

Jaxons Hear Bishop Gregg

JACKSONVILLE — (ANP) — Bishop John A. Gregg, of the AME church, and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, of the National Baptist convention, addressed Jaxons at two mammoth public mass meetings here last week.

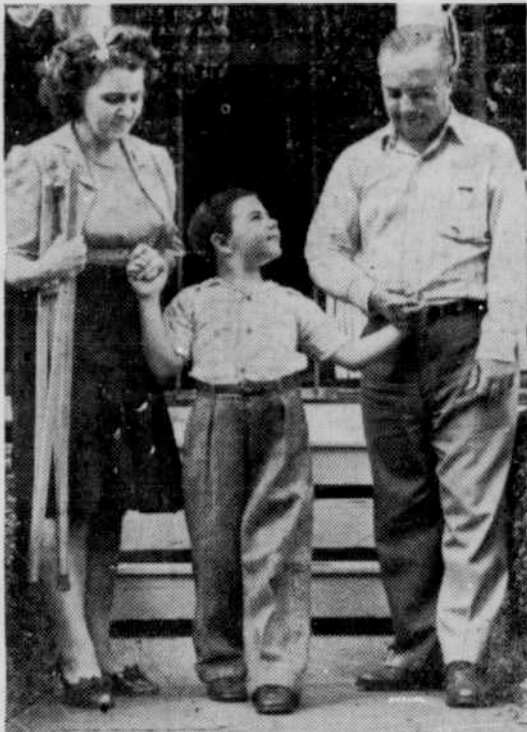
Bishop Gregg spoke at the opening of Founders' day at Edward Waters college in Lee auditorium, and Dr. Allen was principal speaker at the mass meeting held at Bethel Baptist church.

The AME prelate reviewed his travels overseas where he went as a special church envoy on presidential appointment. The Baptist churchman spoke throughout the Sunday services at Bethel, admonishing his hearers to "use what we have" and to "work from your mouths up."

Baltimore's "Miracle Boy" Walks Again



Five-year-old Roger Hawk, almost completely paralyzed for eleven months, made so rapid and complete a recovery within five weeks that he's called the "miracle boy" of Kernan's Hospital. Stricken with infantile paralysis in August of 1944, just after he had been crowned "Supreme King" of perfect health in a contest for Baltimore youngsters, young Roger's case was considered almost hopeless. Parents of the boy took the Polio Emergency



Volunteers training course in polio care, sponsored by the Maryland Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, so that they could help Roger in his fight back to health. First photo shows Mrs. Hawk helping Roger with his physical therapy exercises to strengthen weakened muscles. Second photo, Roger shows mother and dad that he really can walk again and without crutches. Dad, incidentally, was also a polio victim in his youth.

Vets Protection In Housing Sales

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—A bill has been introduced in congress which is expected to have far reaching effects on the purchase of permanent surplus housing. The measure, introduced in the form of a joint resolution by Rep. Manasco of Alabama, chairman of the executive expenditures committee which wrote the surplus property act, will prevent the sale of permanent surplus property to any private individual until congressional consideration has been given to the "priorities" which should be accorded veterans" and any cooperative association of veterans.

The introduction of the bill was the result of a prolonged fight by American Veterans of World War II to secure control of the McLean gardens in Washington through cooperative financing. Facing the possibility of the loss of the property because of insufficient time in which to complete their financing plans while other bids for the gardens are being considered. Manasco rallied to the support of the AMVETS by introducing the resolution to delay any further negotiations until the veterans' organizations had formulated its own financial arrangements. Manasco, in a thinly veiled hint, expressed doubt that the Federal Housing agency would make any further move to dispose of its property until congress had had an opportunity to pass upon the resolution, which he said would be taken up as quickly as possible.

Negro veterans are expected to be immediately concerned with two factors invoked by the Manasco resolution. The first of these is to see to it that full protection will be guaranteed in the resolution to all veterans regardless of race, creed or color. The second is to immediately survey the field of purchase and to set cooperative machinery in motion to acquire some of this valuable property.

Housing of veterans is a number one item on the agenda of problems demanding national consideration. White veterans are grasping every opportunity to acquire housing facilities, and AMVETS have set a precedent in the McLean gardens deal that could be immediately followed by similar action on the part of Negro veterans. These opportunities will not be open for long, as the Federal Housing authority has expressed confidence that the properties it has placed on the market are certain to be sold.

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Bill Opens Door for Negro Doctor Appointments in State of Virginia

By Joseph Albright
WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The fight waged by Gen. Bradley, administrator of veterans affairs, to take the appointment of doctors to the hospitalization facilities of Veterans administration out from under civil service was brought to a successful close when President Truman signed the bill authorizing the change. Upon affixing his signature to the measure, the President instructed Gen. Bradley to guard against any discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color. The non-discrimination injunction was incorporated in a letter to the administrator from the White House.

Coming almost immediately after Gen. Bradley's statement of anti-discrimination policy given to the representatives of the Negro organizations which met with him in conference in December, the President's statement assumed added significance. It meant that the White House was giving official approval to that part of the general's statement which said "... It will be the basic policy of the Veterans administration to work toward the elimination of such distinctions (race, creed, color or national origin) that may exist in any program under its control. . . ."

The way is undoubtedly now open for Negro doctors to make application to Veterans administration for employment upon the basis of merit and professional qualifications. This is the thing

for which contention has long been made, and the agency has come in for a bitter condemnation in the past for its failure to accept professional applicants by these standards alone.

A recent estimation by VA disclosed that the agency will need a total of 5,000 doctors soon. Currently, about 20 doctors a day are applying for admission. Gen. Hawley, acting surgeon general, has assured the applicants that they will be given every chance for study and stated that approximately one out of 20 VA doctors will be permitted to take outside study for 90 days. The entire hospitalization program has been streamlined to modern requirements, and this phase of Bradley's hospital "house-cleaning" program is manifesting its merit in the number of specialists who are being induced to join his medical staff.

Rumor is current in Washington that the National Medical association is not frowning with too much disfavor upon the establishment of a new hospital for veterans close by Meharry Medical college at Nashville. The attitude is predicated upon the argument that under the close tie-up between Veterans administration and the top-flight medical schools, which now embraces 50 institutions, Meharry will not receive the full benefit of this intercourse of counsel, study and clinical cooperation unless a facility is made available to its staff.

Henderson Heads Trade Unit

ATLANTA — (ANP) — Rogers Henderson, realty company head, was reelected president of the Atlanta Business and Trade association at a special election meeting last week. He has headed the association since its formation in December, 1944.

In his report on the association's accomplishments during the first year of operation, Executive Secy. Robert R. Reed said the membership of the body is 106 members representing 88 Negro businesses. Reed said one primary object of the association was to see the business folk unite in one common cause. Reed said that a coordinating committee will soon release a report on the possibility of operation of businesses not now operated by Negroes and encourage qualified persons to enter the field. Said he: "We must do more than operate restaurants, beauty parlors and barbershops." He said it was the contention of the committee that Atlanta's 100,000 Negro population can support at least two shoe stores, a haberdashery, laundry, millinery store and at least one department store.

A committee of seven, headed by E. L. Wright, operator of the New Moon bakery, was appointed to complete plans for an honorary banquet for the Scott family, operators of the Atlanta Daily World, on Feb. 2. The association further plans to observe the birthday of the late A. F. Herndon, president and founder of the Atlanta Life Insurance company.

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