—Ala. vote restrictions

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ucation.

Eight attended elementary school.

They meet the following requirements of stated Alabama voting laws:

All can read and write.

None has any known physical or mental disability.

All are tax payers.

All had been residents of their respective counties more than two years prior to making application to vote.

Thirty of them do not have arrest records.

The man who does had been convicted of failing to have a tail light on his truck. He has since bought a tail light.

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WHY THEN CAN these people not vote?

Asked that question by the Civil Rights Commission, all but one replied, "I believe it is because I am colored."

The exception was George R. Morris, 44, Barbour County, a farmer, ninth grade education, holder of four bronze stars, honorably discharged from the Army in 1945, who has applied three times for voting privileges.

He did not say he was denied registration because of race. Appearing genuinely perplexed, Mr. Morris told the Committee:

"I just don't know why they won't let me vote. I just don't know.

"I want to vote because my Army discharge was marked 'American citizen. And American citizens can vote. I want to be a citizen.

"I fought during the war." Mr. Morris' eyes clouded. "I had a hard time. I was on the front.

"I think I ought to be a citizen. But I heard you have to have influence."

Count voting officials told Mr. Morris on his last attempt to registrar that his records were being checked to ascertain whether or not he is a criminal.

AARON SELLERS, farmer, of Bulleck County, convicted of failing to have a tail light on his truck, has tried six times to register and failed.

"I am determined to register," he told the Commission.

Turned down on each occasion by registration officials, Mr. Sellers stubbornly returned again and again, each time bringing with him more would-be voters.

"The first time was in 1954," Mr. Sellers said.

"I went to the County Court House, but they refused to give me an application blank. There were six others withme.

"H. Wilson, chairman of the registrars asked me, 'What is your trouble?'

"I said, 'we came to register.'

"He said, 'we're busy. Come back tomorrow.'

"We came back the next day with a voucher. (A voucher is a registered voter who recommends the applicant).

"We sat there for an hour.

"A white man, A. J. Tucker, said, 'what's your trouble?'

"I told him we had been advised to come back today and we would be registered.

"He told us, 'If I were you all, you're citizens already. Go back home.'

"We still sat there. He said, 'I thought I told you to get the hell out of here.'"

Mr. Sellers said Tucker is not a registration official. He did not identify him further.

"On the next registration day, we came back. This time there were 12 of us.

"This time, we couldn't find the registrars. We waited until noon.

"Then we saw them and followed them to their room.

"One came to the door and said he was alone and couldn't register us.

"The law requires that at least two registrars be present.

"I didn't go back right away.

"I hired a lawyer.

"Four of us filed suit against the board.

"The Court told the board to go back down there and register every qualified colored man.

"I went back to register with 30 or 40 people in 1954.

"We couldn't find the Board. A newspaper man came out and said the Board had resigned.

"We didn't have another Board until 1956.

"They were visiting around in all the precints.

"I went with three others and filled out blanks.

"We never heard from them.

"If went back in 1957 with three others.

"We never heard from them.

"The last time I went to make application, I could not find out where the Board was."

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, member of the Civil Rights Commission asked Mr. Sellers whether he intended to keep on trying to vote.

"Yes, "Mr. Sellers said. "I am determined to register."

"God bless you," the Rev. Mr. Hesburgh responded.

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MRS. AMELIA P. BOYNTON, Selma, Ala., Dallas County is a registered voter, having registered 18 years ago.

As manager of the Pilgrime Health and Life Insurance Company in that area, she travels about her county and the counties of Lowndes, Wilcox and Perry.

For 15 years, she has heard colored residents complaining about the denial of voting rights.

She told the Commission she has learned that no colored citizens of Lowndes County. Are registered though the county has 8,054 colored residents over 21. The out-numbered whites, whose total voting - age residents number 2,154 have 1,500 registered voters.

