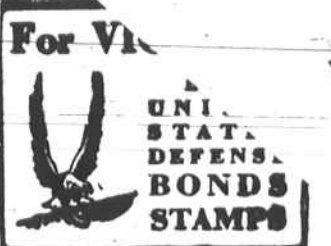




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Bishop L. H. King Commencement Speaker at Claflin College

The commencement exercises at Claflin reached the climax Wednesday, June 24, when Bachelor of Arts degree were awarded to Ashe, Hattie Elin; Atkinson, Gertrude Estelle; Barnes, Clemmie Elizabeth; Cave, Angus Lloyd; Cooper, Ethel Mae; Covington, Sarah Frances; Davis, Peggy Patricia; Gibson, Virginia Maria; Gordon, Rosa Mae; Graham, Essie Mae; Hildebrand, Henry Alonzo; Lawrence, Amy Lee Elizabeth; Ligon, Elizabeth; McTeer, Edythe Harlow; McTeer, Julius Constantine; Matthews, Fela Lee Palmer; Sarah Louise; Sibley, Luella Doris; Snears, John Elijah; Stevens, Odessa Lee; Walker, Stubbs, Alvin Elaine; Watson, Vivian Anna; Wiggins, Charles Wesley; Wines, Lillian.

A packed auditorium heard the address to the class which was delivered by Bishop L. H. King. This was the outstanding event of the commencement.

A summary of the address of Bishop L. H. King at the 71th commencement exercises of Claflin college, Orangeburg, June 2, 1943, follows:

Education As A Process
In the past, emphasis was placed upon the education of the classes. The educated man was one who was well versed in the classics.

The whole cultural emphasis was turned backward upon the traditions of the past. This emphasis is felt in every basic institution in society: the family, the school, legal and governmental institutions, in the church and in the way we think.

The 17th and 18th centuries witnessed a break with tradition and the development of a philosophy of the human natural right of man. Education has come to be necessary for the operation of the cultural process and for the existence of a living thriving state and body politic. Governments believe today that education is as necessary to a state as a nervous system is to the well-being of a healthy body. Cultural continuity is just as dependent upon education as physical body is upon the functions of the nerves and brain. The individual cannot be conscious of the state and his obligations to it unless he is enlightened and informed concerning its meaning, problems, goals, etc. The terrible rate of illiteracy of certain segments of our population at a time when the state is in peril highlights this problem as never before.

Education sustains the will for a common destiny. It gives appreciation of the state's goals; it makes possible intelligent group action towards the ends for which the state exists.

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Receives B.S. In Education



MISS ROSA A. BROWN

Miss Rosa A. Brown receives a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from South Carolina State A. and M. college, Orangeburg, S. C. Miss Brown graduated from Brainerd Junior college in 1936 and taught school for six consecutive years in Chester county and entered summer school at State college in 1933. In 1942 she was granted a leave of absence by her board of trustees and the county superintendent of education to complete her course of study.

Miss Brown is a competent teacher and a Christian young woman and a church worker both in her school and community. She also received a certificate from State college for her excellency in the Study of Bible in the Teacher Training course.

GOING PLACES



The above picture is the likeness of the Rev. John Morgan Dawkins, Jr., the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Dawkins, Sr., of Carlisle, South Carolina. At the recent New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church held in Bethel Church, New York City, the youthful, dynamic and energetic minister was elected a delegate to the ensuing General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, in May 1944. Appointed Director of Religious Education of the New York Conference; appointed Secretary of the Finance Committee and re-appointed Minister of Allen A. M. E. Church, Jamaica, New York. The largest Protestant church in Jamaica with a membership of between 850 and 1000. His many friends might contact him at the following addresses: Residence—110-19 New York Blvd.; Church Study 105-41 160th Street, Jamaica, New York.

A Solid, Consecrated, Loyal African Methodist trained at Allen Wilberforce, Gannon, Boston and Yale Universities. Having qualified for his Doctorate at Yale. The Church is expecting great things of him.

