



Dr. Charles E. Stewart, left, pastor of the Israel A. M. E. Church, Albany, N. Y., conducted the annual Religious Emphasis Week activities held at A and T College last week.

Following each of his presentations, students crowded around for more information. He talks with from left to right, Mattie Craft, Roanoke, Va.; Howard Dixon, Birmingham, Ala., president of the Fellowship Council, a student religious organization and Gwendolyn Judge, Tampa, Fla.

### Four Year War Of Tuberculosis By VA May Pay Off In Dividends For Nation's Health

For the past four years, Veterans Administration has conducted the most extensive war on tuberculosis among veterans ever known in the history of the country.

In announcing the results of the program today, VA said they are so significant that they are expected to pay health dividends to the entire nation.

In the four year period that the program has been underway on a fully implemented basis, VA has screened 3,217,000 employees. Among these two big groups, VA discovered 12,740 cases of active pulmonary (lung) TB and 34,470 cases of inactive pulmonary TB.

Of even more importance than the results to date, VA said, are the prospects for the future.

The segment of the population covered is so large, VA said that the results not only will reduce the incidence of TB infection among veterans and their families, but also should reduce the number of TB cases and deaths among the general population.

Officially known as the tuberculosis case-finding survey program, the vast scope and importance of the endeavor are indicated in the four-year analysis just completed.

The figures show that an average of 87,000 persons was screened each month during the four-year period. Among this group, approximately 265 previously unknown cases of active pulmonary TB and 760 inactive cases have been turned up each month. This is an average of approximately 1,000 new cases found every month for the four-year period.

In view of the infectious nature of active pulmonary TB, VA said it considers the number of new cases found and treated each month as an achievement in the nation-wide campaign to bring TB under further control.

In fact, VA added, the mass survey has made it possible, for the first time, to keep VA installations virtually "clean" from TB infection of others.

Moreover, with the sources of TB infection among veterans and VA employees constantly being discovered and removed, the population at large already is benefiting from the elimination of this hazard, VA said.

Still another benefit cited by VA as of incalculable value to the economic and physical health of the nation is the fact that the search is turning up so many

cases in the early, or minimal, stages of TB when proper treatment has a greater chance of effecting a speedy and lasting cure.

Among the 704,000 VA employees screened, approximately 85 percent of the active TB cases discovered were in the early, or minimal, stages. While figures are not complete for the veterans screened, VA said it is reasonable to assume on the basis of the experience with employees that the percentage of minimal cases discovered among veterans is high, too.

One of the important by-products of the program, VA said, is the large number of other chest diseases and abnormalities discovered during the survey. Among these are serious conditions, such as cancers and heart diseases, which require immediate attention. Thus early diagnoses and treatment was afforded through the survey when delay might have been fatal.

Nearly 91,000 other chest conditions were discovered during the last year of survey. A minority of these were serious cases requiring immediate care. Most of them were cases which did not require immediate attention, but their early discovery permitted the persons to become aware of the conditions and thus enabled them to take proper precautionary measures.

In the field of research, many

important avenues have been opened for the use of the TB data developing from the program.

VA said the figures also are particularly helpful in planning the most economical use of facilities for hospital treatment, outpatient care, and rehabilitation.

VA's program is conducted in all of its hospitals, in all of its outpatient clinics in regional offices, and among all employees.

In hospitals a chest X-ray is taken of each veteran on admission to the hospital. If he remains in the hospital over a long period of time, he is x-rayed every 12 months or more frequently if indicated while he is a patient.

In the outpatient clinics at the time he is examined unless he has been X-rayed within the previous 6 months.

Among employees, a chest X-ray is taken of every person at the time of employment or when he is separated or transferred. Every employee then is X-rayed again at 6 to 12 month intervals, or more often if necessary.

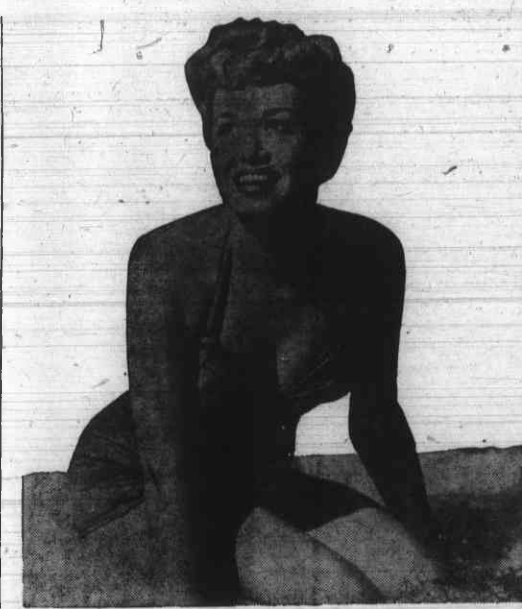
A tuberculin test (Mantoux) also is given to medical personnel at the time of employment, with proper follow-up undertaken in indicated cases, including chest X-rays at more frequent intervals.

This mass type of survey, VA said, already has proven its worth many times over and will continue to prove more valuable as time goes on and new sources of infection are discovered and eliminated.

### Morris Joins NEA Staff

BURLINGTON  
W. I. Morris, former principal of the Pleasant Grove high school near here has recently been appointed to the staff of the National Education Association and the North Carolina Teachers Association as a field representative.

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Above is shown JUNE CHRISTY, known to millions as "Miss Modern Music", who will be co-starred in THE FESTIVAL OF MODERN AMERICAN JAZZ at The Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Friday evening February 5th, 1954. Festival of Modern American Jazz is a follow up of The Biggest Shows series, yet a different show, a bigger and better show.

when it plays the Raleigh date. He will also feature his world renowned ORCHESTRA. Other great jazz artists to be co-starred in this great festival are as follows: ERROLL GARNER, who will feature his famed TRIO; CHARLIE PARKER; DIZZY GILLESPIE; Lee KONITZ and the great CANDIDO. Doors of the auditorium will open at 7:15 and the show will hit at 8:15. This will be the only date on the festival anywhere in North Carolina.

representative. Morris' work as the NEA-NCTA representative will be with local associations, institutions and school groups in the state. His position was made possible by a recent grant from the NEA. The grant was made last November. The new NEA-NCTA appointee is a graduate of A and T College of Greensboro, and has earned a graduate degree from New York University. He has also done work for a further degree at Harvard.

**AME Bishops To Meet In Georgia**  
PHILADELPHIA  
The annual session of the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held the last week in February, at Savannah, Ga. All of the Bishops are expected to attend the Council meeting. Bishop S. L. Green is president of the Council and Bishop Frank

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Madison Reid of South Carolina who has just raised three hundred thousand dollars for an Endowment Fund for Allen University within less than two years, is Vice-President of the Council. Bishop D. Ward Nichols of the First Episcopal District is Secretary, and Bishop A. J. Allen of the Third Episcopal District is Assistant Secretary.

January, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned.  
This the 11th day of January, 1954.  
Mechanics and Farmers Bank Administrator of the estate of Martha Morgan, deceased.  
C. O. Pearson, Attorney  
Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13 and 20.

**NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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