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## Benedict Stevens and Dr. Shepard



JUDGE HAROLD A. STEVENS

DR. MARSHALL L. SHEPARD

Judge Harold A. Stevens, Judge of the Court of General Sessions, New York City, will be the commencement speaker at Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., May 21, 1955. Judge Stevens is a Benedict College graduate, class of 1930 and has been prominently active in New York political circles for a number of years.

Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, minister of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and Commissioner, Department of Records, Philadelphia, Penna., will be the baccalaureate speaker in joint services with Allen University, Sunday May 22.

Commencement events begin Wednesday, May 18 with the annual worship service of the Stark School of Theology. The Reverend J. H. McKissick, Benedict Alumnus

and minister of the Second Baptist Church, Aiken, S. C. will be the speaker, Thursday evening, the annual concert of the Benedict College choir, under the direction of Emmett I. Wroten will be presented. Featured on this program will be compositions by Dr. Walter Yeh of the Department of Music. Saturday evening, the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association will feature Naomi M. Garrett as speaker. Dr. Garrett is a Benedict graduate and a member of the Department of Romance Languages, West Virginia State College.

More than one hundred candidates are expected to receive the baccalaureate degree. Several honorary degrees and meritorious awards will be presented.

## The Woman's Baptist State Conv. Dr. Mabel K. Howard, President

Dear Sisters:

Once again I am calling your attention to our Endowment drive for Morris College. The time is fast approaching when we must put on the table the amount we have asked for (\$25,000 or more). We have always finished our work. Thank God, we have the faith and support of all the Baptists of South Carolina. We must maintain the goal we set for Morris College Endowment.

I am asking that those of us who are working diligently to raise our goal try to reach others. Many more would work for this very much needed cause, if they were reached and asked to work.

There are gold and silver memorial books valued at \$25.00 and \$50.00. These books are being filled by the Women's Missionary Auxiliaries and by other auxiliaries of the Baptist Church of South Carolina. If you do not have a book to fill, send for yours. You are expected to join the great host of Christian women. They will come from the mountains of the Piedmont to the waters of the Atlantic of South Carolina. Every county in South Carolina and every Missionary auxiliary will be represented and will report in the Educational Missionary drama honoring the pioneers of the founding and

sustaining of Morris College. We must reach our goal of \$25,000 to their dedication and to the endowment of Morris College. Let our prayer be:

O Saviour dear-bless us now,  
And draw thou near as we  
Hold thou our hand all the way  
Help us to stand true each day  
Thou, hast all power and knowest our weakness,  
Give us more faith Lord,  
More love, more meekness  
And let us united be.

I am making some suggestions that will help us in our drive report at the convention. Where it is possible make your report to the Chairman. Where it is possible deposit your money in the bank and bring cashiers checks to the Convention. Those who will bring cash money to be reported in the Convention, the money will be gladly accepted and will be correctly allotted.

Please don't bring personal checks—cashiers checks—cost 10c.  
Date of meeting June 22-24, Florence, South Carolina. The Morris College Endowment Drive report will be made on the 23rd.

Yours for the success of this effort,  
Mrs. Alice L. Butler  
1900 Sixth Street  
Hartsville, South Carolina

## Cash Prizes To Be Won In Carnation's Healthy Baby Contest

The contest where everyone and no one loses, is the way heard a local mother recently describe the current Second Annual Healthy Baby Contest, sponsored by the Carnation Company of Los Angeles. "Only 20 cute, healthy-looking babies can win a \$100 prize 'hometown' baby of the year. Only time will tell. Every baby in our community deserved to enter."

This newspaper has always stood for community health, especially for our youngest generation, in unison with local doctors, nurses and hospitals in campaigning

for the best infant care nutritional science can provide.

We believe the Carnation Company is doing a fine job in helping us promote infant welfare in our city. The first few formative years are the most important in babies' lives. Our community future depends on these little tots, they're our generation of tomorrow.

**MAYTAG CO. GIVES \$1,000 TO UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND**

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The Maytag Company Foundation, Inc. last week made a grant of \$1,000 to the United Negro College Fund.

It was the third time that Maytag had given a \$1,000 grant to the organization which serves 31 Negro Colleges, responsible for the higher education of 91 per cent of the Negro youths who attend college.

## Dr. Reddick Says He's Leaving Atlanta U.

ATLANTA, Ga.—(ANP)—Noted scholar Dr. L. D. Reddick said last week he is leaving Atlanta University because President Rufus E. Clement has charged that the administration of the library is "inadequate."

