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TEEN SLAYER IS GRIEF-STRICKEN



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Exciting Programs, Prizes, Money, Home Show Features

First 50 Women To Share Cash

A fast-moving show studded with plenty live entertainment, plus loads of free prizes, will help make up the "Big Extras" at the 20th Anniversary of the Memphis Fair.

Eighteen business concerns and two major educational institutions, each one interested in personally showing housewives how they can help brighten the lives of their families, were already in the exposition last week and several more were expected.

Some of the more than 25,000 people expected for the day and night sessions of the Tri-State Defender.

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Top Feature, Don't Miss It

A series of drawings distributed by Religious Drawings, Inc., of Waco, Texas, a corporation of Southern white people seeking "to advance the belief that the American Negro should have equal rights as an American citizen," start running this week in the Tri-State Defender.

The religious drawings will appear weekly on the church page of the Defender.

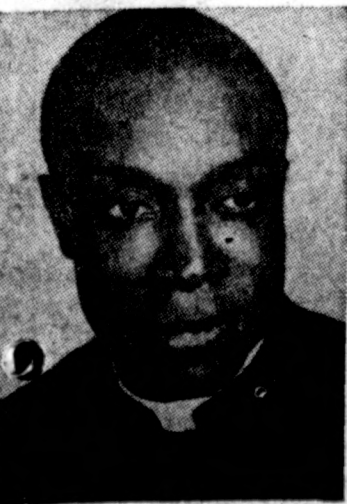
In 1954 Religious Drawings won the American Legion's Annual Award for the best cartoon during 1954; Tri-Lambda Award for distinguished service in Religious Journalism in 1953; Howard B. Smith Annual Award for most outstanding cartoon in Christian Journalism in 1952; Freedom's Foundation Award for nation's best cartoon of 1953 promoting American Freedom; also, three George Washington Honor Medals from Freedom's Foundation.

Prelate Leads Nelson For Bishop Day Drive

Bishop E. C. Hatcher, presiding prelate of Tennessee, Kentucky and West Africa, will preach at St. James AME church Sunday at 3 p. m., highlighting activities of the city-wide Nelson For Bishop Day sponsored by the H. McDonald Nelson for Bishop club.

Dr. Nelson, pastor of St. James, will leave for Miami, Fla., on May 29 where he will be in meetings with the Financial Board, of which he is a member as secretary of the auditing committee, and set up headquarters for his campaign for bishopric honors in the General Conference opening May 2.

Outstanding ministers and their congregations will participate in



REV. H. M. NELSON



BISHOP E. C. HATCHER

the program at which Bishop Hatcher will speak.

EXPECT OVERFLOW CROWD
The H. McDonald Nelson for Bishop Club expects an overflow crowd at St. James to hear Bishop Hatcher, a dynamic personality and forceful speaker, and to help give Dr. Nelson a send off.

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Fired Fisk Prof. Vindicated

Hurt In Auto Mishap



BEAUTICIANS HURT IN CAR MISHAP—Two well known Memphis beauticians were hurt early last Sunday morning in a car mishap six miles out of Hot Springs, Ark. where they were headed for the national sessions of the Alpha Chi Phi Omega Sorority and Fraternity of the United School Owners and Teachers Association. A car owned by Mrs. Alma Nesbit, of 2383 Park, turned over twice. Mrs. Nesbit, seen here in bed in Quachita General hospital at Hot Springs, suffered a broken jaw, right arm, right

leg. Mrs. Louise Ligon, standing right, of 170 S. Parkway, who was in the car with Mrs. Nesbit, suffered a head injury. With them is Mrs. Elsie Daniels, a beautician from Tupelo, Miss., who studied here at Iona's Beauty school. Mrs. Iona Cochran, of the Iona Beauty school, suffered a broken arm at the hospital when she fell while on a visit to see Mrs. Nesbit, Mrs. Nesbit came home to Memphis Wednesday. About 40 local beauticians attended the Hot Springs meeting. (Withers Photo)

Voters Group To Hold Mass Rally On May 17

"The segregationists mean business. Do you?"

This challenge was laid before the Ministers and Citizens League Monday at its called meeting at Pentecostal Temple where plans were furthered for the May 17 mass rally on voters registration by Dr. J. E. Walker, long a supporter of registration.

Dr. S. A. Owen, speaking for the publicity committee headed by Rev. T. M. Davis, reported that a speaker from Montgomery, Ala., would come to Memphis to keynote the rally, designed to promote the registration.

Mayor Set For Laymen Program
Mayor Edmund Orgill will be guest speaker at 11 a. m. Sunday at the second annual Laymen's Sunday Celebration of the Second Congregational Church, Rev. John C. Mickle, minister.

Speaker for the 4:30 hour will be Dr. Samuel L. Gandy, dean of the Lawless Memorial Chapel, Dillard university, a member of the executive committee of the Southern College Personnel Association and past president of the National Association of College and University Chaplains.

Special music in the morning will be furnished by the Manassas High school chorus directed by Mrs. Bobbie Blakely Jones. The LeMayne college choir, Prof. John W. Whitaker, director, will sing at the afternoon service.

Officers of the laymen's fellowship are Fred Jordan, president; Annie F. Briscoe, vice president; Thomas Collins, secretary; George Perry, treasurer; Earl Arthur Wynn, corresponding secretary; Preston Jones, program chairman; George Stevens, finance chairman, and Moyses Jones, publicity chairman.

U.S. Drops Contempt Charges

WASHINGTON — The government last week dismissed the case of Dr. Lee Lorch, ousted professor of mathematics at Fisk university, on charges of contempt of Congress.

Dr. Lorch, who was indicted Feb. 24, 1955, invoked the First Amendment to the Constitution when he testified before the House Committee on UN-American Activities, meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in September, 1954.

He was subpoenaed to appear before the committee and questioned about alleged Communist activities while a student at the University of Cincinnati in 1941. The case grew out of the professor's attempt to enter his daughter in a Negro school in Nashville following the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954.

OUTSIDER FROM FISK
The university board of directors, with nine Negro members

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GI Faces Rap In Traffic Death

Robert Lee Sims of 71 W. Kentucky, who is stationed with the Air Force in Savannah, Ga., has been charged with second degree murder in the traffic death of an 18-year-old passenger of a car he was driving.

The 21-year-old soldier is also charged with reckless driving and driving while intoxicated, after the car he was driving crashed into a steel girder on the Memphis and Arkansas Bridge early last Monday.

George Crump of 947 S. Fourth was the crash victim. Young Crump died at John Gaston hospital, the following morning about an hour after the incident. Four other passengers in the car received minor injuries.

Police said Sims was driving west on the bridge when the left wheels of the car jumped over the center driving strip, causing the car to swerve out of control, sideswipe one steel girder and smash into another 40 feet away.

Sims appeared in Traffic Court for preliminary hearings on the murder charge last week.



RELAXING — Lovely Miss Josie Baldrige, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Baldrige, of 1136 S. Orleans, this year's Miss Bronze Queen, relaxes on the Booker T. Washington High

School campus where she is a senior. Miss Baldrige will reign over Clean-up, Paint-up and Fix-up activities in the Negro City Beautiful Commission area. Other pics inside. (Newson Photo.)

High School Talent Contest On April 24

Tennessee A and I university will feature Miss Lois Towles, internationally known pianist, in its High School contest at Memphis' Ellis auditorium, on April 24 at 8 p. m. with each of the local high schools participating in the cultural affair.



LOIS TOWLES

The project, sponsored by the university is designed to aid in enhancing the cultural program of the community and to provide scholarships for deserving high school students.

Three four-year scholarships will be awarded to students of the school for the top three performances. Outstanding individual performers will be cited direct.

The award for group number will be presented to the school. The principal of that school will determine what student receives the scholarship.

Schools slated to participate in the contest are: Booker T. Washington, Manassas, Hamilton, Melrose and Douglas High. Each institution represented is limited to two numbers.

Three judges from Tennessee A and I university will be present

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Stabs Girl, 15, To Death With Knife

She was handed a butcher knife and "egged on" by teen-age bystanders.

Result: A now grief-stricken 16-year-old high school sophomore is under arrest for the fatal stabbing of a 15-year-old girl whom she says she only "meant to frighten."

Ruby Lee Price, of 446 Beale, was fatally stabbed at her residence, next door to a beer-selling cafe, near 10 p. m. Saturday night by Rosetta Bedford, of 169 Jackson ave., who reportedly fainted twice upon learning that the wounds she inflicted had fatally injured the other girl.

TRIVIAL ARGUMENT

The girls had been fighting following a trivial argument. Ruby Lee left the scene on the front porch and went to the apartment 446 Beale where she lived with her mother and two small brothers. Rosetta went to a next door apartment in the same building to the home of Gloria Williams, a 13-year-old girl who had attended the same elementary school with her and with whom she was visiting.

Rosetta was handed a butcher knife in Gloria's apartment. She went back out into the hall and stopped outside Ruby Lee's apartment. Ruby Lee stepped out into

the hall and Rosetta renewed the fight. In the scuffle Ruby Lee was stabbed. Bystanders separated the girls. Ruby Lee went back into her mother's apartment and fell to the floor. She was stabbed in the chest, near the heart. A Qualls ambulance was called and took her to John Gaston hospital.

Rosetta, known to the teen-agers who frequent the gathering place at 446 Beale, as "Blackie," was arrested and turned over to Juvenile Court authorities. Gloria Williams was also arrested and taken to the Juvenile Court detention department.

When she learned that she had seriously hurt Ruby Lee, Rosetta reportedly fainted twice and had to be revived. She was overcome with sorrow, saying that she had not meant to hurt the other girl, but frighten her.

The girls got into an argument when Ruby Lee came home around 9:45 and started to enter the apartment house at 446 Beale. A crowd of youngsters, including several teen-age boys and girls

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Richardson, Ike's Aide, Coming Here

The second highest-ranking Negro appointee in the Eisenhower Administration will speak in Memphis at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 6.

He is Scovall Richardson, chairman of the U. S. Parole Board in Washington, D. C. A native of Nashville, Tenn., and now a Chicago lawyer, Mr. Richardson holds one of the two highest appointments President Eisenhower has given Negroes in his administration. Mr. Richardson's job places him over the disposition of cases involving inmates of Federal prisons everywhere the jurisdiction of the U. S. extends.

He is speaking in Memphis under the auspices of the Beale Street Elks Lodge and the Lincoln Republican League. Lieutenant George W. Lee, outstanding Memphis business and political leader, and Grand Commissioner of Education for the national Elks organization, made the announcement of Mr. Richardson's forthcoming visit.

'GOODWILL HOUR'

Mr. Richardson's address will be presented at the Beale Street Baptist church, during the regular "Goodwill Hour" program, which is a regular feature of the Beale Street Elks activities.

The local lodge will also serve as hosts at the same time to the Elks State Association convention which is convening in Memphis this year. More than 500 delegates from Elks and Daughter Elks lodges from all over Tennessee will be in attendance at the convention it is estimated. There are 27 Elks and Daughter Elks lodges in the state.

J. L. Gaston of Memphis is chairman of the Convention arrangements committee. Robert Wright, well-known civic and business figure, is co-chairman. W. C. Weathers, business leader, is Exalted Ruler of the Beale Street Elks.

OTHER FEATURES

Li Lee, as Grand Commissioner of Education for the Elks, reminded that the annual State Oratorical contest, in which a thousand dollar scholarship is awarded to the high school boy or girl who delivers the best oration on a patriotic theme, usually on the U. S. Constitution, will be held at Avery Chapel church, Monday night, May 7. A mammoth parade will be held on May 6.

Press Club Will Install Staff Sunday

Tom Meanley, Press-Scimitar reporter and chairman of the 30 Press club, will speak and install the officers of the Bluff City Press club, an organization of Negro newspaper, radio and public relation personnel Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m., at Centenary Methodist church, Mississippi and Alston.

The organization's charter will be presented by the Rev. S. A. Owen, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church. Music will be furnished by the Zeta Phi Beta sorority ensemble.

The officers are Moses J. Newson, president; Leon Coleman, vice president; Raymond F. Tisby, secretary-treasurer; Charles Tisdale, parliamentarian; Samuel R. Brown, chaplain and W. C. Weathers, sergeant at arms.

Appearing as special guests giving three-minute talks each on the role of the press in civic, business and educational life respectively will be James T. Walker, president of the Bluff City and Shelby County Council of Civic clubs; C. J. Gaston, executive of the Negro Chamber of Commerce, and J. D. Springer, principal of Douglas high school.

The public is invited.

Local NAACP Lawyers Vague On New Issue

Memphis NAACP attorneys who could be contacted over the past week end, were noncommittal over the latest legal developments in the Memphis State college case involving appeals of the suit of five Memphis Negroes seeking immediate admission to the school.

The general attitude among the lawyers was one of uncertainty as to all angles of the latest developments in the situation.

