

A. M. E. ZION GENERAL CONFERENCE OPEN

NAACP Mass Meeting Held In Union Mills On Sunday April 25

OLD FORT BRANCH OF NAACP PUT ON DAY'S PROGRAM

Successful Meeting Held At Mt. Pleasant Church, In Union Mills

PRES. MANGUM SPEAKS

The Old Fort branch of the National Association Advancement Colored People held a successful mass meeting at Mt. Pleasant church, Union Mills, Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Ethel T. Keaton, in charge.

The principal address was delivered by T. V. Mangum, of Statesville, State president of the NAACP and a member of the National board of directors. Mr. Mangum told of the many things the Association is doing for the advancement of the Negro race. "All the Negro wants is equal opportunities," said he. He also stressed the Negro's duty to vote and take an interest in the affairs of his county and state. Prof. Loftis Carson, principal of the Old Fort school responded.

A large and representative audience heard his message with interest and appreciation. The goal of the NAACP is 50,000 members in North Carolina. Music for the meeting was furnished by The Union Mills Glee Club.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM NEW HOUSE

Mrs. Mae Elta Hill (Staff Correspondent)

People in this community are busy planting crops at this time. A storm shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Walls 10th Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fuller. Games were played and refreshments were served also.

The Missionary circle of White Oak church rendered a program at the church last Sunday. Dinner was served and an enjoyable time was had by all. Eskridge Grove and Webbs church also took part in the program. Mrs. Bertha Spikes, president of Webbs circle made a fine talk, which we enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Addie Stroud is doing fine after an operation at the Shelby Hospital.

Mrs. Idella Gant is improving nicely after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vinson were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDuffie.

Mrs. Edward Mintz is spending a few days with her daughter, Ruthie Mae.

Lawson McDuffie and family have moved into this community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fuller April 6th a baby girl.

White Oak Missionary circle met May 4th with Mrs. Annie McDuffie.

Our Singing convention will meet at Brooks Chapel May 16th. Public invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Harvey visited Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Tuggle, Sunday.

Mrs. Eunice Tuggle has been very ill, we wish for a speedy recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Driskell were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM FOREST CITY

Roscoe Hamilton and Sam Willie has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamilton in New York.

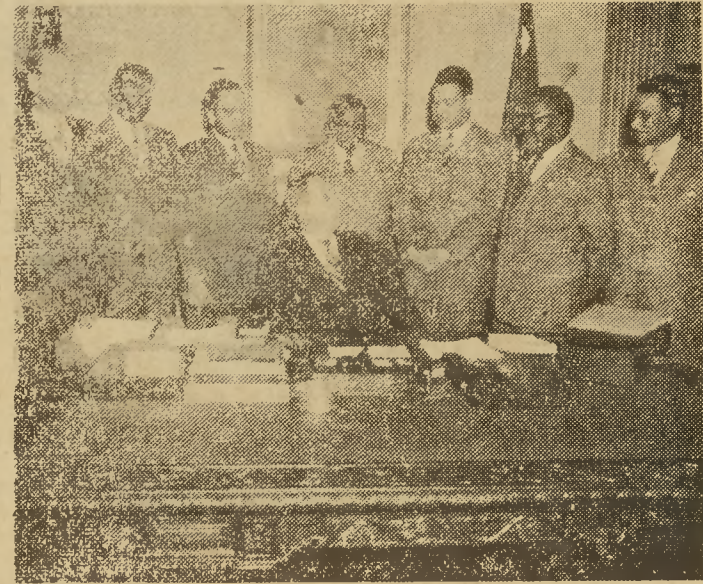
Tex Red, a widely known man, passed recently.

Miss Orville Means is improving at present.

Mrs. E. S. Cannon spent the week end with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ervin, in Morganton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Watkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watkins in Asheville. Mrs. Ella Mosley is improving nicely.

Secretary of Army Greets Negro Publishers



SECRETARY KENNETH C. ROYALL, Department of the Army Chief, is shown greeting Negro publishers in his office prior to their departure on a tour of Army installations in the European Command. From left to right are Thomas W. Young, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association and editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide; Carter Wesley, publisher of the Houston Defender; William G. Nunn, managing editor of the Pittsburgh Courier; Louis Martin, editor, Chicago Defender; Cliff W. MacKay, Assistant editor of the Afro-American Newspapers; Dowdell H. Davis, managing editor of the Kansas City Call; all of whom will observe utilization of Negro troops during the course of their tour through Germany and Austria.

