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BTW Team Leads Field Only To Lose Title In Penn Relay

Although the fast mile relay team of Booker T. Washington high school came some 30 yards ahead of the field in the Annual Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, Pa. on the week-end, an unprecedented mishap cost them the honor and recognition.

The 440 yard sprint champion, Samuel Addison, Billy Harris and Vaughnza Whitmore into the contest.

This 58th carnival was stymied to begin with by water-soaked field which gave way under several contestants who went sprawling in the mud.

The BTW team, with Caroline doing the lead quarter, had misfortune hit it when one anxious contestant elbowed the BTW flash so that he dropped the baton. Unable to find it in the mud, he continued to run and at the end of the first quarter led the field by six yards. He passed by take to Addison, who stretches this lead to 10 yards at the halfway mark. Harris did the third quarter in 51.8 seconds and when Whitmore flashed across the finish line, the BTW team was 30 yards out front.

But the baton was the cue to it all. So the title was awarded to the next to finish, Solers Point high school of Maryland, second fastest among the 186 schools competing. BTW's time was 5:36.5.

And if you think that wasn't pretty fast, take a gander at the time turned in over the same track by the Lockbourne Air Base team with Jim Gathers, Mal Whitfield (Olympic 800 meter champion), Ross Jones (Canadian champion) and another runner, who chalked up 3:28.2, older and far more experienced competitors.

Charlestonian On Radio's 'Strike It Rich'

CHARLESTON — Mrs. Emmie Luken Brown, formerly of Charleston now residing in Philadelphia, Pa., and pianist for the Kershaw Royal Singers, recently won \$220.00 on the "Strike It Rich" radio program.

The money is to go to the singing group, which makes good-will tours in neighboring cities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and gives concerts to cheer the sick in hospitals and shut-ins, whose bus is in much need of repairs.

Judge Hastie Speaks At Jackson College

JACKSON, Miss. — Among the outstanding speakers of the Diamond Jubilee celebration at Jackson College on May 1 and 2, will be the Honorable Judge William H. Hastie, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who will speak at 8:00 p. m. on the afternoon of May 2.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Judge Hastie received an A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1925; A.M. (Honorary) degree, 1940; the LL.B. in 1930 and S. J. D. in 1933 from Harvard; and the LL.D. (Honorary) degree from Hampton Institute in 1946. He was admitted to the bar in 1930 and practiced law until 1933 when he was appointed Assistant Solicitor, Department of Interior, 1933-37. In 1937, he was sent to the Virgin Islands for two years as Judge of the District Court. Upon his return, he became Dean of Howard University School of Law until 1946; and for two years during this time (1940-42), he was Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War.

President Truman appointed Judge Hastie Governor of the Virgin Islands in 1946 where he retained this office for three years and has since been Judge of the Third District of the U. S. Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Caribbean Commission, Phi Beta Kappa, and Omega Psi Phi fraternities.

J. A. Roache, Veteran Printer, Laid To Rest After Death Here

James Arthur Roache, veteran printer who for many years operated a printing shop on the campus of Benedict College, was laid to rest here last Sunday (April 20), following services in Second Calvary Baptist Church, of which he had been a faithful member for a number of years.

Son of the late Richard H. and Ellen J. Roache of Darlington, in Sumter county, Mr. Roache had moved to Columbia when quite a young man. He attended Benedict College, where he also received his training in printing. He liked it so well he made it his life's work, opening a shop on the campus which he operated until his death.

Many young men and women learned the trade under his instruction and many of these are today following the trade in various parts of the country. One among them is Mrs. "Bert" Marshall, who operates Marshall-Albee printers at 911 Hampton street.

Mr. Roache once ventured into the newspaper business and



COLUMBIA LINKS — Members of the Columbia chapter of the Links, which was organized here April 19, are pictured above. They are: Seated, left to right, Mesdames: Everette Rutherford, Vivian Jones, Juanita Johnson, Myrtle Manigault, Julia Delany, Pearl Mance, Dorothy Russell. Standing, left to right, Mesdames: Marian Paul, Minnie Johnson, Harriett Rogers, Elise Jenkins, Vivian Monteith, Ada Cooper, Miss Harriett Cornwell, Mesdames Alma Williams, Geneva Scott, Ruth DeLorme and Essie T. Chappelle.

Human Relations Commission For New Orleans City Is Requested

NEW ORLEANS — This city still has an opportunity to be the first city of the South to set up a Commission on Human Relations as part of its municipal government.

The need for such "a strong moral force in the lives of our people" was presented Wednesday April 23 to New Orleans' city council by Dr. Raymond P. Witte, chairman of the local unit of the Catholic Committee of the South.

