2 Flim Flam Suspects Land in Dupe's Net

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that the purse contained $600 in all, the men made an appointment for noon the next day when she was to draw money from the bank to show that she was acquainted to handling large sums.

When Mrs. Murray returned home, she began checking phone and city directory for the names and telephone number given by the men and called police when things shaped up suspiciously.

The next day: Pugh and Patterson were nabbed at the bank by Officers William E. Harriman, E. Zintock and Carlton Manuel, who had surrounded the place.

Evidence on Suspects

The officers said they found three wallets on the men, one containing a corner of a greenback sticking from the fold of the pocketbook so that only the figure "1" was in view.

Neither of the men took the witness stand. John C. Weise, assistant State's attorney, prosecuted.

Everybody Is Talking

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There they are working feverishly on a 24-hour schedule to dole out the scarce amounts of available oil on the basis of need.

Judge Emory H. Niles, State fuel co-ordinator, warns that there are no new supplies immediately in sight, and admits that kerosene is the fuel in shortest supply.

Shortage Came Steadily

This dire shortage of kerosene has been threatening the nation of the past eight years because the demand for the fuel has been 40% greater than the supply. This year, the weather—that uncontrollable factor—has aggravated the situation.

The supply of fuel oil, used in oil burning furnaces to supply heat to thousands of homes is not so low as that of kerosene, but (the situation is acute, again due to the ice and snow that has practically stalemated shipping operations.

Mayor D'Alesandro threw his energy into the battle this week, ordering more trunk lines to handle the 3,000 calls received in the last 10 days from people literally begging for oil from emergency headquarters.

Working With Police

The emergency office, working with the police department, affirms these cases of "hardship" and calls in an oil dealer to deliver whatever he can to the person in need.

The mayor declared that if things continue to grow worse, he will be forced to seek some sort of aid from Washington.

In order to spread the available fuel on hand, homeowners and tenants have been requested to keep their thermostats registered at 68 during the day and 60 at night and to run off the heat in all unused portions of homes and buildings.

They have also been asked to weatherstrip windows, doors and all openings to keep the heat inside.

Even the local Red Cross chapter is prepared to cope with any extreme emergency. J. T. Bray, administrative assistant, revealed that he has made arrangements with the local and State police to handle any overflow od destitute persons who could not be handled satisfactorily by the police.

Portraying conditions was a 72-year-old man, in a battered felt hat, stumbling up the icy streets with a milk bottle in his hand, only to hear when he reached the door of the grocery or filling station:

"Sorry, oil's run out."

While standing in these lines, old women in shawls and tattered shoes complain of children sick at home, lack of blankets to use at night, and most often of all, "this awful weather."

All over the city, the scene is repeated, reminding one of the frantic Texas oil hunt of years ago.

Search All Day

People start early in the morning scurrying from store to store, glancing disheartedly at the signs—"NO OIL."

Out of the steady stream of humanity, two men left a Gay-St. tavern, carrying empty one-gallon jugs, saying, "We've been scouring the neighborhoods. No luck. We had to stop and get a drink to set warm."

The operator of a filling station at Gay St. and Ashland Ave. said he had to use fuel oil in his stove at home because theer was no kerosene.

A housewife with two children dragging along behind her, complained that at one store she had to buy groceries before the dealer would sell her oil. Then, limited her to one gallon.

An Eastside grocer leaned on the counter and observes that people seem to sit at their windows and watch for the oil trucks to drive by.

Stanley Carter, who operates a grocery store at Eden and Biddle Sts., was guarding 15 gallon and containers left hopefully by regular customers.

Black Market Working

Back to evidences of the "black market," one story relates that an oil company driver parked his truck close to a neighborhood grocer and began selling the fuel himself.

He served at least 50 people who crowded the truck with 1 to 5-gallon containers, and accordingto figures reported, he was clearing at least 7 cents a gallon for himself selling the oil at 20 rather than 13 cents.

Another Gay St. gas station operator is said to have emptied one of his gasoline tanks to make more room for kerosene.

Tenants, rather than sit up in the cold, go directly to bed when they come from work, reported Mrs. Mattie Baker, who owns a three-story rooming house in the 1200 block of Eutaw St.

