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HOMEMAKERS STREAM TO SHOW



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Plan Action On Bus Seating

First Steps Taken For Legal Test

A suit which would seek to have the Jim Crow seating arrangement for Memphis buses declared unlawful appeared in the making at weekend, an aftermath of requests by city policemen that two passengers either give up front seats for rear seats or leave a No. 7 Crosstown bus.

The two men involved in the case are known to have been in contact with the local NAACP office after they chose to leave the bus when denied the right to sit on front seats.

However, Atty. H. T. Lockard, NAACP branch president, declined to comment on any discussions between his office and the two men. He would not say whether or not suits definitely were to be filed nor if the men would be represented by the branch office.

REFUSE TO IDENTIFY

Atty. Lockard refused to identify the two men "at this time."

He indicated that his office might have a statement on the situation in a few days.

The two men, described by Warren G. Alexander, bus operator, as "well dressed," boarded the coach at Bellevue and Lamar.

Mr. Alexander said they were polite but insisted on sitting in the front seat because "they said they had paid their fare and had a right to sit where they pleased."

CALLS POLICE

Mr. Alexander said he told them it was against state law and that, following company instructions, he was telling them to move to the rear or he would have to notify police.

When they refused to move, he called the company and police were summoned.

Officers met the southbound bus at McLeone and Wellington and told the pair they would have to leave the bus or be arrested.

They left.

There was no disturbance and other passengers on the coach showed no alarm, Mr. Alexander said.

Spelling Bee Winners



SPELLING CHAMP — Studious Floyd Bass, Jr., being congratulated by his teacher Mrs. Josie Nelson Carr, Saturday brought LaRose its second spelling championship in two years as he outspelled 39 other entries in the Press-Scimitar's 28th annual Spelling Bee at Booker T. Washington. The 13-year-old eighth grader, son of Mr. and Mrs. s.

Floyd Bass, Jr., of 841 Walker, received \$75 in savings bonds. Vahness Henry Moore, 12, Hamilton eighth grader, came in second and Magnolia McCoy, 14, Shelby Training School eighth grader, was third. Martha Ella Little, of LaRose school won the Bee last year. Bass made all "A's" on his sixth week report card. (Newson Photo)

Tenn. Elks Open Meet Here May 5

May 5-8 inclusive will be a gala period for Elks in Memphis. The dates mark the annual convention of the Tennessee State Association of the IBPOE of W. (Independent, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World).

High-points of the four-day sessions will be the visit of Hon. Scoel Richardson, chairman of the United States Parole Board, of Washington, D. C., along with Hon. Robert H. Johnson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks; plus Memphis' Dr. W. Herbert Brewster and his 50-voice a-cappella choir. All will appear on the Good Will Hour Program, Sunday, May 6, at Beale Avenue Baptist church at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited as usual to the Good Will Hour Program.

STREET PARADE

A street parade will precede the program. It will include bands and marching clubs from Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga Memphis and other points. The parade will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 6.

At 10 p.m., Sunday night, the annual Elks state bathing beauty contest will be staged at the Elks' Rest, "Stairway To The Stars," on Beale between Fourth and Tuley sts.

A Grand Ball will climax the main entertainment features of the convention at the Elks Club on Monday night at 10 o'clock.

NATIVE OF CHICAGO

Mr. Richardson, a native Tennessean, holds the highest position of any Negro appointed by the Eisenhower Administration. He is the first Negro in history to be appointed head of the U. S. Parole Board.

Although born in Nashville, Mr. Richardson was reared and educated in Chicago. He holds a bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from the Howard University School of Law.

He practiced law in Chicago, served as a professor of law at Lincoln University in Missouri, and was a member of the Parole Board before being appointed chairman. He is widely-known and respected for his ability as a lawyer and legal authority.

FATHER OF FOUR

Mr. Richardson is married and the father of four girls. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and of the Knights of Pythias.

Lt. George W. Lee, Grand Commissioner of Education of the Elks, is head of the large Memphis delegation serving as hosts to the state convention.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TITLE WON BY BTW STUDENT

Miss Traffic Safety of 1956 is Miss Genevieve Jones, of B. T. Washington, who also received first prize for having entered the best slogan in the Traffic Safety Slogan contest sponsored jointly by the Beale Street Elks and by the Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

She wrote, "Driving Maturity means Traffic Security." Winning second prize was Miss Bessie Boyd, a junior at Hamilton high school for her slogan, "If you are cautious on your way... you may live another day."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Boyd of 132 Dunnivant st.

Charles Baker, senior at Booker T. Washington high school won third prize for his slogan, "If driving in America is a demand... let's make it the law of the land."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Baker, sr., of 409 Walker ave.

AWARDS AT KICKOFF

Awards were made at the Kick-off Banquet held Friday, April 27 at Elks Rest which helped to launch National Safety Week which is being observed in Memphis for the first time this year.

Returns From Korea



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

When S-Sgt. Thomas H. Hayes (right) was welcomed to Tennessee State university's AFROTC detachment by Major Dudley M. Watson, air science professor, he registered the joy of being back in his native Tennessee

after nearly three years in Japan, Korea, and France. Sgt. Hayes is a career airman with seven years of service. His citations include Korean campaign, national defense, and united nations service medals. A Memphian by birth, he is married to the former Miss Juanita Jackson also of the Bluff City.

White Cleric Wants Jim Crow Churches

A white Baptist minister complained Saturday that many Southern church leaders fail to indoc-trinate youth with the tenets of racial segregation.

Rev. Wayne Cox, pastor of Woodlawn Terrace Baptist church, made the complaint at a meeting of the Pro-Southerners of Shelby County in Frayser. About 75 persons attended.

Southern youth has become lazy in its attitude toward maintaining segregation because spiritual leaders will not teach God's word—he said.

Citing 10 chapters in the Old and New Testaments which he said teach segregation, the Rev. Mr. Cox said the anti-integration battle will be won "because we are on God's side because the Bible teaches (it)."

Rev. Cox scored the United States Supreme Court as "nine tired old men," the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as "communist led and inspired," and moderate groups as "ridiculous."

"You can't be moderate on this issue," he said. "You're either for segregation or integration; there's no middle of the road."

The minister was introduced by A. H. Sullinger of Frayser, temporary vice chairman of the Shelby County Pro-Southerners. Mr. Sullinger called the Rev. Mr. Cox a "God-sent man."

Matter Of Bus Seating

(AN EDITORIAL)

The hue and cry that a number of spokesmen for the South are raising over the U. S. Supreme Court's recent ruling against segregation in municipal and intrastate transportation is at once ludicrous and sadly disastrous to good race relations.

What is so terrible about Negroes and whites riding on buses, trains, and taxicabs on a non-segregated basis? In fact, what's so really unusual about it?

Negroes and whites shop together in the same stores. They rub elbows in the same elevators. They stand on the same corners in mixed groups to wait for the same buses to ride. When it comes to selling the Negro merchandise on a door-to-door basis, segregation is forgotten as salesmen and agents sit and offer their services.

Negroes and whites do business side by side in the same banks and take their places in bank teller window lines on a first come, first served basis.

In stores throughout our city, white clerks do not hesitate to take dollar bills and other change from Negro hands.

And to recall an even more ludicrous aspect of the situation which has been mentioned time and again, it seems strange to hear white folk decry sitting beside a Negro on a bus when they will leave that same vehicle and go straight to a restaurant or hotel dining room to order a meal prepared by Negro cooks and served by Negro waiters.

It's ludicrous to hear folk protesting Negroes riding on a non-segregated basis and then see them standing in the front end of a vehicle while Negroes have to shove, and push by them to reach rear seats.

Furthermore, segregated transportation is too expensive for modern American cities to support. The growth of urban communities in the South will increasingly make that fact clear. Sooner or later it will become crystal clear that Jim Crow is a non-paying passenger. The current situation in Montgomery, Ala. is indicative of that truth.

Who benefits from segregated transportation? Even casual analysis will establish that beside saving the egos of a frustrated, vocal few—who need to feel superior to someone—segregation in transportation is a ridiculous anachronism. It is a throw-back to a period much less tense and crowded than the atomic age.

We feel it's time the segregation blinders regarding transportation be removed and that astute leadership firmly point the way—one of democracy for all, in our public transportation.

Booths, Prizes, Stars Thrill The Housewives

Homemakers from throughout the area came streaming into the Tri-State Defender's third annual home show at Club Ebony on Wednesday where they were getting the thrills of their lives viewing the 25 booths, enjoying the excellent entertainment and winning some 1,500 free prizes.

Impressed by the turnout for the grand opening and ribbon cutting at which John H. Sengstacke, publisher of Defender Publications, was a participant, Exposition Director L. Alex Wilson said the trend of attendance was moving toward a new record for any showing of the three-day exposition.

First prizes, in the form of crisp \$1 bills, were passed out to the first 50 women to enter the home show.

They were just the uncapping of a bin of prizes which will include a \$500 Hot Point refrigerator, a living room suite, a kitchen set and many, many other valuable prizes including well-chucked food baskets.

TWO SHOWS DAILY

Hundreds of the valuable free prizes are still to be awarded and some won't be announced until the final night of the show, this Friday, May 4. Daily sessions are from 1:30 'til 4:30 in the afternoon and from 7:30 until 11 at night.

Scores of the prizes are being given in booth-by-booth contests and the housewife gets in on these as she makes her way around the floor to visit the various booths in the show.

A special feature for Wednesday was the appearance by Dady-O-Gibson, topflight organist.

The Booker T. Washington High school band, directed by Prof. W. T. McDaniel, furnished music for the ribbon cutting. Businessmen taking part in the exhibition and other show personalities were presented by Mr. Wilson.

A popular stopping off place for many of the women was the "stage" kitchen where Mrs. Jana Porter, popular home economist, turns out delectables at every session of the show.

sion of the show.

The atmosphere of the show was much that of a mammoth "under the big top" production Wednesday afternoon as colorful Bob Roberson, official MC, Mrs. Frankelle Wand and William Sutton of Chicago, kept things moving in the building.

Those attending the show tonight (Thursday, May 3), will be treated to entertainment by two instrumental groups from Melrose and Manassas High schools and selections from the prize-winning Ward Chapel CME choir.

Musical aggregations from Shelby and Fayette counties will provide the music for the final night of the big show.

Housewives desiring to enter the home show's Attractive Booth Contest can obtain entry blanks from Tri-State Defender newspapers. Papers are on sale in the Defender's booth manned by personnel from Mrs. Aretta Polk's circulation department.

'Seminary Day' By Baptists Dated May 20

Sunday, May 20, will be a red-letter day in Negro Baptist churches throughout the nation.

It will be "Seminary Day," and will be observed with special services in all churches affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated.

Seminary Day was announced by Dr. Primrose Funches, director of promotion.

The purpose of the May 20 observance is to give all members of Baptist churches an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the American Baptist Theological Seminary of Nashville, Tenn.

A MAJOR PROJECT

The Seminary, training school for Baptist ministers and other religious workers, is one of the major projects of the National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc.

The American Baptist Theological seminary comprises 58 acres of choice land, bedecked with beautiful, well-kept buildings.

The school has the largest enrollment of theological students among such institutions providing ministerial and religious training for Negroes. The enrollment this year is 213, including students in the correspondence and extension departments. The student body consists of persons from 25 states and five foreign countries. Dr. Ralph W. Riley is president of the Seminary.

Jail Check Passer Who Planned To Open An Account

MARTINEZ, Calif.—(INS)—Contractor J. M. McChesney, 47, was sentenced to prison for one to five years Monday for passing a \$199.99 worthless check, despite this plea:

"I didn't have a checking account at the time, but I expected to open one soon."

Demo Key Club Slates Woman Senator To Talk

Mrs. Cora M. Brown, Michigan state senator representing the third senatorial district, considered a possible candidate for the United States Congress, will speak here on May 4 at 6 p.m. in the Flamingo Room at the Democratic Key Club's first fund-raising effort.

Plates for the club's first banquet are going at \$5 each.

J. W. Bowden is serving as chairman of the recently formed Democratic club.

Mrs. Brown is a native of Bessemer, Ala., and has resided in Detroit since 1922. She received her BA degree from Fisk university in Nashville and the L.L.B. from Wayne university. She is a member of the firm of Morris and Brown in the Lawyers Building in Detroit.

Before becoming a state senator from Detroit, Mrs. Brown served for five years as a policewoman in Detroit. Should she run for Congress and be elected she would become the city's second representative in Washington, joining Congressman Diggs, also a Democrat.

