

Leontyne Price, brilliant Soprano To Appear at Allen University Tuesday, February 28--8:30 p. m.



Leontyne Price, brilliant young soprano, will be presented at 8:30, Tuesday, February 28, in the Auditorium of Allen University.

In a highly diversified program, Miss Price will offer selections from Handel, Gluck, Marx, Poulenc, Massenet, Puccini, Barber, and a special group of Negro spirituals.

Miss Price now enjoys international fame—in recitals, as soloist with major symphony orchestras; as a Broadway star; and as a leading radio and television artist. Her sensational debut in New York's Town Hall in December, 1954, elicited the enthusiastic praise of New York's foremost critics.

Last year her success in the title role of "Tosca," televised from coast to coast on the NBC Opera Theatre, was so great that this year she will be starred in Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

For two years, from June 1952 to June 1954, Leontyne Price played the role of Bess in the revival of the George Gershwin-DuBose Heyward Opera, "Porgy and Bess."

apparent that here indeed was a person who had a rare, natural voice and unusual vocal capacity. Consequently, all solo parts were assigned to her. After college, she studied at the Guildard School of Music. There she studied with Florence Page Kimball, who to this day remains Miss Price's vocal teacher.

Her inspired singing of the role of Bess charmed and thrilled audiences everywhere she appeared. New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Dallas, as well as in the leading music centers of Europe. Critics showered praises on her singing. "Her singing can only be described as heavenly," "A downright sensational soprano," "A voice from heaven. She must surely rank among the finest and most thrilling dramatic singing America has produced."

After her recital debut last year, Jay S. Harrison, music critic of the New York Herald Tribune, wrote that she was "A goddess performing among us." Commenting on her singing in Tosca, Time Magazine said that she sings "with a flair worthy of the Met."

Wherever she appears, the public welcomes the opportunity to hear her exquisite voice. The combination of a gifted person and personality along with a rare talent assures her a permanent position among the ranks of the great singers.

Tickets may be reserved by calling Mr. R. L. Pegues at Allen University, Telephone 4-7803.

Pioneer III:

MR. S. J. PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT OF B. T. WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT FOUNDATION, ILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Friends and supporters of the Booker T. Washington National Monument Foundation received a surprise this week when it was learned that S. J. Phillips, ardent devotee of the great educator, who is president of the Foundation, entered Georgetown University Hospital here with a serious toe ailment.

Mr. Phillips has been working arduously on the year-long 100th Birthday Celebration of Booker T. Washington which begins April 5th when the Post Office Department issues the Booker T. Washington Centennial Postage Stamp. He had just finished approving models of the stamp when he became ill.

He is under the care of Dr. Samuel H. Benjamin, noted diabetic specialist and Dr. Irving Brick, gastrologist.

Mrs. Virginia Phillips, his wife came up from their home in Tuskegee, Alabama, to make his stay in the hospital more pleasant, since it is expected that he will be confined for at least ten days or two weeks.

Pending before the Congress is H. R. 6904, a Bill to establish the birthplace of Booker T. Washington in Franklin County, Va., as a National Monument under the supervision of the National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior. Mr. Phillips has been working on this legislation with the 84th Congress so that presentation of the site will be made to Secretary Douglas McKay on April 5th.

While Mr. Phillips is recuperating, Dr. G. Lake Imes, former associate of Booker T. Washington, writer and lecturer, along with Andrew F. Jackson, Public Relations Counsel, are attempting to carry forward plans for the Centennial Celebration.

MRS. MARTHA ADAMS, WIFE OF GRAMBLING COLLEGE FOUNDER, PASSES

By Collie J. Nicholson
GRAMBLING, LA. (SPECIAL) Funeral services were held here Tuesday morning for Mrs. Martha Adams, 78, wife of Charles P. Adams, founder of Grambling College.

Mrs. Adams died at her home Saturday following a long illness. Brief campus services were held in the college auditorium at 9 a. m., followed by solemn requiem high mass at 10 a. m., in St. Benedict Catholic Church with the Rev. Severin Nelles, OFM, pastor, St. Thomas Church, Ruston, officiating.

The Rev. Cassion Northbauer, OFM, pastor, St. Benedict Church, Grambling, delivered the sermon. Interment was in the Grambling Cemetery.

One of Grambling's first teachers, Mrs. Adams spent most of her life here and helped her husband stage a desperate struggle to keep the school alive during its formative years.

A native of Tuskegee, Ala., she came to Grambling in 1901 as the school's first domestic science teacher.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Fidelia Johnson and Mrs. Teresa Garner; three sons, Edward, Henry and Ralph Adams, and eight grandchildren.

Among Baptist In South Carolina

By William McKinley Bowman
Well the day is here, what day you ask? The Annual Baptist banquet day and Mid-winter Rally at Morris College.

Allen University Founder's Day Will Draw Many Prominent Churchmen

BISHOPS WILKES AND BONNER TO SPEAK



BISHOP I. H. BONNER

Convocation Speaker, 10:30 A. M. Tuesday, February 28th

Columbia, S. C.—All plans are complete for the eighty-six anniversary of the founding of Allen University which will be celebrated February 23 to 29, according to an announcement made by President S. R. Higgins and presiding Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

Two A.M.E. bishops and national alumni leaders will be the principal participants listed for the history-making celebration.

Highlighting the calendar of events for Founders Day celebration will be the dedication of Joseph Henry Gymnasium and a rally to raise ten thousands dollars which will be applied to the rebuilding of the gymnasium which will be dedicated.

