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## Episcopal Church Acts

# ENDS JIM CROW CONVOCATION

Marks End  
Ten Years  
Of Struggle

The 124th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee which was held in St. John's church, Knoxville, Jan. 18 and 19, brought an end to the 35 year old Convocation of Colored People of the diocese of Tennessee. This convocation, which has included members of Negro parishes and missions of the diocese has for a long time kept Negroes and whites separated on a local level in the four grand divisions of the diocese. The action of the convention brought to a successful conclusion the efforts of many Negro leaders in the church, who for the past 10 years have sought its dissolution.

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## NAACP Top Leaders Coming

Will Open  
Membership  
Campaign

The national office of the NAACP will have its two top men in Memphis on Feb. 2 when the local chapter will open its drive for 10,000 new members with a public program at Metropolitan Baptist church, Dr. S. A. Owen, minister.

Famed Atty. Thurgood Marshall, chief of the NAACP's legal department, guest speaker for the pro-



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## Governor Rejects Bias Proposals

### Integration In State 'Hopeful'

By MABEL B. CROOKS

NASHVILLE — An open letter to the State Board of Education and a \$1,000 contribution to the NAACP were among the accomplishments of the Tennessee Education Congress' Delegate Assembly last week.

### Baptist Two Day Confab Draws 2,000

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Two day sessions of the main conferences of the annual Mid-winter meeting of the National Negro Baptist Convention and its subsidiaries were held here last week, Wednesday and Thursday.

Some 2,000 delegates were present for the meeting, held in the National Baptist building, Dr. J. E. Jackson of Chicago, president, presided over the business sessions.

The Joint Committee on Negro Ministerial Education, headed by Rev. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw university at Raleigh, N. C., made a summary of its findings, and stressed the need for wider educational effort.

#### 300 AUXILIARY MEMBERS

The committee is composed of representatives of the National Baptist Convention, which owns and operates the Spa building, representatives of the National Baptist

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### Members Of AMEZ Bishops Board



BOARD OF AMEZ BISHOPS — Shown are the members of the AMEZ Board of Bishops who were either elected or re-elected recently at a confab held in Durham, N. C. Left to right, they are: Bishop William

A. Stewart, of Washington, D. C.; Herbert B. Shaw, of Wilmington, N. C. and re-elected treasurer of the board; Stephen G. Spottswood, of Memphis, Tenn.; William J. Walls, of Chicago, Ill., senior

bishop and re-elected secretary of the board of bishops; Walter W. Slade, of Charlotte, N. C., elected chairman of the board; Hampton T. Medford, of Washington, D. C., re-elected asst. secretary; Raymond L.

Jones, of Salisbury, N. C., and William C. Brown, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and retiring chairman of the board of bishops. Bishop Daniel C. Pope, resident bishop of Africa, was unable to attend the Bishops Council held in Durham, N. C.

### Promises To Keep Policy Of Fairness

NASHVILLE—Flanked by Atty. General George McClellan, educational commissioner Quill Cope and four church leaders, Gov. Frank Clement, Monday refused to be "pressured" on the segregation issue by a delegation of Pro-segregationists.

Several hundred Pro-segregationists from Memphis and Chattanooga had come to the capital to urge legislation which would assure continued segregation in public schools.

More than 200 flag-bearing people of the delegation moved about the capitol corridor awaiting word from the two hour meeting held in the governor's conference room.

#### 'NOT IN PUBLIC FAVOR'

Gov. Clement was courteous in receiving the group, but flatly rejected their proposals for action in defiance of the Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

He told them: "... I don't think the course of action you suggest is in the public favor."

A committee of 20 people representing pro-segregationists and the white citizen councils of Tennessee, took in part of the conference. Wayne T. DeWeese, of

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THURGOOD MARSHALL



ROY WILKINS

gram, is being accompanied here by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary. The Metropolitan program is slated to start at 8 p.m.

This will mark one of the not too frequent occasions when both Atty. Marshall, often referred to as "Mr. Civil Rights", and Mr. Wilkins have visited in a city such

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### Compromise Ends Boycott Of Buses

A compromise agreement between a boycotted bus line and Negro leaders brought to an end this past week a "don't ride the buses" protest which lasted better than six weeks in Montgomery, Ala.

The protest, admittedly highly effective by company officials, drew out of the arrest-

ing and fining of a Negro woman passenger who refused to give up her seat to a white man. Under the Jim Crow laws seating arrangements were such that once Negroes filled an allotted space in the rear of the bus they would have to stand no matter how many empty seats were available.

#### NEW POLICIES

Protesters had held out for an arrangement which would allow Negroes to start seating from the rear and take empty seats toward the front as long as they were empty, the hiring of Negro drivers in heavily populated Negro districts, and courtesy to all passengers.

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### Full Text Of Howard Reply To FBI Hoover

Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Mississippi Civil Rights leader, last week took up the challenge FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover hurled his way by means of an "open" letter that criticized the militant medic for "intemperate, baseless, irresponsible and false" charges. Mr. Hoover's letter, which Dr. Howard said was released to newspapers 12 hours before it arrived at his home in Mound Bayou, also claimed "large responsibility" for eliminating lynchings and KKK break-ups, a claim which Dr. Howard disagreed with in his reply.

In one instance, where a newspaper reported Dr. Howard said there appeared to be leaks in the FBI's southern investigations, Mr. Hoover called for proof or a retraction. Dr. Howard answered that he had not been directly quoted and advised that information concerning the case in question was being sent the FBI chief under another cover.

#### WHAT HOOVER SAID

On specific points Mr. Hoover made the following citations: "You are quoted as saying

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### Publisher Says Miss. Whites 'Love Negroes'

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Davis Lee, Negro publisher of a New York, N. Y., newspaper, the Telegram gave a clean "bill of health" to Mississippi in an article last week.

His article was introduced into the Congressional Record by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, a South Carolina Democrat, who made a one-minute speech in Congress last week in opposition to an article on the Till murder case which was carried in Look, a nationally-circulated popular magazine.

Rivers said the article, written by William Bradford Huie, a white commentator and reporter, in effect told the nation Mississippi "is one of the worst places on earth."

"IT'S A TRAGEDY" Huie's article was placed in the Congressional Record last week by Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr., (Dem. Mich.).

Rivers said, "It is a tragedy when the good name of a state is held up for dramatic purposes, to ridicule and scorn at the hands of these headline seekers such as the one that appears in Look Magazine."

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### Marian Anderson On TV Jan. 30

"A voice like yours is heard only once in a hundred years."

These were Arturo Toscanini's words to Marian Anderson after hearing her sing for the first time. Miss Anderson's superb contralto voice will be heard in NBC-TV's "Producers' Showcase" Monday, Jan. 30 (8-9:30 p.m., EST), when S. Hurok presents "Festival of Music", a "live" colorcast of some of the world's greatest music performed by 10 of its greatest musical personalities.

#### MANY HONORS

Honor-laden as few have been in the history of music, Philadelphia-born Marian Anderson has become a legend to millions across the world. She was first of her race to sing at the Metropolitan Opera, making front-page news with her debut there in Verdi's "The Masked Ball" on Jan. 7. Recipient of the \$10,000 Bok Award, the Spingarn Medal and five honorary doctorates of music, she is represented in a mural in the Department of the Interior in Washington commemorating her Easter Sunday concert in 1939 that drew 75,000 people to the Lincoln Memorial. She has sung twice in

### Dr. Howard Is Right (An Editorial)

In the current controversy between J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Dr. T. R. M. Howard, civil rights spokesman for the Negroes of Mississippi and the South, there is much to be said on both sides.

It is true, as Mr. Hoover points out that the FBI is primarily an investigative arm of the federal government. The extent of its investigations and the disposition made of the facts which it uncovers remain at the discretion of the designated division of the Department of Justice. And the Department of Justice is primarily concerned with the application of laws passed by the federal government. The extent of its jurisdiction pertaining to law enforcement within the individual states is somewhat of a technical matter not too clear to the layman. Mr. Hoover's position is clear in that area.

Fundamentally Dr. Howard is right in his contention that Negroes are being killed and deprived of their civil rights in Mississippi and elsewhere in the South, and nothing appreciable is being done about it. He is right in calling attention to the fact that in too many instances the law enforcement machinery of the state has failed to protect Negroes in their civil rights. He is right in raising the question as to the part the FBI should play in seeing that the rights of American citizens are protected regardless of state lines. He is right in voicing the justifiable suspicion that there may be some kind of liaison between some southern Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and local law enforcement officers in Mississippi which obstructs the processes of justice as applied to Negroes.

Dr. Howard's contentions are difficult to prove, for obvious reasons. But the logic of the situation supports him. For instance, in his rebuttal to Mr. Hoover's statement about the part the FBI played in fighting the Ku Klux Klan and lynching in the South, Dr. Howard raises the logical question. He observes that since there is no Federal law pertaining to lynching in the states, and yet the FBI chief claims a part in reducing the incidence of the practice in states where the local law enforcement machinery failed to function, why then has it failed to act in the similar circumstances established by the current Mississippi atrocities against Negroes?

The charge that Dr. Howard is a "headline hunter," as suggested in the Hoover statement, is irrelevant in the face of the ghastly facts upon which the militant physician is focusing national attention.

It seems from here that Dr. Howard is right enough to make it unnecessary for the head of a great government law enforcement agency to waste time in indulging in personalities and name calling. It seems that as an official whose position implies a passion for justice and right on his part, Mr. Hoover would use his time-seeking means to find a way for his great investigative organization to help in the civil rights fight, just as it sought means to apply its force and effectiveness against the rampaging gangsters of another recent era.

### Today's Teenagers—Tomorrow's Leaders

## 'Blackboard Jungle' Type Student Can't Win A Top Post At Douglass

BY MOSES J. NEWSON  
(Second In Series)

Ever think of the kids you met in "Knock on Any Door" or "Blackboard Jungle" and wonder how much power their type wields at the school you child attends?

Well, out at Douglass High school, the student type who filled those movie roles couldn't muster enough votes to get themselves elected assistant pencil sharpener. That's not to say there isn't a problem child here and there; it's just to assure that they aren't running things — not by a long shot.

Fact is, Douglass students go as far the other extreme as possible when it comes to picking boys and girls to represent them and their school.

#### MISS ERNESTINE RODGERS

They pick them like Miss Ernestine Rodgers, 17, daughter of Elder and Mrs. J. E. Rodgers of 1635 Oriole, whom they elected president of the Student Council in one of the closest contests this city has ever seen.

Miss Rodgers, a senior, is also prexy of the city-wide Library association. Mrs. Rachell Carhee, librarian at Douglass, and Coach A. D. Miller, who also teaches civics, are student council advisors. Mrs. Carhee is also advisor for the Douglass Library club.

Students in grades of 9-12 help elect the president of the student council, which has as one of its main purposes, says Miss Rodgers, "the encouraging of closer relationship between students and faculty."

Just now the Douglass High Student Council is formulating details on the operation of two important new activities they hope will be installed soon, no later than



MISS ERNESTINE RODGERS won the Student Council election at Douglass by just two votes. Her council played big

role last week as 610 students received chest X-rays. (Newson Photo)



ELBERT PARRISH set a state basketball scoring record this season, dumping in 54 points in a single game. He holds

second place trophy his team won in the Holiday tournament held at Woodstock. (Newson Photo)



## Full Text

### Promises

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Memphis, was committee chairman.

Arthur A. Canada, of Chattanooga, president of STMG, earlier in a statement had called Gov. Clement "Our Renegade Governor."

#### SPECIAL TAX FOR NEGROES

Canada on three or four occasions during the conference read a resolution denouncing desegregation. The group wanted a special legislature called for the purpose of passing laws which would allow public funds to support private schools.

They also suggested Negro taxes to support Negro schools, and white taxes to support white schools. In a prepared statement Gov. Clement told the group: "I am doing what I consider to be in the best interest of Tennessee and the Tennesseans."

#### FROWNS ON PRESSURE

"We are always interested in the views of all citizens. I do not believe in pressure tactics and a governor who submits to pressure, rather than follow reason would not be worthy of the office."

"The Atty. General of the state, most of the ministers, rabbis, and priests as well as other interested citizens, with whom I have had contact have supported our position. They feel as I do that strife breeds more strife, violence produces more violence and causes trouble where none would otherwise exist."

"So long as I consider our present course the correct one, morally and legally we shall continue it."

#### DESEGREGATION PICTURE

Dr. Cope and Atty. General McCann brought the group up-to-date on the desegregation picture in Tennessee. They explained the step down plan now operating at the college level as the legal aspects of the Supreme Court ruling.

It was pointed out that the only desegregated school at present is Oak Ridge.

#### MINISTERS IN PACK

Ministers attending represented the major faiths. Members of the delegation carried signs reading "Segregation or War," "No Compromise, God, the original segregationist" and on one of the cards "Save our children from the black flag."

A defender staff writer was forced by the milling in the corridor to show his press card, and one man in the group who claimed to be from Memphis, told the writer, "This meeting is for whites, so get!"

Several others closed in and were shoving the reporter about when another signaled them that one of the uniformed officers was approaching.

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(Baltimore Morning Sun.) "We must find out why Southern investigators of the FBI can't seem to solve a crime where a Negro is involved." You made these statements in connection with the slaying of Emmett Till, George W. Lee and Lamar Smith.

