

MINUTES and REPORT  
OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
State N.A.A.C.P. Conference  
of Georgia  
Held in Atlanta, Georgia  
November 16-17, 1945

— THEME —

"ACHIEVING DEMOCRACY IN A POST-WAR GEORGIA"

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FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
STATE N.A.A.C.P. CONFERENCE of GEORGIA BRANCHES  
Butler Street Y.M.C.A., Atlanta, Georgia

The gavel sounded at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Friday, November 16, 1945 by the President, Dr. R. M. Gilbert, to open the first session of the Fourth Annual Meeting of Georgia representatives of its various branches to discuss ways and means of "Achieving Democracy in a Post-War Georgia." The audience sang America, after which Rev. J. F. Mann of Darien offered prayer. Dr. Gilbert made opening remarks, pertinent to the well being of the conference and made appointments for the following committees:

(a) Policy and Objective.

Dr. W. M. Boyd, Mt. Valley State College, Chairman.... Luetta Colvin, Fort Valley; L. T. Jones, Moultrie; J. C. McKenzie Rome; Henry Sanders, Thomasville; Mrs. Troas L. Latimer, Albany; Miss Rosa M. Davis Milledgeville; Mrs. Beatrice Wallace, Augusta; George Moore, LaGrange; James Maxey, Athens; Rev. F. A. Roundtree, Douglas; Wallace Van Jackson, Atlanta; T. J. Johnson, Columbus; Carzadean Williams, Savannah; and Thurgood Marshall, Special Council representative of National Office.

TIME AND PLACE

Miss Laverne Williams, Columbus, chairwoman; Mrs. O. C. Crawford, Dawson; John O. Clark, Thomasville; L. R. Lightner, Cuthbert; B. F. Holefield, LaGrange, J. L. Foster, Tifton; J. B. Brown, Savannah (youth); and A. A. Austin, Brunswick.

Enrollment of Delegates and Visitors:

Mr. Norman L. Gadson, Savannah (youth) chairman; Rev. W. P. Boyer Fort Gaines; C. A. Ixson, Columbus; Charles Washington, Atlanta; Mrs. D. E. Newman, Atlanta; Miss Dorothy McIver, Savannah (youth); Miss Mary Ford, Fort Valley (College) and Mr. Ed Davis, Moultrie.

Credentials (Enrollment of Branches)

Rev. J. F. Mann, Brunswick, chairman; Robert Lee Pitts, Atlanta (Morehouse College); Roosevelt Carter, Columbus; and Rev. G. H. Kennedy, Thomasville.

Finance and Disbursements:

Mr. E. G. Jenkins, Columbus, Chairman; O. B. Birdsong, LaGrange; Rev. M. F. Adams, Albany; Stanley Matthews, J. W. McClocton, Savannah; W. T. Harris, Sylvester; and Mrs. M. V. Harrington, Brunswick.

After the committee appointment the opening address was presented by Dr. R. M. Gilbert, President. The address was referred to Dr. W. M. Boyd, chairman of Policy and Objective. Therefore the substance of the address will be noted disseminated in the committees' report.

Selections were rendered—David Howard Junior High School.

The minutes of the Third Annual Conference were requested to be read, but copies had been sent to all branches for study, too, copies were available for those who had a desire for same, thus, were not read, but were adopted.

The program for the fourth Annual Conference was presented as follows:

## PROGRAM

CONFERENCE THEME:—Achieving Democracy in a Post - War Georgia.

Friday, November 16, 1945—10 A. M.

Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert, President, Presiding

Invocation, by the Conference Chaplain.

Song, "America", by the audience.

Opening remarks by the President.

Musical Selection, from the David T. Howard Junior High School

Appointment of Committees.

Reading and adoption of minutes of 1944 sessions.

Reading and adoption of the program for 1945. —

Musical Selection, from the David Howard Junior High School.

Address of Welcome on behalf of the Atlanta Branch, and the Citizens of Atlanta by Rev. B. J. Johnson, Pastor, Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Response to address of welcome, by Dr. Wm. Madison Boyd, Second Vice-President of the State Conference, Ft. Valley, Ga.

