Seek Aid For Patient With Odd Disease

Waverly Blackwell, now in Johns Hopkins Hospital, is an ex-Annapolis gardener, who even under circumstances other than normal, remains full of vim and vitality according to fellow patients.

But Mr. Blackwell, who will be 55 next February 7, has one of the most mysterious ailments yet found by physicians at Hopkins.

Suffering with hypoplastic anemia, a disease which makes it impossible for the bone marrow to manufacture red cells, he must now rely on blood transfusions until a cure is found.

Father Of Two

A native of Chester, Pa., Mr. Blackwell is the father of a 26-year-old son, and a 25-year-old daughter.

As yet neither is aware of their father's incurable disease.

Mr. Blackwell became aware of his illness in January, 1950. Since then he has had to return to Hopkins every five months for a series of transfusions.

Blood Supply Swindling

According to his physician, Dr. Edward Alexander, the patient uses on the average of ten pints of blood per visit.

This he declares, has caused the supply of blood on hand in the Hopkins blood bank to decrease rapidly.

Mr. Blackwell does not talk about his illness, although the folks in and around Hopkins believe that he knows about its seriousness.

ACTH Tried

Dr. Alexander stated that in trying to head off the disease, they have tried the new drug ACTH but to no avail.

This is Mr. Blackwell's seventh admission to Hopkins. In an effort to keep him supplied with blood, it is necessary that relatives of the public in general contribute to the blood bank.

The type of blood does not matter. Any and all types contributed will be signed over to Mr. Blackwell.

20 Pints Behind

The patient is now 20 pints behind. Just as he and his wife died Saturday at the age of 55 in Baltimore City Hospital, Leon followed two older brothers into death—all victims of the most mysterious killer of them all, muscular dystrophy.

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Hypoplastic anemia, an incurable disease which destroys red blood cells, is taking its toll on Waverly Blackwell of Annapolis. Now confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital for blood transfusions, Blackwell for over one-half year has been under the care of Dr. Edward Alexander, right. For survivals' sake, it is necessary for him to receive frequent transfusions until a possible cure is found. The 50-year-old gardener must receive such transfusions through donations. All donations will be added to the blood bank at Hopkins in his name.

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'New Look' To Greet Morganites

Students returning to Morgan State college next month will probably blink their eyes at the transformation in the physical appearance of the north campus.

Morgan is undergoing a face-lifting. Workmen last week began a $1200,000 renovation aimed at making the site of the 85-year-old institution more beautiful than ever.

Stone Gates Gone

Last year, the famed stone gates marking the entrance to the campus from Hillen Road, were gone when the students returned.

This year, the rows of trees which lined each side of the roadway from Young Hall to Carnegie Hall, have been cut down.

Even the famed Morgan bell, rallying point for Morganites when their team won an important athletic victory, has been taken down.

Driveway Installed

Gone are the huge stone benches that graced the north side of the roadway.

A perimeter driveway extending behind Harper House, Holmes Hall and Soper Library is being installed, with a parking area behind these three buildings.

There will be one vast expanse of green which will cover up the old roadway and extend on downhill to Arlington avenue, dividing the north and south campuses.

Hedges, shrubbery and small evergreens have been uprooted and hauled away to give the campus a new look. New trees will be planted and new shrubs and plants set out. New traditions will have to be built around them by the coming generations of Morganites.

County Pupils To Register Sept. 2, 4

Registration of pupils in Baltimore county schools will be held this week, Supervisor Quincy Azou announced today. Registration will be held in all elementary school between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sept. 2 and 4.

The new school term opens on Sept. 8.

Beginners registering next week should produce birth certificates and evidence of a successful smallpox vaccination.

Pupils registering who transfer from othe school system should bring a record of previous scholastic progress, in addition to the birth and vaccination certificates according to Edward Guy Stapleton, school superintendent.

60-DAY JAIL SENTENCE GIVEN IN CUTTING CASE

Eddie Small, 700 block N. Carey st., was sentenced to 60 days in city jail Saturday after being found guilty in Northwestern police court of assaulting and cutting James Wilson, 700 block N. Carey st. on Friday.

