WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

New Jersey Insurance Executive Found Hanged

Barbara Jean's last words were: 'Oh, thank you . . .'

BALTIMORE

Barbara Jean Brown died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Franklin Square Hospital authorities told the AFRO last Friday. "We did more than everything for her, but we could not save her."

One of the last persons to see Barbara Jean alive was an AFRO reporter who visited her and upon telling her that readers had donated blood for her. She said, "Oh, thank you."

Barbara Jean Brown, six-year-old first grader of 405 N. Stricker St., had been in critical condition at Franklin Square Hospital, where she had been confined since Nov. 21 with severe burns over two-thirds of her body.

AFRO readers who learned of her fight for life in Tuesday's AFRO, had volunteered blood and skin, but the hospital had said on Thursday that should the small child survive this week's treatment, she would need many more pints of blood and would have to undergo numerous operations.

Commenting before her death,

"Thank all the people who responded so very well," was the way one of the attending physicians put it. He added: "We took 20 pints of blood the first day, but she will be using one pint a day.

"We need more blood because the infection destroys the blood and it must be replaced."

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Of the skin AFRO readers volunteered to donate, the hospital said on Thursday "Right now, we are not sure about the skin donors.

"After a last - minute conference with the plastic surgeons, it was decided she was not ready for skin grafting at this time. She had to be cleared of all scar tissue first.

The hospital also said that everything was done to keep Barbara Jean free from infection until she grows the skin to cover her scars.

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DOCTORS ALSO stated before her death that Barbara Jean was already a medical rarity. Few persons with first and second degree burns over two-thirds of their body survive after 48 hours.

"Our hopes have moderately increased . . . the situation is more encouraging," was the answer to a reporter's question asking what are Barbara Jean's chances.

Meantime, the small child had been moved to a private room (No. 311) in a more spacious section of the hospital (3 South).

When an AFRO reporter told her many people had responded to the plea for blood donors and that they were praying for her, she answered, 'Oh, thank you.'

Barbara Jean suffered the painful burns on Nov. 21, while playing in the 200 block N. Parrish St., near her home.

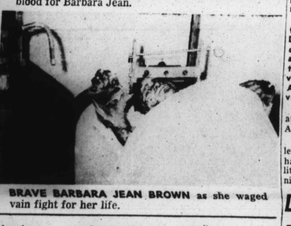
SOUTHWESTERN District police report that a group of boys, ages 7, 8 and 9, set a fire on a vacant lot and rolled a drum containing an unknown liquid on the fire. Her clothes caught fire when the drum exploded. No arrests have been made.

BARBARA JEAN was one of four children of Mr., Viola McDonald, 405 N. Stricker St. Because her mother is expecting another child next month, doctors had advised her not to visit Barbara at the hospital. A family friend made the visits.

Barbara was in the 1st grade at School No. 140, Carrollton Ave. and Lexington St.

Her teacher, Miss Irma Tyler, told the AFRO, Barbara had a reputation as "a sweet little girl, who was just beginning to make progress."

CLOSEUP shows Thomas C. Ost contributing pint of blood for Barbara Jean.



BRAVE BARBARA JEAN BROWN as she waged vain fight for her life.

BRITT FUNERAL—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Britt of 194 Barclay St., Newark, are being assisted down the steps of Hopewell Baptist Church following funeral services of their son, Elmer Britt, 19, killed in an auto accident while en route home from college for Thanksgiving.

Heart attack fatal to 550 pound woman

BALTIMORE

"She ate and sat. That's all she could do.

"If she could have gotten exercise she would have been all right.

"She always averaged around 300 to 500 pounds."

Those were the comments of the uncle of a 550-pound woman who died of a heart attack Wednesday.

Funeral services for the deceased 34-year-old Miss Mary Swift of 1834 Orleans St., have been postponed pending the construction of a special casket.

MISS SWIFT was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital in an ambulance after suffering a fainting spell at her home around 1 p.m. She died a half hour later.

According to her uncle, Thomas Bailey, "Mary was always a big child. All she could do was stay around the house.

"Last year the people at City Hospitals said she would have to reduce," Mr. Bailey stated.

Miss Swift is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Freeman, a sister, Mrs. Carrie Mae Lewis and other relatives.

Aged persons die in home mishaps

WASHINGTON

Four elderly persons were victims of home accident deaths last week, according to the District Red Cross Safety Service.

A 62-year-old man and two women, 84 and 90, died as a result of falls. A 71-year-old woman died from scalds when she fell into a bathtub of hot water.

Home injuries last week included 53 falls, nine burns, seven poisons, 10 cases of objects in ear, eye, throat and stomach, 24 cuts and 20 unclassified.

