previous agreement the Rev. Virgil Johnson was the speaker of the hour. He was introduced by the pastor. The Rev. Johnson selected for a text Revelations 3:18. He preached an able, inspiring, impressive, eloquent and a very appropriate sermon, greatly enjoyed by the attentive congregation. His presence and valuable services were highly appreciated by the pastor and members of Wesley.

The hour having arrived for the evening service, 8:00 P. M., the pastor, Rev. N. S. Smith, mounted the rostrum and took as a text Acts 13:31 and as a subject, "God's Witnesses." He preached an able, forceful sermon. A handsome collection was taken, after which, preparations were

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, made public yesterday a letter addressed to Governor Smith in which the Association asked that disciplinary action be taken against Judge J. Harry Tiernan, of Staten Island, who in sentencing a Negro for robbery is alleged to have said that "for the same crime the prisoner would have been burned at the stake in the South."

The letter called "contradictory" Judge Tiernan's position that his remarks could not be interpreted as approving mob rule and insisted that he had shown "his unfitness to sit upon the bench of any court in New York City."

The letter continued: "It is felt that if the remarks made by Judge Tiernan, which are so palpable an appeal to mob and lynch law, are allowed to go unchallenged Negroes and individuals of other minority groups when on trial in the future may be the victims of gross injustice from judges and juries influenced in this manner."

"We are taking the liberty of urging upon you such action as is possible toward the censoring, disciplining and, if possible impeachment of Judge Tiernan." The Association also has appealed to the New York Bar Association. New York Tribune.

made to hear the reports of the 12 Captains previously appointed. Each a Captain of a group of loyal workers. The following persons were appointed to count the money turned in:

- Mr. G. L. Floyd, Prof. N. J. Frederick; Mrs. A. P. Dunbar and Mr. J. C. Jackson. The reports were as follows:
- Mrs. C. O. Wakefield, No. 1... \$ 61.05
- Mrs. J. C. Lomax, No. 2... 90.70
- Mrs. L. J. Hicks, No. 3... 65.10
- Mrs. Anna Vinson, No. 4... 64.05
- Mrs. L. E. Brooks, No. 5... 96.10
- Mrs. Katie Hicks, No. 6... 74.20
- Mrs. Lula Williams, No. 7... 30.05
- Mrs. Alberta Marshall, No. 8... 58.60
- Miss Demetra Johnson, No. 9... 53.25
- Mrs. L. E. Rosemond, No. 10... 66.00
- Mrs. Fannie Hipp, No. 11... 70.00
- Miss Naomi Garrett, No. 12... 12.05

The prize of \$20.50 given by Dr. J. B. Taylor, District Superintendent of the Orangeburg District to the Captains raising the highest amounts above \$50.00. The following Captains won: Mrs. L. E. Brooks, \$10; Mrs. J. C. Lomax, \$5; Mrs. Katie Hicks, \$2.50; Mrs. Fannie Hicks, \$2; Mrs. L. E. Rosemond, \$1.00; making a grand total of \$761.65.

Mrs. A. P. Dunbar, Messrs. G. L. Floyd, N. J. Frederick and J. C. Jackson proved to be experts in money-counting. Many thanks to them for their efficient services. If you have raised a large amount and desire an accurate, quick job done, call on them.

We thank the general public, and in particular the ministers and congregations of the city, who heard the Macedonian call and responded so nobly. One of the most striking and commendable features of this financial campaign lasting about or quite six weeks, was the harmonious Christian, brotherly and friendly spirit of cooperation, very evident from beginning to end, both among the members of Wesley and the ministers and congregations of the city.

REV. N. S. SMITH, Pastor, 1725 Gervais Street.