Grim Reaper stalked through the year, 1958

By JACK L. HODGE

Aristophanes, who lived between 446-385 B.C., wrote:

"Perhaps death is life, and life is death.

"And victuals and drink an illusion of the senses.

"For what is Death but an eternal sleep?

"And does not live consist in sleeping and eating?"

Included among those called to "an eternal sleep" by the Grim Reaper in 1958 were three members of he AFRO family — Miss Frances Murphy, Miss Ora Culson and Arthur Randall.

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MISS MURPHY, 51, the daughter of the AFRO founder, died at her Baltimore home on April 29, eight days after her birthday anniversary.

"Miss Frances," as she was affectionately known, was a retired teacher and founder of the AFRO Clean Block campaign which has been copied in several leading cities.

MISS CULSON, for 30 years a clerk and secretary at the AFRO (without being late or absent), was found dead by her co-workers at her Baltimore home after failing to report for work on Feb. 6.

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MR. RANDALL, 46, an assistant managing editor at the AFRO home office, died Oct. 29. He had been ill since June.

A native of Washington, reared in Michigan, Mr. Randall had been with the AFRO since 1946.

The Grim Reaper also called F. W. Baker, a former AFRO employee and veteran newsman, at his Washington home in November.

OTHERS included Pope Pius XII, leader of 450 million Roman Catholics, who died of heart failure in October after a reign of 19 years.

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ARCHIE ALEXANDER of Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, who died Jan. 4. A former governor of the Virgin Islands, he also was a noted construction engineer.

The Howard University graduate built the K St. elevated highway in the nation's capital as well as the Tidal Basin Bridge.

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DR. W. H. JERNAGIN, 88, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Washington for 46 years, died in Miami Beach, Fla., in February while on a rest cure.

He was president of the National Training Union Congress for 33 years and a leader in the battle for racial equality in the District of Columbia.

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MRS. JULIA WEST HAMILTON, 88, died in Washington in February. A native of South Carolina, she was a pioneer in YWCA work, a former teacher and member of the District school board.

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W. C. HANDY, 84, composer-musician and father of the blues, died in March shortly before the story of his life was released by Paramount.

Some 150,000 mourners were in his funeral procession which paraded through the streets of Harlem.

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DR. T. EDWARD JONES of Washington died in April on Good Friday at the age of 73.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Dr. Jones was one time chief surgeon at Freedman's Hospital. He also was a hero of World War I.

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CHUCK WILLIS of Atlanta, 28, rhythm and blues singer and outstanding female composer-guitarist, died on April 10 following an operation for ulsers.

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MRS. MAMIE L. STEWART of Washington, a Jubilee Singer, died in April at the age of 92. The Hampton (Va.) Institute graduate toured Europe in the 1880's and sang before an English Monarch.

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WILLIAM BROONZY, 65, of Chicago died in August. A blues singer, he took the name "Big Bill" in 1926. He wrote some 350 songs and many of his records are collector's items.

DR. J. E. WALKER of Memphis, Tenn., founder of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis and Universal Life Insurance Co., was slain by a former business associate in August.

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DR. SILAS (Shag) TAYLOR, 71, of Boston was fatally injured when struck by an automobile in November. The native of Danville, Va., was for years a member of the Massachusetts Democratic Committee, as well as outstanding in civic, religious and fraternal affairs.

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TINY BRADSHAW of Cincinnati, a native of Youngstown, Ohio. The 53-year-old one time drummer and bandleader died in Dec., the victim of his third paralytic stroke.

The entertainer played the circuit for some 30 years, hitting the big time with his compositions "Jersey Bounce," "Salt Lake City Bounce," "Soft" and "Butterfly".

AND TIMOTHY MOORE, 70, of Los Angeles, better known as George (Kingfish) Stevens, the role he played in "Amos 'n' Andy."

The Kingfish died Dec. 13 following an illness diagnosed as pulmonary tuberculosis, a malady that reduced him to a mere 55 pounds.

MRS. JULIA HAMILTON

W. C. HANDY

ARTHUR RANDALL

TINY BRADSHAW

DR. W. H. JERNAGIN

ARCHIBALD A. ALEXANDER

MISS FRANCES MURPHY

JUDGE JAMES E. COBB

SLAIN TEACHER'S FUNERAL — Grim-faced pallbearers carry the flower-decked coffin bearing the remains of Mrs. Charimon Higginbotham from Trinity Baptist Church, Danville, following funeral services Dec. 9. Mrs. Higginbotham was fatally wounded on Dec. 6. Police have charged her husband, Curtis O. Higginbotham, with the slaying. (Photos by Scott L. Henderson).

