$482 Reported In Baby Contest

Some 20 tiny tots participating in a baby contest sponsored by the trustee board of Calvary Baptist Church reported a total of $482.45.

Cash awards of $10 were presented to the three youngsters who reported $50 or more. They were Eric Artson, $56; Belinda Chambers, $53; and Emily Blue $50.

Awards of $5 were presented to those who turned in $25 or more. They included Aaron P. Townsend Jr., $31.75; Karen Giddinigs, $31.50; Wayne Corbin, $31; Janet Cooper, $30; Michael Wison, $26; Bertram Bailey and Debra Clark, $25 each.

Other contestants, all of whom received gifts were: Stewart C. Hill, Carolyn Anderson, Rosalind Gilmer, Mark A. Hall, Robert King, Anna Tindull, Marvin Webster, Sheila green, Linda Harris, A. Chase, Irva Giddings and Thomas Jones.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan was contest chairman. The Rev. A. P. Townsend is pastor.

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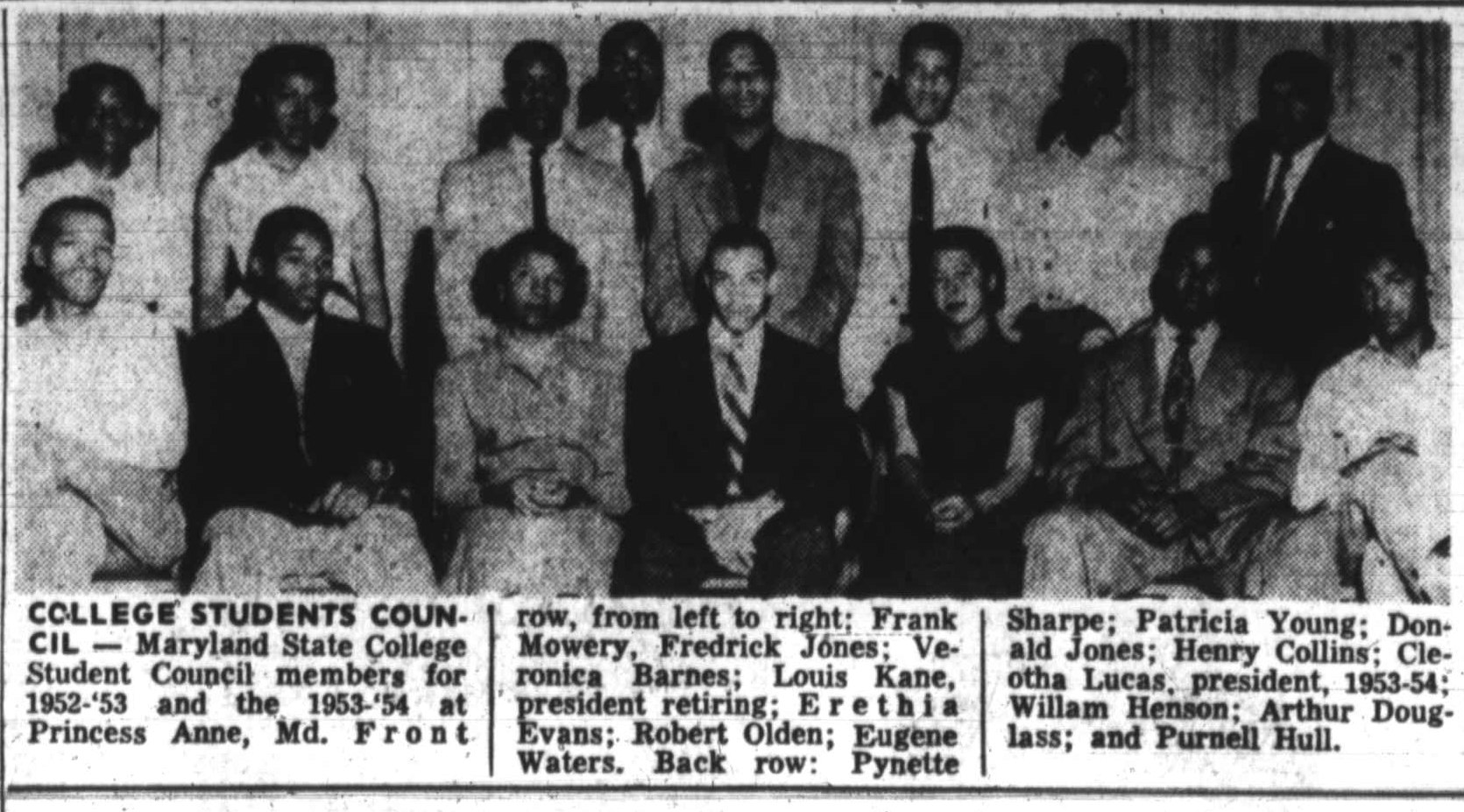
Taxi Driver Held

