'LONELY GRAVE'

Teenagers on trial for life

Principals in the "Lonely Grave Murder Case" are scheduled to go on trial for their lives in Criminal Court Part I before Chief Judge Michael J. Manley Monday, Dec. 3, the state's Attorney's office announced this week.

They are Irvin Sedgewick, 16, 1900 block W. North Ave., and Albert S. Ruffin, 16, 3500 block Round Rd., Cherry Hill.

The sensational murder case was tagged "Lonely Grave Case" when the body of Mrs. Corrine Walker Selby, 42, 1900 block W. North Ave., a city schoolteacher and former WAC lieutenant, was found in a shallow grave in a lonely woods near Pottstown, Pa., July 8.

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ACCORDING TO Baltimore and Pennsylvania homicide investigators, Sedgewick and Ruffin buried Mrs. Selby there after stabbing her 11 times in Sedgewick's home, two days earlier, where the teacher was a tenant.

They transported the body to Pennsylvania in Mrs. Selby's brother-in-law's car, which she was using at the time of her death, police said.

Charles E. Moylan Jr., who will prosecute the case, said the state will seek the death penalty.

The trial was delayed to permit the suspects time to undergo mental examinations requested by their attorneys, Michael F. Freedman and Joseph Rosenthal.

The case was set for trial after Supreme Bench Medical officers ruled the suspects were, and are, sane and are capable of standing trial.

Not willing to gamble for freedom

"For God sake, dismiss or destroy that petition. If I'm forced to go through with a new trial against my will, I'll just have to be the man who never talked."

Joseph Williams, 21, penitentiary inmate, made this plea in a letter to Judge Edwin Harlan this week.

Serving a nine-year term for burglary and larceny, Williams won a new trial last month when Judge Harlan heard his petition which contended that he was not represented by counsel when he was tried in 1957.

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THE INMATE explained that at the time he filed the petition he did not know that he could get a bigger sentence if convicted a second time.

"Not even a foolish man, your honor, would do such a thing and if I had fully understood the real meaning of a new trial I wouldn't have gone through this."

"I wasn't aware that one could get more time," he said.

Williams said his wife is a polio victim and is receiving public relief. "I just want to get out and take care of my family and fulfill my responsibility to society," he pleaded after pointing out he only filed the petition to get a reduction in sentence.

BAMBERG, S.C. — President J. A. Bacnats of Benedict College, Columbia, was the keynote speaker at Frankful Baptist Church's annual homecoming Sunday afternoon. He was feted at a fellowship dinner following the services.

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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Dr. Henry C. McDowell of Miami, a freshman at Talladega College 50 years ago, was the 96th Founders Day speaker at his alma mater last week. After many years in Africa, he now pastor of an interracial church.

NEXT MAYOR — The broadly smiling gentleman at the left is Philip H. Goodman, president, Baltimore City council, who will succeed Mayor J. Harold Grady, shown here with him, in early next month, when Mayor Grady signs to be sworn in as an associate judge of the city's Supreme Bench. Gov. J. Millard Tawes announced his appointment the past week.

Mrs. Welcome will introduce rights bill

State Senator elect Verda F. Welcome (Dem. 4th) met with Governor J. Millard Tawes Tuesday in what was described as "a very satisfactory" meeting.

Its purpose was to lay before the governor certain measures which Mrs. Welcome proposes to introduce into the next session of the general Assembly, which begins in January.

Among these measures is a public accommodations bill, which Mrs. Welcome said has the support of the governor.

MRS. WELCOME also said that she had been assured that the administration has a job for Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts.

Judge Watts was defeated in the recent election, through a combination of circumstances, including the placement of his name last on the voting machines.

On Wednesday, Judge Watts said he had not been approached about any post, and indicated that he was not actively seeking one.

He said that he intends to return to the practice of law, and his interest does not lie in accepting an administrative job with a governmental agency.

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IN EXPLAINING the details of her public accommodations bill, Mrs. Welcome said it was modeled after one introduced in Baltimore county.

This measure would exclude places where over 50 per cent of the business is done in liquor, and would probably include places of public recreation, Mrs. Welcome said.

Mrs. Welcome also said she also asked the governor to back the repeal of a bill that enables candidates to run against a sitting judge in Peoples Court.

