"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."
—14th AMENDMENT, U.S. CONSTITUTION

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## IN MEMORIAM

*May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful; and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.*—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

# Our Most Fervent Christmas Wish

## Matthew 1:18-25

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins.

22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and He called his name Jesus.

## Where Is Peace?

Although the names of this year's distinguished recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize have been announced for scientific and literary achievement, no name was recorded for outstanding success in the attainment or preservation of peace.

This is the second consecutive year that the Nobel committee has found the world to be lacking in this regard.

Certainly this is not to say that our world does not have unnumbered dedicated and selfless people striving hard to reduce antagonisms; this is to say that their efforts have not met with substantial and startling success.

Perhaps the absence of a peace recipient should remind us that we enter a season in which we celebrate the birth of the Divine Man who was proclaimed the Prince of Peace.

Hopefully that person will emerge in the new year who will be so imbued with His dynamic ethic of truth, integrity and love of fellow that through such a one a great peace achievement will be made.

Hopefully Man — or at least a significant sector of the species — shall find peace through such a one before the committee seeks him again.

## We Stand With LBJ

Anyone who reads the editorial comment in these columns is aware that this newspaper has a high regard for our country's Chief Executive, Lyndon B. Johnson.

From time to time we have become editorially anxious about the shape of things in Vietnam, and we expressed admiration for the Williamsburg minister who recently backed the President to the wall with questions about that unhappy conflict.

We have come to support the view that the urgent cries of our cities require a priority that a protracted and embellished Vietnam will not permit.

But notwithstanding our concern about the Asian posture of our country, at a time when many have declared open season on the man from Texas, we assert our belief that he has done great things since he entered the White House.

And it was no easy accomplishment for us to declare our faith in a man whose eyes, when determined, and whose Southern drawl remind us of distant times and places where whippoorwills cried and the sounds of the hooded night-rider counterpointed the screams of terrified black men and women.

But Lyndon Johnson has shaped up. He has proven that a man's background and environment — no matter how ignominiously opposed to higher ideals and conduct — need not hamper his growth and development.

For it is to him the American black citizen owes the appointments of the first black Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the first black cabinet officer, the first black member of the Federal Reserve Board and the first black head of a reformed District of Columbia government.

It is to his administration that we owe an increase of black children in southern states attending integrated schools from 3 percent in 1964 to a still too limited 18 percent in 1967.

He was the President who has appointed more black federal judges than any other preceding him. And he was the President who opened thousands of polling places to disfranchised millions.

Never mind that political realities demanded these appointments; nevermind that they were an inevitable finale to a political orchestration already begun; nevermind even that in the vast perspective of history Lyndon Johnson and his kind owe us more than they can ever repay.

This Southerner grasped power by accident, but instead of dealing against us behind the door with men who claim a common heritage with him, he has chosen the lonely course of pursuing political righteousness.

Brickbat throwers notwithstanding, we take our stand with LBJ.

## It's Ali's Crown

We're pleased that Louisville will be represented by James Ellis when the prize-fight business presents its sleight-of-hand championship fight to conclude its own elimination tournament. Mr. Ellis has proved himself an able boxer, worthy of a title fight.

He will be fighting the wrong man. The champion is Muhammad Ali — at least to those who still believe there is some sportsmanship left in what was once a sport. The champion, also a Louisvillian, has not retired nor has he been beaten — in the ring — since he won the heavyweight title from Sonny Liston.

He has been defeated outside the ring, however, by a business that felt it couldn't "sell" a dissenter and by the public, too quick to condemn the champion for taking an unpopular stand on such vital issues as race relations and the morality of the war in Vietnam. — THE COURIER-JOURNAL

'After We're Liberated, We'll Be "Pacified."'
—Mauldin in The Chicago Sun-Times

# Wilkins Speaks • *By Roy Wilkins*

## They Seek No Dialogue, Brook No Dissent

Back in the dim days of 1956, colored citizens brought new vigor to marching protests in the now-famous Montgomery bus boycott. In 1967 those protests are being given an alarming twist by opponents of the draft, war dissenters, New Left students, black power racists and others.

