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Mrs. Bethune To Quit NCNW Post

Washington, D. C. — Women United—The Gateway to Democracy, is the theme that will prevail at the 14th Annual Convention of the National Council of Negro Women, November 15, 18 at the Departmental Auditorium, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

This convention will be unprecedented in the history of the Council. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder-president, will retire as active president of the organization. In announcing the call to the convention, Mrs. Bethune said: "I will turn my gavel over to the younger women of America with unyielding confidence in their ability to contribute ably and fully to the splendid contribution all women are making toward world peace. Through the National Council our young women have a distinctive opportunity to make their voices heard and their influences felt all over the world.

"We are constantly being called upon to make decisive choices in all areas of life, and to give competent leadership in these areas in every city, county and community. Significant study and work on our part together with cooperation, will give to the world a better standard of service of leadership." One of the most important items on the agenda of the 14th Annual Convention of the National Council, is the revision of the Constitution and bylaws to meet the increasing needs and services of the organization. The delegates in convention will seek to create a realistic, well-knit organization that will make for greater unity and greater progress toward the fulfillment of the purposes of the National Council.

Said Mrs. Bethune, "The peoples of the world are looking largely to the women in the building of a lasting peace, and so it is vitally important that an organization such as the National Council of Negro Women create that kind of organizational structure which will strengthen the fulfillment of the principles upon which it was founded; and will also provide an

opportunity for growth and increasing competence in the performance of all phases of its program

H. U. DROPS CORSON FROM FACULTY

Washington, D. C. — The Board of Trustees at Howard University at its September meeting held in Founders Library on Saturday voted to terminate the temporary appointment of Dr. Samuel A. Corson, associate professor of physiology in the college of medicine, it was announced last week by Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., secretary of the University.

Dr. Nabrit stated that the Board of Trustees voted to give Dr. Corson a one-year appointment from July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950, to enable him to "secure a position elsewhere.

"The Trustees specified," Dr. Nabrit stated, "that if Dr. Corson accepts the one-year appointment, he shall perform no duties or engage in no activities of any kind relating in any way to Howard University."

Dr. Nabrit stated further: "A special committee of the Board of Trustees, in a meeting Friday night which lasted from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., Saturday morning, heard Union representatives of the United Public Workers of America, Local 30, and a representative of the Special Committee appointed by the faculty of the School of Medicine to study the facts in the case of Dr. Corson.

"Both the Union and the representative of the faculty committee expressed themselves as being satisfied with the extensivity and thoroughness of the hearing accorded them. The Trustee Committee also heard the Dean of the College of Medicine set forth the facts and considerations which determined his decision not to offer Dr. Corson a regular five-year and permanent appointment."

83rd Year Begins At St. Augustine's

The 83rd academic year of St. Augustine's College was formally launched September 18 with a special service in the college chapel.

The service was begun by the Rev. George A. Fisher, rector of St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh, who is in charge of the week-day services at the colleges until the regular staff chaplain reports for duty.

The epistle was read by the Rev. Peter Katt rector of St. Saviour's Church, Raleigh and the Rev. William L. Gatling, vicar of Christ Church, Raleigh, read the Gospel.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., bishop of North Carolina and president of the college board of trustees, was heard in the main address, following words of greeting and introduction by Dr. Harold L. Trigg, president of the college.

Extending official and personal greetings, Bishop Penick quoted the words of the Rev. Dr. Aaron B. Hunter, a former president of St. Augustine's, used at an opening service many years, "I welcome you to work."

Reminding the students of their rare responsibility and privilege as college students the speaker told them that work is not a necessary evil to be avoided if possible or to be done hastily, superficially without enthusiasm or interest. "Every occupation can be a vocation," he assured the audience. Only one youth out of a thousand in the world has the opportunity to attend college, Bishop Penick pointed out. "This spells responsibility in black letters as high as your head," he said. "Be workmen for humanity, called of God," the speaker concluded.

Brief messages of greeting were offered by the Rev. Clarence H. Haden rector of St. Philip's Church, Durham, and a member of the board of trustees, and Dr. Edson E. Blockeap, '13 of Charlotte a spokesman for the alumni. Dr.

