

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor Named President Of Va. Union U.



An impressive Mother's Day program was held here Sunday morning at the Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. J. Z. Siler pastor.

Betty Jean Lawrence, 7-3 Class of Whitted School, was the first prize winner in the city-wide Essay Contest, sponsored by the Housewife's League of the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

Mrs. Percy Tenney won the distinction of being Ideal Mother. She was selected on the basis of an Essay written by her daughter. Mrs. Tenney was presented a gift from the Housewife's League and several gifts from the merchants of the city. The above photo was taken during the awarding of the title of "ideal mother" by Miss Sarah Dotson, president of the House-

wives League of Durham and Chapel Hill. Those in the picture from left to right are, Rev. J. Z. Siler, pastor of the church; Betty Jean Lawrence, Mrs. Clara Stroud, Mrs. Tenny, Miss Dotson, Miss Francis Hicks and Mrs. Maude Pratt. In the background partly hidden from view is Mrs. Callie Daye, former president of the League.

Dean Of School Of Religion And Vice-President Trustees' Choice

RICHMOND, VA. Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, Dean of the School of Religion and Vice-President of Virginia Union University, was named President of the University by the Board of Trustees during their annual meeting Wednesday, May 11, according to an announcement released by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Chairman of the Trustee Board.

Dr. Proctor holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Union University, Bachelor of Divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary and Doctor of Theology degree, Boston University. He has also studied in the graduate schools of the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University.

Before coming to Virginia Union University he served as the pastor of the Pond Street Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island. While in Rhode Island he served also as president of the Roger William Baptist Association. Dr. Proctor has given much of his time as a speaker in student conference and in college assemblies.

In recent years he has served as a leader in summer confer-

ences at Epworth Forest, Indiana; Camp Casawasko, New York; Green Lake, Wisconsin; Block Island, Rhode Island; Ocean Park, Maine. He has participated in religious emphasis programs at Randolph-Macon College, Princeton University, Southern University, Pennsylvania State College, the University of New Hampshire, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, Pembroke College, Tuskegee Institute, Maryland State, Fisk University, West Virginia State College, Wayne University, Bucknell University and Allegheny College.

He has served as lecturer in ministers institute at Howard University, North Carolina A. and T. College, Benedict College in South Carolina, Maryland State College and Hampton Institute.

Dean Proctor received an award from Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for a brotherhood sermon delivered at the Chef Sholom Temple of Norfolk and at Westhampton College of the University of Richmond.

He served the American Baptist Foreign Mission Board as part of a three-member team in

Germany, Palestine, Assam, Bengal-Orissa, Burma and South India to conduct a series of Christian Life Conference at Baptist Mission Schools and Colleges.

Samuel DeWitt Proctor: Biographical Memorandum Born July 13, 1921, Norfolk, Virginia; parents, Herbert Q. and Velma G. Proctor. Educated at Virginia public schools of Norfolk. Studied at Virginia State College 1937-39. A.B., Virginia Union University, 1942.

B.D. Crozer Theological Seminary (Chester, Pa.), 1945. Studied at Yale University, Graduate School, 1945-46. Th.D., Boston University, 1950 (Thesis: *New Testament Interpretation Among Northern Baptists, 1898-1948*). Pastor, Pond Street Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., 1945-49.

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Married Bessie L. Tate, Fredericksburg, Va., September, 1944. Two sons, Herbert Stuart and Timothy DeWitt. Traveled in Europe, Palestine, India and Burma from August through December,

1953 for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Dean, School of Religion, Virginia Union University, 1949. Vice-President, Virginia Union University, 1953

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Announces Promotion Of Negro To The National Executive Staff Of Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. The appointment of William G. Porter as National Representative to the Vice-President and General Sales Manager of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., was announced this week by August A. Busch, Jr., president.

In making the announcement, Busch said: "We are delighted that William Porter has been promoted to our national executive staff. He is now one of the highest ranking officers of Anheuser-Busch, Inc."

"Mr. Porter's promotion is due to his fine record in our Chicago Regional Sales Office and his high character and outstanding personality."

"We are proud to have him on our staff". The appointee, who was a regional representative of the world's largest brewery, will work directly under and with James E. Barsl, Vice-President and General Sales Manager, Brewery Division, Anheuser-Busch.

In his new position, Porter will evaluate and assess the needs of individual markets, supervise personnel and make recommendations on the basis of his observations and find-

ings. Working under a broad and expansive job description, the new executive will also plan convention activities; arrange regional and community activities; devise and initiate marketing techniques; work with regional and branch managers; advise with wholesalers in all markets requiring special attention; review reports and advise on particular problems; establish and cultivate contacts among community leaders on local and regional levels.

He is a soft spoken individual with natural personal charm. He joined the Anheuser-Busch Sales Force at Kimbark Branch in Chicago in October 1952. In March of 1953, he was appointed regional representative of the brewery, this assignment broadening his work to include Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Porter was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1911 to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Porter, Sr., the eldest of six children.

At the age of twelve he moved to Berkeley, California, where he lived with an uncle. He was educated in the Beverly public schools and gained a mild reputation in high school athletics, notably baseball and

basketball. After leaving school, he worked for the Connecticut Westchester Fire Insurance Co. of San Francisco.

In 1930, Porter moved to Chicago where he has resided until this appointment. In 1936, he married the former Miss Ruth C. Townsend and presently their three children are attending Chicago schools. Janice, age 17, is in her junior year at the University of Chicago; Lane, age 15, and Diane, age 13, are enrolled in high schools.

In February of 1954, Janice was crowned Queen of the University of Chicago in a contest in which she won out over four other finalists. She was crowned by Robert M. Strozler, the University's Dean of Students at the Washington Promenade of the school.

After moving to Chicago, Porter gathered additional training by studying business administration and marketing at night schools.

He has a wide vocational background with experience from sales clerk at the South Center Department store in Chicago, to distributor and franchise holder for a frozen (Continued on Page Eight)



SYLVIA OLDEN LEE, accomplished singing coach, has taught on the Metropolitan Opera House staff. She studied in Europe on a Fulbright Scholarship and is married to orchestra conductor Everett Lee.



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