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

## '—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, 33, 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. Blankenley, Miss G. Greene, Mrs. Carrie Coleman, Mrs. Carrie Claborne, the Rev. Robert Fogley, 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 Estrellitas social club. She was a graduate of Ingleside 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

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, of 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, 2589 Edmondson Ave.

**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.**

Members of the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

# BALTIMORE SINGINGS

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

Sunday will be an eventful day for recently renovated Asbury Methodist Church. It will be open for three services when there will be a re-opening, holy communion and a consecration offering.

**The Rev. I. R. Berry, pastor, will use as his subject at 11 o'clock, "Christian Giving." Music will be furnished by all the church choirs. Holy communion will be also served.**

At 3:30 p.m. the Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison, superintendent of the South Baltim re District, will bethe speaker. The Young Adult and Gospel Choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Annie Henry, will sing.

Appreciation greetings will be given by the various churches of the community. The consecration offering will be accepted at both services.

At 8 p.m. the cantata, "King All Glorious," will be presented by the Senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Emma Stepney.

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**MR. AND MRS.** Garcia Baden have anounced the engagement of their lovely daughter, Angela Delores, to Daniel N. Howard Jr., son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel N. Howard Sr. of Raleigh, N.C.

Angela, a 1958 graduate of Morgan State College, is now a member of the faculty of the beautiful new Adams Park Elementary School.

**She was presented at the Ma-De-Se cotillion in Baltimore in 1955, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Younger Set of Annapolis in which she serves as social committee chairman.**

The bridegroom-elect, also a 1958 graduate of a organ, is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is a research assistant at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Plans are being made for a February wedding.

**THE ENTRE NOUS** Club, a group made up of some of the leading women in Annapolis, who play bridge together once a month, had their annual Christmas party at the lovely home of Mrs. Hilaria Beck on Northwest St.

The beautiful dining table, which was spread with a pretty Christmas cloth, was centered by a novel miniature Yuletide lighted tree with a music box which played Christmas carols.

Before the delicious Christmas dinner was served, the group sang carols.

**Club prizes were won by Mrs. Alma Hilliard, first; Mrs. Ida Brown, second, and Mrs. Vandola King, third. Mrs. Marian Bullock won guest prize. All membas of the club received tokens from their hostess.**

Guests present who played pinnchle were Mesdames Irene Mills, Eloise Richardson, Marie Chase and Anna Parker. Mrs. Richardson won first and second prizes respectively. Mrs. Zora Sisco was also a guest.

Members of the club exchanged lovely gifts. It is very significant that the club which grew out of a party group entertained by the late Mrs. Rachel Carter Smith 25 years ago, has remained almost intact.

All original members other than those now deceased, have remained together. They are Mesdames Lulu Hardesty, Marie Thomas, William Tate, Ellen Butler, Mary Baden, Maude Campbell and Emma Stepney.

Others who have replaced deceased members are Mesdames Hilaria Beck, Vandola King, Alma Hilliard, Rachel Brown and Beatrice Coates.

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**MISS JENNIE SMITH,** the brilliant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith on Carrollton Ave., a 1958 graduate of Bates High School and valedictorian of her class, has made a fine record in her first semester at Alma College at Alma, Mich.

**Aside from having been made feature editor of the Almanian, the school paper, Jennie recently had an original poem accepted by the National Poetry Association, to be published in the annual Anthology of College Poetry.**

The Antology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women of America, representing every state in the country.

Here is Jennie's poem:

**LIFE**

**The birds around me,**
**The blue sky above,**
**The ocean waves too,**
**The gliding white dove**
**The wondrous feeling**
**When morning arrives,**
**My good friends smiling**
**So fond of their lives**
**The sights and children**
**With unceasing zest,**
**The trees and flowers**
**No trace of unrest**
**Warmth of a loved one,**
**Faith in a prayer,**
**Pride in a job done**
**A great gift to share**
**Life as I view it**
**Is all of these things,**
**Plus music, laughter,**
**And advent of spring.**

**MRS. CARRIE SHARPS** in Dean Street received the surprise of her life on December 10, when her son, Norvain Sharps, proprietor of the Arundel Delicatessen, honored her on her birthday with a lovely party at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Brooks in Parole.

