

DEANS CLOSE FIFTH ANNUAL CONFAB

James Taylor of N. C. College Is Elected President

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (Special)—The National Association of Personnel Deans and Advisers of Men closed its fifth annual conference here Saturday, April 29 with the election of Dean James T. Taylor, North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina, to the presidency, succeeding Dean William B. West, Howard University, who had completed the two terms in office allowed by the Constitution.

Retiring President West was given a vote of thanks by the body for his contribution to the many constructive measures inaugurated and carried through during his administration.

The Deans accepted the invitation of North Carolina College to convene there next year. A second invitation came from Prairie View State College. Hope was expressed that Prairie View would repeat the invitation next year so that the Association might meet year after year in Texas.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 COLLEGES

The conference, pronounced by the membership the most stimulating in the history of the organization, brought to the Tuskegee campus the deans and personnel directors who are guiding and counseling the young men on the campus of 15 Negro colleges. Messages and greetings came from 25 more.

WELCOME ADDRESS

Doctor W. T. B. Williams, Vice President of Tuskegee Institute, in his address of welcome on Thursday afternoon said: "Many groups come here from all parts of the world, but none has been more welcome than you; none of more interest or significance. You hold a unique position, you are at the heart of Negro education. You are close to the young men... closer than the president or the other administrators. Yours is an important and fundamental position because you give direction. Therefore you must be alert to every movement and activity of the present day. Our young men must be kept in touch with the movements in the world."

DEAN JARRETT OF LANGSTON RESPONDS

In response to the welcome address Dean Hubert Jarrett of Langston University said in part: "Booker T. Washington realized the problems of his day and proceeded to do something about it. We are here today because we realized the problem of our day and this meeting is one of the things we are proceeding to do about it."

DEAN WEST MAKES KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dean William B. West, president of the association, in his opening speech sounded the note that was echoed again and again throughout the three days. He said: "We as personnel deans do feel very keenly the responsibility of guiding a perplexed world. We do not know what to tell them, but we are sincere in our efforts. We meet to exchange ideas and to be encouraged and inspired to keep on. We need prayer for guidance and courage. This is important because of the creeping onto our campuses signs of the disintegration for many things that to us are sacred and I refer not to religion only. I am sorry that some of our faculty members often say to or in the presence of our students more that is destructive than instructive. In the face of all these influences the Deans, must give advice; hence to us this meeting is a sacred one."

TRIGG OF NORTH CAROLINA, HURLS A BOMB

At the Friday morning session with Dean Alvin J. Neely, second vice president, presiding, papers were presented by Julius Flood, personnel director, Tuskegee Institute. "The Value of Guidance and Placement Programs in our Colleges," by Dean Melvin Watson, Dillard University, New Orleans, "Personal Adjustment and an Advisory Plan for Freshmen," by Dean James T. Taylor, North Carolina College, "What

is a Good Guidance Program for College Youth?"

Harold Trigg, supervisor of Colored High School, Raleigh, North Carolina was guest speaker for the morning. Mr. Trigg threw a bomb into the meeting when he declared that one of the reasons why there is confusion and frustration amongst young people today lies in the fact that in college there is no chance to think. Another source of frustration among youth he said is their contact with teachers who are maladjusted socially, economically and spiritually. One remedy he said was to have in our colleges teachers who are what we expect college graduates to be.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1939-1940

President...Dean James T. Taylor, North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina.

First Vice President...Dean Alvin J. Neely, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Second Vice President...Dean R. B. Anderson, Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.

Secretary, Walter R. Brown, Hampton Institute.

Treasurer, W. J. Faulkner, Fisk University.

Reflections

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organizations such as YMCA and YWCA and the Urban League demand college graduates as officials and workers and prefer college graduates with degrees in social work. So this field too is highly promising.

Likewise in LITERATURE, ARCHITECTURE, and ENGINEERING there are opportunities for competition with other races if you are good.

Some FIELDS NEW TO THE NEGRO nevertheless offering distinct opportunities. In natural science there are unusual opportunities as chemists, pathologists, botanists, meteorologists and research workers. You can find openings in child guidance occupational therapy, institutional care, clinical psychology, recreation and general SOCIAL RESEARCH.

Some of these occupations ought to intrigue you as careers and particularly when you realize that they are new...recently created to satisfy specific social needs and hence are far from being over crowded. At this stage of the game race cannot hinder you. The one catch is that you have to be good—you have to be better than the white man who gets the same job, you have to offer more for the same price.

Seek To Revive Survey Bill

NEWARK, N. J.—The colored citizens of New Jersey have started a determined drive to persuade the Legislature to report out and pass Assembly Bill No. 479, which is to revive the Negro Survey Commission which went out of existence when it rendered its report to the Legislature on March 8th. Various groups interested in reviving the Survey Commission have come together and formed the "New Jersey Association for Negro Welfare."

Weekly meetings have been held in Essex, Hudson, and Monmouth counties where sentiment is very strong for the revival of the Survey Commission.

According to Herbert Tate, president of it is entirely "non-political," non-sectarian, and non-partisan. The versatile character of its leadership is indicated by the presence of leaders of every shade of political, social and religious opinion.

The officers of the association

ASSOCIATION OF MUSIC TEACHERS IN RACE SCHOOLS MEETS AT FISK UNIVERSITY



FRONT ROW, left to right: H. C. Schmidt, Fisk; Nathaniel Bett, Bennett; Eric T. Clarke, Association of American Colleges; Frederick Hall, Dillard; Mrs. Mattie B. Peary, Southern; J. Harold Brown, Tallahassee.