Song, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", by the audience.

Discussion, "The Political Outlook of the Negro in Georgia", led by Attorney A. T. Walden, and Mr. T. M. Alexander.

Dr. E. M. Calhoun, President of the Macon Branch Presiding.

PLEASE NOTE:— In each discussion during the Conference, each main speaker is allowed 10 minutes. Speakers from the floor will be allowed 3 minutes each.

Discussion, "State Education and the Negro in Georgia", led by Prof.

C. L. Harper, Executive Secretary of the State Teachers' Association,

and President of the Atlanta Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

Mr. H. J. Lancaster, President of the Cairo Branch, Presiding.

Introduction of Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Representatives of this Conference of the National Office.

Announcements, enrollment of delegates and visitors, and adjournment.

Friday, November 16th, 1945, 3 P. M.

Song by the audience, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Discussion, "Post-War Housing and the Negro in Georgia", led by

Mr. Al Thompson, of Atlanta, and Dr. Frank Horne, of Washington, D. C.

Rev. R. D. Bizzle, President of the Athens Branch, Presiding.

Music furnished by the Booker T. Washington High school.

Discussion, "Post-War Employment and the Negro of Georgia", led by

Mr. J. R. Henderson, Chairman Industrial Committee of the Atlanta Urban League.

Dr. William Madison Boyd, of Ft. Valley, Presiding.

Music, furnished by the Booker T. Washington High School.

Discussion, "Demobilization and Rehabilitation", led by Dr. Forrester

B. Washington, Director of the Atlanta School of Social Work.  
Dr. J. P. Cheevers President of the Albany Branch, Presiding.  
Music, furnished by the Booker T. Washington High School. —  
Announcements, partial reports of Committee on Enrollment and Credentials, Adjournment.

NOTE:—At the afternoon hour, the Youth Conference will hold their sessions separately from the main Conference. They will meet at the Auburn Branch Public Library, corner Auburn Avenue and Hilliard Street.

Friday, November 16th—8:30 P. M.

Public Mass Meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church

Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert, President, Presiding

"Lift Every Voice and Sing", by the audience.

Invocation, led by Rev. M. L. King, D. D., Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Music, furnished by the Booker T. Washington High School.

Introduction of the first guest speaker, by Mrs. Stella Jones Reeves,  
Director of the State Youth Conference, of Savannah.

Address, by Miss Margaret Fisher, Secretary, Committee for Georgia.

Music, by the Teachers' Chorus.

Introduction of the National Representative, by Dr. Wm. H. Borders,  
Pastor, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Address, by Attorney Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel of the N.A.A.  
C.P. of New York City.

Music, by the Booker T. Washington High School Chorus.

Appeal for Memberships for the Atlanta Branch.

Enrollment of delegates and visitors.

Announcements, adjournment.

Saturday, November 17th, 1945—9:30 A. M.

From 9:30 to 11:00 A. M. all committees will be in session. Any delegate has a right to present whatever you may wish to the appropriate committee, but bear in mind the fact that the committees must close their sessions strictly by 11:30 A. M.

11:30 A. M.

Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert, Presiding

Song by the audience.

Business Session. Reports from all Committees.

Music.

Discussion, "The N. A. A. C. P. and the Negro Church in Georgia",  
led by Rev. Maynard Jackson, Pastor Friendship Baptist Church,  
Atlanta, Dr. John Henry Brown, of Ft. Valley, Presiding.

President's Hour.

Discussion, "Problems of Local Branches and How to Solve Them".  
Led by Dr. J. P. Cheevers, President of the Albany Branch.

Mr. W. M. Thomas, President of the Columbus Branch, and Secretary of the State Conference, Presiding.

Announcements and Adjournment. Benediction by the Conference  
Chaplain.

NOTE:—A social hour and refreshments will be provided for the delegates at the close of the afternoon session, in the Y.M.C.A. Building. All sessions of the main body will be held in the Butler Street YMCA with the exception of the public meeting on Friday night.

