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## Scottish Rite Officials Here

### Guests of C. C. Johnson Consistory Give Degrees

"This tour of the Southern jurisdiction extending from Maryland to California by a devious route, involving stops in more than thirty cities is primarily in the interest of Scottish Rite Masonry, however I say, primarily advisedly, for in reality it is an extensive good will campaign designed to contribute to inter-racial good will," said Willard W. Allen, of Baltimore, Md., illustrious Sov. Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Masons, Prince Hall Masonry among Negroes, as distinguished from the similar and larger organizations of white Masons of the United States, in an interview here today.

Mr. Allen heads a party of Supreme Council officials that includes Joseph P. Evans, Grand Treasurer General, H. E. Geo. T. Duppin, Grand Ministers of State, both of Maryland, and Cicero A. Lee, assistant Grand Recorder General H. E. of Washington, D. C. The party arrived in the city and while here were the guests of C. C. Johnson Consistory, whose illustrious Commander is W. N. Rosborough.

Continuing his explanation of purpose, Mr. Allen said that "Since Masonry, disregarding races or groups, include about four million of the best people of the country and since three hundred thousand Negroes are Masons; and in view of the centuries of Masonic history for constructive service to humanity, one can readily receive the tremendous instrumentality represented for meeting the problems involved in reconciling and adjusting race differences.

America must take care of its population, including the Negro, either by providing opportunity for self support and maintaining sources of education to that end; or by spending vastly more money and energy to erect and sustain poor houses, penal institutions and charitable organizations. The growing needs of the Negro for services and commodities representative of the higher standards of living as a race more nearly approaches the general American living standard, calls for the development of the business side to race life. Our order is encouraging and fostering this. We are co-operating with the United States department of Commerce in its effort to distribute knowledge of better business practices, more efficiency and great dependability to Negroes as it serves others in business so that our merchants may make themselves more useful; and make their race a greater asset to their different communities. The Negro is the reserved force of the South. There is where he will prove himself. "If we can hook up Negro labor and industry to the nations productive machinery so as to utilize all of the potent power white America will enjoy a profit from Negro markets, rather than to have anxieties about race relations; and Masonry will have again served the world in accordance with its traditions."

Mr. Allen is Grand Master of Symbolic Masons in the State of Maryland. In addition to his fraternal activities, he is the only Colored member of the Baltimore zoning commission and of the Maryland labor commission. In private life he is a Real Estate operator and the President of the Life Insurance Co.

The other members of the party are equally common in commercial, civic and inter-racial affairs. Their trip was laid out in detail by passenger officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the Southern railroad. Complete transportations were made for the itinerary involving over a dozen different railroads.

One member of the party, James A. Jackson, who because of his official duties could not make the entire tour, contributed much to the whole project out of his thirty years of travel experience. Mr. Jackson is a business specialist in charge of the small business unit, domestic commerce division United States Department of Commerce at Washington; and is Grand Historian of the Supreme Council. He is credited with being one of America's most widely known Negroes and is proud of an acquaintance-ship in more than seven hundred cities and towns. Many recognize him more readily as "Billboard" Jackson, a prolific newspaper and magazine writer, a one time trade journal editor and former Military Intelligence officer, but now an administrative official in the Government service where those interested in business may communicate inquiries to him at the Department of Commerce in Washington.

C. C. Johnson Consistory was instituted by the Sov. Grand Commander and his staff of officers, viz: Willard W. Allen, 33 degree; Jos. P. Evans, 33 degree, Treas. General of the United Supreme Council of the 33rd de-

## N. A. A. C. P. REPORTS 12 LYNCHINGS

Florida Leads With 4 Mob Murders New York, Jan.—Twelve known lynchings in the United States during 1929, as against 11 during the year 1928, are reported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue.

Florida leads the list of lynchings with four mob murders. Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas have two each, and Kentucky and Tennessee have one each against them.

Of the twelve persons lynched, four were white, and of these one was a woman, Ella May Wiggins, textile worker of Gastonia, North Carolina.

Among the occasions cited as bringing about the lynchings were: A dispute over the price of blackberries; altercation about work followed by stabbing; associating with white woman; and writing to white woman.

The list of lynchings as prepared by the N. A. A. C. P. is as follows:

Buster Allen, February 20, Brooksville, Fla.; Steve Jenkins, May 11, Macon, Miss.; N. G. Romey, (white) May 17, Lake City, Fla.; Joe Boxley, May 29, Alamo, Tenn.; Jim Mobley, June 1, Jasper, Fla.; Willie McDaniel, June 30, Charlotte, N. C.; Mose Taylor, July 5, Georgetown, Miss.; Cleveland Williams, Sept. 1, Calvert, Tex.; Ella May Wiggins, (white) Sept. 14, Gastonia, N. C.; Will Larkins, Nov. 9, Quincy, Fla.; Marshall Rattliff, (white) Nov. 19, Eastland, Texas; Chester Fugate (white) Dec. 25, Jackson, Ky.

