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VOTERS SWINGING TOWARD GOP

Returns From Primary Election Prove Revealing



HOW DID THEY VOTE? — Returns from heavily populated Negro voting places

proved revealing after last week's election: These two lines of voters were caught

late in the evening, the one at left at Precinct 48, voting at Hamilton High school, the

other at 29-2 in Orange Mound. Local Republicans are saying that their record vote here



Thursday is the start of a switch by Negroes that means a landslide for their party in

November. Republicans apparently got a larger Negro vote

In this Democratic county than did Democrats. If the county

vote is left out this is a certainty.



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School Principal Dies Suddenly

Mourn Loss Of Educator W. W. Mays

William Weston Mays, principal of Palmer-Turner school at Henning, Tenn. for 11 years, died suddenly Saturday, Aug. 4 from what was believed to have been a heart attack.

Co-workers, students and friends throughout the state were shocked over his passing.

Death came to the veteran and popular educator while he and his entire family were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brent of Ripley, Tenn. Mr. Brent is principal of Lauderdale High school at Ripley.

The grief-stricken widow, Mrs. Sadie Seymour Mays, told the Tri-State Defender Sunday morning that her family and the Brents had been close friends for years. Ten years ago, on April 13, 1946 the Mays were married in the Brent home, in almost the same spot in which Principal Mays died.

SERVED WELL

The well-known educator headed a faculty of 18 teachers. He was a member of St. Marks Baptist church of Henning, pastored by Rev. T. H. Baker, a former board member of the Tennessee Educational conference; regional vice president of the Tennessee Principals conference; former president of the West Tennessee Educational conference; a member of

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'Wife-Killer' Surrenders

Voters Swinging To GOP Camp

By Staff Writer

Results gleaned at weekend from still incomplete returns from the August 2 general election and Democratic and Republican primaries point to three significant situations:

(1) Even the most outspoken pro-segregation candidate, through one method or another, can count on a certain degree of Negro support.

(2) Despite certain polls indicating otherwise, Negroes are going to go Republican in November more so than ever in recent years, if the expected pitch for their vote is made.

(3) Those Negroes, normally Democratic, who are torn between party loyalty and the racial question, might sit out the November balloting.

And should the national situation adhere to the trend set in Memphis this past Thursday, the national Republican party is likely to show considerable Negro voting gains at the expense of the Democratic party.

The one thing that appears to have been made definite was that by and large Negroes are going to look more to the "positive race position" taken in the contests than in personalities.

Hides From Police For 12 Hours

A husband who shot his wife to death last week with a shotgun successfully evaded police for 12 hours, then walked into the sheriff's office and surrendered.

The man is Tom Milliken, 38, of 1197 Norma rd., who was being sought for the murder of Mrs. Emma Milliken, 45.

Witnesses told deputies that they had been at the Milliken home when an argument started between the couple, and that they had left.

Later, Mrs. Milliken's body was found in the bedroom, blasted with fatal shotgun wounds.

Sheriff's deputies launched a hunt for the husband, but had made little progress in finding Milliken when he either from stricken conscience or advice turned himself in.

Caught In Act At Owen College

Caught in the act of stealing clothes from the S. A. Owen locker rooms last week were four teenage boys.

President Levi Watkins, of the institution surprised the youngsters, who were later taken in custody of juvenile court.

Negro CP Leader

Orders Reporter Out Of His Tent

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Prof. Guy Hoffman last Thursday ordered a Defender reporter from the "private tent" pitched near the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Moses J. Newson is acting managing editor of the Tri-State Defender. A capable and reliable newsman, he was assigned by the editor-in-chief to get the facts on the Barrett's chapel and Stewartville situation. Here is his story.

Stewartville polling place, under which he was giving Negroes "last instructions" and cards urging a straight Citizens for Progress vote.

Prof. Hoffman said he "didn't like it at all" because the reporter had made pictures the night before at the "educational" pre-election meeting and Bar-B-Que held at his school, Barrett's Chapel.

Neither Prof. Hoffman nor several other Negro county school principals taking part in the pre-election meeting in behalf of the CP candidates, who swept the election, objected Wednesday night when pictures were made.

THOSE PRESENT

In fact, at request of the reporter, six of them, including Prof. Hoffman, posed for a picture. At the time one asked if they were going to get "a positive story" on the meeting.

The other participating principals included P. C. Fisher, Eads; Edward Gray, Brunswick; C. L. Wells, E. A. Harrold; J. L. Hill, Arlington; R. J. Roddy, Woodstock, and Henry Grinner, Bartlett.

CP candidates, led by persons formerly affiliated with the Old Crump organization, used a slogan "Keep Memphis and Shelby County Down in Dixie" and a group platform that calls for interposition by Tennessee to the

Albert L. Keys Victim Of River

According to police, an autopsy performed on the body of Albert Lee Keys, of 259 N. Dunlap revealed the man died not of foul play but drowning.

The victim's body was discovered floating in the Wolf River near a cement manufacturing company's terminal at the foot of Poplar by a worker. The victim had been in the water about five days.

Keys was a gardner. S. W. Qualls & co. handled the remains.

Supreme Court's desegregation ruling.

All its candidates were outspoken for segregation and copies of pictures showing Negroes and whites together at local political meetings were used by CP's in the campaign.

As far as the Defender has been able to ascertain, not one Negro leader in Memphis, even those who have been and still are associated with the administration, spoke publicly for the Citizens for Progress.

However, there were a number

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Lack Of Unity Weakens Boycotters

Lack of unity among Negroes and pressure on car pool operators were resulting in a weakening of the bus boycott in Tallahassee last week.

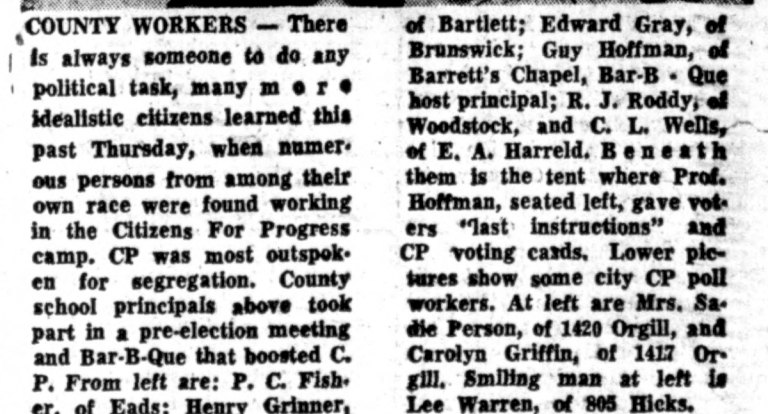
Unlike the Negroes of Montgomery who have held out for months against patronizing the city bus lines, approximately 450 fares were collected from Tallahassee Negroes last week, it was reported.

Bus service, according to Charles L. Carter, Cities Transit Co., manager, was resumed last Thursday after having been closed for a month.

Meanwhile State Atty. Gen. Richard Ervin ruled last Friday that car pool drivers transporting those supporting the bus boycott must get "for hire" tags. The tags would run about \$15 in excess of the regular license.

No action had been taken on the ruling, according to Mrs. Ina Thompson, state motor vehicle commissioner. No charges are made of passengers transported by the car pool.

Supporters, Workers of CP Slate



'Hank' Day Sax Man With Al Jackson Dies

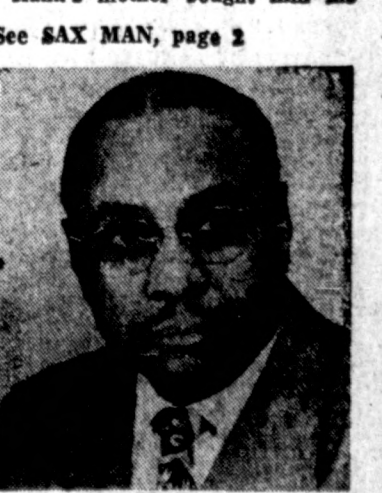
Funeral services for William L. (Hank) Day, Jr., veteran alto saxman with the Al Jackson band and who was considered Memphis' most outstanding saxophonist, were to be held Wednesday morning in the Southern Funeral Parlor chapel.

Mr. Day, whose band connections included stints with Jimmie Lunceford and William Handy before they left Memphis, died in John Gaston hospital Saturday evening. He had been admitted Tuesday evening of the same week, after suffering a stroke.

Hank, as he was known near and wide, played with about every band of note that hit Memphis and he turned down offers with such renowned bandleaders as Count Basie, Cab Calloway, Lionel Hampton, Fletcher Henderson and numerous others because of his great attachment to his mother.

Son of Mrs. Alma Day Booker, of 407-C Foote Park, and William L. Day, Sr., of Jackson, Tenn., Hank was brought to Memphis at an early age. He was born in Jackson on Feb. 3, 1911.

He attended Kortrecht school here and Booker T. Washington High school. He learned to play under the late G. P. Hamilton, former principal at Booker T.



L. DAY

CP Scores, But Fails To Upset GOP Power

Victory was complete for the Citizens for Progress candidates last Thursday as they swept general and Democratic Primary contests. The Old Guard-Hamilton club faction of the Republican party remained in power as a record GOP vote came in.