The Program of the Youth Conference which was held at the Auburn Branch of The Public Library, Atlanta, was also presented as follows:

The Theme: "What Would You Have?"

1. Would you have Health?
2. Would you have Education?
3. Would you have Fair Employment?
4. Would you have Full Political Power?
5. Would you have Equal Advantages?

Guest speaker for the Youth Conference president C. V. Troup of Fort Valley State College, Ft. Valley, Georgia. In the absence of the Youth President and Vice-President, Mr. Norman Gadson, President of the Savannah will preside.

The program was adopted after a motion was made for adoption by Rev. J. F. Mann and seconded by Mr. T. J. Johnson.

Selection: "Stout Hearted Men" and "Water-Boy" were presented by David Howard Junior High School.

A hearty welcome address was tendered by Rev. B. J. Johnson to the delegates and friends who made up a very large delegation. He gave a brief history of the city and reminded those present of the importance of voting and how he had registered more than three hundred persons in his community and church on the Fulton County Registration Books.

Response was made by Dr. Wm. M. Boyd.

Rev. Joseph H. Williams, a visitor from Cleveland, Ohio, (formerly of Atlanta) gave an inspirational talk, firing the group with enthusiasm. Song by the audience "Battle Hymn of the Republic,"

First Discussion. . . "Political Outlook of the Negro",

Mr. T. M. Alexander stated, "One of our greatest barriers in Political Outlook is attributed to our own lethargy, indifference, and at the time being to our interest in party affiliation. We must unify our efforts, move all barriers, and enjoy a future that is as bright as we ourselves make it."

Mr. A. T. Walden stated, "Our Outlook is bright, if, we shall get the Negro registered, and if we shall have men who seek for the good of the people, rather than seek personal favor or gain."

The discussion was given to those interested and:

C. B. Marshall made intelligent the group pertaining the voting case of Primus King vs. Chapman, Et-Al, of Columbus, Georgia and made an appeal for funds.

Rev. Roundtree informed the group of problems in Douglas, Georgia in that Negroes could not register because of the lack of registration books.

Mr. J. W. McGlocton gave a solution of their problem of non-registration because the books were closed, by carrying the case to the Attorney General.

Thelma Perry, Mr. Birdsong, Stanley Matthews, Rev. Mann, Rev. Gambles, A. A. Austin and others made statements and asked questions pertinent to registration problem.

Second Discussion: State Education and The Negro.

Miss Laverne Williams, presided.

Prof. C. L. Harper stated, "A larger amount of our income goes into education, than any state in the Union. We should have a hundred thousand dollars for increase teacher salaries. We should seek to have an accredited high school in every city."

Mr. W. Vann Jackson, stated, "that more emphasis should be placed on transportation of pupils and the consolidation of one teacher schools. Also, that consideration be given to the housing of teachers, and the amounts available from city authorities in the administration of Negro schools."

After this discussion was finished and announcements were made, the first session closed for recess until 8:00 p. m.

Friday — 3:00 P. M.

The second session began at 3:00 p. m. with Dr. W. M. Boyd, vice-President, presiding by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing". After Dr. Boyd made opening remarks, he requested Rev. R. D. Bizzel of Athens, who was to preside over the next discussion to come to the platform.

Third Discussion: "Post War Housing and the Negro".

Mr. Al Thompson a representative of the Federal and District Housing, gave valuable information in regard to housing for civilians and the returning veterans. Emphasis was made on the value of the G.I. Bill of Rights. During the discussion it was suggested that every one secure a copy pamphlet S1342 from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Selections: "Ezekiel Saw The Wheel" by boys and "Ave Maria" by girls were presented by David Howard Junior High School.

Fourth Discussion: "Post War Employment and the Negro"

Mr. J. R. Henderson, Urban League, Atlanta stated, "There is pending in Congress, legislation in the form of a Social Security Bill to cover every phase of employment. That every resource should be used to use the ballot effectively and secure:

1. Vocational training in our public schools.
2. Formation of plans to renew old skills such as carpentry, brick-laying, plumbing etc,
3. Development of business ventures and grasp every new job opportunity.
4. "Cooperation which building trades"

Mrs. Beatrice Wallace, Augusta, closed the panel with information for the welfare of all branches out of her experience in her local branch..

