

Piedmont Conference Laymen Ask Return Of Bishop Reid; Endorse President Higgins For the Bishopric

By W. R. BOWMAN
Resolution read by Mrs. Judith Franklin of Laurens and unanimously adopted by the electoral college of the Piedmont A. M. E. conference, Thursday, April 29th in Mt. Pisgah Church in Greenwood, South Carolina.

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS it is pleased Almighty God through His all-wise providence that Bishop Frank Madison Reid has served the Seventh Episcopal District with honor and dignity for two quadrennials and

WHEREAS the Seventh Episcopal District, under Bishop Reid's leadership has felt a great religious impact in that membership has grown by leaps and bounds and in that ministers have been inspired to preach the Gospel with power and great fervor and in that many churches have been built and many more have been renovated and

WHEREAS his leadership has been of sympathetic Christian manner giving much thought to the ministers and members of the great A. M. E. Church and

WHEREAS much zeal, purpose and vision have been given to the development and progress of Allen University in that Allen University has developed its capital resources from \$400,000 to over a million and a half dollars and the budget of Allen University has grown from \$80,000 to \$450,000 and

WHEREAS the laymen of Allen University appreciate contributions that have been made by Bishop Reid's work in the civic life, not only for members of the A. M. E. Church but for the rights of men everywhere, and

WHEREAS the elected delegates of the Piedmont Conference now in session appreciate and knowing the wishes of the laymen throughout the whole state, **BE IT RESOLVED**, first that we, the elected delegates of the Piedmont Conference, go on record, that we put forth every effort and pray that the General Conference in its session at Miami, Florida will see fit to return Bishop Reid to the Seventh Episcopal District to continue the work that he is so nobly doing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the Elected delegates to the forthcoming General Conference meeting in Miami, Florida, endorse President Samuel R. Higgins of Allen University for the high office to be elected one of the Bishops.

In the A. M. E. Church, we pledge ourselves to put forth every effort to elect this worthy character, — a preacher, scholar, and educator.

**THE LAYMEN OF THE
PIEDMONT CONFERENCE
PROF. OLIN SMITH
MRS. JUDITH FRANKLIN
SUMTER PERRIN
RUSSELL GRAY
MRS. OLIN E. JOHNSON
PROF. J. T. W. MIMS**



Dr. Samuel R. Higgins, who was unanimously endorsed for the bishopric by all the six electoral colleges in South Carolina. The Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance of Columbia also endorsed him for the bishopric. This alliance is very strong in South Carolina.

NOTES
Bishop Frank Madison Reid is equal to any Church situation. His explanation and ruling of the law pertaining to delegates to the General conference satisfied a 11 persons, they left happy and singing bishop Reid praises.
Our good friend, Joel Perrin, needed a few more votes to be a delegate but he is happy and will join his friends in helping to bring Bishop Reid back to South Carolina and to elect president, S. R. Higgins bishop.

For the last three months, we have traveled a great deal, visiting Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Atlanta, Ga., spending the night with our personal friend, Dr. W. B. L. Clarke, who has a large district in Georgia, Norfolk and Newport News, Va. Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia where Dr. J. S. Benn, used his plans for the bishopric. Kittrell College and other places and we have found that Virginia and North Carolina are not the only ones playing ball for bishop Reid. Other districts are trying to keep it secret South Carolina better keep their ears close to the ground, as every thing may not be calm on the potencie.

Dr. Turner is a busy educator around Allen University, but he found time some how to arrange a big banquet of dinner for the preachers and the delegations and refuse to take a penny for the costly meals. Bishop Reid intimated, he may help him some with expenses. If that does not worth going to the General conf. as a delegate, please tell this reporter what must a person do to be a delegate. Dr. Turner is not a person to push him self forward but the leaders should put him on the ticket. Of course there are other good men in the Piedmont, such as Drs. Dent, M. G. Williams, Holman, Thomas, along with your own presiding elders and perhaps others we did not call.

