



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Thousands of alumni, former students, well-wishers swarmed into Nashville for the two-week finale of Tennessee A&I University's 50th anniversary. In addition to the dedication of a half-million dollar Chemistry building and honoring outstanding alumni, the highlights of the celebration was the establishment of the W. J. Hale Scholarship Foundation honoring the first president of the institution. Its second and present president, Dr. Walter W. Hale, an alumnus, was given a trip around the world for his outstanding service. The four-day celebration closed in a brilliant flurry of activity. Camera caught much in the top: Olympic sprint star Wilma Rudolph (c) waves from her first in the coming parade; modern dance (l) and sports review (r) scenes from "The Golden Heritage," historical pageant which enjoyed raved notices from the daily press. Second row: "Miss Tennessee State" (Joyce Kilgore, second from left) and members of her court on their sea-shell Homecoming float; the speakers' table at the Alumni Banquet where outstanding alumni and faculty were honored (W. J. Hale of Nashville is National Alumni President); a stately magnolia planted in a ceremony in memory of the late Dr. Ras O. Johnson, alumnus and chief of the Europe Education Division of the Department of State, Washington, D. C.; John Mitchell, octogenarian Chicago dentist, who was the oldest celebrant in

attendance, with his relative President Davis; Dr. Henry L. Taylor, alumnus, and Vice President A. V. Bowell at dedication ceremony. Third row: Tennessee State Players Guild group in "first faculty meeting" scene of "The Golden Heritage"; Alumni Sons and Daughters following their brunch. Bottom row: The three alumni who are college presidents—from left, Dr. Herbert White of Mississippi Vocational College, Dr. Walter S. Davis of Tennessee A&I State University, and Dr. Levi Watkins of Alabama State College—chatting with Dr. Carl M. Hill, Tennessee State dean until Dec. 1 when he became president of Kentucky State College. A group of the 50th Anniversary Fund Committee—(sitting, from left) Nathaniel Crippens, Nashville; Mrs. Sannie A. Dobbin, Jackson, Tenn.; Miss Beadie Walton, Nashville; George W. Brooks, Clarksville, Tenn.; Mrs. Carrie M. Denney and Dr. Granville M. Sawyer, Nashville; (standing) Carl Barbour, Beckley, W. Va.; James Lemons, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Clyde J. Kincaid, Nashville. A portion of the dedicated Chemistry building; one of the off-televised Tennessee State dancing majorettes during the half-time at the Homecoming football game; Student Council President Joseph Mack of Knoxville, Tenn.; and senior chemistry major Howard McClure, Nashville, participants in the Chemistry building dedication; and Percy B. Brown, Covington, Tenn., and Mrs. Harriette White Jones, Baltimore, Md. alumni, at brunch.

Gossip of the Movie Lots

BY CALLA SCRIVNER FOR ANP
SHOOTING STARTS ON BIBLICAL FILM STARRING SIDNEY POITIER
HOLLYWOOD — George Stevens' "Greatest Story Ever Told," the Biblical film now shooting in Utah, has recently added additional stars to its cast. Max Von Sydow will play the leading role of Christ. New York actor Michael Tolan has the role of Lazarus and Janet Margolin will portray Mary of Bethany. Roddy McDowall also has a feature role. Sidney Poitier was set for Simon of Cyrene months ago. Generous Stevens will have two Constellations and three DC-3s to fly his actors home for Christmas at his expense. They will return Dec. 24.

RAY CHARLES TO APPEAR AT SHIRAZ DEC. 24
Ray Charles will make a coast appearance this month at the Shiraz Auditorium. The singing Rascals will also be featured with the versatile singer-pianist. The concert will be presented by Hal Ziegler.

MAD RUSH ON "MAD, MAD WORLD" SET
Crowds of unemployed Angelenos continue to pour through the gates of Nevea Studio to furnish scenes for Stanley Kramer's "Mad, Mad, Mad World" starring Mickey Rooney, Sid Caesar, Spencer Tracy, Phil Silvers, Jimmie Durante, Dorothy Provine, Edie Adams and others.

Every day for the last two weeks, 2,000 extras have shown up for the filming. Most all of the faces are new, although regular extras also report for work. The vast number of extras were drawn from the city's unemployment rolls.

Everyone is still talking about last week's shooting incident. Negro guard Vance Boyd, 35, shot an extra, Allan Salin, 28, because he reportedly hit him and refused to line up for the bus ride home. Several others were wounded by ricocheting bullets when Vance fired into the crowd.

Guards are extra cautious on the lot now, but the new people still rush madly to the set for vantage points where they can be seen in the front row (although this is doubtful in a crowd). They also run over each other to get to lunch and to the departing buses.

Considering the fact that most of them have never been on a studio lot before, one can make some allowances for them. Everyone I talked with is anxious to do more pictures. This seems likely as thousands are to be used in George Stevens' "The Greatest Story Ever Told," which is now on location in Utah. All of the extras are getting a chance to work a considerable length of time in "Mad, Mad, Mad World," which should give them a little Christmas cheer this year. The film will shoot indefinitely.

ELLA FITZGERALD RATED TOP SINGER
Ella Fitzgerald has won so many "best singer" polls, that a British publication recently ran their selections starting with those running closest of the American singer. In an editor's note, the publisher wrote: "It goes without saying that Miss Fitzgerald is our No. 1, and we will discontinue that category now until at least ten years after she retires."

as a gentle person. Methinks his lookalike son is not exactly cut from the same cloth. It will be intriguing to watch this decade's "Bon Walker" . . . 'Junior' has more fire!

