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Bankers Fire Directors In Annual Meet

Harris Presides Over 19th Meet Of Company

The directors and stockholders of Bankers Fire Insurance Company met at the office of the company on March 8th and 9, 1939 in the company's nineteenth annual session. At these meetings there were 11 directors present and 13,042 shares were represented by presence or proxy.

Customary reports of officers and committees were rendered and as a resume of the company's history, R. N. Harris, secretary, who has been in the employ of the company since 1921, says "This is our story": "Our company has been called 'unique' and contemporary underwriting groups have paid us sundry compliments, based, we presume, on the fact that we constitute the only group of Negroes engaged in the field of fire insurance underwriting and happen to be able to maintain excellent loss ratios and loss paying records."

Truthfully, we regret our 'uniqueness' and would really welcome the organization of other fire insurance companies to operate in territory where we are established as well as in those states where we are not licensed. Such organizations would provide a broadened scope and by inter-office counsel and treaty agreements, would contribute much to the growth of us all.

As to our record, we believe ourselves pardonably proud of the fact that entering a new field nineteen years ago we have been able to learn something about the business; to pay our stockholders a cash dividend amounting to \$66,122.00; to pay losses aggregating \$461,100.53 and to show at the close of last year a surplus of \$54,091.68 in addition to our \$200,000.00 capital. We could not have done

this, however, had it not been for the support of a clientele which has paid through the years premiums aggregating \$1,138,434.41. We are thankful for this patronage and shall continuously strive to warrant it by rendering a service comparable with the best.

Our company is fortunate in its directorate, which we believe, is among America's best. Directors are: W. G. Pearson, president; E. R. Merrick, Charles C. Spaulding, W. D. Hill, R. L. McDougald, M. A. Goins, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., officers of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; Ira T. Bryant, Secretary AME Sunday School Union, Nashville, Tenn.; G. A. Ewage, Educator; J. T. Carter, President, Southern Aid Society, Richmond, Va.; J. H. Ridley, President, Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.; W. T. Mason, Realtor and Insurance Agent, Norfolk, Va.; W. M. W. Richardson, Superintendent of Lincoln Hospital; J. C. Scarborough, Mortician; I. H. Smith, Realtor and Insurance, New Bern, N. C.; A. More Shearin, Secretary, Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company; A. Tinsley, Physician, Weldon, N. C.; J. S. Thompson, Physician, R. N. Harris, Secretary, Bankers' Fire Insurance Company.

And finally, our company is particularly fortunate in its roster of agents, each of whom is interested in the progress of the company, and, at the same time, determined to represent the best interest of patrons in their respective communities.

These agents are: In the District of Columbia: Daniel G. Monroe; In Virginia: S. A. Tucker, Jr., Alexandria; W. H. Brown, Bristol; O. L. Jackson, Charlottesville; J. Covington; L. E. Price, Danville; F. V. Allison, North Emporia. (Please turn to page eight)



R. N. HARRIS
Secretary of the progressive Bankers Fire Insurance Company, the only Negro fire insurance company in the nation.

SECRETARY Youth Group Hits Race Bias

Crusader News Agency adopted were: Cooperation with the California Youth Model Legislature and support of the Youth Commission bill, the anti discrimination bill, the anti discrimination bill and four other bills now before the California Legislature.

Promotion of unity of young people of all races in neighborhoods and small communities.

Promotion of youth unity in thoroughness with one delegate of youth on the value of trade unions. Support of main points of the Young Democrats' legislative program.

The question of Negro discrimination was discussed thoroughly with one delegate hitting the highlight of discussion with the statement: "The Negroes in the YCL must become the Frederick Douglasses to today but the white members must carry the banner of equality in the spirit of John Brown."

BACK ANTI-BIAS BILL
Dick Criley, reelected state executive secretary, delivered the keynote speech and put forward the main topics for discussion. The main points of the program

Allen U. Prexy Passes

COLUMBIA, S. C. (Special)—Doctor Eugene D. McGill, President of Allen University here died early Monday morning at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, after an operation to remove a brain disturbance.

Noted for his arduous ability, Doctor McGill has been a minister in the AME church for years, at one time pastoring at Asheville. He also had pastored Emanuel in Charleston, S. C.

He was called to the presidency of the university three years ago and since that time, the institution has moved steadily toward the goal of greatness.

Under his administration, the Gymnasium was completed and a new library was begun. Only several months ago, the white theatre here gave the institution a \$25,000 electric organ in appreciation of Dr. McGill's efforts and progress.

The funeral was held in the spacious chapel of Allen university and dignitaries and high churchmen from all over the country attended. Bishop Flipper, who is over the South Carolina diocese, preached.

In addition to his many friends and relatives, his wife survives.

The institution will continue under its present administration until the trustees meet during the commencement, at which time a new president will be elected.



DR. E. NATHANIEL DETT
Director of Music
Bennett College

Shown keen interest in higher education for Negroes during the recent controversy, having made many speeches to that effect including the key address at the Forum here.

Religious Group Feted By Local Citizens

Thursday March 16 Durham was host to the National Baptist Convention Good-Will Tour led by Doctor L. K. Williams of Chicago, President of the convention.

The group which includes other leaders of the four million Negro Baptist in the United States will end its tour in Pensacola, Fla. where a regional meeting of the organization will be held.