ROY WILKINS

Even the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who won his first fame in Montgomery has projected what he calls a nonviolent civil disobedience campaign this spring for Washington, D.C. In bowing to the trend, Dr. King has concluded that government will not act unless it is confronted with a dramatic incident. He plans to present that incident, but has not outlined his plan of action in detail.

Will he seek to tie up government and prevent its functioning until it functions on various civil rights and poverty needs, coupled, perhaps, with a decisive governmental move to end the war? Will he and his followers occupy the offices of senators, congressmen, cabinet members, agency heads, departmental headquarters corridors, hearing rooms — even the White House, itself?

### Others are not so vague

Other demonstrators have not been vague. The peace crusaders attempted to storm the Pentagon and to halt all defense department work. The anti-draft protests staged in New York and in a string of other cities were not mere demonstrations of the feelings of the participants, but efforts to "close the induction office," to block streets, steps and entrances and to prevent draftees from being processed. Elsewhere the effort was to prevent volunteers from offering themselves to the armed services.

On the West Coast a rampaging student group practically took over the San Francisco State College campus. The mob was protesting the suspension of four black students who in November had raided the office of the campus newspaper and had beaten the editor.

On the afternoon of December 9, an unshorn, unbathed youth group marched in the vicinity of the White House, striving to thrust its strident views on Vietnam into the wedding ceremony of Lynda Bird Johnson who is not President of the United States.

### Far cry from Montgomery

These demonstrations are a far cry from the Montgomery marches of 1956 and the sit-ins of 1960-61. Today the goal seems to be not the exercise of freedom to dissent, but disruption of services to, and the insulting of, other citizens who may or may not agree with the views of the protest group.

Ominously, there is present today the threat of bodily harm and the actual assault upon the person. This is not freedom of speech, but Mafia-like dictatorship.

If these people, young and old, student and hangers-on, should come to power, freedom would disappear. Like Hitler and Stalin, they have convinced themselves that they have the only truth and the only morality. Anything or anyone in opposition to their dogma must be shut down, barred from platforms or shouted down, threatened, bombed and beaten.

It is small wonder that Senator Robert F. Kennedy, a believer in youth, freedom, change, innovation and tough contention for one's beliefs, sees danger in the trend to block others rather than to exercise one's own rights.

### Dissenters seek no dialogue

The race issue is plagued, too, with dissenters who seek no dialogue and brook no dissent. In the best style of Castro, Hitler or Mao, a colored youth last week told a New York dinner gathering: "I'll speak and you listen!"

That, of course, is "telling it like it is" and this conception of "like it is" tends more toward suppression than toward freedom. After the rain, the flowers, perhaps, unless the downpour has been so hard that the seeds have been washed away.

# To Be Equal • *By Whitney M. Young Jr.*

## Moral State Of Many As Incomplete As St. John the Divine

To me, the symbol of this Christmas is the uncompleted Cathedral church of St. John the Divine in New York City. Construction work on the church has been stopped by Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan. Scaffolding will circle the uncompleted tower, remaining as a symbol of the anguish of the slums.

WHITNEY YOUNG

The Cathedral, Bishop Donegan said, "Mr. Young shall be the prophetic symbol that our society is still as rough-hewn, ragged, broken and incomplete as the building itself."

His eloquent words could not be more true. We celebrate Christmas and its message of love and brotherhood, but does our society really believe its message? The symbols, the words, and the rites are there, but the meaning of peace and brotherhood is not.

### Examine our true feelings

Sure, this is a season of rejoicing and good cheer, but it should also be a time when men look deep into their hearts and examine their true feelings and their actions. For if the events of the past year proved anything, they showed that too many people harbor feelings of racism and bigotry.

People who used to think they were unprejudiced now have to be more honest with themselves. It was easy for them when the civil rights struggle was centered in the South. Who couldn't support a fight against the racist actions of some Deep South sheriffs.

### Couldn't admit prejudices

But now the battle has moved North, and it is about basic things like housing and education and jobs. And these same people who thought themselves so right-thinking, suddenly panic when integration means a colored family next door.

They couldn't quite bring themselves to admit they were prejudiced, so they used all sorts of excuses. They said colored people were getting too militant, or they got upset about slogans like "Black Power." Finally, instead of seeing the riots as desperate explosions of anger at intolerable living conditions, they made riots their excuse for their prejudices.

