



THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION N. B. C. CLOSES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE COL- ORED TEACHER'S ASS'N.

Sessions to Be Held at Pearl High School
This City—Excellent Program Ar-
ranged for This Meeting.

THREE DAYS WORK OUTLINED ATTENDANCE WILL BE LARGE

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PROGRAM.
Thursday, September 19—10 A. M.
Music—
Invocation—Rev. J. H. Grant, Pastor Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church.
Welcome Address—
The Schools—
The Medical Profession—Dr. J. A. Lester.
Music—
The Clergy—Rev. W. S. Ellington.
Business—Mr. A. N. Johnson.
Responses—
Miss Cora Tyler, Columbia.
Prof. R. L. Wood, McMinnville.
Music—
Enrollment of Members—

AFTERNOON STSSION.
Thursday, September 19—1:30 P. M.
Music—
Department of Supervision—Dr. J. P. Crawford, Leader.
School Management—Miss Cornelia Bailey.
General Discussion—
Music—
High School Department—Dr. F. G. Smith, Leader.
Pointers to Success—Rev. J. A. Jones, P. E. A. M. E. Church, Nashville.
"Keep the Home Fires Burning for the Schools"—Prof. Isaac Fisher of Fish University.
Music—
Industrial Department—Prof. R. G. Johnson, Leader.
How Trench Food Conservation—Miss Margaret F. Harlan.
Agriculture in the Rural Schools—Mr. A. M. Dobbins.

Second Day—Morning Session.
Friday, September 20—9:30 A. M.
Music—
Invocation—Rev. T. M. Broomfield, Pastor Howard Congregational Church.
Primary Department—Mrs. Cora Fields, Leader.
Primary Industrial Work With Demonstrations—Miss C. O. Mitchell, A. & I. State Normal.
Needed Rural Improvements—Miss Lottie Haygood, Supervisor of Davidson County Public Schools.
A Demonstrative Lesson in Number Work—Miss Evelyn Green, Nashville City Schools.
Helps in Primary Reading—Mrs. M. L. Crosthwait, Flak University.
Address—Dr. Inman E. Page, President of Roger Williams University.
Second Day—Afternoon Session.
Friday, September 20—1:30 P. M.
Music—
Department of Grammar Schools—Prof. T. A. Frierson, Leader.
The Challenge to Service and Efficiency—Prof. Paul F. Mowbray, Flak University.
Making the Recitation Minutes Count—Prof. J. W. Sewell, Supervisor of Grammar Grades, City Schools of Nashville.
Music—
Department of Story Telling—Miss G. A. Lofton, Leader.
Story—Mrs. E. P. Berry.
Story—Miss Evelyn Crosthwait.
Third Day—Morning Session.
Saturday, September 21—9:30 A. M.
Invocation—

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, UNINCORPORATED, MEETS AT LITTLE ROCK

Large Delegations Present—Much Constructive Work Accomplished—All Sessions Well Attended and Enthusiasm Manifested by Every Delegate Present

MORE THAN SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

After deliberating for five days on matters of vital importance to the entire denomination the National Baptist Convention adjourned its 38th annual session here today. Throughout the week there was much concerning the future of the denomination for discussion and consideration. Every board through its chairman and secretary, that is a part of the convention, made its report and was received enthusiastically. The officers elected for the year were: Rev. Edw. P. Jones, D. D., Vicksburg, Miss., President; John E. Wood, D. D., Kentucky, Vice President at Large; Rev. W. A. Jones, D. D., Ohio, Second Vice President at Large; Dr. T. H. C. Messer, Pa., Third Vice President at Large; C. P. Medison, Virginia, Recording Secretary; Chas. W. Boyd, Texas, first assistant Secretary; T. H. Evans, La., second assistant Recording Secretary; Chas. H. Lewis, Ind., third assistant Recording Secretary; J. W. Woods, Okla., fourth assistant Recording Secretary; F. H. Cook, Ark., Statistician; Hon. Wm. H. Harrison, Okla., Attorney; Rev. John F. Thomas, Illinois, Treasurer; Rev. J. B. Beckham, D. C. Mo., Rev. Gordon McPherson, D. D., Cal., Field Evangelist.

During the week the various state delegations handed in the names of those who would serve on the several boards and those who would constitute the vice presidents from their respective states in the national body. The chairman and secretaries of the various boards for the year are: Foreign Mission, Rev. John H. Frank, Chairman, Rev. R. Kemp, Secretary; Home Mission, Rev. J. P. Robinson, Chairman, Rev. R. Porter, Secretary; Publishing Board, Rev. C. H. Clark, Chairman and Rev. R. H. Boyd, Secretary; B. Y. P. U., Rev. L. D. Drane, Chairman, Rev. S. R. Prince, Secretary; Educational, Rev. G. L. Prince, Chairman, Rev. D. Abner, Secy.; Benefit, S. T. Floyd, Secy.; Church Extension, Rev. J. E. Wood, Secretary; Evangelical, Rev. J. S. Anderson, Secretary; Temperance, Rev. F. H. Cook, Secretary; Laymen's, W. H. Harrison, President, E. W. Currie, Secretary.