Dr. Long Named Doctor Of Year

Dr. L. W. Long of Union was voted Doctor of the year last week at the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, which convened in Rock Hill, S. C. This honor was given Dr. Long for outstanding work he has done for his race in his community and for his profession. Dr. Long is founder and medical director of the Union Community Hospital, Inc. For many years he has been very active as a vigorous leader in professional, civic and religious organizations, and shown great initiative as an investor and developer of enterprises which filled community needs otherwise unmet. Dr. Long is a past president and currently Chairman of the Executive Board of the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association. He was organizer of the District Medical Societies of the State of South Carolina, and co-founder and past president of the John H. Hale Surgical Society of the Carolinas. Dr. Long is a Trustee of Morris College. He is also on the Trustee Board of the National Medical Association. He is vice president of the State Sunday School and B T U Convention, president of the Union County Baptist Sunday School Convention. Dr. Long is Exalted Ruler of the Pride of Union Lodge of Elks No. 1041, and president of the Voters League of Union County. Dr. Long's name will be sent to the National Medical Assn. which will meet in Los Angeles, Calif. in August to be voted on Nationally as "Doctor of the Year."

Joseph Goodwin Retires



Joseph H. Goodwin of Columbia, S. C., retired March 31, 1955, as brakeman from the Southern Railroad after 52 years of service. Mr. Goodwin stated his career in 1903 when he came to Columbia from Ninty-Six, S. C. He started on a wooden burner Engine at a rate of \$1.15 a day. In 52 years of service, he never had an accident and said, "I worked on my job to see a nation go." Upon his retirement, he worked on the Diesel Engine and at a pay of \$22.37 a day. He worked the route from Columbia to Savannah, Ga., and from Savannah to Charlotte, N. C. He has one son, Olonzo Gilliam who now works in the Dining car from Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles, Calif. Of his other children whom he schooled on his small salary are William T. Gilliam, Willie Mae Hancock and Carrie Weather, all of Columbia. Also Viola Burns of Chicago. He now lives with his wife, Mrs. Lula Goodwin of 924 Harden St., Columbia. (Photo by Goodwin)

Mary L. Taylor Dies In India

Mrs. Fredrick Taylor, better known to her many friends and associates in the United States as Mary Langford, died suddenly at 43 of heart failure after an operation on April 19 in a Mission Hospital in Ambur, Madars State, India. She was buried in Bangalore the city in which she resided. A trained social worker with seven years experience as a field

Allen University Futuramic Record Set By Dr. M. F. Robinson

Presiding Elder of the Sumter District, While Dr. Fred C. James Leads Pastors With \$600 From Mount Pisgah, Sumter

Enthusiasm toward reaching the goal of 1000 donors on the \$100 scroll has continued high during the last two weeks as will be observed by reports coming from the different presiding elders' areas. The nationally famous Album of Faith Singers and the University Choir were greeted by capacity audiences in Georgetown, Sumter, Manning and Darlington, while presiding of the various districts made progress reports. Dr. R. E. Brogdon of the Kingstree District rallied his forces to report \$1,527 and Presiding Elder Gadsdon of the Georgetown District reported \$1,308. As the musical caravan moved into Manning, Dr. W. R. Bowman, Presiding Elder, announced a total of \$949; and at Darlington, the Florence District, reported by Dr. J. E. Thomas, had a total of \$1,326. The highest report given by an district of the state up until this time was when Dr. M. F. Robinson placed on the table in Sumter \$2,407 for the Sumter District and also the largest reports made on the tour by any pastor was Dr. Fred C. James who reported \$600 from Mt. Pisgah Church in Sumter. The Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid, states that he has been greatly impressed by the spirit of members and friends and alumni groups in their generous concern for the continued development of Allen University in its program of Christian Education. The President of Allen University, Dr. S. R. Higgins, has met many successful loyal Allenites in the various appearances of the University Singers, all of whom have given account of their endeavors in the interest of their Alma Mater.

The following dates have been announced for the musical caravan: Sunday May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Due West, Rev. John Thomas, Pastor; Dr. T. E. Robinson will lead the forces of the Greenville District. At 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, May 15, will be the appearance at St. James Church, Abbeville, pastored by the Rev. E. W. Judge with C. G. Glover leading the forces of the Abbeville District. Appearance for the Greenwood District will be at Mt. Pisgah Church, Greenwood, Dr. R. S. Turner, pastor, while Dr. W. E. Minis will lead the forces of the Greenwood District. Great interest is being aroused in the Spartanburg District of the Columbia Conference as it concerns the engagement on Tuesday night, May 17, at Trinity A. M. E. Church, pastored by Dr. D. R. Bedenbaugh, when Presiding Elder, Dr. I. O. Simmons will direct the Futuramic take-off for this district. Among those having made worthwhile contributions during the last two weeks we note the following:

