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TEACHER CLARIFIES POSITION ON NAACP



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Negro Voters Swinging Toward Republican Party, Study Shows

Baccalaureate Scenes At Two Colleges



BACCALAUREATE SCENES — Shown are scenes of commencement exercises at LeMoyné college and S. A. Owen

Junior college last Sunday. In photo at left, Dr. James Phillip Brawley, president of Clark college, Atlanta, Ga., delivers the baccalaureate ser-

mon at LeMoyné college. Seated at extreme left of the photo is Dr. Hollis Price, president of LeMoyné. Photo at right shows Rev. M. H.

Robbins, pastor of Second Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, delivering the baccalaureate sermon at S. A. Owen Jr. college. President

Levi Watkins, of S. A. Owen, is shown in left side of photo.

(Reese Photos)

Don't Like Adlai, Dixie Democrats

Negro voters, consistently Democratic since 1936, appear to be swinging toward the Republican Party and are markedly critical of Adlai Stevenson, a study in THE REPORTER revealed in New York last week.

"It is safe to say that if Stevenson were to run against Eisenhower tomorrow," the study reports, "the Negro vote would show a very marked swing away from the Democratic Party."

Here in Memphis, a ministers and citizens group has launched an intensive drive to get 70,000 Negroes registered to vote. The sentiment currently is that the Eisenhower administration has made a significant contribution to the progress of the Negro. Local citizens are no longer enthusiastic about the Democratic party. The attitude appears to be one of "wait a bit longer and see."

In the copyrighted magazine article, "The Negro Vote and the Democrats," Robert Bendiner, recent winner of the Benjamin Franklin Magazine Award, also reports that a good segment of the Negro press is moving away from the Democrats, and he quotes the editor of the Chicago Defender as predicting "a major shift in the political alignments" by Negroes this year.

'GRADUALIST' STAND
Bendiner, who interviewed Negro political and civic leaders across the country, attributes the feeling against Stevenson to his "gradualist" stand on desegregation and the bitter opposition by Southern Democrats to the Supreme Court's decision.

Bendiner points out that from 1936 through 1952, the Negro vote has run close to 80 per cent Democratic, and in close elections, like the Truman-Dewey campaign, could have cost the Democrats their victory with less than a 15 per cent switch in key states like California, Ohio and Illinois.

Now, he says, after interviews with Negro political and civic leaders, the swing against Stevenson and the Democratic Party would result in a loss of votes greater than the decisive 15 per cent difference.

DOWN FROM THE TOP
However, Bendiner adds, "the saving grace, from the Democratic viewpoint, is that the rebellion appears to be working down from the top and may not go deep enough into the rank and file by November to be as disastrous as Republican strategists fondly hope."

He says, too, that continuation of a prosperous economy is still

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Not Reluctant To Be A Member

"My reference to the NAACP was not a repudiation of the objectives of the organization in its efforts to advance the progress of our people. . . The fact that I am not at present a member does not mean that I have any reluctance to being one."

Thus spoke O'Ferrell Nelson, of 1391 Silver st., one of the two Memphis Negroes who took the screening test last Saturday to gain entrance to the Memphis State college graduate school. Miss Aline Sykes, of 1902 Carver, a social worker and graduate of LeMoyné college with distinction, was the other who took the test.

In an interview printed in a daily newspaper Saturday after-



O'FERRELL NELSON

was not a repudiation of the objectives of the organization in its efforts to advance the progress of our people. Mine was a statement to indicate that the direction and scope of my interests and activities have been primarily toward preparing myself personally to be as well-trained and as efficient as possible in my profession of teaching, and therefore I have had little occasion to ally myself with many of our worthwhile civic and social organizations. I want it clearly understood that I am not critical of those individual or groups who are working for general improvement and progress. The fact that I am not a present member does not mean that I have any reluctance to being a member."

Mr. Nelson said he granted the interview at a time when he was concentrating on the test, and had not time to think how his remarks might be received. He had already refused a request to pose for a picture.

Mr. Nelson, a graduate of A. & I. State university of Nashville, See NAACP, Page 2



MISS SYKES

noon, Mr. Nelson was quoted as saying: "I am not a member of the NAACP. I don't want to make an Aline Sykes case. I want to continue teaching in Memphis schools. I just want to get my master's degree work at Memphis State because it will be less expensive. I went to the University of Iowa the last two Summers."

THE STATEMENT
Obviously disturbed lest his reference to the NAACP be misunderstood, Mr. Nelson, a native Memphis and a teacher at Melrose High school, issued a statement to the Tri-State Defender further outlining his position.

The text of his remarks were: "My reference to the NAACP

Club Federation Confab June 12

The annual State Convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Memphis June 12, 13 and 14 at Pentecostal Temple, of 229 Wellington st.

Mrs. Marie L. Adams, president of the City Federation of clubs announced that this convention will draw women from throughout the state of Tennessee.

The executive board of the organization will meet at Vance Avenue YWCA Monday, June 11. The theme of the convention is "Striving for the Fullness of Democracy."

General plans for the convention include a welcome program to be held at Pentecostal Temple June 12 at 8 p. m.; a garden party and fashion show; a banquet and a bus tour of the city. Mrs. Cora B. Robinson of Chattanooga is the president of the State Federation.

COMMITTEE HEADS
The following local Women's Clubs' members have been elected to head committees: Mrs. Marie L. Adams, general chairman; Madame G. S. Young, chairman of place and souvenir program; Mrs. L. E. Brown, chairman of program; Mrs. A. L. Higgins, chairman of entertainment; Mrs. Mary Lou Taylor, chairman of bus tour; Mrs. Mary Lee Robinson, chairman of juniors; Mrs. Inez Glenn, chairman of flower gardens; Mrs. T. H. Hayes, Jr., chairman of art exhibits; Mrs. Adeline Miller, chairman of souvenir kits; Mrs. Louise Lynum, chairman of publicity and Mrs. Leslie Taylor, chairman of finance. Announcement will be made of forthcoming information concerning this important meeting.

Expect 500 At Citizenship Dinner June 7

A sparkling backdrop of patriotic decorations will form the setting for the \$10-a-plate Citizenship Banquet to be held in the recreation room of Universal Life Insurance company on Thursday night, June 7, beginning at 8 p.m. A committee headed by Lt. George W. Lee has been working on arrangements.

Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, of Nashville, a forceful speaker, will keynote the banquet being sponsored by the Ministers - Citizens league in an effort to raise funds to support the drive for 70,000 registered voters here.

Bishop Doyle presides over the 6th Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist church, comprising five conferences in Alabama.

Large audiences in Memphis have had the pleasure of hearing Bishop Doyle at various church and civic functions here in Memphis and elsewhere.

Goal of the banquet is an attendance of 500 paid guests.

New reports on plate pledges were to be heard Wednesday of this week. At the report two Mondays ago about half of the hoped for number had been pledged.

Dr. J. E. Walker, co-chairman of the group, had sold as of June 7, plates amounting to \$520.

Leaders in the movement to get a higher registration among Negroes here are quite enthusiastic about the response of citizens to the banquet idea.

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Church Group Of Ark. Backs Supreme Court

An east-Arkansas church group has gone on record as endorsing the Supreme Court's desegregation edict and is in disagreement with "the governor, or any other source who try to evade or delay the implementation of the decision of the Court, by interposition, or any other means."

The East-Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association, representing 5,000 members with Rev. R. I. Battle as moderator, released the statement after a meeting in Edmondson, Ark.

Issuance of the statement by the association came on the heel of publicity growing out of Arkansas Governor Faubus' inviting a group of pro-segregation leaders to a meeting at which every indication pointed to the Governor's agreeing to, among other things, consideration of interposition by Arkansas.

CALL FOR RESISTANCE
Calling upon citizens of all races to resist anti-desegregation efforts, the Baptist Association said:

"We are, therefore, calling upon every law-abiding citizen, of all races, to prayerfully resist every effort to throw aside the decision of our highest tribunal, and to pray that this sin of segregation be erased from the face of America with deliberate speed."

As law-abiding citizens, the group resolved, "we ask no more than the law demands."

71 At LeMoyné Are Graduated

The 71 LeMoyné college graduates of 1956 were advised to "be men and women with antennae" Monday by Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, executive secretary of the Danford Foundation, of St. Louis, as he delivered the commencement address.

Degrees were conferred upon 50 of the 71 graduates and the other 21 will receive theirs upon completion of work during the summer session.

"There are lonely men and women in American life today — of all ages, and of skins of all hues. And whether they be young or old, and whether they be Negro or white, they are reaching out in their loneliness to those with antennae who can catch their distress signals of loneliness and will come to their relief," said Dr. Brown.

NEED FOR ANTENNAE
Dr. Brown said the man without an antenna is the man who never quite comes into contact with his fellow human beings, never sizes up the whole situation and makes love to a self-things. Miss Mattie Walker received her bachelor of arts in humanities with distinction, a special distinction made to some member of each year's graduation class "for exceptional contributions to the college and community life."

Miss Walker, it was disclosed, is this year's LeMoyné representative in running for the Florida Lasker Scholarship of \$1,400 which the local school won in 1951. The honoree is active in

numerous religious and youth activities and attended the Church Camp, Deering, N. H.

Graduating with honors were Miss Mildred Halyard, daughter of Leslie Halyard, of 896 Alma; William Spencer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A.

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Rev. Paige Named Prexy Of Baptist Seminary

Rev. C. Thomas Paige, for the past two years college minister and director of religious education of the S. A. Owen Junior college of Memphis, has recently accepted the presidency of the Baptist Industrial College and Seminary of Hernando, Miss. He begins duty June 1.

Rev. Paige is a native of Phoebus, Va. He did his high school work at the George P. Phenix High school. Later he attended Hampton Institute at Hampton, Va., but economic conditions forced him to quit school after one year.

After remaining out of school for four years he next went to Virginia Union University at Richmond, Va., in 1937. He is a graduate of the classes of '43 and '44. He received the B. A. degree in sociology — history and the B. D. degree in religion.

Upon the completion of his work at Virginia Union university he received employment as the science teacher at the Gloucester County Training school where he taught all the sciences in the high school.

In addition to his responsibilities as principal he taught all the mathematics offered at the school. Even with all this position had to offer the principal was not satisfied with teaching and once again went to school in an effort to make himself more competent as a minister. He attended Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., where in 1950 he received the S. T. M. (Master of Sacred Theology) degree and in the meantime completed all but nine hours on work toward the doctorate.