People Scheming

"Pops," who has an ice, coal and wood shop on the 1200 block Eutaw St., was limiting customers to one gallon a sale, but he "hit the ceiling" when he learned that one customer was sending friends back to obtain additional gallons for her.

"I don't sell any meat because my customers don't have the kerosene to cook it with," lamented the grocer who operates at Eutaw and Argyle Ave.

According to Miss Mary Dorsey who runs a grocery store across from Northern Avenue stables, "This is the worst shortage I've seen in years."

The same opinion was voiced by Carl Kline, Argyle Ave. grocer, who spoke about the awful cold people must eat because they lacked cooking fuel.

On West Biddle St., one resident complained that he bought a small wood and coal stove to warm his home and cook his meals upon. Many others are making the same substitution.

Not so lucky is Raymond Perkins of 504 Biddle St., who can use no wood stove because his apartment has no chimney.

Quotas Cut Drastically

One major fuel oil company has announced that none of its regular customers will get more than 150 gallons at a time. This constitutes about a week's supply.

Where the housewife formerly bought five gallons of kerosene to cook her meals and heat her home, she now buys one gallon, and is thankful to get it.

Meanwhile, the Baltimore City and county co-ordinator's office struggles to maintain a distribution system of the oil and kerosene through the other stores and filling stations, "trying to keep a trickle of oil flowing steadily, and hoping against hope," as one worker put it.

Handle 600 Daily

Organized to handle only "hardships" cases, the office handles over 600 pleas for oil in one day. Here's how it works:

A family exhausts its supply of fuel and finds that none is available at the regular grocery or garage.

A phone call is made. Plans 2000. The facts in the case are taken; and police in the nearest district station dispatch a squad car to determine the authenticity of the report.

Deliveries Are Small

If a case of hardship is proved, it is referred to an oil dealer, and oil, though in most instances a meagre supply, is delivered.

But it cannot be emphasized too strongly just how critically and rapidly these supplies are ebbing away.

The citizens of this town might as well make up their minds to bundle up warmly as they can and "hope against hope."

150 Graduated

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Junior High held its closing exercises and Washington Junior High held is services at 5 p.m. the same day.

The list of Dunbar graduates, not available at presstime today (Friday) will be printed in Tuesday's AFRO.

DOUGLASS

Douglass Junior High graduates as follows:

BOYS

Charles Bagley, Barry Barnes, Walter Billins, Alan Blackwell, James Bowser, Donald Brown, William Brooks, Edward Bundy, James Burrell, Donald Campbell, Vernon Carter, James Chase, Samuel Cooper, Carl Daily, Charles Evans, John Green, Herbert Holly, Vernon Howard, Charles Jackson, Samuel James, Samuel James, Robert Johnson, Frederick Johnson, Robert Jones, George Kimball, Emmett L. Knox, Gilbert L. Lee, Thomas Lessing, R. Clarke Mallory, Roland Meade, Charles Miller, Lan Mobley Jr., Edward Murray, Theron Quarrier, Jerry Reed, William Roberts, Edward Smith, Edward Smith, Edward Smith, Harry Stewart, William Strong, Robert Watson, Raymond Wiggins.

GIRLS

Leonna Anderson, Doris Ashby, Jennie Barksdale, Estelle Biddings, Phyllis Billups, Mildred Bishop, Evelyn Blount, Ruth Bowlby, Gloria Bridges, Dolores Brown, Marjorie Brown, Herline Brunson, Dorothy Butler, Gladys Butler, Mildred Butler, Dorothy Carnegie, Alma Carter, Delores Cobb, Mary Cole, Margaret Cross, Carolyn Curry, Donnella Dabbs, Sarah Davis, Dorothy Davis, Mary E. Dowell, Drummond, Cecelia Dyson, Jeanne Fleet, Jacqueline Fox, Gertrude Goode, Violanta Goodwin, Irma Jean Green, Jeanne Hall, Eulalia Hinds, Evelyn Holliday, Marlene Holly, Ruth Hopkins, Barbara Jackson, Delores Jackson, Freda Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Lamb, Mildred Lee, Mildred Lee, Gladys Lewis, Jean McMillian, Mae Martin, Doris Matthews.

DRUID JUNIOR HIGH

Druid Junior High graduates were:

Making students—Richard Moore, Arthaniel L. Tyson and Velma Jackson.

