



**MURRAY STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

**Murray State's Digital Commons**

---

The Tri-State Defender

Newspapers

---

4-11-1959

## The Tri-State Defender, Part 1, April 11, 1959

The Tri-State Defender

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/tsd>

---

### Recommended Citation

The Tri-State Defender, "The Tri-State Defender, Part 1, April 11, 1959" (1959). *The Tri-State Defender*. 657.  
<https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/tsd/657>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the Newspapers at Murray State's Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Tri-State Defender by an authorized administrator of Murray State's Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [msu.digitalcommons@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.digitalcommons@murraystate.edu).



# BUS STATION JIM CROW SIGNS ON WAY OUT



## THE Tri-State Defender

"The South's Independent Weekly"



VOL. VIII—No. 23

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE—SATURDAY, April 11, 1959

Price 15c

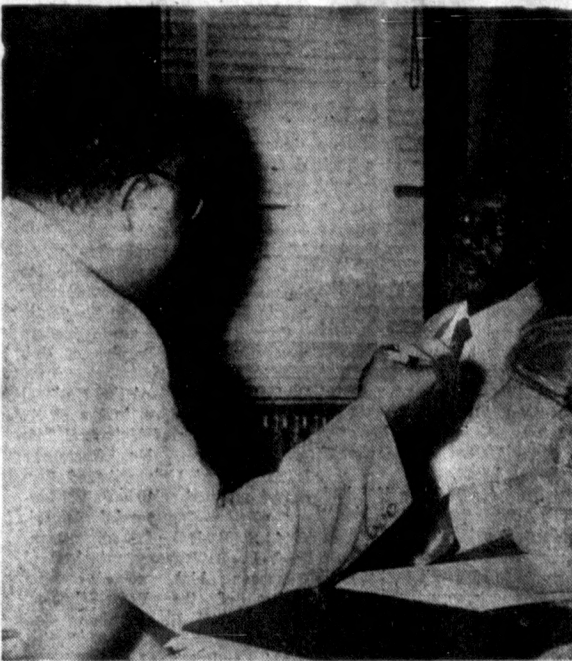
# Rev. Dodson Gets 20 Years; Seeks New Trial



SOMERVILLE SCENE — one of the most sensational trials in recent years was that of Rev. Burton Dodson, a CME

minister, who was returned to Fayette county after an absence of more than 18 years and found guilty last week of second degree murder in the

death of Deputy Sheriff O. B. Burrows and sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary. In photo left, Napoleon Dodson, nephew of Reverend



Dodson, points to home from which the minister escaped from angry mob and fled after being hit with shotgun pellets.

The victim was slain near a tree which stood in front of house. In center photo, conferring with Atty. J. F. Estes, left is Rev. John Henry Dodson



Rev. John Henry Dodson, Detroit, both Baptist ministers; and Joe Dodson, a farmer, of Haywood county.

his father. In photo right, posing during recess at trial, are three sons of the defendant. They are, from left, Rev. Herman Dodson, Jackson, Tenn.

Rev. John Henry Dodson, Detroit, both Baptist ministers; and Joe Dodson, a farmer, of Haywood county.

## Bus Station Jim Crow Signs Are On Way Out

Jim Crow signs in the Greyhound bus station are on their way out.

Authority for this assertion is the president of Southeastern Greyhound, H. V. Greenslit of Atlanta. Greenslit told the Tri-State Defender Saturday:

"We will comply with every law on the books. We prefer that the signs not appear in our bus stations."

When asked by The Tri-State Defender what his position is with regard to Jim Crow signs as they apply to interstate passengers, Greenslit replied:

"They will have to be removed."

CONTACT FBI

This development grew out of a charge filed with the local FBI office March 30 that segregation in local bus stations violated regulations of the Interstate Commerce

Act. The complaint was made by O. Z. Evers, Eliehue Stanback and the Rev. T. R. Fugh, Birmingham civic league.

According to Evers and Stanback, the league filed the charge with the FBI when local managers of Greyhound and Continental Trailways bus companies ignored letters from the league asking for the removal of the signs.

Southeastern President Greenslit refused to comment on the charge filed with the FBI "because I do not know anything about it." How-

ever he said, in answer to a question, "inter-state passengers have every right to use any waiting room in Greyhound bus stations."

TELLS DILEMMA

Greenslit described his dilemma this way:

"There are Federal laws, state laws and local laws. We intend to obey every law on the book."

But isn't this impossible? he was asked.

"Certainly it is impossible but we are going to obey every law on the books," Mr. Greenslit replied.

The text of the Birmingham letter to local bus company managers follows:

"In a survey of Interstate Transportation establishments, we were curious to discern signs designating the locations of white and colored waiting and dining room facilities, not withstanding all the laws forbidding the separating of races in interstate commerce regardless of race, creed or color."

EVICT NEGROES

"Sir, in your opinion, is it the policy of the company that such discriminatory practices is permissible in interstate commerce in Memphis? We also have reliable information that police are using their authority to evict colored passengers from 'white wait-

See SIGNS, page 2

## This Has Got To Go



INSULTING SIGNS at Greyhound bus station in Memphis are coming down, according to H. V. Greenslit, president of Southeastern Greyhound, who

told the Tri-State Defender Saturday that he intends to comply with every law on the books. Interstate commerce regulations ban discrimination of interstate passengers.

## Tension Runs High At Trial In Somerville

By M. L. REID

SOMERVILLE — "Rev. Dodson got 20 years."

The word spread fast around tension-tightened Somerville last Thursday night as the sensational trial of 76-year-old Burton Dodson, a CME minister, came to an end when the jury filed in at 8:40 with a verdict of guilty of

second degree murder after nearly six hours of deliberation.

Reverend Dodson, who said that he did not remember having fired a shot when he fled from his mob-encircled home in 1940, came to trial 19 years after he was alleged to have shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Olean B. Burrows and escaping to Illinois. A motion for a new trial will be heard on Friday morning, May 15.

Farmers in the area postponed spring plowing to witness the drama, and a large number of Reverend Dodson's former parishioners were present to hear the case.

Attorney Estes asked on the opening day of the trial that it be postponed until the next term

of court since he had been unable to hire a court reporter, but Judge Mark Walker denied the request, gave him the address of two court reporters in Jackson, and said that the trial would be resumed at 1 p.m.

COURT REPORTER

Unlike Shelby county, Fayette county does not pay the cost of a court reporter during the trial of a person charged with a crime for which he may receive the death penalty.

Relatives of Rev. Dodson reported that they were unable to pay the nearly \$40-a-day cost of the reporter, so each day while the trial was being heard, Rev. John L. Webb of 1768 Hunter st.,

Memphis, pastor of Springhill Baptist church, Ripley and St. John Baptist church, Denmark, collected the money from the Negro spectators seated in the rear and standing around the walls two and three deep.

Two days were spent selecting the jury, and before accepting any for service Atty. Estes asked them if they were in favor of Negroes registering and voting. Only one of the nearly 40 who appeared stated that he was against the idea.

Only one of the 12 jurors was

See DODSON, page 2

## Confab Probes Race Relations

Would you rather be called a Negro or a colored person?

This question was asked in one of the discussion groups during the fourth Race Relations conference at LeMoyne college Saturday. A poll was taken and only one

of the Negro members of the mixed group said he preferred the term, colored.

The question was posed after several white members of the discussion group had been reluctant to use either Negro or colored. One of the white conferees asked the question and took the poll, explaining that some white people are confused at times because they don't know whether to say Negro or colored.

It was pointed out throughout the day that the conference was not an action group, but a means of improving the climate of opinion through communication.

150 MEMPHIANS

More than 150 Memphians trekked across the well-kept campus to Brownlee hall to hear the keynote speaker, Frederick Routh, who came from Atlanta where he is assistant director of the Southern Regional council, an organization for education and research in the improvement of human relations.

Lionel Arnold, college minister, opened the conference with prayer. The sessions were ably chaired by the Rev. John Mickle, personnel director at the college and pastor of Second Congregational church.

Mr. Routh, in his very clear and informative address, said: "We must have honest communication."

See CONFAB, page 2



LEMOYNE RACE RELATIONS confab Saturday drew 150 leaders to the local campus for talks on means of bettering race relations. Miss Martine Trigg, center, associate professor of social sciences, directed the institute. Enjoying

a remark made between sessions are Dr. C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville, left, and Keynote Speaker Frederick Routh, assistant director of the Southern Regional council, Atlanta. (Tri-State Defender Photo by Withers)

## Clayborn Temple Maps Liquor Store Fight

The congregation of Clayborn Temple AME church, 284-94 Hernando, is up in arms because the City Licensing commission has granted permission for the establishment of a liquor store at 241 Linden ave. The liquor store will be approximately 300 feet from a girls' club which is scheduled to open in a few weeks, in the church's educational building.

The Rev. H. L. Starks, Clayborn Temple minister, said this week he and his congregation will fight the action of the commission even if it means speaking to the State Department of Revenue on going to court.

The license was granted April 1 over the protest of a delegation from the church. If the church appeals and it is not granted, the congregation will still have recourse to the courts.

DEEPLY CONCERNED

Commissioner Stanley Dillard said he could not remember a license appeal ever being made to the State Department of Revenue. In the past, the department has automatically accepted recommendations of the commission.



STARKS

"Our church is concerned with practicing as well as preaching the spirit of Christ," Reverend Starks said. "Thus it is deeply concerned with problems of people and there is no better place to begin than in the neighborhood in which the church is located."

See TEMPLE, page 2

## Double Killing Shocks Meharry

NASHVILLE — Two Meharry Medical college seniors — one a pretty redhead and the other a married, male honor student — died Saturday, miles apart, each with .32 caliber bullet wounds. Police said it was known that the pair had been "going together." They called the deaths

"murder and suicide."

The nude body of Vernal Joseph Roberts, Jr., 27, of Galveston, Tex., was found on the floor of a bedroom at 2009 Albion st., the address of Miss Anna L. Jackson, 24, of Greensboro, N. C., who died in Hubbard hospital after losing control of Roberts' car and plunging down a 100 foot embankment on Highway No. 12, one-half mile North of Ashland City. Doctors discovered a fresh .32 caliber bullet wound in her left shoulder.

WIFE PREGNANT

According to John W. Cole, district attorney general's investigator, Roberts' wife was in New York expecting the birth of twins.

Homicide Officer Charles Stoner said police received an anonymous call from a woman urging them to investigate a shooting at 2009 Albion. When officers received no answer to their knock and discovering nothing suspicious, they left. Shortly afterwards, friends of Miss Jackson received a call from her in Ashland City. She said she was calling to say goodbye. Asked if "Junior" (Roberts) was with her, she answered, "yes and no."

Police told the Tri-State Defend-

In spite of her plea for immediate aid from the police department, Mrs. Brown's call was ignored, and it was not until almost an hour later that her husband came home and discovered what had occurred and asked that the regular squad car No. 25 be

See COPS, page 3



REV. BURTON DODSON

## 'Bronze Queen' Is Disqualified For Rule Violation

Miss Ida Mae Jones, selected "Bronze Queen" Friday night, has been disqualified. Miss Lucille Kennedy was named to replace her.

According to Mrs. Joseph H. Johnson, chairman of the City Limits.

Beautiful Commission, Miss Jones violated the contest's rule which stipulates that contestants "must be full-time residents of Memphis, residing within the city limits."

Mrs. Johnson said Miss Jones was not a Memphis resident. Investigation showed she did not live within the city limits, Mrs. Johnson said.

The commission advanced each winner one level which made Miss Kennedy assume the title. The shift resulted in Miss Beverly E. Gray's becoming "Princess Clean Up," Miss Martha E. Little, "Princess Paint Up" and Miss Annette Johnson, "Princess Fix Up."



## Heart Attack Fatal To Rev. A. G. Grant

Rev. James A. G. Grant, pastor of the Lemuel Haynes Congregational church in New York city and former pastor of Avery Chapel A.M.E. and Second Congregational churches in Memphis, died in New York Saturday night following a heart attack.

According to information received here, Rev. Grant had gone to the church to look over some work which had just been completed, and slumped over the steering wheel of his car just as he was about to get out to enter the edifice.

The minister's last visit to Memphis was last November when he came here to deliver a sermon during the 90th anniversary of the founding of Second Congregational church.

Memphis and New York city, Rev. Grant ministered to churches in Tacoma, Wash., Trinidad, Colo., Nashville, Covington and Louisville, Ky.

Aside from his wife, Mrs. Earline Grant, he is survived by three sons, James, Jr., William Arnett and Avery, and a daughter, Miss Martha Ann Grant.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held in New York City on Friday, April 10, following the arrival of his son James from military duty in Germany.

## Dodson

(Continued From Page 1)

### LEMOYNE GRAD

A native of Topeka, Kans., Rev. Grant was an alumnus of Wilberforce university in Ohio, where he received his B. D. and D. D. degrees. While pastoring in Memphis he entered Lemoine college and was graduated along with his son, James, Jr., in the class of 1941.

Rev. Grant was from 1932 to 1935 pastor of Avery Chapel A.M.E. church and from 1935 until 1942, when he entered the U.S. Army as chaplain, pastor of Second Congregational church. He also worked with the Memphis Housing authority and was in charge of tenant selection for the William Foote homes.

He served for three years in the South Pacific during World War II and was discharged with the rank of major.

### CHURCH GIFT

After moving to New York city with his family following his separation from service, he was employed as housing assistant and manager for the New York Housing authority. He also worked for the New York department of Welfare.

He was called to the pastorate of the Lemuel Haynes Congregational church in 1948, which was gifted with an organ by the postman who won \$16,000 on the \$64,000 "Question" television program.

Aside from his pastorates in

a college graduate. He was Herbert Myers, an insurance broker and a graduate of Memphis State university. Asked if he objected to Negroes attending the school, he told Attorney Estes he did not.

### PROSPECTIVE JURORS

Prospective jurors were asked if they belonged to a church, whether or not they belonged to the White Citizens Council, about their feelings toward Negroes' rights equal with whites and whether they had ever been involved in fights with Negroes.

One farmer, Casey Duke Teague, 52, provided some humor during the trial's early tense moments when he started that he did not know whether he had ever been a member of the White Citizens Council.

Asked if he saw anyone in the courtroom who might know, Mr. Teague pointed to Asst. Atty. General Preston Parkes and said: "Was that what that meeting was about that we attended?"

The juror said he had no ill will toward Negroes, although he had "chased one on one occasion." He added that he was not mad at the Negro.

### THREE NEGROES

Three Negroes appeared as prospective jurors. Two were excused — one because he complained of a toothache.

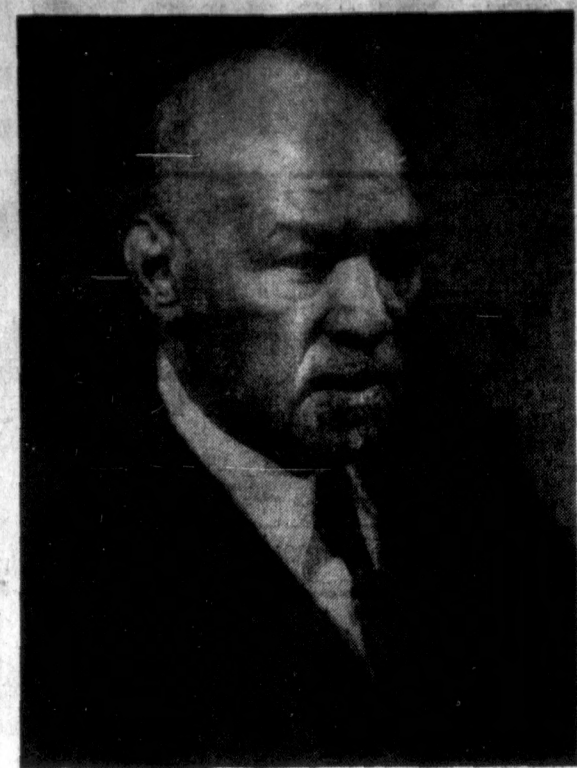
The remaining Negro, John Liddell, was the first to be called on the third list, but was excused from serving when he stated that he would not find a Negro guilty of a charge, regardless of the evidence presented.

Witnesses for the state were W. H. Cocke, high sheriff at the time of the incident, former deputies David Robertson and Stealing Dunn, J. T. Perry, David Myers, the present sheriff; and the dead man's son, Paul Burrows. William Abernathy is the attorney general for the county.

Mr. Burrows was called to the stand to tell how he had awakened his father at midnight to go out on a case, and the next time he saw him he was dead. He was not cross examined.

W. H. COCKE

W. H. Cocke followed him to the stand and told how he took Deputies Robertson, Dunn, Burrows and two men from Hardemon county to the Dodson house to arrest the man. He said that he told Rev. Dodson that he had a capias (warrant) for his arrest, and after the minister threatened to kill the first man who came into the house, he went back to Somerville to get tear gas.



REV. A. G. GRANT

Cocke was asked to produce the capias, and it was shown to have been issued on Aug. 2, 1939, and the case was to have been heard at the November 1939 session. The former sheriff said that he did not receive the paper until the first of March in 1940.