That Commission, backed by the city charter, would prevent tension between races and other groups by educational programs to publicize the injustices and misunderstandings that cause trouble and working to do away with them.

"Human decency" was the first of six major reasons Dr. Witte gave for including the proposed Commission in the new charter that New Orleans is preparing to itself. "All men are at least equal in their human destiny and in human dignity," he told the council.

Citing the Truman administration's Civil Rights program, he said: "We no longer have a chance to mathematically and scientifically show the nation that we can and will set our own house in order."

At the special council meeting to consider the charter Dr. Witte spoke for Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel as well as for the Catholic Committee of the South and the CCS Commission on Human Rights, its local subsidiary group; for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; for the Urban League, the Anti-Defamation League, the A. P. of L. and CIO labor organizations, and for other organizations.

The petition of these groups to the committee working on the charter had been turned down in March but Wednesday's statement by Dr. Witte was designed to correct "misunderstandings on the part of the charter committee."

The proposed Commission on Human Relations would have a technical staff to make studies and furnish facts necessary for educational program for "the easing of group frictions through the removal of misunderstandings. It would serve the mayor, the city bureau and even private organizations that might need its services."

"The time is past when we can depend on spur-of-the-moment reactions for removing human tensions," said Dr. Witte. "There was a time when the policeman on the corner was sufficient. Today, in some instances, he serves as when the policeman on the corner was sufficient. Today, in some instances, he serves as an irritant."

Explaining the makeup of the proposed Commission, the CCS chairman said: "We envision a group of fair-minded, high-principled individuals representing a true cross-section of the citizens of our community. Working under the direction of this Commission would be an executive secretary and such technical assistants as he may need. The purpose of this combination of informed citizens and experts would be educational and advisory."

Protest U. S. UN Position

NEW YORK — Herbert L. Wright, youth secretary of the NAACP, and ten members of the Association's New York Inter-collegiate Coordinating Council, met last week with Ambassador Ernest A. Gross, chief of the U. S. delegation to vote to place the Tunisian issue on the agenda of the U. N. Security Council.

Mrs. Pryor Heads S. C. Insurance Underwriters

CHARLESTON — Mrs. Virginia E. Pryor of Spartanburg squeezed out Arthur L. Jones of Columbia by a tight 38-37 count to become the first woman president of the South Carolina Insurance Association, which held its 17th annual convention here last week. Mr. Jones was unanimously named first vice president.

Mrs. Pryor has been connected with the Spartanburg district of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for the last nine years; she is president of the Spartanburg local association. A native of Miss. La.

Demonstration House Display Is Held Tuesday

The latest thing in houses, the better methods of house planning, home-making and advantages and uses of labor saving devices will be unveiled Tuesday, May 13, at noon, when the Home Demonstration Department of Agriculture (Extension Service) unwraps its model demonstration house in the Jeremiah community of Williamsburg county, located 23 miles from Kingstree.

Exercises begin at noon and a general invitation to the public is extended. Mrs. Marian H. Paul, Home Demonstration agent, announced Tuesday.

District agent A. H. Ward will be guest speaker. Others scheduled to appear on the program are Miss Juanita Neely, State Home Demonstration Agent, D. W. Watkins, Director of Extension, and J. B. Felton, State Agent for Negro Schools.

Howard, Saxon Roundups During Coming Week

C. W. Madden, principal of the Howard and Saxon elementary schools here, said Monday that the summer roundup for Howard school will be held Wednesday, May 7 and at Saxon on Thursday, May 8, from the hours of two until four in the afternoon.

All children who are six years old, on or before November 1, 1952, will be eligible to enter school next fall. Parents are requested to bring a birth certificate as no child will be registered unless a birth certificate is presented.

Small pox vaccinations will be given if desired, by the City Health Department.

Parents will be given a form to be filled out by the family doctor and dentist, which is to be returned at the beginning of the school year in September.

ROVING ABOUT CAR' LINA

BY JOHN H. McCRAY
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HAVE A note from G. S. Porcher of Georgetown, scribbled just before they loaded him in a car for the Veterans Hospital at Columbia, where he is now a patient in Room 131, Ward 6. How about everybody writing him a cheering word, though you are not able to visit him? He has done a mighty fine for all of us down his way.

PRESIDENT O. R. Reuben of Morris College told us Monday afternoon he's still anxious to get that son he's been dreaming of, to go along with three fine little girls. How about consulting Attorney Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, prey? He had that problem once but solved it.

OVER at Little Rock, although he doesn't know it yet, the family of H. B. Blackwell is laughing up their sleeves. Seems he didn't want a television set. He just wasn't for the new high fashion thing, but they slipped out and got one anyway. And who sits and watches and enjoys it as much as they? Guess who!