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—John Hays, 35, taxi driver, has been charged with the fatal stabbing of Clement McNab, 30, over a $1.05 taxi bill, which the latter allegedly refused to pay.



COLLEGE STUDENTS COUNCIL — Maryland State College Student Council members for 1952-'53 and the 1953-'54 at Princess Anne, Md. Front row, from left to right; Frank Mowery, Fredrick Jones; Veronica Barnes; Louis Kane, president retiring; Erethia Evans; Robert Olden; Eugene Waters. Back row: Pynette Sharpe; Patricia Young; Donald Jones; Henry Collins; Cleotha Lucas, president, 1953-54; Willam Henson; Arthur Douglass; and Purnell Hull.

SAYS SONS ALIVE, WELL:

Stell, on Hope Mission, Cheers POW Mothers

Cpl. Robert C. Stell, Baltimore's first freed prisoner of the Korean war, began the initial leg of his "hope mission" Saturday, visiting families of service men still in the hands of the North Korean Communists.

Mothers of men Corporal Stell saw in the Red prison camps—in which he was a prisoner for 28 months—were told that their sons were alive, "have all of their arms, legs, fingers and toes," and that they were as well as could be expected.

"The primary problem," Corporal Stell told each of the mothers, "is adjustment."

He warned each to have faith in her son's safe return.

Mrs. Helen B. Cheatham of 715 N. Central ave. was the first mother to be visited by Corporal Stell Saturday. Her son, Cpl. William A. Cheatham, 26, entered the Army in October, 1950, and was captured in September, 1951.

Anxious Inquiry

"Tell me," Mrs. Cheatham inquired nervously of her son, "has he been wounded or anything?"

"He's fine," Corporal Stell said. "He has al his arms, legs and everything."

Mrs. Cheatham looked as if she still needed encouragement. "I know he's alive," the corporal went on. "I've seen him. We've talked together, slept together and everything."

Then he added with a smile: "You are one of the fortunate mothers."

Mrs. Cheatham said she got three letters from her son about two weeks ago.

"I've been writing him steady right along, but I hadn't heard from him in seven months," she said.

Good News For Another

Mrs. Margaret Wyatt of 2249 E. Preston st. heard good news of her son, too.

"He's alive and well," Corporal Stell said of Cpl. Robert L. Wyatt, 23, taken prisoner in November, 1950.

"That's so wonderful!" Mrs. Wyatt exclaimed.

"He was taken prisoner about the same time I was," Corporal Stell explained, "but it was some time before I saw him. We went through most of the dark days together."

Mrs. Wyatt last received a letter from her son in April. It was dated Jan. 8.

She has another son in the Army, Clifton Wyatt, who is stationed in the United States.

For Mrs. Lucinda Keene of 912 E. Shuter st., the word that her son, Cpl. Walter J. Keene, was alive and well when last seen was a glimmer of light after long days of darkness.

