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## —Die in fire

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dren were apparently asleep at the time.  
FLAMES from the fire lit up the countryside in this rural area. One man who lived about four miles away said he had seen it and had driven over.  
Another, two miles off, said he recognized it as coming from the Byrd home, had hurriedly dressed and reached the scene.  
He saw the building collapse about half a mile away. On the scene, he was visibly shaken when he learned that no one had escaped.  
The fire is believed to have started from a wood-burning stove. It was not yet clear, however, whether Mr. Byrd discovered his house afire upon his return from a visit to his father's, or had himself retired before discovering it.  
AMONG THE unanswered questions was whether or not he had come home immediately from his father's.  
In Greenwood, Mrs. Byrd collapsed. Curious visitors from nearby towns and areas made a pilgrimage to the humble farm site all day Sunday as news of the tragedy spread throughout the nation.  
"This is the worst thing I've ever witnessed," one veteran deputy sheriff said. "It's the worst I've ever heard of in South Carolina."

## —'Surprise' Rose

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the right man comes along."  
"Do you think you can find me a good prospect?" she joked.  
THE REPORT linking Mrs. Morgan and La Reviere, an export executive, was current last month.  
Earlier, Mrs. Bert Ross, Mrs. Morgan's private secretary, was quoted as saying she would not be surprised if the couple announced wedding plans.  
Mrs. Ross, who has been in the employ of Mrs. Morgan for eight years, also was quoted as saying the French exporter called Mrs. Morgan twice daily during her recent visit in the Dominican Republic.  
Mrs. Morgan and Louis were married Christmas Day, 1955. Her first husband was Peter Coleman of Chicago. He died in 1941.  
When first married they resided in a \$32,000 house in St. Albans. However, the house was put up for sale in 1957, and the couple stayed at Louis's Edgecomb Ave. apartment.  
This was the year Mrs. Morgan filed for annulment of their marriage.  
She told the AFRO the decade ending the match became final on March 3.  
Information from California, however, is to the effect that the papers officially dissolving the marriage became final last Feb. 26.

**Dept. of Labor wins suit for back wages**  
BALTIMORE  
Federal Judge R. Dorsey Watkins delivered a verdict for \$831.99 in favor of James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, against Sin Jinn Products Company, a corporation, and the Baltimore and Die Company, a corporation.  
The suit was brought by the Secretary of Labor to collect back wages due Gordon W. Gifford, an employee of the two corporations, as the result of violations of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.  
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## Beaten by police, couple is guilty

By STEVE W. DUNCAN  
NEWARK — "I'm frankly flabbergasted by your honor's findings... I can't conceive of the fact that Mr. Simons is a 'litterer,' 'wise guy' as your honor describes him."  
Emil Oxfield, attorney, directed these remarks to Chief Magistrate Nicholas Castellano in announcing Tuesday morning that he would appeal the convictions of William Simons, 30, of 55 West St., and his wife, Mrs. Maybelle Simons, 31.  
Mr. Simons, a Korean War veteran, was found guilty of assaulting 4th Precinct Patrolman Galler and James Tuite on Jan. 4 and sentenced to 90 days in the County Penitentiary.  
HE WAS released in \$500 bail on a charge of possessing a dangerous weapon (a knife). The charge was sent to the grand jury. Magistrate Castellano also ordered an additional charge, atrocious assault and battery, sent to the grand jury.  
Mrs. Simons was convicted of assaulting the officer and interfering with an arrest. She was sentenced to time served.  
The magistrate refused an application for assault charges against Officers Galler and Tuite, accused by the Simonses of assaulting them.  
MR. SIMONS spent 10 days in Marlton Medical Center recovering from head injuries requiring 37 stitches, a fractured nose, a fractured wrist and leg injuries.  
Mrs. Simons contends she was struck in the stomach with a nightstick by one of the officers as they brutally beat her husband.  
The Simons case has caused much concern here among police officers who maintain some police officers use high-handed methods in colored neighborhoods.  
CENTRAL WARD Councilman Irvine L. Turner several months ago suggested that the Newark Police Department employ interracial police teams as a means of cutting down on some of this tension.  
The NAACP and the Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and vicinity asked Police Director Joseph Weldon to investigate the Simons case.  
Magistrate Castellano in a three page decision said in part:  
"I had a good opportunity to

## Northwood Arundel is open to all

Student pickets say they will continue until all places open  
BALTIMORE  
"I want you to know that you have as much right to come in here and be served as anyone else."  
"Whenever you come here, you will be treated just like any other customer, and if any one refuses to serve you, just notify me and it will be taken care of."  
These words of welcome were extended Wednesday to Morgan State College students. They marked victory No. one in their campaign to desegregate a movie and eating places in nearby Northwood shopping center.  
The words came from George F. Kerchner, supervisor of the Arundel Ice Cream Company in the center.  
Groups of college students sometimes numbering 450 had been picketing the theatre and sitting-in at the ice cream company and the Roof-top cafe of the Hecht Company at the Northwood center since Friday evening.

