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Majority of White Preachers Would Not Satisfy Needs Of Most Negro Churches, Says Minister

By Dr. W. H. Jernigan, President, National Sunday School and BTU Congress for ANP

(This is the last of four articles by outstanding Negro clergymen giving their views on the state of the church in today's America and offering suggestions where its role may be strengthened. — Ed.)

A minister should be an example during the week of the gospel he preaches on Sunday; his sermons should include problems in everyday living and he should be available for counseling at all times.

There is a difference between the preaching of Negro and white ministers, taking into consideration of course, their preparation. Because of the emotional and spiritual development of the average Negro congregation, the majority of white preachers would not satisfy the needs of most of the Negro churches.

However, I believe that ministers of all races should emphasize the lives of their members.

The average Negro church does not become involved in the type of argument prevailing over the doctrine of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and his critics. My opinion is that the high critics have misunderstood Dr. Peale's meanings.

I am taking side with Dr. Peale when it comes to doing the greatest good to the greatest number. He is doing more to help people in bringing peace to individuals and families than those who are opposing him.

The Negro preacher has a responsibility to speak out against drinking and gambling and loose morals or sin in any form, even at a time when these interests are increasingly powerful and infiltrating into so many phases of Negro life. Good morals is the basis of the Christian religion.

The majority of Negro ministers are failing in their leadership of the masses of migrants pouring into our great cities. They fail to provide practical guidance, such as discussion of frugality and thrift.

In most communities, the moral tone is advancing, and the Negro preacher must take the lead in bringing about better morals in his community.

The crimes which are committed

in our community are by people who do not attend church regularly in order that they may hear the gospel.

As to growth of store front churches and cults, the larger churches in our cities are not organized to reach all of the people who come into their communities.

Because of their crowded conditions, these people go untaught. Existing organizations are not sufficient to give them work or leadership. Many people come from communities with a certain mode of worship they do not find in our cities except in store-front churches and cults.

There are so many ministers of the gospel in various denominations without work or churches that it is easy for them to assemble groups of people and influence them to organize new churches where many can be elected officers.

While it is true that many of the cult churches do not use the money poured into them for the benefit and education of the people and are therefore detrimental, we must recognize the fact that some of these churches once called "store front" have now become some of the leading churches.

Another failing of our churches is that many of them do not have programs which attract young people. However, I do not believe that the majority of churches are losing their hold on young people because they have many of them in their memberships.

Many young college men and women fail to participate in church activities because the leadership or program does not appeal to them, or because the church has not been emphasized in the development of their education.

Many of the pulpits of our country are failing to supply information an inspiration to the intelligent sections of our congregations, but this is of true of the majority.

Out of my experience of 65 years of pastoring I would suggest that more of our Negro denominations and churches give more attention to the potential candidates for the ministry who are not able to attend institutions to prepare themselves.

I would further suggest that Negro pastors, as a group, give more attention to the whole man in his economic, social and civic development.

N. C. Governor Explains His School Plan

RALEIGH, N. C. (ANP)—Gov. Omar Luther Hodges, who is party to a possible split within the Southern wing of the Democratic Party over the school desegregation issue, has tried to explain his "last ditch" plan to circumvent the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Actually, he told newsmen, the plan is simply a local option proposal for dealing with the "ticklish school desegregation issue." (Negro teachers have vigorously opposed his suggested "voluntary segregation" proposal, first announced in a radio broadcast last summer).

Under the local option plan, authority would be placed in the hands of the local communities which could run their schools, he explained, "the way they want to or not to run them at all if they choose."

The State Advisory Committee on education has already issued a statement in which it says it is currently studying "abolition of the public schools and the organization of private schools perhaps by local option in especially troubled communities."

State Attorney General W. B. Rodman told newsmen that the Governor had authorized him to say that the local option idea "is designed to permit communities to close their public schools if they wish and try other methods of educating their children."

Nearnes in Nashville, N. C. representative of Negro leaders in Nash County, has publicly rejected Governor Hodges' proposal for voluntarily segregated public schools.

P. B. Richardson, a funeral director, issued a statement which declared the group had the intention of effectuating "the progress of integration as speedily as possible."

Richardson further asserted: "The position we are taking is in line with the law of the land as handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court. I think both races, white and colored should go along with the law."

In response to Richardson's public declaration, Hubert E. May of Nashville, chairman of the Nash County Advisory Committee on Education, called a joint meeting of his committee, the county board of education, and the county board of commissioners. Apparently the meeting was called to discuss what should be done in view of the expected Negro opinion.

