

AME Zion Church Continues Growth

GEORGETOWN, Guyana - The Guyana Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in its 54th annual session meeting held recently in Alleyne A. M. E. Zion Church made history when seven churches and seven ministers were received into the conference, provisionally, from the Republic of South Africa, with Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood presiding, assisted by Dr. James Clinton, Administrative Secretary-Treasurer of the A-ME Zion Church Board of Overseas Missions.

Application for entering the AME Zion Church came from the Rev. S. Mac Phasumane of Pieterburg, North Transvaal, South Africa, representing seven independent Methodist Churches and ministers through the Rev. Christopher Wellesley Birchmore, Dean of the Guyana AME Zion conference, ten months ago.

After presentation to the AME Zion Church Board of Foreign Missions in Charlotte, North Carolina, September 23, 1968, and to the AME Zion Church Board of Bishops in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 10, 1969, Dr. Hoggard was requested to carry on correspondence with the Rev. Phasumane.

Meanwhile, Bishop Spottswood, in order to give qualified operating status to the churches in South Africa, effected the idea of provisional entrance to the Guyana Conference, which Conference is the nearest geographical point in the Third Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church, over which the bishop presides.

Dr. Hoggard said, "This makes a historic day in Zion when we reach across the world ten thousand miles, to embrace our brethren in South Africa, who seek spiritual haven with us! This is a continuation of the fulfillment of Bishop Small's death-bed plea, 'Don't let my African work fail.'"

This addition implements the work in foreign fields. It is to be remembered that Bishop H. B. Shaw recently brought a large number of ministers and laymen into the Jamaica Conference, when it convened in Black River, Caribbean Islands.



WORKERS CONFER WITH ATTORNEYS - Columbia, S. C.: Results of the Charleston hospital workers meeting with Gov. Robert E. McNair were discussed in the State House lobby by groups' attorneys. Fred H. Moore (left) and George A. Payton, Jr. Miss Mary Moultrie (center), President of the striking hospital workers union accompanied by members of her local (right) left for Charleston after the discussion. (UPI).



RECEIVES CHECK FROM FT. LEE WIVES - Dr. James F. Tucker, second from left, president of Virginia State College, recently received a check of \$1,000 from the Ft. Lee Officers' Wives Club. Presenting the check for the nearby post organization were, left to right, Mrs. Franklin R. Wallace, Jr., and Mrs. John Ritchie. Also present was Dr. Earl V. Allgood, director of financial aid at the college. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for dependents of soldiers stationed at Ft. Lee.

Dr. T. L. Spraggin Warns, 'Bitterness Chokes Growth'

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. - "Freedom will continue to blossom if it is not choked by the disillusionment, bitterness, and anger erupting under the august cry of 'Black Separatism,'" declared Dr. Tinsley Lee Spraggin in addressing the Honors and Seniors' Day audience at Saint Paul's College here on Friday, April 11.

Dr. Spraggin, a native Virginian, is Chief, Development Section, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington. He has distinguished himself in education, government, and in state and national voter registration projects.

He was presented to the capacity audience by Dr. Earl H. McClenney, president of the college. Five trustees were honored during the ceremony for notable services. A distinguished Service Award went to Paul C. Edmunds of South Boston, Va., who has served on the board for thirty years.

To Frederick Deane, Jr., of Richmond, president of the Bank of Virginia; John H. Graves of Brooklyn, a retired Postal employee who is an alumnus; Dr. Lester E. Granger of Denver, Colo., retired Executive Director of the National Urban League; and John W. Bates, president of Harrison and Bates Realty Co., Richmond, went Meritorious Service Certificates.

The terms on the board of the five men expire this year, and the awards were made in conjunction with their retirements. Messrs. Deane and Bates were unable to be on hand for the presentations, made by the Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn, chairman of the SPC Board of Trustees and bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia of the Episcopal Church.

Thirty-seven students (see related story) won or shared forty scholarships, prizes, and awards having a cash value of \$2,835. These were presented by Dr. Thomas M. Law, Dean of the College.

Emphasizing his view on the current peril to freedom in this country, Dr. Spraggin declared further: "Let me tell you about the thorns and thistles which have threatened and are threatening to choke the growth of freedom seeds. . . We are

thankful for the heroic activities of Negroes and some whites who were interested in the causes, and who worked tirelessly to plant those freedom seeds despite opposition. These individuals bore the brunt of the heat of the day so that all men might be free."

Peace Corps Tests Here On Apr. 19

Raleigh area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the Main Post Office.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

Persons interest in serving with the Peace Corps must fill out an Application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Application forms are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C. 20525.

Fifteen thousand Volunteers are currently serving Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, working with the people of those nations in self-help projects ranging from food production to health to education. More Volunteers are needed for programs which will begin this spring and summer.

James Garrett Of Federal City College To Lecture At Shaw U.

Professor James Garrett, acting director of the Black Studies Program at Federal City College, Washington, D.C. will deliver the third in a series

of Twentieth Century Man lectures at Shaw University on Thursday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. in Greenleaf Auditorium. The lectures are part of Shaw

University's core curriculum program and are aimed at providing relevant and significant insight into the problems confronting Twentieth Century man.

The lecture by Garrett will be on the topic, "Traditional Education and the Black Community: Preparation for Life in America."

Garrett, a graduate of San Francisco State College, is active in various civil rights organizations and was chief organizer of the Black Student Union at San Francisco State College.

There are 31 million names of veterans in the Veterans Administration's master index file.

