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State S. S. and BTU Convention Will Meet In Rock Hill July 14-16

Dear Fellow Baptist: The state Sunday school and B. T. U. Convention has made some far reaching plans to serve the Baptist needs of South Carolina. The courses have been selected to meet the needs of pastors, superintendents, teachers, B.T.U. workers and other church leaders.

We trust every district president and pastor will see to it that all workers come to Rock Hill for the Baptist School of Methods.

I know that every convention will see to it that your young people will come in large numbers on WEDNESDAY, YOUTH DAY. The convention welcomes all singing groups. Plan now to have your young people's choir take a part in this big annual state training congress.

The state-wide Sword Drill is open to all persons on the junior, intermediate, and senior level. The text for juniors will be the Rainbow Book of the Bible. Puzzles by Mildred Olive Honors, price \$6.00. The text for intermediates and seniors will be the Bible for Youth by C. J. Sharp, price \$9.50. These may be bought at the Baptist Book Store, 1307 Hampton street, Columbia, S. C. If you have not begun working on begin now. Send your highest ranking students to enter the State-wide contest. Prizes will be awarded the winners.

Each church sponsoring a vacation Bible school is asked to bring your projects, handicraft etc. to be placed on exhibit at the convention. Prizes will be given to the best exhibit.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The contest is open to high school and college students of Baptist churches in the state. The subject to be used is WHY I AM A BAPTIST. The student must develop his own theme and show signs of leadership ability in the church. Chairmen are asked to arrange a district contest to be held some-

time during the early part of July. Send the district winner to the state contest. Begin now getting to participate. Write your district representative from your church, chairman for details. We trust that every section of the state will be represented in this contest.

The oratorical contest is being worked out on the basis according to the congressional districts of the state.

1st district includes the following counties: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Aiken, Charleston, Berkeley, Hampton, Dorchester, Allendale, and Clarendon. Rev. B. D. Lewis, Spring st., Charleston, S. C. chairman; Mr. Andrew Lambright, Co-chairman, Charleston.

2nd district: Bamberg, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Aiken, Lexington, Richland, Sumter, Lee, Calhoun, counties. Rev. R. W. Stallings, chairman, Sumter, S. C.; Mrs. Magnolia Lewis, Co-chairman, Horatio, S. C.

3rd district: Edgefield, Saluda, Newberry, Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Pickens, Oconee, McCormick counties. Reverend J. S. Maddox, chairman, Mrs. Pauline Thompson, Co-chairman, Pendleton, S. C.

4th district: Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, Laurens counties. Mr. Geo. Q. Neely, Laurens, chairman, Mrs. Mary C. Witener, co-chairman.

5th district: Cherokee, York, Chester, Lanchester, Chesterfield, Kershaw, Fairfield counties. Rev. W. S. Smith, Gaffney, chairman, Mrs. Rebecca F. Hardin, Cemetery street, Chester, co-chairman.

6th district: Marlboro, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Horry, Willcox counties. Rev. Ed. A. Spann, Hartsville, chairman, Miss Ida Jones, Co-chairman, Florence, S. C. For further information write to the office of the contest, 1417 Pine Street, Columbia, S. C. July 14-16. Until then I remain, James D. Rucker, Cor. Sect. & Dean

Bishop John H. Clayborn Of The A. M. E. Church Passes

Little Rock, Ark.--(ANP)--Bishop John H. Clayborn, who had been ill for more than a year, died at his home here last week. He was 73 years old.

The bishop presided over the 13th district of the A.M.E. church, covering Tennessee and Kentucky.

Born in Arkadelphia, Ark., Dec. 2, 1881, Bishop Clayborn was elected prelate on the fifth ballot at the General conference of his denomination at Philadelphia in 1944. He received the largest number of votes over given a candidate for the bishopric--962.

Prior to becoming bishop, the prelate had served as pastor, presiding elder, elder editor of the Southern Christian Recorder, and college president.

He earned his A.B. at Shorter college; B.D. at Jackson Theological seminary; D.D. at Wilberforce university, and an LL.D. at Campbell college.

He served as a delegate to the General Conference of the church in 1916, 1932, 1924, 1928, 1940, and 1944.

He also served as trustee of Shorter college for more than 30 years; Wilberforce University, 12 years; and Payne Theological seminary, 12 years.