Police say Brown is a suicide

EAST ORANGE — Police here on Monday called the death of insurance executive Frank Brown, 53, of 4 Willowdale Ct., Montclair, a suicide.

Mr. Brown, branch manager of the Progressive Insurance Company, on Friday was discovered hanging from a water pipe in the basement of the firm's office at 317 Main St., police said.

Mr. Brown's body was found by an agent, Isaiah Williams of 190 Oxford St., Orange. Police said the executive left no notes.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Mr. Brown were held Tuesday afternoon at Union Baptist Church, Montclair, where he was a church deacon. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery.

"That's a great loss to us not only as a co-worker, but as a friend also," a Progressive official told the AFRO.

Starting as a salesman for the insurance firm nearly 20 years ago, Mr. Brown had served as a division supervisor as well as branch manager.

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THE AFRO LEARNED that because of ill health Mr. Brown was assigned to the East Orange office in October.

In his years with the firm, Mr. Brown had worked in Philadelphia, Jersey City and Hackensack, as well as Essex County.

A native of Englewood, Mr. Brown was active in the Montclair YM-YWCA and the local NAACP Branch.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ellie Brown, and two sons Ronald and Frank Jr.

'Elmer was always the first to volunteer'

NEWARK

"When a job was to be done where there was no glory, Elmer was always the first to volunteer.

"He was very proud of the class to which he belonged; he was very proud of the school to which he belonged; he was very proud of the church to which he belonged.

"He worked for the good of the cause and not for Elmer Britt. And that is the way we will remember him."

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WITH THESE solemn words Thursday, Otto Stoll, South Side football coach, paid his last respects to Elmer Britt, in funeral services for the 19-year-old former South Side athlete killed in an automobile accident en route to Newark for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Young Britt, a freshman at Winston-Salem Teachers College, and Miss Hellon Marie Turner, 26, of Goldston, N. C., were fatally injured in a head-on collision on Rt. 301 near Rawling Green, Va.

Three other Newarkers, all students at Winston-Salem Teachers College, were injured in the crash. They were Arthur Hooper of 167-A Pennsylvania Ave., driver of the vehicle, his brother, Franklin, and Joseph Tuttle of 28 - 4th Ave.

MR. STOLL, who represented South Side at the rites, coached young Britt who was a standout center on the football team there and was attending college on an athletic scholarship.

A large number of South Side High School students were present at the funeral.

The Rev. Ralph W. Riley, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, was in charge of services.

In his sermon, the minister—who baptized Britt last July—told of several personal letters he received from the youth shortly before the tragic mishap. He quoted as saying:

"Every night I say a prayer to God and ask Him to help me. . . . I can now believe that putting my faith in Him was the best thing I could have done."

During the services the Young People's Choir, of which he was a member, sang "Rock of Ages" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Britt; two sisters, the Misses Alice and Shirley Britt; two brothers, Clarence and Frederick, all of 194 Barclay St.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dora Cook, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Alice Britt, both of Albany, Ga.

Solemn rites for girl, 10, victim of fire

BY RUTH JENKINS

PHILADELPHIA

"We thank you, Lord, even for this occasion, for we know this occasion is right, even though it is sometimes misunderstood by the human family.

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"BISHOP JOHNSON has taught us to face, to bear and to look upon every situation as the Lord would have us look upon it. We can overcome all obstacles, fears and torments.

"It is not our nature to be overwhelmed with grief. We have an understanding—something to give us comfort. That's what the Holy Ghost is for."

These expressions set the tone for the solemn, but unemotional funeral services for 10-year-old Joyce Ann Brown, who died last Wednesday night, in a church building far less pretentious than the one in which she met death.

Betty Ann died in the disastrous Nov. 30 fire which destroyed the Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ at 22nd and Bainbridge Sts. The pastor, Bishop S. C. Johnson and 1,700 other worshippers had left the church building shortly before the fire proof ladies lounge.

She died of smoke inhalation. The flames never touched her body.

Dressed in white, Betty Ann was viewed by some 1,000 mourners at the 500-seat original church building on 22nd St. near Montgomery Ave.

Bishop Johnson did not attend, but he sent condolences to the family. The services were conducted by his assistant, Elder Macee Read.

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OTHER participants were Minister Howard Davis, Samuel Shelton, the general church secretary who is a cousin of the dead child; Sister Mary L. Green who read the condolences and Sister Terry Crutchfield, who sang, "I'll Do What You Want Me to Do."

Elder Read described Betty Ann as a "devoted and affectionate child, who will be sadly missed.

"We'll get another church," he declared, "and we're confident that we'll do so before long. But we cannot get another Betty Ann. We'll have to wait an eternity to see our sister, Betty Ann.