"For your information this bureau upon instruction of the Civil Rights section of the Central Crime division of the Department of Justice, conducted a preliminary inquiry immediately upon receipt of information alleging a Civil Rights violation and the facts are submitted to the Department of Justice for its determination as to prosecution or further investigative action. Further investigation of Civil Rights cases are conducted at the direction of the Department of Justice."

#### ON LYNCHINGS, KKK

"... You seem to have completely forgotten the work of this Bureau which was largely responsible for the virtual elimination of lynchings in the South and also, was mainly responsible for the breaking up of the KKK in the Carolinas and Georgia."

"... As you will recall when the body of Emmett Till was found in the Tallahatchie River in Mississippi, August 31, 1955, the available facts concerning this case were presented to the Civil Rights Commission of the Department of Justice by this Bureau."

"This Department advised that the facts would not indicate a violation of any Federal statute. Accordingly this Bureau did not conduct any further investigation in this case."

"In the Rev. Lee case you will recall that the Rev. Lee was killed on May 7, 1955. The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice requested an investigation into the death of Rev. Lee. Such an investigation was immediately conducted by agents of this Bureau and the facts as developed were submitted to Department of Justice. In connection with the Lamar Smith case the facts surrounding this matter were submitted to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and we were advised that an investigation was not to be carried out by this Bureau."

#### DEMANDS EVIDENCE

The Chicago American on Dec. 28, 1955, carried a new story entitled "F. B. I. Leaks Hit at Till Acquittal." According to the news story you stated confidential information usually leaks from the local FBI office, and witnesses to Negro slaying are subjected to pressures, as results. You, undoubtedly, know that files of this Bureau is confidential in nature and I am deeply concerned as your statement contains a very serious charge. If you have evidence of such a grave dereliction of duty, when it is your duty to call it to

the attention of the responsible officials of the FBI or Department of Justice.

"From the information available to me, I know of no such instance. I feel compelled to request that you submit such evidence as you have to sustain your irresponsible charge or that you issue a public retraction."

Dr. Howard's reply came surprisingly soon on the heels of the heralded statement by Mr. Hoover.

The Text of his letter follows: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

"On Jan. 18, 1956, I was called by the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and asked if I had any comment on a letter from you to me which you had released to the press. Subsequently, and on the same day, I received similar calls from other newspapers and press associations."

"Your letter to me reached my Mound Bayou, Miss., home at 9 a. m. on Jan. 1, 1956 a full twelve hours after my first call from the newspapers. Since I had been queried by these newspapers I was not to make a complete reply. I only assume that you released it after prior to the time it was possibly have reached me and that you wanted the whole matter to become an issue in the area of public controversy. I shall, therefore, follow your example and release this letter to the newspapers."

"The crux of your complaint, as I gather it, is that I have made false and irresponsible charges against the FBI in connection with the murders of George W. Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till, all of whom were killed in Mississippi during 1955. I am sure that you will understand that these murders, all of which have gone unpunished, have excited genuine concern on the part of millions of Americans. That concern has been heightened by the fact that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant explained in last week's Look magazine that they did kill Emmett Till. Since that confession there has been no move to take any further proceedings against them, either by state or federal authorities, so far as I know. As a resident of Mississippi, I know, and I am sure that FBI agents know, that the facts in the George Lee and Lamar Smith murders are widely known in the communities in which they were murdered."

"I am a layman not a lawyer. I do not pretend to know the intricacies of the law. I do know that my own criticism of the failure of justice in these cases is a reflection of the feelings of many thousands of persons to whom I have spoken and with whom I have talked in the past few months. They are as dismayed as I am that murders can be committed in the United States and that murderers can escape indictment, as in the George Lee and Lamar Smith cases, or win acquittal as in the Emmett Till case, when, as in all these cases, the facts about the cases are so well known to law enforcement authorities, federal as well as state."

"As I understand your concept of the law in these matters, your Bureau is required only to make investigations at the request of the Department of Justice. After you have made these investigations, upon request, you lay the facts before the Department of Justice which then determines whether or not prosecution will be undertaken or further investigations will be made. It seems reasonable to suppose that the Department of Justice must depend, for a final judgment as to whether or not prosecution will be undertaken, on the facts as reported by your Bureau. You say that such investigations were made in the George Lee case. I do not know, of course, the extent of your investigation. I do not know whether or not you determined that this was merely a murder case, falling within the province of the State of Mississippi, or whether you determined it was part of a wide-spread conspiracy reaching across state lines that might have brought them within the purview of federal-civil-rights statutes."

"What I do know is that a Negro citizen who sought to vote was murdered and that both State and Federal Governments have declined to take any action. I do not know upon what grounds the Department of Justice declined jurisdiction. I do know that I sent a telegram to the Department of Justice asking for a conference on these matters and received an answer some four weeks later stating that such a conference would be arranged. No date was set for that proposed meeting."

"It was against that background that I voiced my criticism of federal inaction in my Baltimore speech. The quotation attributed to me by the Baltimore Morning Sun is not entirely accurate."

"In substance I said on that occasion that 'We must find out why the FBI cannot seem to solve a crime where a Negro is murdered by a white man in Mississippi.' Whether the reason for that failure lies in inadequacy of federal

statutes, or restrictive interpretation of such statutes by the Department of Justice or the failure of FBI investigative machinery, the fact remains that 'the FBI cannot seem to solve a crime where a Negro is murdered by a white man in Mississippi.' Of course, I do not know the extent or character of the Bureau's investigation in the Till case. I do not know whether your investigation was made available to Mississippi law enforcement authorities. It is plain now in the light of the J. W. Milam confession in the Till case that the facts in that case lay close to the surface. I have the impression that in many instances the FBI has conducted investigations and found facts which were then given to state authorities for prosecution of the wrong doers."

"You say that I have 'conveniently forgotten the work of this Bureau.' I was largely responsible for the virtual elimination of lynching in the South and, also, was mainly responsible for the breaking up of the KKK in the Carolinas and Georgia. Frankly, there is a wide difference of opinion between us on that score. You are as entitled to your opinion that the FBI deserves credit on both these scores as I am to mine that lynching was eliminated and the KKK broken up by persistent action by the NAACP and by an aroused public opinion. I cannot recall a prosecution of lynching, as such, by the Federal Government and I suppose that such prosecution of lynching, as such, is a matter for the States. In view of that fact, I do not understand how the FBI was able to take effective action to 'virtually eliminate' lynching in light of your statement that the Department of Justice can act only when Federal statutes have been violated. If the Federal Government was able to act in the area of lynching, in the absence of a federal anti-lynching statute, it is possible to undertake similar action in cases such as the George Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till cases in light of a similar claimed lack of applicable Federal statutes."

"I did charge in my Chicago Press Conference speech that there had apparently been a 'leak' of FBI investigations in Mississippi. The complainants live in Mississippi and I believe that you will agree with me that any complainant in that state risks his personal safety when he makes charges that run counter to current public opinion in that state. Therefore, I will not recite the specific case in this letter which will be released to the press. Under separate cover I am sending you a statement of the facts in that case. I know that you will guarantee the safety of that individual. One of the things which I wanted to discuss and tried to discuss, with the Department of Justice was that very matter. Since I was never given a definite appointment I was unable to present it through those channels."

"In conclusion, I reject the charge that I have made 'false and irresponsible charges.' I have exercised my right as an American citizen to criticize government functions. I shall continue to exercise that right, even when it leads to a difference of opinion between me and the public servants. I regret that this controversy has arisen since it tends to obscure the fact that the real issue in the South, and in the Nation and the world for that matter, is not our differences as to FBI action, or inaction, but the fact that American citizens are being wantonly murdered in Mississippi and that their murderers are going unpunished. Since your letter to me was in the nature of an open state-

ment to the newspapers I regret very much that you did not see fit to include in it a condemnation of these murders. Your condemnation might do much to halt this wave of violence. In any event, I shall continue to join with the millions of other Americans and cry out against injustice and against that kind of administration of justice which permits murders to go free to boast their crimes."

Dr. T. R. M. Howard



**FIGHT POLIO** — The Committee for the Fifth Annual Polio Ball are making elaborate plans for their Charity Dance at Club Flamingo, 140 1/2 Hernando, on Thursday, Feb. 2. From left: Mrs. Ann Lawrence Hall, Mrs. Naomi Gochett, and Mrs. Mabel K. Johnson, chairman. Tickets have been mailed to all the prominent clubs in the city to assist in the "Clubs Against Polio" project. Each club buying 20 tickets will receive a free table and name card. Any club not receiving tickets is asked to call the Polio Office, JA 5-2941. Mrs. Johnson has worked for the polio drive for the past three years and Mrs. Hall for the past five years in some capacity. Tickets are on sale to the general public at various stores throughout the city.

## Marian

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the White House, the second time for the royal guests from England, King George and Queen Elizabeth.

#### CITED BY KING

King Gustav Adolf conferred on her Sweden's "Litteris et Artibus" medal; from the Emperor of Japan she received the Yukocho Medal; Finland gave her its esteemed Order of the White Rose and the Marshall Mannerheim Medal, and still other decorations have come from Haiti, Liberia, France and the Philippines.

One of three daughters of a modest Philadelphia family (her father sold ice and coal; her mother was an ex-schoolmistress from Virginia), Marian Anderson showed early signs of extraordinary gifts. She sang in the church choir as a child, and frequently filled in for an absent soprano, tenor or bass after she graduated to the "grown-up" choir. It's to that experience she attributes the range and timbre of her phenomenal voice.

## Compromise

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sengers by bus drivers.

The proposal which the City Commission said was agreed on by all present said "definite policies" would be set up within the framework of the segregation law that will be fair to all citizens, white and Negro.

These policies include:

"1. — Courtesy on the part of bus operators shall be uniformly extended to all patrons of our city buses."

"2. — The first 10 seats in the front of each bus shall be reserved for white passengers and the last 10 seats in the rear for Negro passengers. It is agreed that in accommodating additional passengers white passengers shall occupy seats from the front to the rear and Negroes from the rear to the front."

"3. — During rush hours when large numbers of Negro passengers are riding into and out of the Negro sections of the city special buses will be signed strictly for use of Negro passengers."

"4. — Full bus service will be resumed in Negro sections upon statement of their desire to use the bus service."

## Baptist

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tist Convention of America and the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions, white organizations.

Also meeting in conjunction with the board is the Board of Laymen's convention, of which Alen Jordan of Brooklyn, N. Y., is president, and the Board of Sunday School and Baptist convention, headed by Rev. W. H. Jernigan of Washington.

About 300 auxiliary members registered for the convention. Mrs. Nannie H. Burroughs of Washington, nationally-known woman leader, is president of this group.

The convention took up the subject of assistance for the Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., and the development of the Ministerial Retirement fund.

Reports were also made on the United Evangelistic campaign in cooperation with the Baptists of the U. S.

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by teachers. The delegates received and approved the plan.

The report of Executive Secretary George W. Brooks, which showed the largest income in the history of the organization, was received with an ovation and special commendation.

#### CONTRIBUTION TO NAACP

The delegates voted a \$1,000 contribution to the NAACP and authorized an open communication to the State Board of Education offering the services of teachers on their representatives in the study of integration in the public schools.

#### ELECT OFFICERS

Officers elected were William H. Fort, Nashville, third vice president; Miss G. Y. Russell, Ripley, recording secretary; Mrs. Evelyn P. Hall, Gallatin, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. F. A. Sanders, Nashville, treasurer; John L. Pitts, Chattanooga, parliamentarian; J. H. Stevens, Murfreesboro; E. P. Caruthers, Johnson City; Guy E. Hoffman, Arlington; and D. M. Senter, Knoxville, executive committee members. Mrs. F. A. Dobbins, Jackson; Dr. H. A. Bowen, Nashville; Mrs. Arizona Officer, Oak Ridge; and John Kohlheim, Somerville, were elected professional meetings' representatives.

#### FamU Clinic

TALLAHASSEE — Outstanding physicians, dentists and pharmacists from throughout the country will participate in the 26th annual meeting of the Florida A and M University Clinical association which meets Feb. 7-9 at the university hospital and health center here.

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# Coleman Vows To Keep Jim Crow

NEW ORLEANS — A record number of Negroes voted in elections here last week which returned Earl L. Long to the governor's mansion for the third time.

The 150,000 Negroes who cast ballots were twice as many as had ever gone to the polls since the Reconstruction period which followed the Civil War.

Long won the Louisiana gubernatorial primary by a landslide when his chief opponent, Mayor DeLesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans, conceded after trailing by a 3 to 1 margin.

Victory in the Democrat primary is tantamount to election in this state.

The latest returns showed Long with 326,429 votes and Morrison with 156,942.

Three other candidates ran in the primary, with one of them projecting the race issue in the campaign.

He is James L. McLemore, a cattle raiser, who said segregation was the main issue and promised to set up a south-wide organization of governors to fight integration efforts if elected.

Apparently Louisianians did not think much of his platform for they cast fewer votes for him than any of the five candidates.

The other candidates incorporated the race issue along with others and promised to improve recreation facilities for Negroes.

Long, the brother of the late Huey "Kingfish" Long, will succeed Robert F. Kennon. He first served as governor in 1939 when he stepped up to the executive mansion when the then governor resigned.

He ran in 1940 but was defeated. He was successful in 1948.