Brad Laws, popular PR man dies at 28

PHILADELPHIA

A promising career of a self-made young businessman ended Sunday morning with the death of Bradford P. Laws at the age of 28.

Mr. Laws died at Temple University hospital, a victim of cancer. Hospitalized since August he had undergone two operations, one for the removal of his left eye.

HE OPERATED the Bradford P. Laws Associates, a public relations firm at 2432 N. Broad St. Since his illness, the business was carried on by Mrs. Elsie Cross, business manager.

His last big local project was as coordinator for the National Newspaper Publishers Association Convention in Philadelphia last June.

Mr. Laws, a native Philadelphian, was a track star at Benjamin Franklin High School. Later he took courses at Temple University.

During service in the Korean Conflict he wrote articles for the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers. In October, 1952, he began the public relations firm in association with D. Parke Gibbon. He has been operating independently for the past few years.

Mr. Laws was vice chairman of the Public Relations Roundtable Association, organized last summer in Chicago; a member of the American Public Relations Association and of the Association of Market Development.

One of the Eastern Seaboard's most eligible bachelors, he also was a member of the Pyramid Club.

Since the death of his mother, Mrs. Alice Laws, four years ago, he lived alone at 3836 N. Broad St. Survivors are an aunt, Mrs. Minnie Turner and an uncle, Ezekiel Smith, both of Philadelphia.

Funeral services are set for 8 p.m. Thursday at the Baker Funeral Home, 1209 W. Oxford St., with the Rev. E. Luther Cunningham officiating. Burial will follow Friday morning in Rolling Green Cemetery.

Mrs. Ada E. Hall

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Hall, 78, was buried in the First Baptist Church cemetery at Chesterbrook, Va., Thursday.

Funeral services were held at the church. The Rev. J. H. Fairfax officiated.

Mrs. Hall, a native of Chesterbrook, died at her home, 5643 Old Dominion Drive, Chesterbrook, last Monday.

SHE IS survived by three daughter and two sons: Deliah Lewis, Beatrice Harris, Arneda Broadie, James E. and Thomas J. Hall.

Other survivors include two sisters and one brother, Birty Johnson, Bessie Corbin and Morris Thomas; plus 10 grandchildren and 13 great - grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by John T. Rhines and Co., 2015 12th St., NE.

"—Now I'm burying her," minister says at funeral

DANVILLE, Va.—"She was a little girl in Sunday School when I came to this church some 20 years ago. Later I baptized her, and still later performed her marriage ceremony, and now I am burying her....."

Thus spoke the Rev. C. M. Thorpe, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church here as he officiated at a funeral service for Mrs. Charmion Woody Higginbotham Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Higginbotham, 35, a teacher at Albert Harris High School in Martinsville, was slain Dec. 6, while lying in bed at her home in that city. Police have arrested her husband, Curtis Olden Higginbotham, also a teacher, and charged him with the slaying.

FUNERAL SERVICES for the pretty young teacher were held in her hometown, where she moved among the younger social set. It was held at 4 p.m. so that public school teachers and pupils could attend.

The Rev. Mr. Thorpe said in the eulogy that men rest from their toils but "death takes no vacation."

Others participating in the service were the Rev. Walter Anderson, who read the scripture; the Rev. L. L. Blankeney, Miss G. Greene, Mrs. Carrie Coleman, Mrs. Carrie Claiborne, the Rev. Robert Foster, Mrs. Shirley Richardson and the Trinity Baptist Church Choir.

THE HIGGINBOTHAMS have two daughters, aged 5 and 6.

The slain teacher was a member of the AKA Sorority, the Just Us Girls social club, the Estrelittas social club. She was a graduate of Inglewood High School in Burkeville, Va., and earned her bachelor's degree from Florida A and M College.

Mrs. Higginbotham also held a master's degree from Virginia State College and had done advanced study at American University.

Mrs. E. C. Bevans dies suddenly

BALTIMORE

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at a funeral chapel in the 1700 block McCulloh St., for Mrs. Ethel C. Bevans, 71, 2313 McCulloh St., who died suddenly at 10 a.m., Thursday.

Mrs. Bevans was the mother of Mrs. Elsie B. Sessoms, local teacher.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Bevans was being cared for by a practical nurse. Mrs. Ethel Campbor and residing at her home, 2569 Edmondson Ave.

