". . . No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States . . .
—14TH AMENDMENT, U. S. CONSTITUTION.

OPINION

The first aim, of civilization is to augment and safeguard the dignity of man.—H. L. MENCKEN

Re: Sen. Sparkman

Disappointment has been expressed by many persons over the selection of Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama as running mate for Gov. Adlai Stevenson on the Democratic ticket.

Curiously enough, this disappointment is registered by voters from the south as well as the north.

The northerners hold reservations about Senator Sparkman because in past years he has fought various phases of the civil rights program in Congress almost as stubbornly as any Dixiecrat.

Southerners eye Senator Sparkman with suspicion because, outside of civil rights, his voting record is as consistently liberal as any northern Fair Dealer.

He has also evoked mixed southern emotions over his championship of Federal aid to education, of strong price and rent controls and of an adequate federally-sponsored housing program, all issues of major importance to us.

Particularly irritating to them is the fact that the Alabamian has consistently surrendering Federal tideland oil rights to the states.

Senator Sparkman is neither a Dixiecrat nor a diehard Claghorn. He led the fight in 1950 which ended in defeat for the Dixiecrats of Alabama, which is probably alone other reason why he has never endeared himself to the unreconstructed element in the south.

He definitely belongs to that small group of southern liberals represented by such stalwarts as former Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida and former Sen. Frank Graham of North Carolina.

Senator Sparkman is no new convert to partial acceptance of the civil rights program. In the past, he has favored legislation making lynching a Federal crime and outlawing poll taxes.

He is on record in favor of home rule for the District of Columbia and statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

It is only when it comes to FEPC that he becomes a captive of the region of the country he represents.

Even here, he insists that he favors legislation to end employment discrimination, providing that it is "voluntary" in scope, rather than "enforceable."

In this respect, he takes a stand higher than that of his Republican counterpart, Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California.

Senator Nixon voted against the comparatively mild Humphrey-Ives FEPC Bill when it was reported out of the Senate Labor subcommittee six weeks ago.

The most reassuring note in the debate raging about Senator Sparkman's head is that he has been given the unqualified endorsement of such civil rights stalwarts as President Truman, Rep. William L. Dawson, Sen. Blair Moody and Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Could it be that these men have seen in Senator Sparkman a shift in his thinking on equal rights that is not immediately apparent to the rest of us.

C. C. Spaulding Begins And Ends An Era

Seven men put up $50 each to start the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company. The time was 1898.

Five, withdrew, discouraged, and their shares were purchased by John Merrick and A. M. Moore.

These latter chose young Charles C. Spaulding as manager.

Merrick was president for 21 years, Moore for two and at their death, the boy the founders brought in took over.

Last week, when C. C. died on his 78th birthday, he had been company president for 29 years and had seen the business grow into a 60-million-dollar corporation.

The period, 1898-1930, in which N.C. Mutual had its come-upance, emphasized weakness of spirit, acceptance of segregation, and the lone-star belief in recommended hard work, self-discipline, business and education as a solution to our problems.

Kelly Miller said we deserted the Golden Rule for the worship of gold.

E. Franklin Frazier said he stopped enjoying life and went to work to acquire property and respectability, support the church, give to charity, expand our business into new fields, and form a new middle-class between the professionals and unskilled workers.

Mr. Spaulding had the same idea himself. He said: "We have had too many prophets and not enough profits. I have everything the radicals want, but I don't like their way of going after it."

The city of Durham is the center of a group of outstanding successful businesses today. To it flows capital from many parts of the country.

This happened because the kindly wise and gentle man who dreamed it and worked with others for it was the mightiest interpreter and truest mirror of his generation.

At Mr. Spaulding's death, we are already far advanced into a new era in which the skilled worker seeks to come into his own by using the ballot to acquire fair employment and civil rights.

One Evil Cured

Following the lead of the Federal Government, North Carolina officials have done a commendable job in smashing the widespread Klan conspiracy.

A total of 71 disrobed Klansmen, including their leader, Imperial Wizard Thomas L. Hamilton of Leesville, S.C., have entered pleas of guilty to charges growing out of a flogging reign of terror which had gripped Columbus county.

Judge Clawson L. Williams, sitting at Whiteville last week, sentenced them to from jail terms and fines to four years in prison.

