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## Committees of Palmetto Teachers' Asso. In Free Conf. Last Saturday

### ARBITRATION MAKES GAINS FOR NEGRO TEACHERS

Columbia—Special—The free conference committees of the Palmetto Teachers' association in session here last Saturday agreed to push arbitration methods as a head of court action in getting equal pay for equal service for all teachers employed in the public schools of South Carolina. The pending proposition is for one-third decrease of differentials in school salaries over a period of three years, until the chasm is bridged. This was the unanimous opinion of the committee from the House of delegates, the legislative committee, working jointly with the executive committee of the association.

According to a statement from Prof. S. L. Finley of Chester, the action of the free conference meets the approval of the officers of the South Carolina branch of the NAACP.

President J. T. W. Mims, informed the committee that through his office the executive committee has made many fine contacts and that the present increase in salaries paid Negro teachers should be credited to the committee and the president in cooperating with the views of the president, Mrs. Ida Greer of Florence, Principal S. L. Finley of Chester, Prof. H. C. Brewer of Hartsville, Dr. J. E. Blanton of Denmark, Principal J. S. Shanklin of Beaufort, Prof. W. H. Neal of Sumter, Professor C. C. Woodson of Spartanburg and Prof. L. E. Vester Vance of St. Matthews, also Prof. C. S. Melver of Summerville.

Prof. Maceo Anderson of Fumerton; Prof. B. W. Gallman of Pendleton; Prof. J. F. Blanton, Denmark; Mrs. Ida Greer represented the legislative committee. Dr. Blanton was made chairman. Prof. S. L. Finley, veteran educator, was appointed by the president to put on the membership campaign. He will select a committee to work with him.

J. M. Myers, Dean Fitchett of Claffin, Prof. Melver of Summerville will have charge of research and investigation. The executive secretary, Carol V. Bing reported \$83.00 "back fees" received from Georgetown which was due to influence exerted by Prof. J. B. Beck, it was said.

The free conference elected President Mims and J. M. A. Myers delegates to the meeting of the council of the American Education association which convenes next summer.

The conference approved the plans being put forth by the N. E. A. in having the Thomas-Hill bill passed by the U. S. Congress whereby \$100,000,000 will be appropriated by the Federal government to equalize salaries of teachers in the Southern States. The executive voted to send \$500 to the N. E. A. to help with the fight.

## Negroes on Price Administration Board at Orburg

Orangeburg, S. C.—A significant step forward in race relations has been evidenced in the selection of a panel of the county office of price administration at Orangeburg, South Carolina composed of three Negroes who are to serve as members of the board with the same status as other members.

The selection of the panel came without any pressure, coercion or solicitation on the part of local Negroes and the action of this County Board here is probably the first of its kind to be recorded in the South.

W. C. Betha, Chairman of the board of the Orangeburg County OPA in announcing the selection of the new panel, stated that members of the local board unanimously approved the new set up which is to assist in the rationing of gas tires and sugar for canning and explained that anyone who found it more convenient to use this panel.

The new panel took their oath and assumed their duties in April. The circumstances which brought about the unanimous approval of the panel by other local board members is indicative of the fine spirit and good feeling existing between the races in this college community where two institutions of higher learning for Negroes, Claffin College and South Carolina State College are located.

The experiment is evidence of the desire on part of members of both races to see democracy in Members of the panel, thought the equitable representation in OPA public administration practiced, and other boards here and other places is expected to result.

## Benedict Conducts Successful Experiment

Benedict college has conducted an experiment in adult education this year which is most important in at least two respects. First, the experiment has shown that democracy is not an empty unattainable ideal, but rather a living, growing reality. Second, it has made possible the extension of educational opportunity despite certain transportation difficulties and other restrictions.

At the beginning of this school year a large number of teachers applied to Dean G. E. Nelson for extension courses to be conducted in Spartanburg. In the first effort to establish these extension courses it was impossible to obtain the quantity of gasoline necessary to make the trips, and, indeed, train and bus transportation would have been impossible because of the time element. In order to conduct classes at Spartanburg for in-service teachers, there was no other alternative than to secure qualified teachers right in that city who could do this work. Dean G. E. Nelson of Benedict then appealed to Dean Elford C. Morgan to assist in this emergency by applying the teaching staff from the faculty of Converse college. Dean Morgan immediately agreed to furnish the total teaching for the Spartanburg center. He stated that the Converse teachers would assist in this effort not alone as a means of continuing educational opportunity to Negro teachers in this community, but also as a means of showing that through the collaboration of these two schools, Benedict and Converse the fundamental tenets of democracy are alive in the realm of education.

