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

—Black cat

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ment, second floor.

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MR. HOMES told police he was attracted to Mrs. Epps' apartment, padlocked from the outside by loud and continuous meowing of the black cat.

He said he removed the screws from the lock hinges and entered the room.

He notified Officer Lingner after finding the dead woman.

When homicide officers, Lt. James Kemple and Sgt. Anton Glove arrived they questioned Homes further.

Lt. Kemple arrested Homes on the scene.

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AFTER FURTHER questioning, formal charges were placed against him.

Arraigned before Chief Magistrate Joseph Kolodny at 3 p.m. Thursday, Homes was held without bail, pending a hearing, date to be set by the District Attorney's office.

He is charged with assault, by placing a gag in the mouth of one Viola Epps, 50, thereby causing her death by asphyxiation, on or about Dec. 21, and

Criminal assault by forcibly abusing the victim, on or about the same date.

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HOMES, a husky, brown, skinned man, wore a brown leather jacket, yellow sweat shirt and brown trousers at the hearing. He needed a haircut.

He did not testify.

Tenants in the house reported they last saw the victim "About five days" before Christmas.

Wade H. Brown, who lives on the first floor, said he saw Mrs. Epps cutting wood in the back yard a few days before the holiday.

He said she shared the room with Lewis Ford before he was confined to City Hospital, more than five months ago.

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WHEN THE throng of policemen, reporters and photographers reached the scene, they witnessed a sight that was as eerie as any to be found in a mystery novel.

The black cat, eyes glittering, frantically meowing, gallloped up and down the creaky steps, trying to avoid pursuing cameramen.

After making good its escape, the cat would again try to enter the death room, only to start the chase all over.

The door, padlock and hinges hanging crazily, stood ajar.

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INSIDE THE room, cluttered with baskets of wood, bottles of frozen water, old trunks and boxes, the grey-haired victim lay sprawled across the bed.

The dingy room had no lights. It once had been heated by a tiny egg stove.

Atop the ancient trunk, piled high with old clothes and boxes, lay the paperback mystery novel.

Pleading, "Let Me Kill You, Sweetheart," the subtitle asked: "She Had Three Lovers, Which One Killed Her?"

The corpse wore a glove on her right hand, was shoeless, but had on stockings.

THE GRIMY bathroom appeared not to have been used for ages.

A sign tacked to the side of the structure, warned against trespassing.

Another sign declared, "Anyone Caught Destroying Property Will be Reported to Police."

Sgt. Glover said investigators were still seeking the location of the victim's relatives at AFRO presstime.

How Nettie Jackson saved Rev. King's life

Death came quietly this week to Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson, grand daughter ruler of the Daughter Elks, and in every sense, a grand lady.

Many were the lives she touched throughout a lifetime of service, but one man in particular will never forget Mrs. Jackson because she helped save his life.

That man is the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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TWO YEARS AGO, he finished his book, "Stride Toward Freedom." In an effort to help push sales, the Rev. Mr. King went to Harlem for an afternoon of autographing at a local department store. The day was Saturday, September 20, 1958.

Suddenly, a heavy - set woman rushed up to Rev. King, muttered a few indistinguishable words, and before anybody could stop her, plunged a letter opener into the chest of Rev. King.

She tried to pull the letter opener out, apparently in an effort to stab him again. A hand shot out, however, and deflected her arm upward. Unable to wrench the opener free, the woman fled and was captured before she could leave the store.

The hand that shot out instinctively belonged to Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson. Doctors at Harlem hospital were in agreement, that had the letter opener been extracted at that time, Rev. King would have surely died.

YET, IT WAS in the gentle, and honest nature of Nettie Carter Jackson to deny that she had saved Martin Luther King's life, or had even played a major role in the effort.

"I'm just happy he is alive," she told reporters who questioned her at the time.

More than 20,000,000 colored people gave prayerful thanks that week - end in churches that one of the nation's greatest leaders had been spared.

Divine guidance works in uncomprehending ways sometimes. Perhaps, there was a reason why Nettie Carter Jackson was there to act as swiftly as she did. While few of the hundreds of thousands of daughter Elks will never forget their dynamic leader, millions will be indebted to her for helping to preserve the life of one of the nation's most needed men.