U. S. Air Force In Europe Appoints Negro Commander

Host Pastor and Wife



DR. and MRS. R. L. JONES
Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones pastor and wife of Broadway Temple A. M. E. Zion Church, Louisville, Ky. where the General Conference is in session. Dr. Jones is a native of North Carolina, and was pastor of Hopkins Chapel church in Asheville for ten years before going to Louisville.

Personal Items From Zion Grove

Jessie Lee Miller (Staff Correspondent)

RUTHERFORDTON, R. 2.—There will be a memorial service at Zion Grove A. M. E. Zion Church, May 11th at 11:30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. Mrs. Lory M. Burchette of Tryon, N. C. Everyone has an invitation to attend, and everyone that has relatives buried in the cemetery are asked to bring flowers.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the Junior Four Quintet of Forest City will contest the Silver Trumpet Quintet of Shelby. Free admission. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Bomar and daughter Vera, were the dinner guests of Mrs. Ella Miller on April 17th. Rev. Bomar is the pastor of Zion Grove Church. He is now pastoring at New Bethel A. M. E. Zion Church, Forest City.

Walter Miller has been on the sick list, but he is getting along fine at this writing. His son John visited him sometime ago, but he has returned to Washington, D. C. where he has made his home for the past three years.

GREENS CREEK PERSONAL ITEMS

Leroy Holbert (Staff Correspondent)

Mrs. Estelle H. McEntire is visiting her mother and aunt Mrs. Susan McDowell in Arlington, Va., and other relatives and friends in Washington, D. C.

The New Hope School Glee club rendered a program at Greens Creek church April 25, under the supervision of Mrs. M. E. Wilson. Mrs. Estelle McEntire was sponsor. Green Creek Chorus, organized June 1947, by Rev. G. W. Driskell is doing fine. There are 27 members in the chorus, and officers are Ranson Hines, leader; Iverna Carson, secretary; Corene McEntire, assistant secretary; Bernice McEntire, treasurer; and Leroy Holbert director.

Memorial services will be held at Greens Creek church Sunday May 16th. The public is invited.

Editor Interviews A Candidate

(From the Star of Zion, March 18, 1948.)

The Editor had the opportunity recently to interview Dr. H. T. Medford of Washington, D. C. who is in the vanguard of those men being considered for election to the Bishopric at the Louisville, Ky. General Conference in May, 1948. He readily answered questions as follows:

Q. Dr. Medford, is it true that you are one of the wealthiest men of the race in Washington? Ans. By no means. Mrs. Medford and I are "owners of record" of some valuable property here, but "owners of record" doesn't mean that it is paid for; in our case it means that we have gotten possession of it and the tenants who occupy it are gradually paying for it.

Q. If you were elected a Bishop, what effect would your property holdings have upon your service to the Church?

Ans. No more than it has had upon me as a pastor and a General Officer. I have owned real estate more or less since I was twenty-one. Perhaps all the years it has given a sense of security and saved me from having to unduly lean upon the people whom I have served. It will likely serve in that way in the years ahead. For several years I have had competent people handle my personal interests while I travelled far and wide in the interest of the church. My son, Thomas, a real estate broker in D. C., is now agent for the property. His office is in the City of Washington, located in one of the Buildings at 2300-18th Street, N. W.

Q. If you were elected Bishop, where would you like to serve?

Ans. Wherever I am sent, I never did ask for a pastoral appointment. I left it entirely to the wishes and judgment of my Bishop. If given the responsibility of serving as a Bishop, certainly I'd go and serve "with a glad mind" wherever the Episcopal committee assigns me.

Q. What is this we hear about you paying scholarships for a number of young people? How do you do it?

Ans. The Lord has given me health and strength and permitted me to make a little money with which I could help others. I wrote them in charge of each of our schools, that if they found a promising youth who, for lack of funds could not remain in school, to have such a one continue in school and send me the bill. Three such scholarships were paid last year and three others were paid this year at as many of our schools. It is an experiment and if it works well, I plan to continue it in the years ahead. We were first to inaugurate and finance the church scholarships during 1920-24 in the Logan Temple pastorate at Knoxville, Tenn.

