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

The Week's Newsmakers

Wants Ga. governor off the hook

W. H. BENSON, Athens, Ga., official of HOPE, Inc., last week proposed a statewide referendum in Georgia "to take the Governor and other state officials off the segregation hook." Mr. Benson said that such a referendum would show that Georgia wants the schools kept open, even on a limited integration basis.

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JUDGE J. SMITH HENLEY heard attorneys for the Dollarway School Board deny in Federal Court at Little Rock last week that they had violated any constitutional rights of three colored pupils whose applications for transfer to the district's white school were rejected under pupil placement laws.

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JUDGE WILSON WARLICK of the Western North Carolina District of Federal Court allowed a motion Thursday bringing the Yancey County School Board into a school integration suit originally filed by the parents of 27 pupils for admission to white Burnsville schools. The board is assigned to segregated schools about 40 miles from their homes, since Yancey's only colored school was condemned in 1948.

DR. JOHN J. THEOBALD, New York City superintendent of schools, revealed plans last week for the transferring of about 450 pupils from Harlem to Yorkville schools in February. Although no mention of desegregation was made, the transfers are understood to be a step in that direction.

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W. P. ARMSTRONG, president of the Memphis City Board of Education, refused last week to consider a demand for quick racial integration of public schools which was made by the local branch of the NAACP. MRS. LAWRENCE COE, the only white school board member who dissented, said: "I differ with them on the interpretation of our constitutional duty."

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MISS SARAH E. SMITH, mother of one of the plaintiffs in the Dollarway integration case, said at a Federal District Court hearing last week that she had been fired from her job as head cook at the Townsend Park School. She said she received notice of her dismissal after she filed application for her daughter's transfer to the white school.

Farm agents reject JC kitchen

MRS. CONNIE DAVIS, home demonstration agent, and SHERMAN SHELTON, farm agent for Orange County, N.C., said last week that they would conduct their demonstration work in private homes until the county can build an agriculture building with facilities for kitchens for both races. A proposal for allowing the use of a kitchen in the county Court House was rejected by the county board. Colored leaders then rejected a proposal for the setting up of a separate kitchen.

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MRS. LUCILLE HIX, who was struck in the face and chest by a white man when she sat in a seat near the front of a Charlotte, N.C., bus, opened up a long string of complaints when she filed charges against him. KELLY ALEXANDER, president of the North Carolina NAACP, pledged an investigation of that incident and others when police and bus line officials indicated they they happen frequently with no arrests made.

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REP. JOHN D. DINGELL (D., Mich.) disclosed reports that northern Republicans have made another "deal" with southern Democrats to block any civil rights legislation in exchange for a "hostile anti-labor bill." An early vote on civil rights would defeat the coalition, he said.

Double hex put on 'Dr. Snake'

JOHN RICHMONDS, 61, known in North Little Rock's voodo circles as DR. SNAKE, was charged with practicing medicine without a license after a complaint said Dr. Snake had visited Pulaski Chief Deputy Prosecutor John T. Jernigan complaining about a hex and the accused had cursed him, only to have him return with the "double hex" complaint.

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MRS. THELMA TAYLOR, 22-year-old boy who was sentenced to 25 years in reform school and to prison for raping a 7-year-old white girl in Nashville, Tenn. had his sentence cut to 10 years last week after the State Attorney General requested a new trial because of his age. The Thurbon case, which attracted nationwide attention, was the first rape case in Tennessee in which a Negro was not sentenced to death.

Admits setting fire to Ill. hotel

CLARENCE PRICE admitted to Peoria, Ill., police last week that he set fire last Nov. 23 to the Arion Hotel, which had just been converted to colored occupancy. Two men died in the fire which Price said he was paid $100 to start.

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ROBERT LEE HARDY, 30, was held by Little Rock police last week pending arraignment for homicide in the death of Miss Robbie Faye Akins, whose nude body was found near the Arkansas River levee early last Sunday, with its throat cut. Police say Hardy told them the girl had vice squad officers that he believed were loaded dice.

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PURCELL V. MANUEL, 20, admitted to Richmond police last week that he killed Oscar M. Savage, a 59-year-old suburban Richmond grocer over a $5 debt owed by the victim. He was charged with murder.

