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A.M.E. GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTS FOUR NEW BISHOPS

Baptist E. and M. Ends State Session

Next Convention Goes to Aiken

(Special to Palmetto Leader)

Madison, S. C., May 3—South Carolina closed tonight their largest and most successful convention in history.

From the board meeting Tuesday, presided over by Dr. H. H. Butler until the final benediction was said, "peace and progress" was the slogan.

Tuesday night, the local program, with the Rev. W. F. McAdams as Master of Ceremonies, was conducted on a high order. Dr. T. C. Easterling, Supt. of City Schools, Dr. B. E. Allen, pastor of the white Baptist church, and his honor, the Mayor, Dr. T. S. Stackhouse, greeted the delegates on behalf of the white citizens; while Dr. A. W. Hill, pastor of the great Trinity Baptist Church of Florence, spoke on behalf of the great Pee Dee Association. The Rev. Prof. T. L. Duckett accepted greetings on behalf of the Convention.

The Convention opened officially Wednesday morning with the introductory sermon being delivered by the Rev. R. M. Kennedy, Spartanburg. Following this session the reports of the officers began.

The highlights of this day were the President's Annual Address, the report of the Trustees of Morris College and the Morris College Rally. Dr. Butler, in a masterly way, presented a concise review of the past year's work and outlined the most progressive program of his administration for future activity.

Following the Memorial Services for the fellow workers during the past twelve months, special mention being made of Dr. Ira David Pinson, the late president of Morris College by the Rev. E. E. Gaudin of Newberry, the cause of Morris College was ably presented by Dr. J. P. Garrick, Acting President. Following this able address, eleven hundred dollars were raised for the College. By the end of the Convention this amount had been brought to nearly seven-teen hundred dollars.

Editor Wm. Howard represented the "Union," the denomination's organ Thursday morning, while Dr. C. F. Gandy, president of the Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, brought official greetings from that auxiliary. The Moderator's Forum, which has become an annual feature, was conducted by the Rev. N. Smith, Moderator of the Gethsemane Association.

Benedict College was represented by President J. J. Starks, and Mrs. M. K. Howard, president of the Baptist Woman's Convention, brought greetings from her body. Secondary Schools were represented by President A. W. Nicholson of Bettis Academy and Miss Lucy Hughes of Mather School.

The Laymen's hour was conducted this year by Dea. S. I. White. Main addresses were delivered by Prof. Harry Daniels on the Agricultural Adjustment Act as its affects Negro farmers, and by Dr. L. M. Lougon on "Health a major factor in religion." A round table discussion was conducted by the Laymen on the church and their problems.

President J. H. Goudlock, on Thursday evening brought greetings from Friendship College and the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mack Mobley of Saluda.

Friday being Foreign Mission Day, the Mass Meeting was supervised by Drs. J. P. Reeder and S. S. Youngblood. The guest speaker was Mrs. Sarah Williamson Shields, a returned Missionary from Africa.

Special Guests

Promptly at one o'clock the business of the Convention was suspended to hear the special invited guest, Dr. W. W. Leathers, pastor of the White Baptist Church, Conway, S. C., prominent champion of human rights. Dr. Leathers spoke from the theme: "Go Forward." Following this thrilling address, President Butler responded in his own way. He assured Dr. Leathers that 305,000 Negro Baptists along with other Negroes looked to him as a Moses to lead our state and the chaos of prejudice, maladministration of justice and discrimination and that Negroes everywhere are praying for him. Dr. Leathers brought along Col. John Spivey, Chairman of the Deacon Board of his church, a leader of Baptist Laymen in Horry County and a Christian philanthropist. The delegates were open in their praise of these two stalwart Christians.

The closing and Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. J. Continued on Page 6

South Carolina Branches N.A.A.C.P. to Meet In Conference Here This Week

COLUMBIA BRANCH ELECTS DELEGATES

BY L. R. BAILEY

The South Carolina conference of state branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet in Columbia on Friday, May 17, in Antisdel chapel at Benedict college.

Dr. William Pickens, director of branches for the parent body will be the main speaker at the evening session beginning at 8:00 p.m. An afternoon session, beginning at 3:00 p.m., will also be held. Musical numbers will be furnished by the students of Benedict college, Allen university and Booker Washington high school.