"I'm glad the saints are cheerful. It is not our nature to be overwhelmed with grief. We have an understanding—something to give us comfort. That's what the Holy Ghost is for."

Elder Read explained the church doctrine that burials are not biblical, but funerals are not.

He said, "Were it not for this opportunity to talk to you, the living, what you face, we would not preach a funeral."

Betty Ann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McDowell, are not members of this faith, it was pointed out.

Freak crash fatal to beloved hospital worker

BALTIMORE

"I was the first one to get to her. She was lying in front of a pick-up truck.

"On the right side, the upper part of her face was in pretty bad shape.

"There wasn't too much damage done to the cars. The cars were going in so many pieces."

This was the comment this week from Patrolman Herbert Wilson, who with Patrolman Douglas Wink, investigated the multi - car freak collision on U.S. 40 near the Patapsco River Bridge Wednesday in which a well - known social worker was killed.

Killed in the accident on the iced - highway was Mrs. Dorothie Mae Ward, 42, 2106 block Dukeland St., chief, medical social work consultant, at Henryton State Hospital, Henryton, Md.

MRS. WARD, thrown from the automobile in which she and her husband, John R. Ward II, were riding, died in the emergency room of Lutheran Hospital.

Police said she slid about 35 feet into the path of an oncoming vehicle after being thrown from the car. It was not certain whether the truck actually struck her or if her injuries were sustained in the fall.

Mr. Ward, an industrial therapist at Henryton, was reported near collapse in Lutheran Hospital from the shock of witnessing the tragedy.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ward were held Thursday afternoon at Union Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ward attended the elementary and secondary schools in Baltimore City. She received her bachelor of arts and master's in social science degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

She served for five and one-half years as a social worker with the Red Cross in St. Louis, Mo., and for a year in a similar post with the Red Cross in Philadelphia.

In 1947 she went to Cook's County Hospital in Chicago, Ill. where she served for three years as a medical social worker.

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IN 1950 Mrs. Ward came to Henryton State Hospital as chief, medical social work consultant.

This week co - workers said of her:

"Mrs. Ward was the medical social worker here at Henryton State Hospital for nearly nine years. She had become vital member of our team, and a devoted application to her work has endeared herself to patients and employers alike."

The Wards were married on June 17, 1934.

She had always been an Episcopalian. She was confirmed in 1928 in the St. Augustine Episcopal Church and her membership was transferred to the St. Mary's Episcopal Church in 1957.

MRS. DOROTHIE WARD

Death blocks Faubus' trip to Chanute

CHANUTE, Kans. — Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas has canceled his scheduled appearance here to address the Cottonwood Flood Control Association because of the "unexpected death of a very old and dear friend."

Immediately after George Faubus, president of the association, announced his intentions of bringing Governor Faubus here, both white and colored church groups protested loudly.

Three church groups purchased advertisements in the local paper protesting the governor's scheduled appearance as "an affront and a slap in the face to colored Americans and other minorities of Chanute and Kansas.

It is also believed that city officials and the local police brought pressure to block Faubus' scheduled trip to Kansas.

Mrs. Wicks dies, mother of pastor

BALTIMORE

Mrs. Lula Wicks, 77, died at her home at 227 N. Fulton Ave. Friday night.

Mrs. Wicks, originally from Urbanna, Va. was seen living in Baltimore with her son, The Rev. Nathaniel Wicks, pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, 1100 N. Fayette St.

Wife of the late Ralph Wicks of Urbanna, Va., Mrs. Wicks was a member of the Lebanon Baptist Church there.

Funeral services were held for her on Thursday at the Lebanon Baptist Church in Urbanna.

Mrs. Wicks is survived by five children: the Rev. Nathaniel Wicks of Baltimore, Thomas Wicks of Philadelphia, Burnell Wicks of Atlantic City, N. J., Mrs. Victoria Porter of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Mary Smith of Urbanna, Va.

Widow named executrix of Dr. Davis's estate

BALTIMORE

Mrs. Erma Bruce Davis, 1821 McCulloh St., was named executrix of the estate of her husband, Dr. Carrington L. Davis, according to the estator's will filed Dec. 6.

Witnessed by Mrs. Alma J. Rich, 1822 McCulloh St., and an attorney, Dallas F. Nicholas, 18 E. Pleasant St., the will states that Mrs. Davis is to inherit the residue and remainder of the estate.

Other provisions state that Mrs. Davis is to be exempt from bond to perform her duties as executrix of the estate which is estimated at $1,000 personal property.

Allowance is to be made for all just debts to be paid, the will states.

