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## Woman's Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention Held 67th Session In Florence

June 22—The Trinity Baptist Church, the Rev. J. J. Abney, pastor and Mrs. Laura M. Grant Truesdale, local president entertained the State Convention June 22-24 in their Annual Convention.

Rev. Abney and his congregation were well organized and able to meet the challenge in an efficient manner.

The church is a large, spacious and most comfortable. Certainly it is one any pastor would enjoy to the fullest and one the membership takes pride in possessing.

Promptly at 12:30 p. m. President M. K. Howard and her official staff met for the Board meeting in the beautifully appointed auditorium of Trinity church.

The delegation was large and came from various sections of the State. The church was crowded with the large delegation and friends from the various churches of the city.

Mrs. R. E. Asbury, Mrs. D. S. Sample and Mrs. J. G. Ezelle were in charge of the devotions. Mrs. Bessie Sullivan and Mrs. A. D. Staggs were in charge of the music.

Wednesday Evening Session  
The evening session was made up with a program of Welcome with Mrs. J. J. Abney presiding.

Mrs. Stevenson, Prof. Anderson, Rev. Curry and Mrs. Laura M. Grant represented the City, the Churches, Schools and the entertaining church.

Building a Spirit of Fellowship Throughout the Missionary Societies, the theme was helpfully discussed by the delegation. Rev. J. S. Maddox and the opening sermon and the Rev. J. G. Odom in the closing sermon. The theme song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" rang out from the great delegation, inspiring each and everyone to live closer to the Master.

President Mabel K. Howard held her audience spell bound in her annual message. She reviewed briefly the work of the Women in the building of the Mable K. Howard Home Ec. Building. How the task was completed in a short period of time thru work and cooperation.

She further stated that Morris College "Must Be Endowed." If the men didn't do it the women would see that the Endowment was raised.

Dr. Howard admonished the women to rid themselves of "Hate" and Jealousy. Said she a rattlesnake, is cornered, will become so angry it will bite itself. That is

## Attempted Assassination of Liberian President Misfires

By REGINALD TOWNSEND  
Liberian Press Secretary  
MONROVIA, Liberia (Cable to ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS)—A daring attempt to assassinate President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia was made here last week.

Four shots were fired at the president by Paul Dunbar, the would-be killer, immediately after the close of a formal session of the Liberian legislature. The legislators had just declared Tubman and William R. Tolbert, president and vice-president elect, respectively, to succeed themselves, as the official result of the elections held last May.

President Tubman was unhurt but three people were struck by bullets, including two of the president's bodyguards.

As the shots rang out, the assembly was thrown into confusion. President Tubman and youthful Vice-President Tolbert remained calm however, and in good spirits as a strong guard was thrown around them.

Dunbar was overpowered and placed under arrest. He is a political hanger-on, associated with the Independent True Whig Party, the opposition group to the True Whig party which Tubman heads. Five other persons, believed to have been associated with Dunbar and who are members of the same political group, were killed and placed in jail. Dunbar reportedly had been selected as the trigger man.

exactly what the harboring of hate, jealousy and resentment against others is—a biting of one's self. We think we are harming others in holding these spites and hates, but the deeper harm is to ourselves. Jesus said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Only as an individual, a community, or a nation—turn to God can we hope to be an influence for peace in the world. Our Convention did she, needs Christian Women of humble spirit and devout faith who pray for the wisdom and understanding that only God can give.

Mrs. Alice Butler, Hartsville, in charge of the Morris College Endowment Rally. An amount of \$9,400.04 was raised to be added to the present money already in the hands of the College.

The Juniors under the supervision of Mrs. J. P. Reeder and Mrs. N. A. Robinson presented a very unique program.

The Junior Missionary Society of Florence was given the loving cup for raising the largest amount of money.

Mrs. H. P. Sharper and a group of young people gave a playlet, "Fishing."

Mrs. J. A. Bacoats and Mrs. E. O. Abney had charge of the Inter-racial Period.

Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Alethia Lewis, Mrs. Meta Johnson and C. E. Watkins gave instructions in Leadership.

Presidents from the various colleges represented their schools—Benedict, Morris, Friendship and Mather.

Mr. I. S. Leevy and Mrs. A. W. Simkins were present and made a very timely remarks to the Convention.

Mr. Leevy represented the Lincoln clubs and Mrs. Simkins the NAACP.

Reports were made by the Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, District Missionaries and the heads of other groups.

