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## HARBISON COLLEGE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL TERM

Harbison Agricultural College at Irmo, S. C., closed one of the most successful terms in its history. However, the student body was small in comparison with former years yet the students seemed to have realized their purpose of being in school and tried to measure up to all the requirements.

Dr. C. M. Young, President of the college, was injured in an automobile wreck a few weeks before the opening of school last fall. It was once thought that he would not be able to serve, but shortly afterwards he was found at his post of duty.

The beginning of the commencement exercise was the closing of the Parochial School of which Mrs. J. G. Porter is the Principal. Two operettas were rendered: on Monday evening, May the 27th, "The Golden Whistle," by the primary grades and on Tuesday evening, May 28th, "Rainbow End" was given by the higher grades. These two operettas were enjoyed by a very large audience each night.

Mrs. Porter is doing a great work in building up the community along all lines. She also had associated with her the following teachers: Mrs. Irene Eichelberger, Miss Birdie Pompey, Mrs. D. T. Murray and Gertrude Hall.

Thursday, May 31st, the closing exercises of the college proper were given. Six young men delivered declamations. Mr. Ralph A. Boulware was the winner of the medal.

Friday, June 1, the Junior Prize contest took place. The stage was beautifully decorated with class colors and pot flowers. The five speakers were: Messrs. Moses Belton, Leroy Eichelberger, Rowland K. Fortune, Adolphus Wheeler and C. M. Young, Jr. These young men not only showed their oratorical ability, but they showed that they were thinking about some of the great problems that are confronting the world today. Mr. C. M. Young, Jr., was the winner of the Junior Prize medal and M. Adolphus Wheeler was the winner of the C. M. Young Literary medal.

Sunday, June 3, at 3:30 P. M., the annual sermon was preached to the graduating class by Dr. C. M. Young, President of the school. He used as his text, "Be ye steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord." The sermon was beautifully impressed on the minds of his hearers.

Sunday at 8:30 P. M., Dr. G. T. Dillard, of Columbia, addressed the Y. M. C. A. He impressed upon the minds of the young men not to live an easy-going way. This address was full of inspiration and food for thought.

Monday, June 4th, was commencement day. The graduation exercises took place at 3:30 P. M. in the college chapel. Three members of the class delivered addresses: Messrs. O. M. Hall, E. L. Roaden, and B. R. Richardson.

The address to the class was made by Prof. A. C. Griggs, of Haines Normal and Industrial Institute, Augusta, Ga. He selected for his subject, "Power." He said that one of the most popular words today is "Power"—power to produce. Power is going to make us a real race. He also said if we are to do anything in this world we must have spiritual power. Without it life is a failure.

Prof. Griggs is a man of power and Haines is indeed blessed to have him connected with its faculty.

The music throughout the entire commencement was on a

very high order. Mrs. R. W. Boulware has made unusual progress in developing the musical talent around the college.

Prof. R. W. Boulware stated that the State has recognized Harbison as an "A" class High School. It is hoped that there will be a very large enrollment at the opening of school in the fall. Those wishing to enter will please write to Dr. C. M. Young, Harbison College, Irmo, S. C., for further information. D. T. MURRAY.

## GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY.

General James G. Harbord presided at a meeting of the American section of the International Golden Rule Committee, at the Bankers' Club in New York City on June 27th, at which time plans were made for the observance of Golden Rule Sunday on December 2, this date being selected in conjunction with the international committee, which will hold its annual meeting in Geneva.

Charles H. Vickery, Secretary of the International Committee, reported that Golden Rule Sunday was observed last year by probably a million people representing 50 different countries, and that in the two months following that observance the offerings made for the underprivileged children of Bible Lands amounted to \$820,591. Strong endorsements of the movement were read from friends who could not be present, including Governors Dan Moody of Texas, Austin Peay of Tennessee, and Victor Donahey of Ohio, and from Ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois and Ex-Governor Allen of Kansas. A message from President Coolidge states: "I hope the voluntary observance of Golden Rule Sunday may become increasingly prevalent in America and throughout the world. Its practical help is the best expression of friendship."

