

**AUGUSTA SCHOOL LACK DISCUSSED**

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (ANP)** — The lack of good Negro schools in the city of Augusta was discussed here last week at the Richmond County Education Planning conference held at the C. T. Walker school.

Criticism of Augusta's educational provisions for Negroes brought out that there was no high school building in the city, and the schools were overcrowded and poorly equipped. Evaluation of the school plants brought out no excellent or good ratings, three fair, one poor, eight very poor, and 12 unfit for school use.

Supt. Rupert W. Langford of Richmond county schools promised that these faults would be remedied. However several months ago Negroes voted for a million dollar bond issue which was to bring them a new high school building and improved recreation facilities including a swimming pool, none of which has materialized as yet.

Other features of the meeting included workshops on various phases of education and discussions of these study groups.

**RALEIGH PERSONALS**

Mrs. Maebird Palline White, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent a few days with her aunt Mrs. Geneva P. Brown of 908 East Hargett Street.

Mrs. Geneva P. Brown and daughter, Odessa, spent their vacation in Elizabeth City visiting their parents and grandparents. Mr. Mrs. Alfred Paitin.

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**BAPTISTS ARE LARGEST NEGRO ORGANIZATION**

**CHICAGO** — From a group of less than 20 which first met at Savannah, Ga. in 1880 to the largest and richest Negro organization in the world is how an October Ebony photo-story describes the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. now convening in Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Faithful president of this powerful body which represents \$113 million in churches, schools, missions and even an African rubber plantation and numbering 4,122,315, the Ebony story says, "is 79-year-old Dr. David V. Jemison, who spent all but 16 years of his half-century of preaching in a modest little Alabama church only a few miles from the place where he was born."

Nothing can equal the annual Baptist meet for good music and superb oratory freely interspersed with traveling preacher jokes that are really funny the feature states. Independent-thinking Dr. Jemison is a typical example of Baptist ideology which gives each church complete autonomy and all ministers equal voice in the convention.

The convention is a social as well as a spiritual occasion says Dr. Jemison, who though failing in health has lost none of his fiery oratory or sly wit during his nine years of leadership. And Ebony quotes him as telling the convention audience:

"I don't object to the preachers socializing with the ladies but don't carry it to the extent that you will infringe on the other man's property."

**RALEIGH PUPILS ATTEND BAND CLINIC**—Judging from the reaction of the above group of Raleigh school pupils, the time-honored practice of lamenting the end of vacation and the coming of back-to-school days is a thing of the past. The youngsters shown in the pictures are among those who bade goodbye to the playgrounds, swimming pools and other vacation haunts a week early to attend a band clinic conducted at the Bloodworth Street YMCA by Leon Thompson, director of instrumental music in the city schools.

At the upper left some of the members of the brass section get together to work out their own problems. Left to right are: William Watson, Charles Hunter, Alphonzo Wallace and Boykin Garfield. Upper center—A group of the youngsters learn that discarded phonograph records may be molded into other shapes which permits their use as vases, flower pot holders and other useful items. In the group are: Mr. Thompson, Samuel Faucette, Harold L. Prince, Nancy Giles, Paul Freeman and Lennon Harris. Upper right Charles Hunter receives individual instruction on the trombone from Mr. Thompson who is coaching him for a solo which he is to deliver at a later program.

Lower left: During a rehearsal of the clarinet section other members of the group pause while Nancy Giles receives help on a particularly difficult passage. On the front row are Harry Payne, Paul Freeman, T. Lily, Back row, Nancy Giles, Mr. Thompson, Norris Cannady, Thurman Davis and Mabel Mitchell. Lower right: the full band is shown in a rehearsal for the concert which was held Friday night to climax the band clinic. CAROLINIAN Photo by Shephard.



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