This bill was introduced by State Sen. J. Alvin Jones, the 4th District incumbent, and changed the prior practice of having the judges run only against their records.

It was this bill that led to the defeat of Judge John R. Hargrove, the only colored Peoples Court judge, and the election of a man backed by James (Jack) Pollack, political figure in the Fourth District.

Mrs. Welcome also briefed the governor on a proposed bill that would open the public schools for 11 months a year as a method of increasing educational achievement, reducing juvenile delinquency, and obtaining more use out of school buildings.

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Cop killer beats gas chamber

An accused cop killer, Henderson Duncan, 39, escaped the death penalty for which the state was pressing Monday when a Criminal Court jury returned a verdict of second degree murder.

The verdict carries a maximum penalty of 18 years in the penitentiary, but Chief Judge Michael J. Manley withheld sentence.

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TWO ALLEGED accomplices, Leon Hilton, 35, 700 block W. Lexington St., and James Witherspoon, 32, 500 block N. Fremont Ave., are still awaiting trial.

The jury returned the second degree murder verdict after deliberating four hours and 25 minutes.

James W. McAllister and Benjamin L. Brown, prosecutors, asked for a first degree murder conviction, contending Duncan shot down Patrolman Henry Smith Jr., last April when he attempted to break up a dice game in the 700 block W. Lexington St.

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HOWEVER, Douglas N. Sharretts, defense attorney, argued that evidence showed the officer was intoxicated and attempted to take money belonging to the men involved in a dice game.

The attorney also stressed the fact that the officer was dressed in plain clothes and the defendant did not know he was a policeman.

Duncan, father of four children, who lived in the 200 block N. Fremont Ave., could not have committed a premeditated murder with malice aforethought because he had been shot five times at the time the officer was slain, the defense argued.

The defendant denied shooting the officer, but admitted he had a gun and obtained the policeman's service revolver during a struggle in which several men were allegedly involved.

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PATROLMAN SMITH, father of five children, lived in the 3300 block Greenspring Ave. at the time of his death and was given an inspector's funeral.

He was one of three policeman killed within a period of 12 weeks.

Birmingham seen still boss in Balto. County

"Birmingham isn't dead. He is still in power. Agnew can't do a thing without him."

The Rev. William Jeffries, president of the New Frontier Democratic Club of Turner Station, sized up the results of the Baltimore County elections thusly Tuesday.

He was commenting on the upset victory of Spiro T. Agnew, Republican, over Michael J. Birmingham of the powerful Birmingham - Pine Democratic faction, for Baltimore County executive.

Mr. Agnew, a young attorney and former head of the Appeals Board, was swept in office by an apparent bipartisan campaign over Mr. Birmingham, national Democratic committeeman for Maryland, who many had considered a sure winner.

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THE REV. Mr. Jeffries further sized up the situation now in this fashion:

"Birmingham lost, but he is still the power behind the scenes.

"He has six of the seven councilmen, 12 of the 13 House of Delegates members in the county, and the state senator, James A. Pine, is no leader of his Birmingham-Pine faction.

"Agnew's hands are tied. He can't do anything without going through Birmingham."

EMPLOYEE HONORED — Santo M. Barksdale (left) of the Office of the Adjutant General, receives a sustained superior performance award from Maj. Gen. Garrison B. Coverdale, Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Holabird.

Hospital costs up to $34.26 a day

General hospital costs in of Maryland increased six per cent for the year 1961 over the year 1960 — to an average of $34.26 per day, according to the second annual report of the Hospital Cost Analysis Service, Inc.

Total hospital expenditures for inpatient and outpatient care during 1961 were $97,135,031. This compares with $86,921,766 in 1960 — an increase of $10,213,265 or 11.75 percent.

Highlights of the report by the independent, non-profit corporation organized in 1960 to determine patient care costs in Maryland hospitals included:

Per diem inpatient cost increased from $32.32 in 1960 to $34.26 in 1961 — an increase of $.26, or 4.36 peprcent.

Per outpatient visit cost increased from $5.96 in 1960, to $6.22 in 1961 — an increase of $0.26, or 4.36 percent....

