Jersey Won't Return Escaped Prisoner to South Carolina Chain Gang

Pictured in court at Paterson, N.J., is Fleming Mix, fugitive from a South Carolina chain gang, who won a battle against extradition. The State of New Jersey formally refused to immediately comply with request of South Carolina authorities for the retdrn of Mr. Mix. In New Jersey he had secured a confidential post with his employer which he has held several years without a break.

Here is one of the vehicles in which chain gang prisoners are transported to and from prison camps. The trucks are heavily barred and resemble those used for the transportation of wild beasts. Men are chained to their bunks and there is no toilet. The stench of these cages keeps many prisoners permanently ill.

At right, two chain gang prisoners working on the rock pile. The men had removed top covering from their bodies owing to the intense heat of the Georgia sun.

Brooklyn Junior

MISS BETTY GRAVENHISE, student at Brooklyn College, who is a member of the Junior NAACP, of Brooklyn. She lives with her parents at 1388 Pacific Street.—Photo by Bronze Studio.

THAT HOLY THING
(from Paul Faber)
By George MacDonald

They all were looking for a king
To slay their foes and lift them high:
Thou cam'st, a little baby thing,
That made a woman cry.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
By Epiphanise College

May Christ the King, of Mary born,
Light and guard your way;
And may He with His gifts adorn —
Your soul, this Christmas Day.

THIS IS CHRISTIANITY Do you remember it?

SATURDAY IS THE DAY WE CELEBRATE AS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. HE IS OUR LORD'S OWN STATEMENT OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT CONQUERED THE WORLD

BLESSED are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

YE are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven . . . .

YE have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment.

But I say unto you, That whoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of the judgment, and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remembrest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift . . .

YE have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

And if they right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

AGAIN, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

And if any man will sue thee at law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

YE have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect . . .

AND when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses . . .

MOREOVER when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these . . .

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye: and, behold a beam is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

GIVE not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

ENTER ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

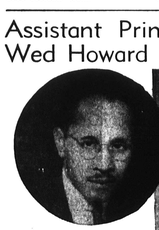
THEREFORE whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will likken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Assistant Principal to Wed Howard Pindell



At a Bowie Normal School Faculty Club dinner, given on December 18, Edward N. Wilson, registrar of Morgan College, announced the engagement of Miss Mildred E. Lewis, assistant principal, to Howard D. Pindell, principal of Lincoln High School, Frederick, Md.

Miss Lewis is a graduate of Ohio State University, and is summer school instructor in geography at Morgan College.

Mr. Pindell of Baltimore is a graduate of Morgan College and is pursuing work toward the master's degree in secondary administration at Columbia University. He is also vice-president of the Maryland State Teachers' Association.

The wedding will take place in April.

J. C. UNIONS CALLED HARMFUL AND VICIOUS

7 Added to NAACP Legal Committee

NEW YORK — Seven new members have been added to the national legal committee of the NAACP, it was announced last week, by Arthur B. Spingarn, chairman of the committee.

They are: Francis Biddle, Philadelphia; Lloyd Garrison, dean of the University of Wisconsin law school, Madison, Wis.; Leon A. Ransom, Washington; Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., Los Angeles; Irwin T. Busch, Boston; William F. Illig, Erie, Pa., and Walter A. Gordon, San Francisco.

NEW YORK—Jim Crow unions are harmful and vicious, and are partly responsible for undercutting of union hours and wages, A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, told the State Commission investigating conditions of the colored urban population on Saturday.

Mr. Randolph asserted that bans on membership in twenty or more independent workers from earning a livelihood. He cited the Journeyman Plumbers' Union, which has licensed men, and forces them to do bootleg work.

Independents Temporary

The labor leader declared that independent colored unions can perform only a temporary function, and urged that they continue to fight for the right to join recognized unions in their fields.

As a means of combating discrimination, Mr. Randolph proposed that city and State authorities refuse franchises to public utilities and construction companies from erecting public buildings, when they refuse to employ citizens because of race or color.