General election winners were: Phil M. Canale, Jr., attorney general; Ed Reeves, sheriff; Kenneth L. Nator, county tax assessor; Riley C. Garner, county trustee; Hamilton E. Little, judge Chancery Court Part I; Greenfield Q. Polk, Circuit Court, Division 5; Willard Dixon and John Harris, judges General Sessions.

Rodney Baber, constable at large; Jones W. Ross, constable second district, and Ed Rice, unopposed, constable first district. (Atty. Gen. Canale and the judgeship winners are appointees re-elected to serve remainder of their terms).

DEMO WINNERS

In the Democratic Primary: Clifford Davis, U. S. Congressman, re-elected; Tom Mitchell, senator, 32nd district; J. Weldon Brown, senator 33rd district; Mrs. C. Frank Scott, senator 30th district; and as representatives — Zack Bertucci, William Cobb, L.

New Scout Executive



SCOUT EXECUTIVE — A native of Erlanger, Ky. and the son of a Methodist minister began duty here last week as a Boy Scout executive. He is Wendell L. Fant, who is serving as the division executive of the North Division of Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. Mr. Fant (left) is shown talking with W. Gordon Morris, scout executive. The new executive fills the position left vacant by Maurice Gray who returned to the field of education.

Name New Scout Executive Here

(See Photo Page 1)

Wendell L. Fant is the new division executive of the North Division of Chickasaw council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., W. Gordon Morris, scout executive, announced last week.

Voters

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precinct. W stands for Walker, B for Bertucci, and Bd for Bradford.

5-W-72. B-24. Bd-74
60-3-W-107. B-239. Bd-165
40-2-W-58. B-234. Bd-5
40-1-W-159. B-54. Bd-63
11-1-W-39. B-22. Bd-173
47-1-W-12. B-94. Bd-69

Other figures show that 35-1 and 35-2, usually heavily Democratic precincts, were won by GOP leaders claim, for the first time. Available GOP tallies show Bradford getting 172 in 35-1 and 284 in 35-2. Democratic returns for the Ward were not completed but it is doubtful any Democrat topped those returns.

A prime example of Negroes voting for pro-segregation candidates was Stewartville in the county where Bertucci received 654 votes in the very heavy Negro poll while James T. Walker got but 11. (There was no GOP voting there).

Another example of high GOP voting came from 61 where Bradford got 264. Again the returns were incomplete but it was doubtful they would have run higher.

Now, what happened? On the CP side of the fence, with their candidates pledged to a platform that flatly denounced segregation, it was expected they would come out for "equal but separate."

But with Negroes active in the Democratic Good Local Government League, which easily is also for "separate but equal" but did not take a pro-seg stand, it was thought Negroes would at least register a sizeable protest vote. With James T. Walker running in the Democratic primary and GLGL not backing a full slate it seemed reasonable to expect heavy GLGL-Walker backing.

(It is not to be overlooked though that the Negro vote to total was in no way more disappointing than that mustered by GLGL when looked at strictly on a numerical basis.)

However, one way or another, CP managed to get itself quite a few votes in some instances this came through smart poll workers who were most adept at getting through to the confused or illiterate voter. This worked pretty good in the city.

STEWARTVILLE SITUATION

It was another story in the country. At places such as Stewartville, Negro educators, by choice or by necessity, boosted CP most effectively.

Meanwhile, on the GOP front, George W. Lee, faced with a real stiff fight because of the expected since Mr. Walker would get no stops in making the de-segregation situation a campaign issue.

They put out "Time to Kill Jim Crow" literature and cited such things as the zoo and fairground's one-day for Negroes policy and police raiding of Negro cafes as proof of the CP and GLGL "are both for segregation of Negroes."

He rushed the dedication of a Negro branch Post Office with plenty fanfare.

Negro Democratic, either unable or unwilling to criticize Lee, Lee openly before the people, did give him a hard time of it though—but in small workshop size groups of people who were already voting for their men.

The Old Guard Republicans enjoyed record success.

Then there was that group that stayed at home. Except for the disappointment because of the issues considered directly affecting the Negro, his stay-home attitude was about the same as white voters who steered clear of the polls.

Reporter

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of Negroes who showed up at various voting places in the city passing out CP literature and there remains the conviction among many that the group received some city Negro votes.

An estimated 800 attended the pre-election meeting at Barrett's Chapel and heard the calls to support the CP ticket. Placards for the CP's were the only ones in speakers rostrum, another larger one just inside the door where two women teachers passed out tickets for the barbeque.

PRINCIPALS SPEAK

Prof. Hill spoke on "Reasons for Negroes Registering and Voting." Prof. Roddy on "Citizenship Responsibilities." Prof. Hoffman on "Reflections on the Stewartville Precinct," and Prof. Wells, on "Rewards for Civic Activity." Speakers praised Prof. Hoffman as "a great leader" who received the first brick building and has more school buses than any other county school. His school is named for Paul Barrett, wealthy banker, landowner and CP leader.

Speakers told the attentive crowd: "Back the administration, stick with the people who have stuck with us."

"Tomorrow is the day we're going to show our gratitude. This is a common sense thing. A you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours thing."

"Regardless of what others say, remember these things when you vote. Let's not get too big for the pants we're wearing."

Prof. Hoffman reminded the citizens "we'll use school buses to bring those who need transportation. Come by my tent and we'll give you last instructions. You know you can vote as you like but we tell you how we would like for you to vote."

RESULTS OF POLL

A defender poll of 10 persons taken during the time they were taking Bar-B-Que turned up just one who wasn't going to vote CP, the others being either enthusiastic about it or vague. The ninth queried, an elderly man, answering whether he would vote the CP ticket: If nothing happens.

When the Defender reporter reached the tent Thursday he entered and spoke, asked how things were going.

Prof. Hoffman was seated at the end of a table where he gave his "last instructions." A white man sat on the top of the table observing and talking with him.

A conversation along this line followed:

Prof. Hoffman—What's your name anyway? (The name was stated).

Prof. Hoffman—Who sent you out to that meeting last night?

Ans.—The Tri-State Defender.

Prof. Hoffman—Who told you all about it, who invited you?

Ans.—My editor sent me. It was a public meeting wasn't it?

Prof. Hoffman—No, it wasn't. It was an invitation meeting.

You were not invited and you were not welcome.

Ans.—You mean the press was not welcome.

Prof. Hoffman—That's right. I didn't like it at all, I didn't appreciate your being there. This is an educational thing we do every year for our people and its not a public meeting.

He then turned away and started talking to his white friend.

About this time Mrs. Hoffman entered and took a seat. Apparently recognizing the reporter from the previous night, she called him over and asked, "what did you say your name was?"

"GET OUT OF HERE"

It was while this answer was being made that Prof. Hoffman's deep voice rang out commandingly:

"Look, you get out of here. This isn't a public place. This is my own private tent. Get out of here!"

Survivors of the deceased include the widow, Mrs. Mays; daughter, Wilma; son, Billy Warner; mother and father and host of other relatives and friends.

Before Panama seceded from Columbia in 1903, and became an independent republic in its own right, it generally was indicated on the maps as being a part of South America.



BRIG. GEN. Daniel J. Manning, Warrant Officer Robert Starks, 4205 Wells st., and Sgt. Daniel Mason, 4406 Vincennes avenue, Chicago, check map while training with the 322nd Logistical Command, U. S. Army Reserve, at Fort Bragg.

Blame Accident On Live Snake

NORWAY, Me. —

A live grass snake, wrapped around a car's brake pedal, caused a highway accident that hospitalized three persons.

Mrs. Clara T. Holden, of Paris, the driver, told police one of the children noticed the snake, screamed, and frightened her into losing control.

Taken to Lewiston hospital for observation were Marjorie Hill, 18; Everett Danforth, 11, and Daniel Cooper, 3, all of Norway.

"misunderstanding" with the election official, said Negroes used four voting machines in a rear room and another in the connecting front room.

Mr. Whisenhunt reported that a man told him he would "vote the way the card told me to. I have to."

LEADING PEOPLE ASTRAY

A middle-aged white woman watching the tent - schooling remarked, "there they are leading their own people astray."

Prof. Hoffman insisted that all he was doing was performing an educational service.

He said "I don't know what happened before 30 years ago but we run everything here on the up and up and have been for 30 years."

"DOING IT 30 YEARS"

Explaining Prof. Hoffman's overnight change in attitude in a little later conversation Mrs. Hoffman said he thought the Defender reporter was working with the Press-Scimitar and he probably would have been pleased had permission been made for pictures at the Bar-B-Que.

After being assured the Defender wasn't interested in "printing lies" about her husband, Mrs. Hoffman said it didn't matter what the paper carried. "He has been going this for 30 years and will continue to do it because he feels it's the right thing."

Asked if she didn't think some of the people would like to vote for James T. Walker, a Negro candidate for the lower house, Mrs. Hoffman explained, "It's impossible for him to win in the Republican primary. (Mr. Walker ran as a Democrat).

PROOF OF THE PUDDING

The Stewartville tradition one principal asked the Bar-B-Que crowd if they would "keep true" to, reflected itself in the manner in which the predominant Negro poll voted:

Lowest vote for a CP-backed candidate, 586, with the others getting more than 600.

The vote for James T. Walker, Negro candidate, 11 (eleven).

The soft-textured pines from the far western states are quite different than the yellow pines found in the south which are heavier in weight and generally harder and more pithy.

