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THE BIG PARADE

The Two Faces Of Harding; One Black, One White

By LOUIS MARTIN

The story that President Warren G. Harding had Negro blood is treated extensively in a new book, "The Shadow of Blooming Grove", sub-titled "Warren G. Harding in His Times", by Francis Russell.



The author writes of President Harding as follows: "Always in his growing up he would be haunted by this sense of alienation from the world to which he wanted with all his heart to belong — a quite different feeling from being born a Negro among Negroes and identifying himself with the group as such. Since he never felt secure in his group identification, he would demonstrate his right to belong by the strictness of his conformity."

"The shadow of Blooming Grove was something that in later years he could scarcely bring himself to talk about. Once he managed to discuss the matter briefly with his old friend James Miller Faulkner, a political reporter on the Cincinnati Enquirer. 'How do I know, Jim?', he remarked finally. 'One of my ancestors may have jumped the fence.'"

Reading this reminded me of some of the talks about race that I have had with Dr. Montague Cobb of the Howard University Medical School. Dr. Cobb insists that the Negro American, black American or Afro-American — take your choice — is a new and unique race of mankind, that there is no one like the American brother on the face of the earth.

Dr. Cobb takes the position that the brother has met the test of Darwin's concept of the survival of the fittest with flying colors. The brother met the test during the Middle Passage when the slavers brought him in chains from Africa. He met it during the long night of slavery. According to Dr. Cobb survival in the U. S. required not only physical prowess and animal cunning, but also great intellectual perception and sensitivity.

During this long night of servitude, Dr. Cobb argues that those lusty white boys who robbed the black girls of their virtue in the haystacks of Virginia and other colonies were scions of the first families. In short, flowing through the veins of Rap Brown, Adam Powell, LeRoi Jones and most brothers are the genes of the so-called Anglo-Saxon aristocracy.

Most anthropologists seem to agree that every Afro-American, no matter his color or what he looks

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Top NAACP Official Speaks At Parkway

Alfred Baker Lewis, national treasurer of the NAACP, spoke at a meeting of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP held at Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church on the topic, "The Up-surge of the Underprivileged."

On Supreme Court decisions dealing with racial segregation in education Mr. Baker said this: "We have won Supreme Court decision to the effect that racial segregation in education is unconstitutional, although enforcing compliance with this decision has been very slow because the virulent and violent

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Authority On History Of Negro To Speak Here

Annual Negro History Week will be observed at LeMoyné-Owen College Feb. 10-14, and the featured speaker will be Dr. Margaret W. Alexander of Jackson State College, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Alexander is a professor of English at Jackson State and director of the college's Institute for the Study of History, Life and Culture of Black People.

She will open the observance at LeMoyné-Owen, speaking at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in Bruce Hall. Howard E. Sims, coordinator of the program, said the public is invited. Two other speakers have been scheduled for the week.



DR. KING REMEMBERED — A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was held last Thursday, Jan. 23, on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on the spot where Dr. King was assassinated on April 4. It was sponsored by the National Council of Churches of the U.S.A. and the World

Council of Churches. Placing the wreath here are Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the National Council of Churches and MacAlester College, and Miss Jean Fairfax, a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. (Whiters Photo)

Dr. King Is Honored By Leading Churchmen Baptists Call For Cease Fire In Vietnam

A march and memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was staged here last Thursday and sponsored by the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Following a fanfare of trumpets and trombones, church officials set out from a point at Second St. near Gayoso with church officials from many churches bearing flags of their denomination.

The crowd was swelled to about 600 by a number of Memphians who trooped behind the church leaders and into the parking lot of the Lorraine Motel before the balcony where Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Addresses of thanksgiving and appreciation for the life of Dr. King were given by Miss Jean Fairfax, a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A., before they placed a "wreath of victory" on the spot where Dr. King was killed.

In her tribute to Dr. King, Miss Fairfax called the fallen civil rights leader "the most anti-establishment Christian, who built no churches, but caused people to be the body of Christ on earth."

The benediction was also given by the Rev. Spivey.

Firestone Employee Still Out Of Work

O. L. Turner, a black worker at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is still out of work after three weeks. Mr. Turner, a tire assembler accused a white foreman of calling him "nigger."

Turner reported that white on the 3-11 shift at Firestone his tire room foreman, Raymond Wiseman, came up and began talking to him about a matter.

In replying to his question, I called him Red, the name the whites use in talking to him," Mr. Turner explained "and he yelled, 'Nigger, don't you call me 'Red.'"

"His absence is felt in the World Council of Churches," Miss Fairfax told those assembled.

Dr. Fleming told the gathering that the "greatest tribute that we can pay to Dr. King is to make his dream become a reality."

"May God grant that through the inspiration of his life, Jesus will grant us the grace to travel the second mile in making his dream a reality in our day," Dr. Fleming said.

The rally to worship was made by the Rev. J. Allan Rank, executive assistant to the general secretary of the National Council of Churches; readings from the scripture given by the Rev. Charles S. Spivey, Jr., executive director of the Department of Social Justice of the National Council of Churches, and a prayer of dedication offered by Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, chairman of the College of Bishops of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and vice-president-at-large of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Walter Wade of the music department of Memphis State University was in charge of music, which included two hymns.

The Atlanta pastor singled out the Foreign Mission Bureau for special praise. In spite of the year-long civil war, Pilgrim Baptist Hospital and Mission

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COMING NEXT WEEK — Muhammad Ali, who was once known as Cassius Marcellus Clay, will appear at Ellis Auditorium on Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. The evening has been reserved by the Memphis branch of the religion of Islam, Minister Shields director. Muhammad Ali will appear with the Shabid Quintet. Tickets are on sale at the Goldsmith Ticket office.

Trooper's Friend Killed At Church

1969 Officers Are Elected For Civic Club Death At Church Door Is Ruled An Accident

The 40th Ward New Chicago Civic Club held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday night, Jan. 14, in the Firestone Local Union Hall and held election of officers. Officiating at the election was Dr. John E. Jordan.

Elected were Matthew R. Davis, president; Mrs. Lucille Price, first vice-president; Josh Tools, second vice president; Mrs. Essie B. Davis, secretary; Mrs. Miriame Hall, assistant secretary; Hillie Pride, treasurer; Bradley Davis, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Ethel Williamson and Mrs. N. D. Swannigan, chaplains; and Mrs. Muriel Canida, reporter.

Mr. Davis promised to lead the club on another successful year.

Among the future events on the club calendar are the presentation of "Lady on the Rock" on Thursday night, Feb. 20, and a Consumer Education Program to begin on Thursday night, Feb. 27, and to continue for eight weeks.

The play and the Consumer Education course will both be presented in the Firestone Union Hall.

A Community Service Box has been placed in front of the union hall by Firestone Local Union 186 and the civic club, and articles deposited in it will be distributed to needy families.

Reports were heard from Mrs. Jeanette Brantley, Mrs. Lillie M. Montgomery and Mrs. N. D. Swannigan who were present in Nashville on Jan. 7 to see the state senators and representatives sworn in.

Noah Bond, president of the Shankman Civic Club, was present for the meeting and gave a solo. All citizens in the New Chicago area are invited to attend the meetings held on the second Tuesday night of each month.

Former Army Medic Gets 2 Medals

A Forrest City, Ark., school teacher, Herschel S. Smith, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for "gallantry in action" during ceremonies in the Army Reserve Training Center last Saturday morning.

Mr. Smith, whose heroism was performed in Vietnam on Oct. 9, 1967, while he was a specialist fifth class with the U.S. Army, was cited for action while serving as a medical corpsman with a reconnaissance platoon on a search and destroy mission.

During the services, Mr. Smith was presented the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service from Nov. 1, 1966, to Nov. 30, 1967.

A description of the action which brought him the Silver Star Medal stated: that on Oct. 9, 1967: "In the early afternoon the two lead elements came under a devastating attack from an undetermined sized Viet Cong force.

"Seeing several members in the forward area go down with the initial blast of enemy fire, Specialist Smith dashed out into the hail of insurgent fire to treat the wounded men. Within a short time both of the other medical corpsmen were also struck by the Viet Cong automatic weapons fire, leaving Spec. Smith to care for all of the injured with no assistance.

"Affixing bandages on four men, Spec. Smith spotted a seriously injured man not more than 20 feet from an enemy machine gun nest. Without regard for his own safety, he dashed across the open area

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A 26-year-old construction worker was shot to death in the yard of the Macedonia Baptist Church at 657 Glanker st., last Sunday afternoon after he attempted to snatch a .38 calibre pistol from the holster of an off-duty highway patrolman.

The victim was Harold Leonard Coston of 2877 Nathan st. A bullet struck him in the left chest and he died instantly.

Mr. Coston had gone to church with Highway Patrolman Claude Johnson, 30, of 1970 Alcy rd., and the two were leaving about 1 p.m.

The two were standing in front of the church when the victim stepped behind the officer and playfully, it is believed, attempted to jerk the pistol from the holster.

Homicide officers said that two deacons were also standing in the front of the church, but that the action occurred so fast that no one was able to say from observation exactly what happened — whether the pistol fired at the moment it was pulled from the holster, or whether it was dropped to the ground and then fired the fatal shot.

It was established, however, that the pistol was not in the hand of the officer when it fired.

Patrolman Johnson was overcome with grief following the death of his longtime friend, and Capt. N. L. Huffman, one of his superior officers said he did not believe the trooper would be able to work for a few days.

Highway patrolmen are authorized and expected to carry their weapons with them for 24 hours a day, including time spent in church, since they are subject to call at any time.

Mr. Coston was married and separated from his wife, according to information received, but was living with his grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Coston, of 2877 Nathan.

Neighbors said that Mrs. Coston had been in California since before Christmas, visiting the victim's father, Loveless Coston. They did not know what city they lived in, but said they were supposed to return to Memphis on Monday night.

The victim reportedly was a construction worker and employed with a firm currently on the expressway.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete pending arrival of the relatives from California. The body was in the morgue of John Gaston Hospital on Monday.

Good Life For All Is Chamber's Goal

"The only way the Chamber of Commerce can help in making possible the good life for all people in our community is to provide a decent education for the children of our city, maintain law and order and individual dignity, is to reason together as a total community. The Chamber is going to be in the fore-front in working tirelessly for the good of the community, through any and every organization who choose to help."

During the annual meeting of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. W. D. Gilbreath made the above statement as one of the goals of the Chamber.

In an effort to carry out their goals, the new Human Resources Division of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce under a joint chamber-commission agreement provided staff and administrative functions for the Memphis and Shelby County Human Relations Commission.

Announcement of staff support for the first time for the commission, formed in mid-1968, was made by Lester A. Rosen, commission chairman, and Lewis K. McKee, board chairman of the Chamber. Objectives of the 18-member

commission, created by joint resolution of city and county governments, include:

1. Fostering mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious and ethnic groups in Memphis and Shelby County.
2. Encouraging equality of treatment for, and prevention of discrimination against, any racial, religious or ethnic group or its members.
3. Co-operation with governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations having like or kindred functions.

David W. Cooley, chief executive officer of the chamber, said Clifford Stockton, associate manager of the human resources division, has been assigned to work directly with the Human Relations Commission.

In his capacity as executive secretary of the commission, Mr. Stockton will work with the business community in areas of equal opportunity employment and job training. He will also help co-ordinate efforts of various governmental agencies "in the elimination of all patterns of discrimination based on race, religion, sex, or national origin." (See Page 2)

NAACP Seeks Removal Of 2 Black Principals

INDIANOLA, Miss. — The Sunflower County Branch of the NAACP has achieved the first success in its four-month campaign to win quality education in the local schools.

The county school board has agreed to consider, at its meeting on Feb. 11, the replacement of two principals of all-Negro schools whom the NAACP had found educationally and psychologically unqualified. Their replacement was one of 10 demands made by the NAACP branch last September.

In its first demand, the branch asked that "immediate steps to secure accreditation" of each school in the Indianola school system be taken. The principals in question, the NAACP claimed, had so little formal education themselves that this fact alone made any

accrediting practically impossible.