HOME TOWN BOY MAKES GOOD IN EMPIRE STATE

New York, June 16—Another "home town boy" has made good in the Big City. Young John M. Dawkins, who was born and bred in Carlisle, S. C., had the stamp of approval placed on him when he was made General Secretary of the A. M. E. Conference which convened in New York City recently, and returned to his charge at Allen A. M. E. Church at Jamaica, N. Y.; further inspired by the congratulations showered upon him by a host of new friends he has made during the short time he has been preaching the Word of God in a section of the country which, despite its advance in science, industry and social work can very well find time to support the church.

Reverend Dawkins has been quite a surprise to the people of Greater New York. From the first they visualized a more mature minister being sent to

Mrs. R. V. Beard Guest Speaker Service Club No. 3

DIRECTOR HARDEN STREET USO
Fort Jackson, S. C., June 11th—Mrs. R. V. Beard, director of the Harden Street USO (Columbia) was guest speaker on a literary program at Fort Jackson's Service Club No. 3 for Negro troops last Sunday afternoon. Using as her subject, "Christian Missions, A Stake in the World" the speaker was enthusiastically received by the large group of servicemen and visitors present.

Also on the program were musical selections rendered by the glee club and quartet of Co. D, 274th Quartermaster Service Battalion and by a group of men of Co. D, 274th Quartermaster. Privates James Rogers and Jacie Conyers, of the 274th QM each gave dramatic readings.

Leadership Conference, State W.M.U. And Presidents of Woman's Baptist Missionary and Ed. Societies in Col'a.

To be held at 2nd Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, at 8:30 each night from Monday July 12 thru Friday night, July 16th of July. Conferences will begin promptly on the hour. Programs are planned to be mutually helpful, to be inter-racially strengthening in Christian endeavor and to better carry forward the Missionary message of Christ. "Go Tell."

This week of Leadership Conference will follow a week of Institutes held at Darlington, July 4th; Gaffney, July 6th; Anderson, July 7th; Greenwood, July 8th; and Charleston, July 9th—under direction of Mrs. Mabel K. Howard, State President and Miss Vonnice Lance, Executive Secretary of State W. M. U.

It is earnestly hoped that every Society in Columbia will have its president, officers and members present at 2nd Calvary Baptist church every evening of these conferences.

Wednesday, 8:30 P. M. Devotional Program in charge of Miss Vonnice Lance. Subject: Continued on Page 2

FAIR FOR 1943

"FOOD FOR VICTORY" VICTORY GARDEN, HAM AND EGG SHOW OCT. 25th TO 30th

The officers of the S. C. State colored Fair association met on last Saturday and planned a 1943 "Food for Victory" Fair. The government is appealing to each individual and all organizations to stimulate the production of food products. The fair association feels that they can be of help by having the place to exhibit just what the farmers are doing and to show the high quality of production they are making.

Now is the time to plant more food raise more hogs and chickens and can your Victory Garden products so that you may have enough to bring to the fair. Thousands of visitors come to the fair each year to see what you are doing and learn how to produce quality produce. We want to show to the government that the Negro ranks high in feeding America and the rest of the world get ready for the 1943 Fair now!

CITED BY UNIVERSITY



ETTA MOTEN

One of 12 alumni of the University of Kansas—who are the recipients this year of the "Citation for Distinguished Service" by the Alumni Association of K. U. A commanding general and the mayor of Kansas City, Mo., were among the 12 receiving the awards. Miss Moten, a graduate of the Schramm School of Fine Arts at the University, began her concert, radio and dramatic career shortly after her graduation. Miss Moten was to appear at the university commencement exercises this month for the public presentation of the award but because she is currently starting in "Porgy and Bess," could not do so.

NEGRO SOLDIERS PROVE WORTH IN RADIO COMMUNICATION

Knollwood Field, N. C., Negro soldiers, whose contribution to America's war effort grows mightier daily, today have proven their worth in one of the most difficult and technical fields of training—radio communications.

