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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE ZION CHURCH IN CHARLOTTE

The General officers of the A. M. E. Zion Church elected at the last General Conference who were expected to reside in Charlotte and have offices in the Publication House have all arrived in the city.

Professor J. Wells Young, the Church Financial Secretary, has been in the city for some time. He is, by the way, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and has many friends here. Dr. W. A. Blackwell, the new editor of The Star of Zion, and Mrs. Blackwell came from Detroit a few days ago and for the present are at the home of Dr. B. F. Gordon. The office now located in the Publication House, in addition to the two just named, are Mr. R. W. Sherrill, the Manager; Dr. B. F. Gordon, Editor of the Church School Literature; and Dr. J. S. N. Tross, representative of the American Bible Society.

The Africo-American Presbyterian is pleased to join in the welcome which the city extends to these distinguished Church folk. It trusts they will find the surroundings here pleasant and conducive to the best performance of their tasks.

A COMING MAN

The friends of his school days at Johnson C. Smith University, as well as others throughout the Presbyterian Church felicitate the Rev. B. C. Robeson on his appointment to the pastorate of "Mother Zion" church in New York. This is one of the most desirable charges in the A. M. E. Zion denomination and has always commanded an outstanding minister. The Rev. Mr. Robeson is still a young man and his fine ability and high character should carry him far. He was at the commencement at Smith University last year and delivered a brilliant address at the reception to the Alumni Association. He was then hailed as a coming man. Those who prophesied great things for him will follow his career with prayerful interest.

REV. J. H. TOATLEY CHANGES FIELDS

After seventeen years as pastor of Mt. Zion Presbyterian church and Principal of Lincoln High School at Due West, S. C., the Rev. J. H. Toatley has taken charge of Grand View Presbyterian church at Chesterfield, S. C., and the Second church at Pageland. Rev. and Mrs. Toatley did fine service during their stay in Due West and we are expecting the work at Chesterfield and Pageland to take on new life under their magic touch. Already material is being collected to build a brick-veneer church at Pageland.

Rev. and Mrs. Toatley and their three daughters are now domiciled in the manse at Chesterfield. His address is P. O. Box 88, Chesterfield, S. C.

DR. GREGG AT FAYETTEVILLE

Dr. E. J. Gregg has relinquished the pastorate of Laura Street Presbyterian church at Jacksonville, Fla., where he served acceptably for a number of years, and has taken charge of the Haymount church at Fayetteville, N. C. Correspondents should address him at 362 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville.

Tonight, in Chicago, Col. Frank Knox, Editor of the Chicago News, will be formally notified of his nomination as the Republican Party candidate for Vice-President.

DR. CADMAN STOOD FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE

New York, July 4.—Commenting on the death of Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, noted radio minister of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary of the Department of Race Relations, said that this Department of the Federal Council enjoyed the encouragement of Dr. Cadman through more than ten years of its work. He was enthusiastic for justice and good will through the churches as a means of better race relations between white and Negroes. His attitude was that Negroes should have justice and fellowship on the same basis as others.

Annually for the last seven or eight years on Race Relations Sunday, the second Sunday in February, Dr. Cadman devoted his radio address to the discussion of religion in relation to race problems. His last service to the department was a signed statement to the public giving his estimate of the work of the Federal Council in this field during the years he has seen it grow. Among other things he said: "If the churches can not apply the principle of Christian brotherhood among the races in our democracy how much hope have we for the improvement of conflicting racial situations either in America or any other part of the world?"

"The Federal Council of Churches is showing in its work for better race relations that policies, programs and methods can be developed that will foster such friendly relations of these racial groups in the spirit of brotherhood. Such an effective demonstration challenges every churchman to give wider recognition and support."

His warm sympathy, his keen intellect and his great power of effective speech embraced the interests and welfare of peoples and races of every condition around the world.

REV. B. C. ROBESON, PASTOR OF MOTHER ZION CHURCH, N. Y.

By Cleveland G. Allen, In The New York Age.

Rev. B. C. Robeson, the new pastor of the Mother Zion A. M. E. Zion church, has had a fine record in the ministry. He is one of the most outstanding churchmen in the A. M. E. Zion Connection, and has been in the forefront of all movements making for the spiritual and moral betterment of the church and race. He comes from one of the best known families of the race and has received splendid preparation for his life's work.

He was born in Princeton, N. J., the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Robeson. His father was a well known minister of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Rev. Robeson received his early education in the public schools of Princeton. He then entered Bidle University, now Johnson C. Smith University. He graduated in 1911, and from the theological department in 1914, and joined the A. M. E. Zion Connection.

