HOLIDAY TRAGEDY CLAIMS THIRD VICTIM

Youth dies in fire which prostrated 14 others in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA

"Calvin was depressed lately because he was facing an operation Monday on his foot which could have possibly meant an amputation.

"He was still walking with crutches as a result of an injury he suffered nine months ago at the Navy Yard when he and another roofer fell from a roof. The other workman was killed."

This was the statement made by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pierce, 1616 Susquehanna Ave., grief-stricken parents of Calvin Carter, 18, who was killed by the coal gas, in a second-floor rear bedroom at 2117 N. 13th St., early Friday morning.

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THE SILENT killer was still lurking with its deadly fumes, Friday night in the three-story apartment house where it had also felled 14 other tenants.

Seven of them were hospitalized at Temple University Hospital.

The timely arrival of firemen probably prevented more deaths.

They broke down doors to awaken the sleeping tenants, and administered oxygen on the spot.

Mrs. Pearlie Norman, 22, who lives on the third floor with her five children, discovered the fumes.

Mrs. Norman said, "I was awakened by my baby crying for her bottle. The room was filled with heavy fumes and I felt dizzy. Then I saw my son, Michael, lying on the floor coughing.

I started to scratch at the bedroom wall. I have often done this to attract the attention of Mrs. Drucie Johnson, who lives next door at 2119 N. 13th St."

The sound was enough to awaken Mrs. Johnson. She smelled fumes in her own room and phoned police.

The alarm brought firemen and a rescue squad. They smashed open the doors and began taking the overcome tenants out of the building.

They found Mrs. Norman staggering down the stairs with Liza, 6 months, wrapped in a blanket. She collapsed in their arms. Behind her was Michael, 5; Gertrude, 4; Regina, 2; and Eltora, 18 months.

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MRS. BETHIE McDUFFY, 27, and her daughter, Shirley, 11, were found semi-conscious on the second floor. They were given oxygen at the scene and along with Mrs. Norman and her children were hospitalized.

After their release Mrs. McDuffy and her daughter were recuperating at the home of her parents at 2250 Chadwick St.

She said, "We both are still a little dizzy, but feeling much better. But I doubt if we'll ever live there again because I know if our landlord won't get a new heater, I've complained many times that the heater always throws coal gas. But nothing has been done about it."

Mrs. Cora Adams, 38, who lives on the first floor with her four children and a granddaughter, was sick, but not hospitalized.

The Adams children are Herman, 19; Helen, 17; Marlyn, 14; and Irving, four and a granddaughter, Leona Adams, ten months.

Mrs. Adams explained, "I was awakened by firemen opening the living window. But I always close the heater vents at night and put rugs over them before going to bed. That is probably what saved us because we are directly above the heater. We are lucky to be alive."

Firemen said they found the pipe leading from the coal furnace to the chimney was clogged, causing the fumes to escape to the upper floors.

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THE FURNACE is an old-fashioned brick structure with a firebox built inside.

Viewing for the victim will be Thursday evening at Perry's Funeral Home, 21st and Oxford Sts. Funeral services will be held in Baltimore on Saturday at the First Abyssinian Baptist Church. The Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor, will officiate.

Interment will be at Baltimore Memorial Park.

He was a PFC in the Army for two years and served overseas in France. He was discharged in August, 1957.

DARTHARD RITES — Pallbearers, photo left, carry the remains of Mrs. Mattie Darthard of Newark under direction of Lee Brickus. In photo, right, bereaved family members leave funeral services. They are from the left, James Darthard, husband; Mrs. Beatrice Sims, daughter.

Dies day daughter, killer are buried

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Tina B. Fulton, 50, unit block R St., NW, shot in the head at her residence by her son-in-law, Francis Mackey, died at Washington Hospital Center Tuesday, approximately 30 minutes after her daughter was buried.

This brings the death toll to three in the shooting last Thursday which grew out of marital difficulties. The dead in addition to Mrs. Fulton are Mr. Mackey, a suicide, and his wife, Mrs. Juanita Mackey, a homicide.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were held for Mrs. Mackey, 35, thirty minutes after her husband. Francis, 36, was buried at Arlington Memorial National Cemetery following a private requiem mass for him at Brooks and Allen Funeral Home.

The mother of two children, who formerly taught music at Fairmont Heights Elementary School, Fairmont Heights, Md., was buried at Harmony Memorial Cemetery.

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THE REV. E. C. SMITH, who presided at services for Mrs. Mackey held at 12 noon at Metropolitan Baptist Church, told the family: "We have no claim on longevity of life and it is issued to us only second by second. There is but one step between life and death."

