

HOWARD GLEE CLUB AT ALLEN.

Columbia, S. C.—Last Tuesday afternoon the Howard University Glee Club stopped off at Allen University and rendered a short program before the students of Allen and Benedict. The Howard Glee Club was under the direction of Professor Roy Tibbs.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS PASS ANTI-LYNCH MEASURE.

New York, Feb. 27.—By a vote of 34 to 1, the one opposing voter being a Republican, the Democrats of the Indiana House of Representatives passed a state anti-lynching bill following speeches and conferences there by William Pickens, Field Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P.

COLORED COUNCIL MEN VICTORIOUS.

Chicago, (CNS)—Chicago's two colored City Councilmen were re-elected by the Republicans in the City primary election last Tuesday. Louis Anderson of the second ward had no opponent, while Robert Jackson of the third ward piled up 11,405 votes against 8,332 received by George Keyser, his opponent.

DISCUSS NEGRO EDUCATION.

Washington, D. C.—The National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes met in Detroit Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24 in connection with the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association for the purpose of advising Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Specialist in the Education of Negroes concerning problems of the Secondary Education survey.

C. M. E. MID-WINTER COUNCIL.

McAlister, Okla. (CNS)—The mid-winter Council of Ministers and lay-workers of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was held here last week.

The presiding officer was Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, of Kansas City, Kan. The latter part of June was designated as the time for holding the Young People's Jubilee at the Beebe Memorial Church, Muskogee.

ADDRESSES ASSOCIATION.

Charleston, S. C.—Last Thursday evening the guest speaker before the N.A.A.C.P. of this city was H. W. Baumgardner, who for the past six months has been editing The Palmetto Leader, South Carolina's leading weekly newspaper.

Mr. Baumgardner spoke on "The American Negro and His Problems." The Charleston Association according to Dr. E. B. Burroughs, president plans to have some outstanding speaker each month.

MORTICIAN HURRIES, FINED.

Washington (CNS)—Edward W. Bundy, prominent Capital Undertaker and fraternal man was given a tongue lashing and fined \$25 on a charge of speeding here last Tuesday.

Bundy faced the court on a charge of speeding, and pleaded that he was hurrying to his establishment to embalm a body so that the relatives of the deceased could view it.

EDWARDS WINS, MOORE OUT.

New York, (CNS)—Phil Edwards, former N. Y. U. star, romping under the colors of the Hamilton, Ont., Olympic Club won the 600 yard championship for the fourth straight year at the American National Indoor track and field meet held here at Madison Square Garden last Wednesday night.

Gus Moore, undefeated in nine starts in the two mile run this winter dropped out of that event after a bitter duel with Clark Chamberlain of Michigan State, Cross Country champion.

INDIANA LYNCHER ON TRIAL.

Marion, Ind. (CNS)—The trial of Charles Lennon, alleged white leader of the mob that hung Abe Smith and Tom Shipp here several months ago began last Wednesday. A total of 140 veniremen were examined in an effort to pick a jury of twelve. The State expects to put more than twenty witnesses on the stand. Jacob C. Campbell, sheriff at the time of the lynching and now who is facing a charge of neglect of official duty in connection with the lynching was the first witness to be sworn in.

SLAYER GRANTED STAY.

Washington, (CNS)—The United States Supreme Court last week granted a review, scheduled to be argued March 16, to Alfred Scott Aldridge, under death sentence for killing policeman Harry T. McDonald at 17 and Q streets on July 6, 1929. Aldridge was convicted and sentenced to be electrocuted March 17, 1930, but an appeal from the verdict stayed the execution.

The stay was granted on the ground of probable prejudice in the matter of Justice Peyton Gordon's refusal to inquire into racial prejudice on the part of prospective jurors.

JOHNSON'S BOOK EXHIBITED.

New York, Feb. 27.—A poem by James Weldon Johnson, vice-president of the N.A.A.C.P. is included in the ninth "Fifty Books of the Year" exhibition of the American Institute

Insurance Leader and Banker Dies at Durham

Was Well Known Layman in the A. M. E. Church. Made Large Gift To Kittrell College. Durham, N. C., March 3.—J. M. Avery, well known insurance man, banker and A. M. E. churchman died at his home in Durham at nine-thirty Tuesday morning, March 3, after an illness lasting several months. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, a grandson, father, three brothers and one sister.