Last week, George F. McCannless, Tennessee attorney general, revealed that a petition had been filed by Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, asking the U. S. Supreme Court to order a three-judge court hearing in the Memphis State college desegregation case, which is already before the Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

McCannless said Marshall's latest move "creates the strange situation of there being two appeals, in effect, pending on this single suit."

'STAIRSTEP' PLAN

The suit was heard last October by Federal District Judge M. S. Boyd. He ruled in favor of the Negro plaintiffs but approved Tennessee's "stairstep" plan of gradual college desegregation.

The plaintiffs appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, contending the "stairstep" plan, which would start at the graduate level this year was not in good faith compliance with the U. S. Supreme Court ruling banning public school segregation.

Marshall's petition seeks a writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court ordering District Judge Boyd to convene a three-judge court to hear the suit.

Judge Boyd holds that no constitutional question requiring a three-judge court was involved in the suit.

First Entries For Jubilee Queen



EARLY CONTESTANTS for Queen of Memphis Cotton Makers' Jubilee have begun a lively contest. The winner will



reign over the Jubilee activities May 14-19. First entries, from left are: Mrs. Alice Claxton, of 1351 Tunica; Miss



Birnease Cobb, of 1265 Pond; Miss Bernice R. Lewis, of 2001 Carver, Apt. 2, and Miss Dorothy Venese Green, Th e



queen will be crowned Wednesday, May 16 at Martin stadium.

News In Nutshell

No Parochial School Integration

No plans are underway to integrate the Memphis parochial schools this fall, according to Bishop William C. Adrian, of Nashville. Two reasons were cited: (1) a lack of space and (2) to see what the public reaction is in Memphis before taking the step. When asked how integration is proceeding in Nashville Bishop Adrian said: "It is 'going very well.'"

Real Estate Broker Charged

Charged with misrepresentation and other citations, J. T. McLeMore, real estate broker of 1772 Chelsea, was ordered to appear before the Tennessee Real Estate Commission last week where a hearing was to be held on suspension of license. Charges were brought by Mrs. Dolly Perkins Jones of 688 Vance and James F. Keith of 827 Hamilton.

Labor Backs Kefauver

Sen. Estes Kefauver was unanimously endorsed last week in Chattanooga by labor for the Democratic presidential nomination. The action was taken by the Political Education committee of the new Tennessee State Labor council. Some 34 representatives from various unions throughout the state comprise the committee. Meanwhile, Kefauver was gaining on Adlai Stevenson in popularity in the South, according to a recent Gallup poll.

Dedicate Douglass Gym

The community is proud of the new Douglass High school gymnasium. The facility was dedicated last Sunday with school and civic leaders participating. Among those were: E. C. Stimbirt, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction in Memphis schools; Prof. J. D. Springer, principal of the school; Rev. Alexander Gladney, neighborhood cleaner; Rev. N. A. Crawford, pastor of First Baptist church on Mt. Olive; and B. Cross, president of the school PTA.

Out Of Trouble, In Again

Out of police custody for just a few hours, five teenage white boys were right back in hot water again last week. Officers arrested the five for disturbance by drinking, using vile language and swearing near Hurt Village, on Thomas st. The youngsters had been involved in a row between Negro and other white teenagers earlier but were released after a juvenile court hearing.

Planned A Major Riot

The planned riot in Birmingham's municipal auditorium last week where Nat Cole was attacked frizzled out when only six of 150 men in the audience stood up on secret signal, it was reported. Meanwhile, two top lawyers have been retained to defend the six involved in the assault, which caused no serious injury to Cole.

Mississippi Governor Speaks

"There never will be racial integration in Mississippi." That statement was made last week by Gov. J. P. Coleman, while visiting the Buff City. The Governor added: "Even if it was the policy of the state government to favor integration we still could not do it in Mississippi."

Form Democratic Key Club

The Democratic Key Club was organized here last week. Temporary chairman of the group is J. W. Bowden. The group plans to hold its first fund-raising dinner on May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Flamingo Room. Speaker at the dinner will be Mrs. Cora M. Brown, of Detroit, who may run for Michigan state senator.

Voters

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more interest in the drive for more voters. It will be held at Mason's Temple.

The league has its sights set on boosting present registration to 70,000, said Rev. H. C. Bunton, league chairman.

Plans were made for raising of funds for the effort and the various churches are making pledges to back the campaign.

Dr. Walker in his talk told the ministers that "the people are ready. All they need is leadership and the question now is are we ready to pay the price."

An outspoken minister who has plugged the Mayor-Council form of government in the past declared, "I might join Mayor Orgill's form (Council Manager) to get this commission form out. The Negro has never been able to get anywhere under the commission form and now its backers are behind this interposition move."

Next regular meeting of the league is scheduled for 11 a. m. at Pentecost on April 30. The league voted to take part in the World Wide Prayer Day on May 17.

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CITY AND STATE _____

Must Pave Walks Or Tell Court Why

Public Works Commissioner Henry Loeb informed Memphis residents last week that the City Commission has instructed him to take property owners to court when they do not build needed sidewalks.

He said if notices sent to property owners to have walkways built on their property were ignored work would be contracted by the city and the cost would be added to their tax bills.

Comm. Stanley Dillard of the Department of Finance and Institutions, after objecting to adding the billing to the tax bills on the grounds that it entailed more work than his department is equipped to do, said, "People who refuse to pay for laying sidewalks will just refuse to pay the tax bill. The only way to make them comply is to take them to court. Then they know you mean business."

"I have never had any objection to requiring home owners to put down sidewalks where needed, especially where the safety of the school children is involved."

TOLD TO ACT
After discussing the matter with other commissioners last week, Comm. Loeb said he was instructed to use "the due process of law."

Persons who do not comply with the sidewalk ordinance are subject to City Court fines up to \$50 for each day they ignore the law, he said.

He pointed out that if the majority of residents on any street do not want sidewalks, it will be up to them to sign a petition to that effect. He also said that in some cases where sidewalks exist on one side of the street, the department will not require a walk on the other side, if all property owners petition him.

Commissioner Loeb said, "Nobody need be frightened. This department has no intention of making any street put down sidewalks if the vast majority doesn't want them."

However, he said sidewalks will be ordered in every case where the Board of Education feels they are needed for school children.

Contempt

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out of 34, voted to dismiss him after he had claimed constitutional privileges. Six of the nine Negroes voted against dismissal and all 25 of the white voted in favor.

Earlier Dr. Lorch stated that he was not a Communist, but in his testimony, he contended that it was a violation of his civil rights for the committee to question him about his political beliefs.

Dr. Lorch is now head of the department of mathematics at Philander-Smith college in Little Rock, Ark. He has been involved in a number of controversies because of his position on civil rights.

His troubles first began while he was an instructor at City college of New York and living in the all-white Stuyvesant Village project. He and his wife sub-leased their apartment to a Negro couple. Subsequently pressure was brought to bear upon the college by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., owners of the project, and his contract to teach was not renewed.

However, his fight there led to the breaking of the Jim-Crow pattern of restriction in the housing project.

Accepting a position at Pennsylvania State college, Dr. Lorch again ran afoul of policy when he led a fight to integrate in all-white Levittown. Again his contract was not renewed.

From there he went to Fisk where he taught for five years before being dismissed.

Dr. Lorch was notified by his attorney, Fyke Farmer, of Nashville of the Justice Department's action two days before he was scheduled to appear for trial in the Federal District Court in Dayton.

In Chicago to attend a mathematics society meeting, Dr. Lorch said he was happy over the dismissal because this was in reality an indictment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities for invasion of the personal beliefs of citizens.

Birmingham policeman H. E. Schatz, 28, said Kenneth Adams, 35, grabbed the singer by the trousers leg after another man had knocked him down in the center of the stage of Birmingham's Municipal auditorium.

"He (Adams) was trying to drag Nat (King) Cole off the stage," Schatz said.

The testimony came as trial of four others opened in City Court. Adams and Willis R. Vinson, 23, are charged with assault with intent to murder and will be tried later in State Court.

Officer Schatz said Adams, a hulking 200-pounder, had climbed up on the stage a moment after Willis Vinson "dove over the footlights, and grabbed Cole between his ankles and his knees, knocking him down." Adams, the policeman said, "climbed over Vinson, and grabbed Cole's trousers — he was trying to drag Nat King Cole off the stage."

Schatz, the first officer to reach the center of the stage when a group of men rushed down the auditorium aisle as Cole sang last week, was the only witness testifying at the police court hearing. The trial continued Monday.

Defendants, charged with conspiracy to commit a breach of the peace and disorderly conduct,



A SMILING NAT Cole (photo left) is surrounded by newsmen on arrival in Chicago last week from Birmingham, Ala., where he was assaulted on stage of Municipal Auditorium.

In Chicago for medical examination and rest, Cole, interviewed later (photo at right) said, "I'll continue singing in the South and I'll continue fighting segregation in my own way." Following two-day rest he left Chicago for Richmond, Va., to continue Southern tour.

Cole Tell's Why He'll Continue Dixie Tour

By GEORGE DANIELS

Three days after being knocked off his feet by white hoods on a stage in Birmingham, Ala., Nat "King" Cole resumed his Southern tour.

He left Chicago Friday morning enroute to Richmond, Va., after a two-day rest and examinations by his personal physician, Dr. James E. Scott, director of the Ida Mae Scott clinic.

The famed singer had cancelled out three appearances following the attack, April 10, when he was tackled about the ankles by one of three thugs who rushed on stage during his performance at the Municipal auditorium in Birmingham.

Shaken, Cole suffered slight shoulder pains and a strained back, according to his physician.

CANCELLED 3 SHOWS
Cole flew to Chicago the morning after the incident. His doctor advised him to take a couple of days rest before continuing the tour with the "Star Record Review of 1956," a package show including the British band of Ted Heath's, June Christy and the Four Freshmen, a singing group.

The three engagements cancelled were at Greenville, S. C., Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C. He resumed at Richmond, Va. Saturday.

But controversy was still raging this week over Nat Cole's appearances before Jim Crow audiences in the South — the land of the bus boycott and Autherine Lucy.

Asked why he sang before segregated audiences, Cole, while in Chicago, said:

"We have a lot of Negroes there. I'm a performing artist and I entertain Negroes as well as whites."

"I don't think I can help matters by totally ignoring the South. Whites buy my records, as well as Negroes, and they're entitled to hear me, too. My tour was arranged long before the bus boycott of the Autherine Lucy school riots. Tension was already mounting when we got there."

ATTEMPT RIOT
"The three thugs who attacked me were trying to incite a riot, but the rest of the audience — all white — didn't move. Some cried out to see and hear him."

The incident took place as Cole was appearing before 4,000 whites in the Municipal auditorium, and as a like number of Negroes waited in line outside the auditorium to see and hear him.

The singer said he "was glad" the attack happened. "It needed to happen to someone like me — an internationally known star, not a politician," he said.

Cole said a white promoter, Eli Weinberg, promoted the Birmingham show. "He knew what he was doing," said Cole. "He knew we had a mixed show."

"What happened to me in Birmingham was not a personal affront. I believe that when those few racists saw me, they also saw the Supreme Court and the NAACP."

PRIDE WAS HURT
"The South is getting better. We can't improve conditions by ignoring it, altogether. The night before I was attacked, Negroes and whites in Mobile, Ala., viewed the show together. I don't believe all the whites are bad, just as all of them are not good."

"As a performer I must play where people want to hear me. My being there helps spread a little goodwill, too. The people who came to see me — some paid \$4.80 a seat — are going away with a new attitude."

"We have to show the segregationists that we are bigger than they are. My pride was hurt, but I'm glad it happened to me. It brought something new to light."

"I'll continue to go South and fight in my own way — just as the NAACP fights in its own way."

Seeks Broader Federal Powers For 'Rights'

Broader Federal powers in handling civil rights cases have been asked by the Eisenhower Administration in a plan proposed to Congress last week.

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell asked Congress to create a new civil rights division in the Justice Department.

The proposed new division was one of the major points in a general civil rights program put before Congress by the Attorney General with President Eisenhower's endorsement.

It was further proposed that a civil rights commission be created with power to investigate denials of voting rights or "unwarranted economic pressures" based on color, race, religion or national origin. In addition, Brownell asked for broadened general authority in the field of civil rights.

He proposed that he be given power to bring civil actions against any conspiracy involving use of force or other disguises to deprive any citizen of equal treatment under the law. He asked similar authority as to conspiracies or threats toward witnesses before federal grand or trial juries.

CITIZENS HAMPERED
It was further proposed that any private citizen believing his civil rights have been denied be allowed to complain to a federal court. At present, a citizen cannot turn to the federal courts until he has exhausted every effort to have state courts deal with his grievance.

Another proposal is that the Attorney General be empowered to bring civil injunction proceedings in behalf of aggrieved individuals . . . and that laws dealing with intimidation of a voter be broadened. At present, federal statutes for intimidation reach only to state officials and not to private individuals.