Mrs. Mackey died on Thanksgiving Day, the victim of gunshot wounds inflicted by her husband before he committed suicide in a liquor store in the unit block R St., NW where his wife had fled during a chase from the home of her mother, Mrs. Fulton, 50, a resident of the neighborhood. Mrs. Fulton was struck in the head when Mr. Mackey discharged a fusillade of bullets in her home.

The two children, Deborah and Francis Jr., were not present at their mother's funeral.

SPEAKING OF Mrs. Mackey the Rev. Mr. Smith declared, "Her life was not in vain but fruitful. It is not the number of years but the use to which we put our lives."

The Rev. Oswald Smith, a former classmate of Mrs. Mackey's at West Virginia State College, stated, "I don't know why things like this happen, but consolation lies in the fact God knows.

Scripture was read by the Rev. W. Rembert.

A medley of songs was rendered by Mrs. Mackey's former students at Fairmont Heights Elementary School, some of whom served as flower girls.

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MRS. MACKEY, born March 14, 1924, was a graduate of Dunbar High School. She received her B.S. degree in music from West Virginia State College.

She was formerly employed in the music department at the Congressional Library and taught in Alcorn, Miss., and Hagerstown, Md., before joining the Fairmont Heights Elementary School staff in 1952.

A member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, where she was baptized at the age of 12, Mrs. Mackey belonged to the St. John's Bible Class.

Pallbearers were Linwood Woody, Jimmie Epps, Paul Richard and Warren Mayo.

A RESOLUTION on behalf of faculty, students, PTA and trustees of Fairmont Heights Elementary School stated:

"Day after day we would see her going from one class to another with books in one hand and a record player in another.

"Her name will long be remembered in the hearts of all."

Mrs. Turner's estate goes to her husband

BALTIMORE

The estate of Mrs. Mattie G. Turner, city teacher, who lost her life in a fire in her home on Nov. 25, 1951, went to her husband, Dollize Turner of 2127 Mondawmin St.

Mrs. Turner was also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mabel McKay of Springfield, Mass. The estate consisted solely of cash from a fire insurance company, and amounted to $3,617.44.

Administration costs amounted to $397.44 and inheritance tax to $32.50, leaving an inheritance of $3,617.44 for the husband.

Mrs. Mattie Darthard rites at Metropolitan

NEWARK

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Darthard of 824 Bergen St. were held last Saturday from Metropolitan Baptist Church, where she had been an active member since moving to Newark in 1946.

Mrs. Darthard died two weeks ago at the Clara Maas Hospital in Belleville after a long illness.

The Rev. Benjamin F. Johnson, pastor of Metropolitan, officiated at the solemn rites. Burial was in Heavnely Rest Cemetery.

Until her illness, Mrs. Darthard was employed by the Pedalino Dress Shop.

MRS. DARTHARD was born in Madison, Ga., and received her education in Atlanta.

Active in church, Mrs. Darthard joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Atlanta at an early age. In 1926 she moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., and became affiliated with the Macedonia Baptist in that city.

At Metropolitan, Mrs. Darthard was a member of the Flower Circle Club and a former member of the Acquaintance Club.

She is survived by her husband, James Darthard; a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Sims; two sisters, Miss Mabel Brown and Mrs. Maude Releford; three brothers, Willie, McKinley and Charlie Brown, and an aunt, Mrs. Ora Stafford.

D. Eldridge Woody, director of the David Woody Funeral Home, 107½ Bloomfield Ave., was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Church Hill lad drowns

RICHMOND

A three-day search for a missing eight-year-old Church Hill boy, ended Saturday afternoon when his lifeless body was pulled from the James River.

Horace Brown, son of Mrs. Anna Mae Brown of 1429 N. 29th St., disappeared Thursday morning while playing with friends. His playmates said they were jumping from one boat to another at a pier off Dock St., near Pear St.

The other boys heard a loud splash and looked back to see that Horace had disappeared. Frightened, the boys ran home and did not tell anyone of Horace's misfortune.

Thursday night, Mrs. Brown reported to police that her son had not come home. A missing person search was begun.

On Friday, Sgt. R. T. Millikin of the juvenile division, questioned the five boys with whom Horace was last seen, and learned that they had been playing on the boats.

The citywide search was narrowed to the dock area. About noon rescue operations began with Police Sgt. F. P. Brauer making several unsuccessful attempts to get the boy's body in skin diving operations.