The Spartanburg center which will close on May 14 has now been running for about thirty weeks. All courses are conducted by instructors from Converse college. Benedict college exercises supervision of the classes and grants credit for work satisfactorily completed.

## PRIN. BONDS PROMOTED

An announcement last Thursday came from Superintendent R. H. Morse office, Dept. of Schools District No. 4, North Charleston, S. C. of the appointment of J. B. Bonds, principal of the Four Mile school, as supervisor of Negro schools in North Charleston.

Mr. Bonds also stated that an application has been filed with the government for a new Elementary school and High school for Negroes of North Charleston District Number 4, at the present time there are eight Negro schools in District No. 4.

Professor Bonds a builder and leader is a graduate of Marlow high school and South Carolina State college.

Mr. Bonds served as vice principal of Alston high school, Summerville, S. C. Six years a member of State college faculty, Orangeburg, S. C. for two years and seven years in District No. 1 North Charleston, S. C.

A member of Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, Charleston, S. C.; a charter member of the Negro YMCA of Charleston and now a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA; a member of the Athenian YL; chairman of the First Congressional District of Palmetto State Teachers' association of South Carolina; an Elk and Mason.

Mr. Bonds started his new job on May 1st, 1943 on a twelve month basis, being the third Negro supervisor of schools. The other two are Mr. C. A. Johnson of the Columbia system; Mr. J. C. Parler of the Orangeburg system.

To The Missionary Society of So. Caro. A. M. E. Church By order of the State President Mrs. S. L. Flipper, 488 Houston Street, Atlanta, Ga., the Executive Board Meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Society will be held May 26 at Allen University.

Also the contestants of the Y. P. D. are asked to be present at this meeting, where we expect to eliminate for the Greater Contest that will be held in Little Rock. Please let all sponsors have your contestants ready for this meeting. LILLIAN R. JENNINGS, Executive Secretary, 215 West Bartlett Street, Sumter, S. C.

## LORD HALIFAX MEETS MEMPHIS NEGRO LEADERS



Memphis Negro leaders, through arrangements made by the colored and white chambers of commerce, were given opportunity to extend greetings to Lord Halifax, Great Britain's ambassador, during his recent visit to the U. S. City and other southern cities. He is presented to several hundred race citizens during his appearance on the campus of L. Mims college.

Shown in the accompanying picture, from left, are: Dean W. Melvin, Williams, C. Arthur Bruce, white, president of L. Mims' Trustee board; Prof. E. T. Hunt, principal, Booker T. Washington High school, Dr. J. E. Walker, president, National Negro Business League, who introduced the distinguished diplomat; Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, president of L. Mims; Lord Halifax, Earl, First Lord, Sec. Phillips, secretary to the Ambassador; and Rev. M. B. Ford, executive secretary of the Memphis Negro Chamber of Commerce.

Following his introduction to Dr. Walker, Lord Halifax told the large crowd present "Our purpose and action are one in winning this war." Photo by E. H. Hooks for ANP.

## Stenos and Clerks Take Exams

Stenographic and clerical positions in the state department of Public Welfare and Unemployment Compensation and in the United States Employment Service are now open, but applicants must qualify by passing merit examinations to be held in the near future. E. H. Bradley of Day, West, Merritt system supervisor announced.

In addition to the stenographic and clerical positions, jobs as key punch equipment operator and supervisor tabulating equipment, operator are also open, and examinations are being scheduled for which qualifying examinations will be held and the salary ranges are as follows:

Chief Clerk, \$70-150; Senior Clerk, \$60-125; Principal Clerk, \$70-150; Junior Stenographer, \$80-150; Senior Stenographer, \$90-150; Principal Stenographer, \$115-150; Key Punch Tabulating Equipment Operator, \$85-120; Supervisor Tabulating Equipment Operator, \$110-150.

Mr. Bradley said that persons interested in filling applications for any of these positions should procure from his office formal application blanks and submit them within the required time. Photographs are required and for this reason it will not be practical for many applicants to wait until the last minute to complete their applications.

