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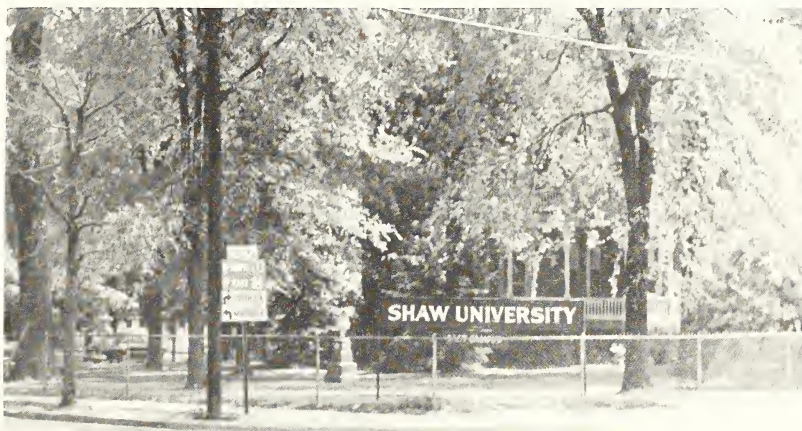
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Shaw University Struggles To Survive



Shaw University, born in the mind of a Union Soldier, Henry Martin Tupper, was founded in 1865 and is the oldest Negro church related college in America. Since her humble beginning, during the days of reconstruction, volumes could be written about her struggles, her growing pains, her rise to power, her great contributions, her glorious history, and now her decline.

Shaw today faces the challenge of her life. While enjoying the fruits of accreditation, an enrollment of 653, fourteen teachers holding the doctorate degree with several others now meeting the requirements for the same and expansion plans ready for execution, there is little hope that Shaw CAN remain with us unless MONEY is found to meet her pressing needs.

We have said before and we say again, "Full Citizenship imposes upon us obligations and responsibilities that we cannot evade." This is true with individuals, a race or an Institution. The day has passed when we can maintain a second class attitude and be a part of a first class society.

Shaw does not stand alone as the ONLY school

for higher learning. Shaw is one among many, both state and church supported schools. Thus, she must compete and be able to not only meet the requirements but excel in all areas of her endeavors.

Token support will never allow Shaw to reclaim her past glory and take her rightful place in the educational arena. The time has come to bury the hatchets, bridge the chasm and put forth a concerted effort to save our school.

Some Reasons Why Shaw Must Be Maintained

1. Because there must be maintained, always, the church related school. The recent decision of the New York Court outlawing a State written prayer

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in public and state schools clearly indicates it is not the business of the state to dictate to the spiritual well being of the individual. This is the business of the church.

In the church related college, one can be assured that proper values will be given and God will not be left out.

2. Integration does not mean annihilation. The Negro must prove himself capable of competing, at all levels, in our society. If the needs of Shaw are not met, it will reflect on the Race, Alumni, and the Denomination.

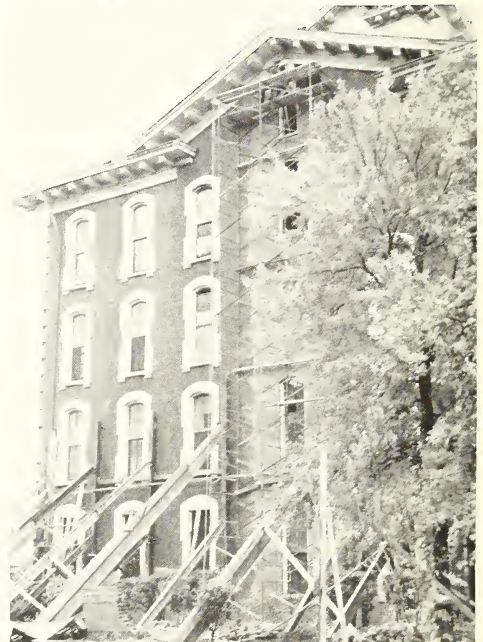
3. The Guiding principals of our Church and the future leaders of the race depend upon it. Generations unborn will rise up and curse us if we allow this opportunity to pass.