Mr. Avery was one of the early leaders of the big business organizations begun in Durham. He was vice president, secretary and director of the North Carolina Insurance Company, treasurer of the Bankers Fire Insurance Company; Supreme Deputy Grand Master of Royal Knights King David, Director Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Mutual Building and Loan Association, Southern Fidelity and Surety Company, trustee and treasurer Lincoln Hospital; trustee and secretary Kittrell College and member of the Executive Committee National Negro Business League.

He was an outstanding layman of the A. M. E. church and served on the General Conference Commission for the past two quadrenniums. He was trustee and treasurer St. Joseph A. M. E. church. He was an honest, loyal optimistic officer of many companies and beloved by every agent and policyholder.

He was unassuming and unselfish. He was liberal in his support of Kittrell College. His generosity and sound business acumen won for him many friends and many positions of trust.

HOUSING COMMITTEES FOR PALMETTO STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Local committees to look after the betterment and housing of the Palmetto Teachers' Association convening in Columbia, April 2, 3, and 4, were organized at a conference held at Allen University, Monday March 2nd.

President D. H. Sims, chairman of the general committee, Mrs. A. D. Rhodes, secretary, and Prof. T. L. Duckett, treasurer.

Subcommittees were appointed as follows: Housing—Prof. T. L. Duckett, Mrs. A. D. Rhodes, Mrs. M. E. Dunmore, Prof. T. J. Hanberry, Mrs. Elizabeth Radcliffe, Prof. R. L. Pogue and Miss S. E. Green. Local program—Prof. W. A. Perry, Mrs. R. E. Monteth, and Miss Ella C. Meyers. Publicity—J. D. McGhee, H. W. Baumgardner and W. R. Bowman. Citizens committee—Dr. J. G. Stuart, W. C. Johnson, Dr. Frank B. Johnson, J. E. Dickson, Dr. L. M. Daniels, and George Hampton. Reception committee—Prof. C. W. Madden, Prof. H. Lane and J. H. Whitmore. Music committee—Miss M. A. Holden, Miss G. Brown, and Miss D. V. Roach. Budget—Prof. C. A. Johnson, Prof. T. L. Duckett, and Dr. D. H. Sims. Poster Guide—Prof. E. S. Lammon. The executive committee is composed of the officers of the general committee and the chairmen of each of the sub-committees.

Preparation for the best meeting in the history of the organization has been under way for several months according to an announcement by Prof. C. A. Johnson in the February issue of the Teachers' Bulletin, the official organ of the Palmetto Teachers' Association. The program committee of the State organization has invited the best talent obtainable to speak to the teachers.

Mary MacCloed Bethune, President of Bethune-Cookman College a nationally known leader in education has been invited to speak at the public meeting to be held at the new Municipal Auditorium. Experts in primary elementary, vocational and high school education have been invited to address the group meeting that are to be held daily in sections at Allen University, Benedict College and Booker Washington High School.

Another feature which has been arranged for the entertainment of the teachers is a baseball game between Allen and Benedict. This game has the support and sanction of the Association.

The local committees have one month to make other preparation for the large number of teachers and visitors expected. The chairman of the housing committee Prof. T. L. Duckett is requesting that teachers who expect to be in Columbia for the meeting communicate with him at their earliest convenience. Individuals who will have homes open to the teachers during the convention are requested to touch with the members of the housing committee.

Prof. J. P. Burgess executive secretary of the Association has asked all teachers of the state by letter that they pay dues before March 10th so that there may be a full enrollment of the teachers, and that their names might appear in the next Bulletin which will be issued for the annual meeting of the Association.

of Graphic Arts being held at the New York Public Library through Feb. 24. The books exhibited are shown as fine examples of typography, printing and book-making.

Mr. Johnson's book is "Saint Peter Relates an Incident of the Resurrection Day," a story in verse of the Unknown Soldier, who turns out to be colored. The book was published by the Viking Press.

IN BEHALF OF THE STATE'S NEGRO CHILDREN.

The officers of the Palmetto State Teachers Association, speaking for the Association's membership and in the name of the Negro teaching profession of South Carolina, reaffirm the Association's belief in the importance of education in community life and progress. We regret current proposals to reduce needlessly the effectiveness of the schools by drastic reductions in the salary schedules of teachers. We regret these proposals because they involve grave injustice to the schools and the teaching profession, because they affect all ideals and well-being at their source, and because they would rob the children of the State of their just educational privileges.

COMMON JUSTICE assumes that income reductions should not be exacted from those least able to bear the loss. Teaching has always been an unaccompanied by higher standards of preparation, requiring large investments of time and money in professional education. The teacher today is paid only seventy per cent as much as the average gainfully occupied person. The quality of teaching largely determines the future of childhood. Teaching is already at an economic disadvantage; to increase that disadvantage is to impair the schools at their most vulnerable point and to weaken the one institution which can contribute most to the recovery of prosperity.