Other demands included: establishing of an effective parents and teachers association, free school lunches for the poor, lunchroom facilities in which children could eat from tables instead of their laps, immediate inclusion of black people on the school board, installation of lockers and language laboratories. All of these improvements were requested for implementation prior to the beginning of the second semester.

Full integration of the public school system is part of the campaign. There are 4,100 Negro and about 1,000 white students in the county school system which has been operating on the "freedom of choice" (See Page 2)

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tional origin, and in applying for federal assistance programs."

"We are pleased with this arrangement with the chamber and its new human resources division because, for the first time, it provides staff support necessary to the commission becoming an active and effective body," Mr. Rosen said.

Mr. McKee said reorganization of the Chamber under its new Greater Memphis Program has "resulted in some of our goals being similar to those of the Human Relations Commission, and we welcome this opportunity to co-ordinate and cooperate with the commission in implementing our joint interests and objectives."

Randall N. Conway, human resources manager for the chamber. Serving as vice chairman of the city-county Human Relations Commission is Dr. C. C. Humphreys. Executive committee members are Carl Carson, Mrs. Judson Williford, Leonard Small, the Rev. H. L. Starks and Ewing Carruthers.

Other commission members are Mrs. Frank A. Jones, the Rev. Ben L. Hooks, Bert Bates, Mrs. Yvonne Acey, Mrs. Robert H. Jordan, Dr. Hollis Price, and Lawrence S. Wade. The commission presently has two vacancies.

Medic

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toward the wounded man. Before he could reach the fallen trooper, however, Spec. Smith was struck down by two enemy fragmentation grenades, crippling his legs.

"Without hesitation, Spec. Smith bandaged his own wound and then crawled on his hands and knees to reach the injured soldier. As the battle waned, Spec. Smith continued to aid the wounded until evacuation helicopters arrived, and then elected to stay with the unit until the mission was terminated."

In addition to the Silver Star and the Army Commendation Medals, Mr. Smith has received the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart.

Released from the Army on March 22, 1968, he is now a teacher at the Stewart Elementary School at Forest City. He and Mrs. Smith live at 2679 Select with their seven-year-old son.

The medals were presented to him by Lt. Col. Avery M. Rogers, Memphis Area united States Army Reserve advisor

College Gets \$500 For More Books And Periodicals

The Association of College and Research Libraries has awarded LeMoine-Owen College a grant of \$500 for the purchase of additional books and periodicals.

Announcement of the gift was made by the local college's chief librarian, Mrs. Mae I. Fitzgerald. She said ACRL is a division of the American Library Association. ACRL receives its major support from the United States Steel Foundation, Inc.

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(Continued From Page 1) ability to finance and provide good education."

He continued, "The same people who oppose the power of organized labor to lift the living standards of workers, and the power of the Federal Government to raise the pay conditions of the lowest paid

workers through the Federal Minimum Wage Law with broader coverage, and the establishment of reasonable minimum standard of public welfare relief are opponents of civil rights."

During the speech Baker named several things that must be done in the future. "We must pass the law to give the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission the power to issue cease and desist orders when employers, unions, or employment agencies are guilty of discrimination. We need more vigorous enforcement of civil rights legislation, particularly the law which gives the Federal government power to withhold Federal grants to state or local bodies which practice discrimination."

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system. Opposing total integration, the county superintendent of education, Herbert Hargatt, argued in Federal court that

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like, possesses now some admixture of blood and genes that his ancestors did not have when they left Africa. It is the view of Dr. Cobb that the American brother, genetically speaking, represents the best of both worlds, black and white. He comes close to making the brother a super-man.

Dr. Cobb's genetic theory may not strike a happy note today when racial hatred seems to be more popular on both sides of the color line than ever before. This theory probably rubs the white extremists and the black extremists the wrong way. It might be disconcerting to dwell on the kinship between the races. The notion might develop that the current widespread violence is, after all, just a family fight.

Dr. Cobb's view that all this genetic mixing has somehow produced a superior race of blacks or Afro-Americans obviously does not apply to some well known brothers. If President Harding had a few drops of African blood in him, the mixture must have misfired. Practically all of the historians seem to agree that Harding was just the worst President we have had.

Of course, if the literary boys and researchers prove that President Harding was really a brother, Harding's failures and shortcomings will finally be attributed to his ancestry. The popular image of President Harding depicts him as just a good-time Charlie who was lucky enough to win the favors of the famous group of politicians known as the Ohio gang. Perhaps the greatest sin Harding can be blamed for was not his ancestry but his politics. After all, he was a Republican.

Negro Speaks During Commissioning Of Sub

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — The Navy for the first time has selected a Negro to deliver the principal address at the commissioning of one of its nuclear powered attack submarines.

Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., president of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, was the principal speaker at the commissioning of the Nuclear Attack Submarine SEA DEVIL, (SSN 664) January 30, at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, in Newport, News, Virginia.

Dr. Nance, a World War II Navy veteran, was attached to the YP 105 which was involved in testing of mines and torpedoes off the Atlantic Coast. (The YP 105 was the Navy-

under any new plan for more rapid integration "whites would leave the school system."

Carver A. Randle, NAACP branch president, said that some whites may have left the schools because they were not getting quality education. He insisted that providing quality education in all schools, not regarding integration, would restrain whites and blacks who could afford it from enrolling their children in private schools.

converted yacht of Major Edward Bowes, the network radio personality of the 1930's who conducted "Major Edward Bowes Original Hour" and other programs on CBS.

The Navy's latest ship will be the second sub in the fleet to bear the name SEA DEVIL.

The first ship made her maiden patrol on September 3, 1944. She was de-commissioned in March, 1948 and was recommissioned twice. Her name was taken from the Navy List on July 10, 1964.

Her namesake is a 282-foot warship equipped with the lat-

est navigation and electronics systems a computer controlled weapons system which enables her to detect and attack targets at various distances. She will be manned by 12 officers and a crew of 95. Her surfaced displacement is 4,140 tons. The captain of the ship is Commander R. A. Currier, a native of Beverly, Massachusetts, and a veteran of 18 years in the Navy.

The contract for the submarine was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock May 28, 1964, as part of a three-ship order amounting to \$33,850,000. Other ships in the order—The Lapon and The Hammer-

head — have already been delivered.

The keel was laid April 13, 1966, and Mrs. Ignatius J. Galatin, wife of Admiral Ignatius J. Galatin, USN, served as the ship's sponsor at the launching ceremony on October 3, 1967.

In addition to 38 attack submarines the Navy also has 31 polaris subs, making a total of 79 nuclear submarines in operation.

Congress has authorized 108 attack submarines and one small submarine capable of exploring the ocean bottom.

Black Man Takes Oath Of High Court

COLUMBUS, Ohio — (UPI) — Ohio Supreme Court Justice Robert M. Duncan, the first Negro ever to sit on the state's high court, believes his appointment was "with distinction, but without difference."

Duncan, formerly a Columbus Municipal Court Judge, became the 125th state Supreme Court Justice in Ohio history Tuesday when he was given the oath of office to fill the unexpired term of former

Justice Paul W. Brown.

"I'm aware of the fact that I am the first black man to sit on the court," Duncan told United Press International shortly after he was sworn into office.

"It is important to me personally, and, in another sense, meaningless when it comes to the fashion in which I do my job," he added. "Being a black man on the court is a

distinction without difference."

"It gives me pride to know that this appointment may serve as another adjunct to black pride," Duncan noted. "Which I feel is all right."

Duncan, 41, was appointed to the high court by Gov. James A. Rhodes last month after Justice Brown resigned to accept a gubernatorial appointment as Ohio Attorney General.

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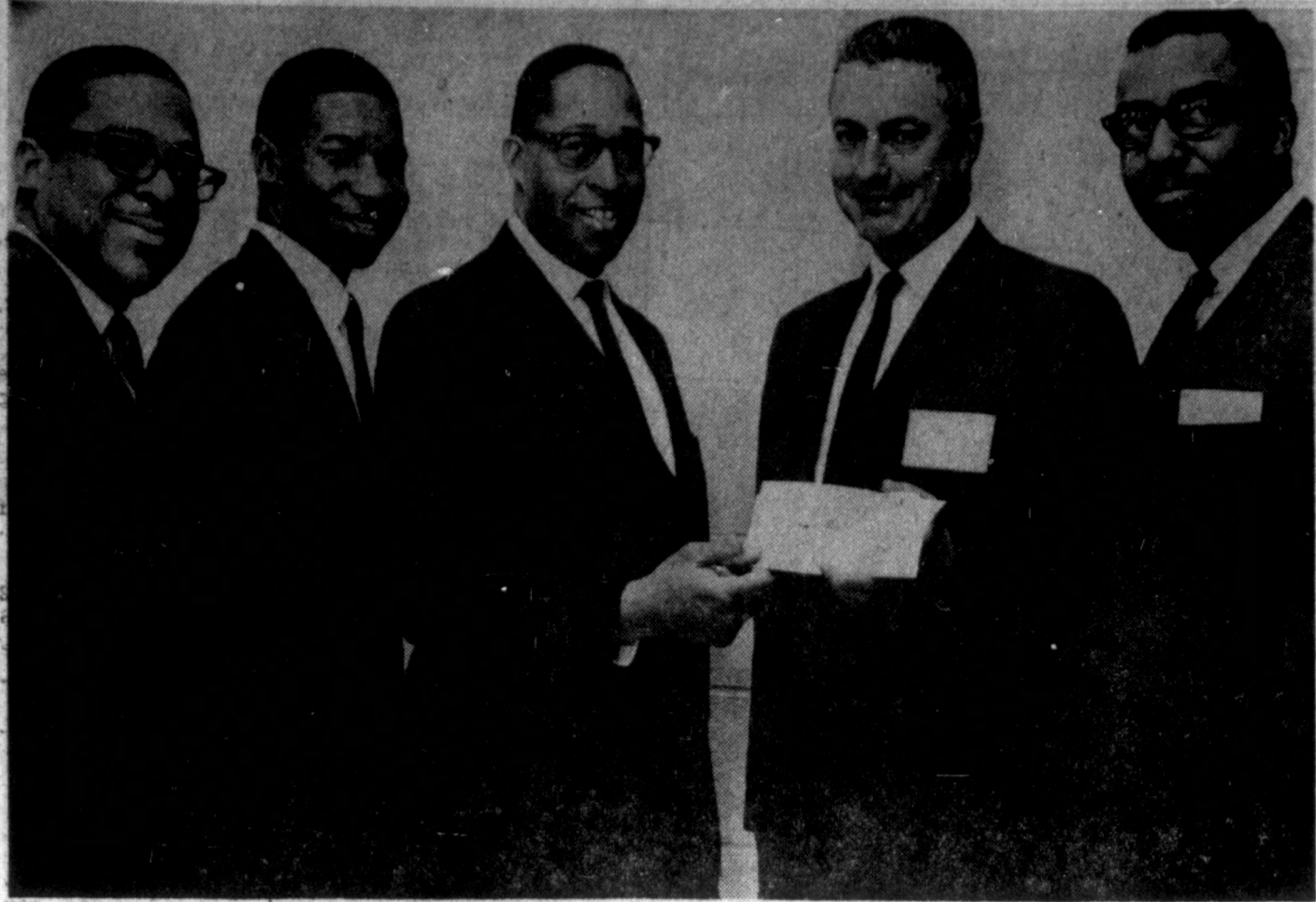
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IMPRESSED BY STUDENTS — Impressed by the summer work of two Tennessee State University students, Natural Gas Pipeline of America, Chicago, last week made an unrestricted grant to Tennessee State University, and C. F. Rupe, second from right, is seen presenting check for \$500 to Dr. R. Grann Lloyd, director of the Division of Business. From left are Edward C. Walker and Edward W. Hood, the students; Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Rupe, and William J. Trigg, employee relations assistant for Natural Gas Pipeline of America.

Students' Work Last Summer Brings Grant

NASHVILLE — The summer work of two Tennessee State University seniors so impressed officers of Natural Gas Pipeline of America, Chicago, that an unrestricted grant was made to the University. Supervisor C. F. Rupe, Jr. of Employment Services and William J. Trigg, Employee Relations Assistant, were here last week at which time they presented a \$500 check to Dr. R. Grann Lloyd, Director of the Division of Business, "to be used as the division and University sees fit." This pipeline company transmits natural gas from the production fields of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma to the markets of the upper Midwest. Edward W. Hood, a former newspaper carrier for the GARY (Ind.) POST-TRIBUNE, and Edward C. Walker, both seniors from Gary, Ind., worked in the area of accounting the recruiting visit of the two-member team to the Nashville campus. Hood, who was a carrier from 1959 until 1964, has three brothers who are carriers for the Post-Tribune at the present time.