In Wilcox County there are no colored persons registered to vote, Mrs. Boynton said. There are 8,000 eligible colored and 22,000 whites in Wilcox, she stated.

In Dallas County where the population is two - third colored, only 125 non -whites are registered as compared to 8,800 whites.

S. W. BOYNTON, real estate broker, said he registered to vote in 1941. In the past five years in Dallas, 800 colored persons have tried to register but only a few succeeded.

MRS. SULLIVAN JACKSON, Dallas County, a secretary tried to register once. She has been waiting for two years to hear the results of her application.

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FRANK S. GORDON, 77, retired school teacher, tried to register 10 or 12 times in Dallas County. He went back until he "got tired."

Mrs. Ruth K. Kindsey, tailor, tried three times to become a qualified Dallas County voter.

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ANDREW JONES, Barbour County resident, farmer, has a ninth grade education. He applied three times.

"The first time, they told me before I left I didn't qualify, but they didn't say why.

"The next time,they said my application was filled out right but my writing was bad.

"The third time, Mr. stokes asked me how many senators were in Washington from the 48 states.

"I said, '96.'

"Then he asked me how many senators from Barbour County were in Montgomery.

"I said, 'one.'

"He asked me how many representatives from Barbour County.

"I said, 'two.'

"He asked me how many representatives from each District were in Washington.

"I couldn't answer that one.

"I haven't heard from my application since.

"I am not a perfect citizen until I can vote."

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MRS. MARGARET FROST, Barbour County, housewife, tried twice.

"They asked me who was the sheriff,who was the judge and how many representatives were there.

"Afterwards, the man told me, 'I asked you seven questions and you only answered two. You'll have to go back and study some more, and come back tomorrow. There are 12 questions you'll have to answer before we give you an application.

"I said, 'give me some questions and I will study them.'

"The man said he couldn't give me the questions because it was against the rule."

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DR. WILLIAM A. HUNTER, associate professor of education and acting dean of the School of Education, Tuskegee Institute, said he applied to register in Macon County several times.

He was given a form to fill in, told the Board who would vouch for him and left a self-addressed envelope with the Board.

He has heard nothing from any of his applications.

THE REV. DANIEL WEBSTER WYNN, chaplain, Tuskegee Institute, applied in Macon County in 1957, and read aloud the first article of the Constitution at the request of the registrars.

Two months ago, he returned to make another application but was told the registrars were in the process of processing applications.

"I asked why I had not heard from my previous application," Dr. Wynn said. "They said I had not passed I excused myself from the room.

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THE REV. K. L. BUFORD, Pastor, Butler Chapel AME Zion Church said registrars told him he had made an error in answering a question in his application.

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MISS FIDELIE JO ANN ADAMS, graduate student, Tuskegee, copied in longhand Article II of the constitution but apparently failed to pass her writing test. That was in August, 1958.

Mrs. Marie Williams, Tuskegee Institute, housewife, has applied to Macon County registrars five times since July 1957. She allegedly failed to pass.

Mrs. Roberta A. Lightfoot, 36, Tuskegee Institute nurse, applied twice.

Hervert Fort, Shorter, Ala., Macon County, farmer, tried several times.

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OTHER MACON COUNTY residents who said they were denied voting rights were Mrs. K. Eaton Scott, secretary; Mrs. Lelda R. Davison, schoolteacher, Mrs. Bettie J. Mindingall, nurse, Mrs. Betty F. Henderson, teacher, Hosea Guice, farmer, Seymour M. Felton, farmer, Solomon O. Brown, Auburn, Ala., Mrs. Lavinia Philpot, dietitician, Mrs. Betty B. Quinn, nurse, John W. Jackson, architect, Mrs. Lena H. Johnson, nurse's aide, John T. Thompson, Tuskegee, Ala.; Miss Berlie M. Melton, nurse, Mrs. Estelle Johnson, housewife, an William P. Mitchell.