In other election news from southern states, newly-elected Gov. J. P. Coleman of Mississippi told his state and the nation that Mississippi will keep segregation without violence and despite the federal government.

Coleman, who succeeds Hugh H. White, said in his inaugural address:

"With all due respect to the mighty power of the U. S. government, it will never be able to force racial integration in Mississippi nor in any other state where the people are unwilling to have it done."

Appealing for understanding from other sections of the nation, Coleman said:

"We ask you to remember that by reason of the numbers involved, this problem is more acute here than in any other state in the nation."

Negroes constitute about 45 per cent of the Mississippi population. However, only a small percentage are allowed to vote.

Coleman also said, "The white people of Mississippi are not a race of Negro killers." Despite

the governor's statement, at least four Negroes have met violent death in his state during the past year, and several others seriously injured.

Among those killed were the Rev. George W. Lee, Belzoni; Lamar Smith, Brookhaven; Emmett Louis Till, near Money, and Clinton Melton, Glendora.

In a radio address, Coleman touched on the Till case. He said in part:

"So far as I am personally concerned they both (Milam and Bryant) should have been convicted and electrocuted."

And if the NAACP and Rep. Diggs of Detroit would stay out of our state and let us alone, we would have got the job done.

Now, that's the cold brutal facts about it, and it's just one of those things."

## Will Open

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distance from their New York headquarters at the same time.

#### GREAT INTEREST

Naturally, this has led to some speculation and great interest in the forthcoming meeting. It is believed some highly important business will be covered during the visit of the two NAACP chiefs.

Mr. Marshall's address in Memphis will be one of his first since he returned from his honeymoon a few weeks ago. Late last year a capacity crowd in Jackson, Miss., heard the brilliant civil rights lawyer.

He will be presented by Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyne college. Dr. J. E. Walker, chairman of the board at Universal Life Insurance company and president of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, will preside.

The Tri-State Bank is serving as a depository for monies brought on appeal of the NAACP to ease the economic pressures brought against Southern leaders who have favored desegregation.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Atty. H. T. Lockard, Memphis branch president, who disclosed at week end that Mr. Wilkins also was coming to Memphis, said that a highlight of the program at Metropolitan would be the presentation of several Memphians who have taken out life memberships in the NAACP.

Rev. D. S. Cunningham, pastor of the Collins Chapel CME church, is membership chairman, and A. W. Willis is chairman of the committee on life memberships.

Rev. D. W. Browning, pastor of the Mt. Pisgah CME church, is chairman of the program committee for the Feb. 2 kickoff meeting. Working with him are Jesse Turner and H. A. Gilliam.

A capacity audience is expected to hear Atty. Marshall.

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## Today's Teenagers—Tomorrow's Leaders

# 'Blackboard Jungle' Type Student Can't Win A Top Post At Douglass

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be brought in. Details of this program are to be worked out with school officials.

Another example of the student council's work was seen last Tuesday, when about 610 students from grades seven through 12 received X-rays. The student council stamped all the cards for boys and girls, double checked to see that all had cards, and kept the classes moving to the X-ray mobile unit in a steady and orderly manner.

### LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The city-wide Library association is helping Memphis teenagers, Miss Rodgers thinks, "by stimulating and guiding them in all phases of their reading, that they may grow in critical judgment and appreciation of books."

Around 200 high and junior high students belong to the city-wide organization and meetings are held bi-monthly, rotating from one to another of the member schools.

Miss Rodgers is a member of the choir at the Homeland Church of God in Christ in Hyde Park, one of her father's churches. He is also pastor of the Rock Temple Church of God in Christ in Knoxville.

Fisk university in Nashville is Miss Rodgers' choice of a school. She admits that Alphonse Smith, a freshman at Fisk, might have helped her make up her mind. She's going to major in math.

Roller skating and reading are the things Miss Rodgers likes doing most for pleasure.

### MISS ELMA KNOWLES

With the nation-wide shortage of engineers and the call for more emphasis on mathematics and related subjects, Miss Elma Knowles, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mardest Harris, of 1534 Ellison, is what you might term a "campus wheel" as president of the math club.

The club, with Mrs. Catherine Baker, mathematics teacher as advisor, has about 32 members, three less than the 35 limit. Members come from grades 9-12 and Miss Knowles says there are more girls than boys in the club.

"A prime object of the math club," she explained, "is to help the more retarded students."

The club meets each week. From mathematics instructors they learn the names of students who have been having more than the usual trouble with their work.

They check to see at what hour these students have their study hour and club members with the same study period try to help them.

Miss Knowles said the group has had good success so far.

Another feature of the weekly meetings of the club is the reports on the lives and works of outstanding men of the field, such as Euclid, Einstein and Archimedes.

Tuesday of this week a sophomore, Miss Geraldine Bell, gave a report on Karl Frederick Gauss.

A "B" average and good deportment are necessary to qualify for the club.

### MATH OR ENGLISH

The math field stands a good chance of losing another bright prospect when Miss Knowles goes off to Wilberforce university because she at present is undecided whether to major in mathematics or English.

Miss Knowles attends the Douglass Church of God in Christ where she sings in the choir. She is historian of the Student Council, vice president of the senior class and a member of the Daughters of Douglass.

She likes to read and goes for popular music. The lad in her life is Jesse Robinson, a student at Tennessee State university.

### MISS CHARLOTTE CLADY

The Daughters of Douglass have for their prexy Miss Charlotte Clady, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Clady, of 1630 Brookings.

As faculty advisors the DOD's, as they are known, have Miss Geraldine Anderson, teacher of Spanish and English, and Miss Cecilia Williams, physical education instructor.

Miss Clady, a senior, puts the DOD's down as a group dedicated "to fastening high ideals of better womanhood, good grooming, moral conduct and personality development."

Young ladies of this club, juniors and seniors all, try to get over the importance of desirable personality traits and good grooming by making everyday examples of themselves.

This set-an-example role of the members has proved quite successful. Members have to go through a two-day initiation period, but first there has to be a "C" scholarship and "B" conduct.

### DRESS CONTRAST

"Uniforms of the Day" for the initiation period this year was a real show of contrast in dress.

Juniors had to show up on the first day in jeans, white shirts, large pink bows, white gloves, gym shoes and socks — and of course, juggling their books in pillow cases.

On their backs they had the initials of the organization.

The second day the new members looked like different young ladies, wearing semi-formal dress with heels.

Part of the short initiation called for the girls to report at 8 a.m. each morning, to wait on club members at lunch — and naturally, to show members all "proper" courtesies, including the Miss title while addressing them.

Not all of the work of the DOD's is social. Annually they sponsor a Xmas Benefit Dance to provide baskets for needy people in the community. This year they distributed 15 baskets.

They also sponsor a Vesper program each year in connection with the installation of their officers. Invited participants this year were Atty. B. L. Hooks and Mrs. A. Macco Walker. They have 75 members.

### A FLASHWRITER

Miss Clady is also active with the Douglass Flashwriters, a club from typing and shorthand classes. They typed out cards for the X-ray program last Tuesday.

Flashwriters are assigned to different teachers to assist in typing work.

Miss Clady is president of the Red Circle Girls at St. Paul Baptist church on Brookings, of which she is a member, president of the No. 2 chorus there, and is a Girl Scout in Troop 224, sponsored by the Church of God in Christ on Ellison.

She likes dancing, tennis and volleyball, has nothing against a little "Rock 'n Roll".

San Diego State is her choice of a college and she intends to major in history there. She hopes to go to college along with a brother who is living in San Diego.

Miss Clady writes her letters to a Marine Sergeant, name Charles Jackson.

### ELBERT PARRISH

Counterpart to the DOD's are the SOD's, Sons of Douglass, headed by Elbert Parrish, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parrish, of 2167 Curry.

A senior, Parrish says his club's purpose is pretty much wrapped up in its motto: "Try For Manhood, Brotherhood, and To Be Ever Uplifting."

Advisors are Coach Miller and Oliver Johnson, teacher of mechanical drawing.

New projects for the SOD's were to be brought in for approval last Wednesday by a committee composed of Chairman Ernest Rainey, Charles Patterson, Theodore Ford, James Jones and Jerry Neyland.

Their most recently completed project was the annual Xmas Benefit Dance which netted enough to fill 13 baskets, distributed on Dec. 22.

Meanwhile the SOD's are supporting a drive to raise money for the Annual and another to get more students out to basketball games. A December talent show brought in funds for the Annual.

The SOD's took on the DOD's in the ticket-selling efforts on behalf of the basketball team. The girls won out the first time and were treated to a dance by the SOD's.

### SET STATE RECORD

Six feet tall and a 160-pounder, lanky Parrish is one of Douglass' top athletes. Just a few weeks ago he set a state scoring record for one game by tossing in 54 points against a Barrett's Chapel case team.

As captain of his basketball team, Parrish had averaged 31 points over an eight-game run. Douglass was victorious in five.

Parrish was outstanding, too, in football this past season, playing first string quarterback. He was selected by WDIA as one of the Gridiron Greats and awarded a watch, William Kincaid, football team co-captain with Thomas McDonald, was this year's "Gridiron Greatest." Douglass shared a 3-way second place tie with St. Augustine and Hamilton.

Parrish is a member of the Summerfield Baptist church and sings in the choir. He is vice president of the Merry Makers Social club, Ernest Rainey, president.

Parrish will attend Wiley college in Texas on an athletic scholarship and will concentrate on physical education. He likes all kinds of sports and popular music.

### MISS LENEVA BISHOP

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She said that her club places emphasis on garment making and teaching growth, socially, morally and physically.

NHAers, mostly sophomores, juniors and seniors, are usually hostesses to visitors who come to Douglass during the lunch hour.

They take part each year in the district and state NHA conferences. Last February Douglass took first place in the Quiz competition and second place in the talent show in the district meet, repeating for the same honors in the state meet held in April at Tennessee State university. Twenty-one NHA members participated.

### READYING FOR MEETS

Plans are now shaping up for this year's meets. The west district meeting will be held at Lexington, Tenn., the second Saturday in February. Students are making the costumes they will wear in the skit they will enter in the talent division. It will have a dance theme.

NHA girls supply the materials for the garments they make, get supervision at school. They make dresses, sports outfits, formals and lounging outfits that can be worn on proper occasions.

An initiation last week was expected to greatly increase the membership which had stood at 25. Prospective entrants must have completed one year's homemaking so most freshmen are left out because most just start this study in ninth grade.

Miss Bland plans to pursue a math major at Howard university. She is a soprano and sings classics and pop. She appears frequently on school programs.

She also sings in the choir at Macedonia Baptist church where she is secretary of the Sunday School.

Miss Bland likes to read literature in her leisure. She belongs to the Student Council Glee club, math club, Red Cross, Library club, Spanish club, Dramatic club and the Silver Slippers Social club, which has Miss Vanessa Mann as president. Says she hasn't got a boy friend.

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There are about 48 members in the mixed glee club. Miss Bishop sings alto and likes popular music, too.

She is a member of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist church and is secretary of the boosters club there.

Miss Bishop is assistant secretary of the Flashwriters, reporter for the homeroom senior class, student manager for the Imperial Vogueettes Social club, Vogueettes' prexy is Miss Felicia.

Because courtrooms fascinate her, Miss Bishop has decided to take law when she enters Howard university.

She spends her leisure time reading mystery and adventure stories of designing her own clothes — or maybe thinking about Fred Elbert Vales, now a student at Tennessee State university.

Ernest Rainey, at 17, probably has the dubious distinction of coming closer to being student council president than any other Douglass student in history. Rainey missed it by two votes.

ed that this year's book would carry pictures on President Eisenhower and Tennessee Governor Clements.

Advisors for the senior class are Mrs. Tarpley and Mrs. Baker. INTELLECTUAL "FEEL"

Rainey likes basketball and football, played end on the first team this past season. He says "I also like to read when I feel a little intellectual."

Rainey would like to get a science degree at Tennessee State university. Right now he has his fingers crossed, awaiting the outcome of a try for a Firestone scholarship.

He is a junior deacon at the Summerfield Baptist church.

Rainey gets a smile on his face when he talks about his girl friend, and well he might, for she happens to be the Douglass Queen, Miss Ernestine Delores Davis.

### "BETTER CITIZENS"

Prof. J. D. Springer, principal at Douglass and coordinator for Negro city schools, is warm in his praise of the students' leadership and future. His school has a total enrollment of 1,614, with 473 in high school.

"I have a great deal of respect for the leadership abilities of the young people here who have so impressed their fellow students as to be elected leaders," Prof. Springer said.

"The way they plan among themselves and accept advice from faculty members gives me to know that they are desirous of doing a good job."

Frankly, envisioned Prof. Springer, "I think that they are going to give us a much better citizenry than we have now. They are preparing themselves more thoroughly, they are having broader experiences, and they are growing up to be citizens of today and not tomorrow."

NEXT WEEK—HAMILTON HIGH

## Students Visit Mexican Towns

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Mexico City and Mexican village will be the study centers for five sociology majors and their professor, who left Talladega college Jan. 6 for a two-week off-campus contacts project.

Purpose of the trip is to explore social structures in rural areas and a capital city outside the United States. In Mexico City they will visit the University center, social and governmental agencies, and

# Louisiana Native Wounds Patron

ROBBINS, Ill. — Sgt. Lionell Heath, 38, of 56 W. 68th st., Chicago, was fatally wounded in a gun duel with a tavern patron here last Sunday night.