Would Bar Benefit

He further recommended that no trade union be permitted to function in the State of Michigan accorded by any law if it refuses to accept colored workers as members on a basis of membership equal to that enjoyed by other members.

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Miss Lawson Has Debutante Party

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Mr. and Mrs. Invernes L. Lawson will present their only daughter, Florence Elizabeth, December 29, her eighteenth birthday, at the Richmond Tea Room.

Miss Lawson, a 1936 graduate of Stanton High School, is on the YWCA cabinet and is a member of the octet and chorus at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, where she is a sophomore.

She won the honor of "Miss Bethune-Cookman" just a few weeks following her matriculation this term.

TACKLE CHOSEN CAPT.

MEMPHIS. — Elmer Henderson, sophomore tackle, has been elected captain of LeMoyne's 1938 football team.

Rev. W. H. Brooks Reported Better

WASHINGTON

The Rev. Walter H. Brooks, veteran pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, who has been ill for three weeks, was "improving rapidly" at his home, 1136 Eighteenth Street, Northwest, this week.

The Rev. Mr. Brooks, 86, is the oldest living graduate of Lincoln University, Pa., and has pastored the Nineteenth Street Church for over fifty-five years.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
By J. W. Lowell

"What means this glory round our feet,"
The Magi mused, "more bright than morn?"
And voices chanted clear and sweet,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

Fights Return to Chain Gang in Dixie Land

NEW YORK. — Efforts to have Louis Doe, 38, of 671 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, returned to a South Carolina chain gang, met with failure here this week when Gov. Herbert H. Lehman promised International Labor Defense attorneys that he would withhold extradition pending an investigation.

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PASTOR'S RIGHT ARM

MRS. W. C. WILLIAMSON,
852 N. Forty-sixth Street, Philadelphia.

Principals to Be Responsible for Equipment

Revise Regulations for Care of Military Property

WASHINGTON

Complete revision of regulations governing care of military property in District high schools, shifting responsibility for the equipment from the school military departments to the principals, was ordered by the board of education last week.

Recommendation for the change was made by Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, superintendent, as an aftermath of the recent loss of over $7,000 worth of military property including 161 rifles. Investigation of the missing guns has been underway since last March, but to date cadets of Dunbar, Armstrong and Cardozo had not received any rifles for the present year.

Hold Officials Accountable

Under the new system responsibility has been placed directly on the principals who will be required to file an annual report. All rifles will be receipted by serial number and issued under the same system, equipment will be kept locked in storerooms and racks, and any losses reported immediately to Third Corps Area authorities.

In addition, each school shall have a military instructor and caretaker, an annual inventory taken in the presence of an Army officer and a bi-annual inspection made by an ordinance officer under the approved regulations.

This revision of regulations involving military equipment is not considered to be the end of the missing rifle investigation by observers, since the Army Department officials are still seeking to know the whereabouts of a "large quantity" of rifles, recommend changes in military personnel at several of the high schools.

The city's new Junior high school scheduled to open next fall at Georgia Avenue and Euclid Street, Northwest, next year will be named for Dr. Charles Sumner Banneker, the board decided.

The elementary school now bearing the name of Banneker will be renamed the Alfred E. Jones School in memory of the former supervising principal of Division 10-13.

The present Jones School is to be reorganized and turned into a health center for school children.

Reinstatement of Miss Annabelle Green, teacher, who has been on leave of absence for physical disability, was approved by the board.

Other personnel items approved by the board included retirement of Miss Ella Estelle Clark, teacher at Douglass-Simons Elementary School; permanent appointment of Miss Ella C. Jackson, Lovejoy; probationary appointment of Miss P. S. Holland, Harrison, and temporary appointment of Miss Sabrilah Overton, Phelps; Miss G. M. Smith, Bell; and Mrs. J. G. Smith, Terrell Junior High.

