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

Time to clear the air

President Eisenhower's suggestion for bi-racial meetings among southern leaders in various cities in an effort to help ease the tension in the fight for rights has merit. The big reason for much of the difficulties is the lack of communication between majority and minority leaders in the South.

Yet when examined closely little good will come out of such meetings if the majority leaders who participate in such discussions are the city, state and judicial officials whose mouthings on the subject of integration have been reflective of narrow-mindedness and unwillingness to yield a single point on a simple constitutional right. Moreover, what good could come out of a discussion with governors, mayors and school superintendents who have defied the highest court in the land and openly violated and evaded the law as repeatedly decreed by the Supreme Court?

Th President, who has repeatedly ducked direct decisions on the executive's responsibility in the civil rights fight, is apparently again shifting responsibility. What Mr. Eisenhower overlooks is the real reason a plea was made to his high office for consideration in the sit-down demonstrations.

That reason is that the "leaders" of the majority which the President suggests the minority meet with have ignored continuously any suggestion of discussion. In addition may of these so-called majority "leaders" have, by their speeches, declarations and public statements, attempted to incite trouble, threatened economic pressures, and forced into almost complete silence whatever liberal element still exists in the South. And few enforcement officials have arrested all, youth and adult, on the slightest provocation.

Offhandedly, such bi-racial meetings would do much good but if persons who participate in these proposed meetings are the ones who have been carrying the ball for the majority so far, there is little hope of anything worthwhile developing in such discussions.

What is really needed is a forthright statement from the Executive Mansion, which would clear the air and give America the moral leadership necessary to maintain its place in the world of nations. Without some action from the summit in this direction, there is little doubt that the sit-down demonstrations for a simple basic right and the shameful shennigans over the civil rights bill on Capitol Hill will damage America's prestige around the world.

It is time for Mr. Eisenhower to clear the air.

'We must protect ourselves'

BESSEMER, Ala. — "Innocent colored citizens and families here in the South must seek ways and means to protect themselves, and property, from harm by lawless groups," so declared a seriously - wounded Bessemer mother, Mrs. Mattie Mae Jones, 45, of 247 East 2nd Ave., Jonesboro Heights, as she lay in bed at Bessemer General Hospita, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Jones was the victim of a vicious physical assault administered by persons described as an iron-pipe-swinging mob of white men.

As a result of the surprise assault in her home, between eight and nine Saturday night, March 12, Mrs. Jones, mother of two young college students, lay in the hospital with a broken left leg, broken arm, broken finger and ultiple head wounds.

MRS. JONES said that she, her son, Robert Lee Jones, 20, a Miles College sophomore student, and her daughter, Miss Luvenia Jones, 19, a Miles College co-ed, had just gone to bed when she got up and answered a knock at the door.

Mrs. Jones said five white men called themselves "policemen," kicked down the front door, entered with iron pipes in their hands and three other white men kicked in the back door and stormed through the house.

She said that when they reached for her son she jumped in between them and they knocked her down. She said she used her feet and hands to ward off further attack by the pipes, while she was lying on the floor.

She said that her son and daughter sustained body bruises inflicted by the swinging pipes when they attempted to protect her. The children were treated for their wounds and dismissed.

When inspected by a Birmingham World reporter, the front porch and the door frames of the Jones' home were found smeared with blood.

QUESTIONED TUESDAY morning, Bessemer Chief of Police George Barron said that "when the assailants are apprehended they will be prosecuted by law to the letter."

He added that an investigation indicated the attackers "have been organized and recruited by the local segregationists "to work for each other on a regular basis when something has to be done."

He further explained that he exchanged courtesies and to try to avoid identifications, local mobsters "would likely carry out attack assignments for other groups in other cities or communities."

Chief Barron said Detectives Lawton Grimes Jr. and A. J. Wood are working day and night intensively in an effort to bring the assailants to justice.

THE VICTIMS' husband and father, William Jones, arrived home about ten minutes following the assaults.

The victims' home is located in a dense colored family community about 100 yards from a white elementary school. There are no street lights in the immediate attack area nor in the entire colored family community.

The street lights start about 100 yards southwest where the white school campus, and the white neighborhood begin.

David H. Hood Jr., of Bessemer, was identified as a counsel for the Jones family.

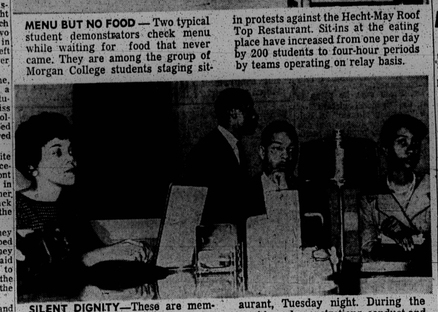
THIS WAS the second reported "mob attack and assault" in the Bessemer city within the past 35 days, however the victim of the first assault said he did not report the incident to police.

