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## Back Out Of Race For School After Ku Klux Klan Warns

SPARTANBURG—Two Spartanburg men who had filed as candidates in the July Democratic primary for positions of county board member, announced on the 29th that they are withdrawing from the race because of threats from the Ku Klux Klan.

The candidates are S. T. Dawkins, who lives in Chemes, close to the Spartanburg line, and A. W. Webster, who lives in the Cherokee Springs section. Both had received letters advising them that their candidacies were unsafe, which were signed "Ku Klux Klan." The letters were typed.

Both men say they've been seeking positions on the board of the district No. 2.

Signatures were given the Klan threat and the scheduling of a Klan rally in Chisnee Monday night, where Imperial Wizard Thomas L. Hamilton spoke. Hamilton assailed Negroes and other minority groups, the Fraternal Council of Churches in Christ of America, and said that all Adolph Hitler was trying to do in Germany, was to maintain white supremacy—the program of the Klan.

Both Dawkins and Webster are farmers. Mr. Webster also runs a small country store. Letters to the pair were received Saturday, postmarked at Spartanburg and in a plain envelope. Each said in part:

"If you are sincerely interested in our schools we believe that you will voluntarily withdraw your name from this race.

"Vast improvements have been made in the colored schools in the past year, and we believe they will continue without your offer.

"We trust that you have the ability to act upon this request.

"Ku Klux Klan"

## Country Needs Integration And Less 'Red' Assailing, Moultrie Declares

DENVER, Colo. — America needs more work towards integration of all its racial components into one national family and less time and money being spent on a Communist witch hunt," H. Carl Moultrie, executive secretary of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, declared in an address at a public meeting in the American Woodmen Building Wednesday.

The South Carolina-born and -reared fraternal leader declared to his racialist audience sponsored by the district of the fraternity, "Negroes are not interested in Communism, nor any other lam, but they are tremendously interested in seeing democracy work here at home."

Assailing present governmental attacks on the Communists in this country, Mr. Moultrie said, "America is spending thousands of dollars to compress Communism and in the same vein it is playing our own democracy cheap. Guilt by association is the rod by which this suppression is gauged. For example, if I am seen talking to a Communist, by a bystander, immediately it is assumed that I am a Communist, and the bystander so accuses me. Why can't our democracy be strong enough so that this bystander would assume that I could convert the Communists?"

Urging Race Relations Change

Continuing, Mr. Moultrie, who hails from Charleston, S. C., went on: "If America is to maintain its position of leadership it must offer first-class citizenship to all of its citizens." He saw many changes for good taking place but urged, "Complacency will retard the birth of the world of integration, and only by integration can America make democracy work."

## Ban On Bethune

FLORIDA — After a long battle from the national office and the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP, the City of Englewood has finally cancelled its ban on Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and is making the facilities of its junior high school auditorium available for an address by the distinguished Florida educator.

William J. Fitzpatrick, president of the board of education, said this week that objections to Mrs. Bethune's appearance had been withdrawn after she wrote a letter denying membership in "subversive" organizations.

## Father, Daughter Perish In Blaze On James Island

CHARLESTON — In the midst of commencement exercises on James Island last week, a stark tragedy struck in the community and took the life of a father and his two year old daughter and sent two others to Roper hospital suffering from hysteria.

Dead in a fire which destroyed their home on the Grampall Point were Harold Smalls, 28, and his two year old daughter, Shirley, Mrs. Mary Smalls, the wife and mother, and her sister Mrs. Genevieve Lemon, neither of whom was at home at the time, were rushed to Roper Hospital at Charleston, in a hysterical condition, treated and dismissed. The victims had been unable to escape the home.

County authorities reason that Mr. Smalls had inadvertently dropped off to sleep while smoking in bed. The little girl was also believed sleeping at the time.

## Cancer Deaths Cut Family's Earning Power

NEW YORK — A new aspect of cancer's cost is revealed in an estimate that deaths in one year among fathers and husbands results in the loss of almost a half billion dollars.

The American Cancer Society points out that this figure applies to only part of the financial toll resulting from cancer deaths of 215,000 Americans of all races annually.

Dr. Louis I. Dublin, Metropolitan Life Insurance vice-president, said, "As a result of the deaths from cancer of male heads of families in 1948 alone, their dependents lost a present and future support whose total value is estimated to be over \$436,000,000."