MRS. NETTIE C. JACKSON

—$50,000 needed

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at organizations which are interested in legislation which is blocked in the Congress by various maneuvers used by Congressional minorities to bottle up bills to which they are opposed even though favored by a majority.

Another luncheon speaker was Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D., Pa.

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IN CALLING RULE 22 (the filibuster rule) "a threat to progress and action in a score of fields and not just civil rights," Sen. Keating refuted the contention of the opposition.

In the session of Congress after the two party conventions, the Senator said, the argument was made that consideration of civil rights legislation would doom important welfare measures.

The result, he said, was that there was no civil rights legislation and none of the welfare measures was passed.

"Let us not forfeit another golden opportunity to move forward in this field as a result of arguments as to tactics and expediency," he asserted.

He said he will introduce a comprehensive civil rights bills in the early days of this week's session.

His bill will include provisions to give the Attorney General authority to bring civil suits in school desegregation cases, to authorize technical and financial assistance to help schools desegregate and to give statutory authority to the President's Government Contracts Committee.

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IN HIS ADDRESS, Senator Clark outlined three proposals to speed up Congressional action:

1. A committee "bill of rights" so majority members of committees can convene meetings, determine the business to be considered and cut off discussion after "appropriate debate."

2. Change Rule 22 to permit a majority of Senators (51) to limit debate.

3. Appoint a majority of Senate conferees on a bill from those who support the measure.

Sen. Clark said President - elect Kennedy wants the rules changed to permit a majority of the Senate to function although he believes the decision belongs to the Senate.

He said the new President "fears that his legislative program will not receive the prompt and fair consideration to which it is entitled unless the Senate rules, including Rule 22, are changed to provide for majority rule."

ROY WILKINS, NAACP executive secretary who presided at the meeting, said every civil rights supporters has a right to expect the incoming administration, in the light of platform declarations, to take action on civil rights.

He pointed out there is no chance to change Senate rules unless the question is raised on Jan. 3 and the filibuster rule is modified.

At the morning session of the meeting, Rep. James Roosevelt, D. Calif., said consideration was being given to a number of ways of meeting the problem of the House Rules Committee.

This committee determines whether to send a bill to the House floor for debate and vote.

He said there would be an "understanding" that the executive branch of government would move forward with existing laws in certain fields and would use executive leadership to correct problems.

Clarence Mitchell, head of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, laughed at this point. This prompted Rep. Roosevelt to specify that the "problems" were civil rights.

Organizations participating in the conference were: the AFL-CIO, the national Education Association, the National Housing Conference, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Consumers League, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Americans for Democratic Action.

—Omit race

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tion will be used solely for medical purposes," he added.

On the local scene, Mr. Norton said that the system of designating race and color on birth certificate has been in effect since Maryland began requiring the department to keep certificates in 1875.

The designations are being removed now after 87 years because:

"The point has been made that the facts on the records have worked as a detriment to persons involved in finding equal employment and other opportunities.

"The Department does not want to be a deterrent to citizens seeking equal employment and housing. We're only too pleased to do what we can to aid the situation."

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ALTHOUGH THE designations will be removed from the birth certificates, they will remain on death certificates.

Mr Norton explained:

"We still must maintain death records for medical purposes, but we do not have a confidential file for deaths."

He added that the only way to maintain such records is through their present policy of putting race and color on the certificate.

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BALTIMORE PHYSICIANS who offered comments on the situation were:

Dr. Ralph Young, 3232 Carlisle Ave.

I still don't believe that removing the designations helps the situation at all.

"I'm in favor of casting the old system away to prevent discrimination in employment, but statistic wise, I don't see where racial designation hurts one bit.

"If it weren't for designations, when we get to tabulating death rates and birth rates, we'd never know whether we're going up or down.

"I think it's going too far when we're afraid of being classified as colored citizens."

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DR. FRED ADAMS, 2505 Overland Ave.:

"The removal of designations is a sign that Baltimore is growing . . . becoming of age.

"Using designations for tabulating purposes is a much overrated thing.

"At one time, the colored death rate was much higher than the whites, but I think that's due to the economic situation more so than anything else.

"I'd like to see disignations erased because they serve no useful purpose."

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DR. GEORGE McDonald, 3311 Powhattan Ave.

