









Wishing You A

# Merry Christmas



## Dynamite Blast In Baker County

ALBANY, Ga. (SNS)—According to information received in Baker County, two cars one owned by Carl Broadway and the other belonging to J. King were severely damaged by dynamite blast during the same night that the front porch of Josh Williams home was hit.

It is reported that Josh Williams, Broadway, King and J. Kerney are four of the five Negroes who signed a letter to the Board of Registrars in Baker County asking permission to register. The report has it that Kerney was arrested on some charge but was later released.

The four men are property holders in Baker County and are known to be very responsible citizens. Josh Williams is former president of a large fraternal order and is widely known throughout the South as a fine upstanding man. He has the admiration and respect of good people of all races.

Baker County Negroes were made to feel awful when during the last year debate on the need for the New "Civil Rights" Bill Senator Douglas of Illinois told Senator Douglas of Illinois told Senator Russell of Georgia and a nationwide television audience that there

were three counties in Georgia that did not have a single Negro registered voter. Senator Douglas named Baker County as one of these three counties. What Senator Douglas told the "Big Issue" television audience is true. There are no Negroes registered in Baker County.

1950 census list Baker County with more than 5,000 population. There are more Negroes in Baker County than whites yet there are no Negroes registered.

Josh Williams has said that Negroes are not afraid because of the dynamiting. He stated that this is the work of a few radicals and is not the attitude of the majority of white people in Baker County; most of them are willing to allow the Negro to register and vote for they know that it is against the best interest of the country and the good name that it wants to deny any citizen the right to vote solely because he is a colored man. "We are not in this fight alone," Mr. Williams has said.

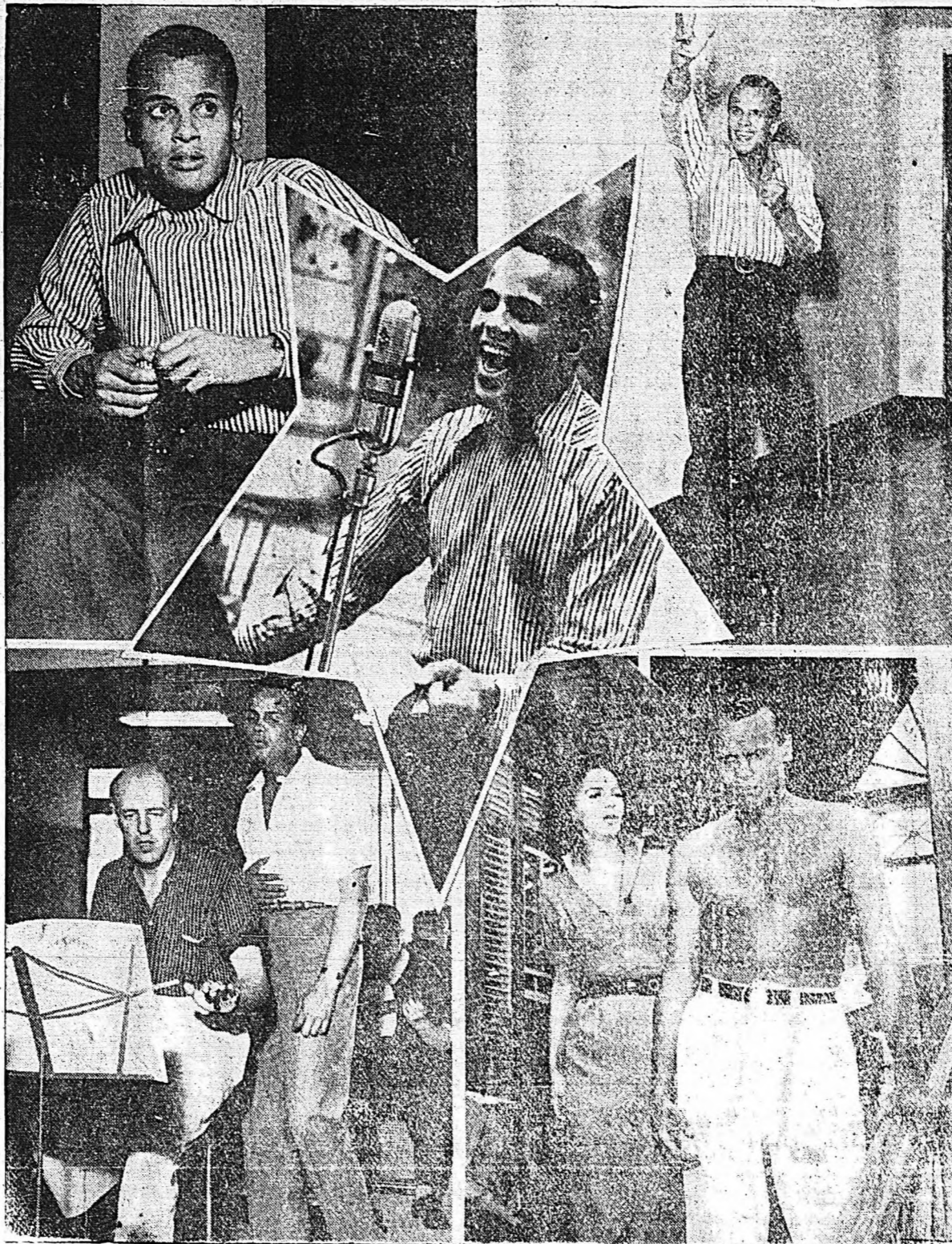
Report of the dynamiting has been sent by out-of-town friends of the new Civil Rights Committee, to the Attorney General, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the National Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Baker County victims of the dynamite blastings are reported opposed to calling in "Outside force" because they believe that the "good people of Baker County" will assist them in registering.

