

# RACE EXCLUDED FROM POLLS IN S. C.

## Gets Business Award



During the Detroit convention of the National Business League, Negro business world during the year. From left to right, Dr. J. E. Walker, President of the League; Harry H. Pace, President of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of Chicago who presented the award; Mr. Edwards and C. C. Spaulding, donor of the award. Judges in the contest were Mr. Pace, Elmer Carter, editor of Opportunity, and Merle Thorpe, editor of the Nation's Business.

## Doors Closed In Face Of Negroes Who Tried To Register In Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S. C.—A number of colored people of this city headed by Mrs. Lottie P. Gaffney were turned down flatly when they sought to register in order to vote for President of the U. S. next November 5. The registration board told Mrs. Gaffney and those with her: "Darkies ain't never voted in S. C. and especially Cherokee county. I will not register you." This happened on August 6 about three o'clock in the afternoon. A statement of what took place was made by one of the party as follows: "We went immediately to the County Attorney. He read the law and could see no reason why we should have any trouble. He

called them on the phone and told them to read their law and be governed by it. He told them what section to read. They asked him to come over to the Court House. He went and told them to ask him any questions concerning the colored people before them. They were very discourteous slamming windows, books, etc. The lawyer told them that we were as eligible to vote, as much as he or they. They still refused to register us. "On August 7th at 2:15 P. M. we went again to the place designated for registration. As we approached the door one member of the board slammed the door

## Shaw Opens Friday

RALEIGH — More than three hundred new students were expected to register for courses at Shaw University Tuesday, Sept. 17, to make the largest Shaw freshman class since 1936 judging by the applications received by the registrar's office. The unusually large number of applications and the normal return of former students lead Shaw officials to plan for one of the largest enrollments in the history of the institution. Formal openings exercises were scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20, with the Rev. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Shaw Alumni Association delivering the principal address.

## Virginia Citizens Win School Fight

DANVILLE, Va. Until work on the proposed new high school for Negro children in Pittsylvania County has been completed to relieve overcrowded conditions, these children will attend the local high school this year at the expense of the county, it was announced here today by Martin A. Martin, following a conference with the county superintendent. Martin, who, as the legal representative of a number of Negro organizations, including the local NAACP branch, has waged a year long fight to get county school officials to build additional high schools for Negro students,

said the superintendent had informed him that work on a new high school would be begun immediately. Pittsylvania County, one of the largest counties in Virginia with a population of 75,000 persons, has seventeen high schools for white children and one for colored. The high school for Negro students is located at Gretna, Virginia, about thirty miles from the southern part of the county. No buses or other facilities are provided for the children in this section of the country to attend the high school.

## Over the Hill to Canada



General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief, has revealed that the Army is releasing several hundred old World War tanks to Canada for training purposes. Here, a huge old baby leads a lot of little ones in maneuvers. By act of Congress, the U. S. Army is now forbidden to repair or put gasoline in these because of their advanced age.

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# Smith Opens 73rd Year EX-LEGISLATOR HELD UNDER \$10,000 BOND

## Dallas Whites Bomb Home

DALLAS, Texas—What observers have regarded as nothing less than a week-long state of siege in which some 100 whites, most of them housewives have fought to keep two Negro families from occupying homes they purchased in a former "white" neighborhood, came to a climax here Thursday, September 12, when an attempt was made to bomb the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walker, 3616 Howell St. Terrorizing of the families, who moved into the Howell st. section on September 2 began shortly after moving vans had drawn up to 3619 and 3616, Howell St. Backed up by the local branch of the NAACP, under the leadership of Dr. George F. Porter, the Negro residents have refused to move.

## Rejoice At King's Defeat

WASHINGTON — The defeat of Senator William King of Utah for reelection meets with general approval among colored Washingtonians. Long a foe of suffrage for the district of Columbia, it is alleged that his antagonism to the proposal was due to his "fear of Negro domination" of the district. For 24 years, Sen. King had served in the U. S. Senate and a long tenure of office as the chairman of the district committee which handles affairs for the District of Columbia. His failure of reelection leaves his post open for the next senator in point seniority, who happens to be Garter Glass of Virginia. Since Glass is chairman of the powerful appropriations committee, it is hardly believable that he will accept the district committee chairmanship.

