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Congressman DePriest To Speak In Columbia

GREAT CROWDS HEAR MINISTER

Rev. Walter J. Davis Heard by Great Many Here

Big Zion Baptist Church could hold no more Wednesday night long before the Rev. Walter J. Davis, distinguished minister and Western evangelist entered the church. From the large crowd it seems like old time at Zion, when J. C. White first came to Columbia. Dr. Davis opened his service with a lecture pointing to many things that are true to the people of the underworld, and striking a home run when he chimed his lecture with an appeal for a one hundred support for the colored citizens in this community in business. Many in his audience were some of the leading business men and women in the city, while others who filled the big main auditorium of the church were people in every walk of life.

From the start to the end the distinguished speaker and minister held the attention of his hearers. It was to have been his farewell message to the other churches in the city, the Reverend Davis has promised to return to Columbia when he can find the time to do so.

The subject of his message for Wednesday shook the city when it was announced Sunday morning at several of the churches in the city. Ministers from several of the churches dotted his audience at many places, while about him sat a score of leading ministers. Walking to the left of the desk, the speaker stated among other things: "To-night I am going to use as my subject, 'He shook that thing, and he doesn't get tired shaking that thing.' But the audience was greatly relieved when the minister, followed his subject up with an appeal that that thing was he referred to was the church of the living God, found in Act.

Other subjects used by the minister since he has been in Columbia were: "The Eagle Etherneth her nest" and a lecture to women only, on "Roses and Thorns", with many others.

Given to the Poor
Last week the Rev. Davis held a service at the Union Baptist church of which the Rev. Thomas M. Boykin, is the pastor. At this meeting he stated that before leaving the city he would give a dinner to the old people of the city who attend his services. Friday evening his dinner was given in the basement of Zion church when he preached to them, and sat down to dinner with them. A large committee from several of the city churches was named by Pastor J. P. Reeder of Zion church that served the feast Friday afternoon. Part of the funds given to him for his services here, were used to feed the poor. "It is a part of my program where ever I go to give a dinner at the end of my meetings to the old folks of the city," announced Dr. Davis Wednesday evening as he stated that his services Thursday night would be given over to raise money for the dinner. He also offered to give one dollar for every dollar that the church gives in the collection Thursday night.

Dr. Davis, National Leader
Walter James Davis of Little Rock Ark., was born in South Carolina. He is known the country over as the "South's Greatest Evangelist" and minister. He came to Columbia ten days ago from Ohio to conduct a meeting for Dr. Boykin and Dr. Reeder in this city. The minister is expected to remain in the state several weeks, conducting meetings before he reaches his western home in mid-spring for a month's rest at his country estate near Little Rock. When asked by a reporter for his engagements for the next several days, he stated that he had no comments to state as to the future, but it is reported that Dr. Davis' services have been secured for several meetings for the last of the month and February in some of the Pee Dee cities of the State.

In the city the Rev. Mr. Davis has been the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Hollman at Pine and Pendleton Streets. Hundreds have called to meet him for spiritual advice.

LATTA NEWS

Mrs. Magdalene Scott was called to New York on account of a sick sister, Mrs. Charity M. Woodbury. Therefore you have a new visitor for this week.

Dr. A. J. Spears, presiding elder of the Sumter District, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Spears, Miss Osburn Sanders and Mrs. Lula Gayle of Sumter, were welcome visitors of Rev. S. W. Fordham, of Latta last Friday. Dr. Spears is South Carolina's popular candidate for the secretary of the Allen Christian Endeavor League. He is a strong man and well fitted for the position. It is believed that he

Prominent Citizen of Orangeburg Passes

Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 7th.—Mrs. Georgianna Dantzier, the wife of the late Mr. Alexander D. Dantzier, passed to the Bright Beyond, January 4, 1932, at 2:50 A. M., at her home. She was loved by all in her home and community. Her children can never pay her for the loving care and service she has given them and the community. Her children were very faithful to her in her last hours.