The first class of Negro radio students ever to be graduated from Scott Field, parent radio school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, led the commencement speaker, Lt. Jack Pagelen, supervisor of the Instructors' Training Division, to say that the Army Air Forces has gained a "willing, conscientious, energetic group which should be commended for military excellence and grades well above average."

Coming from all parts of the Continued on Page 2

To the Missionary Women of S. C.

My Dear Co-Workers:
Once again I am using the columns of this wonderful paper to get in touch with you. If it were not for The Palmetto Leader, how could I ever get in close communication with the Women of South Carolina.

I am asking every woman who plans to attend the Quadrennial Convention that convenes in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 22-25, inclusive, to send her name and address to Mrs. Mable Green, 30 Morris Street, Charleston, S. C., immediately; who is on the transportation committee.

Please do as I asked you with reference to subscriptions to the Women's Recorder, just as soon as you possibly can. Price fifty cents a year. I am, Yours For Service.

S. L. FLIPPER, State Pres., C. A. ADAMS, State Leader, M. L. GREEN, Asst. Leader.

S. C. Annual Methodist Conf. Announcements

Brethren of our 40,269 members of our S. C. Annual Conference of the Methodist denomination, your attention is called to the date, Nov. 24 thru 28 of our annual conference. This body convenes in St. James Methodist church. The aggressive, and zealous Pastor Rev. D. E. Thomas and his magnificent flock are making elaborate plans and accommodations for the thorough and felicitous comfort, and ample reception of this big religious body.

This will be the second time this group of sacred leaders will have met in the handsome city of Darlington. In the five days they shall visit here, shall be full of most animating, intellectual, material and spiritual interest, and accomplishments. Once a year this body gathers for these specific purposes, which account for the past, make ample preparation for the present, so that the future will respond and yield copious.

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Harden St. USO News

The GSO girls are really taking over this summer and with the leadership of Miss Dorothy Jackson these junior hostesses are keeping things buzzing at the Harden Street USO. The weiner roast which they sponsored last Friday was a grand success in every way. There was lots of fun and plenty to eat. Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Chappelle served as senior host and hostess and seemingly had a good time in doing so. Other parents of the GSO girls will be asked from time to time to serve in this capacity.

Miss Sarah Horry, who is here to observe the work of this club, conducted the regular Music Appreciation Hour on last Sunday, June 13. When she had finished, the many listeners felt that they knew exactly what the composer Jean Sibelius had in mind when he wrote the soul-stirring tone poem, "Finlandia". Miss Horry is director of YWCA-USO in Savannah, Ga.

Dr. Robert W. Mance was the very interesting leader of the monthly discussion on last Sunday. The topic discussed was "After the War—What?" The listener-participants were so absorbed in friendly debate that they had to be told many times that the hour for discussion had ended. The hostesses were then ready to serve punch and cookies and thus began the usual Sunday "Tea Time" social hour. A cheerful spot indeed is the Harden Street USO club during these Sunday Tete-a-tetes.

Saturday June 19 is National Children's Day at all USO clubs. The children of the city are invited to a special picnic and program in the yard of the Harden Street USO at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Taylor Street USO is joining in providing this entertainment for the children. Continued on Page 7

Special Appeal to the Workers of the State Sunday School and B T U Convention by the President

Dear Co-Workers:
This article is to remind you that we have less than a month now before we meet in the annual session of our Convention at Morris college July 15-16, 1943. The Youth Conference and Battle of Songs will not be held in their usual manner this year. Executive Board meeting Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock and local program Wednesday night. The regular program of the Convention and School of Methods will begin Thursday morning with new pep and interest. The teachers this year are specialists in the field of Religious Education.