4-H Group Will Stay Segregated

WASHINGTON — (ANP) —

Racial segregation will continue in the 4-H club program, for rural youths until the Southern states decide to end it.

This fact was advanced last week by an official in the Department of Agriculture regarding the separate 4-H regional meetings held in Washington.

Dr. E. W. Aiton, 4-H program director of the department, was questioned about the segregated meetings after it was announced that Negro 4-H members from 17 southern and border states were holding their ninth annual meeting in Washington beginning Aug. 6.

The national 4-H meeting of white youths from 47 states was held here in June.

Aiton said the clubs which have a total membership of two-and-a-half million boys and girls, are controlled by state authorities although 40 percent of their leadership expenses are met by Federal grants.

The Federal official stated that if the government should try to force integration of meetings and other activities of this group, the southern States would refuse to take part.

This, argued Aiton, would deny rural Negro youngsters the advantage they now get. The Department certainly doesn't want to do that, he said.

It was stated, however, that most of the States outside of the South do maintain integrated 4-H clubs.

Prince Hall Masons In 86th Communication

The Prince Hall Masons of Tennessee held their 86th Grand Communication here in Memphis with sessions at the Booker T. Washington High school this week.

Grand Master Charles F. Williams, of Memphis, presided.

Also in session were the Excelsior Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Rosa B. Whitson, of Memphis, Grand worthy matron, in charge the Heroines of Jericho, Rose Hudgins.

Dissolve Fla. Assembly On Interposition

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — (INS) —

Florida Gov. Leroy Collins used his constitutional powers to "dissolve" a special legislative session last week when lawmakers became hopelessly deadlocked on an interposition resolution.

It was the first time in the memory of veteran legislators that a governor has used his authority to disband a session.

Collins called the special session to act on such emergency matters as segregation, prison reforms and the Mediterranean fruit fly—which has been threatening Florida's citrus crop.

Virtually all of the legislation the governor recommended was enacted, including the so-called Fabisinski bills, which are aimed at "legally" preserving segregation in Florida.

Pay Last Tribute To Mrs. Ruby Lumpkin

Funeral services were held last Friday at St. John Baptist church for Mrs. Ruby Lumpkin, popular matron here and widow of the late Thomas Lumpkins.

Rev. A. McEwen Williams, pastor of the church officiated, with Rev. S. A. Owen and Chaplain L. A. Thigpen, assisting.

Burial was in National cemetery beside her husband.

A graduate of LeMoyné college, Mrs. Lumpkins was a native of Memphis. She received her elementary and high school education here, and resided on Leath st.

She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, the Nonchalant Social club and for a number of years, a teacher at Hamilton High school.

The deceased is survived by her mother, Mrs. Albert Brown, of Memphis; an uncle, Frank Brown, of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russell of Indianapolis; Mrs. Kate Waters of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Blackburn, Robert Scott, of Memphis; Dr. and Mrs. Shannon Bell, of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Indianapolis; and Walter Works of Nashville.

Membership List Issue In Battle

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — T h e

Alabama Supreme Court last week denied a petition of the NAACP, asking that a contempt citation, carrying a \$100,000 fine, be stayed.

The organization appealed t h e ruling on the grounds that the fine was so high that the NAACP was "in jeopardy of being unable to purge itself of contempt in the event t h e court's judgment is sustained on review."

The Alabama NAACP was held in contempt of court by Circuit Court Judge Walter B. Jones last week when it declined to submit certain records of its state activities, including membership lists.

NAACP leaders offered some retorts in an attempt to avoid a fine increase from the original \$10,000 imposed earlier. However the group refused to submit the membership lists and other records asked for and the fine automatically went up 10 fold.

Reeling under the \$100,000 fine, the Alabama NAACP is reportedly mapping plans to get the case into the federal courts as soon as possible. Leaders said public disclosure of membership rolls would subject those who have joined and helped the organization to "economic pressures" and even physical violence.

Other locals outfits with which he played here were Charlie Robinson, Howard Yancey and his Tuxedo orchestra, Tuff Green and Ike Pyron, he mention a few.

His sax style was impressive enough that he became an idol of the late Charlie Parker.

Often Al Jackson had urged him to take some of the offers that came to him from outstanding bandleaders but Hank always had a desire to be near his mother.

Words of the Wise
Some relaxation is necessary to people of every degree: the head that thinks and the hand that labors must have some little time to recruit their diminished powers.
—(Bernard Gilpin)

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FOR THE RECORD

by L. Alex Wilson
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Time For Some Grass-Root Politics

This is not the time to fume over reversals sustained in the primary election rather than the time to really get smart and begin to prepare to translate that skillful brilliance into dynamic action.

It is quite common knowledge now that out of the 49,345 Negroes registered to vote in the important election, less than 13,000 were so moved to exercise the franchise.

Approximately 8,000 (including whites) of that number cast their lots with the Republicans; the Democrats polled 6,000 plus, of the Negro vote, and not surprisingly, the victorious segregationist group, Citizens For Progress, corralled a slice of the Negro vote.

This question has been raised repeatedly: Why should Negroes support the Republicans locally when a candidate even if successful in winning nomination in the primary, hasn't a chance against a Democrat nominee in the general election?

From the fair sampling of representative public opinion we find the answer appears to be this: The Negro is weary, very weary of such Democrat demagogues as Eastland in positions of influence from the local to the national level. They feel that so long, for example, as the Congress of the U. S. is controlled by Southern diehards, the more distant the day when realization of first-class citizenship for them will come.

This resentment, to a marked degree was reflected in the votes cast by Negroes for Republican candidates of color on Aug. 2 here when there was an excellent opportunity to place a Negro Democrat in the state legislature.

This misdirected resentment is unfortunate. Charity begins at home then it should spread abroad. The South sorely needs a strong two-party political system with full participation of Negroes in both.

On the local level the Democrats are in power. True they have allied themselves with the Citizens for Progress, who are represent of the opposite of minority aspirations.

That does not mean the Negro citizens of Memphis cannot win recognition from the white Democratic powers in this city and the state. Our city has a Negro population in excess of 150,000. Of that number 49,345 are registered to vote. If the qualified can be aroused to vote; if the great potential can be bestirred to register and vote, then despite the Eastland type there'll be Negro representation in the state legislature.

We need unbiased lawmakers from the local level. To obtain them we have got to fight the good fight ourselves.

The situation is a challenge — a challenge to crack the barriers we as American citizens resent.

What must be done by the Negro Democrats:

- (1) Develop a strong, grass-roots precinct organization
- (2) Build a financially strong treasury
- (3) Carry the issues facing our people to them in a dynamic manner

With regard to the Republicans, despite the fact that Lt. George W. Lee, a stout-hearted fighter, and able politicians, has a fair organization, he barely escaped

'52 Planks Too Weak: Wilkins

Neither the Democratic nor Republican civil rights planks of 1952 will be satisfactory to Negro voters this year, said Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP over the nationally televised program "Meet The Press" last Sunday.

Both platforms should declare for the implementation of the Supreme Court decision in clear language, Wilkins warned.

On the basis of the 1954 Congressional vote, Wilkins said that the Negro vote by even the slightest shift, could change the outcome of this year's elections in several Congressional districts.

He repeated his former charge that both political parties have left the Negro out on a limb by failure to enact in Congress any civil rights legislation in more than 75 years.

In response to a reporter's questioning on whether the NAACP would advocate the use of military force to carry out the order, Wilkins said the organization has never called for the use of troops and he sees no necessity for this in the "foreseeable future."

However, he implied that it might be conceivable that the government might have to take very strong measures at some time in the face of continued defiance of the law of the land.

Asked why the NAACP was refusing to obey an Alabama court order to produce records a membership lists and to pay a \$100,000 fine imposed, Wilkins said the association was willing to show financial records, but refused to reveal its membership rolls because of threats and intimidation.

He said that in Selma, Ala., sixteen of 29 NAACP members whose names were published in the local papers had lost their jobs recently. Lawyers for the association are appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court, Wilkins said.

"We are not defying the law. We are appealing the case and if the U. S. Supreme Court should order us to turn over the membership records, I believe the organization would do so," the secretary declared.

Wilkins is scheduled to appear before the Democratic Platform committee on Friday in Chicago and will go from here to San Francisco to testify before the Republican Resolutions committee.

AME Youth Meet Gets Underway

The opening program of the AME church's Youth and Missionary Convention of the 13th Episcopal District was held at Clayborn Temple, Tuesday evening with Rev. William L. Bell pastor, serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The affair proved to be an inspirational success.

Speakers heard during the evening were Rev. Blair T. Hunt, L. Alex Wilson, Atty. David C. Doten, who represented Mayor Edmund Orgill, Miss Marvell Pol-some, Mrs. David B. Scott, Miss Roxy Piques, Miss Geraldine Bell, Mrs. J. M. Hall, Mrs. L. S. Spencer, Mrs. Joseph Gomez, wife of the presiding bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, Rev. J. E. James and Rev. Hatcher.

Music was furnished by St. James AME Senior Choir, Mrs. Mildred Lockhart, St. Andrew's AME church choir, Mrs. Mertis E. Jones Ewell, and Miss Lenaeather Collins.

The conference will close this weekend.

civil rights legislation, whether it be this year or the next. We will carry this fight to the Democratic party's national convention in Chicago this month.

"We will eventually win on the civil rights front, and I believe that the victory is nearer than the dead-end opponents of civil rights progress would like to think," he concluded.



