

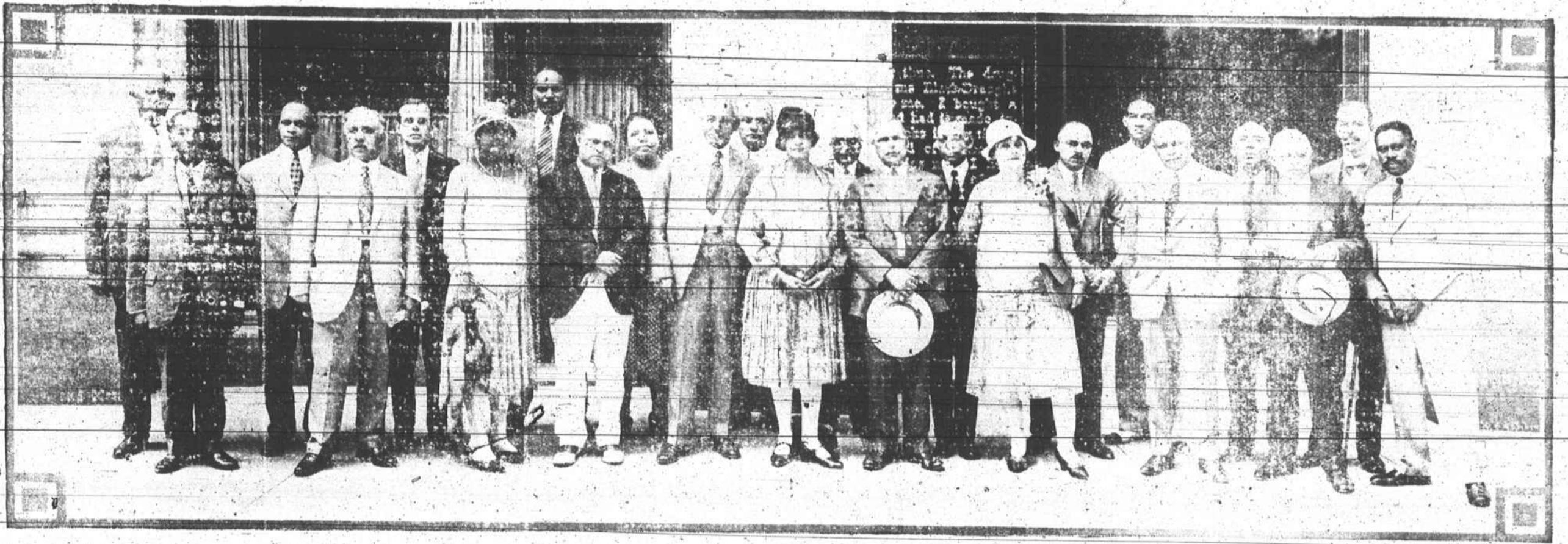
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Executive Committee of The Colored Voters Division Meets



IN WASHINGTON TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN. The members of the Executive Committee are shown above, flanked by officers and workers of the division. Reading left to right are W. T. Andrews, Baltimore; Walter A. Foster, Boston; Col. West A. Hamilton, Washington; State Senator Melbert H. Roberts, Chicago; John T. Risher, Washington; Mrs. Aldie W. H. New York; Claude A. Barnett, Chicago; Secretary Albion L. Holsey, Tuskegee; Mrs. Daisy B. Lampkin, Pittsburgh; John R. Hawkins, Washington, chairman of the Colored Voters Division; Atty. R. R. Horner, Washington; Mrs. Myrtle Foster Cook, Kansas City; Joseph Johnson, Washington; Dr. Emmet J. Scott, Washington; Robert L. Pittsburgh; Mrs. George S. Williams, Georgia; George W. Harris, New York; Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia; Clarence R. Vena, Toledo; John Campbell, Tennessee; Fred R. Motre, New York; Ernest T. Atwell, Philadelphia; Charles E. Mitchell, West Virginia.