Mrs. Brown is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Eastern Star Order and the New Calvary Baptist church. She is also affiliated with the Michigan Federated Democratic club Dele-

gates council, Young Women's Christian Association, and the Detroit chapter National Council of Negro Women.

Old Slave Laws Pose Headache For Judge

JACKSON, Tenn. — Old slave laws are still causing legal headaches in West Tennessee courts.

This fact was brought out recently here in the case of the will of a Memphis woman whose husband was born a slave. A lawsuit in the Court of Appeals, presided

over by Judge J. R. Avery, caused the throwback to the old slave laws.

The late Cornelius Walker, and his wife, Mrs. Millie Walker, moved to Memphis from Grenada, Miss., shortly before 1900. Both were born to slave parents in Grenada County during the last days of the Confederacy.

Before his death in 1937, Mr. Walker acquired ownership of real estate and buildings at 2353 Cable Street in Memphis. His wife assumed ownership of the property and willed it to a relative, Edward Evans, at her death in 1953.

Mr. Evans' right to the property was challenged by relatives of Mr. Walker, who claimed under revised slave laws Walker's wife was not authorized to leave it to any one.

SHOULD THEY INHERIT
Their contention is based on the legality of the marital status of the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Neither Cornelius Walker nor his wife had brother or sisters. They did not have any children. So, the question became: Should Walker's collateral heirs—descendants from relatives who were slaves—be allowed to inherit?

Provisions for legal marriages in Tennessee give a man's estate to his wife and his relatives if he leaves no will. Upon the widow's death all property goes to the man's relatives.

Judge Avery said the decision depended on whether Tennessee would accept Mississippi law regarding slave marriages and slave children. He noted that in 1869,

Mississippi, which had not recognized slave marriages, decreed that all Negro couples who had lived or were living as man and wife were married. This made Mr. Walker's relatives descendants of legal marriages with the right to inherit.

LAW IN 1919
But in Tennessee the law said all former slaves living as man and wife from the time its law was passed in 1919 would be considered legal marriages.

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At weekend there was still a question of whether or not Tennessee has a segregation law on buses. In the law on the statute book the definite application is to street cars and in the technical requirements of a court suit the provision is believed to fall short.

Knoxville went into desegregation right away with Jim Burt, president of the City Transit Lines, announcing the buses had put an end to segregation.

MEMPHIS CASE
Memphis had a case where two Negroes who sat on front row seats were asked by police, called by Memphis Street Railway Company, to either move to the rear, leave the bus or be arrested. The duo got off the bus. Company officials have indicated they wish to see segregation continued, at least until a suit attacking the Tennessee Jim Crow statute is ruled on.

In Nashville, Atty. Gen. George F. McCanless shied away from issuing a ruling for the guidance of local officials despite a request from the Nashville Transit Authority for an opinion on how the Supreme Court affects the state Jim Crow law.

None of the major cities other than Knoxville had moved to desegregate in Tennessee.

A great deal of attention was directed to Montgomery where a two-week bus boycott has been underway. The National City Lines, operator of the Montgomery buses, said it would no longer enforce segregation and offered to give legal assistance to drivers who might be arrested and brought into court for allowing the passengers to mix.

Meanwhile, the city announced that its segregation laws were still valid and said arrests would be made in case of passengers or drivers trying to integrate.

BARRIERS DOWN
Riders rode without regard to former restrictions in Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Dallas, Texas, Little Rock, Ark., and numerous other places. Cities in north North Carolina say they have not enforced segregation for some time now.

No cases of friction had been reported at weekend in any of the cities where passengers had started sitting on a first come basis.

HARRY BELAFONTE arriving 45 minutes late for a scheduled appearance in Baltimore explained to a restless audience that the delay had been caused by the refusal of a local hotel to accept him and his interracial party. The noted folk singer has not announced what action he plans as a result of the incident.



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FHA Keeps Small Farmers Afloat In Crittenden County, Arkansas

Bolstered by "supervised loans" through the Farmers Home Administration, scores of small farmers in Crittenden county are able to make pretty good livings from their — by present-day standards — meager acreages.

FHA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which came into being in its present form back in 1946 as the outgrowth of other agricultural agencies dating back to before the Hoover days, is sort of a unique setup.

That is, money goes out only to those persons who could not qualify for loans at similar rates any other way and only to those persons who are willing to agree to a certain amount of supervision on a year-round basis on how borrowed money can best be utilized.

AG DOCTORS
In the county of Crittenden two veteran farm workers, who laughingly refer to themselves as Doctors of Agriculture, are the men who handle the supervision, or rather, as they prefer it stated, do the planning, suggesting and arriving at a workable program with the various farmers.

David K. Landess, 40-year-old University of Tennessee graduate, is county supervisor for Crittenden. Mr. Landess' father was for 15 years the extension agent for Shelby County and he himself has been in government farm work 17 years. He came to Crittenden a year ago from Monroe county after seven years there.

Jesse Mason, now in his eighth year in Marion and Crittenden County, is the only Negro administrative aide with an FHA county office in Arkansas. He was an agricultural major at Tuskegee Institute.

Last year this team posted the best collection record for the state, having but one real estate and two farm operators to come up delinquent on their payments.

This is quite a record when you realize that, in comparison to other agencies making loans to farmers, FHA backs up those on the bottom of the credit list.

The team is fortunate in having David C. Neal, area supervisor for FHA and formerly the county supervisor, still maintaining offices in Marion.

About 80 percent of the farmers of Crittenden county who are helped by FHA are Negroes.

GETTING HELP
In simplest terms, this is how a farmer gets help from FHA:

He first exhausts all other sources of loans at a reasonable rate. Some couldn't qualify for loans without FHA because of the size of their farms. The prospective borrower contacts his county supervisor, talks over the needs and the plans and they try to work out something.

If the FHA representative thinks the man can and will make a go of it a loan application is placed with a county committee of three, at least two of whom must be farmers. For Crittenden county the committee consists of John Sweeton, Crawfordville farmer; William White, Marion farmer; and James Wood, of Earle, farmer and equipment dealer.

If the committee approves, the farmer is in. The money allotment is set up so it is made available to the farmer as he needs it for supplies or other commodities and he gets it as long as he sticks to the approved farm program worked out. Money for subsistence in these type loans go out automatically.

To see how the program works off paper and out in the farm a Defender reporter went along with Mr. Landess and Mr. Mason on one of the routine tours Mr. Mason makes. This one was set up about a month ago as are all the tours and the people visited were not singled out.

HENRY MCKINNEY
The first stop was at the home of Henry and Beulah McKinney. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney, he 63 and she 55, own 10 acres and rent another 13.

The McKinnies started farming back in 1915 after they were married. After a good crop in 1950 while share cropping with well known farmer John Gammon, Mr. McKinney bought 10 acres from his landlord.

In 1951 with an "active farm housing" loan from FHA, the McKinnies built the neat little white frame home in which they now live. They started renting 13 acres, giving them a total of 23.

While Mr. Landess does not go along with the agricultural experts' theory that a man must have at least 25-40 acres to make a living these days (he has examples showing it can be done on smaller acreages), he admits the case of the McKinnies is a bit on the "miraculous" side.

Last year with a quarter acre garden, one acre pasture, three

acres corn, 16 acres cotton, a milk cow, five hogs and 50 chickens the McKinnies saw their net worth increased by \$411.

Mrs. McKinney says she "cans everything I can get my hands on," and Mr. McKinney said they killed four hogs last year. What is quite significant is that four adults and 2 small children lived under the McKinney roof in 1955. Their conveniences include a hand-sewn TV set.

He uses a pair of mules, no tractor.

CLYDE WILEY
Clyde Wiley, 48, and his wife, Eddie Mae, 36, are examples of an "industrious" farm family in whose case can be seen the importance of an agency like FHA for the small farmer who runs into hardship.

Mr. Wiley bought himself 55 1/2 acres of land six years ago and built himself a home. He was doing alright without special help from anyone. Then in 1954 his home burned down. He had to get it rebuilt. His money didn't go quite far enough so he turned to FHA.

Now his six-room home is modern in every way and tastefully furnished.

But most of all Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, they have five children, are being benefited by the advice and scientific farming assistance they are being brought by Mr. Landess and Mr. Mason as their FHA representatives.

The FHA men, along with Chester Durely, soil conservation agent from West Memphis, have helped the Wileys into a new and more promising type of farming.

Right now through assistance of FHA Mr. Wiley is on the threshold of realizing success in a "land project" which might mean all the difference in his future.

On the way to the Wiley farm you pass an interesting plantation operated by some Memphis people, managed by Frank Wheeler. A lot of mules still find work on this plantation because the owners keep their old tenants who couldn't do anything else these days and

out of a moral obligation to them, do everything possible to see that they make a living.

The FHA men say that the owners once furnished a scholarship to every Negro child residing on the plantation who finished high school. The plantation has a reputation of never losing a tenant.

SILAS BROWN
One of those farmers who don't live on such a plantation and found himself out in the cold as mechanization increased where he formerly sharecropped is Silas Brown, 49. He and his wife, Alice, 45, and four children faced the big decision — try for a big job up north somewhere or try to get on someplace else.

In desperation Mr. Brown turned to FHA. Fortunately for him, about 86 acres of the land could be cultivated.

Here was a man with no capital, a tractor the former landlord was ready to take possession of and in need of something to do. FHA talked it over with him. They drew up a program of farming which called for starting a herd of beef cattle to help bring in something from some of the land which could not be cultivated.

After weighing the land, the man and his possibilities, the e Doctors of Agriculture decided he might make a go of it.

So with backing from the FHA, Mr. Brown is out to make it. He has this sort of program for the year: 32 acres cotton, 36 soybeans, corn 10 acres, pasture 56, hay 3, oats 4, okra 1 and home garden 1. He has 7 cattle, 7 hogs and 40 chickens.

Pausing on his corn planter last week, Mr. Brown assured his FHA representatives "if it gets complicated, I'll holler for you."

Out on the farm party is something which forms the basis of a lot of jokes as well as problems. A crack going the rounds now as a sort of uplifter to a farmer who appears to be a bit depressed about something is: "Smile fri-

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Letter From Ike Cheers Girl, 9

NEW YORK — (INS) — A nine-year-old Brooklyn girl with an incurable blood ailment who is re-

covering from polio, yesterday got a letter to speed her recovery from an old friend — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

State Of Race Meet Bars Press

WASHINGTON — "The State of the Race" conference held here last week ran a foul of technicalities in barring members of the press from its top-secret closed sessions.

Victim of the shut-out was Defender Publications Correspondent Ethel L. Payne who had been designated by Publisher John H. Sengstacke to represent him in his absence from the meet.

Editor-in-Chief of the Defender, Louis E. Martin, who had also been invited to attend, wired A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters at the National Association of Colored Women's headquarters, site of the confab, his regrets at not being able to come and that Miss Payne would be there in the capacity of representing the paper.

However, officials in charge of the conference refused to admit her on the grounds that she was a member of the working press.

Miss Payne protested that the rule was unfair as Councilman Earl Brown of New York, an associate editor of Life Magazine and a columnist for the New York Amsterdam News, was present and had filed a report of the meeting.

She also said that though photographers and reporters were not allowed to come in until the close of the meeting, Newsreel teams however, were admitted in the middle of the sessions.

Afro-American reporter, Larry Sills, who arrived early for the delayed press conference was asked to leave because he could overhear some of the proceedings.

Later, Randolph and Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, appeared before waiting newsmen and gave out a statement of the conference.

Thousands of tops of jade are believed deposited in various parts of Wyoming and also in California.

Susie Giardina first met the President three years ago in Feb., when she appeared with him on TV to launch the annual Red Cross drive from the White House.

"Appearing with the President on television is almost as important as getting married," she told him.

Susie, who is suffering from Cooley's Anemia, needs two blood transfusions weekly to survive. Two months ago doctors found she has also contracted polio.

After 50 days in bed and two weeks of painfully learning to walk again, Susie received a letter on White House stationery which read:

"Dear Susie,
"I understand that you have had another bit of bad luck, and that you have recently had to be in the hospital again. It's hard on a little girl not to be able to run and play with other children, and I sincerely trust that you will soon be feeling fine again. I know that your courage and wonderful spirit will carry you through this most recent misfortune with flying colors."

"With my best wishes to you always,
Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower"
"Gee whiz," Susie commented. "He didn't forget."