In Congress, the proposals go in the normal course to the judiciary committees of the Senate and House.

Rep. Keating of New York, top Republican on the House group, told reporters he thinks the proposals "have an excellent chance, at least on the House side."

The Senate committee chairman is Sen. Eastland of Mississippi.

Bishop

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to the general conference. Several carloads of friends and workers will join Dr. Nelson in Miami to help work for his election.

Dr. Ben Hill, of Tulsa, Okla., is general campaign manager for Dr. Nelson. J. W. Clarke is chairman of the Nelson club with Mrs. C. V. Burrow as co-chairman. The advisory committee has Rev. B. W. Alexander as chairman and Evangelist Rheola Jackson as co-chairman.

Artificial silk has been produced from wood pulp and other cellulose content materials such as cotton.

are: E. L. Vinson, 25; Orless W. Cleveger, 18; Mike Fox, 36; and Jesse Mabry, 43.

Defense attorneys unsuccessfully sought to have the police court cases postponed and to have each of the defendants tried separately. Judge Parker overruled both motions.

Cole, shaken up but not injured in the attack, flew to Chicago for examination by his personal physician and for a brief rest. He resumed his southern concert tour Saturday.

La. Red Suspect, Eastland Clash

WASHINGTON—(INS)—A cafeteria worker clashed with Senate investigators last week when he refused to answer charges that he led three lives while organizing and leading Communists in New Orleans.

The witness, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, heatedly denied that he tried to dodge a subpoena issued for him by the Senate internal security subcommittee.

Accusing the Senate group of "inquisition," O'Dell charged police invaded his rights by searching his former lodgings and taking books and documents that belonged to him.

CARDS FOUND
However, he refused to say whether social security cards found there in the names of "Ben Jones" and "John Vesey" belonged to him or whether he used them while "operating under their separate identities."

Subcommittee Chief Counsel Robert Morris said O'Dell could not be found when a process server sought him at the "Holsum Cafeteria" in New Orleans because he was working "under the name of Ben Jones."

O'Dell, insisting he "most certainly did not" evade a summons, refused to answer numerous questions under the fifth amendment.

REJECT STATEMENT
O'Dell attempted unsuccessfully to read what he called "a simple statement" containing a sharp attack on subcommittee chairman James O. Eastland (D) Miss.

The statement, handed to newsmen by O'Dell, accused Eastland of being anti-Negro, anti-labor, anti-free press, anti-world peace and anti-free voting. It called for "immediate" expulsion of Eastland from the Senate.

Eastland refused to let O'Dell read the statement. The Senator said: "It is a personal attack on me." O'Dell snapped back: "Well this investigation is a personal attack on me."

MUM ON RED TIES
O'Dell refused to say whether he is or has been district organizer of the Communist party in New Orleans, was Communist Marine coordinator on the Gulf Coast, attended party meetings and leadership schools in New York and Baton Rouge, or ordered Reds under his "discipline" not to register in compliance with law.

He also refused to say whether he had been photographed with Paul Robeson, singer who has been accused of Communist activities.

Contest
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to determine the winners in the contest.

Miss Towles, professor of music and artist in residence at the Nashville university, has been hailed by critics as an excellent pianist. She will offer during the program numbers from Brahms, Debussy and Chopin.

Schools one through 12 will compete for a TV set in the sale of tickets to the program. The school selling the highest number of tickets will be awarded the prize.

A TV set will be awarded to the class at Booker T. Washington High school which sells the largest number of tickets.

A. C. Williams, of WDIA, will serve as master of ceremonies on the program. In addition, the popular Teen Towners, under his supervision, will appear.

Report To The Nation

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa.—Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, and three other Lincoln alumni prominent in civil rights court cases, will present a panel "Report to the Nation" on desegregation as a feature of the Lincoln university commencement exercises, scheduled for June 5.

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ALL CHICAGO Hour of Prayer and report meeting at the Caliseum Wednesday night featured speeches and reports on the fight for racial equality in the South. Among the 100 clergymen and speakers who

participated were, left to right, the Rev. Archibald J. Carey, pastor, Quinn Chapel AME church; Willoughby Abner, president of the Chicago branch, NAACP; Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, NAACP;

the Rev. Augustus Bennett, pastor, Grace Presbyterian church; Rabbi Eric Freedland, president, Chicago Rabbinical association, and the Rev. Morris H. Tynes, pastor, Monumental Baptist church.

82 Honored At LeMoyne Convocation

LeMoyne college honored its students who made outstanding scholastic records during the last year at its annual Honors Convocation on April 9.

During the program, sponsored by the Kappa Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Dean Ernest Hooper presented certificates to eighty-two students who had been named to the Dean's List for their high academic records during the second semester of last year and the first semester of this year.

FULL TUITION
A representative of the Protestant Religious Council at Southwestern awarded Miss Evelyn Myrna Bond, of 993 Looney, a full tuition scholarship.

Ulysses Leroy Campbell of 253 Burdock received a full tuition scholarship from the Pan-Hellenic Council of LeMoyne college.

The full tuition Goodman Scholarship, awarded in memory of Abe Goodman, was presented by Charlie Goodman, son of Abe Goodman and trustee of the College, to George W. Cox, of 2719 Supreme.

Ida Ruth Clowers of 789-H Williams received a \$100 scholarship from the Black and White Stores for the first semester.

THRIFT SHOP AWARD
Mrs. Norman Esenberg presented a full tuition scholarship from the LeMoyne college Thrift Shop to Bertha B. Ford, of 1314 Philadelphia, Doris J. Jackson, of 2124 York, Celia Williams, of 3593 Weaver Road, Lila B. Smith, of 698 Boston st., Ezekiel Owens of 2478 Winona, and Russell L. Gregory of 1509 Rayner st.

The College Awards of \$200 were presented by Mrs. Eva Hill Eastman to Rosa L. Jackson, of 605 Carpenter, Cleophas Hudson of 839 Harley St., Sarah J. Parker, of 1089 Beach Place, Shady Lee Parker, of 777 Speed, and Juanita Johnson, of 395-H Wellington st.

Miss. Blvd. Women Slate Rev. Smith

The women of Mississippi Boulevard church will culminate a month of many interesting and cultural activities with their Women's Day Drive on Sunday, April 22, at 11 o'clock worship.

Rev. Kelley Miller Smith, pastor of First Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., will be the guest speaker. You are invited to be present and hear this eloquent speaker.

An International Social was held at the church on Sunday, April 8, when representatives of five countries took part in an outstanding discussion of world affairs. On Friday, April 13, a "Manless Wedding" was presented in

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PICTURED ARE Ulysses Campbell, LeMoyne college junior, and James Bishop, sophomore, who were awarded Dean Certificates With Highest Honors for both the Spring semester of last year and the Fall semester of this year, at the LeMoyne Honors Convocation on April 9.

Ouita Brown, Gloria Wade, and William Spencer were also awarded Certificates With Highest Honors for the Fall Semester and Helen Harris and Doris June Jackson received Honor Certificates for the Spring Semester.

Very Heartening: First Cancer Crusade Report

The response to the first few days of the April Cancer Crusade has been termed "very heartening" by Edward F. Barry, general campaign chairman.

Mr. Barry said Memphis and Shelby County residents gave \$9,000 during the first six days of the Cancer Crusade. Campaign leaders hope to raise over \$70,000 during the campaign which lasts throughout the month of April.

AWARENESS SEEN
"Citizens have shown an awareness of the great need to combat this insidious killer through their quick response to the 100,000 letters sent out around the first of the month," Mr. Barry said.

Workers of the Memphis and Shelby County Unit of the American Cancer Society, have completed the task of mailing out 100,000 letters citing the need for increased public education and public service work of the American Cancer Society and its affiliates.

Red return envelopes addressed to Albert Woodridge, treasurer, Manhattan Branch, Union Planters National Bank, have already begun to come in.

"I hope every citizen of Shelby County will use these envelopes to give what they can to the Cancer Crusade," Mr. Barry said. "One out of four persons who get cancer today is saved, but the ratio could be as much as three out of four with expanded research and public education."

The letter also contained a gummed sticker listing the 7 Danger Signals of Cancer. Everyone was urged to post this in a place for ready reference.

"THANK GOD"
A letter received by Cancer Crusade leaders points out the value of the work of the local and national units of the American Cancer Society.

Enclosed was a contribution with the following message: "As a cancer victim myself, I realize the importance of the fight against this terrible scourge. It was through the educational program of the Cancer Crusade that I first became alarmed about a black mole, which proved cancerous. But thank God, it was probably caught in time."

NEW BILLARD MARK
Michigan State is the first school to win national inter-collegiate billiards titles two consecutive years. The Spartans won in 1955 and 1956.

All of these events were well attended. Mrs. H. A. Gilliam is chairman of the Women's Day drive, and co-chairman is Mrs. Le Eleonor Reed. Rev. Blair T. Hunt is pastor.

Federal Worker Gets \$134 Prize

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Anna Belle Lacey, employee relations clerk of the Farmers Home Administration, was presented a citation and a cash award of \$134 last week for "sustained superior performance of her duties."

In selecting Mrs. Lacey for this outstanding award, the agency

took into account her exceptional knowledge of the application of regulations covering employee compensation, an important part of her work; and reviewed her services to the USDA home awards program, to the preparation of "Capital Chatter" and other employee activities.

WAISTLINE FETE

The Social Wonder Club will hold a colorful **WAISTLINE PARTY** on April 21, at 8 p.m. at 971 Leath, with Mrs. C. Westbrook as hostess. The public is cordially invited.

Plan Reunion Of 5 Classes At LeMoyne

Plans are taking shape for reunion of Le Moyne graduates of classes of 1896, 1916, 1936, 1946.

A chairman for each group has been selected and they are as follows: 1896, LaFayette Branch; 1906, John L. Saddler; 1916, Ira Richard Emery; 1926, Aaron Cox; 1936, Mrs. Kathryn Perry Thomas; 1946, Samuel Goodloe.

The chairman of each class is responsible for contacting all of the members of his class to make plans for individual class activities mapping plans for a program for presenting at reunion time and encouraging each member to give a financial gift to the college. It is hoped that this class will give a substantial amount to be added to the amount given by the reunion class last year on a concert grand piano that is so very much needed in the new Health and Recreation building, C. Arthur Bruce hall.

A unique program has been outlined for reunion time and has met the approval of President Holts Price. Reunion activities will start on Saturday, May 26, and will end on Monday, May 28, with a reception for the graduating class of 1956, immediately following commencement.

Mrs. Charles P. Roland is serving as coordinator for the reunion activities.

Letters have been mailed to each member of the reunion classes outlining the activities and are to be followed up by the chairman of each particular class.

Clinton Guy Is Firestone Award Winner

Clinton H. Guy, Jr., son of Clinton H. Guy, 530 North Second, has won a four-year Firestone College Scholarship Award, Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., chairman of the Firestone Tire and Rubber co., announced.

The scholarship is one of 29 awarded by the Firestone company to sons and daughters of its employees in 2 states, and one of the three presented in the Memphis area.

The scholarship provides full tuition, academic fees, textbooks and part of living costs. It is renewable annually until requirements for an academic degree are fulfilled, providing satisfactory scholastic standings are maintained and all other qualifications are met.

Guy is a senior at Manassas High school where he has been



CLINTON H. GUY, JR.

a member of the Math Club for four years, the Nature Study club for three years, and the Camera Club for two years. He has sung in the choir of Ebenezer Baptist church since he was in the ninth grade.

The scholarship winner plans to enroll this Fall at Michigan State where he will study electrical engineering.

He is one of the 80 students who will be enrolled in colleges and universities under the Firestone scholarship program this September. Including those who have graduated, 92 sons and daughters of employees have won these scholarships since the program was adopted in 1953.

Besides providing these scholarships for children of employees, the company is contributing substantially each year to foundations of independent colleges and universities in those states where Firestone plants are located.

Two hundred and seventy-nine sons and daughters of Firestone employees, representing 43 high schools, applied for Firestone Scholarships this year. All applications were carefully reviewed by an impartial group of judges in selecting the best qualified students for the awards.

Guy's father, Clinton H. Guy, Sr., works in the Rubber Preparation Department at the Memphis tire plant.



A JUNIOR King and Queen were crowned in a beautiful ceremony at the Summerfield Baptist church last Sunday. Crowned by Mrs. L. D. Sanders, of Mt. Zion Baptist church Extended, were Miss

Sandra Lott, third from left seated, as queen, and Calvin Sims, to the queen's right, as king. All the youngsters seen were candidates in the contest sponsored by the Missionary Society of the church.

Seated from left are: Maxine Robinson, Patricia Williams, Queen Lott, King-Sims, Brenda Matthews, Philis Jean McWright. Standing, same order, are: Charles Taylor, E. L. Smith, Reginald Collier and Ju-

nious Collier. Mrs. Lucile Joyner is Missionary Society, Mrs. Mamie Jones is secretary, and Rev. L. Brookins is church pastor. (Newson Photo)

'36 W. Va. Class Plans Reunion

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—The Class of 1936 of West Virginia State college has set up a re-union committee for the class gathering at State College, May 29, Commencement Day.