Mrs. Dantzier was funeralized Jan. 6, 1932 at Jerusalem M. E. Church, where she served as a faithful member for many years. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery. Funeral program:—1. A talk by Mr. Henry Straman; Rev. Henry Haines spoke on her life; 2. Song "My Lord Getting us Ready for that Great Day"; 3. Remarks by Rev. J. P. Page, D. S.; 4. by a Land we never grow old; 5. Song, led by Rev. S. A. Funches. Since Jesus came into my heart; 6. Sermon by her pastor, Rev. J. B. Taylor; subject, "When they came to the river they couldn't drink of its water, for it was bitter." Her favorite songs:—"Since Jesus Came into my Heart," "My Lord Getting us Ready for that Great Day." She was the mother of four children, thirty-two grand-children, four great-grand children. The girls Mrs. R. A. Stokes, Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Sarah Funches, Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. Henrietta Mitchell, Orangeburg, deceased; Mrs. Jamie White, deceased, Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Georgianna Walker, Newark, N. J., deceased. The boys: Dr. L. M. Dantzier, Florence; Prof. N. P. Dantzier, Orangeburg, S. C. The visitors that attended the funeral were: Rev. H. Haynes, Rev. S. M. McCollum, Rev. S. A. Funches, Rev. J. P. Page; Who was more precious than gold. More loving, soothing, pious—Than the wind that blows; More giving, not receiving, not giving than the loving Angels above.

Why grandmother dear, that was you. What was more pleasing granny dear Than to travel those familiar lanes That led to your loving home of cheer And see you standing in the door, To greet us with smiles sincere. Grandmother dear, we all miss your tender care. And those unlimited hours. We spent with you dear, In the home of cheer. Our Heavenly Father came and took the one we love.

Composed by her grand-children, Jan. 6, 1932.

Columbia Dist. Outlines Progressive Program And Itinerary.

The Sub-Committee met at the Presiding Elder's home one afternoon last week and made a program for an evangelistic and educational campaign of the District.

Dr. J. C. McClellan, the P. E. concurred in the views and program of the Committee. The Committee advised that each minister of the district canvass his congregation and have as many present at these meetings as possible and ask each to contribute one dollar. Every minister will give one dollar and all that is raised at that meeting will be left at the church.

GROUP I
Meetings will be held at:
Bethel Station, January 24th, Sunday 3:00 P. M.
Newbrookland Circuit, February 21st, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.
Lexington Circuit, February 14th, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.
Saluda Circuit, March 20th, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.
Edgefield Circuit, March 23rd, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Irmo Circuit, April 11th, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Leesville Station, March 9th, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Broad River Circuit, April 6th, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Jones Chapel Mission, to be provided for.

GROUP II
St. James Station, February 28th, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.
Chappelle Station, January 31st, 3:00 P. M.
Emanuel Station, March 6th, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.
Brown Chapel Station, Sunday, March 13th, 3:00 P. M.
Dutch Fork and Stover Circuit, March 2nd, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Pine Grove Circuit, March 16th, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.
Salters Memorial February 12th, Friday night, 8:00 P. M.
Thomas Chapel and Corley Mission to be provided for.

Committee:
Drs. D. H. Sims, R. S. Lawrence, L. A. Logan, W. G. Owens, I. O. Simmons, H. J. Bryant.

LOCAL B. C. CLUB PLAN FOR LARGE ATTENDANCE.

First Appearance In Columbia, Thursday night, Jan. 21.

Congressman Oscar DePriest of Chicago has accepted an invitation of the Columbia B. C. Club to speak at Zion Baptist Church, Thursday evening, January 21. Special plans are underway to accommodate the large crowds that are expected to hear this great champion of political suffrage for Negroes.

Dr. N. A. Jenkins, who heads the local club that is sponsoring the first appearance of Congressman DePriest in Columbia announced that definite word had come from Chicago that date of January 21 had been accepted. At a recent meeting when general officers of the B. C. Club were elected a committee was appointed to give publicity to the event and plans for accommodation of the crowd expected were discussed.

Congressman DePriest service to his constituent and to the Negro are well known by all readers of current periodicals. He has championed the cause of the Negro by word and deed in almost every state in the Union and is now coming to South Carolina to fulfill his second

speaking engagement. Last year the people of Charleston turned out in large numbers to hear this convincing orator. His reception in Charleston was heralded throughout the state and nation. Columbia is expected to go one better by filling the seats at Zion Baptist Church on January 21 when Mr. DePriest will have much to say out of his experiences.

Mr. DePriest's popularity as a national leader was evidenced recently by the large attendance of Negro leaders that answered his call for a non-partisan conference at Washington. More than four hundred leaders in civic, educational, religious and political life from every section of the United States attended the conference where they approved many constructive measures and resolutions respecting the future political affiliation of the Negro.

Columbia leaders may expect to hear echoes from this conference in the address which Congressman DePriest will deliver here next Thursday night.

African Methodists of South Carolina Please Take Notice

1. All pastors and congregations are requested to celebrate Allen's birthday, Sunday, February 14th, with an appropriate program and a collection to be used for needy churches.

