

# TEENAGER KILLED WHEN AUTO CRASHES POLE

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**HEADS TOGETHER**—The National Association of Market Developers established an Ethical Practices Commission last weekend during its annual winter board meeting in Washington, D. C. Above are members of the important 5-person commission set up by this professional organization of men and women engaged in marketing directions to Negro consumers. Seated, l to r, are Joseph Albright, NAMD president, Nashville, Tenn.; Moss H. Kendrix,

NAMD board chairman and commission head, Washington, D. C.; J. R. E. Lee, vice-president of Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, and standing, l to r, Howard B. Woods, executive editor, St. Louis Argus, and Wendell P. Alston, Esso Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, New York City. Ethical Practices Commission will draft code on ethics to be presented to the Market Developers Annual Convention at Nashville, March 20-22.

### Plans Discussed To Replace Church Of God

**WINDOW SMASHED AT PASTOR'S HOME**  
While police are still investigating the cause of the fire which totally destroyed the Saint Home Church of God in Christ at the corner of Lauderdale St. and Georgia Ave. a week ago, plans were being discussed to replace the structure and equipment which were valued at approximately \$250,000.  
The fact in a chain of mysterious events leading up to the mysterious origin of the blaze, Rev. Charles H. Mason, Jr., pastor of the church, revealed that a front window at his home, 1755 Glenview, had been mysteriously smashed sometime Sunday evening.  
He said "my wife and I" returned home from church services about 11 p. m. Sunday. We found the window smashed and two sizable stones were on the front porch.

We have no way of telling how it happened. He said they refused to believe that his immediate neighbors had anything to do with it.  
Also, living in the seven-room brick and stone house are the Mason's 11-month-old son, Byron Charles, and a daughter, Michael Ellen who is a freshman at Le-Moyne college.  
A neighborhood organization revealed this week that they would be willing to purchase the Mason home in order to keep it a completely white neighborhood.  
Rev. Mason told this newspaper that he had not "received any formal offer from the organization, however he learned about it from a news story."  
The pastor also revealed that a "do-it-yourself" plan for remodeling the structure was being discussed. (Continued On Page Eight)

### Judge Turns Down Nashville Pupil Assignment Proposals

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(INS)**—The Nashville School Board has been ordered to submit a new plan in April for bringing about an end to racial segregation.  
Federal District Judge William E. Miller Wednesday rejected the city board's proposals it is permitted to operate under the state's new pupil placement law, or adopt a parents' preference plan for school enrollment.  
Elmer Pettit, head of the board's instructional committee, said Wednesday the group would meet "immediately" and will have another plan ready for submission to Judge Miller April 7.  
De-segregation of the first grade was carried out in some Nashville schools last September, accompanied by several days of violence which officials blamed on "outside agitators."  
Judge Miller set a hearing on

the board's new proposals—ordered when Negro parents asked for acceleration in the "gradual" plan for April 14.  
Miller did not rule specifically on the constitutionality of the state assignment law. But he did declare that the preference plan, proposed as a School Board alternative, "wholly fails to meet the test of constitutionality."  
There is "no substantial difference between the plan and the provisions of the law which the court found to be unconstitutional on its face at the hearing on Sept. 6, 1957," Judge Miller said. This was the contention that "white pupils, too, had rights to be protected under the 14th Amendment."  
The judge found an objectionable feature in the board's ultimate plan that "it does not offer in any realistic sense an alternative or choice to the members of the minority."  
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### Court Upholds Rule Against Bus Bias

**NEW ORLEANS—(INS)**—The U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Wednesday a lower court order calling for removal of racial barriers on New Orleans street cars and busses.  
In a brief opinion by the three-judge panel, the Appeals Court denied an appeal by city and transit officials who sought reversal of a district court ruling issued early last year which declared Louisiana State racial law requiring segregation on transit facilities in New Orleans unconstitutional.  
**RACIAL LAW**  
City and transit officials based their appeal on the grounds that none of the Negro plaintiffs had been arrested for violation of the racial law, and therefore the district court should not have issued a ruling in the case.  
In affirming the lower court decision, the Appeals Court cited the District Court which stated:  
"It is not the court's view that

in our civilization it is necessary to have incidents requiring arrests to have the rights of the people declared."  
The Appeals Court added:  
**CRIMINAL PENALTY**  
"... These plaintiffs are not being prosecuted... (but) they are seriously affected by the provisions of the (state) statutes which place a criminal penalty on the street car operators who permit them to travel on the street car without complying with the unconstitutional statute."  
The Appeals Court noted that the District Court ruling was based on the famous Montgomery, Ala. Bus Boycott case which resulted in a U. S. Supreme Court ruling declaring segregation on public transit facilities unconstitutional.  
Last week the same court denied appeals seeking reversal of lower court rulings calling for integration of New Orleans Public Schools, a city park and several state colleges.