Three win civil rights damages

SAMUEL WIAH, a Liberian student at San Jose State College, WESTER SWEET, a San Jose resident, and his brother JAMES SWEET, a medical technician, were awarded a total of $850 damages against a San Jose motel which refused to admit them because of their race.

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JUDGE FRANCIS CLARKSON of Mecklenburg County was fatally wounded by a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun police said, after he went running for the husband of his girlfriend whom he had threatened to "send to hell." The threatened husband, JAKE DUNLAP, also had a shotgun. "You just beat me to it," said Brown, as he fired shot in the temple and left side. Dunlap was held by Fayetteville, N.C., police on an open charge.

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ELMER J. DAVIS JR., was found guilty of first degree murder by a Charlotte, N.C., jury. The witness screamed, became rigid and began moaning and babbling. So did a half-dozen other witnesses. The judge ordered a recess; a dozen jurors and court attaches regained control of their shaken nerves.

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MRS. JOHNNIE SHAW of Los Angeles last week filed a $5,000 injury suit against Disneyland, alleging that the park maintained a "negligent, dangerous and defective condition."

FACES IN THE NEWS

'Tax money knows no race, color'

ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID D. FURMAN of New Jersey declared "Tax money knows no race, creed or color," in asking the New Jersey Supreme Court to ban racial discrimination in a 600-unit housing development at Levittown, N.J., and a 600-unit project at West Deptford township. Builders of the two projects are attempting to invalidate a state law banning racial discrimination in federally - aided housing.

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SENATOR GEORGE H. METCALF and ASSEMBLYMAN BERTRAM L. BAKER last week introduced a bipartisan housing anti-discrimination bill in the New York State Legislature. The bill would prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of all housing except one - family homes owned by the occupant and two-family homes in which the occupant occupies one unit.

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GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN announced last week that the California National Guard, acting on his instructions, is breaking up its segregated unit, the 119th Military Police Battalion. Headquarters group stationed in Los Angeles. A flat anti-segregation, anti-discrimination directive is also being issued to all unit commanders in the state, the Governor said.

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THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, leader of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, told a Chicago Ministerial Alliance meeting last week that he had "no doubt that integration would work" in Deerfield, Ill., a Chicago suburb where white residents are fighting to block construction of an interracial housing project.

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W. C. CHANDLER, Montgomery, Ala., general YMCA secretary, said last week that the city's new $211,000 branch YMCA will be ready for occupancy by June. Colored residents of the city pledged a $50,000 share of the construction costs and raised $51,686, of which $20,000 was contributed by the Montgomery Improvement Association.

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LITTLE ROCK CITY MANAGER DEAN I. DAULEY last week denied Congressman Charles Diggs' charge that the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates is given inadequate police protection. He said that colored detectives in an unmarked car check the house regularly two to three times most nights, and as many as six times on the night the city's integrated schools opened.

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JAMES A. DAVIS, the rabid segregationist candidate for governor of Louisiana, has announced he doesn't want a single "NAACP vote" in his Jan. 9 runoff election against Mayor deLesseps Morrison of New Orleans, but two leaders, Ellis V. Bull of New Orleans, NAACP board member, and Mrs. Dorethea Cumber, NAACP state president, supported him before and are expected to back him again.

Miss. police kill another one

WILL DAVIS, a 60-year-old Vicksburg, Miss., recluse, was killed in a 45-minute gun battle with city police who surrounded his frame dwelling after he had shot to death Ulmer Griffith, a white earth-moving equipment worker who called at his house. Police were unable to determine the cause of the first slaying.

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POLICE SGT. KERMITT LOS, who beat up Memphis newspaper editor LUTHER P. PALMER JR., after warning him to "act like a nigger should" in West Memphis, was fined $25 and costs on a charge of assault and battery resulting from the beating.

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EUGENE CONNOR, Birmingham, Ala., chief of police, declared, "It's a sure fire way to stir up trouble" after printed circulars urging colored persons to "ride desegregated" on city buses showed up in several parts of the city. Connor promised police aid for enforcement of bus company rules against segregated seating.

