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FIRE KILLS YOUNG MEDIC

Newberry Native Burns to Death In Explosion

SELBY, N. C.—A mysterious fire and explosion early Tuesday morning claimed the life of a prominent South Carolina-born physician.

Burned beyond recognition in the fire that broke out about 1:30 a. m. was Dr. W. G. Singleton, 34, a native of Newberry, S. C., who had been practicing in Shelby since 1947.

Dr. Singleton, a graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, was a member of one of Newberry's most prominent families. His father, Dr. G. W. Singleton, is a veteran physician, and his mother Mrs. Nancy Singleton, is well-known in religious, civic and social circles.

Police and firemen, who still have been unable to determine what cause the explosion and fire, said it apparently started in the second-story offices of the two-story brick building where Dr. Singleton lived.

Associates of Dr. Singleton said he had taken sides in a controversy at a Shelby Negro school, but police said they could find no connection between this and the mysterious explosion and fire.

Parked in front of the building at the time was the doctor's car, loaded with luggage, clothing and children's toys. Associates said he was planning a trip to Nashville, Tenn., to visit with his wife and two of his three children. His wife is studying at Tennessee State Teachers College at Nashville. The other child arrived here today with the doctor's mother after a visit in Newberry.

An autopsy report by Dr. R. C. Henry of Shelby Hospital attributed death to burns.

In 1900 influenza and pneumonia took a toll of 80 persons per 100,000 population in the young adult ages (15 to 44), according to Health Information Foundation. By 1955 mortality from these causes had dropped to around 4 per 100,000 persons in the same age group.

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AKA's Slate Dr. Simmons

Dr. J. Andrew Simmons, a former principal of Booker T. Washington high school here and now executive director of the Hillcrest Center for Children, Bedford Hills, New York, will deliver the principal address for the South Atlantic Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority when it convenes in Columbia May 3rd and 4th.

Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, supreme basileus, Knoxville, will be present at the Regional when delegates from the states of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina meet for two days in sessions to be held at Allen University and Benedict College.

Most to this regional are Gamma Nu Omega, Mu and Psi, Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Mrs. A. Cathryn Johnson of Atlanta, is

Regional Director. Dr. Simmons, a native of Charleston, is currently a recognized authority in the field of child welfare and serves as a top administrator with the Bureau of Child Welfare in New York City's Department of Welfare.

His record also includes a distinguished career in education as teacher, administrator and consultant at city, state, regional and international levels.

As an educator, he served his native South Carolina as a teacher and principal in Charleston and Columbia.

He served the southern region as officer and educational consultant and federal government adviser and consultant of educational affairs from November 1953 to August 1955, on a special assignment as educational adviser

to the United States Administration of the Ryukyus in the Far East.

A further responsibility was that of formulating and guiding the native government of the Ryukyus Island Education Department in the development of Democratic concepts and practices in public education.

The performance in this assignment brought a request from the Department of the Army and the Ryukyans that Dr. Simmons continue on a permanent basis.

As an administrator, the excellence of his work as principal of the Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia culminated in his election as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and his selection later as commissioner and member of the executive committee for five years.



DR. SIMMONS

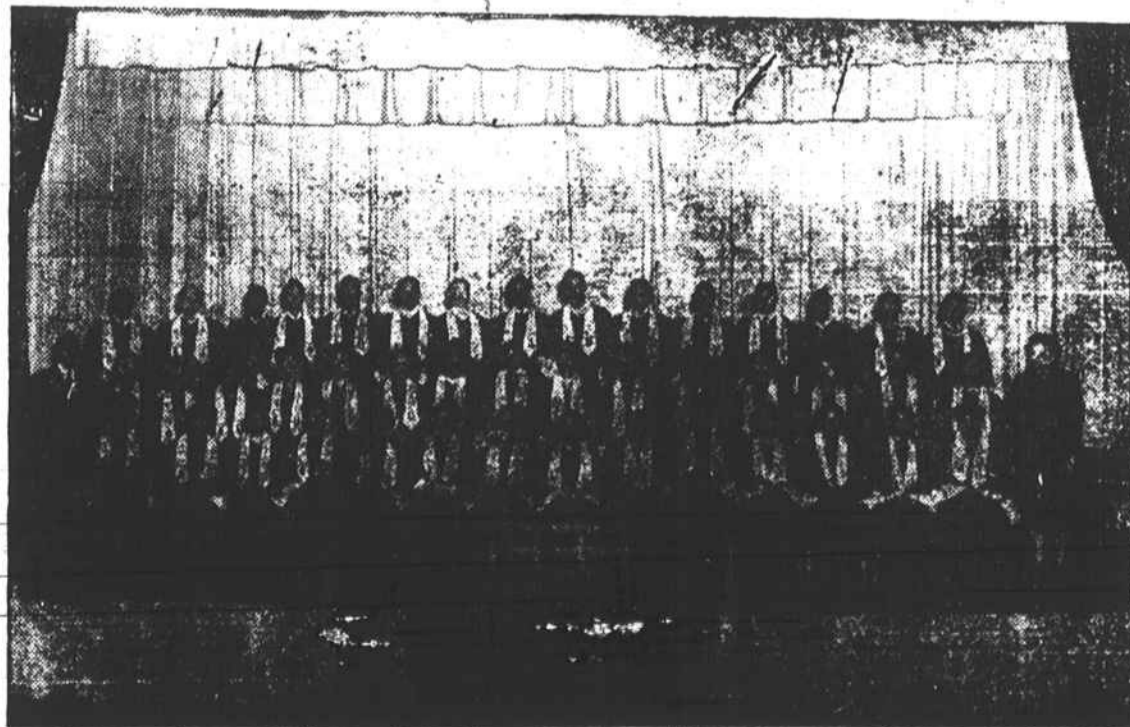
The public is invited to hear Dr. Simmons at the initial meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Conference.

BEGIN SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

Many secondary principals throughout South Carolina have already begun selecting top-ranking students of next year's senior class as candidates for a full-tuition scholarship to be awarded by the PALMETTO LEADER.

The scholarship drive, which officially opens in August of this year is expected to draw contestants from every high school in the state.

Beginning in August, each issue of the PALMETTO LEADER will carry a vote. At the close of the contest, the student with the highest number of votes will receive a full year's tuition scholarship to any college in the state.



THE 88 VOICE ALLEN University choir will be presented in an "Extravaganza Musicale" on Monday evening May 6, 1957, at eight o'clock in the Allen University auditorium, sponsored by the Greater Columbia Allen University Club. The choir is just back from an extended spring tour of the north-east, which carried them to Elizabeth, N. J., Trenton, N. J., Amityville, L. I., New York, Newark, N. J., Jamaica, L. I., New York, New York City and Greenwich, Conn. Their repertoire includes many standard concert selections and operatic arias as well as an interesting variety of ever-popular light classics, ballads and spirituals. Prof. John W. Hunter is director and Mildred Strider is accompanist. General Admission is \$1.00 and students 25c.

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