CHERRY HILL NOTES

Miss Rita Williams weds W. A Ross

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

Miss Rita Conway Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway Sr., and William Alfred Ross Jr., son of Mrs. Edna P. Ross of 2321 Huron St., were married recently at the home of the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Ross, 2309 Ashburton St.

The Rev. Vernon Dobson Jr. officiated.

Mrs. Marion Smith was the matron of honor for her sister. Charles Laurens of Washington, D. C. was the best man.

Following their wedding trip to New York, they will be at home, 2321 Huron St.

OUT OF TOWN relatives visiting Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson of 2815 Huron Street were Mrs. Lillie Meacham of Union Mills, N.C., and her daughter, Mrs. Louvella Wells of Washington, D.C.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gleen, Lt. and Mrs. John Molloy Jr. of Fort Dix, N.J.

On tour of the Rosa Ponselle home in Greenspring Valley on last Wednesday were: Mrs. Eura Cook, Mrs. Selma Mullins, Mrs. Gertrude Parker and John Cook.

Visiting the Charles Parkers were guests at a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell Oliver Phillips on Friday at 709 Dolphin St.

Mrs. Marie Washington Payne was married to Mr. Phillips on Nov. 30 in New York.

Visiting the Charles Parker's over the week end were their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whaley of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Cammie Clagett of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Edna Ross and Mrs. Veneta Butler were guests at a dinner given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Al Freeman of Vera-dale, Wash., by Mrs. Freeman's daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ross of 2412 Harlem Ave.

SEEING THE old year out and the new year in with the Ira Blockers of Puget St. were Mr. and Mrs. John Molloy, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Jones; Mrs. Mabel Patterson, Mrs. Veneta Butler and Mrs. Gertrude Parker.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lucy Wallace of 2422 Huron St. on her birthday. She was 84 on Dec. 31.

A chicken dinner will be given by the Methodist men of Mt. Winans Methodist Church today (Friday). Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until.

Charles T. Parker, chairman; Ira Blocker, chairman of Men's Day; Cornelius Leir Jr., secretary, and the Rev. Herbert Pratt, pastor.

The Gospel Singers from Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church will present a program of songs at Mt. Winans Methodist Church on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. Mrs. Chlorine Smith, sponsor.

Friends and neighbors were sorry to hear that young Norma Bethea was struck by an automobile. Send a message of cheer to him. He is the son of Mrs. Alice Bethea of 2431 Kermit Court.

CELEBRATING THEIR TENTH anniversary recently were these members of the Swellegant Club. Shown here, seated, are, left to right, Mesdames Celestine Hicks, secretary, and Ida Hart. Standing, Mesdames Dora Miller, vice-president; Gwendolyn Tripp, Viola Fisher, president; Rosa Herndon, charity treasurer; Jessie E. Wells, treasurer; Mrs. Sidney Smith; Edith Watkins, chaplain; Zelma Stanley,

College students return home for the holidays

CHERRY HILL HOLLIDAZE: December ushered in the "Hellidaze" bringing with it quite a bit of cold. . .some rain. . .a little snow. . .gift shopping, cookie baking. . .house cleaning. . .fruit cake making. . . crowded stores. . .Santas on every corner. . .and Christmas trees and house decorations.

St Veronica's beautiful creche outside the church was a reminder to all residents of Cherry Hill of the holy season.

The Women of the Presbyterian Church sponsored an advent breakfast the Sunday morning before Christmas. The breakfast was free to all young people from 12 to 18 years of age.

This treat was thoroughly enjoyed by those present including the twins Frieda and Freddie Greer home from college, Miss Frances Williams, College of Mount St. Vincent, who came home from Tennessee A and I, Fredie was complete in his ROTC (Air Force) uniform.

After the opening prayer, the candlelight breakfast got underway. The committee in charge included Clifton Bailey, Obreah Mitchell, Jennie Butler, Marjorie Ward, and Rev. Edgar Ward.

THE MOTHERS and Homemakers Club enjoyed its Annual holiday party, Saturday Jan. 3, at the Community Building. The party was given in the spacious office of Mrs. Myrtle Burge, club chaplain.

Myrtle is also a teacher of crafts for the recreation department. The room was effectively decorated and the party got off to a good start with fun games led by Isolene Crewner, and ended with everyone taking part in a rousing Charleston.