The Klan cases emphasize the basic weakness in the argument of certain high-placed persons that "you can't cure the evil in man's heart" by law.

While the law in this instance may not have cured this evil in Klansmen's hearts, its stern enforcement has certainly brought a sudden halt to the flogging escapades of these cowardly night riders.

Before the determined prosecutions began, more than 200 separate cases of Klan violence had been reported in Columbus county and its surrounding areas.

Not a single flogging case has been reported since last February 19 when the FBI stepped into the picture.

A Critical Period

Republican and Democratic candidates are busy planning their strategies for the presidential campaign which runs from Sept. 1 to November 3.

Democrats have a strong civil rights plank, a good candidate for president and a weak vice presidential candidate in Alabama's John Sparkman.

Republicans have a weaker civil rights plank and, in Eisenhower and Nixon, two candidates who beg the question of a compulsory FEPC.

Now we come to the period in which the candidates must tell us why they should get our votes.

It's no longer a question what the platform says, but what Ike and Adlai pledge themselves to do.

The voters will sit back, listen and make up their minds.

Temporary Setback

A state supreme court last week denied the petition of five colored persons to attend the lily-white University of Florida.

The court accepted facilities in law, medicine and engineering set up in Florida A. and M. College (colored) after the suit was filed as evidence of equality.

This is the usual pattern, we lose in the state courts and win on an appeal to Federal courts outside the state.

The case will be appealed and, if the Supreme Court rules as in similar cases in Oklahoma and Texas, Florida will be compelled to open its state universities to all citizens.

Olympic Victories

The U.S. made a clean sweep in Olympic boxing matches with five colored gold medalists.

Colored boys also won 3 of 14 firsts in track and field. In addition two of our boys and three of our girls were on winning relay teams.

Russian newspapers were quick to remark these colored boys should be competing for Africa and not for America where they are jim crowed.

If racial discrimination is abolished in the U.S., Russia will not have an argument.

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

HELSINKI — One of the first persons I saw out of the Olympic Village, three days before the opening of the games, was Miss Ruth Allen, NYC school teacher at P. S. 125. Ruth confided to me that she got to Helsinki by accident. In other words, when she left New York on a Finnish-American boat for Copenhagen, she had no intention of seeing the Olympics.

"I met a Finnish girl on the boat," Ruth said. "She has been studying in the States for a year, and we got to talking. She said she lived in Helsinki, and offered me a room in her home if I wanted to come along and see the games. I thought it over for a couple of days, then wired my mother that I was going to Finland."

Hardy Traveler

Ruth is tiny but a hardy traveler. Last year she wandered around Europe alone. This year, after the games, she spent some time in Denmark, then on to Paris for a week or two.

Dr. R. Dan Miller, Helena, Ark., war breaking in a new camera at the Olympics. The first few pictures didn't show anything but blank paper (it's a Polaroid), but the hearty medico said he was determined to get the hang of it before he reached Paris. Dr. Miller is spending six weeks in Europe after the Olympics.

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Koerner, all of Detroit and traveling together, had already been to Paris when they arrived in Helsinki.

They still have Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Spain and England on their list. Both the men were sporting beards, but remarked that wouldn't think of wearing them after they got back to Detroit.

The two couples met accidentally took themselves an apartment in Helsinki, but Mrs. Fowler was heard to complain that no matter how nice the Finns were, they have the hardest beds she's ever slept on.

I know what she means. I've had two weeks of Finnish beds myself.

Discussing the bed situation with Col. Barney Oldfield, former 9th Army public relations officer, now stationed in France at Fontainebleau, I was told: "You must be getting soft. We had it much worse in 1944, when the 9th Army was fighting in Holland along the Roer River— and you didn't complain about sleeping on the ground in November!"

Matson's Mom Here

Ollie Matson's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Matson, arrived the day before the Games began. Among other things, she revealed that Ollie has a twin sister, Ocie, a junior at Wilberforce. The Indian field hockey team has never been defeated in Olympic competition.

This year they took the title for the fifth consecutive time. I was surprised to learn that there is no professional boxing in India. Ethiopia will send a team to the next Olympics.