Close Queens College

NEW YORK —(UPI) — Queens College, embroiled in a conflict with black and Puerto Rican students over management of a recruitment program for ghetto youths, was ordered closed Wednesday by its president. Joseph P. McMurray announced the decision shortly before midnight. He said he feared "more serious disruptions would take place" if the school stayed open. About 50 students overturned chairs and tables in the faculty cafeteria Friday. On Monday they staged brief sit-ins in the library and the registrar's office. She sudden closing ended the fall semester one day early. The campus will remain shut today, then is expected to reopen Friday when final examinations begin. Most of the dissident students are members of SEEK, a program started in 1966 by order of the state legislature and designed to bring more youths from poverty areas into the university. The students fear administrators plan to weaken the program and "fragment" it by bringing it under the jurisdiction of various college departments.

Baptists

(Continued From Page 1) which sets on the border of Federalist Nigeria and secessionist Biafra, has continued its services at the hospital and educational complex with only temporary interruption. Semi-annual reports were received from the Home Mission Board. The Executive Secretary's office and the Women's Auxiliary, Dr. W. C. Upshaw, president of the Congress of Christian Education announced the annual session to be held in Detroit, June 16 - 20th. The parent body of the Convention will meet this year in Miami, Florida, September 2-6th.

Two Schools' Alumni Will Get Acquainted

Graduates and former students of LeMoynne College and Owen Junior College will be given an opportunity to know each other better on Alumni Day, Feb. 26. The two colleges were merged last summer under the name of LeMoynne-Owen College. Willie T. Miles, president of the Memphis chapter of the LeMoynne-Owen General Alumni Association, said the get-acquainted program will be held between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., on campus in the Alma C. Hanson Memorial Student Center. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Charles Dinkins who was president of Owen when it merged with LeMoynne. He is now development officer for LeMoynne-Owen. Dr. Dinkins will be presented by the LeMoynne-Owen president, Dr. Hollis F. Price. Another former Owenite to be featured on the program is Mrs. Mildred D. Green. She trained and directed the Owen choir before the two colleges were merged. She is now in the same capacity at LeMoynne-Owen and will present the choir in a special performance Feb. 16. The senior class of LeMoynne-Owen and all Owen graduates will be special guests, Mr. Miles said. Miss Eunice Carruthers is serving as co-chairman with Mr. Miles.

gro student at the University of Alabama. One of Col. Lee's favorite projects is the Elks Oratorical Contest which sees young people compete for scholarship money in state, region and national contests.

Atlanta Life System Honors George W. Lee

Col. George W. Lee, third vice president and a member of the board of directors of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, was honored throughout the Atlanta Life system during the week of Jan. 16-23. In Memphis, where he was former district manager, Col. Lee was honored with a "production shower." The Memphis District showed a \$134,700 industrial increase and \$36,000 ordinary. Since relinquishing the managership of the Memphis District, he has founded "Vision Magazine," a quarterly publication for Atlanta Life, and serves as its editor. A special program in his honor was held on Thursday, Jan. 23, during the agency force meeting in the auditorium of the Atlanta Life office at 526 Beale St. Mr. Lee is grand commissioner of the Department of Education for the International Brotherhood Protective Order of Elks of the World, and under his administration young people have been thousands of dollars in scholarship funds each year. Although there is no restriction as to the race of persons receiving scholarships, and whites are in college on Elk scholarships, recipients have been the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal district Judge Constance Baker Motley, and such pioneers in integration situations as the nine children who entered Central High School in Little Rock during the turmoil in that city in 1957, and Autherine Lucey, first Ne-

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Concord Baptist Has Largest Congregation

BROOKLYN, N. Y. —Committed an annual report showing assets of \$204,000. Nine hundred and eighty-four loans totaling \$486,000 have been made since 1952, the report showed.

The spiritual leader of the congregation is the Reverend Gardner C. Taylor, the former president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, a national organization of black Baptists.

Dr. Taylor, who is esteemed by Protestants around the world as a persuasive preacher and a competent church leader, first came to prominence as a first-rate church administrator when he accomplished the singular feat of rebuilding a huge, modern worship complex to replace one destroyed by fire more than a dozen years ago.

The church also reported that \$278,315 was contributed for its work last year, a sum regarded by officials of the congregation as a record figure.

Its Federal Credit Union sub-

The present complex, built at a cost of more than one-million and seven hundred thousand dollars, is still undergoing and expansion.

Plans are near conclusion to provide the already massive church complex with a 100-bed Nursing Home. The Nursing Home is to be built on Concord-owned property adjacent to church on Madison Street.

The Nursing Home will be the newest addition to the church-serving complex which includes an all-day, state-accredited elementary school. The administration of the 150-pupil school is Mrs. Laura S. Taylor, wife of the minister. Six teachers comprise a faculty that instructs first through sixth-grade classes.



A HISTORIC EVENT — Mrs. Vernon B. Perrin, left, and Mrs. Delores Smith, both make social history as they sign for mortgages under Section 235 of the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act, aimed at making low-income people eligible to buy homes, and they are seen here at the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society. Looking

on in rear are Andrew Freeman, executive director of the Philadelphia Urban League who referred Mrs. Perrin to PSFS and FHT; R. Stuart Rauch, Jr., president of PSFS; and Victor F. Kaminski, assistant director of the Philadelphia Regional office of the Federal Housing Administration.

Awards Program Set For Feb. 16

The Memphis Interdenominational Fellowship, Inc., will present its annual award program on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, in the auditorium of the Booker T. Washington High School at 2:45 p.m. The public is invited.

One of the 12 Most Outstanding Women awards will go to Miss Erma Lee Laws, women's editor of the Tri-State Defender.

Elder Blair T. Hunt, retired principal of Booker T. Washington High School and pastor of the Mississippi Blvd. Christi-

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CRITICS RAVED. Nashville critics gave "Barefoot in the Park," comedy hit by Neil Simon, excellent rating when presented recently by the Tennessee State Players Guild Directed by Dr. Thomas E. Poag, Head of Speech and Drama and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, the cast included the principal characters shown here, Miss Vani-

ta Pillow of Nashville as Corrie Bratter, the wife, and James Rucker of Lebanon, Tenn., as Paul Bratter, the husband. Other members of the cast were Miss Brenda Parker, William Dury Cox, a member of the Speech and Drama faculty; Horace Hackett, and James Brown, all of Nashville.

Low Income Families Become Home Owners

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Dreams of owning a home came true this week for two limited-income families here when they were granted federally subsidized loans under Section 235 of the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act.

Passage of the law brings opportunity for home ownership to hundreds of thousands of families who, until now, hardly dared even hope for it.

The Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, in association with the Federal Housing Administration, made the mortgage loans to Mrs. Vernon B. Perrin and Mrs. Delores Smith for the purchase of homes in West Philadelphia. These were the first mortgage loans made to Philadelphians under provisions of the new law.

Under Section 235, a person or family whose income is less than that ordinarily considered adequate for home ownership can pay as little as \$200 down and an interest rate as low as

one percent, depending on financial ability.

The homeowner is required to pay at least 20 percent of adjusted monthly income toward the monthly payment for principal, interest, taxes, insurance and FHA mortgage insurance premiums.

Mrs. Perrin was referred to The Philadelphia Saving Fund Society and the FHA by the Urban League of Greater Philadelphia. The League conducts a continuing housing program, through which Mrs. Perrin learned of the new law and received the encouragement to buy her home.

The normal maximum mortgage amount under this program is \$15,000 for a single family dwelling. Philadelphia, however, is considered a high cost area, with a mortgage maximum of \$17,500. Beyond this, an additional mortgage allowance of up to \$2,500 is authorized under the Act for families of five or more persons.

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"BLACK TREASURES" — Dr. Charles H. Wesley, right, executive director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, right, receives the first copy of a new educational kit, "Black Treasures," from Harold Hamilton of Coca-Cola USA, which developed the kit. Thousands of the

kits, which contain a film strip, photograph record and history booklets, will be distributed throughout the nation early in February in connection with Negro History Week. Distribution will be a joint operation of ASNLH and local participating Coca-Cola bottlers.



FLOWERS FOR A LADY — Dave Cooley, chief executive officer of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce is shown presenting an arrangement of flowers that graced the tables at the dinner to Mrs. Harold J. Whalum. Mrs. Whalum is the wife of a Board Member of the Chamber.

Fewer Traffic Deaths Is Goal Of Troopers

State Safety Commissioner Greg O'Rear has called a meeting of State Troopers in the Highway Patrol's 4th District. Commissioner O'Rear said he wanted to discuss the accident areas with the Troopers in order to find ways to cut

the number of fatalities in 1969. Shelby County led the 10 County District with the highest number of fatalities. There were 123 fatalities recorded in 1968 compared with 110 in 1967, an increase of 1 per cent. However, Crockett County had the largest percentage increase with 37 per cent more fatalities reported there. There were eight fatalities in Crockett County in 1968, compared with five in 1967.

Ex-Memphian's Body Returned For Interment

Funeral services for Mr. James V. Cummings were held Monday, January 20, in Monessen, Pa. and burial was in National Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee, Tuesday, January 21.

Tipton County reported the largest reduction with 64 per cent fewer fatalities. There were 7 fatalities reported in 1968, compared with 18 in 1967. Dyer County reported a 30 per cent increase with 23 fatalities in 1968 compared with 16 in 1967. Fayette County recorded seven fatalities in 1968 compared with eight in 1967.

Mr. Cummings was a civic leader in Monessen, and a resident there for 29 years. He died Thursday, January 16, after suffering a heart attack. He was 53 years of age. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Juanita Day Cummings, five sisters, Mrs. Corrie Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Luckett, Mrs. Vivian C. Williams, all of Memphis, Mrs. Myrtle J. Walker of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Thelma Wells of New Bern N. C. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings of Phillip, Mississippi, and Memphis.

Hardiman and Haywood Counties reported the same number of fatalities in both years with 11 in Hardiman and eight in Haywood. Lake County reported six fatalities in 1968 compared with five in 1967. Lauderdale County reported six fatalities in 1968 compared with seven in 1967. Obion County had 12 traffic fatalities in 1968 compared with 11 in 1967. Commissioner O'Rear said he would visit each of the Highway Patrol's eight Districts in the continuing battle against death on our highways.

LeMoyné-Owen Registration Is Scheduled

LeMoyné-Owen College students will register for the second semester Thursday through Saturday of this week, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday morning, Feb. 3.

The college has just completed its month-long interim semester program, a project that enables a student to pursue a course of his choice, conduct an experiment or do special research, and to visit governmental, business and industrial sites. Four LeMoyné-Owen students toured Holland, England and Belgium during the interim.

Magicians Will Host Splashers From TSU

The swimming squad of LeMoyné-Owen College will host the splashers from Tennessee State in the Bruce Hall pool at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. The Magician swimmers will be at Alabama State, Feb. 8, and Tuskegee, Feb. 10.

Mrs. Keith Entertained On Birthday

A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Fannie Keith by her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Mae Frazier and her grandchildren, Forestine, Gwendolyn, and Levi Frazier Jr. on Jan. 12.

The dinner was attended by close friends and relatives. Mrs. Frazier and her husband, Mr. Levi Frazier Sr. acted as hostess and host to the guest.

Among those attending were Mrs. Merindie Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Crutchfield, Sr. and their two sons, Julian Ray, Jr. and Dennis, Mrs. Maggie Burnett, Mrs. Zula Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Johnson, Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Hattie McCurdy, Mrs. Bernice Warren, Mrs. Elizabeth Owens, Mrs. Robella Parker, Mrs. Ozelna Storage and Mr. Louis Harris, Jr.

On the menu was baked ham, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, green peas, hot rolls, ice cream and cake.