Will Spencer, 65, a widower, who resides at 915 North 18th St., Bessemer, told a Birmingham World reporter that four or more unidentified white men stormed into his home, around 6:30 p.m., Feb. 8, "dragged me out of the back room, put me on my ear, put a sack over my head and carried me to about a block from my home."

Mr. Spencer further stated that he was held face down in the car until his abductors were convinced that I was the wrong man they were looking for." Then they released him and left him walk back home, he said, with a warning not to report the incident to the police.

Mr. Spencer said that he did not report the incident to local police authorities.

MENU BUT NO FOOD — Two typical student demonstrators check menu while waiting for food that never came. They are among the group of Morgan College students staging sit-in protests against the Hecht-May Roof Top Restaurant. Sit-ins at the eating place have increased from one per day by 200 students to four-hour periods by teams operating on relay basis.



SILENT DIGNITY—These are members of the Civic Interest Group, The Morgan College student group were staging a sit-in demonstration at the Hecht-May Company's Roof Top Restaurant, Tuesday night. During the weeklong demonstrations, conduct and appearance of student have been beyond reproach.

South in vain try to turn back passive protests

By CHESTER HAMPTON
AFRO Staff Correspondent

RICHMOND

Southern cops arrested almost 500 youthful demonstrators in three towns Tuesday in a vain try to turn back the tide of passive resistance.

In Orangeburg, S.C., police arrested 400 and penned them in a barbed-wire enclosure next to the jail. The arrests came when some 100 staged a sitdown protest against lunch-counter discrimination.

Policemen and firemen, the latter wielding hoses, moved in and demanded that the leaders step forward.

When no one did, they started arresting every colored person in sight. The original demonstrators were mostly students at South Carolina State College.

In Columbia, S.C., ten students were arrested.

IN ATLANTA, GA. city and county police arrested a total of 77 college students who staged sit-ins at various public places in the city.

The arrests were made under the recently-enacted state law which makes it a criminal offense not to leave a public place when told to by the manager or person in charge.

City policemen arrested 59. They were sitting in at the two railway stations (Union and Terminal) and a bus station. County policemen arrested 18 more who were staging sit-ins at the (Fulton) County Courthouse and at the restaurant in the state capitol.

$300 bond put up by such local men as Charles Bell and Q. V. Williamson, business men. The students are enrolled at Morehouse, Spelman, Morris Brown and Clark Colleges. None of the college presidents had any comment on the arrests late Tuesday.

The students are represented by A. T. Waldon and Donald L. Hollowell.

Other students were not arrested when they entered the cafeterias in two federal government buildings and the Peachetree-Baker and Peachtree-Seventh Buildings.

They entered the cafeterias and loaded their trays with food. The cashiers, however, refused to accept payment for the food. The managements then turned out the lights, announced that the cafeterias were closed, and asked everyone to leave.

Only one incident of violence occurred. Radio newsman Paul E. X. Brown was interviewing police officials at a bus station when he was kicked by two white teenagers. City Judge James Webb sentenced both to 30 days "straight time" (no bail) in the City Stockade.

Preliminary hearings for all the students involved were originally slated for Wednesday.

IN RALEIGH, N.C. two colored students were convicted of trespassing in connection with a student demonstration three weeks ago when 43 Shaw and St. Augustine's College students were arrested.

Mrs. Tinsley fined over police order

RICHMOND

"I only asked the officer to tell me why he wanted me to move. For years I had been standing in the same spot and had never been told to move before.

"I was by myself, waiting for the lady who had promised to meet me there. And I called myself standing out of the way so as not to block the street.

"I am not a lawbreaker. I wasn't there a minute. And I just couldn't understand why the officer wanted me to move. I thought I had the right to ask him why."

THIS WAS the explanation given last Wednesday by Mrs. Ruth Tinsley 58, as to why she was arrested for failing to obey a police order to move from the area where Virginia Union students were picketing Thalhimer's Department store on Feb. 23.

Following the Police Court hearing, Judge Harold C. Maurice found Mrs. Tinsley guilty and imposed a $10 fine to which she noted an appeal.

Mrs. Tinsley, wife of Dr. J. Minsley, president of the Richmond NAACP for 29 years, was represented by Martin D. Martin.

HE IS ONE of the attorneys for the 34 college students arrested Feb. 22 for trespassing as they sought dining service at the store.