Speaking of records, when the Rev. Bob Richards took the pole vault, it marked the 12th time in a row that the USA has won this event in Olympic competition. Since the Olympics began in 1896, the USA has won the pole vault every single time. That, my friends, is the best of its kind in the books.

This year, also, marked the fifth time in a row that Uncle Sam has taken the discus throw. Finland took it in 1920 and 1912, and Hungary in 1908—but all the rest of the time it's been USA.

I was wrong and am glad to admit it. Because of heavy rains, I wrote that few records would be broken here in Finland. How wrong can a guy be? When the Games are all wrapped up in the books, there will be more records broken here than in London in 1948.

No alephole beverages are sold at the Stadium. It seems the Finns can't carry their liquor very well. I've seen more drunks here in two weeks than in Paris in five years.

The Finnish word for United States is "YHDYSVALLTA" — try saying that every morning!

The Question's About Sen. Sparkman

Gov. Adlai Stevenson (left) and Sen. John Sparkman

What Our Readers Say...

FAT BOY'S DIET

Richmond, Va. — I would like a copy of your Fat Boy's Diet. We have been studying nutrition, dieting and the harmful effects of metabolic drugs such as benzedrine and thyroid extracts.

Our work shows the relatively harmless and even healthy approach to weight loss through "calorie counting." I have become interested in the subject.
J. L. H.

Salem, N. J. — I would never miss a copy of the AFRO, I belong to the fat boy's club and would like to take off some of this beef.
I now weigh 260, am 50 years old and stand 5 feet 11 inches tall. Please send me a copy of your Fat Boy's Diet.
L. J.

Farmville, Va. — I would like very much to reduce. I have tried practically everything without any results. Send me one of the Fat Boy's reducing charts.
V. R.

Asheville, N. C. — My son sells the AFRO and our whole family thinks it's a fine newspaper. I saw about the Fat Boy's Diet. Will you send me copy?
(Mrs.) F. E. S.

Philadelphia — I have been reading the wonderful Fat Boy's Diet in my favorite newspaper, the AFRO. I am 40 pounds overweight and have tried a number of times to reduce, but to no avail. I would like to try his diet.
(Mrs.) I. C.

Philadelphia, Pa.—When do we get sample menus from the Fat Boy article.
NELLIE MAY DAVIS
(Buxton 180)

Editor: Coming —

Fayetteville, N. C. — I am a police officer here in the last 30 months, I have put on an extra 45 pounds. I would like to lose some of this excess blubber. Please send me a copy of the Fat Boy's Diet.
A. B.

Washington — My present weight is 196; my normal weight, 150. Send me your Fat Boy's Diet so that I can bid these pounds goodbye. Your flabby friend.
J. B. F. A.

Washington — I am an auto accident victim, learning to walk again on a brace and crutches. I am too heavy on my limbs. Send me the calorie counter.
(Mrs.) L. J.

Roselle, N. J. — I am a little on the fat side, weighing in at 215 pounds. I would like to take off 15 or 20 pounds. Send me your reducing chart. I'll give anything a try once.
A. S.

Washington — The AFRO is still No. 1 on my list. Thanks for all of the interesting reading matter in your paper. I would like one of your Fat Boy's calorie counters.
A. P.

Baltimore— I have tried to stop eating and do so for a day or so, but eat more afterwards. Your Fat Boy's Diet interests me very much. Please send me a calorie counter.
D. R.

Baltimore — I am a barber and very heavy on my feet. I have tried many things without results. Please send me the calorie counter used by Fat Boy in his diet.
L. S. T.

ON SAM RAYBURN

Washington — If Sam Rayburn permitted a roll call interruption to allow a motion to seat three Dixie delegations, how could he consistently refuse Kefauver a chance to make a statement when Tennessee's name was called.
WILLIAM PARKS

Baltimore, Md. — Sam Rayburn wasn't a fair presiding officer as he claimed, only slick.
MRS. MYRTLE ADAMS

Charleston, S.C. — My tally showed 615 to 489 against seating the southern delegations. Why did Chairman Rayburn delay announcing the vote for over a half hour until James Farley and others seduced delegates and got them to change their vote.
JOHN WARREN

Charlotte, N.C. — If Sam Rayburn runs Congress like he did the Democratic National Convention, it must be an ungodly mess.
MARY MOORER

