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## Dr. G. E. Curry Announces His Candidacy For Bishop

Will Liquidate Debt of Book Concern of Which He is the Manager Before Election in 1940

Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. G. E. Curry in an interview here today announced his candidacy for election to the Bishopric in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the General Conference that meets in Detroit, Mich., in May, 1940. There have been rumors of his candidacy for some time, but this is the first definite statement from Dr. Curry himself. Says Dr. Curry:

"For the benefit of my friends and the Church at large, I am glad to take this method of letting them know. I was slow about making the announcement because I wanted to be sure of being able to liquidate the debt of the Book Concern, and then ask the Church to elect me as one of the Bishops of the A. M. E. Church. Now that I am positive that this liquidation will be accomplished by 1940, I am asking the people to make me one of their Bishops."

If the Church wants a business man (he is a great preacher, also, don't lose sight of that fact) but if the Church wants a man that will help save some of the many churches; build up the departments save God many members that are threatening to leave the Church; help the pastors to build larger and stronger membership; then thousands of members feel that Dr. Curry is the man.

He is not only a business man, he is an experienced pastor and presiding elder. A Man of Experience. He has served as pastor from small missions to large stations. He is the builder of the largest church he has ever pastored. He has received 1900 members in the church. He is often referred to as the "Wonder Man of the A. M. E. Church."

## Union Hospital Observes National Hospital Day

Union, S. C., May 12.—The Community hospital of this city observed National hospital day at St. Luke's Baptist church, Friday evening, May 12. Dr. L. M. Long superintendent of the Union institution and president-elect of the Palmetto Medical association presented honorable Fred McLure as the main speaker. After making a few comments on the occasion which marked the birthday of Florence Nightingale, arch angel of nurses, the Union County Senator said: "Hospitals are no longer institutions for the selected few as in days of old but are institutions which serve everybody." He added that these institutions have become very essential to the lives of all Americans, and that Union county is blessed to have a hospital which is owned and controlled by Negroes. After pledging his support of and cooperation with the authorities of the Community hospital, he declared that the institution deserved the support of every colored person also, in the county.

Others who appeared on the program were: Professor A. A. Sims chairman of the hospital's board; Mrs. Mamy Wilson, president of the Women's auxiliary; the Rev. A. D. Duncan, Sr., and Claude Wilson, assistant-manager of the Spartanburg District, North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Special music was rendered by the "Harmony Three", Union trio of high school teachers, including Misses Julia Brogden, Sara Baten and Sara Morris.

A very large audience enjoyed the program. It is encouraging to note that the citizens of the county are becoming "hospital-conscious", and with their continued cooperation a well-equipped institution will be the result of the Community hospital's five year expansion program.

## PAGELAND NEWS

The faculty and students of the Pageland school ended the most successful term in the history of the school, May 10; Prof. C. S. Thompson, is principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Blakeney, Misses Aris Blakeney, Lillian Bacote and Mr. Robert Blakeney motored to Charlotte, Thursday.

On Friday evening the home of Mrs. C. S. Thompson was the scene of a very pleasant affair when a miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Lillian Bacote, bride-elect of June.

The home was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Miss Bacote is from Society Hill and a member of the Pageland school faculty.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson is spending a few days at Ocean Drive.

Miss Pratts, Myers and Mr. Quincy Riviera were married Saturday evening.

## Organ Recital

The Music Department of Allen University will present F. P. Abraham, Director of the Department, in the final Organ Recital of the term, Sunday, May 21, at six forty-five P. M. in the University Auditorium. You and your friends are cordially invited to be present. Admission, Free.

F. P. Abraham, Director of Music Department.

## Dr. Cornely Secured For Health Instructor

Public Health Specialist Howard University

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—C. A. Johnson, director of the Charleston summer school, announced today that Dr. Paul B. Cornely of Howard university will have charge of the work in public health. Dr. Cornely has been secured through the cooperation of the Charleston Tuberculosis association. He is a specialist in problems of tuberculosis. Dr. Cornely is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical school. He also received the Doctor of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan, and it is understood that he is the only Negro in the country who has a degree in this field.