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MRS. BEVANS was born in Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 9, 1887, the daughter of the late Charles and Margaret Calloway.

In 1902 she was married to Jesse L. Bevans, a private detective with the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

Survivors are Mr. Bevans, Mrs. Sessoms and a son, Wendell Bevans, and three grandchildren.

Rev. Daniel Epps buried on Saturday

BALTIMORE

Funeral services were held Saturday noon at Sharon Baptist Church, Stricker and Pressman Sts., for the Rev. Daniel P. Epps, who for more than a decade was associate pastor of Sharon.

The Rev. Arthur J. Payne, minister of Enon Baptist Church, officiated and the Rev. Leroy Ward, pastor of Sharon Baptist, delivered the eulogy.

The Rev. Mr. Epps died at his home, 1131 N. Mount St., on Dec. 8. The 58-year - old minister had been ill since July.

BORN IN BLACKSTONE, Va., son of the late Henry and Martha Epps, he came to Baltimore at 13.

The Rev. Mr. Epps attended Douglass High School and the Maryland Baptist School of Religion here and became associate pastor of Sharon in 1947. He had joined the church as a boy under the late Rev. William Alexander.

The Rev. Mr. Epps was grandmaster of the Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Good Hope of Maryland, a past president of the Baptist Young People's Union of the State of Maryland and served as a judge of the 4th Precinct for 27 years.

Other ministers who participated in the funeral services for the minister included: The Revs. Baxter Matthews, Union Baptist Church; W. L. Clayton, president of the Maryland State Baptist Convention; William Tapscott, Morning Star Baptist, Catonsville; Hiram Smith, Mt. Lebanon Baptist; Rev. Ward Yerby, Perkins Square Church.

Also, the Revs. I. M. Gray, St. John Methodist; O. St. Clair Franklin, Mt. Zion Methodist; V. V. K. Stokes, Trinity Baptist; Arthur Brown, W. L. Evans, Olivet Baptist, and Carlton Cook, Union Baptist Sparrows Point.

Also, the Rev. Andrew Brown, St. John Baptist Church, and the Rev. Isaac G. Reddie, Providence Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene C. Epps, a brother, William Epps of Baltimore; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Hester and Mrs. Bessie Hensley, of Norfolk, Va.; a grandson, Henry Epps of New York City; two great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Florence Hill Stewart, 79, Falls Rd. Church secretary, buried

BALTIMORE

"I like to remember her as I knew her full of energy, full of enthusiasm and above all the very epitome of modesty itself.

"We should emulate her life, emulate that virtue, modesty, — whatever you have to do, do for the love of the work itself rather than for credit.... she has left us that legacy."

The Rev. J. M. Cox, presiding elder of the Baltimore Conference AME Church was speaking Wednesday afternoon at funeral services for Mrs. Florence Hill Stewart, 79, 901 Warwick Ave.

The funeral was at Falls Road AME Church where Mrs. Stewart was a lifelong member, secretary of the church's trustees and active in the Missionary Society.

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MRS. STEWART died suddenly on Saturday while visiting a daughter in New York. She had been ailing for over a year.

The Rev. Joseph Casben, pastor of the church, officiated at the hour - long rites. The Rev. W. N. Edwards, pastor emeritus of AME Church, offered the prayer. Music was by the church choir with Mrs. Mildred Bryant at the piano.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Cashen recalled: 'Sister Stewart was a good Christian woman who had faith in God's words and relied on His promises . . . she was a loving mother and friend. She loved her church and her minister. Many times we received her words of comfort and encouragement.

To the relatives and friends, he added: 'You may weep for her, but remember what you lost as a mother, grandmother, friend, be grateful. Be thankful for what He gave you in her . . . bless all who bought love, cheer and friendship to this departed life . . .'

After the eulogy, the choir sang the deceased's favorite hymn, 'Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross.'

MOURNERS filled all available seats of the small church auditorium and extra chairs which were brought in were not sufficient and some sat two to a chair.

The mahogany casket was surrounded by three dozen floral pieces including a huge basket of white carnations, lilies, mums and orchids from her children.

A native of Montgomery County, Md., Mrs. Stewart was the daughter of the late John and Anna Hill.

She completed her education in the Washington, D.C. schools and taught in D.C. and Montgomery County schools. Her husband was married to Samuel E. Stewart Sr. Mr. Stewart died in 1950.

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OF THIS union were eight children, seven of whom survive. They are: Samuel E. Stewart Jr., a Dunbar High teacher and contractor; John Stewart, contractor; and Marshall Stewart, postal employee, all of Baltimore.