As bishop, he advocated reforms for A.M.E. church schools. He recommended that several of the smaller schools be combined to strengthen their facilities and curriculum. He submitted a plan for this to the last General Conference of his church which met in Chicago in 1952.

A Republican, Bishop Clayborn was one of two Negro ministers named to serve as chaplains at the Republican National convention in 1952.

Small of stature, Bishop Clayborn nevertheless was most forceful in getting his view over. He was seen by many as the champion of the rank and file in the A.M.E. church.

A benevolent prelate, he gave the A.M.E. connection for superannuates, widows and orphans \$1,140.50. He also gave in 1936 \$101.50 net proceeds from the Southern Christian Recorder to the church dependents. He brought and gave an \$18,000 printing plant for printing the Southern Christian Recorder.

He taught for some 25 years in the public schools of Arkansas, and was made president of Shorter college in 1940.

Organizations in which he held membership included Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Urban League, NAACP, Free and Accepted Masons, American Woodman and Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America.

After being elected a bishop in 1944, the prelate was assigned to Africa. While there he organized the "W. Sampson Brooks Industrial college" at Monrovia, Liberia; "Shaffer-Smith Day High school" at Arthington, Liberia; and "Clayborn college" at Sekondi, British West Africa.

In 1946, he was elected president of the National Fraternal Council of Negro churches.

Survivors include two sons, David T. Clayborn and Eli Clayborn, both of Little Rock, two daughters, Amazon Clayborn Lee Chicago, and Vera Clayborn Evans Los Angeles; four brothers, Walter, Theodore, both of Arkadelphia; George and William, both of Kansas City, Mo. and five grandchildren.

Dr. Julian G. Stuart, Columbia Negro Specialist Passes

Dr. Julian G. Stuart of 1417 Pine Street, one of Columbia's most prominent Negro doctors of medicine, died Wednesday afternoon in the Good Samaritan-Waverly Hospital after a brief illness. He had his office at Taylor and Harden Streets.

A native of Greenwood, Doctor Stuart was an ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, one of the early presidents of the N. A. A. C. P. and was serving at the time of his death as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Trustee Board of Benedict College.

Doctor Stuart was the son of Charles E. and Johnnie L. Stuart of Greenwood. After attending the Greenwood Public Schools he attended Benedict College from which he was graduated.

He matriculated in the Medical School of Howard University, Washington, D. C. from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree. After a brief practice in Greenwood, Doctor Stuart moved to Columbia where he practiced several years as a general practitioner. He then returned to Howard University and took training as a specialist in ear, eye, nose and throat diseases. Doctor Stuart also did special training in his field at Oxford University in England. His last years in the field of medicine were spent as an ear, eye, nose and throat specialist in Columbia. The efficiency of his service attracted patrons from over the State.

Dr. Stuart besides practicing medicine was keenly concerned in civic and community activities. For a number of years he was the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palmetto Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association. He was secretary of the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Division of the National Medical Association. He was for a number of years a member of the Trustee Board of Benedict College and when he passed he was serving as the secretary of the Executive Committee of the Trustee Board of Benedict College. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a member of the First Calvary Baptist Church. He was a generous donor to the program of higher education and to organizations of community welfare.

He was married to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hunter Stuart of Laurens. Dr. Stuart is survived by his widow, one aunt, Mrs. Helen Donovan, St. Louis, Missouri, and a number of relatives.

The funeral was held at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon in the First Calvary Baptist Church with the Reverend Maxie S. Gordon, officiating. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Palmetto Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association, and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The active pallbearers were the officers of the First Calvary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Palmetto Cemetery. Friends from over the State and out of the state filled the church to pay their last respects to Dr. Julian G. Stuart.

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WILMINGTON SCHOOL AUTHORITIES PRAISED FOR "ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP"

Wilmington, Del.--(ANP)--School authorities here have been roundly applauded for their fairness in anticipating and preparing for the recent U. S. Supreme court decision banning segregation in public school education.

While southern reaction to the historical decision is generally opposed to the ruling, local authorities have accepted the decision and are busy making plans for implementing it.

This indicated in a statement by Dr. Ward I. Miller, superintendent of the local public schools who said that Wilmington's schools are ready for the end of segregation. Two major problems involved he said, are the placement of pupils and reappraisal of curriculum, and not the placing of whites and Negroes together.