His testimony was contradicted by two witnesses who followed. J. T. Perry stated that Cocke had come to his home to get permission to burn the house down in order to burn the minister and his family out. S. A. Welter, former county clerk, said he gave the capias to the sheriff on the day it was issued.

Both Robertson and Dunn claimed that Reverend Dodson fired back at them after running a distance from the house, but both admitted under cross-examination that they did not know for certain that the fatal shot came from his gun.

### 'HE GOT ME'

Dunn said he saw Reverend Dodson put his gun to his shoulder and fire, and that the slain deputy said, "He got me," and fell to the ground.

He became confused and irritated during the cross examination admitted that he did not know who fired the shot, that Deputy Burrows was standing behind him when he was hit, and that he did not hear a bullet whistle by him and strike the victim.

Sheriff Dave Myers told the court that as soon as he became sheriff five years ago he began seeking the whereabouts of the minister and when he learned where he was living in East St. Louis he notified the police and had him arrested as a fugitive from justice. He said he went to East St. Louis and picked the minister up and brought him to Fayette county jail.

Except for the time that he was sent to Nashville for mental observation, he said Reverend Dodson had been there. He also said Reverend Dodson had given him an oral confession that he left Fayette county in 1940 because

"they said I killed a man."

### TAKES STAND

Rev. Dodson was the first witness for himself. He related how he had been warned that a mob was coming to get him. He said around 1:30 p. m. there was a knock at the door and someone said, "It's the law. Open the door."

He said he thought it was the mob pretending to be the authorities, but he told them he would open the door as soon as he got his clothes on. Rev. Dodson told the court that he did not remember whether he fired a shot or not, but he denied that he ever made a confession to the sheriff since being jailed.

"The sheriff asked me if I had something I wanted to tell him," the minister said, "and I told him my conscience was clear and I wanted to leave it that way."

Joe Dodson, who no wives in Haywood county, and Rev. John Henry Dodson, of Detroit, both sons of the defendant took the stand in behalf of their father. Mrs. Georgi Shelton the widow of the physician at Whiteville, Tenn., who treated the younger Reverend Dodson after he was brought to her husband's office suffering from gunshot wounds, also testified.

Pictures of the house with bullet holes in the roof and the surrounding area were also shown to the jury.

### NO PITY

The prosecution asked the jury not to show the minister any pity because of his age, because he was to blame for the 19-year delay of the trial. As the attorney general was delivering the rebuttal, the widow of the slain deputy was ushered into the courtroom with tears in her eyes and seated at the prosecution table in view of the jury.

The jury received the case at 2:38 p. m., returned to the court to view the photos again, and after supper retired again to return the verdict at 8:40.

While the jury was deliberating, a group of Negro ministers began singing in the court yard, but moved out into the street when a deputy came out and excitedly told them that no preaching was allowed there.

### TENSION HIGH

During the trial, tension was high, and Fayette county Sheriff Dave Myers demanded that Tri-State Defender photographer that Tri-State Defender photographer Howard Pulley give him a roll of film after the newsmen took his picture as he was coming up the courthouse steps. Pulley refused.

Editor L. F. Palmer Jr., intervened and the sheriff relented when informed that Judge Walker had given the press permission to take pictures outside the main courtroom. A photographer and a reporter from the Johnson Publishing company reported they were threatened several times during the coverage of the trial.

Two Tennessee state troopers were on duty on the first day of the trial, but as the crowd grew from day to day, the number increased to six including a sergeant and a lieutenant.

## Signs

(Continued From Page 1)

ing rooms.' In addition, we observe that the Negro passenger has remained loyal to your company. Please answer at your earliest convenience."

The letter was signed by O. Z. Evers, president; the Rev. T. R. Fugh, vice-president; and Eliehue Stanback, chairman of the board.

Top officials of Continental Trailways could not be reached for comment.

## Confab

(Continued From Page 1)

cation with each if we are going to improve race relations. We must reach the opinion moulders and the decision makers, because we cannot reach the masses."

### BETTER UNDERSTANDING

He had high praise for the conference and offered congratulations to those who attended, saying that a discussion group "such as this is the type of thing that will help bring about a better understanding in the South."

The conference was under the direction of Miss Martelle Trigg, associate professor of social sciences at LeMoyne.

Mr. Routh had high praise for two daily newspapers, The Chattanooga Times and The Atlanta Constitution. He said both papers have been fair and objective in reporting racial developments since the 1954 Supreme court decision.

He also had a good word for television. He said TV is playing an important role in bringing about a better understanding in the South.

He was somewhat critical of the Eisenhower administration, however, declaring "we have not had strong leadership from the top on the civil rights question."

"They have taken only timid steps along these lines," he added.

It was the general opinion of the consultants at the closing session Saturday afternoon that Negro and white churches, newspapers and businessmen need to do more if better communications are to be established in the South.

Consultants and group leaders were Dr. C. H. Parrish of University of Louisville, the Rev. Will D. Campbell of the National Council of Churches in the U. S., J. T. Chandler of Universal Life Insurance co., Dr. Lawrence Fitzgerald of University of Tennessee medical school, Paul Flowers of the Commercial Appeal, Prof. R. B. Hill of Southwestern, Prof. L. B. Hobson, principal of Manassas high school; John Spence of the Press-Scimitar, Atty. Russell B. Sugarman Jr., A. C. Williams of Radio Station WDIA, and Miss Louise Young, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

## Temple

(Continued From Page 1)

justment, drunkenness and crime are often planted when the child is young and impressionable. Thus we have the responsibility of keeping our children's environment as wholesome as possible.

Explaining the need for the girls' club, Reverend Starks said that due to the low income of the families in the neighborhood, there is a need for mothers to work, leaving their children for long hours without parental supervision.

PROPER GUIDANCE

"These families are not without girls," he said. "These girls, at some time in their lives, come face to face with their emotions and romance without proper guidance. The result is often illegitimacy."

"We have secured a charter for the Lelia O. Walker Girls' club which will be located in our educational building. We have no members so far, their ages ranging from 12-18. Because we are trying desperately to build and maintain a wholesome environment in our neighborhood, we deeply resent the use of a liquor store so close to our church. Our congregation is now deciding what is the effective course of action," Reverend Starks said.

## Killings

(Continued From Page 1)

er they found a stethoscope — reportedly Miss Jackson's — on the bed beside Roberts' body. The body was discovered by Meharry authorities who were puzzled by Roberts' failure to come to class. They went to 2009 Albin, looked through the window and saw the lifeless medical student.

### BOUGHT AGS

Cheatham County Sheriff Leslie Binkley, who investigated the wreck in which Miss Jackson was involved and which totally demolished the car, found two service station employees who had served Miss Jackson just before the car plunged down the embankment.

They said Miss Jackson bought fifty cents worth of gas and a stamp. According to authorities, she mailed a letter to a bank in New York city.

A small caliber Spanish pistol which police said belonged to Miss Jackson was found at the scene of the auto crash by Auxiliary policeman Herman Hendrick of 1021 14th ave.

Attempts by the Tri-State Defender to reach Meharry officials were futile.



IMITATION OF LIFE by Fannie Hurst will open at the Malco theater Thursday, April 16. The celebrated movie stars Juanita Moore, left, shown with her daughter, Karin Dicker, right, comforting Terry Burnham who has become lost on the beach at Coney Island. The Universal-International movie of the best selling novel is a

powerful color film version of this famous story. It also stars Lana Turner, John Gavin, Sandra Dee, Susan Kohner, Robert Alda, Dan O'Herlihy and Mahalia Jackson.

## Carl Rowan, Frederick O'Neal To Headline Fisk Music-Art Festival

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Prizewinning reporter Carl T. Rowan of the Minneapolis Tribune and actor Frederick O'Neal will headline the 30th Annual Festival of Music and Art at Fisk University April 22-26.

An all-Fisk program of music will highlight the celebrated Fisk Jubilee Singers, the famed Fisk university choir and members of Fisk's distinguished music faculty.

Rowan, who in 1956 became the only newspaperman ever to win three consecutive awards from Sigma Delta Chi, will speak at 11 a. m. April 23. He will also appear at a seminar in the International student center at 2 p. m.

### NIGERIAN ARTIST

An exhibition of the works of Akintola Lasekan, Nigerian artist

will open at 4 p. m. in the Carl Van Vetchen Gallery. A reception will follow.

Seven members of the Fisk music faculty will appear in a faculty concert at 8:30 p. m. Anne Gamble Kennedy, Simona Atkins Allen and Matthew Kennedy will play Concerto in F Major for Three Pianos by Mozart. Fisk Organist Arthur Croley will perform the Concerto in G Minor for Organ by Handel.

Sonata for two pianos and Percussion will feature Jacqueline Johnson and Samuel Randlett.

The first performance of Festival Piece for Trombone and Strings will feature Dana M. King. This composition was written especially for the Fisk Festival by Westley A. Tower.

Members of the Nashville sym-

phony orchestra will assist the Fisk faculty in this concert.

### FAMOUS ACTOR

The famous actor, Frederick O'Neal, will be heard in a seminar April 24 at 10 a. m. in the International student center. The Fisk Jubilee Singers, under the direction of Matthew Kennedy, will appear that evening at 8:30 p. m.

Activities on April 25 will be highlighted by the production of Blood Wedding by Lorca. The Fisk Stagecrafters will present this well known drama at 2 p. m. in the Little Theater.

The annual festival will wind up April 26 with special worship services in the Fisk Memorial Chapel at 11 a. m., a student recital in the chapel at 4 p. m. and a concert by the Fisk choir at 8:30 p. m.

Under the direction of William L. Dawson, the choir will include in its program The Wedding of Hiawatha by Coleridge-Taylor. The choir will be augmented by members of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

## Tennessee Prof 'Takes' Morocco

One of the most revolutionary educational influences on the drowsy little Berber market town of Arrau in the Middle Atlantic mountains of Morocco, North Africa, according to TIME magazine, is James A. Hamlett, 33, a native of Nashville, Tenn.

"Last week, six months after his arrival, most of Arrau's 4,000 rug weavers, wood carvers and farmers were crude enough to flavor their conversation with at least a few words of English-spoken were recognizable Tennessee drawls," the news weekly stated.

"And the strange rhythms of U. S. natives, as recorded in the waxings of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, are now familiar in a region where no American had ever lived until Hamlett came there six months ago."

### NO AIR TRAVELER

It was purely by accident that Mr. Hamlett, a former member of the Knoxville college faculty got

to that little North African town. After resigning from his Knoxville college post as French and Spanish instructor, to accept a job in Cambodia under the U.S.'s International Educational Exchange program, he became disturbed about air currents he experienced in a flight as far as Dallas.

He caught a ship and headed, where his teaching methods of Spanish — an English have met his such app roa alittleMo- vvvits with such approval that the Moroccan government has invited him to spend another year.

### TEACHES U. S. WAYS

"Once a week Hamlett presides at an informal evening meeting that can eventually turn into either a jazz session or a bull session. He has led his youngsters off on hamburger picnics, taught them U. S. Dance steps, set them to collecting stamps and writing to pen pals in America. Now and then he rents a bus and carts the young Berbers off to fabled Fez, 50 miles to the North, to hear an American singer or lecturer who is passing through," says TIME.

Mr. Hamlett has always had a yen to learn what's going on in other lands. As an undergraduate at Fisk university, where he majored in modern foreign languages, he appeared in foreign lan-

guage plays. He went on to Louisiana State university, received his master's degree in romance languages.

When he joined the faculty at Knoxville college he could already speak French, Spanish, German and Portuguese. No one there knows just how many he speaks now that he has gone overseas.

### WENT TO MEXICO

For one year he studied at the University of Mexico in Mexico City. While at Knoxville he served as a part-time instructor of Spanish at the white Maryville college at Maryville, Tenn., the first Negro to serve in such a position at the school.

### Shrine Of Parking Lots

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Msgr. Joseph A. McCaffrey suggested at a communion breakfast Sunday that his church be nicknamed "The Shrine of the Parking Lots."

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church is almost entirely surrounded by recently cleared sites being used as commercial parking lots.



MRS. THELMA GORHAM, teacher and writer of Oklahoma City, has been awarded a fellowship from the Fund For Adult Education. A former teacher at the Lincoln University School of Journalism in Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. Gorham will study at the School of Communications Research at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif.



"MISS YEARBOOK" — Rose L. Collins, a senior of 351 Outer Parkway, has been voted "Miss Year Book" at LeMoyne college. She was selected by the yearbook staff. She is an English major, member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and active in the drama group, English club, Student council and Pre-Alumni club.

**TV REPAIR SERVICE**  
Service Calls \$5.00 With This Ad \$3.50 Also applies to Service Calls made on Refrigerators, air conditioners and washing machines. Ask us about our Yearly Service Contract on your TV Set, at the low \$4.00 monthly charge.

**LONGVIEW SERVICE**  
2248 South Lauderdale Ph. WH 6-0847

**TASTE THE GREATNESS of historic OLD CROW**  
America's preferred bourbon

Light • Mild • 90 Proof  
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY  
OLD CROW DISTILLERY CO., FRANKFORT, KY., DIST. BY NATIONAL DIST. PROD. CO.

Home Owned-Home Operated  
2 Locations  
152 Madison — JA 5-7411  
161 So. Main — JA 5-1351  
Examined and Supervised by State Department of Insurance and Banking



MISS JOSEPHINE JONES, a senior at Geeter High school, is a contestant in the "Miss Rhomania" competition sponsored by the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. The group's annual "Rhomania" program will be held April 18 at 8 p. m. in Bruce hall, LeMoyne college and will feature the string orchestra of the Booker T. Washington High school, Atlanta. "Miss Rhomania" will be presented at this time.

**LOANS on SIGNATURES**  
**AUTO-FURNITURE**  
For Any Worthwhile Purpose  
"We like to say yes to your loan requests!"

**DIXIE FINANCE CO.**  
Home Owned-Home Operated  
2 Locations  
152 Madison — JA 5-7411  
161 So. Main — JA 5-1351  
Examined and Supervised by State Department of Insurance and Banking

**DAVID M. ROSENBERG**  
**AUTO SUPPLY CO.**  
Auto Parts Speed Equipment  
261 Chelsea (Corner 5th) JA 6-8987

**Signs**  
(Continued From Page 1)  
ing rooms.' In addition, we observe that the Negro passenger has remained loyal to your company. Please answer at your earliest convenience."

**LOANS on SIGNATURES**  
**AUTO-FURNITURE**  
For Any Worthwhile Purpose  
"We like to say yes to your loan requests!"

**DIXIE FINANCE CO.**  
Home Owned-Home Operated  
2 Locations  
152 Madison — JA 5-7411  
161 So. Main — JA 5-1351  
Examined and Supervised by State Department of Insurance and Banking

**Now DAISY** Starts Sunday! April 12 4 Big Days 4!  
**Caught IN A PARKED CAR** — by a hot-rod kid with a hot yen for a girl and a cold blade for her guy!  
**THE TRAP** — with Dick Barker, Fred, Chuck, and the rest of the gang!  
**THE YOUNG CAPTIVES** — STARTS THURSDAY APRIL 16 FIRST MEMPHIS SHOWING!!  
**TRUE! AUTHENTIC! FEARLESSLY TOLD!**  
**LIFE AND CRIMES OF THE NO. 1 UNDERWORLD KING OF ALL TIME!**  
**AL CAPONE** — ROD STEIGER

Home Owned-Home Operated  
2 Locations  
152 Madison — JA 5-7411  
161 So. Main — JA 5-1351  
Examined and Supervised by State Department of Insurance and Banking



## Fugitive Life Fine Compared To Penitentiary, Says CME Minister

SOMMERVILLE, Tenn. — Living as a fugitive for 19 years is a miserable existence, but far better than being cooped up in the penitentiary.

That is the opinion of Burton Dodson, the CME minister convicted last Thursday of second degree murder in the death of Fayette county deputy sheriff, O. B. Burrows, who was killed when he (Dodson) escaped from his mob-surrounded home on March 23, 1940.

In an interview last week, Rev. Dodson told the Tri-State Defender how he had occupied himself and made his living during the time he was absent from Tennessee.

"I hitch-hiked to Chicago and lived there for two years before I moved to East St. Louis, Ill., where I remained until I was captured last fall," he said.

He changed his name to Charlie Taylor and got a job as a night watchman for one of the local physicians and was permitted to carry a pistol.

"I lived in a small house in the rear of the one occupied by my landlady.

"Last fall I was looking out the window and saw three or four white men coming up the walk. I had talked to one of them ear-

lier when he came by the doctor's office and I thought all of them were insurance men.

"All of a sudden they rushed into the house, informed me that they were FBI agents and that I was under arrest," the minister stated.

When captured, Rev. Dodson had a pistol within easy reach, and said if he had known the men were going to arrest him he would have traded shots with them.

"I would have preferred to continue as Charlie Taylor because I did not expect to get a fair trial in Fayette county.

Who "turned him in?"

That is a question that Rev. Dodson is unable to answer.

He said there were several persons in East St. Louis from Fayette county who knew he was wanted, but he did not believe they were responsible for his arrest.