In addition to making Durham one of its stops, the Good Will Tour will visit Cincinnati, Charlotte, Columbia, Richmond, Savannah and Jacksonville.

While in Durham the entertainment of the visiting leaders of the Baptist denomination was in charge of the local Negro ministers. A dinner was served the group Thursday afternoon in the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at which time short

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Edwards And Burnett Tie In Contest

As the Principals popularity contest draws nearer its peak, the race becomes hotter and hotter. At present Prof. G. A. Edwards and Prof. Frank Burnett have tied for first place.

But with all that, the contest is far from being a nip and tuck affair with the two top men a certainty to win. Right now Prof. N. A. Cheek and E. D. Mickle are tailing about as close a second and third respectively that could be maintained without taking the lead.

The balloting this week was the most voluminous thus far in the campaign with as high as fifty coupons being cast at once. Yet next week's balloting promises to even surpass this week's tabulations. Remember to have your vote in later than six o'clock Wednesday evening.

Hubert 'Jock' Bumpass Dies

Hubert Bumpass was stricken with a heart attack early Monday afternoon on Fayetteville street and died before help could be summoned.

Mr. Bumpass, whom all referred to as "Jock," was well known here and was employed by a local firm.

His funeral was held at the home, 108 Webster street, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment at Viola Park.

Immediate survivors are: his father and mother, and one brother, Julius. Mr. Bumpass was 38 years of age.

3RD YOUTH MEET IN ALA. APRIL 28TH

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The second most significant meeting to select Birmingham as its gathering place in the history of the South will open April 28-30 when the delegates representing youth organizations of all descriptions convene for the THIRD ALL SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONFERENCE. THE ORGANIZATION, now two years old, was started in Richmond, Va. when 534 youth organizations were represented and several hundred observers were present. It met in Chattanooga in 1938.

More than one hundred outstanding local citizens representing schools, churches, labor, medicine, law, society and business have formed an ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE to prepare a program for the conference and word has been received from more than one hundred important leaders all over the nation assuring sponsorship of the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Bryant, first Negro resident of the South to become national board member of the YWCA is serving as chairman of the Program Committee. She announces that some of the most prominent persons in the South and the nation will lead the panel discussions.

Mr. Edward E. Strong, Executive Secretary, Southern Negro Youth Congress is in the city helping local citizens for the conference. William Richardson, Chairman of the SNYC is expected.

Urban League Campaign To Be Held March 19th

NEW YORK CITY—The Seventh Annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign of the National Urban League, to be held during the week of March 19 to 26, will probably be by far the most successful held to date, according to present indications.

Nearly 600 schools and colleges will join with Urban League branches in 44 cities and similar social agencies in 30 other cities to carry on the drive designed to obtain better jobs for colored workers.

The program of the Vocational Opportunity Campaign is concerned first of all with making Negro youth conscious of their handicaps that will face them as they go out into the occupational world; secondly with urging their close application to the accepted principles of training, guidance, and placement; and finally, with advocating in every way possible a wider and more satisfying range of opportunity for all Negro workers. This program is being carried on in schools, churches in YMCA and WCA's and in community groups of every type. It may be expected that announcements of the meeting are being sent to ten thousand organizations individuals in the South and a delegation of more than one thousand is expected. Headquarters: Colored Masonic Temple Building, Room 408 at 4th Avenue and 17th St. North in Birmingham.

SFMI Holds 13th Annual Session Of Stockholders

The thirteenth annual meeting of policyholders and stockholders of the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company was held Thursday and the management presented a very pleasing review of the past year's activity and an encouraging outlook for the future.

Chartered in 1926 as the only Negro casualty company in the world, it has filled the need for all kinds of bonds and insurance, including hospitalization which it is now majoring in.

The official report shows that the company has more than one million dollars in assets in force and an income in excess of \$23,800.00.

The officers are: W. G. Pearson, president; E. R. Merrick, Charles C. Spaulding, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., J. H. Wheeler, vice president; A. M. Shearin, Secretary; Wm. Jay Walker, Jr., Assistant Secretary; Dr. Leo G. Bruce, Medical Advisor.

CONDUCTS MEETING

A. MOORE SHEARIN
Secretary and treasurer of the Southern Fidelity Mutual which held its stockholders and policyholders meeting recently.

This week's relative standing of contestants is as follows:

Prof. G. A. Edwards	315,000
Prof. Frank Burnett	315,000
East Durham School	315,000
Prof. N. A. Cheek	290,000
Lyon Park School	290,000
Prof. E. D. Mickle	285,000
Pearson School	285,000
Prof. W. G. Pearson	260,000
Hillside High School	260,000
Prof. F. D. Marshall	245,000
East End School	245,000
Mrs. I. H. Russell	235,000
Walltown School	235,000
Rev. J. Lee White	230,000
Hicktown School	230,000

Marry Free

CHICAGO—Bishop S. Q. Hamilton, United Church of God in Christ, one commendation of parishioners and public this week when it was announced that he had practiced of marrying free of charge couples who have obtained licenses but have no money for ministers' fee.



DR. CHARLOTTE H. BROWN
Head and founder of Palmer Institute who addressed the State Beauticians Association Tuesday night at White Rock Baptist Church.



FREDERICK S. WEAVER
Editor in Chief of The Oracle, official organ of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.