All applicants must be citizens of the United States, and for the Unemployment Compensation Commission and Department of Public Welfare, must meet certain state residence requirements. Minimum qualifications for the various jobs depend upon the responsibilities and duties involved.

A complete announcement giving details will be furnished when requests for application forms are filed.

## Notice! Notice! Extraordinary

TRUSTEE BOARD OF ALLEN UNIV. CALLED TO MEET

Purpose: To call for resignation of Trustee Board of Allen University. The Trustee Board of Allen University will meet in the auditorium of the Chapel Hill Administration building, Columbia, S. C., Allen University, on Wednesday, May 27th, Commencement, 1943 regular Annual Day Rally reported by the presiding officers. Trustees and presiding officers will please convene accordingly.

Senior Bishop J. S. Flipper, Presiding Bishop, 488 Houston Street N. E. Atlanta, Georgia. J. Edward Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, 618 S. Colt Street, Florence, S. C.

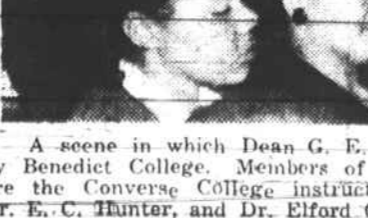
## NORDEAN JOHNSON ALLEN'S SPEAKER

The first president of Howard University who is of what is commonly known as the colored race, will speak to the people who attend the graduating exercises at Allen University, Thursday, May 27.

The Chappelle Administration chapel, Dr. Johnson coming to the podium which he holds, because of his record scholarship, his deep convictions and the sincerity of purpose which motivated him toward making of the public a university of the people.

The bicentennial sermon will be given by the Reverend H. W. Long of Florence. This exercise will be held in Antislavery chapel, Benedict college, jointly with the Benedict family. The concert on campus contained since the administration of Bishop David Henry Sims of Allen, and the eminent president Dr. J. J. Starks assumed his position as being the first Negro president of Benedict.

The home economy demonstration will be May 13; recital, music 8:30 p.m.



A scene in which Dean G. E. Nelson is addressing the extension class conducted in Spartanburg by Benedict College. Members of the Converse College faculty are serving as teachers. Standing are Dr. J. A. Fillingim, Mrs. Morgan, Dr. E. C. Thunter, and Dr. Elford C. Morgan.

## State Commission Of Forestry To Operate Summer Camps

Columbia, May 9—The summer camps as operated during the past several years by the Division of State Parks of the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry will once again be open for use by organized groups. These summer camps are available at the four State Parks of Cheraw in Chesterfield County, Kings Mountain in York and Cherokee Counties, Paris Mountain in Greenville County and Pointsett in Sumter County. They are capable of handling organized groups that vary in size from 50 to 150 campers.

Altogether there are seven of these camps available to the general public in normal times, of which one has been set aside for colored use. However, Camp Juniper at Cheraw State Park is definitely reserved for military purposes and Camp Cherokee, at King Mountain State Park, will possibly have intermittent use by units of the North and South Carolina Home Guards. These units will be given priority over civilian groups. Thus there are only five of the camps that are definitely ready for public use, and only three of these are fully equipped.

Those camps that are equipped have cabins that contain beds, cots, and mattresses enough to sleep from four to eight people. In addition, coal for cooking, table and running water in the centrally located kitchens, dining rooms, and wash-houses, respectively. In the past, the Division of State Parks has provided all directors, nurses or doctors, life guards, cooks, and helpers. However, because of wartime labor shortages it will be necessary that these be furnished by the groups themselves. The only labor that will be furnished this year will be necessary to keep the camp grounds clean. It will also be necessary for the groups to furnish their own food, as well as ice for refrigeration.

These summer camps are available for periods as short as a week-end, or as long as the summer itself. Rates vary from \$2.25 per person per night for short periods of three or four days to \$1.00 per person per week. Complete information may be secured from the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry, Columbia, S. C.

Last year a total of 2,025 campers spent 20,500 days at the four camps that were in operation. These four were operated a total of 206 days out of a possible combined total of 268 days that they were available during the season. Although not in use the entire time, they yet were so popular that overflow camps were conducted during the latter part of the season. This year, in spite of wartime restrictions, or possibly because of them, it is anticipated that the overflow will again be made of these summer camps.