THE WELFARE AND STABILITY of the State depends on a continuous effective educational system. To retard the schools, even for a year or two, means an irreparable loss in health, stability, culture, leadership, and citizenship. Lessons of the World War disclosed the utter helplessness of the illiterate and untrained man to cooperate effectively with others, the tragic wastefulness of poor schools or no schools at all. As citizens and as educators we re-direct the attention of our State to these lessons. Temporary difficulties do not excuse the working of permanent harm.

EVERY CHILD born in South Carolina should have an adequate education—a legacy guaranteed by the state constitution and implied by democratic government. The failure of this generation to face and solve the problem of economic depressions should strengthen our determination that the next generation shall be better fitted to cope with these and other problems of modern life.

Negro teachers and Negro education in general have labored through years under the most serious financial handicaps. But in spite of these handicaps there has been considerable progress, due to the faithfulness of our teachers, the loyalty of Negro citizens and the splendid cooperation of white people in many communities.

The average length of school terms has been increased from 93 days in 1927 to 114 days in 1930. A former state superintendent wrote in 1911: "We have expended this year \$349,834.60 in support of Negro schools. I never visit one of these schools without feeling that we are wasting a large part of this money and are neglecting a large opportunity." This state teacher training efforts of the teachers themselves, and the development of national colleges of South Carolina, the teaching efficiency level of Negro schools has been considerably raised. A reduction of salaries at this time would discourage these faithful servants whose salaries in many instances amount to a mere pittance.

A review of the monthly salaries of Negro teachers of South Carolina on an eight months basis reveals that Negro women receive \$37.98 and Negro men \$50.34 per month.

In 1918 the total expenditures for Negro education in the state was only 10 per cent of expenditures for all schools. In 1930 the ratio is identical, 10 per cent for all purposes of Negro education in South Carolina the past twelve years.

In 1918 Negro teachers received from the state 39.3 per cent of the appropriation for salaries. In 1930 they received 40 per cent, a relative increase of seven-tenths of one per cent in twelve years.

The future of South Carolina lies in the school house for there is where citizens are made. Schoolhouses without well prepared teachers become mere meeting houses. Members of the Palmetto State Teachers Association are deeply concerned about the present unhappy economic situation in general and particularly as it affects our state. We are interested and moved to cooperate, as citizens, with the various relief agencies in their efforts to better conditions. We are convinced, however, that to reduce, at this time, the salaries of teachers of the State would be most unfortunate—especially as this reduction would affect Negro education.

We therefore respectfully call upon the Legislators of our state to reaffirm the American faith in education and to disfavor any attempt to handicap our children by driving the best teachers out of the profession. The rise of South Carolina is resourceful enough to give every child its birthright—a generous education under the direction of trained and competent teachers. Very respectfully submitted for

THE PALMETTO STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, C. A. Johnson, President, Columbia, S. C.; S. L. Finley, Recording Secretary, Chester; John P. Burgess, Executive Secretary, Orangeburg; R. S. Wilkinson, Chm., Executive Committee, Orangeburg.

WATERBURY, CONN. NEWS

George Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maness, Misses Hattie and Claretta Mott, Helen Stevens, Sadie Halle, Lena Malory, Annie Harris, Florence Wright, Ruth Reede, Virginia Cypress, Margaret Cregg, Virginia Goodson, Cynthia Mott and Misses Julia and Janie Nesbitt, Mrs. Millie and Elizabeth Hayward of Detroit, Mich.; Messrs. Carroll Walton, Charles Gatlin, Haskell Holman, Ansley Williams, Carl Montgomery, James Richardson, Everett Cregg, James Hardy, Wesley Clapp, Isaac Reede, George Young, John Sears, George Warde, Henry Copeland, George Williams, Sylvesta Perkins, Milton Wyrick, and William Nesbitt. All the guests reported an enjoyable evening.

THE BIBLE CLASS OF HARBISON INSTITUTE

Several young men of the Y. M. C. A., organized themselves into a Bible Class, whose aim is to develop strong christian leaders. We are striving to make this the banner year in its history. This term we began with a small number; it seemed almost impossible to keep the organization alive, but the faithful few kept on working. After discussing this subject, "How can we make our Bible Class a success?" and acting on the suggestions our attendance was doubled. The members have become so enthusiastic in the discussions that they have been willing to extend the time.

