

News Briefs

S. C. NEGRO SONGS. New York (CNS)—Walter Pinchon who sings them so well at the Hat Feet Club, the only Negro Club in Greenwich Village, is compiling a book on South Carolina Negro folk songs and dialect.

PREACHER KILLED. Charleston, S. C. (CNS)—The Rev. Lee Washington shot and killed the Rev. Dave Stevens last Friday. Washington claims that Stevens killed some of his cows. Washington escaped and has not as yet been apprehended.

NEWS BRIEFS. WAR ON CONVICT LEASING. Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—A war to the finish to destroy the present convict lease system in North Carolina was declared at a conference here by high officials of the State Federation of Labor and the State Branch of Associated General Contractors.

BILL TO AID VETS HOSPITAL 91. Washington (CNS)—A bill to authorize \$20,877,000 for new veterans hospital construction throughout the country was introduced in the Senate by Senator Smoot of Utah, and included \$550,000 for a Negro Psychiatric Unit, at Veterans Hospital 91 at Tuskegee, with 220 beds.

BURNED TO DEATH. Sumter, S. C. (CNS)—Aletha Martin, 46, was burned to death in her home here last Saturday. Her husband, Leonard Martin, escaped in his night clothes through a window just as the officers arrived on the scene. The woman's body was found spread out on the floor where she had fallen, evidently overcome by smoke from the flames.

GERMANS CONTRAST. New York (NAACP)—A parallel between reports of slavery in Liberia and the injustices visited upon Negroes in the United States is made in the German newspaper "Das Andere Deutschland." The comment on American conditions includes references to the lynching record, and to the attempt of President Hoover, blocked by the mass action of colored Americans, to force Judge Parker's repudiation as a member of the U. S. Supreme Court.

TEN THOUSAND TO LEAGUE. New York—At the Annual Meeting of the Urban League held at the League's offices 1133 Broadway, on Wednesday, February 11, the announcement was made that Mrs. G. B. Seligman, of this city had contributed the sum of ten thousand dollars to the National Urban League as a special fund in memory of her husband, the late George W. Seligman, former League Board member, the income from which is to be devoted to any special or general purpose approved by the Executive Board of the League.

KINCKLE JONES AT TOLEDO. Toledo, Ohio—Sunday and Monday of last week Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, was the guest speaker at seven meetings here under the auspices of the Race Relations Committee of the Toledo Council of Churches.

HOOVER LAUDS NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT. Washington, D. C. (CNS)—For the first time since his entering the White House as president, Herbert Hoover, in his radio address Thursday in connection with the Lincoln celebration, paid high tribute to the achievement of the 12,000,000 Negro citizens of the nation. Mr Hoover said in part: "If Lincoln were living, he would find that his race of liberated slaves starting a new life without a shred but the clothes in which they stood without education, without organization, has today by its own endeavors progressed to an amazingly high level of self reliance and well being. To Lincoln it would have been incredible that within a lifetime the millions of

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REV. HENRY C. McDOWELL

Harmon Award Goes To Rev. H. C. McDowell.

The Rev. Henry C. McDowell of Galangue, Portuguese West Africa, is this year recipient of the Harmon award annually presented to a Negro for outstanding achievement in the field of religious work. The award, comprising a gold medal and \$100.00 was presented Sunday night, February 8, 1931, at the Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn. Mr. McDowell, born at Meriden, Mississippi, and educated at Talladega College, Alabama, and Yale Divinity School, opened a mission station at Galangue eight years ago under the auspices of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He found the religion of the people, the Ombundas, a superstitious battle between witch doctors and evil spirits. During an exploratory journey he came upon the coronation festivities for a leading chief whose gifts was a hamper full of human heads and hearts. The arts and comforts of civilization were unknown.

A gospel of Christian faith, love and work was preached and young men and women were trained to be artisans, farmers, teachers and homemakers. Thirty-one permanent buildings of an adapted American type have been built at Galangue by students in training. The buildings are for shops, farm purposes, residences, a boarding school, a day nursery, a hospital and a church. In village schools near Galangue there are now 1,300 pupils and in the boarding school at the station 320. A hundred teachers, farm demonstrators, instructors in crafts and preachers are at work in the villages. Galangue is in the center of a territory a hundred miles square without other mission work.

Eight missionaries comprise the present staff of the American Board at Galangue. They are supported by the Negro Congregational churches in the United States.