TO HIS SURPRISE, Mayor Edmund Orgill was presented a surprise appreciation cup by Bishop A. B. McEwen Sunday evening at Mason's Temple after the Mayor had officially dedicated McEwen place formerly Long place, in honor of Bishop McEwen. In praising Bishop McEwen's long years of devoted service to his

people, Mayor Orgill noted that it was the late Mayor Frank Tobey who had initiated the move to have the street name change made. He had in his life-time dedicated Mason street honoring the Church of God in Christ's bishop.

West Tennessee Convocation under supervision of Bishop McEwen. Mayor Orgill, introduced by Atty. James F. Estes, spoke briefly and was interrupted several times by the audience, especially when he was describing the planned urban renewal project for the Mason Temple area. (Newsom Photo.)

Cons Tell Why They Broke Legs

BUFORD, Ga. — A legislative committee was told last week that 41 convicts in Georgia's rock quarry camp for incorrigible prisoners broke or mangled their legs as a protest against ill-treatment.

The convicts, seven of whom were Negroes, smashed se Lee Stark, who mutilated himself with the sledge after breaking the legs of his fellow Negro convicts.

The witness said the bone-cracking performance took place in a shaded portion of the deep rock quarry out of sight of guard towers. He said the guards did not hear what was going on because the men made little noise.

"They just hollered out a little bit and sort of turned to one side," the witness said.

TWO WITNESSES

Prison officials did not disclose the name of the witness nor of another convict who testified that from a ledge about 50 feet away he could see three or four of the their legs with sledge hammers during an afternoon rest break in the rock pit. Five of the convicts, who did not hit hard enough, were put back to work after a day's stay in the hospital.

Prison officials who interviewed the injured convicts said they were told that the leg-breaking spree was planned as a protest against excessively hard work, brutal treatment and insufficient food.

LINED UP

Although the convicts said each broke his own leg with a 20 pound sledge hammer, prison authorities said they were told that only one man, a Negro, actually broke his own leg.

A convict witness told the committee that the men placed their legs on two rocks about eight inches apart.

He said three white prisoners—Willie McSwain, Junior Powell and Odell Evans — "went down the line" and swung hammers on the legs of their fellow convicts. McSwain, Powell and Evans then broke each other's legs.

BROKE OWN LEG

The only man who broke his own leg was a Negro convict, Jes-

Vets To Hit Bias Hard At Conference Oct. 3-7

Southern veterans will assemble in Memphis for a six-day conclave Oct. 3-7 out of which is expected to come "thousands of complaints, grievances and benefit applications" which will be sent mass-form to the nation's capital.

At call of the local Veterans' Benefit, Inc., headed by Atty. James F. Estes, the veterans will attempt to impress on Washington officials and various candidates for office "the extent of discrimination" the Negro vet faces in getting benefits due him.

Speakers who will be heard include lawyers and spokesmen

from the Veterans Administration and both major political parties, Atty. Estes said.

DENIAL OF VOTE

Among grievances to be aired Atty. Estes said are denials of rights to vote, discrimination and hardships in getting farm, business and home loans "and other benefits which he cannot obtain because of his color."

Atty. Estes said commitments have been received from veterans in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Invitations are being made to North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Missouri and Kentucky.

Headquarters for the conclave will be VBI offices here at 860 Vance. Meetings will be held in other places, to be named later. Speakers, too, will be announced later.

Veterans from World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict are being invited. Widows and dependents of veterans are also urged to attend.

FREE CLINIC

Following registration on Oct. 3, there will be three days of free clinic discussions on veterans benefits. All veterans desiring to make business, farm or home loans will be asked to make application during the meeting. Others who are eligible for pensions or other benefits or compensations will file for these.

Atty. Estes said the applications and grievances would be sent to the administrator of the Veterans Administration and to Olin Teague (D., Texas), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He said the group has requests from Rep. Teague to show specific proof that Negro veterans have been denied benefits.

'FLOOD OF COMPLAINTS'

"We expect to flood the nation's capital with their complaints and grievances," Atty. Estes said.

The organization was formed here last year as a voters Movement and voting will be one of the topics taken up with emphasis of the fact that many Negro veterans are denied the right to vote.

The BI worked hard to have Memphis included as one of the cities to be visited by the President's Committee on Contracts.

Arlington Plot For Korea Dead

Legislation authorizing burial in Arlington National Cemetery of an unknown American service man killed overseas in the Korean conflict was approved prior to adjournment of Congress.

the state's central prison in the presence of Warden R. P. Balkcom, Jr. and an Atlanta Journal reporter, John Pennington, who told about an incident of prison savagery of which he had heard earlier from a non-prison source.

One convict, Pennington related, was "just about beaten to death" last week by a quarry boss.

TELL MISTREATMENT

The convicts said that guards fired upon them with rifles when they remained a little long in the latrine over a creek. They said the shots hit the creek and splashed water over them.

Forrester said earlier that no investigation would be conducted into the leg-smashing spree, but he changed his mind later and set a hearing for Thursday.

Warden Hubert Smith said the injured men told him after smashing their legs that they felt their wheelbarrows were too heavily loaded and that the sun was too hot for working.

Forrester described the men who took part in the incident as "the most hardened men in Georgia."

Forrester said a similar incident occurred several years ago when a group of prisoners damaged their heels.

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Church Notes

by HATTIE HOUSE

Sunday climaxes the annual meeting of the Friendship District Association in Eads, Tenn. The Association in Eads, Tenn. The Friendship District Temple, there. The Rev. J. L. Collins, pastor of the Keel Avenue Baptist church of Memphis, and moderator of the Friendship Baptist Association, will deliver the principal address at 1 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
For Sunday, the Bethlehem Baptist church's schedule will be regular. Superintendent B. H. Holman will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., the morning worship will be held. A sermon will be delivered.

Baptist Training Union convenes at 6 p.m. James Peoples will direct it. The evening service starts at 7:30.

Rev. J. R. Bibbs is the pastor.

ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST
"A Great Day" on August 26 is anticipated by the St. Stephen Baptist church. It will be Junior Day at the house of worship. Mrs. A. V. Roland is general supervisor.

Funds totaling \$870 was raised during the recent Young People's Day observation at St. Stephen. An inspiring address by Rev. W. Fields, Jr., of Volentine Baptist church highlighted the celebration. The Volentine Baptist choir rendered music.

Opening services at the church, Sunday, will be conducted by the superintendent of Sunday school, Dr. F. L. Stephens. Dr. Stephens will conduct Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. A sermon by the pastor, Rev. O. C. Crivens, will be heard during the morning worship at 11 a.m. Communion will be administered.

Joe Wilson, Jr., will preside during the Baptist Training Union at 6:30 p.m. Regular service will be held at 8 p.m.

NEW TYLER AME
Special appreciation service will be held next Sunday at New Tyler AME church in recognition of the completion of remodeling of the church and parsonage. Repairs and additions totaling \$15,000 were made. Rev. H. McDonald Nelson and the congregation of St. James church will be guest. Rev. Nelson will deliver the sermon.

Mrs. Alma Bowen and Prof. Isaiah Goodrich, Jr., will be in charge of the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The pastor, Rev. H. W. Henning, will deliver two thought-provoking messages at 11 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., respectively. The senior choir will furnish music for both services.

The ACE League commences at 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Mrs. J. Flowers is the president.

The public is invited to attend service at the New Tyler AME church.

COLUMBUS BAPTIST
Comprising Columbus Baptist church's agenda for Sunday is the regular order of service. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. under the supervision of P. Bumpus.

Rev. A. E. Campbell, the pastor, will deliver a sermon at 12 noon. At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. L. M. Ewells will direct the Baptist Training Union.

Evening service will be held at 8.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST
The Antioch Baptist church of 1377 N. Bellevue Blvd., will celebrate annual Men's Day, Sunday. Services throughout the day will be centered around the theme, "Wise Man — Lay Up Knowledge."

Church school at 9:15 a.m., will initiate the observation with A. R. Burnley presiding. A special sermon by the pastor, Rev. O. V. Garner will follow at 10:30 a.m. Spot lighting the occasion will be an inspiration-packed program at 3 p.m. The Rev. S. H. Herring, pastor of St. Paul Baptist church, will be guest speaker. In addition, the personable master of ceremonies, C. J. Thomas of Gospel Temple will present to the congregation a variety of talent depicting the efficiency of the Men's Day committee. Israel Reed, Jr., will introduce Mr. Thomas. Furnishing the music will be the North Memphis, Douglas and St. Paul male choruses.

The Baptist Training Union will be held at 6:15 p.m. J. C. Neely is the director.

Partaking of the Lord's Supper will culminate annual Men's Day at Antioch. Will H. Horner is chairman and Charles Randle secretary.

Each man of the church is asked to be present. Friends are invited.

ST. JAMES AME
St. James AME church will hold its quarterly conference Union, Sunday, at 3 p.m. The congregations of Avery AME and Providence AME churches will be present. The combined choirs of the churches will render music.

William Jackson will conduct the Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. The Presiding Elder, Rev. P. W. Delyes will speak during the morning at 11 a.m. choir.

No. 2 and the junior choir will sing.

The ACE League will begin at 6 p.m. Mrs. Dora Whitson will be in charge.

Devotion and a sermon are set for 7:30 p.m.