In a somewhat similar case at nearby Randolph County, Cuthbert, a Federal Judge ordered the Board of Registrars to put several registrants names back on the list after the list had been purged. Baker County Negroes did register and vote in 1948. According to reports they were dropped from the list in 1950 and since that time there has not been any Negro voters in Baker County.

Josh Williams porch is being repaired and the two damaged automobiles were covered by insurance.

On the outcome, one Baker County resident said he felt that the better thinking people of Baker County would appeal to the Board of Registrars to let the Negroes register and vote before any more outbreaks of violence.



HARRY BELAFONTE, noted folk song artist, in jovial and serious moods—At top, left, Harry takes "Five," during recording session for his current hit album, "Belafonte Sings of the Caribbean." In lower, left, Harry and Robert Korman go over special arrangements for new number in rehearsal and in lower, right photo, Belafonte and Dorothy Dandridge are shown in a scene from the movie "Island in the Sun." (ANP Photo Layout)

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## Toledo Widow, 72 Burns to Death

TOLEDO, Ohio (ANP)—A 72-year-old widow, described by her neighbors as a reclusive, was burned to death last week in a fire in her 2-story home.

Fireman said she apparently had been filling the oil stove when either a flash fire or small explosion occurred.

Mrs. Winnie Ferguson was burned beyond recognition when firemen found her lying in front of an oil stove.

Neighbors said she seldom went out and would admit only one or two nearby residents to her home.

Her survivors include a brother, Dr. Clarence E. Thompson, Chicago.

command, 14-6 at half-time.

## SPEAKMAN ROMPS 65 YARDS FOR TD

Spencer received the second half kick-off but were unable to gain and were forced to kick. The Crimson and Gold Tigers found an opening in the Green Wave defense.

Other Speakman through again on a 65-yard gallop and his third touchdown of the championship contest. Bailey converted again for a 21-6 count.

The Tigers had one more ace to play in the fourth quarter, when Halfback Leroy Edmonds, leading scorer of the team, took a hand-off from Ryals on a reverse and stepped into the end zone from the Spencer 20. Bailey missed this try as Ryals led, 27-6.

## GLOVER SETS STAGE FOR SPENCER TD

With time running out Thomas Glover skinned right end for 70 yards to put the ball on the Risley 10. From there, Jackson fired a jump-pass to End Clifford Johnson for the score. Again the try for the extra point was wide.

The crowd that earlier waited to see their gallant heroes defeat the up-start Risley Tigers was stunned to silence and the only cheers came from the faithful Risley rooters.

The Risley line played outstanding ball. Leo Williams, Sam Roberts, Alex Speakman, Ernest Bell, John Davis, James Myers, Robert Alford, Albert Kennitt, and Samuel Scott tore the Green Wave to shreds. Sid Roberts and Clarence Murphy sparked in the Risley secondary.