Rev. A. W. Wright of Cheraw, S. C., is president of the South Carolina state organization. The Columbia branch, meeting at a special session at Second Calvary Baptist church on Wednesday, May 8, elected the following persons as delegates to the state conference: Dr. J. E. Briggs, Mrs. A. W. Simkins, Mr. James Green, Mrs. D. K. Jenkins, Mr. M. R. Hurley, Mrs. J. G. Stuart, Miss R. R. Monteith, Mrs. S. P. Nance, Miss M. E. White, Mr. G. E. Nelson, Mr. H. E. Lindsay, Mr. J. M. Hinton, Mr. L. R. Bailey and Miss States.

Of much significance was a decision on the part of the local branch to have its members write personal letters to Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley and the two United States senators from South Carolina expressing the sentiment that the anti-lynching legislation pending in the senate be pushed to a vote before the close of the session. Ten dollars was voted for the national organization to aid in the drive.

Funeral Service For Miss Cora Williams

One of the most solemn funerals in the history of Greenwood was that of Miss Cora Williams, young popular teacher of Mullins, S. C., and native of Greenwood, S. C. The sadness of the funeral was not only due to the tragic death of Miss Williams, but to the realization of the loss of a very useful leader. All who knew her were aware of her ambitions and intentions. She was a college graduate of Allen university. While there, she was a popular of the College Glee club and orchestra. She was very musical; having played violin and saxophone and rendered many vocal numbers. She made a large circle of friends in Columbia where she spent most of her life. At home, she was known as being very friendly and sympathetic. Here too, the many floral pieces demonstrated her popularity and the sincere sympathy for the family. At the funeral there were so many floral designs that one would think she was some older person who had worked many and many years among her people. All this was only an expression of the regret and high esteem the people had for her. For some years she taught in Mullins, S. C. Here she was held in high esteem.

Miss Williams was the daughter of Mr. Henry Williams, late contractor and builder of Greenwood and Mrs. Lila Williams, outstanding in church and social life of Greenwood. Sisters: Mrs. Annie Mae Sims, Miss Henrietta Williams of Greenwood; Miss Lucy Williams of Columbia. Brothers: Messrs Hiram, Benj., of New York City and Henry Jr., of Greenwood.

Baptists Plan State Wide Five-Point Session Wednesday, July 17-20, at Benedict College

South Carolina Baptists' Leadership Training department under the supervision of Dynamo Campbell, Dean and Director of the School of Methods, have planned many new features for the coming Five-Point Session of the State S. S. and B. T. U. convention, Wednesday, July 17-20, Benedict college, Columbia, S. C. The general board met in November and mapped the frame of the program and selected Dr. C. F. Gandy, president, Prof. S. L. Finley, recording secretary, and Dynamo Campbell, cor. sect., and Dean to work out all details. This committee directed the cor. sect and Dr. J. J. Starks, president of Benedict College, to put on the finishing touches. The Dean was directed to map a program that would be up to current trends, with a corps of teachers and lecturers who could pass the accrediting agency of the denomination.

The Faculty The following faculty has been secured: Administration courses,

Dr. Benj. E. Mays Named Morehouse President

Atlanta, Ga., May 15—(ANP.) Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, dean of the school of religion of Howard university and formerly a member of the Morehouse college faculty, Friday was elected president of Morehouse college. Dr. Mays was the unanimous choice of the board of trustees, which met in annual session here.

The president-elect received his bachelor's degree from Bates college in 1920, his master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1925, and the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1935. Throughout his high school and college years he was a prize debater. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Eastern Star!!!

The time draws near for our Grand Chapter. There is much for us to do in order to make a creditable showing and have a real good meeting when we gather in Seneca, July 16, 17, as the guests of Paul Laurence Dunbar Chapter. This is the home of our associate matron, Mrs. Mary Thomas. She writes that preparations are being made to entertain the representatives in a way that will be most pleasing. The Masons of that town are also joining in to receive us. Let us go to Seneca and make this one of our very best meetings. For the past few years we have had such splendid Grand Chapters and such royal entertainment that we want all of our Chapters represented in Seneca, so that all may take active part in the deliberations of the body. Let me urge matrons, patrons, and members to hold your district meetings, observe Star Day, prepare something for our Needle Work corner, and get your reports up on time to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Grace T. Kennedy, Bennettsville, S. C., Box 395.

There is much good that we can do if we but put our shoulder to the wheel and do our part to help our Chapters to grow and glow and go. The Grand Royal Matron shall be glad to visit your Chapter at any time. Let us have as your aim this year, A Bigger and Brighter Grand Chapter. May the Heavenly Father strengthen each star and may He spare us all to meet in Seneca, in the wish of the Grand Royal Matron and the officers.

Wish every good wish for the enlargement of our work, I am,

Yours fraternally,
C. M. Finley,
Grand Royal Matron
Chester, S. C.