Total hospital expenditures for inpatient and outpatient care during 1961 were $97,135,031. This compares with $86,921,766 in 1960 — an increase of $10,213,265 or 11.75 percent. This is due to such factors as rising costs generally, increased patient days and the higher cost of new facilities.

Bed days (hospital capacity) increased 121, 709 (3.95 percent), or the equivalent of 333 additiona beds. This is due primarily to material increase in the number of beds at several hospitals in 1961.

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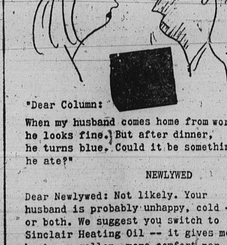
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N.Y. rights unit settles housing case peacefully

NEW YORK — The City Commission on Human Rights announced last week charges of discrimination against Carol Management Corp., owners of "Skyline on the Hudson" in the Riverdale section of the Bronx will be dropped following the signing of a release by the complainants, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson of 15 West 139th Street, November 15.

Madison S. Jones, executive director of CCHR, hailed the action as a "precedent" because the owners of Carol Management had alleged that the Jacksons would not make good tenants because of publicity emanating from a previous case they had had with the Commission.

"We judge each complaint we receive here on its own merits," explained Mr. Jones.

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"THE FACT that several colored families live in an apartment building in question, does not preclude Commission investigation as to a reasonable cause of discrimination."

"The Jacksons, we feel, should not have been penalized because they had the courage to use the resources of the Commission," he added.

The signing of the lease followed a private conciliation meeting arranged by CCHR Commissioner, Morris Ploscowe, and representatives of the Carol Management Corporation.

UNCF GIFT — W. Clyde Greenway, vice president of the Sears Roebuck Foundation, presents a check for $10,000 from the Foundation to Dr. L. H. Foster, president of the United College Fund and president of Tuskegee Institute. The annual Sears Roebuck contribution will be apportioned to the 33 UNCF member colleges to be used for scholarships, library books, laboratory and visual aids equipment and building improvements.

D.C. school enrollment 83.4 per cent colored

Washington (NNPA) — A racial breakdown of school enrollment in the District of Columbia, released Friday by Superintendent Carl F. Hansen, showed colored pupils accounting for 112,065 or 83.4 percent of the total school population of 134,375.

Hansen said the figures do not include pupils in private schools and observed that the continuing increase in colored enrollment is due to housing restrictions.

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IT IS NOT right "to assume the children we are getting will be more difficult to educate," said Dr. Hansen. "We should be showing the advantages of integrated education in better achievement scores."

In 1960, the racial composition of Washington was 53.9 percent colored. The school population went up 5,893 this year, representing a 1.0 per cent increase over 1961.

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STATISTICS show that the District schools have a net gain of 7,375 colored students, compared to a net loss of 1,482 whites. Of the 1,475 students at D.C. Teachers College, 90.6 are colored.

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District elementary schools have 23,640 pupils, a gain of 2,282 colored and a loss of 508 whites, while high schools have 14,339 students, a gain of 1,281 colored and a gain of 85 whites.

Mrs. Threatt, Albany civic leader, dies

ALBANY, N.Y. — Funeral services for Mrs. Assilee Threatt, 42, member of the Albany City Planning Board, were held Saturday 2 p.m. at Wilborn's Temple, the Rev. George L. Burns, pastor. Macedonia Baptist Church, Of iciating. Burial was under direction of the Hood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Threatt died Wednesday night (Nov. 14) at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness. She resided at 275 Colonie St.

She was the first woman and first colored person appointed to the City Planning Board and a leader in community interracial, civic and religious activities.

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A NATIVE of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Threatt had lived in Albany more than 20 years. She was manager and buyer of the toy department of W. T. Grant Co. in the Westgate Shopping Center.

Her civic activities included volunteer work for Albany Community Chest, for whicr she received the Oscar Award in 1960. In 1961, Mayor Corning appointed her to the sub-committee on minority groups of the Albany Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Redevelopment.

She was named to the non-salaried post on the five-member City Planning Board last July 25. In September, she was given a testimonial dinner attended by 500 persons. Speakers praising her community efforts included Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant press secretary to President Kennedy, Mayor Corning and Representative Leo O'Brien Albany Democrat.