WAR CROSS TO NEGRO SERGEANT MAJOR.
Sergt. Major Sherman D. Scruggs, a Kansas native, 23 years old, in France, with an infantry company, has been mentioned in the French general's report for continued bravery. He won a French War Cross for his work. Scruggs sent a copy of the general's report and the cross to his father, S. D. Scruggs, 423 Freeman Avenue, Kansas side.
Below appears the French General's letter, also the testimonial exercises which were given in his honor at the 8th Street Baptist Tabernacle Church, August 20th, at Kansas.
Sergt. Major Sherman D. Scruggs is a nephew of Mrs. Hannah Allison, 218 N. 8th Street of this city.
P. C., June 29, '18.
34 Division, Infantry, General Staff, Extract From Citation Order No. 97, General Valantin, Commandant of Infantry, 34th Division, cites in Brigadier A. 370th R. I., U. S. N. G., at the Orders:
Sergeant-Major, Sherman D. Scruggs, an American Negro, of Company attached to the 34th Division.
"Has particularly distinguished himself during the days of the 23rd and 24th of June, 1918, in securing under heavy shell fire, the liaison with contiguous units."
General Valantin, Commandant, 1 I. D., 34.

Testimonial Exercises.
Kansas, beginning at 8:30 P. M. Patriotic—"The Star Spangled Banner"—(All standing)—Audience.
Invocation—Dr. D. B. Jackson.
Introductory—
Tribute—"First Baptist Hero," Rev. W. A. Bowen.
Soprano Solo—"Reveille"—Hubert Oliver—Miss Vernetta Allen.
Instrumental—
Fraternal—"A Brave Man in Brave Man's Place"—N. B. Robinson, Enterprise No. 27, K. of P.
Soprano—"Summer" Chorus—Mme. Merritt Evans.
Remark—"The War and the Schools"—Prof. John A. Hodges.
Song—"The Regular Army Man," N. Clark Smith.
Major N. Clark Smith and Company Intermission.
Address—"Democracy," Prof. J. E. King.
Violin Selection—Edw. S. Baker, Jr.
Solo—"The Young Warrior," Burleigh—Prof. T. H. Reynolds.
Professional—"The Triumph of Youth," Atty' Guy Booker.
Solo—"The Boy in Khaki," Miss Orpheus Scott.
Address—"The N. A. A. C. P. O. Guard," Prof. G. A. Gregg.
Rev. D. B. Jackson, Pastor.

The officials came in various divisions and the program proper will begin after the local committee, under the chairmanship of J. P. Robinson, with D. B. Gains as secretary, turns the gavel over to the National officials. The welcome addresses will be delivered tonight. The following program is to be rendered during the day:
10 a. m. Convention called to order by the President, the Rev. Edw. P. Jones, D. D.
10 to 10:45 a. m. Devotions, subject, "Unity for Service," the Revs. W. H. Hicks, A. B. D. D., Louisiana; J. C. Fields, A. M. D. D., Tennessee; I. M. Hendon, D. D., Louisiana.
10:45 to 11 a. m. Enrollment of messengers.
11 a. m. to 12 noon. Introductory sermon, the Rev. E. H. Carter, Georgia, alternate, the Rev. W. T. Hall, Pennsylvania.
2 p. m. Reassemble. Devotions, subject, "Growth in Grace," the Revs. L. W. Crawford, D. D., Mississippi; T. J. James, D. D., Bessemer, Ala.; J. A. Alexander, Mississippi.
2:30 p. m. Appointment of committees.
2:45 p. m. President's annual address and recommendations.
4:45 p. m. "The Negro Baptist and the World War," the Rev. E. W. Moore, D. D., Ohio.
5:30 p. m. Adjournment and collection.
8 p. m. Reassemble. Devotions, the Revs. U. S. Smith, D. D., G. A. Long, D. D., Arkansas; subject, "Missionary Outlook."
8:30 p. m. Local program. Welcome addresses and response by the Rev. G. A. Galvin, D. D., Virginia.
9:30 p. m. Sermon, the Rev. J. L. Harding, D. D., Tennessee; alternate, the Rev. Calhoun, South Carolina.—The Arkansas Gazette.