His first pastorate was in Bayonne, N. J., where he remained for two years. He was later assigned to Los Angeles where he served for two years. For two years he served as chaplain of the World War with the 369th Infantry. For one year he was regional director of the tercentenary movement. He was appointed to Fayetteville, N. C., where he served for five years. In 1926 he was appointed to the Godwin Street A. M. E. Zion church in Paterson, N. J., where he served for ten years. He was beginning his eleventh year when called to Mother Zion church.

Rev. Robeson is the brother of Paul Robeson, the distinguished singer and actor. He is married and has three children. He is an able preacher and all of his sermons show the result of careful preparation. He was one of the leading ministers of the New Jersey Conference, and because of his fine record, was appointed to Mother Zion church.

Endorsed by the New Jersey Conference for the bishopric.

Rev. Robeson received a splendid vote at the last General Conference held in Greensboro, N. C. He has been well received by the members of Mother Zion church, and preached his first sermon on last Sunday morning. He plans to move to New York within the next two weeks.

ADVISES FARMERS TO BETTER CONDITIONS

Wilson, N. C., July—(ANP)—Advice on how farmers could improve their economic status by changing certain practices was given by John M. Mitchell, district farm demonstration agent for Negroes, before the Negro midsummer Rural Life Conference held at the First Baptist church Thursday.

Mitchell said that during the past five years 7,500 colored farm operators, representing 35,000 individuals, had moved into the cities. He declared that it was possible for all to better their condition and said a farmer must make a contribution to the farm and land whether he owns it or rents it if he wants to hold it. The soil conservation program was also praised and the speaker added: "It is a shame for farmers to work all summer killing grass and then go out and buy grass to feed the stock."

The race must work out its own destiny and not hope to rise through complaint, Mitchell said. He advised all farmers to strive to have something to sell when they come to town in order to have an income more than once a year. The ultimate ideal in farming is to have the farm help raise the family and not raise the family to carry on the farm, the speaker said.

DETROIT TO WELCOME MUSICIANS

Detroit, Mich., July—(ANP)—Music lovers and Michigan generally are prepared to welcome the National Association of Negro Musicians which will hold its annual convention here the week of August 22, bringing many of America's foremost musicians under the leadership of President Camille C. Nickerson. Detroit has three official branches of the National organization all of whom are combining in acting as hosts.

The opening program will be Sunday, August 22, when the great convention chorus will be heard and the day will be known this year as Donor's Day with Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, of Indianapolis, a member of the national board, in charge.

Grimmell's Music House will exhibit the works of our composers with Manet Harrison Fowler, of New York, in charge. Blanche Thomas, of New York, Press, will arrange the exhibit of outstanding activities of the Branches and National members.

Henry L. Grant, one of the founders of the organization, and the first President, will be in charge of a special conference on Negro Music and the Negro Musician.

Margaret Bond, Master of Music, Northwestern University, a Rosenwald Scholarship pupil, and having the distinction of being soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Dr. Stock conducting and with the Woman's Symphony Orchestra with Ebba Sundstrom conducting, will be the pianist on the National Artists Program.

Mrs. Lillian LeMon, past President and director of Junior Branches, will be in charge of Junior Day Tuesday, August 25, and Dr. J. W. Moore, Flint, life member, will be in charge of the scholarship drive and will make his report at the convention.

Mrs. Mary Cardwell Dawson, member of the Board of Directors, is keeping in touch with the Branches, and it is expected that all will respond to the roll call at Detroit. Mrs. Dawson is President of the Dawson School of Music, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Some of his political opponents are attempting to belittle Gov. Landon on the basis of his acceptance speech. If they continue that policy they may elect him President. Most folks like fair play. It does not pay to disparage your adversary.

NEWS FLASHES FROM CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON, N. C.

By Mrs. B. O. Barnes

On Sunday morning, July 19, our pastor, Rev. O. E. Sanders, preached an interesting sermon from Matthew 5:16. The theme was: "Let Your Light Shine." At the close of the sermon, Mrs. Leila Reid Davis, of 415 E. Green Street, came forward and united with the church. The Junior message was: "Don't Be All Noises."