Atlanta University, one of six colleges in the Atlanta University System, was founded 97 years ago in 1865. Its president is Dr. Rufus Clement.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE



FABULOUS FOURSOME—Three celebrities of the movie, radio and recording world recently joined gospel singer Clark Ward for some gospel music talk at the New Frontier in Las Vegas where Miss Ward is appearing. They are, from Peter Lawford, Judy Garland and Vic Damone.

BANDECHOES

BY J. L. EDWARDS
The Christmas season has been the highlight of the schools during the past two weeks. Several programs have been presented at Ligon with more to come in the next two weeks. On Dec. 9th the Lucille Hunter school presented the annual Christmas program. The band, string and glee club members participated. Mrs. Ruby Greene directed the glee club and Miss Mary Smith conducted the string orchestra.

The Washington School PTA sponsored the music department on December 10th. The string program consisted of one orchestral selection which we hope will be the beginning of an orchestra at Washington School. The vocal music was conducted by Miss Genevieve McAllister the new music consultant at Washington. The band members that participated were: Verrita Banks, Michael Doe, Pauline Goza, Chi Handy, Martha Jones and Michelle Palmer.

Handel's "Overture, 'The Messiah,'" presented annually by the music department at Ligon will be presented Dec. 19. Mrs. E. M. M. Kelly will feature the choir, orchestra and keyboard artists.

September 22, 1835 — The late James Weldon Johnson became a regular lecturer at New York University.

LINCOLN THEATRE
RALEIGH, N. C.
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Monk Says Show World Has Changed

Former saxophonist T. Glover, who voluntarily shut himself off from all outside communication since he entered the monastery in 1949 has many observations about the changes of 12 years. Now Brother Jesus, he disclosed in Jet last week his views.

Jazz: "I was happy to see that jazz had progressed to the wonderful position it has today. When I went into the monastery, people looked down on it. Now it has the status of any other art form, like painting and sculpture."

Television: "I can't say much about it except everybody has one, including the people on relief."

Automobiles: "They're right in keeping with the times. I expected them to change."

Housing: "I am glad to find Negroes living in better housing, although all the old neighborhoods are being torn down."

Race Relations: "Things are getting better."

Politics: "Negroes must still learn to use their voting power."

World Affairs: "We must learn to take a position of faith on situations like Cuba."

The ex-musician, who formerly associated with such jazz greats as Charlie Parker, Lester Young and Dizzy Gillespie, was found by Jet in the Trappist monastery two years ago. He admitted he entered the monastery "to seek God's blessing for people in show business."

Data 'N' Chatter

By DARCY DEMILLE

CHICAGO (ANP)—From Hollywood to Harlem . . . Nancy Wilson is smiling these days, and her "saying of the week" is "good things come in small packages." Referring to Santa, she isn't. She's approaching motherhood radiant as the famed Madonna. Says she has no preference for boy or girl. Admits she can hardly wait for "d" day, or she should say "B" day . . .

Insiders know, but are making like the Sphinx when queried about the Roy Hamilton-Bill Cook feud.

Isn't Nat Cole penning his memoirs? Ditto Herb Jeffries? The Herb Jeffries-Tempest Storm baby, slated for an early '63 arrival, will be called the reason behind Tempest's retirement. Not true . . . not true. Herb's pretty wife, known internationally for her beautifully stacked body, has wearied of stripping for the \$\$\$ customers. But don't be surprised if she does embark on another facet of show biz once Sir Stork has made his departure. Heretill she's already received a couple of movie bids, and she has always kept one eye on the lucrative modeling profession.

I've heard of horrid jokes. But this one could, and should be added to your "don't remember" list.

"There was this balding Indian who wanted to solve his

disappearing hair problem with a toupee. But alas, the mowos came to the reservation, and he was forced to buy an electric heater to keep his wig warm." Unquote.

I went through an eerie experience the other evening. There was, with the trusty old Tee Vee set turned into a favorite program. When the credits flashed on, thought a bit angrily the new actors are going a bit far, copying the name of a deceased Star to capitalize on that Star's name drawing power.

Then I got a good look at the "newcomer" and I was in for a shock, as well as a treat. The young man who came on like a powerhouse is the spittin' image of his late, great father, Robert Walker. The son of Jennifer Jones doesn't have to use the name Walker (or Jones either, for that matter). This guy can act. A few days later I watched him again, and then again, in entirely different roles. It was like seeing Bob Walker of the huskily quiet voice again.

Back a few years ago when Bob made "The Clock" with Judy Garland, I chanced to meet him in Chicago. He was en route to New York City MGM's pride and joy. But he looked like, and behaved like the gentleman he was. He was, and will be remembered by this scribe.

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"Twist" King Buys Home

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Chubby Checker, 21, who popularized the Twist dance craze and became internationally famous, has purchased a \$20,000, three-story home for his family in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. He will live in the home with his two younger brothers and sister.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY



SHIRLEY CONGRATULATED BY COUNTRYMAN — British singer Shirley Bassey is given a congratulatory buss by British composer Lionel Bart in her dressingroom Dec. 5th, in New York, after her opening performance at the Plaza Hotel's Persian Room. Upon completion of current engagement at the Plaza, the glamorous 24-year-old chanteuse has tentatively scheduled a tour of the United States. (UPI PHOTO).

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