

## Odd Fellows And Ruthites To Meet In Columbia August 1st

### The A. M. E. State Congress Theme: "Freedom and Human Dignity, The Challenge of Christianity Today"

#### Will Attract Many Outstanding Clergy

COLUMBIA.—The full program including participants for the eleventh annual state meeting of the School of Religion, Pastoral Clinic and Congress of Youth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Allen University, August 16-20 was announced this week by Bishop Frank Madison Reid, presiding bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District.

Participants for the five day state-wide meeting include three bishops, general officers, high churchmen, state laymen and youth leaders of the A.M.E. church.

Deliberations for the sessions will center around the theme "Freedom and Human Dignity, The Challenge of Christianity Today."

Dr. Samuel R. Higgins, president of Allen University, will extend the welcome to the annual gathering on behalf of the institution where all sessions will be held.

Dates for the annual sessions of the meeting were postponed to August 16-20 in order that housing accommodations would be adequate during a dormitory renovation.

**INSTRUCTORS FOR THE COURSES ARE:**  
 Ways of Teaching — Prof. Olin Smith

### Joseph W. Morris Teacher Beloved

By George A. Singleton

One of the most unique and important personalities in the history of African Methodism was Professor J. W. Morris. Yet his contribution has been largely overlooked. He was born in Charleston, a full decade before the War of South Carolina, August 26th 1850, the Rebellion. His parents John and Grace Morris were free which permitted young Morris to enjoy early advantages for education. In childhood he was sent to a private school taught by Simon Beard, then a distinguished teacher in the city of Charleston. At the close of the War of the Rebellion he entered the public schools of his native city, passing through all of the grades, and Normal school. He then matriculated at Howard University.

While attending the public schools he was sent in the afternoons to learn the printing trade, which he completed under the tutelage of Robert Brown Elliott, who was then editor of the "Charleston Leader." This paper was later merged into the "Missionary Record," edited by the late Richard Harvey Cain. Morris was elected principal of a parochial school, and while in this capacity he wrote as a compositor on the "Missionary Record," which was a weekly paper.

When Morris was a pupil of the Normal school in Charleston, he was twice awarded prizes for proficiency in Latin by the eminent



HONORABLE G. W. BOLDEN

District Grand Master, under whose dynamic leadership Odd Fellowship is taking on new life. Reports this year will show a definite gain in new members.

Oddfellows and members of the Household of Ruth will meet in their annual grand lodge sessions in Columbia August 1 through 2nd to hear the annual report of officers and to plan another year's work.

This promises to be the largest meeting of the Order in years due to the increase in membership and the interest caused by the intensive campaign launched last year for an increase in membership. This is elective year and this will increase the attendance as this gives an opportunity to the members to enjoy the thrill of much work pulling every two years. This does not mean that there will be any changes in the administration but it does give an occasion for much oratory if just in praise of those already in office.

District Grand Master Bolden has done much in the last two years to increase the membership of the Order and this means that many new faces will be seen as well as some old faces who have seen reinstated during the last twelve months.

One thing sure to draw some five weeks will be the selection of a place of meeting for the next years. Many cities are bidding for the next year's meeting to be held with them. This is due to the fact that there is an awareness of the growing strength of the Order.

Many will come to see the renovations made to the Headquarters building. Much improvement has been made since the last meeting, and the building is now a credit to the Order. Some will come just to see the work done.

The program will begin Monday night. The local lodges will render a welcome program at Bethel African Methodist Church, Taylor

### Nite Club To House Bible Institute

Opening this fall, in a building at 1318 Park Street, which formerly housed a Negro night club, will be Bethel Bible Institute, a school for training in the Bible.

The building was erected in 1908 for a Jewish synagogue and served that purpose for twenty-three years. It was used as a Negro dance hall until 1946 and during these years the dance called the Big Apple originated here. Then Meyer Bluestein took it over as a warehouse for his expanding dry goods business. When he moved to his new location on Lady Street it stood idle for a time, but it is now being renovated inside and out for the use of the Bethel Bible Institute.

Those who are planning the school include, Mrs. Robert C. McQuilkin, Rev. Thomas M. Petty and Rev. Charles Wenzel. They report that a day school and evening school of the Bible will be conducted giving an opportunity to those who desire to study the Bible and to know its contents. There will be courses in Through the Bible (book by book), Christian Living, Personal Evangelism, English, Music, Fundamentals and Missions.

