

National Baptist Convention Closes Great Session In Richmond, Va.

By R. A. Fishburne
On Tuesday evening September 4, 1956, in the spacious Auditorium in the Belgium Building on the campus of the Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., a city with a population of 859, 100 people and around 40,000 Negroes, a most inspiring Pre-Convention concert was conducted.

Mrs. Virgie Covington Dewitty, Mrs. Freddy Lee Kirby, Mrs. Morena Bell Williams, and Mrs. Edna Hammett Porter, National Organist were in charge. Dr. S. M. Thompson, the Host Pastor.

Among the many songs sung by the chorists, under the direction of the Conductors, that thrilled the Convention were: "I Am So Glad Jesus Lives In Me, In Jesus There Is Rest."

At the close of the programme, Mrs. Dewitty presented the Presidents of the various National bodies.

Dr. G. L. Prince, president of the parent body, Dr. (Mrs.) M. A. B. Fuller, president of the Senior Women's National Auxiliary, Mrs. Hattie L. Williams, president of the Jr. Women's Auxiliary, Mr. Ira H. Clark, President of the National Brotherhood Union and Rev. E. Hill, President of the National Youth Convention. Remarks were made by these leaders and announcements made concerning the opening up of the Convention on the following day.

So, on Wednesday morning, September 5, the National Baptist Convention of America, under its president, Dr. G. L. Prince, was called to order at 9:30 A. M. o'clock.

Following the Devotion, the president presented Dr. G. A. Long of Detroit, Mich., to discuss the theme of the Convention: "Christ The Panacea For World Conditions." Dr. Long stressed those four points:

- 1—Race condition (one race).
- 2—Economic Condition
- 3—World Wars (Christ the panacea for wars)
- 4—Christ The Panacea For Sin

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. F. D. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

Following this was the enrollment and registration of delegates. Associations and state conventions.

Thirty-three (33) Churches, delegates and the State Convention of South Carolina reported \$1064.50. The writer acted as Treasurer of the State Delegation in submitting said report.

The Welcome program was conducted Wednesday night by the host pastor, Dr. Thompson. Dr. H. W. D. Stewart of Greenville, S. C. responded in very fitting and

inspiring words.

Rev. J. T. Stewart of Shreveport, La., preached a great sermon from the subject: "The Power of Fearless Preaching In A Twisted Society."

All of the seven boards by which the work of the Convention is carried on during the year, made fine reports.

Thursday after a great Annual Address by the President, Dr. Prince through a strong election, was re-elected by a majority vote of 732 over that of his opponent, Dr. P. S. Wilkinson with 531.

Thursday night, Dr. D. G. Cookson, Jr. Tulsa, Oklahoma, preached a great sermon from Acts 1:38 and 1 Peter 2:21. Sub. "Christ Set The Pace For Righteous Living."

In his message he said that a little man on the inside can not walk with Jesus.

Friday morning Rev. P. Allen, Kansas City, Mo. preached from Acts 1:38 and the 2nd chapter of Revelation on the subject: "The Doctrinal of Repentance."

Friday night a wonderful message was delivered by Rev. F. M. Young, Columbia, S. C. Text: Behold The Lamb of God. Subject: Representative of The Lamb.

The Model Sunday School was conducted Sunday morning by Dr. John W. Williams, Kansas City Mo. South Carolina class raised \$11.00. Louisiana received the State Banner by raising the amount of \$27.95. Total for the Sunday School \$195.00.

At the close of the Sunday School hour, Dr. Prince delivered his morning message from 1st Cor. 15:58.

In his message he said that "We should have a settled Religion. He stressed the word steadfast. We should be steadfast. 1—In our religion. 2. Be not ashamed to own our faith in Christ. 3. Love God and our neighbor.

The public offering was \$418.01. According to the report of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. E. S. Branch. The amount of \$34,647.34 was raised for Foreign Mission during the year. Of this amount, South Carolina contributed \$709.93.