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The South is determined that the leading role it played in the struggle for American independence shall not be forgotten; and one of the most important steps in this direction is the publication of "Middleton Place: Where History Was Made and Beauty Endures."

The book, in full color, traces the achievements of Henry Middleton, whose eminence in the South spread through the Colonies and resulted in his election as President of the First Continental Congress. It also makes a strong case for the probability that the first seeds of actual Revolution germinated in Henry Middleton's library.

The book points out that the South sent many of its young men to England to be educated. South Carolina, for example, sent more young men there to be trained for the bar than all the Northern Colonies combined. When these returned, qualified and eager to have a share in the public service, they found most of the political offices held by strutting, venal English "place men."

Mr. Middleton, with 20 settled plantations and some 1,000 slaves, was one of the great landowners in the Colonies. From the Middleton Place plantation of 8,000 acres, he chose 60 acres along the Ashley River, 16 miles from Charleston, for the development of a horticultural paradise.

Drawing on his first hand knowledge of the world's famous gardens, he put his huge army of manpower to work over a period of a decade or more carving out wide-sweeping terraces which still have no equal in the world. Then he added vast gardens and ornamental waters, and began the monumental task of planting. The result is acclaimed as "the garden of the world."



BISHOP W. R. WILKES

To speak at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday, 11:30 A. M., February 25 and will speak at Allen University at 4:00 P. M., February 26th.

at least one or more of the 86 leaders which will keep their Alma Mater marching upward and enable approximately 800 students to continue singing "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Sunday, February 26 will be a high day for the anniversary celebration. In the morning at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Bishop W. R. Wilkes, who presides over the 12th Episcopal District will deliver the worship message, and in the afternoon Bishop Wilkes will appear in the Youth Choir who will appear in a musical program portraying the ideas of "Ascending The Hills of Zion."

Brother H. L. Dinkins of Hagood Passes

Bro. Dinkins was born in Hagood, South Carolina. In his early youth he placed his faith in Christ and became a member of the Rafting Creek Baptist Church, serving Christ and the Church faithfully and efficiently for many years as clerk and as a teacher of the Church School.

He attended regularly a n d consistently all the services of this Church, and on several occasions represented the Church and Sunday School as delegate to Conventions and Associations.

Mr. Dinkins served as teaching Principal of the Rafting Creek School. Although a teacher o f Ripe Scholarship and valuable experience, he was happy in serving the children of his own community whom he dearly loved and for whom he gave 17 years in preparing them to live more abundantly.

As an individual and as a class room teacher, Mr. Dinkins was outstanding.

His quiet dignity, modesty, and love for young people, coupled with his professional efficiency and devotion to duty, made him a challenge and inspiration to his and students.

The loss will be keenly felt not only in this community but in surrounding communities in which he endeavored to help humanity onward and upward.

His preparation for the teaching profession had its beginning in the Rafting Creek Elementary School.

Upon graduation from High School at Morris College, he entered College there, receiving his A.B. Degree in 1928. He was active in Civic Organizations, which he influenced in the direction of racial uplift. Two weeks ago he was elected President o f the Local Voters Association.

In 1929 he was married to Miss Alice Handberry of Summerton, S. C. To them were born 4 children. He is survived by a loving wife, one daughter, Miss Annie Dinkins

Goal 100,000

SOUTHERN NAACP SETS GOAL OF 100,000 MEMBERS IN 1956

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 18—NAACP officials of eight southeastern states today pledged themselves to recruit 100,000 NAACP members this year. The figure represents 25 per cent of the Association's goal of 400,000 members in 1956.

The remaining 300,000 members will be sought in the northeast, northwest, middlewest and southwest.

The national membership goal of 400,000 is an increase of 33 per cent over the total NAACP membership in 1955. The new figure was set this month by NAACP Board Chairman Dr. Channing H. Tobias.

Coaffering here on the 1956 membership campaign with the Association's Director of Branches, Gloster B. Current and Southeast Regional Secretary Mrs. Ruby Hurley were these NAACP representatives: W. A. Fordham of Tampa, Fla., state president; Robert L. Saunders, Florida field secretary; W. W. Law of Savannah, Ga., state president; Charles Price, Georgia field secretary; C. A. Darden of Meridian, Miss., state president; and Medgar Evers, Mississippi field secretary.

Also: Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., state president; Charles A. McLean, North Carolina field secretary; the Rev. J. M. Hinton of Augusta, Ga., South Carolina state president; the Rev. A. C. Redd of Columbia, S. C., state secretary; the Rev. J. P. Ginnnett of Nashville, Tenn., state president; and W. Lester Banks of Richmond, Va., state secretary.

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organized by the late, Dr. J. G. Robinson, a great evangelist preacher, people would go for miles to hear him preach, and this editor was glad to see his beloved son, Dr. Douglas L. Robinson, of Washington following in his father footsteps. He presided several times and we were very much impressed in his earnestness and fairness to all concern. He is vice president of the connectional and some day will be a Bishop. Watch our prediction.

Other addresses were made by J. E. Beard, Mrs. A. B. Williams, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Williams, who is the editor of the Missionary paper. She wants the General Conference put her paper on par with the other Church paper. The editor of the South Western Recorder spoke also, but his story of his paper was a little mixed up and his address wasn't too impressive.

Those from South Carolina attended the bishop's council were as follows: South Carolina Conference: Dr. B. J. Gloyer, pastor of H. Gray, A. T. Kibbes, E. R. Sumter and Bro. Hollans and Wilson Palmetto Conference, Dr. J. E. Brogdon, W. H. Barnes, J. B. Butler, J. C. James, pastor of the North-East Church, pastor of the First Baptist Church, presided over the musical.

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