

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN NEGRO SCHOOLS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

By JOHN P. BURGESS

L. N. Scott, principal and teacher of Agriculture in the Webber Graded School, Eastover, S. C., is an excellent farmer. A large number of his pupils...

Milbia Johnakin has begun to do some work toward beautifying the grounds of the Industrial Building at Dunton Memorial. The Senior Smith Hughes Agricultural students are now doing their practice teaching under Mr. Johnakin.

Foster Burton, vocational teacher at Rocky Swamp, held a Farmer's

Conference on March 18. M. Johnakin, William Jennings, and the writer arrived late, nevertheless, enjoyed talking with the farmers.

All agricultural teachers are asked to send to the writer the names and addresses of the President and Secretary of their Junior Vocational Society, also the names and addresses of the members of their vocational council.

It is the desire of the state office to arrange something interesting for the boys and girls, and for the men and women who we hope will come with them.

DUE WEST LOCALS.

A throng of eager listeners greeted the Rev. P. J. Wilson at Mt. Lebanon on last Sunday. The morning discourse was based upon the Great Commission, Matt. 28-19; while that of the evening was from Luke 16-24.

At 6.30, p. m. on last Sunday a chorus of young men of Mt. Lebanon church, upon invitation rendered four musical selections before the Y. M. C. A. of Erskine College.

Mesdames Martha Miller, Marie Taylor, Emma Pruitt, Carrie Barmore, Willie Mae Young, Ella Cowan, Annie Garrett and Carry Hawthorne were the delightful hostesses at a dinner given on last Wednesday to the teachers and students of Lebanon school.

Mrs. E. C. Wilson is home from her school in Fairfield to the delight of her husband the Rev. P. J. Wilson and to the members of Mt. Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Joseph had as dinner guests on last Tuesday the Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Wilson, Messrs. O. L. Smith and C. A. Garrett, Messdames A. E. S. Jones, Annie Garrett, Marie Taylor and Miss Viola Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee and daughter Miss Essie and Mrs. Marie Taylor motored over to Greenwood on last Saturday.

Mr. W. Calvin Rouse was the delightful host at dinner on last Sunday to Messrs. O. L. Smith and O. L. Eakins and Misses Viola and Ethel Garrett.

Mrs. Fannie Valentine who has been ill for sometime continues to improve to the delight of her many friends. Miss Hattie L. Garrett who teaches at Donalds will present the closing exercises of her school on March 28.

BENEDICT NEWS

Founder's Day was indeed a red letter day for Benedict. We can never forget the inspiring and uplifting

address by Doctor Peacock, President of Shaw University. By this address we came to know Mrs. Benedict better and realize her deep insight into the future. Rev. J. C. Gilmore of Rock Hill gave a very interesting resume of his experience at Benedict. After these addresses the grand rally took place and over \$6,000 were contributed as a token of love and appreciation for the work the Mrs. Benedict has done.

The banquet in honor of Mrs. Benedict by the Senior College Class, directed by Miss Crozer on March 15, was one that will be remembered. The dining hall was beautifully decorated in purple and gold colors, the colors of the college.

The college girls enjoyed themselves highly on a trip around the world given by the Benedict Club last Wednesday night. Cars were given by Benedict Club members to carry the girls from one house to another. The striking thing about it was there was a delicious course served at every stop. The girls wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for this extraordinary treat to the members of the club and suggest these treats come more often.

Among the recent visitors to our chapel service are: Max Yeargin, who talks about the work in Africa and the great need of inspired missionaries. Rev. J. E. East, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who stressed the fact that Africa is crying for help and entreated the student body to obey the cry of Africa.

Rev. Doctor Richard Vaughan, Professor of Newton Theological Seminary, and who is a member of the Education committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Board spent a short while with us this week. In his address he gave a series of admonitions to the students and emphasized fidelity to duty. He was very much impressed with the school and the work that is being done and said that he as a member of the board would speak of Benedict College in the future of infants and other things, very highly.