The total amount of money raised during this Session was as follows:

The Youth Convention	\$638.64
Brotherhood Union	4,225.95
Sr. Women Con.	12,508.47
Jr. Women Con.	4,531.81
The Parent Body	27,749.78
Public Collection	301.01
Total	\$41,751.78

The 1957 Session of the National Baptist Convention of America will be held in the city of Los Angeles, California.

Pres. Liston Of J. C. Smith Dies



CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Dr. Harry Liston, 47, president of Johnson C. Smith University died at his home in Charlotte late Saturday night after a lingering illness.

He came to Johnson C. Smith University in 1943 as executive vice-president and served in that capacity until 1947 when he became president.

Funeral services for Dr. Liston were held in the University Church Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Liston was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, on March 30, 1889, the only son of Mrs. Maggie Davis and the late Huey Lord Liston. He was graduated from Biddle (Johnson C. Smith) University in 1911 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He also received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1925 and the Master of Arts degree in 1928 from the University of Chicago. He has received honorary degrees from Johnson C. Smith University of Chicago. He has received honorary degrees from Johnson C. Smith University (Ph.D.), Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, and Lincoln University, Pennsylvania (LL.D.)

After graduating from college, Dr. Liston taught in the public schools of Spartanburg, S. C., 1912-1913. From 1913 to 1915, he was administrative assistant and teacher of mathematics at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C. From there he went to Slater Normal School. Continued on page 8

PALMETTO LEADER PUBLICATION RESUMED

Publication of the Palmetto Leader news paper has been resumed after being temporarily discontinued from August to the present date.

The paper will be handled under new management by the Palmetto Printing Company, Inc., which leased the facilities from the Hampton Printing Company.

The board of directors, of the recently organized Palmetto Printing Company wish to assure all subscribers that the paper will comply with the stated frequency and other regulations and commitments pertaining to the proper printing and handling of the Palmetto Leader.

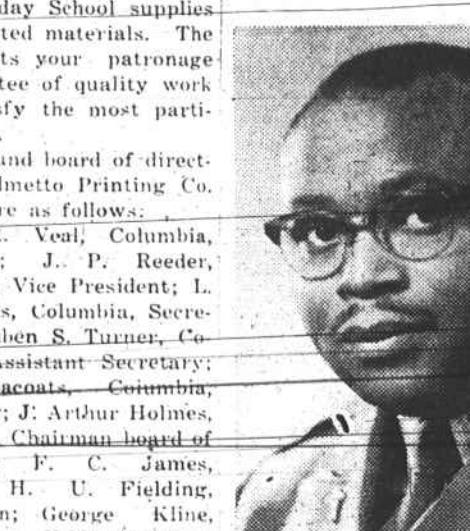
News items, advertisements should be sent to the Palmetto Leader, 1310 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

In addition to the publication of the newspaper, the Palmetto Printing Company Inc., will do job printing, book printing and selling of Sunday School supplies and other related materials. The company solicits your patronage with a guarantee of quality work that will satisfy the most particular customer.

The officers and board of directors of the Palmetto Printing Company are as follows:

Francis R. Veal, Columbia, President; J. P. Reeder, Columbia, Vice President; L. C. Jenkins, Columbia, Secretary; Reuben S. Turner, Columbia, Assistant Secretary; J. A. Bacons, Columbia, Treasurer; J. Arthur Holmes, Columbia, Chairman board of directors; F. C. James, Sumter; H. U. Fielding, Charleston; George Kline, Charleston; H. V. Manning, Orangeburg; O. R. Reuben, Sumter; J. S. Woodward, Spartanburg; E. E. Riley, Columbia; I. O. Simmons, Columbia; Julius Holman, Newberry.

A Tour of the Holy Land



Chaplain (Major) George W. Williams, native of Sumter, S. C. A. B., Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C.; B. D.; Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Regular Army, Bronze and Silver Stars winner, who is who in colored America, senior Chaplain USAREUR only Rehabilitation Center, Member of the Washington Annual Conference.