Upon finishing his work at Temple university he was offered and accepted a position at Bishop college where he worked as dean of religion and instructor in the religious education and the regular college program 1950-54. During his stay at Bishop College in Marshall, Tex., he also pastored the Bethesda Baptist church of that city.

In 1954 he came to the newly established S. A. Owen Junior college in the capacities of college minister and director of religious education. During his stay here he has been in much demand as a teacher in the various church sponsored programs, a minister, and lecturer for institutes throughout the western part of the state of Tennessee.

After working here for two years he was offered the position of president of Baptist Industrial College and Seminary at Hernando, Miss.

The Baptist Industrial College and Seminary known to many affectionately as "B. I." was founded in 1889.

This year the school is to open its doors under new leadership and with a revitalized faculty. Opening dates and course offerings will be announced later.



REV. C. T. PAIGE

Clinic Set On 'Your Problems In Business'

A group of interested Memphis businessmen have announced a clinic on "Your Every Day Problems in Business."

The clinic will be held at Metropolitan Baptist church, Walker at McDowell, each Monday night during the month of June.

Each session will begin promptly at 8 p. m., and will last approximately one hour. During this period, each consultant will discuss, in laymen's language common problems in his field.

The subjects to be discussed, along with the consultants, are listed as follows: "General Business Transactions and Banking," consultant Jessie H. Turner, CPA of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, scheduled for June 4th; "Life and Burial Insurance," consultant Atty. R. T. Lockard, June 18, and "Real Estate Transactions," consultant A. W. Willis, Jr., attorney, June 25.

Admission to the clinic is free. The public is invited. A portion of each session will be devoted to questions from the audience.

'Mixed' Council In Memphis

A North Memphis Interracial Council has been organized, it was learned last week.

Rev. J. W. Fowler of Harris Memorial Methodist church heads the Council composed of a score of leaders of white and Negro citizens.

General purpose of the Council has been announced to be "to discover and remove the causes" of juvenile delinquency and racial tensions in the area.

Both North Memphis laymen and religious leaders are in the organization.

The Council is an outgrowth of interest aroused during the recent Hurt Village juvenile disturbance.

MORE TIME AT ZOO

The Council will ask the Park Commission "to make more time available for Negro citizens to visit Overton Park Zoo," according

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Mrs. Guess Gets New U. L. Post

NEW YORK — Mrs. Ernestine Harrison Guess has been appointed director of the newly created membership department of the Urban League of Greater New York. Mrs. Sophia Yarnall Jacobs, president, announced,

Ball To Push For Hike In Teachers Salaries

A determination to continue to push for increased salaries for teachers was expressed Saturday by Supt. E. C. Ball, as he addressed the assembled Negro public school teachers of Memphis at the last general meeting of the school year now closing.

The general teachers meeting was held at Booker T. Washington High school. The sessions were preceded by a musical program presented by the Senior Glee club of Washington High with Prof. E. L. Pender directing.

Superintendent Ball expressed appreciation for the quality of the year's work performed by the teachers in 1955-56. He observed that the Memphis school system is one of the most excellent in the nation, despite the fact that "many things need to be improved."

He pointed out that approximately 80,500 children have been in the schools' enrollment this year. He expressed an anticipation of a 4,000 increase for the next school year starting in September, Mr. Ball stated that a

desired goal of the Memphis Board of Education is to meet this increased enrollment with more teachers, more facilities, and other provisions. He voiced the hope of decreasing teaching loads to 35 pupils per teacher, admitting that they would still be heavy compared to national averages.

Mr. Ball urged the teachers to strive to get all school age children in the city back in school at the very beginning of the school year, in order to enable the formulation of plans for equalizing teacher loads and keeping them levelled on a better working basis.

The superintendent's references to salaries scored intensified interest among the teachers when

Jimmy Mum On Marriage Plans

LOS ANGELES — (INS) — Rep. James Roosevelt (D) Calif., declined to discuss published reports that he will remarry after his divorce becomes final next month.

VOTERS

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another factor that will be decisive in November. Nevertheless, the study reveals that "political unrest among Negro voters has been swelling ever since the first violent Southern reaction to the Supreme Court's ban on segregation in the schools." Leaders of the revolt include officials of the NAACP, an organization theoretically nonpartisan, but which "has run in easy harness with the New Deal-Fair Deal party," Bendiner says.

THE DIXIE 'ALBATROSS'

Recently, he reports, the N. A. A. C. P.'s Washington Director, Clarence Mitchell, warned that if the Democratic Party persists in weighing itself down with such an "albatross" as Senator James O. Eastland, of Mississippi, it may have to "kiss our votes good-bye."

Negro politicians across the nation told Bendiner the most criticism is directed against Stevenson.

"Everywhere I went in Negro communities, I found this word 'gradualism' the red rag . . .," Bendiner reports. "Colored leaders, Democrat and Republican alike, seemed appalled at the staff work that allowed Stevenson to use the hated word . . ."

A New York Negro leader, Bendiner says, said simply that Stevenson "has lost status among Negro voters" who feel he is "pussy-footing and playing for Southern support."

Another reported that Negro political circles regard Stevenson as a "false-hearted lover" and that Negro party workers consider him a "dead duck right now."

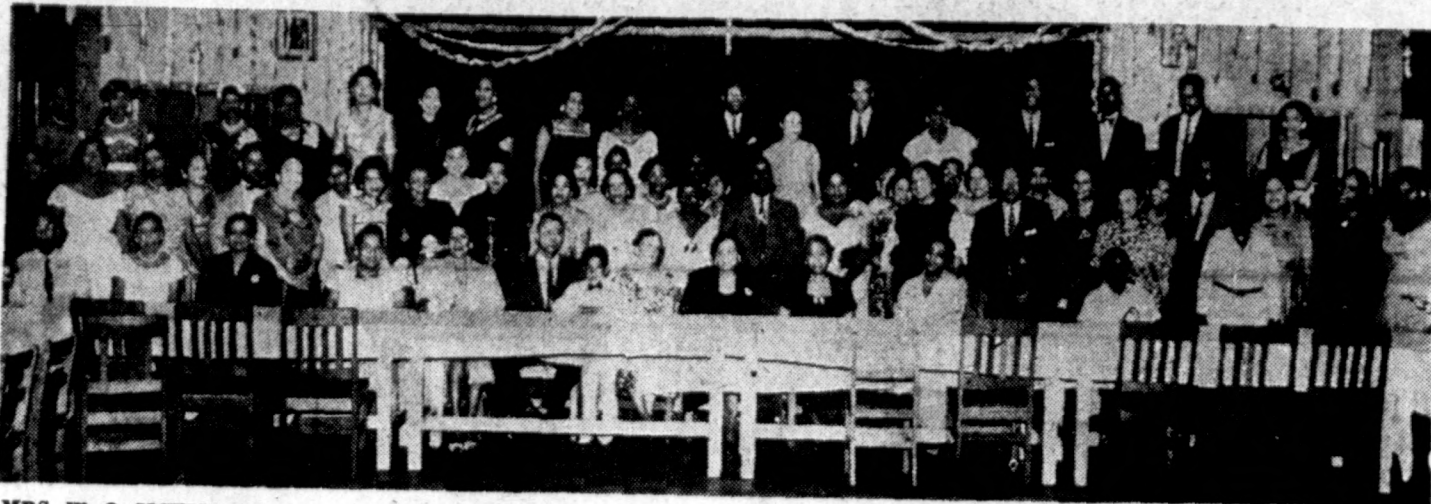
'STOPPED LISTENING'
A Philadelphia Republican Negro worker, conceding that "the G. O. P. itself is not loved by the Negroes" of that city, says that Stevenson cannot recover the Negro vote because Negroes "stopped listening" to him after his pronouncement on gradualism. Both in Philadelphia and Baltimore, political leaders said that Negroes will probably "turn to the Republicans no matter what they do."

They will "vote against the Democrats, not for the Republicans," Bendiner reports them as saying.

Bendiner also emphasized the "positive appeal" that President Eisenhower has for Negro voters in his own right.

"It is impossible to talk politics in a colored gathering," he reports, "without hearing that the President has contributed quite a bit to the cause of Negro advancement."

He adds that most people he talked to feel the Democrats can



MRS. W. O. MCKISSACK was honored at a retirement banquet in the Hamilton High school cafeteria on last Friday night. The retiring teacher received lovely gifts from the Delta Mothers club,

represented by Mrs. A. Burdett and from Hamilton High school, represented by Mrs. H. Waterford. Prof. H. A. Neale was toastmaster for the affair. Testimonials were heard from Rev. John C. Mickie,

Mrs. McKissack's pastor; Mrs. C. Roulhac, a neighbor; Mrs. E. Long, a co-worker; Mrs. E. Woods, her former principal; Miss L. Hansbrough, supervisor, and Prof. Harry T. Cash, Hamilton prin-

cipal. Miss Christine Lowe sang a solo on the program and T. Doggett rendered a piano solo. Rev. A. Williams gave the invocation. A delectable menu was served. (Coleman Photo)



LIEUT. COL. MARY MILLS (left) of the U. S. Public Health Service, is congratulated by Claude A. Barnett, Press, and Rep. Frances P.

Bolton, leading sponsor of nursing legislation in Congress, after receiving the honorary Doctor of Science degree at Tuskegee Institute for out-

standing work in field of nursing. Miss Mills served five years in Liberia and helped establish a nursing school in Lebanon.

hold the Negro vote in line "only if they adopt an uncompromising plank on civil rights, an unequivocal stand on enforcing the Supreme Court's ruling."

Bendiner concludes that the "sizeable bloc" of "militant and

frustrated" Negroes will not vote Democratic, adding:

"A majority of Negro voters will probably be found in the Democratic column even in this year of strong emotion, but all the signs are that the days of 80 per cent

majorities are over and done with."

About 60 percent of American families own their homes now as compared with about a 40 percent ownership ratio just 15 years ago.

Fay Young, R. R. Taylor Get Tuskegee Citations

Offer Awards For Political News Reports

WASHINGTON — The American Political Science Association has announced a program of "political science awards" to young reporters and their newspapers for outstanding stories on local and state government and politics. This program is made possible by a grant of \$37,500 from The Ford Foundation.

