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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii. 32.

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THE NEGRO MUST APPEAL TO HIS OWN

By Dr. Carter G. Woodson

The other day I received from an office seeker the request that I go to see Hoover to urge that he be appointed to one of the "Jim Crow" Federal positions set aside to reward Negro politicians. I had to thank him for the compliment. I am not a politician, and I do not co-operate with them. I promptly wrote this seeker that I had never seen Hoover and I have given such little attention to his advertising that I would not recognize him if I met him on the street.

Yet, this is the usual game we play in Washington. Everybody must try to see the man in the White House or some one in touch with the man there. Negroes, unable to work through the well established channels of recognized bosses in the machine, take up matters through the Negro menials in attendance upon the President, and, occasionally, they have been able to do much in advancing the cause of waiting Negro politicians. Under Hoover, however, the Negroes have been unsuccessful in both ways. The politicians are, therefore, miserably depressed; but at times they rally sufficiently to show evidence of desperation.

In none of these cases, however, have the politicians or their friends ever asked for anything of consequence. Their ambition has not risen higher than two or three "Jim Crow" jobs. Intense rivalry, then, is the order of the day. One politician is repeatedly lambasting the others; one personal rancor is constantly pitted against the other; politicians from one section are rallying their forces against those of other parts; and the voteless national machine in Washington is endeavoring always to discredit politicians outside of the District of Columbia.

And thus we have much ado about nothing. Negroes have never been appointed to positions commensurate with their support of the machine, and income from all of the so-called higher Federal positions given Negroes by any one national administration has seldom amounted to more than what an efficient real estate agent in prosperous times can realize in about a year; but the bread and butter politicians must thereby earn their living and, therefore, accept almost any sop-thrown at them. The embarrassing position in which they place the race in thus being so pauperized, however, attaches to it a stigma which has proven to be one of the worst handicaps. The white bosses can have nothing but contempt for a people whose representatives in politics stoop to almost anything and hold their hands out for everything.

Washington is also the center of another sort of political activity. Practically all Negro conferences and conventions try to get their delegations an audience with the President. The purpose in these cases is two-fold. The spokesmen or leaders hope thereby to impress the President with the significance of their leadership, and at the same time they endeavor to convince the public of the importance of a "great" mission which they have fulfilled in bringing a matter to the attention of the chief executive of the nation. Although the matter usually presented is received in silence and treated with contempt, these race leaders, from the childlike point of view of the Negroes, have done something great.

The other purpose of such conferences, sometimes a sincere one, is to remedy thereby certain evils from which the race has suffered. A Negro is cheated out of his earnings in Mississippi, and the President



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is asked to stop that sort of thing; Negro strike-breakers are shot down in Illinois, and the President is told not to let such a thing happen again; a Negro suspect is lynched in Texas, and the President must exterminate the evil immediately. Instead of stopping these things themselves, Negroes, in cowardly fashion, sneak away from the fight and seek their deliverance from without.