## J. W. Milam, Freed In Till Case, Now In Bread Line

**GREENVILLE, Miss.—**(Special to ANP)—"God don't love ugly," was the terse comment of an aged woman resident here, when told that J. W. Milam, former plantation owner who was acquitted in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, Chicago boy—is now broke and standing in the county bread line to get his rations from the Welfare Department.  
"It's retribution, sure as there's a God in Heaven," the ANP reporter was told by a former Negro sharecropper who quit farming, because "I was too close to the Milam plantation."  
**"FALLEN ON EVIL DAYS"**  
Milam has fallen on evil days he was acquitted by an all-white jury, along with his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the slaying of young Till, because the boy had allegedly whistled at Bryant's young wife. The boy's body, shot in the head and tied to a piece of cotton gin machinery, was found in the Tallahatchie River just three days after he was kidnapped from the shack of his uncle, Moses Wright, a tenant farmer.  
Milam has reportedly been shunned by his former white farmer friends and by the better element of whites who were shocked at the brutal crime. He has drifted from one plantation job to another, going down-grade all the time and is now reported living in a tenant house on the plantation of J. E. Branton, near Greenville. Branton is an active member of the White Citizens Council.

### Teenage Girl Killed, Four Injured In Auto Accident

A teenage girl was killed and four other teenagers were seriously injured when the auto in which they were riding Tuesday night crashed into a utility pole on Kansas Street.  
Dead was Mary Dandridge of 169 Silver Ave.  
Taken to John Gaston hospital were:  
Richard Dandridge 19, relative of the dead girl; Henry Alexander, 17, of 2309 Horace; Andrew Horne, 19, of 1840 Blair; T. Hurt Dr., and James Lond, 18, of 666 Clifford St.  
Ironically the girls were thrown

in the back seat and the boys were knocked from the vehicle by the impact. Both boys were unconscious. Police were attempting to learn who was driving the car at the time of the accident.  
A rescue squad had to wrestle about 35 minutes with the almost demolished car to get the victims from the rear seat.

### WATCH THE WORLD

Enroll A Boy For A Membership In YMCA  
Attend The NAACP Meeting At Olive Cathedral 4 P. M. Sunday.

### Man Shot While Allegedly Trying To Crack Safe

The nut was too hard to crack so 44-year-old St. Louis man was still in a critical condition Wednesday at John Gaston hospital.  
It all happened Tuesday afternoon police allegedly fired bullet into the body of Norman Lloyd Ray as he was attempting to escape from a stolen cigar truck which contained a safe.  
Ray was the report said attempting to crack the safe when two police surprised him. The truck was parked near the east of the Pentecostal, 229 S. Wellington Ave.  
Patrolman W. S. Schultz reported the man ran as he approached. The police said Ray failed to stop when he yelled "halt" from W. W. Wilkinson of the coroner's bureau said Ray is paralyzed from the waist down from the bullet.  
The police report stated Ray admitted taking the truck about 2 p. m., when the driver, Stephen L. Deaton, was making a delivery at 399 Beale St.  
Police were notified and they found the truck about 10 minutes later, about two blocks away.  
Witness said they heard the noise when Ray allegedly started to beat on the safe with an ax. When he was questioned about the noise he told neighbors that he was repairing the truck.  
According to a report, Ray was out on bond for reportedly stealing a truck in St. Louis. He had recently completed a three-year prison term in Missouri before leaving Memphis about 12 years ago.

### Memphian Killed In Auto Accident In Washington

A former Memphian, 44-year-old Ira Willis Walker was buried in Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19, according to word received here this week.  
Walker, a graduate of Booker T. Washington and a former member of Collins Chapel, was fatally injured in an auto accident Feb. 15, in Seattle.  
He is the nephew of Mrs. Blanche Rowlin Williams, a retired public school teacher here, and Mrs. Mollie Hall, also of Memphis. A veteran of World War II, he was the brother of the late Frank Walker.  
Among survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lilly Walker of Portland, Ore., an aunt, Mrs. Sara Throver, Mrs. Yett Holiday, Mrs. Addie Anderson, Mrs. Martha Bragg, and Benny Walker of Chicago.

### Says Attempted Bombing Pushed By Biased Groups

**LITTLE ROCK — (ANP)** — A single piece of dynamite was pushed inside the loose-fitting doors of the garage of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Lorch, long-time opponents of segregation. Anonymous tips that there was dynamite in the garage were received by local news services and passed on to the FBI, which was reported also to have received this tip. Minutes after receiving a tip a local newsman phoned Dr. Lorch at Philander Smith College (where he is professor of Mathematics) who immediately phoned Mrs. Lorch, and hurried home.  
FBI agents quickly found the dynamite and took it for examination.  
Unidentified persons maintained a close watch on the Lorch home, apparently from a nearby house, and kept making anonymous calls to a local newspaper informing it of the arrival of the FBI agents, etc.  
Dynamite has featured of late in the Little Rock scene. Several sticks were found in a Central High School locker following all search there, also precipitated by an anonymous phone call. There have also been several hoaxes, when anonymous phone calls caused searching of school premises which revealed no dynamite.