Fire Fighters To Seek New Site For Meet

WASHINGTON: The International Association of Fire Fighters this week announced that it is postponing for one year a planned boycott of the annual Fire Department Inspectors' Conference, which each year brings about 5,000 fire department personnel to Memphis for special training in latest fire fighting techniques. The postponement of the Association's action was based on the fact that they had been assured by responsible officials of the Western Actuarial Bureau that the March 1970 conference would be moved to another city if the dispute between the IAFF and the Memphis city government is not resolved within the next two months. The IAFF has been seeking to organize the Memphis Fire Department, one of the few non-union departments in any large city, and has charged hostility and anti-union actions by officials of the city government and the fire department.

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The Changing Scene

Washington is still throbbing with excitement over the new Administration, the changing political climate and the horde of the new faces vested with authority to carry out the new mandates of government.

But beneath the lingering exultation which Washington experience every four years, there is muffled sadness borne not only by those who must leave the government and start life anew somewhere else, but also by many politically unaffiliated residents of the District of Columbia on whom an almost unbroken succession of Democratic regimes had left a deep psychological imprint and intellectual orientation.

The people had come to believe that only Democrats could carry out with measureable success the complex business of the nation. John F. Kennedy's tragic death had prepared the way for the coming of the most energetic and the greatest humanitarian ever to preside over the destiny of the American people. Though in office only five years, Lyndon Baines Johnson did more to advance the cause of American society than all of his predecessors.

His war on poverty, Medicare, Aid to Education are landmarks which are bound to be recorded in future history. Certainly, no President of the United States has shown greater concern for

the welfare of the American blacks than President Johnson, and none has ever dared to put before Congress the legislative proposals that were designed to give hope to the black man, restore his confidence in the American system of government and make him a first-class citizen with all the constitutional prerogatives that the Founding Fathers intended for him to have.

With Mr. Johnson's exit from the scene, great many Negroes in key government posts have been forced out. The changing of the guards means much hardship for those who hold patronage jobs. The Nixon Administration will do little to relieve anxieties and joblessness in black communities across the land.

Hard days are ahead for the poor. Mr. Nixon's inaugural address offered no solace to those who are burning with anguish and despair. No commitments were made and not a single ray of hope was given to those upon whom the doors of opportunity have been closed for countless generations.

Mr. Nixon intended his inaugural speech to be non-committal so that he can be free to move in any direction and do whatever he wants. The lack of objectivity, which was so obvious in his initial offering, is an evil omen for America's 22 million blacks.

HEW's Social Goals

Of the many terminal reports and recommendations which are being pushed to President Johnson, the most comprehensive and all embracing are those sent to him by outgoing Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Vilbur Cohen. He lists the social goals he believes can be achieved by 1976.

Cohen calls them "social indicators" or any administration, for any President in the next eight years." Presented in the form of statistics on the present situation and projections for 1976, the goals include abolition of poverty, an increase in life expectancy and reduction in infant deaths.

Cohen also speaks of the goals in substantive terms under the categories of education, health, social and economic opportunity. Citing progress in serving the aged through Medicare and Social Security in recent years, Cohen insists that it is time to place greater emphasis on programs for young people.

He thinks that the nation should shift priorities so as to begin to invest more in the health, education and welfare of our future population. Specific education aims include pre-school and day care for all who wish them, elimination of illiteracy, free 2-year community colleges in all cities and a nationwide educational television system.

In his proposals for achieving

social and economic opportunity, Cohen outlines what he calls a "bill of rights" for children and youth and for old people. The bill of rights for children and youth states that every child is entitled to health protection, to economic and social security, a decent place to live, and a good education from pre-school through college.

The "bill of rights" for senior citizens should guarantee an adequate retirement income, health care, housing, leisure time activities and accessible community services, according to Cohen.

About 11 percent of the population is at the poverty level now. Extension of job training and opportunities, combined with family planning and an overhaul of the welfare system could, in Cohen's view, result in abolition of poverty in eight years.

Noting that only 14 percent of Negro children in the South attend integrated schools, the Secretary says that elimination of "discrimination of any kind" should be another national priority.

Sound as these proposals are, they come at a time when the present Administration is powerless and when the climate of the new Administration is unlikely to be favorable to them. Cohen's goals and priorities come too late for rewarding affirmative action.

To Gag Or Not To Gag

The question of limitation of debate comes before the Senate every two years. The liberals, heretofore, have been unsuccessful in their efforts to revise Senate rules to gag the filibuster. Hence more they are renewing their campaign for this reform for the eighth successive year.

The fight against reform will be just as bitter as in previous years. Southern Senators use Rule 22 as a weapon with which to ward off any intrusion upon their Parliamentary right to halt unwelcome liberal legislation.

Under Senate Rule 22 approximately one-third of the members can

hold up a decision by the other two-thirds indefinitely. This strategy is wholly at variance with the democratic process. The Majority rule is the corner stone of democracy.

The Senate must face this showdown at the outset of the session because that is the only period in which a majority has the power to establish new rules; delay would expose anti-filibuster reforms to fatal filibustering.

If conservatism is the predicted climate of the present Senate, then the outlook for gagging the filibuster is discouragely dim.

BIG BABY....BABY!



A Point Of View

By NAT D. WILLIAMS

THE INVADERS
A letter was sent from the local jail last week by Lance "Sweet Willie Wine" Watson. Watson is a leader of the young black militant group known as the "Invaders".

In his letter Watson outlined what he described as trumped-up charges which police officials have leveled against him. Watson takes the position that he is being persecuted rather

than prosecuted. He says he is not guilty of the law violations with which he is charged.

He asks the community, or at least, the persons to whom he sent his letter to help him.

He needs money to pay for legal advice. He needs the moral support of the community. He asks for that in his letter.

on the grounds that he is willingly making a sacrifice of himself to advance the position of the black community in Memphis. In his letter he announced

a fast...no eating of food...until needed changes are made in Memphis to improve the position of the black community.

Watson sent his letter to a representative number of white and black Memphians. At first glance, many folk might dismiss it. But on second sight the letter has a lot to say.

It has the tone of a voice crying in the night. It invites a long, hard look at what the "Invaders" are trying to say and accomplish.

It could just be that the Invaders are a group of young Negroes...men and women...who need to be heard. It could be that the established and traditional spokesmen for the black people of Memphis are not "telling it like it is" so far as young militants like Lance and his Invaders see it. It could be that the time is ripe for senior Memphis...black and white...to lend an ear to these young blacks...the Invaders.

Too many Memphians, black and white, are too quick to dismiss these youths as thugs, criminals, drop-outs, and lunatic fringe folks.

But let's face it. They do have some very legitimate gripes. They have experienced the ghetto, and found it difficult to be "nice" guys when thugs get all the breaks. They have been to the local public schools and dropped-out, perhaps, because the schools fail to answer the basic needs of ghetto youth.

They are black youths who have felt the sting of white racism, the frustration of inadequate employment, the injury of social rejection, the despair of hopelessness, the desperation of a loss of faith in anything except their own strength.

It might be well for the black and white community of well-wishing people of goodwill in Memphis to take a closer look at the Invaders. They may have something more than the muscle to marshal demonstration parades and the like. They may be saying something and standing for something fundamental.

Their leaders, such as Lance Watson, keep on opening their mouths and voicing the same theme. They think the black leadership of Memphis' past has let the black community down.

They don't want violence, according to their spokesmen. They want an honest approach to a solution of the basic problems of a pluralistic community that plague Memphis. They may not be saying it in the foregoing words...but the suspicion lingers that is what they mean.

The force of the Police Department will not be able to still or contain a movement such as the Invaders symbolize. For, the Invaders are the leadership voices of the "street", hard, demanding, determined, desperate, and dedicated...the voices of the newly emerging black leadership...the voices of the masses...the voices of the "street".

The apologetic, timid, cultural, and accommodative words of the old black leadership...always massaging the white man's conscience...had better find some good answers for the Invaders.

Inner City

By W. A. SENGSTACKE, JR.

Tennessee's Food Stamp Program is a program sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Public Welfare in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the program as stated by the Welfare Department, provides low-income families with more food than they "could otherwise afford." The program also has two subsidiary purposes. 1) to make better use of the nation's agricultural abundance and 2) to benefit retailers and wholesalers and, through them, other businesses in the community by increasing the family's purchasing power. The program also replaces the surplus commodities program in certain Tennessee counties.

S. L. Jones, owner of "Jones Big Star," a super market on Maclemore, had this to say about his experience with people who use food stamps. In reference to the adequacy of the program, Jones said, "In some instances it is adequate and in others it isn't. Many times the program is calculated to the amount spent by families on rent and utilities. Many times families don't have anything to purchase the stamps with. It does increase the percentage of sales made by the store, but many poor families who need the stamps don't receive them. Certain portions of the program could be improved."

Reverend Ezekiel Bell, president of the NAACP had this to say about the program. "Any improvements along these lines will help, though the program is not adequate. The only thing that will really help is a guaranteed annual income. It is a disgrace for people in America to be hungry. Many times you have a bunch of bigots sitting up in the welfare office and I've known people to be refused because of red tape. There should also be a choice of where people can spend their stamps."

Mrs. Frances Hale, president of the "Welfare Mothers" had this to say about the food stamp program. "It isn't adequate." She spoke of a personal experience. "I spent \$36.00 on food stamps because I was getting \$10. I went into a training program and they raised the figure from \$98 to \$134. They raised the price

of food stamps according to the amount of money rather than the needs of my family. You are not allowed to buy washing powder and tissue and other household items."

There are six necessary steps that must be taken to get on the program: 1) The person applying for coupons must get in touch with his local county welfare office, taking with him papers that will show the family's residence in the county, total income, and other resources. 2) The welfare worker visits the home and in other ways confirms that the family cannot buy as much food as it needs. 3) The welfare office approves the application for food stamps and issues to the head of the household an identification card. 4) Each month the head of the household, or someone he has named to represent him, turns into the stamp - issuing authority the amount of money that the family is expected to spend on groceries, and receives coupons in the same amount. He then receives extra coupons in the same amount based on the family's need. 5) A member of the family can then use the food coupons at the grocery store, just the same as money. Coupons must be used for food only. They cannot be used for things like soap, household supplies, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pet foods, seeds, feeds, imported items and bottle deposits. 6) The grocer turns in the coupons at the bank and receives money for them, or uses them to pay his wholesale dealer, who can then redeem them at the bank.

Besides families receiving public assistance there are others who would be eligible for food stamps:

- 1-person household \$ 95
- 2-person household \$130
- 3-person household \$185
- 4-person household \$200
- 5-person household \$240
- 6-person household \$275
- 7-person household \$315
- 8-person household \$350
- 9-person household \$385
- 10-person household \$420

Owning a house or automobile does not prevent a family from receiving food stamps. A five person household whose income is \$80 to \$90 may buy \$36 in coupons and receive \$38 more.

NATIONAL HOTLINE

By Diggs Dalrooth

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WASHINGTON — Members of the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity spent last weekend at the estate of the Rockefellers in upstate New York in annual board meeting. Rod Rockefeller and Harvey Russell of Pepsico are co-chairmen of the project. Such persons as Tom Simms of McCann-Erickson; Chuck Williams of Schenley; Ben Wright, twin brother of Nathan the black power philosopher and Evelyn Cunningham of the governor's staff were among those present. There were also representatives present from St. Louis; New Orleans and California. If Clifford Alexander ever decides to give up the chairmanship of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — which he now says he won't — it will not be to enter private industry. Cliff is still considered a hot item back in his home territory of New York. He comes with impressive credentials having served for so long in the White House. Cliff made his mark, as noted here before, with those white collar hearings on job bias in New York.

TID BITS OF DEECEE: Insiders are saying that Rev. J. H. Jackson is that mad at his failure to be included in the Nixon session with Whitney Young, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. Nathan Wright, John F. Murphy, John Johnson and Roy Wilkins. Dr. Jackson of Chicago was among the early leaders to speak for Nixon and his campaign... When Senator Fred Harris stepped into the Democratic National Committee post, he insisted that the slates be wiped clean. As a result, many of the staff positions under discussion are simply in limbo. The Oklahoman is expected to make some major shifts. He has already spoken of new views and thrusts to the suburbs, etc. Could this mean a slight estrangement from labor and the Brother. The big question will be how effective can the Dems be beaming to the suburbs where the backlash dwells. Harris, a forthright liberal, is also a practical politician. The proof will be in how matters develop later.