Sons In Second War

Walter, 26, along with his brother John L., 28, is a veteran of World War II. Both saw action on Okinawa. Walter re-enlisted in 1947 and was captured by the Communists in 1950.

Meanwhile, John is a pateint at Perry Point hospital as a result of his war experiences.

"I don't hear from Walter like I used to," Mrs. Keene said, her face lined with worry.

"If you don't get a letter for a year, remember, whatever happens is for the best, and he's all right," Corporal Stell told her. Mrs. Keene had read in the AFRO that Corporal Stell had her name on a list of families he planned to visit, and had stayed close to home waiting.

Corporal Stell also visited the homes of Herbert Watson, 1211 McCulloh st., and Roosevelt Lunn, 1044 Fayette st., but found no one at home.

Landay Nash Car

A car was furnished Corporal Stell for his visit to the POW families by the Landay Nash Sales company, and the corporal was accompanied on the trip by Harry E. Landay and Allen K. Chilcoat.

Corporal Stell plans to visit two Annapolis families, Webster Johnson, 17 Hick ave., and James Diggs, 82 Calvert st., at a later date, and a Cumberland resident, William Rhodes, 180 Wineow st.

Adam Powell Seaker At Commencement

Congressman A. Clayton Powell will be commencement speaker at 4 p.m. June 6 for Coppin State teachers college.

The commencement activities will get under way on May 29 with the senior prom at Morgan Christian Center.

The baccalaureate service will be held at 4 p.m., May 31 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Etting sts. with an address by Dr. Abraham Shusterman.

Faculty Reception

The faculty reception to the graduating class will be held at the college 7:30 p.m., June 2.

The reception of honor students, Circulus Scholarum, will be held at the college at 4 p.m. on June 3.

Alumni night will be observed at 7:30 p.m., June 3 at the Madison ave. YWCA.

The activities will end with the June 6. commencement exercises on

Business School Wins Banner

The shorthand team entered by Cortez W. Peters business school in the annual OGA contest sponsored by the Gregg Publishing company won seventh place in the Private schools division.

For this special honor, the team will receive a banner. For the past seven years the teams have won honorable mention certificate s but this will be the first team to qualify for a banner.

In a letter addressed to Miss Evelyne D. Wilkey from the contest committee the following commendation was made:

Students Commended

"We wish to take this opportunity to commend you and your students upon the splendid work submitted in this year's entry. It was a good job well done. Continued success to all."

Five students won the superior merit certificate for special skill in writing the contest copy. They are: Emily Booth, Winnie C. Lee, Vergie Clanton, Elva DeShields and Katharine Ruff.

The annual O.G.A. contest is worldwide in scope as stenographers and students from all over the world send entries to be judged for awards.

Cpl. Joseph Dorsey Granted 12-Day Leave

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. — Cpl. Joseph Dorsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dorsey of 2820 Simpson st., Baltimore, has been granted twelve days of leave from his unit, the famed 86th Truck Company, stationed here.

Prior to entering the army in 1948, Cpl. Dorsey attended Booker T. Washington high school and was employed by the Dorsey's Hauling and Transportation Company. He received his basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J.

He is married to the former Miss Doris M. Pride of Baltimore. The couple have 3 children: Joan Ann, age 6, Joseph, age 5, and Denese, age 3.

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HOW DID THEY WRITE LETTERS WHEN THERE WAS NO PAPER?
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Part 4 – 'A Child's History Of the World'

'Twas Love At First Sight

"April in Paris" is the title of a song. It is also a time of love and romance.