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South Upset By Ruling On Bus Bias

The disintegrating institution of racial segregation was shaken again last week by a Supreme Court ruling which was interpreted to mean that segregation in intra-state public transportation cannot be enforced.

The ruling, which was hailed as second in importance only to the ruling against public school segregation, caused immediate and varied reaction.

There were of course, the usual denunciations of the court by southern white leaders, and the tired old vows that integration would be accomplished only over the dead body of the South.

There was also the hesitant, "see what happens" attitude taken by many southern officials and bus companies, who seemed to feel that if they ignored the problem it would conveniently go away.

SWIFT COMPLIANCE
But, in some southern states, there was swift and decisive action to end racial segregation on city buses. Many of these cities had long ago ceased to practice strict segregation.

At week's end, this was the picture:

San Antonio became the first major southern city to become completely desegregated when city buses were added to the things where segregation could no longer be practiced. All other public facilities, including schools, were already integrated.

Three cities in Virginia — Richmond, Norfolk and Portsmouth — ordered an immediate end to segregation on the buses. A similar order was issued in Dallas, Texas and Knoxville, Tenn.

BUS LINES OBEY
The National City Lines of Chicago, which owns bus companies in eight southern cities, ordered immediate integration.

One of the lines is the Montgomery City Lines, which has been under boycott by Negro riders for the past five months. Montgomery officials threatened to arrest anyone not obeying the city's jim crow laws.

Other cities affected by the National City Lines' order are Jackson, Miss., Tampa, Fla., Mobile, Ala., Tulsa, Okla. and Wichita Falls, Beaumont and El Paso, Texas.

CONFUSION REIGNS
Little opposition was expected to integration in El Paso, Wichita Falls, Tulsa, but city officials in the other towns have stated they will oppose the company's move.

Generally, the ruling brought much confusion, but little change. Only in a few cities did Negro riders take the initiative and sit in sections reserved for white passengers. For the most part, the old pattern of segregated seating continued.

Southern officials who vowed to fight the latest blow against segregation found considerable comfort in the fact that most legal experts say the court's statement did not call for an immediate end to bus segregation.

More than 100 different makes of steam-propelled automobiles were built in the United States since the beginning of the so-called automotive age, according to the industry's records.

Oberlin college in northeastern Ohio was the first American college to adopt a co-educational system.

"I never rode a city bus since they put me off and I never will again," Mrs. Brown said in an interview last week.

"I'll either ride with my husband to work or walk."

There are 75 million licensed auto drivers in the U. S.

Traffic

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Throughout the past week, representatives have been visiting various schools and organizations acquainting them with the importance of safe driving through a film prepared by the National Safety Council. A parade was held Saturday, April 28 which depicted the horrors of careless driving. All award winners participated in the parade.

Main speaker at the banquet was Atty. S. A. Wilburn who cited the hazards of carelessness when driving. He discussed cases involving payment of insurance and legal implications, pointing out the responsibilities of persons who violate the law, as well as the consequences.

MOON MAIDS DANCED
The Moon Maids of St. Augustine High school were featured in an interpretative dance, Charles Johnson sang a solo.

Samuel Peace, vice president of internal affairs with the Jaycees, was master of ceremonies. He introduced members of the organization, and the committees.

In charge of the slogans were Willard Bell and J. L. Gaston; program — Charles Horton and Charles Johnson; publicity — Raymond Tisby and W. C. Weathers; food — Frank Scott; parade — Sam Qualls and Charles Fields; films — Elmer Henderson; keeper of records — Minor Dandridge.

Others who were active were Rev. James Sullins, Rev. Roy Love, John H. George, A. B. Owen, Sgt. R. J. Turner and Wendell Robinson.

Donations To S. A. Owen Tax Exempt
The Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington has notified S. A. Owen Junior college that it is the opinion of that office that the institution is exempt from federal income tax.

In confirmation of a tentative opinion under which the college has operated heretofore the notice read in part, "Contributions made to you are deductible by the donors in computing their taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 170 of the 1954 code. Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers to or for your use are deductible in computing the value of the taxable estate of a decedent for federal estate tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by sections 2055 and 2106 of the 1954 code. Gifts of property to or for your use are deductible in computing taxable gifts for federal gift tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 2522 of the 1954 code."

President Levi Watkins, of the college, said that this opinion answers the question of friends who have considered making sizeable contributions as an important educational institution who look to contributions as an important source of income.

Thirty-one students are expected to receive degrees and diplomas during the Institutions first commencement, June 1.

Annual Woman's Day
ANNUAL WOMAN'S DAY — The annual woman's day program will be held at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Humboldt, Tenn., May 6, 3 p.m. Miss Winnie Jai Singh, Mathura, India, is the guest speaker for the occasion. Miss Singh is now attending Scarrett College for Christian Workers and Peabody college for teachers, Nashville. The general public is cordially invited to hear this international crusade missionary scholar. Mrs. Inez Bryson and Mrs. Lena Bell Reid are co-chairmen. adv.

NEWS IN NUTSHELL

Nashville Approaches Integration

NASHVILLE — Starting with the hope that public schools could be desegregated without tension and incident, more than 100 persons of both races met in Nashville last week to organize the Nashville Conference on Community Relations. The group will direct its efforts at maintaining harmony between the races. ...

Exempt From Federal Tax

President Levi Watkins of S. A. Owen college announced last week that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had notified the school that the institution is exempt from Federal income tax.

Boy Crushed To Death

Sylvester Moore, 14, was crushed to death last week when a large piece of piping rolled on him while he was playing in a box car at the Sargent Yards of the Missouri Pacific Railroad on S. Bellevue. The victim resided at 566 Polk.

Kill Cleric With Stone

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Four men were being held last week for the "stoning death" of Rev. L. C. Baldwin, who was struck down with a 10-pound stone while walking along a road. Being held were Charles Connally, 31; William Walling, 22; Walter Thompson, 20 and Dock Hill, 22, all white and of New Hope, Ala.

Relations Bit Strained

All was not rosy last week between Mayor Orgill and officials of the county government, after the Mayor nominated a nine-member group to serve on the Memphis and Shelby County Welfare commission. Later the City commission approved the appointments "subject to concurrence of the county commissioners." The county commissioners contend they were not given an opportunity to have any say in the matter.

'How Negro Is Held Down'

Booklets entitled "How the Negro Is Held Down" appeared on the Newman Club bulletin board at Memphis State college, after the lobby of the Administration building last week. No stir was created until someone got the "bright" idea of tacking "NAACP" on the booklet. The added sign drew a cluster of students. Meanwhile, officials of the school have been charged with pushing a policy that limits freedom of speech, at least where segregation is concerned.

Students Call For Moderation

Students of Memphis State college called for moderation in solving segregation issues. A poll taken in the journalism department showed 38 percent of the 244 students believed a course of moderation the best. More than 19 percent, it was reported, felt segregation should be continued.

Bus Boycott Continues

MONTGOMERY, Ala. During a mass meeting at Day Street Baptist church attended by a crowd of 4,000 it was unanimously voted that the boycott of Montgomery City buses be continued until the matter of segregation is worked out satisfactorily. Meanwhile, the bus line has issued a notice that it will not enforce Jim Crow seating. On the other hand the city administration is pressuring for retention of bias.

Plan 700,000 School

In order to get property to build a \$700,000, Negro junior and senior high school, the Memphis Board of Education last week authorized its president and secretary to start condemnation proceedings to acquire a 12-acre site in South Memphis.

Old Slave

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BAYONNE, N. J. — Sam Dorsey, who was born a slave 101 years ago, retired last week from his job in the Bayonne municipal public works department and applied for a Social Security old-age pension.

Judge Avery's opinion affirmed that of a Shelby County judge in holding that Tennessee must recognize Mississippi's slave marriage laws, although they differed from Tennessee's. He said the Shelby judge was correct in awarding the Memphis property to the relatives of Cornelius Walker instead of honoring the widow's will.

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HAVING THE PEER GYNT Suite as a lesson in music appreciation led the eighth grade class at Leath school, taught by Mrs. Helen West, to rewrite the story and present it as "Puppet-land Playhouse." Seated front row, with the i

puppets are: L. H. White, Carol Fields, Doris Pickens, Johnnie Taylor, Willie D. Collins, Vinnie R. Daugherty, Mary M. Mayhue and George E. Rogers. Second row: Abe Yarbrough, Charles Golden, Mrs. Helen W. West, principal,

Mrs. West, Markham Stanberry and Clarence Cleaves. The puppets were made in art classes by Bonnie Onidas, Hattie Williams, Ben Williams, Gwendolyn Watts, Clarice Matthews, Sam Fisher, Eddie Hubbard, Charles Lew-

is, Isom Walton, Jack Hogan, Lavern Gamble, Spencer McGhee, L. H. White, Boyd Jones, George Grace, Carole Fields, Beatrice Williams, Freddie Williams and Harold Baines. (Newson Photo)



THIS PLANNING Committee is working on arrangements in connection with the meeting here in Memphis on May 5 of the State Elks Convention. The Bills and Daughters are from the Bluff City and Or-

ange Mound lodges and the Anna S. Church and Orange Mound Temples. Front row are Annie Dawkins, Willie Gordon, Maceo Redwood, J. L. Gaston, committee chairman; L. George W. Lee,

grand commissioner of education; and W. C. Weathers, exalted ruler Bluff City Lodge. Second row: Will Taylor, Frank T. Scott, Isaac Polk, Laura Lampley, Miss M. L. Rideout, Mrs. Neal, E. F. Sanders and Harbey Franklin.

Third row are Simon Harding, Dennis Hearn, Jessie Busby, H. L. Blackwell, Jimmie Carouthers, Gertrude Dukes, Henry Williams and Will Childress. Maurice Hubert, sr. is seen in inset. (Withers Photo)



"THIS IS THE IDEA. . ." and glamorous internationally famous model Dorothea Towles (right) explains a scene during rehearsal to Tennessee State university student model - aspirants Doris Deerry of St. Louis, Mo., (second from left); Audrey Mitchell, Memphis; and Shir-

ley Parker, Pittsburgh, Pa. Pittsburgh Courier columnist Toki Schalk Johnson (left), who was fashion commentator, approves. Miss Towles was featured in the university's fashion extravaganza, "A Flight Into Spring" last week in which twenty finely fashioned garments made by home economics students

compared favorably with those from commercial houses. Dior, Fath, and Piguet were among those designing creations worn by Miss Towles. Her hats were by Bill Howard of Detroit. Tennessee State art department graduate W. V. Harper, II, of Atlanta entered four of his originals. (Clanton III Photo)

George Bonds Dies; Stricken Last August

George Bonds, husband of Mrs. Ruby Bonds, 749 Bey st., passed Wednesday, April 25 at 8:30 p.m., at John Gaston hospital after a long illness. He was first stricken on last August 19.

Mr. Bonds, a native of Tupelo, Miss., came to Memphis to live some 20 years ago and was gain-

fully employed as a chef cook at various hotels, restaurants and cafes. He formerly worked at the Chisca hotel, Budweiser Grill, Municipal Airport restaurant, Plantation Inn and the last place of employment was Gilley's Place on So. Third St.

UNION BAPTIST

He has been a member of Union Baptist church for the past 25 years. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 29 with Rev.

A. C. Baker, pastor of Freedonia Baptist church, Tunica, Miss., and Rev. J. W. West, pastor of Union Baptist church officiating.

Mr. Bonds was son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Greely Bonds, of Sheffield, Ala.; brother of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bonds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonds, of Memphis; stepfather of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Couch, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Couch; foster son-in-law of Mr. James Gahee; brother-in-law of

Rev. J. W. Campbell, of Sheffield, Ala.; Mrs. V. V. Finley, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mamie Lovings, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Robinson, Jr., of Memphis; nephew of Mrs. Mattie McGhee, Mrs. Mary Luster, of Corinth, Miss. He also leaves five grandchildren, ten nieces, four nephews, a host of other relatives and friends. He was also the cousin of Mr. and Mrs. Sykes Riddles, of Corinth, Miss. Qualls & Co., was in charge.

Three of four farms in the U. S. have automobiles; half have motor trucks.