Sunday morning, July 26, Rev. O. E. Sanders preached from Ephesians 1:7. The theme was: "The Riches of His Grace." This was a very inspiring message and was enjoyed by all. The outstanding points emphasized are listed as follows:

The primary meaning of the word grace carries with it three ideas: beauty, gladness and kindness. By riches of grace the apostle means all the spiritual resources at the disposal of Christians, through the redeeming work of Christ and the gracious presence of His Holy Spirit.

The riches of His grace provide for the forgiveness of our sins and make it possible for us to appropriate for ourselves the wisdom of Christ. We hold these riches in trust. To retain them we must pass them on to others.

Our pastor used several appropriate illustrations in his presentation of this wonderful sermon.

Finally, he said, the most effective way of carrying forward God's kingdom is by the radiant glow of Christlike lives: through the glow of such lives men will catch a glimpse of the unlimited riches of Christ's marvelous grace.

At the evening service at 8 o'clock the Young People's organization rendered a very interesting and enjoyable musical program.

Mrs. A. H. Prince, of Charlotte, is in the city, visiting her mother, Mrs. Levi Peacock, of 218 Ashe Street. With her are her two children, Dorothy Mae and Susan Cosette. They visited Calvary last Sunday morning.

The Sunday school picnic will be Wednesday, August 5th, at Freeman's Park.

Miss Montes Hooker and Mr. Howard Fitts, Jr., have been elected as delegates to the Sunday School Convention meeting in New Bern, August 6-8. William Hines, Jr., will assist with the recreational activities. Our pastor, Rev. O. E. Sanders, is the statistician of the Sunday School Convention.

Dr. and Mrs. B. O. Barnes, of 613 E. Green Street, have returned to the city after a very enjoyable two weeks' stay in Chicago. Helen Adele, their little daughter, and Miss B. Mae Howard, Mrs. Barnes' sister returned with them and will remain a few weeks.

The young people gave a successful lawn party Monday evening, July 27, at Mr. Clarence Best's, 1305 E. Nash Street.

There were at least twenty-two of our members attending the first session of summer school in various representative schools. They are as follows:

In Shaw University, Raleigh were Mrs. E. H. Diggs, Mrs. Annie Joyner, Mrs. Beatrice Faulkland, Mrs. Almira Fisher, Mrs. Eloise Peacock, Mrs. Christine Smith, Mrs. Eloise Lee and Miss Margaret Lucas. State Normal School, Fayetteville: Messrs. E. P. Reid O. E. Sanders, Bedford S. Lucas and Miss Margaret Robinson.

North Carolina State College Durham, N. C.: Mrs. Courtney Fitts, Misses Ruth Hooker and Xenemia Pitts.

Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte: Miss Ruby Peacock. Georgia State College, Savannah, Ga.: Mrs. S. D. Artice.

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.: Professors E. M. Barnes and Malcolm Williams; and Mrs. Rosa L. Williams and Miss Ivory Langley.

The majority of these teachers are also enrolled in the second summer session.

Miss E. Scott Hines is completing her work in Columbia University in New York City, and will receive her M. S. degree at the close of this session.

NOTES OF BUTLER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAVANNAH, GA.

By Miss A. B. Collier

The "Men of the Church" was organized about a couple of months ago, and is doing splendid work. Our Scout-Master, Mr. Gus Washington, is President. He is a very capable young man and an earnest and willing worker.

The Ladies' Guild, under its President, Mrs. H. M. Collier, has done wonderful work. They will celebrate their first anniversary in September. Many lovely programs have been given by them during the year. They are hoping to do better in the coming year.

The Young People, the Tuxis, Pioneers and Beginners Clubs are all progressing. The Adult leaders are doing their bit in making each a success.

A word about the Missionary Society whose President is Mrs. Nannie Smith is next in order. These ladies are real "busy bees." They are alert in every way. On Friday night, July 10 they conducted a get-together social at the church. The object of this meeting was to get the old and new members as well as friends of the church acquainted with one another.

The missionary ladies were in the receiving line and welcomed and introduced every one who came. Both young and old threw aside all formality and entered into the sports of the evening. The main entertainers for the evening were Prof. Hurst, of the Georgia State College and Miss Angie Turner. Miss Lorraine Arnold gave the welcome address. Dr. J. W. Jamison responded in a very befitting manner. Miss Valanche King gave two humorous numbers that captivated the audience. At the close of the evening's entertainment delicious refreshments were served by the missionary ladies.

The work done in the Daily Vacation Bible School was on exhibition and made a very creditable showing.