THE Pulpit SPEAKS

REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE

Now as we continue our discussion of our general theme: "Facing Up To Life" we find ourselves discussing the beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Happy are those people who are concerned or considerate for others because somewhere down life's highway the same thing shall be meted out to them. But let me hasten to say, "Let's not show mercy or consideration for what it is going to bring us but let's show these things because we feel morally obligated to do just that."

I feel that our world is growing entirely too reward conscious now. Whenever an act is committed or a deed done the first thing that arises in many, or shall I say most of our minds, is "What am I going to get out of it?"

No, it is not a matter of rendering a service for service sake. It is not a matter of doing a noble deed for the sake of helping someone else. Our chief concern is what reward is this thing going to bring me? If after much analysis we can see no personal gain we grow slightly leary about doing the thing.

DEGREE CONSCIOUS
This story is brought out beautifully in the story of the "Good Samaritan" as told by Jesus. Here we find three men passing a man wounded upon a highway. Two of them satisfied themselves in looking upon him and asking, "He is not of my social group or he is not of my racial group so I have no obligations to him."

But we can not discharge our spiritual and moral obligations with such little concern. Our concern for our fellowman goes further than social or racial boundaries. Our obligations reach out a little further than these superficial boundaries many of us have drawn around ourselves.

I once had a friend who told me that she did not have any time for anyone who did not have a degree. How unfortunate that is poor young lady who only a few moments ago had just obtained a degree for herself could go back to her own home and there find a mother who had no degree but who had done more for her than all the teachers she had had. Now is she telling me that she had no time for this mother? Is life for her now such a high "falu" thing that she has no time for those who have meant so much to her?

A SOJOURNEY
Sometimes I Wonder!
Is not life a sojourn down here that all that we have should be used for the glorification of God. Are we not temporary custodians of God's goodness? Whatever we find ourselves possessing are not those things to be used for the glorification of God. Personally I think that they are. When we tune ourselves to the voice of God, and hear Him speaking to each of us I feel that we will hear Him saying to each of us that whatever our lot we should be doing something for the extension of His kingdom.

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Blessed are they who are concerned about world conditions or personal conditions, or social conditions for in proportion that they are concerned they shall be rewarded in seeing a realization in making this a better world.

WE'LL NEED SOMEONE
Whenever I think of the exactness with which some people use life I think of a story I read sometime ago. It was one of Shakespeare's — "The Merchant of Venice." Here we find a man demanding a full fulfillment of an agreement. This agreement which had been made sometime prior to now but which was unable to be met. The person who held the odds on the debtor was determined to collect all he had for the satisfying of the obligation. To many of us if we were to look in the mirror we too would see a Shylock who was bent on collecting all that we can with no concern for the feelings of others. I have heard it said on many occasions that times we fly high but one day we wake up to find ourselves back on the ground.

Sometimes we need all of those about us to bring a little joy of the bleakness that life has showered upon us. Sometimes we will need someone to lead us out of the darkness that has surrounded us. Sometimes we will need someone to make the balance of our days happy and comfortable but such will be warranted only if we somewhere down the line have shown mercy and tenderness for those who have happened our way.

Blessed are the merciful, the concerned the considerate for they shall in the same measure receive just that.

New York state raises more domestic ducks than any of the other states.

CLAIM MOTORBOAT RECORD

ST. LOUIS — (INS) — Byron Pool and Lonnie J. Kirkpatrick, both of Carmi, Ill., Monday claimed a new motorboat speed record by completing a trip from New Orleans to St. Louis in 47 hours and 14 minutes.

The Mississippi river trip was regarded as a new record for motorboats of no more than 100 horsepower capacity piloted by two men.

Will Not Bolt, Say Southern Democrats

ATLANTA — Democratic leaders from 11 Southern states have affirmed their loyalty to the party and warned that if there are any bolts or walkouts at the Democratic national convention the Northern wing will be to blame.

Southern governors, senators and party officials ended a continuous eight-hour session here with a statement that they are willing to "recognize the problems and political necessities of other states" and asked that the South's problems also be recognized by other regions.

The Southern declaration, which has been termed "conciliatory," said the South intends to remain loyal to the party, and its goal is to defeat what was described as the "inept, big business Republican administration."

The carefully prepared statement said: "The Southern states are united as never before in their own interest, and in the interest of the party and of the nation."

"With mutual understanding, the National Democratic Convention can write a platform acceptable to the South and to the nation."

The statement was the second such proclamation in less than three weeks. A similar declaration was made July 14 by Democratic party chairmen from seven southern states.

NO WALKOUT

At that time the chairmen said they "do not favor any bolts, walkouts or third parties."

Adlai Stevenson supporters — Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama, and Gov. James P. Coleman of Mississippi — as chairmen of the committees to keep the Southern delegates in touch with each other during the convention which begins Aug. 13, and during the platform-drafting sessions.

The Southern representatives were from South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

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Fisk Singers Going Abroad

8-Week Tour Of Europe Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Fisk university's famed Jubilee Singers will set sail next month for an eight-week goodwill concert tour of western Europe, it was revealed here by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk president.

This will be the second European tour made by the full complement of Fisk Jubilee Singers since 1873, when the original group of ex-slaves and freedmen captivated the concert-going public and crown heads of the continent with their rendition of the Negro spiritual.

Besides introducing the spiritual to the musical world, this original group is noted for having raised the funds to erect the first permanent educational structure for Negroes in the world. Named in their honor, Jubilee Hall is a landmark of the Fisk campus.

The contemporary singers are related to the group organized in 1871 by an unbroken line of succession. Their director since 1949 has been the noted author - arranger-composer, John W. Work, whose father sang with the Jubilee Singers as a student at Fisk and directed the group from 1898 to 1916.

Dr. Johnson stated that the singers, now numbering seventeen, will leave the Nashville campus about Sept. 15. Thirty-seven concerts have been scheduled in England, France, Italy and Spain, as well as several radio performances. If time permits, they will also appear in the Scandinavian countries.

Name Writer, Consultant To Lincoln Staff

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa.—The appointment of Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, chief consultant to the Orientalia Division of the Library of Congress, as associate professor of classical languages on the faculty of Lincoln university, was announced by President Horace Mann Bond.

Another appointment is that of



IKE'S THEIR CHOICE — A bevy of beautiful girls wearing specially designed "Ike" dresses highlighted Frontiers convention in Columbus, Ohio.

as Ohio Republicans swing into high gear for the 1956 Presidential campaign. From left, Beverly Cook, Hazel Bailey,

Mildred Jones, Chenova Hayden, Lois Page, Letha Kemp, Mary Margaret Jones and Maybelle Alston.

Name Howard To Anti-Bias Unit

WASHINGTON — The White House announced last week that the President's Committee on Government Contracts has appointed John Addison Howard as its executive vice chairman.

Vice President Richard Nixon is chairman of the committee, and Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell is vice chairman.

The committee, established by President Eisenhower in August, 1953, is charged with the elimination of discrimination because of race, religion or national origin, in work done under government contract.

In announcing the appointment, James C. Hagerly, President Eisenhower's press secretary, said: "Howard will serve as an ex-officio member of all the subcommittees and will coordinate the work of these committees concerned with the elimination of discrimination wherever it may appear."

Robert Hellman, promising young New York writer, as instructor in English.

in the performance of government contracts."

Howard was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Evanston, Ill. He is the son of Hubert E. Howard, prominent midwest coal operator and former chairman, successively, of the Personnel Policy board and the Munitions board of the Department of Defense.

He attended Princeton university from 1939 until 1942, when he entered the Army. After military service, he graduated with highest honors from the school of education of Northwestern university, Evanston, in 1947.

He received his master's degree in counseling and guidance at Northwestern two years later. He was awarded the Silver Star, with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Purple Heart, with Oak Leaf Cluster while in the Army. He was commissioned on the battlefield.

Howard joined the faculty of Palos Verdes college, Rolling Hills, Calif., as an instructor in September, 1947, became dean of students in 1949; vice president of the college in 1950, and president

New A&T Prexy To Be Installed

GREENSBORO, N. C. — The inauguration of Warmoth T. Gibbs as president of A. and T. college, here, has been set for Friday, Nov. 9.

Gibbs, fourth president of the college, assumed the position last December following the death of Dr. F. D. Bluford, who headed the institution for more than 80 years.

His emergency appointment was confirmed with election to the position at a meeting of the trustee board held last January. He had served at the college, both as instructor and dean of the School of Education and Science for more than a quarter century.

Other presidents who had preceded Gibbs, included James O. Crosby, 2892-1896; Dr. James B. Dudley, 1896-1925, and Dr. Bluford, 1925-1955.

Thugs Rout Negroes Who Snub Bus Rear

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The local police last week refused to protect a Negro couple and their four children from a mob of young thugs who ran them off a bus because they refused to sit in the rear of the vehicle.

The J. R. Ross family, of 2125 Major ave., also has accused the driver of the bus, W. R. Tillery, of summoning the gang to intimidate them and then telling them, "You can read."

(The Knoxville Transit Lines have not removed their segregation signs.)

Mrs. Ross explained that her family boarded the vehicle at Keith, Schofield and Western aves., with the children getting on first and taking seats about half way in the bus. She and her husband sat immediately behind them.

When the bus arrived at Alexander Park, the driver (Tillery), she said, stopped and called out to a group of loiterers:

"All right boys, I need some help. Get aboard."