There will be special conferences with Youth; song services, morning worship conducted by strong laymen and some of the best preachers in the state. Also recreation, fun and play periods. In fact the program is full of information, aspiration and information. It is fully worth any sacrifice on your part to be present. Everything at Morris College is so convenient, beautiful, snug, trees, cafeteria for lunches, well prepared meals and comfortable sleeping quarters. The board this year will be two dollars per day on the campus and in the city. All delegates are asked to bring war ration book No. 2. I assure most of our Sunday school and B. T. U's. have made application. Continued on Page 2

ST. JOHN'S DAY ANNIVERSARY

Dear Brethren:
Greetings to each of you. May peace and mercy be yours to enjoy throughout the year. We request that all subordinate lodges hold their St. John Anniversary on the 21st inst., in keeping with our long established custom. In case you cannot meet on the 21st I designate, June 27th, as the appropriate time to carry out your religious services. An offering should be taken and applied to some worthy cause. Charity is our strength. Let's remember our brethren on the "battle front." God bless you all.

ST. JOHN'S DAY ANNIVERSARY

Fraternally yours, J. S. STANBANK, Grand Master.

PRACTICING LAW ON BROADWAY



HAROLD A. STEVENS, LL. B.

Graduate of Benedict College and Boston Law School, is now practicing law with the firm of Dent, Baltimore & Stevens on 277 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Stevens has been admitted to practice in U. S. Supreme Court; is special attorney for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a former member of the FEPC Committee. Lawyer Stevens was a member of the firm of Andrews & Stevens, 74 W. 125th Street for the past five years and has built up a respectable clientele in New York City.

ANP News Shorts

RELEASE WED. JUNE 16

Atlanta, Ga.—Refusing to book "Cabin in the Sky" in his chain of theatres here, G. Tom Bailey of Bailey Theatres, Inc. Tuesday took desperate steps to prevent the picture being shown at the City Auditorium by the Southeastern Artists Bureau, Inc., of which J. Neal Montgomery is director.

Bailey, who has a virtual monopoly on motion picture houses catering to Negroes in Atlanta, had refused to book "Cabin in the Sky," from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contending the price wanted for the all-colored spectacle was too high.

Tuskegee.—Trained and efficient manpower for Negro business will be highly essential if these enterprises are to be properly undegraded for the rigorous adjustments necessary in the post-war period.

With that objective in mind, the National Negro Business League has adopted for its 1943 convention theme: "Negro Business Now and in the Post-War Period." The convention will be held August 25, 26 and 27, in Baltimore with the Maryland Association for Promotion of Business acting as host. A feature of this year's convention will be a symposium discussion on the prospects for and handicaps to an expansion of business enterprises operated by Negroes in period following the war.

Philadelphia.—The Ink Spots, highest paid of Decca's Negro recording stars, received \$21,111 from that firm in 1942, according to the company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed Tuesday.

New York.—The National Guild of Piano Teachers held its annual tournament for piano students in this city last week ending Saturday with the heaviest enrollment in some years. Philippa Schuyler, 11, was the first to play this year and was judged by Harold Morris nationally known American composer. For the 8th consecutive time, Philippa got highest honors, a gold star for her repertoire of 21 pieces and the mark of superior.

Jackson, Miss.—Sidney D. Redmond, received one of the 653 patents issued last week, according to announcement of the U. S. patent office. Redmond invented a mine sweeper which patent examiners ruled was different from anything similar ever previously patented or known.

Boston.—Ensign Joseph C. Jenkins of Detroit has the distinction of being the first colored naval officer to be assigned to active duty. He is attached to the coast guard shore patrol of the 1st Naval district with headquarters at the former exclusive Hotel Brunswick and has under his command a mixed personnel of white and colored seamen.

Washington.—The state department announced the signing in New York Tuesday of a lend-lease agreement between the United States and the Republic of Liberia.

The agreement on "the principles applying to mutual aid in their common defense" was signed by Henry S. Villard, special representative of the United States and Walter F. Walker, Liberian consul general in New York in the presence of President Barclay and President-elect Wm. S. Tubman of Liberia.

Washington.—Current rumors about the FEPC heard around in the capital have it that the present membership will be retained with the exception of Earl Dickerson, the stormy petrel of the old group. In his place, it is reported, the name of C. C. Spaulding of North Carolina has been Continued on Page 6