There was one woman who was always after me to register and vote, and she may have become suspicious of me when I didn't. But I told her that I was from Arkansas," Rev. Dodson said.

He became sick last year, and while he was bedridden the doctor for whom he worked applied for

and received welfare assistance for him. He does not know whether that led to his arrest, though it came shortly afterward.

During his spare time, Rev. Dodson said that he relished his memories, did not spend much time reading the Bible, and rarely went to church. He did not tell anyone he was a preacher.

Since his arrest Rev. Dodson has complained about Africans threatening to kill him unless he returned to North Africa to preach.

Asked what they looklike and how they talk to him, he said, "They talk to me indirectly."

He said that he has not seen them, but they have been in the jail to talk with him.

"But whatever befalls, I am glad to have been represented by such a brave and forthright man as Attorney Estes. He has not left a stone unturned. This will be the breaking of the day for this county, for this is the first time that a Negro lawyer has appeared in the Fayette county court," he predicted.

As the jury filed out to deliberate as to his guilt or innocence, and determine his punishment, Rev. Dodson said: "The hour of His judgment is come."

## Tells Plans For Gorine Institute

Madame G. S. M. Young, director of Gorine college announced this week that commencement exercises will be held June 7 at 3 p. m. at Metropolitan Baptist church. A reception will follow.



MADAM G. S. M. YOUNG

In conjunction with the finals, an institute will be sponsored to help beauticians keep up with the new trends in the field of beauty will feature Bill Simmons and Mrs. Gorine college was organized in Mable Lewis, both of New York city as consultants. The institute will run through June 10.

Gorine college was organized in Greenwood, Miss., in 1911 and was moved to Memphis in 1919. It is now located at 449 Beale st. A non-profit charter was obtained for the school on March 26, 1955, and the property was donated by its founder, Madame Gold Silver Morgan Young who wished to provide education for future Goriners as well as beauticians from other schools.

The school is housed in two large buildings, has a parking lot and extra land for expansion. Madame Young's daughter, Mrs. Alice E. Weston, agreed to her donating the school as a memorial.

"Our school has an excellent board of directors, Madame Young said, "and it will continue to direct the school under the policies which I have established."

## Forrest City & Madison Briefs

**FOUNDERS' DAY OBSERVED**

The Eureka Civic and Social club observed their Founders day celebration with a luncheon held at the Lincoln Home Economics cottage. The cottage was adorned with beautiful Spring flowers. Upon arriving the guests were greeted by Mrs. M. O. Livingston and Mrs. Walter Moorehead.

Afterwards all guests were seated in the dining area. Each table was entered with beautiful bouquets and a souvenir booklet of the club's activity was placed for each guest.

Mrs. E. P. Shannon, former president had charge of the Founders' Day ceremonies which were very beautiful and impressive. Six beautiful white candles in silver holders, arranged in a circle, were lighted and the history and growth of the organization was told.

The candles were lighted by one of the club's former presidents and present president.

In black with lavender corsages. The guests for the evening were the Federated Clubs of Forrest City and Madison.

**THE NACIREMA CLUB**

The Nacirema club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mason, in Marion. Spring flowers were placed at various places in the living and dining rooms. The meeting was called to order by the president, J. B. Clark and a regular business session was held. Afterwards informal games of bridge were played while other members enjoyed the social hour.

A delicious repast was served, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark.

**CHARITY WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Christian Charity Women's club met at the lovely home of Mrs. James Westfield. Meeting was called to order by the president. The devotion was given by the devotional leader. A regular business meeting was held.

The two members were welcomed into the club.

During the social hour the social committee had charge of the various activities. The hostess served a delicious repast. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Dovie Maefield. Mrs. Idella Partee, president.

**GUILD CLUB**

The Thelma Burke Child and their sponsors met at the home of Mrs. L. D. Barnett. The meeting was presided over by the vice president of the regular business, then the young girls entered into their social hour in which many games were played.

The hostess served a delicious chicken salad plate with all the trimmings.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Cooley, in April where Gladys and Virginia Cooley will be serving as hostesses.

Forrest citizens who attended the Christian Workers' Council in Little Rock were: Rev. H. S. Coleman, Mrs. A. P. Suggs, M. O. Livingston and M. C. Jeffers.

The Lincoln High school Home Economics department presented last Friday, their annual Fashion show, under the direction of Mrs. E. P. Shannon and Miss McCall.

One-hundred and twenty girls modeled the latest trends in fashion which were made by the girls.

Several vocal numbers were also rendered by Elnoretta Ford, Ernestine Mosely and Robert Wise. An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

**EVANS SCHOOL**

The Evans elementary school presented their Fourth Annual Spelling Contest with the 14 elementary schools participating. Music was furnished by the Evans choir under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Wynn. Serving as judges were: Mrs. W. L. Purifoy, Thomas Jefferson and Hoover Williams.

The pronouncer was Mrs. Roy Scott. Others appearing on the program were Rev. Sherman Jones and Miss Geraldine Williams.

First and second place were won by the West Side elementary school of Helena, second place, Briceys elementary school; and fourth place was won by the AMP Strong school.

Miss of ceremony was Mrs. Iola Hunter. Overton Wilson is the principal.

Frank Joplin is still a patient at the Forrest Memorial hospital where he is recovering from a broken leg.

Mrs. Nathan Bonds of Chicago, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Ezzie Lee Jackson.

The Rev. R. J. Christmas is visiting with his daughter in Memphis.

**WEDDING**

In a nuptial ceremony Tuesday night, March 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burgess of 119 Mississippi st., Ruby Varnell Burgess became the bride of Delko Boyland.

Officiating was Rev. Herman Lebewen.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from the Army, has gone to California where he will be joined by his wife shortly.

Mrs. Boyland, graduate of Lincoln High school is the receptionist for Dr. J. E. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Frank Shaw, Jr., of 346 Happy Fellow.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 5, 6 p. m. at the home of the bride.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from the Army, has gone to California where he will be joined by his wife shortly.

Mrs. Boyland, graduate of Lincoln High school is the receptionist for Dr. J. E. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Frank Shaw, Jr., of 346 Happy Fellow.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 5, 6 p. m. at the home of the bride.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from the Army, has gone to California where he will be joined by his wife shortly.

Mrs. Boyland, graduate of Lincoln High school is the receptionist for Dr. J. E. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Frank Shaw, Jr., of 346 Happy Fellow.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 5, 6 p. m. at the home of the bride.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from the Army, has gone to California where he will be joined by his wife shortly.

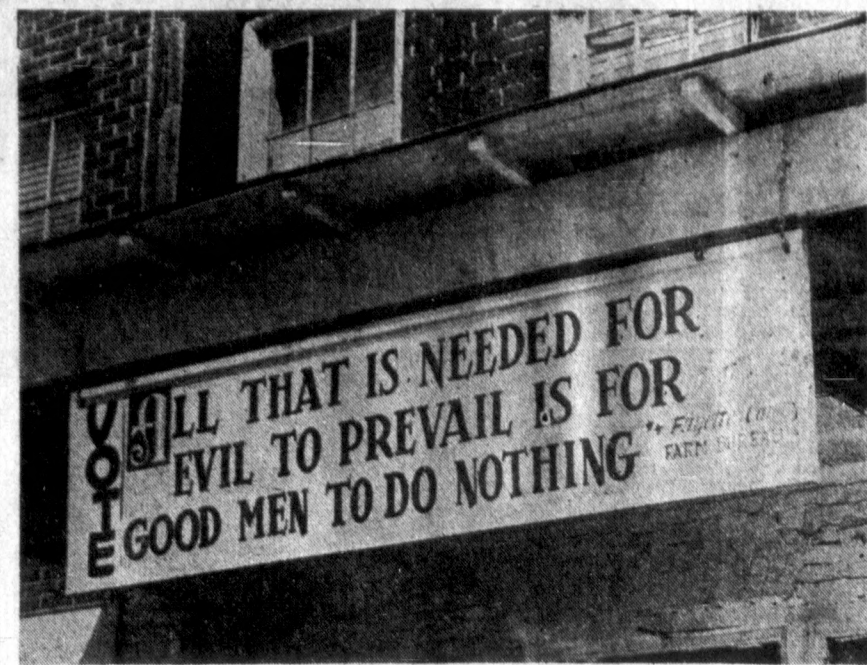
Mrs. Boyland, graduate of Lincoln High school is the receptionist for Dr. J. E. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Frank Shaw, Jr., of 346 Happy Fellow.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 5, 6 p. m. at the home of the bride.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from the Army, has gone to California where he will be joined by his wife shortly.

Mrs. Boyland, graduate of Lincoln High school is the receptionist for Dr. J. E. Burke.



**SIGN OF IRONY** — This sign hanging from the roof of a store across the street from Fayette county courthouse seems out of place in tension-gripped Somerville.

scene of the trial of the Rev. Burton Dodson. Negro News-men were threatened and intimidated as they sought to carry out their assignments to cover the murder trial. In October of 1958, the first Negro since reconstruction days managed to get his name on the voter registration book of Fayette county. (Tri-State Defender Photo by Pulley)

October of 1958, the first Negro since reconstruction days managed to get his name on the voter registration book of Fayette county. (Tri-State Defender Photo by Pulley)

## In Spring A Young Racketeer's Fancy Turns To Swindles-Beware

This is "happy hunting season" for Spring racketeers and it looks like James Ernest Scott, 31, has fired the first shots.

At least seven Negro women in Memphis were taken in by Scott's gimmick and handed over a total of \$95.85 for "taxes" on sewing machines which he told them they had won for answering a simple test question.

The victims forked over the cash and waited for delivery of the sewing machines. They never arrived and Scott is being held in Jackson where he was arrested Saturday night.

According to George Morse, general manager of Better Business Bureau of Memphis, "there are probably lots of other women who got caught in this swindle."

We'd like to know who they are."

Mr. Morse told the Tri-State Defender that these "hit and run operators" will be flooding Memphis now that Spring is here.

"Home owners traditionally fix up and clean up in the Spring," he said. "The home improvements swindlers know this and move right in with their glib talk and their high pressure tactics. The home owner has really got to be on his guard."

What are the swindles that are likely to crop up?

Here's how Mr. Morse describes the racketeers:

1. Home improvement "repairmen" who knock on your door and offer to make any kind of repair that is obviously going begging. They will offer to repair your roof or your chimney or anything else. The glib talking hustlers won't quote a price until "after we take a look at the job."

They "take a look" and make the "repairs" and hand you a bill for a ridiculous amount. You protest — but pay and when it rains again, you learn to your horror that the roof is still leaking.

**GARDEN SUPPLIES**

2. Garden supply salesmen who sell all kinds of gardening equipment and seeds at "bargain" rates and who are miles away by the time you learn that the seeds will never grow and the equipment is decidedly inferior.

3. Termite exterminators who promise to get rid of these pesky insects, collect your money and literally tear up your woodwork. In no time at all they're gone and the termites are still there.

4. First mortgage loan racketeers, described by Mr. Morse as the "most vicious of all." These "note shavers" work in cooperation with home improvement salesmen and often pose as building owner into signing a blank contract for a repair job.

But the "contract" turns out to be a note and the hapless home owner learns that he has put his signature on a first mortgage paper.

He discovers also that the payments have been jacked up so high that it is only a matter of time before fore-closure.

**'BLACK DIRT'**

5. The humus salesman who will knock on your door and offer fine, black dirt for your lawn at a reasonable rate per basket. You OK the deal and when the hustler is through, he tells you he has spread 100 baskets and you owe him \$75. You protest and he threatens either you or your property so you come up with the money.

You've been taken. The fine, black dirt is nothing more than swamp mud or some chemical waste which will damage your lawn.

6. Itinerant repairmen who will offer to fix your lawn mower or air conditioner or any other device. This is the best way in the world to give away your valuables. These men will offer to take your equipment to their "shop" for repair and you will never see them again. Your lawn mower or air conditioner either.

**HERE'S PROTECTION**

How do you protect yourself from these vicious racketeers?

Mr. Morse suggests two simple remedies. "First, negotiate only with businessmen and firms you know are reputable," he advises.

"Secondly, do not sign any kind of contract until you have read it and are certain that you thoroughly understand it. Never sign a blank contract."

The Better Business Bureau, Mr. Morse said, is set up to protect the citizens of Memphis. A phone call to the BBB will establish whether or not a business deal is legitimate. The Bureau's services are free of charge.

"When you are in doubt, call us then," Mr. Morse said. "Don't wait until you have made a deal and begin to have doubts. The time to call us is before you make any kind of agreement. And remember, not all strangers are crooks, but most crooks are strangers."

**IRON REPAIRS**

TOASTERS LAMPS  
HEATERS  
VACUUM CLEANERS  
RADIO - PERCOLATORS

ALSO—  
THROW-AWAY BAGS FOR  
ALL TYPE CLEANERS

**Johnston**  
APPLIANCES, INC.

760 Union - JA 7-2631  
2263 Park Ave. - FA 3-8507  
Open Nights Free Parking

**CAN YOU USE MORE CASH?**  
**CITY FINANCE**  
GROUND FLOOR  
STERICK BUILDING  
"WHERE FOLKS LIKE YOU GET PREFERRED SERVICE"

**URBAN RENEWAL CONTRACTORS**  
Remodel! Repair! Repaint!  
Add Rooms!  
(We Arrange the Financing)  
CALL  
**H & W PROJECTS**  
BR. 6-5872 - BR. 6-4375  
"We handle the complete job"

**ARREST BOY**

Mrs. Brown stated that the police department and Juvenile Court had difficulty in deciding who should handle the matter after the boy was finally arrested, and as yet she does not know what disposition was made of the case.

Mr. Taylor said that after he found out the name of one of the boys involved, he notified the police on the next day about the incident. He said that he was told that there was actually no charge that could be placed against the youth.

Since the incident, Mrs. Brown said that the boys have appeared on the grounds of Booker T. Washington high school and made threats against the girls.

"Just the other day I was driving my daughter to school, and as we turned the corner at Lauderdale and Wicks a boy told my daughter, I am going to get you," Mrs. Brown said. "It was one of those boys who does not attend school but just hangs around on corners."

Mrs. Brown said that her daughter is afraid to walk the streets in the neighborhood for fear she might be molested again.

"I don't want to get the boys in trouble, but I think that they should be made aware that they cannot go around picking on people who are not bothering them."

"If there were more police in the area, perhaps the boys who loiter would go somewhere else. Putting your arm around a girl's neck seems a very serious thing to me," she said.

## Estes Wins Applause Handling Murder Case

SOMMERVILLE, Tenn. — "Dep-uty Slain, Minister Flees." This headline captured the attention of James F. Estes, a pre-law student at Lane college in Jackson 19 years ago.

Little did the student realize that he would someday serve as counsel for the defendant in the very same case. But the undreamed-of event came about last week when Atty. James F. Estes of Memphis gained the grudging admiration of his opponents who had the odds in their favor: no Negro tried for killing a white man in Fayette county has ever been acquitted.

A huge crowd of both Negroes and whites packed the court every day when word got around that a Negro lawyer was appearing in the case of Rev. Burton Dodson on trial for the first degree murder of Deputy Sheriff O. B. Burrows.

According to residents, it was the first time in the history of the county that a Negro lawyer has argued any case in the Fayette county.

During his cross examination of prospective jurors, Attorney Estes asked all if they had objections to Negroes registering and voting, and only one replied that he had such objections.

One elderly man asked a reporter if the attorney was from Washington, D. C. When told that Attorney Estes was a native of Tennessee, he was astonished and said: "Just think of that. Boys from Tennessee can go places too."

## New Officers Take Seats In Hilldale Club

Installation services were held recently in the Whitehaven community at the New Nonconform MB church for the Hilldale Community club officers. The new leaders were installed by N. J. Ford.

Officers installed were: Rev. R. L. Jones, pastor of the church and new president; T. J. Williams, vice president; Mrs. Hathaway Redden, secretary; Mrs. Elazar Williams, assistant secretary; Emmett Geeter, treasurer; N. T. Green, assistant manager; Mrs. Mary Bell Williams, silver offering treasurer; and Fred Williams, Mansers Alexander and Emmett Geeter, banking committee.

On the program also were Prof. O. B. Johnson, organizer of the club, Prof. C. L. Mosley, master of ceremonies and guest speaker Charles F. Williams.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. R. L. Jones, Mrs. Willie B. Whitefield and Mrs. Arthell Williams.

**ALUMINUM USE**

Under present methods of manufacturing, about 15 to 20 percent of the total weight of an automobile is aluminum.

**EYEGLASS WEARERS**

Two of three American adults wear eyeglasses.

The Tri-State Defender Regrets The Errors In The Ad For Williams Shade And Awning Company Last Week. We Invite Your Attention To This Company's Ad On Page 11 Of This Week's Issue.



**ARCHIE L. CLARK**, left, ship fitter third class, USN, son of Mrs. Anne Clark of 1435 Menager ave., is congratulated by Cdr. D. A. Dertien, his commanding officer, after reenlisting while serving aboard the internal combustion repair ship USS Luxon operating in the Far East. Before entering the Navy in 1955, Clark attended Hamilton high school.

