

Negro Of The South Awakening Politically

Junior N. A. A. C. P. Active In National Capital, Says Director

Toms River, New Jersey School Segregation In Court

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Labor Federation Asks End Of Color Bar Unions

WANTS NEGROES IN UNIONS

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Receives Resolutions

EQUAL TERMS WANTED

Resolution Instructs Delegate to Convention to Introduce Similar Resolution There

New York, May 20—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received from John P. Troxell, of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, copy of resolutions unanimously passed by that body at its 26th annual convention in Harrisburg, May 10 to 13 in which all labor unions are urged to admit Negroes to membership on equal terms with white men. The resolution also instructs the Pennsylvania delegate to the Convention of the American Federation of Labor to introduce a similar resolution there.

The resolution as sent to the N. A. A. C. P. by Mr. Troxell is as follows:

Whereas, Many of our unions exclude Negroes from membership, sometimes by explicit constitutional provision, and sometimes by subterfuge and technicalities; and

Whereas, Such exclusion is contrary to the very fundamental of democracy and brotherhood, upon which our Labor Movement is built; and

Whereas, The Negro has time and again shown that he can be a loyal union man, often more loyal than the white worker at his elbow; and

Whereas, If we bar the Negro from our unions, he will work as an non-union man, for he must make a living, and the employers are hiring him in constantly increasing numbers; therefore be it

Resolved, That we declare in favor of full and open membership to the Negro in all unions, on exactly the same terms as white men; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to work for the removal of whatever discrimination prevails against the Negro in our own locals and internationals; and be it further

Resolved, That our delegate to the coming A. F. of L. Convention be instructed to introduce a resolution of the same effect as this one; and be it further

Resolved, That the officers of our Federation be instructed to give this resolution the widest practicable publicity throughout the labor press.

PROF. C. A. JOHNSON IN GREENVILLE

Prof. C. A. Johnson, who is to direct the work of the Greenville Summer School for teachers, spent last Saturday in Greenville conferring with local officials and on working out some of the preliminary details of the Summer School. The faculty personnel has been completed—a group of excellent instructors having been selected. Prof. Johnson states that the out-look is bright for a splendid Summer School with a large enrollment. This is Greenville's first Summer School and the teachers of the city and county are exhibiting a fine spirit of cooperation to make this one of the best summer schools in the State.

According to Prof. Johnson, Supt. Mears of Greenville has arranged with Dean Harry Clark of Furman University to provide two lecturers each week from the Furman faculty. Aside from these there will be other speakers prominent in educational and civic affairs of the State.

R. Anita Hersey Makes Debut At A. & T. College

Walter White In New Orleans Flood Area

INVESTIGATES FOR N. A. A. C. P.

Reports Were That Disaster Being by White Landlords To Hold Colored Tenants

VISITS RED CROSS

Mr. White Reports That Red Cross Disapproves of Any Attempt to Enslave Tenants

New York, May 20—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today received a preliminary report from its Assistant Secretary, Walter White, who is in the Mississippi flood district investigating reports that the disaster was being used by white landlords to hold colored tenants in peonage.

Mr. White reports he conferred at Red Cross Headquarters in Memphis, with Dr. William R. Redden, Chief Medical Officer for the flood area and that Dr. Redden authorized the following statement:

"The Red Cross emphatically disapproves of any attempts to use this disaster by landlords to enslave further Negro tenant-farmers and sharecroppers. Aid is given directly to the individual sufferer. It will be an interesting problem to see that attempts by landlords and others to charge relief against tenants are checked when such relief is given to refugees after they have returned to their homes."

NOTICE

The Holloway Business School had its annual closing Tuesday night, May 10, 1927 in the Griffin Memorial Hall. The program for the occasion was beautifully arranged with the very best among the educators and business men and women of the city; and was carried out to the letter.

The first on program was a song by the school and prayer by Mr. I. S. Leevy. Second, music by Miss Clyde Blanche Singleton's string band, which furnished such delightful music for the occasion.

A very helpful address was delivered by Miss Elsie Nelson, one of the great educators among the women of this city. This was followed by demonstrations of the class. There were six letters written and turned over to the judges, who were appointed by the principal, namely: Mrs. I. S. Leevy and Prof. Zack Townsend. Every writer passed with credit. The highest marks were made by Master Thomas Pinckney, Jr. Music, followed by an address which was very helpful and interesting, full of instruction, delivered by Mr. I. S. Leevy, who is one of the greatest business men (colored) in this city, and has a great influence among both white and colored.

The crowning piece of all was an address to the class by Dr. D. H. Sims of Allen University, who also presented the awards to the seven graduates.

