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## Ruling of State Board of Education Affects Negro Teacher-Training Institutions

The recent ruling of the State Board of Education in regard to the certification and classification of teachers and the study of plans for future policies definitely led to the conclusion that Negro teacher-training institutions will be charged with the responsibility of giving adequate pre-service training to prospective teachers for the Negro public schools of South Carolina.

The State Agriculture and Mechanical College at Orangeburg is the only state supported institution of higher learning for Negroes in South Carolina. It is inconceivable that that institution will not be made sufficiently strong by the State of South Carolina to make procurable for its graduates the highest class of certificate that may be issued by the Bureau of Certification.

In South Carolina there are four private institutions of higher learning for Negroes that offer four years of college training. Through the years, these colleges have been making a distinct contribution to the teaching profession of South Carolina. If a sufficient number of teachers are to be secured, these colleges must continue to live. The graduates of Allen University and the members of the African Methodist church in South Carolina; the graduates of Benedict College and the members of the Baptist church in South Carolina; the graduates of Claflin College and the members of the Methodist church, Atlantic Coast area, in South Carolina; the graduates of Morris College and members of the Baptist church in South Carolina, should rise at this time and come to the financial assistance of these church colleges, so that their work on the under-graduate level will be on a par with that of any other institution. It is generally understood that a lack of financial support prevents the five institutions mentioned above, state and private, from receiving the rating the people of South Carolina would like to see each of them attain and maintain.

## President Higgins Delivers Address Of Welcome To Allen Students

President S. R. Higgins told Allen students in his address of welcome at chapel hour last Tuesday that despite "the crisis through which we are passing, the college student must be a determiner and not a fatalist. Tackle the problems that are hard, with motivation and ability and keep forever the inspiration burning in their souls that permeated the founders of the institutions built on a Christian foundation."

The president was ably presented by Dean Carl F. Flipper, who pointed out the many characteristics of Dr. Higgins that make him an efficient executive and able president.

Closing his speech the president urged the students to first interpret the college rules and routine and then fall in line although they may have to forgo some of the opinions they may have had before entering. The student body and faculty voiced their appreciation of the address by applauding the president vociferously as he took his seat.

Nearly 100 new students have entered Allen this term and the enrollment is increasing daily.

### BARNWELL NEWS

Aside from the regular duty of the Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School, to the Bethlehem Sunday School convention, which met with the Macurine Baptist Church, Hodge, S. C., the Sunday school was further represented with a play entitled "The Challenge of the Cross", last Friday night at the convention. The cast consisted of six characters representing disciples, a reader and a choir. First Disciple, Miss Gladys Green Second Disciple, Mrs. Lottie Hayward; Third Disciple, Miss Amanda Gray; Fourth Disciple, Miss Annie Jacobs. Fifth Disciple, Miss Louise Roundtree; Sixth Disciple, Mrs. Cornelia B. Green; Reader, Mrs. Mary Alice Duncan.

Rev. Townsend, delivered two wonderful sermons Sunday and we were delighted to see our friends and visitors in the services. You are always welcome to our services.

Mrs. Emma Bronson was hostess to the Adult Sunday School class and teachers Sunday evening after Sunday school hour. Rev. Townsend and Prof. Samuel Hayward were the honored guests of the group. The hostess served a delicious course of pimiento cheese sandwiches and ice cream and cake.

The first fall meeting of the Woman's Federated club met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Green last Tuesday evening at 4:30 o'clock. After the usual routine of business, the hostess served a delicious course of salad and ice cream and cookies.

We regret to learn of the illness of Nurse Leah Peugh and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Lizzie James left for Morris college, Monday.

Morris Chapel church and community mourn the loss of a very ardent worker, Mrs. Bertha Patterson. Mrs. Patterson was of a loving disposition, and above all a devout Christian and will be greatly missed.

### RIDGE SPRING NEWS

Sunday School was largely attended Sunday with teachers and officers at their posts of duty.

The "Buds of Promise" met at the home of the president, Master Alex Raiford. The attendance was good after a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hightower and daughter, Claressa, left last week on a vacation tour.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hammond, Harold, Marion, little Betty Lou and Thomasina motored to Ninety-Six Sunday afternoon to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hill. Mrs. Hill accompanied them home where she will spend a few days.

