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Second Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Palmetto Teachers' Ass'n. in Columbia Saturday

The second meeting of the executive committee of the Palmetto Teachers' Association will convene in the library at Allen University Saturday, May 8. The members of the "Free Conference" committee are invited to meet jointly with the executive committee as planned by the House of Delegates in session here last April.

The failure of the "Free Conference" committee to meet here last Saturday was an error unintentionally done in advertising by letter the meeting last week, according to an announcement made by President Mims in the session last Saturday.

The members of the "Free Conference" committee elected by the House of Delegates to collaborate with the executive committee on the "ear-marked" fund for teacher defense: W. H. Neal, Sumter; W. A. White, Gray Court; C. W. Madden, Columbia; J. L. Dixon, Society Hill; Chas. Melver, Summerville and L. V. Vance, St. Matthews.

Many important matters were considered in the meeting here last Saturday. Mrs. Ida Green, of Florence was appointed by the committee to head the State Teachers' Association. She has authority to make a committee by naming one person from each Congressional District.

The committee gave its approval of the support of the N. E. A. of the Thomas-Hill Bill, S. 637, now before the U. S. Congress. This matter will be discussed again in the meeting next Saturday.

The joint session of the two committees is called to meet at eleven o'clock Saturday morning in the library at Allen, according to an agreement reached in the meeting last Saturday.

Institute for Rural Pastors at State College

Orangeburg—An institute for rural pastors will be held at S. C. State College June 14 to 19, according to an announcement released this week by a committee from the Agricultural Extension Department of S. C. State College.

Rural pastors of every denomination and every creed have been enlisted in an effort to urge rural people to live better and produce more.

The theme for this year's institute is "The Responsibility of the Church for a Better Rural Life." The institute is a cooperative school in which all progressive denominations are cooperating in an effort to hasten victory through increased production of food and feed and at the same time enrich the life of rural people.

It is sponsored by the Home Mission Council of North America and South Carolina State College. Outstanding church men who will participate on the program of the institute, include: Dr. Ralph A. Felton, Director of the Department of the Rural Church; Dr. J. E. Wright, Pastor Crafton and Calvary Churches of Va.; Dr. DuMont Clarke, Director of Religious Department, Farmers' Federation, Asheville, N. C.; and Dr. Howard Kester, General Secretary, The Fellowship of Southern Churches, Black Mountain, N.C.

The Negro agricultural extension personnel of South Carolina, the professors of technical agriculture and in agriculture, and Home Economics education are working to make the institute serviceable and useful to the rural pastors.

Scholarships are available to the first thirty qualified pastors who apply. Applications should be made to President M. F. Whitaker, South Carolina State College.

Dr. Porter Accepts Call to Greenville

The many friends of Dr. J. G. Porter will be interested to learn that he has recently accepted a call to the pastorate in Greenville, S. C. For a period of year he served with marked success as executive of Harborson Institute and at the same time pastored the Irmo Presbyterian church. During these years of faithful service in school and church at Irmo, Dr. Porter made many friends among white, as well as colored, and indelibly impressed for good the lives of many young people of the entire community and the state at large.

Dr. Porter is a man of ability, fine qualities and a splendid Gospel preacher. His achievements at and around Irmo are prophetic of a successful career in his larger sphere of usefulness into which he has been called.

Seven Years of Naval Service



Isaac Williams, who is now in the Navy Recruiting Service working out of Columbia, S. C., completed seven years of service May 4, 1943, which have been successfully spent. There has been much respect given to Williams during those years. He is honored among, if not the first Negro in the United States for recruiting duty.

Williams is contacting 17 year old boys, and men 38 to 50 that may be interested in the Naval Service. He is not only interested in the men that may qualify for the Naval Service, but is delighted in contacting anyone that may be interested in the Navy's program.

Williams feels that it is not much that he has done nor too much that he can do in aiding in these services. He not only gives his service, but his money. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor he purchased a \$1,000 war bond. To date he has purchased over \$2,000 worth of war bonds, and is continuing to buy them. He says he has ex-shipmates who are doing the same.