What Is The Situation?

Shaw is laboring under a current debt in excess of \$200,000.00. What does this mean? This is simply debts incurred trying to operate and maintain the school. How it happened or who responsible is not important at this point. The fact is SHAW OWES THE MONEY and SOMEHOW IT MUST BE PAID.

According to Dr. Harris, there is the possibility of financial assistance from foundations and other agencies BUT NOT UNTIL THE CURRENT BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID.

It was suggested, in one of our meetings, that a committee be formed from the General Baptist State Convention, the Alumni and the University to explore the possibility of a once a year financial



ESTEY HALL

The scaffolding around this girl's dormitory shows workmen doing some needed repairs before the building could be used for the current term. When the contractor was consulted about the repairs, there was already a bill for \$15,000.00 owed him.

drive for Shaw. This was to be a unified effort with each organization working in its assigned area to avoid overlapping and conflicts. This effort, properly planned, could do much, even now, to meet this crisis.

BUILDINGS THAT NEED REPLACING



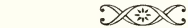
GREENLEAF AUDITORIUM-DINING HALL

This building has long since served its purpose. Remodeling or renovation is a waste of time and money. The upstairs portion serves as the auditorium and downstairs is the dining hall. This building is a sore spot on the campus.



CONVENTION HALL

This is one of the men's dormitories. From the outside, you get the idea that this is a fine modern building. But step inside. This building needs replacing. Our young men need decent housing.



DIVINITY STUDENTS AT WORK

(Left to Right) Reverends Williams, Dempsey, Mitchell, Mosley and Daniels. (All these men are pastors except Daniels.)



At the beginning of the current school year, students in the Divinity School decided to do something about the drab and dirty condition of the Dean's Office and classroom areas. Consequently, they organized themselves into work groups, donned work clothes and with the cooperation of the faculty, began painting.

No funds being available to purchase needed material, each student and faculty member assessed

himself and gave the funds needed for paint. The picture above shows the students at work.

Suffice it to say that these areas now have a "new look" with a "new face." But there is much yet to be done. Draperies are needed for the office and the reception room lounge area. Dean Davis estimates \$500.00 would do the job. If you want to help those who help themselves, send a contribution to Shaw Divinity School Improvement Fund in care of Dr. Grady Davis.



WEST CAMPUS—ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES—SCHOOL OF RELIGION

If and when the expansion program begins there is the possibility that this property will be sold and additional property bought adjacent to the main campus. This building is in deplorable condition.

SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL

Shaw's Divinity School, although organically separated from the University, is still the spiritual heart and core of the University. Without religion, the central objective or reason for being, of Shaw University would be lost. Shaw University exists to serve Christ and humanity—"Pro Christo Et Humanitate." Its motto is: "That Religion and Learning May Go Hand in Hand and Character Grow With Knowledge." The real purpose for the existence of the divinity school is to fulfill this objective and to "increase among men, love for God and neighbor." Its chief aim is to train and prepare persons for the pastoral ministry.

Thus the Church needs the school and the school needs the church. Shaw Divinity School is the only Negro Baptist school in North Carolina engaged in the theological education for its denomination. There are over 300,000 recorded Negro Baptists in North Carolina holding membership in over 1,700 churches. This is a real challenge for both the school and the church in this space age.

FIRST LET US LOOK AT THE ENROLLMENT

There are 13 students enrolled the first semester of the 1962-63 school year. Three students were graduated on May 31st. Just think of what this means when so many churches and people hunger

for trained leadership. One does not need a mathematical mind to conclude that the need far exceeds the supply.

SECOND LET US LOOK AT THE FACULTY

A highly trained and exceptionally qualified faculty is maintained in the school. It is believed that quality educations demand.