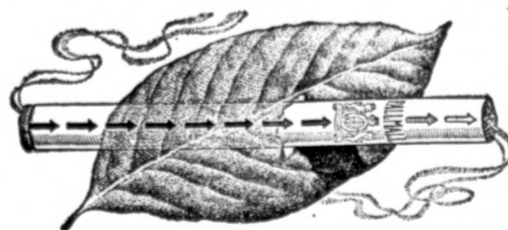
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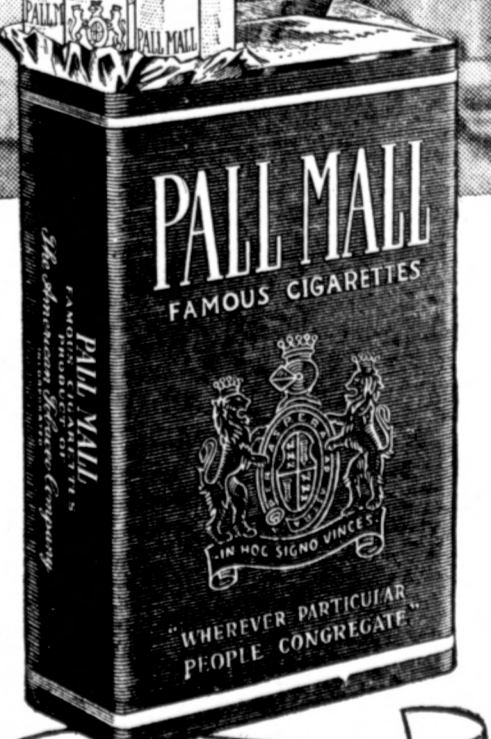


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Beef leads the foods plentiful list for May according to the USDA. Especially is this true of the U. S. choice grade. It is wise to consider grade as well as cut in cooking beef. Beef of the lighter grades can be cooked successfully in a variety of ways.

Other continued plentiful for May: Milk and other dairy products, pork, lamb, broilers and fryers, onions, grapefruit, canned

and frozen cherries, rice, dates and peanut butter.

Of course cottage cheese is included in the "other dairy products." Cottage cheese is an excellent source of protein and right now is very popular in salads, cakes and pies. Here is a nice simple "Peach Cheese Pie" which is neither too rich nor too sweet. The juicy canned cling peaches and the cottage cheese combin-

ed make for very good eating.

PEACH CHEESE PIE

Crumb Shells

1 cup finely rolled corn

flake crumbs

2 tablespoons sugar

1-4 cup melted butter

Filling

1 envelope (1 Tablespoon)

plain gelatin

1-4 cup cold water

1-4 cup canned cling peach

slices

1/2 cup syrup from peaches

1/2 cup sugar

2 eggs

1-4 cup lemon juice

1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

1 cup cottage cheese

1-4 teaspoon salt

Crumb shell: Blend crumbs,

sugar and butter, mixing well.

Press firmly into bottom and

sides of 8-inch pie pan. Chill

thoroughly.

Filling: Soften gelatin in cold

water. Heat peaches, Syrup and

1-4 cup sugar. Beat egg

yolks lightly and gradually add to

hot peaches. Cook and stir until

thickened. Blend in softened gelatin,

lemon juice and rind. Cool.

Force cottage cheese through a

sieve and add to peach gelatin

mixture. Beat egg whites with

salt until stiff. Gradually add re-

maining 1-4 cup sugar beating

after each addition. Fold into peach

gelatin mixture. Pour into crumb

shell and chill 3 to 4 hours be-

fore serving. Makes 1 (8 inch)

pie.

Johnny Russo Beats Orlando Zulueta

NEW YORK — (INS) — New Yorker Johnny Russo scored a majority decision over Cuban lightweight Orlando Zulueta Monday night in a nationally televised ten-rounder at the St. Nicholas arena.



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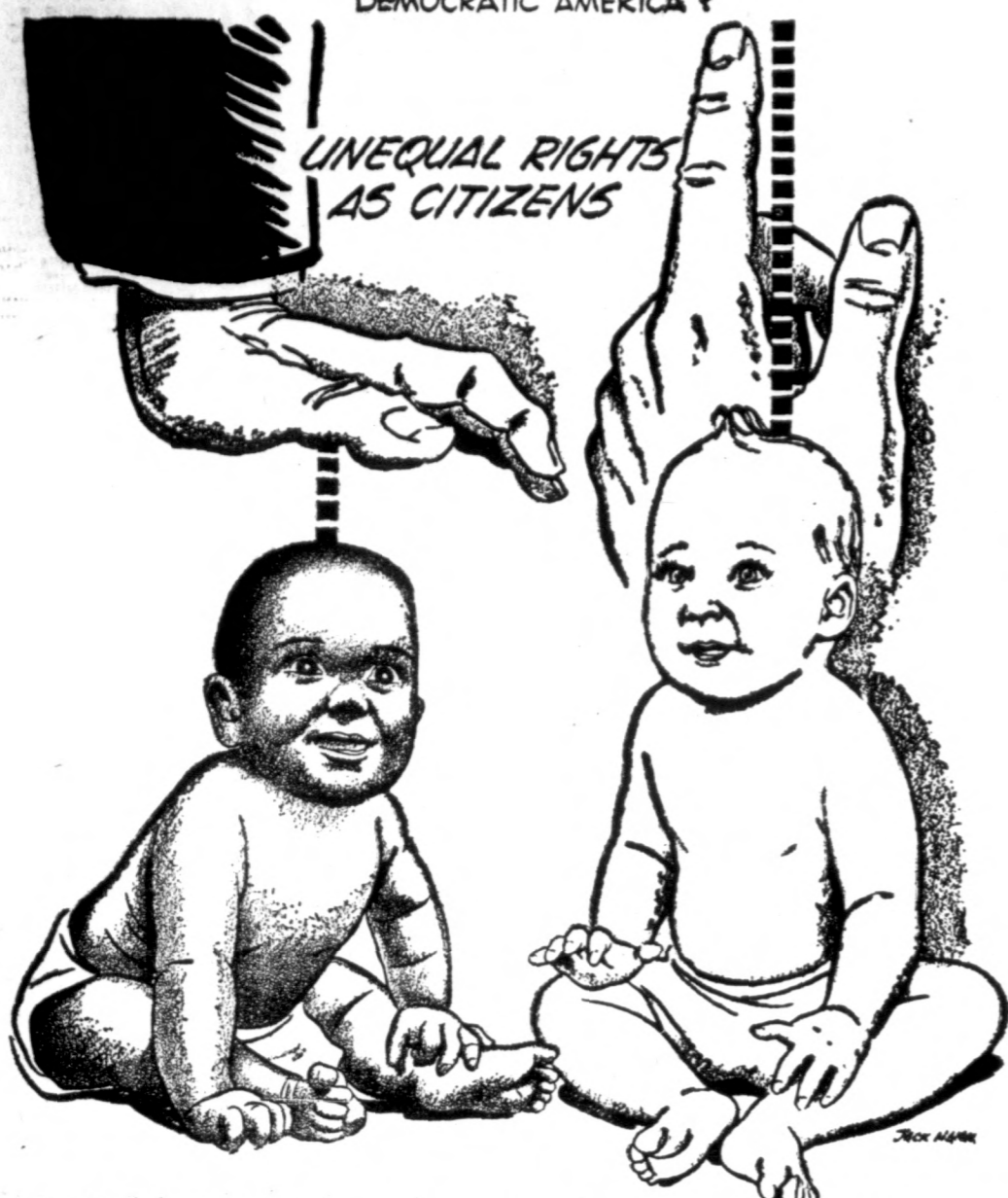
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CHURCH NOTES

CENTENARY METHODIST

An inspiring message, "The Significance of the Lord's Supper," will spotlight services at Centenary Baptist church Sunday. It will be delivered during the morning worship at 11 a. m. Rev. D. M. Grisham, the pastor, will present the sermon. The senior choir will render the music.

Conduction of the Sunday school will be under the supervision of William E. Hunt. The Sunday school starts at 9:30 a. m.

The congregation will participate of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p. m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Service at the New Hope Baptist church Sunday will be regular. Sam Marshall conducts the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

The pastor, Rev. Joe Allen, will officiate at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Communion will be administered during the service at 7:30 p. m. J. C. Curry will direct the Baptist Training Union at 6 p. m.

PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST

The Progressive Male Chorus will render a musical Sunday, at 3 p. m. Henry Martin and Deacon Arvell Hall are the sponsors.

At 9 a. m., A. J. Terry will supervise the Sunday school. The sermon at 11 a. m. will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. O. C. Collins.

Baptist Training Union is scheduled for 6 p. m. Alfred Thurman will direct it. Communion will be held at 8 p. m.

MARTIN TEMPLE

At Martin Temple Memorial C. M. E. church, Sunday, the service will get underway at 9:30 a. m. Miss Anna Jean Goodloe will conduct the Sunday school at this time. Following will be the morning worship at 11 a. m. Rev. L. A. Storey, the pastor, will deliver the sermon.

The Board of Christian Education meets at 5 p. m. At 6 p. m., the Christian Youth Fellowship convenes.

Mrs. Geraldine Sims is the church reporter.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

Thirty-one candidates will be baptized at Bethlehem Baptist church Sunday, at 2 p. m. Rev. J. R. Bibbs, the pastor, will preside.

B. H. Holman will be in charge of the Sunday school at 9 a. m. A sermon by the pastor, will be heard at 11 a. m.

At 6:30 p. m., the Baptist Training Union starts. James Peoples is the director.

Communion and fellowship of candidates will be held at 8 p. m. The public is invited.

NEW TYLER AME

A regular day is planned for the membership of New Tyler AME church Sunday. Prof. Isaiah Goodrich and Mrs. Alma Bowen will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

The pastor, Rev. H. W. Henning, will deliver a sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Music will be furnished by the senior choir. Miss I. Flowers will direct the ACE League at 5:30 p. m.

Communion will be administered at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

ST. JUDE BAPTIST

The congregation of St. Jude,

Easter Charles will direct the 6:00 p. m.

ST. JAMES AME

The morning message of St. James AME church, Sunday, will be delivered by Evangelist Rheloa Jackson. It will be presented at 11 a. m. William Jackson will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

The ACE League commences at 6 p. m. Devotion and a sermon will be held at 7:30 p. m. Communion will be held during the morning and evening service.

Mrs. Thelma McKissic is the church reporter.

The Pulpit Speaks

By REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE
College Minister
S. A. Owen Junior College

"Not in the foreseeable future," thus we find a man summarizing one of the most vital issues of our day.

A few days ago one of the outstanding generals of our army was being questioned about the possibility of a warless day and generation. After many pointed questions were asked the speaker asked him, "Do you think that the day will come when we will not need armies and navies to protect our interests?" The general replied, "NOT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE!"

As I listened to the conversation the man to me was just asking this question: "Do you think that the time will ever come when men will mature spiritually, socially, intellectually, and economically that they will be able to live in harmony and goodwill?"

I think that that is a question that each of us could and should ask himself. Now let's not be too hurried. I know exactly what some of the great minds are saying right now: "If we could get Japan, China, Africa, and Russia straight everything else will be in proper shape."

BLAME OTHERS

It seems to me that we are always wanting to put the blame for failures on someone else. In a like manner we are always ready to grab all of the honors for ourselves. Ys I grant you that the world would be better if we could get the named countries to do right. But then comes the old-age question, "What is right?" Are you going to say that all peoples should forsake their ways of doing things and accept our ways of doing things? Do you think that you are so right that your neighbor should stop growing lilies and grow roses because you like roses better? Do you think that your neighbor should stop punishing his child because you have chosen not to punish yours? Do you think that your neighbor should build a two-story house or buy a Cadillac when a one story house and a Chevrolet will serve his needs?

MUST BE BETTER WAY

What then is the answer for all of our present day confusion? One thing sure — I feel that now we know that materialism is not the answer. We could go on and on analyzing one thing after another only to learn that this too is not the answer. But at the basis of all of our thinking there must be a way out. As the soldier who lay dying uttered in his closing breath, "There must be a better way!" — surely there is. There is a way that contrary to the thinking of this man of arms that can be realized in the foreseeable future. I know that that was his way of

saying it would never happen. But it can happen and I dare to say that it can happen here and now. Peace, kindness, love, tolerance, truth and all the other virtues I could list are not something that will be realized in the far-distant future, but here and now.

I know that there are those who have taken "the far-away look" at a whole lot of things. Every now and then I come in contact with people and I engage them in a conversation. Soon the conversation moves into close quarters where we resort to asking pointed questions. Almost without failure some comes up with the answer, "Yes, but not in my day and time."