Chaplain served in the Philippines Island, New Guinea, Netherlands East India, Japan; and Korea.

Chaplain Williams Near a mid Middle East tour took him through the following foreign countries recently: Greece, Egypt, Jerusalem, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Turkey. The chaplain visited France, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland prior to his tour.

It is impossible to go into detail of the economical, educational, agricultural, religious, historical, and philosophical background. I think Jordan and the places near by captured my interest. Jordan has a variety of landscape and scenery to amaze the visiting tourist.

The imposing grandeur of the hilly regions, the depth of the valley, the exuberant vegetation give rise to the most exotic scenery in a veritable wonderland. The climate is typically mediterranean, having a rainy season of five months, November to March. This is followed by a dry, rainless summer.

In addition to all this, there are the hills, valleys, cities and towns that are sacred to countless hearts, hallowed in story, long for and dear in memory even if never seen... But I saw them, my feet tread their ways, and now they are not merely names but rich in memory and I will cherish them as long as I live. This was more than a tour, it was a dream come true from seminary days.

I have seen Jerusalem the Holy City, The Mount of Olives, Cross Pilatus Monument, Holy Sepulchre, Garden of Gethsemane, Old City Wall, Tower of David, The Temple, Omayad Mosque, Bethany (the home of Mary, Martha; and

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Bishop Bonner Holds Columbia Annual Conference

(Wallace E. Crumlin)
Spartanburg, S. C.
Bishop I. H. Bonner closed the 79th Session of the Columbia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with the reading of appointments.

Bishop Bonner delivered a strong sermon on "The Place of Divine Appointment."

The conference convened at Trinity A.M.E. Church of Spartanburg, S. C., Rev. D. R. Bedenbaugh, host pastor.

LANCASTER DISTRICT
Dr. I. O. Simmons, T. H. Addison, O. C. Dunham and B. C. Cunningham, Presiding Elders, each reported in full his district's share of the connectional budget.

Rev. L. E. Crumlin delivered the Annual Sermon. The Missionary Sermon was brought by Rev. J. C. Coaxum, Drs. A. J. Jenkins (North-east Conference) and C. E. Thomas (Pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church, Birmingham, Ala.) brought inspirational messages. Dr. H. S. Davis delivered the ordination sermon.

Revs. W. E. Crumlin, G. A. Thomas, J. C. Bates, L. C. Butler, L. E. Crumlin, Julius Holman, C. C. Black and V. A. Janerette spoke on the Conference Institute conducted by Dean H. S. Davis.

Among many visitors were Dr. E. A. Adams (Historiographer of the A.M.E. Church), Dr. J. E. Beard (Secretary of Pension Department), Dr. R. W. Mance (Treasurer of the A.M.E. Church), Dr. Russell Brown (Secretary of the A.M.E. Church) and Dr. B. J. Noland (Editor of the Southwestern Christian Recorder). Each brought greetings. Chaplain Collie Moore of the South Carolina State Hospital spoke on the work of the institution.

The following reports were read and adopted: Public Worship, Admission, First Year, Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year, Presiding Elders' Assessment, Memoirs; Stations, Circuits and Missions, Temperance, Ministerial Efficiency, Sunday School, Resolutions, State of the Country, State of the Church, Education and Periodicals.

President F. R. Veal of Allen University, spoke on the progress of the institution. Music was rendered by the Allen University Choir (Prof. J. W. Hunter, Conductor). Mr. A. T. Butler, Executive Secretary of the General Alumni Association, spoke on the urgent need of a boys' dormitory at Allen University.

Revs. I. H. Alston and J. C. Coaxum were superannuated.

Mrs. I. H. Bonner, Episcopal Supervisor of the Missionary Society, together with Mrs. V. A. Janerette, Conference Branch President, conducted sessions on the present and future work of the society.