Younger Set

By LAURETTE

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As the Christmas season begins, it also ends, with joy, happiness, sympathies, gayety and merry-making. Yet, we stop for a moment to give praise to the significance of the Christmas season which has for hundreds of years been set aside for our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

So we extend to everyone our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

THE BOOTHS ENTERTAIN

The Booths' cozy apartment was filled with a coterie of young folks, members of the Hedgerow Theatre Group, in the form of a creole-spaghetti supper, last Saturday evening. Jasper Deeter was there with some members of his original company. Betty Howard didn't miss one. Others present were: Goldie Ervin, Ed. R. Harris, Daisy Carry, Vashti Norwood, Jack Ervin, George Coverdale, and Amos Chew.

The original company included: Nancy Kelsey, Ned Young, David Metcalf, Rose Shulman, Ken Perrell, Miriam Phillips, and Mary Ehrlick.

Oceans of praise to pretty Louise Warrick, busy as a bee sewing coats, dogs, dressing dolls, etc. at the Muhlenberg Clinic, to be distributed for sweet charity's sake. Sweetness Bailey and Laura Boyd stopped by to lend her able assistance. What would the XYA do without Ruth Ann Watson, always ready to lend an ear to the many troubles of the city? Also his very capable assistant, Mrs. Mamie M. Thomas.

From one of the good members of the Omega frat, they are not by any chance going to be hosts this season, but wonder why Tau's get over last year, such a marvelous time. But, Al Cuyjet and James (Pete) Robinson are delegates, and Bob Hazelwood as alternate, for the conclave in Cleveland.

I wonder for whom G. Marshall Wilson (cameraman) is getting his divorce. Virginia Murphy is better, but still confined to the hospital. Nick Montgomery is doing chores at Gilbert's, Chestnut and Broad. I had a charming girl for his companion at dinner. Also spied Vi Arrington with an escort. Dr. and Mrs. Artie Thomas, Mercy assistant, are still in the clouds of newly-weds. Mr. Thomas is the former Olga Husman of Bethlehem.

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The fortune-tellers won't have to go far, but, fortune-tellers soon because Betty Howard won't miss a reading.

Woman Found Hurt; Husband Is Held

BUFFALO—Mrs. Louise Watkins, 605 E. Division Street, was fatally wounded at her home and her husband, Ellison, has been charged with the first degree murder.

Suffering from several shotgun wounds in the abdomen, Mrs. Watkins died in an ambulance shortly after she was found lying in a pool of blood by police.

Philly Prefers Luxury to Need in Yule Gifts

PHILADELPHIA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week the society editor will stop a number of persons at random on the street and ask their opinion on a timely topic.)

Question: Would you rather have a necessity or a luxury of life, for a Christmas present?

MISS HELENE EDWARDS, 5551 Pearl Street: "I would prefer a present that is a necessity, for there are so many in that class that are decorative and yet are used every day. Many times people give you things that are so far in the luxury class that they are of little use in every day living."

MRS. ANNA MITCHELL, housewife, 2015 N. Camac Street: "While there are many things that I need, I would prefer that I be given presents that fall in the luxury class. Given enough time I will buy the things that are necessities, but very few of us feel that we can go to the store and buy the things that we do not actually need."

MRS. LEONA WHITE BECTOR, supervisor, WPA clerk, 2040 Master Street: "I would chose to be given the things that are luxuries for I will get the practical things for myself."

GEORGE TURNER, laborer, 1828 Ocean View Drive: "I think exact truth I am glad that my friends think of me at Christmas and I do not care what they give me presents that are practical or not. But it is good to receive gifts that I would not go to the store and buy for myself. It makes a lad feel nice to be luxuries when your salary is so small that it hardly covers necessities, and there are some things that you would like to have and the only way you will get them is for some kind friend to give them to you at Christmas time."

Like Luxury Thrill

MISS GEORGIA BRIDGETT, 1729 Gratz Street: "Presents are things that thrill me and to open them is a real adventure. Dr. and Mrs. Artie Thomas, Mercy assistant, are still in the clouds of newly-weds. Mr. Thomas is the former Olga Husman of Bethlehem.