Dr. Reddick has been chief librarian and a history professor at Atlanta for the past seven years. He said that President Clement had taken the position about a year ago that the library was being poorly administered and "despite all evidence to the contrary will not recede from it."

"Unfortunately for him" Dr. Reddick said, "when the Southern Association of Colleges and secondary schools inspected Atlanta University March 27-30, it singled out the library for its highest praise and commendation. This is of course the top academic rating agency of the region."

Dr. Reddick said he had not given the story to the press out of consideration for the president's family and the fact that "the president is one of the few Negroes presently holding office in the South."

(Dr. Clement was elected to Atlanta Board of Education two years ago.)

He said, however, that "development of the case has left the university president entrapped in a maze of contradictions, inaccuracies and hearsay."

The librarian concluded: "The problems of Atlanta University, as with most private Negro colleges, are grave and increasingly so. Its chances for survival in an integrated society depend upon attracting and holding a faculty so distinguished and maintaining an atmosphere of academic freedom so stimulating that both white and Negro students will flock to it, as soon as the courts make this possible. I tried to do what I could to help but failed to influence policy at the summit."

"Accordingly, at the end of the summer, I will move on to interesting work elsewhere. Fortunately some attractive offers have been received."

**PHILLY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SAYS PROGRESS SURE, BUT TOO SLOW FOR CITY NEEDS**

PHILADELPHIA—(ANP)—Racial fears and prejudice are being reduced in Philadelphia but progress is too slow to meet the city's needs, the city Commission on Human Relations asserted last week in its third annual report to the mayor.

The commission said that the eradication of slums depends upon the vast majority of slum dwellers becoming economically able to buy and maintain decent homes. This means, the commission asserted, that more jobs must be made available on the basis of qualification to all without regard to race or color.

The report revealed that the commission had investigated and adjusted 179 complaints of employment discrimination. It was announced that continued emphasis will be placed this year upon breaking down discrimination in jobs and housing.

**STATE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE DR. JACKSON PASSPORT TO PREACH IN RUSSIA**

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The U. S. State Department last week said it would approve a passport allowing Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., to preach the Christian Gospel in Moscow this summer.

The distinguished Baptist leader has accepted an invitation of Russian Baptists for a two-week visit. The Russian legation has promised Dr. Jackson a visa. He is the pastor of Olivet Baptist here.

**CITE MASONS AS TOP MISS. LEADERS DURING YEAR**

MOBILE, Miss.—(ANP)—The Masons were hailed by the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership last week as the "organization of the year."

The Masons were honored for their financial help to widows and orphans of dead members and for contributions to polio and for Negro scholarships.

## ALLEN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT FINALS



DR. J. CURTIS DIXON

Allen University announces its commencement program consisting of its eighty-fifth year convocation. Dr. Samuel R. Higgins, president of Allen University, presided at the following program during commencement.

Dr. Marshall Shepard, Pa. will deliver the Sermon, Sunday May 22, 10:30 P. M. This is a Benedict College and University. The service will be at the Townshend Auditorium.

Dr. J. Curtis Dixon, Vice-President and Executive Director of the Southern Education Foundation will deliver the commencement address Thursday, May 20, 10:30 a. m. at which time more than one hundred students will receive degrees.

Bishop Reid, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has called for its regular session, Wednesday, May 25 at 10:30 A. M. in the Main Gymnasium. Dr. James R. Johnson of Norfolk, Virginia will address the Alumni Association.

Other activities of the week are as follows: May 23 Home Economics Demonstration, 12:00-3:30 P. M.; Monday, May 24, 9:00 P. M. Student Achievement Night; Mr. Clinton I. Young, Charleston, speaker; Tuesday night, May 24, President and Mrs. Samuel R. Higgins, At Home; Seniors; Tuesday, May 24, Art Demonstration, 12:00-6:30 P. M.; Tuesday, May 24, Religious Societies.



DR. JAMES R. JOHNSON

The Public is cordially invited to attend all of these activities.

**DR. J. CURTIS DIXON, ALLEN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Allen University announces its commencement exercises which will be held in the University Auditorium, May 20 at 10:30 A. M. Dr. Curtis Dixon, Vice-President and Executive Director of the Southern Education Foundation has been chosen to deliver the commencement address to approximately one hundred students.

Dr. Dixon is a noted speaker and is recognized as one of the most outstanding educators of our day. He received the Doctor of Education degree from Columbia U. and has been awarded many honorary degrees including one from his own Alma Mater, Mercer U. in Macon, Ga. Dr. Dixon has an outstanding career of service, both in America and foreign countries, having served in Mexico, British Honduras, and Nova Scotia. He has held many outstanding positions in schools, colleges, and foundations of our country.