Other students—Gilbert Bailey, Henry W. Brice, Rose M. Matthews, Johnson B. Brown, Joseph Harris, Earlor E. Brown, Richard Moore, Dwight L. Bryant, Leon Mack, Grace M. Carroll, Dorothy D. Bagton, Ann E. Carter, Mary Jackson, E. Catherine Cook, Elizabeth Roberts, Ruth Davis, Elizabeth Stewart, Mary Elizabeth Dorsey, Shirley Saunders, W. Dickerson, Dorothy D. Scott, Lorraine Dyson, Velvia J. Seaton, Jeanette Dogan, Velvia J. Seaton, Ruth Dorsey, Barbara Margaret Speight, Sidney L. Dorsey, Novella Sterling, Ann Fisher, Ruth Thompson, William Gaines, Julia Tyler, Elizabeth Gray, Fred Joan M. Taylor, Sarah E. Fowler, Lamont Washington, John A. Graves, Carrie Turner, Frank Conway, Arthaniel Tyson, Gloria S. Griffin, Gertrude Wilson, Cecil M. Cooper, Joseph Turpin, Donald K. Craven, James Williams, Joyce A. Crockett, John W. Wilson, Carl Cameron, Charles W. Young, Charles H. Dixon, Buxton C. Young, **Donald Ferron, Georgine Johnson, **W. K. Frederick, **Burnetta Jones, Joyce Augustus, Jacqueline Jones, Mattie R. Patton, Lillian Jones, Frances Beverly, Lorraine Linton, **Rose M. Black, Ann Maxwell, Lois Bowlby, Mary Boyd, Lois Moyette, Lorenn E. Mall, **Drena Brooks, Daisy Morton, Ruth Brooks, **Geraldine Myers, **Rose Brown, Geraldine Nelson, **Delores Brown, Jean B. Neverdon, Joan Brown, Ruth Nicholson, Joan Burrell, Gertrude Oliver, Mary Carraway, Margaret Ollie, **Myrtle Cersey, Joan Patterson, Eva E. City, Mary Penn, **Carolyn Collins, Gloria Pitts, **R. L. DeArmon, Delores Porter, **Grace E. Dorsey, **B. Redmond, Delores Downs, **A. Rheubotton, **J. Drummond, Gertrude Robinson, **Evelyn Eaton, Arlene Rodgers, Ruth Edwards, Vivian Rosefend, Doris Evans, Mary C. Sutton, **Barbara Fleming, Minnie M. Ruffin, Estelle E. Fleming, Rachel E. Scott, Estelle S. Fleming, Lila C. Sherr, Jennie L. Ford, Ruth Smith-Jones, Alan E. Frazier, Madeline Smith, Ann Gaskins, Ruth Smith, **Cecelia C. Gentry, **C. Stanley, Catherine Gordon, G. Sterling, Clara E. Gordon, Mabie D. Thomas, Virginia Grayson, Margaret Thornton, Jean L. Gregory, Sylvia Tilghman, Zenester Gregory, Alma Wade, Marjorie Green, Shirley Wheeler, Mae Hall, Ruth Wilkes, **Bettye J. Harris, Vivian Wilkes, **Catherine Harris, **Beverly Williams, **Vondalee Harris, Grace Williams, **Muriel Hanson, Mildred Williams, Mildred Hopkins, Phyllis Williams, Mary Hudson, **Marlene J. Wise, Jacqueline Hurley, **Joan Wood, Ann Jackson, Ann Wood, **Lucille Jackson, **With Honor, Mary Jackson, **Honor Society, Carrell R. Gibson.

Evening School Passes 25

At Evening School 180, McCulloh St. and Lafayette Ave., 25 pupils received certificates during closing exercises on Wednesday.

Certificates for perfect attendance were awarded to Miss Mary Jones and John Dowdy. Leroy Flanagan, principal, addressed the group and Isaac Winborne was master of ceremonies.