Upon her arrival at the Brooks residence she was met by "Happy Birthday" by a large group of relatives and friends and a beautiful orchid presented to her by her son, her by her son, Norvain.

The striking table was centered by a large bowl of red and white carnations and there was also a large cake made in two tiers with the words "Happy Birthday Mother" inscribed on it and decorated with rosebuds.

A varied array of other prettly and tasty food delicacies, prepared by Mrs. Sharps' two daughters, Mesdames Clara McClure and Gloria Morgan were also on the table.

Among those who attended were:

Mrs. Verdell Gray and Messrs. Norman and Lionel Sharps, another daughter and two other sons; Messrs. and Mesdames Clarence Turner Aware Turner, George Turner, Wesley Turner, George Phelps Sr., William Phelps;

**Also Messrs. and Mesdames Leander Phelps, GarciaBaden, James Anderson, John Henderson, Leon Turner, Walter Turner, Thomas Smith; Mesdames Matilda Howard, Mary Jackson, Gertrude Jenkins;**

Also Mesdames Estabell Henry, J. Burnette Brown and Misses Bertha Carter, Mabel Richardson, Shelvy Howard, Sophie Johnson, Betty Statham and Mr. Mandred Gray.

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**MRS. HATTIE PIERCE,** popular matron of the city, entertained at dinner on Sunday, having as guests, Mesdames Lula Upchurch, Sarah Randall, Elizabeth Watkins and Mary Jackson.

Miss Vivian D. Neal, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton E. Queen of Waterbury, became the bride of Norris Tennon of Memphis, Tenn. in a quiet ceremony at the parsonage of the John Wesley Methodist Church with the Rev. Sydney R. Abernethy officiating.

**Charming in an enchanting gown of Chantilly lace and net over satin, the bride's veil was crowned with white lace and sequins. She carried a white Bible with white carnations.**

Her only attendant was Miss Janette L. Jones, also of Waterbury, and the bridegroom had as his best man, Herbert H. Queen.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Among guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Aubrey Snowden, Harry Edwards, and Mrs. Carrie Watkins, all Purnell Watkins, Leo Edwards of Trenton, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Hillary of Davidsonville, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of Baltimore;

Also Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Edwards, Ralph Edwards and Jose Vega, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy, Mrs. Ralph Edwards and Miss Pauline Jones, all of Waterbury.

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**BROTHERS AND** daughters of Ancient City Lodge No. 175 and Pride of Annapolis Temple No. 76 of the Elks joined together in their anual Memorial Service on Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Leroy Bowman, pastor, was the speaker. The eulogy was given by Dr. Butler. Margaret Taylor and "Thanatopsis" was done by Charles Walker.

**The scripture was read by Wendell Vauls and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hattie Pierce.**

Music was furnished by the church choir and Mrs. Birdie Cromwell, Charles Simms was master of ceremonies.

The Memorial Service committee, headed by Carter O. Brown, consisted of John Stevens, George Phelps Sr., Richard Brown, Charles Simms, Teresa Williams, secretary; Flora Chambers, Hattie Taylor Mary Jackson and Florence Tongue.

**Christmas carols highlighted the activities at the Adams Park Elementary School on December 5, at which time parents and teachers enjoyed a square dance, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served under the beautifully decorated tree.**

The second graders of Mrs. Mary Baden, Miss Mary Chase and Mrs. Mary Falls had an assembly program as a culminating activity to their unit on "Farm Life."

Brownie Troops 62 and 87, under the leadership of Mrs. Eleanor Reese and Mrs. Bayden, gave three Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. As another of their activities, they had a wiener roast.

**THE MT. MORIAH** AME Church Senior Missionary Society, held its annual Christmas Cheer Tea at the church on Sunday.

The newly - decorated lower auditorium was beautiful and **was decorated to create the** real spirit of Christmas.

The two tables were centered with lovely arrangements of candles and Christmas greens, and during presentation of the program candlelight added to the warmth of the occasion.

