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By SHIRLEY KYLE
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NEW YORK, N.Y.—"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

This ancient quotation uttered three and a half hours before show time by Gloria Lockerman's grandmother, was the key moment of the plucky little spelling champ's decision not to try for the \$25,000 prize on the "54,000 Question," Tuesday night.

Mrs. Bertha Key quoted the adage during dinner as she sat with her granddaughter and an AFRO reporter in a plush restaurant on Times Square.

GLORIA LOOKED across the table at her grandmother with steady eyes showing that she agreed. She said, "I haven't had as much time to study the words this week as I had last week." (Gloria had just returned Monday night from a five-day visit in West Virginia and had left for New York Tuesday morning.) As a result of this agreement

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Three men, two farmers and an oilfield worker, were later charged with causing Smith's death and are now at liberty on \$20,000 bail each awaiting trial.

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THE LYNCHING VICTIM — Fourteen-year-old Emmitt Louis Till of Chicago, pictured here with his mother, became Mississippi's third lynching victim in 5 months last week. Because he failed to say "yes mam" to a white woman, the Chicago-born youth was kidnaped, brutally beaten and shot through the head. His body, weighted with a heavy piece of metal, was thrown in the river.

ST. MARY BLOOM told the AFRO on Monday that she had started to make burial arrangements for Colleton, Ream, and had engaged the late Funeral Home, 740 N. 6th St.

Query

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"I HAVE never mentioned any boy's name in my predictions," he said, "and I have not spoken out against any other minister—Father Divine no exception."

"I did say some time ago," the prophet added, "that it had been revealed to me that a big religious leader in Philadelphia would die in 1955 and that the funeral would be the biggest one that city had ever seen."

Concerning his plans to move in on the area that has long been considered a Divine stronghold, Prophet Jones said: "God has told me that I would soon be directed to move to New York. And when the rail fuses, I will be ready to leave."

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former Army lieutenant, had admitted the kidnaping, but deny having anything to do with young Till's death.

The two are under arrest on a murder charge, but the woman, Mrs. Bryant, for whom a warrant was issued, has disappeared.

THE BODY was weighted down with a 75 lb. pulley, a cast iron wheel used to operate a cotton gin. The wheel, about a foot and a half in diameter, weighed 120 to 200 pounds. It was attached to the boy's body with a harness.

FRIENDS AND neighbors called at the home of Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spearman, where Mrs. Bradley took all phone calls during the three-day search for the boy.

Several motives have been given for the brutal crime. First reports were that he had been molested. The incident was described as his failure to say "yes mam" while addressing the woman.

But this also was charged when it became known that Till, who also was killed at the age of three, had not been able to speak clearly. Maurice Wright, Till's cousin, who accompanied him to the store, said the boy made a whistling sound in his effort to pronounce words.

WRIGHT STEADFASTLY denied that his cousin had either spoken incoherently or whistled at Mrs. Bryant.

THE TWO MEN, who at first were held in the LaFlore County Jail here, were transferred Friday to Tallahatchie County where the lynching is believed to have occurred.

A grand jury was reconstituted at Charleston, Miss., the county seat Tuesday. If an indictment is returned, the trial is not likely to be held until the next term of court in March.

THE REV. CORNELIUS Adams of the Central Baptist Church told the crowd the funds would be used "so that this will not happen again."

Probe

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There are only 22,000 registered voters out of the state's population of 2,181,954 persons, and according to information secured by the NAACP, many of those who are registered have been kept away from the polls by death threats and other forms of intimidation.

NOT ONLY Klan and Citizens Council elements in Mississippi's population are suppressing the colored citizens who would vote, but even, Saturday, the State Democratic Committee named a sub-committee to study ways of ridding down the number of colored voters.

The committee chairman, Tom Tubb, said "I'm concerned about colored people registering to vote. They perhaps played a large part in the last election."

A Justice Department spokesman pointed out that a preliminary inquiry into the voting situation was begun by the department on Aug. 16 after the first primary failed to decide the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

MR. COLEMAN and all four of his opponents in the race for the gubernatorial nomination favored maintaining racial segregation in the public schools of Mississippi. Each claimed to have the best plan for keeping the schools segregated.

COLEMAN immediately pledged himself to resist any attempt by Attorney General Bryant to determine whether colored people were barred from voting at their votes in the primary elections not counted.

ACCORDING TO reports, colored persons, otherwise qualified to vote, were kept from voting in the runoff election through a variety of discriminatory qualifications for voting, such as literacy tests administered in a discriminatory manner to disqualify colored voters.

At some places in Mississippi election officials reportedly asked colored persons presenting themselves to vote such questions as "What's the difference between a majority and a minority?"

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Ike Calls Parley On Job Discrimination

DENVER, Colo. (NNPA)—President Eisenhower will take a personal hand in the efforts of his administration to end Government contractors' and racial discrimination in employment.

Baptists

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MR. EISENHOWER gave his final approval to plans for the Washington meeting during the conference with Mr. Mitchell at the White House Saturday.

THE CONVENTIONS passed resolutions that all delegates attending the national session, would shun the Illinois Central, which is spending thousands of dollars in a legal fight to maintain its policy of segregating Southbound passengers at its Chicago terminal.

"I don't know what prompted the boys to get the boycott on me when I got back. And I just got back from Europe a few days ago. Nobody would ever accuse me of being in favor of segregation."

"I DO REMEMBER sometime ago, somebody approached the Illinois Central and they gave an explanation. I don't know whether it's true or not because I haven't had the chance to go into it."

"I don't know what the petition is. You see, I have to be careful what I say. Those of us who are in leadership can't run off at the mouth."

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LEADING THE fight against use of the Illinois Central was Dr. King, S. R. Rector, pastor of the First Memorial Baptist Church, Chicago.

REVEALING THAT he and a group of ministers had a conference with the Illinois Central president, Mr. Range said the group was told "we're not going to change now until a court order says so."

"HE SAID you shouldn't come down here as a Christian, you're not using the Christian spirit. I said 'you're not using the Christian spirit' and he went away."

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Richard M. Nixon will preside. For some time, Government contracts have contained a clause obligating the contractor and his subcontractors not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment because of race, religion, color or national origin.

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Holdup nets \$4,762 while Elks parade

ATLANTIC CITY — Two young robbers and an accomplice who served as a look-out man staged a daring \$4,762 payroll robbery Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 23, using the glamour and lined of the spectacular Elks parade as a screen.

While thousands jammed the sidewalks cheering the marching units and bands, the two robbers entered the Reardon laundry office at Grant and Madison Aves., which employ 110 persons.

ONE OF them menisked the bookkeeper, Mrs. Mildred Charles and Miss Lynn Gallagher with an automatic pistol, which was unloaded, and, in a few seconds, made a get-away with their loot.

THE PISTOL was found later in a vacant lot. Arrested the next evening by two policemen who were patrolling their area were Walter Ellis, 27, of the 3100 block Belle Ave., and Cleveland Jones, 18, of the 1200 block 8th or Ave.

THEY were charged with armed robbery. Jones was later released.

POLICE also arrested Henry Pickman, 21, of the 1900 block 12th St. The investigation of robbery in connection with the heilop.

None of the payroll loss has been recovered.—Capt. James Regan, acting detective reported.

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Give Hair Sparkling Highlights AMAZING NEW Black Strand CAKE SHAMPOO

Train strikes truck; one dead, one hurt CLAXTON, Ga.—Doc Beard, 30, of Lincoln, Ga., was killed and James A. Baxley, also of Lincoln, Ga., was critically injured when a lumber truck which they were riding was struck by a train last week.

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