In Mrs. Tinsley's case, Attorney Martin exhibited a magazine picture, widely published throughout the nation showing Mrs. Tinsley feet off the ground being carried to the lockup by two officers, one of them accompanied by his K-9 Squad dog.

This was the arresting officer, E. L. Nichols who testified that he was following police orders to keep everybody moving in the block where the picketing was in progress.

He said, he asked Mrs. Tinsley who was standing there. "Do you mind moving on?" She asked me why should she move when two other persons were standing nearby, and I told her that I hadn't got to them yet.

"I asked her three times to move on and I did so in a voice loud enough for her to understand even if she had been hard of hearing. But she just stood there, like this.

"AFTER I placed her under arrest, she walked the little ways to the jail of her own. I asked she wasn't going to walk any farther. So we had to carry her.

"When she dropped down, I picked her up by the arms. I was off balance and I wanted to keep her from hitting the ground. But the dog never lent any assistance, because there wasn't any need."

Mrs. Tinsley disputed this version. She declared "I never told the officer that I wouldn't walk.

"I suffer spasms in my back in times of fear or fright, and then I can't stand up on my own. The dog did touch me when we got to the curb, and that's when I lost my footing and slumped.

"BUT THE officer remembers that I tried to get myself together and walked from there on."

Mrs. Tinsley said that she had gone to the store to pay a bill, unaware of the developments which started the picketing that very day.

When she approached the store area someone handed her a leaflet advising "Don't Buy Where You Can't Eat."

So she decided against entering the store, but stood against the wall waiting for a friend who was to meet her there.

SIGN OF THE TIME—It is ignored as sit-ins continue.

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this week as the Civic Interest Group is staging a relentless attack on discrimination.

The group is composed of Morgan students.

FOR ONE hour Tuesday evening, four hours Wednesday, and four - hour relays Thursday, the students held sit-in demonstrations and walked the picket line.

While part of the 200 young students sat silently in the Hecht's Roof Top Restaurant, others walked picket lines at Northwood Theatre.

During the restaurant sit-ins the demonstrators entered, removed their wraps and quietly occupied all available seats and waited for service.

None came.

Management representatives simply stared. Employees (waitresses) disappeared. And for the duration of the demonstrations, a blanket of silence covered the eating house.

MEANWHILE at the movie house students attempted to purchase tickets. And when the ticket booth was closed, they formed a picket line.

And as they marched these signs were displayed:

"Must-Northwood be Southward?" "We Were Together in War, Why Not In Peace?" "Why?" "This is a Free World, Yes?"

Present also are police officers. Two at the theatre and three at the restaurant. The five - man squad included a lieutenant, sergeant and three patrolmen.

With the exception of brief whispering with management officials, they, too, were silent.

The sergeant, standing at the entrance, was observed slowly shuffling his feet while whistling an Irish tune.

TWO MEN, other than identifying themselves as management representatives, refused comment.

Leading the protest group were Ronald Merriweather, Eugene Stewart, Chauncey Williams and John Rishner, all seniors.

When the "no - comment-ing" officials announced closing time, just as quietly as they came, the sit-iners were gone.

According to the leaders, the group has taken the name of "Civic Interest Group" because:

"We want to make it clear that the demonstrating in no way reflect the thinking of the school administration:

"It has voiced no sentiment, pro or con, on the matter.

"However, we intend to continue the demonstrations until the issue is resolved."

LATE THURSDAY a group spokesman stated that during the 12:30 to 2 p.m. sit-in several white customers entered the restaurant. When they found all seats occupied, they left.

The spokesman added that some of the customers stated that the students should be served.

And unlike the earlier demonstrations, Thursday's session saw one police officer speak to one of the youthful leaders. What he said is unknown. Both the spokesman pointed out, their plans for continued demonstrations have not been changed.

THE YOUTHFUL protest group has expressed the feeling that the situation is a matter of principle.

They cited the fact that owners of these establishments realize millions of dollars from the colored community.

Efforts of the group to contact owners of the establishments have been unavailing.

In the meanwhile, with flawless discipline, polite manners, and commendable conduct, the students are sitting-in.

—More sitdown

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the sitdown demonstrations, which began the first week in February, came early in March when 30 Colored patons were served at a down town Winston - Salem, N.C. lunch counter.

The same time, three Salisbury, N.C. drug stores broke the ice in that city by serving Negroes from Livingstone College.

With the desegregation of lunch counters in San Antonio, and Nashville, it became apparent that more and more store officials were finding the more practical to serve the sitdowners then to resist, by closing the counters or ordering mass arrests.