Initially, competition for the awards will be limited to daily newspapers in 12 midwestern states. After a three-year trial period, it may be extended to newspapers in other areas. The program was announced by Evron M. Kirkpatrick, executive director of the APSA, in letters to the editors of all daily papers in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Award-winning reporters will attend a two-week "Conference on Public Affairs Reporting" with all expenses paid at Allerton Park, University of Illinois, from December 1 to 15, 1956.

LEMOYNE

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Spencer, sr., of 650 Lyman and Miss Barbara Gillum, daughter of Mrs. Ophelia Eason, of 1495 Sidney.

The day before on Sunday in the Metropolitan Baptist church the graduating class was urged by Dr. James Philip Brawley, president of Clark college in Atlanta, to make sacrifices to help bring about the freedom being sought in this day.

He told them that they would be great, their must be lives of struggles, not lives of ease.

Announced during the commencement were two \$75 awards from an anonymous donor to two LeMoyne faculty members, Miss Martelle Trigg, associate professor of sociology and Miss Juanita Williamson, professor of English. The donations were made through the Union Planters Bank.

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and a veteran of the Korean War, lives with his wife on Silver street. He took an examination to gain entrance to Memphis State last January. He was one of three Negroes and one white students who failed.

Results of the Saturday test were not scheduled to be announced until this week.

'SHAM AND FARCE'
The Memphis State Testing program has been assailed as a "sham and farce" by President Hollis Price of LeMoyne college.

Mr. Price took the position that the Memphis State tests are calculated only to exclude Negroes from the school.

President Millard Smith of Memphis State took issue with Mr. Price, and mentioned matters of school accreditation. Mr. Price's action stems from the fact that Miss Sykes is an honor graduate of Le Moyne, and as such should not have been required to take the Memphis State examination.

Philippine women were granted the right to vote in 1933.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE — Frank (Fay) Young, Chicago Defender sports editor emeritus, was one of two outstanding Chicagoans cited by Tuskegee institute during the school's 75th anniversary commencement exercises held here Monday, May 21.

Young received an honorary master of science degree.

Also honored at the occasion was Robert R. Taylor, manager of the Michigan Boulevard Garden apartments. Taylor was the recipient of the Tuskegee Institute Alumni Merit award.

The citation to Young read in part:

"As an exponent of athletics, you have presented a continuing challenge to those discriminatory policies that have affected the Negro athlete in this country. You have insisted that in competitive sports no restriction be placed upon the objective evaluation of an athlete's skill and performance."

Taylor, the son of a former Tuskegee department head, was cited for his work in the area of public housing.

Besides Young, three other persons received honorary master of science degrees. They were Dr. Lawrence Jones, president of Pine Woods (Miss.) college, Doug

They were honored for their outstanding contributions to society. Honorary doctor of science degrees were awarded to the following:

Lt. Col. Mary Mills, Army nurse; Dr. John B. Johnson, Washington physician, and Paul Williams, Los Angeles architect.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis sr., U. S. Army retired, received the doctor of laws degree.

In addition to Taylor, Alumni Merit awards went to Dr. Warren E. Henry, scientist, Washington, D.C.; Henry B. Jackson, farm agent, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Miss Armita A. Nelson, Columbia, S. C. nurse, and Alonzo Redmond, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee presiding Williams social worker Ann Arbor, Mich., and Charles P. Adams, educator, Grambling, La.

One 200-pound hog, contains about 21 pounds of marketable shoulder meat.

Negro Vote Too Strong; Rub It Out

MONROE, La. — One thousand of the 4,000 Negro voters whose names were stricken from the registration list here had been restored by the end of the week.

But the political row stirred up by the action has not quieted down. In fact, it's so bitter that it threatens to divide the town — politically at least.

In a recent municipal election, the Negro vote was credited with being responsible for the election of the mayor. In retaliation, the opposing political faction had the names of every Negro voter in the city removed from the books.

Among those whose names were removed was the principal of the high school who has a masters and a law degree, about 100 teachers with college degrees, ministers, doctors and other college trained persons.

James A. Noe, a former governor and millionaire oil and radio tycoon, who frankly admits he believes in racial segregation, criticized the retaliatory action.

He is credited with being leader of the movement that is succeeding in gradually restoring the name of the Negro voters to the list.

The first 1,000 restored as quickly as they were stricken include those most obviously qualified to vote. The other three thousand are being screened and it is predicted their voting rights will be restored within a short while.

Noe declared that he has no interest in Negroes as such, but that as an American, he feels that the right to vote should not be taken from citizens simply because of their race, or because some disgruntled politicians are dissatisfied with the outcome of an election.

Drifters' Hit, 'Ruby, Baby' Is On Solid Side

The Drifters quartet's new Atlantic record, "Ruby, Baby," is the best.

Currently on tour with Bill Haley's Rock Around the Clock revue, the singers are proving a net.

Organized three years ago, the Drifters under the management of George Treadwell rocketed to fame in a short span of time. Starting at a \$500 weekly price tag they now command as much as \$3,000 and at the conclusion of this 45 day tour will wind up grossing over \$32,000.

Lausche Approves His Nomination

COLUMBUS, Ohio — (INS) — Gov. Frank J. Lausche said he will go to the Democratic National convention in Chicago Aug. 13 and will allow his name to be placed in nomination.

The five-term governor is the favorite-son candidate of 54 of 58 Ohio delegate votes.

Want Large Family, Get Five Children In 21 Months

DETROIT — (INS) — Jim and Betty MacFarlane both said they wanted a large family when they were married in August, 1954.

Their wish has come true — 21 months later. Their family of five children consists of Christopher and Kimberly, born May 13, 1955, and triplets, two girls and a boy, born Monday.

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WDIA Starlight Revue On July 3; Naming 'Miss 1070' Big Feature

The WDIA Starlight Revue at Martin Stadium, July 3 will spotlight the selection of "Miss 1070" for this year from among the south's most beautiful girls. Entries are pouring in from all over the WDIA listening area.

The deadline for entries is this Saturday, June 2.

The Starlight Revue is WDIA's Summer counterpart of the Goodwill Revue with all proceeds going to help needy Negro children.

WDIA's projects include two Goodwill buses which carry crippled Negro children each day to the Keel Avenue school which the station was instrumental in getting opened.

This Summer, more than 400 youngsters will be in uniform in the WDIA Baseball League, fully equipped and dressed out with expenses paid from the Goodwill Fund.

25 FINALISTS

About 25 finalists in the "Miss 1070" Contest this year are going to have a tremendously wonderful time for two whole days. On July 2 they will be interviewed in the morning on WDIA and then will begin a tour of the City which will wind up at 2 p. m., with the brilliant, "Miss 1070 Luncheon" at Beulah's Tavern. After rest and relaxation, these beauties go out to the beautiful Curries Club Tropicana where they will be hosted by the Colt 45 Social club. Tickets will be available for this affair for the general public.

On the morning of July 3 the girls go out to Martin Stadium for a look at the beautiful outdoor stage setting and practice for the night's finals. Then that night they will be part of the most brilliant outdoor Summer spectacular Memphis has ever seen, The Starlight Revue.

NEW ENTRIES

Entries since the last issue of this newspaper include:

From Mississippi — Artie Mae Rane, of Winona; Lucille Lauderdale, of Shannon; Joy Ann Haynes, Greenville; Billie Edmond Turner, of Greenville; Betty Jean Ward, of Oxford; Mattie Pearl Tall, of Indianola; Lula M. Taylor, of Tunica; Dean Magruder, of Indianola, and Sarah L. Cook, of Pickens.

From Arkansas — Johnnie B. Love, of Holly Grove; Leona Adkins, of Roe; Martha Meekins, of Pine Bluff, and Peggy Jean Livingston, Marianna.

From Louisiana — Devoria Mayfield, of Monroe.

From Missouri — Dorothy H. Anderson, of Broseley.

From Tennessee — Lee Anna Richardson, of Atoka.

From Memphis — Myretta Sims, Model Jane Cooper, Freddie Mae Pearson, Ann McCargo, Barbara Jean Jones, Annie Murray, Ida Mae Hill, Lillie Lee Wilson, Semeria Cannon, Lillian A. Short, Janie Albrook, Gloria Jean Neely, Emogene Yates, Nancy M. Oliver, Barbara Jean Hartzog, Estell Lockett and Josie Baldrige.



THREE GENERATIONS talk things over here as T. J. Johnson, left, and Mrs. Aretta Polk, right, his daughter, cheer Mrs. Mittie Johnson on as she recalls some events from a century ago. "Aunt Mittie," as she is fondly known (she's T. J.'s mother), rounded out a 100 years on May 28. (Withers Photo)

'Aunt Mittie's' Lifetime Spans A Century, Dating To Slavery Days

Mrs. Mittie Johnson, known far and near as "Aunt Mittie" is the oldest child of John and Lizzie Jennings, who spent both their slave days and days of freedom on the old Muguader Plantation, five miles southwest of Port Gibson, County seat of Claiborne county.

According to the record of slave families kept by the Muguaders "Aunt Mittie" was born May 28 1856, seven years before Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. However she remembers the slave days and when "Marse" Muguader went away to war.

"Aunt Mittie" is the mother of six children, two girls and four boys. T. J. Johnson, of 1022 Woodlawn, well known educator and newspaper man is her fourth child.

She learned to read and write after she was 60 years old, and until recently spent all her time quilting, knitting and reading the Bible. Of late, her eyes have begun to fail her, and according to her son "Tom," she spends most of her time fussing.

All of her children have passed except "Tom," with whom she lives. She has three granddaughters: Mrs. Aretta Polk, circulation manager of the Tri-State Defender; Miss Lorraine Gossin, clerk in the Social Security department, New York, and Mrs. Leslie Smith, assistant supervisor in the Department of the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Stitch, Chat Club To Meet On June 6

The Stitch and Chat Sewing club met in the home of Miss Velma Cokran, 1334 Philadelphia last Wednesday and naturally, the members stitched and chatted for an hour.

Following a business session was held with the president, Mrs. Ruth Odel Burk presiding. At the close of the meeting a tasty menu was served.

Hostess for the next meeting, set for June 6, will be Mrs. Gladney Waller, of Livewell Circle. Mrs. Lula J. Gibson is secretary; Mrs. Eva C. Hill, reporter.