Washington Gang Linked With Dope Uncovered Here

Shortage On Baltimore Market Said To Be Drawing Efforts Of Outside Narcotics Dealers

A shortage of "stuff" on the Baltimore illegal dope market was pointed to Monday as the reason for outside narcotics gangs trying to crash the local market.

The claim was made by Officer Jacob Simonsen of the narcotics squad following the arrest Friday night of two men and the seizure of approximately $2,000 worth of heroin in a box s at North and McKean aves. Police theorized that the pair may be member of a Washington, D. C. dope gang.

Arrested in the raid were William W. Haskins, 36, 500 block Wilson st., and William E. Bennett, 25, alias Jack Benny, of the 2400 block Westertown, Rd.

Narcotics officers said they found about 500 grams of heroin concealed in a sofa, 1,000 empty gelatin capsules and 13 filled capsules. The heroin, they said, would bring about $2,000 on the illegal market but is worth less for legal use.

Other Items Seized

Two women were placed under arrest immediately during the raid, and officers waited for the two men to arrive. When Haskins let himself in with a key, officers reported, he had in a marihuana cigarette, brown paper bags, a package of rubber bands and a strainer on his person.

The officers also claimed that eight packs of smidoes were found in the car in which Bennett arrived.

Haskins was pointed to by narcotics officers as the key man in the alleged dope operation.

"We feel certain this man has Washington connections," Officer Simonsen declared. Describing the situation among local narcotics users, he said:

"Panic Is On"

"As of now, among junkies in Baltimore, a panic is on, as we say, which means there is no stuff."

When there is no stuff locally, the officer said, outsiders try to supply it.

Haskins and Bennett were ordered held in $7,500 bail each Saturday by Magistrate Harry Fine in Northwestern police court. The two women were released. "As we see it, they were entirely ignorant of what was going on," Officer Simonsen said.

Officer Praised

The raid was staged by Sgt. Joseph Cowan, along with Officers Bishop Robinson, Albert Berger, Lawrence Wineke, Clarence Roy and Officer Simonsen.

Officer Roy was especially praised for his part in the raid by fellow officers because of his "observation, information and generally good police work."

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—14TH AMENDMENT, U. S. CONSTITUTION.

OPINION

Excellence is never granted to man but as a reward to labor.
SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS

Campaign Strategy

With the hour of the campaign openings rapidly approaching, strategy of both Republican and Democratic camps is gradually being revealed.

General Eisenhower, after much urging, has agreed to make a speech tomorrow in the South. This decision could develop into some highly embarrassing situations for the GOP standard-bearer.

It's common knowledge that there are not enough party members in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee to throw these states in the Republican column.

The invasion of Dixie, therefore, is designed to attract so-called dissatisfied Democrats. But can General Eisenhower afford to have this smelly hard-core of the Dixiecrat movement draped around his neck?

In each of these states, the regular Democratic organization has been unpopularly in some cases, to back the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket.

The only pickings left to General Eisenhower are Dixiecrat extremists, angrily opposed to the idea of equality for all Americans.

If the Republican hopeful, in his hurried tour through the South, allows himself to be too firmly embraced by these bitter white supremacists, his chances in Northern industrial states will take a quick nose dive.

The Republican problem thus becomes one of keeping the questionable support of these Dixie malcontents without promising them anything that might boomerang against the party elsewhere.

The Democrats also have campaign problems, the chief of which is the ugly civil rights record of their vice-presidential nominee, John Sparkman.

Sparkman's weasel-worded evasiveness about his present stand on this burning issue will cost his party needed support in November.

His doubletalk performance during a recent radio interview appeaching to bolster the hopes of many independents that when freed from regional pressures, he would stand up and be counted like the liberal he professes to be.

To President Harry Truman is left the main burden of persuading Negro and minority voters in key states that the Democrats offer the best hope of a civil rights class citizenship a reality to all Americans.

Mr. Truman has a clean record in this field. He will probably go down in history as the civil rights president. But Mr. Truman is not running in 1952.

What he has done in the past and what he will say in the future about civil rights will not be binding on either Governor Adlai Stevenson or Senator John Sparkman.