I remember meeting one fellow recently who told me that he lost his sympathy for "my people" after the riots. I asked him what he did when we had his sympathy. "Did you employ black workers? Did you help colored families to move into your neighborhood? Did you do anything at all to help colored people break down the barriers of segregation?"

When he admitted that he didn't do any of these things, I told him that we really weren't going to miss his support. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing.

Like many other people, this fellow's response to the riots has been honest. Now he can admit to disliking black people. He couldn't before, since everyone was hung up on lip-service to integration, but now he and others can be honest about it.

That's a positive sign. Hypocrisy leaves nothing to build on, but honest confrontation does. If he and others like him had acted when they were "sympathetic," we might not have had riots. But now that he knows he doesn't like colored people, he might come to realize that like it or not, colored people are here, and their demands will have to be answered, and he just might have to do something constructive for a change.

### Phoniness stripped away

A lot of phoniness has been stripped away, bringing ugly feelings of hate and bigotry to the surface. We too, are letting our historic resentment and bitterness come out. But this is the time of year for people to examine their true feelings and, when they find hate, to root it out.

Millions of Americans will mouth the words "peace on earth, goodwill to all mankind," and they will bend their heads in prayer for a more just world. But I hope they will also take time to examine their actions. I think that many will find that their moral state is as incomplete as the church in New York which stands as the living symbol that the work we must do to achieve true democracy is unfinished.

## Thoughts Of The Founder

"If a person is rightly educated, he invariably shows it in certain practical ways of helpfulness.
John H. Murphy Sr.
Feb. 9, 1907

# AFRO READERS SAY

*I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it—Voltaire on Helvetius*

## Dr. Borders' Work Praised

Atlanta — Wheat Street Baptist Church is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the ministry there of the Rev. William H. Borders. Few churches in the country have side an impressive record.

The membership has more than doubled in this period. Little more than a year after he became pastor, the church moved out of its first unit through a financial campaign.

A federal credit union has been established at Wheat Street so its members can avoid loan sharks.

More than 500 housing units have been built under Dr. Borders' leadership, and a shopping center nears completion.

Under the administration of this progressive pastor, there are services for deaf mutes via interpreters. A modern education building has been constructed, housing a nursery and school.

The Rev. Mr. Borders is a native of Macon, educated at Morehouse College, Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, and Union Theological Seminary.

He has lectured at colleges and universities all around the nation. He has traveled around the world at least twice. He began fighting for civil rights in the '30s, long before the current movement began.

This man truly serves the community. He visits the pool rooms, saloons and other joints, and those who frequent these places see him as a friend. This giant of a man is easy to approach.

His sympathetic ear listens as the high and the low talk to him about their problems. His children, William H. Jr. and Joel P. Benson, are practicing Atlanta physicians.

Casual observation of the ministry

### Tell truth, lose friends

McColl, S.C. — One of the surest ways to lose friends is to tell the truth about them. The reaction of Spartan African leaders to Stokely Carmichael's criticism is a fine example of this. "Revolution is not a tea party," and it cannot be fought and won in social clubs.

Yes we know these gentlemen find it more pleasant to ride around the city in a fine car than to push through the jungles with a burp gun and a load of ammo. The perfumed beds of their Caucasian women are far softer than the hard damp ground that the guerilla fighter has to sleep upon.

But wars can only be won in the field.

A worthy example of this is America's enemy the Viet Cong. Why do you think the VC, out numbered, out gunned and with little to fight with, has been able to fight the greatest military power on earth to a standstill? It's their willingness to fight.

They don't come home to bed with white women or discussing their plans in social clubs. They fight, and Africa's leaders are going to have to learn to do the same.

—THOMAS C. McNEIL

### March readies 30th drive

New York — In January 1968 the March of Dimes will conduct the 30th Anniversary campaign. For three decades this voluntary health organization has depended on an informed public to provide financial support for its programs of research, patient care and education in the field of birth defects.

We call birth defects The Great Destroyer. Each year birth defects destroy 500,000 unborn babies and kill 60,000 of our children and adults. One or more birth defects affect the daily lives of some 15 million Americans of all ages.