Now we have closed this school year, but will open for the work of the summer on June 20th, 1927, which gives a splendid opportunity to those who desire to take a business course in type-writing and short-hand.

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NEW ERA IN POLITICS

Supreme Court's White Primary Decision Has Profound Effect Upon Race

NEGROES IN PRIMARY

Old-Feel, That Democratic Ticket Should be Taboo, Is Passing, Declares Director

New York, May 20—A new era of political awakening among Negroes in the Southern States is reported by Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who has just returned from a month's tour of Southern cities.

Mr. Bagnall said that Negroes are not hesitating to register in the Democratic primaries and to vote the Democratic tickets, when they feel the votes are to the advantage of their race, having been advised of their opportunity by the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the Texas White Primary Case fought and won by the N. A. A. C. P.

"Everywhere I went in the South I saw indications of the rapid passing of the old feeling that the Democratic ticket should be taboo" declared Mr. Bagnall. "Negroes are using the ballot where they are convinced it is of the largest advantage to their race."

"In Savannah, Georgia, the Mayor of the city sent for a Negro minister, who is president of the Baptist as well as of the Interdenominational Ministerial Union. After stating how good a mayor he had been to all citizens, regardless of color, and what he intended to do for the Negro if re-elected, he asked that all the ministers should work for the registration in the Democratic primary and the voting of colored people. I was informed by this minister that definite steps were being taken to organize the colored people, by block, precinct and ward, for registering in the Democratic Primary and voting.

"In Atlanta, despite the professional politicians, definite steps have been taken to register colored voters in his way and to instruct them regarding matters to be voted upon. In Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina, Negroes are making preparation to organize by block, precinct and ward to offer themselves for registration at the Democratic primary election and to contest any refusal to register them. In Raleigh, North Carolina, it is generally conceded that the mayorality election held there recently was determined by the Negro vote cast for Democratic candidates by Negroes.

"It looks as of the day of bossism—of leadership by the old type of Negro politician in the South were rapidly coming to an end. A new era of enlightenment is dawning to Negroes as to how they may use the ballot to gain their rights and privileges.

Everywhere I heard the opinion expressed that the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Texas White Primary Case had opened the eyes of colored voters to these possibilities.

"The realization of the awakening of Negro voters and their growing power is not confined to colored people. White people are realizing it too. It is leading to a much greater

MRS. L. PINKETT IS DIRECTOR

Young Members Activities Include Spelling Bee at Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A.

ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Young People Hold Meeting at Home of Frederick Douglass and Render Program

New York, May 20—Mrs. Louise Pinkett, Director of the Junior Division of the Washington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports many activities among the young members. The activities included a spelling bee at Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. in which upwards of 25 boys and girls took part, and a pilgrimage to the home of Frederick Douglass in Anacostia, where the young people held their meeting and rendered a program with the life of Douglass for their theme. Miss Thelma E. Lane is President and Miss Lilly Louise Pinkett is Secretary of the Junior N. A. A. C. P. in Washington.

BETTIS ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Western Carolina Summer School for teachers will open at Bettis Academy, Trenton, S. C. on June 20th and will close July 23rd, 1927. The school is being fostered by the State, Aiken, Edgefield, Saluda and adjoining counties and is being extensively advertised and the present indications are, that the enrollment will surpass that of previous years.

The officers of the summer school are: H. P. Butcher of Oklahoma City, Director; assistant director, Prof. W. D. Drake, Principal at Aiken City School, business manager; Prof. A. W. Nicholson, President of Bettis Academy.

A well prepared faculty has been employed and plans have been made for a very successful school. The school has been approved by the State Board of Education and all teachers attending the full term can have their certificates raised or renewed as the case might be.

The spacious brick dining hall will be completed and all dormitories will be well equipped with modern beds and dressers. All who come to Bettis Academy this summer will as never before enjoy good accommodations and high class entertainment.

The expense of the Summer School will be fixed as follows: for entrance fee \$2.00; board and lodging for session \$15.00; for a week \$3.00; for a day, \$1.50 to those not occupying rooms in the dormitories.

All books used in the Summer School will be those adopted by the State. All teachers will be met at Trenton, S. C. and taken to the school. For further information, write A. W. Nicholson, Trenton, S. C.

interest on the part of white politicians in the opinions and the welfare of their colored constituents. Negroes are realizing that the ballot is a weapon, not a mere matter of sentiment; that the Democrats are in power; and that if the Negro vote is to determine what kind of man is to be elected at present, it must be cast for a Democratic candidate.