Heath, a native of New Orleans, La., died early last Thursday in St. Francis hospital, Blue Island. He was attached to Sheriff Joseph Lohman's police.

The fatal duel occurred in the Belaire club.

George Dean, 34, of 3427 W. 135th st., Robbins, a cement finisher, was also critically wounded during the exchange of gunfire with Heath. Dean is a former part-time policeman.

According to police, Heath had reportedly been assigned to investigate vice, narcotics and gambling and had left his partner, Policeman William Burnett, to inspect the Belaire club.

Allen D. Land, of 6434 Evans, Chicago, a real estate dealer, told investigators that he was talking with Heath when Dean pulled a revolver while quarreling with another patron.

DUEL BEGINS

The tavern was crowded and Land said Heath was apparently trying to disarm Dean when the duel began.

Heath was shot five times — in the leg, arm and three times in the stomach.

Shaw, Tuskegee Join Schools In Award Plan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C., and Tuskegee Institute have joined 21 institutions of higher learning in a program of Examinations for Scholarship Awards now in its fifth year.

This cooperative program makes available to high school students over \$10,000 worth of scholarships. Examinations will be given between Feb. 27 and March 15 in 170 strategically located centers. Successful candidates will receive awards ranging from full costs to partial tuition, depending upon need.

Other member colleges are: Bennett, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Bishop, Marshall, Tex.; Woodson, chaplain, Lucile Mappins, and Marshall, Frances Baker.

Clark, Atlanta; Dillard, New Orleans; Flisk, Nashville; Hampton, Hampton, Va.; Johnson C. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.; Knoxville, Knoxville, Tenn.; Lane, Jackson, Tenn.; LeMoyné, Memphis, Tenn.; Lincoln, Lincoln university, Pa.; Livingstone, Salisbury, N. C.; Morehouse, Atlanta; Morris Brown, Atlanta; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.



BROTHERHOOD SPEAKER — Jacob L. Reddix, president of Jackson college, will be the principal speaker at Metropolitan Baptist church, Jan. 29, beginning at 3:15 p. m., in observance of Brotherhood Month. President Reddix will speak on the subject: "The Economic Life of Our People as It Relates to our Religious and Educational Life." Prof. E. L. Washburn is chairman of Brotherhood Month program. Prof. J. W. Whitaker, of Le Moyné is in charge of music. President Reddix is listed in Who's Who in America, a 3rd degree Mason, and is chairman of the trustee board of Farish Street Baptist church, Jackson, Miss.

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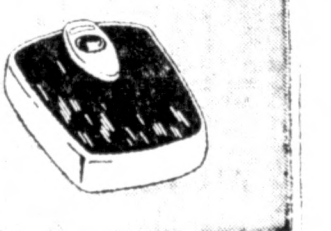
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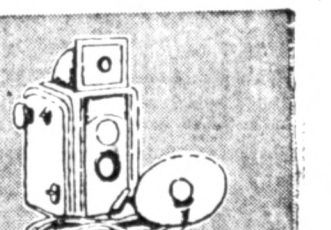
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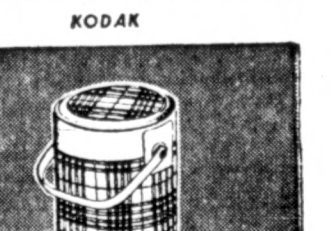
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# CHURCH NOTES

## COLUMBUS BAPTIST

A program at 3 p.m., is on the agenda for the Columbus Baptist membership, Sunday, Guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. W. M. Fields of Eastern Star Baptist church. The Pastor's Aid club is sponsoring it.

Superintendent P. Bumpus conducts the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., Divine Worship will be held. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Campbell. Church choir will furnish the music.

The Baptist Training Union convenes at 6 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. L. M. Ewels. Evening service follows directly at 7:30.

## CENTENARY METHODIST

The Centenary Methodist congregation will hear an enlightening sermon on "The Carpenter at Prayer" during the worship hour Sunday.

William H. Hunt will open the day's service at 9:30 a.m., with conduct of Sunday school.

Evening service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A day of regular worship is scheduled for Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Mary Cotton is the superintendent.

The pastor, Rev. Van J. Malone, will officiate at 11 a.m. At 6:30 p.m., Cornelius Sanders will supervise the Baptist Training Union. All young people are invited. Evening service commences at 7:30 p.m.

## MARTIN TEMPLE MEMORIAL

The Presiding Elder, Rev. N. T. Walker, will deliver two inspiring messages at the Martin Temple Memorial CME church, Sunday. Rev. Walker will speak during the morning and evening services at 11 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., respectively. Music will be rendered by the J. C. Martin Chorus and the senior choir.

Acting superintendent, Mrs. Ana Jean Goodloe, will be in charge of the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The Christian Youth Fellowship begins at 5 p.m. Miss Gertrude Walker is the president.

## NEW HOPE BAPTIST

New Hope's service will be regular Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the Sunday school starts. Sam Marshall will conduct it.

There will be a sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. Allen, at 11 a.m. J. C. Curry presides during the Baptist Training Union at 6 p.m. Regular worship will be held at 7:30 p.m.

## BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

The Baptist Training Union's program at 8 p.m., will be spotlight of Sunday's worship at Bethlehem Baptist church.

B. Holman will hold the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. A sermon

will be delivered at 11 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. The Baptist Union will be held. James Peoples will direct it.

Rev. J. R. Bibbs is the pastor.

## MT. GILLIAM BAPTIST

Services at the Mt Gilliam Baptist church, Sunday, will be regular. Aaron Braggs will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

During the morning worship at 11 a.m., the pastor, Rev. E. Bates, will deliver the sermon The No. 3 choir will sing. Mrs. Irene Richmond is the supervisor At 6:30 p.m., the Baptist Training Union will be held. Evening worship will be held at 7:30.

## PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST

The No. 3 Choir of Progressive Baptist church will sponsor a program, Sunday, at 3 p.m. Mt. Pisgah Baptist church will be guest.

The Rev. Jackson, pastor, will deliver the address.

Sunday school convenes at 9:15 a.m. Dr. F. L. Stephen is the superintendent.

## ST. JUDE BAPTIST

Sunday, the Missionary Society of St. Jude Baptist church will present a program entitled "Know and Witness." The program begins at 11 a.m. Mrs. Cara McCrea is president.

The Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., will be under the supervision of William H. Davis. Baptist Training Union commences at 6 p.m. Mrs. Easter Charles is the president.

## LAUDERDALE

The First Baptist church Lauderdale will observe its men's day on Sunday, Feb. 12. Dr. W. W. Gibson will be principal speaker. Music for the observation will be furnished by the Men Chorus of First Baptist. Charles B. Graham is the chairman.

Rev. H. C. Nabrit is the pastor.

## GREATER WHITE STONE BAPTIST

A day of regular worship will be held at the Greater White Stone Baptist church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Joseph McGhee will conduct the Sunday school. Rev. A. R. Williams, the pastor, will deliver the morning message at 11 a.m.

At 6 p.m., the Baptist Training Union star's evening service will be held at 7:30.

## ST. JAMES AME

St. James AME church will begin services at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. William Jackson will conduct the Sunday school at this time.

A dynamic sermon by the pastor, Rev. H. McDonald Nelson, will be heard during the morning worship at 11 a.m. The ACE League will be held at 6 p.m. Devotion and a sermon are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

## Christian Club Picks Mrs. Clark

The North Memphis Christian club held its regular meeting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Athie Clark, of 230 Chelsea.

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# The Pulpit Speaks

By C. THOMAS PAIGE

"Train up a child the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart."

The most disturbing element of modern society is the behavior of our young people. The behavior has been summed up by some people in terms of juvenile delinquency. This label has been attached to those whose uncontrolled, unapproved, and reckless behavior has caused headaches for many people. Sometimes life seems almost hopeless as a parent sits down to ponder over a child who has suddenly adopted the Epicurean outlook as his outlook of life.

In his adolescent mind, eating, drinking, and being merry are the basic concerns of life. Sometimes after he has been maimed for life, critically injured, or killed, the full realization of the purpose of life comes into being.

**MAIN TRACK AFFAIR**

Life is a "main track" affair how do you account for so many people getting off on the various side-tracks, then? Maybe we would like to say that it is a matter of what modern psychologists have labeled urges, or even yet one may see it in terms of weakness.

But what ever you might accept as your solution something else is the underlying factor for the current conditions of our young people. The rising tide of immorality, intoxication, sexual abuse, and the like must be halted.

Only a few evenings ago one of our local papers carried an article charging the parents with the fault of many of the disorders that have arisen in our juvenile society. Looking at it hurriedly this is a miserable indictment against our parents. But whatever we may think of it — it is TRUE.

Far too many of our parents today are attempting to rear children by some far-fetched long distance method. The parent does not concern himself with the basic things in the child's life. The modern child is sent to Sunday School, he is sent to school during the week, he is left to pick his own associates without any supervision by the parent. The modern parent needs to know who is teaching his child in Sunday school, he needs to know who is teaching his child from 9 each morning till 3:30, and he needs to know who the child has chosen for a buddy. All of these things will add much to the overall picture of child development and outlook on life.

## WORLD OF CRISIS

We live in a world of many crisis — listen to your radio and the announcer will tell you that we are on the brink of war, watch your television and you will see horrible pictures of what has happened to other people, read your newspapers and you are brought face to face with some of the most disheartening things of which this world could ever dream.

What are all of these saying to us? Just this. If you read your Bible you won't go very far before you run into this phrase: "While my servant was busy with many things" — "Many of us are busy with many things. The most essential are left undone. Ask any young girl today what she wants to be when she grows up and immediately she will tell you that she wants to be a 'career woman.' Why a career woman? Only because she doesn't want to accept the responsibilities associated with rearing a family.

## LIKE FIELD WEEDS

This today has become too much of a bore, it deprives our modern young woman of too much of her long wanted freedom. She wants to be able to go when and where she wants to, stay as long as she wants to and come back when she gets ready. Unfortunately many of our mothers have this same idea. Children in such homes are left unattended and they grow as weeds in the fields. It is quite unfortunate for the child but even worse for the parent who has a God Given responsibility to properly rear the child.

As a result of all of this we

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# Unitarians Back Desegregation

Members of Memphis' First Unitarian Church have gone on record in support of the Tennessee government's "restrained attitude" toward desegregation of schools.

In a resolution passed at the congregation's annual meeting Friday night, members condemned "extreme and intemperate voices who urge incautious and precipitate actions."

The resolution said "groups have arisen" in the controversy over desegregation which are groups, the resolution said, have as their primary purpose the "inciting of fears and passions of our citizenry through the promulgation of superstitions and untruths regarding minority groups."

The congregation declared its support of the state government in "any refusal to follow the dictates" of these groups.

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# Four Soft Gospel Singers of Memphis rendered music in the afternoon. They appear at Mt. Zion each first and third Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Martin is church secretary; James Berry, Sunday school superintendent; Miss Hattie M. Martin, secretary; Mrs. L. C. Martin, advanced teacher, and Miss Corine Martin, teacher for beginners.

Reported by Miss Hattie M. Martin.

In about 1942 only 22 oil refineries were producing 100-octane gasoline or its components. Now there are more than 100 modern



## 320 Defender Newsies See Display Of Prizes

The past week approximately 320 TRI-STATE DEFENDER Newsies visited the office of the TRI-STATE DEFENDER, 236 So. Wellington st., as the guests of Mrs. Aretta J. Polk, circulation manager, to see the 26 prizes that will be awarded on March 3 to the 26 newsboys showing the greatest increases in sales.

There were newsboys representing Magnolia, Castalia Heights, Hyde Park, Hollywood, New Chelsea, Klondike, Ford Road School, Carnes School, Hamilton School, Elliston Heights, Douglass School, Riverside, North Memphis, Dixie Homes, Foote Homes, Le Moyne Gardens, Melrose School, Orange Mound, White Station, South Memphis, Whitehaven, Grant School, Caldwell School, Kortrecht school, LaRose, Booker T. Dunn School, Binghamton and many other sections of the city.

### FROM WEST MEMPHIS

From across the "father of waters" — the mighty Mississippi River — came the hard hitting "Arkansas Razorbacks Newsboys" headed by Tommy Parker of West Memphis, Ark. Others from West Memphis, representing Wonder High School, were:

Rayfield Clark, David Harris, Booker T. Cooper, William Horton, Elmer Edwards, Henry Lee Johnson, Andrew Scott and James East.

The TRI-STATE DEFENDER's annual Newsboys Circulation contest opened on Nov. 5. It was announced in the Jan. 14 issue of the TRI-STATE DEFENDER, that by popular demand from the newsboys, the closing date of the contest was extended until Feb. 25, with the 26 prizes to be awarded on March 3.

The Rollback Bicycles, complete with coaster brakes, chain guard, light and built on a motorbike frame are the grand prizes. Third is a Tourist Camera. Fourth prize is an Eastman Camera and the Fifth prize is an official Football. The 6th, 7th and 8th prizes are ball-bearing skates. Ninth and tenth prizes are watches, with the 11th prize being a football. The 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th prizes are genuine all-leather billfolds. The 7th to 21st prizes

are "Rust Proof" Metal Money Changers and the 22nd to 26th prizes are pen and pencil sets. Each set has a fountain pen, a ball point and a retractable lead pencil.