**Aluminum Combination Storm, Screen Doors**

**LIMITED TIME ONLY**

Full 1" Insulated Regularly \$69.50

**SPECIAL \$49.50** Installation Free

"Open All Day Saturday"

**BUILDERS**

ORNAMENTAL IRON WORKS

878 Chelsea JA 5-4771



**HOMEOWNERS' FRIEND** — member of the sales force of the Builders' Ornamental Iron Works for the past year is Charles Iles, sr., of 1416 Starr st. When winter approached Mr. Iles was on hand to take orders for storm doors, but now that Spring is almost here he is prepared to offer such home improvements as awnings, screen doors and patios. All year round he sells carports and steel stairways. Contact him at firm's office located at 878 Chelsea St.

**NEXT WEEK IN**  
**The TRI-STATE DEFENDER**  
**WHAT BICKFORD PARK URBAN RENEWAL REALLY MEANS**

**QUALITY PAINTS**  
GUARANTEED NOT TO Blister, Peel or Mildew!  
You Should Try  
**H. A. CARROLL & CO.**  
Herbert Streuli Walter Streuli  
334 Gayoso At Wellington JA 3-1626  
And 1263 Hollywood Near Chelsea



# Church Notes

by HATTIE HOUSE

## CUMMINGS BAPTISTS

Highlighting the Annual Women's Day celebration at the Cummings Street Baptist church, Sunday, will be a much-anticipated address by Dr. Clara Brawner, a well-known physician and worker in civic and religious areas of our city. She serves as a service-president of the Bluff City Medical Society, a member of the board of directors of the Pre-School Association of Memphis, a director of the Jesse Maham Center and is head of the department of pediatrics at Collins Chapel hospital. Dr. Brawner is a member of the Gospel Temple Baptist church.

Around the popular speaker, the ladies have planned quite an enjoyable program. It will begin at 3 p. m. with a social hour following in the Fellowship hall.

The officers chosen to steer activities of the observation are Mrs. L. D. Bufford, general leader, Mrs. Mildred Townsley, co-leader, Mrs. Eddie B. Nelson, secretary and Mrs. Idella Phillips, assistant secretary. Members of the various committees are Mrs. Cathryn R. Johnson, Miss M. Christine Townsley, Mrs. Helen L. Houston, Mrs. Savannah Reed, Mrs. Rosia B. Temple, Mrs. Lucile Moore, Mrs. F. L. Henderson, Mrs. Dora Tatum, and Mrs. Annie Jackson.

Others are Mrs. Jennie Davis, Mrs. L. C. Wilton, Mrs. Minnie Withers, Mrs. Edith Tuggle, Mrs. Bernice Miller, Mrs. Frances McDonald, Mrs. Edna Harris, Mrs. Bulah Robinson, Mrs. Mary L. Jones, Mrs. Almeda Brewer, Mrs. Carrie Ellis, Mrs. Mary Self and Mrs. Viola Branch.

Still more are Mrs. Ophelia Grandberry, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, Mrs. Ruthie M. Hall, Mrs. Maud Craton, Mrs. Ida Wyman, Mrs. Ethel Griffin, Mrs. Essie Mae Trice, Mrs. Gertrude Turner, Mrs. Pardee Moore, Mrs. Bertha Ballot, Mrs. L. Dyes, Mrs. Artie G. Nelson, Mrs. Lorine Brown, Mrs. Idella Lartigue, Mrs. Lucy Morton, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. Daisie Hewitt, Mrs. Kary Worrell, Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Mrs. Essie Mae Tice, Mrs. Annie M. Brewer, Mrs. Ruthie Mae Burse and Mrs. A. Nelson.

Rev. J. L. Varnado is the minister.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Christian Service club will hold its Annual Club day program Sunday, April 19, at the Hyde Park New Light Baptist church. The sanctuary is located at 725 S. Hernandez st. One of the groups to render music for the occasion will be the Christian Women chorus.

Mrs. Bettie Dotson is the president. The reporter is Mrs. Ethel Webb.

## MT. OLIVE CATHEDRAL CME

Spotlighting services a Mt. Olive Cathedral, Sunday, will be a musical at 3 p. m. The U. A. Johnson Memorial choir will present it.

**THE Pulpit SPEAKS**  
REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests and said unto them, 'What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?' and they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."

Matt. 26:14,15

Each Easter season and each time I read this particular portion of the scriptures, one big question stands before me, "WHAT IS THE PRICE OF YOUR JESUS?"

worth only 30 pieces of silver. A money-minded man placed his value at only 30 pieces of silver.

Now 2,000 years removed one wonders what is the value placed upon Jesus. During these years the cause of Christ has been bought with blood, sweat and tears. Men have died in the arenas, on crosses, been stoned to death and at the hands of brutal mobs. All of this for the cause of Christianity. The whole cause of the Christian movement has been one of blood and suffering. Men in all walks of life have sacrificed themselves to make all types of sacrifices that the cause might not die. The same thing that has helped the cause to remain alive so far is still present with us today.

The whole cause of Christ has been undimmed by all that has happened through the years. In spite of all the criticism heaped upon it Christianity still stands out as the sole agency for the real benefit of mankind. When evaluated in terms of all the other agencies that have been beneficial to mankind the Christian cause is far ahead of all of these. Many of us would like to think in terms of what education, economics, social standing, and the like have meant to mankind but all of these fall into the area of insignificance when placed beside what religion and Christ has meant to men.

Christ has given solace when all others have failed. Christ has given joy when joy could not be found elsewhere. Christ has given hope when all other doors of hope have been closed. Christ has stepped into the lives of people when all other agencies have failed and made of them new people. The

along with some of the city's outstanding artists. Mrs. Bernice Stroud William is the directress. Plans are underway at the house of worship for Annual Women's day during the month of June. Mrs. Sarah Brown is general chairman. Rev. H. C. Bunton is the minister.

## MT. VERNON BAPTIST

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Male chorus has in store for its audience, Sunday, at 3 p. m., an unforgettable program. Rev. Charles B. Burge of the New Hope Baptist church will deliver the principal address. Furnishing the music will be the New Hope Male chorus, and the New Hope Ensemble.

The public is invited to share the Day with the Mt. Vernon Baptist church of 547 Mississippi blvd.

## NEW TYLER ABE

The New Tyler ABE members are busily making preparations for their forth-coming Men's Day, Sunday, April 26. Rev. Phillip E. Brooks of Featherstone C. M. E. church will deliver the main address at 3 p. m. A panel discussion on "Who is Most Important in Church, Men or Women?" will be another feature of the day.

One of the activities leading up to the celebration will be a soul-stirring sermon by Rev. C. Cherry of First Baptist Birmingham. He will speak on Sunday, April 19, at 3 p. m.

Mark May 17 on your calendar for an exceptional presentation by the Rust College a cappella choir. Tickets may be purchased from any auxiliary of the church.

Rev. Robert McRae is the pastor.

## TRINITY CME

The Kindergarten of Trinity C. M. E. church presented a program culminating its Miniature Wedding contest, Sunday, at the church.

At 8 p. m., the membership and friends listened to an interesting panel discussion on "Integration in the Southland." Miss Betty Shannon, a Manassas High school student, was moderator.

Sunday, a Post-Easter Fashion Revue will be held at the church. Rev. J. Blade and Miss Maggie McDowell are the superintendents. Miss Gloriadean Hentzel is the chairman.

Final plans are being laid for the start of revival at the house of reverence at the end of the month.

Rev. P. Gonyea Hentzel is the pastor.

## Cause Traffic Jam

COLLINSVILLE, Calif. — UPI — Thousands of San Francisco Bay area residents caused a traffic jam here Sunday while visiting California's newest tourist attraction—this town, which floods each time the Sacramento River has high tide.

**THE Pulpit SPEAKS**  
REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE

history of the cause of Christ has been a history noted for its making of men. No other agency has equaled the cause of Christianity in its benefits to mankind.

The cause of Christ moving into the hearts of mankind has been the mother of great churches, great schools and great men. The agencies have all made contributions and noble contributions to man. What then is the indebtedness of man to Christ for all the benefits we now enjoy?

Years ago the old Psalmist asked, "What then shall I render unto God for all of His goodness to me? The same question arises today. 'How much does Jesus really mean to each of us?' What then is your price tag on Jesus? I wonder that as we look at our daily benefits can we say in terms of pieces of silver exactly how much Jesus means to us. We are all fully aware of the fact that when we make a real evaluation of what Jesus actually means to us we can not stop and think in terms of dollars and cents.

The same men of our day and generation rise up in the words of the great hymn and says in "He's All and All to Me." In the same token of thinking the more brilliant one's mind the greater value he places upon Jesus. In the final analysis to one who really appreciates all that Jesus has done and continues to do for him day by day we are not prone to want to sell him for such a small amount as Judas did. Thirty pieces of silver will never bring about any consideration for us as we try to arrive at a real value of Jesus.

The real value of Jesus becomes more and more meaningful to each of us when we sit down and count our countless blessings we receive day by day and year by year. As these blessings become more and more pronounced our appreciation of Jesus constantly goes up. The whole thing ends up in the fact that the more meaningful Jesus becomes to us the greater value we place upon Him. The only people who do not think in terms of high cost of Jesus are those who are too weak to realize His godness to them.

## Morehouse Glee Club Sets Concert

Wendell Whalum, a native Memphian, will again direct the famed Morehouse college glee club when the group appears at the Metropolitan Baptist church, Walker and McDowell st., Friday, April 17, at 8 p. m.

Mr. Whalum is a Morehouse graduate and received his Master's degree in music from Columbia university. He has done recent study at the University of Iowa and is an accomplished organist.

The Glee Club consists of 40 male voices with quartets and soloists, and the accompaniment of piano and organ. The repertoire ranges from the complicated works of Bach to the rhythmic harmonies of the Negro spirituals.

The group will also render a variety of folk, calypso and contemporary works which display expressively the versatility of the performers who command the attention of music lovers wherever they appear.

The Rebecca club women of Metropolitan are sponsors of the concert.

## Community All White Again; Negro Ousted

WILMINGTON, Del. — George Rayfield, first Negro to move into the Collins park area has decided to call it quits after saying that the decline of his garbage disposal business was the reason for his proposed moving.

The 40-year-old Rayfield and his family had been steadily harassed by outbursts of racial demonstrations since moving into the 400 home suburban development last Feb. 23. However, the business boycott by his white customers was the clincher.

Mr. Rayfield is a laborer in the DuPont plant at Deepwater, N. J. and said his main source of income was from a garbage removal business he runs in his free time.

## Polio Season Near; Many Without Shots

The Memphis - Shelby county chapter of the National Foundation was disappointed last week at what they considered "apathy and indifference" on the part of the unprotected public. Insurance against polio was offered, but there were comparatively few takers.

During a four - day period, only 1,122 persons availed themselves of the opportunity to get the Salk vaccine shots at seven centers. On March 30 there were 87 to receive vaccine at Douglass high school; on March 31, 76 at Collierville elementary and 92 at Mt. Pisgah high schools; on April 1, there were 399 at Porter Junior high and 160 at Alonzo Locke elementary schools.

Clinics will be held this week at Manassas high school at 781 Firestone ave. and Shadowlawn at 4734 Shadowlawn in Ellendale on Thursday evening, April 9, from 7 until 9:30 p. m. and on Friday evening, April 10, during the same hours at the Neshoba elementary school at 7772 Poplar pike, Germantown.

Only those persons who can afford to will be required to pay the one dollar fee per shot.

All doctors, nurses and volunteers are giving many hours of their time in an effort to stamp out polio.

## Lawyer To Speak At Fort Valley

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — Atty. William M. Matthews of Atlanta will address the Fort Valley State college student body under the auspices of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity Wednesday, April 22 at Noon. Nathaniel H. Lee, president of the college's Phi Beta Sigma fraternity chapter, announces.

Atty. Matthews, speaking upon the fraternity's observance of "Bigger and Better Business Week," will address the Fort Valley State college convocation from the theme, "Negro Business and Economic Solidarity."



ANN KIRK

## This Lass Practices Religion Each Day

By HATTIE HOUSE

Since she was five... she grew... and as the years fled her spiritual life flourished into worthwhile responsibilities and character - building opportunities. Now, 12 years later as she stands on the threshold of adulthood she has an unshakable belief. "The church is meeting the needs of the young people."

The basis of this "faith in the strives of the church" lies in the youth program set up at Emmanuel Episcopal church of 425 Cynthis pl., where the amiable Miss Ann Kirk is a member.

There, her everyday activities are a part of the church's interest. In past years, the attractive lass hurried to the Youth Center in the parish house after school on Thursdays where she socialized with friends while learning different art crafts and games under the close supervision of the director. Now that she is of another age-group, Miss Kirk meets her pals every other Wednesday after Lent at the canteen in the center. They play cards, dance, munch popcorn and delight in a refreshing "wash down" by ice cold soft drinks.

Then there's the cookie sale. The youths get together either at their homes or church and "whip up a batch" of cookies to finance their various projects. The cookies are sold after services on Sundays. As the modest Miss spoke of this endeavor, she seemed to be reliving many happy hours spent during that worthy and wholesome activity.

On the other aspects of the church work, Miss Kirk speaks just as enthusiastically. She is reporter of the junior choir and a member of the Young People Fellowship. She has taught Sunday school and helped with the Vacation Bible school.

Ann's interests in religious work is not lacking in scope, either. For it has led her to two conferences in Mt. Eagle, Tenn. as a representative of her church.

Her recent election to the Young People Service League of the Episcopal churches of Memphis as secretary is but another tribute to the youth's splendid development into a well - rounded personality. Here, Miss Kirk says "I get understanding of how to work with all peoples. We are knee deep in plans that will afford all Episcopalians of Tennessee a chance to see St. Mary Cathedral of 682 Poplar ave. here.

Miss Kirk is a senior at Booker T. Washington high school where she could easily win the title of Miss Secretary in the school's popularity contest. She is secretary of the Glee club, assistant secretary of the senior class and secretary of her home room. She is a representative to the school's Beautiful Committee, also.

Upon graduation... the dewey-eyed damsel plans to enter Tennessee State university and pursue a course in dress designing. Her chosen vocation is an outgrowth of one of her three hobbies, sewing. The other two are singing and swimming.

Miss Kirk is well - liked in

## Tri-City NEWS

DYER  
RUTHERFORD  
TRENTON

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

Emphasis can certainly be placed upon religion in the news this week. Sunday being Easter, the parade was everything that could naturally be expected. Spending the day with hubby in hospital, your scribe missed the main events but all reports are perfect. Mrs. Carrie Harris made her annual presentation of youth and children on parade with about 75 children appearing on program at the Dyer CME church.

Fairview Baptist church held open house Sunrise Services with all denominations in the city participating. Breakfast was served in the annex after services. Sunday school closed with their Easter program and many of the community's children made their appearance.

The Holy day was celebrated in most of the surrounding churches with services being held at various hours during the day. Three in the afternoon was the hour for Hullum's Temple in Rutherford and at Martin Tabernacle CME in Trenton and 6:30 p. m. was the hour at the First Baptist in Trenton.

The C. P. church in Rutherford had Easter Echo this Sunday, April 5.

The Local Board of Christian Education of the Dyer CME church was host to Area I this week in a very timely Workshop featuring the subjects of Worship, Evangelism and Christian Stewardship. Churches included in the area were: Martin Tabernacle, Trenton Circuit, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Rutherford and Dyer C. M. E. churches. The interest was of such that many persons from other denominations attended and made very fine contributions to the success of the meetings.

The Rev. C. D. McKelvy, presiding elder of the Brownsville district was ex-officio of the Workshop with other members of the District Board, headed by the Rev. T. M. Smith of Dyersburg, assisting.

The Rev. William Smith, episcopal director of Christian Education of the First Episcopal District was the chief resource person of the sessions. Dyer feels proud to know that we had the presence of such a fine person to work with us and others in the area feel that they, too, received a blessing by having listened to him.

Some of the workers include Prof. E. L. Wynne, Prof. Daniel Davis, Prof. Nathaniel Penn, Mrs. Farrah Ivie, Mrs. Lucy Overall, Mrs. Carrie Harris, Mrs. H. De-

Lois Skinner Jordan, Mrs. O. P. Pratt, Mrs. Marjorie Ellis, Mrs. V. O'Daniel and Mrs. Imogene Burnette.

Others were Mrs. Juanita Smith, Mr. Hollis Wynn, Rev. W. C. Rogers, the Dyer CME choir, Miss Rebecca Phillips, Miss Mamie Mitchell, Rev. A. J. Buckley and many, many more who offered contributions in various ways. Mrs. Elizabeth Holland had charge of the Book display. The West Tennessee Annual Conference Missionary president, Mrs. Pearl Sims, graced us with her presence and contributed much to the meeting.

Other prominent visitors were Mrs. Exie McCauley and Mrs. L. M. Ewell of Union City, Mrs. T. M. Smith and Miss Clark of Dyersburg, Mrs. A. J. Bucidey and Mrs. Smith of Paris, Miss Ethel Seals, District co-director of Youth Work, Rev. N. C. Trent of Martin, Rev. C. W. Ward of Jones and Johnson, Rev. W. D. Meriwether of Milan circuit. Members of any of the participating churches were not listed as visitors.