The fire department and the harbormaster sent boats to the area where dragging operations were resumed. The body was found by the firemen in water from 12 to 15 feet deep.

Police listed the death as accidental drowning.

Funeral services for the victim were held Monday afternoon at Walter J. Manning Funeral Home with the Rev. R. L. Taylor officiating. Burial was in East End Cemetery.

Victim dies in fireproof church room

By MILDRED O'NEILL

PHILADELPHIA

"My sister-in-law had a dream several weeks ago about Betty Ann. She dreamed that Betty Ann came to her and said, 'Did you see the Lord when He was here?' And my mommy when I die, is dress me in white.'

"So we're going to bury her in a white dress."

These words were spoken on Monday evening by Mrs. Mattie McDowell, in her modest apartment at 2027 Montgomery Ave. She is the mother of the ten-year-old victim of the disastrous Sunday afternoon church fire in South Philadelphia.

The child's body was found Monday morning in the still-smoldering ruins of the fire-wrecked Church of Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, 22nd and Bainbridge Sts.

Mrs. McDowell said, "Her body wasn't touched by the flames. There wasn't even a blister on her body. The firemen found her in the restroom. There was a pleasant expression on her face, so I don't think she suffered too much."

Mrs. McDowell said the restroom was fire proof.

She explained that Betty Ann and her brother, William, 7, had became members of the Apostolic Faith in July while they were vacationing in Chicago last summer.

Betty Ann, a fifth-grade pupil at the George Washington Carver School, 17th and Norris Sts., was among the 1,500 worshipers attending services when the seven-alarm fire was discovered shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday. She apparently died from smoke inhalation.

There were no burned marks on the body, although the pink-ish color of the skin was grim evidence that the fumes had caused her death.

Her clothes also were unmarked, a black corduroy jumper dress, white blouse, red sweater, white knee-length socks and black loafers.

Mrs. McDowell said that she wasn't sitting with her daughter in church.

Betty Ann was last seen when she left her seat and walked toward the restroom in the Sunday school wing. It was in this wing the fire started.

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OUTSIDE, MRS. McDOWELL went among the crowd asking for Betty Ann. No one had seen her. At 2 p.m., after a fruitless search in the neighborhood, Betty Ann's father, Albert, 35, a truck driver, joined in the frantic search for her.

The restroom was the first place searched by firemen shortly before 10 Monday morning when the rubble had cooled sufficiently for them to enter the building.

As firemen carried out the body, identification was made by an uncle, James McDowell, 42, who is chauffeur for Bishop S. C. Johnson, pastor of the church.

All of the other church-goers fled safely from the three-story edifice, once home of the Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church, founded and guided by the late John Wanamaker.

CARPENTER RITES—Members of Catonsville's Crescent Lodge No. 355 of Elks acted as pallbearers for Harry A. Carpenter Sr. Funeral services were Saturday afternoon at Sharp St. Methodist Church. Pallbearers are: William Washington, exalted ruler; Irvin Williams, Frank Scott, Samuel Torsell, Walter Smith and Alexander Robinson.

Four hunters killed in Va.

SOUTH BOSTON, Va. — William R. Barksdale, 70, of Germantown, Pa., and three hunting companions, Albert Logan of Jamaica, L.I., Edward Hawkins of NYC and Alvin Garvin of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. were instantly killed here Tuesday when their car collided head-on with a tractor trailer.

The men, who had been spending the Thanksgiving weekend with relatives at Halifax, Va., were returning to Halifax from West Virginia when the accident occurred.

Private funeral services for Mr. Barksdale, a retired businessman, were scheduled to be held Friday from the William Young funeral home at Germantown. Interment is to be in Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Barksdale and a sister, Mrs. Charles Jackson, wife of a well known Chicago mortician.

Funeral services held for Harry A. Carpenter

BALTIMORE

"He found his anchor in the routine of daily duties even in his retirement. Many of us say 'why don't you be careful,' or 'take it easy,' but there is an urgency to keep busy.

"Happy is that man who can link up his daily life with the high purposes of God... we can memorialize his life by our steadfast resolution to follow Christ who gives us the sure anchor in this perilous sea of life."

The Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church, was speaking Saturday afternoon at funeral services for Harry Albert Carpenter Sr., 1818 N. Mount St.

Mr. Carpenter, retired businessman and musician, was found dead on Tuesday morning by workmen who were constructing the Carpenters' summer residence near Severn, Md. He was 73 years old.