He is a member of several learned societies and is fully prepared to give the youth of our day the type of inspiration needed for the perilous time in which we live.

The public is cordially invited to share with us the privilege of seeing a message that will be brought by one of America's noblest sons.

## Dr. Rivers 85th Commencement Speaker At Claflin University

Orangeburg—Dr. Gertrude Burroughs Rivers, Professor of English at Howard University will deliver the eighty-fifth commencement address at Claflin University, Tuesday morning, May 24 at 11:00 A. M.

Dr. Rivers, who is a former Claflin student received her doctor of Philosophy degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York since which time she has published numerous articles on the English Language in professional journals.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday May 22 by Rev. Charles Hutchinson, Norwich Connecticut. Reverend Hutchinson is superintendent of the Norwich

district of the New England Southern Conference of the Methodist Church. He will speak on the subject, "Christians to Match This Age".

Mark Reed's Broadway hit, "Yes My Darling Daughter" which had such an unusual drawing when it was presented in New York Playhouse, will be given by the Senior class, Friday evening, May 20.

This year's alumni address will be delivered by Mr. Isaac Levey Murray prominent mortician of Jersey City, N. J. Mr. Murray, a graduate of the class of '30 will speak at the annual Alumni dinner Monday evening, May 23.

## Bishop Jordan Gets Passport Extension; Welcomed In S. A. Town

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—(ANP)—AME Bishop F. D. Jordan has been given a passport extension which will allow him to stay in South Africa until the end of the year.

The surprise government action will enable the missionary to hold another set of conferences and conventions in the fall.

Meanwhile, Bishop and Mrs. Jordan were welcomed by the congregation of the AME church in Bengoni township. A grand march procession led by the AME school ushered the bishop's car into the churchyard.

Bishop Jordan told the children that there were two things; no one could take away from them what was in their minds and in their hearts.

"If you can see yourself as the child of God, there in you lies the force of integrity. God will not

desert his children and tomorrow he shall spread his cloth over the table for you," he asserted.

**D. C. WOMAN OBSERVES 100TH BIRTHDAY**

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Mrs. Sinia Haraway, a District resident, last week celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Haraway was born May 12, 1855 near Yanceyville, N. C., but moved to Virginia as a young woman. She came to Washington 30 years ago to live with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Brown.

Her sight and hearing are fine and she spends much time sewing at home, since a bad foot has prohibited her getting around very well for the past five years.

## Nixon Praises Southern Dems

That flag recalled to mind Dick Nixon, in his banquet speech, was high in his praise for such democrats as Sen. George of Georgia for supporting the President in the field of foreign policy; and Sen. Byrd of Virginia for supporting some of the President's economic policies. But these men will not control the Democrat Convention in 1956, he added.

But to offset some of the unpleasantness, there were some women well pleased because of certain advances. Among them was Mrs. Frank J. Walker, who proudly announced that her husband had recently been appointed to an official job in the post office in New Orleans. He is now the Administrative Assistant of Personnel of the Postal Transportation Service in New Orleans, the first Negro to hold such a position in the South.

Mrs. Walker is president of the women's auxiliary of the People's Republican Clubs of New Orleans.

Then Mrs. Locker, widow of the late Ambassador to Liberia, who was high in her praise for this government. The U. S. government really looked after her during the death of her husband, she said. Everything needed for the burial arrangements was put at her disposal, and the heads of the government sent wires of condolences, and representatives to be with her during the funeral services.

## Morris College Announces Its 44th Commencement Season

On Friday, May 20, the Senior Class is presenting a Three Act Comedy Drama, entitled "The Gate to Happiness."

On Sunday, May 22, at four o'clock in the College Chapel, the Reverend Leonard G. Carr, Treasurer of the National Baptist Convention Inc., and Pastor of the Vine Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be the baccalaureate speaker. Mr. Carr, who was born in Virginia comes from a line of preachers dating back through slavery. He is a graduate of Temple and Lincoln Universities. Since his graduation he has filled some very prominent positions as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Philadelphia, Director of the Home Mission Board of Pa.; Vice President of the National Baptist Convention and President of the Pa. Baptist State Convention. In his present capacity Mr. Carr has proven himself as a fine leader, a good shepherd and a friend indeed to his people.