It's not too late for any live wire newsboy to enter the contest and win one of the lovely prizes while earning some money as the contest will not close until Feb. 25.

### ENTER NOW

If you have not entered the TRI-STATE DEFENDER's Newsboys Contest, do it now! And start at once making some money selling the TRI-STATE DEFENDER. We have several openings for live wire newsboys. Call Jackson 6-8397 and ask for the Circulation Department. Give your Name, Address, Age, Telephone Number and the name of the school you attend, and say: "I WANT TO SELL THE TRI-STATE DEFENDER". That's all to it — So start TODAY earning big money selling "The South's Leading Weekly" The TRI-STATE DEFENDER.

Below are the names of the TRI-STATE DEFENDER newsboys ranking high in the contest. These names are arranged in alphabetical order and not according to their standing in the contest.

### TOP NEWSBOYS

The Ace Newsboys are: A. J. Albright, Lucius Best, William Brown, John L. Craig, Rayfield Clark, Ralph E. Confer, Leroy Davis, Edgar Davis, III, Frank Fitzgerald, Willie and Anderson Hardin, Jerry Jones, Claude Jones, Jesse James Lee, Robert Logan, Charles McEwen, William Merritt, Larry Oliver, Tommy Parker, Marvin Prileux, Lester Purnell, Charles Rawlings, Robert Russell, Ralph Roberts, Jeffery Robinson, Joseph Smith, J. W. Terry, James Earl Williams and Ronald Williams.

### Men's Day Speaker

TOLEDO, Ohio — William Long, president of St. Paul Baptist men's organization, announced that the Men's Day speaker, Jan. 22, will be LeMaye Glover who was awarded the master of fine arts degree last July by the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

## Universal Credit Union To Hold 3rd Annual Meet

Members of ULICO Employees Federal Credit Union will hold their third annual meeting at Universal Life Insurance company's assembly room at 4 p. m., Monday, Jan. 30, Miss Lovie Montgomery, president of the Union, has announced.

Monday's meeting will feature talks on activities of the Union during the year 1955, followed by a get-together social affair.

Members will vote upon important policies of the credit union and will elect several directors and committeemen.

This meeting will mark the climax of a good year for the credit union, Miss Montgomery indicated. Earning have been sufficient to permit payment of its second dividend since its organization three years ago. The board of directors is expected to recommend that the dividend be declared by the members.

A large crowd is expected of members, their families and friends.



**LEAD AGENCY**—Two agents led the Union Protective Assurance company's East Memphis district in top performance during 1955. They are, seated, (Center) Miss Iesta Roberts and Rufus Jones (right). Looking on at left is J. E. Roach, assistant manager of the East Memphis district. Miss Roberts carried a \$400 weekly debit, and her collections for the

debit was 99 percent. This live-wire sales day also garnered a \$29.31 increase. Personable Mr. Jones built a debit of \$159.81 in 49 weeks. He matched the efforts of Miss Roberts by chalking up 99 percent collections on his debit. R. L. Rankins is manager of the Union Protective Assurance company's East Memphis district.

## Leander Conway Dreamed He Could Make Station Pay Off--And He Has

Leander Conway's policy is to give all customers the same fine service, regardless of the extent of their purchases.

Almost every day for several years, Leander Conway drove by the small Pan-Am station on Linden ave., in Memphis making a silent wish. He was saving his money in hopes that the business would some day be his.

In the latter part of 1954, when Conway made himself known to the company, the station of his dreams was anything but up in the clouds. Of an old mission-type design, the station was experiencing a slump in its business. The building housing the lubrication facilities had been demolished leaving an open-air grease rack and wash bay. Conway's spirits held strong.

### CHANCE TO PROVE HIMSELF

He quickly agreed to the Company's offer to operate the station on a trial basis. If he showed himself well, he was to be given the opportunity to handle the new station then being contemplated at the same location.

Conway, at the age of 44 and with two children, could rely on no previous experience. He had been a fork-lift operator at an Army Depot for the past 15 years. All he knew was that he would succeed — and Pan-Am agreed.

With only the limited facilities available, Conway went about making new friends in the growing residential district nearby. Within four months he had the profit chart on the increase.

Then, as now, Conway explains his policy as follows: "No customer can buy so little that we can't give him those extra services which mean so much."

### SOME NEW DIFFICULTIES

Needless to say, when a new modern Mira-Wall station was erected on the same corner the dealership went to Leander Conway. Even with this efficient building, Conway had to prove that he

could handle his troubles.

Since the new station was constructed on the same site it was necessary to hamper business activities for several months. From

done in the past."

At the recent Grand Opening of the new Linden Avenue station, Leander Conway offered the public a free show with one of the best jazz bands in the South. It was music to Conway's ears in more ways than one.



LEANDER CONWAY

Feb. 1, 1955, to the latter part of April there was only one pump island in service and it could be reached only from one direction. Even during this period, Dealer Conway maintained the gallonage mark he had hit with the old station.

In the months since then, with the entire corner sparkling with the new drives and busy pumps, Conway can boast of having tripled the business volume handled by his predecessors.

### PAID ON OPERATION

Another distinction for Conway lies in the fact that he is the first Negro Pan-Am Dealer in a Memphis Company-owned station.

About his success, Conway officials say "He has met or exceeded all our expectations as far as service station operation is concerned. We feel sure he will continue to maintain the high standards of cleanliness and merchandising... as he has

## Samuel Peace Speaker For LeMaye's Alumni

Samuel Peace, class of 1949, LeMaye college, will deliver the main servance of Alumni Day at LeMaye College, C. Arthur Bruce auditorium, on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Peace has been a member of the staff of Tennessee Department of Employment Security since March, 1950. Duties of this position include making decisions on all claims for unemployment compensation, and counseling job applicants. He has also served in the capacity of assistant to the manager.

A competent speaker, Mrs. Peace won his first oratorical contest in 1941 in Tallahassee, Fla., sponsored by the New Farmers of America. He is a graduate of Coleman High School, Greenville, Miss.

His interest in public speaking continued throughout his college career, where he concentrated his studies around Philosophy and Religion, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities. He has done further study at Tennessee State university toward a Master's degree.

### ACTIVE PERSONALITY

A number of outstanding civic organizations claim his membership. He is vice-president of Internal Affairs Committee of Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Urban League;

## Big Bands Roll In New Movies

With the starring appearances of Count Basie and Lionel Hampton in Studio Films' "Rhythm and Blues Revue", now being released nationally, the cinema spotlight is focused, as never before in motion picture history, on well-known band leaders.

UL is soon releasing "The Benny Goodman Story". Columbia Pictures has gotten on the bandwagon with "The Eddie Duchin Story". Phil Harris is featured in Paramount's "Anything Goes". When M. G. M. gets "High Society" under way on Jan. 15, Louis Armstrong will be prominently billed. RKO will soon cast a "name" band leader for its spring production of "Every Mother Should Be Married", and when Warner Brothers start "shooting" "Pajama Game" in June, one of the country's band leaders will be starred.

"Rhythm and Blues Revue" headlines 18 of the country's outstanding R and B personalities, including, in addition to Basie and Hampton, Sarah Vaughan, Faye Adams, Ruth Brown, Nat "King" Cole, and the Delta Rhythm Boys.

## Admits Kidnap Tale Is Hoax

WELHAWKEN, N. J. — Mrs. Laura Bostic High, a cleaning woman for Frank Sinatra's mother didn't feel like going to work one day last week.

When she did show up, she had a good alibi. She had been kidnapped, she said, by three men on her way from her home in Hoboken.

When police questioned her too closely, she admitted there had been no kidnapping at all. Now free on \$500 bond, she faces a hearing on disorderly conduct charges.

One publishing company here prints and binds three million Bibles a year.

## Study Principal's Role At Meeting On Feb. 11

"The role of the principal in preparing all school personnel and students for better human relations" will be studied here Saturday, Feb. 11, when the Tennessee Principals' Association meets in Bruce hall at LeMaye college, opening at 9 a. m.

A meeting of the executive committee has been announced for Friday night, Feb. 10, at the Orleans hotel, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Ezra L. Ford, principal of Capeville school in Memphis is president of the association.

### THE AGENDA

The following four agenda items will be taken up in group discussions during the Saturday morning session for reports and action in the afternoon meeting:

- (1) What practical steps can be taken in schools and communities to facilitate better human relations?
- (2) What can the principal do to improve communications and to increase understanding and acceptance of the individual?
- (3) What human relation activities will bring about a better understanding of individual and group differences?
- (4) What should be the ground work on an emerging program of better human relations?

Music for the Saturday morning general session will be furnished by the Manassas High school choral group.

Other officers are J. C. Hull, Cameron High Nashville, first vice; G. A. Key, Orchid Knob school, Chattanooga, second vice, and S. A. Jones Carver High school, Columbia, secretary-treasurer.

### TOP COMMITTEE

Executive committee members include:

C. B. Robinson, Second District Jr. High, Chattanooga; S. W. Harris, Bedford County Training school, Shelbyville; M. D. Genter, Beardsley Junior High, Knoxville; C. N. Berry, Merry High, Jackson; William Fort, Ford Green School Nashville; T. R. Hartsfield, County training school, Milan, Louis Hobson, Manassas High, Memphis; J. L. Seets, Webb high, McKinzie; T. Clinton Derrick Haynes High school, Davidson county; Miss Harry Mae Simons, Magnolia school, Memphis; W. W. Mays, Palmer-Turner school Hennings, and E. E. Pitt, Calvin-Donaldson school, Chattanooga.

Chairmen of the standing committees are:

S. W. Harris, constitution; J. L. Seets, in service training; Louis Hobson, legislative; Monroe D. Genter, membership; C. N. Berry, publicity; T. R. Hartsfield research; Mrs. Odessa Roberts Tate, attendance; Richard B. Thompson, auditing; C. B. Robinson, resolution; E. L. Washburn, necrology; Miss Charlyse Heard, decoration; Miss Jim Ella Cotton, housing; Mrs. Dovie Burnley, registration; T. J. Toney, program, and Mrs. Fannie Brazzell food.

**DANCER** Bill Bailey, brother of Pearl, the singer, who took a fling at preaching, was arrested last week in New York and charged with selling narcotics. Arraigned in felony court, he admitted being an addict himself.

## 5 Grads Of '05 At Lincoln Fete

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Five "golden anniversary" graduates were present to help Lincoln university celebrate its 50th birthday last week.

The graduates of the class of 1905 were special guests of the university at its annual observance of Founders' Day. They were Dr. Homer Wilburn, Chicago; Ura F. Saunders, Kansas City, Mo.; Mildred Boone, Jefferson City; James Saunders, Chicago, and Jeanie Schweich Cooley, Chicago.



**TO SPEAK AT ALMA MATER**—Samuel Peace will address LeMaye alumni and friends during observance of Annual Alumni Day at the college on Feb. 12, at 3 p. m. in C. Arthur Bruce Hall. He is an outstanding member of the class of 1949.

## A & T To Get New President Soon

Following a meeting of the full board held Jan. 5, Charles A. Hines stated, "It is the hope of the board that a new appointment will be made with dispatch so that the forward progress of the institution may continue without interruption."



**NORTH CAROLINA** Committee on Rural Progress will visit in five counties in the state determine the "County of the beginning in late January to Year" winner for having made the most outstanding progress during the past year. Winning

county will receive the Clarence Poe Award of \$500, given each year by the publisher of The Progressive Farmer. Members of the committee attending the recent meeting held at A&T college, Greensboro, N. C. recently are from

left to right: (Seated) J. R. Larkins, Raleigh consultant, State Board of Welfare; Mrs. Ruth L. Woodson, Raleigh, supervisor, N. C. Negro Elementary Schools; Mrs. Lucy F. James, Durham, supervisor, Vocational Home Economics

and R. E. Jones, state agent, A&T college Extension Service; Those standing are: Dr. W. E. Red, dean, School of Agriculture, A&T college, in Greensboro, and C. E. Dean, vocational teacher trainer, A & T college.