Eight youths, ranging in age from 16 to 20 got on and took seats in the back of the bus. Mrs. Ross added, and immediately began making loud remarks about who was to ride in the rear seats.

The youths did not pay any fares, it was stated, and when the loud remarks failed to draw any comments from the Negro passengers, the gang got up and ordered the Ross family to get up and sit in the back of the bus.

At that point, Ross appealed to the driver who made his remark about the racial signs.

Fearful that his children would be injured, Ross took his family off the bus at the next stop and called the police to handle the mob. Police quickly informed them there was nothing they could do.

Mrs. Ross later attempted to get KTL authorities to take action, but was unable to speak with anyone in authority at the line. A local newspaper also was unsuccessful in getting the lines to make a statement in regard to bus policy.

Sing In Festival

ELMIRA, N. Y. — (ANP)—Miss Eva Jessye and her choir appeared at the Corning Glass Centre here last week in a summer music festival.

in 1951.

One brother, Hubert E. Howard, Jr., is vice president of the Shasta Coal co., Chicago, and another, Charles N. Howard, is president of Trulite Corp., Ceredo, W. Va.

Howard is married and has an eight-month-old daughter.

Until his appointment to the President's Committee on Government Contracts, Howard made his home in Portuguese Bend, Calif.

Contest On For Newsies In Arkansas

A meeting was held with the newsboys of Marion and West Memphis, Ark., on Friday, Aug. 3, with James H. Purdy, Jr., assistant to Mrs. Aretta J. Polk, Tri-State Defender circulation manager, presiding.

After the boys were served refreshments, Mr. Purdy spoke on "How To Sell Newspapers" and "The Conduct of a Newsboy" and announced that the Arkansas Newsboys Contest opened with the August 4 issue of the Tri-State Defender and would close on Sept. 15 with eight valuable prizes being awarded to the newsboys who show the greatest increase over their present base.

The meetings were very well attended and the boys show great interest. The prizes that will be awarded are binoculars, table tennis set, baseball glove, chemistry set, money changer, walkie talkie set, printing press set and a baseball.

All newsboys living in Arkansas are urged to enter this contest. It's open only to newsboys living in Arkansas.

Drop Sorority In Race Issue

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Accepting of Negro girls for initiation was blamed last week for withdrawal of the charters of sororities at Tufts university, Medford, Mass., and Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.

The national council of Sigma Kappa took the action.

It was believed to be the first time Negro students have been pledged by a white national college sorority.

Blasts Kills 1,000

CALI, Columbia — More than a thousand persons were killed in an explosion which rocked this South American city.

The tragedy occurred when three army trucks, loaded with dynamite, exploded in a populated section of the city.

Va. Baptist Body Blasts Cleric Who Hit Integration

ROANOKE, Va. — The Baptist Ministers' Conference here last week blasted Rev. F. E. Alexander, editor of the Roanoke Tribune, for his newspaper articles against racial integration.

The conference adopted the cen-

sure after 15 outraged Negro citizens appealed to the conference about Rev. Alexander's articles.

Action was taken at the Hill Street Baptist church here. Rev. S. T. Stone, conference president, said the ministers' group endorsed

the censure against Rev. Alexander, a Baptist minister, because they want it known that he is not expressing their views.

CALLED PROPAGANDA

The resolution against the editor-minister said, in part:

"Rev. Alexander's articles are reprinted in white papers which are read throughout the country on the belief that Negroes in Roanoke favor second class citizenship."

"These articles are propaganda to give to the forces of reaction, ammunition to use against the aspirations of our people to climb out of the rut of 'second-class citizenship.'"

The Negro leaders who requested the conference to censure Alexander declared in part:

"This period of our history is very tense in the field of race relations. It is with regret that there are those who are inclined to deny to their fellow men the dignity of the individual and his human rights."

"The editor of the Roanoke Tribune has in recent weeks published editorials that show his belief that he feels it is advisable to condemn actions of a federal judge in rendering a decision that is a landmark in the battle for human rights."

The citizens also declared that the majority of the Negroes in Virginia want it known that as God fearing people, they are amazed that as Christian leader would write items favoring second-class citizenship.

At one point during the discussion about Rev. Alexander, there was a move to take away his privileges as a Baptist minister. However, Rev. Stone expressed the opinion that that would be going a little too far in the situation.

Rev. Alexander who is pastor of First Baptist church, Buchanan, was present at the hearing. He later explained that he is for moderate, gradual integration. "I do not want any force," he said.

The protesting citizens termed Rev. Alexander's actions as an "unfortunate battle against the march for human rights."



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Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee

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Lane College Releases 10-Record Album



On Sale By Mail, Also In Jackson

President C. A. Kirkendoll has announced that an album of recordings by the Lane college choir has been released. This album of 10 selections under the capable direction of Dr. Mitchell B. Southall is in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Lane college.

Dr. Southall, is head of the music department, a composer, and a graduate of Langston university and Iowa State university.

The 50-voice choir, just returning from a triumphant touring season, is composed of students representing eight states. Student soloists are Pauline Murray of Jackson, Tenn., coloratura soprano; Gloria Hentzel of Memphis, mezzo soprano; and William Penn of Humboldt, Tenn.

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- Side IV
- Ole Moses Put Pharaoh In His Place Arr. by Ringwald
- There's No Hiding Place Down There Arr. by Southall
- Fair Lane (Alma Mater) Smith
- Berry Arr. by Southall

Two Excursions To Bring Fans To 23rd East-West Classic

Two excursion trains will arrive in Chicago Sunday morning, August 12, with hundreds of baseball fans who will attend the 23rd annual East-West game in Comiskey park, according to an announcement made this week by Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American league.

Martin had just received long distance telephone calls from both cities in which he was told about the excursions.



THE ALBUM

Step-Dad Shoots Brooklyn Girl

While his teenage step-daughter hovered between life and death at Kings County hospital, a 70-year-old Brooklynite who allegedly shot her during a dispute over attending a dance, was arraigned and held in bail in Brooklyn Felony court Monday morning.

The accused, Ricardo Gonzales of 341 Kings, Third Walk, Brooklyn, threatened to "kill everybody," Sunday night, neighbors, said, after his step-daughter, Maria Gonzales, 19, declared she would defy his order not to attend a neighborhood dance. He capped the order by pumping two bullets into the neck and shoulders of the girl.

Neighbors, eavesdropping on the heated family dispute, and hearing the shots, summoned police. Ricardo's deaf-mute wife, also named Maria was holding the wounded girl in her arms when patrolmen Raymond Hagen and Fred King of the 77th precinct arrived. They called an ambulance for young Maria, and arrested her step-dad.

Gonzales was arraigned before magistrate Ludwig Glowa Monday morning, and held in \$1500 bail for a hearing Aug. 14.

Judge Alexander Bicks set Sept. 17 for sentencing. The maximum penalty is five years in prison and \$10,000 fine each. It is expected that applications for bail pending an appeal will be made at that time. All are meanwhile free under their own bail, Jackson's being \$20,000.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — James Edward Jackson, Jr., holder of a doctor's degree from Howard university, was one of the six second-string Communist leaders convicted last Tuesday in the Federal Court in New York City.

The sextet were charged with conspiracy charges under the Smith Act.

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Roy Wilkins, executive head of the NAACP was guest on "Meet The Press" Sunday, over NBC-TV.

Ask End Of Bias In Legion Unit

NEW YORK — (ANP) — An overwhelming demand that the 40 & 8, fun making subsidiary of the American Legion, drop its "white only" clause was made last week at the convention of the New York State Department of the Legion in Rochester.

Nicholas E. Lanese of Brooklyn, now head of the New York 40 & 8, said "the whole question of racial discrimination is up to the National American Legion Convention." The 40 & 8 will meet in Indianapolis a few weeks after the national Legion Convention in Los Angeles early in September.

WHEN THEY VOTED on Thursday morning neither Lt. George W. Lee, left, candidate for the Republican State Committee, nor James T. Walker, center, candidate in the Democratic primary for the legislature, knew how the vote would go. Lt. Lee, who topped the Republican ticket, is seen leaving the polling place in 25-1 after casting his vote. Mr. Walker leaves voting place for Precinct 22 after voting. He

lost in the Democratic primary which was swept by the Citizens for Progress slate (one of their signs leans against the polling place). In

photo right, Dr. J. E. Walker, a J. T. Walker supporter, hands out literature at 25-1. (Newson Photos)

NAACP In New Fight For Rights

WASHINGTON — We are preparing now to renew the civil rights drive in the 85th Congress and Mississippi is still exhibit A on why new law is needed, the NAACP's Washington Bureau has announced.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Bureau, who made the statement, charged that Sen. Lyndon Johnson, majority leader, had served as a transmission belt for threats of legislative blackmail against H. R. 627, the Civil Rights Bill, which passed the House.

The majority leader, Mitchell said, stated on the floor that action on civil rights would kill the Social Security Bill.

In the cloakroom, Johnson threatened that the President's Foreign Aid program would be doomed if civil rights supporters on the Republican side dared to push for H. R. 627.

Republicans meekly surrendered to the Johnson threat, Mitchell charged, but the major share of blame must be borne by the Party which controls the committees of Congress.

In this instance, he pointed out, it is the Democratic Party.