- 1.) a highly trained faculty
- 2.) a good library
- 3.) alert students

Our faculty is composed of the following persons:

Nelson H. Harris, Ph. D., Interim President
Grady D. Davis, Ph. D., Dean, Psychology and Counseling

Charles C. Murphy, Acting Business Manager
Miles M. Fisher, Ph. D., Church History and Homiletics

Abe W. Schoen, Jure Jure, Old Testament
Leo Stillpass, M. H. L. Jewish History
R. Frederick West, Ph. D., New Testament and Theology

THIRD LET US LOOK AT SOME BASIC NEEDS

- 1.) \$10,000.00 to meet the 1962-1963 budget of approximately \$17,000.00.

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Annual Leadership Training Congress

By
John W. Fleming

It has been several years since the Department of Christian Education has attempted to conduct a general institute geared to promote and develop education leadership on the local church level. During the interim, emphasis has been on local institutes.

The president of the State Sunday School Convention, Mr. E. M. Butler, has been plugging for the revival of a Leadership Training Institute. This year his persistency was rewarded when the General Baptist State Convention appointed a special committee to make plans for such a training program

That committee met at the Baptist Headquarters on December 28, 1962, and tentative plans were drawn up for a Leadership Congress to be held at Shaw University, June 24-28, 1963.

As of now, a class schedule will emphasize ADMINISTRATION in three areas: Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and Vacation Church School. An extra feature will be a series of lectures on, "THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND BASIC BELIEFS." Night sessions will be primarily worship services.

Courses will lead to accreditation of workers in the educational program of their respective churches. The Department of Christian Education is now in the process of working out a cooperative program with the same department of the National Baptist Convention.

Pastors, Superintendents, Directors, and all concerned with better Christian education, start planning now to send one or more persons from your church to the institute.

More details will appear in a later edition of the **Informer**.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE — GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1962.

Foreign Missions	\$ 465.00
Shaw University	763.85
Scholarship & Divinity School	1,535.55
Oxford Orphanage	84.08
STATE MISSIONS:	
Designated-Unified	1,130.85
Building Fund	5.00
Baptist Convention	800.00
Baptist Informer	15.45
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Institute Work	35.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$4,834.78 \$4,834.78

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- 2.) Scholarships to help students with their tuition of \$300.00 per year. The total student fee is \$374.00 per year cash; \$394.00 on installment.
- 3.) Accreditation: The American Association of Theological Schools, our rating agency, requires a minimum of at least twenty-five students and at least four full time professors.
- 4.) Students: Our enrollment needs to go up to at least twenty-five students. There has been a 6% drop in seminary enrollment in the nation the past five years.
- 5.) *Finance* and *Freshmen* are most urgently needed

FINALLY A LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO

You can do the following:

- 1.) Include the Divinity School in your budget.
- 2.) Support a student by giving him \$300.00 each year for a three year period.
- 3.) Contact the Divinity School to supply your churches, We **MUST** have Shaw men filling these positions.
- 4.) Assist in recruiting:
 - (a) Encourage young people to enter the ministry as a vocation. How many persons have gone into the Christian ministry or Christian education from your church?
 - (b) Preach and teach the need for an educated and trained Christian ministry from your church.
 - (c) Encourage ministers who graduated under the six-year combination plan to re-enroll and bring his B. D. degree up to standard. (Write for details.)
 - (d) Counsel young people concerning the religious vocation.

After seeing the need, the logical step is to respond by doing something about the need. It is absolutely imperative that we continue and strengthen a dynamic dialogue and a dynamic relationship between the *thinking* church and the *thinking* school, if our basic Christian needs are going to be fulfilled. "Therefore, said he unto them, the harvest is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Woman's Page-----

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sisters:

In this new year of 1963, let us with unflinching faith, go forward, rededicating to God our time, our talents, our means, and our daily conduct.

Laden with opportunities, this brand new year is God's gift to us, and it is His challenge to "Go Forward" in our study of His Word, in the development of our prayer life, and in greater service to the heart-hungry, the sick, the lonely, the needy, the sorrowing. Thus shall we grow to be more like our Master, "Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good." This is the secret of a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

President Horne

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THE 2nd QUARTER October, November, December 1962 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF N. C.

