Webb Center to Observe Open House Celebration

The Chick Webb Memorial Center will hold open house throughout the week of Dec. 6 in observance of its first anniversary, Clement L. Nixon, center director, has announced.

The public is invited to inspect the building which was erected as a monument to the late Chick Webb, Baltimore-born drummer, who gained international fame in the music world.

Party, Program Highlights

Though no formal anniversary program is scheduled, two important events will be held during the week. They are a teen-age birthday party, to be held on Dec. 8 by the Teen-age Council of the center, and a young children's program on Dec. 10.

Miss Naomi Hendershott is staff advisor for the Teen-age Council and Clarence Morton, its president.

Miss Naomi Cannon is in charge of the young children's program.

Gay Ambassadors in Banquet

Last week the Gay Ambassadors, one of the Webb Center's many teen-age clubs, gave a Thanksgiving Day banquet. The program included the recital of the history of the organization and a report of its aims. Charles Monroe is president of the club.

Last Saturday, the Little Miss Muffet Club, which consists of girls between the ages of seven and nine years, sponsored a Thanksgiving Day program. Miss Josephine Poindexter is president of the group, and Miss Gracie Coles, secretary.

Also on Saturday, the Debs, a teen-age club, sponsored a Thanksgiving Day Dance; and on the same night, the JUG's held their second annual pot luck supper, with members of the center's staff as their guests.

Rummage Sale Planned

The club is now planning a rummage sale. Miss Lois Kendricks is president and Mrs. Zelda Orange, staff advisor.

The JUG's is an active organization that sponsors a benefit program each month as a service act. Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to purchase Christmas baskets for East Baltimore's needy families.

Woman Convicted of Manslaughter

After sobbingly asserting that all of the State's witnesses were against her and that one of them was "jealous because I got him first," Miss Eligear Bell, 25, was convicted Thursday of manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of Roland Dorsey, 45.

Judge Herman Moser withheld sentence pending a probation department investigation. Michael Freeman, attorney for the woman, insisted that she stabbed Dorsey in self-defense on Oct. 11 at their home in the 500 block Burgundy St.

Neighbors said they were attending a drinking party at the house when they saw Dorsey slap Miss Bell a couple of times.

No one said that he was still there when the stabbing occurred, although one woman testified that she saw Miss Bell go upstairs and return with a knife in her pocket.

Says He Threatened Her

The defendant asserted that Dorsey was slapping her and threatening to kill her when she stabbed him in the heart. She said she kept the knife in her pocket to help him in his junking business.

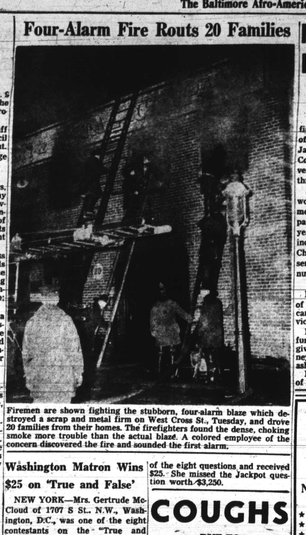
Cheltenham Group Seeks Aid for Needy

The Rev. E. L. Lofton, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Cheltenham, is requesting donations of dress clothing, books, magazines and gifts, to be given to the boys at Cheltenham to make their Christmas holidays more enjoyable.

Articles may be delivered to 1119 W. Lanvale St. or will be picked up if donors call LAfayette 1302.

A large group of these young men are scheduled for Christmas furloughs to their homes and it is hoped that clothing gifts will be submitted before Dec. 20, so that they may be able to make use of them during their vacation period, the minister pointed out.

Four-Alarm Fire Routs 20 Families



Firemen are shown fighting the stubborn, four-alarm blaze which destroyed a scrap and metal firm on West Cross St., Tuesday, and drove 20 families from their homes. The firefighters found the dense, choking smoke more trouble than the actual blaze. A colored employee of the concern discovered the fire and sounded the first alarm.

Washington Matron Wins $25 on 'True and False'

NEW YORK—Mrs. Gertrude McCloud of 1707 S St. N.W., Washington, D.C., was one of the eight contestants on the "True and False" program over Mutual Network on Nov. 20.

Mrs. McCloud, who was visiting friends here with her husbands, Ernest E. McCloud, answered five of the eight questions and received $25. She missed the Jackpot question worth $3,250.