Mrs. J. Edwards, Abbeville, Adult Leaders courses, Mrs. Leona A. McMillan, Bamberg, Youth People Leaders courses, Prof. E. E. Riley, Lancaster, Children Leaders courses, Miss Gussie Bowers, Easley, B. T. U. courses, Prof. C. A. Cherry, Anderson, Missionary Methods, Mrs. M. K. Howard, Darlington, Vacation Bible School courses, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Seneca, Clinton, Institute Directors courses, Prof. Z. Townsend, Aiken, Seminar Director, Dr. C. H. Brown, Columbia, Youth Conference Discussion Leader, Prof. H. H. Butler, Jr., Sumter, Director of Worship, Rev. M. M. Peace, Aiken, Registrar, Mrs. Marion Holmes, Bradley, and Dean, Stephen C. Campbell, Anderson.

Special Lecturers Eminent speakers who will appear are Prof. M. S. Gordon, Anderson; Prof. J. D. Rucker, Greenwood; Prof. R. L. McCal, Cheraw; Dr. H. W. Leathers, Conway; Dr. L. Continued on Page 6

RETURNS TO SEVENTH DISTRICT



Rev. J. E. Flipper, D.D., Supt. of the A. M. E. Church was assigned by the Episcopal Conference as presiding bishop of the seventh Episcopal district which comprises South Carolina, during the 32nd quadrennium.

A. M. E. Church Consecrate Four

460 W. A. Fountain, the benediction. General Officers Dr. W. A. Dorsey was elected manager of the Book Concern; Rev. L. L. Berry was re-elected secretary of Missions; Rev. E. A. Adams was re-elected education secretary, Rev. Howard D. Gregg, editor of the Review; Prof. E. A. Selby was unanimously re-elected editor of religious literature; Dr. George A. Singleton was re-elected editor of the Christian Record and Rev. G. T. Sims was elected chief secretary of the General conference.

The Rev. L. H. Henningway was re-elected secretary of Church Extension; the Rev. J. H. Wilson re-elected editor of the Western Christian Recorder; the Rev. E. C. Hatcher, elected editor of the Southern Christian Recorder; the Rev. S. S. Morris, re-elected secretary of the A. C. E. League. The Rev. J. H. Clayborn of Little Rock, Ark., former editor of the Southern Christian Recorder, and unsuccessful candidate for the Bishopric, was chosen by the Bishops' Council as A.M.E. representative to the American Bible Society, it was announced Monday.

NEWBERRY NEWS

Calvary Presbyterian Church Rev. A. H. Reasoner, Pastor We were delighted to have as our guest Mr. Seary, Supt. of a Presbyterian Sunday school that was started in Helent, S. C. (white). He told of how the beginning of Sunday schools caused the resurrection of churches. We were delighted to welcome two new members, little Miss Jaunita Mangum and Robert Butler. Everyone in the audience at the Mothers' Day service could truthfully state that some of the best local talents were presented. The program was splendid. Miss Annie Jones, mistress of ceremonies. The League service Sunday afternoon was very impressive. Mrs. Amanda Hubbert from Greenwood spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Dice Hatcher, who is still confined to her bed. The parents and teachers of Mt Olive Rural school have purchased a very good piano. Mrs. C. E. Allen, the teacher presented an excellent closing exercise Wednesday night. Prof. U. S. Gallman and Prof. C. W. Jones were present. Both gave timely remarks.

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THIRTY-FIRST QUADRENNIUM CLOSES AFTER FOURTEEN-DAY SESSION

Bishops-elect are: D. Ward Nichols, New York City; George E. Curry, Philadelphia; Frank Madison Reid, St. Louis and A. J. Allen, Cleveland, Ohio.

The assignments as read by Dr. J. A. Fountain, Jr., secretary of the committee, follows: First district: Bishop David H. Sims, Conferences: New England, New Jersey; New York, Philadelphia; Delaware; Bermuda and Nova Scotia. Second Episcopal district: Bishop N. H. Davis, Conferences: Baltimore, Virginia; North Carolina; Western North Carolina. Third district: Bishop Reverdy C. Ramson, Conferences: Ohio, North Ohio; Pittsburg; West Va. Fourth district: Bishop John A. Gregg, Conferences: Indiana, Chicago; Illinois; Northwestern; Michigan; Ontario. Fifth district: Bishop Noah W. Williams, Conferences: Puget Sound; California, South California; Colorado; Nebraska; North Missouri; Southwest Missouri; Southwest Missouri; Kansas Missouri.