APPOINTMENTS—COLUMBIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
COLUMBIA DISTRICT
Dr. B. C. Cunningham, Presiding Elder; Bethel, Rev. J. Arthur Holmes; Turner Memorial, Rev. L. C. Butler; St. James, Rev. J. C. Bates; Emanuel, Dr. H. S. Davis;

Bishops' Memorial, Rev. W. E. Crumlin; Chappelle Memorial, Rev. Julius Holman; Mt. Pisgah, Rev. A. D. Greene; Lexington Circuit, Rev. C. C. Black; Saluda Circuit, Rev. V. A. Janerette; Irmo Circuit, Rev. C. R. Hawthorne; St. Paul, Rev. W. G. Owens; Edgefield, Rev. C. H. Simon; Piney Grove, Rev. W. S. Trezevant; Little Mountain, Rev. W. H. Foxworth; Calvary, Rev. I. H. Alston; and Young's Chapel, Rev. P. P. Brooks, host pastor.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT
Dr. I. O. Simmons, Presiding Elder; Trinity Station, Rev. D. R. Bedenbaugh; Greater Trinity, Rev. P. H. Carmichael; Bethel, Rev. H. D. Anderson; Wayman Station, Rev. C. Hayes; Eastern Circuit, Rev. R. A. Young; Mt. Zion Circuit, Rev. G. E. Norwood; White Hall Circuit, Rev. Frank Alston; Shady Grove, Rev. J. R. A. Nelums; Taylor Chapel Circuit, Rev. George Ashford; New Hope, Rev. L. M. Seward; Fairview Circuit, Rev. C. C. Melvin; New Chapel Circuit, Rev. J. P. Curry; St. John Circuit, Rev. N. A. Rice; Free Hope, Rev. A. A. Amaker; Little White Hall, Rev. P. H. Carmichael; Reid and Stover Chapel, Rev. Arthur Holmes; Pine Grove Chapel, Rev. N. A. Rice; Mt. Olive Chapel, Rev. N. F. Rabb; Atcherson Chapel, Rev. L. C. Copeland; and Friendship Chapel, Rev. C. R. Robinson.

NEWBERRY CIRCUIT
Dr. T. H. Addison, Presiding Elder, Miller Chapel, Rev. James A. Holmes; Shihoh Station, Rev. S. E. Hicks; Providence Circuit, Rev. T. H. Weathers; Hannah Circuit, Rev. G. T. Curry; St. James Circuit, Rev. W. M. Brown; Mt. Moriah Circuit, Rev. Leroy Sneed; Silver Street Circuit, Rev. C. V. Alston; Mt. Helron Circuit, Rev. H. H. Redmon; Brown Chapel Circuit, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson; Mt. Olive Circuit, Rev. C. C. Richburg; Newberry Circuit, Rev. J. N. Shearers; Wateree Circuit, Rev. J. S. Reid; Zion Mission, Rev. David Boyd; Nebo Mission, Rev. James A. Holmes; Evangelists: Mrs. V. E. Rutherford, Mrs. Alice Wise, Mrs. Daisy Burton and Miss Annie Boyce.

Integration In Army Outstanding Success

NEW YORK—A national magazine, released today, revealed that the U. S. Army has conclusive proof in its top secret files that Negro combat soldiers in integrated units "stack up in competition with the proud military standards of America."

In April, 1951, the Army launched one of the greatest top secret research projects in its history. Code-named Project Clear, this survey proved that integration was a tremendous success, reported an exclusive article in the current issue of REAL Magazine.

The magazine stated that some 90 percent of a large group of combat commanders queried in the survey said that Negro soldiers performed "on a par" with white soldiers. The survey areas involved included a comparison of Negro and white soldiers, an evaluation of the performance of Negroes in mixed units standing up to mass attack, and an evaluation of the performance of Negro officers in leading integrated men into battle.

The survey was conducted close to the front lines during the Korean War. Testimony of combat commanders, who had at least one month's experience with mixed troops, was an overwhelming vote of confidence for integration.