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## LADIES! LADIES! LADIES!

Hurry and enter our Big Vacation Scholarship contest. Read page advertisement on page two of this edition and write for details. There'll be many prizes and everybody is a winner. Scores of ladies will enter this contest. Be the contestant from your hometown. Hurry! Just a short time left to enter.

## W. E. Goslin

The eminent Dr. Willard E. Goslin, chairman of the Division of Educational Administration and Community Development, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. and formerly the superintendent of Pasadena (Cal.) public schools, will be the commencement speaker at Talladega College (Ala.), June 2. The baccalaureate sermon on June 1 will be delivered by President A. D. Beittel of Talladega.

## ROVING ABOUT CAROLINA

By JOHN H. McCRAY, Editor  
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OUR FIRST Mosquito bite this year: Watching Lamar Dawkins and his crew of workmen work late on a patio at his place in Orangeburg early Monday evening. The bite? It was a whopper.

WALKER'S Chapel Section of Georgetown county; Leaders are sad over the illness and hospitalization of G. S. Porcher (at Veterans Hospital in Columbia). They say he was the key man in both the Progressive Democrats and NAACP in the county. Funny how folk give you so little support and such a hard way to go and then turn around and praise you to Heaven when you've worn yourself out for them.

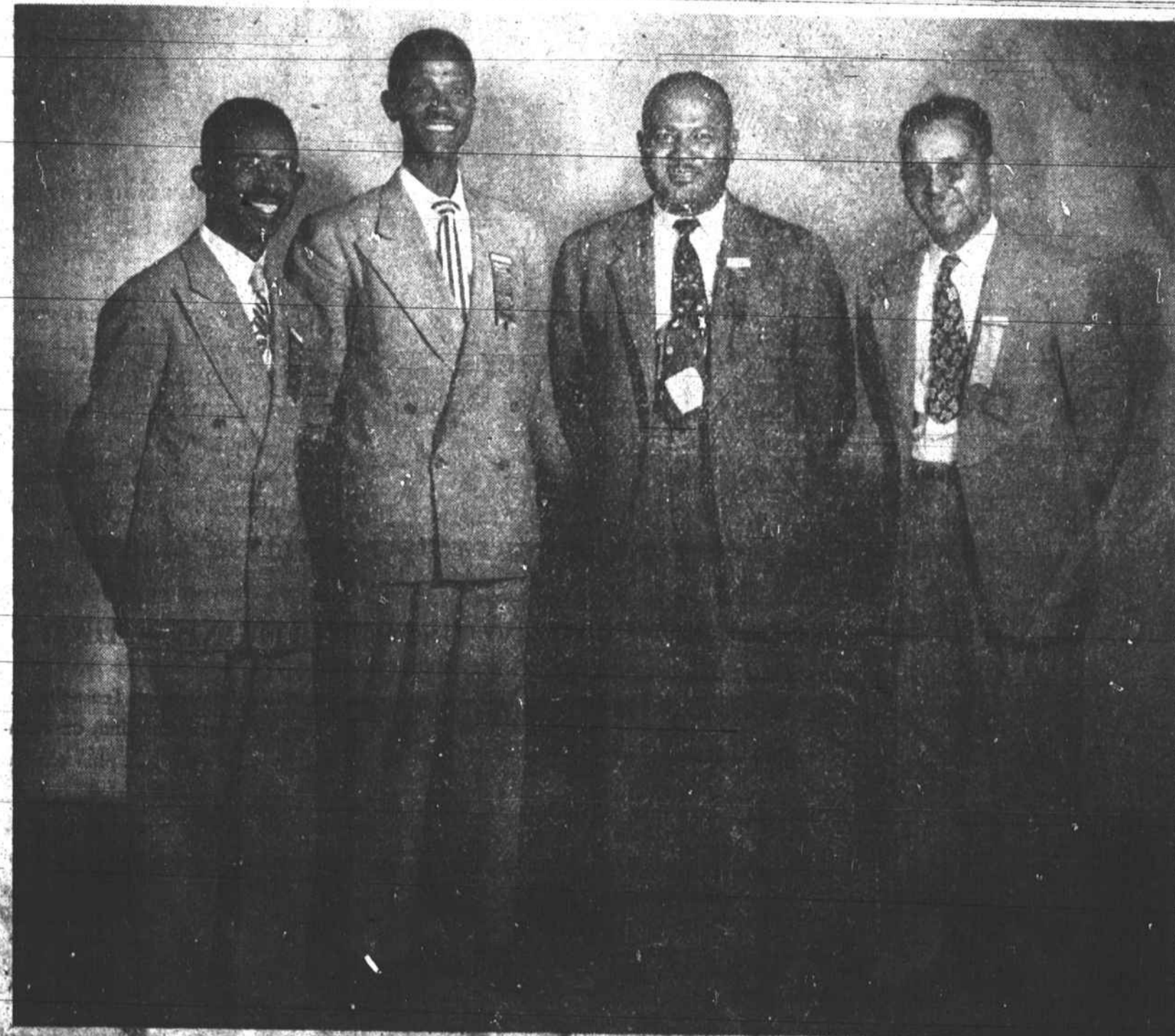
KINGSTREE: Hit town a few minutes after a fatal auto-truck collision on the Lake City highway Monday night. Dead was a Mrs. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins' only other person in the Jenkins car, seriously injured. Amid the crowd which had gathered at the Kelly hospital was one woman who shed tears unashamedly. Seems that she had just seen the victim, who with her husband had run into town for a brief visit before the truck smashed her into Eternity. "You never saw one but that the other one was there also. They were an inseparable pair," the unidentified weeping woman said of the two victims.