The presentation of the Harmon award to Mr. McDowell was made by President Robbins W. Barstow, D. D., of Hartford Theological Seminary Foundation.

Waverly Loses a Prominent Citizen.

In the death of Mrs. Emily Nelson Hagood, Waverly has lost one of its best known citizens. For many years Mrs. Hagood watched life as it passed her door. Truly hers was the epitome of "The House by the Side of the Road." Her seat on her porch, which will ever be vacant will always serve as a reminder to those who knew and greeted her daily.

Mrs. Hagood was a member of Bethel A. M. E. church and was a charter member of the Waverly Club of the above named church. Her funeral services were held from Bethel church, Columbia, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, 1931, at 1:30 o'clock.

She leaves a husband, two sons, two daughters, six grand and two great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

MORRIS BROWN UNIV. RECEIVED CONDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD.

The General Education Board offers to give Morris Brown University \$11,000 for the purchase of twenty acres of land adjoining the Booker T. Washington High School property to provide a possible new site for the university to be conditioned on the university's entire indebtedness of current payment by Morris Brown University and bonded debts by January 1, 1932. \$9,000.00 of this amount has been advanced by the General Education Board to enable the University to exercise its options.

Bishop W. A. Fountain and the Board of Trustees of Morris Brown University have already laid plans

children of those slaves would be graduating from the public schools and colleges, that the races could have built itself homes and accumulated itself a wealth in lands and savings; that it should have carried on with success every calling and profession in our country.

Rev. Sandy Simmons, South Carolina's Logical Candidate for Bishop.



REV. SANDY SIMMONS, D. D.

Graduated from the Normal and College classes of Allen University. Finished as valedictorian of both with degree of A. B. While in Junior College was elected tutor in Allen, under the prince of educators, the late Prof. J. W. Morris, M. A., LL. B. Was elected Principal of Payne High School, now Payne College, Cuthbert, Ga. Entered South Carolina Annual Conference under late Bishop Salter, and was transferred by him to the Michigan Conference, under Bishop H. M. Turner. Was ordained Deacon in Georgetown by Bishop Salter; and ordained Elder in Detroit, Mich., by Bishop Turner. Stayed in Michigan ten years; serving as pastor of Flint, Ann Arbor and Jackson; and as Presiding Elder of the Grand Rapids District, which included a part of Indiana, two years. Was Assistant Secretary of the Michigan Conference one year; and Chief Secretary seven. Represented Michigan in two General Conferences; viz: Columbus, Ohio and Chicago; 1900 and 1904.

While pastoring Ann Arbor, matriculated in the University of Michigan and took three years course in the Law Department; graduating with degree of LL. B. in 1901; being the first and last minister of the A. M. E. or any church to pastor in Ann Arbor and obtain a degree from the University of Michigan.

Returned to South Carolina and was elected Professor of Physics, Political Economy, General History and Physical Geography at Allen. Was appointed Pastor of Bethel, Columbia, 1905; and cancelled a mortgage of 22 years standing. Transferred to South Carolina Conference 1908; stationed at Ebenezer Charleston, one year. Appointed P. E. of Georgetown District by Bishop Lee. From the district to Morris Brown, Charleston; remaining five years. Cancelled a debt of 16 years standing. Leaving Morris Brown, was appointed P. E. of Mt. Pleasant District. From there to Ebenezer again. Was transferred to South Carolina Conference by Bishop Beckett, and made P. E. of the Aiken District. After an interval, and now P. E. of the Beaufort District. A member of every General Conference since 1900; beginning at Columbus and ending at Chicago, 1928.

At Columbus was elected 4th Assistant Secretary. At Chicago and Norfolk, was Chief Reading Clerk; and at Kansas City, Mo., was Chief Marshal of Episcopal Committee. Three times a member of Episcopal Committee. Trustee of Wilberforce and Allen Universities for more than twenty years. Now Vice-Chairman of Trustee Board of Allen.

Fraternity Delegate to M. E. General Conference at Springfield, Mass., May, 1924; the first time South Carolina was so honored. A 33 degree Mason, M. V. P., of the G. U. O., of O. P., Uniform Rank, K. of P. and Good

"Fail" cannot be found. Let us back him this time; and success will be ours.

for their orations: The raising of \$100,000 in order to meet above offer. During the last series of annual conferences, the ministers and laymen in the State of Georgia pledged themselves and their friends to raise \$100,000.