Dr. Frederick C. Redfern attended the meeting of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars at Tuskegee, Ala., March 10, 11, 12. Thirty-six colleges were represented by more than forty delegates. It is the aim of this organization to study the internal administration of Negro colleges related to the work of deans and registrars. The main topics which were treated with well-prepared papers and followed by discussion concerned "The Freshman Orientation" and "Scholarship."

The Willing Workers Club met with Mrs. W. M. Calhoun, Leach Street, Monday afternoon, where a very lovely meeting was had. Rev. D. L. Witherspoon and his mother, Mrs. Lavenia Witherspoon were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Griffin, Oakdale Avenue, Friday for luncheon.

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Miss Marian Wise, President of the Y. W. C. A., is ill in the hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

R. 2 BRADLEY'S FIGHT IN DETROIT

A special meeting was called last Sunday afternoon by the N. A. A. C. P. Rev. R. Q. Bradley, who is president gladly announced it and more than seven hundred men were present.

This was a most inspiring of an unusual kind. After Bradley has fought in Detroit alone for almost sixteen years, he has now faced a problem which the help of our business men is needed.

I may mention some of the leading points that were said and some of the things that were done. The first thing that was done was to elect R. Q. Bradley as leader, we are going to get what we want and why we want it.

Bradley in his address said "The one who has interest in us the doctor, thinking he may get a call. Next is the undertaker; he sits wishing for some of us to die. Then the lawyer waiting for some of us to get in jail and the preacher wants to know how much did his member give the Sunday before his salary is due."

The living conditions in Detroit have made the Negro wake up and realize things he has not in the past year. Bradley has sent a letter already to Congress and the governor of Michigan in regards to a colored fire department, and that is not the only bill that we are fighting for.

Bradley said "If the doctors of our group stop selling their prescriptions to white druggists and put back in the street something that he gets out of it, we could put some of these things over."

Then he said; with a fight more vigorous than any in the past, these things could be put over with ease. There has been a committee appointed out of one thousand to turn Detroit up side down as the fellow brother have in Chicago in the days that have passed.

Now, what do you think of old Michigan who with her under-ground railway in the days of yesterday have begun to row against the black man? Why, because our race is not patronizing its own.

Rev. D. L. Witherspoon and Rev. W. R. Martin, brilliant young ministers of this city, upholding the negative side of a debate, resolved that the South Carolina Sunday Blue Laws should be repealed, won a two-to-one judges' decision over lawyer A. C. Platt, able barrister and Mrs. Rebecca Walton, noted colored woman orator, substituting for lawyer B. F. Smith, who was called to New York, of Spartanburg, S. C., at Allen Temple Church Thursday night of last week in the presence of a very enthusiastic audience.

The winners, adhering closely to the Bible, put up a very able argument to support their side of the debate, while the losers scored many clever points for the affirmative side. The audience was apparently swayed by the negative declaimers.

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The evening message also was what might be expected in any eastern metropolitan church. Both services were featured with superb music by the choir. The Sunday School and League services were excellent, the latter being featured by an interesting address by Rev. E. B. Holloway, of John Wesley M. E. Church. The address for next Sunday will be made by Mrs. M. M. Calhoun, who will talk on "Foreign Mission."

Rev. W. M. Watson preached two very powerful sermons at Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday, to overflowed crowd. This church is financially and numerically alive and moving forward. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. services were well attended as usual.

Other churches of the city are also doing splendidly. Rev. C. E. Gandy, able pulpitier of the Tabernacle Baptist Church and the First Baptist, conducted a very impressive service at Allen Temple Sunday afternoon in interest of Group No. 222 of which Miss F. L. Lykes is the captain. The service was highly appreciated and proved very profitable.

Messrs. M. J. Butler and George Finley of Abbeville, were over here Sunday. The former worshipped at Allen Temple. Dr. W. E. Rice, presiding elder of the Greenwood District, spent the week-end at his home and worshipped at Allen Temple Sunday.