During this interval Dr. L. A. Pinston, president of State Baptist Convention stated that he had sent to the Citizens Committee, Columbus, Ga., one hundred dollars to aid in the Primus King Case, and asked permission to introduce Dr. Adams, Foreign Mission representative of the National Baptist Convention. Dr. Adams stated, "Liberia is on trial as a Negro Republic, and the result will affect Negroes the world over."

Rev. F. A. Roundtree, Douglas, briefly stated the conditions of a case involving Williams of Douglas, accused of murder. The case was referred to the Policy and Objective Committee.  
Fifth Discussion: "Demobilization and Rehabilitation"

Mr. J. R. Henderson, in the absence of Dr. Forrester Washington, led the panel. He emphasized that we should see to it, that Negroes are employed in the Veteran Service Centers, because Negro veterans are reluctant to pour out of their souls their troubles to persons of other races. Problems on education, on borrowing money, on home building, on returning to their old jobs, and in organizing their groups are in dire need of solution.

The session was closed to be recalled for a public mass meeting in the evening.

Friday, 8:30 P. M.

This meeting was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church and was opened at 8:30 p. m. by singing the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Invocation by Rev. J. M. Boston, Clarkston. Music: Selection by Big Bethel Choir No. 1. Dr. Gilbert presiding, gave opening remarks pertaining to the services rendered Negroes by the "Southern Conference For Human Welfare", and asked Mrs. Stella J. Reeves, State Youth Director to introduce Miss Margaret Fisher, secretary of the Committee for Georgia.

Miss Fisher in speaking on the subject, "Politics", stated, "In a democracy politics decide the way in which we live. Until this year we had three obstacles:

1. Poll Tax.
2. County Unit System of Voting.
3. White Primary.

In using these obstacles effectively, a coalition of a few small rural counties can control an election. Her committee is interested in legislation affecting the welfare of people. It's motive is to have bi-racial discussion of problems for the good of the south. She urged that all organizations do anything and everything to cooperate with this movement."

Rev. Gilbert, in the absence of Dr. W. H. Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church, introduced Mr. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Office, after a selection was sung by the Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir.

Mr. Marshall stated that in this Atomic Age we created a bomb to destroy our enemy at war, but no bomb has been created to destroy prejudice our enemy at peace. He also gave a resume of activities fostered by the National Office and gave warning that if we do not know what we need in our schools, look in white schools and ask for that; if we do not know what we need in our city recreation program, go to the Parks, playgrounds, museums, et cetera, and ask for what we see there; and if we do not know what studies our children should have, look around and see what other children have, because anything which is good for the white child is not bad for our children.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Wallace of Augusta of a mammoth fashion show to be given in her city for the benefit of her branch. —

A vote of appreciation for the use of Ebenezer Baptist church was passed after motion by Rev. F. A. Roundtree.

Benediction offered by Rev. Maynard Jackson after the congregation sang, "Battle Hymn of The Republic".

Saturday, 12:00 Noon

The early part of the morning the various committees made preparation for their reports, and at noon the business session was called to order, by singing, "America".

After the president, Dr. Gilbert, accepted a motion from the floor which was seconded and passed, he called for committee reports.

#### Committee Reports

TIME and PLACE: Miss Laverne Williams, Chairman.

The committee recommended that the Fifth Annual Session would be held at Columbus, Georgia, November 8th and 9th, 1946.

The report was adopted.

PUBLICITY: Miss Ruth L. Cornelius, Chairman.

The committee gave its report in the form of eleven statements as follows:

1. That the objective of the Georgia State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. Branches be made known to all Negro Organizations throughout the State.
2. That the objectives of the Conference be made known to white people in such a way, that friends among local white will be won to our cause.