SKIMMING THE NEWS: The new USIA director, CBS' Frank Shakespeare will no doubt do something for the Brothers in that agency. A real live wire, Shakespeare who was in charge of the network's TV services, is said to have an open mind. His appointment by Nixon will continue in the emphasis set by Leonard Marks, the radio lawyer. Marks upgraded the broadcasting interest when he succeeded Carl Rowan. Throughout their tenure, however, neither Rowan or Marks made any appreciable change in the racial posture of the agency. The built-in resistance was too much. If Shakespeare is able to bring about a change in the employment situation, it will be a near miracle... The appointment last week of Mrs. Elizabeth Koontz to the Labor Dept. by President Nixon, highlights her brother, who has been on the Washington scene for some time now. John Duncan was a commissioner before the introduction of the mayor system by Lyndon Johnson. He is still a figure to be reckoned with in the District.

NEWSMAKERS: Hubert Humphrey will get his just honors from the black community when the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights stages a 20th anniversary dinner on January 28. The Conference, a coalition of 115 national labor, civil rights, religious and civic groups, has been behind all major civil rights bills for the past twenty years. Such luminaries as Joe Rauh, Clarence Mitchell, Bayard Rustin, Arnold Aronson are officers. Roy Wilkins is chairman of the group. Tribute will be paid HHH for his longtime role battling for human rights. It will be the one farewell for Humphrey being given. Suitable tribute has been paid the President; Secretary Bob Weaver and Louis E. Martin. Hubert is leaving a great legacy behind him. His last ditch ruling on Senate filibusters (that a two-thirds majority won't be needed) has stirred the ire of Southerners and warmed the hearts of liberals who tried to say that Humphrey had forgotten them.

JOTTINGS FROM HERE: The Supreme Court established another precedent when it ruled last week that Negroes may seek redress for alleged bias in pay, promotion and other employment matters without first exhausting grievance procedures of collective bargaining contracts. While the ruling covered railroad workers, it could apply to all black workers in disputes with employers and unions... When the Detroit riots flared in Detroit, industry looked around for something to do. Michigan Bell adopted one of the ghetto high schools. It poured funds, equipment and other resources into the Northern High.

Memphis Politics

By EDWARD HARRIS

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State representative James I. Taylor of District 5 in Shelby County plans to fill the City Council chamber with people who are demanding a repeal of the garbage tax.

Earlier this month, Mr. Taylor introduced a bill in the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville to bar cities from collecting garbage fees from poor people, churches, homes, barber shops, cafes and other places of business.

Mr. Taylor said that since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis while assisting the city sanitation workers, the bill to eliminate the fee could be a lasting memorial to the civil rights martyr.

The proposed bill to permit law officers to stop and search anyone at the discretion of the officers has yet to reach the state General Assembly. If the bill is ever introduced, a battle royale can be expected. The proposed legislation, termed as the "Stop and Frisk" bill is considered by many in the black community as "unnecessary." Why? Because as far as the black community is concerned, the bill is already in effect.

One elderly black man said "the police have been stopping, searching and beating us for years, so why do they need a law for it?"

Black Heritage Notebook

By Whit Sengstacke

1619 — The first twenty African slaves were brought to Jamestown Virginia, an English settlement in Virginia. They were transported on a Dutch ship.

1624 — 1st African born and baptised in English America, was William Tucker. The incident took place in Jamestown.

1638 — First African slaves brought into New England.

Last week the empire of Ghana was discussed as one of the first great African empires.

In the article we found that Ghana's history extended back into the pre Christian era that it had a highly organized political structure, and that its people were agricultural. We also discovered that Ghana's chief city, Kumbi-Kumbi, was an important commercial center during the middle ages and that Arabian infiltration increased the status of Ghana as a national power and that under the black rulers of the Sisse dynasty Ghana reached great power. By the end of the eleventh century we found Ghana making a decline in her power due to a series of droughts that dried up the important Bagadu and Bagana Rivers. Because of this decline Ghana fell prey to waves of conquerors who swept in to destroy the kingdom in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. One of these conquerors was Melle.

Melle exceeded Ghana's heights. The center of Melle's political structure goes back to the seventh century though it did not become a strongly organized Kingdom until A. D.

1235. Its kings had no influence and the country remained insignificant for the first four centuries of its existence. Mansa, or King, Melle Baramendana Keita was converted to Mohammedanism, this alliance with Mohammedanism built his country in strength. King Baramendana believed that Alla brought much needed rain to his country and to show his gratitude for this act of Allah, he made a pilgrimage to Mecca.

The strength that King Baramendana received through his military and religious alliance with followers of Islam was great. Once the mere residence of a Tribal chief, Kangaba soon became the capital of the Kingdom. The king's influence was extended in all directions. Trade relations were established with neighboring countries and Mansa of Melle soon became the most powerful state in west Africa.

Melle, was also known as Mellestine and Mandingoland. Sindiata Keita can be given credit for consolidating and strengthening the Kingdom of Ghana. He destroyed the capital of Ghana, overran Sosa and the King of Soso. Conga-Mussa and Kan-Kan-Musa later successor of Sindiata Keita were the Kings who carried the Mandingoes to the glorious heights they obtained. After building his empire, he devoted his attention to peaceful pursuits of encouraging the industry of his people and displaying the wealth of his people. Like Ghana, most of the people in Melle were agricultural, but many of its members were

weavers, constructors and miners. They had the mines of Bure at their disposal which enhanced the coffers.

The King many times acted as a public relations man for his own country. A good example of this public relations is the royal pilgrimages to Mecca. The newly converted Kings were as religious as any Arab. They looked forward to making these pilgrimages to Mecca because it not only showed their devotion but it afforded them the chance to reveal the wealth of the country and attract new trade.

In 1324 Conga-Mussa took a pilgrimage that exceeded all pilgrimages of former kings. The king's party consisted of some 60,000 persons. A large part of the entourage consisted of a military escort, 12,000 were servants, 500 marched ahead of the king carrying a staff of pure gold. There were many book and baggage men, and royal secretaries. The trip was financed with eighty camels who bore more than 24,000 pounds of gold. The king lavished gifts on his subjects, he also had Mosques built where they were needed.

As the caravan reached Mecca, the burden had become much lighter. It wasn't necessary to proceed directly to Mecca, because the trip was a holy journey as well as a means to display wealth. The journey gave Conga-Mussa a chance to show his subjects' tremendous wealth and benevolence. When Conga-Mussa left his Kingdom he went to Tuat, in the land of the Berbers. Making a deep impression there he crossed the desert, visited Cairo and finally to Mecca and Medina.

After leaving those cities, Conga Mussa went home by way of Ghadames, in Tripoli. In Ghadames he received many honors. El-Momar, a descendant of the founder of the dynasty of the Almohades accompanied Conga-Mussa back to his kingdom. A distinguished Arabian poet and an architect of the Franda family also accompanied the king back to Melle. These visitors found the straw huts used for temples very inadequate. On their suggestion the King had pretentious temples constructed at Timbuktu, Jenne, Kangaba, and elsewhere. These temples added splendor to already well developed kingdom.

King Conga-Mussa died in 1332, his legacy to Melle was one of the best organized political and powerful states in Africa. One Arabian geographer said of Melle that he was impressed by, "The discipline of its officials and provincial governors, the excellent condition of public finance, and the luxury and the rigorous and complicated ceremonial of the



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD SMALL — were also among the many guests attending the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Mr. Small is a member of the National Business League and Personnel director of the Powell Communion Service, Inc.

AME Missionary Women Plan For Installation

The annual installation services for the Missionary Institute of the South Memphis District will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 at Ward Chapel AME Church with Mrs. E. Weathers as host president and the Rev. R. L. McRae as host minister.

The Institute will pay tribute to past presidents during the services, and new officers will be installed. The officers are Mrs. M. R. Todd, president; St. Andrew;

Mrs. E. P. Beavers, vice president, New Allen; Mrs. L. Owen, secretary, St. Andrew; Mrs. I. Massey, assistant secretary, St. Andrew; and Mrs. P. Alexander, corresponding secretary; Providence.

Mrs. E. Weathers, assistant corresponding secretary, Ward Chapel; Mrs. M. Morris, treasurer, Providence; Mrs. Owen, chairman of current events; Mrs. A. Taliaferro, chaplain, St. Andrew; Mrs. E. Fisher, parliamentarian, Mt. Zion; the Rev. Mrs. Virginia Reed, parliamentarian, Cleo Hickman AME; and Mrs. F. R. LaMarr, reporter, St. Andrew.

Mrs. Beavers is chairman of the program committee; Mrs. Massey assistant chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. Taliaferro secretary of the program committee.

Information Officer Named For New Post

James D. Williams former acting deputy director of Public Affairs for the Office of Economic Opportunity, has been named information officer for the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, Howard A. Glick, Acting Staff Director, announced this week.

Clarence H. Hunter who has been appointed associate director of the Washington Journalism Center. Prior to entering Federal service two and a half years ago as director of Public Affairs for OEO's Community Action Programs, Mr. Williams was editor of the Washington

Afro-American Newspaper. He has also served as editor of the Baltimore Afro-American and has been employed as a reporter by newspapers in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. He has also been a visiting professor of journalism at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.

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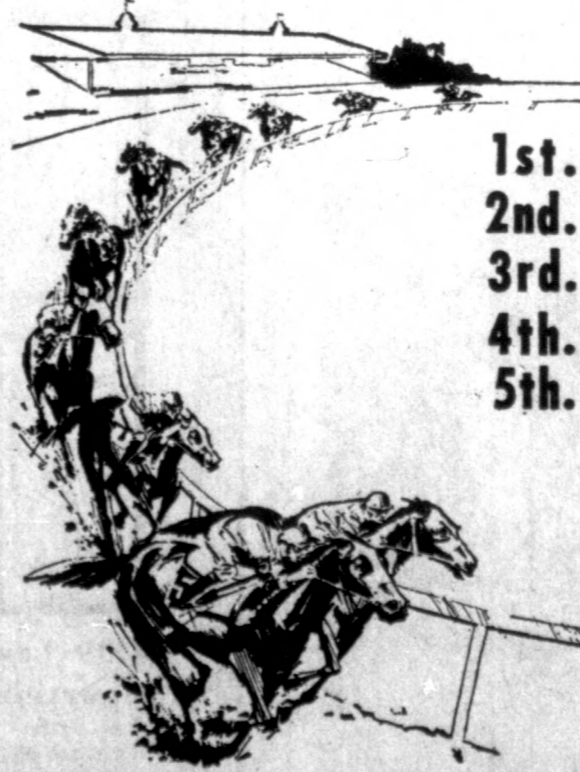
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"My People: The night is beautiful, so the faces of my people. Beautiful, also, is the sun. Beautiful, also, are the souls of my people." Langston Hughes.

On the Distaff Side... How pleasant it is for us to describe the activities of our local femmes and the flair with which they are doing things. However, as time has passed it has become increasingly more pleasant for us to report the happenings. For as you know, the black woman has really come into her own. She finds no time and doesn't need to fit into any ante-bellum prescribed setting, but rather she has moved into the main stream and is fully conscious of her role.

There was a time when bridge parties were given for the sake of just playing cards, with chit chat about hats and other inane et ceteras. Now you see a new breed, black women doing their own thing... helping the brother!

There's hardly an organization in existence that does not have substance. Affluence is judged not by money and furs these days, but rather by what the person is doing that is worthwhile. This perhaps could be just another definition of "soul."

We understand that many members of Delta Sigma Theta were revitalized with the visit of their National President Frankie Muse, who is the only woman member of the Civil Rights Commission. An active group of well prepared women, we hear that the Delta are going great guns with real for a more active role in civil rights activities. A doff you as the other girls as she taunted them into "swapping"

prizes. You see, she had prizes for everyone or else yours truly would have gone home empty handed instead of with beautiful stationery. Maria (Mrs. Charles) Pinkston refused to "swap" and wound up with several packages of chewing gum. Helen (Mrs. Longino Jr.) Cooke was gifted with good smelling cologne; Velma Lois Jones, fashionable as always and stunning in a red suit and matching turban, won a jeweled key chain; Delores (Mrs. Harold) Lewis, has a new address book; and Ernie (Mrs. Odell) Horton, graciously received the best wishes of the coterie for her hubby who now answers to the title of "Judge" and Gloria Lindsey won a pretty key chain.