For the last fifty years Morris Brown University has operated upon

Subjects of Orations: The Constitution and Slavery; The Constitution and Citizenship; The Relation of the Book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to the Constitution; Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Constitution; Frederick Douglass and the Constitution; Lincoln and the Constitution; The Constitutionality of the Kellogg Pact; The Constitution of the United States.

The maximum speaking limit shall not exceed ten minutes, and all directors will be required to enforce this rule. District and State Directors are authorized to charge admissions at the doors of their various contests to defray expenses of themselves and contestants to the State and Regional Contests.

All District Directors will report to the State Director the names of the winner and subject of oration, and the State Director will report to R. E. Pharrow, Regional Director, 186 1-2 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

G. E. NELSON, State Oratorical Director, Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.

BLACKVILLE NEWS

The services Sunday morning at Macedonia were well attended. Rev. Thos. T. J. Ball, delivered an inspiring message. Subject, "Man's Duty to God."

The many friends of Rev. A. B. Brodie will be pleased to know that he is convalescing from his illness.

The Macedonia High School is improving nicely under the splendid leadership of Prof. T. R. White.

Friday afternoon Misses N. Heyward and B. Jackson delightfully entertained their little folk and the mem-

Miss Maxine A. Bolden Passes.

In his wake Death stole from our immediate fold, one who has been close to us. Shortly before the holidays, Miss Maxine A. Bolden went home for treatment and care, and about 6 p. m., December 31st, she stole away to silence. Her father, a successful insurance man, a graduate as well as a trustee of Claflin University, has his family residence in Union. Here Maxine received the best of care and medical skill available.

The funeral was carried to Camden the home of the family. Many beautiful tributes of respect were paid to the deceased. Numerous Claflinites were in attendance. Among them were representatives from the student body, her class, the faculty, and also, President Randolph. Floral offerings from the school, her class and friends, at school were brought by the president, Claflin quartet took part in the service.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Harrington at Trinity M. E. church, Camden, S. C.

This would have been Miss Bolden's second year at Claflin. She was a member of the sophomore class. The high esteem with which she was regarded by all is shown, in a small way, by the splendid manner in which both students and teachers responded in preparing resolutions and floral offerings for the funeral.

Those who survive her are: Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bolden her two brothers, James S. Bolden, and Whitley W. Bolden, a freshman at Claflin, and numerous other relatives and friends.

The Panther deems it a Christian duty to print the under-mentioned resolutions:

In Memoriam. From The Criteria Club—

Because we love her and feel so deeply the absence of her gentle and kindly presence in our midst, we, the members of the Criteria Club of Claflin College, offer a tribute of love and respect to her memory.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, That we mourn, but in the midst of our tears, we commit ourselves and all the mysteries we cannot fathom to our heavenly Father, who is infinite and loving, and who can dry all tears from our eyes, and some day reveal all things to His elect;

Second, That we give thanks to God for her consecrated life and her loyalty to her club;

Third, That we extend to her bereaved family our deepest sympathy that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and one be sent to the Claflin Panther.

From Camden, South Carolina—Whereas, on December 31, 1930, in the wise and loving Providence of our heavenly Father, our dear friend, Maxine Bolden, was called to her reward, and

Whereas, for many years she has been a summer visitor at Camden, S. C., dispensing love and cheer wherever she went.

Therefore, be it resolved by her Camden friends of Claflin College:

First, That we shall greatly miss her presence in our town;

Second, That our love, affections and sympathy continue to be with the loved ones who are bereaved;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and one to the Claflin Panther.

From the Belles Lettres Association—

Whereas, Miss Maxine Bolden, entered Claflin College, September 17, 1929, as a member of the freshman class, and

Whereas, she affiliated herself with the Belles Lettres Association and was a faithful member during that year, and

Whereas, she returned to resume the same responsibilities, September 16, 1930, but because of illness was called home where she remained until she departed this life, December 31, 1930

Be it Resolved:

First, That we, the members of the Belles Lettres Association, tender our heart-felt sympathies to the bereaved family for the loss of their beloved daughter and devoted sister;

Second, That we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God who doeth all things well;

Third, "We shall meet but we shall miss her."

There will be one vacant chair. We shall linger to compress her. When we breathe our evening prayer."