Those are grim figures. But like polio, birth defects can be beaten. Again we are asking all to help us as they have so generously in the past.

CHARLES H. BYNUM
Assistant to the Director
Chapter Department

### Anti-amnesia

Meadville, Pa. — David E. Sloan's column "Our Middle Class Forgets Too Soon," was one of the best I've seen on this subject.

If we were more dedicated to those who cannot help themselves, many of our problems could be solved, not by the white man but by our own middle class. I hope many of your readers will take note of this article.

MRS. CHARLES R. BOONE

## The Weather

Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23 clear
Dec. 24, 25, 26 snow

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| New Moon | Dec. 1 | 11:10 a.m. |
| First Quarter | Dec. 8 | 12:58 p.m. |
| Full Moon | Dec. 16 | 6:22 p.m. |
| Last Quarter | Dec. 24 | 5:48 a.m. |
| New Moon | Dec. 30 | 10:39 p.m. |

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| Thurs., Dec. 21 | 7:10 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |
| Fri., Dec. 22 | 7:10 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. 23 | 7:11 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |
| Sun., Dec. 24 | 7:11 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |
| Mon., Dec. 25 | 7:11 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |
| Tues., Dec. 26 | 7:12 a.m. | 4:16 p.m. |

**Holidays and Holydays**

Dec. 21—Forefathers' Day
Dec. 25—Christmas Day

## *Afro Credo*

I measure a newspaper not in buildings, equipment and employees — those are trimmings.

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself —

Whether it has kept faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

The AFRO-AMERICAN must become a bi-weekly, then a tri-weekly, and eventually, when advertising warrants, a daily.

It has always had a loyal constituency who believe it honest, decent and progressive. It is that kind of newspaper now and I hope it never changes.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