North Carolina A. M. E. Conference Closed Successful Session

NOT MANY CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS; SCORES OF VISITORS AND CANDIDATES. BISHOP REID'S ADDRESS BROUGHT TEARS FROM CONFERENCE. OTHER NEWS MATTERS.

By W. R. Bowman

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 11.—The North Carolina A. M. E. Conference closed its 78th annual session in St. Stephens Church where Bishop Frank Madison Reid preached to a crowded church Sunday, an estimated 3000 with many unable to find seats.

The Rev. I. J. Miller, host Minister who is doubtless doing a better job than any of the former pastors in many months. We wish Pauline Miller, (I. J. Miller) his beloved father, also his mother, were living to see what their first sons are doing. His brother, Dr. I. A. Miller came from Washington to help him in his election to the General conference. Their father was one of the best preachers in South Carolina and his party got lost below Mullins, upon our arrival, we met from S. C. Drs. D. G. Gadsden, L. L. Farmer, A. J. Jenkins, M. F. Robinson, S. J. Johnson, Hammett, from Holly Hill, H. B. Butler, Jr., Prof. Smith of Georgetown, S. S. Borough and Dr. Fordham, who addressed the conference and a crowd from Western, North Carolina and Virginia conferences.

The Missionary sermon Wednesday night, equal to any missionary sermon, we ever heard. The Minister whose name we have forgotten was familiar with his notes, his voice had the right tone, which was enjoyed from the first to the last. Dr. A. Chester Clarke presided over the missionary meeting and also made the response to the welcome address. Dr. Clarke is certainly in the right place as missionary secretary. His address concerning Africa stirred the conference.

For the past ten or more years, we have heard Bishop Frank Madison Reid deliver many addresses, but Thursday morning God used him as never before. His lecture at the Bible hour brought tears from scores of Ministers and laymen. One Minister whose name we do not know was over powered while Bishop Reid was discussing "THE WORD" broke out with a song, which spread over the Church like "fox fire." We saw Dr. Thomas J. Davis shedding tears, Dr. R. W. Mance, Dr. S. S. Morris and scores of others all crying. Dr. Davis said in his address, if you elect a bishop, you will have another Reid on the bench of bishops. The Rev. B. H. Hook of Georgia addressed the conference concerning the much Extension department, also Dr. J. F. Hurley of Atlanta addressed the conference.

The elected delegates to the General conference from this conference are Revs. G. D. Gandy, W. E. Stephens, S. W. Lusk, B. Green, H. C. Walker, I. J. Miller, W. L. Williams. They all will go down the pipe with Dr. S. S. Higgins is very strong in both of the conference in North Carolina, while Dr. J. R. Johnson and Dr. Mitchell declared that Virginia is on solid ground. Eighty percent of the delegation from these conferences are from South Carolina, majority are graduates of Allen University and some of these delegates, Dr. Higgins taught and many have children at Allen University now. Dr. Carnes who leads the delegations is my personal friend. He tried to get the late Bishop Davis to get me from Bishop Hopper, and gave me position in Kirtell College and made me his public relations man, as I covered his conference in The Charlotte Observer and the Raleigh Times. He is now the grand master Masons of North Carolina Prince Hall Masons.

One of the feature of the conference was the addresses of Dr. R. W. Mance and Dr. J. E. Thomas, of South Carolina. Dr. Mance explained why the A. M. E. Connection was pulling straws for Bishop Reid. He explained how

that he understands why South Carolina and North Carolina are fighting over Bishop Reid. Dr. Mance declared other districts are sawing woods for Bishop Reid and ending his address by saying whatever district gets him will have a fine bishop.

Dr. J. E. Thomas made the speech of his life for president S. C. Higgins enumerating the progress of Allen University, also having pastoring, the largest membership and finance ever reported from Emanuel Church in Charleston. Drs. O. C. Dunham and I. O. Simmons were also there, facing up Dr. Thomas. South Carolina is almost sold for Dr. Higgins. After our primary, we all will be ready to meet other delegations.

After we left, we understand Drs. Harrison Bryant and Dr. Dewey Robinson and Mrs. A. B. Williams addressed the conference. Either one will make a good bishop, if elected. President Higgins, Drs. J. E. Thomas, I. O. Simmons, J. Arthur Holmes and O. C. Dunham stopped with Mrs. Kerr, who made it very comfortable for us. We thanked Bishop Reid for allowing us to speak for The Palmetto Leader and we also thanked the Rev. Miller for kindness shown us.

We misplaced some of our notes if we failed, we will get them in our next release.