Elsie (Mrs. Theodore) Branch and her little one Terrence Ryland were showered in absentia with loads of prettily wrapped baby gifts. And then the secret pals revealed themselves and there was such stock as jewelry cases, make-up kits, colognes, jewelry and so forth.

Gerri (Mrs. William) Smith was absent due to the death of her father, the late Clarence Pope, well-known for his landmark laundry and cleaning business, Evelyn (Mrs. William) Robertson was abed ill in St. Joseph's and Gladys (Mrs. E. W.) Reed and Sarah (Mrs. Horace L.) Chandler were the other absentees.

And with the younger set, the Co-Ettes are happily receiving congratulations on their beautiful Africana Ball in the Skyway of the Sheraton-Embassy Hotel which benefited the United Negro College Fund. They had a handsome souvenir booklet which was dedicated to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and also paid homage to other American Martyrs... President John F. Kennedy, Mississippi NAACP Secretary Medgar Evers and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Co-Ettes are teenage high school girls and the Memphis Chapter includes Gwen Williamson, president; Wendy Corley, Chairman of the Junior Board of Directors; Karen Chandler, Charlotte Bynum, Ethel Marie Sengstacke, "Miss Co-Ette of 1968;" Barbara Westbrooks, "Co-Ette Miss UNCF;" Brenda Batts, Teresa Shackelford, Melba Sartor, Debbie Northcross and Beverly Steinberg.

Misses Carol Thompson, Linda Hargraves, Shirley Peace and Jacquelyn Broadnax who

were Co-Ettes during their high school days are now advisors. Yours truly is sponsor. There was a joyous chorus of "Happy Birthday" when Ann (Mrs. A. W. Jr.) Willis and Vivian (Mrs. Thomas) Willis, feted the Smart Set at Vivian's South Parkway domicile. The sisters-in-law called their bash, "Willis and Willis Laugh In" and the members and their mates wore smashing fun clothes... leather outfits, Bermuda shorts, pants suits and so on.

Mahalia Jackson Chicken System supplied the Glori-Fried chicken and other sumptuous foods. Have you had the "soul bowl"? Hear tell the Smart Setters are still licking their fingers. And then the fried chicken livers, and sweet potato pie always call for more. Ann's mate "A" is chairman of the Board of Directors of Mahalia's.

The Smart Set has been on the scene locally for a year and asked their husbands to help them celebrate the occasion. They too are a part of the new emerging black conscious group and have as their local project, providing milk for the children at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ Day Care Center, National project of the group is the National Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP. We recall from our friend Elsie Archer who is a member of the New York Chapter that they too gave to SCLC's Poor People's Campaign last summer.

Meanwhile back at the party sipping and enjoying themselves were Jewell and Dr. Oscar Speight, she's the prey; Tillie and Harold Whalum, she's the vee; Addie and Bill Owen, she's the holder of the funds; Martha and Dr. Arthur Flowers, Nell and Dr. Theron Northcross, Margaret and Dr. Fred Rivers, Gladys and Dr. Edward Reed, Harriett and Maceo Walter, Ruth and Robert Lewis, and Maxine and Dr. Vasco Smith.

Lois and Charles Tarpley, she's the recording secretary and Orphelia and Dr. Jimmy Byas chalked up the absenteeism. And on the Masculine Side... Albert D. Miller entertained the Explorers Investment club in the handsome setting of his family room at his home on Sherrie Cove.

Talking about "the green stuff" over potables were Otis Brown, president of the enterprising young men who believe that one way of attaining Black Power is through Green Power; Freeman Robinson, Dr. Charles Pinkston, Willie E. Lindsey, Jr., Judge Odell Horton who was receiving felicitations upon his appointment as Judge of Criminal Court Division IV; Wallace Wilburn, Jr., John Westley, Longino A. Cooke, Jr., George Clark, Gene Robinson, Oliver

Johnson, Bennie M. Batts and O'Ferrell Nelson.

Here and There... Congrats to the dee jays at WDIA who worked untiringly collecting clothes for the victims of the tornado at Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Another case of "soul" in action. The response of the listeners was tremendous!

And the call is also out to equip a Day Care Center in the LeMoyné Gardens. Give a pot, Give a pan, Give a damn!!! Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is sponsoring its annual scholarship dance Friday, February 7, at Club Rosewood. The stalwarts in community action and the oldest women's Black Greek lettered action is known to be in the forefront of activity to help the brother.

The Rev. C. L. Franklin, father of Aretha Franklin, Soul Sister Number One, was here last week explaining his brainchild, the International Afro Musical and Cultural Foundation, at the South Parkway, residence of the Rev. Billy Kyles who is chairman of the local chapter. This organization will seek to promote Black talent and plans for a three-day festival to be held in the Astrodome June 13-15. Watch for more about this! An exciting array of national Black talent will be displayed at the festival.

And Calle Stevens will be doing the narrating for the Rubaiyats "Transpo '69" Sunday February 16, in the Skyway of the Sheraton-Peabody. She'll share the spotlight with Walt Robinson of the New Breed Industries with their Afro fashions. Yours truly will be mistress of ceremonies.

Funds from the show provide transportation for blind adults attending Adult Basic Education classes at Georgia Avenue School. Peggy (Mrs. Harper) Brewer is president of this group, so conscious of black awareness which means doing your own thing in your own way... all adding up to the



SIGHTSEEING IN NASSAU — Seen here on a sightseeing tour of Nassau in The Bahamas are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Watkins of 1650 Rozelle Cove, who spent their belated honeymoon at Nassau's Sheraton-British

Colonial Hotel. Mrs. Watkins is the former Miss Sandra N. McGlaun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGlaun of Detroit. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Watkins of 837 Hilton St., Memphis.

of Black Pride. And Omar Robinson and his Troubadors left today for New York City where they will tape another show for Ted Mack Amateur Hour. The talented Omar deserves so much credit for working so diligently with these young black boys and giving them the exposure which they need and deserve. You remember they were on the Ted Mack Show last year and during the Holidays they sang for a half hour program on Channel 3, our local CBS television station.

It was to an overflow crowd that Georgia State Representative Julian Bond spoke to Sunday night at Southwestern University where he was presented by the American Civil Liberties Union. As per usual

the handsome and brilliant boy of the century kept his audience spellbound and received a standing ovation. He was too young to meet the age requirement. And Alfred Baker Lewis national treasurer of the NAACP was honored with a reception Thursday evening at Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church which is pastored by the NAACP President the Rev. Ezekiel Bell.

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ARNOLD AND ASSOCIATES — Was among the many business represented at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, recently. Shown at the table clockwise hosted by John R. Arnold, Jr., president of Arnold and Associates, are Mrs. Lawrence Wade, Robert Lewis, Jr., Mrs. Lewis, Randall Catron, Mrs. Barbara Perry, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Arnold, III, and Mr. Wade.



BIG WHEELS AT L-O — Class presidents at LeMoyné-Owen College this year are all males. They are shown here with the president of the LeMoyné-Owen Student Council, Donnell Cobbins, standing. Seated around table, left to right: Dennis Henderson, sophomore; Charles Diggs, senior; James Watkins, junior, and Willie Henry, freshman.

Defender CAMERA Spotlights



INVADERS MARCH — Shown above are members of the black militant organization "The Invaders" during the March by the National Council of Churches and The World Council of Churches. The organization has several interest-

ing programs which it plans to carry out in the near future, which will appear in a later edition. One of their aims at this time is to free Lance Watson who has been in County Jail as a "Political Prisoner" on a fifteen day fast. (Photo by Ernest Withers)



JOIN WDIA GOODWILL FUND BOARD — The WDIA Goodwill Fund Board this week announced the addition of the two new members, M. C. Wiggins, left, and Rev. H. Ralph Jackson, right. Mr. Wiggins, owner of Wiggins Bar-

ber Shop, and Rev. Mr. Jackson, director of the AME Church Minimum Salary Department, are shown here with Bert Ferguson, the No. 1 man at the radio station.



LITTLE CLUB WITH A BIG HEART is what the people in the Nob Hill area are calling their Civic Club. During the Christmas holidays, the organization decided giving baskets to needy families wasn't enough. The club gave \$35.00 to each family receiving Christmas Baskets. As Jack

Armour The Nob Hill Civic Club President (standing right) stated "man cannot live bread alone." Shown above seated (left to right) is Mrs. Floyd Atkins, Committee Secretary, and Mr. Cummings; (standing left) is Mr. Bullouck. (Photo By Ernest Withers)



Gilbert Branch, 1492 Estill, will convene the opening session of the Circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Eliza Miller High School, in West Helena, Arkansas, February 7-9. Ministers from congregations in Circuit No. 12 will relate experiences under Gilbert Branch's direction. The theme of the meeting will be "Make Wise Use of The Remaining Time." Shown above are some of the principal people who will take part in the meeting. From left to right is J. C. Howard, keynote speaker and supervisor from New York, Mr. G. J.



"High school classroom driver stimulators give the students a driving experience that has proven very valuable, says Ralph Jackson, manager of Driver Education at the All-state Insurance Company. In the safety of a driven stimulator students learn the essential aspects of driving-recognition of hazards, decision making under varied conditions, and basic performance skills-before they take to the highway." The above statement is in true, in many cases, but a complete course in drivers education must have a

practical side as well as a theoretical side. Geeter School has a drivers education course. During the first part of the course there was no automobile to give the student the actual driving experience. In an effort to aid Geeter High School's Driver Education Course Mr. S. M. Potter owner of Security Rambler presented Joseph M. Simons with a New 1969 Rambler. The Car will give the students at Geeter the practical experience they need.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — On Sunday, Jan. 12 a birthday was given in honor of Mrs. Fannie Keith, the wife of the late Mr. Mose Keith, by her daughter Mrs. Sallie Mae Frazier, her grandchildren, Forestine, Gwendolyn and Levi

Frazier, Jr. The dinner was attended by close friends and relatives. Mrs. Frazier and her husband acted as host and hostess. (Photo by Ernest Withers)



The Teen-Age Improvement Club (TIC), a city-wide organization sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, is designed to help young ladies improve themselves, scholastically and morally, to perform community service activities, and to develop lasting friendship. The officers

for 1968 and 1969 include, President, Janet Jenions; Vice President, Jackie Koss; Secretary, Jacquelyn Nightingale; Asst. Secretary, Linda Hamilton; Treasurer, Paulette Gordon; Reporter, Cassandra Byrd and Advisor Mrs. Y. Acy and Mrs. C. Johnson. (Photo by Ernest Withers)

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Junior League Shop To Hold Annual Sale

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Winter clothing such as coats, suits, car coats, pants and shirts for men, women and children will sell for as little as a dollar or less. A dime will buy baby clothes, belts, blouse, hats, lamp shades, shirts, shoes, ties, toys and games.

The bargains are fabulous, and a dollar can be stretched to last a whole day! Where else could you shop and get more for your money?

The Junior League Thrift Shop welcomes its customers with a warm, friendly atmosphere sharing with their patrons the goodwill the league feels towards the customer who make possible their sales for the Junior League to finance its many varied projects. The League's financial and

volunteer support reaches such projects as the Salvation Army Day Care Center, Crippled Children's Hospital, Speech and Hearing Center, Children's Theatre Group, Little Symphony and the Youth Museum.

For the past 39 years the league has had a sight conservation program which provides glasses and artificial eyes for needy children, as well as the preparation of books in braille.

Miss Social Belle Thanks Backers

The "Miss Social Belle" souvenir books will be out soon, and in the meantime, Miss Vanessa Thomas, winner of the title in the recent contest, says she and members of her family would like to express their deep gratitude to the many businesses, clubs and individuals "whose contributions helped me to win the coveted title of 'Miss Social Belle.'"

Miss Thomas is the daughter of famous entertainer Rufus Thomas and Mrs. Thomas and sister of Miss Carla Thomas, popular recording artist.