**Most of the talent on the program was from the Junior Missionary Department. These participants were Dorothy Mitchell, Harolynn Pinkney and Wanda Johnson, who sang solos, Josephine and Albert Powell, who played piano solos Lee West who did a banjo solo and Joyce Ann Johnson who gave the welcome.**

Mrs. Annie Grandison and Miss Marilyn Johnson gave readings. Mrs. Ruby Powell, the wife of the pastor, the Rev. A. R. Powell, gave highlights from the program of the Assembly of United Church Women, which she attended as a delegate at Denver, Colo.

Tea was served by Mrs. Grandison and Mrs. Lulu Hardesty. Mrs. Cecelia Greene was mistress of ceremonies and chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Mary L. Boothe was general chairman.

The Senior Missionary Society had its Christmas party recently. Mrs. Powell is presisecretary, and Mrs. Beatrice Brown, treasurer.

## Yule Shopping For Mommie

**NOT A CADDY** but a white Chrysler Imperial is what 5-year-old Deborah Bowman, daughter of Mrs. Ruth N. Bowman, 1513 Channing St., NE, would buy for mama had she all the money in the world to spend for Christmas. Asked to explain, the tot replied, that's what she tells everyone she wants.

**MAMA GETS THE SLIP** or at least that's what she would get if 7-year-old Michael Graham had his way with Santa. Asked what he'd buy his mother if he had all the money in the world, the tot replied: A slip and a pair of shoes. Michael, who didn't expound on this, is the son of Mrs. Ethel Graham of 1713 L St., NE.

## Self defense plea fails, gets 5 years

"The testimony showf the defendant went into the house and loaded his gun, and came back out. . . That does not constitute an act of self defense.

"It was excessive use of force, and I find the defendant guilty of manslaughter."

**Judge Reuben Oppenheimer offered this observation and verdict in Criminal Court Wednesday, prior to sentencing Alfred S. Owens, 33, 400 block Hutchins Ave., to five years in the House of Correction for the shotgun slaying of Richard Johnson, 19, 400 block Howell Ter.**

Mr. Owens, through his attorney, Alan H. Murrell, had entered a plea of self - defense.

Calm and sober - faced throughout the trial, he accepted the verdict and sentence with a quick frowning twitch of his face.

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**JUDGE OPPENHEIMER** was told that the shooting on September 28 was the outgrowth of a card game dispute between the two men. Mr. Johnson died the next day at Union Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Owens said he and his wife were visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. Brice at Mr. Johnson's Howell Ter. address, when the card game between the three men started.

Mr. Owens gave this account of events leading to the dispute.

"After the women got out of the game, we decided to play blackjack. When the deal went down, the money belonged to me.

**"Richard grabbed the money and pushed it toward his stepfather (Mr. Brice).**

"I started to get up and he hit me in the nose. I hit him and knocked him down."

The accused man then continued with this testimony:

"When he got up, he ran into the kitchen. I heard a drawer open, and I started out of the house.

"I fell, and then I saw Richard with the knife."

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**MR. OWENS** said he ran out the house with Mr. Johnson following, and first went under a neighbor's porch, before continuing home.

"I ran on home," he told Judge Oppenheimer, "and got my gun. He followed me, still cursing me.

**"When he started through the gate, I aimed at his legs and shot."**

A medical report presented by John J. O'Connor Jr., assistant state's attorney revealed that Mr. Johnson had been shot in the lower left abdomen and left leg.

Mr. Owens said he carried the gun back to his room after the shooting, and left the house to be picked up by police almost immediately.

**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.

## Bishop Hyland lauds racial crisis stand

ATLANTA — Rt. Rev. Francis E. Hyland, Catholic bishop of Atlanta, has praised an interfaith statement on the racial integration crisis as "a splendid and most timely document."

The statement, signed by 311 Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis called for the appointment of a bi - racial committee to preserve peace in the community, a plan to avoid closing public schools, and free and intelligent discussion of the issues.