Also, Mrs. Ella Peace and Mrs. Natalie Parr, both of whom are restaurant owners in New York; Mrs. Julia Frye, N.Y., with whom she was visiting at the time of her death; and Mrs. Gwendolyn Hillen of Baltimore, with whom she made her home at the Warwick Ave. address. Mrs. Hillen is placement officer with the U.S. Public Health Service.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Earl Parker, Ernest Lee, Louis Scott, Aquilla Scott, Willie Adams and Slamon Merritt. The Arlington Phillips Funeral home was in charge.

Relatives and friends occupied 15 cars for the trip to Arbutus Memorial Park.

In addition to persons already mentioned, they include: Samuel Peace, N.Y.; John and Earl Stewart, Mrs. Harriet Stewart, Carl Frye, N.Y.; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson and daughter, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell; Granville Hillen, Mrs. Eloise Key's, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Ralph Parr, Mrs. Eliza Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Murray, Alvin Trent, James Jenkins and John Lee.

—B. M. P.

Mrs. I. C. Reddie, wife of minister, is buried

BALTIMORE

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Martha Reddie, 76, wife of the Rev. Isaac G. Reddie, 2141 Division St. Wednesday at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Mrs. Reddie died last Friday while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Helen Goodman in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Rev. W. H. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia, officiated at the services.

Born in Essex County, Va., Mrs. Reddie moved to Baltimore at an early age and joined Macedonia where she has been a member for over 55 years.

THE DAUGHTER of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone, she was a member of such organizations as the Nazarites Order, Household of Ruth and the Missionary Society.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Isaac Reddie; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Wilmore of Philadelphia; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Goodman, New York; and Mrs. Mary Rankin, Baltimore; and two sons, Emerson Reddie, New York; and Milton Reddie, New Mexico.

Miss Mattie Wiggins

Miss Mattie Wiggins, 52, 1610 Lombard St. died Sunday in City Hospitals after a prolonged illness.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at a funeral home in the 400 block 15th St. S.E. in Washington, D.C. with the Rev. L. K. Caesar of Mt. Olive Baptist Church officiating.

Born in D.C., she was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Saratoga St. and Fremont Ave.

Miss Wiggins is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Leola Gupton, Mrs. Ethel Lee, Mrs. Ella Little, Miss Ella Wiggins and Miss Margaret Wiggins.

William P. Williams

BALTIMORE

Funeral services were held today (Friday) at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Lafayette and Fremont Aves., for William P. Williams, 68, 1408 W. Lafayette Ave.

A longtime groundkeeper for the Department of Parks, Mr. Williams died Monday in City Hospitals where he had been a patient for four weeks as the result of a stroke.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Mrs. Maggie Williams celebrated their 37th anniversary July 20.

A 35-year member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Mr. Williams was a member of the usher board there.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maggie Williams; a daughter, Leroy Lonesome; a grandchild, Leroy Lonesome Jr.; a brother, Frank Smith; and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Jones, and Mrs. Sadie White of Patterson, N.J.

Five deaths and 133 home mishaps reported

Treated at local hospitals last week due to home accidents were 133 persons, according to the District Red Cross Safety Services. Five deaths due to falls, three of them women, were also reported.

Breakdown of injuries include 52 falls, 8 burns, 17 poisons, 5 cases of objects in the throat and stomach; 21 cuts, 1 contusion and 29 unclassified.

Services held for Elk leader

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for Miss Rhoda F. Colston, Grand Assistant Daughter Ruler of the Grand Temple of Elks, were held Saturday at the Metropolitan AME Zion Church, North Capitol and R Sts.

The Rev. R. Collins Lee, pastor officiated.

Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Miss Colston, a native of the District and longtime employee of the Treasury Department loan and currency bureau, died at 3.15 Monday at Dudley Memorial Hospital after long illness.

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A GRADUATE of the Old M Street High School, Miss Colston spent most of her life as resident of 2255 Ninth St., NW. Her last address was 149 W St., NW.

She was a member of 19th Street Baptist Church.

Miss Colston's fraternal career in the Elks began as a charter member in 1926. She served in the marching club for many years and rose to the office of grand assistant daughter ruler, parliamentarian, and second financial secretary of the Columbia Temple No. 422.

She leaves no surviving relatives.

Metropolitan's Deacon O'Brien dies suddenly

NEWARK

"He was one of the best known religious workers around. He will be missed."