"Whenever I fill out a record of birth or any form that calls for race, I always omit it.

"I think they should have done away with racial designations a long time ago.

"As far as mortality and birth statistics are concerned, there is no designation as far as other races and nationalities. Why should there be one with us?"

Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., president of the Monumental City Medical Society:

"I think that if the designations are going to lead to discrimination in jobs and housing, then they should be removed.

"I don't think, however, that we should lose our identity, this is why a confidential file is necessary."

When queried as to the possible action of the State Board, Dr. Perry F. Prather, chairman, referred the AFRO to Dr. Arthur Kraus, chief of the division of Statistical Research and Records.

Dr. Kraus would not say whether the State Board would or would not approve the action proposed by the city, but did say:

"We wouldn't lose anything statistically by removing the designations to the confidential file.

"We appreciate the importance of the issue and we plan to confer with the city health department to try to work out a policy that would be in the best interest of the population of the entire state."

—Elks head

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months.

At the 1952 convention of Elks in Atlantic City, she was unanimously elected grand daughter ruler.

During her term of office she added 115 new chapters to the Grand Temple and is credited with covering more miles of travel for the organization than any other official.

She was on a good will tour for Elks in Europe when she became ill. She had also set up chapters of the Temple in the West Indies, Canada, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

MRS. JACKSON was also active in Bethel Community Church at Thompkinsville, Staten Island; the NAACP, the Silver Queen Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, St., Mary Court;

Order of Cyrenes, Daughter of Isis, the 369th Infantry Auxiliary of NYC, the League of Women's Voters, the National Council of Negro Women;

And the Booker T. Washington Service Men's Center, and the Marine Hospital Council.

Survivors are her husband, Charles W. Jackson, Elks grand traveling deputy; a son, James W. Carter; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Lowe, who served as her secretary and office manager; and two brothers, Cornelius and William Holland.

MRS. JACKSON was the daughter of the late Alonzo B. and Georgiana Holland, and was born in Stapleton, Staten Island.

She was christened Henrietta Rachel, but has never been known as other than "Nettie," a nickname given her by her grandparents.

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—Site vacant

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'We will build on it when our population studies determine the school is needed.

"This will be sometime after 1961.

"The site has not been abandoned by us."

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IRATE RESIDENTS of the area are complaining that:

1. The square block site is an eyesore in a neighborhood where homes are in the $15,000 class;

2. The School Board unnecessarily forced residents to sell their homes quickly in acquiring this property which was not immediately needed;

3. The city has suffered a tremendous tax loss as a result.

THE SCHOOL site in question is bounded by Carlisle Ave. on the north; Hilton St. to the west; Bateman Ave., south, and Demison St. to the west.

It was approved by the City Planning Commission as a school site in March, 1957.

The site then contained 15 homes. There were eight on Carlisle Ave. and five on Bateman in the $15,000 class.

In June, 1957, while the School Board was in the process of acquiring the properties, residents of the area voiced stenuous protests at an open hearing on the matter.

Earl Koger, then president of the New Ashburton Improvement Association, told school officials at that time that to tear down those homes would:

"Place unnecessary hardship upon the people of this community, demonstrate a lack of vision and planning by our city leaders;

"And forge another link in a chain which holds back a people, binding them to the slums and despair."

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IN A LETTER to Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent of schools, on Dec. 20, this year, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president, NAACP, advised that residents of the area have complained to that organization that they should have an explanation of when the site will be developed.

An answer had not been received at AFRO press time.

Mr. Lehr said plans call for an elementary school on the site, kindergarten through the sixth grade.

The proposed school, he stated, would eventually relieve the Gwynns Falls Elementary School, Gwynns Falls Pkwy. and Dukeland St.

And the Windsor Hills Elementary School, Alto Rd. and Mt. Holly St., both in the nearby area.

Dr. Brain, added this further comment on Thursday:

"Additional population studies have not given this school site priority over those in some other areas where there is over-crowding.

"The school is somewhere in the '61 to '65 planning."

—John Berry

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Church; Mr. Berry is an elder and active in all the organizations.

He served as the first president of the Frontiers Club and is still an active member.

He is a member of the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, the Criminal Justice Commission of Baltimore and a newly appointed member of the advisory committee of the Mt. Royal-Fremont Area of the Baltimore Urban Renewal program.