The party fare included chicken salad, shrimp with hot sauce, assorted sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, punch, fruit cake, candy, nuts, and egg nog.

Enjoying the evening were: Isolene and James Crowner, Ina and Carlton Simmons, Myrtle and Shepard Burge, Edzelle and Murray Gundy, Jennie and Aaron Butler, Elma and Harry Oglesby, Walter Baker (his wife was called home for her sister's death) Belle and Charles Marshall.

MRS. CLARENCE PARHAM (Alice, former director of recreation in Cherry Hill) was hostess to a group of ladies in her lovely new home, 4823 Gilray Drive, on Jan. 3.

After a tour the ladies crowded in the panelled rumpus room, where Mr. Parham was a very efficient host as he served the "regulars" and the "cream puffs."

After a delicious luncheon and fun games, an interesting tour of the new Student Activities Building (Mrs. Burge, director) at Morgan State College was enjoyed by all.

Luncheon guests were, Marjorie Ward, Martine Easter, Myrtle Burge, Erma Holland, Jennie Butler, Elma Oglesby, Flossie Ford, and Mrs. Parham's cousin, Mrs. Edith Spriggs.

One of Cherry Hill's most eligible bachelors, William M. Clark, teacher in Harve de Grace, spent the two-week school vacation home (Danville, Va.) with his family. Cherry Hill missed him.

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THE SENIOR High Westminister Fellowship had a New Year's party honoring Freida Greer, Bernice Dixon, and Freddie Greer, who are collegiate members of the organization that visited Cherry Hill for the holidays.

The Original Democratic Club, which is led by the Rev. Mrs. Nannie Gibbs, reported that they have been very busy thinking about the register and vote campaign.

This organization and the youth group, which is also under the Rev. Mrs. Gibbs, spent their time trying to make others happy at the holiday season. The members of the clubs packed the "sunshine" to Crownsville, Rosewood, City Hospital and sent charity to the Barrett School for Girls.

The Youth Group is preparing to go to Boys Village to fellowship with them in the near future.

Both groups are primarily interested in civic affairs.

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MRS. EDNA CHARLES is in University Hospital under observation for possible surgery. Mrs. Charles is a member of the Presbyterian Church where she is a deacon.

She is also an ardent civic and community worker. Her son, Dr. Roderick Charles, is a resident psychiatrist at a Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y.

His charming wife, Debbie, teaches retarded children in a special school in the same city. They visited their mother during the holidays.

Drop a card to Mrs. Edna Charles, University Hospital, 3-A, Baltimore 1, Md.

Don't forget the Clarke Davis "This is Your Lift Party", Sunday Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Community Building. See you there.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Simmons has announced the birth of a baby boy on January 5, at University Hospital.

The Simmonses are residents of Hillview Rd.

86th 'More Promising'

NEW YORK — The new Congress was appraised Jan. 1 by the American Civil Liberties Union as "promising far less danger to free speech and due process than the old, perhaps even some positive gains."

In its 38th annual report, the ALU opined there was "a reasonable probability" that the 86th Congress would act to curb filibusterers, which blocks a final vote on controversial legislation.

But while the Union pointed out that it "can justifiably feel a bit uplifted about the temper of the times," it characterized the anti-filibuster move as only a "preliminary" step in the drive for much-needed broader civil rights legislation.

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IN HIS introduction to the report, ACLU executive director Patrick M. Malin asserted that the improved civil liberties climate was noted "even before the elections, (when) Congress had negatively aided the cause of civil liberties by not passing a parcel of restrictive bills."

These bills mainly were designed to reduce the Supreme Court's power because of its decisions upholding free speech, due process and equality before the law.

The Union's report, entitled "Constitutional Liberty: The Past is Prologue," lauded the courage of the Supreme Court, stating that it was "undaunted by the bills aimed at it or the narrow margin of their defeat."

The Union praised the high court not only for standing firm on its school desegregation decision, but for "having gone on to do its job" in a broad area of civil liberties.

EXAMINING THE school desegregation issue, the group noted as a favorable sign that "white parents in Arkansas and Virginia, confronted by the reality of closed schools, have begun to organize against artificial efforts to thwart the high court's decision.

On the official scene, the ACLU singled out for special mention Attorney General William P. Rogers for undertaking the "indispensable task of intellectual and moral and political leadership" on the Little Rock issue "after four years of costly Administration neglect".

In the area of free speech and association, the ACLU listed censorship matters high on the roster of the new year's problems.