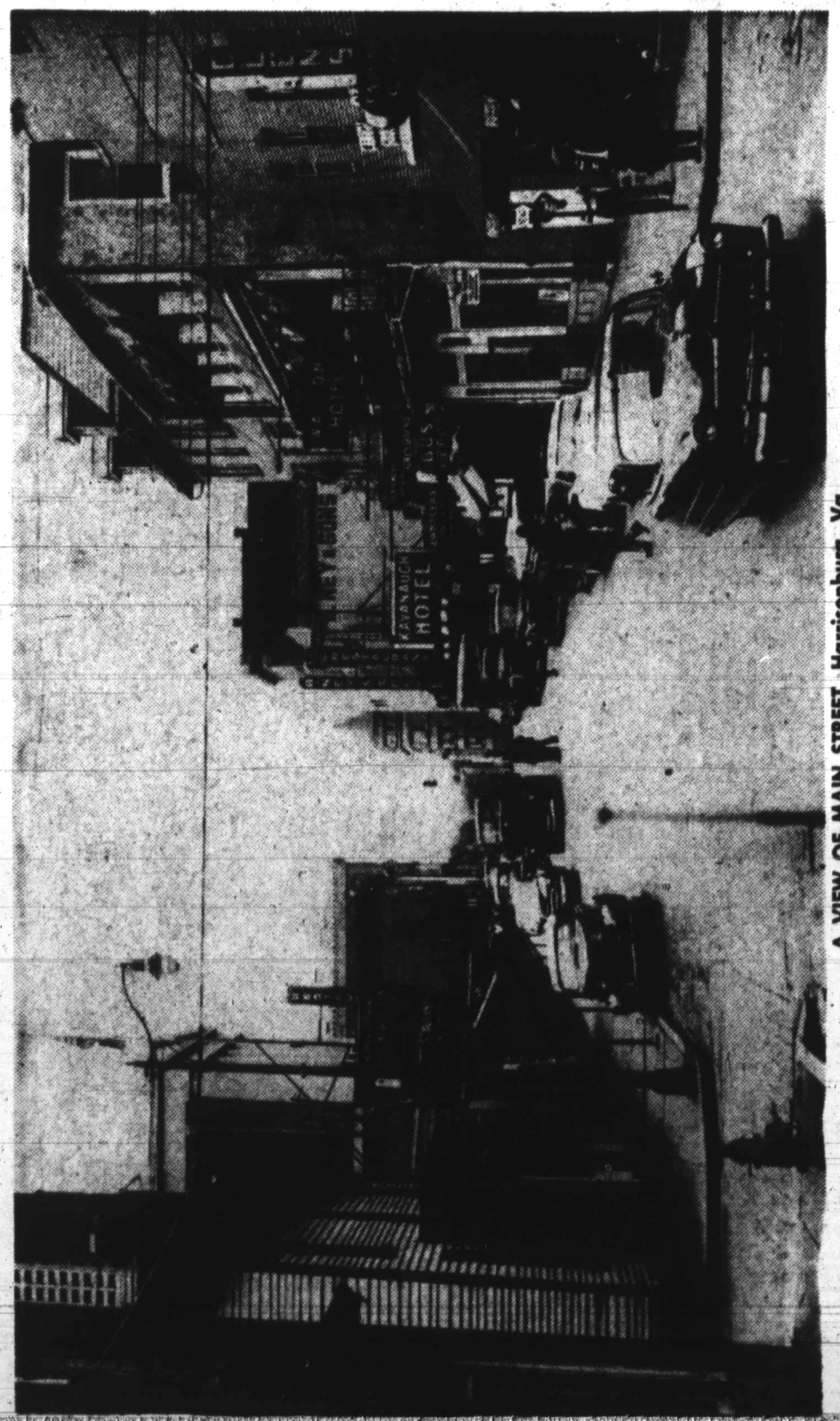
The theme was carried out to the letter when Miss Mattiwilda Dobbs, of Atlanta, Ga., was met, wooed and won by Luis Rodriquez of Spain.

The marriage actually took place in Genoa, Italy since Paris law looks sternly on rush marriages and Italy requires only a two-day waiting period.

Americans will have to wait until 1954 to get a look at Mr. and Mrs. Rodriquez when Sol Hurok, manager of Miss Dobbs has arranged an America concert tour.