Sixth district: Bishop W. A. Fountain, Sr. Conferences: Georgia; Southwest Georgia; North Georgia; Atlanta; Macon; South Georgia Augusta; Americas. Seventh district: Bishop J. S. Flipepr, Conferences: Palmetto; South Carolina; Columbia; Northeast South Carolina; Piedmont; Central South Carolina. Eighth district: Bishop S. L. Green, Conferences: Mississippi, North Mississippi; Central Mississippi; Central Miss.; Northeast Miss.; Louisiana; North La.; Central La. Ninth district: Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Conferences: Alabama, North Alabama; Central Ala.; East Ala.; South Ala.; West Ala. Tenth district: Bishop G. B. Young, Conferences: Texas; Central Texas; North Texas; Northeast Texas; Southwest Texas; Southeast Texas; East Texas; Mexico and Rio Grande.

Eleventh district: Bishop H. Y. Tooke, Conferences: Florida; East Florida; Orlando, South Florida; Central Fla.; West Fla. Twelfth district: Bishop E. J. Howard, Conferences: Arkansas, West Ark.; East Ark.; South Ark. Northeast Ark.; Central Okla.; Oklahoma; Northeast Okla. Thirteenth district: Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Conferences: Tenn East Tenn.; West Tenn.; Kentucky, West Kentucky. Fourteenth district: Bishop G. E. Curry, Conferences: West Africa; Liberia; Sierra Leone; Nigeria; Gold Coast. Fifteenth district: Bishop F. Madison Reid, Conferences: South Africa; Cape Colony; Swaziland; Transvaal; Orangia; Zambesi and Natal. Sixteenth district: Bishop A. J. Allen, Conferences: Cuba, South America, West Indies.

There were times during the balloting when the atmosphere was saturated with keen suspense. Dr. Allen's strength and winning over Dr. Clayborn surprised some delegates. When the balloting had been completed.

When the final count had been made and the figures tabulated, it was 5 a. m. Saturday. Many of the delegates, general officers and some of the bishops were noticeably nodding. Several of the delegates were literally snoring when the balloting had been completed.

A. M. E. BISHOPS ASSIGNED FOR 1940-1944 QUADRENNIUM

One New District, Bishop Wright and Howard to New Fields Bishops Elect Nichols, Curry, Reid, and Allen to Alabama, West Africa, Cuba and South America and South Africa respectively.

The powerful Episcopal committee, headed by Dr. J. O. Haithcox, Cleveland, made the assignments of the A. M. E. Church for the 1940-44 quadrennium. Bishops R. R. Wright and E. J. Howard were assigned to new fields. Others of the older bench were assigned to their same field. The new bishops, except Bishop D. Ward Nichols who was assigned to Alabama, were assigned to foreign fields.

WHITMIRE NEWS

Sunday was a beautiful day. Mothers' Day was observed Sunday, at Cedar Grove church and Bruce Tabernacle church. A fine program was held at the above churches. Sunday night, at the Bruce Tabernacle, an instructive Mothers' Day program was rendered; conducted by Misses Ethel L. Wright and Corrie Lee Harper. Supt. A. C. Caldwell. Collection \$8.03. Remarks were by Prof. Robert E. Moore. Miss Ruth Byrd spent Mothers' Day at home with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Byrd. Mrs. Brosia Williams took ill Sunday night at the church. The Sunday school at Spring Hill opened Sunday, May 5 with the assistant Supt. and teachers at their post. A large attendance was present. The Supt. was called away on business. He was accompanied by Mr. Lester Dougherty. Mrs. Alice Lyles of Durcan, is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. B. C. Brice of Clinton. Rev. P. J. Stroud was a visitor at our church. Mrs. Corrie Sulton of Asheville and son, Thomas L., Mrs. Worthy of Whitmire, spent the day with

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rice, Thursday, May 9th. Our Pastor, Rev. I. B. Ruffin is able to be out again. Thanks be to God. Mr. James Murphy of Clinton, is ill at this writing. Mr. Robert Lee Rice, spent the week end at home with Mr. and Mrs. Rice. The Baptist Missionary meeting was held Thursday night of last week at the home of Mrs. A. B. Ware. Mr. Dan Wilson of Clinton, S. C., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. Joiner and family. Miss Abbie Byrd has returned to her home in Chester, after spending one week with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Byrd. Miss Mozella Epps spent five days at Belton, S. C. Prof. and Mrs. B. B. Bowers are now at home. Card of Thanks Gratefully acknowledging and thanking my many friends for their prayers, visits, cards and many other considerations during my long illness. I pray God's blessings upon you. (Mrs.) Lilla M. Gilder.