## Harden St. USO News

In spite of the constant showers on last Sunday, a number of civilians and soldiers gathered at the Harden Street USO for the special Mothers' Day program and tea. Mrs. Annabel Weston of Benedict College spoke appropriately on the responsibility of motherhood in the world today.

Mrs. Daisy Counts sponsored a group of children in a Mothers' Day playlet entitled "The Place Where Violets Grow." The character parts were well trained and played their parts with ease. The character parts were as follows: Doris Ralford, Jackie Williams, Wilbur Canty, and Noble Cooper. Smaller children who helped provide entertainment for the occasion were Memphis Pride, Jr., Tom Crawford, and Maud Brock.

The APT Room has been equipped with nine new cassettes making it easier for the pupils to work and be directed by Pvt. Pierce.

Many nice prizes are in store for the winners at Tuesday night Bingo. The members of the Delta Club for the lively time that is Sigma Theta Sorority are responsible by all.

Miss Muriel Logan, music instructor at Carver Junior High School, is giving one night a week to the training of a soldiers' chorus at the USO club. Listeners at the rehearsal agree that a good glee club is in the making.

The hostesses are planning a grand cabaret dance for Thursday night of this week with floor show and all. The Air Base Orchestra will provide the music. The public is invited to the regular coffee hour and program on Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

RIP VAN WINKLE AT BENEDICT COLLEGE MAY 20 The highlight of the immense mental activities at Benedict College will be the presentation of the well-known comedy RIP VAN WINKLE at Benedict College on May 20, at 8 o'clock.

## 2,000 Representatives Attend Baptist Convention

DR. BUTLER STIRS MEETING WITH ANNUAL ADDRESS; UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED FOR FOURTEENTH YEAR

DR. PRINCE, HEAD NBC OF AMERICA, GUEST SPEAKER; ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

By W. R. Bowman

Columbia, May 12—Approximately 2,000 more representatives, including ministers attending the annual session of the sixty-sixth State Baptist Educational and Missions convention at Second Calvary Baptist church here in Columbia on Ball Street.

Dr. C. H. Brown, popular educator and pastor of Second Calvary with his official family, had things in readiness and the representatives were held in their praise of the manner in which the thirteenth event had been made to care for the convention.

Tuesday evening the address "Welcome" was delivered by the Rev. E. C. Helms, pastor of Shandon Baptist church, Deacon William Poe of Second Calvary; Dr. S. S. Youngblood of First Calvary; Rev. J. M. Blaser, representative of the Ministers' Interdenominational Alliance of Columbia, who welcomed the visitors to Columbia and assured the convention that his policemen and other public officials would see to it that every courtesy would be extended them during their sojourn in the Capital city.

The Rev. L. M. Tolbin of Sumter and professor of religious education at Morris college preached the sermon of his life. He is a chip off the old block, his beloved father was a great preacher in the department of religion, having preached from boyhood for forty or more years in and around Union and Union county.

The convention which properly opened its sessions Wednesday morning, heard a well prepared sermon by the Rev. R. B. Murphy of Allen. Reports from the State Secretary Dr. L. C. Jenkins, the Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Coleman of Spartanburg, showed that the Baptist of South Carolina had raised more than \$7,000 for Christian education; \$4,000 went to Merle college; \$22,000 to Benedict college; \$200,000 to Friendship college and \$200,000 was allocated to state and other missions. The convention went on record as endorsing the work of Dr. G. G. Dan tals of Georgetown, who is the large director.

In the afternoon President H. H. Butler of Hartsville, delivered his annual message before a capacity audience. The address was very scholarly, and was delivered with eloquence and power. It brought tears to the eyes of many of its auditors. Dr. Butler has been president for fourteen years, and during each session has been unanimously reelected.

He is the son of a farmer and principal of the high school which bears his name at Hartsville, and is the grand secretary of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of South Carolina. During his address he stressed the necessity for there being unanimity of purpose among the Baptist forces of South Carolina. He urged his listeners to contribute to the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps. He stressed the necessity for his efforts to increase upon better schools and help terms for the people in rural communities, and urged the people to live close to Almighty God.