Season's Greetings

from

BISHOP & MRS. EDGAR A. LOVE

Baltimore Area of the Central Jurisdiction Conference of the Methodist Church

WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS AT CHRISTMAS A SEASON ABUNDANTLY FILLED WITH THE ABIDING JOY AND SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION THAT HE BROUGHT TO EARTH.



Greetings...

MRS. FRANK MADISON REID
Supervisor of Women's Missionary Society of the 2nd Episcopal District

BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID
Bishop of the 2nd Episcopal District

. . . to the loyal host of African Methodists of the Second Episcopal District of the great A.M.E. Church:

At this Christmas Season, may we reaffirm our belief that the destiny of the church and the future of our race depend on the realization by all that "God is our Father, Christ is our Redeemer, and Man is our Brother."




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

## THINKING OUT LOUD

**Thinks there is too much hypocrisy at 'Christmastime**

By RALPH MATTHEWS

**BY ALL THE** rules of reason the Christmas season should bring out the best in people, but by some odd quirk it has just the opposite effect.

Under the influence of holly wreaths and mistletoe which are prostituted by the merchant class out to disgorge their shelves of all sorts of shoddy junk, even innocent children are turned into first class confidence operators.

**The butt of all this deception and chicanery is usually the father or whoever the family breadwinner happens to be.**

Under the sheep's clothes of assumped and temporary innocence during the final weeks before Christmas the old man is supposed to forget what little hellions they were all of the year and reward bountifully with anything their cunning little minds can dream up.

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**THE IDEA OF** telling children "if you don't be good Santa won't visit you" is a shameful way to win obedience. It is not only a form of bribery unworthy of an honest parent but it is a cheap attempt to shift responsibility to some mythical character whom both parties to the arrangement know is phony.

**To say "if you aren't good I'll whale the tar out of you" would not only be more honest but would get quicker and more lasting results.**

When I was a kid they used to tell us that the goblins were watching us from every nook and corner. It wasn't until I got old enough to have a family of my own that I discovered that whatever eyes were watching around my house probably belonged to bill collectors looking for my old man instead of trying to keep me out of mischief.

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**THIS WHOLE** thing boils down to which is the best technique for bringing about discipline in the home—fear of punishment or the hope of reward? Viewing it strictly from an economic standpoint I would be inclined toward the former persuasion on the theory that a good switch is cheaper than a pair of skates or an electric train.

Besides I don't like the idea of putting good behavior on a cash and carry basis.

It doesn't pay off from the kids' side either because they soon discover that under the opiate of Christmas cheer the parents turn softhearted and give just as much to the family rascal as they give to the goodie-goodies.

I have never been able to figure out what there is about another love which makes them shower their greatest devotion on the biggest scamp.

Of course, God was very wise in bestowing this penchant for forgiveness upon women. It has a way of levelling things off because if playing Santa was left to the father alone it would wind up with nobody getting anything.

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**THE PRACTICE OF** exchanging gifts seldom works out very satisfactorily either. No matter how cheap you try to be you always come away with the feeling that the other fellow got the better part of the bargain.

I have also had difficulty understanding why people who use fair to middling commonsense most of the year can purchase the most worthless dinbits for Christmas presents. The more it costs the worse it is.

Most people believe that tying up anything with a piece of bright red ribbon gives it some special utility and you are supposed to gush "This is just what I needed" if and when you can figure out what it is.

**THE SCRIPTURE SAYS** it is more blessed to give than to receive, but matters not how religious people pretend to be I have yet to find anybody who actually believes that particular part of the Bible.

Some folks use Christmas as a time to show off to their friends by out Jonesing the Joneses.

I am never very much impressed when husbands and wives brag about the expensive gifts they gave each other. If it takes a Cadillac or mink to prove their affection there couldn't have been much love lost there in the first place. I like a woman who is just happy with a box of handkerchiefs as she is with a diamond necklace if it comes from the heart.

P.S.—I hope my wife reads this column between now and Christmas Eve.