He and Mrs. Ida Berry, his wife, have been married 34 years.

—Park Cops

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cycle officers were reassigned to Traffic.

This in view of the fact that the Department is currently below strength.

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THE QUESTION of possible discrimination in the ranks of the City Police Department was the subject of a number of recent articles in the AFRO.

The articles reported that there are approximately 150 colored officers in the Department.

They are restricted to four of 33 divisions within the Police Department.

Most of the colored officers are in the districts as foot patrolmen.

Colored officers are assigned to the Detective Division, Rackets Division and the Narcotics Squad.

None have ever been assigned to radio cars.

There are colored officers in post cars in the Western and Southern Districts.

There are none in the Department above the rank of sergeant.

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THE ASSIGNMENT of Patrolmen James and Richardson and 109 other officers, was announced in a general Police Department order dated, Dec. 21.

In some quarters, the odds against the two men being made the first colored motorcycle patrolmen in Baltimore were 10 to 1.

As a result of the merger, which was approved by voters in the last general election, a total of 91 former Park patrolman were assigned to the districts.

In addition, 10 sergeant and five lieutenants were reassigned.

Captain George G. Gaeng, former commanding officer of Park Police was assigned to headquarters.

Four of the 91 patrolmen were assigned to the K-9 Corps; two were assigned to the Communications Bureau, and two others to the Frederick St. garage.

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THIS IS the breakdown on the assignments:

The Central District gets one sergeant and five patrolmen.

Southeastern: A lieutenant, a sergeant and four patrolmen.

Eastern: One sergeant and eight patrolmen.

Northeastern: A lieutenant, two sergeants and 16 patrolmen.

Northern: One lieutenant, a sergeant and 17 patrolmen.

Northwestern: A sergeant and 10 patrolmen.

Western: One sergeant and nine patrolmen.

Southwestern: A lieutenant, a sergeant and eight patrolmen.

Southern: A lieutenant, a sergeant and 10 patrolmen.

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THE PARK POLICE force was organized 60 years ago when the city Police Department declined to patrol the parks.

A city law was later passed which gave the Park Board the power to set up its own law— enforcement agency.

The merger was proposed in 1949.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT also announced on Tuesday, the promotion of Detective Patrolman Paul C. Kriewald to sergeant.

Sergeant-Kriewald is a veteran of 10 years' service in the Department.

He ranked No. 1 on the 1960 promotion list which expired at mid-night Tuesday.

James was assigned to an MP unit while in service.

Over the years, both men expressed a desire to remain in Traffic.

One officer said he would be content to cover a traffic beat on foot of necessary.

It has been estimated that the city's traffic Division is from 30 to 50 men under strength.

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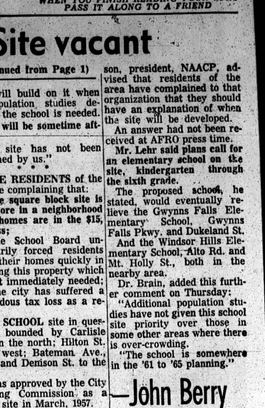

A GIFT is presented to Cortez Peters, founder of the business schools which bear his name, by William H. Nelson Jr., left, faculty member of the Baltimore school, during 25th anniversary observance here. Mrs. Cortez Peters looks on.

Cortez celebrates 25th anniversary

"We have come a long way. "From a shoestring and a prayer to a thriving educational institution, serving Baltimore for a quarter of a century.

"Within the next quarter century, we expect to become the 'Cortez W. Peters Business University.'"

That, in a nutshell, is the story of Cortez W. Peters Business School, past, present and future.

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CORTEZ W. PETERS, founder and president, told the story at the school's 25th anniversary celebration, Dec. 21.

It highlighted the banquet and dance at the Madison Avenue YWCA, where he, the faculty, students and graduates, reviewed the 25 - year history.

It was pointed out that since its opening, Dec. 18, 1935, "with only the two - member faculty present," Cortez graduates are now employed with top business firms throughout the country.

In addition to the Baltimore school, there are others in Washington and Chicago, equally successful.

The two faculty members, "who were brave enough to open a school eight days before Christmas," were also present at the banquet.