Our class is composed of students from the preparatory school as well as the high school. We meet every Sunday morning at nine o'clock and discuss topics like the following: "Overcome with evil," and others. We are preparing leaders for tomorrow; we are not preparing for failures. Failures are due to the lack of preparation. Some people fail because they do not try.

Some of our members conducts

LAST TRIBUTE PAID MRS. CHOLOIE WOODBURY

The funeral services of Mrs. Choloe Woodberry, widow of the late Rev. Frank Woodberry, who died Feb. 14, 1931 at 5:40 A. M. after a brief illness of nine days, were held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, 1931 at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Georgetown, S. C.; interment in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by the pastor of the above mentioned church, Dr. R. E. Brogdon. The funeral sermon preached by Dr. W. P. Carolina, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Pleasant District of the Palmetto Conference.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Effie C. Johnson, Georgetown, S. C.; George Woodbury, New York City; Mrs. Janie L. Lawrence, Asheville, N. C.; Peter L. Woodberry, Atty., Baltimore, Md.; James Woodbury, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Ruby Woodbury, R. N., Supt. of the Richardson Memorial Hospital Greensboro, N. C.; Frank Woodbury, Chester, S. C.; Two sisters: Mesdames Mary Alston and Jane Flood, both of New York City and fifteen grand children.

For many years Mrs. Choloe Woodbury made her home in Georgetown, S. C. For the past two years she sojourned in Asheville, N. C., with one of her daughters, Mrs. Janie L. Lawrence. The news of her death was a source of grief among her many friends.

She was born in Pee Dee, Georgetown County, 1862, the daughter of the late James and Mariah Tucker. Being a mere girl when she married her late husband. This couple lived in happy wedlock for fifty years and six months.

Too much cannot be said of a good mother. She did not have the privilege of obtaining a liberal education, but sacrificed and saw to it that all of her children were educated before she passed. Nothing is better than mothers' influence thrown around her children. She was always desirous of her children becoming respectable men and women in their respective community.

Many good testimonials have been paid to mother, Abraham Lincoln, after all of his accomplishments gave her credit to his mother. Think of Charles Sumner, William Lloyd, Garrison and Lovejoy; their primary training were from the parental fire side. We, the children can say the same thing.

We want to thank sincerely all senders of telegrams and donations of flowers and the use of automobiles. Private cards, expressing thanks shall be mailed to all in the near future. Children of the late Mrs. Choloe Woodbury, per James Woodbury, 2506 Green St., Col., C. C.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS WIN IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of South Carolina won in the Supreme Court last week an opinion was handed down sustaining its appeal. The case was that of Lucretia Washington against the Grand Lodge. The decision was against Grand Lodge in the Circuit Court but an appeal was made by Attorney N. J. Frederick, the Pythians' Attorney. This case grew out of an attempt of Lucretia Washington through her Attorney, J. J. Cantey of Sumner, S. C., to collect a judgement of \$450.00 she alleged to have had against the Grand Lodge of Pythias of Georgia. An attempt was made to levy on South Carolina Pythians' bond of \$5000.00 deposited with the State Insurance Commissioner to pay the alleged judgment. The matter was first heard by Judge John S. Wilson, of the Clarendon County Circuit Court August last. The judge decided that the South Carolina Pythians had to pay and so ordered.

From that order the appeal to Supreme Court was made by attorney Frederick, which appeal was sustained in a unanimous opinion of that Court.

SUMTER NEWS

Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Lawson were at home to a host of friends on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Thursday evening, Feb. 26. The rooms in which the guests assembled were very attractive with ferns and cut flowers. Mesdames Minnie Brown, Pearl Spears, Emma Andrews and Miss Charlotte Diggs, received the guests. Prof. and Mrs. Lawson were seated in the midst of the guests. Mrs. Lawson was very charming in a dress of cream silk with silver lace trimming. Rev. A. P. Spears was Master of Ceremonies. Short talks were made by Revs. A. R. Howard, J. M. Harrison and Dr. L. Bragg Anthony. Mrs. A. G. McDonald rendered an instrumental solo. Miscellaneous games were played and the event was indeed a gala occasion. Delicious block cream and pound cake was served by several of the young men of Lincoln Hi School. The gifts of silver were numerous and handsome. Two of the number were lovely silver trays presented by the faculty of Lincoln and Savage-Glover Schools.