3. That newspapers, bulletins et cetera, should be used to disseminate those objectives.

4. That regular contact at intervals during the year would be made with the Publicity Committees of the local branches, and committees of other Southern State Conferences.

5. That the State Conference adopt a \$2.50 membership for each member, in order that all will keep up with National trends through the crisis.

6. That programs should be initiated through which finance will be raised to be used to pay organizers to get Negroes to register and be active in political action.

7. That interest should be aroused in rural areas, through ministers, teachers and others responsible for awakening Negroes to their full responsibility as citizens.

8. That pamphlets should be prepared on "Good Conduct Drives" "Helps For Working Mothers", "Hints to Voters", and "Civic Advice for Negro Youth", to be used by local branches.

9. That the committee should urge and assist churches to further promote Religious Education, and Leisure Time Activities throughout each community.

10. That all committees should use the Publicity Committee in promoting citizen rights campaigns, power of the rural vote, and other activities pertinent to the welfare of Negroes participating, and to America generally. —

11. That men, women, children should be the agents of this committee.

The personnel of this committee is presented here because it was not appointed in the beginning of the conference: Mr. Rufus Bennett, Donaldsonville; Mr. Ulyses Davis, Cuthbert; Rev. A. L. Calhoun and Rev. E. G. Webb, Milledgeville; Miss Thelma Perry; Rev. James Maxey; Mr. H. L. Lampkin, Mr. C. A. Scott; and Mrs. N. R. Allen.

The report was adopted after deleting in No. 5, \$2.50 membership.

## NOMINATION

This committee stated that in view of the service rendered by the present officers because of their efficiency, rapid progress, and dynamic leadership, they be re-elected in their various capacities.

Dr. Ralph M. Gilbert, Savannah ..... President  
 Prof. C. L. Harper, Atlanta ..... First Vice President  
 Dr. Wm. M. Boyd, Ft. Valley ..... Second Vice-President  
 Mr. W. M. Thomas, Columbus ..... Secretary  
 Mrs. M. V. Harrington, Brunswick ..... Asst. Secretary  
 Rev. M. F. Adams, Albany, ..... Treasurer  
 Mrs. Stella J. Reeves, Savannah, Dir., Youth Conference  
 Rev. J. F. Mann, Brunswick..... Chaplain

The report was adopted.

**Credentials and Enrollment of Branches, Rev. J. F. Mann, Chairman.**

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There were 25 branches enrolled with 94 members present as follows:

Bainbridge 4; Ft. Valley 2; Savannah 11; Moultrie 2; Cordele 2; Dawson 2; Thomasville 5; Camilla 1; Columbus 8; Ft. Gaines 3; Cuthbert 3; Albany 8; LaGrange 3; Brunswick 3; Alanta 15; Morehouse College 6; Augusta 3; Tifton 1; Rome 2; Athens 2; Douglas 1; Sylvester 1; Donaldsonville 1; Milledgeville 4; and Darien 2.

The report was adopted.

**Enrollment Delegates and Visitors, Norman Gadsen, chairman.**

Adult Delegates, 73 @ \$1.00 each .....	\$73.00
Youth Delegates, 18 @\$ .50 each .....	9.00
Visitors and guests 6, @ 1.00 each .....	6.00
Total 97 .....	\$88.00

The report was adopted.

The President was made cognizant of the fact by the Secretary that an CPA State Representative was present and desired an opportunity to make remarks pertinent to the welfare of Negroes in every community. Therefore, Mrs. Hall was presented to the Conference, who stated that OPA im supported by all concerned would go along way in preventing inflation, also would allow every person an equal chance to receive scarce commodities. —

A poem, "I Am Somebody", by Borders was read by Miss Mary Ford, Fort Valley College.

Rev. Maynard Jackson stated that the church should be in Politics, but politics should be left out of the church.