Veterans should contact the Department of Labor concerning their re-employment rights.

Library At ECSC Gains NCSU Access

ELIZABETH CITY-The G.R. Little Library at Elizabeth City State College has been granted access to the IN-WATS Information Service of the North Carolina State Library, effective as of April 1, 1969. This new policy gives the library direct around-the-clock access to the State Library via Inward Wide Area Telephone Service (IN-WATS). An automatic answering and recording device will accept calls when the State Library is closed. According to Hobson Thomp-

son, Jr., College Librarian, "The principle use that Elizabeth City State College will make of IN-WATS Information Service will be to identify locations of materials prior to requesting them through inter-library loan." The State Library will relay such locations requests via Teletypewriter Exchange Service to the Inter-library Center Union Catalog at the University of North Carolina Library in Chapel Hill, and will call location information received back to ECSC.

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The Veterans' Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q -- I was discharged at the end of December, 1968, after two years service. I had a tooth filled about six months before I got out of service. The filling has fallen out. Can I get the tooth repaired by the Veterans Administration?

A -- Yes. Dental work on a one-time completion basis may be provided veterans with service-connected but noncompensable dental conditions which existed at time of separation provides application is made within one year after discharge. Your application for VA dental treatment should be sent to the nearest VA regional office, where your records are on file, before the end of December 1969.

Q -- I am not eligible for a G. I. home loan since my husband, who died of a service-connected disability in 1967, was in service after World War II, but before the Korean Conflict, from January 1948 until January 1950. Am I entitled to educational assistance from the Veterans Administration under a new law that went into effect last December?

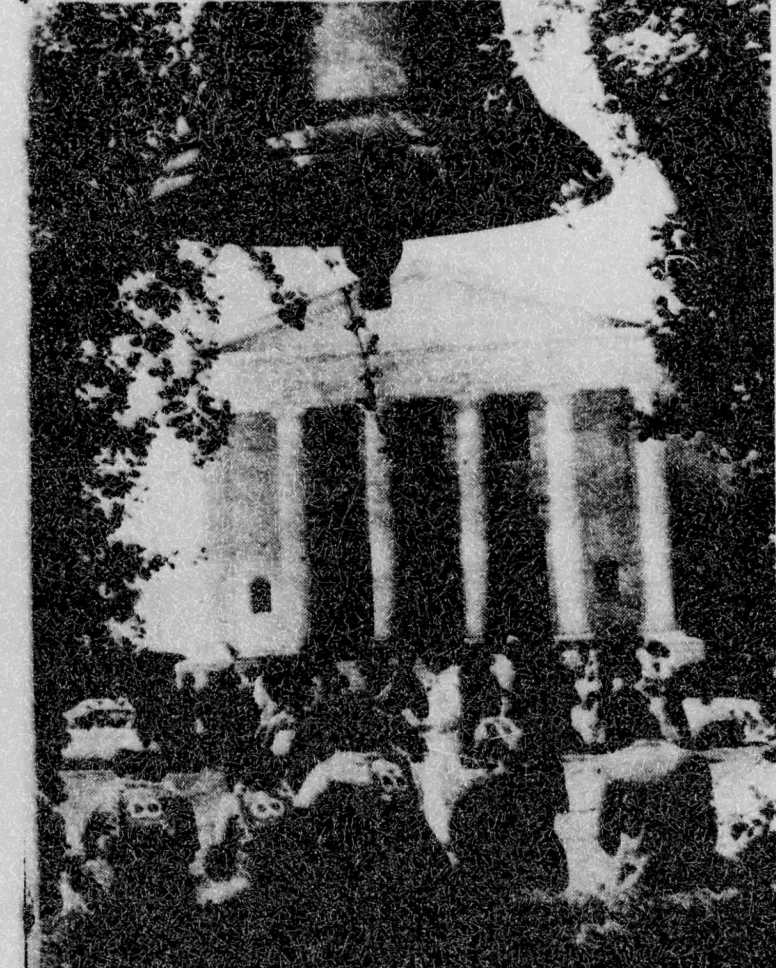
A -- Yes, you are entitled to VA educational assistance of up to 36 months as the widow of a veteran who died as the result of military service. However, your education must be completed by Nov. 30, 1976. Your husband's military service could have been at any time from the Spanish-American War to the current Vietnam era. Wives of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service are also entitled to this benefit, which amounts to a maximum of \$130 a month for full-time training. Contact your nearest VA office for additional information and assistance concerning this program.

Red Cross Cautions On Fishing

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The millions of Americans whose favorite sport is fishing were cautioned by the American Red Cross to avoid the hazards that may result in tragic accidents, as another fishing season gets under way.

"Fishing takes place in an environment where accidents can and do happen," said Robert M. Oswald, national director of Red Cross Safety Programs. "Our aim is to reduce such accidents as much as possible by pointing out the dangers, and encouraging fishermen to equip themselves with first aid and water safety training."

A special danger to early-season anglers is that of prolonged immersion in cold water.



MARCH ON CAPITOL - Tallahassee, Fla.: Marchers from the "Poor Peoples" march on the Capitol April 8 rest beneath a Liberty bell located in a park between the Supreme Court and the state Capitol. The building in the background is the state Supreme Court. (UPI).

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er. Fishermen who fall into extremely cold water will lose body heat rapidly, thus reducing their ability to move through the water and save themselves. "We advise victims of such accidents to get out of the water as soon as possible," Mr. Oswald said, "although in more favorable water conditions, our advice is to stay with the boat."