THURSDAY
Six thousand soldiers at Ft. Logan Roots heard representatives from the National Baptist Convention deliver patriotic addresses that filled them with inspiration to go forward and fight for world's democracy in the present world's conflict.
Thursday afternoon. Half of the chorus of jubilee singers under H. B. P. Johnson, National chorister, furnished patriotic and jubilee songs. Addresses were delivered by Cora Jordan White of Tennessee and Henry Allen Boyd, one of the Negro speakers on the program, who is also secretary of the Sunday School Congress. The Major commanding the troops had them to march up by companies, surrounding the stage which was a huge platform on which the jubilee singers and speakers appeared. The Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Mr. Johnson, assisted in the program. This was considered as a part of the second day of the 38th annual session of the National Negro Baptist Convention, which was called to order by Edward P. Jones, of Mississippi. All the forenoon was spent in business session, which is being held at Liberty Hall, second and Spring streets, with more than thirty-five hundred delegates, according to the enrollment committee's report, coming from the various sections of the country.

WEDNESDAY
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "O Dem Golden Slippers," "Oh Lord, Can't You Hear Me Praying," and "It's Me, O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer," and a number of plantation and jubilee melodies were sung in a pre-convention concert by members of the Negro National Baptist Convention at Liberty Hall last night.
The convention proper opens this morning at 10 o'clock, and will be presided over by the Rev. Edw. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss. The secretary of the convention is the Rev. C. P. Madison of Norfolk, Va. Representatives from every state will be in attendance and it is expected there will be at least 2,000 Negro Baptists here. The convention proper is represented by seven boards. All sessions will be held at Liberty Hall.
In connection with the National body and working as an auxiliary, is a convention of Negro women, national in its scope, presided over by the wife of B. DeBaptist Ashburn, former resident of Chicago. The wife of M. A. B. Fuller of Austin, Texas, is corresponding secretary. This organization is fostering a training school for Negro girls in home economics and religious education. They are expected to report \$10,000 for educational work at this session. Sessions will be held at the First Negro Baptist Church, Seventh and Gaines streets.

The first state delegation to arrive was from Illinois, 45 in number. At 8 o'clock last night it was estimated that fully 2,500 delegates had arrived, representing 38 state conventions.

The committee promises to make it one of the greatest demonstrations ever witnessed in Arkansas. Plans are on foot to have at least one thousand Negro soldiers from Camp Pike and Ft. Root to attend. A number of white visitors have been at the sessions during the week among them being representatives of the Southern White Baptist Convention. No-

table among them are Dr. A. J. Barton, Dallas, Texas, former secretary of the Texas Anti-Saloon League, Gen. W. E. Atkinson, Clarksville, Ark., Dr. A. U. Boone, Memphis, Tenn., and Rev. E. J. A. McKinney, Little Rock, Ark., Editor of the Advance. These brought greetings from the Southern Baptist Convention. Their words and fraternal messages provoked an outburst of applause as they told of the interest of the Southern white Baptists in the uplift of the Negroes of the Southland.
Dr. David Abner, Secretary of the Educational Board, and Rev. G. L. Prince, the chairman of the board, made their reports on the National Theological Seminary and Training School, which is being established at Nashville, Tenn., and which was purchased at a cost of \$25,000.00. More than a thousand dollars in cash was laid on the table at the conclusion of their report.
The B. Y. P. U. Board, Dr. L. D. Drane, Chicago, chairman, and S. R. Prince of Fort Worth, Secretary, reported their year's work, which showed an increase in membership and religious activities.

FRIDAY
Uppermost in importance of matters that claimed the attention of the convention Thursday morning was the report of the Peace Commission to bring together the warring factions among Negro Baptists, which was appointed in Atlanta last September. The report of the commission was read by Dr. D. B. Gains, of this city. Every messenger attending the body sat with strained ears to listen to every word of the report. Discussion on this report consumed the entire afternoon of Thursday. Among those who spoke on the report were Dr. W. M. Johnson, Houston, Texas, C. J. W. Boyd, Fort Worth, Texas, S. R. Prince, Chicago, J. W. Hulse, Kansas City, Mo., R. H. Boyd, Nashville, Tenn., C. H. Clark, Nashville, Tenn., G. B. Taylor and about fifty others. Friday the report of the Foreign Mission Board, R. Kemp, Secretary, John H. Frank, Chairman, Home Mission Board, D. B. Gains, Secretary, J. P. Robinson, Chairman, National Baptist Publishing Board, C. H. Clark, Chairman, R. H. Boyd, Secretary, and the Laymen's League, Wm. Harrison, President and E. W. Curry, Secretary, will be made.