The Annual Vacation Bible School was held from June 29 to July 9. Mrs. Annie Bohler was dean. There were eight other teachers as follows: Mrs. Dillard, Mrs. Mamie Smith, Miss Angie Turner, Mrs. King, Mrs. Grant, Miss Cortez Leake, Miss Lorraine Arnold and Miss Rivers. A marked improvement in the work done this year was evident. The total enrollment was 137. Several ladies from the Independent Presbyterian church (white) visited the school. Among them were Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Reid who gave Bible stories daily. This church gave the \$5.00 it has been giving annually for the entertainment of the children. A delicious ice cream social was given with this money at the close of the Bible School.

The Annual Bible School picnic to Wilmington Island was given Monday, July 12. A very large crowd attended, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the highest.

Two of our young ladies, Miss Angie Turner and Miss Cortez Leake, have assisted in organizing Bible Schools in other churches in the outskirts of the city. Miss Turner worked with the Montgomery Baptist church. This was the first Bible School ever held at this church. It lasted two weeks, beginning July 13, and going to July 24th. The enrollment was about thirty. Mr. Robert Young was the director and Miss Turner was his assistant. There were four teachers.

Miss Turner did wonderful work. The children and community were very much pleased with the splendid service rendered by her and expressed their sorrow in having to part with her so soon.

Miss Leake worked with the Bethany Presbyterian church. The Bible school there lasted two weeks, extending from July 13 to July 24. The enrollment was 195. There were seven teachers.

Miss Leake did very excellent work also. All expressed their sorrow when the time came to close the school and for Miss Leake to part from them.

Five new deacons have been chosen to assist with the work of the church. They will be installed on August 2.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAVANNAH, GA.

The closing exercises of the Bible School of Bethany church were held Friday evening, July 24, at 8 o'clock, in the main building of the church, with more than 200 people in attendance.

The school was a success from the start to the closing exercises. A very efficient and sympathizing faculty carried the work to a success. The faculty was composed of the following:

Mrs. Ella R. Sams, Principal;
Mrs. Essie Clement, Secretary;
Miss Cortez Leake, director of Music;
Miss Evelena Way, teacher of Primaries;
Miss Lillian Moore, teacher of Juniors;
Miss T. Smith, assistant teacher of Primaries;
Mrs. H. E. Branaham, director of Sewing;
Rev. J. P. Stevens, pastor and adviser of the school.

The school was in session two weeks with an enrollment of 192 scholars. The children were very eager to learn and made fans, tablecloths, pin cushions, scrap books and lanterns. Cloth that had been thrown aside by the parents was made into very useful things by the children.

The school offered two prizes to the scholars who would bring the largest number of children over eleven. Another prize for attendance of the school and a prize for the one who made the best garments were offered.

Five judges were chosen to select the best work done by the students. After careful consideration the judges gave the first prize to Jessie Hodges, the second prize was given to Lillian Smith. The prize for the one who brought in the most scholars over eleven was given to Jessie Hodges.

A prize was given to Miss H. E. Branaham for her faithfulness to the school.

Not only did the children attend the school, but their parents came to learn more about the Bible. Since our Bible school has started here in this section the people are very eager to do all they can for the growth of the Sunday School.

The children were served with lemonade and cake.

REV. J. P. STEVENS, Pastor.
MRS. ELLA R. SAMS, Principal.
MRS. ESSIE CLEMENTS, Secretary.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MAYESVILLE, S. C.

Sunday, July 5th, was a high day at Trinity church. Rev. McFadden delivered a real good message, as he always does. He spoke from Acts 28:15, "Whom, when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." The minister spoke about "Courage." He said that Paul had enough to discourage him, but when that band of Christian brethren met him at the Appian forum he took courage, for it was the Christian encouragement of the brethren. The speaker asked us to check up on ourselves and see how many men and women have thanked God for what we have done in the way of encouraging them. There are many discouraged souls we may encourage, many weak ones we may sustain. Yes, said the man of God, we should practice the art of encouragement. After the sermon a young lady came forward and joined the church.

We were made sad on Tuesday night when the news reached us that Deacon Ben Washington, who sang in the choir Sunday morning, had suddenly passed to his reward. His funeral was preached at Mt. Lisbon church on Thursday, July 9th, by Rev. McFadden, assisted by Rev. P. W. Toney, pastor of Mt. Lisbon church.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for the widow, fourteen children and sixteen grandchildren. It is our loss but heaven's gain.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted for two successful weeks, from July 6, through the 17th. We had an enrollment of 78, with four teachers.

Sunday, July 19th, was another high day at Trinity. We

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