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MRS. THREATT, active fr many years in the Albany Inter-Racial Council, was elected first vice president in 1961. She had been elected to its board of directors in 1955, and that year received a citation for outstanding leadership in the building fund drive for the new Arbor Hill Community Center.

A member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Mrs. Threatt was honored in 1954 and 1961 for leading its fund drives. The Kingsmen Club also presented her its Human Relations Award in 1961 for outstanding service to her fellowman.

She is survived by a son, Charles Threatt of Detroit; a daughter, Mrs. Willie Chavers Jr. of Albany, and two grandchildren.

Oxford rites held for James Shaw

OXFORD, Miss. — The body of James Shaw was returned here from St. Louis, Mo. for November 11 burial at Clear Creek M. B. Church. The Rev. Andrew Smith and H. Washington attended Sunday School last Sunday at Hopewell M. B. Church where the Rev. M. Huston is pastor. The lesson topic was, "Is The Holy Ghost With Us."

It has been szid that the way to get more people to read the Bible is to have them find answers to Bible questions for a certain prize.

Examples: Name the seven great men of Genesis?% How many sermons were preached by Peter? How many by Stephen? Who was Huldah and where did she live? What position did she hold.

Southern U. opens new research wing

Baton rouge, louisiana 8%%! The Health Research Wing, a $250,000 at Southern University, is now being occupied by university professors engaged in health research and related areas.

The special research facility was made possible through a grant of $83,002 from the National Institutes of Health U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare, and some $200 ,00 0 from the state of Louisiana.

The new wing, connected to the recently occupied Natural Sciences Building, consists of a modern two-story unit with a gross area of nearly 9,000 square feet and houses 13 research laboratories.

Indianapolis voters elect Grant judge

INDIANAPOLIS —(ANP)— Wilbur H. Grant, active in Republican politics and law practice for more than 25 years, last week was elected judge of Marion County Superior Court.

Grant has served three terms in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly.

Mercer M. Mance, Grant's Democratic opponent who also is an attorney, had served four terms on the superior Court bench.

Couple found dead in auto

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — A young couple was found dead in a car here, apparently asphyxiated by poisonous carbon monoxide fumes, reported L. L. Corbitt, county coroner.

James Pace, 23, a Tuskegee Institute senior, and Miss Bernice Payne were discovered early Sunday morning after a campus homecoming dance they attended, said Corbitt. A driver, unable to pass their car which was standing in the middle of a narrow road with the motor running, stopped to investigate and found the victims.

Police reported that the car had a faulty exhaust pipe.

Hardie Christopher sued for support

Detroit — Hardie Chrispoher, 40, owner of the Red Rooster, last week was charged with non-support in a warrant signed by Judge Frank G. Schemanske of Recorder's Court.

The complaint against the tavern owner was signed by his 34-year-old estranged wife, Mrs. Martha Christopher. The couple married Oct., 1944, and separated in March. They have five children.

School population rises in Chicago; nears 50 per cent

CHICAGO — (ANP) — As of 1962, 46 percent of all Chicago public elementary school children and 34 percent of the public high school pupils are colored.

That's the estimate of the research department of the Chicago Urban League. The estimate was included in a statement that showed the validity of earlier Urban League estimates.

Hal Baron of the research staff, added that if current trends continue, by 1965 colored students will make up half the students in public elementary schools. He concurred on the basis of figures developed from data of the Chicago Board of Education and the United States Census.

UP ON PRESTIGE, DOWN ON CREDIT:

Buying survey shows ethnic factor to be significant

NEW YORK — A new study of the buying habits of colored persons has been released by the Center of Research in Marketing. The study was financed by companies which sell products to both white and colored persons.

The study reveals that the purchasing patterns of colored persons contrast with those of whites. William Capitman, president of the center, said the businessmen require more knowledge of these differences in these days when colored persons compose 11 per cent of the population.

He said that colored persons tend to equate national brands with "prestige, status and equality."

He said that in any given product category, the average colored persons can list 20 per cent more brand names than the average white person. Colored persons are also more likely to have a favorite brand, he said.

THE STUDY further indicated that colored persons are adopting an increasingly conservative attitude toward credit. This aspect of the study tends to explode the belief in some circles that colored persons rely on credit buying more than whites.

Mr. Capitman said: "Colored persons today tend to regard buying on credit as a badge of their lower status rather than as an opportunity to extend their purchases. Paying with cash, he said, is regarded as a status symbol.