2. All ministers and lay delegates to the ensuing General Conference are hereby called to meet in Bethel A. M. E. Church, Columbia, S. C., at ten o'clock A. M. on Thursday, February 18th to organize and to transact such other business as may properly come before them.

3. Residing Elders' Council shall be held at same time and place.

4. In the past you have rallied feebly to help save our Book Concern in Philadelphia. Now I call upon you to rally to help save Bethel Church, Columbia, which is in serious financial peril. Not less than one hundred dollars is requested from each Presiding Elder's district. This can be done without strain or local embarrassment, if Allen's Day is properly observed.

Faithfully yours,
REVERDY C. RANSOM, Bishop.

2323 Taylor Street,
Columbia, South Carolina.

B. T. W. Theatre Guild CHERAW NEWS To Present "The Charm School"

Sunday of the past week being a very beautiful day all the churches in the community were largely attended. At Wesley M. E. Church, in the presence of a large audience assembled and were edified by an eloquent, short sermon by the Pastor Rev. S. M. Miller. It is very pleasing to note that the church's collection is steadily on the increase. This is due much to the attendance at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. At which time the pastor sees in the habit of delivering very interesting discourses. The church extends a hearty welcome to all strangers and friends of the community.

Attention is called to the Adult Night School opening at the Robert Small graded school by Mrs. M. B. Roberts who is in charge. Enrollment has already begun. Those interested will benefit greatly by this chance.

Great is the preparation and what a fine day is in store for every member of the church on the fifth Sunday of his month, Jan. 31. An entire Woman's Day at Wesley. The entire proceeds of the day will be applied to the general carpet fund of the church.

A very interesting meeting of the ministers of the community was held at the residence of Dr. G. W. Long, Second Street last Thursday evening. "Look out Mr. Devil."

Don't forget your subscriptions to this paper this week.

The Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Long last week. The Society for the past year has done remarkable work. It is a very cooperative group.

A very lovely party was held at the home of Mrs. M. C. Cotten, Wednesday afternoon, December 27 at 4 P. M. for her grand-daughter Thelma Cefestine. The evening was spent very joyously with appropriate music and games. A very delicious course of refreshments was served. Fifteen of her intimate friends were the invited guests.

Marriage Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Epps, Jr., announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha Ethel Sanders to Prof. Peter C. Lane, January 2, 1932, Washington, D. C.

Red Letter Day Observed by Young Negroes Co-operative League.

Red Letter Day was joyously celebrated by the local chapter of the Young Negroes Co-operative League of America on the Saturday afternoon of Jan. 16, at Allen University. Many who had previously heard of the League and its program took a tangible interest in the League and also how such principles could be applied to Negro business and the advantages of such a plan.

The address given was intended to interest the presentation of the subject by Mr. Alan Ross, educational director of the League, Rev. J. E. Briggs, the principal pastor, and Prof. H. W. Baumgardner, member of board of directors.

Mr. Keese told of the objectives of the Young Negroes' Co-operative League and the history and progress of the local movement. He also told the qualifications for membership.

Prof. Baumgardner, after the main address made a special appeal for support of the local organization on the part of the citizens of Columbia. Prof. Baumgardner presented and expounded extracts from Mr. Seney's "Appeal to Young Negroes," in which the plight of Negro, economically, is direfully and truthfully depicted.

There are more than a million Negroes in this country unemployed, we have little or no power, we are unable to employ, or to give substantial relief.

In a storm or hurricane the man farthest behind is hardest hit. Dr. Kelly Miller says, "The bottom layer is always pressed down by the weight superimposed upon it. In economic depression and industrial panics the Negro is the bottom layer, the man farthest behind. The black man is the last hired and the first fired."

At first the Irish worked on the railroad as section-hands; they quit the section gangs and went into politics. Then came the Italians who served their apprenticeship and quit working as section-hands and went into the fruit business. After the Italians came the Mexicans who worked awhile on the railroad; they quit and went into the berry business. At last the Negro became the section-hand laying tracks on a putting down tires. We have not left that kind of work to do anything but go straight back to it.

Does the Negro deserve any better treatment than he is now receiving? Will he get any more consideration in the future than he is getting in the present and his position in the past? I answer both queries in the negative. The future of the Negro is black; it is most anything but promising. If the black individual does not hurry and wake up and rally to save his economic and industrial future, and create some what-to-lay jobs for himself and his children, he is doomed and damned.

It is no time to weep and wail, no time to pray and only pray. It is time, the hour has struck, the night is past, the day is at hand when we should dare, do, and die, if necessary, trying to do something to do something tangible and fruitful to help ourselves. Even God help those who help themselves.