It seems to me that when people allow themselves to come to such conclusions in life they have adapted the role of the defeatists. "AGAINST THE GRAIN"

Now just for the sake of argument let us analyze this stand: "NOT IN MY DAY AND TIME" or "NOT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE." What are these people saying? Just this: I know that things are not what they should be and I am also admitting that I am not willing to make the necessary sacrifices to make them what they should be. I know that my church, my school, my lodge, my fraternity, and my home are all not what they should be. Rather than run "against the grain" I will accept the easier way out and go along with the tide. I will lay myself at the mercy of the tide and let nature take its course.

And I dare say that after a long time of going along with the tide we forget about what duty, decency and right demand. We only become concerned about ourselves and our own welfare. We are willing to follow afar off.

Those of us who are familiar with our Bibles know that in the afar off. It was then that he lost sight of the cause and became concerned about Peter. So many of us today are Peters. We have left the main function of life off and our chief concerns have been our own. It is then that people can say "not in the foreseeable future." They say in so many words I am not ready to do what I should do that certain things might be realized.

I heard sometime ago that a man was praying and during the course of his prayer he said: "Thy kingdom come — BUT NOT NOW!" There are many of us today who are saying just the same thing — "But not now." We realize that for certain things that should come to pass we would have to sacrifice more than is desirable on our part and to that extent we say "Not in the foreseeable future."

Grant PTA Dates Tea For May 6

The public is invited to enjoy "Spring Bouquet" at Grant school's annual PTA Tea, Sunday, May 6, from 4 till 6 p. m. The program will be predominantly musical.

Guest artists will be Carl Russell, minister of music at Collins Chapel CME church, Harold Bowen, a former Grant school student, and others who will appear with students from the various departments within the school.

Announced purpose of the tea is raising funds to purchase playground equipment such as slides, swings and a merry-go-round for the school playground.

Support of the public is necessary to make the program a success.

Mrs. Louella Addison is president of the Grant PTA and Prof. R. H. Morris is school principal.

Young Artists Sponsored By Youth Choir

The Youth choir of First Baptist church, Lauderdale presented two young artists in a pleasing recital last Sunday evening to a splendid audience.

Miss Carole Hooks, pianist of the choir and a student of Madame McCleave was one of the featured artists, and Miss Lillian Short, a dramatic reader and soloist of the youth choir, was the other feature on the program.

Both young ladies demonstrated unusual talent and conducted themselves as mature artists despite their teen ages.

Miss Hooks is the great granddaughter of the late Julia Hooks, who was a great pianist in her day and taught many pupils who are now active in music endeavors. She has a feeling for the music of the masters and has already developed a fine quality of tone at the piano. Miss Short, dramatic reader of much talent, is a senior at Hamilton High school and a pupil of Mrs. J. B. Blackshire. She too, has reached a high degree of ability in dramatics.

ALL MEMORIZED

Her poise and expression of emotions have reached a point of mature excellence. All of the numbers on the program were memorized, which means much time was spent in preparation. Each performer gave seven numbers.

The Youth choir opened the program with a chant and closed with a benediction directed by Mrs. Myrtle Hodges accompanied by Mrs. Mildred Crawford.

Joseph White, a young organist, offered the prelude and postlude, the organ.

Closing remarks were made by Rev. H. C. Nabrit, minister at First Baptist Lauderdale.

The audience enjoyed refreshments at a reception in the church parlor.

\$2,000 Goal Of Men-Women Day

Members of the Greenwood C. M. E. church are combining their Men and Women Day programs for May 20. The financial goal of the day is \$2,000 and members anticipate an interesting day.

Willie Lay is general chairman of the day with Mrs. Zettie Miller as co-chairman. Rev. J. E. Robinson is church minister.

Revival Services At Pleasant Grove

Revival service will begin at the Pleasant Grove MB church, Buntyn and Felix (Orange Mound) Sunday night, May 6, to run through Friday night, May 11. Rev. N. Davis will conduct services.

Sunday School will be held at 9:30 a. m. Bro. J. Vanzant, superintendent. The pastor, Rev. Paul H. Jones, will deliver an inspiring sermon at 11 a. m.

The Good Will choir union consisting of five churches, will present a Singing program at 3 p. m. Evening Service will begin at 7:30.

Call Diamond 'Africa's Best'

NEW YORK — A fabulous diamond that has no name arrived here last week in an \$3,400,000 shipment of diamonds from Africa.

The huge unnamed diamond, a 426 carat stone valued at \$1,500,000, was described by a British gem dealer as "the finest diamond in quality and purity ever found in Africa."

Population of the U. S., increased 26 million in the 1945-55 period, which was more than the gain in the 21 years spanning the 1924-45 period.

But my friends, progress is not based upon emotions and the way people feel about certain things. It is based upon old fashioned stick-to-it-ness and grim determination. Generations ago people did not have near the facilities we now have but they did much more to eradicate moral, spiritual and social evils than we dare do. Let us then be up and doing!"

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tender and so easy to bake. Rolls and pies are fun and easy too. Put the pie in your freezer to bake at a later date. Let the cake and rolls have a dinner date with Dad and the small fry.

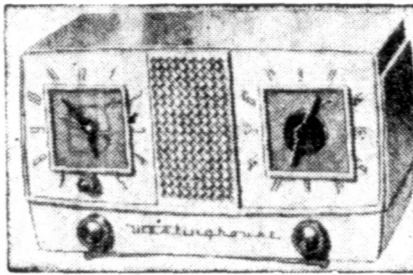
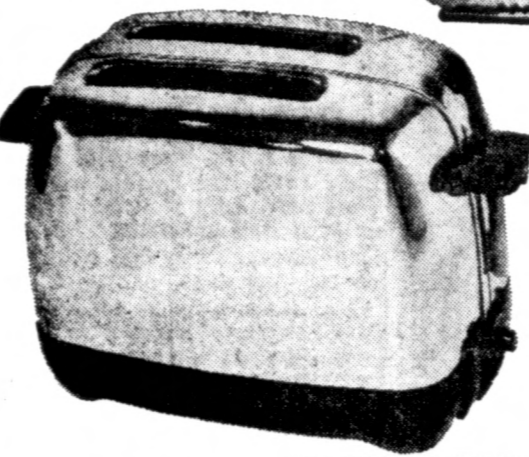
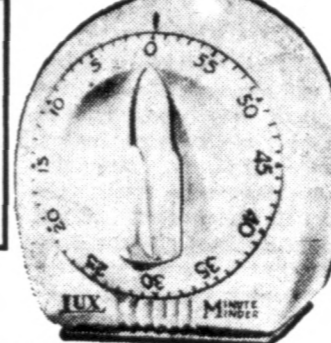
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2 1/2 cup Jack Sprat enriched flour
1 2/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup butter or shortening
1 tsp. salt
1 1/4 cup milk
3/2 tsp. baking powder
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla



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boil. Blend the remaining 1/2 cup cold milk, and the corn starch and stir into the scalded milk mixture. Cook until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Cool to lukewarm. Beat egg whites until fluffy, add remaining 1-4 cup of sugar and beat until stiff. Fold thoroughly into cream filling. Cool thoroughly and fold in sliced berries when ready to spread. Spread thickly between layers of cake. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Serve with strawberry sauce or fresh strawberry ice cream. Try it! Jack Sprat enriched flour makes such good cakes.
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26 Merry High Students Visit Local Schools

Twenty-six students composing the student council and minors at Merry High School in Jackson, Tenn., visited the five public high schools in Memphis on Friday, April 20. The students were divided into groups with each group visiting different high schools. The main objective of the trip was to study student council activities carried on at the Memphis City schools.

The student council under the advisement of Mrs. A. Lee Cook, was accompanied by her along with Miss Darlene Hutson, city supervisor, Mrs. M. L. Smith, Mrs. M. L. Womack, and R. L. Gibbs all teachers at Merry High.

The group consisted of Dorothy Hamlett, student council president, Ronald McKelvy, Helen McKinney, Sharron Robinson, Norma Odem, Annie Wortham, Roy Ann Wilks, James Butler, Tommie Sue Cox, Annie M. Ozier, Van Askew, Flossie Dupree, Mamie Parks, Mary E. Baskin, Estella Anderson, Mary Catherine Morris, Harold Berry, Louise Bishop, Lula Glenn, Charles Bigby, Herbert Bieby, Frances Jackson, Kaye Merry, Lonnie Norman, Linda Shipp and Shirley Brooks gathered at Melrose High for an assembly talent program which took place at 2 p.m.



TROTH TOLD — Pretty Gloria Jerome Wells whose engagement to James Taliaferro Hadley has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Annabelle Taylor. Mr. Hadley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hadley of Warren, Ark.

Carl Russell To Appear In Recital

On May 13 the Excelsior Society of the Mississippi Boulevard S. D. A. church will present Mr. Carl Russell in a recital at Second Congregational church at 8:30.

Mr. Russell is a native Memphian and a former student of Booker T. Washington High school. He has studied voice under Madame Florence Cole McCleave of this city, Donna Harrison and Nelli Gardini at the American Conservatory of Music, and Marie Brooks Strang at Tennessee A & T State university. He is also minister of music at Collins Chapel CME church.

What wives don't know about sex

Many wives today are bound by ignorance and inhibitions despite the modern young woman's sophistication, says Dr. Abraham Stone, eminent physician and marriage counselor.

Dr. Stone answers 17 significant and vital questions... gives helpful information and advice on this most important subject. In the May Ladies' Home Journal — now at your newsstand!

10 Boys From YMCA Attend 'Nooga Meet

Executive Secretary L. O. Swinger announced that approximately ten boys are represented this week at the Tennessee State Conference of Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y groups. The two-day session is being held at J. A. Henry Branch YMCA in Chattanooga.

Rev. W. C. Audrey, Boys Work Department Secretary, accompanied Secretary Swinger with the Boys to Chattanooga.

"Living Together" is the theme of the 1956 State Hi-Y, and Tri-Hi-Y Conference, according to Dunbar Reed, Southern Area Council YMCA secretary. Mr. Reed stated that among the principal speakers will be Hugh E. Robinson, associate secretary, Southern Area Council YMCA who also holds the position of World Services Secretary, and membership on the International Committee of North American YMCAs.

Local delegates to the conference went from Hi-Y groups at Booker T. Washington, Melrose, Hamilton and Manassas High schools.

Mr. Reed will visit in Memphis Friday, May 5, during which time he will meet with the Abe Scharrf YMCA Board of Directors, Ladies Auxiliary, and a cross-section of the membership-at-large. Earlier in the day Friday, Mr. Reed will join Metropolitan YMCA Executive Secretary E. L. Whittington as special guests as Induction Ceremonies which Manassas High school Hi-Y will carry out during assembly period.

Prof. L. A. German, faculty member, is Hi-Y advisor at Manassas.

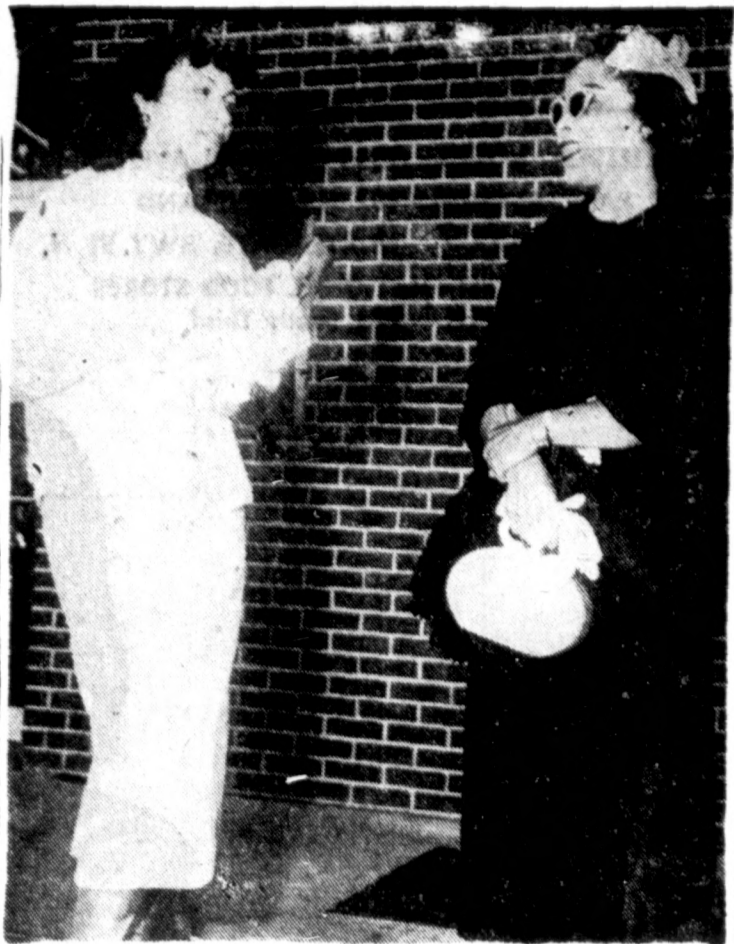
Greenwood Slates State Pageant

Mrs. M. E. Kundy is sponsoring a state pageant in the Greenwood CME church auditorium Friday, May 4, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Vivian Robinson will be narrator for the pageant.