## BALTIMORE, MD. NEWS

By Louise Go'e Douglass

Mt. Hebron schedule: Tuesday night, May 9; prayer meeting and choir rehearsal; Wednesday night May 10, Bible class conducted by Rev. Daniel; Thursday night service conducted by Dea. Mayor. Sunday morning, May 14th which was another day service by our pastor, Rev. Flowers. S. S. at 9:30 a.m., opened by the President, Rev. Lewis. Service at 11:30 a.m. A Mothers' Day program was at Mt. Hebron church on Sunday night, May 14 conducted by Mrs. P. Midget.

The Will Makers met on Friday night at 818 George St. Mrs. Hattie Flowers, president.

Everyone is very glad to see Mrs. Dollie D. Brown getting along fine.

On sick list are: Mrs. Margaret Andrews, Mrs. Mary Martin, Miss Etta McClinton and boyfriend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Brice, on Sunday evening. Mrs. Louise Gore Douglas was Mrs. Althertha Weather's guests on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary E. Waters had for her guests Rev. Westbrook and his girl friend, Mr. J. Gray, sister Mrs. Hattie Gray Brown and little daughter came down Sunday for a few hours stay, the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray. They are from Pittsburgh, Pa.—They were formerly of Chester, S. C. The party motored with Mrs. Bell Brown and boy friend at the wheel. They reported a pleasant stay.

## CONWAY NEWS

The quarterly conference convened for its third quarter at Bethel A. M. E. church, May 7th. Rev. A. P. Spears, presiding elder of Marion district preached for the morning services at 11:15. His sermon was the meditation of the vision and wisdom from God, only those imbued with His spirit can deliver such soul stirring sermons. A large congregation attended the services.

Holy Communion was given to a large number, this added greatly to the spirit of the services, and made a glorious ending for the morning.

The Sunday school met at 3:30 p.m., with ardent response from the young people and children, who gathered for their part of the Holy Scriptures. The teachers, are working for a progressive Sunday school, for larger classes and better contributions.

Classes 1 and 3 are actively bringing their classes to the top. They are well attended and their contributions growing.

Mrs. N. B. Levister and Mr. Frank Hemingway are to be congratulated for their efforts in making the Sunday school a success. A piano is to be installed soon, that the young people may take a more active part in the services.

At 6:30 p.m. the business of the quarterly conference began, the leaders, officers, and members were in place for their part.

The responsive methods of procedure, from the leaders reading reports from the various organizations with their donations made

## Candidate For Bishop



DR. G. E. CURRY

Manager of the A. M. E. Book Concern, who has announced his candidacy for Bishop. Thousands of African Methodists throughout the country believe he will be elected on the first ballot at the General Conference of the Connection that meets in Detroit in May, 1940. The Book Concern Building, located at 716 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia, is the largest building owned by our group in the city and was saved for the Church by Dr. Curry. —Eastern News Service.

## The Sons of Allen

In the cycle of events changes constantly loom up and with them consequent readjustments. Now let us make the application. As African Methodists we have certain outstanding institutions of which is devolved upon us to support. Taking first rank among them are our schools. Among the old colleges is Allen University from whose walls have gone out some of the brightest constellations of the literary world.

In the chaos that has at times developed some of our maladministration, we have been victimized as incompetent and insufficient to nurture the heritage left to our charge. But, on the reverse side of the picture we see standing out prominently such characters as the Invincible Six (Chappelle, MacDaniel, Hunter, Saxon, Dunlap Jamison) who composed the first college class of Allen. Not one of these men reached their goal of attainment without very hard struggles. Out of that class came some of the leaders in African Methodism. On them the Church bestowed its highest honors.