Felix T. Warren, class president, is asking all graduates of the 1936 class to contact him. Members of the Committee appointed by Warren are:

Dr. Max Johnson, Harrisburg, Pa.; Dr. Roscoe Henderson, Indianapolis; Attorney Fred Yates and Thomas Fawcett of Detroit; Atty. John D. Johnson, Miami; Dorsey Glover, San Francisco; Mrs. Irene Ambrose, Virgin Islands; Ruby Collins Brown, Cleveland; Kenneth Sanders, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Gladys Bradley Jones, Baltimore; Walter P. Hairston, Winston-Salem; Irving A. Baker, New York City; Constance (Dit) Davis Welch, Langston, and Dr. Harold W. Harvey, Charleston, W. Va.

Clarksville, Tennessee

By FRANCIS L. YOUNG

The officers and members of the Garrett Hollinsworth Post No. 9789 VFW 1010 E. College St. are proud to announce that Clarksville, Tenn., has the largest Negro Post in the State and our present membership is well over 100 percent over last year.

The following persons will serve as elective officers for 1956-57: Willie Radcliff, post commander; Robert Morris, senior vice commander; Clarence Smith, Jr., vice commander; Benard E. Coleman, quartermaster; Claude C. Campbell, chaplain; John Galbreath, 3 Year Trustee; Elias Fletcher, 2 year Trustee; and John Stewart, 1 year Trustee.

House Committee: Otis Martin, chairman; John E. Young, Benny G. Woodson, Samuel Thomas, club manager and winner of more awards for membership than any other member.

This post has long maintained lead in Community Service Work and this year entered a Scrapbook in the State VFW Contest. In support of our school the post purchased \$37 worth of tickets for a bus to transport the children of Cobb Elementary school to the Army for a very fine evening of entertainment. Installation of Officers will be at the next regular meeting Sunday, April 22 at Post Club House.

All members are urged to be present and on time.

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AFROTC "BRASS" attend air convocation. Tennessee State University Cadet Major Reuben Davis (left) of Memphis and Cadet Lieutenant Flem Otey, Jr., of Nashville — just back from Colorado — discuss their official report to be made this week to University's AFROTC Detachment

Number 790. Davis and Otey were delegates to the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Air Force Cadets in Denver where 500 cadets from thirty-eight of the United States gathered and heard much of the critical need of AFROTC students who will make the air force a career. "The War-

rrior Who Cultivates His Mind Polishes His Arms" was the theme around which the convocation centered attention for the four-day period. One cadet from Howard university and two from Tuskegee Institute brought the number of Negroes attending the convocation to five.

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AWARDED THRIFT SHOP SCHOLARSHIP — Mrs. Norman Isenberg presented full tuition scholarships from the LeMoyn College Thrift Shop to (l. to r.) Bertha Ford, Celia Williams, Ezekiel Owens, Lila B. Smith, Doris J. Jackson, and Russell Gregory, during the annual Honors Convocation on Monday, April 9. (Hooks Photo).



ST. JUDE BAPTIST

The senior choir of St. Jude Baptist church is giving its Annual Fellowship Tea Sunday, from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. A musical program will be rendered, also. G. W. Mitchell is the president. Conduction of Sunday school will be under the supervision of William H. Davis. It will start at 9:15 a. m. At 11 a. m., the morning worship convenes. The pastor, Rev. O. C. Crivens, will deliver the message.

Mrs. Easter Charles will be in charge of the Baptist Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Regular service will be held at 8 p. m. **PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST** Revival is now being held at the Progressive Baptist church. The Evangelist is the Rev. B. G. Gilbert of Second Mt. Carmel Ohio. Wednesday, April 25, will mark the climax of the service. Sunday school will be held at 9 a. m. A. J. Terry is the superintendent. The Baptist Training Union begins at 6 p. m.

ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST The Ministers' Wives Auxiliary is sponsoring a program at St. Stephen Baptist church, Sunday, at 3 p. m. Rev. C. Thomas Page will officiate. The No. 1 choir will furnish the music. Mrs. O. C. Crivens is the president.

Dr. F. L. Seshen will preside during the Sunday school service at 9:15 a. m. The pastor, Rev. O. C. Crivens, will deliver the sermon at 11 a. m. The No. 2 and junior choirs will sing.

Rev. Joseph Wilson, Jr., will direct the Baptist Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening service will be held at 8 p. m. **MARTIN TEMPLE MEMORIAL CME** Sunday is Annual Missionary Society Day at the Martin Temple Memorial CME church. The pastor of Bloomfield Baptist church, Rev. L. S. Biles, will be guest speaker. The ushers and choir of the church will serve. Several have been invited. Mrs. Rosalie Lee is the president.

Christian Young Fellowship will be held at 6:30 p. m. Beginning the day's worship will be the Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Miss Anna J. Goodloe is the superintendent. The morning worship follows at 11 a. m. Rev. L. A. Storey, the pastor, will deliver the sermon.

Regular service will be held at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Geraldine Sims is the church reporter.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST The congregation of Mt. Moriah Baptist church will observe Men's Day Sunday. One of the highlights will be a fellowship breakfast in the lower level of the church at 8 a. m. Harvey Smith is the general chairman.

Service at the house of reverence, Sunday, will be regular. P. J. Nelson will get the worship under way with conduct of Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. An inspiring address by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Norsworthy will be heard during the morning service at 11 a. m. Combined choirs will render music.

The Baptist Training Union at 6:30 p. m. will be under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Norsworthy. There will be service at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Maedelle Smith is the church reporter.

NEW TYLER AME It will be a regular day for the

membership of New Tyler AME church, Sunday. The pastor, Rev. H. W. Hennings, will deliver two thought-provoking messages. They will be presented during the 11 a. m. service and the 7:30 p. m. service. The No. 2 choir will furnish music for both services.

Mrs. Alma Bowen and Prof. Isaiah Goodrich, Jr., will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The ACE League will be directed by Miss J. Flowers. It starts at 5:30 p. m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST The Senior choir of New Hope Baptist church is sponsoring a program at the house of worship Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Joe Taylor will speak.

Sam Marshall will be in charge of the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The service at 11 a. m. will be spotlighted by a sermon. Rev. Frozell Jamison will deliver it.

Baptist Training Union is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. **ST. JAMES AME** Bishop E. C. Hatcher, the presiding prelate of the 13th Episcopal district, will speak at the 3 p. m. service, Sunday, at the St. James AME church. All AME churches are expected to be present.

The public is invited. Rev. H. C. Nabrit is the pastor.

Also at 3 p. m. will be the cul-

Truman Gibson Joins Ike Top Rooters Board

Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Chicago attorney, and registered Democrat has been appointed to the advisory board of National Citizens for Eisenhower by John Reed Kilpatrick, national chairman.

Well known in Illinois sports presentations, Mr. Gibson also is a member of the National Travelers Aid and is active in the Chicago branch of the National Polio Foundation. He is secretary of the Chicago Land Clearance committee and in 1939, was appointed counsel for Carl Hansberry in long litigation involving racial restrictive covenants in the Washington Park housing area of Chicago. The case was won for Mr. Hansberry by Mr. Gibson.

Grambling Choir Sings At LeMoyn April 24

LeMoyn college will present the Grambling college choir of Grambling, La., in a concert in C. Arthur Bruce Hall at 8:30 p. m., on April 24.

This presentation is a part of the LeMoyn Spring Festival, which began on April 16 and will continue through April 27. All

the events during the Festival, including this concert, are free and open to the public.

The thirty-six voice Grambling Choir, under the direction of Mr. L. L. Lusk, will present the following program at LeMoyn.

I
Grant Me True Courage, Lord — Bach
Forever Worthy Is Thy Lamb — Tschaikowsky
The Creation — Richter

II
If With All Your Hearts — Wilson
Go To Dark Gethsemane — Noble
One God — Drake

III
Hear Me, Ye Minds and Waves — Handel
Oh! What a Beautiful City! — Arranged by Boatner
I Believe — Drake-Lusk

IV
Yonder Come Day — Arranged by Hall
As By The Streams of Babylon — Arranged by Lett
Soon a Will Be Done — Arranged by Dawson
Don't Call The Roll Church — Arranged by Dett
Roll Chariot — Arranged by Cain

V
Songs of Conquest — McDonald
Soloists on the program include Mary Ellen Brown, Gloria Butler, and Marjorie Cage, sopranos; Coleman Callahan, baritone; and Herbert Mitchell, Tenor.

AlphaPhiAlpha To Raise 10Gs For Boycott

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the oldest Greek letter organization open to Negroes, has announced the start of a campaign to raise \$10,000 by Alpha men all over the country to help in the fight by the people in Montgomery.

Frank L. Stanley, general president, said in an appeal to the fraternity's membership: "Remember, you too were indicted when the forces of hate arrested our fraternal and racial brothers."

Alpha Phi Alpha's general officers were present at the recent trial in Montgomery and presented a check to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., chairman of the Montgomery Improvement association.

It was also announced that Alpha Phi Alpha will celebrate its 50th anniversary August 7-11 in Buffalo. Headquarters for the convention will be the Hotel Statler.

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"BEHOLD THE CABOOSE!" While many people in our day and time are wrapped up in the indifference of our church, I am forced to stop and wonder.

Sometime ago I was in Louisville, Ky., attending a meeting. A young man studying for the ministry approached me and told me that there was one thing that disturbed him no little. I at once became curious and wanted to know what was bothering the young aspirant so deeply.

He told me that when he stood on the sidelines and watched burning issues being completely ignored by the church it bothered him. He went on to say that the church was always like the caboose when it should be like the engine. Now time has gone on, days have turned into weeks and weeks into months and months into years but for some unknown reason every now and then this young thought advanced by this enthusiastic young preacher marches before me and I am forced to stop and wonder.

THEN THE CABOOSE
Everything tends to just that. Long after the smoke has died away and much of the noise that is characteristic of pulling many coaches up an incline has faded into the distance, along comes a caboose. Is not this the color of our day and time? Many people who have been blessed with the goodness of God have satisfied themselves with the idea that it is not my business. Many people who you would have thought to be out on the firing lines of the social, moral, economic, educational and spiritual evils of our day are satisfied to sit on the sidelines and watch the game go on. Many, far too many of us are just like that caboose. We can always come on the scene when the smoke and heat of the battle have gone away.

LOST THEMSELVES
Sometimes I have to stop and wonder if our churches are being lulled into complacency with material wealth and moral indifference. Sometimes I wonder if somewhere down the highway of life those who have been entrusted with the development of moral and spiritual individuals along life highway have not themselves become lost. It appears that way to me!

SLEEP ON NOW
Well, I know many of you wonder why I write as I do this week; it is just this: My paper last night informed me that a certain group of churchmen went on record as accepting this controversial issue of integration as being right.

DID IT JUST GET RIGHT?
Where have these good brethren been so long that they have just awakened the engine huffing a n d puffing has passed by this place a long time ago. A whole lot of cars squeaking beneath the local have gone on up the highway and now sitting back in a caboose we find some men who have been resting and too reserve to take a stand coming out saying, "Oh, yes, it is right now."

Brethren, the world has waited a long time for you to speak out. While you were keeping quiet for the sake of expediency, men in all walks of life have lost respect for you. No need to speak now. The crisis has passed a long time ago. The Christ of the Garden of Gethsemane has been out there praying until blood and sweat have mingled and coming like water. The soldiers have now come to bear Him away to Pilate's court. All that has been needed to carry on the battle has now been used and now a tired old body is carried into court after court to stand trial. You have satisfied yourselves to sleep during the critical moments of the strife — "Sleep on now, the hour is at hand!"

Yes the hour is at hand, but the tragic thing is many of us are like that caboose — we have come on the scene late, far too late.

Mother's Club Of Galloway Discusses Tea

The Mother's Club of the Galloway Kindergarten met Tuesday, April 3 at the kindergarten. Mrs. Bertha Gray, Mrs. Sallie Rogers and Mrs. Theodora Gray were the hostesses who made everything very pleasant.

Business included the discussion of the tea to be held in the near future. Plans were made for the club's participation in the Cotton Carnival. A junior king and queen will be chosen from the ones selling the highest number of tickets.

Officers of the Mother's club are: Mrs. Lucy Ambrose, president, Mrs. Martha Jones, vice president, Mrs. Bertha Gray, secretary, Mrs. Willie V. Brown, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Sallie Rogers, treasurer. Mrs. M. L. Galloway is advisor. She is the founder of the kindergarten. Faculty members include Mrs. Dorothy Talley, and Mrs. Irons.

