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15,000 EXPECTED AT K. C. CONFAB

AME General Conference Plans Set

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—The 33rd quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church will open here May 5. Sessions will be held at Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial hall, 7th and Barnett Ave., and more than 15,000 persons including all bishops, general officers, delegates and visitors from the United States, Canada, the West Indies, South America and South and West Africa, many of whom are already in the United States, will attend.

The election of Bishops will highlight the conference, the elected elders to be consecrated to the office of Bishop on May 15.

The conference will open at 10 a. m. with communion at the First AME Church with the Bishop Williams delivering the quadrennial sermon and Bishop R. R. Wright, Wilberforce University, the Episcopal Address. Gov. Frank Carlson of Kansas will welcome the conference that night.

Preceding the conference, the Rev. John S. Williams will direct 250 selected voices from Kansas City AME choirs and a unit of the Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra in Nathaniel Dett's "Ordering of Moses."

"All plans are complete," the Rev. S. H. Lewis, D.D., host pastor said. "We are ready. We have had splendid co-operation from all citizens of Greater Kansas City." The Rt. Rev. Noah W. Williams of the Fifth Episcopal District, which includes Nebraska, will be the host prelate.

Pictured at right are a few candidates among the many who are running for the Bishopric.

Admission to N.C. Uni. Sought

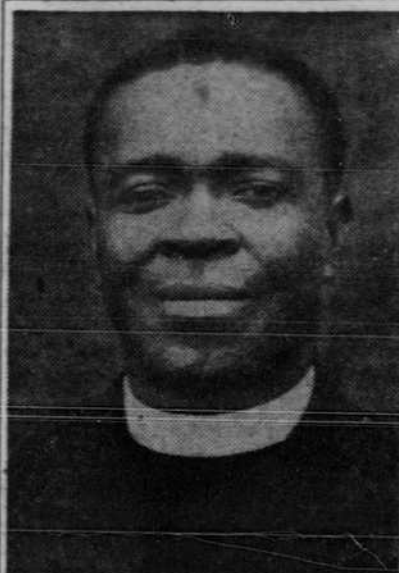
CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (ANP). Negroes are seeking admittance to graduate schools of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Frank U. Graham, president of the greater university, Tuesday had three applications from Negroes on his desk. Two asked admittance as law students and the third as a medical student.

"We have no alternative in considering these applications," Robert B. House, the chancellor, reported, "except to make a report of them to the board of trustees. If any action is to be taken in this matter it must be taken by the trustees."

Music Teachers To Meet May 9th

The Nebraska Music Teachers Association will meet this week end at St. Paul Methodist church. On the program for Sunday evening, May 9, the U.L. Girls Glee Club is scheduled to appear. The twenty-six girls in the choral group were organized last winter by Mrs. Sarah Walke, U.L. Director of Women's Work and Mrs. Eugenia Brown directs the ensemble.



THE REV. J. R. COAN received his B.A. degree from Howard University, and his B.D. and M.A. degrees from Yale University. He holds the Honorary Degree of D.D. from Morris Brown College.

Rev. Coan is Editor of Leadership Training Bulletin of the Department of Religious Education.



DR. JOHN H. LEWIS, Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio, is a native of Georgia. He received his B.D. degree from Yale '13 and his A.M. from Chicago University. He served as president of Morris Brown College 8 years. He was organizer and first principal of the \$500,000 Dunbar High School and Junior College of Little Rock. He was elected Dean of Payne Seminary in 1944.

Interracial YWCA Opens in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS. (ANP). The new interracial county branch of the St. Louis Y.W.C.A. was formally opened here recently with open house. The branch was originally set up by action of the St. Louis Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors July 7, 1947.

Its staff and membership are interracial. Mrs. Robert J. Crosse of Ladue is president; Mrs. C. Leland Thomas, Webster Groves, secretary; Uretha Payne, Kinloch high, president of the Interclub council; Miss Betty Sprague and Mrs. Sallie Parham, co-executives, and Mrs. Godfrey F. Longhofer, office secretary and receptionist.

A Georgia woman, mother of two and a former county health nurse, was swept into office as a county commissioner over eleven male opponents on a campaign slogan of: "You kiss the babies, I change their diapers."