Friday afternoon at the closing Session a Memorial Service was held and Mrs. Inez Bush gave the address. Thus the Convention came to a close with one of the greatest and largest attendance in its history.

The 1956 Session will be held in Columbia with First Calvary Baptist Church and the Rev. Maxie Gordon, Minister.

The amount of money raised was \$9,400.04 for the Endowment. The delegates brought from the various Missionary Societies \$6,199.22, a total from both sources, \$15,599.26.

Mrs. Albertha H. Simons, Rpt.

## The Baptists of South Carolina Prepare to Enter the Final Phase of Their Endowment Campaign For Morris College



(1) Rev. W. M. Watson of Greenville, S. C., Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church is seen above having the Honorary Degree Doctor of Divinity conferred on him, by President O. R. Reuben, while Dean Hardin and Rev. Sharper look on.

(2) Rev. Leonard G. Carr, Philadelphia, Penn., delivering the Educational Sermon. Dr. Carr is Treasurer of the National Baptist Corporation of America Inc.

(3) From left to right, Acting Dean Hardin, Dr. Elder, President of North Carolina State College, Durham Commencement Speaker; Rev. W. M. Watson, Greenville, S. C., Rev. H. S. Johnson, Washington, D. C. and President O. R. Reuben.

(4) President Reuben shown expressing gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Elder, the Commencement Speaker.

At our State Sunday School and B. T. U. Convention which meets at Morris College, Sumter, S. C., July 12-15. Pastors, Association Moderators and the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention will launch officially this final effort to complete the Endowment Drive.

Already the following men have pledged \$500.00 each.  
Rev. H. H. Harvin  
Rev. W. J. Burgess  
Rev. N. L. Bush  
Rev. O. R. Reuben  
Rev. R. W. Stallings  
Rev. H. P. Sharper  
Rev. L. C. Jenkins  
Rev. M. A. Zimmerman  
Rev. J. S. Hall, Jr.  
Rev. W. A. Johnson, Jr.  
Rev. W. A. Johnson, Sr.  
Rev. A. C. Jones  
Rev. J. P. Reeder

## Marion, Jasper Counties Join Palmetto State Voters

Darlington, S. C. The State Staff of the PSVA in a special release to the Palmetto Leader announced recently that both Marion and Jasper counties have elected to join the rapidly growing number of counties of the state which are affiliating their precinct organized county organization with the PSVA.

At a recent impressive ceremony witnessed by a packed audience in Bethel AME church in Marion, S. C., an official charter was awarded to Mr. G. P. Kelley county chairman of Marion county. Principal speaker for the occasion was Attorney Elliott D. Turnage of Florence and Darlington who is also executive secretary of the PSVA.

Mr. W. J. Hunter state chairman also addressed the audience briefly. The charter was awarded by Mr. Leroy Huff State Keeper of Records and Seals and also chairman of the Florence County organization.

Attorney Turnage spoke on the subject, "The Road to Freedom." During the course of his address the speaker outlined some enemies as well as some friends to be encountered on the "Road to Freedom." "While there are some courageous preachers who are not afraid to speak out frankly in the interest of Freedom, our progress in that direction would be greatly helped if a larger number of our ministers would as a class be more willing to identify themselves with our fight for freedom" said the speaker. Our greatest friend during recent years has been the NAACP which has won the beachheads of Freedom for us and we

owe it our undying gratitude and support; but we cannot forever on the beachheads of Freedom neither can we sit down and expect our champion the NAACP to fight each everyday battle for Freedom for us as we march down the "ROAD TO FREEDOM" continued the speaker. For us is given the task of building the Palmetto State Voters Association into a statewide, precinct to precinct organized power of political action, effective in all city, county and state affairs to which we can turn as a friend of the people as they battle for greater protection and participation from and in the processes of our State government" said Attorney Turnage.

Mr. Hunter emphasized the need for sustained effort in those counties where the white or where it is potentially the balance of power. Mr. Hunter added that funds are being raised to secure literature and pamphlets for distribution which will explain the aim and objects of the State Association.

Mr. Huff in awarding the charters told the officers of the Marion county group to cherish the charter and prove true to the responsibilities placed upon them as officers.

Rev. Mr. Stewart pastor of the church, welcomed the Meeting to his church and said that any Negro Minister today who is not willing to open his church to the everyday progress of the people is not worth his weight in salt. As this goes to press State officers and various county delega-

## NAACP Dedicates Session To Walter White

BY SAMUEL P. PERRY JR.  
Atlantic City, N. J.—A N. A. A. C. P. session was held on the opening night of the 46th annual convention of the N. A. A. C. P. at a session should be dedicated to the memory of the valiant Walter White, who passed away three months ago.