The courses are designed for those who have to work and can only attend a few hours a day but desire to make progress toward a diploma or certificate. The faculty has not been announced, but those who are interested may secure a free catalog and

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION SPEAKS TO THE BAPTIST WOMEN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### To The Baptist Sisterhood of S. C.:

I am very grateful for your loyal support in our effort to endow Morris College. We hope to have a complete report of our endowment drive in the next issue of the Palmetto Leader.

We have yet to reach our goal of 25,000.00, but I recognized during the convention that the sisters from every section of the State were inspired by our good reports and many of them expressed a determination to go back to their auxiliaries and work to make a good report in our Annual Thanks giving Rally.

Remember our slogan, "Morris College Must Be Endowed."

The committee that served so well in the June Convention will

serve as committee for the Thanks giving drive and until our goal is reached.

Names of the endowment committee for Baptist Woman's State Convention are:

- Mrs. Alice L. Butler, Chairman of the Endowment Com.
- Mrs. Sarah Z. Daniels, Secretary of the Com.
- Mrs. Anna D. Reuben
- Mrs. Betty B. J. Goode
- Mrs. Iola Jones
- Mrs. Alberta Simons
- Mrs. Agnes Walker
- Mrs. Persaphie Carr
- Mrs. Mary Whitener
- Mrs. Marian McLester

Gratefully yours,  
 Mabel K. Howard, Pres.



DR. G. GOINGS DANIELS  
District Grand Secretary

### Morris College Endowment Drive Now In Full Swing

We are in high gear in the final stage of our Endowment Drive. During our Executive Board meeting on the Campus last week, the ministers and the members pledged an all-out effort to culminate the Endowment Drive by Thanksgiving, during our Annual Thanksgiving Rally.

A state-wide effort is being made to get:

- 50 men to pledge \$500
  - 100 men to pledge \$250
  - 1000 men to pledge \$100
- The following men have pledged \$500:

- Rev. J. J. Abney
- Rev. J. L. Brooks
- Rev. W. J. Burns
- Rev. N. L. Bush
- Rev. B. L. Curston
- Rev. C. F. Gandy
- Dr. G. G. Daniels
- Rev. J. S. Hall, Jr.
- Rev. T. M. Hamr
- Rev. H. T. Harvin
- Rev. H. H. Harvin
- Dr. L. C. Jenkins

- Rev. W. A. Johnson, Jr.
- Rev. W. A. Johnson, Sr.
- Rev. A. C. Jones
- Rev. J. C. Leevey
- Rev. W. R. Martin
- Rev. J. W. Neal
- Rev. W. H. Neal
- Rev. J. P. Reeder
- Rev. J. W. Rhodes
- Rev. G. A. Sellers
- Rev. J. P. Sharpe
- Rev. Frank Simms
- Rev. E. L. Sitton
- Rev. R. W. Stallings
- Rev. H. W. Steward
- Rev. J. W. Towner
- Rev. A. V. Vincent
- Rev. W. M. Watson
- Rev. L. W. Williams
- Rev. W. L. Wilson
- Rev. E. W. Wright
- Rev. J. C. Wright
- Rev. M. A. Zimmerman
- Rev. Paul Myers
- Rev. C. B. Black
- Rev. L. W. Walker
- Rev. O. R. Reuben
- Rev. J. L. Priddgen
- Rev. G. W. Watson

### Baptists Cheer Speech By Rev. Joseph Jackson In London

LONDON—(AP) The Rev. Joseph H. Jackson, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, received lavish cheers from his fellow delegates to the Baptist World Alliance after telling them that world leaders must agree to break the chains thrown over the fettered peoples of the world.

"There is a temple of peace in Geneva today (referring to the Big Four meeting at the summit) but nobody occupies it. I hope these four powers will agree, but if they do not agree

Jackon said: "Peace is not a political weapon to be used by one nation to increase its power over another. Peace is a spiritual value and cannot be realized without love and a regard for the sacredness of human personality."

The Negro Minister, president of the National Baptist Convention of the United States, spoke to the 8,000 delegates from all over the world who were assembled in historic Albert Hall. Rev.



MISS A. E. BROGDON  
District Grand Most Noble Governor and National Grand Usher  
Elected in Boston, Mass., 1954.

the program now underway at Allen University.

"The Futuramic Festival" on Friday August 19 will highlight the five day program. Speakers invited and expected for this red letter day will include Bishop C. A. Gibbs, Florida, Bishop L. H. Bonner, Alabama and Dr. S. L. G. Sen, Jr., Secretary of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

State officers who will direct the five day program include Prof. John A. Harris, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Dr. H. B. Butler, Jr., State President of Leagues, and Leroy Nesbitt, President of the Congress of Youth.