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Holiday Cheer

From Magistrate Henry

May the year 1938 bring to the AFRO-AMERICAN and to each individual who shall be privileged to read this message, better health, greater prosperity and more unalloyed happiness and may it bring to all the people of our great nation a clearer understanding of the spiritual meaning of that beautiful phrase: "The Fatherhood of GOD and the Brotherhood of MAN."

And may the Spirit of GOD reach into the innermost recesses of the cold, callous heart of the unreconstructed South and bring human understanding where now Bigotry, Intolerance and Racial Hate hold sway. SO PRAY WE, ALL OF US!

EDWARD W. HENRY

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THE REV. ROBERT G. WATERS, pastor of St. Thomas M.E. Church: "The Christian Church recognizes the birth of Jesus Christ as the most momentous event in the world history. He is unusual in all the affairs that have to do with the life of mankind. As the centuries advance, in art, science and literature, Jesus Christ is the major and dominant influence in all affairs that affect the building of the Christian Church. With these thoughts in mind, I publicly express my wish that everyone enjoys a merry Christmas."

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THE REV. E. H. NORRIS, pastor of Elmwood Community M.E. Church: "From the Community Church I extend greetings wishing all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year."

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THE REV. JOHN L. COLEMAN, pastor of Lombard Central Presbyterian Church: "In extending Christmas greetings to all, I wish the best of luck in everyone's civic, social, and Christian endeavors for the coming year."

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THE REV. GEORGE F. ELLISON, pastor of Reeve Memorial Presbyterian Church: "In behalf of my church and myself, I extend to the general public the season's greetings, and wish everyone God speed during the New Year as he endeavors to co-operate in the program of the Church."

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THE REV. MARSHALL SHEPARD, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Tabernacle: "May what we know that peace that is not maintained by armaments, but by love and good will toward all mankind."

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THE REV. D. W. HOGGARD, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church: "As we pass another annual milestone in the journey of life, I extend to all my best salutations, not merely for this single happy season, but for all the days full of Christian duties before you."

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THE REV. JAMES E. KIRKLAND, pastor of Union Baptist Church: "I heartily wish everyone a happy Christmas season and hope that 1938 will bring a prosperous, useful, and honorable career to all."

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THE REV. WILLIAM A HARROD, pastor of First African Baptist Church: "In extending my Christmas greeting, I wish for all a season of the best, religiously, politically, and socially through all the fields of intellectual and Christian improvement."

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BISHOP HUGH LAMB of the Roman Catholic Church (through an aid): "Though it is not a custom for us to make any such statements even to our diocesan press, we extend best wishes to all for happiness."

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THE REV. H. P. JONES, pastor of Mother Bethel AME Church: "With sincere wishes for a prosperous and happy year in Christian endeavors, I greet the public during this yuletide season."

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THE REV. JOHN T. FLETCHER, pastor of Zoar M.E. Church: "On behalf of my congregation and family, I extend sincere wishes for a happy and entertaining holiday season followed by a successful New Year."

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THE REV. D. W. HENRY, pastor of Tindley Temple M.E. Church: "The pastor and members of this church extend to all a very hearty and sincere greeting for Christmas and the New Year."

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THE REV. J. W. JEFFERSON, pastor of Haven M.E. Church: "During this yuletide season, Haven Church sends Christmas greetings to all its members, friends, and brother churches in the fellowship of our Lord and Savior."

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THE REV. C. M. SMITH, pastor of Wayland Temple Baptist Church: "Greetings at this most joyous season. May it not only bring a happy interchange of gifts, but also bring to all the gift of life through Christ."

Town Prattle

By THELMA PREYER

PHILADELPHIA.

Well, my cheerful cherubs, Christmas is right here with us again and is everybody happy? I sincerely hope so, what with Santa visiting everyone in such an abundant measure and visitors from everywhere in town being housed by Quakertown's liveliest and most gracious hostesses who have planned ever so many gay parties and tete-a-tetes.

These small intimate affairs are ever so glamorous and far more enjoyable than such huge affairs, methinks.