Equal Rights Committee Named

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP) Four men were named to Missouri's Equal Rights committee last week by Murry K. Thompson, speaker of the house. The committee was recently established on a resolution by Rep. Josiah C. Thomas of St. Louis.

This group has been authorized to study and recommend legislation enforce the part of Section 2 of Article 1 of the state constitution which says "that all persons are created equal and are entitled to equal rights and opportunity under the law."

Mo. Rep. Joins 3rd Party

ST. LOUIS. (ANP). State Rep. William Massingale, of the 11th Missouri Legislative district, in St. Louis and one of the four Negro members of the law-making body of the state of Missouri, announced last Sunday his withdrawal from the Democratic party in order to join the Progressive party of Missouri. He spoke before the 11th congressional meeting of the Progressive party here last Sunday afternoon.

He said he has joined the Wallace party because both the Republican and Democratic parties are heading toward war through bi-partisan foreign policies.

Randolph Creates Two Fiery Camps

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP). Two views of the recent proposal by A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds to lead a "civil disobedience" movement against the draft were expressed here Thursday, one of which took the form of an announcement that a south-wide campaign would be conducted in opposition to the movement. Authors of the two views were Bishop E. J. Cain of the Church of God district embracing Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, and Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP.

White, though not endorsing Randolph's movement, called it a "barometer of the bitterness" over the issue of discrimination. He said that he did not have faith in the effectiveness of the movement against military registration and draft, but was in accord with the view that "disproportion between the burdens and benefits to the Negro has too long endured."

'I Am An American Day' Proclaimed May 16th

President Truman has proclaimed Sunday, May 16, 1948, as "I Am An American Day." This day is set aside to recognize those young men and women in America who have attained the age of twenty-one or who have been naturalized during the past year.

In these perious days it should be an honor and a privilege of becoming a citizen of the United States.



DR. FREDERICK D. JORDAN, pastor of historic 8th and Towne AME Church in Los Angeles, is another candidate for elevation to the office of bishop. He has been in the active ministry for 26 years, many of which he spent as Dean of the Bishop Williams School of Religion in Quindaro, Kansas, before his assignment to one of the largest congregations in the AME connection.

'Jim Crow Must Go' Says Wallace Pamphlet

WASHINGTON. (ANP). "Jim Crow Must Go," was the title of a pamphlet written by Henry A. Wallace and distributed at the membership meeting of the Washington committee last week.

"Racial and religious discrimination in America—in any form—must go," the pamphlet continued. "Until then our use of the word 'democracy' will ring hollow throughout the world."

"We must end the widespread discrimination which bars millions of Negroes, Jews, Catholics and foreign born Americans from decent jobs."

College Fund Seeks \$40,000 At Capital

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The United Negro College fund hopes to get \$40,000 from the Washington area, according to an announcement made by the District of Columbia committee.

The \$1,400,000 which is the national goal this year is to be used for scholarships, additional teachers and improved libraries and physical plants.

Last year the national campaign netted \$1,032,571 of which the Washington area contributed \$25,000.

Harlem GOP's Eye Congress

NEW YORK. (NAP). Harold Burton, Republican leader of the 12th district, and Ludlow Werner, editor and publisher of the New York Age, are eyeing the Republican congressional nomination this year.

Grant Reynolds, former preacher and now a law student, who sought unsuccessfully to defeat Adam Powell two years ago, plans to try for the nomination again, but Mr. Reynolds has weakened his case with the powers that be in several instances.

Stewardess Board Gives Breakfast

The Stewardess Board No. 1 of Quinn Chapel church are sponsoring a Mother's Day breakfast in the basement of the church. The breakfast will last from 7:30 until 10:00 A.M.



DR. JOSEPH GOMEZ

DR. JOSEPH GOMEZ is a graduate of Wilberforce University '14. Served as a missionary to Bermuda for several years and on returning to America, occupied the pulpits of some of the largest congregations in the country. In a city-wide testimonial of gratitude, citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, on April 18 urged Dr. Gomez to seek election to the Episcopacy of the AME church.