Among the agencies praising school authorities are the local Catholic Interracial council, which called them "enlightened..." and the Wilmington Morning News which praised them for "looking ahead and preparing for the possibility."

SCHOOL BOSS SAYS BALTIMORE WILL HAVE INTEGRATED SCHOOLS IN FALL

Baltimore--(ANP)--Before an assembly of the city's school teachers, Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools, declared that beginning in September this city would have integrated schools.

He said that pupils would be transferred without any racial designation.

He told principals, teachers and administrative staff that none would lose their jobs. He also said that there will be one eligible list for teachers, and teachers will be appointed by merit.

Dr. Fischer expressed optimism that integration would work in the city's schools.

Meanwhile, the NAACP legal redress committee here reported that the University of Maryland Summer school will be able to admit all teachers who apply.

The committee announced that the University of Maryland Summer school would admit colored teachers this session after conferring with Judge William P. Cole Jr., chairman of the board of trustees of the University.

Puerto Ricans Found Guilty In Shooting Of Congressmen

Washington--(ANP)--Three men and one woman were found guilty on five counts of assault with a deadly weapon last week after a nine-day trial for the March 1 shooting of five congressmen on the house floor.

The men also were found guilty on five counts of assault with intent to kill, but the woman was found innocent of this charge.

The woman in the case was Mrs. Lolita Lebron, 34, divorcee, leader of the Puerto Rican nationalist who engineered the shooting. The men were Rafael C. Miranda, 25, Andres F. Cordero, 29, and Irving F. Rodriguez, 27. All four live in New York.

Federal Judge Holtzloff said he will pronounce sentence at a later date.

William Belcher, colored doorman in the gallery of the House of Representatives, was one of the Government's key witnesses in the 10-day trial against the Puerto Rican nationalist who shot five congressmen on the floor last March.

Looking at the four defendants on trial, Belcher pointed out Cordero as the one he captured on that fatal day.

"I grabbed him as he was backing out of the gallery," Belcher said. "We tussled and I took the pistol from him. While we were tussling, we went to the floor and I hit him on my way down with the pistol. I hit him over the head so hard that I drew blood."

The 64-year-old doorman said he saw the shots when they were first fired in the gallery just opposite him. When questioned about actually seeing the shots, he said, of course he didn't see the shots. Nobody can see shots, they travel too fast. What he meant was that he saw the blast from the pistols. He ran around the gallery from which the shots were being fired arriving just in time to tackle Cordero as he was backing out.

He claims he heard shouting in the corridor.

"I die for my country. I no sorry. We come back again." Belcher said he did not see any of the other defendants because he was too busy with his boy. After he had helped them to search this boy and put him in the patrol, Belcher said he went back to his post and then to the Kelly Room. Here one of the clerks saw blood on his shoulder and informed him that he had been shot. But when he opened his coat and saw blood all the way through, he pulled open his shirt and then passed out.

He was soon rushed to the hospital for an alleged heart attack. Hospital authorities, however found nothing wrong with his heart but treated him for shock.

While recuperating in the hospital, Belcher received many letters of commendation from members of the house including Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois and Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of New York, although neither was on the floor at the time of the shooting.

The four Puerto Rican Nationalist were characterized by U.S. Atty. Gen. A. Rover as "evil people" in spite of their professed love for God, and devotion to their country.

In summing up the case, Rover urged the jury of four colored and eight whites to find the defendants guilty of all charges.

Earlier in the trial, Mrs. Lolita Lebron, the 34-year-old self styled leader of the gang declared most emphatically that she did not intend to kill.

"I did it for my country," she shouted. Then in tears she whispered in a trembling voice with a heavy Spanish accent, "I love you. I love the world. I love God. I did not intend to kill."

Neatly dressed in a grey dress-maker suit, and a mop of black curly hair hanging to her shoulders, the attractive Puerto Rican woman rose to her feet in the witness chair and demonstrated how she pointed her pistol toward the ceiling and fired upward with one hand while she waved the flag of her country with the other.

She claimed that she only came to Washington along with others to die for the independence of her country. They only planning to stage a demonstration that would bring to world attention, the

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Emporer Selassie Proud Of U. S. Citizens Of African Descent

By Harry Levette

Los Angeles--(ANP)-- "We will welcome C. W. Hill to set upon expert business in Ethiopia," declared Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia last week to this A. N. P. reporter, following the scheduled press conference at the Seventh Day Adventist hospital in Glendale, Calif.