The State Class AA champion hip banner will not be found waving in Columbus now, but down on the sandy shores by the Atlantic, where the fans will be talking about the 1957 State Class AA Champion Risley Tigers for a long time to come.

## MEAT MARKETERS

Marketing agencies got a larger portion of the retail price of meat in 1957 than in 1956, according to the Agriculture Department, which pointed out that the marketing margin — the difference between the farm value and the retail price — average 28.3 cents a pound for choice beef compared with 26 cents in 1956. The margin on pork was said to run 27.2 cents compared with 25 cents in 1956.



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## Risley Routs Spencer, 27-12 To Win State Class AA Grid Title

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The Risley High School Crimson and Gold Tigers, of Brunswick, Ga., rolled to their first State Class AA football championship with a smashing 27-12 victory over the defending champion Spencer High Green Wave Friday night, before a large crowd at Memorial Stadium.

## Speakman Scores 3 TD's To Spearhead Tigers To Big Upset

During the pre-game festivities, the Green and Gold-led Spencer High School Band marched down the turf of this beautiful bowl, as the captains of the champions of the northern and southern sections of Georgia's District 7 met in the center of the field.

A tremendous cheer went up from the Columbus fans as the "big" Spencer team took the field to kick-off to the visiting Tigers. The Tiggers, a "cinderella team" that, according to pre-game dopsters

didn't have a chance and was certain to be outclassed.

## TIGERS STRIKE EARLY

The game wasn't five minutes old before Oehler Speakman, Risley fullback, struck pay-dirt on a two-yard smash and Clifford Bailey booted the extra point to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead. QB John Jackson engineered the Green Wave's powerful 77-yard ground attack as the Greenies scored in only eight plays. Jackson teamed with Thomas Glover for the TD. The attempted conversion was wide and the score was 7-6.

The rival elevens battled on even terms in the second quarter until "Thundering" Speakman broke loose again on an end sweep for his second touchdown of the evening. "Trusty-Toe" Bailey booted the extra point to put Risley in

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## \$262 Million Will Be Paid GI Insurance Policy Holders

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Regular annual dividends of \$262,000,000 will be paid to 5,300,000 World War I and II GI insurance policyholders next year, Veterans Administration announced today.

The dividends will be paid as near as possible to the anniversary date of each policy during calendar year 1958. For example, if a policy was issued any June 1, the anniversary date will be June 1, 1958.

The dividend declarations do not include the nonparticipating post-Korea type of GI insurance since the law makes no provision for dividend payments on those policies. World War I and II policyholders who will share in the dividends are requested not to inquire in advance about payments so as not to delay the processing time.

Three dividend declarations are:

1. National Service Life Insurance (NSLI), which originated in World War II, \$248,000,000 payable to approximately 5,000,000 policyholders.
2. U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI) which originated to approximately 300,000 policyholders.

The NSLI declaration of \$240,000,000 is approximately \$30,000,000 greater than the amount distributed in 1957, but individual policyholders will not necessarily receive more in 1958 than in 1957. Generally speaking, VA said, they should receive about the same.

## Goodwill Homes

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to the Goodwill Home for Children.

Mayor Edmund Orrell is expected to be among community and religious leaders who have promised to be present.

Theo Wade, WDIA entertainer will be master of ceremonies and the Southern Male Chorus under direction of Eliza Williams will be present.

Each minister is asked to bring not more than eight members of his congregation.



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## D. C. POSTAL WORKER DRIVES MAIL TO NYC

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—To Joe Riggs, 28-year-old temporary Christmas employee at the main post office here, an order is an order—even if it means traveling all the way to New York City to carry it out. That is, attempting to carry it out.

Riggs received a bag of mail at the main post office last week from the dispatcher, who simply said: "Here's the New York mail ready to go."

Uninformed of the jargon which is peculiar to this specific type of job, Riggs thought he was supposed to deliver the mail in person to main post office in New York City. With that in mind, he put the bag-loaded with Government Printing office publications and asserted second-class mail - into a truck and look off for New York City. He didn't quite make it, because 11 miles outside of New York City, on the New Jersey Turnpike, he called in and said he had run out of gas and money.