List of Graduates

Those receiving certificates were:

Thelma Banks, Walter Bradford, Alice Butler, Joseph Briscoe, Francis Bryant, Notre Croston, Peggy Harrington, Harry J. Dowdy, Mary Jones, Clarence Hall, Mary Jackson, Sarah Owens, Sadie Sydnor, Thelmah Holland, Pauline Thompson, Aubrey Pope, Joseph Ball, Howard Pope, John McGowan, Ernest Padgett, Leah Winborne, Stewart Tutman, William Lewis, George Watson.

BRISCOE VOCATIONAL

Fifty-eight pupils were promoted from Briscoe General Vocational School to Carver Vocational. They were:

BUSINESS

Dorothy Berry, Sarah Owens, Florence Brown, Serena Perrin, Ida M. Brown, Ada Pitts, Wilhelmina Gill, Alma Reed.

CLOTHING

Emma Bagley, Annie Jones, Ann Blackmore, Annie Mosher, Doris Eggs, Dorothea Taylor, Novella Glenton, Bettye Valentine.

Oklahoma U. Students Protest Racial Ban

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he will not make an issue of the case.

Transcripts Aid in Order

Like Mrs. Fisher, who still is being barred from the Ada Law School despite a Supreme Court mandate, five of the six applicants were armed with transcripts, which Dr. George L. Cross university president, said later were in good order.

The sixth, a Langston University professor who was accompanying the group, decided to apply only after reaching the university. Dr. Cross said that he is sending for information about his record.

Courses Not Offered at Langston

All are seeking to enroll in courses not offered at Langston: business administration education, architectural engineering, biology and social work.

The question of admitting them was referred by Dr. Cross to the university regents and to the Oklahoma Board of Regents for Higher Education.

The State regents, acting under orders of the State Supreme Court, last week set up a law school for Mrs. Fisher, but at the deadline time for her, Monday, no one had applied to it on the grounds that it would not afford an education equal to that offered at the State university.

In its decision on the Fisher case, Jan. 11, the U.S. Supreme Court had ordered the State to provide an equal education as soon for Mrs. Fisher as it would for white applicants.

Under the mandate, protestants say, there are only two real alternatives: to open the University of Oklahoma to all students or shut it down.

The vote who applied on Wednesday are:

James Bond, biology professor at Langston; G. W. McLaurin, Oklahoma City, who is seeking a doctorate in school education; M. A. Dillon, a Langston honor graduate who has done work at the University of Nebraska and is seeking graduate work in architectural engineering;

Miss Helen Holmes, Oklahoma, business administration major; Mauderie H. Wilson and Ivor Tatum, both of Oklahoma City, who are seeking advanced degrees in social work.

Dean Grant Elected Social Agency Officer

Dean George Grant of Morgan State College, was elected a vice-president, when the Council of Social Agencies held its annual meeting, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mae Folkes was named to the executive committee, and Joseph Allen placed on the committee of education and recreation. Serving on the nominating committee was C. C. Jackson.

The conference was held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, and had as main speaker Sir Raphal Cilento, director-general of Social Activities, United Nations.

N.W. Police Docket Hits All-Time Low

An all-time low for the least number of cases to be tried in a morning session of court was set at Northwestern district, Thursday.

Though the docket carried five names, three were of persons who had held for questioning. One of the remaining two was Charles Smith, 23, of 1406 Payson St., an employee at Carlin's Park, who was arrested for being disorderly at the park.

He was given a suspended fine by Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick. The jurist doled out a similar penalty to a white man who acted disorderly in a Howard St. movie. Thus ended the business for the morning.

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CUPID'S Progress

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TAYLOR-NICHOLAS—William A., 24, 3143 Cherry Hill Rd.; Lena, 21.

SHEPARD-COYTER—Joseph E., 21, 1007 Myrtle Ave.; Hilda, 20.

WEST-THORNTON—Lawrence E., 26, divorced, 2012 Druid Hill Ave.; Doris, 21, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave.

JONES-DYER—Charlie, 24, Louise, 21, 531 McMechen St.

CLEMENS-STUDDER—Charles, 40, Geraldine E., 21, 1107 N. Monroe St.

OWENS-BOLDEN—Arvel E., 21, 1125 Cumberland St.; Pauline K., 21, 1000 Pennsylvania Ave.

BALDWIN-Marcelina Simonites, 18, 1400 Carrollton Ave.

LANDY-Lawrence, 21, 1010 Lanvale St.; Ruth, 21, 1000 Lanvale St.