The new structure is expected to be ready for Roosevelt's 19th season of night harness racing in the summer of 1957.

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MRS. DORA REID of Pensacola, Fla., (right) and Betty Ann King, of Quincy, Fla., recent graduates of Florida A & M university, were among the many graduates of the school attending the annual meeting of the Florida State Teachers convention in Pensacola.



PRESIDENT Hollis F. Price (photo left), is shown as he presented scholarships to the winners in the Vocal Contest between high school seniors held at LeMayne on April 27. (L to R) Frank Lockhart, St. Augustine school, won second place and a scholarship valued at \$10; Pearl Westbrook, Booker T. Washington High school, received a scholarship for \$150 as third place winner; and Willie Showell, Booker T. Washington, took first place and a scholarship for \$200. In right photo, Dean Ernest Hooper presents scholarships to the winners in

the Interpretative Reading Contest between high school seniors held at LeMayne on April 26. (L to R) Mose Yvonne Brooks, Booker T. Washington High school, received a scholarship worth \$150 as third place winner; James Jones, Douglass High school, won first place and a

scholarship for \$200; and Freddie Mae Green, Melrose High school, was awarded a scholarship valued at \$150 as second winner.

Mt. Pisgah High Slates First Musical Recital

The music department of the Mt. Pisgah High school will present its first musical recital on Friday night, May 4, in the Gymnasium of the school at 8:15 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah is the newest, largest and most beautiful high school in Shelby county in which only high school classes are taught. The school is located in the Mt. Pisgah community just four miles south of Highway 64.

The music department is under the direction of Rev. William L. Bell who — as the pastor of Clayborn Temple A.M.E. church — has presented some very enjoyable musical programs at Clayborn Temple for the past several years. The music for the above program will be rendered by the Mt. Pisgah special chorus of 50 voices and will feature Brooks Reid, mezzo baritone, in special selections.

George Hollis will read "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson and Miss Mertis E. Jones, of Memphis, will be guest soloist. The program will be as follows:

PART I
Morning..... Oley Speaks
Sundown, Arr. from Londonderry
Air..... Ira B. Wilson
The Builder..... Cadman
Special Chorus

PART II
The Rosary..... Nevlin
Climbing Jacob's..... Arr. Bell
Ladder
Female Ensemble

PART III
The Lord's Prayer..... Malotte
He..... Jack Richards
The Holy City..... Adams
Brooks Reid

PART IV
Where'er You Walk..... Handel
(Aria from "Semele")
Go Down Moses..... Arr. J. Rosa
mond Johnson
Brooks Reid

Memories Are Made of This Gilkyson, Dehr, Miller
Brooks Reid and Special Chorus
PART V
The Heavens Resound.... Arr. from Beethoven
Bless the Lord,
O My Soul.... Michael Ippolitov

Lift Up Your.... E. L. Ashford
Heads Ivanov

PART VI
Medley of Negro Spirituals
PART VII
Inflammatus Et Accensus (aria and Chorus) from "Stabat Mater"—Rossini Mertis E. Jones and the Mt. Pisgah Chorus
The public is invited to hear this program. Sercey C. Harris is the principal of the Mt. Pisgah High school.

The Stars Speak
Saturday — My findings are for those of this date of birth, money, travel an all the best of health but I find so many with a chronic condition still not of a serious nature which we do not attribute to anything but destiny.
Sunday — You are a person who believes in doing right but so often put others to shame by trying to explain your point of view. So often you lose friends by your frank statements. I would advise you to use a different method if you still care to retain your prestige and hold people's friendship.
Monday — You have done a far better job of attending to other people's business than you have with your own, which you have neglected in order to keep up with the "Joneses." Take time out for an inventory. Give yourself a good checking and I am sure you will call this sound advice.
Tuesday — Sports should play a great part in your life and should fill a great part. You should enjoy them till you weaken to the extent of betting. But I still see pleasure in it for those you must pay for the past time. Stick to just liking the sports and forget the bets.
Wednesday — The reason as much as you like to fish and so seldom have much luck is because destiny deals with life regardless of form. Outdoor life plays a

great part in the money interests with being able to be active.
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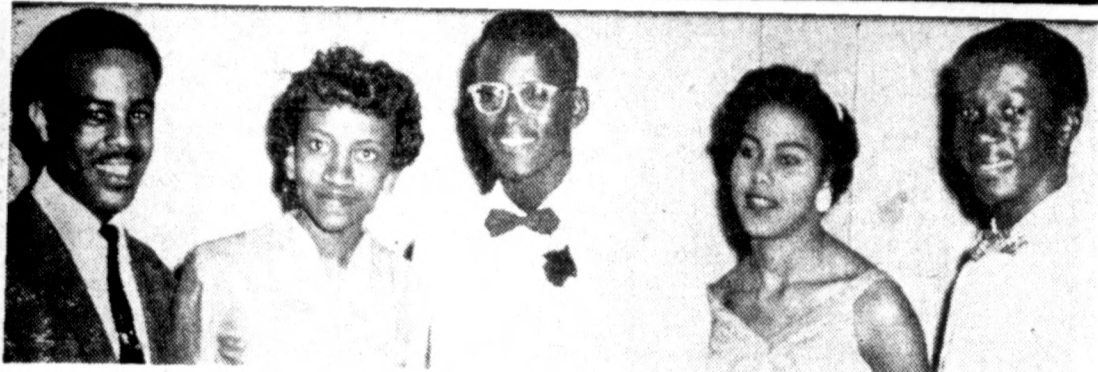


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A TALENT CONTEST sponsored here among high schools by Tennessee State university drew a fair-sized audience to Ellis auditorium last Tuesday night. In upper photo Prof. Harry T. Cash, right, is congratulated by W. D. Adkins, who presented Prof. Cash a TV set for the Hamilton students who sold most tickets

for the affair. Looking on from left are Dr. W. L. Crump, director of public relations at Tennessee State; Famed pianist Lois Towles, and WDIA's A. C. Williams, who MC'd the talent show. Schools were awarded a four-year scholarship each and the principals are to make the selection of winners. Students seen in lower picture stood up for the

various schools represented. From left are: Charles Delaine, Manassas; Fredia Manry, Melrose; Joseph Jackson, Jr., of Booker T. Washington standing up for Douglass; Josie Baldrige, of Booker T. Washington, and Hugh M. Wade, Hamilton. These students are not necessarily the winners of the scholarships. (Coleman Photos)

Tenn. State Holds Talent Contest With Lois Towles

Tennessee A&I university, represented by Dr. William L. Crump, public relations director, was host to a fair-sized audience of students, their parents and friends at Ellis auditorium last Tuesday night at a high school talent contest with famed Lois Towles as guest artist.

Miss Towles, who is a member of the university music faculty, was presented as an inspiration to the high school students. The glamorous artist, gowned in gorgeous white satin, bore the airs of the Europeans with whom she has recently spent quite a while studying new methods of playing the piano, as well as the customs of the natives abroad.

The audience listened attentively as Miss Towles gave a lecture-recital of compositions that are favorites of music lovers. The Polonaise in A Flat Major, by Chopin and the Lechetsky ar-

range of the Sexte'te from "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti with the left hand alone, were skillfully accomplished.

A legendary dance by the Spanish Albeniz, was added to her repertoire while spending a vacation in that romantic country, thus the interpretation of the rhythmic selection was quite authentic and enjoyable.

The second part of the program was given over to the contest between the talented students of the five public high schools. A. C. Williams was master of ceremonies and conducted the program in his usual suave manner.

Each of the performers exhibited latent talent but some were more promising than others because of training.

Owing to the fact that most of the schools had presented group numbers, the judge gave each of the schools a four-year scholar-

ship, leaving the recipient of each to the selection of the school principal.

Participants included:

"He," a vocal by Hugh Wade and the Hibbelaes, of Hamilton; trumpet solo by Leroy Foster, of Manassas; "The Jasmín Door," a vocal by Freda Manry, of Melrose; character Ballet from the "Waltz of the Flowers," by Josie Mae Baldrige, of Booker T. Washington; "Morning," a soprano solo by Mattie Bland of Douglass; two non-competitive selections by the WDIA Teen Towners, Aesthetic Dance by Charles Manassas; vocal by the Treble Clefs of Douglass; dramatic reading from "Macbeth," by Freddie Mae Green, of Melrose; tenor solo "Come to The Fair," by Joseph Jackson, Jr., of Booker T. Washington and Dance in Fantasy, by the Hamilton Starlighters.

Hamilton High school was presented the TV set for having sold the highest number of tickets for the event. Principal Harry T. Cash accepted it for the students from W. D. Adkins, manager of the Golden Life Insurance company of Brownsville, Tenn.

This is a fine gesture on the part of our state university, encouraging the youth to better scholarship and a higher standard of culture in the arts.

The guest artist, Miss Towles, continued her program with renditions of the popular "Clair de Lune" by the French Debussy; a transcription by Liszt of the "Erl-King" by Schubert, which had a masterly touch; and the vigorous Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2, by Liszt in which the dynamic virtuosa gave all she had of energy and feeling.

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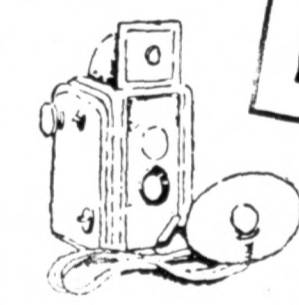


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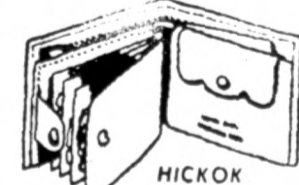


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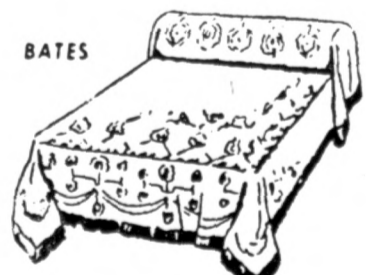
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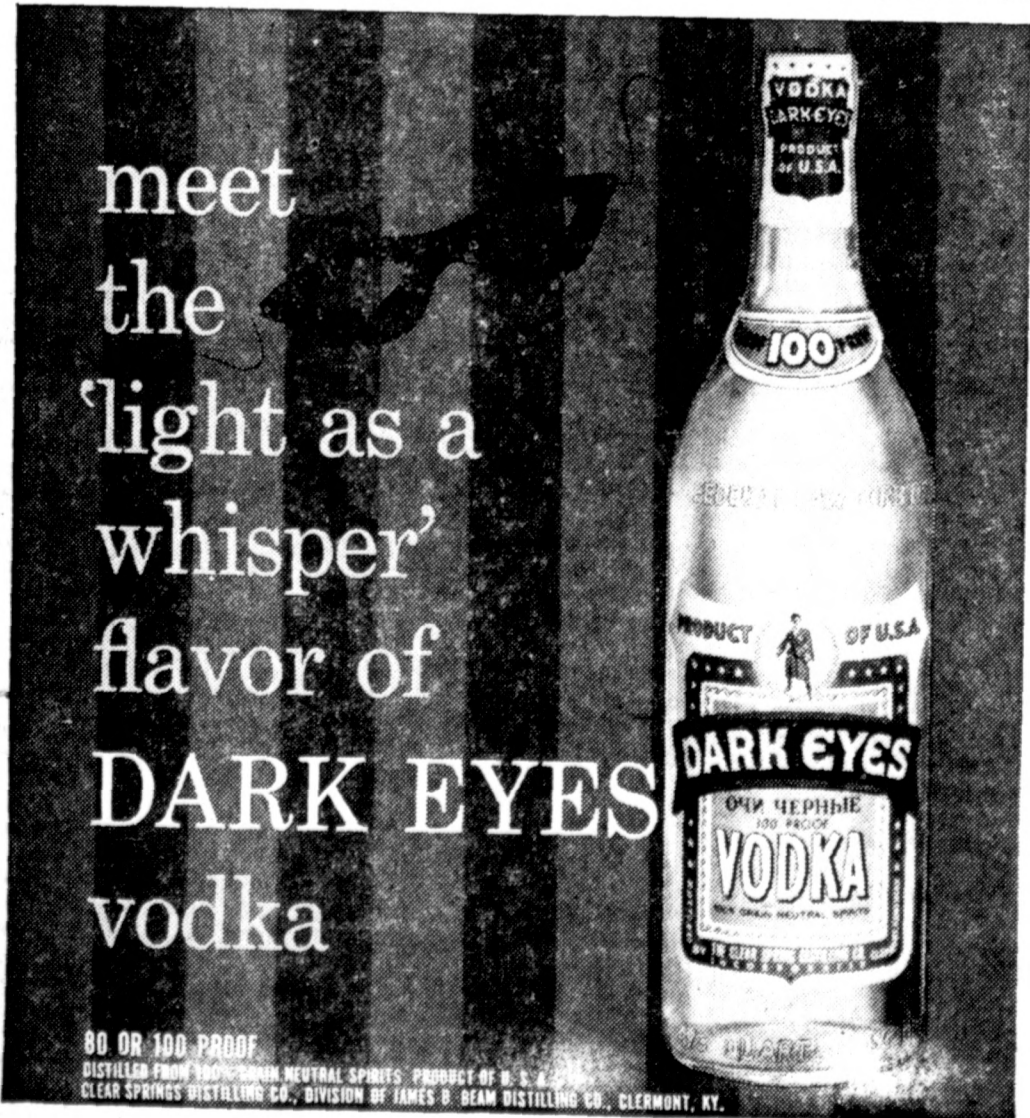


