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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To All

Guaranty Life Insurance Ass'n. Observes 50th Year

By Louis E. Martin
SAVANNAH, Ga.—(ANP)—C. L. Townes, president of the National Insurance Association, was the featured speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Guaranty Life Insurance company which was held here Sunday, Dec. 19. National and local civic and business leaders joined with President Townes in tributes to the company, which was organized in Savannah 50 years ago.

Guaranty Life, with assets of a million and a quarter dollars, was organized and received its state charter on Dec. 19, 1901, according to Walter S. Scott, president of Guaranty and one of the original charter members.

President Scott, who was born in Savannah in 1877 joined with six associates, Lachlan M. Pollard, William R. Fields, Joseph L. Jackson, Sol C. Johnson, Lucius E. Williams and Paul L. Perry in the formation of a corporation which was known then as the Guaranty Aid and Relief Society. This society became The Guaranty Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company in 1912 and seven years later became a stock company.

Scott, who was originally secretary-treasurer of the young enterprise, was elected president in 1913. In 1924 the name of the company was changed to the Guaranty Life Insurance company and \$100,000 paid in capital stock was deposited with the state treasurer to qualify the company to write ordinary insurance.

Today Guaranty Life which operates throughout the state of Georgia is one of the strongest financial institutions owned and operated by Negroes in the South. Its reserve and surplus give it an unusually high rating by all insurance rating agencies.

The year the state charter of the company was amended and extended for 30 years and the paid-in capital to the state treasurer was increased to \$200,000.

Guaranty Life and its president, Scott, exercise important influence in civic and financial circles of Southeast Georgia. Scott is also president of Royal Undertaking Company which was organized in Savannah in 1906. A product of the Savannah elementary schools, Scott was graduated from Tuskegee in 1895.

The home office of the Guaranty Life in Savannah is located in the former Ware Earners Bank Building, the most imposing business edifice in the colored community. Its services include a variety of industrial and ordinary insurance contracts and Guaranty was the first company to offer Negroes of Georgia hospital and surgical expense policy contracts.

Among the officers and directors of the company, in addition to Scott, are: Dr. M. D. Bryant, Bowles C. Ford, Mrs. L. M. Pollard, Bishop W. A. Fountain, John A. Singleton, Mrs. Harold Calhoun, Mrs. Walter Scott and Louis E. Martin.

The home office is located at 460 W. Broad Street.

Mrs. Mattie Rufus Dash Passes

Orangeburg, S. C.—Mrs. Mattie Rufus Dash, well-known Orangeburg citizen, died at the Orangeburg Regional Hospital, Tuesday Morning, December 19, following illness of several months.

Mrs. Dash was the widow of Laval Dash, founder of the Dash Taxi Service. It was she who carried on the business from its inception to see it grow to its present status.

Surviving the deceased are five sons: Rufus, Warren C., Harvin T. M. Johnson and Leon M. Dash; three daughters, Mrs. Sadie Dash McSpair and Mrs. Barbara Dash, all of Orangeburg; and Mrs. Annie Dash Smith of Washington, D. C.; a brother, Lemuel Rufus; ten grandchildren, a great-grandchild, a niece Mrs. Fannie K. Nix; three grand nieces, a son-in-law and five daughters-in-law.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Williams Chapel A.M.E. Church, of which she was a member by the Rev. Clappell Davis, pastor. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:40 p.m. until the hour of service. Interment will be at Orangeburg Cemetery.

Reported to:
J. D. McGhee, Rpt.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS MEET NEW YEAR DAY IN ANNUAL SESSION AT ORANGEBURG

Orangeburg, Dec. 22. The Scottish Rite Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina and the Eastern Star will meet in conjunction with their annual session at Orangeburg, Saturday, January 1st, Blythewood hall. The Rev. S. D. Rickenbacker, principal of the high school at Orangeburg is the grand master, the Rev. W. R. Bowman, is the grand patron and Mrs. Jennette White is the grand matron.

D. D. Mezie, who has been the grand secretary for twenty or more years recently died and also Mrs. Rumph, who also was the grand secretary of the Eastern Star, also died.

Memorial services will be held for both of these secretaries in the opening services of the grand lodge. The session will last only a day.