SECOND ROW: Luanna J. Bowles, Fisk; Kemper Harrel, Spelman; Andrew Rosemond, Tuskegee; O. Anderson, Luller, Prairie View; Sylvia O'den, Talladega; Arthur Coley, Fisk.

THIRD ROW: E. R. Clark, Ft. Valley, Ga.; Orville B. Mosley, Southern; N. Coistance

Allen, Prairie View; Lucille Mills, Livingstone College; Mrs. Porta Lea Trenholm, Alabama State Teachers college; Nerissa L. Brown, Florida A and M; Mrs. Mildred G. Hall, Gilbert Academy, New Orleans.

FOURTH ROW: Alice Greecy, Tessenenden Academy, Martin, Florida; Ruth R. Sanders, Alcorn; Alyce K. Holden, Madison Junior High School, Louisville; Evelyn A. Johnson State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Alice Brokenburr, Alabama State Teachers College; Mrs. J. Harold Brown, Indianapolis, Indiana.

FIFTH ROW: Ferdinand P. Abraham, Allen university; Charles F. V. Edward, Musical Artist Bureau New York City; Camille L. Nickerson, Howard University.

TOP ROW: William L. James, Spelman; William H. McIvar, Wilson High school, Florence, S. C.; John W. Work, Fisk; Cortez D. Roeca, Bluefield; David V. Robinson, Fisk; William Allen, Fisk.

Recreation Program Beneficial To Race

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Rural Areas Benefit

The program has spread from larger urban communities, villages and hamlets. Necessary local recreation Advisory Councils were formed from church, welfare, civic and fraternal bodies and individual citizens who saw the need of changing dull, drab communities into places that would be attractive and happier neighborhoods in which to live.

As in the case of other successful program throughout the country, the Advisory Councils in North Carolina have initiated long time plans, interpreted the program to thousands of citizens and have made valuable contact with city officials so that they were kept informed as to the work of the program.

Similar efforts on the part of the Advisory Council could be cited in hundreds of Negro communities throughout the South.

Added to these examples of wide awake participation in the program, now recognized as an important step in the mental physical growth of individual participants, are the leisure programs underway for Negroes in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and other States outside the South.

40,000 Workers on Program

The WPA Recreation Program has been the first to reach Negro groups and has been of material assistance in building citizenship through health giving, cultural and enjoyable activities.

WPA recreation leaders, in the days before they lost their private jobs, were a cross section of professional and technical workers, teachers, office workers, scales persons or students without previous experience. The training received

and the efforts being put for community betterment. In one community the members of the recreation Advisory Council appealed to the city officials for funds needed to meet federal requirements in the construction of a community center. After a hearing, the Council was informed that the city had no funds available. The Recreation groups, indubitably by this situation, tested land and found that the clay in the certain area could be used for making brick. Permission was secured, brick machinery was assembled and the men in the community gave their services in the making of brick. Today, this community has a beautiful brick community center brought about by the planning and work of the recreation Advisory Council and the people within the community.

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SHAW Harrel In Piano Recital At Shaw University

RALEIGH, (Special)—President William Stuart Nelson of Dillard University, former President of Shaw University, will deliver the Shaw University baccalaureate sermon in services to be held at the University on Sunday, May 28, according to announcement of President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw.

The occasion will mark President Nelson's first official appearance at Shaw University since his leaving to accept the position which he now holds.

The successfully directed affairs of Shaw University for five years during what in many circles has been considered one of the most trying periods of the institution. Prior to that time he was assistant to the president of Howard University.

President Nelson's return to Shaw is considered by the University as one of the high lights of its seventy fourth annual commencement and is expected to be the motivation for the return of any alumni and friends of the Raleigh school.

TUSKEGEE OFFERS SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (Special)—More than one hundred interested agents will attend the short course in agriculture which will be offered by Tuskegee Institute, May 29, June 17, J. R. Otis, Director of the Department of Agriculture, announced today.

Doctor F. D. Patterson, President, and other experts in the field of agriculture will address the group while in session.

on the WPA Recreation Program over the past three years has given professional competence to Negro workers who came to the Program with no previous training in recreation.

Today, the leisure time program the WPA operates in more than ten thousand communities in forty seven states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii. Forty thousand workers of the WPA are now employed in recreation programs throughout the country. More than twenty thousand people are now serving on Advisory Councils made up of agencies and individuals interested in the planning and operation of the recreation program. Colleges and Universities serving both races have aided in the training program with facilities and personnel. New and useful experiences are brought to the more than five million persons who participate each week in the WPA Recreation Program.

RALEIGH, N. C. (By Francis J. Price)—Patrons, friends students, and alumni of Shaw University crowded Greenleaf Memorial Hall Friday, April 28, to hear Josephine Harrel, pianist, in what many persons in the audience called "one of the most thrilling piano performances ever heard in this city."

Miss Harrel's reputation for clarity and beauty of tone as well as authoritative phrasing was completely justified as she interpreted some of the most difficult compositions before an apparently thrilled audience. In addition to her impeccable technique the talented young artist showed a charm and modesty which seemed to endear her to every individual in the filled auditorium.

The program included sonatas by Scarlatti, Handel's "Air with Variations, Beethoven's Sonata in C Major, Debussy's Poisson D'Or, and selections from Chopin all effectively rendered with touching sympathy.

Seen among the guests at the reception held for Miss Harrel in Etey Hall after the

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