**Policy and Objectives—Dr. Wm. M. Boyd, Chairman.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY and OBJECTIVES

The Georgia State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is cognizant of the tremendous responsibilities involved in and accepts the challenge to help fight for the realization of total democracy. We hereby call upon our people to dedicate unstintedly their devotion to that end. —

America must, therefore, frankly and honestly fashion her policies and reorient her practices to the end that in this land of ours there shall be no discrimination against citizens on account of race, creed, color, or national origin. To do otherwise will render her preachments about democracy a sham and pretense in the eyes and in the opinion of the decent sensibilities of mankind.

In the light of the foregoing observations this conference hereby registers its unalterable opposition to all existing plans, policies, and practices which operate as hinderances to the Georgia Negro's realization of full citizenship in the government for which he has fought and died equally with other citizens, such obstacles and policies being enumerated in part as follows.

1. The unjustifiable and unconscionable denial of the right of participation in his government by the use of the ballot by such undemocratic method as the democratic white primary.

2. The total and willful denial of the right of the Negro citizens of Georgia to have any representation at all in the affairs of local government.

3. The long, continued, and short sighted policy existing in Georgia by which the Negro child is denied equal educational privileges accorded the rest of the children of the state.

4. The failure of the courts to administer impartial justice and to give to Negroes the full protection of the law, in that, as a rule, Negroes' rights are fixed by the racial prejudices, whims and caprices of any member of the dominant racial group in Georgia.

5. The uniform and traditional practice of denying to Negroes equal pay for equal work.

### CONCLUSIONS:

This Conference is firmly of the opinion that our state is being immeasurably retarded in its educational, economic, and political development and progress by its failure to give one-third of its citizens that training and those privileges which would enable them to make their maximum contribution to the welfare of their state, and to that extent handicap the state in its effort to keep pace with the progressive commonwealth of the rest of the nation.

Further, that in order to secure to all Negroes in Georgia the right to register and vote in all elections regardless of race or color a special committee be appointed by the president to cooperate in the appeal of the case of Rev. Primus King now being appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and all other proposed cases attacking the "White Primary" of Georgia. This Committee shall have the authority and duty to raise funds for the purpose of these cases and organize an active statewide program for registration of Negroes.

We call upon the State of Georgia and all of its governmental agencies having authority in the promise to eliminate the differential in salaries paid to White and Negro teachers, and to provide the Negro child with the same educational facilities and opportunities provided the White child. In keeping with this resolution all of the N.A.A. C.P. branches of the state are urged to support financially and otherwise the suit of Davis vs. Atlanta School Board which is now in the Federal Court for Negroes in Atlanta and all other cases for equalization of educational provisions pending or being prepared throughout the state.

The Conference goes on record as endorsing the Douglas case involving Henry A. Williams. This committee submits this case to the executive committee with power to act.

We call upon the Governor of the State of Georgia to investigate the unwarranted killing of John Henry Williams in Quitman County, Ga., on July 1, 1945.

We call upon the Government of the United States to integrate Negro personnel into all of the programs, services and facilities of the Veterans Administration.

We call upon the Congress of the United States forthwith to enact into law the following legislation:

1. The Wagner - Ellender Housing Bill.
2. The Murray Full Employment Bill
3. The Minimum Wage Law
4. The Wagner Amendment to Social Security Bill.
5. Permanent F.E.P.C.
6. Federal Aid to Education Bill.

We urge the Federal government to retain the control of U.S.E.S.

We call upon the President of the United States as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy thereof, by executive order, to eliminate all segregation and discrimination in the armed forces of the United States based on race, creed, color or national origin.

We call upon the Negro people of Georgia to continue to resort to every legal method to secure the right of full citizenship in this Republic, at the same time appealing to the fair-minded, God-fearing patriotic citizens of Georgia to join with them in helping our state and nation to become the Christian democracy which is the ideal of our founding fathers.

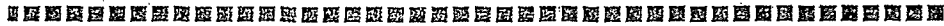
This report was adopted as presented here however, it must be noted that the possibility of the Conference participation in the Primus King Case at Columbus will be referred to the Executive Board after a review of the acceptance possibility by the citizens committee of Columbus.