It is better to fail in trying than to idly dream and sigh. It is better to make the effort to get up.

It is being repeatedly said that the two Negroes who are stumbling blocks in the path of the race's progress are the slum Negro and the Negro at the top, the educated and the privileged Negro. The Negro lacks race-pride and race loyalty. If this statement is true it is most unfortunate condition. The educated Negro, the raised Negro, is not supported, generally speaking, the Negro who is in business must only as he is forced to do so.

Let the black man first seek the kingdom of economic and industrial stability and power and prestige and all other things shall be added unto him. The speaker believes that the Negro with the economic ballot in his hands can wrought.

We are face to face with a condition, not a theory. Industrially and economically the Negro is the man farthest down in the U. S. Our status in these fields is that of a serf, a slave. The black man's contribution to business and industry is zero. The Negro in America is absolutely helpless and near hopeless, speaking in

Co-operative League.

depend upon others for his food, clothing, shelter and fuel? What would happen to Columbia or to the United States if the Negro for any reason left? How much handicapped would this country be if every Negro migrated within the next 27 hours? It is doubtful whether a wheel of industry would stop turning or that a large business concern would have to close its doors.

The glowing dean, Dr. Gordon Hancock, Dr. Kelly Miller and Dr. C. W. Woodson say that the future of the Negro is dark and unpromising. These conditions are not pessimistic or absurd; they are very likely so. They were a time in the Southland when certain jobs were called Negro jobs. Many of us thought that these jobs would be ours for ever. But those jobs are no more. Other people would not for any financial consideration work at a job which Negroes formerly did. That is not any longer true. Is there any kind of job anywhere which a Negro could hold and any other man could not do?

This Afro-American of January 2, 1932, carried this significant article:—"Some Philadelphia Chain Groceries sell inferior goods!" The informant said that their stores are located in Negro neighborhoods and sell inferior, second quality goods, dirty rat-infested rice, yellow cabbage, sprouting onions, old potatoes and store-bought musty shelf goods. These stores frequently give its Negro customer short weight and Negroes seldom get the advantage of special cut rates in prices.

The past summer a special survey was made to ascertain what percentage of Negroes in Philadelphia was employed by other people and what percentage was employed by Negroes. The result of the survey was that only five percent of our people, including preachers, doctors and lawyers were employed by our own race. The reverse was true in the case of the Jew, that the Jew employs 95 percent of his people?

Colored people of the United States, according to Dr. Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce says, spend each year \$1,150,000,000 for food, \$1,200,000,000 for clothing \$1,400,000,000 for shoes \$550,000,000. When we add to this amount what Negroes spend each year for rent, cold tabbies, carpet sweepers, hair tonic, cheap jewelry, tobacco, dance halls, theatres, churches and lodges and even for boot-leg liquor the total would be over six billions dollars every year. According to Mr. Abbot, head of the Negro clothing every year enough money for clothing, food and other things to give 400,000 Negroes white collar jobs. If a nation traded or that much that spending in its hands and does not know how best to use that power should perish from the earth. Any other fate or destiny would be undeserving.

If we, as a racial group, hope to survive in this western civilization, we must put much more emphasis upon industry and business. Our poverty and economic dependence are jeopardizing our religious, educational and physical well-being and existing.

Let the Negro as Prof. Hancock has advised, make his dollars do double duty, own and control business houses, banks, industrial plants, and whatever we now lack in the way of political, civil, social and educational preferment and prestige shall be ours in a larger way than poet has ever dreamed or seer has ever visioned.

Members of the Y. N. C. L. (Young Negroes Co-operative League) go through, go through the gates of great business ventures; prepare the way of economic stability for the people; cast up, cast up the high way of business and economic power and prestige; gather out the stones of racial indifference, disloyalty, divisions and discussions, envious and jealousies; lift up an emblem of co-operation and racial solidarity for the Negroes of the United States.

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stands a bright chance for landing the coveted position. Mr. A. G. Spears his brother is a railway mail clerk, and has other business connections.

Sunday was another high day in Latta. Although the weather was cold and wet, we had a lively Sunday School and a strong sermon at our morning service in Western Chapel Church. In the afternoon Rev. Fordham preached an excellent sermon to the Buds and Roses Club, Rev. H. H. Cooper, District Supt. of the Florence District in the Methodist Episcopal Church preached an excellent sermon at Andrews Chapel Sunday afternoon. Afterwards he finished a very successful quarterly conference.