

New Jersey Editor Says 'We Shall Keep Up The Fight' For Commissioner

NEWARK, N. J. — (Calvin Service)—Colored citizens here are not downhearted at the second defeat of Roger M. Yancey for City Commissioner. Fred R. Clark, editor of the New Jersey Guardian, 129 W. Market St., in a leading editorial last week headed "We Shall Keep Up The Fight," said:

"Roger M. Yancey goes down to defeat again for City Commissioner, a repetition of four years ago and his defeat is largely our own fault because we, as a race, are lacking in interest in our own, yet we were interested in, and voted for the five successful candidates who will enjoy the fat of the land for the next four years while we sit idly by lamenting the lost opportunity to do something that would reflect credit upon a race.

"Yancey made a good showing and could have been one of the victors in last Tuesday's election had his own race rallied to his support instead of some members and even ministers too, our supposed leaders, knocking him. This writer sounds the alarm right now by saying, we will never elect Yancey or any other race man to the office of City Commissioner unless we stop and think and then

do the thing that was taught us by the late Booker T. Washington, 'Pull together'. But this kind of teaching was in the day when we did not have so much of what we boast of today—intelligence, yet we were more racial minded in those days than we are now. And, this reminds the writer of the fact that we have grown most too intelligent for the good of the race, since our intelligence has had a tendency to sway us from the old landmark.

"It is the ambition of this writer to see a race man in City Hall as a Commissioner and we really expect to move along this line with our influence and money, such as we have, in our humble effort to get our people to see the real necessity of sending one of our own to City Hall four yrs. from now.

"During the next four years, we vow to keep up the fight for a City Commissioner. But it takes time, effort and money, all of which every member of the race should be willing to give to such a cause. As we believe the purpose can be accomplished if our plans for an are well founded, therefore, let us all grasp this idea and let it grow bigger in our minds until the time comes to act and then act wisely."

WINS SCHOLARSHIP



MISS CAROLEASE FAULKNER, Livingstone College Senior, who was awarded the State Scholarship at the Annual North Carolina Dramatic Festival held in Winston-Salem recently. The award was offered for that student who displayed the most unusual ability in dramatics during the past four years. Miss Faulkner is Tutor in the Department of English at Livingstone and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

SIX ADDITIONAL SENATORS FAVOR GAVAGAN ISSUE

2,000 Witness African Cornerstone Laying

WILBERFORCE Inst. Transvaal, South Africa—(Calvin Service)—On Sunday, April 4, more than 2,000 people came many miles to Wilberforce Institute to witness the cornerstone laying of the new Teacher Training building, which had been postponed from February 21, on account of heavy rains. Bishop R. R. Wright, who presides over the South African district of the A.M.E. church, preached the sermon. Inspector of Schools Acheterberg gave an address. Rev. J. G. Tantai, presided. Music was rendered by various choirs. Bishop Wright urged the people to self-help, saying that he wanted this building to

BISHOP R. E. JONES IS GAMMON BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

ATLANTA, Ga.—(C)—Bishop Robert E. Jones of Columbus, O. will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Gammon Theological Seminary on May 23, and Bishop A. W. Leonard of Pittsburg will deliver the commencement address on May 25.

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to be built by the black people themselves. It will cost over \$12,000.

"I want African black people to raise \$7,000 of this, and I want the African people of America to send us \$5,000," the bishop said. The collection was \$480. In July the balance will be raised.

Wilberforce Institute was established in 1909 and its first building was erected by Bishop J. Albert Johnson. It has now 21 acres of land, seven buildings, including the principal's cottage and post office building. Its two most imposing buildings are Gregg Hall, boys' dormitory, and Fanny Coppin Hall, a girls' dormitory. There are over 500 pupils and 14 teachers. There are Normal, Secondary, Industrial and Primary Practice schools connected with the institute. It is located 28 miles from South Africa's greatest city, Johannesburg, a city fast approaching a million inhabitants. It is 997 miles from Cape Town, one of South Africa's capital cities. It is the only institution in South Africa for training teachers, with an African president and entire African faculty.

Bishop Wright contemplates 2 more buildings, one of which will house the proposed Theological Seminary of South Africa.

EXPECT 1,000 DELEGATES TO NAACP CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 27—A registration of 1,000 delegates from about thirty states is expected for the 28th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which meets in Detroit, Mich. June 29-July 4, inclusive.

The delegates will discuss the CIO and Negro labor, inequalities in public education, lynching, co-operatives, a projected campaign

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 21.—Six additional United States senators, five of whom had been listed as uncertain on the anti-lynching bill, have written the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that they are heartily in favor of this legislation and will vote for it when it comes up for a vote. This makes a total of 62 senators in favor of the bill.

The new senator from Tennessee, George L. Berry, who was appointed recently by Governor Gordon H. Browning to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Bachman, writes the NAACP:

"I want to make it very clear that I have been in the past and shall continue to be interested in and favorable to this legislation. The following senators listed as uncertain wrote the NAACP: Edward R. Burke, Nebraska: 'I have always been heartily in favor of legislation of this kind—it would therefore be my present intention to support the bill actively.'"

William H. Smathers, New Jersey: "Of course it (the poll) is incorrect. I issued a public statement on this matter which appeared in the Washington Post the day after my arrival in Washington stating that I would support the Gavagan anti-lynching bill."

The Secretary of Senator H. F. Ashurst of Arizona: "Senator Ashurst is amazed that he is listed as uncertain regarding the anti-lynching bill. He is in favor of this bill and will vote for the same."

Arthur H. Vandenburg, Mich.: "I continue to be unreservedly in favor of anti-lynching legislation."

H. S. Bridges, New Hampshire: "I will support legislation having for its purpose the elimination of this crime."

As the poll stands to date, there are 62 senators in the favorable group, 53 definitely, 6 favorable with reservations and three classified as probably favorable. Only 49 votes are necessary to pass the bill.

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Dr. James Dillard Awarded 1937 Roosevelt Medal

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 27—James E. Garfield, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, announced last week that Dr. James Hardy Dillard, the educator for whom Dillard University was named, has been awarded the 1937 Roosevelt Medal "in recognition of sixty years of wise and devoted work in behalf of the American Negro" and because he has rendered "distinguished service in the field of social justice and has established a better understanding between the white race and the black."

This medal, given annually to individuals outstanding in fields associated with the life of Theodore Roosevelt, will be presented to Dr. Dillard, October 27, the 79th anniversary of the late president's birth. Dr. Dillard, a native of Virginia, became associated with Negro educational work while Dean of the College at Tulane University, New Orleans, in an era when it was considered unpopular to espouse the cause of the Negro. He has served as a trustee on the

boards of various Negro schools, and is now president of the Jeanes Fund. When Straight College and New Orleans University were merged in 1930, the new institution was named in honor of Dr. Dillard.

Commencement activities at Dillard University will begin on Sunday, May 30, with the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by the president, Dr. W. S. Nelson. On Monday evening the Alumni Association, composed of Dillard's first graduating class and the alumni of Straight College and New Orleans University, will give a dinner in honor of the graduates. Class Day exercises will be held Tuesday in the University Auditorium, and on the same evening the seniors will be guests of President and Mrs. Nelson who will entertain at their beautifully appointed new home on the campus.

The second annual commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 2, with Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Professor of Sociology, Atlanta University, delivering the address. The majority of the prospective graduates are from the Lower Mississippi Valley with one from Nicaragua. There is a slight excess of young men over young women in this, Dillard's second graduating class. As to occupations, about one half of the class and the majority of the young women have expressed their intention to become teachers, with some expressing an interest in social work and business. Medicine is the most popular occupational choice among the young men.

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