Durham, N.C.—Having seen the Democratic Convention, I'll never laugh at the AME's (great conference) again.
(Rev.) J. W. WING

WAR ORPHANS

Greensboro, N.C.—The G.I. who isn't touched by the story of his child left in Germany should have his neck wrung.
ANNIE WALLACE

Philadelphia, Pa. — Why should it cost us $1,000 to get our children back from Germany.
While we are sobbing about war orphans in Germany, what about those in Japan, Korea, and the Pacific Islands?
IRVING MATTHEWS

War Orphans . . . War is hell (on) women and children.
BUCK LITTLE

HARRIET TUBMAN

Richmond, Va.—How could Harriet Tubman be a giant when she was only five feet tall?
ARTHUR PRINCE

Editor: In strength, she whipped every man she fought.
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Washington — I was interested in Cliff Mackay's comment that many televiewers were puzzled by the omission of the last ten words in the Lord's Prayer as recited by Catholics at the Democratic Convention.

Originally the phrase, "For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever," was considered the doxology of the Lord's Prayer and not a part of the original text. The words were taken from the seventh chapter of Daniel, 14th verse.

In the early version of the Bible as copied by Martin Luther, the phrase was added unintentionally and further, in the revised St. James version, it remained as the doxology of the Lord's Prayer.

Because the phrase was not in the original version, Catholics omit it from the Lord's Prayer
HOWARD A. WALKER

BEST IN THE COUNTRY

Philadelphia — There is no question in my mind but that the AFRO is the best newspaper in the country. It's surely good to see the continued improvement year after year.
Your entire staff of writers is very good. But Jimmy Hicks and Sam Lacy seem more like my kind of people.
STANLEY R. PORTER

CALLING ALL VOTERS

Staunton, Va. — The vote of colored southerners could become one of the greatest weapons for first-class citizenship ever used. The great masses of people in the south never vote, especially those in the rural areas.

In Halifax County, Va., there are supposed to be more colored people than white. But a hundred whites vote to every one colored person.

Will you please use the AFRO and your influence to tell them the importance of voting? Southern preachers, teachers and all other leaders should crusade to get the masses of people to vote—as the November election.
The ballot is one of the best ways I know to free us of our jim-crowed condition. Too many southern people are not interested in voting. They are satisfied to drift with the current. But he who drifts with the current never gets up the stream.
JOHN RANKIN

COME OUT, HE SAYS

Washington — Americans have undergone not only a sense of moral and spiritual decay, but a mental breakdown, their lethargy and apparent stupidity is amazing.
Yes, the boys in Korea need blood and the best and only way to supply it is to bring them out of once from that Korean hole which is surely to be America's Waterloo if she stupidly insists on remaining there.
If this nation is to survive, she will come out of Korea forthwith.
J. H. JENKINS

Other Editors Say

THE KLAN IN TWO STATES (The Philadelphia Inquirer)

Heavy jail sentences imposed by a North Carolina court on Thomas L. Hamilton, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and a group of his bigoted followers point up one of the glaring contrasts in the handling of this disgraceful situation by states in the South.

The reign of terror conducted by Hamilton and his robed henchmen began in South Carolina. It was a part of the imperial wizard's campaign to extend Klan influence that the wave of beatings, floggings, and terrorizing of citizens was pushed into the neighboring state to the North.

But North Carolina acted. Officials of that state brushed aside attempted pressure to halt the proceedings as the work of a prejudiced minority, with the result that Hamilton will spend the next four years in jail, and his followers will either be in prison or under suspended sentences which means that further outbreaks will bring swift retribution.

South Carolina, on the other hand, has not acted. A sheriff who directed the fight against the Klan Williams was defeated for renomination. Yet South Carolina is one of the states which claims that such problems can best be handled by local authorities.

That argument would make more sense if South Carolina showed the same courage and foresightedness in dealing with the Ku Klux Klan as has been displayed by the more enlightened authorities of North Carolina.

Lipstick

By Lula Jones Garrett

Statisticians now say that Americans eat 13 per cent more food, are an inch taller, weigh pounds heavier and live 2 years longer than they did at the turn of the century.

They don't say what they are doing with those finer bodies and additional years, but it seems apparent that they are not adding much to the sum total of living, of happiness, or of making the world a better place in which to live.