Two Shaw students

RALEIGH, N.C. — Two of 43 college students charged with trespassing, while participating against segregated lunch counters at Cameron Village were fined $10 each in City Court Mar. 14. Notice of appeal was immediately given.

The Shaw University freshmen, George Samuels Jr., 20, and Thomas A. Hairston, 19, said they had sought service at the F. W. Woolworth store's lunch counter when they were arrested Feb. 13.

Similar cases against 41 other students arrested Feb. 12, were continued for two weeks until March 28. Defense attorney Walter Hunter said they would let the same evidence apply for the 41 remaining defendants.

It was agreed by both prosecution and defense that the students had done nothing but walk about the sidewalk outside the Woolworth store. The store was closed at the time and the students said the other companions made their appearance before it.

Savannah sudents

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Colored students staged lunch counter sitdown protests here for the second straight day, taking seats at lunch counters.

Three were arrested during incidents at seven Savannah stores.

In Atlanta, where 77 demonstrators were arrested Tuesday, a judge delivered a scathing lecture to student defendants and ordered 17 of them held for trial on criminal charges under recently-enacted Georgia "anti - sitdown" law.

Fifty - nine others were bound over by city police court earlier under a law which makes it a misdemeanor to refuse to leave an establishment when asked to do so by the management.

Baltimore lawyers at sitdown parley

Baltimore NAACP lawyers Robert B. Watts, Tucker Deaver, Archie Williams and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, will attend the three - day national legal conference on the sitdown crusade.

The conference call was issued this week by Thurgood Marshall, director - counsel of the NAACP Legal Redress Fund.

The conference sessions, starting tonight (Friday), are being held in the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, through March 20.

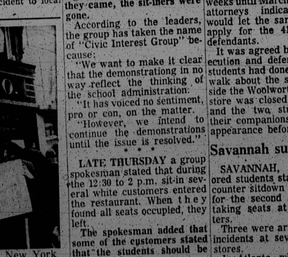
Attorneys and other legal minds from throughout the country will exchange ideas and legal theories on the question of the sitdowns being waged against Southern lunch counters in an effort to break down racial barriers.

Mr. Marshall said that all lawyers who are now involved in this type of litigation, including those from Southern invited to participate.

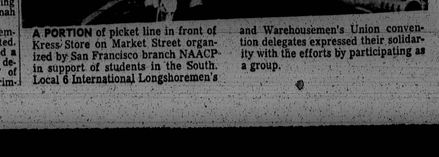
Group pickets Internal Revenue

Picketing of the Internal Revenue offices, 10th and Pennsylvania Ave., was under way this week in sympathy with Miss Eroseanna Robinson, Chicago social worker and track star, who has been sentenced to one year and a day in a Federal prison on charges of criminal contempt for refusing to pay income tax.

In defending herself, Miss Robinson said, "It's true I have not filed income taxes because I know that a large part of the tax would go for militarization. We have a duty to contribute constructively to life, and not destructively."



MEMBERS of Tallahassee CORE joined New York CORE picket line in Harlem recently. Shown on the line are Charles Wilkerson, Priscilla Stephens, Merritt Spaulding and Patricia Stephens. Until recently Miss Stephens and Mr. Wilkerson have been arrested during lunch counter sit-ins.



A PORTION of picket line in front of Kress Store on Market Street organized by San Francisco branch NAACP in support of students in the South. Local 6 International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union convention delegates expressed their solidarity with the efforts by participating as a group.

6 VUU students fined $20 each

RICHMOND

Six additional Virginia Union University students were *fined $20 each in police court, Tuesday morning, on charges* of trespassing near the restaurant facilities at Thalhimer's department store.

They were among 34 students arrested on Feb. 22 when they sought service at food counters reserved for white patrons only. Since then, the students have led daily picketing of the store.

Appeals were immediately taken for the six students convicted on Tuesday. They are: Joseph L. Ellison, Wilbert L. Simms, Ronald Smith, Larry Prigden, George W. Harris Jr. and John J. McCoy.

SET FOR HEARINGS on other charges against scores of others, including Ford R. Johnson Jr., Carolyn Horn, Clarence A. Jones Jr., Elizabeth Johnson, Leroy. M. Bray Jr., Albert Van Graves Jr. and Woodrow Grant.

All told, this will make a total of 20 who faced trial. The appeals will be aired in Hustings Court on April 6. Police Court hearings for the additional 14 arrested will begin on March 30.

In each case, defense attorneys are prevented from finding out who ordered the restaurant facilities at Thalhimer's department store.

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Defense Attorneys are Marvin A. Martin, Oliver W. Hill and Clarence W. Newsome.