KINGSTREE, P. S.: Stopped by to hail the Lilliewoods but house was dark and the Oldsmobile wasn't home. Just as we pulled away a woman's voice called our name in a passing car. We turned and followed the car to where it had stopped down the street to inquire who was it that could so recognize us at that hour. The voice replied: "I'm Rev. (W. J.) Robinson's daughter. We live next door to your plant. I'm working here. Tell daddy and mama I might see them this week end."

MARION: A nice audience was on hand Sunday afternoon for the meeting on voting and registration, held in St. John AME Church, pastored by the very able, affable and tireless Dr. E. F. G. Dent. On the program was Rev. S. W. Fordham of Ebenezer AME Church at Mullins, who confessed that he was so thrilled over the address U. S. Judge (Retired) J. Waters Waring made to delegates at the general AME conference two weeks ago in Chicago that he forgot to make report on major other things to his membership. "I just talked about Mr. Waring," he said.

DARLINGTON: An old squabble of some two year standing between the local and state leadership of Progressive Democrats has been resolved now and both sides agree it was all over a misunderstanding. Both were working on the same thing all along and would have not been at odds had they at the outset tried to get together as they did Sunday. Now, on June 8, both will launch a big meeting, jointly sponsored by Macedonia Baptist Church here. Darlington, by the way, has done an excellent job on registration. W. J. Hunter is the chairman, pushed by such men as Dave Pugh and Prof. Cooper, Rev. Long.

AIKEN: A report here on the weekend was that undertaker and prominent Robert A. Brooks was a hospital patient, seriously ill. Bob Brooks used to teach at S. C. State College. Prior to CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT



## Crump Sees South As Making Progress

NEW YORK — An experienced political observer and member of the New York State Legislature told a press conference last week that the Negro South lacks political organization and adequate leadership, but is meeting the challenge "with courage and conviction."

Critics NAACP

At the same time, he sharply criticized the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for building up a 1951 voting power "with no place to go."

Assimilationist Elijah I. Crump, 12th A. D. Democrat, was reported on his right-state southern survey during which he talked with and to Negro Democrats. Under the auspices of the newly formed Southside Association of Negro Democrats, he visited Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

In his report he made these five general observations on political conditions in the areas he touched:

1. The voting habit among Negroes is growing in spite of continued attempts by whites to curb it, but Negroes in the remote areas of the South are showing defiance.
2. Negroes in poll tax states are paying the tax at great sacrifice in order to vote. State or federal legislation eliminating the tax will result in a sharp increase in voting.
3. Although many groups are urging Negroes to register and vote, there is an absence of coordination among them. He criticized the NAACP with doing a creditable job.
4. Efforts to create a political structure have been weak and poorly planned. But he noted that the "phenomenon" of Negro mass voting in the South itself relatively new and that the building of political machinery to make it effective will take time and experience.
5. There is a shortage of political leadership but no shortage of leadership material—or "courage" to lead in this fear-ridden section of the country.