## GILGAL MCKAHN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Notable among the events of the season was the Children's Day program, Sunday, June 17, under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Farmer and the Superintendent, Mr. Ed. Curry. Mrs. Holly presided at the piano. Each Sunday school scholar presented made a good financial report. A prize was offered by the superintendent for the largest amount reported which was won by Little Harry Houston, grandson of Mrs. Naomi Badget, his amount being \$1.50.

Rev. J. W. Lewis, the pastor, preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday night, June 10th. His text was Luke 17:17, subject, "Where Are the Nine?"

Rev. Lewis motored to Nashville on the 1st, ult., for his wife who has been attending Staté College.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at Gilgal Chapel, Sunday, at 4 P. M. The meeting was a success. Following the suggestion of the pastor and the President, Mrs. Lydia Farmer, the Junior and Light Bearer Societies were organized. The Missionary Society also planned a picnic for Saturday. The proceeds of which will be used for painting the church. A liberal collection was taken, after which a three course menu was served. All left expressing themselves as having spent an enjoyable afternoon.

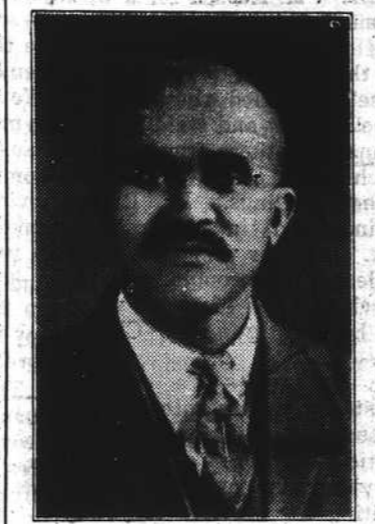
Miss Lewis has just recently returned from Rogersville and where she has been attending Swift Memorial College.

This is the second year of the pastorate of Rev. Lewis at Gilgal and it finds the church making progress and taking on new life both spiritually and financially.

MRS. J. W. LEWIS. Maryville, Tenn.

## THE NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The North Carolina Negro Insurance Association held its fifth annual session on June 28th and 29th. There were approximately 100 members present. The companies represented in the Association are: National Benefit Life; North Carolina Mutual Life; Winston Mutual Life; Eagle Life and Bankers' Fire. The sessions were presided over by Mr. A. E. Spears, District Manager of the North Carolina Mutual at Charlotte, who completed his third year as President of the Association. All of the business sessions were



MR. A. E. SPEARS, The Retiring President.

held at the M. I. Building on Brevard Street, which is headquarters for Negro business in Charlotte. Many prominent speakers appeared on the program.

The public meeting was held at Grace A. M. E. Zion church on Thursday evening, and was addressed by Mr. B. V. Lawson, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, of Durham. This was regarded as one of the best meetings of the kind ever held in Charlotte. Mr. Harry H. Pace, President of the National Negro Insurance Association, was prevented from being present on account of illness.

The Association conducted an essay contest during the year which was open to high school pupils only, the subject discussed being "Why Insurance On Negro Lives Should Be Written in Negro Companies." The awards were announced at the public meeting by Dr. Thos. A. Long, of Johnson C. Smith University, who acted chairman of the Committee of Judges. The first prize of \$15 was awarded to a pupil at Rich Square Institute; the second prize to Miss Rachel Diggs, and third prize to Miss Hazel M. Bruce, both of the Columbian Heights High School at Winston, and honorable mention was made of Miss Letitia M. Hairston, of the same school.

Sergeant W. K. Harris announced the winners in the recent Health Week Campaign, conducted by the Charlotte Branch. Prizes awarded for the most sanitary residences were as follows: 1st prize to Mrs. O. Z. Russell, of Baxter Street; second prize to Mrs. Isabelle Cathey of E. 9th Street, and 3rd prize to Mrs. Mary Gray, of Dunbar St. For the most sanitary business houses, 1st prize to Yancey Drug Store; 2nd prize to Mrs. Corina Moore, Grocery, on Frazier Ave., and 3rd prize to Mrs. Emma Jackson, Cafe, on Beatty's Ford Rd. Vice-President Avery, of the North Carolina Mutual, awarded the Spaulding Trophy, a handsome loving cup to Mr. Spears and his force for collecting the highest per cent of their debit in 1927.