Williams is also interested in the men that may qualify for the Naval Service, but is delighted in contacting anyone that may be interested in the Navy's program.

Gala Evening at Queen of the May Coronation at Allen University

By Herbert W. Baumgardner

Last Saturday afternoon the student body of Allen University was the scene of among the loveliest and most beautiful young women of the Columbia populace. The event was the May festival, which was highlighted by the crowning of the queen, Miss Bernice White, at the residence of Clinton senior by President Samuel Richard Higgins.

Miss White was the choice of the student body to occupy the coveted place for which many of the most beautiful young women of the university had been placed in nomination.

Preceding the coronation ceremony the many witnesses of the event were treated to the spectacle of many ballet and aesthetic dances that might well have been perpetrated by the pupils of Marie Denis or Boston's Mildred Davenport. It was really surprising with what grace, poise and elegant these youthful temptresses performed their routines.

The dance groups comprised the Blue Danube Waltz suite, and the May Pole dance. The dance personnel comprised Joe Ethel Middleton, Evelyn Nelson, Elise Wilder, Arnette Smith, Juanita Smith, Margaret Wheeler, Ella Ramsey, Ruby Ferguson, Thelma Thomas, Berntha Saunders, Elizabeth Bates and Ethel Page.

Reverend Robert S. Lawrence and Congregation Join N. Y. Conference of the Methodist Church

Rt. Rev. Francis J. McConnel, Presiding Bishop

By Cleveland G. Allen

New York, N. Y.—The Metropolitan Methodist church, at Madison avenue and 126th St. of which the Rev. Robert S. Lawrence is pastor, was received into membership of the New York conference of the Methodist church, over which Bishop Francis J. McConnel presides at the annual session held at Newburgh on Thursday, 6th.

The entrance of this congregation into the Methodist church, makes the fifth Negro church members of the New York conference of the Methodist church, which comprise the Northeastern jurisdiction of the Methodist church. The other Negro congregations members of the New York conference are St. Mark's Methodist church, Rev. Samuel H. Sweeney pastor; Salem Methodist church, Rev. C. Y. Trigg pastor; Mt. Calvary Methodist church, Rev. Joseph Hill pastor; and the Epworth Methodist church, Rev. Edward McGowan pastor.

The congregation of the Metropolitan Methodist church, was formerly members of the Emanuel A. M. E. church, on West 149th street and owing to the removal of the Rev. Lawrence at the last annual conference brought about a great deal of dissatisfaction.

Speaking of the incident in an interview last week Rev. Lawrence said that the membership of the church felt that they had not all requirements of the conference and that membership, they should have been given to their pastor for another year. Continuing Dr. Lawrence said as the request of the congregation was not granted they decided to withdraw from the A. M. E. church. He said that the congregation in a duly called church meeting voted to join the Methodist church and was admitted to the New York conference at its session in Newburgh.

Rev. Lawrence stated that the Methodist church had turned over the entire property of the old St. James Methodist church, at the above address, including the parsonage to the congregation of the Methodist church. The old St. James Methodist church, which houses the new congregation was one of the most historic churches of New York.

The growth of the Negro population in the neighborhood where the church is located caused a great many of the parishioners of the church to move, which made it necessary for the congregation to seek new quarters.

The church is a beautiful old edifice and is now undergoing thorough renovation. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,200 persons and is well equipped to carry on its activities. It contains an annex for the service of the Sunday school, anti-poison and other activities and a gymnasium for the athletic activities of the young people. Rev. Lawrence has built up a fine church organization. The church has a membership of 1,200. There have been over 600 accessions since the congregation moved to the Madison avenue address. There are 53 auxiliaries, five choirs, five board of deacons, five board of stewards, 12 deaconesses, and six evangelists.

There are also 57 class leaders and a well organized Sunday school with an enrollment of 250 pupils with a splendid teaching staff. Rev. Lawrence is assisted in his

Harden St. USO News

Invitations have been sent out for the special Mother's Day program that is being given for Mothers. However, all war mothers are invited. The program begins at 4:00 o'clock and is open to the public. Prizes will be awarded the oldest mother, the youngest mother and the one with the most sons in the service.