The Local Board, aside from those mentioned, included Mrs. A. Jamison, director, Mrs. Erma Wynne, Messrs. Eddie Ball, J. D. Overall, Samuel Phillips and our newest addition Mrs. Carrie Ball. All of us wish to thank you for the very fine cooperation given us. Week's total attendance - approximately 157.

## FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Doaks, sr., was the setting of an Easter week end family reunion and homecoming dinner. Among the many that attended the affair we spied a Milwaukee contingent, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Doaks, jr., and their son; Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Tripplett and children, and Mrs. Lela Sharp and her two children.

This group completed the immediate family. In conjunction with this group of Milwaukeeans were Misses Mary and Eve Moore, Messrs. L. C. (Pete) and Charlie Moore, sisters and brothers of Mrs. George H. Doaks and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hardin and family, brother and sister of Mr. Doaks. The grandchildren and the nephews and nieces were given a thrill with an Easter Egg hunt in the afternoon.

## IN AND OUT

Messrs. Floyd Wyatt, Jr., and James Nolan of Indianapolis, Ind., were home for the Easter week end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wyatt, Mrs. Wyatt being a hospital patient. Mr. Wyatt,

jr., carried his two sons home to live with him. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starr of Sharon visited friends and relatives in Rutherford last week end.

M-Sgt. Lewis Ellis of Fort Campbell, Ky., was home last week to install his family. Mrs. Ellis and daughter Sheila into their beautiful new home off Church st. in Rutherford. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Agnew of Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Agnew and two nieces of Nashville visited their parents, Mr. Mrs. Zeke Agnew.

Mrs. Dorothy Duncan and two children, and Miss Marjorie Howard of St. Louis, Mo., were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell, sr., welcomed their son, Mr. Robert Howell, jr., of Joliet, Ill., home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murrell and family, Mr. Sherman Moore and Miss Clara Moore motored to Hickman, Ky., to see Mrs. Imogene Busby of Indianapolis, Ind., who was home visiting with her husband's relatives there. Mr. Otha Pitts of Joliet and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carthell of Chicago motored home for the week end to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Biggs and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Chicago were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnett of Detroit, Mich., spent the week end in Trenton visiting relatives and friends. Messrs. Robert Williams, Perry C. Williams and Herbert Holoman, Mesdames Bertha Barham, Jeannette Blake and Rachel Williams motored to Chicago to visit with Mrs. Martha Holoman.

Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Smith and Miss Jimmie Thompson were in Dyersburg this week to visit Mr. Smith's father, who is ill.

Mrs. Lincoln O'Daniel has been a regular visitor to Dyer during the lengthy illness of his mother, Mrs. Cordelia O'Daniel. Mr. O'Daniel resides at Jackson and teaches in Paris, Mrs. Wallace McDaniel has moved in the home with her sister, Mrs. Alener Douglas in Oak st., Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Overall and sister Mrs. Flossie Dickey of St. Louis, Mo., are here for the weekend visiting relatives and friends.

We are all happy to see Henry Reed home from Kennedy General hospital in Memphis where he underwent two operations. Mrs. Clara West spent Easter holidays in Memphis with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey West. Many local citizens attended the funeral of the late Prof. H. McVay of Milan, who passed away last week in Jackson-Madison County hospital.

Prof. McVay was well known through the state for his work both in the fields of religion and education. He was a teacher in the Carroll Co. system.

**YOU CAN'T GET AROUND IT**

**QUALITY STAMP COMPANY, INC.**  
**STAMPS**

**QUALITY STAMPS ARE THE GREATEST FOR THOSE ESSENTIAL "EXTRAS" AND ALSO FOR GIFTS**

**BRING US COUPON NO. 4 THAT YOU RECEIVED IN THE MAIL. COUPON NO. 4 SHOULD BE REDEEMED THIS WEEK FOR 100 VALUABLE QUALITY STAMPS.**

**Good Salads Love**

**SPEAS Pure Apple Cider VINEGAR**

Tangy! Mellow! Full-Bodied! Golden-Rich! AT STORES EVERYWHERE

**Big Star**  
CASH FOOD STORES

**SAVE 2 WAYS**  
**LOW PRICES PLUS QUALITY STAMPS**



# Interracial Films Cut Boxoffice Capers



HARRY BELAFONTE and Joan Fontaine, appear romantically (in a fashion) in a scene from the picture "Island in the Sun." Both Belafonte and Fontaine carry on in interracial romances in "Island."



JUANITA MOORE who plays a mother in "Imitation of Life" caresses Lana Turner who seems more disturbed over Juanita's plight at being scorned by her octoroon daughter, played by Susan Kohner, than Miss Moore does.



DOROTHY DANDRIDGE in one of the rare scenes in an interracial film fights off advances of Stuart Whitman who attempts to caress her.

## Let's Hope 'Porgy'N Bess' Plan Does Not 'Backfire'

Taking pages from the books of Mike Todd's (Around The World in 80 Days); Cecil DeMille ("Ten Commandments") and the various Cineramas Sam Goldwyn is slating \$3.75 ticket scale for "Porgy N Bess."

## 'Imitation Of Life,' 'The Defiant Ones' Still Going Strong

By HILDA SEE

Whatever television is doing to movie theatres is something for Hollywood to worry about but there is a ray of hope for those in Hollywood who have backed interracial films to the hilt.

In every instance where films with mixed casts have hit the scene the boxoffices have clicked from premiere in the major theatres to reruns in neighborhood houses.

Strangely enough the "mixed" films have done far better boxoffice wise, than the top all-Sepia releases. Of this latter group, "St. Louis Blues" one of the most highly publicized because of the numerous top names in the cast proved to be the weakest. Fact that its cast included such artists as Nat King Cole, Pearl Bailey, Eartha Kitt, Mahalia Jackson, Cab Calloway and others meant very little at the boxoffices it would seem.

The other all-Sepia production, "Anna Lucasta" likewise failed to create the attention producers figured it would. This one with Sammy Davis, Jr., Eartha Kitt and Rex Ingram casted loomed "name national" when it was released. However it did just fair in Chicago's loop and, on Broadway, it raised no particular "cain" on Chicago's southside or New York's Harlem.

On the other hand the mixed films including "The Defiant Ones" with Sidney Poitier, Tony Curtis and Clara Williams to name three, have done very well. The film having played Broadway, Chicago's loop and the Hollywood strip is still going great in neighborhood theatres.

And based on "early returns" it is quite evident that "Imitation of Life" will enjoy the same type of boxoffice victory. The picture's several weeks run at Roosevelt theatre in Chicago's loop has been near phenomenal. And the same may be said of its stay on the Broadway and Hollywood strip stems.

Another interracial pic rated as top boxoffice is "Night of Quarter Moon," starring Julie London, John Drew Barrymore and Nat King Cole and featuring James "Home of the Brave" Edwards. Theatre chains were bidding for this one long before it was released. The same can be said of several other films with mixed casts.

However, there figures to be an exception in the all-Sepia "Porgy N Bess" soon to be released on Broadway at the unprecedented ticket scale of \$3.75 top. From all advances information received so far this will be a socker at boxoffice and along booking row.

Incidentally what goes for "Porgy N Bess" is the item that made "Oklahoma" such an attraction—music and singing of the stars. Sam Goldwyn's adaptation of the music score in "Porgy N Bess" is one of the most remarkable spotlights that has ever been accorded a George Gershwin score. The music alone stands to make "Porgy N Bess" a film long to be remembered. This figure to carry it along at a pace denied other all-Sepia films. Then belatedly there is the soon to be released Harry Belafonte starrer "The World, Flesh and the Devil" a most unique film. It is the first to be attempted with a Sepia male cast opposite a non-Sepia female star.

Not exactly a gamble, some say, but most unique for an all-Sepia cast picture. In fact only few pictures have been able to enter the Broadway pic scene under such taxation at box office. "Around the World" and "South Pacific" both taxed customers \$3.50 for duets while "The 10 Commandments" take at door was a slightly lower \$3.30.

Current plan calls for pic to be shown once a day at 8:30 p.m. with matinees Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. This price range is set for Warner theatre where pic is due to open late in June. However it is rumored that Sam Goldwyn seeks two other houses to make a three-way opening spectacular of "Porgy's" arrival on the big stem.

Reason some critics are calling the \$3.50 ticket plan a gamble is unique. They feel that should picture fail to draw as well as Goldwyn thinks it will at this scale the quick switch to lower prices would be in form of a backfire.

Such critics and pessimists make it plain that they are not predicting the film will not draw as expected but rather thinking of the situation factually. "There is no guarantee that any picture will draw as expected," they point out. However, as anyone who knows Sam Goldwyn will tell you the producer himself is the least worried of anyone over chances the film might now prove success he hopes it will.

The film was completed at a cost of \$7,000,000 and Sam Goldwyn would hardly have chanced such a staggering sum on a picture he wasn't certain would be a hit. Mike Todd made the gamble and won and so did Cecil B. DeMille. So taking a chance on the family jewels would not be too big a risk if you choose to wager on "Porgy N Bess" making the grade and in a big way.

## Kingfish Wins \$200 Contest

The Kingfish wins \$200 in a dog food contest, on CBS Radio's "Amos 'n' Andy Music Hall" Thursday, April 9 at 7:05-7:30 p.m., EST. The dog food people ask him to pose for an advertising campaign and, much to his surprise, he has his picture taken with a very pretty girl instead of a Great Dane.

## so they say

By AL MONROE

WHATEVER SAMMY DAVIS, Jr., may have said about Frank Sinatra one must feel THE POPULAR "Mr. Wonderful" did not intend the remarks the way they were taken, by the listening public (his radio audience) or Frankie himself if charges accredited to the Sinatra are his. THEN TOO WHATEVER else one can say must be summed up in the remark "Davis is very sorry for having said anything at all on the broadcast that mentioned Sinatra. — AS TO THE Jerry Lewis side of the fairpup why not just let it go as "the cracks of a comedian?"

LISTENING TO Jerry Lewis, as we did at the Chez Paree one wonders if he's sincere in some of the things he says about "long hair singers" AND THE PRIZE-FIGHTERS turned stage. ONLY SUCH WELL known gents in the latter group we know are Sugar Ray Robinson and Rocky Graziano. WONDER IF Jerry was referring to them when making his cracks about such singers and artists? HARLEM CATS are saying Joe Louis took on not only a wife but a golfing partner by remote control. JUST what is meant your guess is as good as ours. ONLY THING WE know about golf it is an expensive habit.

BILLY DANIELS who knew his wife was in Lebanon Hospital awaiting arrival of baby did not learn until eight hours after child's birth that girl had "arrived." PHONE TROUBLES handicapped hospital in reaching Billy who was in Europe at time of baby's birth. — WITH THIS AR-

RIVAL Daniels is now in class of Eddie Cantor as dad with the mostest (children). WITH SIDNEY POITIER unable to witness "Oscar Awards" Monday it meant that only two sepians, Johnny Mathis and Sammy Davis, Jr., were present at the 31st annual awards ceremonies. "T WAS SECOND STRAIGHT for Mathis who sang one of the nominated songs last year.

SARAH VAUGHAN's is top name in show appearing at local Regal theatre April 10 to 16th. TWO OF TOP supporting artists are Redd Foxx and James Moody LIONEL HAMPTON and Buck Clayton, slated for spots on Benny Goodman telecast Friday were both members of Benny's well remembered sextet at one time or another. —ELLA FITZGERALD who also on the show was not with Benny but is his selection for the show's top vocal spotlighting. THE SHAPELY ONE who has night club patrons whistling after night at Roberts Penhouse is Jean Vegas, wife of show's star, Redd Foxx, if you wolves wish to know. THE "PREACHING" stunt Bill Kenny had in his night club act has been dropped and all for the better.—GUY WITH VOICE like Bill's needs no gimmick to make his performance a standout. DOROTHY DANDRIDGE plans to be abroad only two months but the decision is her own. SHE HAS BEEN offered a television show covering 10 weeks should she decide to stay over there and accept.—SHE WON'T. There is a little matter of a wedding June 30 back here in states you know.

## Old Time Sepia Pictures Rated Fair Boxoffices

The current flood of sepia pictures may well be termed silver clouds after the storm as well as improvements over the oldies.

Back in the twenties a number of all sepia pictures were released but mostly for houses that catered to Negro trade. Most of them were produced by independent setups, leading one of which was the Oscar Micheaux "studios." Then there were the films that were produced by independents who were able to rent studios along the Hollywood strip. Players like Ralph Cooper, Lena Horne and a few other Harlem greats were featured in the latter pictures. Micheaux, on the other hand "made" his stars by picking up cafe people and anyone else who were interested in working for his price.

The late Micheaux produced more "finds" than anyone ever connected with film making. It is a matter of record that he selected the night club at Chicago's Grand hotel where he lived during his visit to the Windy City and cast her as star of one of his movies.

Of course Hollywood occasionally came up with an all-Negro film that appeared in some major theatres on Broadway and in Chicago's loop. One such film was "Hallelujah" starring Nina Mae McKinney and Daniel Haynes. King Vidor went into Harlem cafe circles for talent for this one. It enjoyed a fair run, mostly in all Negro houses.

Later Hollywood came up to two modern editions that proved fair attractions. They were "Cabin in the Sky" and "Stormy Weather." Such greats of the theatre and night club circuits as Lena Horne, Ethel Waters, The Nicholas Brothers, the Berry Brothers, Cab Calloway, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, to name a few carried the major roles in "Cabin" and "Stormy Weather." Incidentally, all the above Hollywood shots followed "Hearts in Dixie," starring Clarence Muse which was perhaps the first all-Negro movie to come out of Hollywood bidding for places in the larger theatres' sun.

## Belafonte's New Wrinkle Almost Solves 'Problem'

Harry Belafonte, who like Sidney Poitier, has often said he'd like seeing Hollywood present Sepians as individuals and not as Negro artists playing Sepia roles will have his wish soon.

In fact he has already seen one such production in which he both stars and shares in the production end in the release of "The World, Flesh and the Devil" in which he appears opposite Mel Ferrer and "Sugar" Stevens. This one is due to hit the screen soon. A few months later a second Belafonte starrer (now being made) will hit the nation's screens under the title of "Odds Against Tomorrow." This

one will have Gloria Grahame cast opposite the calypso and folk singing king.

This is not the first such film effort involving interracial romance Belafonte has starred in. It is however, the most frank, of any he's done in the past. In "Island in the Sun," made abroad Harry appeared as a sort of admirer or one admired with Joan Fontaine. In each instance (picture) Harry was the sought after who found reasons to hold back for racial reasons. There, is of course, some interracial romance in all three pictures. No kissing or embracing but suggestive mo-

vements that allows one to read between the lines and think what is meant by the "alleged" contact between Harry and the females. All in all Harry's romancing in the films have been more a matter of "gradual entry." Maybe the next film will show actually romancing between the races. When that comes wonder what will be the score, boxoffice wise? Well just have to wait and see. Hollywood "Brass" is determined not to rush the issue. However, one thing must be said for Belafonte. He has come up with interracial picture that marquee names of stars without bias.

## Unique Rules Stymie Picture 'Imitation Of Life' In Spots

"Imitation of Life," the picture starring Lana Turner and featuring the talents of Sandra Dee, Juanita Moore and many others is doing okay at boxoffices but trouble is facing it from other angles, many of them minor of course.

As expected newspapers in Dixie are refusing to carry the advertisement sent out showing the picture interracial. That was to be expected. However the picture is being shown in these same parts of the nation, Mississippi and a few others excepted.

However even in Pittsburgh, one paper, the "Press" has asked that lines like "The Color Line Won't Stop Me, Ma. I look, I feel and think White. And I am going to pass for White," be dropped from the advertising. In other cities this particular line is okay. However its original ending read "And I am going to marry White" which was nixed from the ads.

Such objections were expected from certain quarters, especially in Dixie. For sections of the south where the segregation issue is highly controversial. Universal has a different advertising campaign. The U

representative said that this policy has been adopted for purely commercial reasons and not to avoid any conflict on the segregation

problem. It has been found, he declared, that white southerners avoid films that are advertised as dealing with the race problem.

## Sonny Rollins Moves Up Ladder With Tunes

Sonny Rollins, the award-winning tenor saxophonist and jazz composer, has become affiliated with Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) as a writer, licensing the public performance of his compositions through that organization.

One of the most influential of contemporary jazz soloists, he was born Theodore Walter Rollins in New York City on September 7, 1929. His early musical training was on piano, beginning at the age of nine. In 1946, after he had played the alto sax in high school and attended the New York School of Music, he switched to the tenor saxophone, an instrument he continues to play with increasing in-

ventiveness and distinction. Rollins has performed with many large and small jazz combinations, and is currently leading his own small group. Recorded examples of his playing and compositions are available on Blue Note, Contemporary, Mercury, MGM, Prestige and Riverside records.

Among Sonny Rollins' compositions, all licensed by BMI, are "Airegin," "St. Thomas," "Blue 7," "Way Out West," "Doo," "Movin' Out," "Strode Rode," "Valse Hot," "Tenor Madness," and his extended work "Freedom Suite," recently recorded on Riverside.