NORTH CAROLINA APPOINTMENTS

NEW BERN DISTRICT
DR. H. CLARENCE WALKER
Presiding Elder

New Bern, Rev. E. N. Anderson; Mt. Olive, Wilmington, Rev. L. R. Pearce; Richards Circuit, Rev. P. J. McIntyre; Rocky Point, Rev. J. A. Humphrey; Mt. Calvary, Rev. S. D. Durham; Spring Branch Circuit, Rev. L. E. Grady; Wrightsville Circuit, Rev. M. C. Sinclair; Wrightsville Circuit, Rev. J. W. Stanley; Kendall, Rev. A. H. Beatty; East Wilmington, Rev. George Jones; Scotts Hill Circuit, Rev. D. Melvin; South Port Station, Rev. A. C. Sinclair; Conference Evangelist, Rev. W. H. McMillan.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
DR. CRAUD L. STEPHENS
Presiding Elder

St. Stephens, Wilmington, Rev. I. J. Miller; St. Philip, Wilmington, Rev. A. Pearce; Whiteville, Rev. D. P. Richardson; Kanawha, Rev. N. L. Whitfield; Marietta, Rev. James Mack; Northwest Belton Circuit, Rev. C. L. Saunders; South Chapel Circuit, Rev. J. C. Gandy; Backfish Circuit, Rev. S. M. McGhee; Barga Circuit, Rev. W. L. Williams; Tabor City, Rev. W. Moore; St. John, Wilmington, Rev. S. S. Morris.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
REV. R. H. GREENE
Presiding Elder

St. Luke, Fayetteville, Rev. W. T. Holland; Mt. Zion, Wilmington, Rev. G. D. Gandy; St. Mark, Smithfield, Rev. D. S. Suter, Selma; Rev. J. A. Hall; Smithfield Circuit, Rev. Wm. Richardson; Fairmont, Rev. John Holmes; Wilson Mills, Rev. E. L. Ingram; Tomahawk Circuit, Rev. A. A. Douglas; Atkinson Circuit, Rev. Fred Foy; Lumberton Circuit, Rev. R. L. McCord; Elrod Circuit, Rev. Wm. Stokes; Mt. Gomery, Rev. Wm. Stokes; Dunn and Allen, Rev. J. A. Bannerman.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT
DR. G. W. LARKIN
Presiding Elder

St. Mark, Rocky Mount, Rev. J. M. Vinson; Rich Square, Rev. E. B. Bowling; Wayman, Enfield, Rev. A. A. Burgin; St. James, Kingston, Rev. Ira A. Williams; Nashville, Rev. G. B. Perry; Kenley, Rev. Claude McAllister; St. John, Goldsboro, Rev. F. M. Montague; Weldon, Rev. W. L. Williams; Severn, Rev. B. F. Humphrey, Jr. St. Luke, Wilson, Rev. Isaiah P. Andrews; Warrenton, Rev. L. O. Saunders.

Red Cross Views Disasters

WASHINGTON (ANP)—When the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross met here last week, Chairman E. Booth Harrison and President Ellen Thompson, reported on the recent disaster relief operation on the eastern seaboard.

More than 25,000 families were affected. Among these families were many colored victims. The heavy migration into Connecticut and Massachusetts industrial centers has brought new color to many of these New England towns where formerly there were few Negroes.

More than 1,000 houses were destroyed, more than 2,000 damaged. At the peak thousand of volunteers and 850 people from Red Cross staff were at work in the flood areas. A number of the volunteers were colored. One disaster worker flown in from the Los Angeles chapter was the first young woman Red Cross worker to serve in the European area during World War II.

Hurricane Connie and Diane, the latter Hilda and to a lesser extent Janet, all struck in areas where considerable damage was done to our country, to the West Indies and Mexico. In the latest blow which Haiti suffered, Red Cross sent food to relieve famine conditions as well as 417,000 multi vitamins capsules and 600 cases of assorted baby food. Red Cross cooperation with the Haitian Red Cross has been particularly close.

Ground work for the 1956 Red Cross campaign for funds is being laid. National Campaign Chairman Joseph R. Stewart issued a statement asking for volunteers asking them to contact their local Red Cross chapters.

Increasing integration among employees and volunteers all over the nation and especially in some centers in the South has been reported.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, Well Known Dentist Of Columbia, Passes

Dr. H. G. Thompson, better known as "Bus" departed this life October 29, 1955 at the Veteran Hospital. Dr. Thompson was the son of the late Mr. James and Mrs. Ellen Thompson.

Dr. Thompson was a native of Columbia, S. C. He was educated at Allen University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and was a graduate of Howard Dental School in Washington, D. C. in 1923. Dr. Thompson practiced thirty years here.