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JOHN KASPER, Irish from Ireland serving his second federal term for interfering with the integration of Clinton (Tenn.) High School, speaking of the federal-prison said, "It's very difficult there. It's integrated in everything you know."

Free fuel brings death and illness

CHICAGO (ANP) — Fear gripped a number of families on Chicago's southwest side Sunday when a source of free fuel brought along with its warmth death and tragedy.

The deaths of two children and the illness of more than a score of others were traced to poisonous fumes escaping from discarded battery casings which a number of families had used for fuel.

A large pile of the casings had been dumped on a vacant lot in the 1300 block of Blue Island Ave. and household holders in the area carried them home to use as fuel in space heaters.

BOARD OF Health officials, who examined the dead and ill children, said they were the victims of lead poisoning caused by inhaling vapors from the fumes given off by the burning casings.

Police cars, equipped with loud speakers, circulated throughout the area warning residents against burning the casings. And to further prevent more deaths, door - to-door visits were made by police.

The dead children are Lorraine Edwards, 2, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Edwards, and Johnnie Edwards, 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards. The two families are not related.

UPON RECEIVING the warnings, many mothers rushed their children to nearby hospitals and health stations for examinations.

Among those treated were Barbara, Carol and Brenda Smith; Ulysses Mitchell; Frank and Beatrice Billings; Raymond Anthony, Shelton Johnson and Vernon Madison. The children ranged in age from three to seven years old.

Others examined included nine children of Mrs. Frances Benton, ranging in age from three to 16.

Meanwhile orders were issued by city authorities to pick up and dispose of the remaining battery casings. Police have been unable to discover who dumped the casings.

Jack questioned by jury third time

NEW YORK — Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack went before the grand jury for the third time on Christmas Eve to answer questions on the controversial renovation of his Harlem apartment.

This time Jack and his attorneys, reported records demanded by the jury at a previous session.

Meanwhile, in Harlem, the fourth community leader therefore with a statement supporting the embattled borough president, disclaimed any knowledge of the statement.

Earlier, Livingston L. Wingate, an attorney, and two ministers, the Revs. James H. Robinson and O. D. Dempsey, had complained that their names were used without their approval.

Then James L. Hicks, editor of the Amsterdam News, became the fourth to deny knowledge of the statement supporting Jack.

Hicks said:

"I did not write, read or sign the statement. Nor have I authorized anyone to use my name or that of the Amsterdam News in connection with the Hulan Jack story."

The statement had 20 signers.

The grand jury has been investigating Jack's relations with the Lefrak Organization, a real estate firm which is modernizing the apartment Jack rents at 45 W. 110th St.

Both men said last week that the money had been advanced as "a loan."

It could not be ascertained whether the records sought by the jury dealt with the remodeling of the apartment.

Detroit school policies hit

DETROIT — Dr. Remus G. Robinson, colored member of the Detroit Board of Education, last week charged there was lack of integration in bus transportation of pupils and district zoning of schools.

Dr. Robinson said when colored children were taken by bus into all-white schools, it was always by a single grade rather than by integrating the children into all classes.

"They arrive in buses together, go to the and lunch together and go out by bus together.

"It just leads to section after section of one race being shuttled in and out together."

Robinson also claimed the

Morgan gets grant of $51,000

National honor group at Morgan

UNIQUE YULE GREETING was this one sent out by the public relations department at Morgan State College, Baltimore.

$8,000 For Grant To Morgan Prof

Morgan Student Wins Fellowship

Morgan president tells of the Middle East and Italy

By MARTIN D. JENKINS

(Morgan State College president reports on Middle East and Italy as he completes 73-day government sponsored lecture tour.)

I also made a very interesting side trip to Damascus, Syria, an ancient city of the Arab world, which is much less westernized than Beirut. I saw a number of women still wearing veils, which entirely hid

guests. Among the guests were many people prominent in Lebanese life including the Chief Justice of Lebanon, the Minister of Agriculture, and several college and school presidents.

ed, education in Italy is undergoing considerable change. The compulsory school age is being extended and there is great dissatisfaction with the conservative traditional curriculum in the secondary schools and universities.