Blackman presented Dr. Trigg's purse toward his and Mrs. Trigg's expenses incident to attend the triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in San Francisco beginning September 25.

Incomplete registration figures indicate a capacity enrollment. An overflow of men students is being accommodated in the city.

WILKINS RAPS DEWEY

NEW YORK—Charging that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey "prejudiced" the Peekskill riot case, Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today issued the following statement:

"Governor Dewey has issued a strange statement on Peekskill. He has ordered a grand jury investigation to determine the facts but at the same time, he has expressed the opinion that the followers of Paul Robeson provoked the violence.

"By issuing this statement, he has prejudiced the case and made the projected grand jury investigation a meaningless formality."

My Neighbors



By BILL PAULSON
"Communists 'rescuing' my property from 'greedy capitalists' sounds about like my dog 'rescuing' my steak from the ice-box."

OPPOSE BENDETSSEN FOR ARMY POST

NEW YORK — Expressing fear that the proposed appointment of Col. Karl R. Bendetsen as Assistant of the Army would "seriously retard elimination of discrimination in the armed services," Roy Wilkins, NAACP acting secretary, today urged President Truman to withhold naming of the Army officer.

In a letter to the President Mr. Wilkins cited Colonel Bendetsen's role as director of the Japanese evacuation from the West Coast. "Millions of Americans now regard the evacuation program as an error which did great injustice to both Japanese-American citizens and to Japanese aliens in our country," Mr. Wilkins said.

PREJUDICE FEARED

"Citizens of German and Italian descent, and even resident aliens of those nations, were not subjected to the indignities of mass suspicion, mass evacuation, and mass internment as were the Japanese, American Negroes by and large, felt then, as they still feel, that race and color prejudice was a strong factor in the evacuation program."

Calling attention to the President's executive order for equality of treatment in the armed forces, Mr. Wilkins expressed the opinion that the "naming of a man with Col. Bendetsen's views to so high a post as Assistant Secretary of the Army will defeat the efforts of the Secretary of Defense Johnson to carry out your executive order.

Moreover such a nomination will distress and discourage Negro Americans who have been cheered by your announced intention to eliminate discrimination against their men and women in uniform, and by the followup procedures of Secretary Johnson."

\$2,668 RAISED FOR GROVELAND CASE

NEW YORK—Augmented by a contribution of \$500 by Alfred Baker Lewis, member of the NAACP national board of directors, the fund for the sentence of the three convicted youths in the Groveland, Fla., "rape" case this week amounted to \$2,668.10. Of the total sum to date \$1,588.22 came from NAACP branches, \$835 from individuals, \$217.38 from organizations and \$950 from sources.

HARVARD PROF. IS VESPER SERVICE GUEST SPEAKER

OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. PFEIFFER

Greensboro, N. C. — The opening vespers service of the school year at Emory College, Sunday, September 25, will mark the observance of Annie Merner Pfeiffer Memorial Services. Guest speaker will be Dr. Roger H. Pfeiffer of the Harvard and Boston University faculties, nephew of Mrs. Pfeiffer, who for many years was the college's most generous benefactor.

Her gifts made possible the erection of many buildings on the campus, including Pfeiffer residence hall, Henry Pfeiffer Science hall, the Merner-Pfeiffer heating plant and Annie Merner Pfeiffer chapel and Little Theatre. Mrs. Pfeiffer's last gift to the college was made during the annual Founder's Day program in November of 1945 shortly before she died at her home in New York City, January 8, 1946. At that time she donated \$112,000 toward the erec-

tion of a student union building, which is expected to be completed toward the first of the year.

Dr. Pfeiffer, who heads the list of distinguished speakers to be heard at the college during the year, holds the B. D. degree from the Theological School, Geneva, Switzerland and the University of Geneva. He also attended the student Lycee Bologna and the University of Berlin and Tubingen. In 1929 he received the M.A. degree from Harvard, which conferred upon him the Ph.D. degree two years later.

An ordained minister of the Methodist Church, Dr. Pfeiffer has been associated with Harvard since 1922, teaching Semitic languages and history. Since 1931 he has been curator of the institution's Semitic museum.

A noted author, he joined the faculty of Boston University in 1924 later serving as director of the Harvard-Baghdad School excavations, Nuzi, Iraq.



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