

## A COLORED MAYOR VISITS ASHEVILLE, N. C.



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### KLAN PARADE CALLED OFF COLORED MEDICAL OFFICER GIVEN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

(By The Associated Negro Press) Washington, D. C., Aug.—The widely advertised and much protested Ku Klux Klan parade which was expected to be the crowning feature of the forthcoming meeting of the Klan here August, has been called off. Decision of the organization was not due to the protest of any particular group or organization but to factional fights within the Klan. Few things have attracted more attention and drawn more fire than did the announcement sometime ago that the Ku Klux Klan was going to parade at the nation's capital. Protest after protest was sent to the director of public buildings, parks, etc., and to President Calvin Coolidge. It was even reported that violence had been threatened.

### MILES RAISES \$20,000

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Aug.—The drive for \$20,000 for Miles Memorial College, Vinesville, ended this week. Three-quarters of the money was raised by the Colored Methodist Episcopal church and the rest came from



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Asst., Grand Recorder of Deeds, of the Grand Court of Calanthe of S. C. outside sources. Bishop Charles Henry Phillips, who has meant so much to the cause of education among Negroes in the South was the leader of the forces and the drive was also greatly assisted through the efforts of Mrs. Walter S. Biggs, a social worker of Cleveland, Ohio.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug.—Notification of the posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Lieutenant Urbane F. Bass, Medical Corps, Medical Corps, 372nd Regiment, 93rd Division of the A. E. F. was received by relatives of the deceased in this city Wednesday. Lieutenant Bass was mortally wounded while rendering first aid in an advanced position under heavy enemy fire at Menthuis, France, October 6, 1918. Both legs were shot away at the hip by an exploding shell. He died on the way to a hospital. Later his body was returned to Raleigh for burial, and was interred in the family lot here.

The recipient of the award studied medicine at Shaw University here, and was practicing his profession in Fredericksburg, Va., at the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted. He married Miss Maude L. Vass of Raleigh. His brother-in-law, Dr. R. S. Vass, a prominent Negro physician here, was also attached to the 372nd regiment, and was stationed in a field hospital a short distance back of the lines when Lieutenant Bass was killed.

When Bass was living in the city, he was Jim Crowed just like other Negroes and the newspapers were disrespectful to his wife when they referred to her. Nevertheless, he went to France and gave his life to protect his country.

### THIRD TRIAL FOR "AXE-SLAYER" CALLED

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Aug.—The trial of Peyton "Foots" Johnson, alleged axe-slayer, was called for the third time Monday in Judge H. P. Heflin's court. Johnson is charged with having slain Robert Turner with an axe in January, 1923. Two women have been sentenced to death in connection with the crime. Johnson was sentenced to death once, then given a new trial. At the beginning of the second trial, he collapsed from an attack of paralysis. The lives of the women, Pearl and Odell Jackson, depend on the outcome of Johnson's trial.

### GRAND LODGE K. of P. AT NEWBERRY

Sessions Harmonious Throughout The True Spirit of Brotherly Love Prevails—All Reports Up to The Standard.

True to her history and tradition as the City which gave the noted Cole L. Blease, the honored Alen Johnstone, and the intrepid Robert Weston Mance and the wizard of finance Thos. A. Williams Newberry threw wide her doors and the gates of her city to the leading Negro fraternal order in South Carolina last week, extending lavish and unstinted hospitality to more than 1,000 delegates and as many visitors there to attend the twenty-first annual session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Jurisdiction of South Carolina.

Upon soil never visited before by many of them the brave and loyal Knights of the Pythian army pitched their tents and hoisted the flags of the land of the free and the home of the brave. Under the sheltering domes of the spacious buildings—Bethlehem Baptist church and Miller Chapel A. M. E. church valiant Knights and devoted Calantheans, from all quarters of the State assembled, themselves to do service to the Order and honor to the race.

Under such auspicious and inspiring environments, Grand Chancellor Julius A. Brown sounded the gavel opening the Grand Lodge. Grand Worthy Counsellor P. A. Roper called to order the Grand Lodge of Calantheans, and General Wm. McGhee called into camp for the first under his own tents the Uniform Rank Department.

The prelude to this great epoch in the history of Pythianism was the public reception in Bethlehem Baptist church Monday night July 27, and which attracted an assemblage which taxed this spacious building even to overflowing. This representative gathering was called to order by the Reverend Edward P. Ellis, the Master of ceremonies for the occasion. Many able men and women delivered addresses. Possibly, the most notable features of these exercises were the address of welcome Mayor Wallace of Newberry and Dr. David H. Sims of Allen University.

Tuesday morning promptly at nine thirty o'clock the Grand Chancellor was in his chair, and so were all other Grand Officers, and the Convention was opened in due form. For three days—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and Thursday night the officers and delegates worked on matters for the good of order and put into the record legislation that showed that there is a new day in Negro fraternities. Some thought that the delegates were going to Newberry to fight for rotation in office, and to see whom they could put out and put in, but that was a minor affair. They see the need of constructive legislation for the benefit of the group and from that angle did most of the best thinkers work. You may agree with the thought here reader when we say that most of the officers were reelected by unanimous vote. There were only two changes in the personnel of the official staff. Dr. C. W. Birnie succeeded Dr.

J. H. Goodwin for Grand Medical Register and J. S. Johnson of Charleston succeeded C. Lee Davis of Anderson for the Endowment Board. In the race for Grand Keeper of Record and Seal J. B. Lewie, present incumbent, was elected over C. B. Johnson of Greenville by a majority of more than 200 votes. C. B. Johnson was gentlemanly in his campaign, however, which is to be commended. The Grand Lodge men will and do appreciate service. That was true in the case of Lawyer Frederick J. B. Lewie, I. M. A. Myers, and the Grand Chancellor. Myers and Frederick were given increased salaries without an opposing voice. The report of the Grand Attorney this year was his best and the men had to praise it. It was his good work that elected Frederick to the Supreme Lodge, and not any feeling against the other candidates, the men say. They wanted to show Mr. Frederick that they appreciated what he is doing for them in his office.