HOME MISSIONS

Undesignated	\$1,891.76
Institutes	158.00
District Conferences	32.70
Self Denial	58.05

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Designated	494.82
Scholarships	426.90

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Shaw Expansion	917.31
Ministers Wives Loan Fund	53.65

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Orphanage	564.40
Forsyth Fellowship	7.50
Building Funds	12.50

SALES-SERVICES

Guide — Handbooks	103.50
Junior Leaders	7.00
Helpers	1,309.67
Mimeography Work	21.00
Student Loans	60.00
Books	12.21
Kits	16.00
Rent	218.46
	<u>\$6,365.43</u>

CHURCH MUSIC

Reverend Joseph Stroud, Director, Church Music, Baptist State Convention, gave a masterful address on church music at our last convention. Reverend Stroud said three books are vital to the work of the church. The Bible pocket book and the hymnal. The preacher and the congregation should know how to use all three.

We need to take an objective look at our church music. In many churches there is a sentimental attachment to some songs and these are sung at all meetings and on all occasions. So many are "Standing on the Promises" and "Sitting on the Promises." Thus we have no objective view.

Reverend Stroud said further, generally, we know less than 25 or 30 songs and many of these are not worth singing. Our music lends itself to emotion and rhythm rather than depth of faith. We need to know and sing the great hymns of the church. We need to teach our people to appreciate good church music. So many choirs are untrained, musicians not dedicated and choir directors know so little. As a result, our music has Rock and Roll Gospel overtone.

We need more purpose in music, said Rev. Stroud. The purpose ought to be twofold, worship and teach. Worship is practicing the presence of God. There is an art in bringing people into the presence of God. Man's mind responds best to order. Music is most helpful in achieving this end. To teach Christian truths, music can be a tremendous media. Words can be remembered when set to music. Hymns have words. Long after the sermon is forgotten, the song lingers. Much of our bad theology comes from song books.

Reverend Stroud offered eight suggestions for improving our church music:

1. Let the pastor lead the way.
2. Elect a Good Director—one who loves God—people—church—Music.
3. Educate congregation that it means something to sing on the church choir.
4. Put a Good Hymn Book in the Church.
5. Teach children and young people, for in them there is hope for tomorrow.
6. Send your Music Director to workshops and study camps.
7. Have a music school in your church, association or District organizations.
8. Feel free to seek aid.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

This year has been one of reaping creative results from past years of endeavor. While others are experiencing open conflict, North Carolina Baptists have quietly but surely found ways of keeping lines of communication open and have discovered methods of cooperation in spite of racial prejudices and other kindred barriers.

Church leaders from both Baptist State Conventions have found a common meeting ground at Mars Hill College on the occasion of the annual School of Christian Studies and Fellowship and the Interdenominational Retreat; at the North Carolina Summer Assembly, near Southport, during Music Week, World Mission Week and Boys' and Girls' Camps; and other Baptist Meetings of both Conventions. Four colleges owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention have now removed all racial barriers to reception of students. Negroes are actually enrolled, however, in two of them, namely: Mars Hill and Wake Forest. Meredith and Gardner-Webb anxiously await this coveted opportunity.

All of this cooperation makes for real progress and growth in and through the churches of both Conventions. Baptist people are gradually growing in their cooperative efforts toward attainment of the goal of this department which is "Better understanding between all people and growing more and better Baptist churches in North Carolina."

The regular full time staff of the department includes Dr. W. R. Grigg, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Lou Maynard, Office Secretary; Dr. Moses DeLaney, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Shaw University; and Promotional Directors, the Reverend Junius A. Dudley, Winston-Salem and the Reverend Marvin L. Williams, Rocky Mount; and Associate to the General Secretary, the Reverend C. C. Craig, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Reverend C. R. Edwards, Fayetteville, N. C., has recently replaced the Reverend A. J. Johnson of the same city as a part-time special visitor at McCain Sanitorium, McCain, N. C. The Reverend Manly Moulton, San Jose, Costa Rica; Misses Betty Jean Hunt, Alice Glaze, Lillie Madison, Rosetta Madison, Patricia Danner, and Mrs. Alcovia McCall of Brevard; Miss Brenda Reynolds, Asheville; Mrs. Dewey Robbins, Winnabow; Mrs. Ernestine Cathcart, Winston-Salem; and Miss Martha Horne of Rocky Mount served through various churches for ten weeks during the summer conducting Vacation Bible Schools, Clinics, Surveys, Institutes, and migrant people.