White might have been expected, late White was extolled by his successor, Roy Wilkins, and by N. A. A. C. P. President Arthur B. Spingarn, and the chairman of the national board of Directors, Dr. Channing H. Tobias.

Probably the last report in which White participated was a 92-page booklet which reported the activities of the powerful organization during 1954.

"During 1954," it was asserted "America turned the corner from partial towards full freedom for all citizens. The pressure of world opinion was lessened because America's household was being cleansed."

The report also indicated that in September, 1954, school desegregation was voluntarily put into effect in communities in six Southern states and the District of Columbia.

"On the other hand, the point was stressed, a form of neo-Kluxism was organized in parts of the South to halt Negro rights progress through economic pressures.

"Although the White Citizens Councils of Mississippi and other Southern states have announced their opposition to violence, the inevitable effect of their action can and possibly will be violence."

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## VICTORY SAVINGS BANK MOVES TO NEW HOME

### Indebtedness To Depositors Paid In Full

The Victory Savings Bank, established here almost forty years ago, will offer enlarged services in more commodious quarters at 919 Washington Street, Columbia, beginning July 5, it has been announced by Dr. H. D. Monteith, president of the institution since 1949. The bank, one of only fourteen owned and operated by Negroes in the entire Nation, will be housed in a modern fireproof structure, with banking quarters outfitted with thoroughly modern banking equipment, it was said.

Monteith, who has worked untiringly as president, to promote a progressive future for the bank, assuring a status of dignity and financial solidarity second to none among American banking institutions, also announced that the final two and one-half percent of the 10 percent write-off of deposits as of May 31, 1952 was paid to depositors on June 28, 1955. This means that the institution has repaid depositors every cent of a \$91,000.00 loss sustained just three years ago.

In addition to repaying this loss in full to depositors, Monteith said, the capital stock, surplus, and profits of the institution have been increased approximately \$55,000.00. Also during this period the deposits have become insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the limit of \$10,000.00 on each deposit as is true in all other insured banks. The bank also has on deposit public money from the State of South Carolina, Richland County, and the City of Columbia.

The following statement issued by Bank President Monteith this week expresses for himself and other officials of the bank appreciation to all who helped it in the successful re-organization of the institution.

"DEEPLY GRATEFUL"  
"You will find in your statement for this month a two and one-half per cent 'dividend' which represents the balance in full of the ten per cent deduction on your deposit which you were kind enough to forego on May 31, 1952, so that the Victory Savings Bank could be reorganized and continue

in business. "The Board of Directors, management and personnel of this bank are deeply grateful to its depositors, to the officials of the banks of the city, and to the South Carolina Board of Bank Control for the help and kind consideration shown in the continuance of this bank. It is seldom that a bank caught in a catastrophe as we were, without Federal Deposit Insurance and adequate surety bond protection, is able to pay its depositors losses in full as we are now doing.

"Your continuing confidence made this possible and we earnestly solicit your continued patronage, support and good will for the future in order that we can give this community the type of banking institution the Victory Bank should be.

"For all this we are and will ever be deeply grateful. "Please note the change of location of the bank to 919 Washington street as of July 5, 1955, where we can serve you more adequately."

VICTORY SAVINGS BANK  
H. D. Monteith, President.

Directors of the bank are: E. A. Adams, chairman of the board, F. G. Jenkins, secretary; J. P. Reeder, vice-president of the bank; R. H. Paul, G. H. Hampton, D. R. Starks, James D. Langley, E. E. Riley and H. D. Monteith.

## First Calvary's Pastor's Wife Honored



Mrs. Ethel M. Gordon, the wife of Reverend Maxie S. Gordon pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C. has recently returned from Temple University, Phila. Pa. where she completed the requirements for a Masters degree in Education.

Mrs. Gordon (formerly Miss Ethel Mae McAdams) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAdams, Sr., of Antreville, S. C., is a graduate of Benedict College.

After seven years as a public school teacher, Mrs. Gordon has served as assistant Librarian, and Bookstore Manager at Benedict College for the past several years. She was granted a leave of absence for the 1954-1955 school year.

The Gordons have two sons, Maxie S. Gordon, Jr. and Thomas Asbury Gordon.

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