Rodriquez is a writer for Spanish radio. Mrs. Rodriquez is the first colored singer to appear at the LaScala Opera House in Italy.

Harrisonburg, Va.–Turkey Capital



A VIEW OF MAIN STREET, Harrisonburg, Va.

Harrisonburg, Virginia, is a city of 10,400 plus 800 vagrants, the latter, colored residents who just don't have any visible means of support.

Every factory in town is closed to them as well as the retail establishments. One garment factory was staffed with about 100 colored women one day — the next day they were replaced by 100 white women. That was not only a blow to the women, but to their men as well.

In the midst of this shut-out of employment opportunities there is a strange housing democracy.

Live Together

Whites and colored live on streets together and many whites rent from colored owners, several of whom live in the metropolitan cities.

The sole exception in this dark economic picture, insofar as colored citizens are concerned, is the Merck and Co., Inc., manufacturing chemists, at Elkton. But upgrading is against policy there.

Outside the racial implications, Rockingham County is a model of progress and sound planning for future growth. It is the "Turkey Capital of the East" with a mark of 1,000,000 birds annually.

Rockingham leads the State in general poultry and livestock, with sales around $20,000,000 annually.

Wealthy Area

Rockingham County is one of the wealthiest agricultural counties in America. This wealth is developing under the guidance of competent political and business administration.

Their plans just do not include the 800 citizens of color.

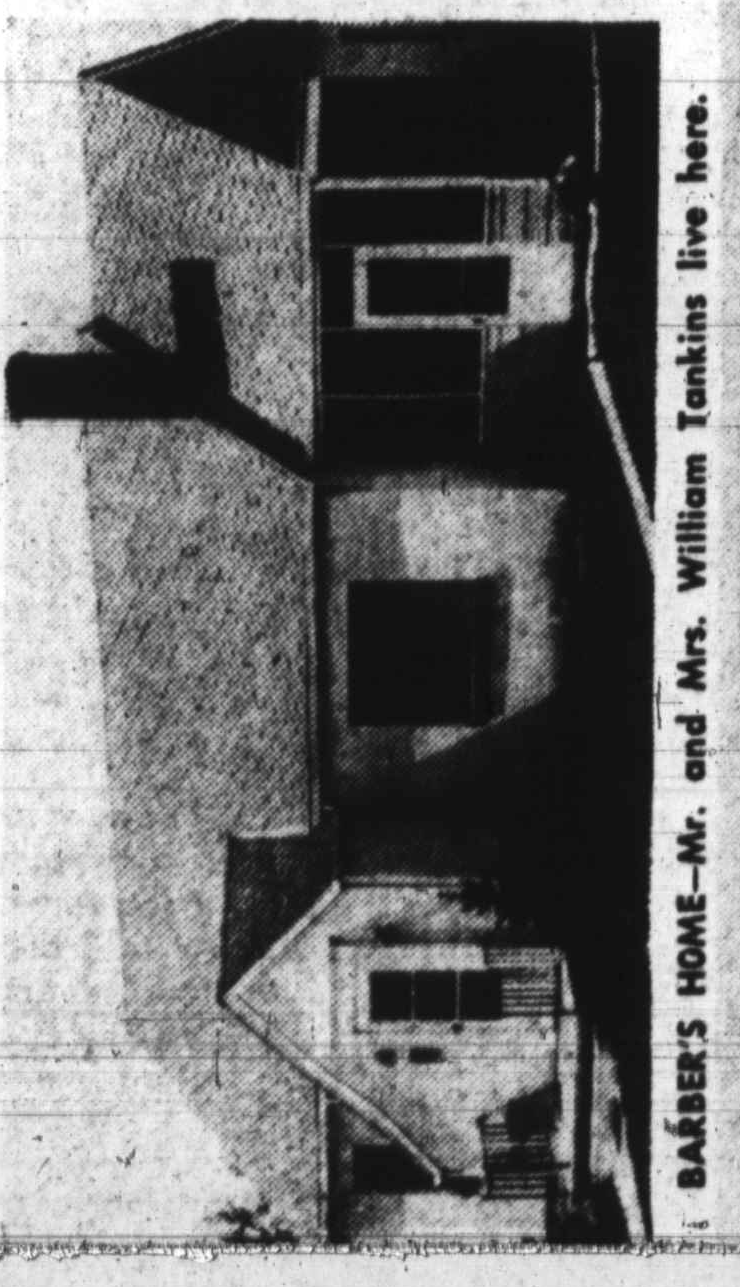
Lucy F. Simms high school serves the community. Pupils total 266, 10 of whom are seniors.