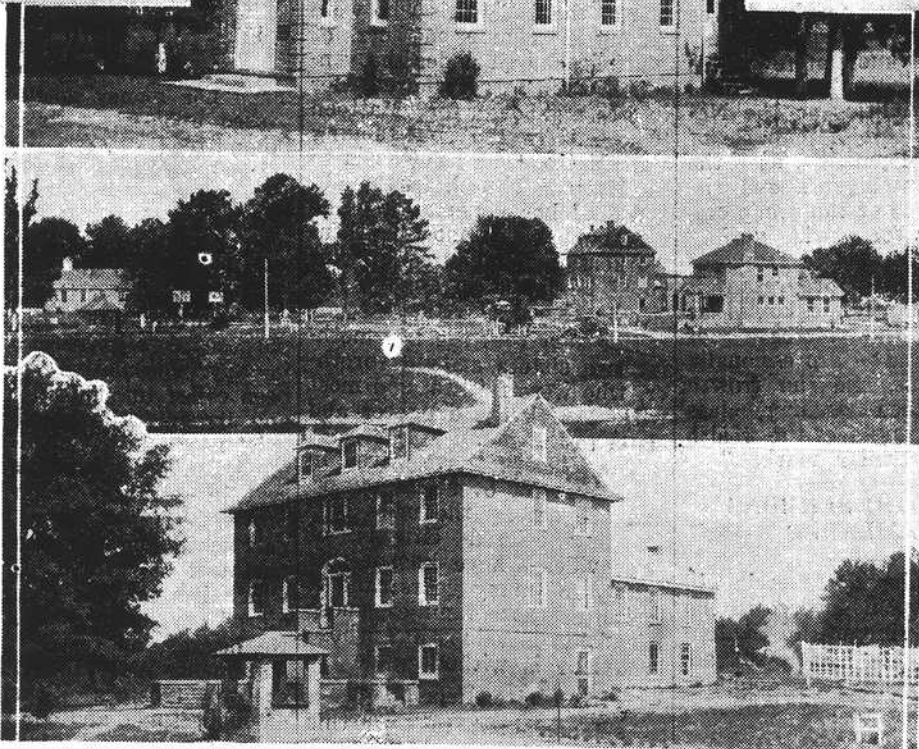
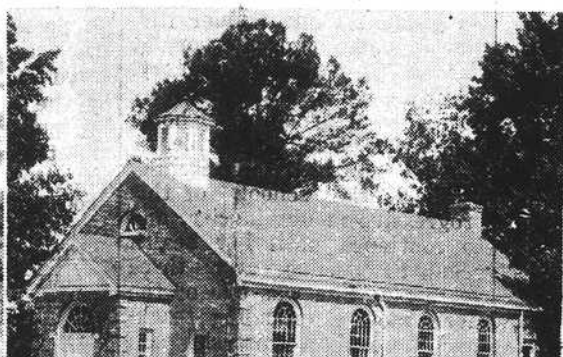
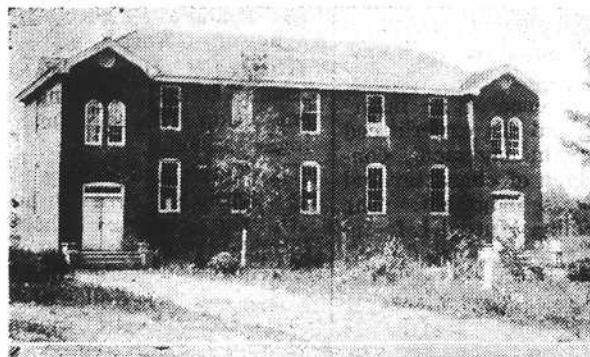
The situation is well explained by the remark of a Filipino, who, in advocating the independence of his country, spent much time in discussing the matter with Pitchfork Ben Tillman. Hearing this a smart Negro hurried to the Filipino to warn him against conferring with a man who boasted of intimidating, mobbing, and killing Negroes to drive them out of power. The Filipino listened attentively to the story of the Negro informant, and at the close of his exhortation of Tillman, the Filipino expressed surprise that such things could happen. He was not thinking first of Tillman and his followers, or of what they did; but he inquired immediately as to what the Negroes were doing while all of this was going on. Unfortunately the answer had to be that they were doing nothing. This Filipino and many others, therefore, have the greatest contempt for the Negro, because he has not the courage to fight his own battles. Ben Tillman respected the Filipino because he will fight the oppressor, but he had the utmost contempt for the Negro because he willingly wears the yoke.

In going to the White House the Negroes exhibit again their lack of common sense in always telling their troubles to the "big policeman." In the first place, the effort is useless because there is nothing that the President can do about most of these matters except to use his moral influence in molding public opinion, and for people for whom he has so much contempt he will not often do this. When the Negro carries his troubles to the White House, moreover, he

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BOGGS' ACADEMY,

THE CENTER OF OUR PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN BURKE COUNTY, GEORGIA



STORY OF BOGGS ACADEMY

Boggs Academy and Presbyterianism are celebrating their 25th anniversary. This field in Burke County, Georgia, is the realization of a dream by Rev. J. L. Phelps.

In his early life, Rev. J. L. Phelps, being a poor country boy, was denied the opportunity of getting an education. He mastered the shoe-maker's trade and was fortunate in marrying a very accomplished lady, Mrs. M. A. Rice, an honor graduate of Scotia Seminary and one who had especially fitted herself for the profession of teaching.

Fortunately, Mrs. Phelps was called to Payne College as teacher, which gave her a splendid opportunity to encourage and co-operate with her husband in carrying out his early ideas of securing an education and entering the ministry.

Mr. Phelps worked his way through Paine College (Paine Institute) and was soon off to Johnson C. Smith University (Biddle University), where he completed his college and theological courses.

When he was ready to begin his life's work, his first thought was of ministering to the boys and girls of some rural district where boys with ambition were denied the opportunity of fitting themselves for Christian citizenship, just as he had been in his early life. Then, too, he dreamed of a Negro Presbyterian church evangelizing the colored people according to the standards of the Presbyterian Church. A rural district in Burke County was selected and with faith in God and himself as his only assets, he undertook the task.

True to his Alma Mater, he has constantly sent students from Boggs Academy to Johnson C. Smith University. The school is co-educational and the girls are being sent to Barber and Barber-Scotia.

Among the outstanding students which Boggs has sent to Johnson C. Smith University are: Col. Walter E. Rogers, lawyer and city attorney, Chicago, Illinois; Arthur Kea Ray,

pharmacist, Nashville, Tenn.; Green Quarker, musician, Boston, Mass.; W. W. Jones, teacher in science and history, Virginia; O. J. Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Among other outstanding students who did not get to college are: Mr. O. M. Blount, who heads the three leading businesses among our group in Augusta, Ga.; and Mr. Edgar Walker Matthews, Postal Service Department, Augusta, Ga. There are many others who are in the mercantile and teaching professions.