# Ministers In AFRO Contest

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| Little Nazareth Baptist | 1,400 |
| Little Ark Baptist | 26,600 |
| REV. DEXTER W. MATTHEWS Union Baptist | 11,100 |
| REV. J. H. MATTHEWS Temple of God | 11,100 |
| REV. J. E. MADANIEL First Philadelphia | 2,000 |
| REV. J. McDONALD Morning Star Baptist | 39,800 |
| REV. EDWARD McCARGO Christ Spiritual Temple | 500 |
| REV. HOYLAND McLEOD Hope Chapel | 22,500 |
| REV. WILLIAM McCOY Friendship Baptist | 1,100 |
| REV. J. H. MIDDLEBROOKS Union Memorial Methodist | 39,100 |
| REV. EDMOND McBURTE First Baptist | 6,000 |
| REV. EDMOND MEADE Israel Baptist | 73,700 |
| REV. WALTER MENGES Forest Park Presbyterian | 52,800 |
| REV. LEVI MILLER, JR. Unity Methodist | 180 |
| REV. W. J. MITCHELL Poplar Memorial AME | 27,800 |
| REV. J. E. MITCHELL, JR. John Wesley AME | 89,600 |
| REV. SAMUEL MOORE Unity Baptist | 4,500 |
| REV. JAMES L. MOORE Sharon Baptist | 6,100 |
| REV. ANDREW L. MOORING New Antioch Baptist | 10,300 |
| REV. O. D. NOYD Mt. Lebanon Baptist | 84,900 |
| REV. ANDREW L. NANCE Mt. Hope Baptist | 271,300 |
| REV. J. H. NEWBOLD Pentecostal Holiness | 47,800 |
| REV. R. T. NEWBOLD, JR. Grace Presbyterian | 18,500 |
| REV. J. ALFRED NORWOOD Faith Memorial Baptist | 26,000 |
| REV. E. RUDOLPH OBEY Cherry Hill Presbyterian | 2,500 |
| REV. PETER OFFER St. Peter Claver | 11,000 |
| REV. F. OLIVER PAGE Gethsemane Baptist | 9,100 |
| REV. WILLIAM PAIGE Faith Baptist | 302,000 |
| REV. LOUIS PAIGE Eastern Methodist | 217,600 |
| REV. JAMES PARKER Bethel Church of God | 1,200 |
| REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE Ivy Leaf | 84,900 |
| REV. W. W. PAYNE Wayland Baptist | 248,300 |
| ELDER J. C. PEAY Mt. Calvary Baptist | 8,000 |
| REV. GEANIE PERRY Macedonia Baptist | 1,300 |
| REV. WENDELL PHILLIPS Unitarian Universalist Church | 83,800 |
| REV. PITTS First Mt. Olivet Baptist | 28,600 |
| REV. CLARENCE E. POWELL Tabernacle Baptist | 12,200 |
| REV. ROBERT M. POWELL Holy Trinity Episcopal | 99,300 |
| REV. JULIAN PRICE Second Baptist | 2,000 |
| REV. C. PUGH United Baptist | 11,400 |
| REV. HOWARD R. QUEEN Pleasant Grove Baptist | 10,200 |
| REV. SAMUEL RAY Morning Star Baptist | 135,200 |
| REV. JAMES RAILEY Bethel Baptist | 500 |
| REV. S. B. REID St. Andrew Baptist | 67,400 |
| REV. EDGAR REID Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist | 48,100 |
| REV. FRANK REID Bethel A.M.E. | 81,100 |
| REV. W. JOHN RINGGOLD Bethel A.M.E. | 4,600 |
| REV. EDWARD M. REVELS Paul C. C. | 18,900 |
| REV. WILLIAM RIVERS Union Baptist Church | 41,200 |
| REV. MATTHEW H. ROBINSON Prince of Peace C.C. Mission | 1,000 |
| REV. JIMMIE ROBINSON Tree Baptist | 4,900 |
| REV. RUFUS ROBINSON Greater Bethel Church | 1,300 |
| REV. STEWART ROBINSON New Psychiatrists C. C. | 25,600 |
| REV. E. L. ROSS Mt. Olivet Baptist | 4,700 |
| REV. MILDRED ROBINSON Bethel Baptist | 800 |
| REV. GEORGE R. RUSSELL Old Grace Baptist | 4,300 |
| REV. J. W. ROBINSON Mt. Olivet Baptist | 44,600 |
| REV. WILLARD SAUNDERS Bethel Baptist | 22,900 |
| REV. W. L. C. SCARBOROUGH Mt. Olivet Baptist | 2,000 |
| REV. JEROME SCRUGGS Charity Baptist | 1,900 |
| FATHER WALTER SERBRINT JR St. Francis Xavier | 1,000 |
| REV. MONROE SIMMS Elkridge First Baptist | 6,400 |
| REV. FRANCIS B. SMITH Apostolic Faith Holiness | 49,800 |
| REV. BENJAMIN F. SHELL Ivory Temple | 14,900 |
| FATHER SLIMBACK St. Peter Claver | 600 |
| REV. ANGUS A. SMITH Memorial Baptist | 66,300 |
| REV. FRANCIS B. SMITH St. Philips Lutheran | 6,600 |
| REV. JAMES H. SMITH Mt. Airy Methodist | 82,500 |
| REV. JAMES W. SMITH Second Antioch Baptist | 6,900 |
| REV. H. R. SMITH Christian Baptist | 2,500 |
| REV. DAVID SPANN Remnant Church of God | 1,000 |
| REV. FOREST STITH Sharp St. Methodist | 15,300 |
| BISHOP MONROE B. SAUNDERS First United Apostolic | 4,100 |
| REV. MELVIN C. SWANN Waters AME | 81,100 |
| BISHOP EDWARD STANCIL Temple of God Pentecostal | 6,800 |
| REV. LAWYER SWINSON New Metropolitan Bapt. | 160,900 |
| REV. W. H. TAYLOR Emmanuel Church | 14,100 |
| REV. PETER TILGHMAN Trinity AME | 4,700 |
| REV. COLUMBUS THOMAS Beth Mizpe Baptist | 500 |
| REV. JAMES B. THOMAS III Enon Baptist | 13,400 |
| REV. A. A. THOMPSON Mt. Olivet Methodist | 84,900 |
| REV. LILLIAN THOMPSON Ark of Refuge Temple | 14,000 |
| REV. D. THOMPSON Bethel Baptist | 8,100 |
| REV. PARRISH THOMPSON Mt. Moriah Baptist | 73,700 |
| REV. WILLIAM H. THOMPSON White Rock Baptist | 166,100 |
| REV. S. A. THOMPSON Ebenezer AME | 11,300 |
| ELDER HENRY THRONES Sharon Church of God | 13,900 |
| REV. N. H. TOYER Mt. Calvary Star Baptist | 4,400 |
| REV. EARL TUCKER New Bethel C.C. Church | 4,500 |
| REV. T. C. TURNER Charity Baptist | 20,600 |
| REV. STUART TURNER All Peoples Temple | 29,500 |
| REV. GEORGE E. VANDERFORD Unity Baptist | 71,000 |
| REV. WADDY Shiloh Temple | 84,100 |
| ELDER HORACE WARD Bethel Apostle | 8,800 |
| BISHOP W. M. WANNER Mt. Olive Church | 8,900 |
| REV. CARL WASHINGTON Bethel Baptist | 24,200 |
| REV. W. S. WATSON Greater Mt. Olive Baptist | 13,300 |
| REV. J. T. WHITLEY Holy Christian Church | 15,500 |
| REV. A. WHITEHEAD Christ Temple | 600 |
| ELDER J. C. WIGGINS Church Of Christ Apostolic Faith | 200 |
| REV. F. W. WILLIAMS First Baptist Church | 84,000 |
| REV. FRANK WILLIAMS Metropolitan A.M.E. | 48,100 |
| REV. ISAAC L. WILLIAMS Mt. Moriah Baptist | 99,800 |
| REV. JULIUS D. WILLIAMS Edgewood Lutheran | 500 |
| REV. R. MOSES WILLIAMS Zion Baptist | 87,900 |
| REV. ROSCOE C. WILLIAMS Bethel Baptist | 784,400 |
| REV. L. A. WILLIAMS Bethel Baptist | 1,700 |
| REV. T. E. WILLIAMS Bethel Baptist | 1,700 |
| REV. HEZEKIAH WILLIAMSON Mt. Olivet Baptist | 28,900 |
| REV. DONALD O. WILSON Bethel Baptist | 86,900 |
| REV. JOHN P. WILSON Oak Grove Baptist | 16,700 |
| REV. PHILLIP WILSON St. Paul Baptist | 8,000 |
| REV. JAMES S. WISE Mt. Olivet Baptist | 1,500 |
| REV. ELLISON WITHERSPOON Bethel Baptist | 1,900 |
| REV. MARCUS C. WOOD Providence Baptist | 829,300 |
| REV. JAMES H. WOOTEN Bethel Baptist | 2,100 |
| REV. ERNEST WOOTEN Union Baptist | 21,800 |
| REV. WARD D. YERBY Parkway Square Baptist | 18,300 |
| BISHOP T. R. YOUNG Church Of God In Christ | 15,500 |
| REV. WILLIAM YOUNG Paradise Baptist | 5,700 |
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## Jury refuses to indict cop