The Ebonaires

The Ebonaires met Sunday, May 13 at the home of Mrs. Vergie Neal, of 972-F McDowell, where the hostess served a delightful menu.

Next hostess for the club will be Mrs. Alice Porter, of 2014 Clarksdale.

Members of the club sponsored an entertainment at Mrs. Porter's home last Saturday night.

The membership was increased by a new member, Mrs. Priscilla Crawford.

Mrs. Mildred Porter, president; Mrs. Alice Porter, secretary and Mrs. Vergie Neal, reporter.

Weigh Cancellation Of Vet's Benefits

WASHINGTON — (INS) — The Veterans Administration agreed to reconsider cancellation of the 100 per cent disability benefits previously paid to one of the top U. S. Communist leaders.

The VA notified Robert G. Thompson, of New York City, that his appeal will be taken in a public hearing at Washington on June 11.

An average beef animal moved through a packing plant will produce 37 or more retail cuts of meat.

Court Sides With Boyd In College Case

By ARTHUR KRANTZ

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday rejected claims that a special three-judge tribunal must resolve constitutional questions raised in local school segregation cases.

Backing up previous rulings, the court made plain its belief that a single federal judge can decide whether school boards are bringing about racial integration as provided in the historic school decision.

The court's brief order turned down appeals in cases won by Negroes seeking admission to all-white public schools in New Orleans, and to the Memphis (Tenn.) State college.

Both cases involved protests from school authorities that questions relating to the interpretation of the constitution must be heard in a special three-judge court.

The effect of the court's rejection of this argument was to amplify somewhat the procedure it expects for carrying out its order that integration must proceed with all deliberate speed.

In the Louisiana case, a district judge invalidated state laws "requiring or permitting segregation of the races in any school" under school board supervision.

Attorneys for Negro children in Orleans Parish charged that the state laws were specifically designed to circumvent the Supreme Court integration ruling. In this case, they told the high court a three-judge hearing would be unnecessary.

The opposite view was taken by the NAACP in the Memphis case. Negro students in this case won a ruling invalidating state segregation laws.

OR's GRADUALISM

However, Director Judge Marion S. Boyd also ruled in favor of a "gradual de-segregation" plan adopted by state education officials providing for a "transition" under which many Negro applicants might face lengthy delays before gaining admission.

The Supreme Court was not asked to pass upon this facet of the ruling, which is the subject of a separate appeal before a circuit court.

Judge Boyd had ruled that the school board was proceeding "with all deliberate speed" but that "time is absolutely necessary" to carry out the integration order.

Ike Names Seaton

WASHINGTON — (INS) — President Eisenhower Monday nominated former Nebraska Sen. Fred A. Seaton as secretary of the interior.

Seaton, a White House specialist in liaison with Capitol Hill, was a surprise choice for the post formerly held by Douglas McKay.

"MISS 1070" of 1956, lovely Jacqueline Holmes, of Village Lake, Ark., a graduate of Arkansas AM & N college, now teaching at Robert Moten High school in Marianna, Ark., will be on hand to crown the new titlist.

The NEW SOUNDS COOL - CRAZY COMMERCIAL

With summer getting set to come in in a month or so, recording companies are flooding the market with new releases, and tops among these are three Rock and Roll pieces that appear destined to reap big dividends in the pop market. Chuck Berry on Chess, has another sure hit with "Roll Over Beethoven." This should be right up the alley for reading so much recently about the experts opinions of Rock and Roll. Chuck, on this sensational spirited side, defiantly tells Beethoven to move over and tell Tchaikovsky the news.

Another sure hit is "Headin' Home" by Shirley Gunter and the Flairs on the Modern label. This semi-religious slow-tempo offering is designed for success. Third must be the Clovers new Atlantic release, "Your Tender Lips," already getting big plays by the deejays.

Sensational Brooklyn singer Jimmy Randolph, who caused a mild sensation with his recent recording of "Wagon Wheels," has a new disc out on Mercury — "Sumertime," with a big beat interpretation, backed with "Shangri-La."

Segregation No Issue Says Adlai

NEW ORLEANS — (INS) — Democratic presidential aspirant Adlai Stevenson said Monday he does not feel that segregation will be an issue in the 1956 race.

Stevenson, stopping briefly in New Orleans between planes, said segregation was a national problem rather than a campaign issue.

Several Southern leaders have predicted that most of the South will leave the party if national Democratic leaders try to put a strong civil rights plan in the presidential campaign platform.

Asked for his views on how fast the U. S. Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools should be elected in the deep South, Stevenson said:

"The rapidity of this problem is to be determined by the court." Stevenson was en route to California where he meets Estes Kefauver in a June 5 primary. The two candidates meet today in Florida's Democratic presidential primary.

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PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL work is the primary interest of Miss Joan Elizabeth Thompson. The comely young lady is a student in this field at Youala university. She is to be graduated in this field at Loyola university of Arts, after which she hopes to work with disturbed children, aiding them with their problems so that they may grow up to be normal adults.

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CHURCH NOTES

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

It will be a regular day for the congregation of Bethlehem Baptist church, Sunday. Service will open with conduct of Sunday school at 9:30. B. H. Holman is superintendent.

A sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bibbs, will enlighten the worship at 11 a.m. The combined choir of the church will furnish the music. Communion will be administered immediately following.

James Peoples will direct the Baptist Training Union at 6:30 p.m.

The young people of the church will present a program at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to all services at the Bethlehem Baptist church.

HOMELAND CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The second annual Youth Day celebration of Homeland Church of God in Christ will be observed Sunday. Mrs. Hattie M. Bunton will be guest speaker at 3 p.m. The general chairman of the day is Mrs. Beatrice Wynder. Misses Ardell Phelps and Alice Foster are in charge of publicity. The supervisor is Mrs. Annett Gosby. Mrs. L. M. Garrett is church reporter.

Elder J. E. Rodgers is the pastor of Homeland Church of God in Christ.

COLUMBUS BAPTIST

At the Columbus Baptist church, Sunday, worship starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will be held at this time, under the supervision of P. Bumpus.

Baptist Training Union commences at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. L. M. Ewelles will preside. Evening service will begin at 8 p.m.

NEW TYLER A.M.E.

Holy communion will be administered during the morning service at the New Tyler A.M.E. church, Sunday. An uplifting message by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Henning, will be heard, also. Music will be rendered by the senior choir.

Prof. Isaiah Goodrich and Mrs. Alma Bowen will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

The ACE League at 5:30 p.m. will be directed by Miss J. Flowers.

The public is invited.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

New Hope Baptist membership will hold regular service Sunday. Sam Marshall will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

At 11 a.m. the morning worship will be held. Rev. Joe Allen, the pastor, will officiate. Communion is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ophelia McGary is the church reporter.

ST. JUDE BAPTIST

Baptism will be the highlight of the service at St. Jude Baptist church, Sunday.

E. Williams To Do Intern In Detroit

Ervin C. Williams, Jr., son of Mrs. Zelma Williams, of 363 Winchester ave., and the late Ervin C. Williams, Sr., will receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Meharry Medical college in Nashville.

Mr. Williams received his early education in the Memphis public school system, graduating from Manassas High school. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Fisk university in Nashville.

Dr. Williams will intern at Wayne County General hospital, Detroit.

His wife is the former Miss Edith Marie Hubbard, of Memphis.

Fund Drive On For Mary Wayne School

A six-week drive to raise \$10,000 in funds for the Mary Wayne School Inc., has been initiated.

The school's founder, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, said most of the money would be sought through donations of Negro businessmen, social clubs, friends and churches.

Napoleon B. Williams, businessman, with offices at 1772 Chelsea, is chairman of the campaign. He is being assisted by Henry R. Allen of the J. O. Patterson Funeral Home, Inc.

Donations may be sent by mail to 1772 Chelsea or to the Tri-State Defender, 236 S. Wellington, The Defender will run names of donors to the campaign.

The school, located at 2212 Eldridge in North Memphis, takes care of youngsters for mothers who have to work. There are now 45 children at the school daily.

Not only is this school the pride of Mrs. Jones, but also of the Memphis-Shelby County Parent-Teacher Association. This organization seeks to raise the standards of day care centers throughout the city and county.

The school is no longer private. It has been turned over to the trustees of a non-profit welfare corporation chartered last year.

Staffers at the school include Mrs. Jones, president; Mrs. Sadie Wesson Davis, Mrs. S. S. Smith, Mrs. Mattie Tompkins and Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale.

The trustee board includes Prof. A. B. Bland, Rev. Wayne Jones, Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Atty. B. L. Hooks and Mrs. Nancy Givonds.

On the advisory board is Mrs. Brownlee, PTA president; Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Dr. A. E. Horne, Rev. James Blackmore and Napoleon B. Williams.

New York — Teachers in 35 of the states participate in state-controlled pension plans.

One-eighth of a ton of coal is required to manufacture one barrel of gasoline.

The governors and state treasurers of Missouri cannot succeed themselves in office.



THIS WAS THE WAY Miss Mattie Ella Walton, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Walton, of 221 S. Wellington st., appeared as she modeled and sang "He" at the

Beale Street Auditorium during the Cotton Makers Jubilee. Complimented by Mrs. Helen West, she dedicated "He" to the King and Queen when they visited Leath school. (Withers Photo)

Rev. J. W. Williams: Owenite In Limelight

By E. BERNARD COTTON

Come June 1, the enactment of a historic milestone in the annals of the Tennessee M & E convention owned S. A. Owen Junior college will take place. The institution will hold its first commencement exercises. The 31 prospective "pioneer" graduates are vested with honor of being the very first to complete prescribed courses of study over a two-year span.

This week we place in the limelight one of the best known and loved individuals in this section of the country in the person of Rev. J. W. Williams, founder-pastor of the Lane Avenue Baptist church in Memphis.

Before studying at Owen, Rev. Williams matriculated at Booker T. Washington High school, Wright School of Religion, and Howe School of Religion (West Tennessee branch of the American Baptist Theological Seminary).

A general education major, Rev. Williams' campus extra-curricular activities have been very much limited because of the many ministerial duties relative to his more than 1,100-member church.

The ever-jovial personality did manage sufficient time to serve as advisor to the Baptist Student Union — the campus branch of the national organization.