Stevenson and Sparkman will have to talk for themselves on this subject.

The longer they have been silent or speak in vague generalities, the more difficult it will become to convince voters in the strategic states that they are not abandoning Mr. Truman's forward-looking human rights program.

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The Arkansas Story

Under Governor Sid McMath, the University of Arkansas became one of the first Southern state schools to accept colored students.

Governor McMath the other day lost his bid for re-election. He was seeking a third term.

He will be succeeded by a political newcomer, Judge Francis A. Cherry.

The fact that Judge Cherry had the active support of Senator Joss L. McClellan, a bitter enemy of President Truman, has caused some concern.

Just to keep the record straight, Governor-elect Cherry is no Dixiecrat. During his intensive campaigning against Governor McMath, who had the support of President Truman, he never raised the traditional southern battlecry of white supremacy.

On the contrary, in several campaign speeches he openly endorsed and promised to continue Governor McMath's policy of admitting colored students to the state university.

It might be added there is a real reason for all of this change of attitude. Proportionately a greater number of colored Arkansas residents are qualified to vote than is true in any other southern state—and they vote.

Residents of Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina might take note.

We Heartily Agree

Virginia's basic educational methods are outmoded, according to G. Elmer Taxrell, principal of Norfolk's Granby high school for white pupils.

With this statement we heartily agree. But for different reasons than those offered by Principal Tarrell.

Mr. Tarrell would have Old Dominion schools adopt a "system in which the pupil is a participating part of the learning process and not just a spectator."

We would like to see Virginia's schools modernized to the point where there no longer would be two systems providing one grade of education and facilities for white and an inferior kind for colored pupils.

One Thing Wrong

The Asheville (N.C.) Citizen is unhappy because civil rights looms ever larger as an issue in the Presidential campaign.

"Sensible politicans of both parties," the Citizen pleads editorially, "should remove it from the already crowded area of great national issues."

There's only one thing wrong with the Citizen's plea.

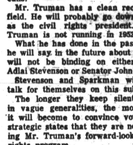
Sensible politicans didn't make civil rights an issue of vital importance to all Americans.

The majority of voters, plus the relentless pressure of world events did that.

The Citizen obviously is appealing at the wrong time to the wrong people.

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart



Ollie Stewart

PARIS—Arthur C. Ferguson, Chicago, left this week for Casablanca to take over as manager of the PX at Uncle Sam's new airbase there. And now the circle is complete. In 1942, I first met Ferguson in Casablanca, when he was an Army officer with an ordnance outfit.

Ten years later, now a married man (his wife is Swiss), he gave bisco to Morocco as a civilian. Discharged in 1946, he has been PX manager in Kitzengen, Germany, then in Bordeaux, in Paris, and until recently at Fontainebleau. He is one of the last three colored EX managers still hired by the army in Europe.

Philadelphians in town this week included Lt. Marechal Neil E. Young and her husband, W. Arthur Young, 5434 Master st. Both are employed in the Philly school system, and have been two months studying social problems in Scandanavian countries, with Dr. Toobert of Temple University. They are scheduled to leave for home September 1.

Sails For America

Miss Joyce Copper, Seattle, Wash., librarian who has been working in NYC, sailed for the States on August 25. She spent the summer studying in Norway. Made lots of contacts in Paris, and says she is determined to come back here and work.

Willard F. Harper, Cleveland, Ohio, picks up his doctorate from the Sorbonne faculty of letters next June. Graduate of Dillard University instructor has been here almost two years on a Ford Foundation scholarship, specializing in 18th and 19th century French literature. He got his B.A. at Morehouse and his M.A. at Western Reserve.

It's goodbye from Inez Cavanaugh. She goes back to New York, after three years of making Chez Inez on Rue Champollion a drawing card for addicts of fried chicken and robust jazz. The university crowd will have to find a new rendezvous.

Meten For Breakfast

Baltimorean Ruth Green, 2000 W. Lexington st., should be getting back home just in time to read about the delicious melon she ate just before going on a sightseeing tour of Paris. A breakfast of melon and coffee almost made Ruth late for her rendezvous at the Arc de Trompbe.