THE REV. Mr. Carroll recalled that Mr. Carpenter was "one of those silent influences who did the shaping of my early life."

He said that 28 years ago while doing public relations with the registrar at Morgan College, it was his job to negotiate with the New Albert Auditorium owned and operated by Mr. Carpenter.

"The thing that impressed me was once he recognized you as a person of worth, he accorded you that dignity.

"And I remember I used to play on a basketball team — we were a lively group of boys, sometimes unruly and Mr. Carpenter had to reprimand us. But he did it in such a way as to restore our self respect."

MEMBERS OF the Crescent Band of the Elks Lodge No. 355 of Catonsville, led by Leon Carrington, rendered music. Vocal soloist was George L. Bennett.

Mr. Carpenter organized the Crescent Band, played with and directed the Commonwealth Band and later the Baltimore Colored City orchestra. For 46 years (1902-1948) he was an agent with the Mutual Benefit Society.

Surviving Mr. Carpenter are his wife, Mrs. Mary Watkins Carpenter; a son, Harry A. Jr., city teacher; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were members of Elks Lodge No. 355: William Washington, exalted ruler; Irvin Williams, Frank Scott, Samuel Torsell, Walter Smith and Alexander Robinson.

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AMONG OTHERS who occupied cars to Mt. Auburn Cemetery, were:

Mrs. Leona Carpenter, Mrs. Louise Westcott, Mrs. Annie Carpenter, Edward Westcott, Mrs. Edith Cook, Mrs. Edna Bland, Mrs. Ethel Cook, Winfred Cook.

Mrs. Mary Rousey, Thomas Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson, Miss Nannie Gray, Miss Margaret Holliday, Mrs. Amelia Williams, Mrs. Edward Williams, Doris Hall, Perry Hall, the Rev. George Parran.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. M. Sharpe, Mrs. Louise Adams, Harrison Dodd, John Dyson, John Grinnell, and Miss Carrie Taylor.

Mrs. Eleanor P. Reid, retired principal, dies

WASHINGTON

Eleanor P. Reid, 81, retired elementary school principal, in the public schools of the District, died Wednesday night at her residence, 2704 Thirteenth St., NE.

Mrs. Reid served for fifty years both as teacher and principal in the Wilson, North Carolina public school system.

Upon her retirement in 1944, she moved to Washington where she had since maintained her home. Her long years of service as an educator were always characterized by high Christian principles, inspirational power, educational vision, and the ability to make friends.

THROUGHOUT HER life she functionalized her educational philosophy, "Education is that tool which should enable individuals to live happier, more useful, and more responsible lives." This fact is evidenced by the scores of young people whom she encouraged, inspired, and aided literally in the continuance of their formal education—and by her active civic, social, and political life.

Mrs. Reid is survived by the following members of her immediate family: her husband, James D. Reid Sr., retired government employee; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Hayes retired, of this city, Mrs. Robert Kornegay, retired educator, of Mount Olive, N.C.; five children all of Washington, Mrs. Matthew J. Whitehead, teacher in the public schools of the District; Bruce C. Reid, government employee; Dr. James D. Reid Jr., practicing dentist; Carl F. Reid, businessman; Herbert O. Reid, professor of law at Howard University, and four grandchildren, Jocelyn Eleanor Whitehead, Herbert O. Reid Jr., and Carlene F. Reid.

MRS. ELEANOR P. REID Services set Saturday

Decision on funeral home site withheld

BALTIMORE

A decision on a proposed ordinance which would change from residential to first commercial a vacant tract of land at Laurens and Mount Sts., was postponed Wednesday by the City Planning Commission until after the coming holiday season.

Purpose of the ordinance is to allow the erection of a funeral home, here.

The zoning change request was submitted on behalf of a Madison Ave. funeral director whose present establishment lies in the pathway of the proposed East-West Expressway and will eventually be razed.

Dr. Robert L. Jackson, and a majority of the commission members stated that they approved the zone change for the erection of the funeral home, and its operation as such only.

Woman dies in crack-up on icy road

BALTIMORE

Thrown from her husband's car, Mrs. Dorothy Ward, of 2100 block Dukeland St., received fatal head injuries Wednesday when she slid 35 feet into the path of an oncoming truck.

Two others were injured in the seven-car pile-up on sleet-covered U.S. 40 over the Patapsco River Bridge.

They were James Smith, 35, 700 block Cold Spring Lane, bruises and an ankle injury, and Robert Brown, 29, 3800 block Quarry Ave., bruises and shock. Both were reported in good condition in Lutheran Hospital.