The two nights bazaar sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church, was a success. The first night was held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lawson and the second night at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lawson. The proceeds of the bazaar were \$100.00. The ladies were very generous in their contributions. The bazaar was a great success and the ladies were very pleased with the results.

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Peoples Forum To Hear Bishop Ransom

Public Meeting at Salters Memorial Church Sunday Afternoon, Music By Benedict and Allen. Bishop Ransom will be the principal speaker for the first program of the Peoples Forum (The Columbia Forum for Social and Ethical Progress) which will be held Sunday afternoon, March 8, at Salters Memorial Chapel, the permanent home for the forum.

The program committee, appointed by Dr. D. H. Sims, president of the Forum, met at Allen University Tuesday afternoon to arrange the program for the first public meeting. Allen and Benedict quartets have been invited to sing on the program. Selections by Allen's orchestra will also be rendered.

Bishop Ransom, who is an eminent speaker, has been chosen to give the first address to this community project that was recently organized with a beginning of forty charter members. The speaker's acquaintance with the "unclinging" of many of the leading forums in other large cities makes him unusually fit to bring much illumination to those who are invited to see him Sunday afternoon.

The committee promises that the meeting, to which all citizens are invited, will begin promptly at 4:15 o'clock and end at 6:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Regular meetings of the forum are to be held twice a month. Members of the program committee are Dr. E. A. Adams, Dr. R. W. Mance, Dr. D. K. Jenkins, Prof. W. A. Perry and Prof. W. H. Hubert. Dr. D. H. Sims, president of the Forum was present at the meeting.

MISS GENEVA FISHER PASSES

Blythewood, S. C., Feb. 25, 1931—Miss Geneva Fisher died at her home in Blythewood, S. C., Feb. 25, 1931 after an illness of about 2 weeks. She was a charter member of The Round Top Baptist Church and was one of its most faithful workers. Her many admirable traits of character made her greatly liked by all those who knew her, and the news of her death caused wide-spread grief. She was a noble character and of a sweet disposition.

Blythewood will miss a creditable seamstress and in fact a mighty woman in Israel has fallen. She left a wonderful impression upon the minds of her friends which is also rather indelible and cannot be erased from their hearts.

Rev. Mr. R. M. Myers, pastor of the Second Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia officiated. He used as a text "If this earthly house of this tabernacle was dissolved I have a building not made with hands but eternal in the Heaven."

Mrs. Manigault is the right woman in the right place. I advise anyone who want the funeral of their loved one handled in an honorable way see Mrs. Manigault.

We want to thank Mrs. Mary Harris of Ridgeway, Miss Mary and Martha Brown of Blythewood; Mrs. Abbe of Blythewood; Mr. L. H. Huggins of Columbia; Mr. Miss James of Columbia; Mr. Louis Switzer of Columbia, for the beautiful designs. The grave was a complete mound of flowers.

She leaves a mother, Mrs. Caroline Fisher; four sisters, Mrs. Borth Laughlin, Mrs. Minnie Brown, Mrs. Agnes Woodward, Miss Anna Fisher, and three brothers, Mr. R. C. Fisher, Mr. W. B. Fisher, all of Blythewood except Mr. Isaac Fisher who is proprietor and Manager of The Baltimore Cafe, 1118 Washington St., Columbia, S. C.

by the Ediles of the City Federation was a grand success. A large crowd attended the first night and on the second night a overwhelming crowd was present. Various attractions awaited the crowd. After all expenses were deducted a balance of \$30.00 was reported. The president wishes to extend thanks to all who helped to make the affair a success.

Mrs. Hannah Richards is again at home after spending a couple of months in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Della Dinkins is going nicely after having had an operation performed on one of her eyes.

Rosenwald Day was observed at the Greene School, Sumter County Friday, Feb. 27. The program was as follows—Singing, School Prayer, School Object and Purpose of the Meeting, Mrs. A. S. Roberts; Rosenwald Movement, Mrs. Mamie Smalls; Value of Summer School, Miss Hattie Moore; The Improvement of Home Economics, Mrs. H. Sumner; Advanced Improved Agriculture, Mr. J. M. Maloney; Why we should have a vegetable and flower garden, Mr. Miller; Character, Rev. A. P. Spears. We were highly honored to have at this program our own Supervisor, Dr. L. Bragg Anthony, who gave us very good advice. Our District Superintendent, Mr. J. D. Blanding of School District No. 1, was present and gave a very good talk on giving. We were very pleased to have a number of our patrons also. We ask them to come again.

Faculty: Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mrs. Mamie Smalls, Mrs. Harriet Sampson, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

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