A mail truck from New York City was dispatched to pick up the mail, and the next day a Washington postal mechanic picked up both Riggs and the truck and returned with them to Washington.

## One of 40 Persons To Receive 5-Year Study Fellowships

BETHESDA, Md. — The public Health Service announced Thursday that a scientist at Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., is one of 40 persons to receive five-year fellowships for research.

Dr. Horace Frazier of the Meharry Pathology Department and the other fellows will receive a stipend set by the institution to approximate the salary of faculty members of similar status, plus up to \$2,000 to defray part of the expenses of research.

The fellowships went to 40 scientists in 34 universities and schools of medicine, dentistry, and public health in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

These awards are designed to encourage promising young scientists in "basic health research to continue their interest and advancement in the basic science field. They may be assigned teaching functions by the sponsoring institutions as part of their preparation for full time academic positions at higher levels.

The program was initiated by the Health Service last year with the award of 44 fellowships. The Service will award 40 or 50 new fellowships annually until approximately 250 have been given by the fifth year. The total cost of this year's program will be about \$1,000,000 including renewal awards to research fellows appointed last year.

pany, Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company, and the Diggs Enterprises of Detroit.

G. M. HEAD WRITES WALKER It was not until he received a letter from Harlow Curtice, president of the organization, that Mr. expressed in the Wall Street Journal that the statement attributed to the General Motors executive does not represent General Motors policy. Further, the statement "is clear and unequivocal."

"You may be sure," Mr. Curtice wrote, "that the statement attributed to the General Motors executive does not represent General Motors policy. Further, the statement 'is clear and unequivocal.'"

In answering Mr. Curtice's letter regarding the overall hiring policy of the corporation, Mr. Walker thanked the official for his statement, and commented:

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"MISS LeMOYNE" AND HER COURT—Left-right Gloria Wade, Pearl Westbrook and Darnel Misses Beverly McDaniel, Mary Cole, Queen Thomas (Photo by F. Lyles).

## Miss Gloria Wade Crowned "Miss LeMoynne" At Annual Ball

MISS GLORIA WADE Miss Gloria Wade was crowned "Miss LeMoynne" at the second annual Coronation Ball held in Bruce Hall on Friday, December 13th. Miss Wade, a junior at the college, is president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, secretary of the Student Council, and was recently tapped for membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha National Honor Society.

Assisting Miss Wade at the coronation was her court, composed of Miss Mary Cole, sophomore; Miss Beverly McDaniels, junior; Miss Darnel Thomas, sophomore; and Miss Pearl Westbrooks, sophomore. The queen and members of her

court were resplendent in beautiful white gowns, silver slippers, and long white gloves.

The coronation began with the professional which was led by Miss Wade who was followed by her court. Once seated on her gold and white throne, the queen was crowned by Miss Margaret Johnson, the former Miss LeMoynne. Miss Wade was presented beautiful

gifts from various student organizations. Following the coronation Miss LeMoynne and her court, Mr. James Bishop, president of the student Council, began the dance with a waltz.

## "New Look" Slate Wins Nod in Chicago NAACP

CHICAGO—(ANP) — The "New Look" slate, headed by Theodore A. Jones, head of an accounting firm under his name and an official of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, captured the elections of the Chicago NAACP branch here Friday night.

More than 2,000 members cast votes in the hotly contested election, which was held in the DuSable High school auditorium. Deposed from office was Willoughby Abner, president for the

## Six Atlanta Schools Get Educational Grants

NEW YORK—Six Atlanta schools, along with the other 25 members of the United Negro College Fund, received grants in aid of education for 1957 from the General Foods Fund, Inc. A grant also went to the Emory University School of Medicine.

The Fund announced Wednesday that UNCF received \$25,000 toward the operating expenses of its 31 members and that a total of \$359,000 was granted to various educational institutions throughout the country.

Spelman, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Clark College, Atlanta University, and Gammon Theological Seminary were the six institutions to derive benefits from the Fund. As a member of the National Fund for Medical Education, Emory School of Medicine was also given a grant.

The Fund, an independent foundation sponsored by General Foods Corporation, has made aid to education grants of more than \$1,300,000 since its formation in 1953.