### SUNTER NEWS

#### Union Station A. M. E. Church

We are extending to you an invitation to the little church by the side of the road that is a friend to man. Preaching services at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Wm. Lewis Superintendent. We do not hesitate to say our Sunday School is one of the best and most interesting Sunday Schools of the "Game Cock" City. Our pastor recently added to our Sunday School another class known as the young men's Bible class. He has started with a small number and the prospect is bright for more to enter. We are using the training for service as our motto.

Our A. C. E. League is doing a great work. We are thankful to God we are able to report victory in our work so far. Truly, we can say with David, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." On Sunday evening at 6:30 there was a crowded house to witness the program of the A. C. E. League. Professor White, one of the teachers of the Lincoln Hi School delivered an address on the subject: "Why Should We Pray for Others?" Responded to by the president. We also received a few inspiring remarks from Professor E. D. Jones who is a great speaker and Sunday School worker. Our motto: It can be done, and we can do it. We are anxious for you to see and hear our quartet and junior choir. Our League members have united and each has said our League must grow and grow and grow and I must help to make it so.

Our P. E., Rev. Spears will be with us Sunday night and we are predicting a grand time.

#### Announcement

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of Union Station League who saw fit to elect me as president of the A. C. E. League.

Edna Sharpe

gree of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction; Cicero A. Lee, 33 degree, Asst. Sec. General and Geo. T. Duppin, 33 degree, Grand Master of Ceremony. Officers Wyatt N. Rosborough, C. C.; N. E. Lewis, 1st. Lieut.; T. L. Duckett, 2nd. Lieut.; J. E. Dickson, Treas.; R. F. Gist, K of S and A.

Those taking the 32nd degree are as follows: Robert Francis Gist, C. A. Lawson, T. L. Duckett, S. J. Poinsette, J. O. Singleton, Lewis Smith, Nathaniel J. Frederick, D. S. Green, W. N. Rosborough, N. E. Lewis, S. S. Youngblood, J. B. Lewie, J. E. Dickson, James Robinson, Charles H. Dannelly.

A banquet was served by the Reception Committee which was enjoyed by all.

## New Year Resolutions Of Distinguished Afro-Americans

Dr. John R. Hawkins—"I shall devote the new year to explaining why I delivered the Negro vote to Herbert Hoover."

Walter White—"I am going to abolish segregation in Harlem."

Hon. William H. Lewis—"The reasons for my shift to the Grand Old Party will yet be made plain."

Neval Thomas (from his sick bed) "Tell the boys that rights means fights."

Goose Neck Bill—"When I consider the Texas lily whites and Hoovercrats, I reckon General Sheridan was right."

Mrs. Mary C. Boozé—"Behold how still a national committee woman can be, with the assistance of her husband."

Prof. Charles S. Johnson—"I will teach the Liberians a new definition of slavery."

Bishop John Hurst—"I was born in Haiti."

Bob Church—"I am trying to keep the peace with Horace Mann, in Tennessee dialect."

Mary Church Terrell—"I am going to land the first goodness to gracious woman senator."

Bishop Carey—"Ferdinand Q. Morton is certainly a model civil service commissioner."

Emmett J. Scott—"They shall not send me out of the country."

Oscar De Priest—"I am going to stay put."

Roscoe Conkling Simmons counters—"Not if I can help it."

Dr. A. Clayton Powell—"I will clean up the Negro pulpit." Go to it old boy.

Dr. Channing H. Tolias—"I shall strive to keep the 'C' in Y. M. C. A."

Dr. R. R. Moton—"I shall learn more about 'What the White Man Thinks.'"

Robert Sinstack Abbott—"I am going to abolish race prejudice, even from Chicago to London."

Dr. R. S. Williams—"I made two-thirds of the Negroes into Baptists, now I must make Baptists into Christians."

Robert Vann—"The Attorney General must be convinced that Perry Howard should have a successor."

Hallie Q. Brown—"I will reveal my recipe for perpetual youth." (shades of Madam Walker.)

Carl Murphy—(Speaking of the Defender and Courier) "They shall not pass."

Roscoe Conkling Bruce—"In my father's (Rockefeller's) house there, are many mansions. Lo I have told you."

Arthur Free—"I am determined to hold out and hold on."

Perry Howard—"Still singing in the rain."

### NEGRO SHOULD HAVE 50 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SAYS PICKENS

New York, Jan.—Speaking over the radio from Station W. E. V. D. on New Year's Day, William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People declared his conviction that the Negro ought to have at least 50 seats in the Senate and House of Representatives combined.