Off campus Rev. Williams exemplifies the same type of high calibre judgement and conduct so obvious on the campus. He is a devoted father — he and his charming wife have three children; religious leader — he is supervisor of the Sunday School department of the Union Progressive association, an instructor of the State and City Congresses of the Baptist Missionary and Education convention, an instructor in the Sunday School department of the Baptist Pastor's Alliance, and founder-pastor of a congregation numbering more than 1,100 persons. Through his efforts and to his credit he has constructed a beautiful edifice valued at more than \$100,000 and debt free. Rev. Williams, a most prolific speaker, has a widely listened to hour-long radio program on one of the local radio stations each Sunday.

The bespectacled student and preacher plans to continue his education at Rust college.

Japan, Indonesia Begin War Reparation Talks

TOKYO — (INS) — Informed sources said Sunday that Japan will commence World War II reparations talks with Indonesia in the near future.

The sources said the Japanese government has already fixed a tentative reparations figure which will form the basis of the projected talks. The figure is believed to

have been set at \$300 million. The Japanese government recently concluded an \$800 million reparations treaty with the Philippines to compensate for damages inflicted during the last war.

Japan is expected to sound out the Indonesian government through Eiji Wajima, Japanese minister to Jakarta.

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For Cream Puff dessert with strawberry ice cream, split Cream Puff lengthwise fill bottom with strawberry ice cream, replace top, arrange with whipped cream and sliced sweetened strawberries. For chicken salad puff, split near bottom, fill with — cup of your favorite chicken salad — serve on Salad greens with tomato aspic or sliced tomato pickles. More recipes for Jack Sprat Cream Puff next time.

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WARREN

By MRS. MATTIE M. BURNETT
Jim Atkins of New Orleans spent some time in the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie Terry and sister, Mrs. Luvander Gardner recently.

Mother's Day was observed at Bethel A.M.E. church and a great program was rendered. It was sponsored by the Missionary Society. The speaker was Mrs. Velma Dantizler.

Mr. and Mrs. Gracie Brox and family spent Mother's Day with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Hampton have as their guest, their son, Henry, who is with the Air Force.

Mrs. P. V. Wallace spent the week end in Bearden with her husband, J. T. Wallace. She was accompanied by L. J. Hays.

On Mother's Day, Mrs. Miranda Stalling and Miss Willie Shorter worshipped with their mother at Bethel A.M.E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Green and Mrs. Walter Peters recently were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Douglas.

Clyde Green, Mrs. Reola York and Cecile York spent Mother's Day with their mother, Mrs. Ida York. The York sisters are from Chicago.

The second grade class of Warren Elementary school presented an operetta, "A Rose Dream." This program was excellent.

L. Z. Boswell of Chicago spent some happy hours recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childs and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Childs of Rock Island, Ill., are spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Childs.

A widow's publicity contest is being given at Bethel A. M. E. church in appreciation for the outstanding work. Rev. P. H. Russell is pastor.

Mrs. M. L. Norman presented her kindergarten class graduation in the elementary school gym last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Georgia Cross and Mrs. Bessie Norman have returned home to Chicago.

Mrs. Cross is the daughter of New Turner and Mrs. Norman is the sister of Mrs. Eliza Jane Johnson.

Mrs. Ira Brooks of Los Angeles, Calif. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Booker.

Dr. H. H. Rhinehart and Rev. P. H. Purcell have returned home from the general conference in Miami, Fla. They reported a grand session.

Henry Harrison was called to Bearden because of the death of his father. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark motored to Fordyce last Sunday and spent the day visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jimmie Jones spent a few days in Pine Bluff attending the grand association of Elks. It was held at the Elks Rest there. Mrs. Jones is daughter ruler of the Elks here in Warren of May Hall Temple 929. Yours truly is also proud to be a member.

Be sure to see George Taylor for your Defender each week or call 1141 and I will be glad to serve you.

DANVILLE
By HENLEY R. TORRENCE
Mrs. Florence Fountain and Mrs. Alma Torrence attended the executive meeting of the WSCS at Little Maumelle, May 10-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Williams were visitors in Sweet Home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Thompson and family spent the week end in Sweet Home also.

Charles Adams of Kansas City spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Scott in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Torrence and Miss Wilma Mize visited in Danville Saturday night.

Miss Elvora Adams spent the week end in Morrilton.

Rev. L. E. Douglas of Van Buren, held services at the Trinity Methodist church here Sunday. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Henry.

Mrs. Mary Henry, Mrs. Inez Howell, Mrs. Juanita Scott, Misses Delcia Mae Torrence and Ivory Lucille Gilkey attended the baccalaureate services at the L. W. Sullivan High school at Morrilton last Sunday.

Haze Gilkey of the U. S. Navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Henry and family, Mrs. Inez Harris and Miss Hattie Henry attended a Mother's Day program at Harris Chapel Sunday.

The PTA met at the Mountain View school house, Monday night, Mrs. Willie Gilkey is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Thompson of Sweet Home were visitors on business, in Danville last Tuesday.

Awards Grant To Student At Morehouse

ATLANTA — (ANP) — John Barber, Morehouse college senior from Detroit, recently was named one of 77 college students to receive a fellowship from the Danforth foundation.

This fellowship will be used for graduate work at the university of Barber's choice during the academic year 1956-57. It is renewable for three years provided the quality of his work warrants it.

That means that the fellowship will finance all Barber's studies up to the Ph.D. degree if he can achieve that degree in the minimum time: three years.

Name 4-H Champs For Ga. District Meet

3 Ga. Counties To Send Winners

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Champions in 4-H project competition for Chatham, Glynn and Greene counties were named by State 4-H Club Agents M. C. Little and Carrie B. Powell.

These county winners will compete with other county champs at district project achievement meetings this summer, the 4-H agents explained.

Each county winner was chosen in county eliminations on the basis of his 4-H record and project demonstration, they said.

By counties, these winners are: Chatham — Albertha Aills (senior), Betty Bickley and Charlesetta Manuel (junior) enriched corn meal muffins; Drucilla Moore, dress revue; Cynthia Rhodes, clothing; Vernell Moultrie, health; CHILD CARE PROJECT

Frances Smith, safety; Harriet Samson, child care; Jane Byrd, home improvement; Roberta Smalls (senior) and Sandra Berry (junior) public speaking; Clara Wright and Fannie Hicks, biscuits; Almarie Glover and Juanita Thomas, yeast breads;

Gloria Burton and Annette Watts gardening; Jane Byrd and Gloria Faison (tie), dairy foods.

Glynn — Jerome Vickers, achievement; Martha J. Parland achievement; Martha J. Parland and Nancy Hippard, canning; Betty Daniels, clothing; Alexander Speakman, corn; Roy Brooks, dairy achievement; Leola Hopkins and Thomas Wellman, poultry;

Coretha Pyles and Ike Kently, farm and home electric; and Eva Daniels, safety; Malcom Speakman, field crops; Othella Speakman, forestry; L. M. Gasque, gardening; Charles Hopkins, exterior painting;

Moses Wesley Myers, health; James Cooper, leadership; Hardy S. Myers, meat animal; and Perry Short, tractor maintenance.

Greene — Yvonne Neal and James Smith (senior) and Hazel Hurt (junior), health; Annie Robbins (senior) and Sarah Ross (junior), enriched corn meal muffins; Dollie Smith (senior) and Lenord Dillard (junior), biscuits, and Nellie Kilpatrick, lamp-making.



OFF ON TOUR were these members of the Texas Southern university choir, Houston,

when the photographer made this shot. Their recent tour carried them to Waco, Gon-

zales, San Antonio and Fort Worth. Dr. N. L. Gerren, chairman, division of Fine

Arts, was the conductor of the group. Mrs. Ruthabel Rollins assisted.

AUGUSTA News

By JULANIE LAMPKIN

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Joint graduation exercises of Gibbs High school and Appling High school were held Tuesday night at Harlem, Ga. The Rev. L. H. Pitts, executive secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association, was the graduation speaker. Five students from Gibbs and seven from Appling received diplomas. Willette Burns of Appling was first honor graduate. Second honor graduate was John Cummings of Thomson, Ga., a student of Appling.

Sixty students will graduate from Luvania's School of Beauty Culture. The graduation address will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. L. C. Jones.

Mrs. Janie Miller of Clearwater, S. C., will be first honor graduate. Second honor student is Mrs. Mattie Stevens of Augusta. Mrs. Luvania M. Pearson is owner and operator of the school.

Keeping in line with national affairs, an Armed Forces Day was held at the Ninth St. USO Saturday, May 19, under the direction of Mrs. Christine Gardener and her co-workers.

The USO was decorated with red, white and blue, showing imitation of the U. S. flag. In various sections were placed USO in the same colors. More than 500 visitors, servicemen and volunteers were present to enjoy this entertaining event.

A selection of music was furnished by Prof. Charles W. Francis director of the music department of Boggs Academy, Keyville, Ga., and his trio: Misses Joan Randall, first soprano; Oweta Johnson, second soprano; and Maxie Grubbs, alto. A dance was enjoyed by all whom wished to take a part. Refreshments were served throughout the exercise.

Mrs. Ora B. McConner was honored recently at a baby shower given by Dr. Cecilia Sheppard on the Paine college campus. Women staff members of the college joined in the honoring of Mrs. McConner at which time she received many useful gifts.

A large congregation was present at the pew rally held at First Mt. Moriah Baptist church Sunday p.m. The speaker for the occasion was Carl E. Sanders who is a candidate for the state senate from this district. The Rev. L. W. Westbrook is the pastor.

Mrs. Hattie B. Hornsby, widow of the late Dr. W. S. Hornsby, sr., has been named vice president and treasurer of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co. Mrs. Hornsby became personal director of the company in 1950. Her son, W. S. Hornsby, jr., is president of the firm.

The anniversary celebration of the Woman's Aid Society was held at Elm Baptist church Sunday p.m. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Boyd. Mrs. B. F. Paschal

is the society president. An interesting program was well arranged and the service was well attended.

The annual celebration of Woman's Day held Sunday at Trinity CME church, sponsored by the Ladies Council of which Mrs. W. W. White is president. The main address was delivered by Mrs. Sujette F. Crank of Atlanta, Ga., educator, speaker, church and civic leader. She used for her subject "False Gods." The program was well attended.

A successful revival closed at the Macedonia Baptist church Friday night. The Rev. E. L. Brooks of Statesboro, Ga., was the evangelist. The Rev. R. C. Calhoun is the pastor.