Many college co-eds have returned home for the Christmas holidays, among them, Mary Ellen Preyer up from Morgan College and making rapid preparations to depart for Detroit where she will enjoy the Yuletide whoop-de-doop in the Motor City. Inez English too from Morgan is Christmasing in little old New York. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. East out West Quakerville way is ever so pleased to have their daughter, Inez, home from Virginia State College.

Yvonne Jackson breezily blew into town to pass away the holiday days, flitting from one social affair to another before her return to West Virginia State College.

The faculty set, too, is enjoying home-town hospitality. Grace Peterkin who teaches in the department at the college in South Carolina is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbert Postles, in North Philadelphia.

The comely Grace Carey, Latin instructor at Virginia State College, is spending with her parents and sisters Clarissa Phillips Carey is up from her new teaching post in North Carolina. Incidentally, Clarissa was a sweet girl graduate in the June class at Cheyney and this is her first experience at teaching.

The Thomas Johnsons (Thomasina Walker, who came into town from Beantown for a few packed-full-o'-fun days during the Yuletide. Since this is Thomasina's first visit since she deserted the ranks of single blessedness, doubtless she will be introduced to her young matron. Already the Roy Harpers are making preparations to visit Hoboken.

WILLIAM ALLISON

The Edward Phillipses (nee Sylvia Davis) of Camden are the parents of the sweetest bundle from heaven—their second son, William Allison. This wee bit of the Philadelphia family will be christened Sunday. The happy parents request the parents will invite certain friends of Camden residence. You know well how both the Sylvia and Edward can be—and the affair will be tops!

MRS. BEATRICE CLARE, who is an artist in her own right, will soon tell the aisle of matrimony with the one and only Jim Overton. Orchids to the happy pair!

Blind Girl Wins 2 First Essay Prizes

NEW YORK. — Blindness for six years was no handicap for Miss Frances Berry, 23, of 220 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, who won two essay first prizes among 375,000 blind school pupils, in the State Chamber of Commerce competitions on the subject: "My Responsibility as a Citizen in the Occupation I May Choose."

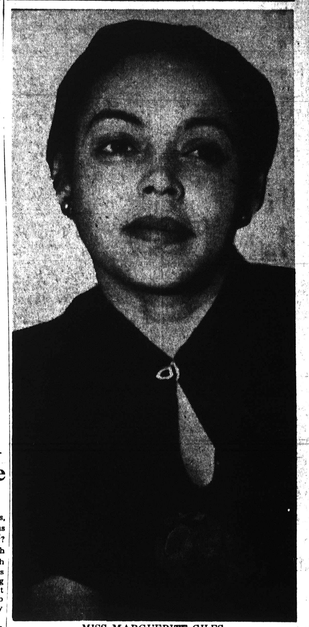
Enjoying no special privileges in the Vadleigh High School where she is an eighth term student, Miss Berry has qualified for membership in the Arista, honor society, and plans to attend Brooklyn College.

Abner Powell Wins Contest in Sweden

STOCKHOLM — Abner Powell, protege of Guy S. Clarke, won a close decision over the European heavyweight champion here, last week.

Powell will have two more fights, one in Finland, the other in Denmark, before returning to the United States.

WILL BE CUPID'S FIRST 1938 VICTIM



MISS MARGUERITE GILES, of Philadelphia, whose engagement to Clinton G. Taylor of Tia Juana, Mexico, will culminate as soon as the New Year comes.

BOY BLAMES CRIMES ON PASSION FOR GIRL

PHILADELPHIA — Contending that the desire to obtain money and protection for the girl he loved was the motive behind the crimes he confessed he had committed during the past month, Roland Frazier, 19, of 2231 W. Norris Street was held under $2,500 bail for further investigation, Saturday, by Magistrate Edwin A. Vare.

Frazier's reputedly confessed crimes include the shooting of two men, during the course of the affections of Miss Lillie Miles, 24, of 1846 N. Park Avenue, the theft of the car in which he held sway and two previous attempted store robberies.

Arrested in Richmond

The youth was arrested in Richmond, Va., on Dec. 11, following an accident with the car which he reputedly stole from the Jesuit Society, Eighteenth and Thompson Streets. He worked a swindle and was returned to Philadelphia by Detectives John Bardwell and Leo Boyle.