The Miss Social Belle contest is sponsored by the Memphis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



PAN-HELLENIC HONOREES — Flanking this year's honorees for "Greek of the Year" awards at the annual dinner given in the Living Room on Friday night, Jan. 17, are the guest speaker and representatives of fraternities and sororities cited for outstanding contributions. From left, seated, are Mrs. Fannie Delk, Alpha Kappa Alpha; Rev. Ezekiel Bell, Phi Beta Sigma, and Mrs. Charlie P. Roland,

Sigma Gamma Rho, who shared "Greek of the Year" award; and Samuel Peace, of Peace Realty and Investment Corporation, guest speaker. Standing, from left, are Harold Shaw, Alpha Phi Alpha; Mrs. Mattie Crossley, Delta Sigma Theta; Police Warrant Officer E. E. Redditt, Kappa Alpha Psi; Mrs. Carlotta Stewart, Zeta Phi Beta; and Daniel Ward, Omega Psi Phi. (Withers Photo)

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City Federation Plans Third Annual Musical

The City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs met Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Lelia Walker Clubhouse with Mrs. Neil Osborn, first vice president, presiding.

Heading the agenda were plans for the Federation's third annual musical recital, which will be the presentation of Mrs. June Glenn and Harold Brooks in recital in the Bruce Hall on the LeMoyn College campus on Sunday, March 30, at 5 p.m. Both are well-known soloists in the city.

At the meeting congratulations were given to Mrs. Annie Higgins and Mrs. Mary D. King, both of whom received "Distinguished Clubwomen" awards by the president, Mrs. Zana Ward, on Sunday, Jan. 12 during the celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of the Lelia Walker Clubhouse.

Not present to receive the same award was Mrs. Mary E. Murphy. Hers was presented to her by mail.

All three women have given unstintingly of their time and service, both on the state and local level. Mrs. King has served as a regional officer.

Attendance prizes were awarded to the presidents of two clubs, Mrs. Ethel Watkins of Clara Barton, and Mrs. St. Ivory Jeans of the Everina Hurt Garden Club.

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Pineapple Juice
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Libby's
Salmon Alaska Pink
16 oz. 2 Limit **65c**

Pork Chops
1st Cut lb. **51c**
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Tuna 6 1/2 oz. **29c**

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Spare Ribs
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IN VIRGINIA — Women Marine Corporal Dorothy J. Baker, daughter of Mrs. Katie M. Wilson of 1247 Pioneer st. Memphis, is serving at Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Va. Hundreds of American women have joined the Corps to "Free a Marine to Fight" since it was founded on Feb. 13, 1943.

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'Animal Farm' To Be Staged Here Feb. 6

The Lambuth College Altie Players of Jackson, Tenn., will present 'Animal Farm' in the Little Theatre of LeMoyn College, Thursday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m.

James R. Lee, drama coach at LeMoyn College, said this is a theatre exchange between the two colleges. The LeMoyn Student Players presented 'In White America' at Lambuth last fall.

George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' is a thought-provoking situation of satire and comedy and will be a readers theatre production. The set and props consist of seven stools from which the readers, dressed in formal attire, will perform.

PHIL BURTON, long an independent film producer whose work has appeared on the major networks, has been named as the first black man to be inducted into the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. Burton, 47, is a member of the Black Panther Party and has been a vocal supporter of the group's activities. He was named for his role in the production of the film "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution" which was shown on television last year.



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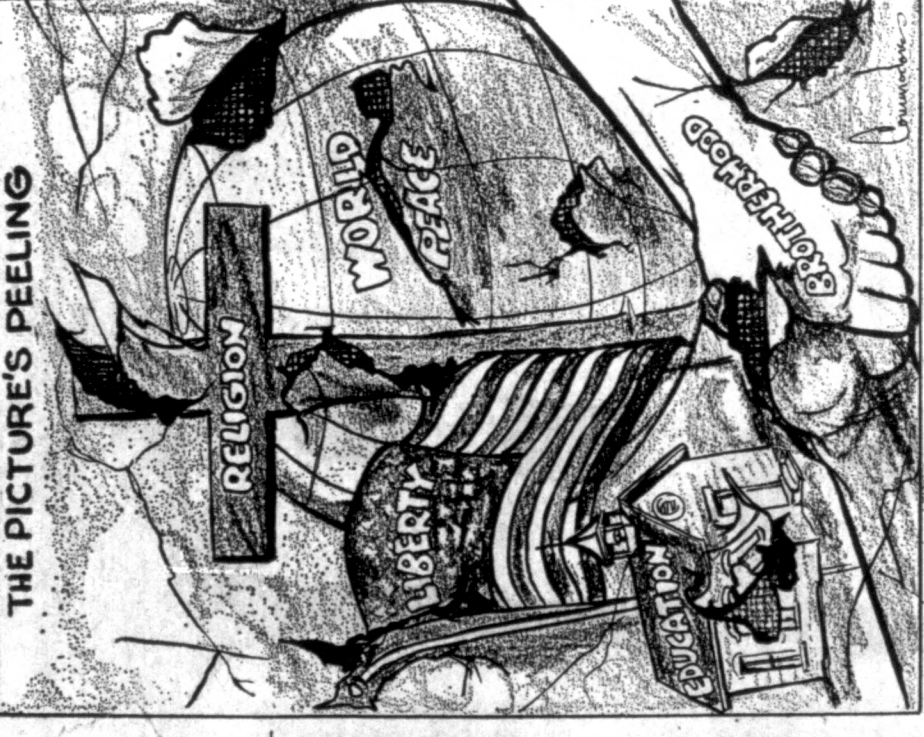
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IV. Edwina and Linda, so you have a "Brand New Bag," well play it cool, and don't let it sag.

V. "Somebody Loves You" Hazel Scott, this we know is true without a doubt.

SPORTS
Hamilton beat Kingsbury 64-61. Ernest Moss was the high point man with 27 points; Early Drane 11; Ellis Aldridge 10; Herbert Flowers 9; and Herman Williams 7 points.

JUMPING JACKS
Hamilton's league record 3-1, overall 11-6.

Teens that are on the scene that are sticking and staying are: Joyce Patton, Charles Ragland, Karon Sanders, Shepperd, Wilburn, Maria Rice, Orlando Gaines, Ruby Jackson, Stanley Stevens, Roberta Woods and Jerry Green.

PICKS TO CLICK
I. "Baby, Baby Don't Cry," Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Floyd at 1877 Glenview, she is a member of Collins Chapel C.M.E. Church. So hats off to Virginia Floyd!

CAN YOU DIG IT?
I. "I heard it through the grapevine," Soul Thunder can be a, putting thang, especially.

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Richard Pryor: Multifaceted

RICHARD PRYOR, hailed by show business pundits as 'the most promising young new wave comedian to come along in years,' is a brilliant, multifaceted talent who sings, dances, acts, plays instruments, and combines a fascinating diversity of personal and professional interests.

Richard was born in Peoria, Illinois, on December 1, 1940. At the early age of seven, Richard was introduced to the enchanting world of nightclubs. He "sat-in" as a drummer with the house band at Peoria's Famous Door, a favorite haunt for prominent artists who customarily dropped by following their respective performances at other local venues.

Richard attended Central High in Peoria. He graduated from Central High and enlisted in the army. He was attached to the 504th Central Postal Directory in Germany. He was discharged in 1960 and immediately started out in search of Greenwich Village. There, he found an appealing coffee house, the Cafe Wha?, which he frequented on an almost regular basis.

Richard writes all of his own material, which is drawn from his personal observations of life and his childhood experiences. His hobbies and interests include sky diving, fishing, viewing movies, and just "having fun." He hopes some day to acquire his own plane and says his biggest thrill comes from meeting movie stars.



RICHARD PRYOR

Today's History
Baffler Quiz
New Orleans
Jazzman, 80
Is Buried

Hi There!
This is your soulful reporter
recounting some of the hap-
penings and active people
around our soulful resting place
last week.

NEW ORLEANS — "Slow
Drag" Pavageau, the man
who led the bands escorting
many New Orleans jazz greats
to their graves, went to his
own funeral that night in a
pulpit. He was the only one
publishing a B. Who established
the anti-slavery journal, "North
Star"?

Top Tigers and Tigeress:
Pickle Brown, Ada Binion,
Ollis Parham, Brenda Brown,
Terry Gray, Gail Jackson, Ed-
die Perkins, Battle Roby, Roy
Owens, Gail Galin, Ernest
Morris, Ciocha Jones, Robert
Hammond, Patricia Holmes,
and David White

ANSWERS: 1. She wrote
of the city's dwindling number
of traditional jazz musicians
in the past month.
2. "The Soul of New Orleans"
were not allowed in the na-
tional air force until a Negro
pursuit squadron was estab-
lished at Tuskegee Institute
during World War II. 3. Dur-
bar does not belong in the list,
he died in 1906. 4. On the con-
trary, he was imprisoned in
1925 for using the U. S. mails
to defraud in connection with
the sale of stock in his Black
Star at process of banishment
and from the U. S. 5. The bus
boy-
Pavageau was perhaps best
known as the strutting grand
marshal of the Eureka Brass
band carrying a parasol, trap-
ping the slaves only in areas
not under Union control. 8. He
has hired dancing step before
the hiring brass band.
9. He has also the driving
bassist in the Les and Bunk
Johnson groups. In 1945, he
accompanies Johnson to New
York and then toured the Uni-
ted States and Europe with
Douglass.

Loan me your Eyes for just
a few shakes and you will learn
the latest gossip concerning
certain Tigers and Tigeress.
A certain tiger with the in-
famous C. H. is trying his best to
go back with A. B., but she
says "no" because of M.S.
Say P. L. is it true that J.
W. goes with both you and
M. B.?

1. Harold Beecher Stowe's
novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
aroused anti-slavery sentiment
that helped provoke the Civil
War.
2. As early as the 1830's Ne-
groes made noteworthy accom-
plishments in the U. S. Air
Force, winning Presidential ci-
tations for their bravery.
3. Among the exceptional
writers who contributed to the
Harlem Renaissance during
the 1920's and the 1930's were
Countee Cullen, Claude Mc-
Kay, Paul Lawrence Dunbar,
Jean Toomer, and Langston
Hughes.
4. Marcus A. Garvey, who
sought to lead Black people
back to Africa, was acclaimed
by federal officials for his ef-
fort to resolve the Negro
question.
5. The late Dr. Martin Luth-
er King, Jr., led a 352-day bus
boycott in 1955 and 1956 in Bir-
mingham, Ala. His first major
protest action, the boycott set
the stage for the dismantling
of Southern segregation.
6. As U. S. Senator during
the Reconstruction era, Fred-
erick Douglass helped promote
the only civil-rights legislation
passed until 1867.
7. President Abraham Lin-
coln's Emancipation Proclama-
tion set the slaves free in all
areas of the country which re-
mained loyal to the Union dur-
ing the Civil War.
8. Toussaint L'Ouverture is
remembered as one of the out-
standing military heroes of the
French revolution.

So until next week I'll have
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Magicians Hand 'Bama A Humiliating Defeat

Only three more home games remain on the LeMoyn-Owen College basketball schedule.

The Magicians will face Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach in Bruce Hall, Monday, Feb. 3, and Lane College of Daytona Beach in Bruce Hall, Monday, Feb. 7. Both are Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference contests.

Tougaloo College of Tougaloo Miss. will close out the Magicians' home stand, Feb. 10.

The Memphisians will play their final three games of the season on the road, meeting Fisk University at Nashville, Feb. 13; Tougaloo at Tougaloo, Miss., Feb. 14, and Lane at Jackson, Feb. 17. Fisk and Lane are SICA members.

The Magicians were defeated by Bethune-Cookman, 117-46, at Daytona Beach, Jan. 7, but recorded a 104-90 victory over Fisk here, Dec. 13.

LeMoyn-Owne toppled Benedict College of Columbia, S.C., 105-82, Jan. 18, in Bruce Hall, and sneaked by Rust College, 103-97, Jan. 21, at Holly Spring, Miss.

The Magicians were 8-4 overall and 4-3 in conference play following the contest with Rust.