The school is a Christian institution under the auspices of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and has four departments, namely, Literary, Commercial, Musical and Industrial.

Boggs Academy has the reputation of taking poor, neglected boys and girls and giving them a chance. Boggs Academy is a regular feeder for Johnson C. Smith University and the boys all make splendid records.

Dr. Phelps will be glad to get in touch with any student struggling for an education.

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DOETHAN CHURCH, MAXTON, N. C.

The Dothan Presbyterian church of Maxton has just closed a very successful session of Daily Vacation Church School. Rev. R. C. Scriven, the pastor, was assisted by Misses Hancie Shipman, Inez Johnson and Mr. Boyd Ancrum. The enrollment for the week was 137. The school ended Friday evening, July 24, with a very interesting program demonstrating some of the things that were taught during the week.

A FRIEND.

Loyalty is one of the finest human virtues. It is that quality which makes one trustworthy and dependable and fit for the high trusts of God and man.

CATAWBA SCHOOL OF METHODS NOTES

By Frank C. Shirley

"On to Franklinton!" Just three weeks before the 11th annual meeting of Catawba School of Methods.

Every effort is being made to keep the Convention up to the same high standard of former years, yet we are reducing the cost. You were informed last week of the generosity of our host in reducing the cost of board. In accordance with the action taken upon the voluntary proposal it will be possible for the delegates to attend the meeting \$1 cheaper than in former years.

If delegates coming from the larger centers can secure a reduction in travel expense a further saving in expense can be effected. It is our hope that a number of our prominent business men and professional men will help us out in this respect, by giving a liberal consideration to those who desire to go from their churches and communities. The men of Calvary church in Wilson have been doing this for a number of years. As a result we have always had a large delegation of youth from that church. We hope during this year at least that many other laymen will adopt the spirit of the laymen of Calvary church. There are hundreds of "youngsters" who are anxious to go but the matter of transportation keeps them back. May no youth be kept back this year on that account. We desire at least 100 of them present this year for the dramatic presentation, "Challenge," and that they may form the nucleus of the Greater Youth Movement that will be formally launched at that time.

As usual about this time of year there is a steady flow of mail inquiring about reservations at "The School of Methods." We must follow our time honored custom of assigning rooms in the order that we receive the registrations.

It will be inspiring to the boys, youth and adults of Catawba Synod to hear that Rev.

A. H. George, of Knoxville, Tenn., plans to attend this meeting of our School of Methods. For the years that Rev. George was in our Synod he was closely identified with our School of Methods, serving as leader of boys, instructor in Vocational Guidance, and finally as President of the Convention. We extend to our esteemed comrade a hearty welcome.

The older members of our Conference will be equally as proud to know that Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard, who for years was Assistant Secretary of the Synodical Convention, and later Assistant Secretary of the Convention and School of Methods, expresses a desire to be present this year after being absent for six years.

And, of course, we all are interested in brides and grooms at the School of Methods. This year we expect to have the pleasure of welcoming among other such "newly weds" Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Sanders.

Our interest is still centered in the "Larger Youth Movement" that will be formally launched at this meeting of the School of Methods. The drama that has been written especially for the occasion has been reviewed by some of the leading citizens of the nation. A copyright has been secured for it, and those who are to take the leading parts are rehearsing weekly. Remember there is a place in the play for every youth who attends the School of Methods.

Note: "All roads lead to Franklinton, August 24-31."

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO MUSICIANS

Hampton Institute, Va., Aug. 1: Plans for the annual meeting of the National Association of Negro Musicians to be held at Hampton Institute from August 22-27, have been completed.

Many affairs, both musical and social, have been planned in connection with the Association. The program is made up of a variety of activities among which may be mentioned the Annual Students' Program, Hampton Night, New Talent, Branch Night, and the closing Artists recital. Prominent social events are the reception to the delegates and visitors given by the Hampton Institute Summer School faculty, an Annual Get-Together Luncheon, a lawn social, a boat ride on historic Hampton Roads, a reception at the Bay Shore summer resort, and a sight-seeing tour that will take in many historic points of interest on the peninsula.

The local committee, in charge of arrangements, are Major W. Brown, Dr. R. N. Dett, Miss Wilhelmina Patterson, Miss Harriet S. Curtis, Mr. Don Davis, and Mr. J. Harold Brown. Letters are being sent to the Association branches throughout the country asking for the names of delegates and visitors who will be in attendance, and the final material for the souvenir program to be sent to Mr. J. Harold Brown, Secretary of the committee, not later than August 12.