SATURDAY
Fully ten thousand people crowded the Liberty Hall last night and heard a patriotic concert. Flags were waved and high pictures of President Wilson were displayed. To these were added a number of inspiring solos and jubilee songs, together with addresses throughout the evening which caused an outburst and cheers on more than one occasion. The following program was rendered:
Chorus.
Invocation, Rev. F. L. Morris, Indianapolis, Ind.
Solo, Mrs. W. Augustus Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Reading, Mrs. Cora Jordan White, Nashville, Tenn.
Solo, Mrs. Daisy Cowherd, Indianapolis, Ind.
Remarks, Mrs. David Abner, Conroe, Texas.
Introducing speaker, Rev. Henry A. Boyd, Nashville, Tenn.
Address, Dr. C. H. Clark, Nashville, Tenn.
Address by His Excellency, Gov. Brough, His Honor the Mayor.
Violin Solo, Prof. Jackson, Little Rock.
Solo, Mrs. Birdell Johnson, Muskogee, Okla.
Remarks, Dr. John H. Frank, Louisville, Ky.
The introductory remarks by Rev. Boyd were in the form of a resolution, pledging the support of the Negro Baptists to the government in its striving to down Prussianism and to uphold the forces of right. The women of the convention, who are also in session at the First Negro Baptist Church passed strong resolutions for food conservation and for the stand taken by the Administration in the calling of Negro women as nurses into the camps. Messengers in both conventions are being urged to get solidly under the next Liberty Loan, to buy War Savings Thrift Stamps, and to co-operate with the Food Administrator.
Among the boards to report yesterday afternoon was the Publishing Board, C. H. Clark, chairman and R. H. Boyd, secretary. This report claimed the most attention because of the magnitude of the institution representing nearly a half million dollars investment, which has been teaching Negro boys and girls industrial vocations. It was founded by an ex-slave, Rev. R. H. Boyd, (Continued on page 8.)

"DEMOCRACY AND ITS MISSION" IS SUBJECT

Of Great Address Delivered by Dr. John H. Grant at Union City, Tennessee on Labor Day.

ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND PERSONS PRESENT—MANY WHITES THERE

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—
"It is with a deep sense of appreciation of your regard for me that I come to you today to speak. We have been called here by a genuine impulse of the heart.
"You have hitherto, fellow-citizens, on occasions of this kind, been entertained with the discussion of the National Labor question, and on its consequences to ourselves. Vital and fundamental as labor is to the winning of the war, it shall be the ambition of the speaker today to present such a view of Democracy and its mission as shall convince you that it is your duty and the duty of every American citizen to help win the war for the Allies.
"As one has said, this war brings to our vision the irresistible conflict between autocracy and democracy. Two great political ideals are in a death struggle! And in speaking to you about this conflict, I do not come to you as one bringing any private information. If what I have to say has any quickening value it is only because I shall articulate what is most common in your thought and feeling, and most potent in your sympathy and faith. We are living near the culmination, we hope, of all monarchical forms of governments. Over the chaos and strife we call civilization, there broods the thought of love as law, which is changing the motives and governments that made us re-make the world. From the midst of our devolving customs, ignorance and prejudices rises the creative dream of equality before the law and industrial opportunity. And this dream is being tested as a working ideal for the on-coming democracy, and it is growing in stature and favor with men. Black men, as never before, are being tried out by the national governments in the army, and other branches of the national service, and by other organizations where labor is in demand. Unto black men as to no other men, this child is born, and upon their shoulders rests its development into full democratic manhood.
"Broadly speaking, the war problem is the problem of how to organize the world that all men may be equally secure in the material means and legal resources needed for a complete and happy life. The mission of democracy is to solve this problem by opening wide the gates of opportunity so that every man, from the least to the greatest, may make his life a moral adventure and a joy, and exhaust his possibilities in the things he can best do. Men are beginning to learn that all that is good in civilization must be and is for the equal use of all.
"Colored Americans have reason to thank God for the spirit of democracy that is now being unfolded in America by President Wilson; a democracy that feels itself enslaved and oppressed in the enslavement and oppression of mankind in other quarters of the globe a democracy that feels itself guilty of its brother's blood across the Atlantic in every custom and necessity that makes for poverty, ignorance and defenseless toil; a democracy that feels itself a traitor in the prosperity which kingcraft and debauchery build on the prostrated bodies of human beings in Europe. The black man should take fresh courage in the light of America's awakening for she is beginning to learn that democracy means that all things in civilization belong to the human race as a whole, and that the best way to have peace in the world is to give men—what and black—what belongs to them. We see, therefore, out of the whole world war issues slowly the universal democracy, which is to sacredly unfold every individuality, and reverently receive its contribution from every human being. We'll have Mr. Henry D. Lloyd said, 'A new mankind has been conceived and will be born—which will not know force, and fraud, and hatred, and will love, its natural tie, bind men and nations together.'
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