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (UPI) — A Forsyth County Grand Jury refused to indict a Winston-Salem police officer Friday night who was charged with manslaughter in the death of a colored man.

The victim's funeral Nov. 2 touched off racial violence.

The 18-member Grand Jury found no cause to indict policeman W. E. Owens for the death of James Eller.

Eller was struck on the head Oct. 15 while resisting arrest at the police station.

Officers, including Owens, were trying to subdue Eller, who had been picked up for public drunkenness. Owens struck Eller on the head when Eller attempted to escape.

Eller died two weeks later.

Eller's widow brought a charge of murder against Owens. But a municipal court found no probable cause. The manslaughter charge followed.

# —Letters to AFRO's Mrs. Santa Clause

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left to act.

**Case 248** — I am writing for my family. I am 16 years old and while my mother was in the hospital my baby sister, who is 5, drank some lye and had to go to the hospital. She still goes 3 days a week. Could you send us a basket?

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**Case 249** — I am 13 years old, and I am writing because we are in need for food. My mother has 6 children. She works very hard to pay the bills. My oldest sister left home and left her baby for my mother to care for. We haven't gotten anything for Christmas, and I don't expect that we will. My brother shines shoes for money to help my mother. Please help us.

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**Case 250** — I am a mother of 4 children ages 6, 4, 3 and 2. I make $53 a week and need food very badly.