Miss Alma Etheredge and niece Margie's baby of New York, are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Lila E. Brooks and family.

Miss Jerry Lee Scurry left for New York Saturday.

Misses Thelma Ables, Hallie Raiford, Mr. Robert L. Hammond and Mr. Harding Raiford left September 16th for State A. and M. College. Misses Annie and Corine Barnes left for Voorhees N. and I institute; and Miss Gladys Quattlebaum left for Benedict College.

Glad to report that Mr. Bennie Raiford and Miss Wodjeska Quattlebaum are home and getting along nicely after their operation.

One-half of the school districts in the Negro teachers' salaries, one must conclude that the people of these districts do not know that such state of affairs exist.

John P. Burgess, President, Palmetto State Teachers' Association

## Two U. S. O. Workers Arrive Here

To Develop Program of Activities for Girls and Women Employed in Defense Work at Ft. Jackson

The arrival of two U. S. O. workers on September 22nd, Mrs. Lillian B. Edmonds and Miss Mattie Laws, director and assistant director respectively, has been announced by Miss Marion Peabody, director of the total U. S. O.—Y. W. C. A. program in Columbia. Their main responsibility will be to develop a program of activities for girls and women employed in defense work at Fort Jackson and the adjacent area.

Mrs. Edmonds, whose home is Des Moines, Iowa, is a trained nurse who has taken a post-graduate course in Lincoln Hospital, New York, and a Ph.D. in pharmacy at Des Moines university. During the last war she served with the War Camp Community Service in Birmingham, Alabama. She has for many years been director of the Community Center in Des Moines, which post she left to join the U. S. O.—Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Edmonds has visited in both Mexico and Canada.

Miss Mattie Laws is a graduate of North Carolina college in Durham. She has had experience as a teacher both in Virginia and New York, where, for the past year, she has been teaching under the Board of Education. Miss Laws was for a time a recreation director with the Department of Parks in New York City, and has also acted as advisor to the Orphan Asylum in Riverdale. In 1938 she won the Silver Key prize for play-writing.

Both Mrs. Edmonds and Miss Laws are unusually well adapted by education and experience for the U. S. O. work which is so greatly needed in the city.

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## Doings in and Around Allen University

President Higgins and Bishop Flipper Pleased with Accomplishments

In speaking to the reporter of the Palmetto Leader Wednesday, President Samuel Richard Higgins and the Bishop were extremely pleased with the present status of the efforts being put forth by the presiding elder districts and other units reforming Copping Hall. Nearly \$1,500 has been spent already. The President said, and many other units and districts are planning to make contributions in new furniture for the girls building. This work was inaugurated under the leadership of Mrs. Susie Flipper, and is the most unique piece of work that has ever been done for Allen University.

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### Needs Donations

In his urge for funds needed to carry on the work of the library, Bishop Flipper has appealed to the hearts of Allen graduates and friends of Negro education to send him a donation for the library. He is offering a 50% discount on the books if the donation is for the library fund.

According to a statement by Dr. Higgins, Bishop Flipper is pleased and happy over the good work being done at Allen, the parallel of which is not recorded in history. Dr. Higgins leaves for Atlanta in a few days for a conference with the Bishop and will go over the entire set up at Allen.

The academic work at Allen is going with clock like precision, and the enrollment is increasing every day. The outlook for a big enrollment again at Allen and a very fine year are some of the things that President Higgins predicted Wednesday in a most happy mood.

### JONESVILLE NEWS

The farmers around Jonesville are quite busy harvesting their crops now.

Services at Easter Chapel were very good Sunday. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Robinson, preached two soul stirring sermons. The collection was \$25.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson, Jr., and their daughter Catherine have gone to Miami, Fla. for the winter.

Mrs. Mary Nelson and little grand-daughter Bessie Lee Wilkins are in N. Y. C. for an indefinite stay.

Miss Edna Reed of New York City and Yonkers is spending a while with her sisters, Misses Daisy and Ruth Reed, and her brother, Mr. Glenn Reed.

