

The

Negro Civic Congress

OF

Lancaster County

HELD IN

LANCASTER
COUNTY COURT HOUSE



OCTOBER 3RD AND 4TH 1918

Call For A Civic Congress

The idea of a Civic Congress of Negroes in Lancaster, Pa., originated in the mind of Rev. F. T. M. Webster, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church. This Reverend Doctor, with his hand always on the pulse of the times, with a mind quick to observe and keen of perception, with a large fund of experience upon which to base his reasonings, called a couple of friends, Messrs. H. H. Brown and Charles S. Beaubain, to his Lancaster study one evening and then and there apprised them of his desire to wake up the Negroes of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He said that it could best be done through the convening of a Civic Congress, at which the most able speakers available should be secured to advise the Race in this section of the State of its needs. He also mapped out a plan of securing delegates to this congress, which was later followed strictly according to his advice.

The result of this first evening's conference was that a few days later some five or six more gentlemen were interested, and at a meeting in the home of Mr. Charles S. Beaubain, a temporary organization was effected. The following Sunday, September 9, 1917, a general meeting was held in Bethel A. M. E. Church, with an attendance of about one hundred, a permanent organization established, a call ordered sent to "all Negro Churches, Fraternal Orders and all other Negro organizations of approved good purposes, each of the same to send two delegates" (from the minutes) and the dates for the Civic Congress set at October 17-18, 1917. This meeting was a great success. Another Congress is now called to meet in the Court House at Lancaster, October 3 and 4. All organizations in the interest of the Negroes in Lancaster County are entitled to representation.

REV. F. T. M. WEBSTER, D.D.

A Short Sketch of His Life from Encyclopaedia of African Methodism

Rev. F. T. M. Webster, son of Andrew and Harriet Webster, both members of the M. E. Church, was born May 1, 1853, in Montgomery County, Md. He was one of sixteen children. He entered school in 1865 and attended in all eight years, completing his education at the Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He received the degree of D.D. from Morris Brown College. He was converted January, 1880, and joined Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Camden, N. J., the same year. He has been class leader and Sunday school teacher. He was licensed to preach June, 1881, at Macedonia, Camden, N. J., by Rev. Samuel B. Williams. He joined the Annual Conference in April, 1885, at Burlington, N. J., under Bishop Cain. He was ordained deacon in 1887, at Trenton, N. J., by Bishop A. W. Wayman, and ordained elder in 1889 at Mt. Holly, N. J., by Bishop H. M. Turner. He has held the following appointments: Heightstown Circuit, 1885-86; Rock Hill, 1887-77; Flemington, N. J., 1889; Fair Haven, N. J., 1889-90; Burlington, 1890-91; P. E. New England Conference, 1891-92; Greenwich, Conn., 1893; Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, 1894-98; Mt. Olive, 1898-1904; Zion Chapel, Philadelphia, 1905; P. E. West Philadelphia District, 1905-10; Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, 1911; York, 1912; Zion, 1913-14 P. E. Harrisburg District, 1914 to 1916; pastor Lancaster, Pa., since June, 1916.

He built a church at Bound Brook, \$1,000, in 1898. He lifted the mortgage on Heightstown to the amount of \$300 in 1886; at Flemington, N. J., he bought a lot to the amount of \$250 in 1889; built parsonage at Fair Haven to the amount of \$2,000 in 1890; remodeled at Burlington



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to the amount of \$780 in 1891; paid \$2,500 at Mt. Pisgah; paid \$5,100 on Mt. Olive. He has taken about 2,619 persons into the church, baptized 350 people and married 215 persons. He has been delegate to the General Conferences of 1904-08-12-16. He was a member of the Missionary Board, 1904-8. He married Miss Ella E. Holland, of Lewes, Del., September 22, 1878. He has contributed to the A. M. E. Review. He is a member of F. and A. M. He was a master of the Subordinate Lodge ten years, P. G. M. of the State of New Jersey, High Priest, Most Eminent Grand Commander, Crown Prince of the Royal Secret, and a member of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree, and present Deputy of the Valley of New Jersey, and Grand Treasurer of the State of New Jersey. He is a member of the Republican party. He owns a home. He is actively associated with the prisons and charitable work in general, and a leader among the people. His wife died October 1, 1916.