HERBARD-GREEN — Willie, 21, 1000 Lanvale St.; Ruth, 21, 1000 Lanvale St.

ZIGLER-COLBERT—Samuel T., 31, 133 W. 22nd St.; Edith, 32, 1000 Lanvale St.

ADAMS-BOYD—Lawrence, 23, 2043 Madison Ave.; Ruth, 21, 1000 Lanvale St.

FARDLEY-WILSON—Charles, 36, 1000 Lanvale St.; Ruth, 32, 1000 Lanvale St.

WILSON-COLEMAN—Robert, 25, 1000 Lanvale St.; Mamie, 3 S. Bogerty St.

BROWN-JACKSON—Clarence, 44, 135 N. Amerslie St.; Mae, 32, 1000 Lanvale St.

Palestine Horsey Doris Williams

FOODS

Elizabeth Brown, Laura Davis, Clarice Cooper, Annie J. Johnson

SHOE REPAIRING

James Fairbo, Cecil Dawson, Moses Canada, Milton Distance

AUTOMOBILE MECHANICS

M. Washington, William Pledger, Clarence Anderson, Robert Robinson, Jarvon Bailey, Simon Simpson, Robert Jones, Calvin Stephenson, Robert Hill, Ernest Thompson, Eugene Hall, Walthall, Robert Mack, Holden Ward Jr.

WOODWORK

Hugh Benn, Robert Fisher, Jerry Thrower, Morris Pintacid, William Brooks, Frank Sydnor, John Carter, James Waters

INTERIOR DECORATING

Raymond Kelly, Melvin Douglass, James Reeves, Thomas Smith, William Patterson

SCHOOL No. 123

In elementary ranks, the 6A class and the shop center class of School 123 held closing exercises Wednesday.

Arthur Williams, principal, awarded certificates to the pupils who are to attend the following schools:

HARVEY JOHNSON JUNIOR HIGH: Thomas Thompson, Mildred D. Linebarger, Audrey Bradley, Ernestine Griffin, Gertrude Green, Dallas Smith, Anna Green, Robert Simmons, Louise Davis, S. Simmons, Marion Cook, Woodrow McCoy, Edna Johnson.

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Outstanding Student Council Member—Anna Green.

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Bogus Money Causes Arrest

Girl Held in Probe of Counterfeit Ring

WASHINGTON

An international counterfeiting ring that may include members of the Armed Forces serving in France is believed to be involved in the ring, work by Treasury agents.

The case was cracked on Tuesday when police brought Miss Otelia Westray, 18, of Rocky Mount, N.C., before U.S. Commissioner Turnage where she was arraigned on charges of passing counterfeit money.

Miss Westray was ordered held for grand jury action by the commissioner.

Nabbed in Downtown Store

The girl was arrested by local police after she reportedly passed a counterfeit bill in a downtown store. On her way to the Women's Bureau to be booked, police reported, she attempted to chew up two other bogus bills she had in her possession.

When questioned by Thomas Kelly, secret service investigator, Miss Westray said she got the bills from her mother in North Carolina, who was said to have obtained the bills from a son serving with the Army in France.

A spokesman for the Treasury Department said the bills were crude reproduction and were probably made in France. However, he added that the bogus bills did not look like the same type as those manufactured by a Marseilles ring that was raided a year ago.

Syndicate Thought Active

The French plant, according to the spokesman, had been turning out U.S. currency in wholesale lots.

It is believed that the money being made by a new international counterfeit syndicate.

Miss Westray is under $500 bond and is being represented by Milton Mendell, attorney.