Now what has been the result, the little spark of perseverance, indefatigable effort and everything else accompanying such has so lived on through the years that today we have men, sons of Allen who are fired by the same spark as these Allen's first collegians. There are so many who can qualify as being eligible to this PREFERRED list of graduates; but since the issue paramount in our school now is the selection of a head, we want to laud the Invincible Six, who toiled at Allen amid struggles of various sort until he won his coveted diploma. This he used as a stepping stone to greater accomplishments and entered school in Boston University where he again scored a victory—a diploma. So, if by the wayside we have laurels to place upon worthy brows, can any good thinker overlook the accomplishment of this son of Allen and when inscribing the names in the Hall of Fame, will you not place Dr. E. F. G. Dent?

Yours for Methodism,  
E. D. PERRIN,  
Greenwood, S. C.

it the most successful conference that has been held.

The reports from the leaders and various organizations exceeded all expenses with a surplus amount in treasury.

Rev. M. F. Robinson has shown his executive ability with the organizations of the church, and the effects were greatly realized and appreciated when they helped with their donations to carry the conference over all previous records.

All are happy to see the work resumed on the church; it is hoped with the coming rally on the fourth Sunday that work will be continued.

## St. John's Day Celebration

To all Subordinate Lodges, Free and Accepted Masons of S. C. and its jurisdiction,

Greetings:  
Dear Brethren: June 24th. If for any reason you are unable to assemble your craft to celebrate this date, you are privileged to assemble in your temple or church Sunday the 25th, and give honor to the occasion to that "patron saint" St. John, the Baptist. All Subordinate Lodges in regular standing are urged to make due preparation for this day.

It is hoped that every Lodge in good and regular standing will present an appropriate service at an hour to be designated either a sermon or literary as may be agreed by the brethren of the craft.

I am suggesting, a free will offering be taken and given the poor and worthy master masons' widows and orphans. It is hoped that you will stress this important meeting and make a good impression by your act and conduct on this occasion. Let your Order of service be in keeping with Masonic custom.

Make this a great day for Prince Hall Masonry and encourage others to join our ranks. May peace and harmony attend you now and always, I am,  
Fraternally yours,  
J. S. STANBACK,  
Grand Master.

## National Speakers At Allen University Commencement May 28—June 1

Acting President O'Daniel Gives Out List of Speakers  
Elbert Beard on List; Bishop Flipper to Hold Board Meeting

The sixty-ninth annual commencement of Allen university will begin with the Baccalaureate address in the college auditorium Sunday, May 28th by Laurence Foster of New York City. The address to the literary societies, Monday night by Elbert H. Beard, Washington, D. C., the literary address by Asa H. Gordon of Georgia State college, May 30; the address to the alumni Wednesday night, May 31 by Howard Decker Gregg of Virginia Union university, and the commencement address June 1 by William Thomas Fontaine of Southern Univ., Baton Rouge, La.

The group speakers selected for Allen's finals this year come from among the most noted scholars among American Negroes.

Program of announcements:  
Sunday, May 28th, Baccalaureate service, university auditorium. Sermon by Laurence Foster, A.B., S.T.B., A.M., Ph.D., Professor at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania; Research Associate University of Pennsylvania Museum; General Editor Huxley publishers, New York City.

Monday, May 29th: Senior Class Day exercises, university lawn Religious Societies' program, university auditorium. Address by Elbert H. Beard, A.B., B.D., pastor Brown Memorial A. M. E. church, Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, May 30th: Literary

## ELLOREE NEWS

M. I. Anderson a well known citizen of this section departed this life, May 9, 1939 at the age of 63. He has been in declining health for the past three years. He leaves to mourn his loss a dear wife, Mrs. Emma Anderson, four daughters and two sons: Mrs. Essie Davis of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. A. Miller of New York City; Mrs. B. S. Sally, Miss Earnestine Anderson, Messrs Raymond and Thomas Anderson of Ellore; four sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Mary Hopkins of Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. Annie L. Williams, Mrs. Martha Wilson, Miss Ida Anderson, Messrs Dan and Charlie Anderson of Ellore. Three grand children: Katie Mae Miller of Columbia; Patricia and Franklin Bradley Sally of Ellore; also a host of friends and relatives.