Dr. Davis was known as a distinguished educator, was trustee emeritus of Morgan State College and employed as a public school teacher, principal and vice principal for 43 years.

Lady mayor from Jamaica honored in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Iris Winnifield King, the distinguished lady Mayor of Kingston, Jamaica, BWI, visited Philadelphia on Thursday.

The attractive Mayor was wearing a violet suit graced by an orchid. Her hat was made of white feathers.

Her arrival in Philadelphia was delayed by an hour because of the heavy rain in New York. Among the group greeting her at the station were Mrs. and Mrs. J. G. Adams, hotel proprietors, Mrs. King and Mrs. Adams grew up together in their native Kingston.

HER ITINERARY included a visit to Independence Hall, tour of Marian Anderson Recreation Center, a visit to the Youth Study Center and an address before the City Council and she was also honored at a small city luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel.

The guests at the luncheon included: Judges William H. Hastie and Theodore O. Spaulding, Councilmen Raymond Pace Alexander, Marshall L. Shepard and Louis Schwartz, Abe Rosen, Deputy City Representative; Edward Hendricks, superintendent of prisons; Mrs. Kathryn Woodard, E. Washington Rhodes and Mrs. Frances Myers.

Also Randolph E. Wise, welfare commissioner; Peter Schaffer, deputy director of Commerce; Robert W. Crawford, recreation commissioner and Austin Morris, attorney.

Other guests included Harry Feieger, of the Philadelphia Museum; Charles Baker, Commissioner of Records; E. Luther Cunningham, Civil Service Commissioner; Ann Tucker of the City Representative's Office and Amy Kelly.

During her brief address before the city council, Mayor King said she was grateful for the honor and invitation extended to her by the members of the Council.

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MRS. KING presented a brochure on the city of Kingston to the City Council.

She was escorted to the platform by Councilmen Raymond Pace Alexander, Marshall L. Shepard and Louis Schwartz, a Spain for the funeral.

MARRIAGES

BALTIMORE

BALL - WEBB — Clarence E., 22, laborer, 50 N. Eutaw St., and Minnie, 18, 52 N. Eutaw St.
CARTER - BLACKSHEAR — Clarence Albert, 22, welder, 723 W. Lafayette Ave., and Regina Perkins Ave.
OUTING - TANKARD — Leon, 21, 1 Ashburton Ave., and Arthur Ann, 21, 1000 McKean Ave.
RABINOWITZ - WASHINGTON — Carl, 18, bricklayer, 1306 Linden Ave.; Bella, 18, 1306 Linden Ave.
KINCHEN - JOYNER — Gerald, 28, Alma, Ga.; Pandora, 26, 1604 E. Federal St., divorced.
MITCHELL - JOHNSON — John S., 23, assembly, 701 E. 21st St.; Queen Esther, 21, 701 E. 21st St; divorced.
BURLEY - ROBINSON — Holder, 21, laborer, 2616 Warwick Ave.; Mabel Ann, 25, 1815 Braddish Ave.
HENSON - MONTANA — Louis, 45, butcher, 3204 Barclay St., widower; Josephine, 34 3204 Barclay St.
CLAY - PEARSALL — Lonnie 24, truck driver, 113 N. Carey St.; Mary F., 23, 115 N. Carey St.
JOHNSON - HILL — Robert E., 21, stegi worker, 1509 E. Biddle St.; Alma M., 1002 E. Federal St., divorced.
CLERKLEY - THOMAS — Macee Jr., laboratory technician, 1370 Kedmondson Ave.; Shirley Ann, 21, 1370 Kedmondson Ave.
CHASE - SPENCER — Walter, 48, 1828 Etting St., widower; Aletha C., 50, 950 W. Saratoga St.
SILVERS - ALSTON — William Earl, 18, 1051 N. Central Ave.; Geneva C., 17, 1200 E. Eager St.
CRIPPEN - ALLEN — Marion, 59, truck helper, 604 Sarah Ann St., divorced; Estelle, 39, 738 Bradley St.
HARRIS - KESS — Ernest T., 24, Morgan College Student, Morgan State College; Louis, A., 21, 2613 Biggs Ave.
CHESTEPEN - TURNER — Joseph, 25, hospital attendant, 801 N. Carey St.; Ida, 27, 1740 E. Oliver St.
LEWIS - CRAVIS — Cornelius, 27, 1000 Fort Avenue; Lillie Mae, 24, divorced; Vida, G., 21, Argyle Ave., divorced.
BESSLEY - BROWN — James T., 24, 2029 Druid Hill Ave.; Helena L., 19, 142 N. Central Ave.
PETTIGREW - SAVANGE — James R., 22, baker, 1534 N. Fulton Ave.; Grace Mae, 26, 1602 N. Fulton Ave. divorced.
BROWN - WINDER — Watson, 18, mechanic, 1802 N. Gilmor St.; Marthan Ellen, 19, 1436 Druid Hill Ave.
OUTCOUNTOWN
LYLES - ALLEN — Alexander, W., 21, Pa. R. R. Yard, New York and Philadelphia; Naomi, 23, King George Co., Va.
JOHNSON - STOCKS — Charles, M., 30, 1000 Lexington Ave., New York City; Hattie, 30, 107 Madison Ave., New York City, divorced.