The Bureau Director praised Sens. Hennings, Lehman, Bender, Ives, Langer and Douglas for their action on July 24 when they sought to gain a parliamentary advantage for a temporary adjournment of the Senate that day.

It was incredible, Mitchell said, to see liberal senators, who have championed civil rights at party conventions and elsewhere, vote

Murray Widow Wins Control Of Company

A two-week fight for control of the Murray Superior Products co. ended last week when a special meeting of the firm's stockholders named Mrs. Lillie P. Murray as president.

Mrs. Murray, 4614 S. Michigan, Chicago, who with her husband founded the company, succeeds Charles Murray, Jr., who has been temporarily in charge of the Murray operations.

Informed sources say Murray will enter a sanitarium for a rest. Other officers elected are William Roache, vice president and director of sales promotion; William P. Brown, secretary; Mrs. Ethel McGee, office manager; Mrs. Bernice Murray, assistant secretary and treasurer; Atty. Euclid L. Taylor, general counsel, and Wilson Gallie, factory superintendent.

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Our Opinions

Dangerous Diplomacy

Last week, General Abdel Nasser, Prime Minister of Egypt, seized the Suez Canal and the cold war suddenly began to get a little warmer. Nasser's bold act of defiance was precipitated by the move to put him in a vise when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, abruptly told the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States that we were withdrawing our offer of aid to build the Aswan Dam in Egypt. Great Britain immediately followed suit and the angry Nasser who has become the undisputed leader of the Arab nations hit back with a shuddering shock that left the world gasping.

The experts in diplomacy who dreamed up the holding operation on Nasser, never anticipated that he would go this far and now the State Department is nervously finding itself with the hottest potato in its hand since the outbreak of the Korean conflict.

The Suez is the vital link between Asia, Europe, and Africa. Through its locks pass yearly twice as much shipping tonnage as the Panama Canal. France operates the canal by contract, but the principal stock in it is held by Great Britain. Some months ago, an agreement was signed between Egypt and England, whereby British troops were withdrawn from patrolling the Canal and a gradual plan of passing of the control was worked out. Now, Great Britain finds herself without a valuable source of revenue and once more the Empire is slipping badly as a Colonial power.

Much is being made in the press of the so-called arrogance of Nasser and his attempt to blackmail the United States and Great Britain into building the great dam at his price and terms. The strategy of the State Department was to call Nasser's bluff of threatening to accept Soviet aid and thus to cut his soaring prestige and power and topple him as a leader.

Nasser has proved both an able and wily player in the chess game of diplomacy in which he has managed to outmaneuver and outthink the striped pants department. Since Bandung last year, his stature has steadily grown. Moreover, he has not made the mistake common to most dictators of ruthlessly seizing power and permitting corruption to flourish through a spoils system. Instead, Nasser has insisted on honesty in government and has set an example by living plainly and frugally himself. His position is therefore well secured with the people. It will be very hard to unseat him.

What to do about him now is a problem that has diplomats scurrying from the capitals of the great Western powers and Cairo to Paris and Washington. Looks like there will have to be a decided shift in our foreign policy to avoid a shooting war.

The worst thing that could happen in an election year is to have a call to arms. Why not invite General Nasser to Washington for some talks? We don't necessarily have to lose face by soothing the Egyptian's hot temper.

Dawn Of Independence

The free elections in the Gold Coast just completed have assured the independence which the British have delayed for so long and a new nation of Ghana is about to be born. Kwame Nkrumah, the American-educated Prime Minister, won easily in the balloting, thus re-affirming his popularity with the people.

With independence, Ghana, as the country is to be known, will become a full-fledged state but will retain its membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations. This means that foreign embassies will be established and Ambassadors must be sent.

From the enthusiastic report of visitors to the land, there are opportunities abounding in the country and it offers a challenge for investment and enterprise. But the best thing is that this second African free nation offers a challenge and encouragement to the millions of blacks still under the cruel yoke of colonial dominance.

Especially, does this make very precarious the apartheid rule of the Boers in South

Africa. The Union has threatened to withdraw when independence from the British Commonwealth is given the Gold Coast. This will only serve to further isolate South Africa from the civilized world and bring to a head the growing restlessness of the native population.

A year ago, Jacon Javits of New York, who was then a congressman and is now Attorney General of the state, introduced legislation hailing the coming independence of the Gold Coast and Nigeria and calling for the U.S. to send a commission to the celebration of the new countries. No dates have been fixed yet for either one, but we think it well to remember the proposal and be prepared to participate in the rejoicing that freedom has triumphed on the dark continent.

It also serves to point up the obsolescence of the old standard type movies of African safaris with hunters and jibbering naked natives with spears. It will be refreshing to have some dignity for a change.

What The People Say

Answers Critic

DEAR EDITOR: I agree with Daniel E. Ellinsworth that human beings run the entire scale from idiots to genius and from blind honesty to professional thieves, but I have to disagree when he states that "by and large Negroes are an incompetent lot." The reason why the Negro has not advanced is that every conceivable obstacle has been used to block his progress. The Negro wants to be treated like other Americans rather than be the victim in a system with one standard for whites and a different one for Negroes.

All Negroes do not have the ability to win high positions and honors any more than all whites could succeed under similar circumstances. — Fred L. Jones, Chicago, Ill.

Minority Problems

DEAR EDITOR: America has the greatest documents of all nations and any people: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution. Therein rests the suffrage for all. There is no part for division in citizenship. The allegiance to our flag is the greatest quotation in the world. All that any citizen can expect or desire of the Constitution is human rights and civil liberties. — Jerry McAlpin, Gadsden, Ala.

Hits Catholics

Dear Editor I would appreciate it if you will print this message

GLAMOR GIRLS



"That's why I keep our blinds drawn!"

Stresses Need To Vote

Dear Editor: In this extremely important political year, domestic issues are more vital than at almost any other period in the history of the nation. Because a small section of the country stands ready to explode over a few judicial decisions and racial issues including the right of Negroes to vote unmolested, and other civil rights, William J. Fitzpatrick, national grand master of the A and A Scottish Rite Masons, national Supreme Council jurisdiction, has written an open letter to all major organizations throughout the country urging their leaders to see that their members register and vote.

Mr. Fitzpatrick declared that through their vote Negroes should be able to say who their public officials will be. He pointed out that voting is the only way to make an impression on legislative bodies and to make your wishes known. He stressed the importance of organization leaders personally seeing to it that all members of their group register and vote. Robert A. Crump, Detroit

Banker Prejudiced

DEAR EDITOR: I don't think much of Banker Ellingsworth's Christianity when he denies the fact that all men are created equal in God's sight. Some people of all races have high IQs, and also there are some idiots, dumb, slow and indolent in all races. Does he think it Christian-like to welcome our race to the bank of which he is president, then say that as far as he cares to contact Negroes. — Mrs. L. Brown, Chicago, Ill.

Adventures in RACE RELATIONS

by Eric P. Walters

*PARTNERS IN A CAUSE

There were some in the South who welcomed the Supreme Court decision in 1954 outlawing racial segregation in public schools and the decisions that followed knocking over racial barriers in other phases of life.

Among them was a Georgia confidence man who saw in the spotlighting of the racial issue an opportunity to revive the Ku Klux Klan for his own financial benefit — and of course, to maintain white supremacy.

After making arrangements with a manufacturer to provide him with all the badges he might need — with a little proviso that he should have exclusive distribution rights and good percentage of the sales, he began looking for a similar deal with a manufacturer who could provide the robes and hoods.

Among the many catalogues he got was one from a company in the mid-west that specialized in making choir robes, surplices and graduation gowns.

After several weeks of correspondence with the firm which an agreement was worked out satisfactory to both.

Armed with salesbooks for robes and badges, he stirred up his indignation "over this communistic assault upon states rights and white supremacy" and hit the road.

Ignorant whites flocked to his meetings, attracted by his florid and flattering oratory. The badges, robes and hoods moved in a torrential stream.

His commissions on regalia,

together with joining fees were so great that he abandoned plans for a percentage of the monthly dues to be forwarded to his headquarters, and generously left that annoying monthly pittance to whatever bigot he placed in charge of the newly formed group.

The more hate he spewed, the more the money flowed in and the greater his invitations to organize KKK groups in other small towns.

But after about a year, enthusiasm for the KKK began to wane. He found it more and more difficult to organize and to induce the ignorant southern whites to plank down their money for regalia and initiation fees.

Unaccustomed to arduous labor, he finally decided he had milked all he could from his hate campaign, and quietly retired to a life of idle living and free spending.

His travels carried him one day to the town he knew well by correspondence, for it was here that the company was located that had provided him with the thousands of hoods and gowns he had foisted upon his unenlightened followers.

It might be a good idea, he thought, to meet in person the regalia maker with whom he had such pleasant and profitable business relationship.

Stepping out of a cab, he strode into the plant, and, to his surprise, found it manned from top to bottom by Negroes, including the boss.



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LANGSTON Hughes

Simple: Egypt On The Brain Can Cause A Man Much Pain

"The reason why so many people go crazy these days and start talking to themselves is because they got too much to worry about," said Simple.

"You're worried about, Egypt?" I asked.

"Egypt," said Simple.

"Egypt?" I said. "Why Egypt?"

"Because them peoples are colored, too," said Simple.

"How do you know? Have you ever been there?" I asked.

"Only in spirit," said Simple.