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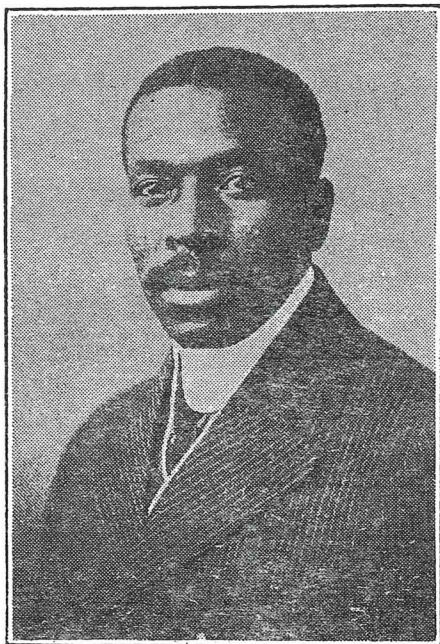
Thursday, A. M., October 3, at 10.30, Assemble
at Bethel A. M. E. Church

March from Church to Court House Led by Various
Sunday School Children

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES....By Rev. R. F. Spraggan
SINGING.....By the Choir
STATEMENT.....By the Chairman
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.
ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADJOURNMENT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2.30 P| M.

SINGING.....By Chorus
READING OF THE MINUTES of the Morning Session
ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....His Honor the Mayor
H. L. Trout, of Lancaster
RESPONSE.....Rev. J. L. Link, of Columbia, Pa.
ADDRESS....By Rabbi Isidore Rosenthal, Lancaster, Pa.
RESPONSE.....By Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., Ph.D.
Editor of Christian Recorder, of Philadelphia, Pa.
RECITATION.....By Miss Mildred Anderson
REPORT OF COMMITTEES. ADJOURNMENT.



A. L. POLITE

Past Exalted Ruler of Conestoka Lodge, No. 140, F. G. P. O. E. of M., and is now Special District Deputy of Pennsylvania, member of the Committee on Organization of the South Easton Negro Civic League and was elected Treasurere of said League; a member and Treasurer of the Lancaster County Negro Civic League, a member and officer of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School and an enthusiastic worker for the race uplift.

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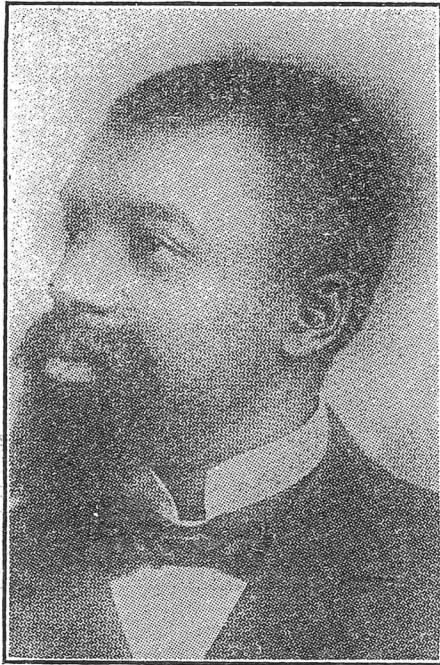
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R. R. WRIGHT, JR., Ph.D.

(University of Pennsylvania)

President of Colored Protective Association; Editor Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa.; Author of "The Negro in Pennsylvania," "Negro Property Holding in Pennsylvania," (State Report), "Industrial Condition of Negroes in Pennsylvania" (State Report) "One Hundred Steel Workers," etc.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1918

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

PAPER.....By Mr. Charles Beaubian

Subject: "The Civic Spirit of Lancaster"

SINGING.....By Chorus of Fifty Voices

ADDRESS.....Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr.