They contend that as peaceful customers, the students were invited into the store which was open for public business and that the state machinery cannot be used to enforce private discrimination.

As a result of these businesses, additional employment on a large scale would be at the disposal of the colored citizen, said Mr. Zervitz, one of the most recent Frontier members.

"You and I have to produce our own security, we can't go on depending on the other people forever," added Mr. Zervitz.

"To everyman belongs the right to live and work," he concluded.

Next week, the Frontiers men have invited George B. Brain, superintendent of public schools, as guest speaker.

Two weeks from Tuesday, Jack Pollack, insurance executive and politician is scheduled to speak.

AT THE FRONTIER'S

Max Zervitz talks on civil rights

Max Zervitz, prominent East side internist, spoke at the Frontiers meeting Tuesday on the subject of civil rights.

Before 35 Frontier members, Mr. Zervitz discussed discrimination against the Negroes and Jews in the past and the present.

He pointed out that just as the colored citizens underwent the dark period of slavery so did the Jews in several instances during the Biblical period.

He stated also that the Jew undergoes just as much persecution today as the colored citizen.

CITING WHAT has been done by the Jew toward civil rights, Mr. Zervitz made the following recommendations to the colored community.

1. That an associated charity be set up for the purpose of the construction of a new integrated Hospital under the auspices of the colored community.

And for the enlargement or the building of a new YMCA and the construction of ahome for delinquent colored girls and unwed mothers to be.

2. That an investment corporation be set up for the purpose of lending invested money to those individuals or companies desiring to set up integrated businesses.

TV quiz of Wilkins on telecast Sunday

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, will be questioned on pending civil rights legislation, the racial situation in the South, segregation in the North and racial problems throughout the world on ABC-TV's "Open Hearing," Sunday, March 20, at 3 p.m.

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

Funeral services held for Mrs. Nannie F. Hurley

"If it had not been for Mrs. Hurley and her family, this church would not have been here. We thank God for her life and for her goodness."

The Rev. David Benjamin Banks, pastor of the Greater St. Johns Baptist Church, Turner Station, paid that tribute to one of the community's most esteemed citizens at funeral rites on Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. Banks spoke the words in the obituary before more than 200 persons who were gathered for final rites for Mrs. Fannie Frances Grant Hurley, who died Friday at her home.

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MRS. HURLEY was the wife of Marshall Hurley, longtime resident and steel worker, and active in church and fraternal circles in the community.

She was one of the founders of the Greater St. Johns church and a member of the Missionary Society and church choir.

Mrs. Hurley was also a past Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star and founder of the OES Lily of the Valley No. 10 chapter in Turner Station, and a member of the United Order of Tents.

She died after an extended illness. Although ailing for some time she was active until Christmas when she became seriously ill.

More than 100 floral designs from Mrs. Hurley's wide circle of friends in Turner Station, Baltimore, the state of Maryland and neighboring states banked the bronze casket.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT was made of the more than 100 cards of sympathy, 45 telegrams and resolutions from outstanding members of Turner Station and other communities.

Among ministers who participated in the services were the Revs. Dockery Thompson, James Cornish, Carlton C. Cook, Shelton Flemmings and S. R. Bennett.

Music was by the church choirs with solos by Mrs. Mae Grant and Mrs. Rosetta Hill.

The Lodge of Sorrow was held Monday night at a Turner Station Funeral Home by the Zerubbabel Grand Lodge of Masons of which Mr. Hurley is a member; the Lily of the Valley OES Chapter and the United Order of Tents.

Burial was in the St. James Baptist Church Cemetery in Warrenton, Va., where brief services were held Tuesday evening.

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MRS. HURLEY was born in Warrenton in the early 1900's, daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Grant.

She came to Maryland as a young woman and moved to the Turner Station community after her marriage to Mr. Hurley.

The Hurleys reared their family of six children in the community and, after aiding in the founding of the Greater St. Johns Church, Mr. Hurley became chairman of the trustee board, a position he still holds.

Mrs. Hurley was also active in civic affairs.

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SHE IS survived by her husband, four daughters, Miss Mary Hurley, Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Mrs. Alois Holliday and Mrs. Geneva Graham; two sons, Marshall R. Hurley Jr. and Lawrence D. Hurley all of Baltimore.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Roberta Taylor, Warrenton; Mrs. Elizabeth Sayles, Baltimore and five brothers, Jack, James and Elijah Grant, Warrenton; Charles and George Grant, Baltimore, and 10 grandchildren and three great - grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers included the Revs. Everett, Benett, Thompson and Flemmings. Active pallbearers were S. Brown, J. Price, J. Holloway, M. Bonds, J. Handcock and R. Abbott.

