Dedicated mother of nineteen Shorter's best-loved freshman

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Easily the most dedicated freshman at Shorter Junior College here is Mrs. Annie B. Martin — mother of 19 children and grandmother of 21.

"I have always wanted to further my education. Maybe I can help my race some, if only in a small way be being better trained."

Thus she explains the undying drive which has led her to this campus along a path of unbelievable setbacks, tragedies and hardships.

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MRS. ANNIE B. MARSH
Mother of 19

MRS. MARTIN was born near Prince Dale in Cross County, Ark., the daughter of Charles and Nellie Gordon. Her mother died before she was old enough to remember her. Her father drowned in White River in Newport, Ark. when she was 12. At the time of the accident, she was living with her father's sister, Mrs. Fannie Moore, in Clarksdale, Miss.

She had been taken in by the aunt at the age of 6½ because chronic illness left her father unable to care for her. The aunt was poor, but the home furnished a wholesome atmosphere. She was reared along with her orphaned cousin, Bishop Lee Turner. Church and Sunday School attendance were mandatory, whether the youngsters had proper clothing and shoes or not.

She attended Myrtle Hall Elementary and High School in Clarksdale, missing one day each week to help her aunt, who took in washing for support.

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WHEN THE aunt became widowed, they moved to the country to farm. This move interrupted Annie Belle's education.

While little more than a child, she married John Martin, who was but a lad. Nineteen children were born to this union. Fourteen are living. The children were reared on a farm. They helped their father in the fields while the mother stayed home, cooked, sewed, canned food, and later froze food.

Today the family — grown up and scattered, is a tribute to Martin's long years of nature.

Mrs. Martin says "one advantage of having a large family is that I get to travel a lot." Almost every summer she takes a long trip, visiting her children in Washington, D.C., Battle Creek, Mich., Benton Harbor, and Chicago. Mrs. Martin glows as she speaks of her summer travels.

She talks about visits to President Kennedy's grave, five of the Smithsonian Museum Buildings, and many other historical places in the Capital city. Kellogg's Plant and the church in Battle Creek where her children sing in the choir.

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CALVIN, HER oldest son, lives in Battle Creek, Michigan, is a brick layer and has three children. He and his wife are very active in many civic groups of the city.

Harry is a member of the Armed Forces. He recently returned from Germany with his wife and son.

Mrs. Charlie Mae Pettis, a daughter, is a housewife and a mother of nine children. She too lives in Battle Creek.

Robert Lee lives in Brooksville, Fla.

Another daughter, Mrs. Ruth Conner, lives with her husband and son in Battle Creek.

Another, Mrs. Ruth Harris, identical twin of Ruth, lives with her husband and daughter in Memphis. Her husband is employed by Sears Roebuck and Co.

Virtus Lee, who is single, lives at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Ellen Maxine Spraggins lives with her husband and daughter in Washington. Her husband is employed by the Smithsonian Institution as guard and guide.

Eunice, lives with his wife and three children in Memphis.

Albert Sidney lives at Bridgehampton, Long Island. He has one daughter.

Willie Claude is in Mims, Fla.

Riley lives with his wife and son in Tupelo, Miss.

Mrs. Hiawatha Springfield, who lives in Wynne, Ark., is employed by the Cross County Hospital as Nurse's Aide.

George, the youngest, is a junior in Wynne High. Mrs. Martin is the proud grandmother of 21 grandchildren.

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MRS. MARTIN attended night classes at Childress High School and took the General Educational Development Test in 1965. She missed a high shcool diploma by six points.

She returned to school and took the test again in 1966 and passed. She decided to attend Shorter College, sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is in her second semester.

"I did not know how I would be accepted by so many young people, but I am glad to say that I am happy here," she says.

She assists the Matron in the girl's dormitory as a work-study student. They all took on me as mother, doctor, nurse, and Counselor," she says. "We study together and they bring me their little problems and we work them out together.

"The President, Dr. Solomon H. Hill and family are wonderful people. They and the entire staff have been a great help to me. We live as one big family at Shorter College.

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BEFORE COMING to Shorter College, she was president of the Missionary Society at her church, Union

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Atlanta U. gets fellowship grant

ATLANTA — Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president, Atlanta University, has announced that the Corporate Contributions Committee of the Dow Chemical Company has established a $1,000 fellowship in Business Administration at the Atlanta University Graduate School of Business Administration.

The fellowship will be awarded annually for three years and is subject to extension at the end of the second year. It will be restricted to holder of a bachelor's degree in Science or Engineering.

The Dow Chemical Company Fellowship in Business Administration was made to the university as a personal tribute to Dr. Harding B. Young, dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration.

NEW PRESIDENT — Dr. Prezell R. Robinson is the new president of Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. His appointment was made effective on March 6, following an announcement by the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Frazer Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and chairman of the board of trustees at Saint Augustine's. He had been acting president.

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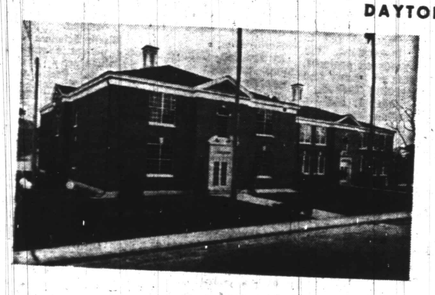

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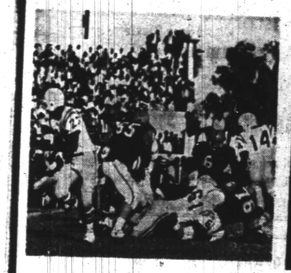
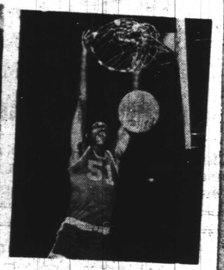
Dr. Richard V. Moore, President, Bethune-Cookman College.

Instructor of Science explains experiment in laboratory.



A scene from a Bethune-Cookman College Wildest contest.



Carl Fuller, 6'9" center and captain of the Bethune-Cookman College Wildest Cagers.

An institution built on prayer, faith and determination, Bethune-Cookman College stands today as a bright, beacon in the State of Florida, its orderly dynamic growth radiating rays of hope and promise throughout the world. The administrative staff, the faculty, and the student body move forward with a deep sense of mission, and are intensely proud of this Florida college's continuing achievement, its bright future, and its hallowed traditions.

The heritage which motivates and inspires Bethune-Cookman College today is the spirit of its famous founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, who, at the turn of the century begged from door to door to start her school with five little girls, $1.50 and faith in God.

Dr. Bethune lived to see her dream become reality. She directed the growth of the college until 1947, when the responsibility for progress was transferred to the present administration.

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