The Babe of Bethlehem

By EVANGELIST ELSIE J. HERRING

It is an old, old story but it is very true. A Babe was born in Bethlehem to save both me and you. The Prophet saw Him coming as King and Savior too. But the rulers became worried and didn't know what to do.

When they heard that the Savior was born, They sent the wise men to the place where the Star Shone. They wanted to destroy His precious soul. But God, Our Father had another goal.

So they made their flight into Egypt land. For this was already in the Divine plan. For the Prophet said: "Out of Egypt have I called my son. And Joseph did what the Prophet said was to be done.

But the king died from whom they fled, And King Herod's son was in his stead; Then Mary and Joseph went to Nazareth and made their home, And there Jesus stayed until He was grown.

But when He was thirty, He died on the cross. To save you and me that were almost lost; But now we're redeemed and free indeed, From the snares of Satan and sin we are freed.

So this Christmas season let us not forget, That Jesus was born, died and He paid our debt. Let us be kind, loving, sober and true. For I believe that is what He would have us do.

Covering Washington

By Alice A. Dunningan

KNOW YOUR CAPITAL

Citizens throughout this country are no doubt interested in knowing more and more about the capital of this nation—a district which is distinct within itself, an area that is set apart from any state in these United States, a territory that is often referred to as this country's "showcase" to the world.

In a recent round-table discussion held at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA branch, Miss Rita E. Beuchert, director, department of research and statistics, United Community Services, District of Columbia, gave a brief but thorough analysis of "Washington: Its Past, Its Present, and Its Future."

OUR FAMILY TREE

The research expert began her discussion by outlining Washington's "family tree." This territory was only a swampy marsh and at the headquarters of the Potomac back in 1788 when it was selected by President Washington as a federal district in which would be located the capital of the young nation. A plot of land 100 miles square was envisaged, 70 square miles on the north side of the Potomac was to be ceded by Maryland and 30 square miles south of the river to be ceded by Virginia. Major Pierre L'Enfant drew up the plans for the city, into methods used in selecting a name for the city, it was heard somewhere that there was such a discussion on what the new capital would be called. Finally it was decided that it would be called "The City of Washington in the District of Columbia."

In 1800, the 30 square mile portion of the District of Columbia, which had been ceded by Virginia was retroceded to the state; thus Arlington and Fairfax counties and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church were no longer part of the district. In 1871, congress provided a territorial form of government for the district under which it was allowed a delegate to the congress until the city was disfranchised in 1878.

Counselling Major Duty Of Pastor, Minister Says

NORFOLK—(ANP)—Pastoral counseling was stressed as an important task of the ministry at the Baptist Ministers conference recently by Rev. H. W. B. Walker, pastor, Second Calvary Baptist church.

Discussing the technique of counseling, Rev. Walker said members of the church must be given information which they need; they should repeat it or rehearse it so that will become a part of their store of knowledge, and they should understand the nature and value of the information so they can use it intelligently in varying situations.

Rev. Walker laid great emphasis on the need for members or individuals helped by the pastor, to "become convinced of the value of the information given by the pastor, especially if this information relates to character education." In order that advice in pastoral counseling may result in maximum benefits, the individual will have to apply the information to or advice given "to every relevant part of his daily behavior.

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State College Represented At YMCA and YWCA Assembly

Orangeburg, S. C.—Edwin K. Poole, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of South Carolina State College will represent the association at the fifth National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA to be held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, December 27, 1951 to January 2, 1952.

Mr. Poole, along with 1500 students from throughout the United States will survey the needs of students in relation to the national and world situation and will explore the resources of the Christian faith during the week they are in session. Four major study sections of the Assembly will consider: the individual student in search of himself, in the university, in the struggle for freedom and in the light of his role in the nation and in the world.

Five study booklets written especially for the student movement by outstanding leaders in the field and widely acclaimed as the best study and action guides available for college student use, will be used as the basis for discussion. These booklets are entitled "The Inevitable Question: Where Are You?" "Your Freedom is in Trouble," "You in the University," "You, the Nation and the World," and "Faith, Sex and Love."