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Our Opinions

Constitutional Confusion

The Supreme Court's action — or the lack of it — on the Sarah Flemming suit against the Carolina Coach Co., last week has left some sharply differing opinions among legal experts.

Specifically, the high court dismissed the appeal of the utilities company from a lower court decision instructing the state of South Carolina to cease segregation on public conveyances. At first glance, this seemed like a clear cut interpretation which could be broadly applied to all intrastate travel and some newspapers came out with headlines proclaiming the end of the Montgomery bus boycott.

In fact, the National City Lines which own the Montgomery system sent out an order telling the local management to end discrimination in its policy. But the mayor and the chief of police and the public utilities commissioner have threatened to arrest any driver or passenger who attempts to carry out the order of integration and the bus protest by 50,000 Negroes goes on.

In Virginia, three cities, Norfolk, Richmond and Portsmouth, ended segregation on buses, but the lawyers are arguing. In Washington, Father Joseph Snee of the Georgetown university Law School, said the appeal was dismissed on the technical ground that a final decision on the case had not been reached by the lower courts. He said the ruling in itself did not consider the question of segregation, and he predicted

that the case can come up before the Supreme Court again.

Other lawyers have interpreted the decision as not settling the issue, but serving as a guide for further procedures. They disagree over the question of whether the last vestiges of the Plessy vs. Ferguson separate but equal doctrine have been knocked out.

NAACP lawyers said the ruling had no bearing on the conviction of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., on a conspiracy charge; but it might be applied in the case of Mrs. Rosa Parks convicted of violating the state statute on segregation in travel.

On May 11, the suit of Mrs. Parks and four other members of the Montgomery Improvement Association testing the state law on intrastate travel will be heard in a three-member Federal District court.

So, there seems to be a lot of constitutional confusion. In our opinion, the high court was proceeding along proper legal lines in the same framework of the decisions in the Schools cases. Now that the bus company in Chicago has formally ordered the end to segregation in Montgomery, the city fathers are committing financial harikiri when they block the order; because the Negroes are still remaining off the buses and the deficit is piling up higher and higher. The walls are crumbling, but some diehards would rather be silly than right.

It is encouraging that in some parts of the South, sanity is prevailing.

Pause For Reflection

Checking back over our editorials, we suddenly realized with a shudder that from the way we've been fighting the battle for civil rights we've sounded like a lot of Gloomy Guses with frozen faces. Our job is to keep on fighting and never relent until the last vestiges of second class citizenship in this land have disappeared.

However, it's spring and our hearts are young and gay—(who says we ain't?) and maybe we ought to take time out from manning the ramparts to do a little reflecting on some of the good things that have been happening.

Well, there's Ernie Banks and the Cubs and Minnie Minoso is around with the White Sox and did we hear a "Say Hey"

from the Polo Grounds in Manhattan? Campy is catching and that "joyous giraffe," Bill Russell is packing for the Olympics.

"Mr. Wonderful" is going right ahead in his inimitable way, despite the critics and they're rocking and rolling in Birmingham with a phooey to the White Citizens Council. King Cole has taken out a life membership with the NAACP. All is forgiven son. Come home.

Did we hear some politicians politicking? Take it easy boys. There's four months to go yet until convention time. Pardon us please while we take some time out to say "It's spring and we ain't mad at nobody; at least for today!"

What The People Say

Bias And The South

Dear Editor: I have just completed reading several of your editorial pages in different editions on the pro and con discussion of the age old problem — SEGREGATION — and I feel that it is an obligation to express my views, especially during this period of great animation.

Today, democracy as we conceive it, is under attack from many directions. It is dangerous to try to brush the criticisms aside; they must be understood and if possible answered. It may be well to note that some of the critics are men of goodwill who have thoughtful arguments to offer. They question the desirability of liberty, deny the primacy of individuals, and consider human inequality as inevitable if not desirable.

Our southern section of our country has made us totally ashamed for the manner in which they have conducted themselves. It seems as though the true veil of ignorance has not been thoroughly lifted from our southern brother's face.

Our goal should be improve-

ment. Let our age be an age of improvement in a day of peace. Let us cultivate a true spirit of union and harmony among all races of mankind. In pursuing the great objective which our condition points out to us, let us act under a settled conviction that these 48 states are one country.

How can we ever attain a pure democracy when our southern brothers keep dealing in retro-spect? Their section of the country is at a plateau in progress. How long will they let pigmentation impede the progress of an ever growing country?

Can the mere fact of a darker brother sitting in a class room or occupying the initial seats in transportation vehicles cause such a terrific BOOM in the South? Why can't we make the entire country a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and last, but not least, liberty?

When all three are combined we might gaze upon our country with admiration.

In the words of the great statesman Thomas Jefferson, "I tremble for my country when I re-

flect that God is just and that His justice cannot sleep forever." — Arthur L. Long, Central State college, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Suggests Fund

Dear Editor: After reading the article in the Daily Defender of March 21 about Lincoln Nursing school, I decided to write this letter. I think it would be a big set back if this great nursing school went under. I suggest the Defender start a fund to save this school.

I am sure there are 100,000 well-wishers throughout the country where the Defender is circulated. By contributing one dollar each, they could make possible the salvation of the school.

If you think this suggestion is worth trying, please let me know. My wife and I want to send in the first \$2. Also, I shall speak to my friends of the effort in case you think the idea is good. I'm sure your publications could do even better than the 100,000 goal, and it will mean so much to future nurses. — O. James Porter, Chicago, Illinois.

of the needs of man recognizing human high and low points including themselves. They are willing to work with and for men for their education. They also make allowances for the vast difference in the thinking of men. They are willing to make personal sacrifices to win others to their broad, also inclusive, way of thinking. The mind of a man can become greater than his mind. No man is small that has a great mind. Moreover, the mind of man is the blueprint of his character, the gateway to his soul and his indicator of eternity.

An enriching personality is man's greatest gift to himself and others, also his great show of appreciation to God for creating him. The ability to change one's mind is the greatest difficulty in any change. The examples of a changed mind are the greatest aid to any change. This thing works both ways.

DARK SHADOWS

by Nat D. Williams

A JAYCEE SALUTE

The Memphis Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization that rates more than a grunt of faint praise.

It rates respectful consideration and high commendation.

Y'see, to much too great an extent, most folk are prone to say such simple things as "That's nice" or "It's a fine thing" or similar more or less meaningless expressions.

But aside from being an organization of alert, intelligent, and busy young men, the local Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce is doing something significant as an organization. Sure, the group is banded together to consider, discuss, and learn about their various individual and collective businesses. That's the general conception of the basic idea behind a Chamber of Commerce.

Also, it is not surprising to see Chamber of Commerce groups voicing and backing up interest in different civic projects, designed to help the community grow and attract new businesses.

But, besides measuring up in these areas the Memphis Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce, stands for even more. . . much more. It symbolizes something this town and other communities need a whole lot.

It symbolizes the type of young Negro men that this and other communities should know more about. The records have been cluttered up so long with a mental picture of the young Negro man which is neither complimentary nor promising.

The usual stereotype of the young Negro man is that of a zoot-suited, hair-konked woman-chaser, whose chief pride and boast is his ability to handle a cue stick and a fly chick. The usual picture of a young Negro man is that of an extravagant ignoramus who knows little and

cares less. He is seen as irresponsible and loud-mouthed. . . sex-crazed and vulgar. . . restless and non-religious. The picture shows him as a "hep cat" whose language is jive and whose ambition is to be "booted."

This picture of the Negro man as a shiftless, alcohol guzzling, dice shooting, social mountebank . . . as a nickel-grabber and dollar-waster and a general liability not capable of being serious about the serious things of life. . . is a heritage of the Negro's past and the bias of those who don't want to take him seriously.

Organizations like the Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce do yeoman service in helping to change this mental picture which so much of society holds. They give the members a sense of self respect and confidence which any man needs. Such organizations help other people to see the Negro man in a different light and regard him with a different attitude.

The local Jaycees not only represent younger Negroes who desire to own their own businesses or desire to be standouts in their professions. They also lend a basis for optimism concerning the leadership of Memphis Negroes for the future.

The most significant thing they are doing is recognizing the value of taking an active interest in community trends and needs over and beyond the mere interests of race and personal promotion. Their interest in traffic safety, and the slogan contest they've just sponsored, . . . the work they are doing with blind persons in Memphis, . . . the meetings they hold during which informed persons in specific fields speak to them, . . . all are cases in point, illustrating what might be called the most significant thing about the local Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Adventures in RACE RELATIONS

by Enoc P. Waters

THE MOST COMFORTABLE SEAT

Forced to accept and live under jim crow conditions, many Negroes have rationalized their acceptance of it — some to the point where their mental maneuverings have become convictions.

But not such a person was a rather loquacious colorful character called Nubby who is well known around the beer and wine joints of Norfolk, Va.

Aside from occasionally working at one job or another, usually late at night so his days and evenings are free for his convivial communions with his friends, he likes nothing better than to argue the issues of the day while someone else buys the drinks.

His boast has always been that he is a race man and that he is a staunch and uncompromising fighter for full rights for Negroes. However, no one knows of anything concrete he has ever done — even so little as make a contribution to the NAACP.

Sometime ago, a jesting friend hurt his pride by pointing out to him in front of his audience that he was no better than any other Negro since he, like the others, meekly took a seat in the rear when he had occasion to ride the busses.

"Of course, I do," he admitted, "but not for the reason you think. I sit back there because that back seat is the most comfortable. Even if there wasn't any jim crow I'd ride back there," he asserted.

No one believed him, of course, but time after time in the face of taunts and jeers he

repeated his story. "Why back there, he said, 'you don't have people pushing by you all the time and climbing over you.'"

No longer than Saturday night, April 21, he was called upon to explain that "the big back seat in the bus is the most comfortable. That's why I ride there. It's wider. I get more elbow room."

Then Monday, April 23 the U. S. Supreme Court killed all state and local Jim Crow laws on buses. Nubby was loud in his praise of the action. He had talked such a good fight, he felt that he in some way was responsible for the Supreme Court decision.

Wednesday, a friend on his way home from work saw Nubby on the Church st. bus. He wasn't on the back seat. He was sitting right behind the driver.

The word got around and when Nubby turned up at his favorite liquoring spot, the question was put to him, "Why had he abandoned the back seat, you always said it was the most comfortable."

He smiled sheepishly, but he is a resourceful man. "Oh, that," he stammered. "Well, it's like this. That back seat was the most comfortable then. Had I sat anywhere else some white person might have cursed me, or the driver might have asked me to move, or I might have got into a fight. Sure it was the most comfortable then. No one bothered me back there. But this is a new day. I'm comfortable now anywhere on the bus."

SO WHAT?



"That nag you picked last year was so slow . . . They must have clocked it with a calendar!"