WASHINGTON

GEARTY-ROSS—Kenneth S., 36 Lodge Pl. N.W., and Ann, 36, 1 Lodge Pl. N.W.
THOMPSON-GRANT — Gerald A., 22 Lillian R., 29, both of 742 Atlantic St., SW.
COULTER-RAMSEUR — George W. 22 Carolyn J., 21, both of 3410 12th St., NE.
MATTHEWS - GERALD — Van Austin S., 23, 1733 Varnum St., NW, Barbara H., 22, 4116 18th St., NW.
CONARD-PERKINS — Ralph F. Jr., 22, 3216 Webster St., NW, Octavia D., 20, 2707 South Dakota Ave.
LAWRENCE-PATTERSON — Alonzo, 34, 1 Quincy St., N.W., Jessie M., 28, both of 1444 P St., NW.
PEARSON-MAYFIELD — Leonard E., 23 Andrews APB, Barbara J., 21, 3512 R St., NW.
MOODY-HILL — Larry R., 21 Quincy M., 22, both of Baltimore, Md.
MOORE-BURTON — Melvin W., 23, 561 Morton Pl., NW, Louise B., 16, 1128 Quincy Rd., NW.
MURPHY-JOHNSON — Edward W., 21, 2730 Q St., NW, Lodell Ann, 21, 2730 Q St., NW.
DUPREE-JOHNSON — Charles H., 22, 1121 Corcoran St., NW, Mary E., 19, 1218 19th St., NW.
MOORE-DEMPSEY — Meredith C., 29, Armed Service, Norfolk, Va., Jennice, 27, 30 V St., NW.
ROSE-BARHAM — Howard S. Jr., 21, 33 Defreese St., NW, Marion E., 19, 103 Hilltop Rd., NW.
GLADDEN-GRANT — Frankie, 21, 2407 14 St., NW, Wilma J., 20, 1305 Fairmont St., NW.
HARRIS-HITCHCOCK — Woodrow, 21, Dillon, S.C. Vera M., 18, Marion, S.C.
ADAMS-SCOTT — James B., 21, Bluefield, W. Va., Harriett L., 27, 908 52nd St., NE.
ROBINSON-ROBINSON — Frank W., 34 Mass Ave. N.E., and Kenilworth, Md. (both formerly married.)
WILSON-FINCH — George W., 24, 1351 East Capital St. Helen M., 28, 3001 Benning, NE.
STEWART-STANFORD — Arthur A., 20, 663 19th St., NE, Maggie M., 18, 2622 13th St., NW.
DAVIS-BENNETT — Maurice R., 21, 224 Gallatin St., NW, Marguerite, 19, 5036 Eighth St., NE.
IRVING-JOANDELL — Jerome E., 21, 4228 Gault St., NE, Mary F., 19, 4203 Gault St., NE.
THOMAS-MERCER — Arthur J., 28, 3001 Rhode Island Ave., NE, Carolyn A., 18, 1438 Belmont St., NW.

Service for C.W. Barnum

BALTIMORE

Funeral services were held last Friday, at Payne AME Church at 3 p.m. for Charles Warfield Barnum, 54, 2514 Forest Park Ave., husband of Mrs. Lilla Barnum, Douglass High School French teacher, who died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Sunday.

Burial is in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

A native of Hagerstown, Md., Mr. Barnum was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barnum. His father, a pawnbroker is deceased. His mother, Mrs. Winifred Barnum, survives.

Mr. Barnum was a graduate of the Howard University School of Pharmacy and for a time operated a drugstore in Hagerstown. He was retired from service in the Baltimore Post Office in 1946.

A member of Payne Church for 15 years, Mr. Barnum was also a member of the Chi Delta Mu fraternity.

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MR. BARNUM and his wife would have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on December 22.

Besides his mother and wife, he is survived by a son, Lt. C. Warfield Barnum who flew home Tuesday from Spain where he was on duty with the Air Force.

Also surviving are the daughter-in-law Mrs. Lucille Barnum, and granddaughter, Caron, who were unable to return from Spain for the funeral.