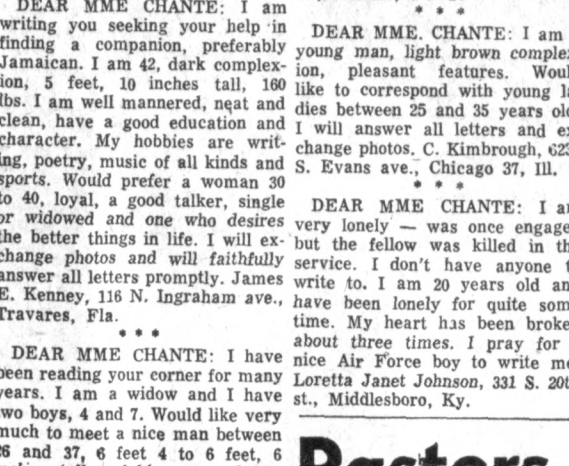
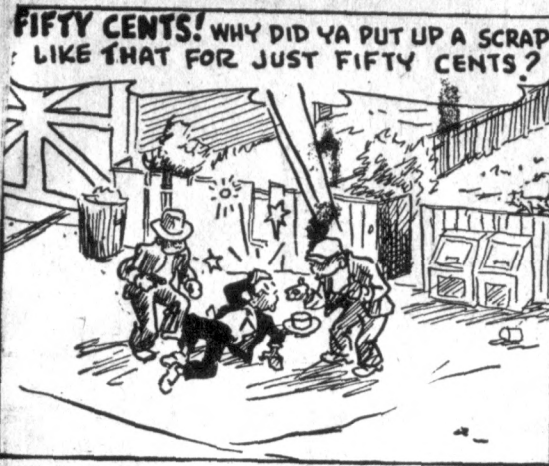
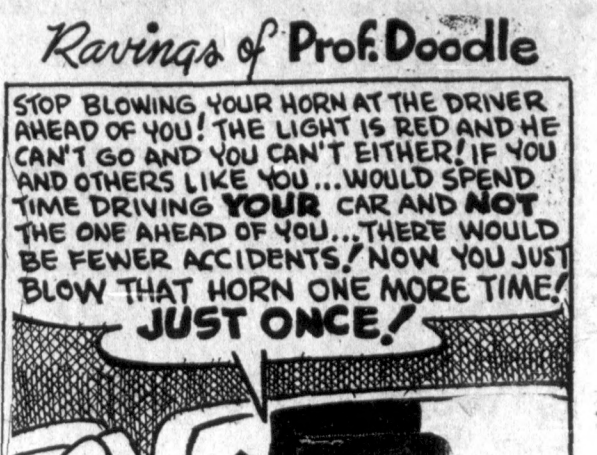
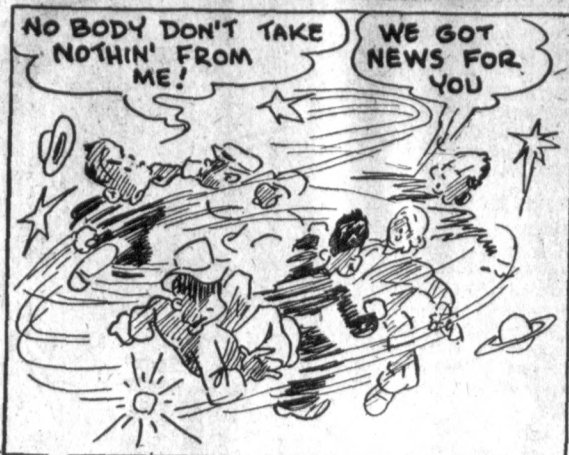
NAT KING COLE, Ray Anthony and Louis Armstrong are shown chatting on set at MGM studios during break in shooting of "Night Of The Quarter Moon." Julie London is the female star in this flicker.



SUSAN KOHNER, right, who plays the octoroon daughter of Juanita Moore in "Imitation Of Life" hears from "Sandra Dee," daughter of Lana Turner the facts of life. Facts about accepting racial barriers and not trying to escape by "passing."



# Exclusive features



## Mrs. Thelma T. Gorham Gets \$5000 Fund Grant

### To Be Used For Study At Stanford

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — Fellowships totaling approximately \$100,000 have been awarded by The Fund for Adult Education to 18 individuals associated with mass communications for study and training to broaden and liberalize their knowledge and increase their skills.



MRS. GORHAM

C. Scott Fletcher, president of the Fund, made public the names of 14 men and 4 women who received grants. One of the four women is Mrs. Thelma Thurston Gorham, a language arts teacher and free lance writer of Oklahoma City.

Employed in the secondary school system by the Oklahoma City Board of Education, Mrs. Gorham has been granted a year's leave of absence to do advanced study in the School of Communications Research at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif.

A former assistant professor of Journalism at Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. Gorham will do special study at Stanford in the area of Human Relations in Communications. Taken for a graduate credit, the work will apply toward her doctorate. The grant is for \$5,000.

Mrs. Gorham and the other 17 Fund Fellows were chosen from hundreds of candidates throughout the United States by a National Selection Committee, whose Chairman was Ralph E. McGill, editor of The Atlanta Constitution. Other members of the selection were:

John Fisher, editor-in-chief, Harpers Magazine; Richard B. Hull, director of radio and TV, Ohio State university; Sig Mickelson, vice president, news and public affairs, Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.; and Perry Miller, professor of American Literature, Harvard university.

The daughter of Mrs. Bertha Lee, Kansas City, Kansas, and Frank Thurston, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Gorham is a product of the Kansas City, Kansas Area, residing in Berkeley. With her husband, Richard G. Gorham, from Northeast Junior High School, she operated Gorham Enterprises, a photography, public relations and publicity agency in Hamtramck, Mich., and Northern High School, Detroit.

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Mrs. Gorham served as editor-in-chief of The Ivy Leaf, the sorority's national publication from 1946 to 1949.

Professionally, Mrs. Gorham has had a wide experience. Prior to accepting a position with the Oklahoma City Public Schools, she was executive editor of the militant Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City Negro weekly. Before coming to Oklahoma City she was managing editor of The Oklahoma

Services Bulletin and The Apache Sentinel official publications of the Armed Forces Special Services Division Service Command Unit 1922. She also served as publicity assistant to the Post Public Relations Officer at Fort Huachuca.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE Prior to World War II, Mrs. Gorham was assistant director of public relations and part-time instructor of Journalism at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. She went to Hampton from Kansas City, where she was a bureau news editor and reporter and feature writer on The Call.



GARY CHRISTIAN OF Decatur, Ga., was stricken with polio six months before the Salk vaccine was announced.

GARY CHRISTIAN OF Decatur, Ga., was stricken with polio six months before the Salk vaccine was announced.

### Set Aside Week For Exceptional Children

Mayor Daley has proclaimed the week May 10-16 as "Exceptional Children's Week" in Chicago.

The purpose of this week is to give Chicagoans a better understanding of the capacities and potentialities of exceptional children when given specialized education.

### Pastors Form Firm To Fight Housing Bias

PRINCETON, N. J. — In an open occupancy housing development in this locality, was formed. The Rev. Straghan L. Gettier, who with the Revs. Anderson and Bodo, was among the first members of the housing group, emphasizes that its success was due in large measure to the fact that it transcended denominational boundaries, and from the very earliest stages, involved lay people in crucial roles.

### Now'e The Time For Polio Shot

The fact that 98 million Americans still have not taken advantage of the Salk anti-polio vaccine was termed a national disgrace by Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation for the Blind, in a statement released on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the licensing of the vaccine.

### Chicago Services Set For Victims of Ghetto

Jacob Pat, of New York, national executive director of the Jewish Labor Committee will be one of the featured speakers at the 16th Anniversary Yskor (Memorial) Service in observance of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and extermination of six million Jews, at 8 p. m., Sunday, April 19, in the George Bernard Shaw room of Hotel Sherman.

### Set Aside Week For Exceptional Children

Mayor Daley has proclaimed the week May 10-16 as "Exceptional Children's Week" in Chicago.

### Now'e The Time For Polio Shot

The fact that 98 million Americans still have not taken advantage of the Salk anti-polio vaccine was termed a national disgrace by Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation for the Blind, in a statement released on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the licensing of the vaccine.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 24 who would like very much to meet a nice young lady. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., light brown complexion, black hair, black eyes and considered to be nice looking. I am a college graduate, and I now work in the post office. Would like to meet a young lady between 21 and 23, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing between 125 and 130 lbs. I would like for her to live in Chicago. Will answer all letters. Billy Vernon, 8641 S. Wabash, Chicago 19, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have been reading the Lovelorn corner for some time and see how you have helped others. I hope you can help me. I am a man of 42, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 140 lbs., brown skin, sandy hair. I have a good job, own my own home and car. I would like to meet a nice woman between 22 and 35 and marry soon. Van Tony, 1242 Dakota st., Flint, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am 36, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 lbs., light brown complexion. I am all alone and very lonely. I would like to meet a young lady between 22 and 35 — race or color doesn't matter. Would like her to be between 110 and 145 lbs. Looks don't matter, but would like her to have a nice figure. She may have one or two children. I have a good job — all I need is a good woman. Please send photo in first letter. I will do the same. If serious, please write. M. Underwood, 826

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a widow 39, very lonely for true friendship and a companion. I hope you can help me. I am looking for a man between 37 and 50 who likes dances, sports and movies. I am 5 feet, 3 inches tall, 170 lbs. and have no children. Those not sincere need not write. Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3215 W. Fillmore st., Chicago 24, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am writing you seeking your help in finding a companion, preferably Jamaican. I am 42, dark complexion, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 160 lbs. I am well mannered, neat and clean, have a good education and character. My hobbies are writing, poetry, music of all kinds and sports. Would prefer a woman 30 to 40, loyal, a good talker, single or widowed and one who desires the better things in life. I will exchange photos and will faithfully answer all letters promptly. James E. Kenney, 116 N. Ingraham ave., Travares, Fla.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I would like to hear from deaf mute girls between 25 and 45. Many deaf mutes feel people do not want to be bothered with them since they are handicapped. I am deaf, 39, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, 145 lbs., single, brown eyes, black hair, brown complexion. David L. Bunion, 1360 Glendale ave., Detroit 38, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 24 who would like very much to meet a nice young lady. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., light brown complexion, black hair, black eyes and considered to be nice looking. I am a college graduate, and I now work in the post office. Would like to meet a young lady between 21 and 23, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing between 125 and 130 lbs. I would like for her to live in Chicago. Will answer all letters. Billy Vernon, 8641 S. Wabash, Chicago 19, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have been reading the Lovelorn corner for some time and see how you have helped others. I hope you can help me. I am a man of 42, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 140 lbs., brown skin, sandy hair. I have a good job, own my own home and car. I would like to meet a nice woman between 22 and 35 and marry soon. Van Tony, 1242 Dakota st., Flint, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am 36, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 lbs., light brown complexion. I am all alone and very lonely. I would like to meet a young lady between 22 and 35 — race or color doesn't matter. Would like her to be between 110 and 145 lbs. Looks don't matter, but would like her to have a nice figure. She may have one or two children. I have a good job — all I need is a good woman. Please send photo in first letter. I will do the same. If serious, please write. M. Underwood, 826

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a widow 39, very lonely for true friendship and a companion. I hope you can help me. I am looking for a man between 37 and 50 who likes dances, sports and movies. I am 5 feet, 3 inches tall, 170 lbs. and have no children. Those not sincere need not write. Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3215 W. Fillmore st., Chicago 24, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 24 who would like very much to meet a nice young lady. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., light brown complexion, black hair, black eyes and considered to be nice looking. I am a college graduate, and I now work in the post office. Would like to meet a young lady between 21 and 23, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing between 125 and 130 lbs. I would like for her to live in Chicago. Will answer all letters. Billy Vernon, 8641 S. Wabash, Chicago 19, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have been reading the Lovelorn corner for some time and see how you have helped others. I hope you can help me. I am a man of 42, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 140 lbs., brown skin, sandy hair. I have a good job, own my own home and car. I would like to meet a nice woman between 22 and 35 and marry soon. Van Tony, 1242 Dakota st., Flint, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am 36, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 lbs., light brown complexion. I am all alone and very lonely. I would like to meet a young lady between 22 and 35 — race or color doesn't matter. Would like her to be between 110 and 145 lbs. Looks don't matter, but would like her to have a nice figure. She may have one or two children. I have a good job — all I need is a good woman. Please send photo in first letter. I will do the same. If serious, please write. M. Underwood, 826

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a widow 39, very lonely for true friendship and a companion. I hope you can help me. I am looking for a man between 37 and 50 who likes dances, sports and movies. I am 5 feet, 3 inches tall, 170 lbs. and have no children. Those not sincere need not write. Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3215 W. Fillmore st., Chicago 24, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am writing you seeking your help in finding a companion, preferably Jamaican. I am 42, dark complexion, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 160 lbs. I am well mannered, neat and clean, have a good education and character. My hobbies are writing, poetry, music of all kinds and sports. Would prefer a woman 30 to 40, loyal, a good talker, single or widowed and one who desires the better things in life. I will exchange photos and will faithfully answer all letters promptly. James E. Kenney, 116 N. Ingraham ave., Travares, Fla.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 24 who would like very much to meet a nice young lady. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., light brown complexion, black hair, black eyes and considered to be nice looking. I am a college graduate, and I now work in the post office. Would like to meet a young lady between 21 and 23, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing between 125 and 130 lbs. I would like for her to live in Chicago. Will answer all letters. Billy Vernon, 8641 S. Wabash, Chicago 19, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have been reading the Lovelorn corner for some time and see how you have helped others. I hope you can help me. I am a man of 42, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 140 lbs., brown skin, sandy hair. I have a good job, own my own home and car. I would like to meet a nice woman between 22 and 35 and marry soon. Van Tony, 1242 Dakota st., Flint, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am 36, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 lbs., light brown complexion. I am all alone and very lonely. I would like to meet a young lady between 22 and 35 — race or color doesn't matter. Would like her to be between 110 and 145 lbs. Looks don't matter, but would like her to have a nice figure. She may have one or two children. I have a good job — all I need is a good woman. Please send photo in first letter. I will do the same. If serious, please write. M. Underwood, 826

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a widow 39, very lonely for true friendship and a companion. I hope you can help me. I am looking for a man between 37 and 50 who likes dances, sports and movies. I am 5 feet, 3 inches tall, 170 lbs. and have no children. Those not sincere need not write. Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3215 W. Fillmore st., Chicago 24, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am writing you seeking your help in finding a companion, preferably Jamaican. I am 42, dark complexion, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 160 lbs. I am well mannered, neat and clean, have a good education and character. My hobbies are writing, poetry, music of all kinds and sports. Would prefer a woman 30 to 40, loyal, a good talker, single or widowed and one who desires the better things in life. I will exchange photos and will faithfully answer all letters promptly. James E. Kenney, 116 N. Ingraham ave., Travares, Fla.

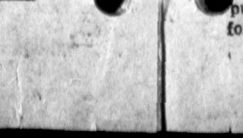
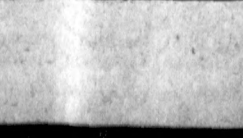
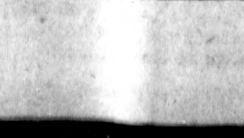
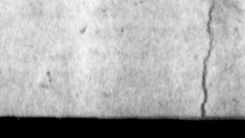
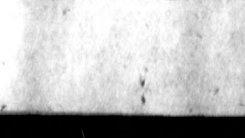
DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a young man of 24 who would like very much to meet a nice young lady. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., light brown complexion, black hair, black eyes and considered to be nice looking. I am a college graduate, and I now work in the post office. Would like to meet a young lady between 21 and 23, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing between 125 and 130 lbs. I would like for her to live in Chicago. Will answer all letters. Billy Vernon, 8641 S. Wabash, Chicago 19, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I have been reading the Lovelorn corner for some time and see how you have helped others. I hope you can help me. I am a man of 42, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 140 lbs., brown skin, sandy hair. I have a good job, own my own home and car. I would like to meet a nice woman between 22 and 35 and marry soon. Van Tony, 1242 Dakota st., Flint, Mich.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am 36, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 lbs., light brown complexion. I am all alone and very lonely. I would like to meet a young lady between 22 and 35 — race or color doesn't matter. Would like her to be between 110 and 145 lbs. Looks don't matter, but would like her to have a nice figure. She may have one or two children. I have a good job — all I need is a good woman. Please send photo in first letter. I will do the same. If serious, please write. M. Underwood, 826

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am a widow 39, very lonely for true friendship and a companion. I hope you can help me. I am looking for a man between 37 and 50 who likes dances, sports and movies. I am 5 feet, 3 inches tall, 170 lbs. and have no children. Those not sincere need not write. Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3215 W. Fillmore st., Chicago 24, Ill.