The shopping center is two blocks from the Morgan campus.  
FRANK GREENE, a student leader present with the group when Mr. Kerchner made his statement and saw that students were actually served, told the AFRO:  
"We now have one place open to us. Our other objectives are the Northwood Theatre and the Hecht Company's roof-top restaurant."  
"We intend to keep the picketing up until they are open to us, also."  
On Wednesday, the AFRO learned that picketing of the theatre had been called off pending the outcome of a meeting to be held on Monday afternoon with members of the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations and the theatre's management.  
However, late Thursday evening, 20 picketers, disregarding "Private Property" signs, started marching in front of the theatre.  
"We called police. We hope to be arrested so that we can test in court the private property signs against picketing," a spokesman said as the students went into action.  
Later Thursday night the report came:  
"The police are standing by. They won't arrest anyone as long as they behave themselves. This has made a farce of the non-picketing thing."  
The theatre is owned by Jerome and Joseph Grant.

**MEANTIME**, on Thursday afternoon a group of students stood by ready to resume the sit-in at the Hecht company's restaurant if an afternoon meeting with the company's board of trustees and a regional representative failed to result in a desegregation policy.  
"If the sit-in was to occur, we will fill all vacant seats," commented James M. Spriggs, a student leader from Baltimore.  
Other student leaders include Aubrey Edwards and Nathaniel Pierson. All are from New York except Mr. Spriggs.  
Miss Joyce Mitchell, a freshman from Washington, commented:  
"One reason the campus students want these places opened to them is because they're the only places in the neighborhood for any sort of recreation."  
"Now, if we want to go to the movies, we have to go all the way in town."  
"I see no reason why we can't go to the Northwood Theatre."  
Wayne Gunthrope, a freshman from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., added:  
"It's not so much the fact as it is the principle of the thing. I don't think that any person should be discriminated against."  
SINCE THEY started the campaign to desegregate the theatre and eating places in the center, which are the only ones so close to the college campus, the students have held a series of mass meetings which have attracted large numbers.  
On Monday a crowd jammed the meeting place to hear inspirational messages from Mrs.



**VICTORY NO. 1**—Photo made inside Arundel Ice Cream Co.'s Northwood Store shows students enjoying sodas. They were served for first time Wednesday following five-day sit-down demonstration in public places in the area which refuse service to colored people. Pictured here are Morgan students, Anna Brown, freshman, Baltimore; Clifton Henry, junior, Baltimore; Joyce Mitchell, freshman, Washington; and Frank Greene, senior, NYC. Greene is one of the leaders in the Civic Interest Group which sparked the Northwood demonstrations.

## —Desegregation

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for attendance by colored students. It is in Birmingham.  
IN LITTLE ROCK, Ark., another "last-ditch defense" against desegregation—the private school—was threatened with financial annihilation.  
The bankrupt institution is the Baptist High School, set up in the city's Second Baptist Church. In a board meeting last week, it was revealed that:  
1. The school still owes well over \$3,000 for furnishings purchased last year.  
2. The school has a monthly income of about \$6,500.  
3. Operating expenses are over \$8,500 per month.  
Starting then, with a deficit of over \$2,000, the school is going further in the hole to the tune of approximately \$2,000 every month. Trustees of the school who heard the sad news at a board meeting, cast desperately about for ways to alleviate the shortage.  
One method proposed was a hike of the monthly tuition fees from \$20 to \$25; another was an appeal in Baptist churches in the region to take up offerings.  
There are 370 students at the school; 70 of them are unable to pay anything on the monthly tuition.  
Still harassing the officials is the still-unresolved dilemma of getting the school accredited by national scholastic associations so that its graduates can attend first-class colleges and universities.