The Rev. Benjamin F. Johnson, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon, was referring to the sudden death of Fred O'Brien, founder and chairman of the deacon's board at Metropolitan.

The Newark businessman complained of illness, Tuesday morning, while at his furniture store at 149 South Orange Ave.

He died at 1:45 p.m. shortly after arriving home.

"HE ATTENDED all of the services Sunday," said the Rev. Mr. Johnson, adding that Mr. O'Brien also took part in committee meetings between afternoon and evening services.

The minister told the AFRO that Metropolitan Baptist was founded in Mr. O'Brien's living room 20 years ago.

Mr. O'Brien was chairman of the board of trustees of Metropolitan, as well as a member of the board of trustees.

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HE WAS vice chairman of the Newark State Deacon's Association and a member of the organization's board of trustees.

A native of Eufala, Ala., Mr. O'Brien moved to Newark 36 years ago. At the time of his death he resided at 115 South Seventh St.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Missouri O'Brien, and a brother, Cleveland O'Brien, of East Orange.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at presentime.

Funeral services held for 87-year-old barber

WASHINGTON

David Bowie, 87-year-old retired District barbership owner, was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery Thursday.

Funeral services were held at the Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home Chapel. Father Charles E. Miller officiated.

Mr. Bowie, born in 1871 in Redland, Montgomery County, Md., died last Sunday at D.C. General Hospital following an operation. He earlier suffered a fall in his home at 1158 21st St., NW.

MR. BOWIE was the first to attend school for colored in Montgomery County. As a young man he moved to Washington and opened his own barbershop at his home address.

For nearly seven years ago, he was a barber for 55 years.

He also trained two nephews in the trade, and brought his nieces to Washington for their public school education.

Two of the surviving nieces are Mrs. Marie Dixon and Mrs. Mary Lancaster, both of Washington.

Ike Monroe

BALTIMORE

Funeral services were held for Ike Monroe, 58, of 902 N. Bond St. Wednesday at the Faith Baptist Church, Ashland Ave. and Bond St.

Mr. Monroe died duddenly at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Saturday. He entered the Hospital on Friday.

A Bethlehem Steel Co. employee, Mr. Monroe was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

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MR. MONROE was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Monroe of Fayetteville, N.C. **He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Monroe; a son, Julius Monroe; three brothers, William Monroe, Alvin Monroe, and Irvin Monroe, all of Baltimore.**

Also three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hughes, Mrs. Mannie Murchesen and Mrs. Sarah McIver of Fayetteville, N.C.

Christmas don'ts

Don't use old electric cords and lights on your tree. Test them before using.

Don't fail to dispose of all wrappings as soon as you open your gifts. Don't throw the wrappings in the fireplace. Put them in a container outside your home.

Don't fail to remove your tree from the house as soon as possible after Christmas. Don't place it near the house, a fence, or the garage.

Don't forget to follow these simple rules and your Merry Christmas will be followed by a Happy New Year.

MARRIAGES

WASHINGTON

SPAIN - REAVES — Thurman G., 26, 321 18th St., NE.; Mattie F., 20, 604 13th St., NE.

TOTTEN - KNIGHT — James R., 22, Lanham, Md., 30, both of 1302 Owen Pl., NE.

FERRELL - VENABLE — James E., 19, 1219 Montello Ave., NE.; Chase, 18, 1412 Meridian Pl., NW.

BRYANT - HEAD — Ralph, 22, Bolling AFB.; Patricia V., 18, 1452 Bruce St., SE.

BRYANT - REED — Willard L., 21, 1704 Mass. Ave., NW.; Ruth A., 18, 1211 Fifth St., NW.

THORNE - WHITE — Otis J., 17, 118 K St., NE.; Shirley, 15, 1315 13th St., NE.

RUSELL - MASK — James W., 19, 2008 17th St., NE.; Alnea F., 19, 1313 Queen St., NE.

JOHNSON - LOWERY — Willie, 21, Gen. 23, 2124 4th St., NW.; Co Ca, 21, 1347 Park Rd., NW.

KEY - MORSE — James K., 26, 600 Emerson St., NW.; Catherine, 26, 2708 13th St., NE.

HAGGINS - RANDOLPH — Donald J., 22, 1327 Kenyon St., NW.; Patricia A. L., 16, 1344 Park Rd., NW.

HARRIS - AUGUSTUS — Isiah, 28, 1738 H St., NE.; Berina F., 22, Arlington, Va.