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PATROLMEN Douglas Wing and Herbert King reported the collisions started when an unidentified eastbound motorist slid on the ice and hit a truck, turning it so that it partially blocked the east lane.

The patrolmen, traveling east when ordered to investigate, also slid when they turned around and their car struck the stalled auto.

The Wards, following the cruiser, apparently tried to stop their auto when they saw the car ahead slow up. It went into a violent spin and Mrs. Ward was thrown out.

After the truck struck her it went on to ram a vehicle already involved in the multiple collision.

The officers said the road was covered with a thin layer of ice and a mixture of snow and sleet was falling at the time of the accident.

No charges were immediately placed.

Mrs. Minerva Alston

BALTIMORE

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church for Mrs. Minerva Alston, 60, 1909 Fulton Ave., who died suddenly of a heart attack at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Nov. 29. Burial is in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Alston was a member of the Faith church for 15 years and served with the Flower Circle there.

A native of Littleton, N.C., she was born April 1, 1892 and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Williams, Baltimore; Mrs. Clara Brown, Steelton, Pa.; two sons, Cleveland and Cas Alston, Baltimore, and two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Johnson Camden, N.J. and Mrs. Ida Burgess, Littleton, N.C.

Rev. Seay keynotes TCA mass meeting

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The Rev. S. S. Seay, executive secretary of Montgomery Improvement Association, addressed the 74th mass meeting of the Tuskegee Civic Association at Washington Chapel AME Church on Tuesday evening.

A former president of Lomax-Hanna College in Greenville, the Rev. Mr. Seay has lectured many of the larger AMEZ churches here.

AT FUNERAL—The brother and son of two of the holiday tragedy victims is shown at the funeral. H. Butler Jr. is accompanied by a nurse on the staff of the funeral home in charge.

Services held for hubby of mortician

BALTIMORE

Funeral services for William H. (Bill) Collins were held on Monday morning at St. Peter's Claver's Church.

Mr. Collins, 74, was found dead at his home, 1463 N. Carey St., on Nov. 19.

Two days before his death he was slightly injured in an auto crash in which his wife, Mrs. Virgie Ringgold Brooks Collins, funeral director, suffered serious injuries.

The Medical Examiner, however, reported Mr. Collins's death was due to a heart ailment.

Mrs. Collins was still confined to the hospital and unable to attend the funeral. However, she was released from the hospital on Wednesday.

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JOSEPH H. BROWN, 29, 800 block Leadenhall St., driver of the second car in the collision involving the Collins' car, has been charged with reckless driving and driving to the right center of the street.

He is scheduled to have a Traffic Court hearing on Dec. 23 at 3 p.m.

A charge of reckless driving against Mr. Collins has been abated by his death.

Mr. Collins was a native of Baltimore, son of the late Ernest and Martha Collins.

For a number of years he was in the real estate business, but had been retired except to assist occasionally at the Ringgold Funeral Home managed by his wife.

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MR. COLLINS'S first wife, Mrs. Edna Brown Collins, died in 1941. Of this union were born three sons, one of whom survives.

He is Avon B. Collins, manager of Day Village Homes in Turner Station.

In 1944, Mr. Collins was married to Mrs. Ringgold Brooks.

Besides his wife, and son, he is survived by three grandchildren, Charles, Arlene and Gold Collins, and a nephew, Charles Owens.

Ky. Journalist Faces Jail For Integration Stand

America, 'nightmare nation' Baptist executive tells 300

NEW YORK — A New York Baptist leader last week called America "a nation ridden by nightmares" and warned Americans to stop squandering time, energy and brain-power "fuming and fussing over little things." He urged achievement of big things — "greatness in the struggle for peace, justice and first-class citizenship."

The Rev. George Lawrence, executive director of Baptist Headquarters, made this plea in a sermon last Monday before more than 300 ministers and laymen at the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity in Metropolitan Baptist Church.

The Rev. Lawrence delivered the annual Thanksgiving message before the conference, and it drew enthusiastic response and approval. He was introduced by Dr. Thomas Kilgore Jr., pastor of Harlem's Friendship Baptist Church and President of the Baptist Educational Center. The Rev. William F. Houston, conference president, presided.

The speaker said this Thanksgiving found America in the same condition as in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln prayed to God to "heal the wounds of a divided nation."

"We may not be at war today," he said, "but we are a nation ridden by nightmares. There is the nightmare of Little Rock, Ark. There is the nightmare of Virginia. There is the nightmare of Mississippi. There is the nightmare of Alabama, of Georgia, of South Carolina.