His Imperial Highness, explained through an interpreter that any Negro capitalist would be permitted to invest in that rich country.

I had just asked on behalf of wealthy retired dentist Dr. C. W. Hill who was preparing to start importing from Korea to the United States in 1950 just before hostilities broke out.

In answer to another question, he unstintingly praised American Negroes as a whole. Asked what has been his impression of them as a whole, during his tours in the United States, he answered:

"I am proud of the United States citizens of African descent, for the progress they have made as a race and for the great part they have played in the development and achievement of this their country," the emperor said.

Raising California to the highest, the Emperor admitted that he felt a little envious because although Ethiopia has a similar climate and many natural resources like those in California, it has not yet taken full advantage of them.

As to the recent discovery of Uranium deposits in Ethiopia, the Emperor has not yet visited them but it was learned by this reporter from a staff member that the ore discovered is real and of untold value to the world of science.

In spite of his weariness from a long drive through Yosemite Park to arrive at the seventh day Adventist Hospital grounds, was very gracious and accommodating.

A rather small group of Negro reporters were on hand, but Mrs. Alema Lemax, editor-publisher of the L. A. Tribune accompanied by the Tribune photog., Irving Smith

got good close-ups and crown shots. Entrance of lovely Princess Sichel Desta, granddaughter of the Emperor caused quite a stir all admiring her charming manner, and stylish attire. She posed in several pictures with her royal grandfather. The party spent the night at the Hotel Ambassador.

Next day following an early morning public appearance at the City Hall, a noon luncheon at the Ambassador, and an afternoon tour of twentieth Century-Fox studio, the royal party left for McAllister, Okla.

FIRM GIVES \$1,000 BOND TO 50-YEAR EMPLOYEE

Richmond, Va.--(ANP)-- A \$1,000 U. S. Saving Bond was awarded last week to a 50-year employee of the Muriel Cigar division of P. Lorillard company here.

The recipient, Randolph Ricks, also received a gold service pin in the shape of a tobacco leaf with "50 years" engraved on it. In accepting the awards, Ricks said:

"After 50 years, I can look back and see the progress of the company and it makes a man mighty proud to have been a part of this growth."

George A. Hoffman, manager of the division where Ricks works, lauded Ricks for his continuous efforts in keeping the production department machines in operating order.

J. C. CAROLINE IN SUMMER SCHOOL, GRADES OK

Champaign, Ill.--(ANP)-- All American football star J. C. Caroline is a student in good standing once more at the University of Illinois. It was announced this week by Coach Ray Elliot.

Caroline is now attending summer school in order to have enough credits to remain on the team. He made satisfactory progress during the spring semester to meet scholastic requirements, the coach said. The famed star had missed spring football practice because of his grades.

Mrs. Robinson Laid To Rest

MANY TELEGRAMS AND CONDOLENCE SENT THE FAMILY

Mrs. Agnes Robinson, beloved wife of Dr. W. J. Robinson was funeralized Wednesday at Bethel A.M.E. Church. Scores of friends from all parts of South Carolina and other places attended in a large number.

The program was as follows: Processional No. 17 "Nearer My God To Thee" Miss Lessie Pope, Organist.

1st Hymn, "Oh God our help in Abes past, lined by Dr. W. R. Bowman, presiding Elder Manning district. Invocation by Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, of Lexington. First Scripture, Dr. T. H. Addison, Presiding Elder, Newberry district, Second scripture, Dr. M. F. Robinson, Presiding Elder, Sumter district. Remarks by Dr. S. R. Higgins, president of Allen University, Dr. E. A. Adams, a General officer, Dr. B. C. Cunningham, Presiding Elder Columbia district and Dr. Harrison Bryant, Bethel Church, Baltimore. Other remarks were made by Mrs. Carrie Mundie, Mrs. Daisy Guinyard, who represented the Central Conference, Mrs. M. L. Witherspoon, Mrs. R. A. Jannerette and E. M. Pressley, Eulogy by Dr. J. Arthur Holmes.

Mrs. Robinson was much beloved. Over a hundred telegrams and condolences sent them. Interment at Palmetto Cemetery.

Dr. E. M. Parker, master of ceremony.