The annual spring revival was conducted last week at the Macedonia Baptist church, Martinez, Ga. Soul-stirring sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. H. McCuskey, pastor of the Greater Young Zion Baptist church, this city. The Rev. W. M. Anderson is the pastor.

The Rev. Cleo M. McCoy, director of religious activities at North Carolina A and T college at Greensboro, N. C., was the guest speaker at Williams Memorial CME church Sunday at the morning worship. The Rev. R. A. Lark is the pastor.

Closing exercises of the ACV kindergarten was held recently at Spring Hill Baptist church, when 27 graduates were awarded diplomas.

A play, "The Old Woman and Her Pig," was given, along with poetry reading and band selections. Mrs. Carol Babcock presented the diplomas.

Four Augustans enlisted in the U. S. Army during this month. They are: John T. Cractic, 27, 821 Ninth st.; Horace A. Cody, 27, 1416½ Sunset ave.; Willie R. Green, 21, 214 Walker st. and Kelly G. Philpot, 27, 1659 Hunter st. The column wishes these young men much success.

The column was saddened to learn of the passing of Miss Christine Gardener who died suddenly at a Macon, Ga. hospital.

At the time of her death, she was a student at Fort Valley college, Fort Valley, Ga., and a nurse student in Macon, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Moses Baptist church, where she was a faithful member. The Rev. R. B. Bush officiated.

Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Wolfe were held Monday at Hayden Baptist church, Aiken, S. C., with the Rev. Roosevelt Glover officiating.

The column sympathizes with the family of Mrs. Betty Smart, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., following a prolonged illness. Funeral services will be announced on arrival of the body.

Little Annie Ruth Coley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coley, has been named first place winner in the baby contest sponsored by the junior department of Thankful Baptist church, Waynesboro, Ga. Runner-up was Shirley Ann Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gordon, also of Waynesboro.

Rev. Thomas McPherson, a student at Morris Brown college, Atlanta, Ga., also serves as pastor of the junior division, Cosmopolitan A.M.E. church, delivered the Mother's Day sermon at Bethel A.M.E. church Sunday a.m. The Rev. A. J. Harris is pastor.

The 88th anniversary of Harmony Baptist church, of which the Rev. Floyd Heard is pastor, was celebrated Sunday p.m., with the Rev. R. D. Blossom, pastor of Springfield Baptist church in charge. He was accompanied by his congregation.

Open house was observed Sunday from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Amelia Sullivan Old Folks Home, in celebration of Mother's Day. This is an annual event and was visited by many friends of the city who donated to these old folks.

Miss Willette Burns, senior student at Gibbs High school, Evans, Ga., won first place in the essay contest held recently at Mt. Calvary Baptist church.

This contest sponsored by the District F and AAY Masons of Augusta, attracted a number of high school seniors who competed for scholarships for college study. Miss Burns, top winner, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns of Appling, Ga. She has not decided the college where she will study.

Mrs. Cassi O'Neal and Mrs. Ossie Reed of Chicago were called to the city last week to attend the funeral rites of their sister, Mrs. Albert Ramsey, which was held at the Second Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Monday p.m. with the Rev. W. D. Morgan officiating, officiating.

Mrs. Bessie Wintley left Thursday for her home in Chicago after spending several weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Cora Lampkin and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary G. Johnson was conducted Sunday at Summerville Baptist church with the Rev. N. J. Watkins officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lee are the proud parents of a baby girl, Paulette Delores, born recently at Bldg. 1815 Eighteenth st., Fort Gordon, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Boknight recently announced the birth of a son, Johnnie, jr.

Clarence Funnay, Georgetown S. C., one of the newly appointed editors.

Mississippi

COLDWATER

By EUNICE CALDWELL

Mrs. Bessie Sharps daughter-in-law, son and grandchildren from Memphis, Tenn., attended Mother's Day service at Bates Chapel church.

Miss Ida Bell Russell from Memphis spent last Saturday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jennings Brownlee.

Mrs. Sallie Golden from St. Louis spent a week with her niece, Mrs. Mary Flemming.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Caldwell and son attended the Cotton Corneal in Memphis. Others attending were Mrs. Dorothy Buntin, Miss Glad Cars and Lee Ray Anderson.

Mrs. Pearl McDonald has returned from the general conference which was held in Miami, Fla.

There were nine eighth grade graduates at Coldwater Junior High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Johnson from Kentile, Mo. attended service at the Second Baptist church.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor held their second Installation Service here last Saturday.

CALHOUN CITY

By WILL FORD

Mrs. Mattie Thompson of St. Louis, Mo. spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Ida Flowers.

Mrs. Bobby L. Hankins, Mrs. Jimmie Lee Patch, Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck Watson and children, also from St. Louis spent the week end with their father, Bob Thompson and other relatives.

Mrs. Essie Lee Williams and niece spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. William Gastor.

Mrs. Will Ford spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Ida Flowers. She also spent Wednesday night with her son and grand father, Mr. Estill Doolittle. Mrs. Ford was accompanied by her great granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Pittman were visiting their relatives and friends from Kansas.

Mrs. Mollie from Ohio spent the week end with her grandfather, Bob Thompson.

INVERNESS

By MARY E. HEARN

Mrs. Isabella Johnson has returned from the hospital. She is doing fine.

Holly Grove M. B. church had a Mother's Day program which was enjoyed by all. Their pastor, the Rev. Lee Hazelwood delivered a wonderful sermon.

LAUREL

By MRS. SUSIE RUFFIN

Rev. and Mrs. Jone Robinson of Starkville, Miss., and Mrs. Lizzie Moore of Hattiesburg were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Powe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sanders, jr., and children motored to Mendenhall last Sunday for a visit with their Aunt, Mrs. Fannie Hayes.

The Mission Herald of the Pleasant Valley Baptist church rendered a Mother's Day program, with Mrs. Margaret Patterson as honored Mother.

Mrs. Duckie Goins was able to be moved to her home in Vossburg, Miss., last week after spending several months here as a patient at the Rosa Barnes Clinic. Mrs. Goins is the mother of Miss Shelly Goins.

Mrs. Hattie Bell is a patient at the Southeastern Benevolent hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown are proud to announce the marriage of their son Lewis Brown to Miss Dorothy Jean Fitzgerald. Lewis is attending school at San Francisco State college and his bride is a teacher in Vallejo, Cal. The couple was married in Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. Leah Hopkins left last Thursday for Chicago, Ill., to be at the bedside of her father who is ill.

COLDWATER

By EUNICE CALDWELL

Mrs. Willie Bailey, Mrs. Susie Williams and Mrs. Lillian Bailey from Memphis, were guests of their brother Mr. Maime Bailey here on Mother's Day.

Rev. C. A. Pennell delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the eighth grade class of Hassell Grove School at Liberty Baptist church.

Rev. J. A. Patter from Memphis delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the eighth class of Coldwater Junior High school at the 2nd Baptist M. B. church Sunday evening.

Tom Hassell from Memphis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Caldwell for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Willie Mae Fry, Mrs. Eunice Caldwell, Mrs. Martin Pitts and Mrs. Lurell Porter attended the Baccalaureate at Senatobia High School last week. Rev. W. R. Young from Mound Bayou, Miss., delivered the sermon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Pattern, the pastor of Liberty Baptist church were the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Caldwell last week.

ILLINOIS

ELGIN

Joe Gilliam left for Lake Charles, La. recently, because of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Velma Gilliam. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens spent Mother's Day with their mothers at Carbondale, Ill.

PRINCIPALS PARTICIPATING in the annual Awards dinner for the staff of the Registrar at A&T college, Greens-

boro, N. C., a student publication, included (from left) Luix Overbea, reporter for a Winston-Salem Daily newspa-

per; Mrs. L. M. Marros, faculty advisor; Warmoth T. Gibbs, president of the college, and

Clarence Funnay, Georgetown S. C., one of the newly appointed editors.



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Our Opinions

MSC: Further Reason For Desegregation

Memphis State President J. Millard Smith last week gave further reason why segregation in education must be eliminated. This, we are quite certain, was done unintentionally.

Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyné college, had accurately labeled MSC's screening test for graduate students (initiated after Negroes began seeking entrance to the institution) "a sham and a farce calculated only to exclude Negroes from the school."

Graduate students with a B average are not required to take tests. One of the applicants for study at MSC happened to be a Negro with a B plus average, who is a graduate of LeMoyné college. Yet, this student was required to take the test.

In answering Dr. Price's charge, president Smith stated that LeMoyné is not a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools.

He claimed that no Negro college are members and that all students from colleges not members of the association have to take the tests.

Dr. Price pointed out that LeMoyné is accredited and "that's the same as being a member."

This opinion was verified by Donald

C. Agnew, who heads the Southern Association Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Thus, President Smith raised a flimsy technical point in order to back up his policy of maintaining an obstacle to Negro entry in the school.

With integrated school systems such stratagems eventually will be relegated to an unsavory chapter of history.

President Smith's position has made crystal clear to intelligent citizens of this community who want the doors of education opened in a state supported school at home that they would be imbecilic not to press forward to realization of the Supreme Court's edict.

Further, Dr. Price, who speaks from a respected position of authority and experience in the field of education, is to be commended for meeting the issue in a forthright and highly intelligent manner.

It is no secret that the patience of many of our people is wearing thin over the needless evasions and maneuvering employed to deprive our people of opportunities to prepare to serve their community and the nation more fully.

In a left-handed way, we feel that President Smith has helped to point up why schools must be desegregated.

Reversing The Decision

Last week, U. S. Deputy Atty. General William P. Rogers traveled up to Capitol Hill with a set of recommendations in his brief case that may well be calculated to aid in the overthrow of the Supreme Court decision in the schools cases.

This places the Eisenhower Administration in the right-about-face position of having first pleaded for the decision, then conspiring now to do away with it. If the resolution has its way, Congress will take over the judicial authority from the Supreme Court and the Constitution in its present form will have to be re-written to suit the Eastlands, the Byrneses, the Talmadges, and all the other foes of integration.

Technically, the bill as drafted by Sen. Styles Bridges (R) of New Hampshire would restore the powers of the 48 states to prosecute cases of sedition and subversion. The Supreme Court recently ruled out this interpretation of the law in deciding the case of a man accused of communist subversion.