"Censorship of books, magazines and motion pictures continues, on balance, to decrease at the Federal and state levels, the report said, but impediments to expansion "stubbornly persist on the local level and by private groups — religious and otherwise."

While recognizing the "laudable desire to guard children against obscenity, horror and crime," the report warned that "much thinking needs to be done on the increasing 'censorship by boycott'" of private religious and non-religious organizations.

THE GENERAL trend of academic freedom appears to be "heading upward," the report noted. But it saw "anticipatory self-restraint still cutting the main nerve of academic freedom in a number of schools and colleges."

Many teachers in southern institutions are "running into bad external trouble," the report continued, "when they express agreement with the Supreme Court."

And the growing demand for public funds on all levels brings with it the threat of legislative interference with academic freedom in all parts of the country, the report said.

TWO MINORITY groups, aliens and American Indians, were mentioned as requiring additional effort to secure their equal protection under the law.

Aliens, the ACLU contended, were still subject to discriminatory standards for admission and employment despite the fact that this group's due process rights were growing in the courts on matters of deportation and naturalization.

Indians, according to the report, were victimized "by the act of us who continue to commit the sin of acting without their consent."

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7 receive licenses to wed at Bel Air

BEL AIR, Md. — Seven couples applied for marriage licenses at the Harford County Courthouse during the month of December. Those who applied were:

MCKENZIE - DENBY — Winston, 32, and Estella, 32, both of Magnolia, Md.

MILBURN - AKINS — Paul N., 22, Peach Bottom, Pa.; Marjorie Marie, 21, Darlington.

NICKENS - YOUNG — Richard Maurice, 31, Washington; Edwina Lafayette, 34, Aberdeen, Md.

TASWELL - HALL — Howard b. 65, Harve de Grace; Effie E. 54, Aberdeen.

EASTERLING - BROWN—Robert Lee, 22, Philadelphia; Ella Louise, 20, Bel Air.

BELL - LILES — Thomas William, 28, Dayton, Md.; Rena Lois, 20, Aberdeen.

GHOLSTON - STANSBURY — Billie, 22, Piermont, N. Y.; Ethel Irene 5, Harve de Grace.

Licenses granted 24 in Wicomico and Somerset

SALISBURY, Md. — Applications for marriage licenses were filed during December with the Somerset County clerk by eight couples and with the Wicomico County clerk by 16. The applicants were:

SOMERSET COUNTY

COTTMAN - BARLEY — Wesch Jr., 25, and Martha Lee, 21, both of Kiln, Md.

EVANS-HARMON — John N., 22, Fruitland, Md.; Mary, 23, Mitchell, Del.

GAINES-WRIGHT — Leroy E., 22, Princess E., 20, both of Princess Anne.

FIELDS-JAMES — Herman G. W., 60, Pauline, 54, both of Princess Anne.

JONES-SHELTON — Wilson M., 21, Cambridge, Md., and Ida M., Princess Anne.

WATERS-WATERS — Norman E., Jr., 20, Emma D., 34, both of Upper Ark.

FOGG-LOGAN — William E., 23, Caroline, 24, both of Princess Anne.

WRIGHT-DENNIS — William L., 21, Mary E., 62, both of Princess Anne.

WICOMICO COUNTY

WILLIAMS-MITCHELL — Herbert R., 46, 1214 Bader Baltimore; Adelaide L., 32, Philadelphia.

BROWN-WYE — James W., 19, Laurel, Del.; Mary E., 23, Laurel, Del.

HUDSON-NEWSOM — Richard O., 22, Denton M., 18, both of Salisbury, Md.

BROWN-BENSON — Harry Jr., 22, Salisbury; Peggy D., 20, Bronx, N.Y.

BROWN-HORSEY — George E., 21, Mardella, Md.; Mary J., 17, Hebron, Md.

EDMONDSON-NICHOLS — Jesse, 48, Louise, 49, both of Salisbury.

THOMAS - ROBBELL — Tommy Lee, 20, Salisbury; Josephine R., 20, Dennis, Greater, Md.

HOPKINS-HOPKINS — Daniel C., 22, Mitchell, Del.; Dorothy M., 20, Frankford, Del.

DANIEL-CHURCH — Donald J., 24, Fruitland; Martie M., 21, Delmar.

WILBURN-LEE — Homer, 26, Cordova, Md.; Nora J., 20, Salisbury.