"Egypt is near Ethiopia, so I have been there in spirit. And I have seen them Egyptians' pictures in 'Life' and some of them is almost as colored as me."

"Naturally, being in Africa," I said, "there would be an infiltration of black blood, even though Egypt is in the North. For thousands of years, as far back as the Pyramids, Nubians and Sudanese and other darker Africans have mingled and married with the Egyptians. Cleopatra was no doubt a brownskin."

"And fine, I know," said Simple. "Look at Nasser. He's about the color of Larry Doby or Newcombe."

"Judging from his pictures," I said, "I'd take him definitely to be a colored man."

"He could not pass South of Washington," said Simple. "You know, I was looking in the geography atlas today for a map of Africa to see just where Egypt was, and where do you reckon they had the map of Africa?"

"Where?" I asked.

"In the back," said Simple, "the very last one. Why do you suppose white folks put everything black in the back?"

"Aren't you used to that yet?" I said.

"Even a map," said Simple, "if it's of a black country — in the back! Just goes to prove that old toast were not far wrong:

If you're white You're right.

If you're yellow You're mellow.

If you're brown, Stick around.

But black — Get back

"White folks even put the map of Africa in the back! And now they want to take the man's canal from him. Colored folks can't get up in front and stay there no kind of way. I often think of the time when:

The black cat said To the white cat,

'Let's go round the town.' But the white cat said To the black cat,

'You better set your Black self down'

"That's the way it is every time. There is a lot of truth in them old toasts. But, daddy-o, I got a feeling from listening at the news on the radio these days that our white folks is getting frantic, not just about Alabama and Mississippi, but Egypt and India and Africa, too, and that they are beginning to think that maybe once ain't forever and two ain't always twice,

and if you roll long enough, there's you reckon? And if Nehru and Nasser and them colored peoples over bound to be a change in the dice. Do you get me? Understand? I can hear between the words and read between the lines. And I wonder if they think I'm simple, do yonder is simple just because they ain't English or French or something or another light, as if white always made right. There is going to be more and more white folks walking the streets talking to themselves and going out of their minds than there already is, if they don't stop worrying about us colored folks all around the world from Harlem to South Carolina — where they even got the kiddle Klansmen worrying — to the Suez Canal which they want to snatch and put in their pocket. Evil will drive a man mad — which is why I cast it out myself. Charge it to the dust and let the rain wash it away. If I was Nasser, I wouldn't even argue with them white folks — which it looks like he ain't. Once down South a cracker said to me, 'Can a Negra blush?' I did not answer, so he repeated his self. 'I say, can a Negra blush? Can he?'

I said, 'Can a white man hush? His mouth flew open, so I repeated myself, 'I say, can a white man hush?'

"And you know that old Dixiecrat got so red in the face that he did what he was asking me if I could do — blush. And all I asked him was, couldn't he hush. He were talking too much."

DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, who looks like Thurgood Marshall of the NAACP, does not seem to understand that he is supposed to take off his hat when white folks like Foster Dulles enter the room. Mr. Nasser has very bad manners and he has just told Mr. Dulles and his friends to go to hell.

Our offer of aid was abruptly withdrawn from Mr. Nasser the other day for all the western powers decided the time had come to put this Egyptian upstart in his place. Russia also let it be known that it had no intention of financing Mr. Nasser's dam over the Nile waters. For a hot minute it appeared that Mr. Nasser was going to have to get on his knees and beg forgiveness for his rash behavior.

Suddenly Mr. Nasser decided to help himself. He seized the Suez Canal in the name of Egypt and strengthened his ties with his own people. Now, of course, the western powers are mad as hornets and are determined to get rid of Mr. Nasser. They may succeed, but from where I sit, this handsome Arab is going to be very troublesome for a good while yet.

Our brilliant Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, who has no difficulty with the Union of South Africa nor with any power that maintains white-supremacy colonialism, can be depended upon to inflame the passions and hatred of all the Afro-Asian powers and all the Arabs in this current mess. He will beat the brains out of anyone who does not grasp our hand of fellowship. If you don't profess

love for us, we are apt to kill you or threaten to do so anyway.

We do not mean any serious harm, we are just stupid. Consider another aspect of our foreign policy, the American attitude toward racism. Here I would like to refer to an article in the current issue of Harper's Magazine.

It was written by the learned George F. Kennan who got into the headlines several years ago as a mysterious "Mr. X" who wrote a severely critical article about our relations with Russia. Mr. Kennan is writing on the same subject now. Here is one point he makes:

"We are all aware of the vicious distortions and exaggerations peddled by the Communists throughout the world about the state of race relations in this country; and I have no desire to condone the terrible irresponsibility that causes people to try to mislead other men by such means. But we deny that we are continuing to pour oil on these fires in no small way."

"I do not mean to suggest that I think this problem susceptible of any easy and quick solution here at home; nor do I mean to make light of the feelings involved on either side of the controversy."

"But what do we suppose is the effect on hundreds of millions of colored people in other lands of the direct reports from this country of what goes on here in the field of race relations?"

"What do we suppose is the effect of the news photograph of

Autherine Lucy's car surrounded by the mob with a man jumping up and down on its roof, apparently trying to break it in with his heels? — and all this purveyed to the world as an example of what happens to a colored girl who tries to get a higher education in this country?"

"That one photograph is worth more to the Communists than all the lies they could invent in a decade. Who is poisoning, here, the wells of world opinion? The Russians or ourselves? Both of us, no doubt — we by inadvertence, they by design; but we are doing our share."

All of this, of course, is an old story with us. Our leaders have had occasion to use this line in trying to persuade white Americans that their own self interest demand that they treat us as first class citizens. Perhaps this argument is having some effect, at least upon the more responsible leaders of government. It is a very practical line and it is very logical. The only thing wrong is that people who are dominated by racial prejudice are irrational and they quite eagerly bite off their noses to spite their faces.

For my money, Negroes should be regarded as first class citizens because both God and the U. S. Constitution make it morally and legally right. If all the rest of the world vanished in outer space, we still would conduct our internal affairs with human decency. I admit that this is asking a great deal. Is it too much?"

SO WHAT?



"I don't mind your buyin' a new dress, but... didn't they have it in your size?"

Educators In County Urged People To Vote CP



SPEAKING FROM a rostrum with a Citizens for Progress placard placed where the crowd would have to see it, C. L. Wells, principal of E. A. Harrold High School, dramatically asks: "Will I wake up Friday and see that the peo-

ple of this community have kept true to their tradition?" The record shows that voting tradition to be one of straight-slating for the administration, this year the Citizens for Progress group, which among other things, came out for in-

terposition by Tennessee, urged the people in the crowd: "Let's not get too big for the pants we're wearing. The big Bar-B-Que plugging the Citizens for Progress candidates was held at Barrett's Chapel High. (Newsom Photos)



AN ESTIMATED 800 persons turned out at Barrett's Chapel High school, of which Prof. Guy Hoffman is principal, for

the bi-annual pre-election meeting, a big Bar-B-Que and speakers for Citizens for Progress. Effectiveness of the

"educational" session resulted in better than 600 votes for CP candidates and 11 for James T. Walker, Negro can-

didate on the Democratic ticket. A Tri-State Defender poll of 16 persons following the speeches (while they ate the

Bar-B-Que sandwiches) found just one person who wasn't voting CP.



STILL SPEAKING on his topic of "Rewards for Civic Activity," Prof. Wells gestures in making a point. At extreme right is Prof. Guy Hoffman, principal at Barrett's Chapel. Although he posed along with

other principals present for the Defender on Wednesday night, he ordered a Defender reporter out from under his "private" tent Thursday where he was giving "last instructions" to Negro voters and giving them CP voting cards be-

fore they entered the back door of the Masonic Hall to cast their votes. Next to him is Prof. R. J. Roddy, principal of Woodstock school, who spoke on Citizenship Responsibilities.



TO GET TICKETS for the sandwiches, passed out by two female teachers, the prospective CP voters had to pa-

rade past a large placard showing names and pictures of all candidates on the CP ticket. The sign was just inside

the door and tickets were passed out at the door. The CP slogan appeared top and bottom on the sign: Keep Mem-

phis and Shelby County down in Dixie. Back in Memphis, despite the fact there were no Negro leaders publicly boosting the CP cause, a number

of Negroes appeared at the polls passing out CP literature, and some leaders suspect they got a goodly number of Negro votes.



FEW CITIZENS departed without getting tickets for the Bar-B-Que. Although there were mimeographed programs on the pre-election meeting the tickets were not specially printed for the event. They

were green tickets which had been printed asking 50c donations for the Barrett's Chapel cafeteria project. Speakers praised Prof. Hoffman for the fine school, called him a "great leader" responsible for

"all these things you have here." They said Barrett's Chapel was the first to get a brick building. It is named for Paul Barrett, wealthy white Shelby countian and administration supporter.



FOR THIS A VOTE, was the way it appeared the event turned out. On the basis of the returns from Thursday's voting the sandwiches and

Cokes proved big enough, along with the "educational" talks, to influence just about every voter who went to the polls. The group, obviously

ready to take the word of their school principals on how they should cast their ballots, listened attentively and were in

a festive mood when time came to eat and drink. Those asked about how they were going to vote either spoke enthusiastically about voting for Citizens for Progress or they

were vague about the whole thing. (Newsom Photos)