South Carolina Colleges Prepare For Great Year

ALLEN UNIVERSITY OPENS DOORS ON THIRTEENTH

President Recruits Faculty and Re-organizes Several Departments

Vacation is soon to be over at Allen University. On the 13th of September the doors of this institution swing ajar for the teeming youth wishing to be educated. President Simas has recruited his faculty and re-organized several departments. Prospects for the largest enrollment in the Divinity School are very good. The Commercial School has been re-organized with new courses and a new corps of teachers. The Teacher Training Department has an increase in faculty and students. One teacher has been added to the Home Economics division. The College Department expects an increased enrollment of at least 25 per cent judging from the applications filed in the Registrar's office. A native Frenchman will serve as head of the Division of Romance Languages. The afternoon and evening classes will be offered for the benefit of teachers and those otherwise engaged during the regular school schedule. College credit can be earned in these classes. The Commercial and Printing departments will serve the evening classes also.

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CLAFLIN TO OPEN 60TH SESSION ON 19TH

The strong faculty will receive several recruits. The Science Department will be enlarged and strengthened. Prof. J. D. McGhee remains in charge of the department of Physics. Prof. H. L. Stevens will have charge of the Biological sciences. Prof. Ralston W. Mitchell, M. S. Cornell, will have charge of the department of Chemistry.

The laboratories will be enlarged and more fully equipped. At this point, President Randolph has concentrated his expansion effort.

The equipment and faculty for the session of 1928 will be the best Claflin has yet offered.

OVER SEVENTY INSTRUCTORS ON FACULTY OF LAND GRANT SCHOOL.

State College Plans for Splendid Year Beginning September 26th.

Orangeburg, S. C.—State College is getting ready for one of the greatest openings of its history September 26; President R. S. Wilkinson said today. The attendance last session, 1537, was the largest in the history of the college and this year a still larger increase is expected, as the present enrollment of new students is far ahead of the usual figure.

Extensive improvements have been made this summer in the buildings, including repainting of halls, heating and light, sanitation, and painting inside and out. Among improvements going on at the college during the summer, the most notable are being made at the library. This will be ready for use by the time the college opens.

Splendidly equipped dormitories will provide space for students. An elaborate library will facilitate intensive study and research. Modern laboratories with interested technicians will support scientific courses. There will be more than seventy professors, assistant professors and instructors, graduates of ranking colleges and universities, specialists in their respective fields. Adequate practice teaching facilities are provided for the prospective classroom teacher. A school physician and a registered nurse will assist in keeping students of the institution "fit."

Initiative, self-control and confidence will find expression in various assemblies and organizations, such as the College Club which functions as a student forum; fraternities and societies operating as agencies of social and scholastic uplift; debating teams, dramatic clubs and other co-curricular societies to develop specific talents and latent characteristics.

Athletics, both major and minor, including football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis, wrestling and boxing, will carry on in season in addition to the Physical Education program, thus championship teams are

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Attorneys to Push Bess Case; Must Have Funds

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR BEN BESS

Ben Bess is faced with 17 years more of a thirty-years sentence in the South Carolina penitentiary for a crime of which he is innocent, unless a successful appeal is made to the state Supreme Court. The appeal will be made by his attorneys. It will take money to make the appeal. Ben Bess has no money—for the past 13 years he has been working for the state as a prisoner. Every justice loving and fair minded person should make a contribution to a fund to aid in the fight for fairness to Ben Bess. He is a victim, not a criminal. It is Ben Bess today: who might it be tomorrow?

Send your contribution at once to me.

We have associated with us in Ben Bess' defense, one of the ablest and courageous attorneys (white) in the state, Mr. A. L. King.