Dr. Thompson was a veteran of World War I, stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. He was a life long member of Bethel A. M. E. Church of Columbia, S. C., and a member of the Senior Stewards Board. He was secretary of the Greek Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, member of the Kappa

Alpha Phi Fraternity, and also a member of the Masons and Elks. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marion (Geigsby) Thompson, formerly of Mt. Clair, N. J.; an uncle, Mr. Willie Thompson; cousins, Dr. Elisha Gilbert of Buffalo, N. Y.; Herman Gilbert of Washington, D. C. and Marshall Gilbert of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Lucille Bulloch, wife of Dr. Joseph Bulloch of Hartford, Conn., and also Mrs. Sarah White of Columbia, S. C. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Impressive funeral rites were conducted from Bethel A. M. E. Church. His pastor Rev. J. A. Holmes conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Robert J. Simmons of Second Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. J. Milton Cox of Latson Presbyterian Church. Interment in Palmetto Cemetery.

Both Parties Urged To Adopt Civil Rights Platform

WASHINGTON (ANP)—The Americans for Democratic Action has challenged both political parties to get off the fence and "spell out a civil liberties plank" in their 1956 platform.

"There is no corner for cowardice on the issue of democracy," declared the ADA chief, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.

He recalled that there was not a single paragraph on civil liberties in either party platform during the 1952 campaign.

The Republican party "has an obligation," he said, "to tell voters whether theirs is the party of McCarthyism and Nixonism or the party of Americanism."

Democrats also have an "obligation to state their position on freedom." In 1956 they will have no excuse for ducking the issue of civil liberties.

Speaking at an all-day conference on Constitutional Rights sponsored by the Indiana CIO Council at a

meeting held in Indianapolis last week, Rauh pointed out that great Republicans like President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Warren and former Senator Harry Cain have all uttered strong pro-civil liberties statements.

On the other hand former President Truman, and the three "most publicized" 1956 Democratic presidential candidates have not hesitated to come out publicly on the side of freedom.

Both parties have "taken a position on just about every issue from the postal service to Pakistan" in their platforms, continued Rauh. But it is arrogant to pontificate on what is good for America without talking about freedom, the very heart of democracy.

He called it "politically irresponsible to bemoan liberties lost to citizens of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia." Continued on page 8

Among Baptists In South Carolina

By William McKinley Bowman

I realize that I may get criticized for doing this, but I feel that the efforts of the Gethsemane Baptist Association is worthwhile publishing as a guide for others to follow. The Gethsemane Association, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Brown, is organized under various commissions. The function of the Commission is to meet and formulate plans for the various phases of the work of the Association. The Commission meet separately from the Association and raise finances for the Cause. The Commission will have their meeting at the Zion Canaan Baptist Church, State Park for Morris College Thanksgiving Rally.

Allocations for the churches of the Gethsemane Association for the Drive through the Education Commission of the Gethsemane Association, the same is to be reported to the Secretary of the Commission on or before

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| Armenia—Blackstock | | | \$ 45.00 |
| Black Jack—Winnabro | | O. Y. Goode | 60.00 |
| Bethel—Blythewood | | Grady Fullmer | 35.00 |
| Brooklyn—W. Columbia | | C. M. Freeman | 45.00 |
| Brown Chapel—Monticello | | L. W. White | 20.00 |
| Calvary—Ridgeway | | Eddie Samuel | 30.00 |
| Daughter of Zion—Eastover | | I. B. Butler | 40.00 |
| Dennis Chapel—Columbia | | N. R. Center | 30.00 |
| Fair View—Newberry | | C. M. Freeman | 30.00 |
| First Calvary—Columbia | | M. S. Gordon | 160.00 |
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| Hessen Hill—Blairs | | W. S. Backheart | 50.00 |
| Jerusalem—Columbia | | H. Mims | 40.00 |
| Macedonia—Irmo | | L. Jacob | 40.00 |
| Mt. Moriah—Jenkinsville | | R. Bell | 30.00 |
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| Mt. Zion—Chapin | | A. M. McNeil | 50.00 |
| Mt. Zion—Eastover | | H. E. Harden | 40.00 |
| Mt. Zion—Blythewood | | W. C. Sanders | 40.00 |
| New Hope—Blairs | | N. R. Harrison | 40.00 |
| Mt. Zion—W. Columbia | | I. C. Spaul | 30.00 |
| Pine Grove—Eastover | | C. Scott | 45.00 |
| Purity—Blairs | | A. Wicker | 35.00 |
| Ridgewood—Columbia | | Z. Dennis | 45.00 |
| Second Calvary—Columbia | | C. H. Brown | 160.00 |
| Second Nazareth—Columbia | | W. M. Bowman | 110.00 |
| Shilo—Columbia | | H. M. Taylor | 20.00 |
| St. John—Columbia | | R. C. Wilson | 110.00 |
| St. John—Winnabro | | M. R. Gladden | 30.00 |
| St. Luke—Winnabro | | J. M. Pearson | 50.00 |
| St. Mark—Columbia | | | 50.00 |
| St. Matthews—Dawkins | | J. C. Wicker | 30.00 |
| St. Matthews—Winnabro | | H. S. Green | 30.00 |
| St. Peter—Irmo | | L. Jacob | 30.00 |
| St. Paul—Columbia | | R. H. Wilson | 30.00 |
| St. Paul—Lexington | | A. Bailey | 110.00 |
| Trinity—Columbia | | M. D. Bogan | 50.00 |
| Union—Columbia | | L. C. Jenkins | 110.00 |
| Union No. 2—Columbia | | L. B. Hooloway | 200.00 |
| Weeping Mary—Shelton | | R. D. Loch | 50.00 |
| Zion—Columbia | | J. P. Reeder | 50.00 |
| Zion Canaan—State Park | | J. A. McNeil | 200.00 |
| Zion Pilgrim—Columbia | | T. H. Hugues | 100.00 |
| Zion Chapel—Columbia | | A. B. Bailey | 40.00 |
| Zion No. 2—Columbia | | H. Norris | 125.00 |
| Rev. C. H. Moderator, Rev. F. M. Young Chairman | | Rev. W. H. Neal, Secretary, 1205 Lagree St. | 50.00 |