DEAR MME CHANTE: I am writing you seeking your help in finding a companion, preferably Jamaican. I am 42, dark complexion, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 160 lbs. I am well mannered, neat and clean, have a good education and character. My hobbies are writing, poetry, music of all kinds and sports. Would prefer a woman 30 to 40, loyal, a good talker, single or widowed and one who desires the better things in life. I will exchange photos and will faithfully answer all letters promptly. James E. Kenney, 116 N. Ingraham ave., Travares, Fla.





A.B.C.

Tri-State Defender

A.B.C.

"The South's Independent Weekly"

Home Office, 236 South Wellington — Phone JA 6-8397

JOHN H. SENGSTACKE, Publisher

L. F. PALMER, JR., Editor and General Manager

ARETTA J. POLK, Circulation Manager

Subscription rate: One year, \$6; six months, \$3.50. (2-year special Subscription rate \$10)

The Tri-State Defender Does Not Take Responsibility for unsolicited Manuscripts or Photos.

Published Every Thursday by the Tri-State Defender Publishing Co. Entered on Second

Class Matter at the Memphis Post Office March 20, 1952, Under Act of March 2, 1879.

SERVING 1,000,000 NEGROES IN THE TRI-STATE AREA

## Our Opinion

### The Word Is Pronounced Nee-grow

Language has a way of tripping us up sometime. Proper pronunciation of words can be troublesome and often a lifetime is spent without a reasonable mastery of the art of speech. At this writing, we are not concerned with overall problems of this phase of the communications process. Rather, we will consider a single word in the English language—Negro.

It is amazing to learn that so many people in Memphis do not know how to pronounce the word "Negro." It is equally as appalling to discover that these people have not bothered to utilize the dictionary at their elbows to discover the proper accent and emphasis. To save them the trouble, we have made the trip to the dictionary for them and print herewith the accepted pronunciation. The word has two syllables and the emphasis is on the first. Thus, the first syllable is "nee" and is pronounced with the long "e" as in need. The second syllable is "grow" and is pronounced with the long "o" as in grow.

When the syllables are joined we get, "Nee-grow," with the emphasis on the "nee."

Through no stretch of the imagination can this word be properly pronounced "Nigra."

### The World Looks At Africa

All eyes are on Africa today — and they are not all sympathetic eyes either. There is growing in some circles a strong undercurrent of disparagement. Increasing pressure is being brought to bear on Great Britain by unfriendly economists and investment speculators, to withdraw or cancel financial and technical commitments from free Africa, whether it be Ghana or the soon-to-be-independent Nigeria. Such a step, it is thought, would serve as a check upon the liberation movement which is agitating the whole of Africa.

But Africa's cry for freedom will not be restrained by economic embargo or prohibition of any kind. The hour has struck for a political revolution unlike anything in human history. Though some of the emergent political entities may have to struggle hard for their existence, they have the ability, temperament and the will to suffer for freedom.

It is this determination which aggravates the colonial powers. The white world has gone mad over the fact that political events have forced it to relinquish its hold over the black man's land. White folk are just now admitting that Africa is not the dark continent that they thought it was. They have suddenly discovered that black Africa has a deep consciousness of oneness and independence which has its historical parallel in Western civilization.

Free people of Africa represent but one-third of the total population of that continent. One hundred and forty million natives await to see the dawn of freedom. Nor is it a question solely of political freedom. In certain parts of Africa the most inhuman regime of purely racial discrimination is being perpetrated under the guise of so-called democratic government.

The native leaders are trying to mobilize world conscience and public opinion with a view to eliminating the injustices of this inhuman practice. The only sure way to eliminate such injustices is by removing of logic or by physical means, if need be.

### Speech Prof. Reveals Facts On Stuttering

No child need stutter!

That is the contention of Wendell Johnson, Ph. D., professor of speech pathology and psychology at the University of Iowa.

Although, according to Dr. Johnson, much of the "folk thinking" and many of the ancient theories about stuttering still persist, each new laboratory and clinical study indicates that this age-old speech problem is destined to be erased.

"Much has been done in recent years to increase our knowledge and understanding of the problem of stuttering. Research is continuing and the future becomes ever brighter with each passing month," the noted speech authority, himself a former stutterer, says in his new booklet "Toward Understanding Stuttering" just published by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Written especially for parents, listeners as well.

The 40-page publication is both revealing study of more than 25 years of extensive and intensive research in stuttering problems and a guide to help parents make the wonder of speech a source of strength, joy and wisdom for their child.

The basic facts and findings he presents may be believed, "with good fortune . . . all but eliminate" the problems of stuttering.

"We speak of the 'stutter' as years to increase our knowledge and understanding of the problem of stuttering. Research is continuing and the future becomes ever brighter with each passing month," the noted speech authority, himself a former stutterer, says in his new booklet "Toward Understanding Stuttering" just published by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Written especially for parents, listeners as well.

gra." Yet, as we move about in Memphis, we constantly hear this variation on the pronunciation of the word. And it makes us mad. We can come up with only two reasons why this speech distortion takes place—prejudice and/or ignorance. After a vigorous campaign reduced to a reasonable minimum the use of the hated expression, "nigger," this "Nigra" business picked up speed. It's heard in polite company consistently and most of us know that it's a cross between "nigger" and "Negro." Pure, unadulterated prejudice keeps many persons from granting the Negro the dignity he deserves. But business and professional reasons often rule out the use of the vile "nigger." The answer: "Nigra."

We have also concluded that some persons who use this perverted pronunciation are simply ignorant of the proper usage. Having heard it all their lives, it has become the accepted pronunciation to them. Numerous well known and well educated persons have expressed amazement when they learned that Negroes resent this hybrid slap in the face. We insist upon being properly identified. The word is Negro. And it's pronounced "Nee-grow."

those who perpetrate them. To-date the most forceful spokesman for African nationalism is Sekou Toure, President of the young Republic of Guinea. Youthful (37), very dark, with deep-set brooding eyes and a striking presence, President Toure is one of the major personalities to be reckoned with in the great upsurge which is underway.

African leaders are as one in their objectives. They want independence and unity. They are leading a revolution in the name of all, unjustly enslaved and frustrated by centuries of colonialization which have subjugated the black man, altered his cultural pattern, destroyed in many instances his possibilities of development, used his wealth, taken his land, his power and dominated his thoughts.

It is evident that Africa will have to evolve revolutionary principles that are best suited to her conditions and experience. Such principles may be radical, but not necessarily Marxist. First of all there is no class problem. There exists one and same class — that of the dispossessed.

It is unthinkable that Africa should seek inspiration in either the socialist or capitalist system to solve her problems. Though her enemies are trying to push her in the Communist camp, she will not sell her soul either to the right or to the left.

The form of union matters little at this moment. What does matter is to create workable conditions for this unity. Independence is the forerunner of unity, President Toure declared. African unity has no inspiration to draw from the present parceling out into zones of French, British, Portuguese or Belgian influence.

Africa, in Toure's conception, will have to be recreated in its true dimensions. All the frontiers imposed by colonialization will have to disappear. Though there are yet obstacles in her path, she has the determination needed to remove them by the force of logic or by physical means, if need be.

"When the speaker is a young child his most important listeners, by far, are his parents. And they should be in no hurry to judge the child's speech by adult standards. It's important that the child like to talk than it is that he speak fluently, or with correct grammar, or distinct articulation of sounds and proper pronunciation of words. These are refinements about which the wise parent will be patient and, as refinements, they will be very likely to develop if only the child is encouraged to talk and to find in speech deep satisfactions and pleasures and substantial rewards."

"Toward Understanding Stuttering" is the third in the parents series published by the National Society, popularly known as the Easter Seal Society. Copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing the society at 2023 West Ogden ave., Chicago 12. Price is 25 cents each.

#### LIFE EXPECTANCY

Of all the boy babies born in the U. S. today, about 64 out of 100 will live to be 65 years old, according to mortality tables based on life expectancy rates.

## DARK Shadows

by NAT D. WILLIAMS

#### INTER-RACIAL CLIMATE

Here's hoping too many residents of Memphis and Shelby county didn't miss the significance of the conference held at Le Moyne college Saturday. It was a mighty important meeting so far as race relations in this town are concerned . . . mighty important.

It was important for two big reasons. First, the theme of the conference and the way it was broken down was significant. Second, the participants — informed, liberal-minded consultants from many sections of the South, and concerned and intelligent Memphis residents and Shelby countians.

The theme was "Improving the Climate of Opinion through Communication in Memphis and Shelby County." In the break-down, four areas of interest were discussed, namely, the Press, Educational Institutions, Cultural Activities, and Community Leadership.

Representatives of the Southern Regional Council, white and Negro persons who have studied and worked in the area of race relations long enough to speak with some authority about it, were on hand to give their views, listen to the views of local folk and join in the answering of questions pertinent to the local situation.

For instance, in discussing them it was readily agreed that one of the major problems involved in any kind of reasonable solution of racial difficulties in the South is the "freeze" in communications between the races. Court decisions, the apparently determined drive of the Negro to face up to his disabilities, the reaction of many folk who had hitherto given the matter little thought, all have led to a kind of drawing back on the part of a lot of Southerners of both races.

Where Negroes and whites on the same job could talk to each other and indulge in exchange of opinions on topics of the day while in close contact with each other, there has been a noticeable clamping up on both sides.

The whites claim the Negro has a chip on his shoulder. The Negro says whites are now openly showing the meanness that was already deeply imbedded on their insides.

The easy cordiality and informality that existed between the race on the street and in public places for buying and selling have turned to a coldly hostile withdrawal in too many instances. Both sides too often have the attitude of two small boys belligerently waiting for the other one to start something.

**DON'T WANT TROUBLE**  
And yet, basically neither one wants any trouble. Each one wishes to himself that some basis of understanding could be reached that would prevent the waste and time-consuming effects of dislike, openly shown . . . prejudice, openly flouted . . . distrust, frequently stated . . . and resignation to the worst . . . obviously expected. And all because of the cutting of the traditional lines of communication.

One of the traditional lines of communication is the press . . . the Gay Sisters or gospel singing Negro and white. In the past, justifiable criticism of the Negro and white press have been advanced. The Negro press has been called sensational, devotees of "yellow journalism," concerned only with matters of race, regardless of other news. The white press has been charged with bias and insouciance in the treatment of news affecting the Negro . . . playing up his crimes and playing down his virtues.

The emergence of the integration issue caused sharper lines of division to be drawn in the press in many instances. Yet, some white newspapers earned nation-wide

commendation for taking the high road on the issue . . . like the Arkansas Gazette. Here and there a Negro newspaper sought an objective position, as nearly as possible, and counseled its readers against being loyally-sided in their approach to solutions.

#### CONSIDER PRESS

The LeMoyne conference was designed to take into consideration that influence of the press in the Memphis and Shelby county race relations scene. The two major white and two leading Negro newspapers here were discussed, as to their editorial policy and treatment of the news pertaining to race.

One person who attended the conference observed that the papers on both sides have done some good and have done some wrong. The conference's objective was to discuss and suggest ways and means in which the press in Memphis and Shelby county could bring about more understanding and communication between the races here. And that's important.

As far as communications as a means of improving the climate of opinion in the area of educational institutions is concerned, the conference was approaching the sore spot on the body of current American opinion. One can't help but be convinced that the majority of Memphians and Shelby countians want the educational institutions to be the last place for efforts to improve the climate of interracial opinion.

#### TOUCHY SUBJECT

It's a touchy subject with them, despite all that's been taking place around them. Many local folk tend to shy away from looking that dreaded day in the face when something will have to be done about educational desegregation in Memphis. Some work on the climate of opinion on the matter would be timely, it seems.

As for the area of leadership, Memphis and Shelby county have been rather well blessed with a set of leaders, white and Negro, who obviously want to see the whole community make progress in living together.

In short, nobody among Memphis and Shelby County leaders seems to be spoiling for something drastic to happen. But, rather, there seems to be a leadership climate here that's ripe to do something to show the rest of the nation how to handle one of its most ticklish problems in a manner to insure a maximum of justice and a minimum of trouble. All these leaders need is a refurbished means of communication among themselves.

As for the area of cultural activities, one wonders if Memphis and Shelby County won't find this one of the easiest areas to get together? Could be . . . perse. Selah!

### Book Reviews

A reader's conducted tour

and national aspirations of Europe's satellite countries is provided in Nicholas Halasz' latest book, "In the Shadow of Russia" — Eastern Europe in the Postwar World, to be published April 20 by The Ronald Press Company (\$5).

Writing with economy and directness, Halasz reviews at the outset the historical factors that have long been shaping the separate destinies of the eastern European nations.

He then pictures for the general reader the collapse of the old order following liberation in 1945 and the major and often enging events that have marked the spread of Soviet dominance.

### SO WHAT?



"Since I'm spendin' Some Time Here . . . Who Winds The Clock?"



### LANGSTON HUGHES

Week By Week



#### Golden Anniversary of the NAACP

This year the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is celebrating its Golden anniversary, to culminate in its 50th Jubilee Convention in New York City in July. These have been 50 golden years, each one a stepping stone in the forward march of the Negro citizens of the United States.

Cementing each stone with an amazing record of concrete achievement has been the day to day, week to week, month to month, year to year work of the NAACP, which is, to my opinion, the greatest social service organization in America. Certainly no future history of the United States can be written without including in its pages the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Integration was a part of the NAACP from the very beginning. It has always been an interracial organization. Since its inception, Negroes and whites have worked side by side for greater democracy in our USA, and its broad as well as various of its officers have been for 50 years of both races.

White men and women from Oswald Garrison Villard to Eleanor Roosevelt have helped guide and strengthen the NAACP both morally and financially. White legal talent as well as Negro legal talent have drawn the briefs which

have led over the years to the other throughout the country. And the very first office I visited when I came to New York was that of the NAACP, to seek out the man whose words had meant so much to me in my youth, Dr. DuBois. At the NAACP office I met also the charming Jessie Fauset, then managing editor of THE CRISIS, Augustus Granville Dill, the magazine's efficient business administrator, and the scholarly president of the organization and one of its founders, Joel Spingarn.

Later it was my privilege to know Arthur Spingarn, James Weldon Johnson, Walter White, and Roy Wilkins, men who have guided the NAACP through all its trials and tribulations to where it is today — an organization of monumental importance in American life.

Not only has the NAACP been a vital force in the betterment of conditions for Negro citizens, but it has helped to wash and rewash the rather sooty face of American democracy and make that face cleaner and brighter and better to look upon for all its citizens.

For its Golden Anniversary, let us endow the NAACP's Fighting Fund For Freedom with a million dollars in gold or — since the gold is all at Fort Knox — its equivalent in checks or currency. Let us all contribute generously this year to America's own National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

### LOUIS MARTIN

Dope And Data



LONDON, England — When the big TWA Constellation touched ground at the London airport, Heath Row, on Saturday afternoon, I had completed my third Atlantic crossing by air. I breathed a sigh of gratitude.

The sun was shining and this caused happy comment among the British passengers who seem to cherish sunlight, a rare thing for London except in mid-summer. We were herded into a small bus by lady attendants in snappy blue uniforms and driven a few yards to the immigration offices. The ride was so short one wondered why we were not permitted to walk.

The customs officers were polite and seemed anxious to get rid of us. They did not open my bags and only asked me where I was going to stay and for how long. The whole procedure was quick and simple. Just before landing, we filled out a landing card and it seems that this card which has your passport number, nationality and your address in England is the key to the customs.

Alfred Toombs of Patrick Dolan Associates was waiting for me with a little car and driver. Shortly we took off for the central city and my hotel in the Mayfair district of the West End, the Westbury on New Bond Street. It is owned and operated by the Knott Hotel chain and, according to its advertisement, combines the best of American and British hotel customs.

On the drive in from the airport, I was more astonished by

the traffic system than by anything else. Although this was my first visit to London, I was prepared for the quaint houses and architecture by the pictures I have seen of English life. This left-handed traffic system, however, seemed utterly mad.

Everything was going the wrong way and moving at breakneck speed. It was frightening because the roads and streets are narrow and every mile or so we ran into a traffic circle with pedestrians scrambling all over the place and everything moving in the wrong direction. The fact that we escaped a crash at these narrow circles seemed miraculous.

I stopped in the hotel just long enough to wash my face and change shirts because we had an appointment to meet the London manager of United Press International who was going to Spain the next day for a few weeks vacation. The hotel room was small, but not too different from those at home. The clerks and attendants were courteous and looked very efficient and businesslike.

The offices of UPI are just off Fleet Street which is the famous newspaper row known to journalists around the world. As Toombs and I took seats in the office of the manager, he made a quick call on the telephone. Soon I walked Howard Gully of UPI whom I had known back in Chicago.

It was a big surprise for me and for the next hour we had a great time talking about affairs in

Chicago and the States. Gully had just returned from a photographic mission in Moscow and he had some fascinating stories to tell about the Russians. He asked about John Sengstacke and the fellows in the newspaper business back home and told me to give them his best.

Arrangements were made for me to learn something about TV news writing on the BBC since I am supposed to handle some of this work when the television service starts in Nigeria. The fact that television stations are being opened in Western Nigeria, the only ones in Africa, is a sensational development and the English are quite excited about it.