It continued for the second year 24 home economics graduate fellowships in 12 colleges with grants totaling \$84,000 for study during the 1958-59 school year. In the technological field, the Fund is granting \$30,000 to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for six four-year scholarships, bringing to 17 the total number of merit scholar-

ships sponsored by the Fund. Other grants are to: Institute of Food Technologists; Future Scientists of America Foundation of the National Science Teachers Association; four state associations; National Fund for Medical Education; Commission on Colleges and Industry of the Association of American Colleges; Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education; and Council for Financial Aid to Education.

past two years, and most of the candidates on his slate. Elected besides Jones were Vice-president's Mrs. Cora M. Patton, a former branch president; M. T. Blanton, and Willis Thomas; secretaries Mesdames Alice Pearson Norman and Ethel Dostal; and treasurer, Mrs. Beatrice Hughes Steele. Blanton, Mesdames, Norman, Dostal and Steele, were the only incumbents returned to office. State Rep. Corneal Davis presided at the election.

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# City & County Quints Featured In LeMoyné Tournéy Dec. 26-27-28

## Tenn. State QB Fay Mitchell Signs Canadian Football Pact

BY EARL S. CLANTON, III  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee State University's four-letter, All-American halfback, Fay Mitchell signed with the Ottawa Roughriders Football club for an undisclosed sum, according to James McCaffery, Roughriders' manager.

"I think Fay is the best prospect we've turned out since I've been at Tennessee," Head coach Edward C. Gentry revealed. "His speed, power and deception are exceptional in a big man. For this reason, I believe Fay's chances in pro ball are very good," Gentry praised.

Foot-footed 210-pound halfback Mitchell, who set Tennessee's modern scoring record at 17 TD with the 1956 National Champs, led the Tiger scoring for 1955 with 14 and was this year's number two scorer with 4, and he is this season's number two ground gainer.

Memphis-born Mitchell ground 294 yards in 64 tries that made up the workhorse of the Tiger team. Mitchell outdid his three-year times carried by four carries and boosted his four-year total to 707 yards in 123 tries of 5.7 yards per try for his collegiate career.



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## Governors Back President On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President's Committee on Government Contracts "welcomes the expressions of support contained in the statement issued in New York December 12 by the Committee of Governors on Civil Rights, because the task of assuring economic equality for all of America's people is one which requires the conscientious efforts of all citizens," according to Maj. Gen. Cornelius E. Ryan, (U. S. A. Ret.) Executive Vice Chairman of the Committee.

The governors of 12 states which have penal statutes which prohibit racial or religious discrimination in employment formed the Committee of Governors on Civil Rights in New York December 12. The states are Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Vice President Richard Nixon is Chairman of the President's Committee and Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell is Vice Chairman.

"We believe, however, that the Governors lacked a full understanding of our methods and accomplishments when they stated that the President's Committee has too low a budget and is too limited in its objectives," General Ryan said.

When President Eisenhower established the Committee he charged the contracting agencies of the Government with primary responsibility for enforcement of the nondiscrimination policy.

"These agencies employ approximately 5,000 contracting and compliance officers whose duties include the investigation of complaints filed with the Committee, the conduct of reviews of the compliance of Government contractors, and the furtherance of the Committee's educational programs among these business and industrial leaders," General Ryan said.

"The Committee serves as a recommendatory and consultative body to the contracting agencies and, since it may call on these contracting agencies for field work, alone."

The Committee has increased its expenditures whenever it believed that such increase would contribute directly to the program of eliminating racial and religious discrimination. It has increased its staff in a similar, carefully-planned manner, as it has needed the services of more people, the Executive Vice Chairman reported.

## BTW WARRIORS RATED TO REPEAT AS CHAMPS

BY MELVIN GREER  
All of the Memphis and Shelby County high school basketball squads will again be featured in the 2nd annual LeMoyné College Invitational Prep Basketball Tournament which will be held Dec. 26-27-28 at LeMoyné's C. Arthur Bruce Gymnasium.

City teams participating will be defending city, district and regional champion LeMoyné, Washington, Manassas, Melrose, Hamilton, Douglass, Father Bertrand and Lester. County quints to see action are Geeter High Whitehaven, Mt. Pisgah, Woodstock of Lacey, and Barrets Chapel of Arlington.