The next meeting will be held on May 1 at the kindergarten, with hostesses being Mrs. Ruby Tate, Mrs. Thelma Hines and Mrs. Gracie Macklin

NCC Honor Roll
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ANOTHER GROUP of young performers were presented to the large WDIA radio audience over the listenable Big Star show which, each week, gives Mid-South boys and girls the opportunity to express their many and varied talents. Included in this broadcast were: First row left to right: Bennie Lee Jr., Willie Daniel, Robert Webb and Edward Jefferson. Second row left to right: Rose Benson, Freddie Braxton and Enla Craft. If you would like to be given FREE audition try-out for the Big Star show, just contact WDIA and an audition time will be arranged. Choral groups from schools and colleges are especially invited.



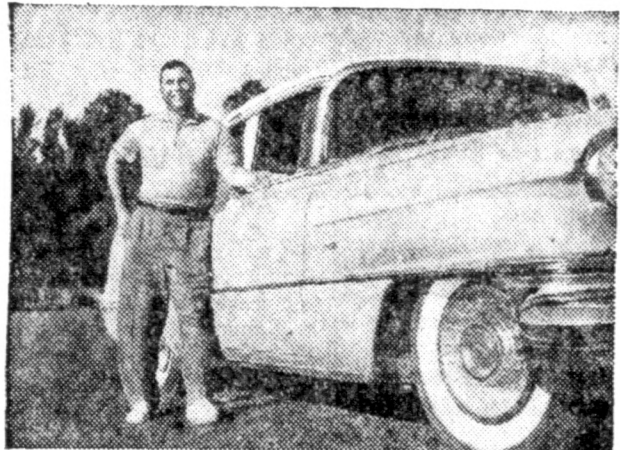
PHELIX HIGH Majorettes, looking pretty for the camera man at the high school in Marion, Ark., are, first row, left to right: Shirley Balle, Eleanor Gilkey, Barbara Jean McCoy, Helen Jean Easley and Earline Owens. Second row, same order: Miss F. J. Harris, instructor; Lois Harris, Rosa Lee Williams, Doris Braggio and Thelma Jean Woods. (Purdy Photo)



CHEER LEADERS at Phelix High in Marion, Ark., are real inspiration givers for athletes of the school. Four of them here are Patricia Mason, Dorothy Sprattlin, Willie Mae Burns and Verdean Smithers. (Purdy Photo)

Omeegas To Celebrate Talent Hunt

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The Omegas Psi Phi fraternity Talent Hunt will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Sixth District meeting to be held here, April 27-29. The idea aims at the discovery and encouragement of outstanding musical talent among high school students. Besides the cash awards presented to the winners in local chapter and district eliminations, at least four youths have been given substantial scholarship assistance for additional training during the past 10 years. The program, to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Sixth District, is scheduled for the Northwest Junior High school, Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m.



ROY CAMPANELLA TAKES TIME OUT from spring training to pose with his new car—and to belt a golf ball a country mile. (But his proudest possession is his new yacht, and he really prefers belting a baseball.) Campy also prefers Luckies. "The minute I light up a Lucky," he says, "—then I'm living!"



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Born At John Gaston Hospital:
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A son to Sam and Tiny Gwin, of 606 Handy Mall.
Linda Fay Maxwell, a daughter, to Price and Lottie Maxwell, of 4727 Dodd Rd.
Edward Jerome Smith, a son, to Aubrey L. and Lorene Smith, of 776 Marianna.
Christine Earl, a daughter, to Howard and Christine Earl, of 1813 Belmont Cir.
APRIL 8, 1956
Linda Elion, a daughter, to Lorene and Florence Elion, of 1364 Kney.
Angela Marie Waters, a daughter, to James and Doris Waters, of 321 Walker.
Deborah Ann Langston, a daughter, to Milton and Bernice Langston, of 2246 Curry.
Sheenan Murnell, a daughter, to Troy and Evelyn Murnell, of 449 Frazier.
Gregory VonZell Murphy, a son, to Booker T. and Emma Murphy, of 1634 Field.
Chester Dean Ward, a son, to Sylvester and Ruby Ward, of 2408 Hunter.
Rickie Lee Birse, a son, to Henry and Minnie Birse, of 2885 Summer.
Lloyd Carl Seals, a son, to Lonnie Charles Seals, a son, to Lonnie B. and Princess of 670 McKinney.
Edna Earl Woods, a daughter, to Harrison and Eldora Woods, of 645 Buntyn.
APRIL 9, 1956
Cheryl Renee Freeman, a daughter, to Willie F. and Jo Ann Freeman, of 54 Wisconsin.
Patricia Ann Allen, a daughter, to Dan and Velma Allen, of 1213 Looney.
Terry Lee McGray, a son, to Hubert and Ruby McGray, of 10 W. Trigg.
Alex Jones, Jr., a son, to Alex and Mildred of 1383 Bellevue.
Pearlie Mae Graham, a daughter, to Raymond and Arguster Graham, of 1424 Felix.
LaWanda Jo Smith, a daughter, to George and Celestine Smith, of 127 No. Watkins.
Shirley Elaine Brown, a daughter, to Fred and Ethel Brown, of 117 E. Farrow.
Keith Kendall Tolliver, a son, to Lehman D. and Marie Tolliver, of 1984 Frisco.
Gwendolyn Rose, a daughter, to Adell and Clotha Rose, of 2143 Farmer.
A daughter, to James and Marie Bates, of 682 Concord.
APRIL 12, 1956
Janet Alice Duncan, a daughter, to Alfred and Bobbie Duncan, of 1146 No. Dunlap.
Audrey Kay Qualls, a daughter, to Howard and Annie Jualls, of 1703 Harrison.
Eula Marie Jones, a daughter, to Frank and Ophelia Jones, of 1465 Locust.
Deborah Kay Jones, a daughter, to George and Robia Jones, of 732 Williams.
Jeanie Ruth Shorter, a daughter, to Charlie and Rosie Shorter, of 808 Lucas.
George Alexander, Jr., a son, to George and Josephine Alexander, of 1099 White.
James Oliver Davis, a son, to George and Amelia Davis, of 1072 Manassas.
Verna Kay Chambers, a daughter, to Lawrence and Lemichola Chambers, of 1450 May St.
Barbara Ann Lane, a daughter, to Sledge and Pauline Lane, of 678 Vance.
APRIL 11, 1956
Katie Ann Ford, a daughter, to Willie and Lurether Ford, of 268 Monroe.
Dennis Wayne Nelson, a son, to Eddie and Viola Nelson, of 2477 Shasta.
A daughter, to John and Virgie Bledsoe, of 1076 Mosby.
Michael Walker, a son, to William and Dorothy Walker, of 1888 Person.
Vince Ricari Williams, a son, to Clyde and Shirley Williams, of 1089 So. Fourth.
Sybrinda LaShalle Bolds, a daughter, to James M. and Burnie Bolds, of 3047 Yale.
C. W. McElroy, Jr., a son, to C. W. and Virgie McElroy, of 181 Gaston.
Wanda Pricelles Warmley, a daughter, to Odell and Jean Warmley, of 300 South Wellington.
Lee Andrew Wilbon, a son, to Willie and Burdett Wilbon, of 1112 Indiana.
Patricia Douglas, a daughter, to James and Mable Douglas, of 2127 Clayton.
Howard Anderson, Jr., a son, to Howard and Bessie Anderson, of 623 Exchange.
Elbert Earl Ealy, a son, to Charlie and Minnie Ealy, of 1638 Barton.
A son, to Edgar F. and Leola Gray, of 928 Mosby.
APRIL 13, 1956
Linda Fay Mangum, a daughter, to Jake and Odessa Mangum, of 2916 Ketchum.
James Earl Herrine, a son, to Percy L. and Betty Herrine, of 836 Walker.
Minuse Jones, Jr., a son, to Minuse and May Frances Jones, of 1392 Lyceum.
Thelma Jackson, a daughter, to Altonzo and Velma Jackson, of 1595 Alex.
Field Edward Lewis, a son, to Peyton and Charity Lewis, of 1452 Caradine.
Caldwell Hughes, a son, to L. B. and Gertie Hughes, of 1795 Melner.
A daughter, to Robert and Lula Jones, of 1002 N. Second.
An average diamond loses about one-half its total weight in the process of cutting and polishing, but it also doubles in value.

Hundreds Flock To School Science Fair

(See Photo — This Edition)

A "Science Fair", attracting hundreds of Washington High students along with scores of visitors from other schools in the city, was presented in the Blair T. Hunt Gymnasium, of 715 S. Lauderdale, last Friday afternoon. It was a mammoth presentation of student activities and accomplishments in high school science offerings in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology and general science. The large gymnasium was lined completely with tables, science equipment and student demonstrators and narrators, giving a graphic portrayal of many developments in the world of science. It was particularly significant as an expression of the renewed emphasis on scientific study in American schools.

Prof. William Lowe, head of the Science Department of Washington High school, stated that the objective of the "Fair" was to focus attention on what is being offered in science in the Memphis public schools, and to show how Washington students, from grades 9 through 12, are responding to their introduction to such scientific marvels as electronics and other phenomena of the atomic age.

MOST EXTENSIVE
The Washington Carver Club (named in honor of the famed Negro scientist, George W. Carver) has sponsored a science show since its organization over a decade ago. But this year's show was the most ambitious and extensive in the club's history. Scores of Washington students took part. The interest and enthusiasm of all the students and teachers were immediately apparent.

Other high schools and some of the elementary schools in the city are slated to present similar scientific exhibitions. Hamilton High school has already presented its "Fair", the first among the local schools for this year.

Mr. Lowe stated that the science teachers in the schools are

looking towards the time when they can combine their efforts in a city-wide school "Science Fair", showing the over-all picture of what is being done toward giving Memphis public school children fundamental training in scientific subjects in this Age of Science.

BTW's Annual Ballet Scheduled For May 1st

The famed Booker T. Washington High school "ballet", an annual spring talent presentation of Washington students, with more than a quarter of a century of tradition behind it, will be presented Tuesday night, May 1, at Ellis Auditorium in the South Hall.

Over the years, scores and even hundreds of Washington students have been members of the large casts which stage the annual show. Over the years the Washington "ballet", a name which has persisted, despite the character of the presentation, has featured singing, dancing and dramatic talents among the more than 2,000 members of the school's student body. Every year the show has followed a pattern and had a theme.

This year's "ballet" is entitled "Moods In Harmony". It is divided into four scenes designed to depict varying moods in the musical tastes and expressions of the times. However, greater emphasis will be placed on dancing this year than in most other ballets.

NHA Plans Session At A&T College

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Arrangements for what is expected to be the largest convention in the history of the North Carolina Home-makers of America to be held at A and T college, April 21, are now complete.

This is the assertion of Mrs. Marie C. Moffitt, Durham, state advisor, who spent several days here last week checking final plans. She said advance registrations indicate a record turnout, probably as many as 1,400 young high school lassies.

Besides the usual convention activities, there will be special honors for outstanding achievement, election of honorary members and general business. Featured address will be delivered by Miss Boletha Frojen, visiting lecturer at Woman's College.

Officers of the state organization are: Rosa Outerbridge, president; Margaret Patterson, vice president; Dorothy Hall, secretary; Lena Helton, treasurer; Ann Sawyer, parliamentarian; Carolyn Corker, reporter and Geraldine Boney, song leader.

This is in keeping with the general trend, suggested by television and the vaudeville stage, to stress meaning more in the dances Americans love and perform.

Miss Mynette Sims, a Washington graduate and former co-ed at Pine Bluff, Ark., is serving as choreographer in teaching the medley of dance routines which will be featured, along with production numbers for popular songs and dramatic skits and dialogue.

The annual show is given, as observed by Prof. Blair T. Hunt, principal, to provide an outlet for the display of the "tremendous amount of talent which undoubtedly exists among this large number of boys and girls."

A committee of Washington High faculty members, with Nat D. Williams, serving as coordinator, is training and directing the show. The Faculty Committee consists of: Misses D. E. Todd, Delores Stockton and Gloria Callian, Mesdames Martha Galloway, Mabel Jenkins, Ann Benson, Myrtle White, Lula Pope, O'Neal Holly, Catherine Johnson and Lelia P. Rhinehart; Messrs. W. T. McDaniel, Elvin Pender, Fred Jordan and Leon Griffin.

The 1956 "ballet" curtain will rise at 8 p.m. Tuesday night, May 1, on a cast of 150 talented boys and girls.

