

Ministers And Choir Directors Attending Hampton's Workshop

HAMPTON, Va.—Over 300 ministers and approximately 150 choir directors will convene Monday, June 29, for a five-day conference and workshop on Hampton Institute's 91-year-old campus by the sea.

This year marks the 45th annual meeting of the interdenominational Ministers' Conference. Meeting concurrently on the college campus from June 29 to July 3, the Choir Directors and Organists Guild will observe their 25th anniversary—having held a workshop every year since 1934.

Five nationally prominent religious leaders will address the conference on religious faith and mental health, race relations, and the relations of the ministers to the enlarging community.

They are Stephen Gill Spottswood of Washington, D. C., who has been Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church since 1952; Dr. Ralph D.

Abernathy, pastor of the historic First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and well known for his part in the Montgomery bus struggle; Dr. Tollie L. Caution, priest of the Episcopal Church and executive secretary of the Division of Racial Minorities, National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches.

Also Dr. Albert L. Meiburg of Winston-Salem, N. C., associate director for research, Department of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital and editor of the book, "Laymen at Work"; and Dr. Vernon Johns, a writer of religious articles and director of the Maryland Baptist Center and School of Religion in Baltimore.

Organized in the summer of 1914, the Hampton Institute Minister's Conference came into being as a result of the concern of the late Dr. Hollis Burke Frissell, a former head of Hampton Institute, for the establishment of a conference in which all denominations

could participate. The conference has convened at the college on Virginia's lower peninsula every year since 1914, ex-

cept for wartime interruptions.

Dr. J. R. Moore, minister of the Amity Baptist Church, Jamaica, N. Y., is president of the conference.

The chaplain of Hampton Institute, Dr. Vernon P. Boden, has served as executive secretary and treasurer of the conference since 1953. Prior to coming to Hampton, he served in a similar capacity at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and

Director of Religious Activities thor of a book on Walter Raus- at the Iowa State Teachers College chenchush, published by Yale Uni- in Cedar Falls. He is also the au- versity Press.



FATHER CLANCY CONGRATULATES Norma Ellen Keck, age 13, an eighth grade graduate of St. Monica's Catholic School, who led her class with a 94 average. In addition to the highest average prize and the valedictorian award, she also received achievement certificates in spelling, penmanship, and for passing a test based on books read from Webster's Classroom Science Library, and also received a perfect attendance medal. Norma won four out of the eight highest average medals awarded at St. Monica's during the eight years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Keck of Raleigh.

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Dr. Grady Davis Heard At Fayetteville Church

FAYETTEVILLE — The Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, of which the Reverend M. R. Silver is the minister, celebrated its thirtieth birthday Sunday with a special anniversary program. The speaker for the occasion was the enthusiastic Dr. Grady W. Davis, dean of the School of Religion at Shaw University and pastor of the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh. He was presented by the Reverend C. R. Edwards who pastors the local First Baptist Church.

In the course of his discourse Dr. Davis, a well-known pulpiteer, pointed up the social genesis of the Christian Church at Pentecost and went on to affirm that folk are or should be admitted to the church on their belief and baptism, and in closing indicated the permanency of the church despite the frequent destruction of the church buildings. He urged the members to unify their efforts so as more effectively to do the work our social order expects of the church.

Recognition was given to rally leaders as follows: Mable Burnes,

Willie Evans, Lizzie Mayfield, Estelle McNeill, Lillie Thigpen, Eula Williams, Mildred Holmes, Susie McAllister, Doreen Richardson and Kathryn Suggs.

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BABY COTEST WINNER — Baby Robersena Judd won the baby contest staged by St. John's A.M.E. Church on Sunday, June 29. Little Robersena reported \$30.00. She also participated in the "Tom Thumb Wedding" as the matron of honor.

Opportunity Fellowship To Miss Gilbert

HAMPTON, Va. — A member of the Hampton Institute staff - Jean Page Gilbert—has been named as recipient of an Opportunity Fellowship from the John Hay Whitney Foundation in New York City.

Miss Gilbert, who has acted as director of testing at the college since 1956, was granted the fellowship in order to complete her study for the Doctor of Education degree at the University of Buffalo.

A one-year leave which has been granted by the college, will enable Miss Gilbert's work at Buffalo to begin with the present summer session there. It will continue through the whole of the 1959-60 academic year.

A spokesman for the John Hay Whitney Foundation said the awards are granted annually to young men and women who show exceptional promise and who have been prevented by race, cultural background or region of residence from fully developing their potentialities. During the ten years the program has been in operation, awards have been made to 224 Negroes.

In a report made by the foundation and identifying the 32 Negroes to obtain a fellowship for 1959, Miss Gilbert is cited as having "her major interest directed toward the improvement of guidance and personnel services for high school and college youth," and toward "the identification of superior academic talent."

Earlier in the year, Miss Gilbert served as resource consultant in Hampton Institute's contributory roles to the Virginia Teachers Association's "Drive-In Workshop" and spot-check student testing programs. She spoke at and counseled teachers who motored to "Drive-In" points throughout the state from areas up to 50 miles away, to take part in afternoon or evening workshops in connection with the association's first program.

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