John Wesley Methodist church, the Rev. L. L. Williams, pastor, is one of the largest in Rockingham County.

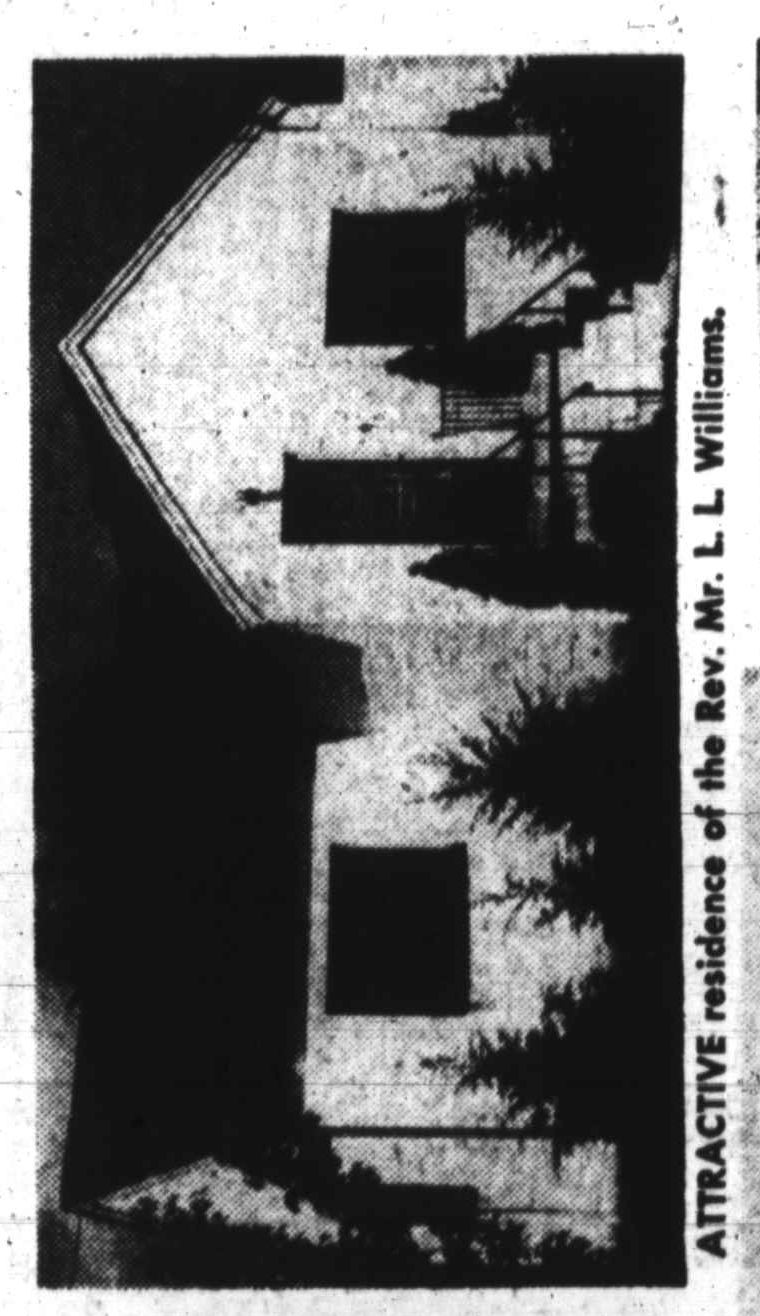
Among the town's home-owners are:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart; she is a nursery supervisor, he is a businessman; Mrs. Naline Awkard, a widow, her daughter teaches school;