**Finance and Disbursements — E. G. Jenkins, Chairman.**

The Finance Committee after inspecting all bills, receipts and accounts, gave the following as the Conference financial status:

Assets	
Brought forward from 1944 .....	\$478.19
Registration fees:	
Adult .....	73.00
Youth .....	9.00
Visitors .....	6.00
	\$566.19
Liabilities	
President Office Expense .....	\$217.51
Secretary's Office Expense .....	90.01
Thurgood Marshall's Expense .....	109.86
Youth Conference Expense .....	2.75
Conference Programs and Supplies .....	83.00
	\$502.63
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 63.56

Rev. R. M. Gilbert revitalized interest in building stronger branches in his closing remarks, requesting the selection of good white members and the organization of Youth branches.

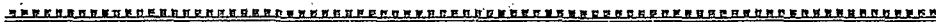


# N. A. A. C. P.

Second Anniversary and Emergency Drive  
of the L. C. F. B.

at **MT. TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH**

LEESBURG, FLORIDA



**The Public is Invited**

**Come One, Come All**



**he drive will begin May 13 to May 17**



Monday Night, May 13---The Silvertone Gospel Singer of Altermonte Springs  
Tuesday Night, May 14---Rev. J. H. Farr, choir and congregation of Mt. Olive  
Baptist church.

Wednesday Night, May 15---Rev. Tounsil, choir and congregation, Mt.  
Erie Baptist.

Thursday Night, May 16---Rev. T. M. White, choir and congregation, St.  
Paul A. M. E.

Friday Night, May 17---The Golden Sunset Club and the 20th Nightengale  
will be in church of the program.



Refreshments will be served free to the public at  
5:30 Friday evening, May 17, 1946.

DAVIS, President

B. M. MORSE, Secretary

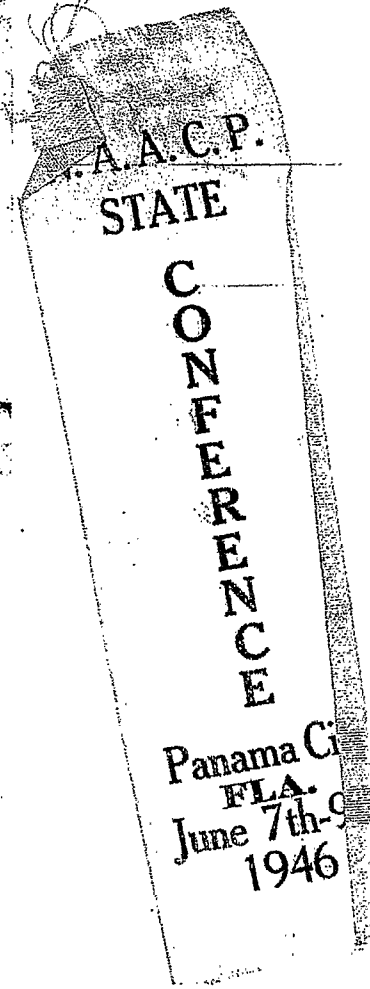
PROGRAM  
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ST. JOHN BAPTST CHURCH  
COVE BOULEVARD  
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA  
JUNE 7-9, 1946

REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS—ELKS HOME  
COVE BOULEVARD AND TENTH STREET

Conference theme—"Finish The Fight":

1. For the ballot.
2. For security against lynching, mob violence, and police brutality.

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*Saturday*  
~~SUNDAY~~

2:00 P. M.—3:15 P. M.

Committee Meetings

3:15 P. M. — 5:00 P. M.

Mr. Edward D. Davis, President of Marion County Branch, Presiding.  
Song—Audience.

Invocation—Rev. N. Z. Graham, President of Tallahassee Branch.  
Song—Audience

Discussion—"Lynching, Mob Violence, and Police Brutality."

1. Mr. A. L. James, Pres. of Seminole County Voters' League (20 Min)

2. Mrs. L. B. Kinsler, Winter Haven Branch, (15 Min.)

3. Mr. Allen L. Attaway, Pres. of W. Volusia County Branch (15 Min)

Question Period

5:00 P. M.—5:15

Rest Period

5:15 P. M.—6:45 P. M.