Dr. J. Coert Rylaarsdam, associate professor of Old Testament at the University of Chicago, will keynote the Assembly, speaking on the theme, "Where Art Thou?" Other Assembly leaders include Mr. Maxine Thornton of the Leadership Service Department of the National Board of the YMCA; Walter Anderson, Director of Music, Anioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Miss Muriel Jacobson, of the UNESCO staff, New York City; Warren Ashby, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Walter J. Harnelson, Professor of Old Testament, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts; John Hutchinson, Professor of Religion, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts; Roy Fairchild, Associate Professor of Psychology, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California; and Kirtley F. Mather, Professor Emeritus, Harvard University.

The Assembly is the "town meeting" or legislative body of the

Student YMCA and YWCA and determines policies and program for the next four years for the more than 900 YMCAs and YWCAs and Student Christian Association in 706 colleges and universities.

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BISHOP JORDAN CLOSES AME CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (ANP)—Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the AME church recently closed the 54th session of the Orange annual conference in Orange Free State of the Union of South Africa.

During the conference, Bishop Jordan paid tribute to Gen. Supt. Francis H. Gow for his leadership in carrying forward the church program in his absence.

The bishop is in South Africa on a four-month visa granted by the Union government. Previously, the government had barred the prelate from entering the country, but has since yielded to requests from the denomination.

Meanwhile, reports read at the conference showed a total of 475 conversions and 1,647 baptisms. Other reports showed completion of three projects valued at \$5,200 which were launched under Bishop I. H. Bonier and the authorization of 11 others for construction during 1955 at a cost of \$11,500.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DONATE \$302 TO NAACP FREEDOM FIGHT

NEW YORK Dec. 16.—The NAACP Fight for Freedom fund was enlarged this week by \$302, the contribution of the students of the Elizabeth Irwin High School of New York. Presentation of the contribution, climaxing a three-week drive, was made this week to Herbert Wright, NAACP youth secretary, by David Eisen, president of the student body and Stephan Grotz, student chairman of the drive.

Thanking the students for their contribution, Mr. Wright expressed the hope that the Irwin High drive would stimulate other students throughout the country to join the Fight for Freedom and help finance the desegregation program.

Dickerson Seminary To Offer Study Program

Dr. Henderson S. Davis, Dean of Dickerson Theological Seminary has announced this week a Study Program of special interest to Ministers and Laymen. Friday evening and Saturday morning classes are to be offered.

These courses have been arranged largely through the inspiration of Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

Because of the very fine way in which the people of South Carolina have supported the University, Bishop Reid stated that the facilities of the Seminary should be made available to many who cannot enroll as full time students.

The New Program will be offered through the extension classes of the University. Classes will meet on Friday evening and Saturday mornings. Housing for one night, each week, might be arranged with Allen University for a very reasonable fee. The tuition is set at a minimum so as not to work a hardship on ministers and missionaries who desire to enroll.

Courses will be offered in "Visiting the Sick," "Financing the Church," "Practical Principles of Good Pastoring," "A. M. E. Ritual and Worship," "The Ministers Personal Life and Duties," "Homiletics," "Vacation Bible School," "Recreation in the Church Program," "Missionary Study Program," "How to Teach in the Church School," and "Organizing the A.C.E. League."

A student may enroll as a special student or as a candidate for graduation. Ministers who have graduated from the Seminary will likewise find these courses helpful.

The Missionary Study Courses is being offered in cooperation with the educational program outlined by Mrs. V. V. Reid, Episcopal District Supervisor for the Seventh District of the A.M.E. Church.

Though these courses are to be offered under the auspices of the A.M.E. Church, anyone might feel free to take advantage of enrolling for any of the courses.

For further information, contact President S. R. Higgins or Dean Henderson S. Davis, Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

Walter White Back, Says Federal Aid May Swing South Into Line

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The NAACP executive secretary who was stricken with a heart attack in October resumed his column last week in the Chicago Daily News.

Pointing out that the year 1951-52, Mississippi received more than \$7 million from the federal government to be used in public schools, White says "it is a certainty" that no government agency would turn away funds to a state which would refuse to comply with the nation's highest court.

He asserted that "states have enacted various types of legislation to authorize 'private' instead of public schools are running into difficulties already in finding money for such schools.

White said that "Georgia recently attempted to renew its 'school revenue certificates', and that the banking superintendent of Ohio Thurman B. Hazard, declared such certificates to be "ineligible investments" for Ohio state banks."