Urge Conducting Clinics

Crump recommended that a series of political clinics be conducted in the South in which the rudiments of political organization and the role of leadership may be learned. He lauded the NAACP for its recent institute in Atlanta and urged that others be held, if possible, on a state-wide basis.

The legislator expressed a preference, however, for party-sponsored clinics. He asserted that the policies of the association do not permit it to engage in partisan politics.

"Party-sponsored clinic," Crump declared, "can teach theory and, at the same time, and without a break, provide the arena for applying those lessons almost immediately. No bridge or transition from theory to practice is needed."

Finally, Crump stressed the importance of political organization and leadership. Through organization, he said, political demands are formulated and expressed—and it is to such organizations that candidates for public office come for support. He noted that in the South white candidates are, to an increasing degree, operating directly for Negro votes.

Crump's criticism of the NAACP came in the course of questioning by reporters. He observed that in an official statement the association had said that to date all avowed candidates for the presidency—Democrats and Republicans—are to be regarded as unacceptable by Negroes for voting purposes. He said also that their sole test has been their stand on the "limited issue" of civil rights, and he added:

"I cannot understate the importance of this issue."

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## Taft Says Would Name Race Man To Secretaryship

CLEVELAND, O. — Should Senator Robert A. Taft, GOP presidential aspirant, be elected the next president of the United States, he would "appoint a colored man as one of the secretaries at the White House."

Mr. Taft's plan of the appointment was made in a letter to John G. Pugh, a Cleveland attorney, who is one of the senator's backers in the race for GOP nomination.

## Bennettsville NAACP Nears Campaign Goal

BENNETTSVILLE — The Bennettsville NAACP branch reported this week that it needed only 13 more members to reach its quota for 1952, but officials said they felt that at the end of the present campaign, the quota would be exceeded. The branch meets each Third Sunday.

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Membership, Mrs. D. P. Brislaw; Finance, H. E. Covington; Sr. Community Coordination, Mrs. Prudence McCollum; Press and Publicity, Harold T. Blackman; Legal Redress, Dr. Q. Adams; Education, Rev. S. M. Miller; Entertainment, Miss V. Emees; Cooke; Youth Work, Mrs. W. J. McMath; Veterans, Ernest Robinson and Church Work, Rev. A. J. Wright.



The Rt. Rev. J. B. Shaw of Salisbury, N. C. who is one of four ministers elevated to the bishopry by the AME Zion church during its quadrennial conference in Brooklyn, N. Y. this month. Bishop Shaw is related to Presiding elder and Mrs. James W. Shaw of Columbia, and is well known throughout the denomination's southern districts.

## 'Doctor Buzzard' Charms Judge For Suspended Fine

Dr. Buzzard, but christened Madison Fell, 68, graciously bowed before Recorder John I. Rice here Tuesday for a suspended sentence of \$15.50 or 15 days on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The complaint said "Doc" cussed her out when she tried to get back the \$20 she claimed she paid him to make her husband come back to her. The slender "root man" denied, however, that he was abusive. He said he had given her two dollars of the money and would have returned all of it, but just didn't have it.

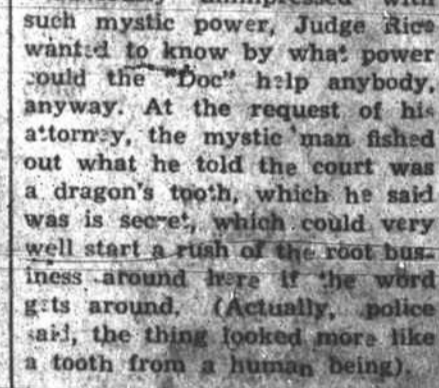
Moreover, he argued, he had done what he promised. He made the husband come back home, but she just couldn't hold him.

Obviously unimpressed with such mystic power, Judge Rice wanted to know by what power would the "Doc" help anybody, anyway. At the request of his attorney, the mystic man fished out what he told the court was a dragon's tooth, which he said was his secret, which could very well start a rush of the root business around here if the word gets around. (Actually, police said, the thing looked more like a tooth from a human being).

## Dowdy Awarded Doctorate Degree In Agriculture

The degree of doctor of philosophy was recently conferred upon George T. Dowdy, of Tuskegee at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Dowdy received his secondary education at Allen University.



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## Visit Charleston

The Roosevelt McCrays and Mrs. Johnnie Lee visited in Charleston last Sunday.