A large group gathered at the USO on last Sunday to hear Rev. F. B. Butler during the Sunday Vespers program. Rev. Butler delivered a very interesting and timely address. Miss Marton Cummins, a teacher in the city schools was guest soloist.

The soldiers wives will be entertained on Friday night, May 7, with a kiddie party that is being planned by a group of "wives." A feature of the evening will be kiddie games and lollipops. Much fun is anticipated. All soldiers wives are invited.

The Art Class will be held as usual on Monday night, and on Thursday night Mrs. Catherine Brown will instruct Mrs. Dorothy Robbins as instructor of the Art class. Mrs. Robbins is out of the city.

pastoral work by six assistant pastors who are young men with splendid training. Rev. Lawrence has had a fine record in the ministry. He is a native of South Carolina and was educated in the public schools and colleges of South Carolina. In recognition of his contribution in the ministry Allen university conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was formerly private secretary to Bishop Salters. He served for some time as the president of the Aiken district. Rev. Lawrence has pastored some of the leading churches of South Carolina. He was ordained elder by Bishop H. M. Turner, and deacon by Bishop L. J. Coppin. He came to New York to take charge of Emanuel A. M. E. church by Bishop Sims. Rev. Lawrence received fine commendation from the ministry of New York, and has cooperated in the work of all denominations. He is the treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Preachers' meeting. Rev. Lawrence is able to assist in his own language in the work of the church. They have three children and two grand-children.

State Parks Ready For Use

Columbia, April 29.—The State parks of South Carolina this year again offer their facilities for recreation and relaxation of war-weary nerves and muscles. Rest and pleasure are the five essential requirements for keeping the human body fit are available at these recreational areas in most any quantity or shape desired. One may exercise as little as lying in the shade of the moss-covered trees at Gibban Ferry State Park will permit; or, on the other extreme, it is possible to spend a day of strenuous mountain climbing around the 600 foot rock cliff at Table Rock State Park. A fast game of tennis can be played at Paris Mountain State Park, as well as an equally fast although not so strenuous game of ping pong. The gamut in boating ranges from the 220 acre expanse of the lake at Cheraw State Park to the narrower and cooler confines of the South Edisto River at Aiken State Park. Hiking, swimming, picnicking, archery, horseshoes, and pleasure to those who visit the State Parks.

Last fiscal year the total attendance at the State Parks was 1,052,577, which was an increase of 25 percent over the previous year. In view of war time rationing of tires and gasoline, as well as due to the fact that two of the parks have been taken over for military purposes, it is not expected that attendance this year will be as great. However, the parks will furnish a delightful retreat to hundreds of thousands of visitors this year. By doing they will be contributing to the health and happiness of the people, and will be doing a vital piece of war work. Those who desire further information concerning the State Parks should write the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry at Columbia, S. C.

Rev. I. W. Wilborn Unanimously Endorsed

Walterboro, South Carolina

March 17, 1943

To the Electoral College of the South Carolina Conference in Convention assembled:

Whereas, the time has come for the more active and vigilant in the spiritual affinity between its officers and members in order that we may be a valuable asset therein.

Whereas we believe that to be more ligit, vigor and activity, he resolved that we the delegates elected to the A. M. E. General conference to convene in Philadelphia, Pa. May 1944, do hereby endorse the candidacy of the Hon. Rev. I. W. Wilborn, knowing his ability as a past accomplishments standing charges, and presiding elder of the Beaufort district for the past eight years. Therefore we the undersigned delegates respectfully endorse the above named Dr. I. W. Wilborn for the office of Church Extension department.

During these critical times when the church is confronted with the active danger presented by the challenges abroad to the Christian civilization which we Methodist cherish as a precious heritage, it is especially heartening to participate in an eloquent expression of the unity of ideal leadership.