Frazier admitted having shot Charles Holman of 1531 N. Ross Street, in the back on Dec. 3, when he learned that Holman had been keeping company with Miss Miles. Jesse Peterkin of 1801 N. Camac Street, a bystander, was accidentally struck by a stray bullet from Frazier's revolver.

Frazier admitted that he allegedly phoned a garage at Nineteenth and Master Streets where he formerly worked, and that he car belonging to a Catholic priest sent to the religious home by mistake, was turned over to a member of the society. After a timed wait, he is said to have gone to the home and made his escape from the city in the stolen car.

Pick Up While Boy

Police said that Frazier picked up a white youth while traveling through Maryland. When they reached Norris and Ross, on the highway, both boys fled from the scene. They were arrested soon after an accident with the car which he reputedly stole from the Jesuit Society. Eighteenth and Thompson Streets. He worked a swindle and was returned to Philadelphia by Detectives John Bardwell and Leo Boyle

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Prayer for National Sin of Lynching

NEW YORK — If and when Protestant churches feel conscious of the "national sin of lynching" the department of race relations, Federal Council of Churches has prepared a "prayer of penitence" to be used the following are excerpts:

"O God, how dare we lift our eyes to Thee, for we are guilty, as a nation, of tolerating the practice of vile mob murder of men.

"Make us to know the awful judgment of God which result upon those having any personal part in lynching, and upon every community and State, and upon our people as a whole until we shall repent and turn away from this taking of human life.

"O God, forgive us! Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Help us, we beseech Thee, to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance that we may be redeemed from the foul clutches of this national evil, and may order all our ways in the fear and love of God. Amen."

Omegas Call Strike of 9 "Cooperation"

INSTITUTE, W.Va. (ANP.)—Denying last week that their nine pledgees went on strike or that their initiation had been brutal, officers of Theta Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, at West Virginia State College, admitted the probates had been suspended but were later reinstated and initiated.

"The incident grew out of the lack of discipline of one of the probates involved," declared officers. "This caused the suspension of this one probate. In an attempt to stress co-operation the nine men decided to keep the group intact, which meant the suspension of all nine probates. The suspension was later lifted and the men returned to probation, then initiated into the fraternity."

UP FROM THE STICKS

By WILLIAM HENRY HUFF (for ANP)

I'm glad I came up from the sticks
Where God so often goes
And plants and cultivates and picks
His noblest flower—the rose.

I'm glad I had to carve my path
Through tangled forests, dense,
For, happy is the aftermath—
I learned some common sense!

You Have been reading —extracts *from the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapters five, six and seven.*

MAN RETURNED TO N. C. FOR 12-YEAR SLAYING

PHILADELPHIA—As a result of a tip to police by a relative of the deceased youth, Eugene Cunningham, 26, was returned to Greensboro, N.C., Friday, to face a twelve-year murder case in the death of a class mate.

Cunningham allegedly fatally stabbed another youth while a pupil in a high school. He was recognized two weeks ago by a cousin of the deceased youth, police indicated.

The deceased man stated that he stabbed the other youth in the chest with a nail when twenty cents was taken from him. Cunningham waived extradition rights at a magistrate's hearing.

Patrolman William Asher arrested Cunningham.

Waitresses' School Opens at Sulsberger

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Because of a demand for well-trained waitresses and waiters a training class in home arts has been organized at the Sulsberger Evening School on Tuesday nights.

The course offers instruction in formal and informal serving of private families, hotels, restaurants, the development of personality traits necessary for success in the field, actual preparation of foods needed in the demonstrations of different types of services and menu planning, pantry serving, and buttering.

Frats Don't Support Newspapers—Fleming

CHICAGO (ANP.) — Fraternities and other organizations are taken to task for not supporting newspapers, in an article by G. James Fleming, national publicity director of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in the current issue of the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal.

Those who have been helped most by the press forget it most, the article says. "They boast of not reading the newspapers and never remember to spend a penny with them, yet they expect them to carry their news."