The annual banquet was

served Friday night at Johnson C. Smith University Refectory. Judge Schenck, of Boston, was present and delivered an address. The Association presented Mr. Spears a purse of \$25.00 for a vacation trip in recognition of his fine leadership for three years. The presentation was made by Mr. E. H. Copeland, of Winston, at the banquet. Mr. W. A. Jones, District Manager of the National Benefit Life at Winston, was elected President for the coming year. Mr. E. M. Butler, District Manager North Carolina Mutual at Wilmington, was elected Secretary, and Mrs. Lull Kelsey, Agent Bankers' Fire at Salisbury, was elected Treasurer.

Upon the solicitation of many organizations through Mr. J. D. Lewis, the Association voted to meet at Raleigh in 1929.

## STANDARD OIL EMPLOYEES

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana has recently instituted the policy of employing Negroes in its gas filling stations. This company operates in a section of the Middle West in which Negroes live in large numbers. Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are so situated, and in each one of these cities, with the probable exception of Detroit, colored men are employed. In Chicago they are in exclusive charge of two filling stations; in St. Louis one; and in Minneapolis one, and employed as attendants at Springfield, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri. They are also operating four greasing stations in Chicago.

These jobs are the result of an appeal to Colonel Robert W. Stewart, President of the company by the National Urban League through its Industrial Relations Department some months ago. The League used the company's successful operation of its only station then manned by Negroes to prove that the use of Negroes would not cause a decrease in business; but on the contrary would stimulate business from Negroes. In the case of this station the general physical appearance so improved under Negro attendants and the business so increased that it is one of the best in St. Louis. Prizes have been awarded to it for external appearance and volume of business.

## MT TABOR CHURCH NOTES

By Miss Ethel Goodman

Sunday, June 17, was a successful day at Mt. Tabor church. Our pastor, Dr. J. L. Hollowell, preached from John 14:27: "What Christ Willed to the World" was the subject of his discourse. The sermon was enjoyed by all.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. H. Croom, pastor of the First Baptist church and his choir and many of his congregation worshipped with us. Rev. Mr. Croom preached an excellent sermon from Acts 4:13. The choir rendered excellent music in keeping with the splendid sermon. Many visitors were present on this occasion to help in the services. The sum of \$25.26 was raised. The pastor and his two fine deacons, Bros. Lee Frailey and Wm. Sherrill set a fine example to their Presbyterian brothers on how to raise money.

The Misses Mazie, Ethel and Mildred Goodman are attending summer school at Livingstone College; also Mrs. Irene Cowan, another sister.

Miss Bertha Mills, who has been seriously ill, is improving. Children's Day will be observed at our church on the second Sunday in July. Mr. Wm. Cowan, our energetic Superintendent, is doing fine work and is expecting a good program.

## HOW THE WORK GOES AT JETERSVILLE, VA., AND VICINITY.

We are delighted to welcome home recent graduates and high school students and their visiting friends. Just now the Allen Memorial Sabbath school has many of its former pupils in their old accustomed places. Each one is eager and willing to work in church, Sabbath school, D. V. B. S., and wherever the call comes to "Lend a Hand."

Miss Eva John Brown, a recent graduate of Ingleside Seminary, has been placed on the permanent Sabbath school teacher's list; Miss Sadie Viola Wilkerson is chairman of the Music Committee; Miss Corrine Brown, a member of the Adult Bible Class, is ready to help in the D. V. B. S.

Miss Annie G. Wilson, a recent graduate of Ingleside, is spending six weeks as guest of Miss Eva John Brown, and they motor to Chula, Va., each day to attend summer normal, preparatory to teaching. Each Sabbath Miss Annie is with us in our Sabbath school.

Today we were favored with a visit from our Sabbath School Missionary, Rev. S. L. Young. He gave us many helpful hints and also a mental trip to Tulsa, Okla., to visit the General Assembly. We enjoyed having him and hope to see him often.