HUSBAND MOURNS TURNER STATION LEADER—Entering the Greater St. John Baptist Church is Marshall Hurley, husband of Mrs. Nannie Frances Grant Hurley whose funeral services were held Tuesday in the church she helped establish. At his side are her sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Sayles and Mrs. Robert Taylor.

Mrs. S. Tindall dies, was Payne member 14 years

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Payne AME Church for Mrs. Sophia Tindall, 64, 2202 Piedmont Ave., who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Viola Tyler, 710 W. Mosher St. on Fyiday.

Mrs. Tindall was a member of the Payne Church 14 years and a stewardess 11 years. She was also a class leader and an ardent worker in all areas of the church.

She was confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital for three weeks and was then confined to bed at her daughter's home since Wednesday. Death Friday was attributed to a heart condition.

Mrs. Tindall was born in Owings Mill, Md., March 4, 1896, the daughter of the late Henry and Emma Figgs.

Her husband is Walter Tindall. She made her home with another daughter, Mrs. Virginia Costley, and was at one time a member of the Household of Ruth, Pikesville.

SURVIVING ARE her husband, two daughters, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and four brothers, Clayton Figgs, Easterlorn, Md.; Isaac Figgs, Baltimore and Lorman Figgs, Philadelphia.

Also surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Lottie Benjamin, Philadelphia; Mrs. Emma Wilson, Miss Amanda Figgs, Miss Gladys Figgs and Mrs. Clara Holliday, all of Baltimore.

MRS. TILGHMAN DIES HERE

Funeral services are being held today (Friday) at 12 noon at Douglas Memorial Church for Mrs. Estelle Dixon Tilghman, 2018 Druid Hill Ave., who died Monday at her home.

Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mrs. Tilghman was a well-known nurse and served at Provident Hospital for 29 years until her retirement in September, 1958.

She was among the first graduates from the old Provident Hospital nursing school and served there when the hospital was located on St. Mary's St. for a number of years.

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WHEN THE HOSPITAL moved to the old Biddle St. location, Mrs. Tilghman was also employed there and moved with the institution to the present address on Division St.

After retirement she continued in her nursing career as a private nurse and when she died had been in the field for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Tilghman was born in Baltimore on March 6, according to Mrs. Leona Tyler, her close friend and companion at the Druid Hill Ave. address. Mrs. Tilghman was more than 50 years old.

She was the daughter of the late Mrs. Kate Dixon Palmer, the Janes Dixon Dixon of Annapolis and Mrs. Estelle Dixon Tilghman.

Her husband, Isaac Tilghman longtime waiter at the Stafford Hotel, died in 1927. There were no children.

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MRS. TILGHMAN was one of the founders and a charter member of the Douglas Memorial Church 35 years ago in 1925. She was a member of the church Altar Guild, the Christian Service Organization and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Nazarites Lodge.

Bed-ridden for three months, Mrs. Tilghman was taken ill in December.

Mrs. Tilghman is survived by her nephews James and Vernon Dixon and their mother, Mrs. Blanche Dixon, a sister-in-law. Also surviving are Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Winfield Thomas, life long friends.

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2 pastors, 9 students are fined

By RUTH JENKINS

PETERSBURG, Va. — The accompaniment of hymns and singing patriotic songs, 11 victims of city library segregation were convicted for trespassing on the property, Monday morning.

The spiritual songfest, staged on the Municipal Court steps had some of the participants, including hundreds of Virginia State College students.

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THEY WERE showing moral support of their five colleagues, the three Peabody High School pupils, two ministers and a woman who made up the group arrested at the library on March 7 as they sat in the section of the building, with Judge H. B. Gilliam presiding, the heaviest sentences were imposed on the two ministers who led the delegation.

Fines of $100 and 30-day jail terms were imposed on the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, pastor of Gillfield Baptist Church; and the Rev. R. G. Williams, pastor of Zion Baptist Church.

One Virginia State student, Robert W. Williams, the first to face the judge, was fined $50, and given a 10-day term.

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THE OTHER college student, Miss Virginius B. Thornton, who was absent because of illness, were each fined $50.

The other college students are Sandra Walker, Lillian Pride, and Foster Miles.

Also drawing the $50 fines were Mrs. Cassie L. Walker, the beautician; and Horace Brooks, Edwin Jordan, and Leonard Walker, the high school youngsters.

None of the group testified and all were released on bond pending appeals to take.

They were rousingly cheered as they emerged from the courthouse by the hymn-singing group which had braved the chilling weather from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. when the individual hearings were completed.