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**Case 251** — Please send some food and clothing for my children. My children's ages are 6 and 7.

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**Case 252** — Will you please aid me? I have 3 children, and their ages are 4, 3 and 9 months. I would like to have food and toys for the children.

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**Case 253** — Merry Christmas to you, and could you please send a basket for my three children and also for my little brother whom I am raising. Thank you.

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**Case 254** — I have 6 children, and I have not seen my husband in 5 years. The oldest is 14 and the youngest is 5. I would like to have a basket.

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**Case 255** — I need help for my family. My girls are 8, 7 and 5. My three boys are 6, 4 and 1 years old. My husband is handicapped in one eye and has a disfigured hand which makes it hard for him to work. We would appreciate a food basket.

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**Case 256** — I am writing this letter hoping you will help me. My children need clothes very badly. The boys wear pants sizes 18 and 12. My girls wear sizes 11 and 12.

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**Case 257** — I am the mother of 2 children and one on the way. My husband brings home $35 a week, and our rent is $50 a month. My work is at Goodwill Industries. Would you please send us a food basket and maybe a toy or two. God Bless You.

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**Case 258** — I know you are a busy lady, so I appreciate any help you can give me. I have 7 children and would like to receive a food basket.

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**Case 259** — I am writing for a basket of food for my 8 children. My husband just had a heart attack and cannot work. Please help.

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**Case 260** — Please help my children for Christmas, I have 5 and their ages are 8, 9, 10, 13 and 16. They did not have a Christmas dinner last year, and I would like to have a food basket this year.

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**Case 261** — I want to ask for your help because I have 4 sisters and 9 brothers. We would appreciate anything you can do for me. Would you please send us a basket of food for the little ones; the larger ones can make it with God's help.

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**Case 262** — I am the mother of 2 daughters and would appreciate a food basket for Christmas. The girls are 2 and 3 years old. They need some clothing, slips 3 and 4; panties, 4 and 6; socks, 4 and 6.

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**Case 263** — I would like to have a basket for Christmas for my 3 children and myself. My husband is not at home, and I receive aid from the welfare. I would like to have a nice dinner for them.

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**Case 264** — Please help a family of 5 children. They have 4 girls and 1 boy. The children are 16, 7, 6, 5 and 3. They all need clothing and would appreciate a food basket.

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**Case 265** — I am writing you for a food basket. My family is 8 children and 1 grandson. My husband left me about 4 years ago and I make it the best way I can. My children are 4 to 15 and my grandson is 1½ years old.

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**Case 266** — Give my 6 children a basket for Christmas. My husband makes $45 a week. The children are 2, 4, 6, 14, 15 and 17.

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**Case 267** — Would you please help me to give my children a Christmas dinner. I have 5 children from 4 to 13 years of age. My husband left us, and my sister moved in with me to help pay the rent. I get food stamps and after paying for the bare necessities, we don't have anything left. Please help us.

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**Case 268** — I am the guardian for 2 boys and 4 girls. Their mother passed away 2 years ago, and I receive a small amount from Social Security for them but not enough to buy Christmas toys. Could you please send a basket of food.

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**Case 269** — I am writing this letter with hopes that you will help this needy family. The lady lost her husband a few months ago, and she works part-time. She has 8 grandchildren to support along with her 12-year-old daughter. The children's mother was hit by a car and is now in the hospital. They would very much appreciate a food basket.

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**Case 270** — I am 13 years old and have 2 sisters and 4 brothers. My father does not live with us. Could you please send us a basket for Christmas; we really need it.

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**Case 271** — I am the mother of 5 children, and their ages are 9, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 1 will have a baby next month. My husband goes to school and makes a salary. I am writing to ask if you could receive a basket of food and a toy for children.

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**Case 272** — I have three children of my own, and they are 13, 11, and 10. I had to move from one house because there wasn't any heat. I have a girl friend who has 5 children and left them in the house and went to North Carolina, because she was afraid of their father (who has also left), and now I am trying to take care of them. I know she is coming back, but until she does, I cannot afford to get the things they want.

Could you please send a basket of food and anything you can to help us out. Her children are 11, 10, 9, 8 and 2 years old.