They were Miss Evelyn D. Wilkey, present registrar, and Walter T. Dixon, now dean and City Councilman from the Fourth District, who presided at the banquet.

NOW NUMBERING 13, others on the faculty include:

Mesdames Hortense Cain, Ann R. Gaddis, Doris Jeffers, Marie Lewis, Erecellia Mims; Miss Marjorie Austin;

Also E. Jerome Todd, William West, William Nelson and Arthur Spencer.

Mr. Peters said that although he founded the Baltimore school, Miss Wilkey and Mr. Dixon have been chiefly responsible for its success.

Edward N. Wilson, registrar, Morgan State College, was scheduled to address the group. Unfavorable weather forced his absence.

In his stead, Miss Wilkey remarked briefly on the struggles and accomplishments of Cortez.

ALSO, FORMER students brought greetings on behalf of their respective classes.

These included:

Mrs. Emma H. Brown, Class of '39; Miss Josephine Wallace, '40; Mrs. Jessie W. Nicholson, '42; Mrs. Odessa T. Howard, '44;

Mrs. Alberta W. McNill '45; Mrs. Thelma B. Jiggetts, '47; Mrs. Florence J. Westfield, '48; Mrs. Ann S. Gaddis, '51; and Mrs. Shirley T. Page, '56.

William L. Fitzgerald, attorney, and Baltimore's first colored City Councilman, was introduced to the 65 guests.

Mr. Fitzgerald has been the school's legal advisor since its beginning.

WINNERS IN the Iota Scholarship Fund Popularity Contest were introduced and awarded prizes.

The contest, conducted among high school seniors and future Peters students, raised $225 for the fund.

Winners were:

Misses Carole McCrorey, first place; Dorothy Gaddy and Patricia Swindell, tie for second, and Barbara G. Cox, third.

T. MADISON GARRISON, director, Chick Webb Center, 623 N. Eden St., hands out goodies to youngsters who attended party sponsored by the center at the Apollo Theatre. An estimated 800 children attended the annual party.

NAG gives aid to Tenn. families

Three members of the District's Non - Violent Action Group (NAG) last week took food, clothing and money to people in Fayette County, Tenn., who are reportedly attempting to endure economic reprisals against them because they voted or had relatives who voted in the November election.

The Rev. Lawrence Henry, who was one of the NAG members taking aid to the Fayette County citizens, and who is spokesman for the Non - Violent Action Group, said the group became quite interested after reading reports of the situation existing in the Tennessee county.

The Rev. Mr. Henry said members of NAG wanted to get a first - hand look into the situation.

ACCORDING TO the recently ordained minister many people of Fayette County are starving. The young minister also said that NAG is engaging in this kind of work to help people in any such situation as those of Fayette County. He said that such aid is another program that NAG will carry on.

Although Henry said the group is primarily interested in Fayette County he also told the AFRO that they visited nearby counties in the area. All the people in the area are threatened with the same economic reprisals, he said, but the situation is worse in Fayette County, he stressed.

In relating what the three of them saw the Rev. Henry said he had extensive conversations with a community leader, John McFerrin.

Mr. McFerrin is a businessman, the NAG spokesman said, and at the present his general store and gasoline service station supplies have exhausted. The community leader cannot purchase supplies from the Fayette County wholesalers, the Rev. Mr. Henry said.

ACCORDING TO Rev. Mr. Henry, the Fayette County businessman is one of the largest gasoline dealers in the area. He was previously being supplied by the manufacturer of Gulf and Amoco oil products but his supply has been cut off completely, the 28 - year-old minister said.

Traveling with the Rev. Henry were Henry Thomas and Paul Deitrich, both Howard University students and members of NAG.

The three talked to an official, Ashley Johnson, of the Delta Refining Company which also was the former supplier to McFerrin, Rev. Henry said. According to the Rev. Henry, Mr. Johnson said he was not aware of the existing situation in Fayette County.

Henry said the Delta Refining Company also supplies the United States government.

—'Tent City' case

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An aide reported he would be unavailable for an indefinite period.

Mr. Williams is living in a tent close by the rural road which borders "Freedom Village."

Officers of the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League, which set up the tent city' to accommodate evicted farmers, said the attackers evidently shot at random from an automobile.