They added another victory Saturday night, Jan. 25, by humiliating Alabama A and M 105-57, before 1,900 in Bruce Hall. The sensational win placed them at 5-3 in the SIAC race and 9-4 overall.



SCORING ACE — Jackie Robinson, former Hamilton High School flash and now a junior forward on the LeMoyn-Owen College basketball squad is... one of the Magicians' scoring leaders. He has racked up as high as 31 points in one game.

SPORTS HORIZON



By BILL LITTLE

MAGICIANS INSPIRED

This is LeMoyn-Owens last season in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Mad Magicians would like for their last campaign to be a successful one. As for home fans, the Magicians are doing just that, thus far losing only to Morehouse in Bruce Hall. That setback was the first game of the season.

On a recent road trip LeMoyn-Owens whipped Morehouse in Atlanta. LeMoyn-Owens made it three in a row at home since the Christmas break by overpowering Alabama A&M 105-57, last Saturday night here. The visiting Bulldogs from Huntsville defeated the Magicians in their first meeting.

With Willie Taylor's 14 rebounds igniting a blazing fast-break, Bill Meggett, Ed "Dusty" Hoskins and Jackie Robinson took turns keeping the strings sizzling as the Purple Waves raced to a 50-30 halftime advantage. Little Jerry Dover, a pleasant surprise for Coach Jerry Johnson as number one relief guard took over the play making chores in the second half and thrilled a packed gym with some fancy ball handling while finding time to fire in 15 points mostly on long one handers. Meggett topped all scorers with 23, followed by Hoskins with 20 and Robinson's 18.

Both teams were miserable from the freethrow line with a combined total of 22 of 48 for less than 50 percent; however, LeMoyn-Owens was red hot from the field hitting 45-of 85 for a fine 53 percent. Alabama A&M scored only 25 field goals

while shooting a very cold 32 percent.

The win pushed the Magicians to 5-3 in conference action and 10-6 overall. Their victims left town with a 6-8 season mark and 2-4 in the SIAC. Melvin States, former Geeter standout, could muster only four points before the home folks.

B. C. AND LANE INVADE

After a return match with CBC this week, LeMoyn-Owens hosts tough Bethune-Cookman of Daytona Beach, Fla. Monday night February 3, and Lane College furnishes the opposition Friday night on the Bruce Hall hardwood. LeMoyn should be able to determine if its young players have come of age after this trio put the Magicians through the acid test. CBC was beaten handily at the Brothers De LaSalle court but Chet Doll's group has been playing well of late. CBC dropped a 66-67 thriller to Union University last Saturday night in Jackson, Tenn. Union holds a victory over Memphis State. CBC's leading scorer of last season Leondist Brown has been playing less and the Brothers are enjoying it more in their five game winning streak which unction halted. Brown thought to be a mild mannered cager, had a talk out with Coach Doll over the Brothers' style of play. Failing to make a practice session after Doll gave the former Carver star a chance to make up his mind about continuing to play for the Bucs led to Brown's subsequent dismissal from the squad.

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Ohio Valley Law Schools Offer Summer Program For 40 Blacks

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Four Ohio Valley law schools are cooperating in the sponsorship of an intensive six-week summer law study program for minority group college graduates — especially Negroes — interested in legal careers.

The law schools involved are those at the Universities of Cincinnati, Kentucky, Louisville, and Ohio State University. Sharing in supporting the project are the four schools, the Council on Legal Opportunity (CLEO) and the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

CLEO was established in 1967 by the American and National Bar Associations, the Association of American Law Schools, and the Law School Admission Test Council.

The Ohio Valley program will be held at the University of Cincinnati College of Law beginning June 23. One of eight such courses sponsored by CLEO and OEO as part of a nationwide effort to increase the number of law students from minority groups, the Cincinnati projects hope to attract students from a seven-state area. In addition to Ohio and Kentucky, this territory includes Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, and Missouri.

The program director, John J. Murphy, associate professor in the Cincinnati College of Law, said the project's purposes are:

* To raise the legal profession as a priority career choice for black college seniors and graduates;

* To act as a clearinghouse for placement of Negro applicants in law schools throughout the country;

* To provide an intensive six-week session on the skills necessary for competitive law study for 40 Negro seniors or graduates.

Professor Murphy pointed out the great need for increasing the number of Negroes in law practice. He noted the vital role of the lawyer in and opportunities for minority groups and in rendering advice and counsel in disadvantaged communities.

"Furthermore," he added, "legal training in this country traditionally has been an important avenue for entry into politics, public administration, and business management."

"This need will not be satisfied unless law schools attract more Negro college graduates as applicants. In the 21 law schools in the Midwest," he

said, "16 have fewer than nine black students each and two have none."

In addition, Murphy reported that the number of Negroes and members of other minority groups now practicing law is "exceedingly small." He quoted a Howard University survey which showed that as of 1967 there were approximately 121 Negro lawyers in Ohio, which has a total of more than 12,000.

In Cincinnati, Professor Murphy said, there are about 29 Negroes among the city's 1377 lawyers. In other states, according to the Howard Study, Negro lawyer totals were: Illinois, 240; Pennsylvania, 118; Indiana, 60; Missouri, 42; and Tennessee, 25.

The Cincinnati program will attempt to place applicants in accredited law schools throughout the nation, including the regional sponsors, taking into account preferences of the students.

The 40 participants in the Ohio Valley summer course will be provided room and board and transportation expenses up to a maximum. A stipend also will be paid each successful applicant to help defray lost summer earnings for the six-week period.

The curriculum will include courses in criminal law legal writing, the documentary operation of selected commercial transactions, and reading comprehension of legal materials.

In addition to Murphy, the faculty will include Associate Professors Paul F. Miller and Jerome Shuman, both of Howard University College of Law and Associate Professor Alma L. Mami, supervisor of the Reading and Study Program at the University of Cincinnati. Two law students will serve as institute assistants, including Leroy Stots, Jr., of Cincinnati.

General supervision will be provided by a steering committee of representatives from the sponsoring schools. The chairman is Professor Harry E. Groves of the University of Cincinnati. Other members are Professor Mary Ellen Caldwell, Ohio State; Garrett W. Flickinger, Kentucky; and William E. Read, Louisville.

CLEO is now actively seeking scholarship and other financial aid for needy students whose interest in attending law school next fall was sparked by the organization's programs such as the one in Cincinnati. Further information concerning the project may be obtained from Professor Murphy.



LEADERS WITH PRESIDENT — Before going to Washington to become President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon met with some of the top black leaders in New York. From left are Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Brooklyn, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; Hobson R. Reynolds, Philadelphia, IBPOEW (Elks); Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Atlanta,

Southern Christian Leadership Conference; President Nixon, John H. Murphy III, Baltimore, Afro-American Newspapers and National Newspaper Publishers Association; John H. Johnson, Chicago, Johnson Publications, and Dr. Nathan Wright.

MSU Will Offer 29 Noncredit Spring Courses

"You and the Law," a special law review for the layman, is one of 29 noncredit courses being offered by the Memphis State University Division of Continuing Studies this spring.

This special 10-week course is scheduled weekly on Tuesdays beginning at 7:30, February 18. W. W. Garrett, professor in the Memphis State School of Law, will provide program continuity and act as moderator for the sessions.

The varied format of the series will include panel discussions, moot court and descriptions of the judicial framework by a number of outstanding Memphis attorneys.

The fee for this course is \$20 for an individual or \$30 for both husband and wife.

For further information contact the Division of Continuing Studies at Memphis State or telephone 321-1383.

Carl Rowan On Board Of Journalism Center

WASHINGTON — Carl T. Rowan, syndicated columnist and television commentator, has been named a member of the Board of Trustees of The Washington Journalism Center.

Newbold Noyes, Chairman of the Center's Board of Trustees and Editor of "The Washington Star," announced that Rowan was one of four new members of the Board.

The other new members are: Frank Batten, Publisher, Norfolk-Portsmouth News, Norfolk, Va.; John E. Ryerson, Senior Editor, The Kiplinger Washington Editors, Inc., Washington; and Richard S. Salant, President, CBS News, New York.

Mr. Rowan, winner of numerous awards for journalistic achievement while he was a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune, is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; former Ambassador to Finland, and former Director of the United States Information Agency.

John H. Johnson, president of The Johnson Publishing Company in Chicago, also is one of the 20 members of the Center's Board of Trustees.

The Washington Journalism Center, an independent, non-profit institution, awards approximately 40 fellowships each year to young professional journalists, journalism students who

have had professional experience, and young Negroes interested in careers in Journalism. Each fellowship provides for 16 weeks of study and work in Washington.

The Center has a three-year \$295,500 grant from the Ford Foundation for a program to recruit and train 20 Negroes a year for careers in Journalism. Under the program, the Center

seeks men and women who have majored in such areas of study as political science, history, economics, sociology, and English, and who have indicated an interest in journalism through work on a school or community publication.

Those selected for the program come to Washington for

Musical Is Staged At Norris Baptist

The annual Fellowship Musical of the District Chorus of the Baptist General Association was held last Sunday afternoon at the Norris Avenue Baptist Church at 1437 Norris.

Mrs. Ollie Young is president of the Association, Rev. Calvin Mims moderator, and Rev. S. L. Veasey pastor of the church.

Top Speakers Booked For Bar Members' Meet

NASHVILLE — Members of the Tennessee Bar Association, attending the Association's February 20-26, Mexico Continuing Legal Education trip will have the opportunity to hear a top group of speakers on several timely topics.

Mexican Bar officials will greet the visiting Tennessee attorneys at the Maria Isabel Hotel on the morning of February 21st at their Opening Session. The lawyers will then study, in depth, the Proposed New Rules of Civil Procedure.

Presenting the program will be Tennessee Bar Association President-Elect James D. Senter, Jr. of Humboldt; Tennessee Bar Association Moving Vice-President Joe W. Henry, Jr., of Pulaski; and Tennessee Bar Association East Tennessee Vice-President McAfee Lee of Knoxville. Tennessee Bar Association President, Foster D. Arnett of Knoxville will provide over the Morning session.

Of particular interest to the traveling attorneys and their wives will be the Saturday study session. Two mock trials will be presented before two juries composed of wives of the attorneys. Participating in the trials will be John Thomason of Lexington, Ky., Lucius Burch, Jr., of Memphis and Bibb Allen of Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman of the trip, Hewitt P. Tomlin, Jr., of Jackson, Tennessee will preside over the Saturday session.

For their third study session, on February 24th the lawyers will view the American Bar Association's new two hour film on the Irrevocable Trust. Nashville attorney O. B. Hofstetter, Jr. will preside and comment on the film.

Concluding the four days of study, New York attorney Arnold Elkind will discuss "The Law of Products Liability - Trends and Latest Developments". The attorneys will return to Tennessee on February 26th.

Christian Aid Holds Election For The Year

The Christian Aid Alert, Organization held its election of officers for 1969 on Monday night, Jan. 20, at the home of Mrs. Carrie Williams of 2278 Eldridge ave.

The moderator for the election was Miss Dorothy Johnson, a member of the faculty of Booker T. Washington High School.

Elected were Arthur Davis, president; L. D. Brown, vice president; Mrs. Frances C. Graham, secretary; Mrs. Vella Brown, assistant secretary; Mrs. Carrie Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Velma Woody, chaplain; Willie W. Dockins, business manager, and Mrs. M. L. Cook, sick reporter.

Other members of the organization are Mrs. Ernestine Johnson, Mrs. Bernice Baker, Mrs. Odessa Casey, Mrs. Julia Fleming and Mrs. Melvinna Bramlett.

The Christian Aid Alert is a charitable organization whose purpose is to add strength to churches and the community.



AT CHANUTE AFB, III, for training in aircraft maintenance. Airman Robert E. Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Burnett of 2163 Marble st., a 1966 graduate of Douglas High School, he completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., recently.

Mrs. Avery Entertains Leath Club

Mrs. Della Avery was the hostess recently when the Leath Social Service Club met at her home at 1406 Austin st. The president Mrs. Mary Lue Taylor, was in charge of the business session.

In charge of the election, which resulted in the re-election of all persons to offices held in 1968.

Secret pals were revealed, and the presents distributed by Mrs. Hazel Guy. All members received a present from the club, and the president was presented a beautiful jewelry case from the club.

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