"Certainly," said White "the Federal Reserve Bank, the Securities and change commission state banking authorities and other regulatory bodies will not want to get into trouble by handling securities which violate a unanimous decision of the U. S. Supreme court."

Pointing out that the Southern states "are already handicapped by the nation's poorest school system," the NAACP head said the South could "automatically shut itself" off from federal aid "when it needs it almost."

Sarah Vaughan On 'Perry Como Show'

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Guest star on CBS radio's "Perry Como Show" Wednesday Dec. 15, was Sarah Vaughan, popular singer whose recording of "Make Yourself Comfortable" is fast climbing to the top of the hit parade.

Nigeria, Gold Coast Students Compete In N. Y. Herald Forum

NEW YORK (ANP)—Two African students, one from Nigeria and the other, Gold Coast, are scheduled to participate in the ninth annual New York Herald Tribune high school forum at the United Nations, March 26th. It was announced here last week.

They are Minjiba F. Karibe, Nigeria; and Lebrecht H. Hesse, Gold Coast.

The two will be among 34 foreign students arriving in the U.S. shortly for a 12-week stay. While here, they will be guests in the homes of high school students or in private schools.

Mays copped the coveted honor after playing his first full season in the majors. He captured the National league batting champion sash with a rousing .345, led the circuit with 13 triples and also won the slugging title with an impressive .667 percentage. His extra base output included 33 doubles, 13 triples and 41 homers. He also was up among the leaders with 110 run batted in.

The youthful Mays recently signed a 1955 contract for a reported \$25,000.

No Paper Next Week

In order to give our employees a chance to enjoy one week's rest we will not publish a paper next week. The next issue will come to you January 8, 1952.

Mays Named Most Valuable In NL

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Willie Mays, the "Say Hey" kid, last week was voted the Most Valuable Player in the National league.

The 23-year-old New York Giant outfielder gained 283 points to 217 for runner up Ted Kluszewski of the Cincinnati Reds. Mays received 16 first place votes.

A 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers association made the selection.

Fisk Scholars Compete For Rhodes Scholarships

NASHVILLE—(ANP)—Two senior students from Fisk university recently took competitive examinations for Rhodes scholarships, marking the first time in history that students from a Negro institution competed for the award.

They are John Townsend, Oklahoma City; and Frank Robinson, Wilmington, N. C. Both were sent by Fisk to their home states to compete for the scholarship. They are honor students, active in campus activities and hold membership in the university chapter of the American Chemical Society.

If they are successful, they will become the first of their race to study as Rhodes scholars since the late Dr. Alain Locke went from Harvard in 1907.

The \$1,680 scholarship permits selectees to study at Oxford university, London, England. They are also allowed to sit for a degree in two years.

Magazine Surveys Progress of School Desegregation

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The progress and problems in desegregation of the nation's public schools are summarized in an article, "Desegregation at Work" by Henry Lee Moon in the December 8 issue of The Nation, liberal weekly journal of opinion.

Mr. Moon, public relations director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, surveys the steps taken, the resistance encountered and success attained in school desegregation since the Supreme Court's historic decision of May 17 banning the dual school system.

Variety Hits Remake Of Birth Of A Nation Film

NEW YORK—The campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to forestall the re-making of the notorious anti-Negro film "The Birth of a Nation," has received the editorial support of Variety, a leading publication of the entertainment industry.

"It seems fairly evident," Variety asserts, "that no picture can possibly dare, at this late date, to glorify the thoroughly discredited, Ku Klux Klan which was set against Jews and Catholics. Too wide a segment of the population would be offended. Sheer economic self-interest dictates that the new shooting script must bear little or no resemblance to Griffith's. Nor can it be overlooked that America's 15,000,000 Negroes today are a respected and courted five-billion-dollar market. And big filmgoers, on top of all the economic factors, there is, of course, the factor of morality and social responsibility."

In a lengthy story in its December 8 edition, Variety reviews the NAACP's long fight against the film and quotes Roy Wilkins, NAACP representative protesting the proposal to remake the picture, which in the original production "slandered the entire Negro American population through its naked indictment to racial hatred and violence."

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