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SEVERAL REASONS were given for the reluctance of colored persons to shop in downtown department stores.

Some persons reported they are not allowed to try on clothes. Others said they were treated with hostility. Still others resent the fact that few colored persons are employed in responsible positions by department stores.

In general, the study indicated that racial factors wield an important influence on buying habits.

Of the 3,016 colored persons questioned, 26 per cent said they did not buy at least one product because of its manufacturer's attitude toward colored persons.

Thirty - four said they boycotted stores on this ground and 42 per cent said they patronize certain stores specifically because of their attitudes.

Recent statistics show that the colored market in the United States exceeds $20 billion annually. A study in the mid-'50s showed that the annual market then was $19 billion.

BALLOTS VS TURMOIL

Birmingham voters envision better future under new plan

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —Integration leaders were delighted at the recent vote which will mean a new form of city government here.

The vote was 18,968 to 8,415 to substitute a mayor-council system for the present three - man commission.

One of the commissioners is Eugene "Bull" Connor, who is in charge of police and is known for his harsh treatment of colored people and their white friends.

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"THE COLORED vote was most critical and crucial," said the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which has sparked the integration drive here for several years.

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"I THINK the vote represents the beginning of a major change in Birmingham. At least some white people have expressed themselves openly for progress, and this is far different than it has been.

"The vote does not mean, however, that the total white community is ready to bring its thinking up to date. But then somebody has to be out in front.

"The attitude and deportment of the city commissioners themselves gave concrete evidence that Birmingham city government has for too long been run on a personal basis, given to quarrels, bickering, and turmoil.

"I hope his will also be the beginning of the end of Mr. Bull Connor's long reign of terror, abuse and misuse of power."

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TWO DAYS after the election, colored people held a mass meeting at which they voted to renew a buying withdrawal affecting the downtown area. This has been one of the means of protest against segregation and discrimination here.

The Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth said that an intensified drive for integration here will be carried on first by local people, and friends will be called in from other organizations as needed.

Full support for the new campaign has been pledged by both the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, headed by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), New Orleans, headed by Bishop Edgar A. Love. Rev. Shuttlesworth is secretary for SCLC and a director of SCEF.

There may still be hurdles to putting the new form of government into effect in Birmingham. Connor and the other commissioners may fight in the courts to stay in office until their terms expire three years from now.

EVEN AFTER the council-mayor sytem is put into effect, there will still be barriers to full use of the growing strength of colored voters. One of these is a rule against voting for one or two candidates. This method is known as "single-shotting" and as resulted in election of colored people to office in other cities.

Under the mayor-council system, every voter will be required to vote for nine persons for the nine-man council. Otherwise his ballot will not be counted.

This method was devised to counter charges that colored people would be able to get elected more easily under the new system. Connor and his associates raised the specter of colored control of the city government in an effort to scare white people into voting against the mayor-council plan.

The commissioners charged that integration forces were behind the move to change the form of government.

Ala. student editor guarded by detectives

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Mel Meyer's forthright editorials have so infuriated segregationists that the University of Alabama has hired two private detectives to guard the student editor.

This Mississippian worked himself to the top of the segregation hate list with two editorials in he Crimson-White declaring that "by all legal rights a colored person is entitled to attend a southern university."

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AS A REWARD for having the courage — or aridacity — to express such an opinion, the young man began to receive threatening phone calls. Later a cross was burned in front of his fraternity house.

It was then that the university stepped in and hired two detectives to guard the youth, whose father is a former publisher of the Starksville News in Mississippi.

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"THIS INSTITUTION," said President Frank Rose, "has the duty to protect every student from harassment or from being subjected to any experience that might tend to place him in any danger.

"The threatening phone calls led us to the conclusion that such action (the hiring of detetives) was warranted in this incident."

Sentenced to serve two life terms

WILMINGTON, N.C. — (ANP) — A Superior Court judge here made sure that a man, who pleaded guilty to two charges of first-degree burglary, including the disrobing of a white student nurse, will spend the rest of his life in jail.

He sentenced James Edward Newkirk, 30, to two life sentences, one to start if he finishes the other. First-degree burglary is considered a capital offense in North Carolina.