Prof. John A. Harris, Ch. (Mrs.) Zylphia E. Primus, Sec

PILGRIM INSURANCE COMPANY HAS 27 MILLION IN FORCE GAIN OF THREE MILLION OVER 1941

Augusta, Georgia—The Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance company has just released its 1943 statement showing a gain in insurances in force of \$3,883,706.00 over the previous year. This company is an old line legal reserve company, and handles all forms of industrial and ordinary life insurance. It is one of the oldest life insurance companies among Negroes, having been established in 1898. It has as its President Dr. Solomon W. Walker of Atlanta, and as its vice president and general manager, Dr. Walter Spurlock Hornsby of this city. Allen University of Columbia, South Carolina, has honored both of these men with the doctor of humane letters degree. The company operates in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina. The manager of the Columbia, South Carolina branch is James M. Hinton, who since having assumed charge of that branch has put on a considerable amount of increase in all divisions. He is active in many ways that work in the interest of citizens in general, and his influence, for good is deeply felt in that community. The Columbia branch is located at 1501 1-2 Taylor street, in a building owned by the company. The home office is located here.

Applications Arriving for Merit Examinations

Applications are arriving daily in response to a recent announcement of competitive merit examinations for clerical positions with Unemployment Compensation, Public Welfare and Employment Office in the state, according to the merit supervisor, E. H. Bradley of Due West, whose office is in charge of the administration of the state. Information circulars and application forms are being distributed by county public welfare and employment offices as well as the Due West office of the merit supervisor. Positions for which examinations were announced, with the salary range for each, are clerk, \$70-145; typist, \$70-105; stenographer, \$80-150; and tabulating equipment operator, \$95-190. An information circular describes the positions and required qualifications in detail. Tentative examinations and applications for the examinations will be held at the following centers in localities most convenient for the greatest number of applicants. Persons whose applications are approved will be notified when and at what center to report for their written and performance tests soon after the last filing date, May 17.

Workers Convicted For Filing False Claims

Seven workers, pled guilty Saturday morning before Magistrate C. C. Berry of Orangeburg to claiming unemployment benefits while regularly employed at removing logs from the Santee-Cooper reservoir, the South Carolina Unemployment compensation commission announced today.

Upon payment of \$20 each, the workers were given suspended sentences for the duration of good behavior. Solicitor Julian Wolfe handled the prosecution for the state.

Those sentenced were: Johnnie Gadsdon, Shek Gadsdon, Thomas Goodwin, James Canteey, Elder Gadsdon, and Lee Williams, all of whom were employees of the South Carolina Public Service Authority. Mr. Ackerman, an employee of the authority, testified at the hearing that the six had been employed during the period, for which they had claimed unemployment benefits. Among other evidence presented to show that they had received benefits during those periods.

The Commission was represented by Field Deputy Jack Rose and Henry M. Havird, principal claims examiner.

In presenting his case, Solicitor Wolfe read that section of the law which imposes penalties for attempting to obtain, or increase, benefits through fraudulent methods. He told the workers that their conviction should prove a lesson not only to themselves but to others who attempt to use the job insurance system to obtain undeserved benefits.

American Mercury Article Warns of Air Raid

The Palmetto Leader is in receipt of an off-print from the April number of The American Mercury Magazine which warns of a possible air raid on the United States by Nazi Germany. The article is by Henry J. Taylor, famous war correspondent of the North American Newspaper Alliance. He is the author of "Time Runs Out" and the forthcoming book "Men in Motion".

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There is conjecture, according to Mr. Taylor, as to where the enemy will strike. He has been told that his informants are expecting the torays to be made over New York and Washington and at any time; and that the elements of surprise and terrorizing the populations of these key cities will be expected by Hitler, Goering, and Goebbels to destroy the moral of the American people in the by-and-later.

Mr. Taylor writes that according to his opinion there is a possible way to stop a scattered air raid, but that there is no way for the Nazis to attack in force and that they cannot maintain sustained raids. He avers that Hitler's Luftwaffe at this time cannot hurt our war effort. Nazis bombs, according to the article, could start a great hue and cry among us about inefficiency, lack of preparedness, and vulnerability. Nazis bombs could keep in America more of our war equipment than is actually needed, and our fighting men. Another angle is that the Nazis would please the Japanese by offering a friendly retaliation for our raids on Tokyo.