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EFFORTS ARE being made to expand "Freedom Village" to accomodate some 300 families which may have to move in around Jan. 10, the deadline for eviction for most of them.

The settlement is located on land owned by a colored farmer. Opponents of colored farmers efforts to vote call the 'tent city' a 'proppaganda' move.

They do not deny, however, that colored farmers are being evicted en masse from the homes and farm lands they have lived on for generations.

Chairman at "Freedom Village" was rather grim—lightened only by the knowledge that persons in other parts of the country were backing them in their fight.

Proof of this came in the form of the tents, purchased with funds from all over the country, clothing, food and money.

ONE OF THE MOST active of the supporting groups IS THE Emergency Relief Committee for Fayette and Haywood counties in Chicago. Speaking to a church there, an official of the committee stated:

"Freedom Village" or 'tent city, should be a reminder to all Americans that the colored man is not yet free. Those sharecroppers and tenant farmers who are living in tents because they dared to vote deserve the support of all Americans."

Another official declared, to a church meeting, "we are sending $1,000 in checks to Fayette County in order to buy tents.

"The deadline is Jan. 10. We must get more tents for Freedom Village."

The church, Park Manor Congregational - contributed $300. Three Christian Scientists contributed $252 to the fund.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference approved a special report to raise money for tents, to send a delegation to Washington, to plan a mass rally for Fayette County and to boycott firms discriminating against colored citizens there.

Other support for these embattled citizens took several forms. Robert Golden started an airlift of medical supplies and a registered nurse went to Fayette County from Chicago.

Several other churches and organizations made contributions to the relief effort. As this support mounted, Glester Current, director of NAACP branches, forecast a "break in the current economic freeze." He said:

"Bigots and segregationists are ultimately going to be replaced by leaders who believe in democracy as colored voting strength rises in the south."

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J. F. ESTES, Memphis lawyer for the Tennesseeans, and John McFerren, chairman of the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League, reported that their recent trip to Washington was partially successful.

Our goal, securing surplus food from the Department of Agriculture, failed because regulations require that requests must come from local county courts. This is not at all likely in Fayette and Haywood counties.

The spokesman complained against the handling of short-term and long-term loans in a manner which prevented colored farmers from getting them. They said that no colored person had obtained a loan to buy a farm in Fayette County since 1939.

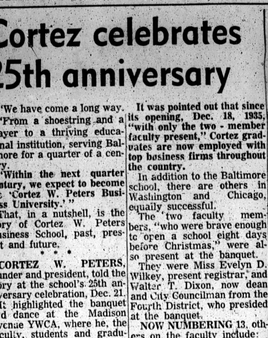
The Department promised an immediate investigation of any future loan denials. The Department also promised 90-day and long-term options for farm purchase programs.

Mr. Estes presented plans for the purchase of huge land tracts of 2,000 to 5,000 acres into 100- and 200-acre tracts for individual purchase.

Department officials approved this plan and promised 90 per cent and 100 per cent loans for land purchases.

Upon the completion of charter requirements for the Farmers Federal Credit Union, the Department promised loan grants to the corporation for immediate loans to the Fayette and Haywood countians.

E. Frederic Morrow, assistant to the President, expressed his sympathy and respect for the Tennessee farmers. Although present regulations prohibit it, the Department of Agriculture said every effort would be made to release surplus food to the needy farmers.



DR. THOMAS (TIM) DENT Returned to city

—Missing Dr.

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wanted to get away"

She declined comment on other aspects of the incident but said she wished to express her gratitude to those who had been concerned about him and who had attempted to aid in locating the physician.

"I am very glad to have him home," Mrs. Dent said.

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EARLIER, Officer Everett Cooper, of the Missing Persons Bureau, had reported that an investigation of the beginning.

"We are nearly certain that Dr. Dent did not meet with bodily harm, Officer Cooper said at that time. "We believe he is ill or resting somewhere and will eventually come home."

Since early last week, Mrs. Dent also seemed to be confident that the physician had not been the victim of foul play. She had been reassured by a long distance telephone call from the doctor who said he had been ill but would be home soon, she said.

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DR. DENT left his residence en route to his office on the morning of November 15 and was not seen by office personnel. When Dr. Dent's car was found parked in the vicinity of his office and his whereabouts remained unknown, he was reported missing.

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