End Of The Line



LANGSTON Hughes

Simple Says It Isn't Funny When Relatives Borrow Money

"You know I wish my Cousin more," I said and I started to call (drinks) then money to pay Minnie would leave New York and hang up, but before I got the hook for a job at the employment office on back down home to Virginia from my ear, Minnie called me a fice, then money to get out of the where she come from," allowed name which no man can take on job in the subway, then money Simple. "Harlem is too much for the phone. In fact, she were so to get another job after she quit her."

"Why? What's happened now?" my name. So I was forced to re- not like frozen food, and Minnie I asked. "Minnie has done got behind in cents more, please," which Min- no fresh peas when they come al- her rent and is about to be evic- did not have. So our conver- ready shelled frozen. Now she ed from the house where she sation was cut off on an un- wants money to keep from get- rooms at," said Simple. "So she pleasant note with the last word ting put out in the street because come calling me up from a pay being Minnie's. Boy, did you ever she is three weeks behind on her phone to ask me am I going to have a begging relative?" rent, Minnie thinks I am a Relief let her get put out in the street. "Who hasn't had such kinkfoks?" Station, else God — and I ain't nothing but a man, a working

"What did you say?" I asked. "I told Minnie I has nothing to do with the matter, being as I'm a phone in our room, after being Do you believe Minnie's in her neither her landlord, her husband, married almost two years with- her father, nor her brother. I am out a phone of our own, who "I think she is simply uninform- just an off-cousin — not even by should come to New York and ed as to your habitual state of marriage." start phoning me but Cousin Min- impetuosity," I said. "Many new-

"Minnie said, 'Jess, I did not nie! I got a good mind to take waste this dime to call you up to my phone out of its socket." South think all New Yorkers are listen to no such talk as that con- "Then she'd probably come to rich. They don't realize that we, cerning our cousinship, which is your home and worry you in per- too, live from day to day, from blood, if not by law, I needs son," I said. hand to mouth."

"Not if my wife put the evil "I have tried to break that sa- me money." "Now, I hate to get too plain eye on her," said Simple. "Joyce men and to Minnie," said Simple, spoken with anybody, least of all is a good girl, but she can look "but it does not seem to pene- a woman. But I had to tell Min- so-ooo-ooo-ooo mean at times that trate. I have put my hand in my nie what I thought she was. After even me, her lawful wedded hus- pocket and turned it inside out which I told her what I thought band, am scared to look back at to show her that my pockets are she wasn't — which is that she her. Joyce can keep Minnie out empty. I have told Minnie that ain't right bright. Minnie ought of our house. Only reason she has my wife and me runs on a bud- to could look at me and tell I not done so up to now is be- get and that the budget runs out have no money. I also told Minnie cause Joyce tried to treat the before the week. does. But I that she is not stable, as the Re- woman right because Minnie is want to tell you one thing — lief folks says, because to my kinkfoks, But Minnie is driving kin- cousin or not, the next time Min- knowledge she has had four jobs ship into the ground. Minnie loves nie asks me for money, I am go- in three weeks and kept none of money more than she does me, ing to sic Joyce on her, and I them. "Furthermore, Minnie, I else she would not bug me with bet you Minnie understands says, 'you are not sober. I can the word so much. From the first then!"

tell right now the way you talk on time I laid eyes on Cousin Min- "Why would you bring Joyce this phone you are not sober. To- nie she needed money. First, mon- into your family affairs?" I ask- tomorrow, you will have a hang- ey to stay in town after she got ed. over, and cannot go to work again, here, then money to buy some- "Joyce is my loving wife," said Don't bother me about money no thing to eat, (which is what she Simple.

DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

The institution of marriage got other story in the memory of some critics as a sad commen- a terrific boost last week and, no matter what some Bolsheviks may more reporters and photographers were present for the Monaco mar-

His royal highness Prince Rain- Prince than were at Geneva when- President Eisenhower met with- derly of the Philly Kellys, got the- those two Russian rulers better- adventure on the blue-chip matri- monial seas. A close second was newshawk Clifton Daniel and his bride, the only daughter of for- mer President Harry Truman.

Just to prove that Cupid is color- blind, the papers also carried ac- counts of the impending wedlock how it scooped the U. S. Press of Miss Autherine Lucy of Ala- bama and a Texas minister and of Sammy Davis, Jr. and a Chi- cago model.

A great many people who con- sider themselves sophisticated, and too urbane to approve of corn, professed to be bored if not nauseated with the reams of news- print given over to the Monaco production which featured Miss Kelly.

Some of the newspaper editors here seemed to have gotten weary of the Monaco deal and very de- liberately gave Papa Truman's daughter better treatment. The Chicago Tribune, for instance, car- ried some very pointed cartoons and stories which showed that they much preferred the marriage in Missouri over the one in Mon- acco. This despite the fact that the Tribune has always treated Mr. Truman as if he were a stumble- bum.

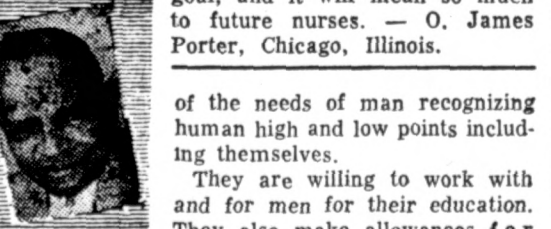
Whatever you may think of the Rainier-Kelly romance, it was the one of the hottest items ever han- dled by the American press in all out of proportion to its im- portance. It accounted for more newspaper sales than any gue. This affair will be used by

Critics of the American Press like Dr. Hutchins, former presi- dent of the University of Chicago, are no doubt disgusted with all Rainier-Kelly romance, it was the fuss made over the Mona- say, former member of Parlia- ment and civil lord of the Admir- alty of Great Britain, who will be heard May 12.

Bunche To Deliver Fisk-Hillman Lecture

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations under- secretary, will deliver Saturday the second of three Sidney Hillman Foundation lectures at Fisk university. He will speak on "The Colonial Issue and the United Nations." The first Fisk-Hillman lecturer was Dr. Pierre Donzelot, director general of the French ministry of national education. The final lecturer will be Dr. Kenneth Lind- say, former member of Parlia- ment and civil lord of the Admir- alty of Great Britain, who will be heard May 12.

Looking FORWARD



There is a great need today for human personalities that are en- riching. There are changes taking place among men throughout the world. Any change from the usual upsets man's emotions and his behavior. This upset of man's emotional tendencies and behavior inclina- tions is greatest during social changes such as are going on to- day.

The drive within man for phys- ical protection and his dread of loss causes his thinking to become easily conditioned.

Whenever a conditioned mind becomes disturbed, it is like a crack in a levee which holds flood waters, something destructive happens to the levee as well to that which the levee protects.

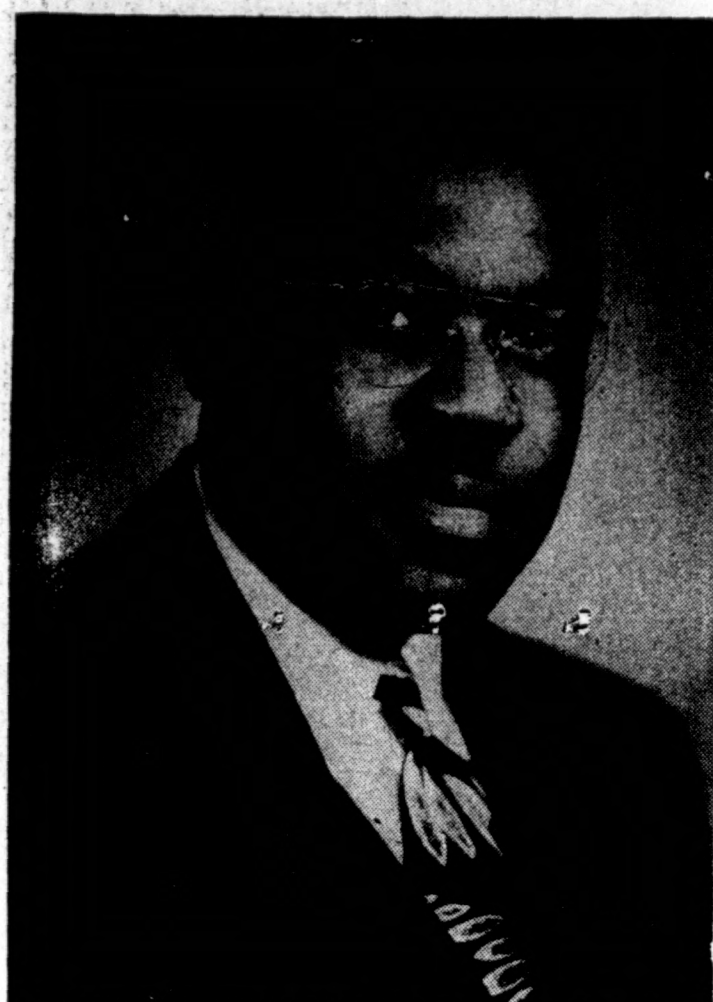
During any transitional period, is one that has a world-wide view

there are mental cracks. In case of the flood waters, the safest way to prevent a crack is to give the water an outlet. Therefore, the safest way to prevent a mental crack during transitions is to give men free and enriched minds.

SEEING VS. HEARING Because of man's limited knowl- edge and experience, he learns better by what he sees than by what he hears. Seeing is a better example than hearing. Every per- son is someone's example. Exam- ples help to solve any problem.

Changes present individual problems. Individual problems make group problems. Group problems make state and national problems and national problems can cause world problems.

An enriching human personality is one that has a world-wide view



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A Declaration Of Negro Intentions

A Manifesto set forth by Dr. Joseph Harrison Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in Chicago, April 3, 1956, and unanimously approved by "The State of the Race Conference" representing a cross section of Negro leaders of the U.S. in Washington, D. C., April 24, 1956. It has also met with wide acceptance from some members of Congress, the general public, and the press, radio and television.



I At all times we INTEND to support the Federal Constitution, to obey the laws of the land, to avoid contempt of courts, and to respect the judgements and decrees of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, and to always abide by the same.

II Whatever is said or done against the United States of America by enemies, foreign or domestic; we will oppose with all our heart, mind, body, soul and strength.

III We INTEND to continue to teach our children that this nation is a great free republic of law and order, with a system of government of the people, by the people and for the people. And any person who disobeys the laws of the land and teaches others to do so is a declared enemy of this nation, and is working for its overthrow, and hence, does not deserve the right of free participation in the nation's life, and is unworthy of the security that the country gives, and is subject to the penalties of the law.

We shall also teach our children that this nation under God, was founded in the spirit of justice, freedom, and due regard for moral law, and cannot survive without remaining true to its foundation principles.

IV We INTEND to participate in the total cultural life of the nation, both for personal growth and development, and for the further progress of the country itself.

V We INTEND always to cherish and to give thanks for those natural endowments and special gifts that have made our race great; and pledge all of our talents and resources in the building of a better social order and a more democratic world.

VI In spite of the doctrine of segregationists, we shall always believe that the basic quality of distinction is character not color; and the stature of a person is determined by the power of his mind, purity of his heart, and highest possible dedication of his life.

VII We INTEND to crusade against all the evils in our society that are designed to poison creative human relationships and to crush the constructive growth of human personality, and to fight against the false doctrine which claims that some men are by origin, birth and nature, superior to others.

VIII While we shall recognize a need for the patience that accompanies growth, we INTEND at all times to reject that doctrine of gradualism which implies that the established laws of the land should be gradually applied and gradually obeyed in order to respect the unjust traditions of men, and to give free reign and honor to destructive prejudices.

IX We INTEND to take every legal step to employ every constructive measure, and to cooperate with every group of loyal Americans in the struggle to preserve all of the nation's ideals, and to overcome every economic, political and cultural stumbling block that hinders the further progress of this great republic.

X With LOVE for our NATION, GOOD WILL TOWARDS ALL, UTTER DEVOTION to the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, and UNDYING FAITH in GOD; we INTEND to continue our struggle for the complete victory of freedom on every front, and preservation of the soul of the nation, whatever the cost. AND if we are slain by the forces of oppression before our high purpose is achieved; we pray that we shall sleep under the shadows of the flag that we love, and that our flowing blood shall help to wash from the nation's life, every blot of shame; and our bleached bones shall help to fertilize our hallowed soil for those who come after us; and our sacred dust shall be a silent testimony and a lasting memorial to our eternal quest for JUSTICE, PEACE and GOODWILL.



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