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NEWKIRK HAD BEEN on trial only for the attempted rape. However, he pleaded guilty to a second crime of first-degree burglary of a private home. The guilty pleas ended the trial before an all-white men jury.

A student nurse at Walker Memorial Hospital told the jury she awoke last June 16 to find Newkirk in bed with her. He had neatly disrobed her but her screams frightened him away, she said.

Meeks and Davis returned to office

TOPEKA, Kans. (ANP)— Cordell D. Meeks and James P. Davis, both Democrats, won posts in last week's general election in Kansas.

Meeks, running for his fourth term as county commissioner from the Second District, defeated his GOP opponent, Loren L. Taylor, in a close race.

Davis was re-elected as representative of the sixth District. He was opposed by Clyde A. Townsend, Republican.

Central 2nd in Ohio named to panel

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — With Leslie Hegedus running a tremendous 19:24 to win the All-Ohio cross-country championships at Columbus, Central State tallied 55 points to place second behind Ohio University.

The Cleveland senior ran miles of 4:46, 4:56, 4:49, 4:54 to hold off the late challenge of Ohio State's Larry Parks.

Second man to finish for Central was William Moore, who placed 7th in 20:21. He was followed by Choice Phillips (8th-20:32), Ted Seymour (13th-21:00); and Nate Foster (27th-21:32).

Phelps-Stokes Fund plans Dec. 14 dinner

NEW YORK — A dinner will be held Dec. 14 at the Commodore Hotel in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Phelps-Stokes Fund and in recognition of African - American collaboration in the advancement of education.

The dinner is being arranged by trustees of the fund in cooperation with representatives of independent African states. Speakers will be Robert K. A. Gardiner, officer in charge of United Nations operation in the Congo and Chester Bowles, President's special representative and advisor for African, Asian and Latin-American affairs.

Tribute will be paid Dr. Emory Ross, chairman emeritus, trustee board, and Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, fund president.

Dr. Kng, Gov. Barnett get Ala. 'write-ins'

MOBILE, Ala.—(ANP) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Atlanta integration leader, and Gov. Ross Barnett, who are as far apart as the poles on the desegregation question, both received write-in votes for Congress by Alabama in the recent election.

Others receiving write-in votes included Paul Regere, John Doe, Jack Spratt, Robert E. Lee, the postman, and even the Mobile weatherman, Bill Tilson.

Shopping center bid nixed in Chicago

CHICAGO —(ANP) —Officers of the South Central Medical Center Inc., last week expressed disappointment after the city's Urban Renewal Board rejected their bid to build a $1,000,000 shopping center in an rea populated by colored persona and accepted instead the bid of a white firm offering to invest only $800,000.

The officers of the all-colored group were also miffed because the board had accepted the bid of Saul Winston and Associates 20 minutes after the scheduled deadline for bidding. The board had told them, they said, that bids submitted after the deadline would not be considered.

Dr. William Quinn, president of the group, made it clear that their project would have benefited colored persons in the area, most of whom live in the Robert Tyler homes, the nation's largest public housing project.

St. Louis passes law against hiring bars

ST. LOUIS — (ANP) — The Board of Aldermen last week passed a bill prohibiting racial or religious discrimination in employment, union membership and vocational education.

The bill would prohibit employers from refusing to hire anyone because of race, creed, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

Labor unions would also be barred from excluding prospective members for those reasons, and vocational schools would similarly be barred from denying admission to prospective students.

The bill was passed by the Aldermen without dissent and without debate. It goes into effect 90 days after the mayor signs it.

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THE MEASURE provides penalties for noncompliance. Employers in violation would be barred from doing business with the city for one year.

Anyone who failed to appear or refused to appear as a witness in employment discrimination cases, or to produce books and records under subpoena, would be subject to a fine of up to $300 and imprisonment of up to 10 days for each offense.

Any person who resisted or impeded the responsible city officials in performance of duties under the bill, or who knowingly violated an order of the officials, could be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and would be subject to a fine of up to $500.

Filing a false claim of discrimination would also carry a possible fine.

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THE BILL would establish a fair employment practices division under the existing Council on Human Relations. The new division would receive and investigate complaints and seek amicable adjustments through conferences with employers and prospective employers.