SUMTER DISTRICT
Rev. F. C. James, 600.00; Rev. L. J. Hyman 195.00; Rev. Wm Gantt 202.00; Rev. E. V. Gibbs 110.00; Rev. G. H. Moore 74.00; Rev. H. B. Andrews 100.00; Rev. J. F. Stanley 245.00; Rev. A. A. Redden \$202; Rev. T. J. Slater \$100

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown Women's Day Speaker At Bethel

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, founder, President of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, North Carolina will speak. Dr. Brown is a colorful figure in the American platform and is known nation-wide as a great educator and humanitarian. The institution which she has built has been hailed as "perhaps one of the most significant experiments in Negro Education in this country." One of her famous addresses delivered on Sunday, March 10, 1940 over CBS Network was "The Negro And The Social Graces". In the field of education, art and music and as a platform speaker "Charlotte Hawkins Brown" is a first Negro Woman. The Pastor Dr. Holmes is extending a city-wide invitation to the public to worship with us on Women's Day.

Believe It Or Not



I am now in Baltimore in route to the National Fraternal Council of Churches, Inc. that convenes his week in Washington, D. C. I am the guest of Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, who for years has pastored Bethel, one of our greatest churches. Dr. Bryant is no ordinary man, he is almost an idol for the people of Baltimore. He has been the object of my study for some time. He is intelligent, religious, a great preacher, morally correct, has proved his loyalty to the church, and humble and respectful to these in authority. He is the husband of one wife, with a loving family, sober and sane in his conduct, and these I regard as real fitness for any position in the church. Besides this is exactly what the bible requires for fitness for Bishop. This is my opinion of him, and there now are five bishops on the bench, that know that when they were elders, I gave my opinion of their fitness, and the coming General conferences confirmed my opinion by electing them. My opinion now is, if the 1956 General Conference refuse this caliber of man, what can we hope for? To elect him, the church has won, to fail to elect him, the church has lost. I have spent much of my long service striving, and writing trying to put worthy men in this exalted office, no one paid me, I looked to the advancement of the A. M. E. Church as my reward for the work. All of those I helped know it, and they are my witness that I have never held my hand out to them, I started this helping service with Elder J. M. Conner, more than forty years ago, and until the election of the junior Bishop in 1952. All of these remember the "Midnite-prayers. I am volunteering my service to Dr. Bryant, he has not approached me, until I came to him and offered my service in any way to help him. When he knew anything, I was traveling and working for him. I can't be bought, but if your fitness appeal to me, you have what I can do without the asking. In my humble judgement, Harrison J. Bryant would add luster to the bench, and credit to the ones electing him. "Uncle-Vince" 2123 Cross Street, Little Rock Arkansas.

VOTERS ASKED TO SUPPORT BOND ISSUE

The people of Richland county will vote June 2 to decide whether \$1,405,000 in bonds will be issued to enlarge and to improve the Columbia hospital. The people of the entire county own the hospital; if they vote "YES," then there will be money to do a lot of work that is needed. Actually, the hospital would be happy if much more money were available so a lot more work could be done, but the authorities have limited the present bond issue and the hospital will select the most important work to be done first with the hope that the other important things can be done within a few years. The hospital is a big place. Last year 67,684 patients were treated there. Now that is more people than live in the city of Charleston. Because of the growth of Columbia and Richland county, there is more demand for space at the hospital. Most of the time, all the beds are filled, and most of the time there are people waiting to get into the hospital. That is a dangerous situation because when a person needs medical care or an operation he should be able to get

Final Rites Of Bishop William Alfred Fountain

By Mrs. A. Beatrice Williams
The late William Alfred Fountain, A.M., S.T.B., L.L.D., D.D., Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a true patriot. He was the embodiment of honor and integrity, and an effective agent of his church, his country, and for the institution of Christian Education. Morris Brown College is a living example of his ability as an educator. He had no peers. His cold frame lies yonder, but the deeds of this supremely prophetic man will never live.