'. . . A hero's death, but he died unnecessarily'

NEW YORK — Fourteen-year-old Stanley Atkins died a hero's death, but he died unnecessarily.

This was the view expressed this week by neighbors and members of an aroused community after the youngster was crushed to death Saturday by a slipping elevator in a convenient food supply basement.

Stanley's last act was to throw a two-year-old child, little Lydia Abrom to safety as the elevator, its doors open, began falling from the sixth floor of the building at 280 Riverside Drive where they both lived. The boy's body halted the elevator's fall. He died instantly.

Four other persons who had boarded the self-service elevator with Stanley at the seventh floor say that it slowed down, stopped and the doors opened at the sixth floor, where the cables began slipping and the car began falling.

ON MONDAY, five days earlier, the same elevator had plunged from the first floor into the basement, but no one was injured.

Aboard at that time, ironically, were a group of reporters and photographers, who were accompanying teams of top city officials on an inspection tour, part of the Mayor's anti-slum drive which is aimed at a city crackdown on building violations.

William Ryan, Democratic leader of the 7th Aldermanic District, declared:

"This is an unnecessary tragedy, due to the gross dereliction and indifference of the city officials charged with enforcing the building code.

. . . I have talked to a tenant in the building . . . who heard Deputy Commissioner (Bernice P.) Rogers (of the Buildings Department) tell one of the management personnel of the building that the elevator was in bad condition.

"The community wants to know what action was taken between last Monday and Saturday, when the tragedy occurred. The Building Department was clearly on notice and the accident could have been avoided."

THE BUILDING at 380 Riverside Drive was originally constructed with 38 apartments and the faulty elevator and one other were installed to serve the 38 families.

It has since been cut up into single rooms, housing 1,500 persons, all of whom use the two elevators.

WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

SIXTEEN OF THE eighteen children from closed Warren High School in Front Royal, Va., who were registered in Districts schools last week included: Geraldine L. Rhodes, Ann Rhodes, Dorothy Rhodes, John F. Kilby, James Kilby, John R. Jackson, Frank E. Grier, Stephen Travis, Deloris Coleman, Suella Dean, Mary Fletcher, Elizabeth Dean, Betty Kilby, Faye L. Coleman, John F. Kilby, and Matthew Pines.

Love suit cleric lures a big crowd

FAR ROCKAWAY, N.Y. — More than 300 persons Sunday attended opening services of the newly organized First Congregation of Righteousness, whose pastor is the Rev. Lloyd A. Burrus.

The Rev. Mr. Burrus is the former rector of Far Rockaway Baptist Church, who was ousted from his pastorate during a sensational court battle involving his wife and the Rev. Thomas Harten, senior vice president of the National Baptist Convention.

The new congregation was formed by the Rev. Mr. Burrus several weeks ago. It is located at 1521 Rockaway Boulevard.

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DURING THE services Sunday, the Rev Mr. Burrus said he expects the congregation to grow, and as "necessity demands, to establish missions in the needed areas."

He pointed out the following positions as the doctrines of his new church:

1. To embrace all religious denominations (2) to accept all people regardless of race or color, (3) to bring into the fold all believers of Jesus, and upon request, to give letters to any church with which the believer desires to affiliate.

The Rev. Mr. Burrus touched off a heralded legal wrangle last summer when he filed suit against the Rev. Mr. Harten asking $1,000,000 on charges that Mr. Harten conspired to ruin his professional life.

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IN HIS complaint he detailed accounts that a raiding party surprised the Rev. Mr. Harten and Mrs. Burrus in a New York hotel last June where, the 44-year - old Mr. Harten was allegedly nude and Mrs. Burrus partially clad.

The case was closed and the suit against the Rev. Mr. Harten dropped when an agreement was reached on an out-of-court settlement, said to have been $10,000.

During the case, Mr. Burrus was voted out of his pastorate at Far Rockaway Baptist Church.

Members of many denominations attended the Sunday services of the new congregation.

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MR. BURRUS' sermon topic was, "If I be Lifted up from the Earth, I Will Draw All Men unto Me."

$20,000 library grant for V.U.U.

RICHMOND — According to a recent announcement made by G. Mahlon Brown, director of Lilly Endowment, Inc., the board of directors in its last monthly meeting, approved a $20,000 grant for the Library of the school of religion of Virginia Union University.

The grant is for the purchase of books so that this phase of theological education will be strengthened. It will enable the school to secure many volumes that are indispensable in a theological training center.

The project will be under the supervision of Dr. Ira D. James, dean of the school of religion and Mrs. Verdelle V. Bradley, librarian of the university.