W. R. B.

FIRST LOVEJOY AWARD MADE TO ALTON BOY

Lovejoy, Ill.--(ANP)-- The first Eli P. Lovejoy Memorial association scholarship was awarded last week to a Negro boy, Sterling Scales, Alton senior high school honor graduate.

Scales, who lives with his mother achieved an average grade of 96.2 in his four years of high school. He will enter the pre-dental course at the University of Illinois next fall.

Announcement of the annual college scholarship award was made at a Flag Day program held at the grave of the martyred abolitionist editor in Alton.

J. L. Bennon is president; J. A. Brewer, treasurer and J. M. Bailey, secretary.

ATTENDS NATIONAL ASS'N. OF STUDENT COUNCILS

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Wise, N. C. Miss Yvonne Homer, Junior of Warren Training School, Wise N. C., left Friday, June 18, to attend the National Association of Student Councils in St. Paul, Minnesota. Yvonne is the secretary of the North Carolina State Student Council in her school and secretary of the North Carolina State Student Council Association.

Yvonne has won several medals in various clubs and activities for her leadership and scholarship. She is a member of National Honor Society, Debut Team and N. H. A. She's delegate from her school attend the National N. H. A. in Petersburg, Virginia July 11, 1954.

Miss C. H. Ches, teacher and sponsor of student Council in the Warren County Training School accepted Yvonne. They will spend few days in Chicago, Ill., Ohio before returning home to the daughter of Rev. Mrs. J. C. Homer of Chester, C.

FIELD FOUNDATION MAKES \$7,500 GRAN AID SCHOOL INTEGRATION

Monteagle,--(ANP)-- The Highlander school here is the recipient of 500 grant from the Field Foundation to finance a program to aid for an orderly transition to a segregated to an integrated school system in the South.

Horton, local Field director announced last week.

Bishop Reid Magnified Himself Sunday

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, who introduced Mr. Walter White Sunday at Allen University, before an estimated crowd of one thousand people certainly magnified himself in his five minutes introductory address. His eloquence, his enthusiastic, his oratorical flight concerning the greatness of Mr. White, portraying him as an emancipator for Negroes in times like these stirred the audience with such centrifugal power in his closing remarks, that even Dr. White was some what stage fright, as he continue to brag on bishop Reid before his equilibrium could find a way out of the situation.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid is certainly a great bishop and is much beloved by people of all denominations. Delegates who may be elected to the ensuing quadrennial Methodist conference should make a great noise and a put up a bull dog fight for his return to South Carolina.

Two Leading Candidates In Columbia

Dr. Fred Hughes, editor The Christian Recorder and Dr. Harrison J. Bryant, of Bethel Church of Baltimore were in Columbia last week attending the funeral of Dr. W. J. Robinson's wife. Both met each other accidental, but both discussed the same subject with their friends. Both are aspirants for the bishoprics in the A. M. E. Church, both are popular in South Carolina and both will doubtless be elected bishops in 1956 from the way straws are pulling. This News editor wishes both of these strong candidates much success.

BILLY DANIELS TO WAX IN ENGLAND

London--(ANP)-- Billy Daniels, scheduled to make first recordings here sometime in July.

Daniels will wax four sides for Mercury. Included among the songs will be "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," and "She's Funny That Way."

Honey Payne, Billy's accompanist, probably also will record here.

Plight of their country.

She threw back her head and closed her eyes and shouted in a voice almost broken with emotion, "I have walked the floor of my cell every night. God is on the floor of that cell. I have kissed that floor a hundred times and asked God to come to you and tell you I'm not guilty because I love freedom and my country is not free."

When the flag was first shown her by the prosecuting attorney for identification, Lolita rose from her chair, took the flag gently in both hands, kissed it, held it to her heart, and in a dramatic fashion spoke softly, "This is my flag, the flag of my country."

Mrs. Lebron was followed to the stand by her three accomplices, Irving Flores-Rondiguez, 20; and Rafael Cancel Miranda, 25.

Since neither of those defendants could speak English, their testimonies were taken through interpreters. A state Department employee from the Dominican Republic served as an interpreter for the Government and a Guatemalan-born Washington lawyer interpreted for the defense counsel.

Throughout the trial Mrs. Lebron clutched a small Bible and a rosary in her hand. When she took the oath before going to the stand she held her right hand on the court's Bible and raised her left hand high in the air still holding on to her rosary and Bible.

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