EASILY HEARD in the courtroom, they had included such inspirational selections as The National Anthem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Amazing Grace" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Special squads of police were on duty but the demonstration was completely orderly.

Testimony as to the circumstances of the arrests was given by City Manager Roy T. Ash, Police Chief W. E. Traylor, Captain G. H. Slade, and Detective Sgt. A. V. Bowen.

They admitted that the group using the library facilities were being quiet and properly behaved at the time.

Pressed by defense attorney Clarence W. Newsome of Richmond, the officers also admitted that the reason the group was arrested was because of race.

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OTHER DEFENSE attorneys included Lep Holt of Norfolk, representing the Congress of Racial Equality; S. V. Tucker of Emporia; and Raymond Valentine of Petersburg.

They argued that the new trespass law which was enacted as segregation protestants sought to have the jim-crowing of library operation was a violation of constitutional rights.

Following the hearing, hundreds of the symphonyites joined a motorcade to Richmond where the attorneys filed papers seeking a District Court injunction against the library segregation.

Afterwards, many of the symphonyiters joined the pickets at Thalhimers Department Store where 34 Virginia Union University students were arrested Feb. 22 as they sought to use the dining facilities.

STATING THEIR position of moral support, the Richmond branch of the National Association of College Women had sent a letter of commendation to the Rev. Mr. Williams, one of the two ministers arrested in the library case.

The letter, signed by Mrs. W. White, secretary of the organization, said in part:

"The bias in this instance is not important, for it denies to us our equal rights under the laws which were laid down by our forefathers.

"It is incompatible with the U.S. Constitution which guarantees the rights of all citizens.

"This type of segregation is our ultimate responsibility as educators, parents and good citizen, to seek to ensure free access to books and ideas on all sides of all subjects; otherwise, we are poorly prepared

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"THE STAND you have taken bears testimony to the truth of our racial plight.

"You are to be commended as a symbol of light shining forth which will eventually irradiate and correct this unfortunate human relationship,

Soloman (Boots) Rainey dies suddenly Thursday

Funeral services are being held Monday at the Holland Funeral Home for Soloman Frank (Boots) Rainey, 42, 2023 Etting St., who died suddenly Thursday morning at Provident Hospital.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Rainey was taken suddenly ill Wednesday night shortly after midnight and died a few hours later.

Mr. Rainey was the brother of Mrs. Leo (Geneva) Rainey Woods and resided at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Cora Hayden.

A WELL-KNOWN Baltimore citizen, Mr. Rainey was born May 3, 1918 in Sparrows Point, Md., the son of the late Carrie and Soloman Frank Soloman Frank Rainey Sr.

Extremely popular in his youth, Mr. Rainey was educated at Elementary School 112, Booker T. Washington Junior High No. 130 and was graduated from Douglass High School.

He attended Providence Baptist Church and the Rev. Marc G. Woods, pastor there, will preside at the services.

In addition to Mrs. Woods, his sister, he is survived by two sons, Lester and Donald Rainey and two uncles, John L. Carter and Blackwell Carter.

Baltimore County News and Views

By DORIS BAKER BROWN

On a palm bedecked rostrum gracious Mrs. Pinnie Ross, president of the Grace AME Women's Day, presiding over the 11 a.m. service, at the Catonsville church.

Following the doxology, scripture sentences were read by Mrs. Mabel Coleman. Mrs. Ada Webb offered a very moving prayer. The responsive reading was by Mrs. Jeanette Williams.

The decalogue was given by Mrs. Evelyn King. Notices were read by Mrs. Jeanette Smith. The missionary offering was taken by the Rev. Mrs. Flora Terrell. Guest soloists were Mrs Lillian Cole and Mrs. Anita Mae Hunter of the Ideal Home For The Blind.

Mrs. Gladys Johnson read the scripture lesson. The meditation hymn was read by Mrs. Harriet Dunlap. Miss Florence Brown, assistant Sunday School secretary, introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Mrs. Ruth Scott, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mrs. Ida Torsell was organist and

The evening service was presided over by Mrs. Alice King. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clara Hall, scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Juanita Spencer. A warm welcome was extended to members and friends by Mrs. Joanne Smith.

Mrs. Amy Warden, a very dynamic speaker, and officer of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church responded to Mrs. Smith's words of welcome. Guest soloists were Mrs. Anna McCormick, Mrs. Lottie Smith of Beluel AME Church, Baltimore and Mrs. Audrey Smith, The Full Gospel Tabernacle Choir sang.