O'NEAL - WILSON — Albert V., 21, 4715 Washington St., NE.; Ruth, 19, 4462 D St., NE.

CASE - CLINKSCALES — Isaac, 21, 1000 Quincy St., NE.; Martha Jane, 19, 1000 Quincy St., NE.

JORDAN - TERRELL — William Lee, 21, 629 Kelly St., NE.; Mattie, 19, 629 G St., NE.

HEMPLETON - BONEY — Wilbert Jr., 21, 1010 Columbia Rd., NW.; Helen M., 20, 1333 Irving St., NW.

MACKS - WALKER — Russell A., 36, 2008 12th St., NW.; Delores D., 33, 808 C St., NE.

ALLEN - WILBURN — Abner, 32, 1908 Fools St., NE.; Lillie M., 33, 813 Lowrie St., NE.

THOMPSON - BISHOP — Ulysses, 21, 323 K St., NE.; Effie N., 19, 338 18th St., NE.

MOORE - SABB — Joseph E., 23, 1118 K St., NW.; Elouea, 21, 1319 Columbia Rd., NW.

BAKER - MARTIN — Washington L., 21, 304 30th St., NE.; Gertrude A., 21, 140 U St., NW.

HASKINS - TAYLOR — Joseph D., 19, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Barnette J., 17, 317 10th St., NE.

PLAYER - SUTHERLAND — Jeremiah Sr., 61, Bowie, Md.; Laura M., 56, 1640 Fifth St., NW.

PARKER - WILLIAMS — Leroy, 20; Elouise J., 21, both of 4009 Benning Rd., SE.

BALTIMORE

CHESTON-BARWELL — Melvin L., 27, welder, 847 Whitelock St.; Marie M., 27, 1315 Linden Ave., divorced.

SUMMERVILLE-SMITH — Samuel B., 35, laborer, 1412 Barnes St.; Annie R., 45, 3a Carolina St., divorced.

BENBOW-HACKETT — Samuel H., 18, clerk, 2720 Edmondson Ave.; Ruth M., 18, 2738 Edmondson Ave.

WILKINS-DAVIS — Miles, 21, car washer, 2910 Clifton Ave.; Wilma Mae, 18, 200 Gilmor St.

REEVES-NELSON. — Nathaniel, 23, 908 Druid Hill Ave.; Irene, 16, 508 Orchard St.

HOLLOWAY-JONES — Frank R., 42, porter, 1100 Dolphin St.; Mamie Victoria, 32, 1124 Division St., widow.

CHERRY-FORTER — Mark J., 20, factory worker, 2915 Westwood Ave.; Clara Mae, 20, 648 E. Pratt St.

SMITH-BRANDSON — Willie, 56, laborer, 734 N. Monroe St.; Julia, 35, cook, 2 Howard St., widow.

JACKSON-HIGGINS — Charles, 24, 1317 W. Lafayette St.; Angelina, 24, 1317 W. Fayette St.

HOWARD-WILLIAMS — Irve J., 45, laborer, 236 E. Gay St.; Maxie, 40, 142 Fawn St., divorced.

RAGLAND-BANKS — Perley, 25, student, 2 Mt. Royal Ter.; Gloria C., 20, 506 N. Carey St.

JEFFERSON-JONES — Samuel, 21, 1333 Orease St.; Louise, 19, 1333 Orleans St.

LITTLE-JONES — Frank Jr., 24, chauffeur, 142 N. Decker St.; Adele L., 23, 5 N. Braddish St.

BENNINGHAKER — Marcus, 23, 606 Peach Orchard Tr., Turner Station; Mae Naomi, 23, 2110 Bolton St.

RINGGOLD-MANOKEY — William L., 25, post office clerk, 51 Poplar Grove St.; Geraldine, 26, 1900 Madison Ave.

CARROLL-LLOYD — James E., 21, cook, 201 E. Lafayette Ave.; Rachel M., 20, 401 E. Lafayette Ave.

MITCHELL-SINGLETON — Walter R., 26, 1321 Cleveland St., divorced; Joanne, 21, 2506 W. Lafayette Ave.

OLIVER-CARTER — Frank B. Jr., 19, hospital attendent, 1134 Wilmer Cl.; Priscilla, 18, 1771 Aisquith St.

GARNER-DERICKSON — Rudger, 45, chauffeur, 2202 Jarvis St.; Ida M., 18, vale St.

vacant: Delores G., 33, 2202 W. Lafayette St.