"And there is the nightmare of Harlem, New York and of Harlems all over the nation and the world, in South Africa, in Chicago, in Detroit, and wherever people are denied rights of human dignity, justic and first-class citizenship."

The Rev. Mr. Lawrence said the nation's civil rights crisis "stems from the tragic fact that, as a nation and as a people, we are suffering from a terrible nemesis of mediocrity, dying of ordinariness and perishing from pettiness."

He called for "a positive program of conduct and action which stresses good will toward men. Unless we adopt this program now, Thanksgiving is a mockery and peace an impossibility," he concluded.

REV. GEORGE LAWRENCE

Berry charges rent gougers killing Chicago

CHICAGO (NNPA) — The purchasing power of colored Chicagoans for consumer goods is being eat by the rent gouging of greedy landlords, Edwin C. Berry, director of the Chicago Urban League, charged Sunday.

Mr. Berry did not put the whole blame on the landlords, but said the condition exists because the community as a whole is forcing colored people to live within ghetto walls that make them captive renters.

Colored people, Mr. Berry also noted, pay higher rents than whites for similar quarters.

MR. BERRY said colored people "live where some one else designates." He added that they "are not free to rent shelters outside of the colored areas", and that colored people "are not free to obtain mortgage money according to their ability to pay."

The colored population of Chicago, Mr. Berry said, is increasing at a rate of about 25,000 persons a year due to migration from the South and a favorable ratio of births over deaths.

He placed the present colored population of Chicago at just under 800,000. In 1932 it was 232,000.

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THE URBAN LEAGUE, Mr. Berry said, is concentrating on housing as the number one integration problem in Chicago, although it is equally concerned about educational opportunities, health and hospital care, and consumer credit.

"People within ghetto walls have to pay more than others for housing," Mr. Berry asserted. "This means higher rents go to greedy landlords. This cuts into colored people's purchasing power for consumer items."

African freedom 'inspiring'—Wilkins

NEW YORK — "The rise of the African peoples to the status of free nations has inspired Americans of African descent and others of our fellow citizens who love freedom for freedom's sake," NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins says in a message of greetings to the All-African Peoples' Conference in Accra, Ghana, this week.

The conference opened on Dec. 5 and continues through Dec. 12.

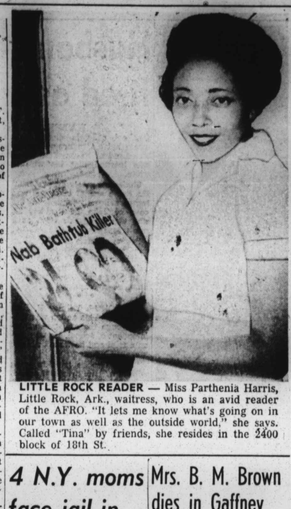
"The emergence of independent African states and the struggle of other peoples to attain that state have aided us in our crusade in this country," the NAACP leader told Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, to whom his message was addressed.

IN EXTENDING greetings to the conference on behalf of the NAACP, Mr. Wilkins expressed regret "that we will be unable to be represented by an official observer, but the hearts of our members are with you and with those who gather to consider the next steps to freedom for the peoples of Africa."

Summarizing the status of race relations in the United States today, Mr. Wilkins said it would be a mistake to think that Little Rock, bombings and disorders are present "a true picture of America's treatment of its colored citizens.

"We have no desire to gloss over or excuse these practices, but it is accurate, we believe, to emphasize that they do not represent either national policy or the sentiments of the vast majority of white Americans."

The message, dispatched on Dec. 1, pledges "our continuing interest and our cooperation in such ways as may be feasible and effective to the end that subjugation, exploitation and discrimination based upon race and color may be abolished."



LITTLE ROCK READER — Miss Parthenia Harris, Little Rock, Ark., waitress, who is an avid reader of the AFRO. "It lets me know what's going on in our town as well as the outside world," she says. Called "Tina" by friends, she resides in the 2400 block of 18th St.

4 N.Y. moms face jail in school case

NEW YORK — Four Harlem mothers, convicted for violating New York's Compulsory Education Law, will be sentenced here on Dec. 17. They are:

Mrs. Donald Ware of 2120 Madison Ave., Mrs. Isaac Prioleau, 2140 Madison Ave., Mrs. Elijah Wadsley, 1980 Park Ave. and Mrs. Mae Mallory, 212 W. 129th St.