Services at the residence, Interment in Shiloh cemetery Wednesday, May 10, at 3 p.m. Rev. Jefferson pastor of Shiloh church officiating.

Dear husband and father:  
When life's troubles gather darkly  
Round the way we follow here,  
When no hope the sad heart lights,  
No voice speaks a word of cheer;  
When adversity surrounds us,  
And our sunshine friends pass by,

## Successful Ruralist



MRS. ELLA W. GRIFFIN, Jeanes Supervisor, Polk Co., Fla. During the five years in which Mrs. Griffin has served Polk Co., 5 new, modern school buildings have been erected, several others remodelled and enlarged and the number of Negro rural teachers in the county have increased from 110 to 140.

In speaking of her work, local citizens of Bartow, the county seat praise her accomplishments in stimulating the beautification of homes, churches and school buildings and grounds. In these efforts, she has had the support of NFA boys under W. L. Sams, teacher of Vocational Agriculture as well as the other teachers and county health officials.

Mrs. Griffin is a native New Englander and was graduated from Framingham Mass. State Teachers college. She has done special work in education at Clark university in Worcester and at Boston university.—ANP Photo.

## Rev. L. H. Hemmingway Outstrips All Predecessors

Mrs. Lee M. Griffin Laid To Rest

Mrs. Lee M. Griffin, a highly respected citizen of Columbia passed away Friday night, May 12th, 1939, at 10:45, at her home 923 Pine Street after an illness of five months.

She was a faithful and loving mother and always wore a sweet smile for every one she met. Originally of Greenwood County, Mrs. Griffin had lived in Columbia for about thirty years, where her work proves that she was a worthy citizen.

She was an ideal neighbor, she found it very pleasant in going out of her way to help or favor others. Her neighbors declared many times she would gladly give up her rights for peace and satisfaction to all concerned. She championed the cause of unfortunates and many are wondering who will take her place. Her funeral was largely attended last Monday, May 15th in Bethel A. M. E. Church, of which she had been a member since coming to Columbia. Her pastor Dr. W. B. L. Clark, paid a high tribute to her work and preached a most touching sermon, assisted by Dr. J. C. Cuthbert, of Sidney Park C.M.E. Church and Dr. A. S. Powe, pastor of Ladson Presbyterian church.

Her work as a member of the Waverly Club of Bethel church was beautifully portrayed by Mrs. R. C. Chappelle and Mr. W. H. Young, her class leader, attested to her christian life. She was laid to rest in Palmetto Cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers.

Surviving are six loving children as follows: Leonard, Robert L. Almema, Mayme, Paul and Gilroye Griffin and one grand son Gilroye Griffin Jr. She also gave a mother's love to four step-children, Gertrude Watson Hawkins, St. Law Griffin, Willie Prater and Ola Griffin (of these St. Law survives) and their fifteen children one of whom is Amos Watson, interior decorator of Columbia. Her husband, Robert N. Griffin and first son, Marion preceded her to the grave some years ago.

PINE GROVE A. M. E. CHURCH  
Rev. C. A. Dunlap, Pastor

Sunday, due to the inclemence of the weather, many of the churchgoers were not out. Sunday School opened at the usual hour with Superintendent J. C. Rauls in charge.

High noon services were opened with "Love Feast," conducted by Bro. J. R. Ray and Bro. J. C. Rauls as the leaders. The pastor delivered a wonderful sermon from the subject, "Mother," which was enjoyed by all after which the Lord's Supper was administered. At 3:30 there was a Missionary address delivered to the Missionaries by Miss Ida Morris of Bible college Columbia, S. C. We had as our visiting friends the Akin's brothers of Charlotte, N. C.; also, Miss Lucile Friday.

The singing reunion was conducted by the President, Bro. J. R. Ray. The choir present were Pine Grove senior and junior; St. Paul, Pleasant Spring, Hope Well Macedonia. They really sang until everyone was spiritually alive. They raised \$22.35. We were glad to have the Rev. S. J. Laws, Rev. H. H. Reddon, Rev. Sanders with us.