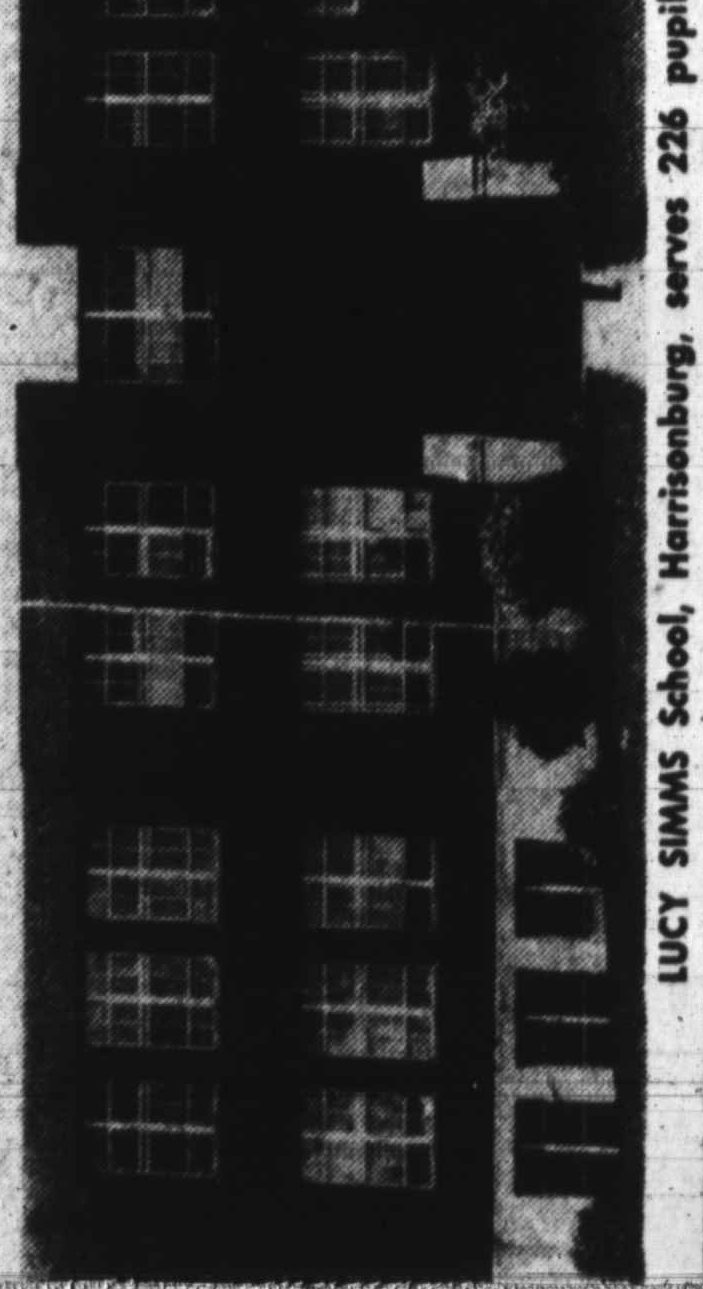
Mr. and Mrs. William Tankins, he is a barber.



BARBER'S HOME—Mr. and Mrs. William Tankins live here.



ATTRACTIVE residence of the Rev. Mr. L L Williams.



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-Watch For-

The AFRO roving photographer will visit these towns in the near future. Watch for picture stories about them.

Staunton, Va.
Waynesboro, Va.
Hamlet, N.C.

SIMMS SCHOOL children rehearse for juvenile operetta held this month.