The Logan Street Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Fred Merritt, Logan Street, Friday evening with a full attendance and a lovely meeting, during which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Emma K. Williams and Mrs. O. W. Woodridge, trim veterans of many a campaign, were united in holy wedlock at the A. M. E. Manse, Wednesday evening of last week. Their many friends wish for them a very pleasant voyage upon the turbulent bosom of the sea of matrimony, from which in this age of short skirts and rouged knees, few couples return and never still cross in perfect peace.

"The Charming Fish," a comic drama given at Allen Temple Monday night by the Sunshine Club was a "knockout." The entertainment was up to expectations in every way, good music abounding. The clever Miss F. L. Lykes was perhaps the individual star.

A program featuring a quartette from the Tabernacle Baptist Church, led by Miss Corrie White, a duett by Mesdames Douglas and Boyd and a regulation by Miss Minnie White was very nicely blended with the play. The play, poem was very cleverly acted by Mrs. F. L. Lykes.

STATE COLLEGE NOTES

Orangeburg, S. C., March 22 - Once more State College famous Quartette has been invited by the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce to take part in its annual broadcasting program from station W. S. B., Atlanta, Saturday evening, March 26, about 10:45 to 11:45. A varied program of Southern melodies and Negro spirituals will be rendered. Friends and admirers are invited to tune in on W. S. B., Atlanta, Saturday night and hear a very entertaining program.

Monday, April 4th - Dr. E. A. Adams, Presiding Elder of the Columbia District.

Tuesday, April 5th - Dr. J. E. Beard, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. Subject, "Birth marks."

Wednesday, April 6th - Dr. H. W. Long, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church. Subject, "The preaching value of church history."

Thursday, April 7th - Dr. J. J. Miles, Presiding Elder of the King-street District.

Friday, April 8th - Dr. E. P. Ellis, Presiding Elder of the Lancaster District. Subject, "Church organization." The ministers of the city are invited to hear these with the seminary men.

The St. Stephen A. M. E. Church Sunday School is making a great success. The Rev. T. C. Mouzone preached at 11 o'clock from Deut. 6:7. Subject, "A consecrated home." He held the people still with his eloquence to the end.

The young local preacher, Rev. A. B. Petoe, preached on Sunday night at St. Stephen.

Mrs. G. W. Myles is up and we are glad to see her on the streets. Mr. Marion Burns is planning for a big picnic on Easter Monday. The boys of Hardeville and Estelle will cross bats on that day.

Morgan Lodge No. 180, K. of P. and the Court of Calanthe are expecting to have a big day at St. Stephen A. M. E. Church on the fourth Sunday. Rev. L. G. Gregg of Orangeburg, S. C., will preach that day for the occasion.

The many friends of Mrs. Lillian Baker will regret to learn of her death after a short illness. Mrs. Maggie Howard is on the sick list. The many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Last Sunday, March 6th, was our regular preaching Sunday at New Hope Church. The Sunday School was opened with a good crowd of pupils. The lesson was taught by our pastor, Rev. W. B. Washington of Marion. After the Sunday School, Rev. Washington took his text from Act. 18, from which he preached a soul stirring sermon.

We were very glad to have our visitors, the faculty of Leever Green School. After service, they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gore at dinner. After being away for some time, Rev. Bert Fleby was out with us Sunday in the Sunday School.

GREENVILLE LOCALS

Greenville, S. C., March 22 - The Lord and His word. Come unto me then Jesus said. On night last March they say he's older.

Yet to his children lives he still, And we in God's own time and will, shall find him beside his Lord, And share with him his great reward.

He'd been with us so long, 'Twas hard to give him up! How dark that cheerless night We drained the bitter cup!

The March wind seemed to blow Earth's midnight starlight dim, For he but we know 'Twas God's daybreak for him.

In memory of our dear father, Rev. J. W. Lykes, 143 Ware St., Greenville, S. C., who passed on to join our angel mother, March 23, 1926.

His children Mrs. Alice M. Simpson Mrs. Mary M. Calhoun Mrs. Annie L. Rawl Mrs. Harrie R. Fladger Miss F. L. Lykes Prof. Thos. C. Lykes Rev. B. A. Lykes

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