



**BENNETT CHRISTMAS GIFT** — Dr. Willa R. Player, president of Bennett college, holds check for \$7,250 which was presented to the college last week by the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Church. The occasion was a convention on Christian Higher Education, and included gifts from the Washington and North Carolina Conferences. Bennett received \$22,000. In the photo, left to right are Dr. L. L. Haynes, president of Morristown Junior College, Morristown, Tenn.; Dr. J. A. Tarpley, of Greensboro, a member of the Bennett board; Bishop Edgar A. Love, head of the Baltimore Area, who gave the convocation address; Dr. Player; Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, of New York, chairman of the Bennett board of trustees and Dr. Noah Moore, pastor of Tindley Temple Methodist Church, Phila., Pa.

## AME Zion Church Enjoyed Its Most Successful Year In Members, Money

CHARLOTTE—Reports from the fall conferences of the A.M.E. Zion Church which ended November 29 revealed that the denomination enjoyed its most successful year in both additional membership and finance.

The first district, presided over by Bishop W. J. Walls, closed its reports with the convening of the Western North Carolina Conference at Cova's Church, located here, in early November. This is the largest Conference in the denomination. Its report showed that the district led in all departments.

There were three conferences held in the second district: Blue Ridge, Kentucky and Allegheny. Bishop W. C. Brown, who presides over this area, reported that physical plants had been improved with such rapidity that it was almost phenomenal. Bishop W. W. Slade, third district, said that secondary education was highlighted in the South Carolina, Cape Fear and Western

assessments were reported at the Easter Monday check-up meeting. This enabled the conference to concentrate on expansion and missions. Laymen in this Conference displayed an intense interest in the rural churches of the area. Bishop Jones has shown a special interest in the youth of his area. Youth Day, Boy Scouts and Christian Education are special projects. They were emphasized in the East Tennessee, Pee Dee and Central North Carolina Conferences.

The North Carolina Conference, held in Pollockville, was the last held in the 8th district. By Bishop

H. T. Mkedford. One of the highlights of this area is a radio program, which tells the story of the denomination, instituted by the Public Relations Department, at Kinston, November, 1957. Such a program was presented in Richmond, Va. and Newbern, with the Rev. Algernon Fisher in charge. Each program featured D. D. Garrett, Director of Christian Education and others interested in the North Carolina Conferences.

The final Conference of the 4th district, over which Bishop R. L. Jones presides, was held in Sanford. Most of the denominational

propagation of the work. This project took precedence at the other Conferences of the district, Tennessee and Albemarle Conferences.

The sixth district, presided over by Bishop H. B. Shaw and comprised of the West Alabama, North Florida, Palmetto and South Florida Conferences, closed at Jacksonville, Florida, where a record was set, in that the choir of the church at Key West traveled more than 1000 miles to render music for the occasion. This district has done a tremendous job in Home Missions. The presiding prelate has corralled a number of volunteer workers who have shown an unusual interest in the work and have raised large sums of money, renovated several buildings and in many instances built new ones.

The biggest expansion job was done in the seventh district, under the direction of Bishop S. G. Spottswood. He held only two fall conferences, the Colorado and the Texas, but the reflection of the work done in the Michigan and Ohio Conferences is seen throughout the denomination. His pioneering work in the central northwest has planted Zion Methodism in that area. It is believed that he plans to move into Alaska. He was not available for comment on this venture.



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## Dr. Nabrit Elected To Governing Body Of Ass'n Of Colleges, Schools

HOUTON, Texas (ANP) — According to news released by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Dr. S. M. Nabrit, president of Texas Southern University, was elected 2nd vice-president of the Association at its recent meeting in Louisville.

Dr. John Codwell, outgoing president of the organization passed the scepter of leadership to incoming president Dr. J. A. Colston, who is president of Knoxville College, Tennessee.

W. E. Coombs, State supervisor of secondary schools in the department of education of Tallahassee and E. S. Cozart, president of Barber Scots college, Concord, N. C. were elected 1st vice president and secretary respectively of the association.

At the last moment the plans were changed and the two presidents went for a cruise on President Tubman's yacht.

Toure indicated that what he needed was not the adulation of the public but a chance to do some serious thinking with the experienced Liberian president and get some practical advice. Receptions are pleasant but not necessarily profitable.

Out at sea the two men with the aid of an interpreter, Toure speaks only French and Tubman only English, got together.

## Guinea's Toure Confers With Liberia's Tubman

MONROVIA (ANP) — Sekou Toure, president of Guinea, came to Liberia for a state visit Monday and received an enthusiastic welcome from Liberians. He had a busy three days here with a state reception and an appearance before the legislators in sessions.

Because of Guinea's great need in the matter of education, President Tubman has arranged for one day to be spent at Kakato inspecting the Booker T. Washington Trade School which was completing its year's session with 70 students, the largest graduation class in the history of the institution.

A Ghana air lines plane flew from Accra to take him to Ghana Wednesday where he will visit Prime Minister Nkrumah.

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**CHRISTMAS IN BURMA** — Dean and Mrs. T. E. McKinney of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, left recently for a visit with their son, T. E., Jr., in Rangoon, Burma. On this trip which will take them around the world, Dean and Mrs. McKinney will visit Honolulu, Hawaii; Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong, China; India; Jerusalem; Lebanon; Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt; Athens, Greece; Rome, Italy; Paris, France; Switzerland; and London, England. They plan to return to America January 15, 1959.

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