BUTLER - BUTLER — Louis C., 21, Salisbury, Md.; Alice W., 21, Crisfield, Md.

DALE - BAILEY — Richard, 20, Whaleyville, Md.; Miriam L., 20, W. Olive, Md.

HARRIS-HAZZARD — Clifford L., 19, Owensville, Md.; Ida, both of Milton, Del.

SHOWELL-PRIVETT — Robert S., 19, Dunn M., 17, Salisbury.

CAMPBELL-WEST — Kirk C., 22, Middleboro, Del.; Elizabeth D., 20, Allen, Md.

JONES-PALMER — Harrison T., Princess Anne; Hazel E., 18, Mardela Springs, Md.

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Baltimoreans on visit to NAACP's national office

By SHELIA E. SHIELDS

NEW YORK — Thirty-nine Baltimoreans traveled to New York on Monday for a visit to the headquarters of the NAACP.

The trip was for group workers, leaders and individuals who obtained 100 or more membership during the local membership campaign.

Boarding a train early Monday morning in Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station, along with Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, NAACP attorney, the group reached New York at 11:05 a.m.

There they met Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP.

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FROM NEW YORK'S Pennsylvania Station, the group went to "Freedom Building," 20 E. 40th St. in Midtown Manhattan, dedicated to the memory of Wendell Willkie.

While signing in for the 49th Annual National Convention in the building's imposing foyer, they were greeted by Mrs. Dorothea Merchant, a familiar face in Baltimore, who is national membership director.

This was the largest single group from Baltimore attended National Convention of NAACP and trip was suggested to national office by Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell who worked as youth leader of the local organization for three years.

Upstairs in a crowded auditorium, over 700 delegates from all over the country listened to annual reports of staff members.

STAFFERS SUBMITTING reports during morning session were Roy O. Wilkins, executive secretary; Henry Moon, public relations; Clarence Mitchell, director of Washington, D.C. Bureau.

In his report on highlights of the past year, Mr. Wilkins told the convention that for the first time in its 49-year history the organization reached an income of $1 million.

"I am very happy to announce," he said, "that although it took us five years to reach, it took us only one year to have. . . a million dollar year."

He said this represented money submitted to the national office not including funds raised by local branches.

Other highlights of the year he mentioned were sit down strikes of youth council in segregated drug store luncheonettes in Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kans., resulting in their desegregation.

He revealed that the financial position of the organization great-ly improved because of the last minute surge in memberships during last months of 1958.

"Financially, we have come a long way in 1958. On Oct. 1, we had a deficit better than $100,000. In the last three months our membership seemed to get itself together and leap forward.

"I cannot remember when membership has surged forward with such a tremendous force. . . We came up with a deficit of only $36,000."

During luncheon for the Baltimoreans in a downtown restaurant with such guests as Jackie Robinson, co-chairman of membership committee and member of board of directors; Mrs. Marguerite Belafonte, co-chairman of Freedom Fund, Mrs. Mitchell reminded other members of the board who were guests that Baltimore did its share in decreasing deficit for 1958.

With Baltimore's 13,000 members, the city took fourth place in the membership drive. Others were:

Chicago, 1st, 19,000 members; Detroit, 2nd, 14,000; Cleveland, 3rd, 13,340; New York, 5th (proportionately) 22,153.

At the afternoon session after reports on departmental activities by Robert Carter, General Counsel; Herbert Hill, labor secretary; James Ivy, Editor of Crisis; The Rev. Edward J. Odom Jr., church secretary; Gloster B. Current, Director of Branches; Arthur B. Spingarn announced members of the National Board of Directors for 1959.

They are:

Kelly M. Alexander, Charlotte, N.C.; Mrs. Betty Lou Burleigh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. Monroe Cobb, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Nathan E. Christopher, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Doretha A. Cumbre, Lake Charles, La.; Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. George C. Flemming, Fort Worth, Tex.; Dr. Harry J. Greene, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore, Md.; Judge Carl R. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. W. Law, Savannah, Ga.; William R. King, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, New York, N.Y.; Samuel A. Williams, East Orange, N.J.

"Freedom riders" were: Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, 2726 Riggs, Israel Baptist Church; The Rev. Willard L. Clayton, pastor, Macedonia Baptist, president United Baptist Missionary Convention; Mrs. Evelyn Clayton, Women's Auxiliary U.B.M.C.; Marshall T. Bright, Sr., Raymond A. C. Young, National Postal Alliance; Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson, 811 West St. Leadenhall Baptist.