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THERE IS an eager interest in American education. My final lecture was in the beautiful Embassy Theater in Rome on the topic, "Current Trends, Problems and Issues in American Education." I was flattered that Professor Luigi Volpicelli

American counterparts. We met on the basis of complete equality and with mutual respect.

The kind of mass education we have in the United States apparently can be achieved only by a major effort, great economic resources. Under developed countries have the problems both of providing education and of supplying the products of highly specialized education.

Russian is the second language of Europe.

There is great interest throughout Europe in the status of the Negro in the United

WHAT THE RETIRED DO

W. D. Johnson, 81, keeps young spirit

"I love people. I was happy in my work, I am happy in my retirement, and I am happy in my marriage."

Looking like the ideal picture of an outstanding executive, a retired English teacher and vocational counselor gave this answer in explanation of how at 81 he appears to be 20 years younger.

Retired since 1950, W. Douglas Johnson of 2316 Montebello Terr. has put in a full and useful life helping members of younger generations to find their niches in the world.

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NOW IN his retirement he is still active and still full of the joy of living, which helps explain why he has remained so youthful.

He is an Elder in Grace Presbyterian Church and a member of the General Assembly.

Mr. Johnson was superintendent of the Sunday School at Grace for 14 years and was also an instructor until three years ago.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Storer College, Harpers Ferry, and for many years he was on the Board of Managers of the YMCA.

He has been a Y member for 59 years.

Mr. Johnson is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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A NATIVE of Knoxville in Maryland's Frederick County, Mr. Johnson was educated in the public schools here.

A graduate of Storer College and Ohio University, he proudly points out that Ohio U is the oldest college in the state.

In 1918 he received his degree from Ohio U and after two semesters as a teacher at West Virginia State College, he came to Baltimore to begin his career here.

It was a few years after this, 1928 to be exact, that he moved to his home on Montebello Terrace, thus becoming one of the oldest residents of the area.

With the exception of seven years when he was principal of Elementary School No. 122, he spent his career in Baltimore at Douglass Senior High School.

For 25 years he was an English teacher and then in 1942 he was named as the city's first male vocational counselor, a position he held until the day he built up his academic gown.

Mr. Johnson had observed the vocational guidance program in Gary, Ind. and this was a factor which figured in his selection as a counselor.

He studied later during summer sessions at Harvard and also at the Catholic University in Washington.

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HIS FIRST wife of 49 years died in 1937. He and his present wife Mrs. Edna G. Johnson, who is principal of the Robert Coleman Elementary School, were married in 1940.

His son, T. Sgt. Roscoe Douglas Johnson, is an Air Force electronics instructor.

He is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill. and travels to bases all over the country to teach airmen.

What is the retired counselor doing now?

"A bit of everything." He is quipped, pointing out reading, cooking and watching TV as his favorite pastimes.

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He has a bookcase of books which he has been re - accumulating for himself with.

"I read quite a bit," he added, magazines as well as books."

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A MAN with a well-etched memory, Mr. Johnson remembers Frederick Douglass living just a half dollar many years ago.

He also remembers the AFRO founder John H. Murphy Sr., who as a young man

Musical card program at School 118

"Musical Christmas Card" was the theme of the delightful program presented by the teachers and pupils of School No. 118.

Against a backdrop of scenery which depicted the Christmas story, the classes under the directorship of music specialist, Mrs. Charlotte Swan, interpreted many Christmas carols through speech, pantomime, song, dance, and the use of rhythm instruments.

Narrators for the program were: Lorraine Ross, Erskine Florence, Michele Redding, Deborah Smith, Edward Owens, Donzella Parker, O'Neill McDaniels, and Patricia Hill.

Teachers who helped sponsor the program were:

Mrs. Jessie Hudgins, Geraldine Shepherd, Marian Dixon, Alice Matthews, Joan Stevenson, Evelyn Van Hook, Delois Latimore, Alice Payne, Naomi Smith and Marian Warner. Mrs. Ida Nicholas is principal of the school.

W. DOUGLASS JOHNSON
His life is full in retirement

They make them, but they don't