Last month, Prof. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, Prof. H. Sartor, Miss Eunice Adair, Miss Louise Babecek, Mrs. Eloise McLurkin, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Adair motored to St. Augustine, Fla., where they attended the Synodical. They enjoyed their stay of several days, and report that the meeting was the largest attended and best yet had. They were charmed with the Florida scenery. Several trips were made to different towns. Especially were they interested in the oldest house in the country—the Fountain of Youth, and the cool breezes of the Atlantic Ocean. Although several weeks have passed, they still have something to tell about this wonderful trip. Mrs. Eloise McLurkin sang at several of the sessions and pleased all of her hearts with her voluminous and sweet toned contralto voice.

Mr. Gussie Bell Reed, of Baltimore, spent several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ford.

Miss Thomasine Phifer arrived home Tuesday morning from N. Y. C., where she spent the summer and is now ready to resume her studies in Friendship college.

Little Miss Margaret Brown is at home from Philadelphia after spending the summer with relatives. She is again at her studies at Finley high school. Her mother Mrs. Esther Alexander returned with her.

Mrs. Nancy Anderson and daughter Miss Lucile of Charlotte N. C., are here because of the illness of her mother Mrs. Alice Ferguson.

Mrs. Lillian Walker Allen and little son Albert are here, from Baltimore, having come for Albert to resume his studies at Finley high school. Mrs. Allen will return to Baltimore, Wednesday.

Prof. Stratton of New York City is here for a stay of some few months, as an official in the military affairs of the colored

## Miss Sylvia C. Davis Joins Staff of Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis Association

A Negro health education worker, Miss Sylvia C. Davis, of Columbia and Youngstown, Ohio, joined the staff of Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis Association on Monday, September 22nd, and has been named as director of the program of health education for Negroes under the sponsorship of the Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary.

Miss Davis, a former resident of Columbia, was employed as case worker by the Mahoning County Relief Administration prior to the assumption of her position here with the Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Davis' salary will be paid for out of Christmas Seal Sale funds.



MISS SYLVIA C. DAVIS

The executive committee of Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis Association Auxiliary which will work directly with Miss Davis is composed of Mrs. Flossie Demond, chairman; Dr. Frank Johnson, vice chairman; Mrs. Alma Potts, secretary; Henry Williams, treasurer; and other members are: Dr. O. J. Champion, Miss Charlotte Jackson, Dr. J. E. Briggs, Mrs. R. L. Pezuece, C. W. Madden, Mrs. A. A. Nelson, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Dr. S. Tanner, Stafford, and Rev. L. C. Jenkins.

Committee chairmen are: Miss Charlotte Jackson, community health education; Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Ridgewood camp; Mrs. L. K. Nelson, publicity; John Potts, school health education; Mrs. D. K. Jenkins, membership; and Mrs. A. Baumgardner, clinic; Mrs. Willie Bossard, exhibit chairman.

### DUKE WEST NEWS

Divine worship services were appropriately conducted by the pastors of the churches of Duke West on last Sunday. It was a beautiful day and large audiences listened to the ministers who fervently preached the gospel story.

At the evening hour of worship, the Rev. Benjamin J. Glover, and the senior choir of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. church rendered service at the Pine Grove A. M. E. church of Judges, S. C. of which the Rev. M. Massey is pastor. The hearts of the people were uplifted as the services were conducted. Surely the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident.

Dr. J. D. Cowan left for his home in Asheville, N. C. last week after spending a pleasant vacation here with his sisters, Mesdames Addie and Sunie Ellis.

Mr. Joseph Ellis and Prof. John Wilson and family have returned to Duke West to make their home after living several years in the state of North Carolina. Mrs. Wilson is the only daughter of Mr. Ellis, and the late Minnie Hunter Ellis. The entire community is delighted to have them return home to live.

Messrs. Larry Grier and Isam Lee left during last week for Washington, D. C. where they expect to be for an extended time.

The box entertainment sponsored by the ladies of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. church on last Thursday night was an enjoyable social affair, and also brought into the church's treasury the neat sum of \$148.5. Those directing were, Mesdames Annie J. Garrett, Julia P. Morgagne, Dorothy Chiles and Lucinda Blount.