"It would be nice," said Ruth, a teacher at Dunbar High School, "if my parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Green, could be here with me . . . It will also be nice to get back to New York and Baltimore."

Ruth has been traveling (since early July) with a student group from Boston University—and getting university credits. They spent a month in England, Ireland and Scotland. Then to Holland, Paris and Switzerland and are scheduled to fly back to New York August 21. Ruth is a coppin graduate and has her M.A. from NYU.

Tired of Potatoes

"We have had an interesting trip," she said before leaving for Geneva, "but I have warned my family that there will be trouble if anybody offers me a potato for a month — particularly a boiled potato!"

Ruth was entertained here by Ruth Phillips, Harrisburg, Pa., who attended Morgan and now works at the Paris Embassy. At the same get-together were two other women who have made quite a book at Europe since early July, and Beatrice Carson, another Embassy worker.

The two women who described themselves as "just tourists," are Mrs. Georgiana Taylor, Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Vionne McDuffie, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Taylor is a housewife and Miss McDuffie is a teacher in the Cleveland public schools. They have been through Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Holland and Benglium—and are booked by air out of London August 27.

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The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
August 23, 27 — warm and unsettled
August 24, 25, 26, 27 — rain and wind
Sept. 1, 2 — cooler

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MOON'S PHASES
Last Quarter — August 3 — 5:40 p.m.
New Moon — August 11 — 8:37 a.m.
First Quarter — August 18 — 7:00 a.m.
Full Moon — August 26 — 12:02 a.m.

SUN AND MOON TABLE

Wed., Aug. 27	5:32 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 28	5:33 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 29	5:35 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 30	5:36 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 31	5:37 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 1	5:38 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 2	5:39 a.m.	5:48 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS
August 31 — Festival of Christ the King (Protestant) — Marks the beginning of "Kingdom Tide," which extends from the last Sunday in August until Reformation Day. The special march of the Church Year, which centers about the life of Christ, ends on the last Sunday in November.
August 31 — Labor Sunday (Protestant)
September 1 — Labor Day

My Favorite Quotation

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. — St. John 15:13.
Submitted by Jeanne Taylor, Washington, D.C.
(Next week's quotation by Henry Wallenford, Sharon Hill, Pa.)

What Our Readers Say...

BUNCHE-POWELL TICKET

New York—I endorse the uncompromising position Cong. Adam C. Powell has taken on the civil rights issue.

This issue looms larger on the political horizon than any other item before the candidates for Presidential office. Powell's stand should be supported by every liberal - minded humanitarian.

But instead of advising colored people not to vote, why not put forth a ticket with Ralph Bunche, the nominee for President, and Adam C. Powell for Vice-President?

* SYMON GOULD

REPUBLICANS SPECIFIC

Phoebus, Va. — Some say the Democratic platform on civil rights is vague. The same charge cannot be made of the Republican platform. It is specific in exposing and guaranteeing states rights.

GEORGE E. WASHINGTON

DAWSON NO "TOM"

Richmond, Va.—Regardless of what the platform says or does not say, the stubborn fact remains, we have been sold out at the hands of the Democratic party than we have ever had before. Racial integration has gone on apace.

We are too far behind to squabble. Adam Clayton Powell's name-calling is unfortunate. It is a species of moral murder. William L. Dawson is not an Uncle Tom. He is working for a race's advantage.

(Dr.) SOREDON S. HANCOCK

SHE'S AGAINST PARKMAN

Roxbury, Mass.—If anyone believes that John Sparkman, if elected, will do anything to make America a better place for colored people to live, he has better stop and look up this man's record!

Bilbo and Rankin had nothing on Sparkman when it comes to being spoken against my race. They just had a longer stick on him. Anyone who votes for him votes a vote against his whole race.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN D. WILLIAMS

LIKE GOP BEST

Martinsville, Va. — I think the Democrats plank on civil rights is just as weak as the Republicans. But the Republicans have the best view concerning the welfare of the people.

MAE MARTIN

ERROR CORRECTED

Norfolk, Va.—I want to correct a slight mistake in a recent article appearing in the AFRO about the late Albert L. Hinton.