Hacker Cleared in Traffic Death

On the testimony of witnesses who said that Louis Rivers, 60, of 1223 McCulloh St., stepped into the path of the taxi which caused his eath on Nov. 6, the driver, John E. Randall, 51, white, of 3316 Noble St., was exonerated on Monday.

Several residents of the 1200 block McCulloh St. told Magistrate Fitzpatrick in Northwestern police court that Rivers darted into the path of the oncoming cab from between parked cars.

They said the cab was traveling at a moderate rate of speed and that the driver skidded after applying his brakes in an effort to avoid the accident.

Fire Safety Drive Launched Here

'48 Blaze Death Toll Surpasses '46, '47

To combat the death toll from fires which have claimed the lives of 40 persons in Baltimore since January, the Baltimore Safety Council has launched a Fire Prevention Campaign which will last through January, 1949.

Parent-teachers associations, women's clubs, the fire department and other organizations will participate in the campaign. This year's death toll which does not include possible fatalities over the Christmas holiday, already, represents a 25% increase over the total number of deaths in 1946 and 1947.

Fire Control Advice

Frank F. Dorsey, vice president of the council and chairman of the campaign, issued the following advice on fire control:

Never force a fire in a stove or furnace, and if the heaters do not give enough heat, see that chimneys and flues are clean and that ashes are removed regularly;

Replace flues that show signs of deterioration; install storm windows, doors, weather-stripping and insulation where needed, to help relieve strain on the furnace;

Inspect fuse boxes and use no fuses larger than 15 amperes; keep gas heaters a safe distance from draperies and furniture; inspect portable electric heaters and replace defective wiring;

Shut off portable gas or electric heaters when leaving the house; turn off Christmas tree lights when leaving the house; and keep the fire department telephone number posted.

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Death Cell Curse of Doomed Man Claims 5th Victim

Waterloo Community Club Plans Dinner

WATERLOO, Md.—The Waterloo Community Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradford on Cedar Lane last week when plans were made for an oyster roast and chicken supper.

New members are Willis E. Simpson and Mrs. Elizabeth Read; Mrs. Sebetta Warren is president; Charles Wilkinson, chairman of the board, and Miss Frances Barnes, recording secretary.

Bird's Lawyer Latest Victim

All Succumbed to Heart Attacks

QUOTES BIBLE

Convicted Slayer Awaits Re-sentence

TACOMA, Wash. — While Jake Bird, a doomed convicted slayer, awaits a re-sentence by the State Supreme Court, death has claimed the fifth person who was involved in his arrest and final sentence.

Immediately after he was condemned to death in October, 1947, Bird declared, "All of you guys who had anything to do with this case, are going to die before I do."

As though fulfilling Bird's "hex," five persons have already died, the latest being Bird's attorney, J. W. Sheldon, 75, who succumbed last Friday.

Heart Attack Victims

All of the persons died of heart attacks. Others were:

Superior Court Judge F. D. Hodge, who sentenced Bird to die on Jan. 16. He himself died suddenly on Jan. 1, although he appeared to be in good health.

A short time later, Roy Scott, chief deputy clerk, who handled the filing of the papers in the case, died suddenly.

The third to die was Joe Karpach, an under sheriff, who conducted the investigation, and who had never been ill during the five years he had been in office.

Three weeks ago, Detective Sherman Lyons to whom Bird made the prophecy, died of a heart attack. He, too, appeared to be in good health.

"The Bible says rejoice when anyone dies, and feel badly when anyone is born," Bird is reported to have declared when officials informed him of the last death in the Pierce County Jail where he is confined.

Bird stalled off death by making an appeal to the State Supreme Court. The appeal was denied and he is now awaiting the Court's order for his resentence.

Convicted of the ax slaying of Mrs. Bertha Kludt and her 17-year-old daughter, Bird is reported to have confessed to taking part in or knowing of the slayings of 44 other persons.

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Newark Beauty Queen to Be Picked Dec. 12

NEWARK

The second annual "Miss Sepia Newark" beauty contest will be held on Dec. 12 under auspices of the Penguin-Canteen, a youth recreation group, it was announced on Monday by Miss Anne Baxter, general chairman.

The Newark winners will compete in the national contest here on Dec. 17, with Miss Love Findley of Newark, present national queen, crowning the 1948 winner.

Time Out for Hot Dogs

Taking time out for hot dogs at the Morgan-Virginia State game in Petersburg on Thanksgiving Day are Miss Oliveria Branch, who comes from Richmond, and Miss Roberta Pendleton of Petersburg, Virginia State lost, 19-7.