Nor is the moral bolstering effect on the German people overlooked by the astute writer: "As far as the German people are concerned, Nazi propaganda would use a wonderful dish to serve with headlines of 'Washington burning', 'White House wrecked', 'New York a shambles!' This would be the Goebbels, description of the first visit of smoke, no matter how small." This would mean such to Hitler in view of the increasing Allied bombings of Germany, according to Mr. Taylor.

"Goering knows how to get planes here. When it is over we are not likely to know how it was done -- any more than the Japs know exactly how Doolittle and his boys managed the job. A squadron can hop from Germany to the barren stretches of Labrador, let us say, with the greatest of ease. From such a hiding place it could come down along our seaboard, drop its load of explosives, and return." These are sage observations made by the author.

Harbison A. and I. Institute Finals May 12 Thru 17th

The faculty and students of the Harbison Agricultural and Industrial institute, invite the public to attend their commencement activities May 12-17, 1943 at Irmo, S. C. Schedule:

May 12—Last mid-week service—7:00 p.m.

May 13—Style show—8:00 p.m.

May 14—Drama—8:00 p.m.

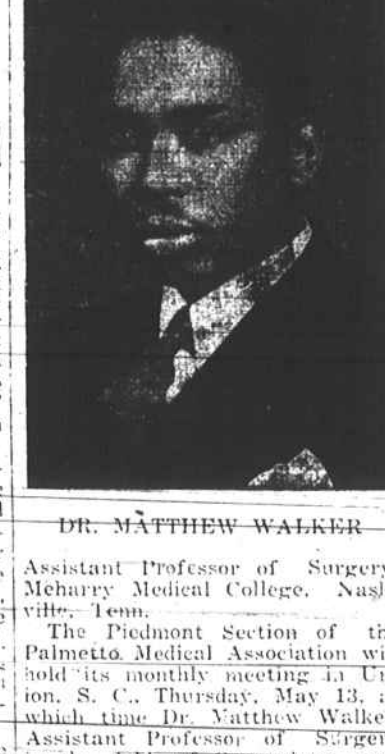
May 15—Alumni Day—4:00 p.m.

May 15—Class Day—8:00 p.m.

May 16—Baccalaureate Services—4:00 p.m. Soloman by Rev. E. L. McAdams, Abbeville S. C.

May 17—Commencement exercises—4:00 p.m. Address by President L. S. Cozart, Barber-Scottia Women's college, Concord, N. C.

Drs. Walker, Collins Guest Speakers at Piedmont Med. Meet



Assistants Professor of Surgery, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

The Piedmont Section of the Palmetto Medical Association will hold its monthly meeting at Union, S. C., Thursday, May 13, at which time Dr. Matthew Walker, Assistant Professor of Surgery at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., will speak. Dr. Walker is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, interned at the George W. Hubbard Hospital; served as resident physician in General Surgery and Gynecology for two years at the same hospital. In 1928-29, he was granted a fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation to study under Dr. Edward L. Howell at Howard University. He also served as instructor in Surgery with there. Dr. Walker is also a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Beginning at 10 o'clock Dr. Walker will conduct a clinic at the Union Community Hospital. Also a Dental clinic for extraction will be conducted by the Dental section starting at the same time.

At 7:30 p. m. at Sims High School the regular monthly meeting of the Piedmont Section will convene.

Dr. Walker will address a group of Medical men, while Dr. A. J. Collins, prominent Columbia Dentist, chairman of the Dental Section of the Palmetto Medical Association will address the Dental men.

The Pharmaceutical Section will be represented by Dr. H. E. Hill of Seneca, recently elected Secretary of the Palmetto Medical Association and Dr. L. A. Sartor of Union, S. C.

S. C. Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Meet Here Saturday, May 8

The South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will meet Saturday, May 8, at Benedict College in the College Library.