CHOYCE-WARD — Charlie, 35, seaman, 1834 Harford Ave.; Vereline, 34, 1221 N. Eden St., divorced.

WILLIAMS-FISHER — Nathaniel, 44, 1985 E. Madison St.; widower; Alice M., 46, 1813 Clifview Ave.

CLAY-PERRY — Edward F., 36, chauffeur, 825 Moore St.; Annie Gray, 27, 824 Moore St.

WILLIAMS-ADAMS — James, 66, 2125 E. Hoffman, widower; Lillian, 54, 2125 E. Hoffman St.

It Will Take 203 Years To Vote In Macon County

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Merry Christmas to all of our AFRO readers, and especially to you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries on Christmas Day.

All cards and letters to this column should be addressed to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Please list the correct names, dates and cities of persons to be greeted. All cards and letters should be in this office at least two weeks in advance of publication date.

DEC. 24

Mrs. Ethel Fitchett, Baltimore.

G. Anderson, Philadelphia.

Barbara H. James, Richmond, Va.

Nellie Burden, Elizabethtown, N.C.

Daniel Thomas, New Rochelle, N.Y.

A. Young, St. Paul, Minn.

Annette Beckwith, Baltimore.

Mrs. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Carrie M. Beauchamp, Westbury, L.I., N.Y.

Mrs. Marie Stroude, NYC.

Daniel Mason, Washington.

Brenda Jean Brown, Baltimore.

Mrs. Martha L. Goins, Baltimore.

Annette Johnson, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Leroy Barr, Winston - Salem, N.C.

O. P. Goodwin, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Jessie Walker, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mrs. Rosa L. Davidson, Charlotte.

Mrs. Frances S. Francis, Harrisonburg, Va.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Moscoe Barber Sr., Wilkersboro, N.C.

Frank Wilborn, Wilkesboro, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Mayfield (ninth anniversary), Asheville, N.C.

Dayne L. Parland, Waycross, Ga.

Mrs. C. C. Canada, Pulaski, Va.

Esther Horton, N. Wilkesboro, N.C.

Charles Brown, Amityville, N.Y.

Willia White, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ruby Jackson, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Christine Wilson, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Jeanne Welling, Baltimore.

Daniel Smith, Hague, Va.

Johnette Marie Penn, Roanoke, Va.

Ernest Adams, Elloree, S.C.

Charles L. Waller, Baltimore.

Wilhelmenia Harnel, Woodand N.C.

Mrs. T. J. Brown, Baltimore.

Mrs. Mattie L. Palmer, Baltimore.

Lucille Gaither, Greensboro, N.C.

Joseph Foote, Yadkinsville, N.C.

Mrs. Carrie Guy, Baltimore.

Dianna Comer, Winston-Salem.

Bryan Head, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Cother Nebbitt, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Laura J. Alspaugh, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Hattie B. Williams, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Frances Walker, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Monie McFadden, Winston - Salem, N.C.

A. J. Moore Jr., Charlotte, N.C.

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Wilbert Williams, Bell Sumter, Ala.

Carolyn Deloris Gilchrist, Hamet, N.C.

Howard E. Young, Baltimore.

Pvt. Ernest C. Crawley, Fort Lee, Va.

Carlton Crawley Jr., Charles City, Va.

Monica Betancourt, Washington.

Albert Preston, Martinsville.

Robert Bryant, Philadelphia.

Rev. Daniel W. Ball, Baltimore.

Mrs. Florizil A. Wiley, Baltimore.

Queenie Hodgson, Denvonshire, Jamaica.

Marvin Shavers, Atlanta.

Mrs. Joan B. Greene, Catonsville, Md.

Mrs. Bettie Wallace, Blackstone, Va.

George Rivers, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Arthur Young, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Gladys Morrison, Winston - Salem, N.C.

Charlie Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Lawson Green, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Curtis Lee, Amigo, W. Va.

Barbara Jean Monroe, Newark, N.J.

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R. D. Davis, Asheville, N.C.

Frederick Washington, Pulaski, Va.

James R. Jones, Pulaski, Va.

James V. Calfee, Roanoke, Va.

John A. Sanford, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sarah Harris, Salisbury, N.C.

Mrs. Ruth James, Annapolis, Md.

Gloria E. Bell, Brunswick, N.C.

Mrs. Ernestine J. Carter, Greenville, S.C.

Carolyne Self, Martinsville, Va.

Elaine Smalls, Baltimore.

John V. Young, Washington.

Pauline Epps, Phoebus, Va.