The Dixiecrats think they see in the bill a precedent that might be used to upset the schools decision. Said Rogers in a letter to Eastland, "It is the view of the Department of Justice that in the field of sedition and subversion, the federal and state government can work together easily and well."

What The People Say

Color And Mortgages

Dear Editor — When I read the recent article regarding the rates being charged for Negro buyers who wish to purchase homes, particularly under the VA and FHA insured programs, it occurred to me that perhaps there is a widespread ignorance, even on the part of Negro Americans, of the fact that it is more expensive everywhere in this country apparently, for veterans and non-veterans of color to secure mortgage money than for whites.

We are operating a real estate record of home building, unprecedented in the history of this section, is underway, and where it is exceedingly difficult for Negroes to purchase homes which even qualify for FHA loans.

Negro veterans are doubly penalized by being unable to purchase any of the lovely new homes going up by the thousands within 15 minutes ride, and then being made to pay much higher prices for older homes which are sold by white owners who, by adding a very few more thousands go out and purchase a completely new house, and on much, much easier terms, and in the best areas.

There seems to be a lack of his information or knowledge on the part of Negro newspaper people, and this is truly a tragedy, for the right amount of pressure in the right places would bring some real changes. The three and one-half years we have been in the real estate business

here has proven that to be true. We haven't performed any miracles, but as one fairly important mortgage official stated to me one day during the past week, "You have certainly changed the face of housing for colored families in the Trenton area during your three years in business."

What we have done is very little when we look at the needs and the demand for decent housing with reasonable financing terms available.

Having worked for the NAACP in Philadelphia for several years before settling down here at the end of the war, it was my good fortune to learn the aspects of segregated housing from the "social" point of view. Since 1953, I've been learning it from a business point of view. Believe me, the lessons are hard to take for a person dedicated to the cause of integrated housing.

Our fight, as Negro brokers, forced by the patterns of many years of white brokers to deal almost exclusively with Negro buyers, would be much easier if the Negro buyers public only realized that as long as they make segregation pay by patronizing white brokers who do everything they can to restrict them to ghettos and that they will continue to pay a premium for the oldest houses in the oldest sections. The so-called "GI rights" are scheduled to expire in July, 1957. If they do, many Negro veterans who have tried unsuccessfully to purchase a home through these "rights" will be left standing on

the sidelines unable to understand why their white buddies are comfortably settled in lovely new homes while no one has been willing to grant a loan to them.

It's a vicious business, and the Negro press which is truly called upon constantly to shoulder a great load, is in the best position to strike out against this situation. It is only thru education of the masses that the present policies will be changed, and only the Negro press can reach that Negro mass in the way it needs to be reached.

The story can be told only if the Negro newspaper men and women are adequately informed. It is not an easy story to get, but it's a mighty important one that needs to hit the front pages.

Richip Realty Company, Carolyn D. Moore, Trenton, N. J.

Thanks To Defender

Dear Editor — May I take this method of extending my sincere thanks for the front page news item in the May 19, Weekly Chicago Defender and the picture in today's edition of the Daily Defender of my son, Herbert B. Lassiter, who was recently elected president of the Student Senate at the University of Illinois, Urbana. I should also like to congratulate the Chicago Defender for a very fine daily newspaper. Best wishes for continued success. (Mrs.) John Lassiter, Chicago.

DARK SHADOWS

by Nat D. Williams

TWO "TERRIFIC" TEACHERS

Stacked thousands of men and women, boys and girls, will agree, no doubt, to the statement that Miss Anna Julia (A. J.) Polk and Mrs. Lella Porter Rhinehardt are fine representatives of the teaching profession.

They have a collective accumulation of right next door to a hundred years of teaching experience and effectiveness to confirm the truth of the statement that they are "terrific" teachers. Miss Polk has been teaching in the Memphis public schools for 52 years. Mrs. Rhinehardt has 47 years here to her credit. They are retiring at the close of this school year . . . next week.

What makes the word "terrific" fit so well in referring to their teaching careers is the realization of the tremendous impact for good they have had on the personalities of so many thousands of people.

These ladies began their teaching careers back in the days when to be a Negro school teacher was quite a distinction. In the first place, the Negro teacher faced the challenge that Negroes could learn from Negroes. They had to tackle the job with little of the public's confidence, and much of the public's indifference as to their huge task and peculiar problems.

On the personal side Miss Polk and Mrs. Rhinehardt accepted the challenge to build fine characters and reputations to serve as models for their charges to shape their own lives by. They began teaching when Negro teachers, particularly accepted their positions from the point of view of having admission to perform for the good of their race. They were dedicated teachers. They tackled their jobs at extremely low pay . . . with none of the modern teacher-aids. The only visual aids they had were their own their pupils' eyes. Their major objectives was to drum some knowledge into the heads of the children of ex-slaves, whom the world at large regarded with contempt, and questioned even their ability to learn.

And yet, these ladies not only were among those who effectively performed the reputedly im-

possible jobs of teaching Negro boys and girls how to read, write and figure with the best, but they also contrived to live lives which are at once interesting and beautifully useful.

They built their teaching careers on some pretty rigid standards. They began teaching when the lady teacher was not expected to marry and remain in the classroom. The standard set for them didn't permit cocktails nor cocktail parties. It didn't permit even private, much less public smoking. It required them to walk circumspectly in public and in private. Their lives had to be surrounded with clear, glass windows . . . so that all the world could see at all times, whether or not they were fit to teach.

The product of this self-discipline which they accepted resulted in certain classroom standards which they maintained . . . and which their pupils learned to expect and respect. Because they expected pupils to learn something from their type of teaching, they wouldn't permit a pupil to get by with an indifferent "I don't know," or a blank stare in the presence of a question. They required him to say something . . . to give some evidence and reassurance that he had a brain . . . and that it could become active.

These ladies symbolize those remarkable public school teachers who have been able to adjust themselves to the dynamic changes of fast-moving times, so highly concentrated in the pulsating sea of youth in which they have been immersed. The fact that they have been able to keep adjusting for almost a hundred years is full justification for the word "terrific" as applied to them.

The monetary returns they received for their services . . . the relative security and comparative cleanliness of their work, are still not sufficient compensation for the community they have served. The city owes them the commendation of a grateful community willing and anxious to say, "Well done." The community owes them continued recognition and respect. It owes them a lasting debt of gratitude for what they have allowed themselves to "stand for" for our youth.



There are two great road blocks to peace and harmony in America today, pride and resentment.

The false sense of superiority and the high opinion of one's own importance over against a feeling of displeasure and a deep sense of injury are great forces for the destruction of peace and harmony.

Pride and resentment are the two most dangerous residues from the curse of slavery in America.

Were it not for pride and resentment, there would be no necessity for organizations like the KKK, the Citizens Committee, the NAACP or any other protest organizations in America. There would be no need for segregation in any form if it were not for the complexes, pride and resentment.

UNDUCE IMPORTANCE

Slavery gave those who owned slaves an undue amount of self importance due to their ability to own slaves, therefore, they looked down upon those who were unable to own slaves. This caused a feeling of resentment on the part of those who had no slaves toward the slave owners and the slaves.

This feeling of pride in the 'haves' also the feeling of resentment of the 'have-nots' toward those who have was carried into

the past slavery area of America.

There can be no common grounds upon which all can meet where there is a feeling of superiority and self importance on one hand and a feeling of displeasure and a feeling of being hurt on the other. What then is the formula for getting these two divergent emotions changed from their diverse effects into more useful purposes? Your side and two making every effort to see the other man's side.

THE BEST WAY

If those who think themselves superior would place themselves in the shoes of the person over whom they think they are superior and if those who think they have been injured would stop to consider the why, the how and the state of mind of the injurer. In other words, "To be able to sit, also to stand where the other man sits or stands is the best way to understand or help him."

The above are the best ways to avoid the false that go with pride, also to prevent and cure the injuries that go with the feeling of resentment.

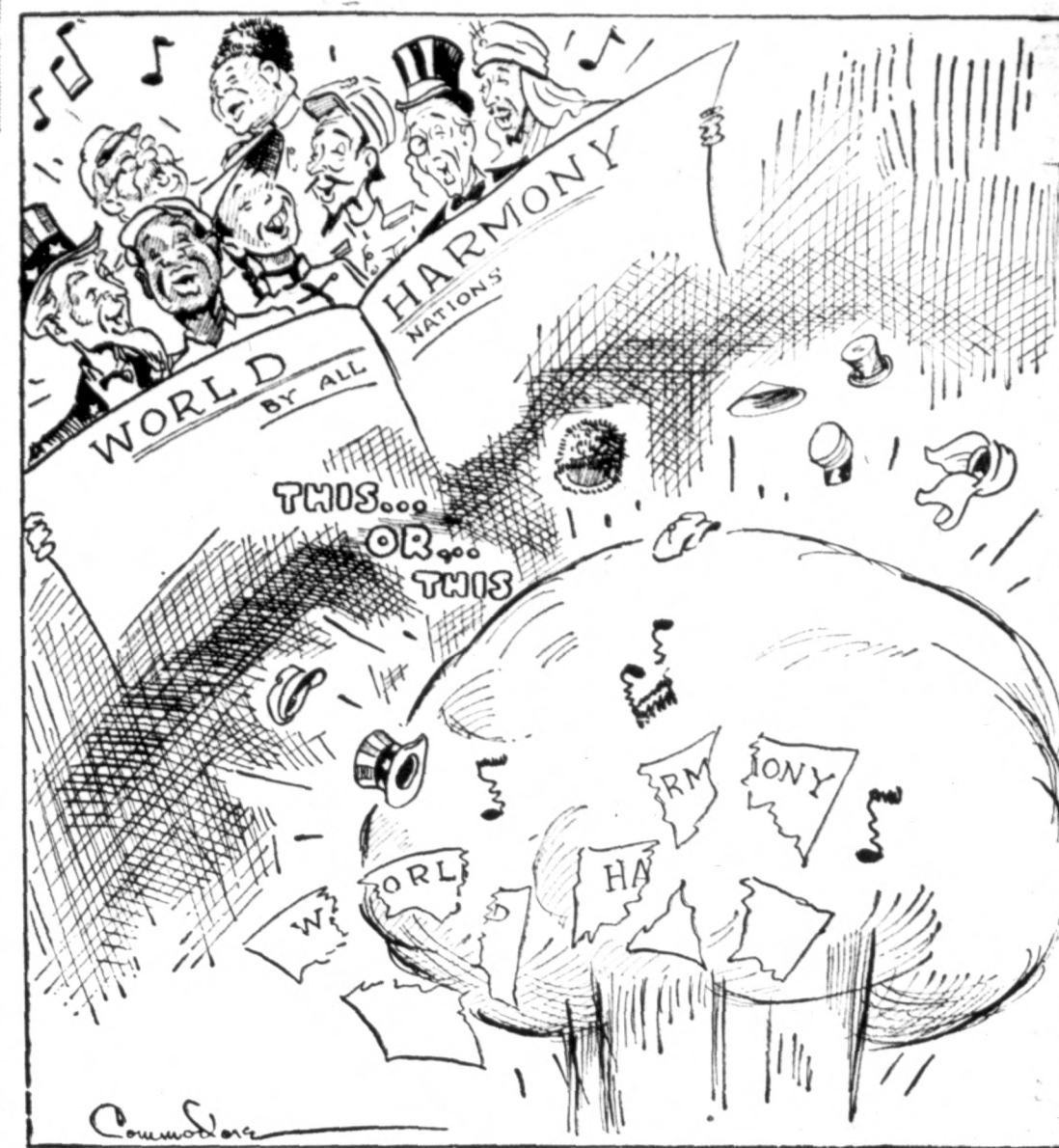
To think accordingly to your own true measure and to think more highly of the measure of others above the measure you set for yourself is the only way to truly measure yourself.

