

## Worth A Half Million Dollars

### CALEDONIA F. JOHNSON CALLED "CAL" JOHNSON

### Born In Slavery, Owns A Half Million At Death

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(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
Knoxville, Tenn., Apr.—Leaving an estate estimated at half millions dollars, Caledonia F. Johnson, better known as "Cal" Johnson, a widely known philanthropist, died here Tuesday afternoon. He made a fortune in race horses, but has given much of it for parks and other benevolent causes. One of the city's largest parks is named for him. He has an office building on Gay Street, the main business thoroughfare, and his modest home on State Street nestles among the business buildings, he having refused tempting offers for the site of his home. Johnson also owned a building at the corner of Gay and Central and many rental houses in the city. Once he was owner of the famous Johnson's race track, but in recent years sold that tract and residences dot it today.

Mr. Johnson was 80 years old and an ex-slave. He was named for the late Caledonia McClung, his master in days before the Civil War.

#### WELL KNOWN CHURCHMAN LEAVES LOCAL HOSPITAL

Rev. E. Phillip Ellis, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Newberry S. C., was confined at the Waverly Hospital all last week, but was able to return to his home and congregation last Saturday. We trust that Rev. Ellis will soon be himself again.

#### COLORED BOY WINS DEBATING HONORS

(For The Associated Negro Press.)  
Hackensack, N. J., April.—Frederick Everett Morrow, in a most brilliant debate conducted by the Rutgers College of Inter-scholastic Debating League, carried off the honors, although the team which he represented was defeated. He proved to be the orator of the evening in the debate between Englewood and Hackensack High Schools. He was given an ovation.

Frederick Everett Morrow, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Morrow, is the first pupil in the history of the school to win three gold letters for excelling in three consecutive years in debating. He is said to be the first colored boy to make the team, and the only one to ever captain any team in the local high school. Upon his graduation in June, Morrow plans to enter Yale University.

#### BLACK AND WHITE MINISTERS MEET.

(For The Associated Negro Press.)  
Jacksonville, Fla., April.—Perhaps one of the most significant meetings for the betterment of race relations which has ever occurred in this city was last Tuesday morning when the white ministerial alliance met the Negro ministers and other citizens in the First Congregational church. At this meeting, which it is hoped will be the first of a series there was an encouraging spirit of mutual interest in the conditions prevailing in this city which are detrimental to colored people.

#### Funeral for Aged Colored Sexton in Historic Church.

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
Richmond, Va., April—Wednesday, for the first time in history, a funeral for a colored man was held in historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which the Rev. W. Russel Bowie, D. D., of Grace Episcopal Church in New York formerly was rector. In it Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and other distinguished Southerners worshipped making it the church which was probably more intimately connected with the war between the States than any other in the country.

Wednesday it was the scene of the services for Robert Damell, 74 years old, who was its sexton for the last eighteen years. The entire lower part of the church was reserved for the colored, and gallery for white friends of Damell.

Colored mourners occupied the pew of Jefferson Davis when he was President of the Confederate States. There, on Sunday, April 2, 1865, he received the note from General Lee saying that Lee's line around Petersburg had been penetrated the night before by Grant's forces.

Mr. Damell's casket was draped simply in the United States Flag, headed by the Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., D. D., St. Paul's rector, the Rev. R. Cary Montague, the Rev. Thomas L. Rideout and the Rev. S. S. Spathey, all white, assistant rector of St. Paul's and the Rev. Junius Taylor, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, the funeral party entered with the vestry of St. Paul's acting as honorary pall bearers.

A letter from Dr. Bowie was read to the congregation by Dr. Tucker, expressing heart-felt sorrow and sympathy, and declaring that the passing of Mr. Damell meant the loss of a true and personal friend.

#### Dr. George E. Cannon Former South Carolina Citizen Killed In Auto Accident.

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
Jersey City, N. J., April.—The death of Dr. George E. Cannon, of this city, resulting from an accident sustained during a fall from a bus while returning from an alumnae meeting of Lincoln University, at Philadelphia, has created a big upheaval in New Jersey politics. Dr. Cannon conceived the idea of the National Negro Political conference which had its first session in Atlantic City, two years ago. The organization was representative of more than a score of states, and held a session as recently as late last November, following the national election.

Dr. Cannon was the spokesman who presented the claims of Colored America to President Coolidge at the White House, at which time there was a representative gathering of men and women present. Dr. Cannon made a very impressive and dignified delivery of the requests of the race, and the President responded happily by saying they were reasonable.

Dr. Cannon was a delegate at large to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, being the first ever selected from his state. In recent years the doc-

#### I. S. LEEVY PASSES AWAY.

Father of Columbia Merchant and Prominent Farmer is Laid to Rest—Buried in Community of His Boyhood.

Camden, S. C., April 11.—Kershaw county received the bitter news of the passing of I. S. Leevy, Sr., at the home of his daughter here Saturday night. Mr. Leevy was one of the pioneers in the building of Camden, a churchman; a commercial farmer, he held the respect and confidence of men, women and children in every walk of life.

He lived to see his 76th birthday and is the father of several children. Monday afternoon the funeral services were held at Zion M. E. Church, where he was a faithful member and leader for years.