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## Dr. Fischer's Yule message to Baltimore school personnel

The following message entitled Christmas Everywhere, is addressed to Baltimore school personnel by Dr John H. Fischer, superintendent of city schools, and appears in the current issue of 'Staff News letter,' published by the Baltimore schools:

"Fellow Staff Members,

"The way we mark the Christmas season reminds us that of the many cultural strands in the fabric of American life, none is more important than the Christian tradition.

"With the theological aspects of this great faith, its own adherents are most deeply concerned, but its effects upon our total culture are matters of interest to all Americans.

**"The same observation can be masdeed all our major religions. Much of the strength of our people lies in our common possession of a plural religious heritage.**

In respecting each other's sacred customs we enrichour joint brotherhood and serve with more sincere devotion the church we call our own.

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**"FOR THOSE** of us who teach the children of many faiths, it is especially important to bear inmmd that the essence of democracy is not the blending of all distinctions into a vague "togetherness," but rather the deliberate cultivation of constructive differences and the stimulation of worthy individuality.

"The universal brotherhood toward which we aspire can no more be built o weak sentimentality than it can on self-righteous exclusiveness.

**"It will be achieved most surely by the exchange of mutual respect and compassion, by the general acceptance of goodwill that radiate whenever it is devoutly observed will gether for a world in which everyone will have an opportunity to realize his inherent dignity and possibilities and thus to contribute his unique gifts to the mankind.**

"The central significance of Christmas will be most strongly felt by Christians but the virtues of brotherhood and our obligations to each other.

"It requires us to work together in a world in which touch in one way or another all mankind.

"The Season's Greetings and Happy Holiday to everyone.

JOHN H. FISCHER"


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11:00 P.M.—Carols and Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY — DECEMBER 25
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
DECEMBER 26 and 27
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
HOLY INNOCENTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
10:00 A.M.—Holy Baptism
6:00 P.M.—Sunday School Christmas Play
NEW YEAR'S EVE — DECEMBER 31
11:00 P.M.—Intercession and Holy Communion
JANUARY 1
11:00 A.M.—Commemoration of the Circumcision of Christ — Holy Communion



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
9:15 A.M.—Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
Play (This will take place on the lawn of the Church ing (This will take place on the lawn of the Church and will be led by the Young People)
CHRISTMAS EVE — DECEMBER 24
11:00 P.M.—Christmas Carols and Anthems by the Senior Choir.
11:45 P.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 A.M.—Holy Communion.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
3:00 P.M.—Church School Christmas Service and Party.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
9:15 A.M.—Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.



Season's Greetings from

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1958
9:30 A.M.—Sunday Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Message "Christ Is Coming to Baltimore Again"
5:00 P.M.—CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION
1st—A Human Christmas Tree made of Knox Jewels.
2nd—"The Wonder Child" by Reiff, sung by The Sanctuary Choir.
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Identical Services 8:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.
"THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY"
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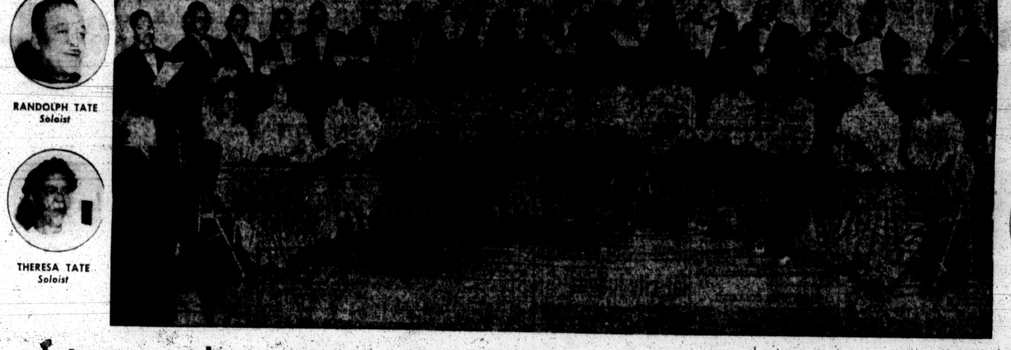
MUSIC
CHANCEL CHOIR
"A Manger at Christmas" — Ayres
"Go Tell It On the Mountain" — Traditional
"Christmas Gloria" — Gardner
SANCTUARY CHOIR
"O Come Emanuel" — Traditional
"Behold That Star" — Burleigh
"O Holy Night" — Adams
GOSPEL CHOIR — "This Day Christ Was Born"
YOUTH CHOIR — "Go Tell It on the Mountain" — Cleveland
7:00 P.M.—A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC — The Sanctuary Choir, Juanita Jones, Guest Soloist; Frank Brown, Guest Organist; Juanita Hall Davis, Directing
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — 11:00 P.M.
JOINT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — Grace Presbyterian Church with Douglas Memorial Church
REV. MARION C. BASCOM, Minister