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# Exclusive features

## LOVELORN CORNER

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am 29 years of age, 5 ft. 7 inches tall, dark brown and born in Jamaica, but residing in London. Would like to correspond with a young man with good educational background, fairly independent and decent between the ages of 29 and 35 years of age. Will exchange photos and answer all letters. Gloria Barnett, 22 Pembroke Villas, W. 11 London, England.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am anxious to have some pen friends from your country. I am a young man of 20 years old, weighing 128 pounds, 5 ft. 7 inches tall, black hair and dark brown in color. I am a student in a Teacher Training college and I shall finish my course in December. I promise to reply to any letters I receive. My hobbies are writing letters, football, sports, photography and collecting post cards. Dancing and the others I am not interested in are too many to be mentioned. All friends should send their photos and I promise to send anything they may ask of me from the Gold Coast, Stephen I. Acquah, 217 New Market rd. Abakrampa, V17 Cape Coast, Gold Coast B. W. A.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I would like to correspond with others who are interested in charitable work among the less fortunate. You see most of my time is taken up in this way and I find it a pleasure to be able to get letters from anyone interested in the same work. C. C. Spencer, 3 Barrett st., Spanish Town, Jamaica.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am a young Jamaican girl now residing in England who is desirous of corresponding with an American pen pal. I am 28 years old, dark brown complexion, 120 lbs. and 5 ft. 6 inches tall. I would like male and female pals whose ages are between 26 and 40. Joyce Lewis, F. Ivy rd., Handsworth, Bham 21, England.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am 40 years old, 5 ft. 11 inches, weigh 105 pounds and brown complexion. I am interested in a nice woman between the ages of 24 years and 36, weigh between 110 and 150 pounds and of Oriental ancestry who wishes to marry and make a happy home. Someone that is sincere and faithful. Please send photo and I will do the same. James B. Martin, General Delivery, Chicago, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I have heard so much about your column. I wonder if you will help me. I am 18 years old, 5 ft. 6 inches, dark skin and weigh 129 pounds. I would like to hear from service men between the ages of 22 and 27. Please do not write unless serious and send photo in first letter. I will answer all letters and exchange photos. Race or creed does not matter. Kathie Mosley, 5011 S. Calumet, Chicago 15, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I read the Defender every week and see that you help lonely people. I am lonely for friendship and would appreciate it if you would help me find a nice settled minded Christian man. Someone who would like to settle down. I would like for him to be between the ages of 50 and 60, dark brown skin, 5 ft. 11 inches to 6 ft. tall and weigh from 166 to 180 pounds. I am a widow of three years, of the Baptist faith, a hard working woman, dark brown skin, 5 ft. 5 inches tall, weigh 137 pounds, 48 years old and nice cook and housekeeper. I want a decent and good working man. Concerella Scott, 512 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am interested in a very nice man who loves children and wants to get married. I have one child, a daughter, seven months old. I am 23 years old, 5 ft. 5 inches, very plump and light brown complexion. He must be an intelligent man and willing to care for my child as his own. Bonnie Powers, 6046 S. Harper, Chicago 37, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am 38 years of age born in Jamaica, independent and of good origin. Would like very much to correspond with a lady from years of 28 to 38. Must be of good education and from good family. Will answer all letters and exchange pictures. Norman D. Cowboy, 4 Arundel Gardens, London W 11, England.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am interested in meeting a nice lady preferably a widow in her early forties. Her name must be Bernice, Sally or Mable. I would like for her weight to be between 130 and 150, pounds, height 5 ft. 3 inches to 5 ft. 6 inches and complexion fair. I am a widower 65 years of age. I have no relatives. My wife died two years ago, I have my own home in Chicago. My sports are hunting and fishing. Be sure to send photo and address so I can answer your letter or phone number. J. T. Beaumann, Box 16, Robbins, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am a very lonely woman of 45, brown complexion, very neat and clean. I would like to meet a man of about 45 or 50 who is interested in getting ahead. I am a hard working woman. I've been on the same job for 15 years. I'm interested in marriage. Drunks or gamblers need not answer. Maggie White, 1003 S. Winnebago st., Rockford, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am a lonely woman who would like to get married. I am 40 years old, 5 ft. 5 inches tall, weigh 135 lbs., black hair, brown eyes and light brown complexion. I am a good cook, a Christian and have a nice home. My living already is made and I don't have any bad habits. I would like a nice man between the ages of 45 and 50. Will answer all letters and exchange photos. Rebecca Coley, 5401 So. Michigan ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am interested in corresponding with pen pals. I am a Jamaican colored girl 22 years old. Lillian Gray, 22 Somerlyon Rd. Brixton, S. W. 9 London, England.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I find it necessary to ask your aid in getting me a male pen pal in the USA. He should be an individual good enough to be my husband, one especially with fine qualities which I am sure will meet my approval. I am 34 years old, 5 ft. 5 inches tall, weigh 139 pounds and dark brown hair. I like all sports. Miss W. Thompson, 44 Montague st., Rollington Town, Windward Road P. O. Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I would like to correspond with people in America. I am a Jamaican but now living in England. I am 32 years of age, 5 ft. tall and weigh 108 lbs. Inez McDonald, 26 Grandville rd., London N. W. 6, England.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am desirous of getting some pen pals from your country. I would prefer girls of any color or creed. I am a dressmaker. My hobby is dancing. I am 6 ft. 8 inches tall, weigh 142 pounds, dark skin and Jamaican. I hope I meet with someone who is willing to have me as a correspondent. And also I am 23 years old. Morica McCrae, 26 Potters Row, Rae Town, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I am a honest working man seeking an honest, sincere companion with the intentions of marriage. I am 5 ft. 5 inches tall, weigh 160 lbs., brown skin, black hair, black eyes and quiet and would like a nice quiet home life. I would like a woman of the same type, I don't object to color, size, or age, all that I ask is a woman be decent. Will answer all letters, so girls come on and write me. I am fond of children and would admire them as my own. Please enclose snapshot with letter and don't hesitate to write. T. Gustave Ward, c/o 1012 N. 10th st., Gadsden, Ala.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I would like to have pen pals from anywhere in the U. S. I am interested in reading and photography. My hobbies are swimming, playing indoor games and cycling. All interested people should enclose their photographs in their letters. W. W. D. Asaam, D. 13-2 Commercial st., Cape Coast, Gold Coast.

DEAR MME. CHANTE: I would like to correspond with a young lady. I am a teacher 23 years old, weighing 140 pounds, 5 ft. 6 inches tall and of dark complexion, considered not bad looking. I am decent, intelligent and ambitious and would make a nice husband for the right kind of woman. I am sincere and not joking. I would like for her to be between the ages of 19 to 24. All letters received will be answered. Will exchange photographs. Those answering must be sincere and definitely interested. E. A. Newland, 1 E. North St. Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

### Civil Service Job Openings

Applications now are being accepted for accountants and auditors, J. A. Connor, director, Seventh U. S. Civil Service Region, announced. Applicants who possess a college education in accounting will not have to take a written test. Those who do not, but who can qualify on the basis of experience, are required to pass a short test in accounting problems. Salary ranges from \$377 to \$453 a month.

## Haiti Offer Exotic Vacation At Low Cost

PORT AU PRINCE—Everybody knows that when tourists discover a delightful off-beat playground, and then spread the word about it, prices soon soar.

Haiti, however, is an exception, according to Pan American World Airways which has just completed an on-the-spot survey in connection with its recently inaugurated 7 1/2 hour flights between New York and Port au Prince.

Prices have climbed in this exotic Caribbean country where tourist traffic has nearly tripled during the past four years, but they haven't soared.

While deluxe hotels charging \$25 for a single and \$50 for a double, including meals, have made their appearance, winter tourists will find first class hotels with singles for \$25-\$15, doubles for \$20-\$30, including meals. For penny-counting visitors, there are pensions with rates as low as \$5 single, \$8 double, with meals.

Except for taxi fares, Port au Prince is still one of the most reasonable of popular Caribbean playgrounds.

Nearly all sightseeing tours offered by local agents are priced at \$5 per person. For ten cents, one may go anywhere in this seaside capital by a group-riding automobile called "voiture publique."

Station wagons called "camionetes" connect the capital with its mountain suburb, Petionville, four miles away and a thousand to two thousand feet up. Fare is also ten cents.

Admission to a cockfight is 50 cents. For an extra dime one may buy a ticket to the Theatre de Verdure where the National Folkloric Troupe puts on three shows a week in winter.

Nightlife runs from \$5 to \$10 if one wants to be escorted to voodoo ceremonial dances, a peasant hoedown called "bamboche," bistros brimming with native atmosphere, and continental-type nightclubs.

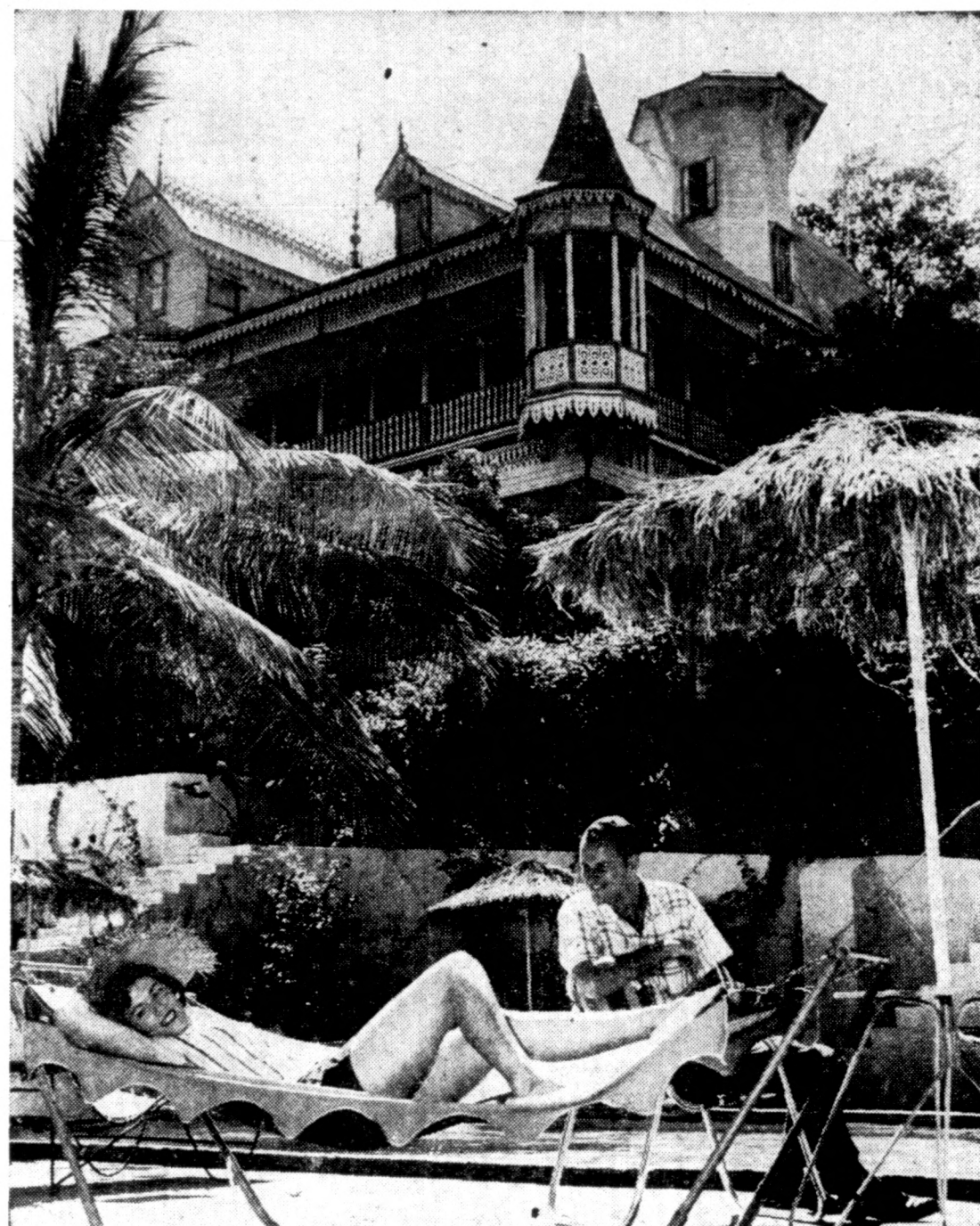
Taxi fares can make a night out on the town costly. Rates are from \$8 to \$10 an hour at night, depending upon whether one sticks to the capital or chugs up to Petionville. By haggling a cabbie may be talked into a flat rate.

preventing budgets from interfering with pleasure.

At the best restaurants in Port

au Prince an excellent lunch or dinner costs \$2.50 and \$3.50, respectively.

In historic Cap Haitien on the north coast of Haiti, vacation costs are even lower.



PRICES HAVE CLIMBED in exotic Haiti where tourist traffic has nearly tripled during the past four years but pleasant living, such as pictured

at the Hotel Olofsson, can still be enjoyed for \$12.00 a day, with meals. An on-the-spot survey by Pan American World Airways, which links the Car-

ibbean island to New York and Miami, reveals that despite Zooming popularity, Haiti remains a reasonable winter resort.

## People, Places and Things

IN NEW YORK last week Lindley F. Kimball, national chairman of the United Negro College Fund drive, announced that the organization received a total of \$1,624,965 in contributions last year. Money raised is distributed among 31 private accredited colleges which are located (with one exception) in the South. The single exception is Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

THE SWIMMING pool type atomic reactor presently under construction in Bombay, India, will begin functioning by the middle of the year and will give all-race men in the world a new dimension in their defense: first, they face a more difficult task than do the schools; second, many churches have conceded the sinfulness of segregation and are taking steps to end it.

THE OHIO Bureau of Unemployment Compensation paid out \$60,434,238 in unemployment benefits in 1955.

MARKING THEIR 46th anniversary, 4,100,000 of the nation's Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders will launch their

God and My Country", during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6 to 12.

LEE NICHOLS and Louis Cassels, writing in the February Reader's Digest, said: "One of the sorest spots in America's Christian conscience is the fact that the worship of God is still being crowded on a predominantly Jim Crow basis. However, no condemnation of the churches for hypocrisy can be made without citing two facts in their defense: first, they face a more difficult task than do the schools; second, many churches have conceded the sinfulness of segregation and are taking steps to end it."

MODERN DESIGN is something that one segment of the gas industry doesn't have to worry about. It has a perennial "best seller" that hasn't changed basically in more than 100 years. This hardy centennial is the gas meter. Today's model is almost the same in appearance and design as its predecessor, which was invented in England in 1844.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, pointing out the risks involved in averting wars: "You have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war. Some say that we were brought to the verge of war. Of course we were brought to the verge of war. The ability

to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you cannot master it, you inevitably get into war. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost."