In his address Mr. Pickens summarized the gains made by Negroes in the United States during the year and pointed out the handicaps they were still struggling against, including the segregation movement, lynching and economic discrimination.

### TO VISIT SEVERAL COUNTIES TELL OF HUMANE SOCIETY

Seymour Carroll, Field Secretary of the American Humane Education Society of Columbia and Boston will make a tour of the schools of Berkeley County in the lower part of this state in company with Mrs. Flora L. Nesmith, supervisor of county schools. At Chester his engagements for another humane educational campaign are in the hands of the Rev. William L. Baxter, supervisor of the schools of Chester County. The last of the month Mr. Carroll is to speak at the Vocational Farmers Conference of Georgia at the Georgia State College at Savannah, Ga., the invitation coming through Dr. Benj. F. Hubert, of Savannah, the president.

George Schuyler—"I will tell the naked truth."

Mrs. George S. Williams—"I am national committee woman, though Ben Davis is ignorant of it and Horace Mann acknowledge it not."

Judge James A. Cobb—"All true Hoover Republicans will receive their just deserts in due time, if they faint not."

Monroe Trotter—"Behold, a voice crying in the wilderness—prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his path straight."

Dr. James E. Sheperd—"Smoke out the facts."

Dr. Carter G. Woodson—"I am the recording angel."

Nannie Burroughs—"Better fall back on the Bible, Broom and Bath."

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois (His only joke) "I say to every serious minded young woman—"Cry, Sis" (Crisis).

William Pickens—"I have sworn off from all of my old jokes, and pray forgiveness."

James Weldon Johnson—"I shall return from my year's leave with a new set of God's Trombones."

Finley Wilson—"My successor has not yet been born." Page Kasper Halstein.

A. J. Rogers—"We know that: we shall be like him (the white man)"

Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr.—"The A. M. E. Church needs a model Bishop."

Dr. Charles H. Wesley—"Hear! Hear!"

Ben Davis—"Though the ship be wrecked, I am clinging to a plank"

Walter Cohen—"Me too."

William H. H. Hart—"Remember Maryland Jim-Crow Car Victory."

Hubert T. Delaney—"I have just begun to fight."

Mordecai Johnson—"Behold I show you something new—the social gospel."

Charles W. Chestnut—"Remember me sitting in the shadow of 'The House Behind the Cedars.'"

Roland Hayes—"I will say it with song."

John P. Green—"I am reading Greek at eighty-six."

Harry Smith—"I have been young and now I am old, yet have I never seen the Cleveland Gazette forsaken nor its editor begging bread."

The theatrical fraternity—"Pep it up a bit."

Hon. Charles W. Anderson—"Believe it or not, I am Collector of Internal Revenue."

Kelly Miller—"Ring out the old, ring in the new; ring out the false, ring in the true."

R. R. Wright, Sr.—"I have tried education, politics, business, and even dabbled in religion, but the greatest of these is business.—Kelly Miller."

### HELENA NEWS

Sunday School opened at 10:30 with Superintendent J. S. Sanders. 6:30 p. m., A. C. E. League met with President, Mr. Jessie Marshall.

7:30 p. m., Rev. R. A. Young preached one of his burning sermons. Did not our hearts burn while the man of God talked by the way. Mrs. Cornelia Marshall, Mrs. R. A. Young left last week for Spartanburg.

Mrs. R. A. Young gave some timely remarks to the A. C. E. League. Miss Edith Clark plays for the League.

Some of the good members marched into the home Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Young Saturday night and began singing "There Is A Stranger At The Door." Rev. and Mrs. Young almost ran out of their own home, but when they marched into the dining room the table was laden with all kinds of good things to eat. Rev. and Mrs. Young thanked the good people so much. They were as follows: Mesdames Ellen B. Boyd, Carrie Metz, Johnnie Gary, Georgia Clark, Lillie Wright, Allie Wright, Misses Emma L. Gary, Marie Gary, Carrie L. Gary, Messrs. C. L. Lindsay, W. E. Williams, J. S. Gary, John Wright, C. P. Pitts, M. J. Jackson, W. Boyd, L. Boyd, J. B. Boyd, J. W. Marshall.

### STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION PURCHASES MOVING PICTURE OUTFIT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

South Carolina once contained millions of acres of the finest timber that nature ever produced. Of the State's nineteen and one-half million acres of land at least nineteen million acres were covered with a large variety of trees. As the State developed agriculturally the timber was cut and much of it wasted until today there is less than one-half million acres of old growth timber left.

No crime was committed in utilizing the State's timber. It grew for the benefit of humanity, but, unfortunately, millions of acres have been cut over with no thought of a future timber supply. Here is where we have permitted a serious error to gradually, but surely grow to large proportions. Today there are approximately five and one-half million acres that are being used profitably for agricultural crops. At least two and one-half million more are being farmed at a loss. On the remainder eleven million acres, some form of tree growth exists, but millions of acres are not growing enough wood to pay the taxes when the land is capable of producing from two to four dollars worth of wood every year.

