

Notes on People by Laurie Johnston

office.

NYTimes JAN 14 1976

The Chicago Public Library Board voted unanimously to keep **Ralph G. Newman** as president. Mr. Newman, nationally known Lincoln scholar and archivist, was fined \$10,000 Jan. 6 for his role in falsely backdating **Richard M. Nixon's** gift of his Vice-Presidential papers for tax purposes and for lying to Internal Revenue Service investigators. **Dr. John Hope Franklin**, chairman of the University of Chicago's history department, presided at the special meeting after Mr. Newman excused himself. Dr. Franklin, an authority on black history, said Mr. Newman's "sacrifices" on behalf of the board and the city "illustrate his selflessness and absence of greed."

•
Dame **Agatha Christie** left two unpublished manuscripts when she died Monday at age 85, her publisher, **William Collins**, said in London yesterday. One is the detective-