Miss Janie Wharton had as her guest on last Sunday afternoon, Mr. Floyd Coker of Ware Shoals.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Garrett of Columbia, S. C., have returned to their home after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

Miss Clotelle Lee and Mr. Ollie F. Griffin have returned to Bettis Junior College where they entered the senior class.

Rev. B. J. Glover conducted a successful revival during last week at the Mt. Olive A. M. E. church at Donalds, S. C.

Mrs. Dalsy Mars Bennett returned to her home in Chicago, Ill. last week after spending several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mars.

## Well-known Speakers At TB Meeting

Second to be Held Saturday

Fifty-three persons representing Chester, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Spartanburg, Union and York counties attended the district tuberculosis conference at Sims high school, Union, on Saturday, September 20. Interesting reports from county workers, an explanation and a round table discussion of tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale methods, and attractive exhibits were high points of the meeting. The conference was presided over by Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, director of the Negro program of the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association. Those who made special reports for their counties were: Mrs. J. T. Jones and Mrs. Margaret Adair, Chester; E. E. Riley, Lancaster; James W. Poole, Laurens; Mrs. Harry E. Thomas and Mrs. Catherine B. Johnson, Seneca; Mrs. Israel Humphries, Union; R. W. McGirt, Rock Hill; and J. A. Elberle of Clover.

Miss Lynda Bray, executive secretary of the Chester tuberculosis association gave an interesting talk on the types and values of tuberculosis service.

J. C. Brabham, Laurens county health officer, pledged the support of his office in the fight against tuberculosis. L. W. Long, M. D. of Union, past-president of the Palmetto Medical Association, emphasized the pressing need for year-round tuberculosis control programs and pledged his support in the coming Christmas Seal sale.

The second meeting planned especially for Abbeville, Aiken, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Richland and Saluda counties will be held at Brewer high school, Greenwood, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., September 27. Other conferences are scheduled at the Colored school, Hampton, October 4, at Trinity Methodist church, Manning, October 11; and at the County training school, Marion, October 18, at the hours mentioned above.

Christmas Seal sale workers and all others who are interested in the state-wide campaign against tuberculosis are urged to attend at least one of these meetings. The public is cordially invited.

### ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

St. Matthews, S. C.—Supt. J. A. Ford and the Sunday School teacher, are still having a wide awake Sunday School and the scholars assisted by Misses Fannie B. Ginyard and Emma Gleaton, did their bit on Sunday to help raise our educational money. The Sunday School offering Sunday morning was nearly \$4.00.

At 11:30 a. m. Rev. Coaxum preached a strong sermon and the choir furnished excellent music.

The A. C. E. league met at 7:00 p. m. followed by an educational program at 8:00 p. m. At this time we had some very interesting remarks by Mr. Solomon Ginyard and Mrs. Minnie Bulls, also a solo by Mrs. Vertell Waddy. The barrel rally was held next with Mrs. Lessie Parson raising the highest amount, \$12.00, and Mrs. Duskie Taylor, Sr., the next highest, \$9.00. The total amount from the barrels was \$53.50. The names of the other persons having barrels and the amount reported will be published in the next issue of the Leader.

Mrs. Fannie Ginyard and Mrs. Francis Parson entertained the deacons' board on last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Parson. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

The Missionary Ladies met at the home of Mrs. D. L. Ginyard Sunday, and to this meeting everybody expressed themselves, as having an enjoyable time.

### LEXINGTON CIRCUIT NEWS

Rev. I. O. Simmons, Pastor

The joy bells are still ringing in the Lexington Circuit. The Sunday School was beautifully taught on Sunday by our pastor at Bethel church.

At 11:45 our beloved pastor mounted the rostrum and preached out of his heart, using as a subject, "Knowledge." This was quite an able message.

At 3:30 p. m. the pastor and choir motored to Countsville church and reported a grand time.

Sunday evening Rev. J. S. Danley preached a very sweet sermon at Bethel. We were happy to have him.

Our fourth quarter will be held at Bethel church on the first Sunday in October. Dr. W. B. L. Clark is our worthy presiding elder.