President and Mrs. O. R. Reuben will be at home to the Graduates and Faculty on Monday, May 23. Rev. D. J. Lunn, Pastor of the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Bishopville, will be the guest speaker at the Alumni Banquet on Tuesday evening, May 24.



DR. ALFONSO ELDER

At the 44th Commencement program, Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of the North Carolina College, Durham, will be the speaker. President Elder who is a very brilliant scholar, was educated at Atlanta University, the University of Chicago and Cambridge University (England). President Elder's rich experiences as a teacher and other fine qualities enable him to be elected to the Presidency of N. C. College in 1948.

## School Ruling Takes 'Fire' Out of Soviet Anti-U. S. A. Talk Scribe Says

Washington—(ANP)—The United States Supreme Court decision of last May took a "hot out of fire" out of the Russian propagandist, declared Mrs. May Craig Washington correspondent for Maine newspapers.

Mrs. Craig, who has recently returned from a tour of Russia and other iron curtain countries and the Middle East, last week addressed the Women's National Press Club luncheon at the Statler hotel.

During the entire tour of newspaper writers and executives, she said, no question were raised by the Russians regarding the racial problem in this country. This silence was attributed to the effect which the Supreme Court decision had upon the people of that country.

The only indication of Communist criticism of America's treatment of its minorities was seen in a anti-Christian exhibit. This is Continued on page 8

## The 7th Episcopal District Needs Bishop Frank M. Reid

During War Years dark and drear,  
When the Nation faced with many a care,  
Elections seem to Follow one direction  
And the Same President is reelected.

Our Parents in the days of yore,  
Developed a choice bit of lore;  
T'was never change horses  
In the middle of the Stream  
Cause getting another may be only a dream.

We've faced with a Crisis in South Carolina,  
Our victories here have been Major and Minor,  
And their Major Strategy we must concede  
Was directed by our own Bishop Reid.

But though many victories we have won  
The massive tasks have just begun.  
We must not change our leader here,  
But Must fight and fight to keep our Seer.

Allen University has flourished overnight,  
Her future seems so very bright,  
But many projects now in operation  
May without him see degradation.

As A. M. E.'s we've taken a stand,  
On the State's attitude toward an educational plan;  
Will we get another man who,  
Will see this problem through and through?

The best bit of Strategy we can use,  
Is the spread far and wide the realistic news  
The 7th Episcopal District  
Needs Bishop Reid's return.

Let's fight hard one and all  
Let's on the General Conference Call,  
To send our leader back again,  
To send our leader here again:

The Seventh Episcopal District Need Bishop Reid!  
We hope these words our Conference needs;  
For South Carolina's the Sore Spot of the Nation,  
On Matters Concerning Racial integration.

Our fight demands a leader Strong  
Who again and again will refute the wrong.  
We've got one here Who Suits the "Bill."  
(We certainly don't want the run of the will!)

The 7th Episcopal District Needs Bishop Reid!  
The sower of bounteous of Spiritual times;  
To lift and direct in turbulent times;  
To go on to inspire our wearing minds.

The 7th Episcopal District Needs Bishop Reid!  
He's really the very best one to lead us,  
Out of tangled grassed here  
Into a pasture bright and fair.

By MRS. CORA B. BLACK,  
Cameron, South Carolina.

## Covering Washington

By Alice A. Dunnigan For ANP

**CONFERENCE LACKED OLD POLITICAL SPARK**

Many interesting sidelights were revealed at the Republican Women's National Conference convening here Monday through Wednesday of last week.

The enrollment was one of the largest ever. Delegates attended from almost every state in the Union. Mixed delegations of Negro and white came from many sections, including some of the Southern states. Delegations were housed in downtown hotels without regard to race. No segregation was evident from the outer surface, but apparently there was something missing in this conference. Some feeling of disunity, and internal dissatisfaction was present which an observer just couldn't put his finger on.

A Negro delegate who is recording secretary of the county wide Federation of Republican Women's Clubs in her own county was heard to remark:

"This is the first national political conference which I have ever attended, but I am a regular conference goer. I have attended many other conferences of a different kind such as national YWCA meetings, but I have never seen one quite as divided as this."

She implied that there is definitely a "states rights" feeling among the delegates, "every state for itself." And even some of the states are divided within their own delegations. There seems to be a difference between delegates from Southern and Northern California, for instance; and a setting apart of the Dallas people from those who live in Houston, and so it goes.

**NO PUNCTUALITY, NO DINNER FOR TEXANS**

There was a whisper making the rounds about three Negro women from Texas being refused service

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