Mrs. Fannie H. Hall, Miss Ella Hayes, Sharp St., Memorial Methodist; Mrs. Julia Stevenson, 1622 Miller Waters A.M. E.; Mrs. Esther Jackson, 1615 Edmondson, Unity Christian; Mrs. Marie Turner, 2034 Braddish Pennsylvania Ave. A.M.E. Zion.

Oscar Hawthorne, 1128 Mosher, Douglas Methodist.

The Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor, Knox Presbyterian; Mrs. Dorothy Halto, NAACP; The Rev. William W. Payne, pastor, Wayland Baptist; Miss Ruth Ann Brown, 1054 N. Carey St., Peter Claver's.

John J. Thornton, 2525 Mosher St.; Hiram Grand Lodge, Masons; the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor, Sharp St. Memorial; and Mrs. the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor, Shiloh Baptist; Lee Coleman, 1537 N. Payson, Gospel Tabernacle Baptist.

Mrs. Susie Murphy, 3029 Gwynns Falls, Wayland Baptist; Walter C. Brown, 2314 Aiso Rd., William Adams, Business Team, Baltimore NAACP; Bishop Winfield Showell, 1st Apostolic Faith; The Rev. Thomas B. Davis, Leadenhall Baptist; Mrs. Leah Patterson, 4th Ward, 8th P.; Mrs. Mamie Butcher, 2329 Ivy Ave., Morgan Park, Bethel A.M.E.; Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, 912 N. Gilmor, Union Memorial Methodist, 16th Ward.

Mrs. Edna Allen, 713 N. Fulton, Morning Star Baptist; Mrs. Mattie W. Gwathney, 423 E. 23rd, Providence Bap; Thomas J. Smith, 2307 Winterbourne St. James Episcopal; Mrs. Maude Stokes, 1709 W. Lanvale, Shiloh Baptist; the Rev. L. J. Payne, pastor, Enon Baptist; Mrs. Ida Russell, 1903 Buxton, Enon Baptist; Mrs. Lavonia Stewart, 1711 E. Lafayette, Fountain Baptist; Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, 2428 Arunah, Membership Leader of Neighborhood Clubs; Mrs. Geraldine Jones, 1645 N. Spring, Israel Baptist;

COUNCIL DIRECTOR—David A. Sawyer, who was recently appointed executive director of the Washington Council on Human Relations. He will promote job equality in government and private businesses in the District.

Segregation now dead, NAACP counsel says

NEW YORK — "Segregation as a way of life in the United States is dead," Robert L. Carter, NAACP general counsel, announced Monday at the 49th annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"It may well take many years to bury it, but it is dead," the lawyer said.

"Anyone who doubts it need only read the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Little Rock case. It told the segregationists that it would not back down from its position in 1954 that racial segregation violated the Constitution of the United States."

Mr. Carter cited the Little Rock decision and rulings in two other cases involving the right of the association to function in one case, and the right of the NAACP to institute a test case challenging bus segregation in St. Louis.

The unanimous decision handed down in the Little Rock case on Sept. 29, he said, made it "clear that our courts cannot permit the constitutional rights of colored children to non-discriminatory education to be thwarted by threats of public violence or disorder, by adverse community sentiment, threats of school closings or disruption of the public educational system, or by other evasive schemes aimed at the preservation of racial segregation."

On the basis of the Supreme Court ruling in the Alabama suit which held that the NAACP need not submit its membership lists to state officials, the Association will seek a review of lower court decisions in Florida and Arkansas requiring the NAACP to reveal the names of its members and contributors.

In the Florida and Arkansas cases, the courts "sought to distinguish their holdings from the Alabama decision. We think they are wrong and will seek a review in the Supreme Court. Eventually, we hope it will be clear that the Alabama holding applies throughout the South."

Lil' Rock will know Saturday

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Judge John Miller of the U.S. District Court hinted Monday that he will order the Little Rock School Board on Saturday to desegregate the city's four high schools immediately.

"If there was ever an organization that was between a rock and a hard place," said Judge Miller, "(they (the school board) are it."

He had reference to a mandate from the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Nov. 10) directing the board to open the schools on a desegregated basis and a recently passed Arkansas law which makes it a misdemeanor for the board to reopen schools closed because of the desegregation issue.