On Monday night after the first Sunday, the great evangelist gospel preacher, Rev. J. H. Thomas of Walterboro, will conduct a week's meeting. The public is invited.

Mrs. Nadene Jackson is here on a visit with relatives and friends. She is now making her home in the state of Maryland.

Mr. Irvin Lybrand is on the sick list at this writing. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

## Faculty Institute Held at State College

The philosophy and objectives at South Carolina State A. and M. College were critically discussed at a Faculty Institute composed of more than seventy members of the College faculty, which was called by President Miller F. Whittaker and conducted for two days, September 15 and 16, preceding the opening of College, September 17.

In a keynote address, President Whittaker outlined the purpose of the Institute stating that it was an outgrowth of long thinking and planning and came as a result of a recognized need of greater cooperation among faculty and administrative heads.

President Whittaker challenged his faculty to be concerned about the vital part they must play in National Defense and asked the Institute to seriously consider the following questions:

1. How can we best serve the State and the Nation?
2. How shall we answer adequately student problems?
3. How can we make students more capable and more efficient?
4. What means shall we employ to give our students possible opportunities to properly evaluate themselves, their college work and their vocational and professional opportunities.

The President called attention to the change in enrollment and physical plant within the past few years and called upon the faculty to give their best in order that our graduates reveal excellence of training and character. He stated that the coming year called for a planned program of work in order that there may be developed in our students and graduates during the coming year fundamental rational thinking.

Dean K. W. Green, arts and science, presented a formulated discourse of the philosophy of Education at South Carolina State College which was discussed in terms of five main objectives by the divisional deans.

Mrs. Geraldine Hurd, dean, home economics division, discussed Self-Exploration; Dr. N. C. Nix, dean of the faculty, discussed Personal Education; P. V. Jewell, dean of mechanical industries, discussed Vocational Efficiency; W. M. Buchanan, dean of agriculture, discussed Proficiency in the Art of Group Relationships; Dean K. W. Green discussed Institutional Loyalty.

Others on the program for the first day included Professor Roy K. Davenport, department of Education, who presented the discussion of Self-Exploration and the freshman tests, and Registrar Joseph D. McGhee who made a report of semester grades as given by teachers at South Carolina State A. and M. College.

On Tuesday, September 16, the Institute continued with a panel discussion of Administrative Techniques and Procedures. The panel discussion, which elicited much interest, was composed of President Whittaker and Deans Green, Jewell, Buchanan, Hurd and Nix.

Another panel discussion on Improving the Personal Education of our Students was composed of Deans Nix, Mrs. Mary J. Earle and John B. Porter and Professor J. H. Birnie, department of Biology, and Miss Florella Fordham, college nurse.

Miss Rosamond Alston, Miss Trudelle Wimbush and Professor Howard Jordan presented discussions on the subject of "Improving College Instruction" at the Tuesday afternoon session.

A well worked out fact-finding summary of the Institute was given at the closing evening session by Mrs. Lucille Jewell and Professor Hinton Jones, English department, and Mrs. Etta B. Rowe, department of education.

### DOUBLE BRANCH A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. B. C. Cunningham, Pastor

The Sunday School convened at the usual hour. The Sept. Rev. J. W. Dreher, and his co-workers were stationed at their posts of duty. The lesson "Overcoming the Adversary" was a beautifully taught, after which it was nicely reviewed by the pastor.

Morning services began at 11:30 o'clock. A large congregation of members and friends were present to hear God's message. Rev. Cunningham delivered a warm, heartfelt sermon which caused our souls to rejoice in the Lord. We were delighted to have a few visitors present in our services. They are truly welcome at all times.

The A. C. E. league met at the usual hour. The evening topic for discussion, "The Place of Education in a Democracy," was a thoroughly discussed by the young members of the league. Our league is continuously growing by leaps and bounds.

We were truly uplifted to have Rev. W. M. Greene deliver one of his fire burning messages to us at our evening services. We are always pleased to have any of God's servants worship with us.

Mr. George Knox, also Mr. Howard Lee Suber returned to school at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C. last week.