Editor of the Christian Recorder

Subject: Conditions After the War

ADDRESS.....Rev. J. M. Palmer, D.D., Philadelphia

Subject: "Changing Things"

OFFERING. ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADJOURNMENT.

BANQUET at the Civic League Day Nursery.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10 A. M. SHARP

SINGING AND DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

READING OF MINUTES.

PILGRIMAGE—

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SINGING.....By Chorus
READING OF MINUTES.
PAPER.....By Mr. Jason Cohn
SINGING.....By Chorus
ADDRESS.....By Rev. E. A. Bawden
Pastor of First M. E. Church, Lancaster
Subject: "Duty of the Hour"
RESPONSE.....By Mr. John W. Caine
RECITATION.....By Miss Maude Wilson
PAPER.....By Miss Ella Richardson
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 2 P. M.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.
SINGING.....By Chorus
READING OF MINUTES.
ADDRESS.....Rev. Solomon Porter Hood, D.D., P.E.
Trenton Dist., N. J. Conference, A. M. E. Church
Subject: "Development of Democracy"
REMARKS.....By Rev. Charles Stewart, Ardmore
REMARKS.....By E. D. Brown, Philadelphia
REMARKS.....By Bishop W. H. Heard
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HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL DATA

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Negro in Pennsylvania"**

- 1501—Negroes first in America.
- 1635—Negroes first mentioned in Pennsylvania.
- 1682—William Penn comes to Pennsylvania.
- 1791—First record of Negro owning property in Penna.
- 1688—First protest against slavery in Pennsylvania by
Germantown Friends.
- 1770—March 3—Crispus Attucks, a Negro, and three
whites spill first blood for American independence
—The Boston Massacre.
- 1776—Abolition Society started in Pennsylvania—Benja-
min Franklin, President.
- 1780—Slavery abolished in Pennsylvania.
- 1786—"Underground Railroad" in Pennsylvania for escape
of slaves.
- 1787—Richard Allen founded Bethel A. M. E. Church,
and Absalom Jones begins the organization of St.
Thomas' P. E. Church, Philadelphia.
- 1816—African Methodist Episcopal Church started in
Philadelphia.
- 1838—Negroes disfranchised in Pennsylvania.
- 1857—Suffrage restored.

Distinguished Pennsylvanians

Bishop Richard Allen, born 1760, first bishop of the
A. M. E. Church. Other bishops born in Pennsylvania
were: William Paul Quinn, T. M. D. Ward, Benjamin
Arnett, J. H. Armstrong, J. W. Hood.

James Durham, the first Negro physician, was a Penn-
sylvanian.

Stephen Smith, one of the first Negro philanthropists, was a Pennsylvanian.

Robert Purvis and William Still were active in the Underground Railway.

Francis E. W. Harper was a popular poet.

One Negro, Harry W. Bass, has been a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

One, Leroy Locke, represented Pennsylvania as Rhodes scholar in Oxford University, England.

One(R. R. Wright, Jr., has been Research Fellow in the University of Pennsylvania.

Three Negroes have been awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania; Pezavia O'Connell, 1896; Lewis Moore, 1898; and R. R. Wright, Jr., 1911.

There were five Negroes out of every 100 who could read and write in 1860; to-day there are 75. Negroes owned less than two million dollars worth of property in 1860; to-day they own a BILLION DOLLARS WORTH.

Books on th Negro

History of Negro Race—Johnson.

History of Negro Race—Brawley.

The Negro in Pennsylvania—Wright.

Negro in American History—Cromwell.

Phillis Wheatley's Poems.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar's Poems.

The Rfrican Abroad—Ferris.

Race Adjustment—Miller.

Up from Slavery—Washington.

Souls of Black Folks—DuBois.

Life of Frederick Douglass, by Himself.



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