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JOE LIGGINS: Shoeshiny Blues; Little Willie; Down Home Blues.
HADDA BROOKS: It All Depends On You; Don't You Think I Oughta Know?; Don't Take Your Love From Me; Ain't Me.
THREE BLAZERS: It's Over; Lost In The Night; I Want To Love To You.
THE RAVENS: Bee I Bumblebee, Or Not; Write Me A Letter.
DUKE ELLINGTON: Happy As Lucky; Carnegie Blues; Concerto A Minor.
ERSKINE HAWKINS: Sonny's Mood; Wiggle Worm; Somebody Loves Me.
COUNT BASIE: Blue and Sentimental; Swinging The Blues; South.
LIONEL HAMPTON: I Miss You So; Hamp's Boogie; Don't Let The Landlord Cry-You.
ANDY KIRK: I'm Falling For You; Mess Around; Louella.
LUCKY MILLINDER: How Big Can You Get, Little Man?; I Can't See For Lookin'; Some Day.
MILLS BROTHERS: I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again; If It's True.
THE INK SPOTS: The Best Things In Life Are Free; I'll Make Up For Lost Time; Cruel Woman; Early In The Morning; I Wasn't Meant For Love.
LOUIS JORDAN: Barnyard Boogie; Caldonia; Early In The Morning; Jack, You're Dead!
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'No Such Thing as a Bad Lad', Say Boys' City Officials

BOYS CITY—Thanks to Dr. W. M. Ratliff of Greenville, S.C., 52 youthful victims of broken homes and other contributing causes of juvenile delinquency are getting another chance at South Carolina's Boys City, 10 miles from Laurens. Above, winners in a jitterbug contest at the development receive prizes from the Rev. W. R. Martin, counselor. They are William Bailey, Willie Griffin, and Francis Smith. The Swiss goat, donated by white well-wishers, is named Minnie. An intervacial committee is in charge of Boys City, which operates on 244 acres of land donated by Dr. Ratliff last February.

OUTDOOR FUN—Volunteer teachers at Boys City give instruction in farming, woodwork, carpentry, masonry, cooking, mechanics, and various other trades, including photography. A regular faculty is maintained to provide academic training. Religious services are also an important phase of the program, and wholesome recreation plays a big part in provoking the boys' interest. Chaperoned groups of girl visitors come with church workers from Greenville and Laurens once a week for supervised social activities and outdoor sports.

Character Building Experiment on S.C. Farm Develops Into Good Will Project

Benefactor of Wayward Youth Aids Their Reformation; White Leaders Finance 'Dream'

LAURENS, S.C.—Up in the red hills of South Carolina, ten miles out from this the nearest city, one of the noblest undertakings in behalf of Southern youth is nearing complete realization.

In February, 1946 Dr W. M. Ratliff of Greenville, who has devoted more than 40 years to helping erring young people, turned over 244 acres of land he had acquired to an interracial committee for development of Boys City.

Experienced Promoter

The physician, who has long been connected with the historic Jenkins Orphanage at Charleston, and who has done the same kind of work at Louisville, Ky., had been experimenting with what he calls "my dream" on his farm in Summer County.

Results of this experiment convinced him that boys who get into trouble needed not a reformatory but a proper house of correction, but "a good environment and a chance."

Test Successful

On the Sumter farm, he had tested his social philosophy with several boys whom he had been able to persuade prison authorities throughout the State to place in his care Dr. Ratliff reports that, in each case, the boys who left his farm are now better citizens.

He received many letters weekly from them in all parts of the country and even from foreign lands where some are serving in the Armed forces. Others have become homesed in two-bedroom homes as teachers and business men.

Whites Endorse Project

With these facts, Dr. Ratliff sold white business and civic leaders in Greenville, about 40 miles north of Boys' City on his "dream." Impressed by his proposal, these white friends became promptly affiliated with him as an advisory committee.

They named as sponsor for the project the Carouna Bible Institute in Greenville, which Dr. Ratliff had operated several years as a night school for colored ministers who needed training.

The white advisors in Greenville laid the ground work for support from other white people in the entire Piedmont (upper) section of the State.

Philosophy Expounded

Here in Laurens, varied religious, business and civic leaders have organized their own board to make certain that the project develops properly and secures the support it needs.

However, the main contribution of white workers is financial and comes from practically every city in the section and from many in the lower part of the State.

The spirit behind Boys' City, Dr. Ratliff states, is expressed best in the old adage that, "There is no such thing as a bad boy."

If you are to work of Boys' City, or to be welcomed even as a visitor, you must accept this doctrine, no matter what your position or status.

52 at Center

There are now 52 youngsters at the center; and the enrollment will be increased rapidly as soon as housing accommodations are available.

The charges, mostly from broken homes, and minor delinquents, are now housed in two inadequate buildings. The Women's Auxiliary of the Greenville Bible Institute is helping to remedy this situation, by raising temporary funds for a cottage for the housing problem.