MISS GRACE HALL told the AFRO that when she overheard someone say, "Grace does not that her sister is dead, she went to the morgue and identified the body.

Her mother said a friend of the family stopped at her home later in the day and asked: "Is it true? I heard that Mae is dead."

The family declined to discuss the incident further but expressed surprise that the police department had not notified them of Miss Hall's death.

They said that no one had been to the home to question them.

Mrs. Hall is survived by five brothers and five sisters.

The family said funeral services for Miss Hall would be held at the Apostolic Faith Church, 27 S. Caroline St., at 1 p.m. Saturday.

—Lady-in-yard

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near an oil drum.

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THE UPPER part of her body was bare,her coat was off and one leg of the men's trousers she worn had been removed.

Police surmised that since rigor mortis had not set in, she was killed a few minutes before her body was found.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital. The body was removed to the city morgue where an autopsy was performed.

There a bruise was found on the right side of her neck.

Homicide division officers at first were working on the theory that the death involved both murder and rape.

The latter theory had not been entirely discounted at AFRO presstime.

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IN CONNECTION with the slaying, eightpersons have been questioned by Northeastern District Police.

Two men, one of whom police described as the boyfriend of the deceased, and a woman were detained for further questioning on Wednesday.

Mrs. Susie Hall of 1027 McDonogh St., mother of the deceased woman, told the AFRO her daughter was last seen alive around 10 p.m. Monday when she left the home of a sister, Mrs. Esther Diggs in the 1700 block of E. Eager St.

The mother said she did not know her daughter was dead until another daughter overheard someone discussing it on the street.

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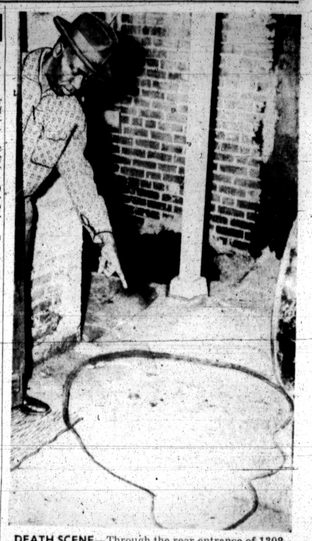

DEATH SCENE—Through the rear entrance of 1308 E. Eager St., Irvin Curtis points to where he discovered the body of Miss Mae Hall Tuesday. Outline on pavement was drawn by police who examined the 31-year-old woman who was reportedly strangled to death.

—Front Royal

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dren in Washington, will amount to about $10,000 for the school year, the committee said. High school tuition is $176 each and junior high, $317.

The committee plans to raise the sum through solicitation and gifts from interested citizens.

"When the school is reopened, the children will return to Front Royal," Mrs. Whited said.

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THE COMMITTEE acted when parents decided they were unable to afford private tutoring for their children in the face of "intimidation, threats and reprisals against them," she stated.

Former white children in the closed Warren School are attending elsewhere or receiving private local instruction paid for by the Virginia government, the committee said.

Children here and the schools in which they are enrolled are:

Frank E. Grier, 17, Roosevelt; Miss Coleman, 17, Roosevelt; Betty Kilby, 13, Sousa Junior High; Archie Pines, 16, 14, MacFarland Junior High; Eastern; Marybelle Coleman, Deloris Coleman, 15, also MacFarland.

Matthew Pines, 13, Sousa; Charles Lewis, 14, who will come to attend Roosevelt; Suetta Dean, 14, Sousa; Elizabeth Dean, 18, Eastern; James Kilby, 16, Eastern; John F. Kilby, 15, Eastern.

DOROTHY L. RHODES, 14, Stuart Junior High; Geraldine L. Rhodes, 15, Eastern; John R. Jackson Jr., 16, MacFarland; Barbara E. Jackson, 13, MacFarland.

Stephen S. Travis, 16, Eastern; Mary R. Fletcher, 14, Eastern, and Ann Rhodes, 18, Eastern.