SO WHAT?



"LUNCH? WITH YOU? I'M SORRY... I NEVER GET THAT HUNGRY!"

H Bomb — Harmony Or Hell?



LANGSTON Hughes

Simple Produces A Film On An Afro-American Theme

"I love the Mau Maus," said Simple.

"Be careful," I said. "The Mau Maus use violence. You'd better love the Montgomery bus strikers who love white folks into behaving themselves."

"I'm praying for all of them," said Simple, "but I love the Mau Maus. They act like a Wild West picture, and are tall as Jack Parlane, gone-tall, and darker than me."

"Of course they're dark," I said. "They're African."

"So am I," said Simple, "African. This word Negro that they call me here in America is not my real name, neither am I colored; I am African—which is why I like them Mau Maus. Listen, I wish I was a movie picture man. I would make me a picture about Africa that would not quit — a gone film, Jack! Understand?"

"Gone out the window," I said. "Because no white distributor would show it!"

"That would not worry me," said Simple. "I would distribute it myself in Africa in African theatres and it would have some mad scenes that would make the Africans holler and cheer and set through my picture three times, then come back to the show the next day to see it again."

"How come?"

"Because it would be an African western," said Simple, "in which I would have them Mau Maus chasing white folks like they

sometimes let Indians do in Hollywood — only in Hollywood the Indians never catch up with the white folks. In my picture the Africans would not only catch up with the white settlers, but would run smack-dab over them and keep on galloping. In other words, my picture would have a happy ending!"

"Your picture would be banned before it got started," I said. "It would have a dark closing. Said Simple, 'with all them Africans riding across the screen. But I would be making this picture for me and you.'"

"Leave me out of it," I said. "I don't wish to be placed in the position of condoning violence on the screen or off. I'll take the Rev. King's approach down in Alabama!"

"They has no spears down there," said Simple, "neither no head-dresses of horns and feathers. In Africa I would not be worried about riding no buses. In my picture I would get on my horse — lightning — and lift my spear and ride, Red, ride! I mean ride so fast on my trusty steed that the camera would have to be mounted on a Thunderbird to keep up with me and photograph my picture. I would play the Mau Maus chief so I could throw the first spear."

"You're a bloodthirsty son-of-a-gun," I said.

"I would do this picture in technicolor, too," said Simple, "so you could see in colors exactly what's happening. And my wife in the picture would be like Joyce, chocolate-sweet and all reet — except that she would not be hot, worrying about no budget as Joyce does. That girl would be on the horse riding behind me with a spear upraised, too. We would two riding Mau Maus! Daddy would pass you so fast you would not know which way to look to see if we was gone. Daddy I would be the greatest ride cowboy in Africa, and every time I throw my spear I would mark. Never miss! Sp. Spear Simple! Another settler bites the dust! When I throw spear, he must! Win each battle or bust! That's me! Understand?"

"And what would the end of your picture be?" I asked.

"The riding up to the front screen for a close-up in technicolor to take my bows," said Simple. "Producer, director, script writer and all in one! For five minutes you would see my name going across the screen, JESSE B. SEMPLE produced by, directed by, written by me — Jesse B. SEMPLE, over and over. Then you would see me face again just before the liars and the newsreels come on — me. And that would be the end, my friend, that would be the end!"

DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

Two experiences over the week end in New York compelled me to comment about them and share them with you. One concerned a Broadway play and the other was a banquet at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria's Starlight Roof.

One treated sexual relations and the other race relations. A Freudian would have been as happy about them as a rabbit in a cabbage patch.

The play was Tennessee Williams' "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" starring the beautiful and talented Barbara Bel Geddes who first captured the heart of Broadway in that interracial thriller, "Deep Are The Roots." If they have a board of censors in New York, the members must have been plastered when they passed this play.

Sex is a staple on Broadway and the sophisticated are accustomed to bold talk in the uninhibited modern manner. The "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" is, however, the sexiest thing I have ever seen and it could not have been more intimate. The author has a reputation for the unusual and the strange and the shocking. You recall his "Street Car named Desire," "Summer and Smoke," and "Glass Menagerie."

In this current vehicle, Mr. Williams breaks a record for my money and I do not consider myself a prude. One of the mildest observations of "Big Mama," one of the odd characters, is that "when a marriage goes on the rocks you will find the rocks in the bed." The setting is a Delta plantation where several members of the family of a rich plantation owner are trying to win their favor and inherit the little Dixie kingdom.

The plantation owner's favorite son is a little queer and the boy's wife wants a baby to please the old man. She is desperate because the boy sleeps by himself and she

is the cat on the hot tin roof. Getting her mixed-up husband into bed with her becomes a big deal and at the final curtain, she seems to be on the point of victory.

The play leaves one with the good Freudian concept that at the bottom of most people's difficulties lies sex. In other words, there is a close correlation between sexual relations and human relations.

The second experience involved the Waldorf Astoria affair which was a dinner given by the N. A. A. C. P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund to mark the second anniversary of the Supreme Court decision against segregation on May 17, 1954.

Dr. Ralph Bunche served as toastmaster and among the speakers were Thurgood Marshall, Roy Wilkins and Dr. Martin Luther King. Senator Lehman was given an NAACP Award by Dr. Channing Tobias as over seven hundred upper-crust brothers and sisters of both races applauded. It was a delightful and inspiring affair and the celebrities in the audience came from every field, sports, the theater, politics and the profession. Perhaps the only unsophisticated person in the house was the famous Baptist minister from Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. King was the last speaker and in such big-time company, you could not resist making a comparison. You can take it from me, when that young man sat down, everyone in the audience knew he was the master of them all. The ranks of race leadership have never seen anything like him.

Every speaker, of course, spoke on some aspect of race relations. It was Dr. King's message, however, which captured the hearts and minds of the audience. He is now a national figure and he will never again belong exclusively to Montgomery, Alabama. His depth, his eloquence and his philosophy

all suffused with love and humility set him apart from those in our leadership today. He big fair to dominate our time.

I have discussed two experiences which have, on the surface, very little in common. But the both are meaningful to our society in that they affect human relations. The factors of sex and race are still but poorly understood and many of the ills of our age can be laid at their door.

Bishop Sets Up Award With \$1,000 Gift

MARSHALL, Tex. — An address by Mrs. Pearl C. Anderson and a \$1,000 gift establishing the "Pearl C. Anderson award" highlighted the "First Annual Women's Day Program" at Bishop college, held in the Oscar A. Fuller chapel.

The \$1,000 gift, presented by Dr. Fred A. Lange, executive director of the Dallas Community Chest, represented donations from several citizens of Dallas.

The money will be placed in the Endowment Fund and the interest used to provide the annual scholarship award.

Writer's Frat Honors Mrs. Thelma Booxer

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Thelma Berlack Booxer, public relations aide at the New York City office of Civil Defense, has been named an honorary member of Melvin Lee chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, national journalism fraternity.

Auxiliary Of Lower N. Center Launches Drive For New Equipment



● LOWER NORTH CENTER is a settlement house located at 621 West Elm St. The area surrounding it has been almost demolished to make way for the Mother Cabrini project into which Lower North Center will move within 12 months. This fact pleases the center's staff and constituents. However, provisions must be made for equipment for their new building. Members of the Women's Auxiliary are launching a dramatic drive for funds to furnish this equipment.

● MRS. U. GRANT DAILEY, a member of the auxiliary has organized a group of friends to promote a mammoth bridge party to be held on Saturday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Illinois Automobile Club, 24th and Michigan Avenues. To acquaint you with some of the personalities and functions of the Lower North Center here are some photographs which our DEFENDER Photographer Tony Rhoden snapped on a visit there. In conference (photo top left) are members of the Women's Auxiliary who are employing many devices to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Here Mrs. Sheldon Collen, Dewey Becker and William D. Saltiel listen to Mrs. U. Grant Dailey as she outlines plans for the benefit bridge.

● THE NURSERY SCHOOL which is in session each morning gives these youngsters an interesting group experience. Using some of the many fine materials provided for them are Phyllis Mack, Leandrew Emory, Girtha Derr and Johnny Capers.

● A DILIGENT STAFF keeps the program and paper work in order at Lower North Center. Discussing an important matter are staff-members Patricia Robinson, Community Organization Director; Mrs. Leola Woodson, Business Office Secretary; George W. Greene, program director; and Mrs. Maxine King, office manager.

● PUZZLES KEEP THESE youngsters busy and their teacher, too. Miss Margaret Smith, nursery school director, aids this little fellow who is having difficulty in placing some of the wooden pieces. Sewing is one of the projects which the women's auxiliary engages in. Their handiwork is sold at an annual Christmas Bazaar held at the center.

● MONEY IS USED to promote the program there. These industrious members are Mesdames E. J. Sherwood, Olaf Harringer, Ann Simon, Morris Muskal, Augustine Bowe and Jerone Selig.