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**Case 273** — I am writing to you asking for your help. Their ages are 14, 7, 2 and 20 months. We would like to have a food basket.

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**Case 274** — I have 4 children and would like to have a basket for them and some clothes. They are from 2 to 5 years old.

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**Case 275** — I am 11 years old and need help with 5 sisters and 2 brothers. The girls are 10, 7, 5, 3 and 2; the boys are 6 and 8. My father works, but he only makes $50 a week. My mother is not too well. Could you please send us a basket for Christmas?

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**Case 276** — Would you please help me give my children a happy Christmas. They are from 8 to 13. The only money I have is $5 to get food stamps 3 days a week. Please do what you can.

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**Case 277** — I am a widow with 6 children. My husband died a few months ago, and I receive a small allotment from social security. I am unable to work, and I would like to have a small food basket for the children. My little girl has been sick with a bad heart for 4 years, and I have a little boy only 2 years old and a baby 3 months. On top of all this, I am keeping four other children for my brother whose wife is in Crownsville State Hospital. I really need help.

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**Case 278** — I do hope someone is interested in growing children. I have 4 young children, 3 boys and a girl. One of my sons will be returning home from the Peace Corps and another will celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day. I would like them to spend Christmas with a bright candle glow. It is all I can do to keep the home fires burning. Please send us a food basket.

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**Case 279** — Could you possibly help my 4 nieces and 2 nephews who live with their mother's sister. Their mother died 2 years ago leaving 8 small children. 2 nephews live in Glen Burnie. If you could send some food and toys for the smaller ones ages 11, 5 and 3. I am not able to do much for them, because I have 4 of my own.

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**Case 280** — Please help me if you can. I have 6 children aged 8, 6, 4, 3 and 3 months old. My husband and I are separated and have been since last Easter.

I live with my mother and father. I only get help from my parents. The welfare said they could not pick up my case until late March. I am trying right now to find a job. Anything you can do for us will be greatly appreciated.

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**Case 281** — I want to be able to give my children the things they need for Christmas. Their ages are 6, 7, 9 and 10. I would appreciate a food basket.

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**Case 282** — Please remember my 3 little grandchildren this Christmas. Their mother is sickly, and when she pays her rent and buys a little food, there is very little left.

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**Case 283** — I am the mother of 2 boys and another child is due in January. Recently my husband walked out and left us without food or money. I applied for aid but have not received any. My rent and gas and electric bill are a month overdue. Some of my neighbors have lent me money to buy a little food, but I will not be able to keep borrowing money.

I can explain to my oldest boy who is 4 about Santa Claus, but I cannot explain about having no food in the house. Please help. My children are 4 and 11 months.

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**Case 284** — I am asking you for your help this Christmas. I have 8 children. I would like to

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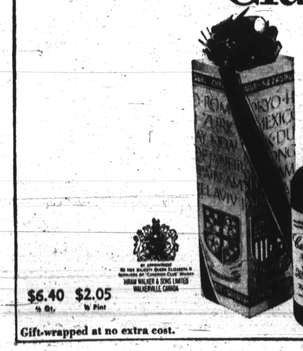

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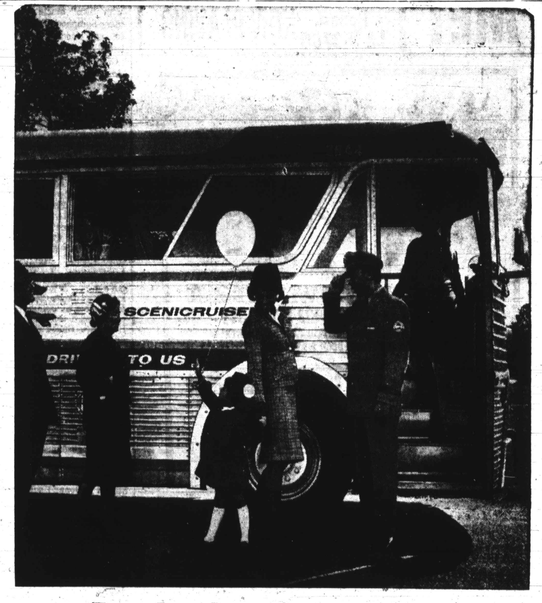


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