Ministerial Institute Officers are Dr. E. E. Riechburg, Dean, Dr. D. J. Gadsen, and Dr. F. D. Dreher, Associate Deans.

Dr. F. C. James, Sumter, will deliver the "keynote hour" sermon at the opening session on Tuesday August 16 at 11:00 a. m.

Dr. E. A. Adams, Hightower, will preside and be panel leader of a panel discussion Tuesday afternoon on "The Roll of the A.M.E. Church and Christian Forces Toward Compliance With The Desegregation Order of the Supreme Court."

Dr. S. R. Higgins, president of Allen University, will preside at the "Connectional Keynote Hour," Tuesday night when keynote messages will be delivered by Miss Jacquelyn Jenkins, Registrar, Congress of Youth, Dr. R. W. Mance, Financial Secretary of the A.M.E. Church, and Dr. Bernard Crawford New York City.

MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
 Mrs. Henrietta Felder  
 Recreational Leadership — Miss Ella Jennings  
 Teaching in the Vacation Church School — Rev. Lindsay Crumlin  
 Missionary Education in Local Church — Mrs. Bernice Chamlin  
 The Church's Program for Youth — Mr. Henry Webber  
 Planning and Leading Christian Worship — Prof. J. E. Smith  
 The Church's approach to Young People — Miss Ruth Quarles  
 Leadership Training for ACE League — Mrs. Henrietta P. Francis  
 J. D. McGhee, Reporter

### NEGRO BROKERAGE FIRM OPENS IN WALL STREET DISTRICT

NEW YORK—(AP)—The first Negro-owned investment brokerage firm in the Wall Street financial district opened here last week.

The pioneering stocks and bonds firm is headed by Philip M. Jenkins who has had considerable experience in the field of high finance. He is a former advertising manager for three American Star-News, weekly newspaper, and at one time headed his own advertising agency, specializing in the Negro market.

Later Jenkins entered the field of selling stocks and bonds as a salesman for the Branch Brothers brokerage house. Just prior to opening his own firm he headed the Mutual Fund Sales department of Balch and Company.



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District Deputy Grand Master

scholar, Professor F. L. Condoza. His penchant for Latin was manifested during his student days at Howard from 1868 to 1875, a period of six years. At the Junior exhibition in 1874 he took the first prize awarded his class for oratory.

After graduation he returned to his home at Charleston, and in the fall of 1875 the youthful Howard alumnus entered the Law Department of the University of South Carolina, under the tutelage of the able jurist and barrister, Chief Justice F. J. Moses. He was graduated with "distinction" from this institution at the age of twenty-six in December 1876. After a critical and very searching examination, Morris was admitted to practice law in all the courts of his state, including the Supreme Court. His first case was interesting and prominent, and he won it.

In 1876 he was elected one of the commissioners of public schools for the city of Charleston, but as the position would interfere with his law studies, he declined to accept. The nomination for the State Legislature was also received, but again for the same reason he refused to accept. His friends did succeed in prevailing him to give up what promised to be a lucrative law practice to become principal of the Payne Institute. While serving in this capacity he represented his church as a delegate to an Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London, England, September 7-20, 1881. While in Europe he visited Paris, and Geneva, Switzerland.

Upon his return to the United



MRS. SADYE D. BREWER  
District Grand Secretary-Treasurer Endowment Department



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Grand Director

application blanks by writing to the Park Street address.

The school, according to its president, Mr. Wenzel, has a three-fold purpose: First, to train students in a vital relationship with Christ; Second, to provide a wholesome center where Negro young people of the city may enjoy Christian fellowship; Third, to train men and women who desire to equip themselves to be better Sunday School and church workers, better pastors and Christian leaders in the fundamentals of the Faith.

### NNBL CONVENTION TO HOUSTON

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The National Negro Business League, Inc., will hold its 55th annual convention in Houston, Texas, Horace Sudduth, president of the league announced here recently.

The convention will run from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2, and is to be followed by a trip for delegates to Mexico.

The league was founded in 1901 by the late Booker T. Washington, educator and philosopher. "To Inspire the Business and Economic Life of the American Negro."

Besides Sudduth, other league officers are:

- Dr. T. R. Howard, J. E. Robinson and Kit Baldwin, all vice presidents; H. M. Morgan, treasurer; B. Doyle Mitchell, assistant treasurer; Rev. G. S. Bran, chaplain; J. J. Henderson, auditor; J. R. Lee, registrar; Dr. Wilson, historian, and Roscoe A. Cavitt, secretary.