The mothers were found guilty last week of keeping their children out of Harlem junior high schools which they charged were "segregated and inferior" to other city schools.

An attorney for the ladies said he would appeal the conviction.

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MRS. WARE kept her 14-year-old son, Donald, out of school; Mrs. Prioleau followed suit with her daughter, Mary. 11; Mrs. Waddey had her 11-year-old daughter, Meredith, boycott school and Mrs. Mallory kept 12-year-old Keefer Mallory away from school.

Cases against two other mothers, Mrs. Livingstone Bryant, 2110 Madison Ave. and Mrs. Dorothy Brown, 116 W. 139th St., were dropped because their children had been enrolled in other schools when charges were brought against the mothers.

Justice Kaplan ruled that the school boycott could only be squared legally if the children were receiving equivalent education elsewhere.

The case involving another mother, Mrs. Ruth Porter, was adjourned until Dec. 17. Mrs. Porter kept her two daughters, Adrienne, 9, and Cheryl, 8, out of P.S. 157.

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THE OTHER schools boycotted were J.H.S. 139, J.H.S. 136 and J.H.S. 120.

Mrs. B. M. Brown dies in Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S.C. — Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, wife of Deacon N. B. Brown and an active member of Bethel Baptist Church, died recently at her home at 316 Meadow St., Gaffney.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Noah and Minerva Brown. After moving to Gaffney, she became a member of Bethel Baptist Church where she organized the missionary society and served as a Sunday School teacher and choir member.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nancy M. Titus of Columbia and Mrs. Victoria M. Pinckney of Jacksonville, Fla., a daughter - in - law, Mrs. Lois M. Tutus of the home, and other relatives.

Funeral service held for Benjamin Busch

CHARLESTON, S. C. — Funeral services were held last week for Benjamin Busch in Harleston Funeral Home. Mr. Busch was superintendent of Gilfield Baptist Church for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha K. Busch, four sisters, Mrs. William Killiats, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Adelaide Cain and Mrs. Selicia Joiner;

A brother, William Busch, and several nieces and nephews, Mrs. A. Ladison, James Robinson, Gus Coleman, Mrs. C. Bing, Mrs. O. Julian and Brenda Johnson.

COLLEGES

KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Miss Brenda Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb Thomas of 310 Smythe St., Lynchburg, Va., is a freshman at Knoxville College where she is majoring in business education. She is a graduate of Dunbar High School.

SHAW UNIVERSITY

RALEIGH, N.C. — Founder's Day was observed recently at Shaw University with graveside services at the tomb of Henry M. Tupper. Following the ceremony, Dr. James L. Martin of Philadelphia was the principal speaker in the university church.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

BROOKLYN, N.C. — The Brooklyn College Chorus will give a concert of Renaissance Choral Music on Friday and Saturday evening. Robert Hickok of the music department will conduct the chorus. Both performances will begin at 8:30 p.m.

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

ATLANTA — Ruth Ellison, noted mezzo-soprano of Boston, and James Wolfe, bass baritone of NYC, will appear with the Morris Brown College concert choir at Bethel AME Church on Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m.

FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The National Teacher Examinations will be held at Fisk University in February. Detailed information may be obtained from the Department of Psychology, Park Hall, Room 314, Fisk University.

VA. STATE COLLEGE

PETERSBURG, Va. — Jean DePreist was crowned "Miss Trojan Queen for 1958-59" just before the kick-off of the annual Turkey Day classic between Virginia State College and Morgan College. The contest was sponsored by the Student Loan-Scholarship Committee.

A. AND T. COLLEGE

GREENSBORO, N.C. — An over capacity crowd attended the dance recital of the Geoffrey Holder Co. at A. and T. College on Tuesday evening. Holder is a native of Trinidad and his wife, Carmen DeLavallade, co-star of the show, is a native of New Orleans.

BENNETT COLLEGE

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Bennett College Choir will be presented in its annual candlelight Christmas concert in Pfeiffer Chapel on campus on Sunday at 7 p.m. Mrs. Mary J. Crawford will direct and Clarence E. Whiteman will be at the organ.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA — The 40-voice Morehouse College Glee Club was presented in its annual post-Thanksgiving concert at Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., last Friday night under the direction of Wendell P. Whalum.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N.C. — Livingstone College Choral Union, an 80-voice group under the direction of Mrs. Myra M. Thomas, will present its annual Christmas program Sunday at 5 p.m. The college YWCA will hold its 11th annual Christmas breakfast Sunday at 8 p.m.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE

DURHAM, N.C. — Richard H. L. Jones, director of the North Carolina College band, is one of 100 outstanding musicians to be selected to play in the fourth All-American Bandmasters' Band in Chicago on Dec. 20.