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Exclusive features



MAMIE BRADLEY'S UNTOLD STORY

By MRS. MAMIE BRADLEY
as told to ETHEL PAYNE

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am interested in hearing from the right girl. One who is serious, and no more than 35 years old. I am 35 years of age, 5'5" tall, weigh 152 pounds, light brown skin and have good hair. I have a good job and a nice apartment. I am very easy to get along with. W. C. Sheldon, basement Apt. 1-D, 501 W. 176 st., New York 33, N. Y.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am spending a while in the country trying to regain my health. I would love to have and keep pen pals and am asking them to write to me and inclose a stamp and photo. I am 45 years old and a deacon of the Church of God in Christ. My hobbies are singing and collecting photos. I am 5 ft. 8 1/2 inches tall, medium brown skin and weigh 165 pounds. Bro. M. B. Merriwether, Rt. 2 Jackson, Tenn. C-O Mr. John Ross.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I would like to correspond with an American gentleman. I am Jamaican, 33 years of age, 5 ft. 3 inches tall, weigh 148 lbs. and dark complexion. Alice Rose, 12 Robert St., Almar Town, P. O., Kingston, Jamaica, BWI.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I would like to write to pen pals. My age is 20 and a color fair. Thelma O'Rero, 8 Love Land, Kingston, Jamaica, BWI.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I would like to correspond with someone interested in marriage. I am a colored woman. Fay Williams, 84 Slip Road, Cross Rds. P. O., Kingston, Jamaica, BWI.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a lonely lady and would like to have pen pals, age doesn't matter. I am 40 years old, dark skin, 5 feet 4 inches and weigh 140 pounds. I will answer all mail and exchange photos. Miss Polly Howell, Ducken Fields, Golden Grove, P. O., Jamaica, BWI.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a Jamaican and would like to correspond with an American pen pal, preferably men. My age is 27. Eugene I. Spencer, 25 George Lane, Kingston, Jamaica, BWI.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I want new friends who will write to me. I have monkey skin and old stamps to give to the one who will write to me. George C. Inkertian, P. O. Box 087, Takoradi, Gold Coast BWA.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am desperately in need of a good wife and I do believe that you will help me. I would like to meet a lady between the age of 40 and 45 about 5 ft. 5 inches tall, weigh between 150 and 200 pounds. Color does not matter as long as she is affectionate and is a one man woman. I am 5 ft. 6 inches tall, weigh 140 pounds, brown skin and 37 years old. I am sorry that to say that I have nothing to offer other than my love and faithfulness to the right woman. Anyone interested in marriage please write and send photo in first letter. No others need write. Joseph Davis, 2013 Scoville Ave., Cleveland Ohio.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a brown skin young woman who is very lonesome and desire to correspond with a person like myself. I am 28 years old and have long curly brown hair. I don't have any children. I am footloose and fancy free. I have never had the pleasure of getting married. My hometown is Detroit. I am a total stranger here in Ohio and don't know anyone. I am a practical nurse working in a private home. I would prefer to correspond with men that are sincere, honest and intelligent. The ages can be from 38 to 51. I will consider marriage with a professional person. I will answer all letters promptly and exchange photos. Janet P. Jones, 233 Kinnardave, Dayton, Ohio.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I would like to find a nice husband or boyfriend. One who wants something besides a whiskey bottle. I am 35 years old, light blond hair, weigh 160 pounds, 5' 6" tall and a short order cook. He must be between the ages of 45 and 50, have a steady job, car and money. He must be nice tall, weigh between 185 and 195 pounds, dress nice and light or dark. I will answer all mail. Miss Mary Mosley, 6348 Evans Ave., Rear apt., Chicago 37, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a lady 38 years old, 5 ft. 1 inch tall, weigh 135 pounds light complexion with black curly hair. I am interested in only those who are intelligent and want a good wife. I will exchange pictures. E. Miller, 1115 Market st. Wilmington, N. C.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 28 and have been looking for an intelligent girl who wishes more out of life than just talk. I am a Baptist and go to church every Sunday. I do not like to run around and work at a steel mill for \$65.00 a week. I want a companion for the rest of my life. If sincere write to me and send photo. I will do likewise. Phone after 6 p. m. SKYline 5-2826. Bob Miller, 1116 Wentworth, Chicago Heights, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a woman in my early fifties. I would love to meet a man between 57 and 62 years of age. I am a Christian, 5'7" tall, brown complexion, weigh 180 pounds, widow, black hair and black eyes. I am interested in getting married. They must be a Christian and at least 5'10" tall. Drunks and gamblers need not write. Mrs. Josephine W. Lee, 695 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have never wrote to you before. You have helped so many others and I hope that you can help me. I am medium brown, weigh 163 pounds, 31 years old and would like to get a husband between the ages of 35 and 45. I would like a railroad porter or a postal clerk. Please send a photo in the first letter. I will answer all letters. Mrs. Thelma Wilson, 742 7th Ave. rear, Peoria, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am seeking pen pals from all countries and States here in the United States. I am interested in how others live, their customs and their interests. I am 23 years of age, black hair, brown eyes, light complexioned and have had some college study. I will explain more in letters if interested. Please write me at the following address: Mr. Cecil A. Thornton, 317 Illinois st., No 317, Indianapolis, Ind.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am an airman in the service in Texas. I am trying to find a lady who is interested in getting married and serious minded. I am single and have been in the service since World War II. I will answer all letters and exchange photos. Color or race don't matter. Sgt. Emmanuel P. Anthony, 8510 Hq. Sq. 3320 Tech Trng. Gp., Amarillo AFB, Tex., Box No. 31.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a regular reader of your column. This is the second time I'm writing to you. I am very lonely and would like to meet some nice man between the ages of 40 and 55 years, 5 ft. 8 or 6 ft. tall and he must be clean, neat and considerate. I would like to meet one who is interested in the finer things of life and sincere. I am a practical nurse, 5 ft. 2 in. tall, 39 years of age, weigh 150 lbs., and dark brown skin. I don't like too much drinking, but I enjoy clean fun. You may call if sincere as I am not writing for fun. Louise Gray Wagner 4-9365, 4725 1/2 Ellis, Chicago, Ill.

Capetown — Most of the jewel diamonds of the world come from South Africa mines while the Belgian Congo yields most of the stones used for industrial purposes.

Since that terrible day when my girl friend, Ollie Williams, broke the news to me about Bo, nothing has been the same. Ollie and I have known each other since school days in Argo, Ill. She works at Inland Steel Co. When word came that Bo was missing, the people out there were very concerned and they offered to do all they could.

The Chicago Tribune was the first to get the message by telephone that Bo's body had been found. They called Ollie on her job and asked her to break the news to me. People wonder why I am so calm, and some even think I am cold.

What they don't realize is that when they brought back what was left of my boy, I prayed harder than I had ever done in my life for strength to go through with what I knew had to be done — I had to know for myself that this was really Bo. Nobody else could do it for me.

ADVISED NOT TO LOOK

Mr. Rainer, (the undertaker) advised me not to look at the body. So did my friends and relatives. They thought it would be too horrible a shock, but after I prayed so hard, something told me, "Your heart will be encased in glass and no arrows can pierce it."

I looked at that horribly mangled monstrosity — the odor was terrible — what had been done to a human being created by God was a crime so foul, I don't have words to describe it. No

sane, decent person could do that to another, only somebody possessed by the devil.

It looked like something from outer space, and it seemed like a weird nightmare, not a part of me.

THERE'S MY HEART

I looked at this and no tears came, only a deep, lonely feeling that time and space had crushed me and I was left in a vacuum. After Mr. Rayner had patched and fixed up the remains — and he did a wonderful job, it was I who insisted that the body be opened to the public.

I wanted people to see what hatred of a human being, just because of the color of his skin, can do. As I stood and looked down under the glass covering of the casket, I said to myself over and over, "There's my heart underneath that glass."

SLEEP TO FORGET

Now, I find myself wanting to sleep, sleep, sleep. Sleep is an escape from reality — from the nagging persistence of the evil that must haunt all of us — that in a way, all of us are responsible for Bo's death, because we've let people like those killers have their way, and the decent people have just sat by.

I still get hundreds of letters and telephone calls from crackpots and cranks — they're all the same. — "Now maybe you niggers will stay in your place." Since that terrible article in Look magazine, full of Milam and Bry-

ant's lies about my child came out, the calls and letters have increased.

I'd like to get away, but there's no rest anywhere. Somehow, I've got to stay and fight. That's all there is left for me.

Sometimes, I lie awake at night and review my whole life and ask myself why just an ordinary person like myself, somebody who never thought of seeing her name and picture in the papers, should suddenly have been thrust so tragically and unwillingly into a limelight she never wanted.

The answer came to me that night of Aug. 28, but still I wonder.

MY EARLY LIFE

I was born, Nov. 23, 1921, in the country, near Webb, Miss. That's about two miles from Sumner, the place where the trial — or rather, the farce was held. Mama brought me to Chicago in January, 1924.

My father, John Carthan, had come ahead some months before and was working at the Argo Corn Products Refining Co., in Argo, Ill. That is where we all settled.

Argo is close to Chicago, but it's strictly a small town, not a suburb. Practically everybody worked at the Corn Products. In my day, the girls had one ambition — to get married and very few kids finished high school. They left school about the second year of high school and they went to work, and then they got married.

My parents wanted me to finish school, so I attended District School 104, where I made the "A" honor roll, and then went on to Argo Community High school, where I was the first Negro student to make the "A" honor roll and was the fourth colored graduate there. I got my diploma in June, 1940.

I liked school and wanted to make good. Because my home training and environment were so strict, this was an additional incentive to bury myself in my studies. My mother belonged to the Church of God in Christ and I was brought up in that fundamentalist faith. She has always been a firm disciplinarian and she kept me to a rigid code of conduct.



BEAUTY

Our appreciation and appreciation of beauty is an indication of our understanding of Truth. As we see beauty in all that exists about us, we can better understand God's great plan in the universe.

Nature in all her beauty fulfills a definite purpose. The streams that rush down from the snowy mountain peaks bring refreshment and nourishment to trees and flow-

ers, fields and gardens below. The rocks, insects, birds, plants and animals all reflect in their color and form, in their songs and usefulness, their inherent and natural beauty. As a rose blooms, so it is natural for us to give... only by so doing may we become as the rose — on expression of the beauty of the infinite. "Beauty is truth, truth beauty," — that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know. — Keats.

Recently I received a letter from an ardent reader of mine stating how much she had been helped by my advice. When I had seen and read her letter carefully she had been troubled and fearful. Now her attitude was no longer distraught and brooding. She had come through sorrow, illness and adversity. I knew much of the mental strain and physical hardships she had undergone in her care for her loved one. But now she no longer felt that her family owed her anything. Rather, she owed them compassion, love and understanding. She had found that the cause of all her trouble laid within her own heart, also the remedy. She thanked me for pointing out this to her and starting her on the road to recovery. I am indeed happy Marie, that you have made this wonderful discovery.

Dear Prof. Herman: Will I ever get married?

ANS. Dear Miss E. W., it seems that you and W. L., have been friends for a very long time and you are wondering if you will ever reach the matrimonial stage. He seems to be the type of person you have to help to make decisions. He cares for you but hesitates in asking you to marry him because of the small salary he makes on his job. This need not be a handicap, however, for you could work out a budget and do very well together. Why not bring this matter up, and discuss it openly and frankly? This will give him a definite to consider. You will know how to plan for the future.



NEWSMAN EAGER to get reaction of Mrs. Bradley to

"lynching" of her son, grill Chicago mother of "Bob" at

trial in Mississippi.

SCHOOL DAYS

I got "A's" in Latin and history, but at first, I had trouble with geometry. I set myself to master geometry, because I was determined that I was going to make the honor roll and I wasn't going to let this stand in the way. I would bring my books home at night and memorize the theorems and have Mama test me by calling out the numbers. That way, I could just close my eyes and have a mental photograph of the problem.

I used to neatly re-copy my notebook for the week, before I would hand it in. Once some boys in the class stole my book to get my notes. They got worried about being caught with it, so they destroyed it and I didn't have anything for that week.

My teacher, Miss Moore, who

had a strong dislike for Negroes, promptly gave me a failing mark, though all my previous ones had been "A's". I went to the principal and told him I wanted to drop my geometry.

He started an investigation when I told him why. He was amazed at my ability to recite theorems word for word from memory. When I had finished, he ordered Miss Moore to restore my "A" rating. She did, but she had it in for me after that.

SWIMMING POOL INCIDENT

Miss Moore was on the board for the National Honor Society. I wanted very badly to make this. About this time, I had developed a slight heart condition, and the doctor had said I was not to go in for strenuous exercise, so I was excused from gymnasium.

Miss Moore insisted that to be eligible for the National Honor Society, you had to be well-rounded in everything, including athletics and this included swimming the length of the pool.

So, against the doctor's orders and my mother's knowledge, I registered for swimming. Miss Moore taunted and gave a verbal lashing to the timid ones. She had a hard glitter in her eyes and as I stood on the edge of the pool trying to summon up courage, she gave me a vicious shove. I went down and felt myself losing consciousness.

Ollie saw what had happened, grabbed a pole and hit me across the back with it. I came to and grabbed it. She then helped pull me out of the pool. All the while, Miss Moore stood there, laughing. I'll never forget her as long as I live. I had to give up swimming and any more attempts at athletic participation. As a consequence, I failed to make the National Honor Society, but I did make the "A" Honor Roll.