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ATTORNEYS for the school board, which has been in office for a little over a month, contended that members are powerless to reopen the schools, closed by orders of Gov. Orval Faubus.

Robert W. Laster, board member and traffic judge, wanted to know: "Can any court order anyone to commit a crime?" referring to the state law which makes it a misdemeanor for a board member to reopen the schools.

Wiley A. Branton of Pine Bluff, retained by the NAACP, pointed out that the Government was aware under which circumstances the schools were closed, but "the school board was not proceeding with the plan for desegregation."

Other arguments for immediate desegregation were presented by Donald B. MacGuineas, chief of the general litigation section of the Justice Department's civil division.

"There was an order against the board to carry out the desegregation plan," he said. "and that they were not living up to it."

NAACP notes gains in 1958

NEW YORK — The NAACP, "had a good year in 1958," Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins said at the association's 49th annual meeting here Monday.

"We had our share of obstacles, but these seemed not to be as formidable as those of 1956, the year in which the segregationists hit their full stride of opposition to the association and to desegregation," he asserted.

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BOTH MEMBERSHIPS and income were up over 1957, the NAACP leader reported. He lauded the work of the various units and departments of the association in achieving these results.

Despite these gains, Mr. Wilkins said, "We cannot afford to become satisfied, or to rest now that victory seems to be close. The final struggle is always the hardest and much of what we have won to date can be lost if we falter."

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AMONG unfinished business for the association, he declared, are:

Completion of the school desegregation process; curbing of the filibuster in the Senate; enactment of additional, and stronger civil rights legislation; expansion of the vote throughout the country;

Defense of the NAACP against legislative and other attacks made on it; protection of NAACP members against intimidation and economic reprisals and strengthening and revitalization of state and local units of the association.

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Services held for Mrs. M. Campbell

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Martha Campbell, 80, 1936 W. Lafayette Ave. Sunday at the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1200 Saratoga St.

Mrs. Campbell who had been ill for more than two months, died at her home Thursday evening.

A former resident of Tarboro, N.C., Mrs. Campbell has been in Baltimore three years. She lived with her daughter, guardian, Annie Williams.

Besides Mrs. Williams, she is survived by four other daughters, Mesdames Emma Bright, Norfolk, Va.; Beatrice Lloyd, Maggie Hines and Mary Bullock all of Tarboro, N.C.

Four sons, James, George, David and Sylester Campbell of Baltimore; and two sisters, Mrs. Lethia McNair and Mrs. Lizzie Knight of Tarboro, N.C.

Mrs. Campbell also had 27 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Aliens must report

Donald T. Williams, district director of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, has advised that all aliens in the United States, except diplomats, accredited members of certain international organizations and persons admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, must report their address to the Attorney General during the month of January.

Cards for this purpose are available at any Post Office or office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

$5 bribe nets 2 men 30-and 90-day terms

"Let's forget about the whole thing."

This accusing testimony by a policeman who said he was offered a $5 bill at the scene of a minor traffic violation, brought jail sentences in Criminal Court Tuesday to a motorist and his companion.

John Wardell Wood, 23, 1200 block N. Fulton Ave., was given a 30-day sentence by Judge Reuben Oppenheimer, and Isdore J. Jackson, 21, 1600 block Madison Ave., received a 90 day sentence.

Patrolman Donald Farley told Judge Oppenheimer he was offered the bribe by the car on November 22, after he had stopped their auto at North Ave. and Bolton St.

NAACP's income exceeds $1 million

NEW YORK — For the first time in its 49-year history, the NAACP's income from all sources exceeded $1,000,000, Roy Wilkins reported Monday.

The executive director recalled that in 1953, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the association's Board of Directors, "spurred us to adopt a freedom campaign with a goal of $1,000,000 a year to wipe out 'discrimination by 1962.'"

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ATTORNEYS for the school board, which has been in office for a little over a month, contended that members are powerless to reopen the schools, closed by orders of Gov. Orval Faubus.

Robert W. Laster, board member and traffic judge, wanted to know: "Can any court order anyone to commit a crime?" referring to the state law which makes it a misdemeanor for a board member to reopen the schools.

Wiley A. Branton of Pine Bluff, retained by the NAACP, pointed out that the Government was aware under which circumstances the schools were closed, but "the school board was not proceeding with the plan for desegregation."