Judge bars pictures of assault-slaying suspect

BONIFAY, Fla. — Circuit Judge E. Clay Lewis last week barred the taking of photographs of Frank Peterson, suspect in the June 11 ax slaying of Ira Gene Carnley and his 9-year-old daughter, and the rape of Carnley's 21-year-old wife, while Peterson was in the custody of police.

The judge followed the order with a contempt of court citation of Bonifay editor Chandler, a Panama City news photographer, who attempted to make a picture of the suspect as he left the courthouse after a surprise preliminary hearing. Chandler, placed under a $170 appearance bond, said that he had not been in the courtroom at the time that Judge Lewis' order was given.

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NO PRIOR announcement of the preliminary hearing was made, and only about 20 to 25 persons, including newsmen and officers were in court.

Following the hearing, at which Judge Lewis set Dec. 16 for arraignment of the 27-year-old migrant farm laborer, spectators were ordered to remain in the courtroom for 30 minutes after Peterson was taken out for transportation to an undisclosed jail.

Sheriffs Emmett Shelby of Pensacola and Cletus Andrews of Bonifay said that Peterson had signed a statement confessing to the crimes.

Peterson was arrested on June 22 at a migrant workers' camp near Buffalo, N.Y.

Officials said that he had been released from a state road camp the day before the crimes were committed.

His extradition had been opposed by William Sims, a Buffalo lawyer, contending that Peterson could not get a fair trial in Florida.

Floridian to lead N.Y. rally series

BROOKLYN, NY.—The Rev. C. K. Steele of Tallahassee, Fla., noted integration leader, will speak at a series of NYC area rallies in January to raise funds to aid integration.

He will arrive in New York on Jan. 11 and take part in the Brooklyn Baptist Evangelical Union's passover prayer meeting on Jan. 18.

IN ADDITION to the Rev. Mr. Steele, participants will include the Rev. F. Arthur Reed, president of the sponsoring organization; Dr. Sandy F. Ray, president of the State Missionary Baptist;

And also Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, president of the Protestant Council of NYC, and seven choirs.

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THE REV. MR. STEELE'S schedule is as follows:

Concord Baptist, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m.; Bethel Baptist, Jan. 11, TIST, Jan. 11, 8 p.m.; Station WNJR, Jan. 11, 9:30 p.m.; guest of Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.; Cornerstone Baptist, Jan. 13, 8 p.m.; guest of Baptist Pastors of Brooklyn and Long Island at Bethany Baptist Church, Jan. 15; and Friendship Baptist, Jan. 18, 11 a.m., and Bethany Baptist Church, Jamaica, 7 p.m.

Manhattan YWCA bazaar on Thursday

NEW YORK — The World Fellowship Committee of Upper Manhattan Branch YWCA will hold its annual bazaar in the YWCA auditorium on Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., opening up the holiday season.

Volunteer workers are Mesdames Josephine Dawson, Dollie Lee, Ethel Lewis, Julius A. Thomas, Richard M. Carey, Alice B. Arrington, and Merlyn Aprelon Chappel.

And also Misses Eunice DeSouza, Lois Gratz, Betty Johns, Mary A. Nesbitt and Sarah Powell.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Greetings to you who are celebrating birthdays between December 16, 1958 and January 15, 1959. We wish for you good health and prosperity.

Send correspondence to this column should be addressed to the **AFRO - AMERICAN News, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.** Please list the correct names, dates and cities of persons to be greeted.

Happy birthday to the following:

DECEMBER 10
Mrs. Mary E. Robinson, Hamlet, N.C.
John L. Ratchford, Hamlet, N.C.
Thomas A. Miles, Charles City, Va.
Beverly S. Miles, Charles City, Va.
Cora E. Watts, Baltimore.
Mrs. Nellie Kyle Boykin, Raleigh, N.C.
Mrs. Edna C. Mitchell, Elizabeth City, N.C.
Leslie Winston, Baltimore.
William Jefferson, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mrs. Dorothy W. Monroe, Baltimore.
Betty Lou Thompson, Hague, Va.
Betty J. Gamble, Lake City, S.C.
Mrs. Marian Reed, Chicago.

DECEMBER 11
Doris M. Greene, Charles City, Va.
Rev. David S. Strickland, Siler City, N.C.
Allen Coates, Eastpoint, Md.
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