#### I. S. LEEVY'S FATHER.

Many Columbians will learn with deep regret that Mr. Leevy is the father of I. S. Leevy, Jr., of the Leevy Department Store on Washington street. Mr. Leevy was at his business when his father passed away. At midnight Saturday he rushed to Camden to find that he had lost his father, South Carolina a good citizen and the community a pioneer builder.

The funeral was attended by a large number of friends. Among those who went from Columbia was the Rev. Richard Carroll, a personal and life long friend to the elder Mr. Leevy, who attended every session of the State Race Conference as a delegate from Kershaw county, when Mr. Carroll was president.

#### DR. J. R. E. LEE AT ALLEN UNIV.

Prominent among the visitors at Allen University during the past week was Dr. J. R. E. Lee, the president of the Florida State A. & M. College, at Tallahassee, Fla. Dr. Lee was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Sims at the University.

## NATIONAL HUMANE SUNDAY TO-MORROW

### Columbia Ministers to Preach Kindness, Justice and Mercy To Every Living Creature

National Appeal for Animals for Humane Week Ends with Religious Services All over America—Blessed are the Merciful Is Subject for Christian and Humane Workers—Last Appeal Is Made—Campaign Closed Making Thousands of Friends for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves.

In every daily newspaper in South Carolina during the past week, kindness to dumb animals storied have been carried in keeping with the national appeal of the President, Francis H. Rowley of the American Humane Education Society of Boston, Mass., backed by President Calvin Coolidge, a warm friend and supporter of the society, long before he became a national figure.

In our state, Governor McLeod also issued a proclamation calling the people to observe the week for kindness to dumb animals, and asked the people to make it every week in the year. Mayor Coleman of Columbia, Dr. J. H. Hope, the State Supt. of Education were among the many who made special appeals upon the citizens and educational forces to observe National Humane Week.

Columbia is the center for the week's activities in humane activities, in every school were some exercises or public demonstrations in the interest of Humane Week. Tomorrow many of the ministers of our churches are preaching from the subject and slogan of the national society, "Glory to God, peace on earth, kindness, justice, and mercy to every living creature."

A leader in the movement for kindness and mercy to every living creature is the Rev. J. C. White, D. D., Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, where one of the national field secretaries open the campaign for South Carolina in an address at his church last Sunday night. Dr. White is having a special service Sunday night to which he is inviting the public.

Other local programs will be as equally interesting. Benedict College Humane Society is having a special program with speaking and selected music by the College Glee Club. William F. Poe, the president of the society will preside.

Program Over The State. Maybe Greenville is to have the most outstanding gathering of any city for to-morrow. At the Auditorium will be held a special Mass Meeting at which time Allen J. Graham, president of the Camper Down Cotton Mills and one of the richest manufacturers in the south is to preside, an address will be delivered by L. P. Hollis, LL. D., Supt., Parker District Schools and J. D. Carr, Esq., editor, The Asheville Enterprise.

Charleston, is the center of a special meeting at the Morris Street church, where Dr. J. C. Dunbar is holding special exercises. At Morris College, Sumter, in the College Chapel, Prof. Ira David Pinson, is delivering the Humane Oration. Schofield, Friendship and most of the other leading colleges of the State report special Sunday

night meetings for Humane Sunday. In most of the public schools of the State the week was observed during the week. Humane education is now a part of the big educational program for South Carolina. In many of the public schools it will be taught as any other text book in the classrooms.

The Palmetto Leader like many of the other newspapers of the State, like the Charleston News and Courier, The State, The Record, The Greenville Daily News, The Southern Enterprise has devoted much space that we gladly do to the cause of these defenceless creatures who cannot speak for themselves.

The American Humane Education Society, of Boston, Mass. has employed in its services many noble and sincere workers and it maintains an office at Greenville, South Carolina where a humane press bureau and information service is for the public good.

#### EXERCISES ALLEN UNIVERSITY

Sunday evening the following exercises will be held in the auditorium of the university by the Junior Humane Society:

Invocation Rev. Ira Gambrel  
Reading Governor McLeod's Proclamation calling for Humane Sunday Miss Andrena Collins  
Solo Miss Maggie Eaddy  
"Humane Education" Miss Osmona LeVallie  
Selection University Quartette  
"We Speak for Others" Atty. E. A. Parker  
Chorus University Glee Club  
Address Prof. Hale B. Thompson  
Dean of Allen University.  
Music.

#### EXERCISES BENEDICT COLLEGE

The Junior Humane Society of Benedict College will render the following program in the college chapel on Humane Sunday with the president of the Society, William F. Poe, presiding.

Music Humane Society  
Governor's Proclamation Mr. C. A. Chick  
Solo Miss Ruth A. Rice  
Invocation Rev. A. W. Ritter,  
Chaplain of the Humane Society.  
"Humane Education" Miss M. E. Wise  
Quartette Douglass Debating Club  
"Story of George T. Angell" Mr. Nick A. Ford, President, Y. M. C. A. of the College.  
Selection College Glee Club  
Remarks Miss A. A. Nelson, R. N.,  
Supt., College Nurses' Training School.

#### CHILDREN HEAR PLEA.

Friday afternoon, "Be Kind To Animals Week" exercises were observed at the city playgrounds among the small children of the city. The exercises were in charge of Miss Demetra G. Johnson, the recreational director for the city play parks. Seymour Carroll, field secretary of the American Humane Education Society while in the city enroute to Charleston inspected the play grounds and talked with the workers during the early part of the week.



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