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Judge Turns Down All-White Jury

CARTHAGE, Miss. (NNPA) — Circuit Judge Percy M. Lee, Justice-elect to the Mississippi Supreme Court bench, last Thursday declined to accept a jury because no colored persons were included in the list of Leake county veniremen from which the panel was chosen.

It was the first time is the country's history that such a ruling has been made. Judge Lee sustained a motion by Frank Mize, attorney for Hartness Flowers, on trial on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, asking that the jury be rejected.

Judge Lee denied the attorney's motion that the indictment against his client be dropped, on the ground that no colored persons served on the grand jury, saying that other irregularities had contributed to his ruling against the all-white jury.

The jurist based his ruling on a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling handed down in the case of Eddie Matton, of Meridian, whose conviction on a murder charge was reversed by that tribunal.

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NEWARK

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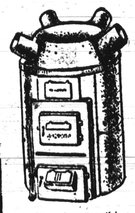

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Deek Watson Spends Night in Jail on Assault Charge

Popular Musician Accused of Beating Man, Wrecking Sugar Hill Apartment

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Deek Watson, former member of the Ink Spots trio and more recently leader of the Brown Dots quartet, was arrested here last Thursday night and jailed on charges of third degree assault after he had run amok and wrecked an apartment on Sugar Hill in Harlem.

Deek, who gave his name as Ivory Watson, spent the night in jail at the 30th Precinct Headquarters at 152nd St. and Amsterdam Ave. after Joseph Tramble who is said to be his father, charged that Watson struck him several times with his fist about his head and body on Thanksgiving night in an apartment at 695 St. Nicholas Ave.

Information as to the reasons for differences between the two men was not available but police records state that Watson not only struck Tramble but tore down the door of the apartment, broke several articles of furniture and suffered lacerations of his own right shoulder and neck when he fell into the glass and debris which he had created by smashing furniture.

Unconfirmed reports circulated in Harlem said the fracas took place in the apartment of Mrs. S. S. Francois, owner of the S. S. Francois Bar at 125th St. and Seventh Ave. and the Hyde Park Ranch in upper Harlem, whose name has been linked romantically with Watson's.

Mrs. Francois denied this in an interview. Mrs. Francois, however, lives at the St. Nicholas address shown on police records. She said in the interview that she knew Watson and knew that he had had some difficulties but that she had in no way been connected with them.

The most persistent report alleged that Watson and his mother and father were having dinner at the Francois apartment when Watson suddenly went berserk and pummelled Tramble and wrecked the apartment.

After Watson had spent the night in jail, Tramble withdrew the charges against him the next day in Upper Manhattan Court. Deek was treated at Harlem Hospital.

4 File Appeals in N.C. Bus Case

Lawyers Cite 3 Errors Made by Lower Court

RALEIGH, N.C. — The appeals of four men, two white and two colored, who were convicted in Orange County of violating State laws requiring segregation on public carriers, reached the State Supreme Court last week.

Three attorneys representing the defendants charged in the appeal that the lower court erred in denying a defense motion for squashing the warrants; in denying motions to strike out "certain" testimony, and in permitting the prosecution to ask "certain" questions.

Tried Twice Previously

The defendants are Andrew S. Johnson of Cincinnati, and Bayard Rustin of New York, colored; and Igal Roodenko of New York, and Joseph A. Felmont of Asheville, N.C., white.

In a trial at Chapel Hill before Recorder Henry A. Whitfield, Johnson was fined $25 and costs; Rustin was ordered to pay costs; and Roodenko and Felmont were sentenced to one month each on the roads.

In a Superior Court trial at Hillsboro, Judge Chester Morris sentenced the four defendants to a month each on the roads.

State's Arguments

The State contended that their actions constituted a violation of the General Statutes, the ordinances of the town of Chapel Hill, and the "peace and dignity of the State."

The case grew out of an incident on a Carolina Coach bus at Chapel Hill in April, 1947.

Johnson and Rustin were arrested on warrants charging they took seats at the front of the bus, and refused to move to the rear when requested by the bus driver, Ned H. Leonard.

Roodenko and Felmont were charged with taking seats at the rear and refusing to move forward.

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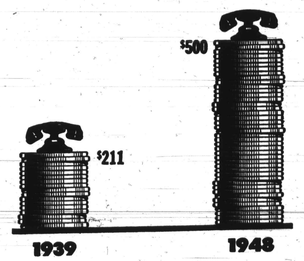

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