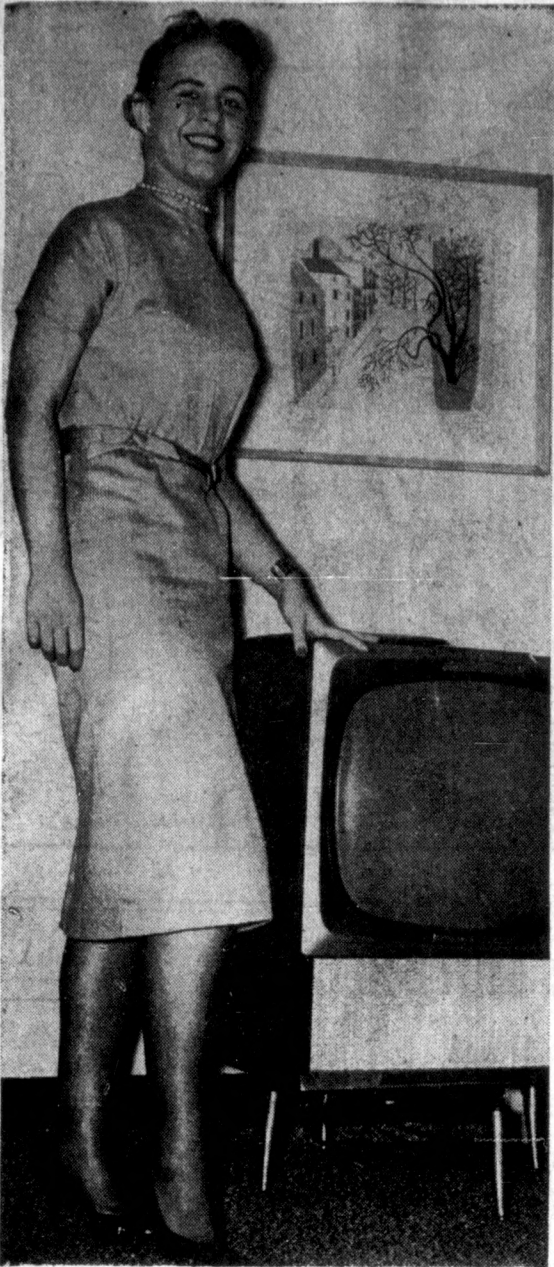
It is being interpreted as a masterful deal by Prime Minister Awolowo of Western Nigeria. He is campaigning to become top leader when federal elections are held in the three regions of Nigeria to pick a Federal head for the new state which becomes independent in 1960.

When I returned to the hotel and scanned the papers, I read that the night before we arrived there had been a brawl at a London hall over the African issue. It started when a member of the Nyassaland legislature began to speak about the strife in his country.

The colonial pot is boiling in East Africa and it seems the British are divided over what course to take. There will be plenty of excitement in the days ahead before this issue is resolved.



# Review of WORLD NEWS



IT DEPENDS UPON your point of view. If you like television, you might go for the new and modern set being displayed in photo above. If, however, you prefer pretty girls, meet Joan Koszyk, 19-year-old Chicagoan who would look good on anybody's TV screen. Defender staff photo



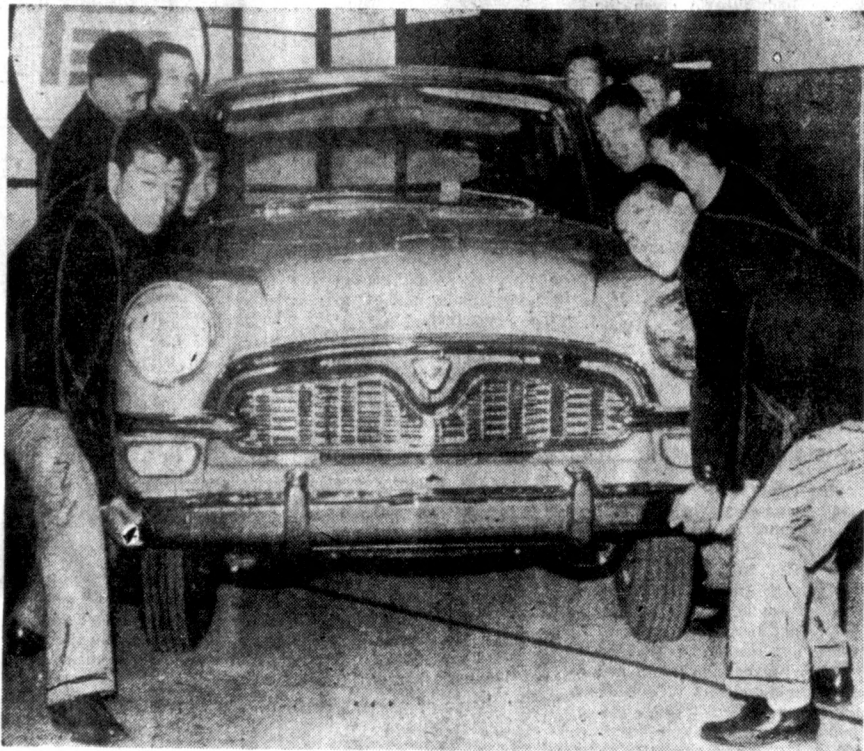
WAVING HIS CAP, Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek greets a crowd of more than 100,000 during youth day ceremonies in Taipei, Taiwan. Chiang pledged that Nationalist China would use every means to aid the Tibetans. UPI Telephoto



BEAMING HAPPILY as Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina NAACP, presents NAACP charter, are officers of the student chapter NAACP at Ben-

nett College, Greensboro, N. C. On the receiving end is Miss Ann Hanks, of Westminster, S. C., president of the student group. Looking on are (from left)

Dolores Finger, Hickory, N. C.; Roslyn Smith, Princeton, W. Va.; Von Moore, Norfolk, Va.; Priscilla Rogers, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Gwendolyn Mackel, Chicago.



EIGHT TO A CAR — It's 8 to a car as Japanese wrestlers attempt to lift this import from Nippon as the International Au-

tomobile Show opens to the public in New York. This car, called a Toyopet is just one of

more than 600 automobiles from all over the world on display at the show. (UPI Telephoto)



GERTRUDE ROBINSON, 61, struggles to free herself from the grasp of Detroit policemen as they try to stop residents

of Patton Park area from picketing in protest of construction on the park grounds. The pickets objected

to any changes in the park, and seek to preserve the trees and remaining land after plans were made to erect a building on the ground. UPI Telephoto

## Dr. Blake Warns Protestants

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive of the United Presbyterian Church and former head of the National Council of Churches, warned protestants not to expect "too much" from the Ecumenical Council called by Pope John XXIII.

The Rev. Dr. Blake, addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, representing most major Protestant periodicals, said "it would be foolish to expect the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox or protestant churches to change their fundamental principles."

## Arrest Son Of Late F. D. Roosevelt

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — (UPI) — Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president, was arrested while sleeping in his car parked beside a road early Saturday, and booked on an accusation of drunk driving.

The Scottsdale marshal's office said Roosevelt was asleep behind the wheel of his car, off the road, in this Western resort town when an officer investigated and arrested him. Roosevelt was taken to the Tempe, Ariz., jail nearby, given a drunkometer test, and held about 4½ hours before being released on \$300 bail.

## Attack Havana Revolutionary Cops

HAVANA — (UPI) — Unidentified gunmen made two separate attacks against Revolutionary police in the Havana area and escaped in fast cars.

Several men and women in a late model sedan opened fire on a police patrol car in the fashionable Vedado residential section near the strike-bound Baldoz school.

A woman pedestrian was hit by stray bullets and rushed to the hospital in critical condition. Police requested local newspapers and radio stations not to mention the incident, it was reported.

## Hussein Says Reds Top Threat

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — King Hussein of Jordan said that Communism is the greatest threat to Arab nationalism.

The 24-year-old monarch made the statement in an hour-long question-and-answer session with some 300 admittedly pro-Nasser students from 14 Arab nations attending the fourth annual Arab Student Convention.

Moustapha Akka of the United Arab Republic and a student at the University of Southern California asked what Hussein was doing to schedule four speeches for Castro.

## Schedule Four Speeches For Castro

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Cuba's revolutionary leader Fidel Castro has been scheduled to make at least four speeches in the United States during a visit later this month.

The United Nations Correspondents Association announced that Castro will address a lunch of the association here on April 22. He is scheduled to speak before the Overseas Press Club at lunch the following day and also in Boston.

Castro's visit was prompted by an invitation from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, whom he will address in Washington.

## Truman Says Alcorn Was 'Scared'

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Former President Truman said that Meade Alcorn quit as chairman of the Republican party because he was "scared to death" the Republicans would lose in 1960.

"He just wanted to get out of the way," said Truman with a broad smile as he held a plane-side press conference at International Airport where he had just arrived from Kansas City.

"You mean he was afraid of a Democratic victory in 1960?" Truman was asked.

"Of course, that's the reason he quit," said the 74-year-old ex-President.

## No College Post For Liz Taylor

HOLLYWOOD — (UPI) — Elizabeth Taylor won't be a visiting lecturer at the University of California at Los Angeles — she never was invited, a school spokesman said.

An earlier announcement said the 27-year-old actress would hold a symposium about life in the movie business. But it was circulated by a publicity man, the spokesman said.

"It stirred up quite a hornet's nest," the spokesman said. "We don't have anything against Miss Taylor, but housewives from all over the country wrote the university and said we should be careful. They definitely were not happy about it."

The announcement that the raven-haired actress would speak at the school came shortly after she splashed into the nation's headlines as the "other woman" in the Debbie-Eddie Fisher breakup.

## Pasternak Autobiography Due Friday

NEW YORK — (UPI) — The American publishers of "Dr. Zhivago" will publish on Friday an autobiographical sketch by author Boris Pasternak that expresses his disillusionment with life in communist Russia.

A spokesman for Pantheon Books, Inc., said publication of the 91-page sketch entitled "I Remember" probably would not subject Pasternak to any worse Soviet criticism than he already has suffered because the autobiography already has appeared in France and Italy. A German version is expected to be published shortly.

The publishing firm said the autobiography already has an advance sale of nearly 40,000 copies. Pasternak wrote it as a companion book for "Dr. Zhivago," his Nobel prize-winning work that has sold more than 800,000 copies in the United States.

## Meade Alcorn Quits GOP Post

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Republican National Chairman Meade Alcorn announced Wednesday he was resigning, effective next week, to return to his law practice at Hartford, Conn.

Informed sources said his successor was almost certain to be Sen. Thruston B. Morton R-Ky. Morton said in Louisville he would accept the job if it was offered to him by the GOP National Committee.

The committee meets here April 10-11 at which time Alcorn's resignation becomes effective. The committee will formally name the new chairman but the real decision as to who gets the job will be President Eisenhower's.

## Rackets Committee Probes Detroit

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee opened an investigation of juke box racketeering as practiced in the home town of Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

The hearing was expected to produce testimony that some of Hoffa's friends in Detroit worked in close harmony with underworld elements in the music machine business.

Chief counsel Robert F. Kennedy said Hoffa's name would figure prominently in the inquiry, which was expected to run most of this week.

## Deny J. Foster Dulles To Quit

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty termed untrue and "irresponsible" a CBS radio report that President Eisenhower has accepted the resignation of ailing Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The report, by CBS correspondent Dan Schorr, was attributed to sources in Europe "believed to be reliable."

Hagerty summoned newsmen to announce that he had called Theodore F. Koop, CBS official in Washington, and "demanded that they (CBS) correct this statement on their network."

## Sues To Bare U. S. Payroll Data

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Scripps-Howard reporter Vance Trimble filed in federal court today to force the Senate and House to open records on payrolls and other government-paid expenses that are now kept secret.

Trimble, news editor of the Washington Bureau of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, has written a series of articles bringing to light the hiring of relatives by congressmen and their use of funds to operate offices in their home districts.

In one suit, he asked the court to order the Senate to make available the payroll records of Senators which are now kept secret. In another, he asked that House officials be compelled to make available other data, particularly the payment of expenses for operating the home district offices which are now published on an annual basis.

## Report Meade Alcorn To Resign

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Meade Alcorn was reported to be preparing to resign as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Alcorn, 51-year-old attorney, could not be reached immediately, and a national committee spokesman said he knew nothing about the report.

The Hartford (Conn.) Courant said Alcorn is resigning to return to his private law practice there.

His reported decision to retire came as a surprise since he has just begun a comprehensive party re-building program in an attempt to get the GOP back on the road to victory after its 1958 election disaster.

Alcorn has served in the chairmanship for two years. He succeeded Leonard W. Hall a few months after the 1956 election.

## Reds Put Ceiling On U. S. Planes

BERLIN — (UPI) — A Soviet spokesman warned the United States today against flying planes to West Berlin at heights not accepted by the Soviet Union.

He said if the United States defies a Soviet ban on flights in the air corridors above 10,000 feet it will lead to "complications." The spokesman did not spell out what he meant by "complications," but the implication was that the Soviets might take action against the aircraft.

Three Soviet jet fighters buzzed an unarmed American Air Force transport plane Friday on flights both into and out of West Berlin while it was crossing the Soviet zone.

The Soviets rejected an American protest against the buzzing and countered with a protest of their own. They said western aircraft must not fly above 10,000 feet when crossing East Germany to and from West Berlin.

## Dalai Lama Reported Safe In Tibet

NEW DELHI — (UPI) — The official Chinese Nationalist Central News agency said today the Dalai Lama has reached a safe place in Tibet and is personally leading the revolt against the Chinese communists.

Reports in Taipei newspaper said the nationalist air force was airdropping encouraging leaflets and minor supplies — "comfort items" such as toothbrushes, towels etc. — to the rebels and planned to fly in nationalist officials to help the rebels.

There was no word however that arms, ammunition, signal equipment and other military supplies promised by the nationalists were being parachuted to the rebels. There also was no indication whether nationalist planes were flying extremely long range missions from Formosa or were operating from friendly southeast Asian countries.



LIZ TAYLOR



MIKE TODD

## Hotel Refuses Liz's Application

LONDON — (UPI) — The swank Dorchester hotel has refused actress Elizabeth Taylor's application for a long-term lease on a suite she apparently wanted for her honeymoon with Eddie Fisher, it was learned.

Miss Taylor, who once occupied the Harlequin suite at the Dorchester with her third husband, the late Mike Todd, applied for a 10-week lease. But the Dorchester refused on grounds the suite was so popular that it could not be rented for lengthy periods.

Since the actress and her crooner fiancé plan to marry next month, it was presumed she wanted the suite during their honeymoon.

## Tells Threat Of Chinese Reds

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Thubetan J. Norbu, brother of the escaped Dalai Lama, said the Chinese Reds planned to wipe out every Tibetan who did not embrace Communism.

Norbu said his countrymen would fight back with their crude weapons and World War I German and British rifles "as long as any Tibetans are alive."

Norbu, 38, a student in this country, said 90 per cent of the Tibetan people were anti-Chinese and anti-Communist because the Reds tried to deprive them of their religion, language, tradition and customs.

## \$560 Annual Aid Goes To Dogs

PLYMOUTH, England. — (UPI) — The city council took \$560 annual aid from homes for unwed mothers and teen-age girls and gave it to a home for lost dogs and cats.

Alderman Mrs. Lilian Brock said city support of the Plymouth dogs' and cats' home would help more than giving the annual subsidies to church homes for human beings.

## Cites Chicago Newspapers' Record

Newspaper publisher Eugene C. Pulliam cited Chicago newspaper coverage of their city's mayoralty campaign to refute charges that American newspapers make up a "one party press."

Pulliam, publisher of the Indianapolis star and Indianapolis News, and of the Arizona republic and gazette, was speaker at the founders of Sigma Delta Chi. Pulliam was one of the founders of the professional journalistic fraternity.



# Easter's Gone But The Fashions Linger On



MEMPHIANS JOINED the traditional Easter parade as they celebrated this memorable day by attending the churches of their choice. Tri-State Defender Photographer Howard

Pulley recorded these scenes as he toured the city with his camera. In the top left photo, Mrs. Beatrice Nesbit and little Jacqueline of 1404 Emerson pose just outside Mount

Nebo Baptist church. Caught by the lensman at Vance Avenue Church of God in Christ, Mary Brownlee of 1445 Tulane, Artie Wilson, left, and Ivory Thompson, both of 574

Lauderdale. Poking around at the Atlanta Life Insurance company's annual Easter egg hunt, photo top right, are, left to right, Louis Ballentine, Gilda Lee, Naomi Gray, and

Alvin Gray, Jr. In photo bottom left are Mrs. Margaret Tabor holding Terry Denise, with Debra Ann at right. Soaking up the sun, bottom, center, are left to right, Mrs.

Mildred Larbley, 601 E. Lauderdale, Anthony Larbley, and Miss Janice Clemmons of 613 E. Lauderdale. At bottom right, caught by the photo-

grapher after services at Emanuel Episcopal church, are, left to right, Miss Marilyn Watkins, Thomas Watkins, Jr., Mrs. L. Alex Wilson, Dr.

Thomas Watkins and Mrs. Watkins. Standing in front of the group is Karen Rose Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Alex Wilson.