The school of religion of Virginia Union University has been training men for the Christian ministry since 1899. It holds associate membership in the American Association of Theological Schools.

For the past few years it has had the largest enrollment, and graduated more men than any other predominantly colored seminary along the Eastern Seaboard. Graduates of the school now serve in practically every State in America.

Atlantan charges police intimidation

ATLANTA — Frank L. Roberson last week said he has filed a complaint with the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, charging intimidation by a judge and the police.

He claims that he has been harassed by unwarranted raids and convictions, without evidence, ever since he wrote a series of articles about the Atlanta Police Department and conditions in Women's City Prison.

"The raids," charges Mr. Roberson, "are a part of a plot to intimidate me because of my part in certain local and civic improvements."

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MR. ROBERSON, who lives at 476 Tatnal St., SW, said he was recently fined $205 on a charge of possession of untaxed whiskey.

"Although I had retained attorney Swift Tyler to represent me in the case, the lawyer did not appear in court and the judge did not allow me to present a receipt showing retention of counsel," Mr. Roberson said, adding.

The judge held the trial "without a lawyer, thereby violating my civil rights."

It was further charged by the man that he has been "fined twice without evidence or permission to have legal counsel."

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THE JUDGE, said Mr. Roberson, has promised to raise the fines by more than $100 the next time he's arrested.

The arrest which led to the conviction on the untaxed whiskey charge, Roberson said, took place on July 25.

He said two detectives entered his home and searched it without a search warrant—cleaning out his files and taking every letter that was addressed to him.

"No un - taxed whiskey was found in my home," he claimed, and "in spite of the fact that no evidence was presented to show that I had any un-taxed whiskey, I was convicted on the detectives' word."

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HE SAID THAT he was fined $305 on the next occasion.

Roberson charged that police again made a raid on his apartment without a search warrant and planted un-taxed whiskey on the premises after they couldn't find any.

After being fined $305, without allowing him to retain counsel, according to Roberson the judge promised:

"When you are arrested again, the fine will go up to $400 and the next time to $500."

He said he filed his complaint with W. Wilson White, assistant U.S. Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

Highlander Folk School to teach rights claim steps

MONTEAGLE, Tenn.—Procedures for filing complaints with the Federal Civil Rights Commission will be taught at the annual executive council meeting of the Highlander Folk School, according to Chairman R. B. Brazeal, dean of Morehouse College.

In addition to the Public School Integration workshop, which will be intensified, workshops will be held on the following subjects:

Campus Leadership for Integration; Community Services and Segregation; Registration and Voting; Community Leadership and Integrated Housing and Human Aspects of Migration.

George (Kingfish) Stevens is dead

LOS ANGELES — George Kingfish Stevens is dead.

The famed comic of the Amos and Andy television program—Harry R. Tim Moore — suffered a stroke Saturday at Los Angeles General Hospital at the age of 78.

He had been ill for a long time, and confined since Nov. 4th with advanced pulmonary tuberculosis, a malady that reduced him to a mere 85-pound shell of his once massive frame.

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A VETERAN of vaudeville, radio, the movies and TV, Moore was the star of the 79 film Amos and Andy series, a project which netted more than five million dollars to the Columbia Broadcasting System and to the originators Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll.

However, Moore's declining years and the death which came on Saturday, found the veteran comedian in virtual poverty. Even today it is being carried on TV in over 100 American cities.

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MOORE'S DEATH brought an end to 58 years in the entertainment business.

At the age of 12 he left his native Rock Island, Ill., as part of an act known as "Corn Misket and her Gold Dust Twins."

Later he was a jockey, a teenage prizefighter and worked at odd jobs and finally returned to vaudeville in 1925.

He played in Blackbirds of '28 on Broadway, traveled with the show in Europe, and returned to the United States in the late 30's to tour as part of the comedy act that appealed with big name bands.

He is survived by his 40-year-old wife, vivian, whom he married last year eight months after the death of his first wife.

Desegregation is A.U. panel topic

ATLANTA — A panel of civic leaders and students from the Atlanta University Center discussed the strategy for desegregation in Atlanta at the first Town Meeting of this year held under sponsorship of the political science departments of the center last Thursday.

Members of the panel included John H. Calhoun, former Atlanta NAACP president; Warren Cochrane, Atlanta YMCA executive secretary, the Rev. Lamar Clements, social service director of the Atlanta Council of Christian Churches, Gail Kendricks, Atlanta U Student, and Maxine Weston, Clark College student.