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Mrs. Virginia E. Dandridge, Mrs. Mary M. Dickerson, Chicago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams Carter, 1 White Plains, N.Y.

Pauline Blundell, Pulaski, Va.

Fred Hoyes, Lake City, S.C.

Harvey Walker, Pulaski, Va.

Mrs. Anna Olverson, Pulaski, Va.

Rachel Cutis, West Point, Va.

Jimmy Jones, Pulaski, Va.

Mrs. Pearl Butler, Baltimore.

Joy Hawkins, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Bernice Munce, Trenton, N.J.

Carrol Hynson, Annapolis, Md.

Rev. James J. Hill, Detroit.

George Lautier, Baltimore.

Mrs. Felix A. Robinson, Pittsburgh.

Josephus Simpson, Baltimore.

Mrs. Florence B. Dunn, Baltimore.

DEC. 29

Mrs. Sarah L. Goodwin, Lake City, S.C.

Eutha Brown, Pulaski, Va.

Billy Peoples, Pulaski, Va.

Ruth Lee Peoples, Pulaski, Va.

Katie F. Bell, Chicago.

Lloyd O. Russell, Baltimore.

Lurena Hollingsworth, Wilmington, N.C.

A. B. Allman, NYC.

Mrs. Violet C. McKenny, Washington.

Philip Thigpen, South Orange, N.J.

Anna Maddox, Oriole, Md.

Edith J. Williams, NYC.

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Eddie Jones, Washington.

Mrs. Anna B. Norman, Pulaski, Va.

Charles L. Harris, Newark, N.J.

Willie Mae Adams, Gainesville, Ga.

Regina Johnson, Eastport, Md.

Herman J. Kirby, Columbia.

William H. Lewis, Boston.

Miss E. C. Perry, Annapolis, Md.

BELATED

Mrs. Helen H. Mayfield, Sheville, N.C.

Million Harris, Washington.

3-judge court set up for Ark. hearing

LITTLE ROCK — Judges J. Smith Henley, Little Rock; John E. Miller, Fort Smith, and John B. Sanborn, St. Paul, Minn. have been designated as the three - judge federal court to hear a suit challenging the constitutionality of Arkansas' four "Bennett Bills."

The NAACP, which instituted the suit, asserts that the four acts would "bar the plaintiff corporation from the state, would disbar lawyers who associate themselves with plaintiff, and would subjec organizations to severe penalties."

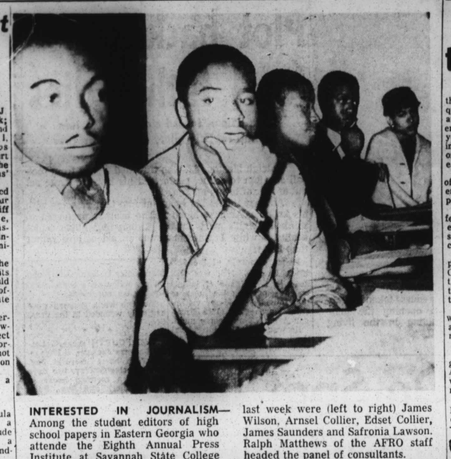
One act would require the NAACP to furnish a list of its membership, another would authorize search of NAACP offices by the sheriff and state attorney general;

The other laws prohibit persons from contributing to law suits that they are not direct parties to and require attorneys to swear they have not solicited money to carry on court action.

No date has been set for a hearing.

MRS. LYNCH DIES

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Mrs. Lula Lynch died last Friday at a local hospital. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, a brother and sister and 29 grandchildren.



INTERESTED IN JOURNALISM— Among the student editors of high school papers in Eastern Georgia who attende the Eighth Annual Press Institute at Savannah State College last week were (left to right) James Wilson, Arnsel Collier, Edset Collier, James Saunders and Safronia Lawson. Ralph Matthews of the AFRO staff headed the panel of consultants.

TCA shows figures to investiagtors

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "At the present rate, it would require 203 years to register the approximately 13,000 unregistered colored persons now 21 years - old and older, not taking into account that the colored population is increasing each year.

"The Macon County boards of registars habe historically endeavored to deprive colored persons of the right to vote.

"They have employed different kinds of delaying and evasive techniques in order to slow down the process of application for registration."

This was the crux of a report handed to the Civil Rights Commission here last week by the Tuskegee Civic Association's Voter Franchise Committee.

The Civil Rights Commission was in Montgomery conducting a hearing into alleged vote denials.

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