It so happens that on July 27, 1952, he had been dead two years, not one. I know, because I am his widow. Otherwise the article by your James L. Hicks was most interesting.

(Mrs.) DOVEY C. HINTON

BOUQUET TO AFRO STAFF

Baltimore—May I congratulate the AFRO staff for some very fine newspaper work. I have been reading the AFRO for a number of years and find it most enlightening in attaining and understanding of the problems of colored Americans.

PHILIP H. GOODMAN
Member, City Council

ON C. C. SPAULDING

Durham, N.C. — Dr. C. C. Spaulding told me years ago that the first Fusion was one of his favorites. Not long before he went to sleep for the last time, he repeated the Psalm in this manner:

"Blessed is the man that beareth not the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of any other who is sitteth in a seat and acteth in such a manner that his fellows will scorn him and doubt his sincerity and ability.

"But his delight is in obeying the laws of God, his country and his work so much so that he will start every day in prayer and meditation.

"Such a man will make it a point to get a good night's sleep and when he wakes up in the morning he will get up and when he gets up, he will apply himself diligently to the task that is before him.

"Such a man will grow like a tree by the rivers of opportunity and his service will bring forth results in all seasons of the year and whatsoever he doeth will prosper and grow.

"For the Lord knoweth the way of the honest, hard-working man, but the way of the indifferent man shall perish and fall.

"Blessed is the man that looketh unto his partnership for he will prosper."

FRANK BROWER

REQUEST CALORIE CHARTS

Detroit — I began reading the AFRO during a visit in Washington. Please send me the free calorie counter.

C. L. G.

Asheville, N.C.—I am interested in health education and a close study of the calorie content of food in its relation to overweight and underweight. Please send me Fat Boy's calorie chart.

(Mrs.) LETTIE U.P.

Providence, R.I. — I am reducing Fat Boy Wheeler's story very much. Please send me a calorie counter as soon as possible.

A.B.

Fayetteville, N.C. — I have 40 pounds to move. Please send me the free calorie chart.

OMEGA E.

Buteuville, S.C. — I am 32, weigh 284 pounds and stand 5 feet, 11 inches tall. I have gained 44 pounds in the past four years. I would like to drop back down to 150 even. Please send me your calorie chart.

D.E.D.

Philadelphia—I must lose weight because of low blood pressure. Kindly send me the AFRO's free calorie chart.

R.W.

ETTRICK, Va.—I am following Fat Boy Wheeler's story in the AFRO magazine. I believe it is the system that will help me. Please send me the calorie counter.

C. L. G.

Montgomery, Ala.—I am too fat for my height. I read in the AFRO about your free offer of a calorie chart. Please send me one.

SARAH M.

Winston-Salem, N.C. — I weigh 221 pounds and would like to lose some pounds. I would like to try the AFRO calorie counter. When the pounds start dropping off, I am going to tell everybody in town about it.

(Mrs.) INEZ R. C.

Chicago—I am a fat girl, but I feel it would work for me. Please send me Fat Boy's calorie counter.

(Mrs.) WILDA C.

Martinsville, Va. — I am 100 pounds overweight and I would certainly like to shed about 75 of them. Send me the AFRO's calorie counter.

(Mrs.) C. C.

Human rights is something that has got to be worked out by everybody. We have got to learn to love one another, regardless of race. If men and women would do that, everybody would have their rights.

WILLIE L. GARDNER

NICHOLS CENSURED

Boston — I think the endorsement of Eisenhower, and the weak Republican civil rights plank by Bishop D. Ward Nichols hardly becomes the spiritual leader of the great AME connection.

It is the same category of the "mammy" endorsement of Adlai Stevenson. The paid mercenaries of both parties are willing to sell their honest services and prostitute their leadership.

The times call for drastic action. A conference should be called in Washington to rectify these great wrongs so that whoever is running will be put on guard.

BENJAMIN T. JOHNSON

SHUN RACE-HATERS

Victoria, Va. — When we vote, we should be certain that we are not casting our ballots for a man whose chief aim is to destroy one group's rights because of the color of their skin.

We should reserve our votes for a man who had God in his heart and a feeling of good will towards all groups and races that are a part of these United States.