**RALEIGH AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, N.C.** will receive still other "hot potatoes" when colored students, by federal court direction, apply to them for admission to schools on a non-discriminatory basis.  
The United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in Richmond, Va., ordered plaintiffs in the two cases to seek to force the Montgomery County Board of Education to present a plan for desegregation.  
In one, Joseph H. Holt Jr., 15, seeks admission to Broughton High School. A district federal court refused two years ago to order him admitted. The appeals court upheld the district court.  
In the other case, the court upheld the dismissal of a suit filed on behalf of 45 children seeking to force the Montgomery County Board of Education to present a plan for desegregation.  
Both cases will now come under the operation of the state pupils assignment plan. This plan has limited desegregation to a few instances in the state.  
However, the officials must apply the assignment plan with regard to race unless they wish for the matter to be ruled on by federal courts in the future.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** made a "happy" report after two years of operating a "stair-step" integration plan. The plan was praised for its smoothness.  
Colored and white leaders attributed the plan's effectiveness to:  
"The community's respect for law and its realization that the courts must be obeyed."  
"The support given school officials by the city government, police and news media."  
"Initiation of desegregation in the lower grades where white pupil opposition was weak or non-existent, and  
"Advance preparation designed to promote public acceptance of desegregation."  
W. H. Oliver, city school superintendent, said "The desire to maintain segregation was outweighed by the desire for continued public education."  
Public opinion solidified after a local elementary school was destroyed by dynamite in 1957.  
IN WILMINGTON, Del., however, the "stair step" integration process was attacked as too slow. A District Court is currently hearing a suit attacking the "one grade per year" desegregation.  
Local officials said that the gradual plan was adopted for fear of violence and lower educational standards.  
NAACP officials and colored students are still to testify in the matter.  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. served as "Mecca" for southern attorneys-general last week who swore that if all else failed, they would maintain segregation by force.  
Speakers at the Southern Regional Conference of Attorneys General made remarks ranging in tone from interperate to violent.  
MacDonald Gallion, Alabama, said "It is gratifying in his state) would make the Little Rock situation seem like a Sunday school picnic."  
"We will do everything within our power to keep our schools segregated... If the federal government wants to force us to integrate, we also can use force."  
"We whites will choose whom we want to go to school with," said Jack Gremillion, Louisiana.  
"South Carolina is segregated and will stay that way," said Daniel R. McLeod, Maryland, Kentucky, and Texas attorneys general, while not endorsing desegregation, made mild attempts to stem the tide. They pointed out that local boards in their states take the brunt of the desegregation problem.  
Absent from the meeting were the legal heads of Mississippi, Georgia, Oklahoma and West Virginia.  
IN JACKSON, Ala., 36 students returned in Harper High School, disillusioned by the "messy resistance" plan devised by the "Big Bopper" organization.  
The incident started with the refusal of 46 seniors, the whole graduating class, to do anything but sit in class with arms folded. They refused to answer questions put to them by teachers.  
Faculty investigation revealed that the students had formed themselves into the "Big Bopper" organization which advocated this behavior.  
They immediately suspended the entire class and announced that no one would graduate this year. James Nichols, principal, met with parents last week and resolved the matter.  
F. L. Matthews, county superintendent, said: "There was unanimous agreement on their part that they had conducted themselves in a most distinguished manner. They promised to behave, he said.  
Ten students called the ringleaders of the movement were not readmitted to school. Their parents, however, have been promised a conference by the authorities.

## —Law school

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enforce court orders and disperse unruly crowds.  
Rogers proposed this new law as an alternative to the use of troops in such cases.  
Sen. Ervin (D. N.C.) immediately charged that the Administration was directing its power against what he termed a "minority of southern white folks."  
HE INSINUATED that the Administration was making "political distinctions."  
The Attorney General scoffed at Senator Ervin's suggestion with the statement, "I assure you that is not my purpose."  
Both men bickered for a while over the need for more broad civil rights legislation but Rogers finally indicated he did not favor moving "too fast for more civil rights laws."  
Senator Carroll (D.-Cal.) assailed Rogers' refusal to draft proposals for the Justice Department to bring about suits in school integration cases.

## \$6,000 scholarship award tests listed

WASHINGTON  
The AFL - CIO has opened a drive to make certain that every high school student in the nation is made aware of opportunity to participate in the competition to win one of the six \$6,000 merit scholarships being awarded by the AFL-CIO on the basis of examinations conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.  
Fifty thousand pamphlets entitled "How To Apply" for the 1960 AFL - CIO College Merit Scholarships have been forwarded to all internatiional, state and city central bodies and to all local unions for distribution.  
The Scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to enter college in September, 1960. Each scholarship will cover four years of study. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of three geographical sections of the United States.  
Full information will be given at the time of these notifications as to the time, place, and arrangements for this second test.  
Finalists will be announced in January, 1960 after the scoring of the second examination. They are selected on the basis of scores on the two examinations, school activities and biographical information which they have supplied.  
Scholarships will be awarded for study at any accredited college or university in the United States. It will be the obligation of the winners to make all arrangements for admission to the school of their choice and to maintain good standing throughout the four-year period of the scholarship.  
**Duvalier appeals for food as drought sweeps across Haiti**  
NEW YORK — Threats of a famine due to drought in northwest Haiti last week caused President Francois Duvalier to issue an appeal to an American agency for "immediate shipments of food."  
Lady Mac Colm Douglas-Hamilton said President Duvalier called her personally by telephone to ask the assistance of her organization, Help For Haiti, Inc.  
Lady Hamilton is president of Help For Haiti. She said Mr. Duvalier told her, "the cause of an unprecedented drought in northwest Haiti, food is needed immediately."  
Lady Hamilton said her organization is now appealing for money so that food can be purchased for shipment to Haiti.  
She said checks should be made payable to Help For Haiti, Inc. as to Francis Grimes, Treasurer, Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine St., New York City.

## Boatwright, NAACP enemy, won't run for Va. re-election

BUCKINGHAM, Va. — A staunch foe of the NAACP, Virginia Del. John B. Boatwright, won't be a candidate for reelection in July, he has announced.  
The Buckingham County politician, a segregationist, is 77 years old and has been a member of the House of Delegates for some 29 years.  
During that time he headed a committee set up by the General Assembly under his name which obviously sought to cripple the NAACP through its probes into racial situations.  
HE WAS also chairman of another legislative committee designed to look into racial problems.  
Immediately after his announcement to quit the House of Delegates, Dr. William A. Pennington stated he would run for Boatwright's seat.  
Dr. Pennington did not declare his views on segregation, but some observers regard him as totally opposed to integration.  
A medical practitioner, Dr. Pennington will run for Boatwright's seat in the July Democratic primary.