Other arguments for immediate desegregation were presented by Donald B. MacGuineas, chief of the general litigation section of the Justice Department's civil division.

"There was an order against the board to carry out the desegregation plan," he said, "and that they were not living up to it."

Only the general fund monies are available for regular operations of the association, Mr. Guests go into a reserve fund to be voted out only by Board action.

"A percentage of the life membership funds is transferred each year to the general fund, but the rest is held in reserve, subject to vote of the Board for emergencies, or special projects," he said.

"OF OUR general fund total," the NAACP leader continued, "the branch memberships accounted for $347,277 and the branch contributions to the Freedom Fund accounted for $109,946 or a total of $457,224.

"A net total of $98,153 came from members at-large, contributors, and fund raising activities.

"The net income from the sale of holiday seals was $89,645. The branches sent in $89,735 for subscriptions to our official magazine, 'The Crisis.'

"Against this total general fund income of $803,434, we spent or appropriated a total of $829,417, leaving a deficit of $26,183. However, during the year $25,000 was ordered by the Board to be transferred to the general fund from reserves, so that the final deficit amounts to $1,183.

"In 1957, through Dec. 20, our deficit was $52,734."

'58 NAACP roll up by 10 percent

NEW YORK — Despite the impact of the recession and in the face of continuing resistance and hostility in the South, 1958 NAACP membership showed a 10 percent increase over that of 1957, Gloster B. Current, the association's director of branches, made the revelation in a report to the organization's 49th annual NAACP meeting here Monday.

As of Dec. 19, there were 305,318 NAACP members — an increase of 24,491 over Dec. 20, 1957. Unrenewed memberships are expected to increase the final 1958 total to at least 320,000.

"THE DECLINE in the association's membership which took place in 1957 has been arrested," Mr. Current asserted. "This decline was caused by attacks on the southern unit, loss of some states, and oppressive measures."

Heroic efforts by all units overcame these obstacles and surmounted the difficulties arising out of widespread unemployment during the year, he declared.

The NAACP leadership in Arkansas, Mr. Current pointed out, "continued under pressure. . . designed to destroy not only the organization but its leadership as well.

"Courageously, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates of Little Rock carried on their NAACP activities while fighting to save their newspaper.

"The Arkansas State Press," which through loss of advertising and circulation revenue, threatened to cease publication."

AMONG achievements of local and state NAACP units cited by Mr. Current were:

Revival of association activity in Louisiana under the leadership of Mrs. Doretha Cumbre; successful effort of youth councils in breaking down public accommodations discrimination in Oklahoma;

Stimulation of voter registration campaigns in California, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Virginia; a survey of realtor practices in northern California; and continued school desegregation in border and southern states.

Herbert L. Wright, NAACP youth secretary, told the meeting, that "some of the most important and dramatic civil rights gains made during the year were registered by units."

The activities of the Oklahoma City youth council, he said, "won national and international acclaim not only for itself, but for the entire association."

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$100 twins surprise to mother

"We weren't expecting but one new baby. I got my wish as far as a girl is concerned but twin girls were a surprise.

"I think we're pretty lucky to win the AFRO prize and I can say we certainly can use it."

Mrs. Elsie Griffin, 25, 434 E. 22nd St., spoke these words Monday as she sat up in her bed in the maternity ward at City Hospitals.

She referred to the announcement that her twin daughters' births just three days before, and the winning of the AFRO's $100 cash prize offered to the first multiple births of 1959.

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THE TWO infant girls who fell heir to the award were born 20 minutes apart on January 2.

As yet unnamed, Baby A was the first to arrive at 7:37 p.m. and weighed 5-pounds, 13 ounces; Baby B weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces; Baby B arrived at 7:47 p.m., weighed 5 pounds, 11½ ounces.

The announcement of the arrival of the $100 prize winning babies reached the AFRO through a newspaper who telephoned the AFRO CITY Desk a half hour after they arrived.

The tipster receives $5 for his prompt telephone call.

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THE TWINS' father is Joseph Griffin, 27, a parking attendant. The other two Griffin children are Joseph, 8 and Bonnie, 3.

Mrs. Griffin continued to talk about her new babies she smiled broadly and said:

"I didn't know there would be two until I arrived at the hospital Sunday about 2 p.m. and had X-rays taken.

"The doctor told me I would have twins but somehow you never believe it until you see them."

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