Veterans of all wars should exercise their franchise to see that their sacrifices will not have been made in vain. Let's end second-class citizenship forever.

HINNETH HILL

LIKED AFRO COVERAGE

Chicago — I appreciated the AFRO's clear-cut reporting on the recent political conventions here. The AFRO, through the coverage of Cliff Mackay and Louis Lautier made a number of things plain that we saw on TV.

I too think the Democrats have a reasonably good plank on civil rights. Cong. Adam C. Powell and others disagree. There is considerable difference of opinion on the matter even in the family of the AFRO. Maybe that is as it should be.

EDWARD PEEKS

BLAME OLIVIA HOLMES

Baltimore—After reading about the case of the Rev. Earl Harrison, I hear God's voice saying the woman is in fault. The Rev. Harrison should be granted a new trial and freed.

T. V. B.

Annapolis, Md. — I think the story of Olivia Holmes appearing in the AFRO is disgraceful. She appears to be trying to get the sympathy of the public.

Before committing such an heinous act, she should have thought of the Rev. Earl Harrison and his wife. A woman of Miss Holmes' age should have been more careful.

The pastor shouldn't be condemned. Diane, like so many fatherless babies, will make out all right. Meeting Rev. Mr. Harrison secretly and in disgrace like this, what did Olivia expect? Diane is just her reward for this act.

MAE MARTIN

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

Some people in the world are always right. I recall as a boy we hauled sandbags to place around Baltimore for defense of the city against rebels. A company of recruits was busy drilling. One man was out of step with the rest of the squad. The drill sergeant upbraided him.

His answer was—"Iwas not his fault, the other man had gotten out of step.

JOHN H. MURPHY Sr.
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Capital Spotlight

By Louis Lautier

WASHINGTON

AS A MEMBER OF the Congressional Press Galleries, I get an almost daily close-up view of United States Senators. Here's how I rate a few of them:

Senator John J. Sparkman of Alabama, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, is neither a race-baiter nor a Dixiecrat, but liberal Southerner, despite his votes against civil rights measures.

About two years ago, Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, called at Mr. Lautier the White House and invited President Truman to visit the school. At a press conference, I asked Mr. Truman whether he was going to accept the invitation. He said he had it under consideration.

Ran Into Sparkman

Returning to the Capitol, I ran into Senator Sparkman in one of the corridors. I told him about the invitation Mr. Truman had to visit Tuskegee and asked for his comment.

Sparkman praised Booker T. Washington, the late Dr. Robert Russa Moton, Dr. Patterson and Tuskegee Institute.

After several minutes of such high praise, he factoid votes by how. "You know I can't say anything about President Truman visiting Alabama. We've just licked the Dixiecrats (Alabama regular Democrats had just wrested control of the State Democratic Executive Committee from the "Dixiecrats), but we've still got a fight on our hands."

Senator Richard M. Nixon of California, the Republican vice presidential candidate, is a newcomer to the Senate. As a freshman Senator, he was supposed to be seen but not heard. He's quiet, genteel, able, cautious and extremely conservative.

Benton A Liberal

Senator William Benton of Connecticut belongs to the liberal wing of the Democratic party, which includes Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, the aged but wealthy Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Herbert H. Lehman of New York.

Their Republican counterparts are Senators Irving M. Ives of New York, Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Massachusetts, and Wayne Morse of Oregon.

Benton is naive. For example, Benton was acting chairman of the Rules Committee and Humphrey was testifying on changing the rules.

Benton, out of a clear sky, asked Humphrey: "Hubert, do you want to take an example that those who want to change the rules take a very much longer look on all appropriation bills affecting the South."

McCarthy Thick-Skinned

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican, of Wisconsin, is thick-skinned. He takes all the lambasting another Senator has to offer. And then comes back slugging.

He and Benton want each other disqualified by the Senate from holding a Senate seat, but the Rules subcommittee handling the Benton-McCarthy quarrel, headed by Senator Guy M. Gillette, Democrat, of Iowa, will probably wash their hands of the charges and counstercharges. If McCarthy is not defeated in the November election.

The aged Senator Tom Connally of Texas—he has an acid tongue—and the decrepit Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee won't be back