IS LEFT TO COMMISSIONER

Fight Against Segregation Being Pushed From Two Fronts Declares Attorney Hayne

BRIEFS FILED MAY 3

Hearings Were Held Before The Commissioner of Education May 16th—Parents Testify

New York, May 20—The fight against segregation of colored school children at Toms River, New Jersey, is being pushed on two fronts, according to report of Attorney Eugene R. Hayne, retained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Hayne reports to the N. A. A. C. P. that he appeared in the Supreme Court on May 3 and 4, on which day briefs were ordered submitted. Since that time hearings were held before the New Jersey Commissioner of Education on May 16 at which colored parents testified that the school building which the colored children were ordered to attend, after their exclusion from the new Toms River School, was old, unsanitary, damp and leaky in bad weather. At the hearing Supervisor Fink, who is responsible for segregating the colored children, was called to the stand to testify.

Hearings before the Commissioner of Education will be continued on May 24 and Mr. Hayne reports: "I believe that our case has been made so far."

INTER-RACIAL COMMITTEE TO AID FARMWORLD HOME FOR DELINQUENT COLORED GIRLS IN S. C.

Columbia, S. C., May 21—The trustees of Fairwold, home for delinquent girls met this week in conference with members of the Interracial Committee and discussed plans for raising the two thousand dollar, recently cut off by the South Carolina Legislature.

The members of the Interracial Committee present were Mr. Lanham, leader of the Older Boys Conference in South Carolina, G. Graft Williams, Bishop Finlay of the South Carolina Diocese, Lawyer Eriestor of Columbia, Mrs. James Cain and Mrs. C. P. McGowan, presiding officer at the meeting. This group pledged their aid in seeing that the Home for delinquent girls get the necessary support.

The Interracial Committee planned a special program for their day at the annual meeting of the Federated Women Clubs at Charleston, June 14, 15 and 16. On that day with Mrs. McGowan presiding, Mrs. Cain will address the body and reports for the Fairwold work will be made.

Other features of the Federation already announced will be the giving of a beautiful loving cup to the Club making the best financial report for all purposes. Mayor Stoney of the body and Mrs. P. D. Furman, Charleston, is expected to address president of the Federation of White Women's Clubs has been asked to speak. Each week brings interesting announcements of what promises to be the most important meeting in the history of South Carolina Women's Clubs.

SOPRANO OF PHILADELPHIA

Pleasure Due to the Efforts of Prof. A. Fuller, Director of Music of the College

SINGS WITH ZEST

Selections Included Compositions From Handel, Burleigh Moore And Johnson

Greensboro, N. C., May 20—Due to the efforts of Professor O. A. Fuller, director of music, the student body and friends of A. and T. had the pleasure of hearing R. Anita Hersey, a colorful soprano of Philadelphia Thursday, May 19.

She sang with the zest indicative of innate ability before an enthusiastic audience.

The selections included compositions from Handel, Burleigh, Moore and Johnson. Her interpretation of "My Lord What a Morning" as arranged by Burleigh was especially impressive.

Madam Hursey as many engagements throughout the state to fill all of which will undoubtedly be crowned with success.

NAME COLORED HIGH SCHOOL FOR PROF. FINLEY

A testimonial to their high esteem for Prof. S. L. Finley, who is completing his twenty-second year as Principal of the colored schools of Chester, the Board of Trustees have unanimously decided to name the new colored school on Patrick street the Finley High School. Coming here something more than two decades ago, Prof. Finley has from the very first moment of his arrival in Chester enjoyed the confidence and regard of white and colored alike, and year by year he has seen the schools grow, the standard raised, and his position take on new responsibility and importance. That his fame is not by any means confined to Chester is borne out by the fact that he has had repeated offers to go to larger towns, one recently from Spartanburg, but he likes Chester, and stays on; and the Board of Trustees and Superintendent M. E. Brockman, realizing how hard it would be to get a man to fill the shoes of this hard-working, unassuming colored teacher who is doing so much for his race, hope it will be many years until this will have to be done.

Prof. Finley is an A. B., A. M., graduate of Benedict College, and studied one summer at the University of Chicago.

The Chester Reporter.

CHARLESTON TO HAVE SUMMER SCHOOL

Following the announcement of a Summer School for teachers to be held in Greenville, S. C., comes the announcement from the State Department of Education through Mr. J. B. Felton that Charleston is to have an approved Summer School also. The Charleston session will come late July 11th to August 19th. Principal C. A. Johnson of the Booker Washington School has been selected to direct the Charleston Summer School. The Charleston School will open immediately after the close of the work in Greenville. Mr. Felton states that further information concerning the Charleston Summer School will be given later.