DUKE ELLINGTON has a new drummer who, says a national magazine, is "solid as Gibraltar." His name is Sam Woodyard who comes as close as any man could to playing a tune on his four drums and three cymbals.

TOP SINGER in the "Maggie Flute" opera, Mozart's masterpiece on television recently, was Leontyne Price. "Whose liquid soprano never sounded truer or sweeter."

GUERRILLA warfare and terrorism took a toll of 185 lives in Algeria and French Morocco in a 48-hour period last week, according to reports.

## ROI OTTLEY SAYS

### Race Neurosis

Look magazine contained an extraordinary document recently titled "Approved Killing in Mississippi," written by William Bradford Huie, a Pulitzer prize winning newspaperman and author. The article clearly stated that the murder of Emmett Till of Chicago was not only premeditated by J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, but the savage act was committed in reprisal for the boy's show of courage.

The article, by and large ignored by the white publications, received banner headlines in the Negro press. But few papers, it seems to me, quite caught the full implications of the story—or at least, felt the admission of guilt by the two white men involved was fat enough to deserve dramatizing.

But upon close examination, I found that Mr. Huie had written a pretty slick article—actually, he had cut the case down to the middle, allocating faults to both sides equally. Like a piece written recently by Hodding Carter, he implied that Emmett Till's behavior had been sexually offensive, which in the southern context is sufficient for violence.

### SEXUALLY OFFENSIVE

Mr. Huie relates that the Negro boy grabbed Milam's wife around the waist, while urging her to date him. Now, I do not believe anyone in their right mind would believe a Negro boy, even if he does hail from the North, has the brass, even temerity to grab a white woman in such a manner in the southern precincts. The taboos against such a thing are too well known.

But in relating this alleged incident Mr. Huie slickly justified the violence of the two white men—at least in the eyes of the white southerner. The fact is, the bulk of white men would be incensed by a similar sexually offensive gesture even in the North. And as they read Mr. Huie's article doubts would cloud their minds as to the moral rights a Negro had under such circumstances.

And when Mr. Huie further relates that Emmett Till cried to the bitter end he had had white women in the North, he was in effect

marshalling an array of prejudice against the hapless boy. For few white men, north or south, will contain even a suggestion that such a thing can happen. Deep in the subconscious of every white man, no matter how liberal, is an abhorrence of interracial relationships—at least where Negro men and white women are concerned. Therefore, while Mr. Huie offers undeniable evidence that Milam and Bryant brutally murdered Emmett Till—and by their own cynical admission—southern white men will read the article with approval. Thus, Mr. Huie succeeds in outraging the Negro community by a supposedly liberal report of the crime, and succeeds, too, in winning the approval of the South by offering evidence of the Negro's sexually offensive behavior.

### "APPROVED KILLING"

I submit, therefore, that Mr. Huie himself is a reflection of the South's neurosis about race. For, having interviewed the two culprits and got from them a clear admission of guilt, he offers facts in justification of their acts. He therefore must share their racial outrage, that a Negro could have the temerity to make romantic advances to a white woman. For how else could anyone write a piece about the murder of a child and find justification for the act.

Look Magazine, perhaps, will be commended for publishing an article such as this. But Mr. Huie failed to indicate the righteous indignation every civilized and Christian person feels when a child is murdered by grown-ups. Actually, he tried to write above the tumult and as if there were two sides to the issue, when in fact there is only one side: miscarriage of justice in a murder case.

This may seem incredible: But when Milam and Bryant read Mr. Huie's article they will not their heads with approval, for there is nothing contained in the article degrading their savage brutality. Like-minded men will also read the piece with approval, for they will say this supremacy was upheld. And this in my view is all Mr. Huie succeeded in doing. The article should have been titled, "Approved Killing in Look Magazine."

## Prof. HERMAN

### SUCCESSFUL THINKING

The thought of success is a most provocative one since all of us are seeking success in one form or another. The majority of people see it in just about the same way. To each one, success means achieving his desires, his objectives, his aims. It means money in the bank, power, responsibility, fame and fortune high office and so on.

In the face of this widely accepted opinion of success, one might be considered slightly peculiar if one were to assert that in all things all of us are basically successful. Nevertheless, this is true. In everything each one of us is a success—a perfect success.

Seen in this light, a rich man and a poor man are alike. They are both successful men; the same applies to a high executive and a laborer, a worker and a loafer, a healthy man or a sick man. Each one perhaps unconsciously has which has faithfully responded to the directive impress of its basic thinking.

Regardless of our thoughts, our thinking or character, the ACT of thinking—of entertaining any of our convictions—sets the creative process in motion to produce the object of our thought, in this way we are a success for we make effective use of the creative power of the mind and achieve a good result.

Dear Prof. Herman: I have been reading your column for quite sometime and have found it to be quite interesting. Will you help me with this problem? Would you advise me to send my son to college? M. M.

ANS. It does not seem advisable to send him this semester since his doctor recommends a good rest for him due to his recent illness. He can do some studying at home to keep up with his work, and when he is physically able, resume his work at school.

M. R. What should we do? ANS. According to your Zodiacal Sign, you are destined to make some changes in the near future. These changes will mean that you will be able to move to another town, which you really want to do, and to adjust yourself to a new job as well.

J. T. Will we get the house we had in mind?

ANS. Concentrating upon your question, I find that if you will be patient a little longer you will hear some good news regarding this house. For your Lucky Stars and guiding Planet indicates many changes for you in 1956... Why not send for your 1956-57 Horoscope to further aid you in your endeavors and help you.

WORRIED. Is he already married? Is the gossip I hear true? Would we be happy if I do not tell him what I have heard?

ANS. Only one question is answered in the column due to the limited amount of space. If you will write in for a private reply, I shall be happy to advise you.

### Award 'Great Books' Set To Wilberforce

WILBERFORCE, Ohio—A set of the Great Books of the Western World will be presented to the Carnegie Library of Wilberforce university.

Some 1,600 sets of the books will be distributed through a selection committee of the American Library Association under a grant from the Old Dominion foundation.

The celebrated 55-volume work was produced by Encyclopaedia Britannica in collaboration with the University of Chicago.

Forty-eight countries outside of the US are actively engaged in soil conservation programs, according to government information.

## OBSERVATIONS

by Charles L. Browne

### Psychology

When our son acts naughty, and I... Grimly reach for my belt. My wife quickly takes him, whispering... Dear its bad for his health. And quoting child psychology... Says she, don't scold or thrash. That disorganizes ego... Brings personality clash. May submerge dominant interests... Eclipse important traits. Set-up conflicting emotions... That time cannot erase. Can cause an inferior complex... You want Johnny an oaf. Yes lend up agreeing, but... Somehow I fail to see. How our fore-fathers made it, and... Without psychology!!



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## Our Opinions

### Conscience Hurting?

The FBI has suddenly become super-sensitive to criticism. Stung by charges of laxity over crimes involving Negroes in the South, J. Edgar Hoover, the director, has demanded that Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mississippi either support or retract his specific accusation that the bureau leaked information about Negro slayings in Mississippi.

We believe there is ample evidence to support allegations of terrorism and violence against Negroes all throughout the South. Nobody needs to consult any law books to prove this. In Mississippi, helpless Negro citizens are existing under a state of anarchy and fear, such as has never been seen in the darkest dungeons behind the Iron Curtain.

The FBI has said time after time that it had no authority to go in and investigate

cases like that of the brutal lynching of 14-year old Emmett Louis Till. This leaves Negro citizens in the position of being without protection either from local and state authorities nor from the Federal government itself. Where, then, are they to turn to?

If consciences are being stung, these are hopeful signs that instead of indifference to brutality, maybe at long last some laws can be passed and the machinery provided so the FBI can have no excuse for not moving into Mississippi, and any place else where they are needed.

Mr. Hoover is riding the wrong horse when he castigates Dr. Howard for saying what are the thoughts of decent people all over the country. "Where is the FBI? Can't they do something about this?"

### How Much Is A Vote Worth?

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That's the question we'll be asking both the Republican and the Democratic parties soon. It's high time for the aspiring political hopefuls to be showing their wares and its equally time for us, the buyers, to be laying down the specifications as to the kind of goods we're in the market for.

The trouble is that some of the candidates have become careless and indifferent. Some are assuming that the Negro vote is so sure that they can trot out the same old shopworn mildewed, run-down merchandise

and the brother will go for it. But it ain't necessarily so.

Some politicians have a "to hell with 'em — they don't need nothing" attitude and some more have a full line of phoney baloney items guaranteed to collapse the day after election.

We think its showdown time for everybody and notice ought to be served on the politicians that bloom in the Spring trail that the bargaining is going to be tougher than ever, so the goods better be higher quality than ever. How much is a vote worth? A whole lot is our answer.

### Operation Home Improvement

With some fanfare, Operation Home Improvement got under way last week when Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole officially proclaimed "56 as the year to fix." This is an all-out campaign by private industry with the blessings of the Eisenhower Administration to stop the menacing blight of bad housing which is defacing the land.

All this is timely and well and good and this newspaper pledges to cooperate wholeheartedly in the program. However, we

hope this will not turn out to be "Operation Cover-up" for laying an elaborate smoke-screen over some shady manipulations on the part of many private industries to perpetuate more Jim Crow housing and neighborhood ghettos. And the Federal Government has been all too willing a partner in this pattern.

We're for progress and improvement. We are also for open housing and loan rates on the basis of a borrower's ability to repay and not by the color of his skin.

## What The People Say

### Praise For The JNA

Dear Editor: Henry Booth House wishes to voice its appreciation for the stalwart assistance given by the Joint Negro Appeal during the year of 1955. It has meant much to its program, and to more than a thousand boys and girls who have membership in Henry Booth House.

When one considers that the Joint Negro Appeal has been raising funds for only one year, it is amazing that the organization has done so well.

It is not easy to get any new organization going, especially when it is one concerned with fund-raising. Making the initial plan, getting the "right" people interested, choosing the best personnel, doing publicity, and (this is the toughest job) developing a new pattern of contributions among people who have not been accustomed to giving to the new venture — all this is time consuming.

Getting the Joint Negro Appeal must have taken a combination of real courage and consistency, that the JNA could do such a good job within its first year is

remarkable, and it deserves the praise and thanks of all who have benefitted. Edna Hansen, Director, Chicago.

### A Good Idea

Dear Editor: At the recent Chicago Automobile show, various sections of this city were represented by charming young ladies who were introduced from the stage when the automobile in which they were riding, was presented to the audience. Several days ago one of the local newspapers carried a picture of the group of ladies chosen for the honor of representing their sections of town.

It was noted that Bronzeville was not represented, yet the automobile market on the south side is one of the best in the city and sales are running very high in this area. With all of the sepia lovelies available, it is not understood why none were chosen to represent the south side as Miss Bronzeville, Miss Kenwood, Miss Woodlawn or Miss Hyde Park.

It is too late to do anything about it this year, but if your organization were to put a little push

behind it, possibly something could be done about it for the show next year.

To every action there is reaction. To this action for representation at the auto show, let us hope that the reaction of the auto show officials will be favorable in this matter. However, should this request meet with disapproval, it would be appreciated if your readers could be informed as to the reason. Wilbur P. Holmes, Chicago.

### Over "Death Valley"

Dear Editor: Al Benson's proposal to distribute copies of the Constitution of the United States from a plane over "Death Valley," Mississippi, reminds me of my father's-in-law proposal to send me some sweet potatoes.

When the potatoes arrived in Chicago, the shipping cost was a more than the value of the potatoes. I could have bought better potatoes for less right here in Chicago.

In the first place, Benson's leaflets would fly away and land in the overflowing bayous and muddy cotton fields where nobody would get them. In the second place, the remainder may not be picked up by the parties to whom they are directed but by parties who may choose to use them in a nice, big bonfire.

I will be glad to give Mr. Benson the name and address of an organization that has the facilities and the intelligence to deliver their own leaflets with less expense and less fanfare. So don't send them leaflets when it's cutlets they need. — Charles DeSavieu, Chicago.

### Fluoridation

Dear Editor, Our City is putting Sodium Fluoride in the water very soon. The Army also is using it. There have been numerous plane crashes lately. Do you suppose there is any connection? Miss Marion Johnson, Chicago.

### An Appreciation

Dear Editor, This is to thank you for recent photo and write up of my son Pvt. Lawrence Lee. Also I wish to thank you for your wonderful Defender paper. I have been a reader for many years. I shall read it every day in the future. Mary Lee, Chicago.



The difficulties and the dangers in not being able to break with the past.

There are three (3) great obstructions that block the road to breaking with the past. (1) Fear (2) Anticipation (3) Arrogance. These three hindrances are also the sources of all of the dangers in not breaking with the past.

Whether the past has been pleasant or unpleasant, fear, anticipation and arrogance have similar evil effects upon the individual.

Fear kills joy, assassinate happiness and blocks progress.

If the past has been a pleasant one, fear says that all will be lost if there is a change. If the past has been an unpleasant one, fear says that the future will be the same or worse. Fear magnifies evil and crushes faith.

Anticipation is a guessing game in which the chances are a million to one that you are wrong. Anticipation is the worst form of deception, self deception.