Dean Whitney M. Young of the School of social work is acting chairman of the committee in charge of Town Meetings. Other members are Dr. John Read and Dr. Arthur Banks, Atlanta U; Dr. Edward Swaiddle and James Green, Clark College; Dr. Robert Williams, Dr. Prince Wilson and William Pace, Morris Brown; the Rev. Samuel Williams and Robert Johnson, Morehouse, and Dr. Howard Zinn and Henry West, Spelman.

Mrs. Reeves, victim of fatal bludgeoning, buried

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — Funeral services for Mrs. Oneida Reeves, victim of a fatal bludgeoning allegedly by two white men here, were held Monday in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Walter York officiating.

The skull - crushed body of Mrs. Reeves was reportedly found under the Arkansas River Bridge near SH Highway 10 Thursday morning. Cause of death was attributed to violent blows on her head.

According to Mr. Reeves, who was With his wife as they returned home from home from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity formal dance at Western Hills Lodge, the slaying occurred when two white men blocked the Reeves car with their vehicle near the bridge.

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MR. REEVES said his wife was jerked from the car and beaten. He said he was knocked unconscious when he jumped out to defend her. He said his wife had been beaten lifeless when he recovered and called police from a nearby farmhouse.

Burial was in Booker T. Washington Cemetery. Surviving Mrs. Reeves besides her husband are two daughters, a foster daughter and two grandchildren.

AMONG THOSE present at the annual Shriners Charity Christmas Ball, held recently at the District National Guard Armory in Washington, D.C. were, left to right, Potentates John Moody, Harrisburg, Pa.; C. Porterfield Harris, Delaware; Calvin Parker, Baltimore, Md.; Hugh Russell, Washington, D. C. and Harry J. Kean of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Labor body assails S. African policy

NEW YORK — J. H. Oldenbrook, general secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, has written to Dr. Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd Prime Minister of South Africa, protesting vigorously against "inhuman" treatment to which four Indian and Mauritian trade unionists, who left their Johannesburg Airport last August, were subjected at Johannesburg Airport last August.

The letter also drew attention to another instance of racial discrimination concerning an application for a transit visa on behalf of a Ghanian trade union leader.

The Johannesburg airport incidents occurred while S. Glavere, A. Mogine, Mrs. Angerine Ratsaaratsaraba and D. Ratokoton Drazaka were on their return journey from an ICFTU regional conference in Dar-es-Salaam.

"FROM THE time they landed at the airport on the evening of Saturday, August 2, until their departure on Tuesday, August 5, they were subjected to a series of shameful and insulting incidents," the letter said.

"They had the utmost difficulty in getting accommodation and meals. In fact, they would not have had either at all had it not been for the help of private individuals whose sympathy was aroused by their plight."

The four later submitted a statement emphasizing "the inhuman way in which they were treated by the South African Airways."

John K. Tettegah, General Secretary of the Ghana Workers Union Congress, figured in the other case of racial discrimination. He was unable to attend the Dar - es - Salaam conference due to lack of a transit travel permit to Johannesburg.

The West African Trade Union Information and Advisory Center in Accra sent a telegram on July 23, to the South African Minister of the Interior, requesting a visa, but no reply was received and the airline authorities advised that it would be difficult for Mr. Tettegah to enter South Africa on a tourist entry permit. It was also stated that there was no alternative route if he wanted to reach Dar-es-Salaam before July 26.

"Had the letter been delivered, "that white citizens of the Commonwealth countries do not need visas when passing through South Africa, but that colored citizens of those countries must have visas to do so even if they only change planes at an airport."

Atlanta drive on to register 57,000 voters

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Affiliated Citizens Registration Committee last week kicked off for an all-out registration campaign at a meeting at Butler Street YMCA. The group set a goal of 57,000 voters.

Jesse Hill Jr. was elected chairman to succeed Dr. C. A. Bacote, who voluntarily retired and accepted a place on the executive committee.

Mrs. Mae Yates and Mrs. Roberta Parks were selected as vice-chairman. Other officers are Miss Rebecca Dickerson, secretary; Miss Daisy Dunn, assistant secretary; C. R. Yates, treasurer; Dr. S. Z. Sperwerfield, assistant treasurer; the Rev. T. P. Grissom, chaplain; Robert Norwood, sergeant-at-arms, and the Rev. Samuel Williams, parliamentarian.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN are as follows: Clarence Coleman, chairman; J. H. Calhoun, vice chairman; Mrs. Ruth Boynton, co-chairman; and John Wesley Dobbs, co-chairman; Women's Work, Mrs. Carrie Lee Brown, Dr. George A. Sewell and the Rev. T. Sessoms, co-chairmen.

Publicity, William A. Fowlkes; telephone, Mrs. Mae Yates; speakers bureau, Whitney Young; car pool, B. F. Mitchell; nurses, J. O. Thomas; refreshments,