During World War II, the overall record of the Army's two major colored infantry divisions "was spotty and, in many instances, below the level of white units committed in the same area," the REAL article stated, "the key factor was not the race of the men

but the fact that they were segregated; that segregation was not the remedy but the cause of the frailty that beset some of these units."

Scientific investigation found that segregated units never had a chance, stated the article. "They became hotbeds for rumors, resentment and the sort of petty misbehavior that can cripple military operations. Conditioned to expect nothing but hostility and contempt from whites since childhood, many Negro soldiers sensed greater danger from their flanks and rear than from the unknown enemy in front. The inevitable result: occasional mass panic—mostly at night-time and the 'bugout,' or melting away of forward units."

However, the combat test of integration during the Korean War has shown that mixed units "were not merely good; several were brilliant," reported REAL.

In the period just preceding the outbreak of the Korean War to 1952, the number of Negro enlisted men had doubled while the number of Negro officers had gone up almost tenfold. That same year, the all-Negro units, as the Army had known them for over a hundred years, were gone for good. "But this was no movement of social reform," the REAL article stated, "it was a transformation wrought by the practical needs of combat. Military planners realized on the basis of experience in World War I and World War II, that if the Negro was to fight, he had to fight on an integrated basis."

President of Fisk University Dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, died here of a heart attack Saturday night.

The internationally known educator, sociologist and author was stricken in a Union Station and pronounced dead on arrival at Louisville's General Hospital.

Dr. Johnson who was 63, had left the train to purchase a newspaper and was returning to his car when he collapsed. He was en route to New York City from Nashville, Tenn., to attend a meeting of the Fisk trustee board.

Members of the family said he was in apparent good health when he left Nashville. He had no previous history of heart trouble.

Funeral services will be (were) held Wednesday in the Fisk University Chapel, in Nashville, with the Rev. William J. Faullner of Chicago, former dean of the chapel at the university, Dr. Thomas E. Jones, former Fisk president, Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, former provost, and Dr. William Lloyd Innes, chapel dean, officiating.

Dr. Johnson was elected president of Fisk University in 1945, the first Negro to serve the noted institution in that capacity. He had been associated with Fisk since 1928 as director of the Social Science Department and Professor of Sociology.

As president of Fisk, Dr. Johnson brought the university to a position of national and international eminence. This was his central interest in life.

He was the author of 18 books and more than 70 articles. Many books and articles have also been written about him.

Dr. Johnson served his nation in many capacities. He was a member of the international commission of the League of Nations to investigate slavery and forced labor

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Beautiful Model Singer Embraces Religion

CHICAGO—Vivienne Cervantes the beautiful model-singer who embraced religion just as she was on the threshold of a successful stage career, writes in November TAN why she turned to God. Before her metamorphosis she modeled fashions for such magazines as Mademoiselle and Seventeen; and was a favorite model for some of the most exclusive fashion houses in Paris. She was a singer in star-maker Phil Moore's group and was becoming well known as a singer in clubs in Miami Beach, Bermuda and New York City. Yet despite her material success, Vivienne says she felt lost and alone.