The State Forestry Commission was created by Act of Legislature in 1927, and a Department of Forestry was organized during the latter part of 1928, with \$4,000.00 to carry on the work. During 1929 this amount was slightly increased and it is hoped that the Legislature, convening on January 14, can see its way clear to again appropriate enough money to intelligently and economically carry on the work.

About this the Commission has no fear. The moving picture outfit consists of a one and one-half ton truck equipped with a generator for making electricity that will operate the motion picture machine in the wooded sections of the State. The pictures may be shown wherever an audience can be secured; but the plan is to get the people who actually live in the woods to realize what forest fires mean to the State and to their livelihood.

Painted on the sides of the truck are the words: Prevent Woods Fires. Grow Trees—Increase the Game Supply—Plant Trees on Idle Acres—Idle Acres Pay No Taxes—Growing Forests Insure Taxes—Increase Recreation—Provide Employment—Enrich the Soil—Forest Fires Kill Baby Trees—Injure Old Growth—Decrease Fertility—Destroy Game.

The State Forestry Commission will greatly appreciate your valued assistance in making South Carolina one of the best timber producing states in the Union. It can be done with your help.

### GEORGETOWN

#### The Matrons Club

The Matrons Club of Georgetown celebrated their second anniversary in a brilliant affair. At the close of a bright and happy New Year day, the matrons and their guests gathered at the spacious home of Prof. and Mrs. George W. Howard to enjoy the hospitality of the danisels.

The lower floor was thrown in suite and the beautiful Christmas decorations glimmering in the soft lights made a lovely scene for the matrons and maids who were charming in their mid-winter costumes while the men were formally attired. Several humorous games were played by the entire group. There were eight tables of players who vied with each other for prizes. Mrs. Florence Dunmore was victor for club prize and received silk hose. Ladies' guest prize, blonde silk hose went to Miss Jennie Atkinson. The gents high score was graciously received by Prof. L. Buckner, while the low score gifts fell to Miss R. Blassengale and Mr. M. G. Atkinson. The Club's special high score trophy for the past three months was awarded Mrs. Leola Atkinson. At the close of the games Anniversary Punch, "Matron Sandwiches and candy were served in an aristocratic way.

Mrs. E. R. Howard, the president, assisted by the members, Mesdames E. L. Fraser, F. S. Dunmore, O. Clarke, Ella Sands, L. Atkinson, E. Beck, G. Teele and C. Alston, all social favorites were the recipients of many congratulations for having given one of the smartest affairs of the New Year

### Harmon Award to Insurance Magnet

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Truman K. Gibson, chairman of the Board of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of this city, has been awarded the Harmon Foundation Gold Medal for 1929 with an honorarium of \$400. These awards were first offered in 1926, organized by the late William E. Harmon, for the purpose of giving additional stimulus for creative work to members of the Negro group thru recognition of achievement of national significance, not only to give personal recognition to such work but to open wider fields of opportunity. The awards are an insensia of hon-



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or conferred upon men and women whose creative efforts have contributed to or may become a helpful factor.

The honor was given to Mr. Gibson because of the most outstanding creative achievements in the field of business and industry among Negroes during 1929. At the time of the consolidation of Liberty Life Insurance Company of Illinois, Supreme Life and Casualty Company of Columbus, Ohio, and Northeastern Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Gibson was President of the Supreme Life and Casualty Company, which he had organized in 1921 he was responsible for initiating the conference and proposing the idea which led to the consolidation of the three companies into the present organization known as the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company with a capital of \$100,000 and approximately 20 million of life insurance in force. It is understood that the award was made to Mr. Gibson not alone because of the material accomplishment of the consolidation itself, but constituting as it does the first consolidation of several representative business institutions, it has served to establish a precedent for other Negro business organizations. Further, that the consolidation marked an epoch in the business life of Negroes and points the way to combinations of still greater financial strength.

Mr. Gibson is a graduate of Harvard University; and prior to his organization of Supreme Life and Casualty Company he had acquired wide experience in the field of insurance through the building up of a small southern insurance company into an organization of substantial importance. Upon the consolidation of the three companies and his selection as Chairman of the Board he moved to Chicago, where he maintains his residence.

### DIES AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY OF LIFE.

Rocky Mount, N. C. (CNS)—Nash county's oldest inhabitant died after more than a century of life. Mrs. Melady Bullock was one of the best known colored women in north central North Carolina and lived on a farm not far from the town of Nashville about 40 miles northeast of Raleigh. She reared a large family and is survived by several children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She died Christmas day and was buried on the farm where she had resided for almost a half a century.