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## Elliott PTA elects officers

With Mrs. Clara Jones presiding the PTA of the Robert Brown Elliott School No. 104 elected the following officers: president, Mrs. Nellie B. Hubbard; vice-president, Mrs. Ruth Allen, secretary; Mrs. Irene Holly and treasurer, Mrs. Ing Reid.

**The School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Clyde Ferrall and Miss Etta Williams gave musical selections for the meeting.**

Members of the club are: Constancia Arca, Casandra Wilkens, Wallace Reid, Deborah Ball, Troy Roberts, Sandra Ford, Beverly Chandler, Patricia Andrews, Carol Ford, Corrine Walker, Alisnia Brown, William Parham, Charlotte Robinson, Ardena Anderson, Franzelle Hunter, Ethel Kearney, Steven Dean, Michael Slowe.

Muriel Massey, Dorothy Hungerford, Bernetta Taylor, Eva Smith, Joyce Jackson, Paulette Woodland, Bernetta Wood, Saundra Smith, Barbara Scott, Flora Waddy, Annette Scott, Averta Carroll, Linda Brice, Gerald McGhee.

Herbert Montgomery, Wendell Hockaday, James Lee, David Foster, Edmund Pollard, Gloria Brea r, Estelle Searcy, Deborah Griffin, Fawn Clark M Curtis, Yvonne Morris, Sherl Woodland, T. Jackson, Sheila Woodland, Luther Andrews, Lillian Webb, Reginald Handy.

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**OTHER PARTICIPANTS** at the meeting were Mrs. Lorine Strange, Lester B. Wallace and Mrs. Gladys H. Derry, principal.

**Another activity in the school was the collection and distribution of baskets to needy families in the community by the School Red Cross Club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Lauretta Walden, Miss Etta Williams, and Lester B. Wallace.**

The Red Cross consists of Sylvia Harris, president, Bernetta Taylor, vice president, Layerne Montague, secretary and members are:

Ardena Anderson, Sandra Adams, Elaine Brooks, Armita Bynum, Patricia Cottman, Debora Griffin, D. Dutton, Barbara Knox, Darlene Massie, Paulette Neal, Dorothy Paul, Sandra Sharps;

Claudette Stone, Cassandra Sutton, Claude Waddy, Flora Waddy, Lorraine Washington, Lloyd Caster, Gregory Fellows, Alphonso Hicks, Warren Griffin, Lebard Jones, Kenneth Lee, Eric Moore, Benjamin Parker and Denise Wood.

## Vote recount okays a split Ark. board

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A split newly - elected Little Rock School Board will apparently remain that way, judging from a recount of votes that elected the board.

The panel is composed of three ardent segregationists and three persons described as moderates on the school integration issue.

A recount of votes that elected the board last week showed no changes in results that gave this city a divided school voice. Three defeated school board candidates asked for the recount.

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**W. F. RECTOR** and Mrs. C. W. Stephens, described as moderates, and C. C. Bailey, running on a segregation ticket for office, challenged the count, but it was found in order and correct.

Consequently, a split board must consider Federal court orders to integrate schools here as well as state laws against doing so.

There are four high schools in Little Rock closed down to prevent integration by Gov. Orval Faubus.

The vote recount revealed that Rector lost to Ben D. Rowland, 38 by 379 tallies. Mrs. Stephens lost to Judge R. W. Lasser by 16 ballots and Bailey was defeated by 346 Russell H. Mason Jr. votes.