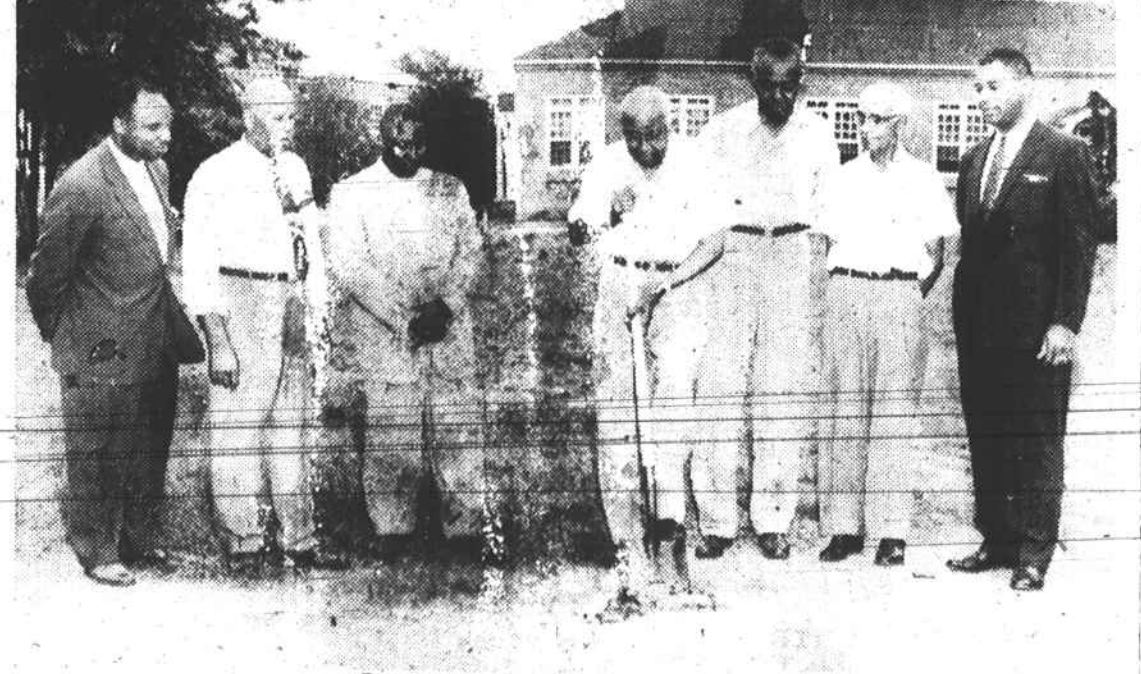
"I TAN Vivienne" writes that when she was visited by her parents in New York, she was reluctant to attend a Seventh-Day Adventist camp meeting with them. She was reluctant because it had been years since she had attended church and she did not want to be a hypocrite. To make her parents happy, however, she accompanied them to the meeting and was glad that she did.

"As the minister preached God's word I found myself listening to them. All my life I had just taken these words for granted, but now they struck home with sharp, new meaning, glistening in all their truth and beauty. I began to cry. I couldn't help it. I was touched."

On a boat ride a few days later, she ran into an old friend of hers, torch singer Joyce Bryant. "Both with Seventh-Day Adventist sessions began to talk of religion. Each learned that the other was troubled and before parting it was decided that they would give up their careers and enter a life devoted to God."

In November, 1955, Vivienne and Joyce Bryant jointly entered Calwood College, realizing that here would be many who would say it was only a publicity stunt.

"On my part I know that there was no sacrifice to want to serve if not be a Christian. I'm sincere in my decision and by the grace of God I intend to remain sincere."



The groundbreaking ceremony for the Mary E. Danton Hall Dormitory was held on Friday, August 3, 1956 at 12:30 P. M. The ceremonies were presided over by Dr. A. R. Howard, vice-president of the Board of Trustees, Claflin College. The dormitory is to house approximately 118 women students, and will cost some \$200,000. The new dormitory will replace the old dormitory which was destroyed by fire on February 6, 1955. It will be a modern fire proof structure and will include the latest in architectural design. Other persons present during the ceremony were trustees: T. K. Bythwood, J. W. Taylor, E. C. Wright, McDuffie Sulston, Dr. James S. Thomas, representative from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, students, faculty and members of the South Carolina Conference. President H. V. Manning announced that the building should be available for occupancy by January 1, 1957.

Boy Scouts to Visit 35 Million Homes

Just before Election Day, November 6, the nation's 4,175,134 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and their leaders will place on the doorknobs of 35,000,000 homes Liberty Bell hangers shown above, urging every citizen to vote. The Scouts' "Get-Out-the-Vote" campaign is being conducted in cooperation with Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge. It is entirely non-partisan, without reference to any candidate or party.