Missouri has a state fair employment practices law that applies to employers of 50 or more persons. Proponents of the city's action said the local legislation was needed to apply to small as well as large concerns.

Colored leaders here were hopeful that the bill would help to solve a serious unemployment problem among unskilled colored persons.

An early test of the legislation may be provided by a private vocational school, the David Ranken Junior School of Mechanical Trades. The school has never admitted colored students under terms set down by the founder, now dead. Colored organizations to seek admittance of colored students. Such efforts have failed.

Kentucky collegians hear religious leader

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Dr. Frank Littrell declared last week that "the weakness in religion in America today is that we have not moved toward true brotherhood between races, nor dealt with vigor on issues with Hebrews."

Dr. Littrell, national consultant on religion in higher education for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, spoke last week at the University of Kentucky.

The conference was sponsored by the state commission on human rights, the state region of the NCCJ, the Lincoln Foundation and the Louisville Community Relations Committee.

Representatives attended from Bera, Bellarmine, Wesleyan, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky State College.

Dr. Littrell told the students: "Anti - Semitism is the first move toward disaster of totalitarianism. The totalitarian group in the church today is that which wants to keep society white, Protestant and rural."

NSF grant aids math teachers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Under a National Science Foundation grant of $8,000, Miles College is conducting an in-service institute for 50 elementary and secondary teachers of mathematics.

The conference is directed by James S. Sutton and Willie S. Peterman. The objective is to provide teachers with the opportunity to improve their competence.

Each participant gets a travel allowance and book allowance. No tuition or fees are charged. On the staff are P. D. Jackson, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Sutton, and Mesdames Rose R. White, Lorene Allen, Willie H. Christian, Blanche R. Martin and Miss Jessie Story.

Illinois aides plan cemetary C suit

CHICAGO—The state's attorney's office plans to prosecute officials of Oak Woods cemetery, located in the heart of a colored neighborhood and where 6,000 Civil War soldiers are buried, for refusing to cremate bodies of non-whites.

Ironically, most of the 6,000 were Confederate soldiers who perished in Camp Douglas here during the war. Their bodies are near a monument topped by a statue of a Confederate soldier.

Marshall Bynum, undertaker, had filed a suit against white cemetery officials for discriminatory practices in 1958, but dropped it after a state law was passed. However, he had planned a new court action after Oak Woods continued to refuse to cremate colored bodies.

DuSable historian dies in Chicago

CHICAGO —(ANP) —Services were held here last week for Mrs. Annie E. Oliver, 79, who lived at the Lake Meadows home of her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Williams.

Mrs. Oliver founded the National DuSable Memorial Society in 1928 and serve as its life presidet for 35 years. Purpose of this organization is to perpetuate the memory of Jean Batiste Point DuSable, Chicago's first settler. During the Chicago World Fair in 1933, the organization was represented with a log cabin replica of DuSable's home on the north bank of the Chicago river, DuSable was colored.

Carr tries again for housing law

CLEVELAND, Ohio (ANP) — A "fair housing" ordinance was introduced in City Council last week by Majority Leader Charles V. Carr.

Similar legislation was placed before council by Carr in 1960 but was defeated after weeks of debate.

The ordinance would make it unlawful to refuse to sell, lease or sublease a dwelling to any person because of his race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin. It would forbid lending institutions to discriminate in financing home purchases for the same reasons.

ATLANTA — The National Science Foundation has awarded Atlanta University a $263,000 grant to support an institute for some 45 secondary teachers of biology, chemistry and mathematics. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 20.

VA pensioners slated to get income questionnaires early

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration announced it will mail some two million annual income questionnaires with the Nov. 30 pension checks, one month earlier than heretofore.

These annual income questionnaires go to veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on the VA's nonservice connected pension rolls and to parents of deceased veterans who are receiving dependency and indemnity compensation.

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QUESTIONNAIRES are punched cards which must be filled out with the required information and returned to the VA before the Jan. 31 deadline or payments will be suspended.

If after suspension no questionnaire is submitted, the pensioner will be required to pay back all payments received in 1962.

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VETERANS AND dependents receiving pension under the law in effect prior to July 1, 1960, are required to report only their annual income.

Persons on the rolls under the pension law that went in to effect July 1, 1960, must also report net worth item as required by law.