AT BISHOPVILLE Sunday we met a young man whose head was battered one night last week by a couple of the local gendarmes, who beset him in his yard and said he had been exceeding the speed limit. I was not trying to be funny, Sir, if you are still thinking the lump on your head was lit up, lighted up my face for a second. It was GEORGE LUCKIE.

FROM Spartanburg comes the word that Julius E. Williams, Sr. arrived safely in San Francisco, Cal. where he is attending the General Conference of the Methodist Church. Before leaving South Carolina one guy was saying to him that if he did not make it safely by air, the guy would marry his widow and the two live real happily off Jule's insurance money.

JOHN B. (Buck) Buchanan of Florence assures us that there'll be plenty folk on hand Sunday afternoon when we roll in to do some talking about getting all the people registered and voting this year. Looks like Florence is coming back to life now.

MOVING around people frequently ask about our old associate editor, who's been back in Belgium since 1946. We miss 'er too. Guys like Oscola McKaine don't come along evryday.

NAACP Urges Truman To Pick Race Member

NEW YORK—Appointment of a Negro to fill a vacancy on the 11-member Interstate Commerce Commission was urged Monday by the NAACP.

In a telegram to President Truman, NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White asked that such an appointment be made to replace John L. Rogers, who recently resigned after 35 years of service with the ICC, the government agency which has jurisdiction over interstate transportation.

"The ICC, Mr. White charged, has stubbornly refused to attack segregation in transportation, except under court order. Repeated efforts to get positive action from this agency have been met with stony refusal to curb discrimination."

Citing the large number of Negroes who travel, the NAACP leader said "they are entitled to representation on the ICC to aid in the implementation of the recommendation of your Civil Rights Committee on elimination of segregation from public facilities."

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It is being sponsored by the Citizens Committee of which Rev. J. P. Reeder is president and J. M. Hinton secretary.



BEAUTY AND SPRING and a pretty young Miss all sum up life on a college campus, as anyone can see from the photograph above of Miss Mary Kendrix, freshman student at Morris College, perhaps one of the reasons Morris College is growing more and more popular.

Our pretty subject is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Kendrix of Rembert and wants a major in elementary education, which means she really likes school work. Photographer E. C. Jones, Jr. pinned this note to his shot: "Maybe that's all right with her but me — I'm a man and a photographer. Give me more subjects like this!"

Local Ministers' Union Endorse Higgins As Bishop

(Special Correspondent)

At a meeting held Tuesday, April 29th, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Columbia and vicinity unanimously endorsed Dr. Samuel R. Higgins, President of Allen University for the AME Bishopric.

Members of the Union stated they were endorsing Dr. Higgins because of the brotherly spirit which he has shown throughout the years and because of the fact that he has won the love and respect of the ministers of Columbia and vicinity.

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Funeral Directors Hold State Meet In Anderson

The 27th annual state convention of the South Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association will be held at Anderson, May 13 and 14. A. P. Williams, public relations director, reminded members here on Monday.

He said that SCDEA president, R. H. Hails of Camden was urging all member units to prepare a record attendance at what shape up as being one of the best in the history of such conventions.

Guest speaker is to be Taylor C. D. Hayes of Memphis, Tenn., past president of the National Negro Funeral Directors, Inc., a banker and insurance executive.

The Anderson hosts are preparing a luxurious program, he said.

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Rev. Frank Veal House Candidate From Charleston

CHARLESTON — Rev. Frank R. Veal, pastor of Emanuel AME Church here, is a candidate for a seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives from Charleston county, which gives Charleston three such race candidates, instead of two as reported in The Lighthouse and Informer last week.

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Information On Registration Listed Below

Registration boards at county courthouses of South Carolina will be open for issuance of certificates from May 5 through May 15, and June 2, 3 and 4. These two periods provide the last chance to register before primaries are held July 8 and on July 22.

Under the new law, no longer can citizens vote in primaries by simply enrolling. They must have registration certificates, which entitles them to vote in all elections, primaries this summer and the November general election as well.

In order to register, a citizen must be able to meet one or two of the following requirements:

1. Present a tax receipt showing that he or she owns, and has paid all due taxes on property assessed at \$300 or more. The property may be located in a county different from that in which the citizen lives and plans to vote.
2. Be able to read and write "any section" of the constitution of the board might submit. "Any section" doesn't mean the whole constitution.
3. There are certain academic requirements also. These require the applicant to be 21 years of age, or will also become by the time he plans to vote, to have lived in the state two years, in his county one year and his voting precinct six months.

The poll tax is no longer a factor in elections of South Carolina and certificates are good.

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