Bishop Fountain grew to full moral and spiritual stature soon after the turn of the century. His successes form a long line, as preacher, teacher, college president, and Bishop of the A. M. E. Church for thirty-two years. His virtues have not only been acclaimed by Georgia the state of his birth where out in the country areas his Star rose while he was behind the plow one day, but also his ideals and virtues are world renown. Hundreds whom he taught, giving them intellectual and Christian light, have come forth with honor beyond their immediate borders for they have caught the stimulating fragrance of his patriotism.

April 26, 1955, Atlanta Georgia pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, as a day to salute in a last tribute, the deceased, the distinguished, the beloved and lamented Bishop W. A. Fountain. This neighbor, friend, business-genius, statesman, great husband and father, truthfully unselfish in his family life, now lay in his bier facing a grand army of spiritual forces: Bishops, General Officers, College Presidents, Deans of Theology, Army Chaplains, Teachers, Business Professionals, Missionaries, and Laymen, who have kept the faith with the dear deceased.

They come from every area of the nation as a token of the moorish application of love and respect for "Bishop Emeritus" W. A. Fountain, whose wisdom, goodness, and greatness have touched them for more than sixty years. The crowded auditorium of Bethel found a sort of pleasant experience on this sad occasion in being reminded, time after time, of his long life of useful service.

Church, Friends To Honor Dr. Brown



Dr. Charles H. Brown, minister of Second Calvary Baptist Church and Dean of the Starks School of Theology of Benedict, will be honored with a Testimonial Monday, May 30. The Testimonial, to be held at Second Calvary Baptist Church, will honor Dr. Brown for 25 years loyal service as a spiritual, civic and educational leader in Columbia.

Dr. Brown came to Columbia in 1928 to serve as the pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church. He has continued in the pastorate except for a seven year absence as minister of the First African Baptist Church in Dublin, Georgia. Dr. Brown joined the staff of Benedict College in 1934, became acting Dean of the School of Theology in 1935; and Dean of the School of Theology in 1939. He has been active in civic activities in the city and state. He has given active support to the NAACP and other civic organizations, and has been actively engaged in party organizations. Among his community activities, he has served as Chair-

man of the Central Division of the Boy Scouts and as Chaplain for the John G. Richards Industrial School. He is the Moderator of the Getsemane Association of the State Baptist Convention and has held executive offices in the State Convention. Dr. Brown holds membership in the Masons, Alpha Phi Alpha, and professional organizations. A native of Georgia, Dr. Brown studied at Morehouse College and did graduate theological work at Oberlin College Graduate School of Theology. He has done additional study at the Garrett Theological School in Chicago. The testimonial is being sponsored not only by the members of Second Calvary Baptist Church, but by the friends and associates of Dr. Brown who have felt the influence and sincerity of this minister and teacher during his stay in Columbia. The public is cordially invited to share in this testimonial, Monday evening, May 30.

Last Call For Carnation's Hometown "Healthy Baby Contest"

It's last call for the Carnation Hometown Healthy Baby Contest! Yes, it's now or never, for all you parents who want to enter your baby's snapshot in the big 1955 competition to find the cutest, healthiest-looking baby to win the \$300.00 First Prize, awarded by Carnation Evaporated Milk. Nineteen other "championship" babies will also share in the big Carnation prize money. For parents who may have been out of town when the Contest started, here is a last-minute summary of the rules: All you do is send a recent snapshot of your baby, along with the official Healthy Baby Contest entry blank. Only babies three years of age or younger are eligible. Babies entered in the 1954 Contest last year may be entered again, provided they are still within the age limit of the Contest and did not win a cash prize before. Parents who have more than one infant within the age classification may enter them,

too, using separate snapshots and entry blanks for each child. Official entry blanks can be obtained without charge at the editorial offices of this newspaper. We are very happy to have been selected by the Carnation Company to bring all our readers the exclusive news about this wonderful Contest. For years, one of the major causes this newspaper has fought for is better care for our community's babies. We believe that these "youngest citizens" have every right to the finest care that modern nutritional science can provide. For more than 50 years, healthy babies have been Carnation's first concern, too. So universally accepted is Carnation's first concern, too. So universally accepted is Carnation Evaporated Milk today that eight out of 10 mothers who feed a Carnation formula say, "my doctor recommended it." "To produce a

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