## J. C. Smith University Observes 73rd Session; Many Changes Made

CHARLOTTE — Expecting the largest enrollment in the institution's history, Johnson C. Smith University is feverishly rushing preparations for the opening of its 73rd session on Monday, September 23. On this day all freshmen and new students are expected to report; but the formal opening

will not get underway until Thursday, Sept. 26, with a host of activities scheduled to mark the beginning of the school year. The principal address of the day will be delivered by A. C. Caviness, Principal of the Brunswick County Training School, Southport, N. C. Mr. Caviness will speak from the subject, "The

Dynamics That Motivate a Great Institution." Second oldest institution for Negroes in the state and rich in tradition, heritage, and illustrious alumni, Johnson C. Smith University has recently undergone many changes to keep pace with the ever increasing needs of the students and community.



DR. H. L. McCOREY



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MESSRS Otis Conyer, Harold Williams, James Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Beatrice Walston all of Durham have returned after being away for the summer.

## Brigerman Held On 4 Moral Charges

PHILADELPHIA, — ANP — John H. Brigerman, former member of the Pennsylvania State legislature and prominent north Philadelphia politician, was held under \$10,000 bail for court on four different charges of indecent assault and soliciting for immoral purposes by Magistrate Joseph Rafney on Tuesday morning. Brigerman, 38, was held under bail following testimony of four girls who were employed in various stores of the Russell Ice Cream company of which the accused was a district manager. According to the testimony given by the girls, Brigerman had molested them continually while they were employed in the stores and had on several occasions suggested that they go out with him and his white superior, a Mr. Kenworthy, for whom a warrant has also been issued on similar charges. Brigerman's attorney, Oscar Bregman, attempted to bring into testimony the fact that the girls had made these charges against his client because of employment difficulties. It was understood that two of the girls had been laid off at the end of August when they had been led to believe that they would be employed throughout the winter.

## Baptists Show Great Gain

BIRMINGHAM, —ANP— According to statistics issued by the Rev. Roland Smith, statistician of the National Baptist convention, USA, for the year '40, Negro Baptists, show a net gain in membership of 60,029, giving a total church membership of 4,046,840.

Negro Baptists have 24,575 churches; 27,242 preachers; the value of church property including parsonages, \$110,116,566; the average value of church property per church, \$4,562.19, the average number of members per church, 168, and the average number of members per preacher, 147.

The growth of Baptists for a period of 12 years, 1926-1938, reveals an increase of 400,022 or 18.8 percent for an average of 33,000 gain per year. These statistics are remarkably interesting in view of the recent release of statistics of the United States Census of Religion for the year 1936, showing 85,807,366. Colored denominations had a membership of 8,179,720 in 1936. This does not include some 640,000 colored members which belong to Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches under white control.

In response to requests for service from non-college persons, the Marriage and Family Council at Chapel Hill, N. C. has enlarged its staff and become incorporated under N. C. laws.

## True Southern Story Tops Fiction

AIKEN, S. C. —ANP—Every southern town has at least one Negro story teller who has a fund of tales to illustrate the color phobia of his white folk. These tales usually start with the one about the "ole major" who insisted that the colored folks on his place doff their hats to all his stock if the horse or cow happen to be white in color. When his hearers express disbelief at his tale he will usually end with one about the "ole miss" who reprimanded him severely for bringing brown eggs to the big house. A mural, finished some years ago, painted by Stephen Hirsch, of Bennington, Vermont, is located directly behind the judges who preside at federal court here. The picture depicts Justice, the Protector and Avenger. Painted in bright colors, it is a splendid work of art and is purely allegorical and the figures represent no particular racial group. But

Artist Hirsch was a little free with his colors and the late Federal Judge Frank K. Meyers represented the mural since as he said the central figure, "Justice" was a mulatto woman. The late judge refused to open court until the mural was covered referring to it as a "monstrosity not in keeping with the surroundings." This temporary covering has been in place for several years. Last week the authorities in Washington bowed again to southern intolerance. Edward B. Roman, assistant chief of the fine art division of the United States Treasury department, has had the procurement division install a beautiful velvet curtain over the objectional painting. Thine story of the white cows and the brown eggs is no doubt pure fiction. Truth is still stranger than fiction.