Maybe that poses an idea. We may as well send that 13 per cent of extra food to one of the starving nations of the world, and see to what use they would put their talent.

My Favorite Quotation

The better part of valor is—Discretion.—Shakespeare.

Submitted by Ernest Perkins, Baltimore, Md.

(Next week's quotation by Mrs. Alberta B. Carter, Coatesville, Pa.)

The Big Parade

By Ralph Matthews

When The Saucers Land Instead Of Fly

The bags beneath my eyes are not, as my enemies would have you believe, due to riotous living, but evidence of the price I have paid in the interest of human progress.

I have been lying wake nights trying to get a glimpse of the Flying Saucers. With the dogged determination of a dedicated scientist I have kept a lonely vigil until the wee hours of the dawn. It seems irrational that every other person in America should feast his eyes upon this great phenomena but me.

Mr. Matthews

"Are We On The Beam?"

With field glasses trained upon the sky, I have watched patiently but fruitlessly for the men from Mars to come zooming out of the night not at all certain what I would do if they should pause suspended and ask, "Hey, buddie, are we on the beam for Washington?"

Of course, my field glasses know exactly what I would do.

Just about this time last year I was standing on the hillock far above the 38th parallel in North Korea peering at the Chinese Reds lugging their machine guns up the other side. A hardened and seasoned veteran touched me on the shoulder and said, "Sir, you won't need those glasses if you come over here a little further to the left you can see some of them with the naked eye."

Too Close For Comfort

I got away from there as fast as I could because anytime you can see a shooting enemy without field glasses you are too darn close.

I refuse to scoff at the idea of Flying Saucers because I believe passionately that this tiny earth is not the limit of God's creative powers and man is not the most perfect thing he has devised.

Somewhere stashed away in the mysterious universe He has something better and wiser and in His own good time He will reveal it to us.

That's why I am watching for the Flying Saucers.

A Modern Sagawan

I am a modern Sagawan. Our Asiatic history books are replete with the trials of Columbus and his struggle to convert heathen Europeans to the idea in what was to become America that there were other people in the world besides the Indians.

At first he was welcomed by the camp fires and listened to in awe as he told of other lands across the seas peopled with strange men whose skins were as white as the Indian's was red.

The "Wise" Men??

The wise men looked upon Sagawan as a harmless lunatic who smoked weird concoctions in his opium pipe and dreamed fantastic dreams, but some more ignorant frontiersmen began to give ear to weird apparitions on the ocean's face and the wise dismissed as white caps or albino whales far from their spawning fields.

The idea of other men and other worlds was too fantastic for intelligent consideration.

The people turned on Sagawan and drove him from the camp.

But then one day the Indian world awoke and rubbed its unbelieving eyes for there riding at anchor were the great canoes of the strange creatures with faces like the sunbleached sands.

The miracle! Fleetfooted braves were sent to scour the wilderness and fetch back Sagawan that he might explain what had come to pass.

And Sagawan, old and wrinkled, gazed upon the sight and went down to the water's edge and bade a welcome to Columbus, saying, "Welcome, disciples of God!" which spelled backwards means, "Hell when you would come."

So like Sagawan, I shall not join the unimaginative hordes who doubt the reality of the Flying Saucers and, but shall be waiting for the signal which will say the saucers have ceased to zoom and zip across the uncharted sky, but have at last come to rest somewhere along the New Jersey flats or the foothills of North Dakota.

I shall make all haste to get there to welcome our neighbors from the strange new world.

The Weather

North Atlantic States: Cooler beginning late Sunday. Chance of rain Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Temperature 2 to 4 degrees below the seasonal normal. Precipitation averaging over ½ inch occurring in the form of showers.

Middle Atlantic States: Scattered thundershowers the first of the week. Turning cooler Wednesday.

South Atlantic States: Precipitation occurring in showers through out the first of the week. Temperature seasonally normal to slightly below normal.

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MOON'S PHASES

Full moon—August 5—3:40 p.m.
Last Quarter—August 13—5:27 a.m.
New Moon—August 20—Sun Rise
Wed., Aug. 6 6:03 a.m. 8:08 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 7 6:04 a.m. 8:06 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 8 6:04 a.m. 8:07 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 9 6:05 a.m. 8:05 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

August 15—Feast of the Assumption (Catholic Commemoration of the reception into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin, Holy Day of Obligation. The previous eve is a vigil fast day.