Faculty Interracial

The boys are taught farming, woodwork, carpentry, masonry cooking, mechanics, photography and other trades. The instruction staff is interracial, the whites being volunteers who frequently help out for a day.

However, a regular faculty is maintained to provide academic training, and regulated hours for study and trades are maintained. Recreation facilities are provided; but these, too, are wholly inadequate. Church women in Greenville and Anderson, charge a number of girls to Boys' City each week for "social contact," and religious services are held regularly.

Expansion Plans

Dr. Ratliff and the trustees are making plans for a $75,000 boys' building, and a $50,000 dormitory. Two cottages which have been erected. A number of buildings are on the farm are to be repaired for about $10,000 more.

When finally developed, Boys' City will be turned over to the "citizens" themselves who will elect their own officials and draw up and enforce regulations they like. "This will give them practical experience in what they must later face in life," Dr. Ratliff said.

Adam Powell Expected to Retain Seat

NEW YORK—(ANP)—An observer of political trends in Harlem predicted last week that Congressman A. Clayton Powell Jr. did not only stand for re-election in the fall but would also be re-elected.

Basis for the prediction is the fact that there has been a marked reluctance on the part of both Democrats and Republicans to enter the primaries against the present incumbent.

The race is expected to be a four-cornered affair among Representative Powell, Grant Reynolds, Republican; Ben McLaurin, Liberal, and possibly Paul Robeson, running on the Henry Wallace independent ticket.

Despite his long illness Powell has lost none of his popularity in Harlem, and this fact alone will force the Democrats (against the wishes of some leaders) to renominate him, says the observer.

D.C. Girl Sworn In as Navy Nurse

Earned Commission During World War II

WASHINGTON

Ensign Edith DeVoe, USNR, of 620 14th St., N.E., one of the four colored nurses commissioned in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was sworn into the Regular Navy (Nurse Corps) last week at the Navy Department by Capt. O. D. King, USN.

She is now on duty at the Navy Communication Annex Dispensary, 2001 Nebraska Ave., N.W.

Local Native

Ensign DeVoe is a native of Washington and a graduate of its local schools. After completing her nurse training at Freedmen's Hospital, she was employed as a public health nurse in the District of Columbia for a year.

She then took advanced nurse training and public health work at the Phipps Hospital (under the Medical College of Virginia) at Richmond; and later spent a year and a half in private duty at Freedmen's Hospital.

Commenting on her assign in the Navy Nurse Corps in Washington, March, 1945, she reported for service in June of that year. She has served since then in the Naval Shipyard Dispensary, Boston; the Mine Test Station Dispensary, Solomons Island, Md., and the Naval Communication Dispensary, Washington.

Ensign DeVoe's much of her work has been in professional nursing. Ensign DeVoe is experienced in administrative and training duties. She is enthusiastic over the future possibilities for trained colored women in the Navy's medical field.

Buyers Beware, Harlem Slogan

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Concerned over the Harlem area was recommended last week by Mayor William O'Dwyer to the Mayor's Committee on Unity as part of its report on an inventory of cases of controversy between 125th Street merchants and colored people which have charged unfair trade practices.

The committee conducted a hearing Dec. 23 in the dispute, in which, the Consumer's Protective Committee and The American News were ranged against the Uptown Chamber of Commerce, to which 125 stores on 125th St., belong.

Exploitation Charged

It was charged that merchants were foisting off inferior merchandise at exhorbitant prices to colored people, using "Jim Crow and three price system" and refusing to label merchandise as to price and quality.

The report suggested that consumer education should be sponsored by some qualified agency, such as the Urban League of Greater New York, and that merchants co-operate to develop mutually acceptable statements of business policies and procedures to provide a standard.

Dr. J. S. Scott to Assist President of Wiley

MARSHALL, Texas— President E. C. Mondale Jr. has announced that with the consent of Board of Trustees, and M. S. Savage of the Medical Branch, he has asked Dr. J. S. Scott, New Orleans Area Secretary, to assist him in the re-establishment process at Wiley College.

Dr. Scott already has begun to look into the situation. It is the plan of the administration to begin immediately to rehabilitate the school with students. Applications for entrance at spring quarter opening Mar. 8