Be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to the Claflin Panther, and be read at the Emancipation Day Program, January 1, 1931

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were played, after which refreshments were served.

Prof. T. R. White, attended the conference of Jeanes Supervisors and principals of the County Training Schools, which was held at Paine College, in Augusta, Ga., Thursday and Friday. He reports a very good meeting.

Negro History Week was fittingly observed at our daily chapel exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Odom, entertained a few of their friends on Fri-

MRS. CORDELLA CLARK GARY PASSES

Mrs. Cordella Clark Gary passed away at her residence on West Franklin St., Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, 1931. Mrs. Gary had been in ill health for the past month. Heart trouble was given as the cause of death.

She was born and reared in Anderson, S. C., June 7, 1854; died at the age of 76 years, 8 months, 6 days.

She was converted at the age of 13 years; she lived a Christian until death. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. Funeral service were held from Bethlehem M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, at 4:00 o'clock. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mrs. E. W. Gary Anderson, S. C.; three sons, Messrs. Charlie, Ira and J. B. Gary, Anderson; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Johnson Hackensack, N. J.; Mrs. Cicero Thompson, Anderson, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Stacy Garner, Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Nina Hayes, Hackensack, N. J.; one brother, Mr. Curtis Clark; twenty two grand children; two great grand children and a host of relatives and friends. W. J. Peck, Funeral Director in charge.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR ASS'N.

The stockholders of the Richland County Fair Association had their meeting last week at Union Baptist church, after the devotional exercises both the president Rev. L. G. Bowman and secretary, J. E. Dickson, made their annual reports.

Both of these reports were put in the hands of auditing committee with Mrs. Monteith, principal of the graded school near College Place as Chairman. The committee report showed that both the secretary and president had acted wisely for the association and the best of all had receipts and vouchers for every penny collected and paid out. The stockholders unanimously adopted the report and re-elected the same officers for the ensuing year, adding to the board, Ross T. M. Boykin, in the place of Mr. Elliott Richardson, of Irmo who has a stroke and will not be able to attend; also W. S. Holley, of East-Over Mr. Coleman, who is gone to work over way added to the board in the New Year.

Mr. Dickson's report showed all premiums were paid the last day of the fair and the president's report showed over thirty thousands people passed through the gates.

In speaking of the many absentees of the stockholders, it was stated that each stockholder was notified of this meeting.

Just prior to this meeting, the executive board met. Mr. Dickson wanted to resign as secretary but declared he would continue to work and use his influence for the county fair, regardless who will be secretary. Prof. W. R. Bowman was accorded the floor and said if the stockholders wanted to break up the county fair, accept Dickson's resignation. Mrs. Monteith and others spoke along the same line.

Mr. Bowman called the board attention to the continued illness of Mr. E. C. Richardson. Mr. Bowman pictured him as being a good churchman, honest to the core, reliable, own a beautiful home and very influential in the church.

Peace and harmony prevailed and each member left with the determination to have a bigger and better county fair for the year 1931 and let this fair be a feeder to the State fair.

CO. TRAINING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OF S. C. AND GEORGIA MEET.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 14. One hundred and twenty-five educators representing the County Training School principals of Georgia and South Carolina and the Jeanes Supervisors of the same two states met with Dr. Jas. Hardy Dillard, B. C. Caldwell, Leo M. Fradot, W. T. B. Williams of Tuskegee Institute, S. L. Smith of the Rosenwald Agency, Nashville, Tenn., Walter B. Hill of Richmond, Va., representing the general education board and the two state agents of Negro schools in Georgia and South Carolina were in attendance at the annual conference here in Haines College February 12th and 13th.

Dr. Dillard is president of the Jeanes and Slater funds and director of the General Education Board of New York City. Through his efforts much has been done to eliminate waste and increase efficiency in the Negro schools of the South. Better buildings, provision for summer schools and closer supervision of Negro rural schools are some of the things done by Dr. Dillard and his coworkers during the past twenty years was brought out in the conference here today.

At the close of the conference resolutions were passed expressing a vote of thanks to Dr. Dillard, Mr. J. B. Felton, state agent of Negro schools in South Carolina and other white men who are leading spirits in the new movements in Negro education in the South.

day evening with a Radio Party. Those present were Mrs. Hampie, Pope, Misses H. Holman, Nathalie Heyward, Messrs Alfred Tobin and Leroy Mack. The evening was very pleasantly spent.