Highlight of the program was the panel discussion on the women's day theme, "Christian Women In The World Of Tomorrow" moderated by Mrs. Mildred Barkley, teacher at School No. 139.

The panel consisted of a nurse, Mrs. Elsie Williams, a member of the staff at Bannerker School; Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Carver Vocational School nurse; Mrs. W. Duvall; and Mrs. Mattie Harris, businesswoman.

Teacher contributions to the world of tomorrow, and the importance of sound minds and sound bodies were discussed by Mrs. Vesta Page, Mrs. Jeanette Young, Mrs. Cleaver Pogg and your columnist.

Mrs. Page is a Catonsville resident, vice principal of Baltimore City School No. 147 and a member of Morning Star Baptist Church; Mrs. Young is a teacher at School No. 139 and Mrs. Pogg now teaches at Soldiers Point High School.

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SUMMARIZING THE entire discussion and formulating the concluding statements, was panel coordinator, Mrs. Edith Clements, a former Bannerker Senior High teacher who now teaches at Catonsville Junior High.

At the panel's conclusion, reports were made by the following Women's Day Leaders: Mesdames Mabel Coleman, Mildred Hebron, Lillian Houston, Roberta Nickins, Marjoria Parker, Gloria Terrell, Rosie Fields, Naomi Hopewell, Evelyn King, Anna McCormick, Jeanette Williams and Pinnie Ross.

Despite inclement weather which caused the cancellation of suppers and other money raising projects, the ladies raised $891, Captain raising the highest amount was Mrs. Pinnie Ross with $108.71.

Closing remarks and the benediction were given by the pastor of the church, the Rev. C. C. Brown.

Officers for the Women's Day were Mrs. Ross, president; Mrs. Naomi Hopewell, vice president; Mrs. Fannie Hayes, secretary and Mrs. Martha Pollock, treasurer.

Chairman and members of the finance committee respectively were Mesdames Clara King, Ruth Hunter, Joanna Smith, Mildred Hebron and Cottman.

Mrs. Mildred Barkley was chairman of the program committee, assisted by Mrs. Jeanette Williams, Frances Cole and Pinnie Ross.

The fine musical selections were a result of the efforts of Mrs. Pauline Brown, chairman Mrs. Ida Torsell and Mrs. Carol Hayes.

Decoration committee chairman was Mrs. Marjorie Parker, assisted by Mrs. Carwella Parker, Sondra Gray and Miss Bertie Smith.

Mrs. Clara King was chairman of the Second Early Usher and Mrs. Audrey Coe was chairman of the Young Women Usher.

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THE EYE CATCHING chapeaus and ensembles of the ladies made everyone know that the first breath of spring time was in the air.

Looking very lovely in a beautiful and most becoming brocade ensemble, gold leaves and pale blue flowers on a white background was Mrs. Nettie Page. Her well chosen accessories included a stunning blue straw hat accented with chiffon ribbons the identical color of the chiffon scarf and jewelry which complimented her dress.

Charming in a two piece tan silk shantung dress with panelist Mrs. Duvall. Lending color to her outfitwas her an apricot colored hat with centered rhinestone for eye catching interest.

Another breathtaking chapeau was that worn by Mrs. Clara King, prominent Catonsville business woman and church worker. Mrs. King's hat was the palest of pale greens, and literally a flower garden of beautiful green and pink snapdragons and little buds.

The creations worn by Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Pinnie Ross proved once again that navy blue is still an all time favorite among women.

Mrs. Williams' hat was of beautiful blue roses and rose buds accented with velvet leaves and rose petals. Her chapeau perfectly matched her blue rose print sheath with satin bow for front interest.

Mrs. Ross's navy blue straw hat's brim was covered with blue feathers and a cute little blue bird tipped the crown and covered the front brim.

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THE EIGHTH annual Music Festival at Bannerker School featured the Bannekerr Orchestra and Chorus and the Solomon Point Orchestra, and Band.

Surprise performer of the evening was little Mary Driver, daughter of Bannekerr principal, Davis S. Driver, who played two perfect cello selections.

The orchestras were under the direction of Weldon J. Irvine. Miss Elvira Allen directed the choral numbers. The festival was sponsored by the Bannekerr School Parent Teacher Association as a fund-raising project.

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THE 4TH Quarterly Conference of the North Baltimore District was held at John Wesley Methodist Church, Magnolia Md.

The Rev. Jessie Brown, dynamic evangelist from Baltimore, conducted the 3:30 p.m. service at John Wesley Methodist Church.

Lenten services were held, Thursday at Shining Star Baptist Church.

Pfc. Jerome Grinnage is now stationed in Germany. He would like