It is July 1, 4:00 P. M. Come with me, if you will, to Mt. Zion church, Amelia County, to witness the celebration of Children's Day at said church. This is a small church in a real "sure enough" rural district. The church membership numbers 15; Sabbath school enrollment is 35, with an average attendance of 20. However I feel safe in saying Rev. Young did not enjoy his trip to the General Assembly any more than he enjoyed being at the Mt. Zion Children's Day celebration. O, the Bible quotations given by the tiny tots! O, to see those young mothers bringing their babies and giving them to Jesus through the Sunday school!

Special features of the program were a talk by Miss Annie G. Wilson; a talk by Rev. S. L. Young; a solo, "Take Time to Be Holy," Miss Eva John Brown; commendation to mothers, by Mrs. Sarah Paige Brown and a quartet, "Alone."

The Mt. Zion Sunday school has already had its D. V. B. S. Those in charge were Misses Essie Wright, Viola Wilkerson, Patricia Booker and Lelia Grey—all members of the Student Volunteer Band.

Ministers present today were as follows: Rev. W. H. Shepperdson, pastor of Mt. Zion; Rev. West, a visiting and co-operating brother of a sister church (Baptist); and our Sabbath school Missionary, Rev. S. L. Young.

The collection lifted amounted to \$10.

May our Master prosper the work at Mt. Zion.

Yours in His service,  
MRS. SARAH PAIGE BROWN.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Western District Sabbath School Convention of Southern Virginia Presbytery convenes Wednesday, July 25th, at 9:30 o'clock, with the Oak Grove Presbyterian church at Mannboro, Va.

Rev. D. A. Henry is the pastor of this church.

We hope sincerely and most cordially ask that all schools in the district will be represented. MRS. SARAH V. THOMPSON, President.

## COOLIDGE PRAISES "SOUND METHODS" OF NEGRO ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Los Angeles, June 28.—President Coolidge, in a message of greeting to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, read last night at the opening mass meeting of the Association's 19th Annual Conference, commended the "sound methods" used in securing the Negro's constitutional rights, and expressed his hope for the increasing success of the Association in promoting its "worthy objects."

The message of greeting from President Coolidge, in full, addressed to James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the Association, is as follows: "My dear Mr. Johnson:

"Thank you for informing me of the coming Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as I am glad each year to express my regard for the aims and achievements of your organization. You have used sound methods in securing for the Negro the rights to which he is entitled under the Constitution. At the same time you have promoted the cause of tolerance among all races and creeds.

As opportunities have increased, so have the colored people shown their ability and energy in taking advantage of them. May I reiterate here what I said in my Annual Message to Congress in December:

"History does not anywhere record so much progress made in the same length of time as that which has been accomplished by the Negro race in the United States since the Emancipation Proclamation. They have come up from slavery to be prominent in education, the professions, art, science, agriculture, banking and commerce. It is estimated that 50,000 of them are on the Government pay rolls, drawing about \$50,000,000 each year. They have been the recipients of presidential appointments and their professional ability has arisen to a sufficiently high plane so that they have been intrusted with the entire management and control of the great Veteran's Hospital at Tuskegee, where their conduct has taken high rank. They have been worthy of all the encouragement which they have received. Nevertheless they are too often subjected to thoughtless and inconsiderate treatment, unworthy alike of the white or colored races. They have especially been made the target of the foul crime of lynching. For several years these acts of unlawful violence had been diminishing. In the last year they have shown an increase. Every principle of order and law and liberty is opposed to this crime. The Congress should enact any legislation it can under the Constitution to provide for its elimination."

"May your Association have increasing success in promoting its worthy objects."

"Very truly yours,  
(Signed)  
"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

**BOOST.**  
"Give a little, live a little, try a little mirth;  
Sing a little, bring a little happiness to earth.  
Pray a little, play a little, be a little glad;  
Rest a little, jest a little, if the heart is sad.  
Spend a little, send a little to another's door;  
Give a little, live a little, love a little more."—Ex.