(In next week's installment, Mrs. Bradley further describes her school day experiences, her young adulthood, and her courtship with Louis Till.)

OBSERVATIONS

by Charles L. Browne

So Goes

SHE was real picky and choosy... Just down-right hard to please... Insisted the meat she purchased... Be super-prime indeed... She hawkishly watched the butcher... Said she, "don't mind the price... For cost is of no consequence... Just so the steaks are nice"... "You see," said she, "little Wow-wow"... Is a bluer-ibon pooch... And must have choice and tender meats... That will not mar a tooth... I watched her make her exit, and... Perhaps looked somewhat green... As I bought six pounds of neck-bones... To cook in with my beans... But the dinner with my loved ones... With our cur valentine... We 'chowd' on neck-bones, beans, and bread... And had a 'fillin' time.

Ravings of Prof. Doodle



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Our Opinions

Contemptible Action

The cowardly attack on Nat (King) Cole in Birmingham's Municipal auditorium last week may boomerang into a boost for desegregation.

The reaction of the audience to the attack on the famed singer indicates this. We think Cole summed up the situation quite well when he said:

"I was a guinea pig for some hoodlums who thought that they could hurt me and frighten me and in that way keep other Negro entertainers from the South."

"But what they did has backfired on them because those thousands of white people in the audience could see how terrible it is for an innocent man to be subjected to such barbaric treatment."

We are proud to learn that Cole did not take flight when he was felled by the thugs. When he returned from backstage, after getting medical attention, he was given a long ovation by the throng. That in itself did two things: (1) Reflected the audience's appreciation for his courage in a sea of whites, and (2) demonstrated that,

at least then, he had their support.

America is widely known for its instances of fair play. During recent months, however, die-hard white radicals have been broadcasting through their dastardly acts toward Negroes that a menace has risen to the true democratic way of life.

Every decent American has naught but contempt for cowardliness. And when one, two, three or 150 whites or Negroes map a plan to crush one man or woman, and thereby throw a city into turmoil, the contempt for such persons drops to abysmal.

The fringe group, its secret supporters nor the South gained nothing whatsoever by the yellow streak action. It just might be that what happened will aid the cause of integration. It is certainly evident that lines of communication between the races must be established on a higher level. Thus, progress can be made in clearing away the smog of misunderstanding about the new Negro, the Negro of today.

The King Messes Up

We're mad as hell about what happened to Nat King Cole in Birmingham. It looks like the goons of hatred are determined to take over and run everything out of the state which has even the faintest Negro taint, including rock and roll.

And if it can happen to King Cole just look at what goes on every day to the lowly nobodies. That's why we're ready to "flip a lid and blow our wig" when people like the "King" and Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse, fall all over themselves trying to apologize for the "good white folks" and talk about "going slow" and "taking it easy."

It's about time somebody wised up these apologists and told them that the best thing they can do is to say "No Comment" and let it go at that, because when

they open their mouths and utter such stupidities, they're making an awful lot of colored people sore.

The "King" was dead wrong anyhow for going into Birmingham under an arrangement whereby he played first to a white audience and then a Negro audience. It was an insult to his race and he should have known better. If he couldn't have played to a group of American citizens on an integrated basis, he just should have stayed out of Birmingham.

There are plenty of civilized places below the Mason-Dixon line without going into the hell hole of Alabama. What it means is that entertainers should stay out of politics and issues if they can't give any better representation for the race than the "King."

Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows

According to that nemesis of most politicians, Columnist Drew Pearson, some strange dealings are going on these days between the White House and the Grand Kleagle of the "Order To Preserve Segregation" — even if it means going out into the streets and shooting down Negroes," James O. Eastland.

Now we've heard of slick horse trading in our time because there used to be a man in our town who could sell you a hobbie-kneed mule, blind in one eye with his teeth out and make you believe he was a thoroughbred stallion. Trader Joe was his name and he's long dead and gone.

But now comes Trader Ike and Trader Herb and Trader Jim with another kind of fancy deal the like of which we ain't never hee'd of, for these boys have got Trader Joe beat all hollow. They swap across party lines.

While Herbie trots up to Capitol Hill with his overdue package of civil rights proposals — none of which has a feeble chance of passing, the chief stumbling block to rights passage, Democratic Jim Eastland is busily laddling out Republican patronage handed him by Ike in that bastion of white supremacy, MISSISSIPPI, USA.

We read on that one E. O. Spencer of Jackson, Miss., a turncoat in politics and a reputed member of the White Citizens' Council was a visitor at the White House and was entertained by Atty. General Herbert Brownell.

The loudest squawk on this nefarious bargaining has been from "absentee committeeman," Perry Howard who was shorn like a lamb after he and other ardent Taft followers campaigned against the nomination of Gen. Eisenhower in 1952 in Chicago.

The best explanation we can get out of the whole mess is that the Administration is buttering up Eastland who holds the powerful post of chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee to get him not to oppose the nomination of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff to a Federal judgeship, and some other appointments Ike has coming up. We can bet the agreement has already been made to Eastland to just regard the civil rights proposals as so much hogwash. After all, it's an election year and you have to fool the colored people into thinking you're going to do something, when the truth is, you don't give a tink-er's dam.

Hand us the air wick, Henry. There's an awful odor around!

What The People Say

"Must Be Studied"

DEAR EDITOR: It takes a very learned man to understand the southern white man's attitude toward the Negro. He must be observed, analyzed and studied, through a profound psychological perspective in order to arrive at a reason for his fear of the Negro.

I am surprised and to a degree shocked at his hatred and resentment against the intelligent, progressive-minded Negro.

It is my conclusion that his false philosophy of racial superiority is being challenged by the Negro, and that is what he fears and resents most. The idea of a Negro being able to study and master the various branches of knowledge as well as he can and in some cases better than he just hurts his racial pride. — Fred Poindexter, Chicago, Ill.

"Bad As The South"

DEAR EDITOR: We members of the 753 A. C. and W. Sq. are just a few of many Negro air-men stationed around Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. We (members of Negro race), cannot be served in this town. We don't have any place to go for entertainment. We can go downtown to a movie and

that's all of the entertainment for us.

The NAACP is doing a wonderful job in the South by opening many doors which were closed to us. We are writing this letter for someone to look our way. We, the Negro airman in the northern states are in worse condition than the ones in the southern states. We don't have anyone of our own race living here, plus they won't serve us.

An Appreciation

DEAR EDITOR: We appreciate your good story about St. James Methodist in the Easter Defender. Many of our folks say this is the best story yet on our activities. — E. Jerry Walker, Chicago, Ill.

Our Traffic Survey

DEAR EDITOR: I want to thank you for your co-operation in having the traffic survey made of Madison and Wood Sts., for stop lights.

This corner is used by several students of Brown and McEwen schools crossing Madison street. Madison st., being paved a n d street car tracks removed has made it a speedway. Many close calls have been made to our

school children's lives. These two schools have a large colored and Puerto Rican attendance. — Adolph Roberts, Chicago, Ill.

About Cumersville

DEAR EDITOR: I am a regular reader of your wonderful paper. Sir, I read an article in your issue of April 7 by Mrs. P. Steward of Cumersville Pa. I am truly interested in this town, as I have relatives who would like to leave the South.

I want to know how much truth there is in statements made about this good place. — Rev. J. W. Carter, Detroit, Mich.

History Tells Story

Dear Editor: It appears to me that some of our white citizens have not been studying their history when they say the Negro is a second rate citizen. I would like to correct these so-called citizens.

In the Civil War the Negro fought for his freedom. In World Wars I and II the Negro was there doing his part. The white man has fought against every race in God's creation, first against themselves, next the Chinese, then the Indians and now the Negroes. — Stanley Nelson, Cleveland, Ohio.

DARK SHADOWS

by Nat D. Williams

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Important Queens
Memphis is host of a large flock of "royalty" during this time of year.

There's the Cotton Carnival "Queen and King," the Cotton-Makers Jubilee King and Queen, (both adult and juvenile,) various club "kings" and "queens," school "queens," and very significantly selected the "Miss Bronze Queen."

The "Bronze Queen" is the major consideration just here. However, it can be said that all the "kings and queens" rate special attention in our democratic community.

The idea of "kings and queens" in American communities, no doubt, stems from the very human tendency to accord special recognition for special events and institutions with specially selected and entitled people. Giving them the titles of "king" and "queen" is a practice designed to set them apart and make the institution or event they symbolize more dramatic and significant.

Regarded in that light our Memphis "kings" and "queens" rate more than passing notice. Now take the case of the "Bronze Queen." The young lady who has been selected each year for some time now very much rates more than passing notice. She is too important to be taken lightly. She represents too much.

The "Bronze Queen" is selected by the Negro participants in the annual Memphis Clean-up, Fix-up, and Paint-up campaign to serve as a symbol of the role Negroes in the community play in making and keeping Memphis the nation's cleanest, quietest, and one of its most beautiful cities.

She is given the full support of the City Beautiful Commission. An on that basis the "Bronze Queen" becomes one of the official Negro representatives of the City of Memphis. She is given a trip to other cities by the Commission, and is empowered to serve as a spokesman for Memphis in these

other places. She is featured in the annual City beautiful parade, and is accorded wide and respectful recognition in her position.

The "Bronze Queen" plays a dignified and respectful part in the year-round activities aimed at keeping Memphis truly "a place of good abode." She stands for a tangible expression of the regard for Negro participation in those activities which other citizens feel. She represents the aspirations of Negro residents of Memphis to be accepted as interested, willing, and able participants in all worthwhile phases of local life.

The "Bronze Queen" is not called upon to clown. She doesn't have to depict the "Aunt Jemima" type of Southern Negro woman. She is selected on the basis of intelligence, talent, and attractiveness of personality. Emphasis is placed on character and adaptability by the judges who name the "Bronze Queen."

Hers is a spot which should be the envy and aspiration of every Negro girl in Memphis. But the only way it can be is for more Negroes to make more fuss over her. Not only should such passing recognition as having her picture placed in the papers, appearing on radio interviews, and riding in a parade be given her locally... not to mention the government bonds and other favors which she receives as prizes. She should be such a matter of interest and concern to Memphis residents until her selection should be something of a major social and civic event in town. Elementary and high school girls should have as one of their top goals the attainment of the title "Miss Bronze Queen."

This is what should be because of what it can mean in the development of fine character, intelligence, and personality among Memphis Negro girls. Such traits aren't just born in folk. They have to be cultivated, encouraged, guided and glorified. They must mean something to the persons exhibiting them.

Adventures in RACE RELATIONS

by Eric S. Sullens

COL. SULLENS FIGHTS ON
Col. Frederick Sullens is an old hand at fighting democracy. He has been at it for years and one of his chief instruments is his paper, the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

The volume of copy he carries daily about Negroes is perhaps the highest of any newspaper in the country except that it is never complimentary to Negroes.

Col. Sullens, dripping in magnolias and mint juleps — the Mississippi kind, then damn Kentucky juleps have too much Republicanism and integration in 'em — was fighting mongrelization — his word for integration — long before the Supreme Court handed down its famous edict of May 17, 1954.

He was a one man White Citizens Council long before the rest of Dixie formalized the organization. He hasn't stopped fighting the Civil War and several times a year he secedes from the United States and the human race.

But he's a wily old curmudgeon who must spend endless hours trying to devise new literary techniques to advance his cause.

Last week his paper carried a story about a letter supposedly written by a Bessie Mae Black, of Seminary, Miss., to President Eisenhower.

It is so glaring a fabrication that we wonder how he had nerve enough to publish it as fact. Just so you might judge it for yourself, here it is:

Dear Mr. Ike: I am a little col-

ored girl just the same age as your little grandson, I am a nice little girl, and I want to speak for your grandson now. I want to marry him when we get big.

If I moves to Washington can I play with him now while we are little, so he maybe will fall in love with me? I sho does want to go to school with him but I cant if you all send him over there into Va. where they dont allow us Negroes to go to white schools, and will you tell Mr. Stevenson that I got two big sisters just the right age to date those nice boys of his, they sho would like to marry them too.

I'm saving my money so we can move up there where you all want us. And I'll see if I cant get all my white friends to pitch in and help all us colored folks to move up there 'cause you all is so unhappy the way the white folks is so good to us down here. We got nice schools and churches. We got our own stores and restaurants. We can talk and laugh like we love to do. We can fight each other and love each other in our own Negro way down here. But if it makes you all so unhappy knowing this way with us down here, I'll see what can be done to get us all moved off up there so we can hug-up and love-up will you all, and my mama she sho would love to go to some of those swell teas you all has at the White House.

With love and kisses,
Bessie Mae Black

SO WHAT?



The Sour Note



LANGSTON Hughes

When Push Comes To Shove, Says Minnie, 'Don't Worry About Me'

"Cousin Minnie come around to my house Sunday whilst Joyce was at church," said Simple.

"Wanting money again?" I asked.

