



**ALPHAS MEET IN OIL CITY**—A portion of the delegates to the S-W convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity which met in Oklahoma City, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. Front Row (l. to r.) Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president Alabama State College; Lionel Newson, Exec. Council; Otis Freeman, Gen. chm.; L. H. Williams (U. of N. '28), Regional Director; A. Maceo Smith, Southwestern vice-president; Charles Goolsby (U. of N.) Regional Director, and Bennie D. Brown, Chicago, general secretary. Also in picture is Robert Fairchild, Tulsa, (U. of N. '28).

## Alpha Phi Alpha Southwestern Convention Notes Progress In Education, Citizenship Rights

When the Southwestern Regional convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity met at Oklahoma City September 30th through October 2nd, it brought together students from campuses and other college men from ten states (from Colorado to Texas and Louisiana) under the convention theme, "Full Citizenship Now, No Compromise."

At the Saturday clinic on equality, Dr. G. L. Harrison, president of Langston University, discussed the movements for the opening of graduate schools in Texas and Oklahoma and the contribution the fraternity is making thru the efforts of such members as Heman Sweatt in Texas. Other speakers on gains in civil rights were President Pearlyear, Culver College, Texas; Dr. John E. Cadwell, Houston and Bro. Nelson Jackson, Southern Field Director for the National Urban League.

A panel discussion brought together students from Langston University, Tillotson College and Wiley College to discuss the role undergrads can play in the achievement of civil rights. The discussion was summarized by Charles Goolsby, director for Nebraska and Iowa.

Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University, New Orleans, in a moving and powerful address developed Carlyle's statement that "that which thou seekest is already within thee, the ideal and the impediment."

Highlight of the meet was the public forum on Sunday at which Dr. L. Hume Williams, director for Colo., Kan., Oklahoma and Arkansas, presided. Dr. H. Council Trenholm, national director of education for the fraternity presented scholarship awards, and a plaque to Heman Sweatt, citing his "courageous" stand.

Belford V. Lawson, general president and Washington, D. C. attorney, in a brilliant address cited the national capitol as a "graphic example of democratic failure" where traditions are

deeply rooted, segregation is the order of the day, and the people have no vote. It is the arsenal of the propaganda machines of the country and the hope for creative legislation lies with the people of states. He urged college people everywhere to become awakened to greater civic consciousness.

However, there is a rising leadership of college people, he said, in The American Council on Human Rights, representing about 150,000 predominantly Negro students and graduates in seven national Greek-letter organizations, which has parked on Congress's doorstep in the interest of equal rights for all. "This thing (segregation)," he concluded, "must go!"

A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Tex., Southwestern Vice-president and race relations advisor to the Federal Housing administration, directed the convention, which will meet in New Orleans in 1950.

### Negro Pastor Named Head Of Virginia Clergy Group

MIDDLEBURG, Va. (RNS). Members of the London County Ministerial Association, which includes both white and Negro ministers, elected their first Negro president. He is the Rev. A. M. Erwin, son of a former slave.

The name of the Rev. Mr. Erwin, pastor of the Asbury Methodist church, was placed in nomination by the Rev. M. Douglas Newman, pastor of the Middleburg Methodist church, a white congregation.

## Pastors Warned Against Making Soapbox of Pulpits; Laymen Are Installed as AME Close Meet

By Rubie W. Shakespeare

The 29th Nebraska Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which began September 28, closed Sunday, October 2, with the final sessions being held at Memorial Hall. The Rt. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, presiding bishop for area west of the Mississippi, termed the meeting as most successful spiritually and financially. The reports of the various charges were received with unusual enthusiasm.

Bishop Walker laid a great deal of emphasis on the need for more families to educate their children in order to take on the new jobs and roles developing in our country. This was part of a plea for funds for the Wilberforce University and Payne Theological seminary which are supported by this section of the church. Sunday's contributions, over \$1,000, went to support the two institutions. Douglas hospital, operated by the conference in Kansas City, also received more than \$1,300 as the result of a special rally directed by Mrs. Walker thru the church and special workers in Kansas and Nebraska. Douglas hospital is reported to be the best equipped 100-bed institution of any in the Plains and Rocky Mountain region.

Speaking in his characteristic, academic tones, the former dean of Payne seminary inspired clergy and laymen alike. He hit at pastors who turned politicians at the expense of the church, pointing out that in times in the past "the church has been exploited by some men, accepting money from everywhere, selling themselves to the highest bidder in exchange for trying to influence votes. He said, "We have got to clean up these situations. It is God's church and we can't sell nor buy it. We must be filled with the power of the Holy Ghost and breath into dying souls and make them alive."

In cautioning ministers against using their pulpits for political purposes, he said that they should be non-political, but should urge their congregation to support candidates who favor such vital issues as civil rights, fair employment practices, and legislation giving Negroes and all people equality of opportunity in every respect.

The organization of the Conference Laymen's organization was approved on October 1 and Bishop Walker installed the following elected officers: President J. J. Parks, Kansas City; Vice-president, Cornelius Morgan, Omaha; Secretary, Constance Smith, Assistant Secretary, Gladys Jackson, Atchison, Kansas; Treasurer, George Camper, Omaha; and Chaplain Mabel Banks.

Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare is in charge of public relations. The first meeting of the laymen of the West will be in Denver next year.

Changes in pastoral charges listed included the following ministers.

C. R. Manning to New Bethel, K. C., Kan.; Herbert Bletson to the So. Mo. Conference; E. W. Newton to Presiding Elder of K. C. district; F. D. Gregory to Quindaro; S. J. Holly to Atchison; J. L. Humbert to Grand Island-Hastings.

### '4 Tons of Rhythm' Combo A Hit Here

The "Four Tons of Rhythm," instrumental quartet from Kansas City, played to the guests at Arbor Manor here September 30 and were a hit from the word go. The combo, led by Clinton Weaver, took only a one night stand but, it is rumored, they will return in the near future.

## Dr. Julian Finds Key to Synthesis Of Wonder Drugs

CHICAGO. (ANP). Dr. Percy L. Julian, 50-year-old chemist of Maywood, Ill., and director of research in the soya products division of the Glidden company, has found the key to the artificial manufacture of four life-giving chemicals which will make production of scarce hormone substances for the relief of arthritis, rheumatic heart disease and other unsolved human ailments a matter of no concern, according to an announcement made here Thursday.

Dr. Julian's discoveries, made while he was engaged in finding a cheaper method of manufacturing cortisone—a rare drug used with success in treating a limited number of arthritic victims suffering from the rheumatoid or most crippling form of the disease, are cortisone, compound S, 17 alpha hydroxy progesterone and pregnetriolone. While Dr. Julian nor the Glidden company make any claim that these synthetic hormone compounds will prove effective in the treatment of arthritis or any other disease, scientists throughout the world believe they theoretically hold promise to have more prolonged activities in the human system.

## Boston 'Buys' Sammy Jethroe For Cool 200Gs

By Al Moses.

NEW YORK. (ANP). Sammy Jethroe's sale to the Boston Braves for a reported \$200,000 (with added starter to boot) ties in with what we wrote in this space last August. We said then of the \$300,000 price-tag Branch Rickey had placed on the best base-stealer since Ty Cobb:

"It is unfair to the speedy former Negro National league ace for Mr. Rickey to keep his price-label at the \$300,000 mark. A drop of say \$100,000 (or more) will give Jethroe the big chance he deserves even if Rickey is not in favor of bringing the Montreal star up to keep company with Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Donald Newcombe."

So at last it has happened as we predicted it might and for Sam Jethroe's sake, we are happy no end. The signing of Jackie Roosevelt Robinson three seasons ago ushered in a "baseball renaissance" for scores of talented Negro diamond stars. Now with Sam Jethroe bringing a price of two hundred grand, we wonder what ex-baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis would say in his "sour-puss" manner were he alive and in his customary "driver's seat?"

### To Return

Miss Wylma Fletcher, lyric soprano, who recently gave a concert in Lincoln under the sponsorship of the Havelock Methodist church, is scheduled for a return engagement at First Methodist church on October 24. Miss Fletcher's programs feature spirituals and religious songs. She has also written several songs including "Just Follow Him," written while snowbound in Nebraska during the blizzard last winter.



BISHOP A. P. SHAW

The Rt. Rev. A. P. Shaw of the Baltimore area of the Methodist church will be the speaker at Newman Methodist church on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Shaw has had an interest in rural and agricultural pastorates of the church for some time.

## Community Chest Drive Starts Oct. 15

For the 28th time the Community Chest will begin its annual drive for funds for Lincoln agencies offering a variety of welfare services to the community. The chest goal this year will be \$270,203, and the drive is under the direction of A. Q. Schimmel.

One of the benefitting agencies is the Lincoln Urban League, of which Clyde Malone is executive secretary. He said their quota has not yet been established at present, but solicitors are organized and ready to move out when the drive opens Saturday, Oct. 15. Those named are: Lt. Colonel, Mrs. Basilia Bell; Captains: Rev. Melvin Shakespeare, Mrs. Olive Collie, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Marguerite Bell and Mrs. Lula Mae Williams.

Other agencies that are chest-supported include the Belmont Community center, Catholic Service bureau, Child Guidance center, Community Emergency shop, Council of Social agencies, Family Service association, Goodwill Industries, Jewish Welfare Federation, Peoples City Mission, Salvation Army, St. Thomas Orphanage, Tabitha Home and the Veterans Service center.

## Church Must End Discrimination, Says Bishop

ATLANTA. (ANP). Bishop B. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Methodist church, last week said that the church must end "this business of injustice and discrimination."

The bishop was charging Dr. Harry V. Richardson with his duties as new president of Gammon Theological seminary here.

Bishop Oxnam said that he was not casting stones; the north has its share of injustices, discrimination, and racial segregation. He added that man cannot be united by concepts such as race, nation, or class, but only by the realization that he is a part of one family.

In his response, Dr. Richardson dedicated himself to help prepare men who could aid in the reconstruction of society along godly lines.

Bishop John W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic coast area, Methodist church, presided over the ceremonies.