Words From Their Own Mouths

"The truth is we are all colored people. The brown-skinned people are only less mixed with other than are we. When we would make ourselves cosmetically beautiful, we simply add more color" — DR. JOHN FRASER in a sermon at Madison Ave. Baptist Church, NYC.

"I could never seen my folks"— JIM BRENT DURR, as the mob was placed over his head a few seconds before his execution in Mississippi's electric chair for murdering a constable.

Cousins Murder

(Continued From Page 1)

morning slumber to call the state troopers.

Attended Birthday Party

About 20 minutes later, Trooper N. R. Collison, stationed in Prince Frederick, arrived on the scene.

Trooper Collison's first reaction was that the cousins were hit-and-run victims.

His preliminary investigation disclosed that the youths had attended a birthday party given by Mrs. Mary Holland, a county resident, for a brother.

The trooper learned that the party had lasted until about 1:30 a.m., Friday, and there had been no disturbance.

Many of the persons attending the party admitted seeing the Johnson boys, but none would say they saw them leave.

Mrs Griffith told the AFRO that his son, Sewell, had been out and returned home about 4:30 a.m. and had not noticed any bodies lying on the highway.

Mr. Griffith added that he had closed the tavern about 1:30 a.m. and had not noticed either of the two Johnson boys around. He said that he heard no screams during the night.

Hit-Run Theory Rejected

When AFRO reporters examined the death spot, Mr. Griffith showed them a blood stained area where the bodies were discovered. About 50 yards down the highway he pointed out where particles of brain tissue were found.

Trooper Collison's rejection of his original hit-and-run theory came when he noticed that only the blood from Amos Johnson's body stained the highway at that point.

In addition, he found that the bodies were piled neatly in a T-formation and there was only a single blood splotch, which did not indicate that the boys were hit by an onrushing vehicle.

And too, the trooper found that both heads had been battered in by some blunt instrument. There were no bruises found on any other part of the bodies—which doubly discounted the hit-and-run theory.

Cabbie Questioned, Released

However, late Friday, the hit-and-run theory was again injected as a blood-spattered cab owned by Herman L. Lay, of 1905 Kearsarge Rd., NW, D.C., was found by state troopers at Solomon's Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Lay, who were found fishing offshore, were brought to the county courthouse in Prince Frederick for questioning.

Police said that Mr. Lay explained that he was driving a red oil tank truck down the highway when it suddenly swerved and blood was splashed on his windshield.

"I swerved, too," he reportedly told officers. "I thought it was the blood from a pig, or something. I just kept on going."

Trooper Collison said that he was convinced that "Mr Lay was telling the truth. He appeared to be completely ignorant of the fact that bodies were on the highway."

With the hit-and-run theory tossed out, the investigators were completely stymied on a motive for the youths' murder.

Families Highly Respected

"They both come from the finest colored families in this county," Deputy Sheriff Herring told the AFRO.

"I don't know of any finer boys in these parts. I have known them since they were born," asserted the man, who has been a deputy sheriff in the county for 25 years.

George Janey, Leonard White and Edward Carr, all county residents, were discussing the case in front of the county courthouse.

They chorused that the "Johnson boys were fine youngsters, who did not drink or have an enemy in the world."

Father Weeps Openly

At Lusby, Md., Herbert Johnson, Amos's father, a tobacco farmer, who resided in a modest two-story white frame house near Route 2, was approached by reporters.

The big, hardened farmer, who owns a 180-acre farm, wept freely as he told about his son's departure from home on the eve of his termine which one will serve as Gov. Stevenson's advisor on minority affairs. Johnson got in the first licks at Springfield, Ill., Thursday. . . . Now it's all even. The first picture Eisenhower had made with a colored person after his nomination showed him shaking hands with his old mess sergeant. Now Stevenson has come up with a picture showing Miss Alberta Duff, his former housekeeper, placing a floral horseshoe around his neck. "If there's anything wrong with me," quipped Adlai, "you can blame Miss Duff. She brought me up."