"Not this time," said Simple.

"This time she wanted protection from her boyfriend who threatened to knock her on her anatomy."

"Why?"

"Minnie says she does not know why," said Simple.

"I know, Minnie done asked that man for money one time too many, and he knows she does not do anything with money but pour it over a bar. Minnie has been in Harlem, New York, mightly near all winter and has not got herself a warm coat yet. Coming from a mild climate like the South, she is liable to catch her death of pneumonia and go into a decline. Yet to tell the truth, Minnie has not even had a cold. Licker is good for something, as I know myself. It is good for cold."

"Then you cannot blame Minnie for wanting to keep warm," I said.

"No," said Simple, "but she cannot wear licker when she goes out. I like to see my kinfolks dressed up, not looking like Gabriel's off-ox when they stroll the avenue. Minnie is no beauty, so she needs clothes to set off what she ain't got. I know I used to be married, but just had a quick woman drink much — unless she is some old gal I am trying to make a quick point with — and

then licker is on my side.

"But Minnie makes bars a habit. No wonder her boy friend has got to the place where he is about to draw back and teach her a lesson. And if Minnie thinks I am going to get mixed up in that rumble, he is wrong. No, not!"

"You mean to say, you would not protect your cousin from force and violence on the part of a man?" I said.

"In the first place, Minnie is not my full cousin. In the second place, I did not know she was in the world until she showed up here in Harlem claiming cousinship. In the third place, I do not know what Minnie might have done to provoke that man, Minnie might have done more than me or you can imagine. Women can drive a man sometimes to force and violence."

"In my opinion," I said, "there is no excuse for a man to hit a frail helpless woman, and do you mean to tell me you did not go to her rescue Sunday?"

"No."

"Well, have you heard what happened since? Aren't you worried? Today is Wednesday and Minnie might be annihilated by now."

"I saw Minnie in Paddy's Bar last night, solid as ever, setting on a stool spending somebody's good money. I did not linger, being married, but just had a quick beer, and whilst I was drinking my beer, I asked Minnie how she were. Minnie said, 'Fine! Fine as

wine and twice as mellow!"

"I said, 'What about the boy friend'?"

"Minnie said, 'Oh that old Negro is in bed asleep. The only times he comes out is Saturday night, which is the time he wants to ascertain his prerogative to fuss and fight. That is why I COME to you Sunday for protection. Saturday night in Harlem ain't no different from Saturday night in Virginia, which is everywhere the night for men to get retributions. But I never did like to be threatened with no force nor violence. Of course, one of the nice things about this man is that he will tell you in front what he is liable to do. Some mens just haul off and hit you.'

"Suppose that was to happen to you?" I asked Minnie.

"Cousin Jess, I would phone you to come and go my bail, because I would be in jail, and the man would be in Paradise," said Minnie.

"Then why come running to me for protection since you can take care of yourself?" I asked her.

"Because I hates if threatened not to be a lady," said Minnie. "But if HIT, Jesse B., my ladyhood I wear like a loose garment with sleeves I can roll up. Don't worry about me, Jesse B., because just as sure as I am setting here on my anatomy this evening, I will be setting on it tomorrow, too. When push comes, to shove, don't worry about me!"

DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

The grapevine in the non-white areas of Dixie these days is loaded with exciting news. Some of it seems beyond belief. The stories center around the genealogy of the leading white-supremacists in the states of the deep South, particularly in Louisiana.

In almost every major Dixie town, it appears, there are Negro families linked by blood with important white families from which, in some instances have sprung radical white supremacists. According to the grapevine, the hot segregation issue has frightened the whites who have some non-white twigs on the family tree. By leading the fight against Negroes, these frightened folk hope to escape suspicion.

Last Friday in Nashville, Tenn., and the following day in Memphis, I got an earful. This talk is coming from local elder statesmen in the colored community who have kept these secrets for generations.

I was asked in one instance to try to find a research person to trace the family tree of a particularly vicious white supremacist in Louisiana. The story goes that this gentleman had his family records altered and that some evidence of this alteration could be found in the records of the census bureau in Washington. His Negro blood is accepted without question by the colored folk in his community although he is an important "white" man. Currently he is a leading pro-segregationist.

Such accounts, I suppose, might be expected in an area where miscegenation was common for about the deep South. Where race relations are today the most violent and explosive was once the

region where miscegenation was most widespread.

Dr. Herskovitz, the famed anthropologist of Northwestern University, has estimated that eighty percent of the so-called Negroes in America have some admixture of so-called white blood. This tremendous infusion of non-Negro blood seems to have taken place principally in the deep South where slave laws were the most rigid and the separation of the races most complete.

There are said to be counties in Georgia, South Carolina and other states where mulattoes are so numerous, that a stranger finds it almost impossible to discover where one race ends and the other begins. I know personally individuals who pass back and forth between the races even in the South. Such knowledge is common among us and almost any Negro from the deep South can give you similar accounts.

How is it possible that so much miscegenation has done so little to soften the hostile attitude of the white South to the Negro's plea for full citizenship? This question can be answered easily by the psychologists.

The white man of the South feels guilty and his sense of sin is so profound that he is consumed with hatred of himself and everyone else. Hatred is a way of life with him.

The social scientists tell us that miscegenation is a thing of the past in the South and that this is a different era. Perhaps this is true but I was startled to discover on two recent trips into the deep South that stories involving important Dixiecrats and their colored maids are going the rounds. There are even stories in-

volving white ladies and their "yard" men.

Perhaps these stories are being fabricated for the embarrassment they might bring whites who are hell bent on keeping the modern Negro in his place. Even though we discount them all, we cannot escape the fact that millions of Negroes in the deep South have some "white" blood and are really related to the majority group.

"Integration" has already taken place in the most fundamental sense in many areas of the deep South. It is too late to make the South lily-white.

Many a confederate soldier spent his last night at home with his colored mistress before going off to fight the Union soldiers in the Civil War. The fact of miscegenation is an ugly, shameful thing but it is still a fact. The race problem in America would be on its way to a quick solution if the white and Negro families of the deep South who are linked by ties of blood would simply recognize that relation today.

When I hear a white-supremacist talk about racial purity, I would like to ask him to take another look at his family tree. Then I have a second thought which restrains me. He might be a relative. God forbid.

Science Teachers Meet

HAMPTON, Va. — On April 20-21, Hampton Institute will play host to the Virginia Conference of Science and Mathematics Teachers and some 200 high school students will compete for scholarships at the conference: Virginia State, Virginia Union, St. Paul Polytechnic and Hampton.

Chicago Girl Friends Find Lonely 'Island'; Bring Cheer To Aged

By MARION B. CAMPFIELD

And

SARAH M. LEMON

No man is an island unto himself, yet there is an island of human loneliness right here on Chicago's teeming Southside.

And, on this island they sit and wait, patiently and too often in vain.

They sit, spruced up in their Sunday best. They wait for a visit, a friendly hand clasp, a cheery voice.

They wait for a gesture which will prove that, though life's twilight is upon them, somewhere, someone remembers and cares.

GIRL FRIENDS FIND ISLAND

The Chicago chapter, Girl Friends Inc., found this island—the Home for the Aged Colored People, 4430 South Vincennes ave. Today, its 21 inmates have a shiny, golden memory.

The Girl Friends have 21 pets—and a pet project, providing long-needed linoleum for the Southside landmark. It happened this way:

The Girl Friends, socially prominent Windy City "Link" in a chain of friendship which encircles the majority of the States, descended on the Home during the Easter season laden with gaily wrapped gifts and goodies.

They found their charges chatting excitedly. Eager as children, they crowded around the dining room table as Girl Friend Hazel Anthony placed in its center, a huge, round hat box cleverly concealed to resemble a frosty white cake topped with Easter bunnies. The center was Mrs. Anthony's creation.

CAKE CONCEALS GIFTS

Eyes glistened as the table took on a festive party look under its load of fruit, candies, nuts—and there were generous helpings of cake and ice cream, also happiness reached its peak, however, when the "cake" was opened to reveal gaily wrapped gifts for each.

Picture-taking was a thrilling interlude and touching the community-sing as quavering voices sang favorites hymns and songs of their youth to the piano accompaniment of Girl Friend Nel-

mathilda Woodard.

Others playing hostesses were:

The Chicago chapter president, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and Mesdames Myrtle E. Sengstacke, Mildred Gibson, Isabelle Gibson, Catherine Boswell, Harriet Evans, Yolande Cheatham, Hazel Gassoway, Virgil Dixon, Evelyn Spenser, Osbeth Adams and Irvena Ming.

When the Girl Friend left their new found friends—heartened by the island of human loneliness they left behind—each was determined to spread the Home for the Aged Colored People story wherever possible.

And, so it has been with others who have contributed to the Home. They, too, have felt that many more would adopt those 21 lonely residents, but are unaware of their needs. That there are many other groups and individuals who will extend a "helping hand."

Your Defender passes on the story of the Girl Friends—and the story of others who have helped—hoping to reach those searching for a worthy philanthropy.

ESTABLISHED IN 1889

Organized in 1889 by Mrs. Gabriel Smith, whose sister, Mrs. Grace Knighten is a Windy City social leader and member of one of its first families, the Home was the gift of Mrs. Bena Morse.

Originally located on 55th st., near Normal blvd., it is the only home for aged Negroes owned and operated by Negroes in Chicago.

Under the supervision of a matron, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, residents are encouraged to help themselves and each performs some chore daily. Their lives would be brighter, their loneliness assuaged, if their surroundings were more cheery.

The building needs steam clanging and new paint outside and redecorating and renovation throughout the interior. Draperies and slip covers would improve the lounge. Bedrooms need thin, no iron curtains and spreads.

There is an acute shortage of serving trays and lightweight plates would make mealtimes more pleasant.

STILL OTHER NEEDS

Those interested in a special Home for the Aged Colored People might provide a filing cabinet for the office, or take over the chore of modernizing the kitchen, which especially need a food freezer and a dishwasher.

Moving picture equipment—sound or silent—would certainly be welcomed.

Gifts of canned goods are always appreciated. It was emphasized, also, that residents enjoy fresh fruits and there never is enough.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Perhaps more important, however, are the emotional needs of the 21 residents. It was suggested that interested individuals might form car pools for the purpose of taking the aged people to church or on sight-seeing trips.

Visiting days are lonely ones for the majority and the mailman's visits rare. Cheery cards on holidays or small Christmas gifts would bring untold happiness to that "island" on So. Vincennes ave.

On May 8, volunteer taggers can lend a helping hand. Mrs. Alone Feaman, who performs a Herculean role in the operation of the Home, pointed out:

"The Home is a participant of the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult Charities," she added. "Those who will want to tag, even if just for an hour or so, will certainly help us." Mrs. Feaman may be contacted at the home.

Since there are many groups dedicated to charitable activities, many who oftentimes find it hard to find worthy recipients, the Home for the Aged Colored People, 4430 So. Vincennes ave., is a deserving project.

The declining years are often sad and heartbreakingly lonely. They need not be if those of us who can will remember that "there, but by the Grace of God go I."



● GATHERED AROUND the festive refreshment table with its artistic center topped with Easter bunnies and holding gifts for each of the thrilled honorees are Girl Friends Myrtle Sengstacke, Hazel Anthony, who designed the centerpiece and Isabelle Gibson; Jim Britt, who has been an inmate for 11 years; Mrs. Nelmatilda Ritchie Woodard, another Girl Friend; inmates Mesdames Lillian Cloud and Anna Boone; Mrs. Mildred Gibson, another member of the Windy City Girl Friends, and Peter Brunson.



● CHICAGO CHAPTER president, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis presents gift to John Stokes. Proudly displaying their gaily wrapped presents are Joseph Gilchrist and Mrs. Stella Lewis. Inmates spruce up each visitor's day and patiently—yet too often, vainly—for someone to come wanting to see them. The home, located at 4430 S. Vincennes ave., is the only one for aged Negroes. It was organized in 1898 and now houses 21.



● HAPPINESS ABOUNDED recently when the Chicago chapter of the Girl Friends, Inc., showered inmates of the Home for Aged Colored People on S. Vincennes ave., with gaily wrapped gifts and then gave them a party replete with generous helpings of ice cream and cake. Obviously pleased and intently absorbed in what Mrs. Irvena Ming is saying is one of the honorees, Mrs. Ida Foster. Girl Friends, Mesdames Hazel Gassaway (standing) and Virgil Mackey also enjoy the pleasures.



● PICTURE-TAKING was a highlight of the Girl Friends' party and Defender Photographer John Gunn found this group of honorees most cooperative. They are (standing left) Mesdames Flossie Johnson and (seated) Minnie Nichols, a blind inmate; Louise Corbin and Emma Hawkins. Mesdames Harriet Evans and Catherine Boswell, other members of the Chicago Girl Friends are others in picture. The local chapter is providing linoleum for the Home and has "adopted" the agency as a special project.