The guest speaker, Wednesday night was Dr. J. P. Garrick, president of Morris college, Sumter. Dr. Garrick in a scholarly manner reported to the convention upon the growth and development of the college over which he presided. The district missionaries, the Rev. J. W. Easley, the Rev. C. A. Gaylor, the Rev. T. H. Proutman and Rev. H. W. D. Stewart made their annual reports and were reappointed for another year.

Dr. J. J. Starks, president of Benedict college, this city, was the guest speaker Thursday morning. He spoke in the interest of the college. Several musical selections were rendered by the Benedict quartet. Dr. Starks stated in his address that he had already collected fifty thousand dollars in the last twelve months for Benedict and needed fifty thousand more to reach a federal grant which would give the school an endowment fund.

During the missionary hour Dr. J. P. Reeder and Dr. S. S. Youngblood were the speakers. They spoke in the interest of the missionary work, its accomplishments and its needs. Professor L. L. Butler of Ehrhardt, and J. R. Pet-

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## ANP News Shorts

Release Wednesday, May 12

New York, Observer, here, have watched with some amazement the farmer, which has developed over whether Tuskegee, the famous school in Alabama, should or should not accept financial aid from the state in which it is located. To those schooled in public affairs it has been apparent that something more than ordinary public reaction was behind the considerable fuss stirred up. A spokesman who is close to the trustee board of the institute gave vent to comment recently which justifies the picture, somewhat.

This spokesman attributes the attempt to discredit Tuskegee to the NAACP, and particularly to its secretary, Walter White. He also stated that the scores of articles appearing under the by-line of William Hastie, acrimoniously pointing out the Tuskegee aid base were NAACP inspired, working toward the sum, end. It is fore-ordained, according to the spokesman, that further propaganda will come itself. When Hastie is awarded the Congressional medal for bravery a post-it war time? Albert Anderson.

Chicago—Award of 29 Roosevelt fellowships totaling \$65,000 and 21 scholarships totaling \$16,600 was announced Monday by Edwin R. Embree, president of the J. H. Roosevelt fund. The fellowships include 22 Negroes and 17 white southerners selected for their creative talent of superior scholarship. The fellowships this year average \$1,700. In addition, scholarships of \$500 plus tuition were awarded 21 outstanding senior of selected Negro and white southern colleges to enable them to begin graduate study.

Among the fellowships granted is to Mrs. Alma Forest Potts of the social science division of Fort Valley State College. Mrs. Potts is a native of Columbia and a graduate of Benedict College.

Somewhere in New Guinea—Boistering strength of the number of Negro officers in this vicinity, two more chaplains have recently arrived. They are First Lieutenant Jason M. Cowan, Edwards, Miss., and Henry W. B. Ward, Lynchburg, Va. Both are assigned to engineer units.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Wilberforce university, presented a paper before the annual session of the Mississippi Valley Historical association here last week entitled "The Treatment of the Negro in the Teaching of United States History," and prepared at the request of the program committee. The paper showed that historical scholarship had unearthed a body of information concerning the Negro so that the false opinions created by the imaginations of certain novelists had, in many instances, mainly of southern men and women, were now anachronistic.

Baltimore—Negro Catholics in this country as well as many of their faithful will be interested to know that on May 30 the priests of the Society of St. Joseph commemorate the golden jubilee of the foundation of the society organization. It was on this day in 1893 that five priests—one of them a Negro—the Reverend Charles R. Uncles—placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the late Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore to work exclusively among the colored people in the United States.

Washington—The National Lawyers Guild want to know why more Negro attorneys are not to be found in government service particularly in the office of the judge, advocate general of the war department. This curiosity has resulted in the appointment of a special committee by President Robert W. Kenny to look into the matter. This committee will comprise all the national officers of the guild and three additional members "who will work for the complete elimination of every form of discrimination against Negro attorneys."

St. Louis—John L. Lewis was charged with having done a disservice to America and to organized labor in permitting the strike of his United Mine workers. Accusations were made by William Sontner, general vice-president of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers of America at a conference on Negro problems called Sunday by the Union's District 8 at the Pine Street YMCA.

Washington—The ministers of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, along with those of four other Latin-American legations, presented their credentials at the White House last Tuesday and immediately after were recognized as the ambassadors of their respective countries. Andre Elanraud succeeds himself as Haitian ambassador, while Dr. J. M. Troncoso carried on in a like capacity for the Dominican Republic.

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