Q. What reaction have you had from the issuance of your biography: "From The Depths"?

Ans. A most surprising and enthusiastic response. Letters of commendation and orders for additional copies come in every mail. In it we tried to relate the bare facts of my life: some of them a little embarrassing, and we entertained fears that the revelation of some material success might not help; but from reverberating public echoes there appears to be no need for embarrassment or fear. Evidently people appreciate facts plainly stated.

Q. What is your idea as to needed General Conference legislation at Louisville?

Ans. I think expansion, as it relates to Missions, Home, Foreign, and Evangelism should be foremost in any legislative action. Of course Missions and Evangelism are almost one and the same. The life and the perpetuation of our Zion depends upon the attention that we give to Missions, as represented in Expansion and Evangelism. Mission preachers must have better material support. Young people must be encouraged to prepare to enter the ministry and Foreign Mission service. The Evangelistic fire of our Methodism must be rekindled; the cause of Missions more fully sold to our people and more money raised to further the program. Any legislation looking to the above ends is most important and far-reaching.

HERALD SUBSCRIBERS

Mrs. D. B. Hart, Mrs. Lela Watkins, Mrs. Essie Ford, J. M. Robinson, Mrs. Annie Davis, Mrs. J. I. Barnes.

THE MONTH

By M. B. Robinson

A group of young men including Revs. G. A. Brooks, G. H. Harrison, D. C. Pope J. C. Hoggard, I. B. Turner, and several others are candidates for the all important position of Secretary of Foreign Missions at this General Conference. If any of them wish to be elected, it will pay them well to do all that they can to get Dr. H. T. Medford, elected to the Bishopric. Dr. Medford has made such a fine General Officer in that Department until no one in Zion can be elected over him.

The representative attendance at the mass meeting in Union Mills last Sunday of the NAACP and the interest shown proves that Negroes in this section of North Carolina have become awakened to the fact that this is one among the leading organizations in the United States dedicated to our progress and advancement, and they are going to support it, too.

The Dixie Cafe, Jones St. Foundation Inn, S. C. owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCoy is doing a thriving business. Mr. McCoy is a former dining car waiter, but has been managing his cafe there for five years. We are grateful for the many fine counties shown us on our visit there some time ago. And it was a pleasure to see the progress being made by Negroes there, good schools, etc.

Everyone that intends to vote in the Democratic primary May 30th, must register Saturday, May 2, May 9th or May 16th. It is encouraging to see the many Negroes that heretofore have been indifferent, and not taking any interest whatever in who is to be nominated and elected as their officials, but now they are anxious to exercise their constitutional rights. It is forever true that "A voteless people are a hopeless people."

Rev. E. O. Bass, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist church together with Deacon S. B. McKinney must be given credit for the fine cooperation that they have given us in the publication and progress of the Harris Herald. Rev. Bass and Deacon McKinney subscribers, and the pastor urges his members to subscribe also. Many thanks brethren.

An effort is now in progress to secure to co-operation and support of Negroes of this area in two worthwhile organizations.

The National Association Advancement Colored People has for its goal at least fifty members in this vicinity, and the Farm Bureau is also trying to enroll every interested farmer that it can. Both of the groups will receive the support and help of a majority of Negroes in this county and section.

Expert Picks Jersey Joe To Lick Champ

CHICAGO — Insisting that Jersey Joe Walcott can foil Joe Louis' jab and is also a better fighter, boxing expert Lester Bromberg says in May Negro Digest that the challenger will easily lick the champ in their June rematch.

"Defensively, Walcott is the hardest man to hit in the heavy weight division since Jack Johnson," Bromberg says in the Negro Digest article. "But the most valuable of his assets is the way he foils Joe Louis' jab. And, when you keep Louis from scoring with his straight left, you have taken away 50 per cent of his effectiveness."

Walcott's infighting is counted on to take off another 25 per cent of Louis' effectiveness, for he upercuts inside Louis' arms and makes the champ back away. This, Bromberg declares, is what happened in the ninth round of their last fight when Walcott fought his way off the ropes.

According to Bromberg's calculations, all Walcott has to do is beat the 25 per cent of Joe Louis that is left.