According to the manager of the tournament, LeMoyné math instructor Charles W. Phillips, eliminations will begin at exactly 10 a.m. Thursday, the morning after Christmas, with three games on site. Here is the schedule:

**THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 26 (First Round Eliminations)**  
10 a.m.—Woodstock vs. Barrets Chapel  
11:15 a.m.—Mt. Pisgah vs. Hamilton  
12:30 p.m.—Manassas vs. Father Bertrand

**THURSDAY EVENING (Quarter-Finals)**  
6:00—Booker Washington vs. Lester  
7:15—Douglass vs. Winner of Woodstock—Barrets Chapel game  
8:30—Geeter vs. Winner of Mt. Pisgah—Hamilton game

9:45—Melrose vs. Winner of Manassas—Fr. Bertrand game  
The semi-finals will begin at 7 p.m. Friday night (Dec. 27), pitting the winners of the quarter-finals against each other in two games. The finals, or championship game, will pit the two winners of the semi-finals against each other for the title, and the two losers of the semi-finals will battle it out for third place in the consolation. The consolation will come off at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

MELROSE TARGET OF WARRIORS  
And to make matters even more heated, Melrose is the prime target of champion Washington. The Warriors plan to use the "Cats as a scapegoat or "whipping boy" for that 12-8 football defeat at the hands of Melrose's football team (the defeat cost Washington its first city grid title in seven years). Melrose has never defeated Washington in basketball, and last year came close only in the LeMoyné tournament when the Wildcats lost by four points. BTW also whipped Melrose in both of the regular league contests between the two including a humiliating 100-66

## NAACP to Press For New Civil Rights Measures

NEW YORK CITY — (AP) — Despite Attorney General William P. Rogers' disavowal of Administration support for additional civil rights legislation in the 1958 session of the Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in concert with other organizations, will seek for enactment of new civil rights measures. Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, has informed Mr. Rogers.

In a letter dispatched to the recently appointed Attorney General, Wilkins announced that he would be among adherents of civil rights, prompted by Rogers' remarks at a press conference on Dec. 9 in which he is reported to have called for a "cooling off" period in the struggle against racial discrimination.

beating in the second match. In 1952, the Warriors piled up 112 points on Melrose to set a scoring record in the city Prep League.

BTW will attempt to re-exert its continuous domination over Melrose and the other schools in a barstumping fashion. The Warriors already have three impressive victories under their belts, having posted triumphs over Higgins High of Clarksdale, Tenn., Lauderdale Training School of Ripley, Tenn. and Barrets Chapel of Arlington in the Ripley game was 113 to 49.

Tickets for the LeMoyné tournament are but \$25 for teenagers, and \$50 for adults.

## Southern Center Conference Selects All-Champ Teams

The South Central Atlantic Conference met here, December 13-14, at the National Baptist Hotel. Schools attending were:

Mississippi Industrial College, Holy Springs, Miss.  
Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas  
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Alcorn College, Alcorn, Miss.  
Mississippi Voc. College, Itta Bena, Miss.  
Dr. J. H. White, President of Mississippi Vocational College delivered the opening address.  
Dr. Elma Brady, faculty representative from Tougaloo Christian College was elected president for the incoming year to succeed Dr. White of Mississippi College.  
Tougaloo Christian College, Dillard University, Rust College and Philander Smith college were absent from meeting because these colleges are now members of the privately endowed Gulf Coast Conference.

Mississippi College was declared the official 1957 Football Champion dominated the all-conference players selection.  
The All-Conference team was listed as follows:  
SNDS: Presley, Miss. Voc. College; payton, Alcorn College. TACKLES: Ledbetter, Miss. Ind. College; Smith Paul Quinn College. GUARDS: Hines, Miss. Voc. College; Mockabee, Alcorn College. Center: Freeman, Paul Quinn. HALFBACKS: Itzginis, Mississippi Voc. College; Banks, Alcorn College. FULLBACK: Williams, G. Mississippi Industrial College. QUARTERBACK: McGinnis, Mississippi Voc. College.

## Steer Away From Second Trusts, Homeowners Urged

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## Smith College Pres. To Speak At Conf.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., since 1936, will be one of the speakers for a "Christmas Conference" for young Methodist ministers and their wives, that will be conducted here on the Prudue University campus by the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, December 30-January 2, 1958.



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