Continuing gratitude is hereby expressed for each person, pastor, church association, and Convention employee for any and all contributions of any kind made toward accomplishment in the universal task of helping people to become like God through faith in Jesus Christ.

GIFTS TO SHAW



SHAW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GIFT OF \$3,000 FROM BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C.

Dr. Nelson H. Harris, Interim President of Shaw University, accepts check for \$3,000 presented by Dr. Douglas M. Branch, Executive Secretary, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Mr. Leon P. Spencer, Comptroller looks on.

Walter B. Armour, a Shaw University graduate, class of '51, of Plainfield, New Jersey, was instrumental in getting a \$3,000 pledge from the Susan Greenwall Foundation in New York City. A check for \$1,000 was received, Tuesday, December 18, as the first installment on the pledge. The total amount will be given over a three-year period.

The following summary points out something of what has been done through the efforts of those working with this department:

Institutes—23	Enrollment—2103
Shaw Extension Centers—4	Enrollment—65
Vacation Bible Schools—74	Enrollment—8470
Professions of Faith in Vacation Bible School—423	
Sermons and Addresses—473	
Professions of Faith—577	
Additions to Churches—165	
Ministers in Training—193	
Revivals—7	
Miles Traveled—67,423	
Churches Visited—449	
Associational and State Meetings—143	

The department secretary wishes to thank the churches and other organizations for financial contributions. This money was used to defray the expenses of automobile travel of more than 10,000 miles driven to render these special services and for board, room, and other expenses not otherwise provided for incident to being away from home.

Laymen's Work

Deacon Hugh Morris, guest speaker for the Laymen's Convention, made it very clear that the Deacons National Convention has no connection with any convention, national or otherwise. The Deacons National Convention is an INDEPENDENT body conceived in the mind of some layman. They meet, plan and execute without the guidance, direction, watchfulness or fellowship of any Baptist body.

This was most revealing as well as a reflection on the whole Baptist Denomination and our now four national conventions. IF WE DO NOT AFFORD LAYMEN LEADERSHIP that will challenge and hold them, they will find it among themselves. When will we arouse from our slumbering and harness this mass of leadership, strength and energy instead of constantly seeking to corral and subdue it?

The time has come when we must seek harmony between the Pulpit and the Pew. The future of our denomination rests heavily upon a trained and dedicated laity that is given opportunity of expression and service.

Inroads are being made on the Denomination by many other denominations and cults. Many of our promising youth leave us and join other bodies because they see no constructive program or future growth for them in the church.

Budgets are important. Programs are necessary. Preaching vital. Debates and displays of mental gymnastics is a part of our fellowship. But without people these mean nothing.

Our laymen need direction, a sense of worth and belonging, an assurance of their significance. Laymen need to know that we care, that we are concerned and that we know they are indispensable to the work of the Church and the kingdom of God.

In many quarters the leadership image of the preacher is fading. Once he stood high in the community and people made a beaten path to his door for counsel and advice. There were no important issues in community life where the preacher was left out. This, perhaps, was because he was the only person or among the few persons who had any degree of training or know how.

Today, trained or schooled people are everywhere and they are assuming roles of leadership, rightly so, that were once held by the preacher. This makes it all the more important that the church rechart its course and rethink its program for the layman.

To do the work of the Lord, SPECIAL TRAINING is necessary. It involves more than what is learned from books or developed in the mind. It is a process whereby, ultimately, we take all our God given assets and put them at the disposal of God for Him to use for His glory. Who can better lead the laymen into such a glorious experience than Pastors?

Let us continue fooling ourselves. Let us continue neglecting to afford leadership for our laymen and soon, very soon we will not be needed for the invocation nor the benediction.