The Big Sisters club is progressing fine. Those on sick list are: Mrs. F. Swygert, Mrs. Della Richardson, Mrs. Nancy Paris, Mrs. Mary Swygert.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. H. H. Dayson, Pastor

Leeds, S. C.—Installation service began May 7th and ended on May 12th. On Sunday night the Rev. W. S. Bookhart of Columbia and his choir from Hissian Hill rendered service. On Monday night service was not held because of rain. Tuesday night, Rev. Gilman of Newberry preached. Wednesday night, Rev. Robinson of Newberry preached. Thursday night, Rev. F. L. Wilkes from Carlisle and his choir from Low Hope station, rendered services. Friday night, Rev. G. L. Lowry from Rock Hill and his choir from Upper Hope station rendered service. Each pastor preached from the depth of their heart. This was like a revival meeting.

Rev. Dayson is in his second year pastoring and is striving hard to carry out his work in brotherly love and cooperation with all.

On Friday night each club re

At the annual meeting of the Church Extension Board, Secretary Treasurer Hemmingway made his first report since his incumbency. He has literally resurrected the department and has restored confidence. His report was heard with attention. Often it was punctuated with applause.

Brought forward \$4,093.13. Receipts \$15,528.68. Total \$19,621.81. Expended \$16,146.42 with a balance of \$3,475.39. Outstanding loans \$518,699.91. Total assets \$1,022,639.91. The property is free of debt, all taxes paid, and the efficient secretary has been



DR. L. H. HEMMINGWAY

able to effect an operating saving of \$4,000 per year.

The General conference will undoubtedly restore to this department a larger percentage of the Dollar Money. The President of the Board is Bishop S. L. Greene. The Rev. D. Ward Nichols, secretary.

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9th District—L. V. Starks  
10th District—J. H. Smith  
11th District—J. M. Wise  
12th District—Octavia Douglas  
13th District—G. W. Andrews

The Church Extension has helped 1786 churches since its organization.

Friends throughout the A. M. E. connection and especially South Carolina feel very proud of Dr. L. H. Hemmingway's phenomenal success as secretary and treasurer of the Church Extension Board of the African Methodist church with headquarters in Washington.

Part of his report reads as follows:

Through his operating methodistic methods, he has already saved \$4,000 during his first year.

Dr. Hemmingway is known in South Carolina as an educated wizard in finance and take it from this editor he is going to make one of the greatest finance reports in Detroit this department has ever made.

The highest amounts were raised by Rev. H. H. Dayson who won first prize, raising \$11.00; highest amount for ladies was raised by Mrs. Lillie E. Land. She was presented a 2 pound box of delicious chocolate candy.

Total amount raised during the week \$40.63.

County Tuberculosis Committees Set Up In Greenwood And Laurens Counties

On an invitation from Miss Jennie Faye Ervin, Christmas Seal nurse-executive of the Greenwood and Laurens county Tuberculosis associations, Mrs. Andrew Simkins, director of the Negro program of the South Carolina Tuberculosis association, visited these counties for the purpose of organizing affiliated Negro tuberculosis units to assist Miss Ervin.

The group called to the Greenwood meeting were Mrs. Elbert Johnson, L. V. Walker, Charlie Williams, Mrs. Daisy B. Holman, Miss L. M. Goins, Smart Sample, Dr. C. P. Perrin, the Rev. J. C. Quarles, the Rev. P. M. Gary, the Rev. J. D. Rucker, W. A. Armwood, T. K. Robinson, H. A. Peterson, G. W. Butler, Milledge Holloway, Paul Oglesby, B. J. Sanders, Dr. I. M. Tompkins, Dr. R. B. Frederick and the Rev. M. G. Williams, all of Greenwood, and Mrs. Georgia Parker, Ninety Six; Miss Hattie Perrin, Bradley; the Rev. E. F. Johnson, Ninety Six; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Bradley; Mrs. Eleanor Robinson, Cokesbury; Mr.

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