To The Baptists Of Richland County and Vicinity

MRS. MAGNOLIA A. LEWIS TO SPEAK AT UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 1955. AT 3:30 P. M.

Dear Sisters and Brethren:

In 1953 ministers of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina met in Sumter, S. C. and organized a Young Woman's Auxiliary to work with the Baptist E. & M. Convention. I am writing to solicit your cooperation in the organization of Young Woman's Auxiliary in your church and association.

At first some voiced the fear that this organization would hurt the Senior women, but it has proven to be helpful to the Senior women and also to the men's Convention. There are many young women in every church who are not working because they feel that they are not needed among the older and more experienced women. Some will feel out of place working with them. This organization offers them the opportunity they want and need.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary is helping women find their places in the church, helping with the Endowment and fostering the Missionary cause. We feel that we could do a much greater job if we had the cooperation of all our ministers.

Mrs. Magnolia A. Lewis was elected President of this Auxiliary. Since her election, she, with an efficient staff, has worked hard to make this organization a success.

Mrs. Lewis and her staff are putting on a campaign to organize more Y. W. A.'s. In cooperation with this campaign, you and your church are invited to attend a program at Union Baptist Church, 1016 Devine Street, Columbia, Dr.

L. C. Jenkins, Pastor, Sunday, November 13, 1955 at 3:30 P. M. Mrs. Lewis will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Lewis is noted as a dynamic speaker and her speech will be of interest to every missionary worker, regardless of age. Please urge as many as will to attend this meeting.

If you are not registered with the State Convention, we want your help also.

Each Baptist Church in Richland County and vicinity is asked to send at least two young women representative to hear Mrs. Lewis, but may send as many as will come.

Immediately after this program the Nannieborough Circle will meet. They are sponsoring a party. They are asking all of their members to be present and take a part.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pernel H. Hayes,
Cor. Sect'y., Y. W. A.

BENNETT COLLEGE OBSERVES FOUNDER'S DAY NOV. 11

GREENSBORO, N. C. (ANP)—A college which started in 1873 with a student body of 10, this week is observing its 82nd anniversary with an enrollment of 500 students.

The school is Bennett college which celebrates Founder's Day Friday, Nov. 11.

Founded as a coeducational institution in 1873, Bennett became a woman's college in 1926. Over the past 15 years, it has had an average enrollment of 450.

Bishop Fuller To Hold Conference In Columbia



The Annual Conference of the South Carolina District No. 2 of the F. B. H. Church will be held at James Tabernacle, 1118 Laurens St., Nov. 17-20. Bishop W. E. Fuller will be presiding. We are inviting all his friends to join him here.

There will be delegates and visitors from all over the connection. Sessions open at 10 a. m. Come one and come all.

Elder S. J. Ryals, Pastor
W. B. McCollough, Clerk

HAILE SELASSIE CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR AS RULER

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (ANP)—Great throngs of Ethiopians turned out last week to pay homage to Emperor Haile Selassie on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his reign.

The native population was joined by thousands of Europeans,

MANCE AND THOMAS ADDRESSED CONFERENCE

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