Self deception is most demoralizing because of the failure to find any other person or thing to pin the responsibility for the end bad results upon everyone except yourself. Anticipation is seeing without looking. It is the line of least resistance. Anticipation requires no study, fore knowledge or effort. Anticipation makes its own rules accordingly to its own selfish desires. Anticipation is not concerned with facts, causes and effects. Anticipation ignores evil and its results. It does not count the cost.

Arrogance is a pleasing thing. It magnifies, gives a feeling of

plenty in a land of poverty. Arrogance is a lot of nothing. The greater the arrogance, the greater the nothing. Arrogance is like a balloon, its protective wall is thin and limited, its inside is wind and highly vulnerable to sharpness, heat and pressure. When arrogance is punctured, the residue is small tattered strips with no resemblance of the original.

Fear is a scare crow, therefore, it makes it difficult to break with the past. What we fear usually never happen.

Anticipation has its pleasant illusions of protection and security, therefore, makes it difficult to break with the past. What we anticipate is so deceptive, it makes it dangerous to fail to break with the past.

Arrogance is so puffed up, it makes us unwilling to break with the past and its end results are so definitely nothing except plenty of disappointment, missing and woe, it makes it dangerous not to break with the past.

The past is not simply a goal to retain on a prison to escape in life. The past should be a spring board to catapult one in life.

Remember, when you fear you lose, when you anticipate, you may go wrong and when you are arrogant, you are on the road to destruction.

Faith destroys fear. Patience and hope will supplant anticipation and humility is the only cure for arrogance. These three will enable you to break with the past. These three are not kill-joys. They are not guessing games, neither are they balloons.



### YANKEE GALLANTRY

Mississippians, including a Negro man, got a lesson in gallantry several years ago from two white Chicago salesmen enroute South by plane.

The incident, which occurred at Jackson, Miss., involved Mrs. Rhoda Jordan Carmichael who was on her way to Southern university to accept a teaching assignment. Accompanying her was her then eight-month-old son, Alon.

A stunning young woman who has earned herself a national reputation in the field of dramatics, Mrs. Carmichael and son were the objects of more than casual attention during the journey.

Then bad weather set in and the plane was grounded at Jackson, Miss., at 3 o'clock in the morning. The terminal was closed and there was no sign of life anywhere.

The hostess explained the situation and told the passengers they would have to stay aboard until the fog lifted.

At 6 o'clock, the lights in the terminal were turned on. Passengers began to leave the plane. Then the hostess went from seat to seat informing the passengers that the terminal restaurant was open — but she didn't say a word to Mrs. Carmichael.

The baby who had slept well, considering the situation, awakened hungry and restless and the young mother herself felt the need for food.

She got off the plane a bit perplexed and undecided what move to make. She went into the ladies room and refreshed herself and the tot while planning her strategy.

While there, the hostess came in and sweetly offered to get whatever food she wanted for her self and child and serve her there.

This infuriated the young mother. The idea of eating and feeding her child in a rest room was repugnant. "Thank you," Mrs. Carmichael responded, "but you needn't bother, I'm going to eat in the cafe."

As she was about to enter the restaurant, a Negro porter tugged at her arm. "Don't go in there," he cautioned, "they don't serve colored people in there."

She shook him off and boldly entered the place with the determination to sit down, order food and wait for results. But as she walked in, she noticed that all the tables and chairs were occupied.

This disconcerted her. She didn't know just what move to make, so she just stood there, child in arm, eyes filled with tears.

The waitress and other employees gave her unsympathetic stares as they brushed past her. The Negro porter was peeping through the door.

Then a white man, a fellow passenger, saw her, left his seat and escorted her to his table. She thanked him. Another asked her what she would like for the baby and herself and went to the counter, ordered the food, paid for it and served it to her.

"I should have known this would have created a problem for you Madame," one of them said. "I know about these laws and it's stupid. But you just go ahead and feed your child and take your time, no one will bother you."

## SO WHAT?



"Your wife ran away while you were takin' a bath? I'll bet she waited years for the opportunity!"

## Investigation Completed



## LANGSTON Hughes

### Concerning The Singing Of Spirituals Today

When the spirituals came into being one of the trials and tribulations of slavery, they must have had an intense and immediate meaning for the people who made them up and who sang them out of their hearts in the dark hours of bondage.

In the log cabins, the plantation churches, and the camp meetings those great songs like "Steal Away" and "Go Down, Moses" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" must have been a comfort

and a balm to the captured body and the weary soul. Modern medicine recognizes the power of music as therapy for both body and mind.

In the days when slaves had neither freedom nor doctors, song must have been a great factor in soothing the wounds of flesh and soul. That the spirituals today have a power beyond ordinary music is clearly visible at any concert where the artist saves until the end the now conventional groups of spirituals which most Negro concert singers use.

When that group begins, first a rustle then a hush comes over the audience and then a kind of healing happiness, as if folks had been waiting all the evening for the gentle touch of those songs. There is something universal and all embracing and kind and human as love in the spirituals, even when they are arranged as art songs and sung by performers who do not know their meaning.

Because white people who have not liked us have liked the spirituals, many Negroes object to hearing the spirituals sung for white people. I do, too, under such slanted circumstances, for then

the spiritual may easily become the mark of the stereotype — the ever singing Negro. But no great artist, folk or professional, really sings for anyone other than himself first.

When the song belongs to him first, then the song is freed as it is sung, and sent into the air, for friend or foe to enjoy impartially. Like all the common gifts of God or nature — sunshine, stars, trees, atoms or rain — the songs may then belong to anyone.

There are, of course, many singers who are not great, either vocally or personally, and who demean any music that they sing, including the spirituals, since they sing for ego's sake, or money's sake, or something other than their own joy in songs and singing. Just as some people misuse nature, so some people misuse songs. But there is nothing wrong about the spirituals themselves. And there is no way of keeping even a Bilbo from loving them.

Fifty years ago in his great book, "The Souls of Black Folk," Dr. DuBois wrote a dozen of the most beautiful pages ever written about music in our country in his chapter "On the Sorrow Songs." Every young professional singer who dares perform a spiritual in public today should read this chapter. Such a singer should read, too, James Weldon Johnson's moving poem, "Oh, black and unknown bards of long ago," before he sings the songs those bards created.

Heart of the what slave poured out such melody "As Steal away to Jesus"? on its strains.

His spirit must have nightly floated free, Though still about his hands

he felt his chains. Who heard great "Jordan roll"? Whose starward eye Saw chariot "swing low"? And who was he

That breathed that comforting, melodic sigh, Nobody knows de trouble I see?"

A young singer should also read Paul Lawrence Dunbar's "When Malindy Sings". And Sterling Brown's fine introduction to the Folk Literature section of "The Negro Caravan" with its history and interpretation of the spirituals. Then the singer should learn to sing not just a half dozen spirituals for a program, but dozens of the great songs preserved in Religious Folk Songs of the Negro or the Johnson "Book of American Negro Spirituals" or Mellows'. Then from these songs, select those that have a meaning for him and move his OWN soul, before singing for anybody.

Young singers whose racial and religious roots do not go as deep as those of Roland Hayes or Marian Anderson or Paul Robeson or Dorothy Maynor, and for whom the spirituals cannot have the same meaning, may unintentionally make of their singing of these songs "stereotypes", not by design, but simply through immaturity or lack of understanding. The spirituals did not begin as songs intended for entertainment. And when they are sung purely for entertainment, without an understanding of their inner meaning and content, then a little minor crime is committed — not unrelated to such major crimes as imprisoning the forces of nature in an atom bomb to blow up the world. Songs, like atoms, can be misused.

## DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

Do not be surprised if you should read shortly that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is eager to resign. That will be the tip off that President Eisenhower has finally decided to fire him. When Dulles gets his walking papers, he can be sure that his big mouth was the cause of it all. The President has been patient.

Dulles is in hot water today because of an interview in Life Magazine which he authorized a n d which paints him as a great hero who has saved the world from going to pieces not once but three times since he has been down in Washington. Statements and inferences in the article are causing a furor all over the world.

Many other presidents besides Eisenhower have had trouble with big feeling and big talking cabinet members. It is odd how quickly some men permit power to turn their heads. This problem is described by President Truman in his recently published memoirs.

Mr. Truman found that he could not control his Secretary of State James F. Byrnes because the latter got too big for his breeches. Byrnes had been given wide power by the late President Roosevelt and later when Mr. Truman tried to make a good Secretary of State out of him, he ran into grave difficulty.

In his memoirs Mr. Truman wrote: "But this delegation of presidential powers had an extraordinary influence on Byrnes. It caused him to believe that, as an official of the executive branch

of the government, he could have a completely free hand within his own sphere of duty. In fact, he came to think that his judgment was better than the President's."

After it became evident that Byrnes could not be useful enough, Mr. Truman let him go. They exchanged letters afterward a n d kept up a good front for a time. Mr. Truman stated in his book: "It was not until the civil-rights issue made him bitter and distant that our contacts diminished."

Other cabinet members w h o gave Mr. Truman trouble were Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes and Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace. About Mr. Ickes, Mr. Truman wrote as follows: "I realized that he was a troublemaker and difficult to get along with. In a sense I was fond of him, especially because he was not a special-interests man. Although he was a scold and a gossip and everything that implies, I never had a personal clash with him, but when he got too big for his breeches and opposed me openly on my appointment of Pauley, I could not, as President, tolerate that."

Mr. Truman's difficulties with Henry Wallace came to a head over a speech he made on the U. S. attitude toward Russia. In a letter to his mother and sister, President Truman reveals h i s views on Wallace, "Dear Mama and Mary: Well I had to fire Henry today, and of course I hated to do it. Henry is the most peculiar fellow I ever came in con-

tact with. I spent two hours and a half with him Wednesday afternoon arguing with him to make no speeches on foreign policy — or to agree to the policy for which I am responsible — but he wouldn't."

"So I asked him to make no more speeches until Byrnes came home. He agreed to that, and he and Charlie Ross and I came to what we thought was a firm commitment that he'd say nothing beyond the one sentence statement we agreed he should make. Well, he answered questions and told his gang over at Commerce all that had taken place in our interview. It was all in the afternoon Washington News yesterday, and I never was so exasperated since Chicago. So — this morning I called Henry and told him he'd better get out, and he was so nice about it I almost backed out."

"Well, now he's out, and the crackpots are having conniption fits. I'm glad they are. It convinces me I'm right. . . . In discussing Byrnes, Mr. Truman observed: "A Secretary of State should never have the illusion that he is President of the United States." Perhaps President Eisenhower should be urged to read Mr. Truman's first book of memoirs if he has not already done so. Whether he does or not, I have a hunch that somebody over at the White House is going to wake up to the fact that the President and not the Secretary of State is responsible for the conduct of the foreign affairs of our country.



### GLAMOR GIRLS

and sent \$1,000 and ten years of nagging."





● PRESENTING various youth choirs of Chicago and the Alberta Harris Memorial choir of Detroit, Mich., which sang during Debutante-Master Dedication held recently at Grant Memorial A.M.E. church in Chicago. Clarence Mayse, a master of 1953 class, was director.



● GATHERED AROUND Talmadge L. Turner, floral director, Debutantes from Detroit receive his congratulations. They are (from left) Gwendolyn Taylor, Blondell Dougherty, Marilyn Taylor, Viola Jones and Betty Simmons. Five other cities were represented at ceremonies.



● IN FROTHY WHITE gowns, another Walker, Gwendolyn Parker, Daisy Turner, group of young debs which has dedicated itself to Christian service in the A.M.E. connection includes (from left) Elizabeth H.



● MUSIC PLAYS an inspiring role in the lives of A.M.E. youth. Rehearsing their dedication song just before beautiful service was held are (from left around piano) Elsie Thomas, Johnietta Beasley, Margaret Thomas, Barbara Wilson and accompanist, Helen Brown.

## A. M. E. Youth On March For Christian Service



● PAUSING FOR a moment at banquet honoring debutantes and masters following the ceremonies are '55 buds (coming down stairway) Elizabeth H. Walker, Janice Crawford, Gwendolyn Parker, Marvaleen Atlas, Patricia Moore, Amelia Conrad, Nina Rodgers.



● FLOWERS FOR a lovely bud are presented to Eleanor James of Maywood, Ill.'s Canaan A.M.E. church by Mrs. Alva Garrett, president of the Laymen's League there.

Beaming happily are Mesdames Marnie Grossley, general chairman; Julia Crawford and Mary Rickman.

● ONE OF THE most inspirational and beautiful ceremonies in the A.M.E. connection, the 1955 Debutante - Masters dedication was the fourth such event. Held in late Fall in Grant Memorial A.M.E. church, the dedicatory services

were first introduced at the general conference at Chicago's Coliseum in May, 1952. Eighteen debutantes and five masters took part in the ceremony.

● A.M.E. CHURCHES in Chicago, Gary, Milwaukee and Madison, Wis.; Detroit and Aurora, Ill. were represented. Endorsed by the Bishop's Council as an outstanding affair to be held at annual conferences throughout the connection, the next will be presented in Miami, Fla., in May of

1956. Mrs. Julia B. Crawford, a Windy City school teacher who also is prominent in religious, education and civic circles there, is founder of the Debutante-Masters presentation of "youth of the church dedicated to a life of Christian service."