### The Word of God

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. St. Matthews 25-13



### Little Rock Girl Accepted At New York City School

**NEW YORK—**Minnie Brown, one of nine Negroes admitted to Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., has accepted a \$1,050 scholarship to the New Lincoln School in New York City and is expected to move here soon.

The 16-year-old girl was expelled from the Little Rock school Monday. School officials refused to list the reason.  
The offer to the private school was made by Dr. John J. Brooks, founding director, who said, "Our kind of school just can't sit by and not make some sort of gesture in a case like this."  
Central High has been under federal troop protection since last September 25. A number of racial incidents flared in the school after the first day of integrated classes. It was reported that the expelled youth had been involved in several incidents.



"Do you realize this is the third night this week your father has used the car?"



"MISS CHARM" and MR. ESQUIRE of 1958, Forrest Faye Williams, Austin, Texas; and Alexander Scott II, Drew, Mississippi, being congratulated by Tennessee State University's president, Dr. W. S. Davis. Photo by Clanton III

### Local NAACP To Start 1958 Membership Drive

**MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY**  
A young local dentist has been selected as the general chairman of the 1958 membership drive of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced the local president.  
Dr. I. A. Watson, Jr., with offices at 169 Beale St., will head the drive said Atty. H. T. Lockard, president.  
The 22-day drive will get underway at a kickoff meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 27 at Universal Life Insurance Company, announced Dr. Watson. It will climax March 21.  
W. C. Patton of Birmingham, Ala., a field worker for the NAACP, will direct the Memphis campaign. He was in town earlier this week mapping strategy for the membership enrollment.  
Memphis is one of the towns which has a low per capita enrollment.  
**ROY WILKINS HERE**  
The drive will culminate with a public rally which will feature Roy Wilkins, national executive secretary of the organization, at Mason Temple on Mason St.  
Dr. Watson who has been practicing here 6 years since graduating from Meharry Medical College in Nashville said this is the first time he had headed a civic membership drive. However, he was a spokesman for the Citizen Improvement Committee which led a protest against the Commercial Appeal early last August.

538 Linden Ave. This will be the first public meeting for the branch this year. However, several executive sessions have been held.  
**NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
The national office predicted that membership of the various local branches throughout the country (Continued On Page Eight)

### 11 Children, One Adult Caught In Burning House

**ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS)**—Twelve persons were burned to death Monday night on Pryor Street, S. W., when a two-story duplex caught fire before eleven o'clock, it was disclosed by police.  
Police called the tragedy one of the worst to hit Atlanta in many years.  
Jewell Jones, 35, whose seven children were trapped on the second floor of the building, is reported to have leaped to safety. The youngsters didn't have a chance, police reports revealed.  
Anderson Tiller, who occupied one side of the house, said he called his wife and he and his five children were able to run to safety.  
The victims in the Jones family were Sandra Louis 8, Frederick 6, Larry 5, Charles 4, Christine 2, Barbara one, and an infant, Calvin Douglas was found in an incubator.  
At midnight, it had not been (Continued On Page Eight)

### Dr. Jernagin, National Baptist Leader, Passes

**WASHINGTON, D. C.—**Funeral services for Dr. W. H. Jernagin, president of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, and pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church here, will be held in the church at 12 o'clock Feb. 25.  
Dr. Jernagin died Tuesday morning in a Miami, Fla., hospital at the age of 83. It was reported that he had been ill on several occasions during the past year and that he went to the Miami hospital for a rest several days before his death.  
The noted minister was a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and of the World Council of Churches.  
He had served as president of the Congress for 32 years, and under his leadership the organization grew into one of the largest youth movements in the nation. He recently toured abroad in the interest of denominational work.  
On his 88th birthday, Dr. Jernagin was honored in a testimonial service for his 75 years as a Christian, 65 years in pastoral service, and 44 years as the head of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.  
He recently conducted the mid-winter Board meeting held at Hot



DR. W. H. JERNAGIN

**CONGRATULATIONS!**—Dr. Annabelle E. Spann, recently appointed associate dean of the Florida A. & M. University school of agriculture and home economics, congratulates Ulysses Glee of Madison, Fla., for his outstanding review of 4-H Club activities for the 1957 year, during the Achievement Day program held at the Tampa State Fair last Friday. The pint-sized Glee, speaking with a clear distinct voice, held the audience virtually spellbound during his brief presentation. (A&M Staff Photo by C. J. Smith, III)