Reports of Officers:

Reports: of Committee:

1. Time and Place—Mrs. Golie Lang, President of Fruitland-Park Branch, Chairman.

2. Budget—Mr. E. E. Broughton, Chairman of Board, Progressive Voters' League, Chairman

Benediction.

3. Resolutions—Mr. Frank C. Burts, Vice Pres. of Conference, Chairman

Election of Officers:

Announcements:

Benediction:

SUNDAY 3:00 P. M.

Platform Guests—Branch Vice President

Mrs. Myra F. Adams, Secretary of Tampa Branch, Presiding.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"—Audience,

Invocation—Rev. D. Davis, President of Lake County Branch.

Music:

Reading: "I See And Am Satisfied"—Miss Evangeline Moore, Secretary of Mims.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL

Introduction of speaker—Mr. Solomon Briolins, President of Pensacola Branch.

Address—Mr. Leroy Carter, Assistant Field Secretary, NAAC.

Music:

Collection:

Announcements:

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

August 27, 1945

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**PROGRAM****FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1945**

- :00 A. M. Registration
- :30 A. M. Devotion.....Rev. James I. King
- :00-11:30 Open Meeting  
Address.....Mr. Joseph H. James
- :30-11:55 Meditation.....Neal D. Bland
- 1:00 M. Luncheon
- 2:00- 4:00 Seminar
1. Youth and the Church.....Dr. Raymond A. King
  2. Youth in the Post-War Era.....Atty. J. Leonard Lewis
  3. Community Civic Responsibility.....Mr. Sidney Miles  
Mrs. Thelma L. Harris
  4. Economic and Vocational Opportunities in the  
South.....Mrs. Lucille G. Coleman
  5. Little Things You Should Know About Community  
Health.....Dean Ernest E. King
- 3:30 P. M. Fundamentals of First Aid.....Mr. David H. Dwight
- 7:00 P. M. Theatre Party.....Strand Theatre
- 9:30 P. M. Social
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1945

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9:30 A. M. Devotion.....Rev. C. A. Weaver  
9:00-11:00 Address.....Mrs. Henry W. Havens  
1:05-12:00..... Business Meeting  
2:00 P. M. Beach Outing.....American Beach

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## PROGRAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1945—3:30 P. M.

Invocation..... Presiding  
..... Rev. Robert N. Tucker  
Selection  
Introduction of Speaker..... Mr. T. L. Redding  
Address..... President John L. Tilley  
Installation of Officers..... Chester R. Cowart

Remarks:

T. L. Redding, President NAACP, Jacksonville Chapter  
Emmanuel C. Eaves, President NAACP, Jacksonville Chapter  
Dr. C. F. Duncan, Executive Secretary NAACP, Jacksonville Chapter  
Dr. Amos J. White, President Edward Waters College

TEA

5:30 P. M. — Y. W. C. A.

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# MASS MEETING

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### PROGRAM

W. J. H. Black, President of Local Branch Presiding

Song Service 15 Minutes Choir No. 2  
First Institutional Baptist Church

Invocation ..... Dr. W. M. Smith  
Selection ..... Choir  
Welcome Church ..... Rev. C. H. Hill  
Welcome City ..... Mayor R. E. Bradley  
Ministers' Conference ..... Rev. Paul Lee, Pastor,  
Allen Temple A.M.E. Church

Fraternal and Civic Organizations ..... Mr. James Reed, Jr.,  
Adjutant, American Legion

Solo ..... Miss Elizabeth Williams  
Love Branch ..... Mr. P. J. Bryant, Sr.,  
Vice President of Lake Wales Branch NAACP

Business and Professional Group ..... Prof. A. L. Brodie,  
Roosevelt High School

Keynote Address ..... Major C. Leroy Hacker,  
Director of Public Relations at  
Bethune Cookman College,  
Daytona Beach.

Selection ..... Spiritual Jubilee Singers  
Response

Presentation of National and  
State Officers ..... Prof. Harry T. Moore,  
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Benediction

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