PROGRAM

10:00 A. M. Mrs. Daisy B. Taylor, Presiding America.

Prayer—Mrs. Leah Thompson.

Greetings from Culture Club—Mrs. C. A. Pompey, President.

Business—Miss Helen Usher—Supt.

Introduction of President—Mrs. Etta B. Rowe.

Annual Report of President—Mrs. Daisy B. Taylor.

10:30 A. M. Secretary's Report—Mrs. H. G. Reese.

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. B. E. Vincent.

Harvest Festival Report—Mrs. Sadie Smith.

Silver Tea Report—Miss Mamie Scott, Florence.

Solo—Mrs. Flora W. Powell, of Spartanburg.

Wilkinson Home Report—Miss Mamie Felder, Supt.

11:15 A. M.—Music.

Reports of Clubs.

12:00 Intermission, Lunch.

1:00 p.m.—Music.

Open discussions and plans for the coming year.

3:00 P. M.—Dinner.

Presentation of Guests.

Musical selections.

Atlanta—We must build a new South. Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution declared Sunday while participating in the People's College forum at Wheat Street Baptist church, McGill, who was recently heard on the Chicago Round Table over the NBC network, appeared as principal speaker along with President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta university, which sponsors the popular People's College.

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ANP News Shorts

New York—Trustees of Tuskegee, meeting here Monday at the home of Dr. William Jay Schiefelin, resolved to accept the offer of the State of Alabama to cooperate with Tuskegee in the giving of graduate courses in agriculture, home economics and rural education.

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Churches, clubs, civic organizations and school children gathered in the dining hall of Bethune-Cookman college Wednesday evening and eagerly listened to the report announcing the receipt of \$3,465.68 raised by them toward maintenance of the institution. The total sum far exceeded that raised in 1942.

Atlanta—Together at birth, to gather through a long and colorful life, the Homer and Lewis Logue, widely known through the southeast as the "Capital Twins" war together in death Sunday night. And they had always said it would be like that. They told their many friends that they'd be buried from the same church at the same time and so it will be, according to plans. Both died from natural causes.

Los Angeles—The Pacific Parachute company, first Negro owned and operated concern which has government contracts, last week celebrated its first birthday. Among the attendants were "Rochester" of screen and radio fame, who supplied the funds for establishing the company, and Howard Smith, "skipper," well known parachute jumper, the company operator, now instructing the first parachute corps of white women.

Greenville, N. C.—Mayor Ivan Bassette said Monday that the prompt arrival of state patrolmen at Grifton Saturday night prevented serious trouble when a crowd of Negroes attempted to storm the jail and prevent Police Chief Manning from arresting Rosa Lee Picott for being drunk and creating a disturbance. An unidentified Negro soldier is credited with having held the mob back until the arrival of the patrolmen.

Memphis—A spectacular parade down Beale street, speeches and a grand war bond auction climaxed the \$1,000,000 campaign of the Negro division of the Shelly Co. War Finance committee last week.

Washington—The second issue of Victory, the Office of War Information publication intended to tell people overseas of America's war effort, is just off the press, and true to form, is almost completely lacking in anything that would indicate the Negro's contribution to the winning of the war. The conclusion is readily reached that, judging from what goes into Victory's Negroes are just a segment of the population in America somewhere, subordinate to the native whites apud, as Mayor LaGuardia of New York would put it, the hypenated Americans who have since arrived.

Fort Valley, Ga.—Editor Henry A. Luce of Life-Time magazines was a visitor Friday to the Fort Valley state college campus. Mr. Luce was accompanied by William S. Howland, manager of the southern office of these magazines, who recently covered the ham show held at the college that attracted such wide attention when given a two-page display in Life.

Baltimore—Miss Evelyn Jackson, formerly of Kansas City, Kansas, and now an Afro-American copy editor, has just received word that two of her poems, "A Soldier's Reveille" and "To Dr. Carver have been accepted for inclusion in the Music of 1943 a collection of poetry published by Horizon House, New York. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Miss Jackson has written more than 150 poems, 10 others appearing in national poetry anthologies published in New York.

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