Religion Only Hope For Future In Atomic Age

Active Bishop



BISHOP W. J. WALLS, presiding Bishop of the second Episcopal District A. M. E. Zion church, who last year toured Europe as a member of a group of clergymen under the auspices of the War Department. Other honors to Bishop Walls, included his selection for "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the Central States," and "Who's Who in the Religious Leaders of America." He holds membership in the American Society of Church History, the General committee of the World Council of Churches, the National Religious Education Association and other civic, religious, fraternal and social bodies. Bishop Walls is a native of Rutherford County in Western North Carolina.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HARRIS

Essie Pearl Robinson (Staff Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wright and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Goler Harris and family.

The mother and baby clinic will meet the last Thursday at Harris High School instead of Friday as formerly.

Mrs. Odessya Lynch visited Mrs. Louise Robinson recently.

Mrs. Carrie Harris, her sons Socrates and Carewell and Editor Robinson visited several of Mrs. Harris' relatives in and near Gastonia, N. C. Sunday April 25.

Memorial Services At Doggett Grove

Memorial Services will be held at Doggett Grove church all day Sunday, May 16th. All persons with relatives buried there are asked to come Saturday, May 15th and help clean the graves.

AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By DR. H. T. MEDFORD Washington, D. C.

Rev. L. R. Bennett pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church, Southern Pines, N. C. came to Washington Monday, April 19th to confer with and inquire what he could do to aid the writer's election to the Bishopric at the Louisville, Ky. general conference. He is a delegate and a young minister of promise.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, Walter White of National fame were among those heard at All Souls church, Washington at the closing of the annual rally for the district branch of the NAACP Monday, April 18. More than \$10,000 was raised in the drive. Dr. S. G. Spottswood presided.

Dr. A. A. Crooke, presiding elder held his last quarterly conference for the church year, at

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OPENED MAY 5TH IN LOUISVILLE FOR SESSION

Conference Will Continue For Two or Three Weeks After Convening

LIST MANY CANDIDATES

The Quadrennial session of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church opened Wednesday, May 5th, and will continue for two or three weeks. The conference is the highest law-making body in the connection and will have a representative delegation of several hundred persons. The conference is meeting in Broadway Temple church, with Dr. R. L. Jones, host-pastor.

The 1948 session will be among the most important of any in the long history of Zion from 1756 to the present, because all progressive members of the conference will be looking forward to the continued advancement of the Church, especially in this post-war area and time.

As usual there will be a large number of candidates for different positions, however the chief interest will center upon the election of new Bishops.

Following are some of the candidates and those mentioned for Episcopal honors: Drs. H. B. Shaw, S. G. Spottswood, G. F. Hall, W. F. Witherspoon, W. R. Lovell, J. S. N. T. ss, B. C. Jackson, W. O. Carrington, J. L. Black, I. Alber Moore, F. S. Anderson, A. A. Perry, W. A. Cooper, S. P. Perry, F. R. Blakey, H. D. Tillman, J. D. Cauthan, G. M. Edwards, W. A. Stewart, R. L. Jones, E. S. Hargde, D. C. Crosby, C. E. Tucker and others.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM REIDVILLE

James B. Lyles (Staff Correspondent)

The young peoples singing convention was held at Holden church, Boiling Springs, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, of Miami, Fla. visited his brother Dock Smith in Rainbow Lake community.

Mrs. Lethis has returned home after visiting her daughter in New York.

Perry Waddell is recovering after breaking his leg the second time.

Ben Bomar School, of Inman will hold their commencement program May 20th. Many seniors will graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Lyles were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Level, Arcadia, S. C.

Rev. J. W. Colman is confined to the General Hospital, Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyles visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnell Foster Sunday.

Miss Intzenell Mill has returned home from General Hospital.

Farm Bureau Met Monday

A meeting of the Farm Bureau was held at the court house Monday night at 8:00 p. m. Invitations had been sent to Negro farmers of the county to meet with the white farmers. A successful meeting was held with those present pledging their support of the organization. The next meeting will be held at the court house next Thursday night, May 13th at 8:00 p. m.

NEGROES SHOW INTEREST IN BETTER USE OF LAND

Negro farmers of the Sandhills section of Richmond County are becoming more interested in land use practices, particularly the planting of fruit trees, reports William F. Wright, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service.

"For a number of years," Wright said, "cotton and a little tobacco on some farms have been the main cash crops, and they have caused serious erosion problems as well as a reduction in soil fertility. In some few cases farms have been abandoned by their operators. However, many farmers have proved and are still proving that good management practices and using each acre wisely will produce a profit."

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