The reports of the officers and those from leading committees were up to standard. It was said the reports of the Grand Chancellor with his constructive recommendations, the Grand Keeper of R. and S., the Grand Master of Exchequer—the honored Dr. Wilkinson, and the Grand Attorney, who is ahead of any of his contemporaries in the legal profession, were the best ever presented.

The Grand Lodge considered thoughtfully the report from the Endowment Board which was prepared by the Secretary, Mr. Myers. The Board recommended increased endowment submitting a plan; also investment of surplus funds. The Convention agreed to invest some of its money in government bonds and also adopted the insurance plan as presented by the Board. The following is the plan:

Monthly Premium rates or Dues Endowment Bureau of Grand Lodge K. of P. N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A., Jurisdiction of South Carolina: (the first figure indicates the age, the second, the Monthly Premium or Dues:

18—46; 19—47; 20—48; 21—49; 22—50; 23—51; 24—52; 25—55; 26—57; 27—59; 28—61; 29—62; 30—64; 31—67; 32—69; 33—71; 34—74; 35—78; 36—80; 37—83; 38—87; 39—90; 40—93; 41—98; 42—1.01; 43—1.60; 44—1.10; 45—1.14; 46—1.20; 47—1.26; 48—1.31; 49—1.37; 50—1.43; 51—1.50; 52—1.57; 53—1.64; 54—1.72; 55—1.81; 56—1.90; 57—1.99; 58—2.10; 59—2.20; 60—2.32.

The Grand Lodge voted to give two hundred dollars to Fairwood Home in Columbia, and made many other donations for benevolent causes.

The military display Thursday afternoon was a feature of the Convention. The local correspondent writing to the Columbia State the next day about the parade said in part:

"One of the outstanding events of the convention was the



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### PEARL AND ODELL JACKSON NOT TO HANG

(By The Associated Negro Press) Birmingham, Ala., Aug.—As a result of the conclusion of the trials of Ed Jackson and Peyton "Foots" Johnson, so-called "axe-murderers" in which each defendant was sentenced to serve ten years in the state penitentiary for the murder in January, 1923, of Robert Turner, Pearl and Odell Jackson, sister, formerly sentenced to hang for the crime, are expected to receive a commutation of sentence. The date set for their hanging was June 19, but they had received respite to await the outcome of the trial of Jackson and Johnson, who were found guilty of manslaughter. Johnson had been tried three times. The jury deliberated more than 16 hours before it found Johnson guilty. The verdict against Jackson was found in 30 minutes.

### RESCUES FELLOW WORKER FROM WELL

(By The Associated Negro Press) Birmingham, Ala., Aug.—Through the efforts of Berry Bruce here Tuesday, Walter Murray, a well known well cleaner, was rescued from a well into which he had fallen. Futile attempts of those gathered around the well were made to rescue Murray, and Bruce tied a rope about himself and was lowered into the well and tied a rope around the unfortunate man. Murray was carried to the Hillman infirmary where attendants said his condition was serious. Bruce was presented with a purse of \$12.00 for his heroism.

### FRANCE DENIES RIFFS EQUALITY

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, N. Y., Aug.—The hitch in peace negotiations between the French and the Riffians seems to be on the point as to the comparative equality of the French and their antagonists. The French have so far refused to admit the Riffs their equals, and, as a consequence, the Riffians, though holding the upper hand in the fighting, have been adamant in their refusal to consider peace terms. France wants to treat Abd El Krim as a rebel. This does not indicate an early peace in Morocco unless the tribes affiliated with the Riffians become panicky at the extensive military operations which are under way.

Benjamin A. Green, Mayor of Mound Bayou, Miss., is Guest of Editor of The Asheville Enterprise

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 4—Benjamin A. Green, mayor of Mound Bayou, Miss., a town of colored citizens with a population of 1000 composed entirely of Negroes, is a visitor in the city for a few days. Mound Bayou was founded by B. T. Green, father of the present mayor, in 1887. Associated with B. T. Green was I. T. Montgomery. Mayor Green was the first child born in the town; this was in 1887 the year following its founding.

Mayor Green said the citizens of the town are happy and prosperous. In 1920 hard times hit the town, he said, due to crop failures, but now conditions are very satisfactory. The town is an agricultural center.

The municipal head of Mound Bayou is a lawyer, having graduated from the Harvard University law school with the degree of bachelor of law.

Monday evening Mayor Green was the guest of Editor J. D. Carr of the Asheville Enterprise at his home on West Hill Street. Other guests present were: Frederick Miller, director of the National Benevolent Life Insurance company, Knoxville, Tenn., his wife; the wife of David H. Sims, president of Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Webster L. Porter, editor, East Tennessee News, Knoxville, Tenn.; Seymour Carroll, field secretary of the American Humane Education Society and others.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

### PRESIDENT SIMS OF ALLEN UNIVERSITY AWAY

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 6—Dr. David H. Sims, the president of Allen University of Columbia, arrived in the city this morning to join Mrs. Sims who has been here resting for near a month. The president and Mrs. Sims while in the "Land of the Sky" are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr of the Asheville Enterprise.

week-end with Mrs. Sims, declared the University president when seen at the railroad station by a reporter for the Palmetto Leader. He looks well and states that he is expecting an o-



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ver flow of students at the University this fall.

Dr. J. A. Hopkins of the Hopkins Book Concern, Atlanta, was a visitor to the Capital City last Monday.