Three others will be enrolled in the District, the committee said.

Other members are William B. Bryant, who is co-chairman with Mrs. Whited, and Mrs. C. Herbert Marshall, financial secretary.

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LEY, who heard the case, offered this comment prior to passing sentences:

"It is amazing how she could act as cruelly as she did, in view of her good schooling and apparent good family background.

"**HOW SHE** could do that I can't understand.

"She really was just as merciless as the others, she some note book paper.

"Isaac moved up behind him, and that was the cue for me to pull the gun, because the door was locked.

"Mr. Mazor got in the telephone booth and tried to close the door, butIsaac pulled him out and struck him across the head with the stick."

The girl, with very little prodding from Mr. Borgerding, then continued her story in the hush of the packed courtroom:

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Ellis begins 4th term as Alpha head

Frank Ellis, management aide, Baltimore Housing and Urban Renewal Agency, Monday was elected to a fourth term as president of Delta Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The Baltimore chapter is the largest in the nation's oldest Greek letter organization.

Also returned to office for successive terms, were Joseph Bracey, vice president; Arthur Spencer, secretary; Dr. Frederic Jackson, financial secretary; Frank Veney, treasurer; Cliff W. Mackay, associate editor to the Sphinx; the Rev. Edgar Ward, chaplain and Charles Anderson, sergeant at arms. Named lay members to the executive board were Alexander Walker and Liston George.

W. BARTON BEATTY, campaign director, United Negro College Fund, NYC, who is also editor of the fraternity's official organ, the Sphinx, was a surprise visitor at Monday's meeting.

Urging as many Baltimore Alphas as possible to attend the general convention at Philadelphia beginning Dec. 27, Mr. Beatty asserted that "the fraternity is standing on a threshold of momentous decisions."

He pleaded with his hearers to take a more active interest in the problems of "undergraduate brothers," whom he said are sorely in need of guidance.

Chosen as Delta Lambda's delegates to the general convention were Dr. Charles M. Campbell and Frank R. Veney. Serving as alternates will be Frank Ellis and James Murphy.

Mr. Murphy, a former president, presided during the election of officers.

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ELABORATE arrangements for the dinner-dance honoring wives and sweethearts were disclosed by Joseph Bracey, chairman of the social committee.

The closed affair is to be held Friday (tonight) in the Tishimingo Room of Wilson's Restaurant, Pennsylvania and North Ave.

The annual Alpha Cabaret dance, designed to raise scholarship funds, will be held on Feb. 20 at the Alcazar, Mr. Bracey announced.

The limited number of tickets will go on sale next month.

Delta Lambda members welcomed as a visitor Brother Chuck Smith, vice president of the Parkinghouse Workers, Boston, and the return of Douglas Sands from a two-year hitch in the Army.

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CONGRATULATIONS were being extended Brother Liston George, an education specialist at Aberdeen Proving Ground, for the citation and $200 award presented him by the Army.

Mr. George, a 1951 graduate of Morgan, was cited for "his superior performance" and for "working untiringly to improve the quality of instruction at the U. S. Army Ordnance School where he is a teacher, supervisor.

"He injects into every assigned duty a fine sense of proportion and balance, based not only on performing routine duties, but on his outstanding ability to recognize and solve training problems," the citation read.

It was signed by Col. Mark Smith, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance School.

—MACKAY

FRANK ELLIS
Re-elected Alpha president

W. BARTON BEATY
Addresses Baltimore Alphas

Mother, children flee from flames

Mrs. Minnie Tisdale, 28, 400 block E. Preston St., and her five children, were forced from their rowhouse home in 17 degree weather Wednesday when fire broke out on the third floor.

The mother and children, whose ages range from two months to 10 years, were helped from their second-floor apartment by a first - floor neighbor, Mrs. Cecilia Reynolds.

About 20 firemen battled the blaze for 20 minutes in subfreezing temperatures before bringing it under control.

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