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National Baptists Invade Shreveport

Shreveport, La., Coliseum Fair Grounds, Sept. 5, 1928.—Ministers and laymen, men and women from 48 states and State Conventions took part in the opening of the 49th annual session of the National Baptist Convention of America, which convened in this city today. These messengers represent a constituency of three and one-half million Negro Baptists. The parent body and the Woman's Auxiliary make up the Convention proper. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," sung by a chorus, made up of hundreds of voices from the fifty odd Baptist churches of Greater Shreveport, added religious fervor to the stage that had been so beautifully set for this religious gathering. The Convention will carry on for five days, during which time every phase of denominational work will be reported through the several Boards to whom has been committed the work of the Convention inter-m. A very elaborate program arranged by the Executive Committee had set forth the work of this, the

largest distinctively denominational gatherings of this racial group in the world. The city of Shreveport is in gala attire, but it doesn't savour of the spectacular. To the contrary it borders on and represents the religious side of the Negro life of America. Thousands have already arrived and taken part in the opening session. The "Larger Christ" is the outstanding theme of every session, as provided in the program. The extension of the Kingdom is the main object, the principles of the Lowly Nazarene will be exemplified throughout the week, while missions, home and foreign, and religious education will be stressed by every speaker and on each and every occasion. There will be sandwiched interpretations of songs calculated to stimulate worship. This idea made an indelible impression during the morning's service when the combined conventions made up of representatives from the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary of the

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Hoover's Election A Certainty

ATTORNEY ANDREWS PREDICTS REPUBLICAN TRIUMPH

Durham, N. C., Sept. 7.—In a statement released here, R. M. Andrews, local attorney and member of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and other financial institutions aggregating a capital of several millions of dollars, has predicted that the Republican ticket would be victorious in the November election due largely to the wisdom of the Republican Party in selecting such a standard bearer as Herbert Hoover.

"A national party," said Attorney Andrews, after analyzing the courageous address made by Mr. Hoover in accepting the nomination, "which has for its standard bearer a man of the superb qualities of Herbert Hoover, whose sweep of intellect is so inspiring, whose sympathies extend beyond all sectional, national and racial lines, whose experiences in world projects have been so completely a triumph in internationalism, whose patriotism is so clearly revealed by every act and deed which he has performed; such a party is indeed a party of prominence and such a candidate coming out of the heart and mind of the people, is bound to make a triumphant procession into the White House that shelters America's greatest spirit. It takes no prophet to predict that Herbert Hoover will epitomize the American imagination and will capture the heart of America."

EDITOR OF ST. LOUIS WEEKLY PRAISES HOOVER.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7.—J. E. Washburn, editor of the St. Louis Argus, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League, has declared editorially that Mr. Hoover's acceptance speech is a statement on equality of opportunity.

Continuing, the editor explained: "If Mr. Hoover believes in the standard, it should be elected president of the United States, then we say that he is the right man for the place. As to whether he is sincere in his statements along this line, his record will attest."

BENEDICT COLLEGE TO HAVE LARGER ENROLLMENT

From the applications received, we shall have an even larger attendance hereafter, especially in the higher classes.

The girls' dormitory buildings have been thoroughly renovated and new laboratories installed on each floor. The President's new house, donated by his family, is completed.

quarters used by his family are available for teachers; thus relieving the shortage of accommodations for members of the faculty. This house conforms in location and construction with the plan of the buildings for the development of the college as drawn up by the architects of the Home Mission Society—Messrs. Merrill and Jackson. The building is constructed of concrete, tile and brick, with slate roof.

One fine Science Hall and excellent teachers in science have made courses in science so popular that we have had to add to the equipment as it was. Over two thousand \$2,000 dollars worth of supplies and movable equipment have been purchased.

But perhaps the most marked advance is a larger faculty. We have secured three new men, each with the degree of M. A. to teach in the education department so that we shall have eight heads of departments with Master's or Doctor's degree, as well as others with the Bachelor degree, who will give their entire time to college work only. All the old teachers, with the exception, will return and there will be five new teachers.

We are also adding several hundred books to the over 8,000 volumes already in our library.

So we are well above the requirements for Class "A" colleges. In fact last year, the North Carolina Board of Education, after careful investigation of our college work, granted our graduates of this year Class "A" certificates.

City students are already enrolling and others will enroll Monday and Tuesday.