

# THE LOCAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

## THE COLUMBIA NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE'S FIRST POPULAR MEETING

Mr. Wm. Lykes, Jr., Secretary, Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Rev. T. M. Boykin the Speakers

On next Monday evening, February 14th, at 8 o'clock, our meeting will be held at Union Baptist Church in Ward One. This is the first popular meeting held since the organization of the League.

The Columbia Business League is an auxiliary to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. It is the clearing house for our colored citizens just as the Chamber of Commerce is for the white citizens.

Through the Negro Business League, our group must put over its big program for employment of the unemployed, better school facilities for Negro children, a Negro auxiliary to every white organization that stands for a larger and more co-operative community spirit in Columbia.

Columbia's colored citizens have many outstanding organizations that we are proud of as a result of their large and liberal program our people are more united in Columbia today than possibly they have been before.

It is an old, but true saying, "Like priest, like people" and Columbia's colored churches have never been in the hands of safer saner and better prepared ministers than they are today, and with the same efficiency that they lead our people spiritually and pastor our churches. They face our community and welfare organizations morally, financially and otherwise, and with such backing to boost of our Negro Business League, our Negro Chamber of Commerce and Clearing House is going to put its

program over for the good of our group and a larger and more co-operative community spirit.

I. S. Leev, President  
W. C. Johnson, Secretary.

### STATE COLLEGE NOTES

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Paine, which was lost. There remains four games on the schedule at home and abroad. The team is making a splendid showing under the excellent coaching of Miss Hurlong, assisted by Professor Hickman.

Orangeburg, S. C., Feb. 5.—The fourth annual State Negro Older Boys' Conference, held under auspices of the State Y. M. C. A., will be held at State College, March 12, 12, and 13, Claflin University co-operating.

Aside from a number in the state who will have part on the program, the following have been secured as speakers: R. S. Bullock, National Council Secretary for Negro Work, New York City; C. H. Tobias, Senior National Council Secretary, New York City; and Max Yergan, who has spent a number of years in Africa carrying out the program of the Y. M. C. A. in that important field.

It is expected that representatives from every Negro high school in the State will be sent to this meeting. The three preceding conferences have meant much to those who have attended, and it is hoped by officials that this one will prove to be in no less degree a great benefit to all.

The semi-annual meeting of College Presidents and Deans will be held at the college, Saturday, February 12. It is expected that representatives from all the higher institutions

will be present and that beneficial results will be accomplished. According to the program matters of general interest to elementary and high school work, as well as college, will be taken up with a view of making helpful suggestions to the Board of Education regarding Negro education in South Carolina.

The coming of J. Rosemond Johnson, nationally known singer and composer, who will appear in recital at the college, Friday, February 18, will mean much to students and friends. Mr. Johnson is known to every Negro because of his contribution and arrangement of music for the Negro National Anthem, composed by his brother, J. Weldon Johnson. His appearance will afford a rare opportunity to the youth of our State to meet and hear an outstanding artist of the race.

To our list of attractions for the year are to be added the Williams Singers, who will appear Friday, February 25. These entertainers need no introduction to a school audience, and we look forward with pleasure to their coming.

**WILKINSON, JR., TAKES HONOR**  
Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., son of President and Mrs. R. S. Wilkinson, of State College, Orangeburg, S. C., has recently taken another honor by appointment as interne in the Harlem Hospital, New York City.

It is reported that more than 300 applicants were examined for the few openings at Harlem Hospital, and Wilkinson, a graduate of Dartmouth, Phi Beta Kappa scholar, and Senior Medical student at Harvard, maintained one of the highest averages.

**17th ANNUAL FARMER'S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT VOORHEES.**  
The 17th Annual Farmers' Conference will be held at the Voorhees Normal and Industrial School, Denmark, S. C., Wednesday, February 16, 1927. These annual Farmers' Con-

ferences are held for the benefit of every prosperous farmer and business man in our reach. We are asking the presence of everyone interested in the advancement of agriculture and other things pertaining to the development of our people. We invite our white friends as well.

Prof. J. B. Pierce, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, and a post-graduate of Hampton Institute, will be the speaker. Session begins promptly at 10:30 a. m. Come early. Prof. Pierce speaks at two o'clock. The morning session will be given over to farmers for general discussion.

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### A. & T. COLLEGE PLACED IN CLASS "A."

President Bluford of the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina was notified by the State Department of Education last week that the college had been placed in "A" Class. A few days ago, the Rating Board from the Department of Education inspected its various departments, laboratories and equipment and recommended that the college be given this high rating.

A. & T. College is one of the few Negro technical institutions which has received this high recognition. The Negro must play his part in the field of production as well as in the professions. It is with this in view that the President and his co-workers at A. & T. are laboring to give to the Negro youth the sort of training that will best fit him for the needs of the present day.

In recent years, A. & T. College has developed rapidly. Its buildings, grounds and equipment are valued at a million and a half dollars. The institution is continuing its rapid growth under the new administration. The plant is being enlarged and its

shops and laboratories are being equipped with the most modern improvements.

Two other Negro institutions in North Carolina have merited "A" grade recognition. The citizens of North Carolina are proud that there is a higher institution in the state which "A" grade college training.

**VARSITY FOOTBALL MEN AT A. & T. ELECTED HESTER LEADER OF 1927 SQUAD.**

Greensboro, N. C., February 1.—At a meeting which was made up of the members of the much coveted college letters, Hester, a veteran of several years, was elected captain of the "A" football team. The captaincy played an excellent brand of football during the past year. He was one of the two best ends in the C. I. A. A. As a reward for such display of versatility, stamina, aggressiveness, and leadership, Hester was given a position on the all C. I. A. A. mythical eleven.

It is popularly expressed that the team demonstrated a large degree of discretion in naming Hester the leader of the 1927 Gridder's of A. and T. college. Because of the confidence of the squad in Hester, a great year of football activities is expected of the team.

**FROSHS WIN DEBATE FROM SOPHS.**

To the chagrin of the sophomores of the sophomore class, the Froshs were successful in defeating the Sophomores in the annual debate, which was held Friday evening, January 27, at 8 o'clock. The question argued by the undergraduates was "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Be Abolished." The affirmative side of the question was argued by O. N. Whitefield, '29, J. W. Broadbent, '29, W. E. Pitts, '29. The negative side was argued by J. L. Connor, '30, E. C. Dehnem, '30, M. E. Patterson, '30.

Proceeding the debate, class notes were read by A. Gordon, '29, and C. E. Hester, '30. Immediately following the debate, a piano duet was rendered by Messrs. Reynolds and Moore, '30, while Mr. C. M. Bell, '29, sang a solo.

**G. A. CAROLINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS.**

Carolina Athletic Association held its annual meeting at Haines Institute. The deliberations were closed after discussing rules of eligibility, awarding championships, and the election of officers.

The representatives of the member schools informally arranged their respective baseball and football schedules before the meeting was called to order. President Pinson then made his annual address, emphasizing the necessity of more encouragement on the part of the member schools in the public high schools of the state of South Carolina and recommending that the body send a representative to confer with the South Carolina Teachers' Association that meets in Greenville in March.

Primo College was awarded the football championship for 1926, and after much debate was also awarded the girls' basketball championship over Claflin, who had not been defeated by any team in the conference in two years.

The following officers were elected to serve during the next year: President, I. D. Pinson; Vice president, H. D. Green; secretary, W. C. Ervin; assistant secretary, Miss Hurlong; treasurer and reporter, J. D. McGhee; organizer of Girls' Athletics, Miss Josie Smith; representative to the South Carolina Teachers' Association, I. D. Pinson.

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