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge worked feverishly during the GOP convention for a weak-eyed civil rights plank. Now he is rushed out to persuade Eisenhower to make a belated bid for minority votes. Somebody whispered to Lodge that colored voters are ripe for a switch back to the Republicans because of Stevenson. The first GOP strategy was to woo the South. Ike has repeatedly said he wants the states rights man and against FEPC. Now that the Democrats have alienated their Dixie fences and there is less likelihood of Ike crashing through, a quick shift is suggested. Watch Eisenhower suddenly discover he didn't mean at all what he said about FEPC, etc. If at last dawn our GOP leaders that they haven't won since losing the support of colored voters. Colored delegates tried to tell them that in Chicago, but Messers. Dewey, Driscoll and Lodge would not listen. It may be too late now.

Our Parade Of Personalities

Few realize that the most popular author in America today is not white. He's Frank Yerby, 38, who has written seven best sellers since 1945. Ten million copies of his books have been sold, an all-time record. On Saturday, the 38th birthday, death was a caller at the Durham residence of C. Scott Fearing, dynamic president of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. . . . Leroy, Cleytee, Louisiana's king, has a new bride. She's the former Martha Stafford of Indianapolis. The marriage took place at Elyria, O., on July 9. Mrs. Cleytee's 1 collected $10,000 from the family home and car last spring under terms of an uncontested divorce. . . . Howard Robertson, head of the Department of Music, has been charged with "gross neglect of duty." Mrs. Anita Roberts, his wife made the accusation in seeking a divorce in Cleveland. . . . President Truman sent birthday greetings last week to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. . . . Pfc. William N. Benner Jr., jerked by jim crow, hanged himself in a Columbus, Ga., jail. The 1-year soldier was in training at Fort Benning when arrested on a trumped up "disorderly" charge.

Mr. Yerby

Bust Of Governor

James E. Lewis, acting director of the art department at Morgan State college, is shown nearing completion of the bust of Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, which he was commissioned last year to create. Mr. Lewis sat in the Governor's office while the latter transacted business of State and made his preliminary sketches.

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RECORD NUMBER OF SLAYINGS REPORTED:

Rural County Murders Hard On Small Police Unit

CALVERT COUNTY, Md. — When murder strikes a rural community such as Calvert County, it creates a greater sensation and causes a greater strain on its law enforcement agencies than does such a crime in the big city.

In the case of the "Cousins Murder Case," nearly every citizen of Calvert County, white and colored, are putting pressure on its modest police force to solve it because Amos and Ellsworth Johnson, the victims, were known by nearly every resident in the area.

The county enforcement agency consists of a sheriff, Sam Lyons; a deputy, Elmer Herring; and a state trooper, Noble Collison.

Cover 40 Miles

This three-man police force patrols the entire county that covers about 40 square miles and has to do the work of the traffic, the missing persons, and accident investigation bureaus, the homicide, robbery, safe, and sex squads and the countless other divisions of a huge metropolitan police force.

Although, the county boasts of passing years without a murder incident, it seems headed for an all-time high in slayings this year.

Five Slayings

Since Christmas, there have been five murder cases, including the "Cousins Murder Case."

The first of the series, happened during Christmas week, involving a Wesley Chapel resident, of Anapeake Beach, according to Trooper Collison.

It seems, the trooper related, that Jones, whom he described as "good man," caught his Mrs. Thelma Jones parked on a side road in a car with a Calvin Tenney.

Infuriated at this sight, he killed both his wife and her lover. For this twin killing he was convicted of second-degree murder and given four years in the state prison.

Slayer Surrenders

The trooper said that Jones voluntarily surrendered by phoning and telling him what he (Jones) had done. In addition he walked into Trooper Collison's office in the Prince Frederick Courthouse to be arrested.

In March, it was said, a "Louisiana Chew" Tyler killed her husband Joseph Tyler during an argument in a country tavern.

She too, according to the trooper, enjoyed a "good reputation." Convicted for the slaying, she was given an "indeterminate sentence not to exceed four years."

There are four taverns for colored people in the county and two of them, the Alameda Club, located near Lusby, and the Hi-Hat Club, near Huntingtown, rank with the best white taverns in the area.

Jealous Whites

In fact, according to colored citizens, the whites jealous of these two taverns have made efforts from time to time to have them closed.

Carl Griffith, proprietor of the Hi-Hat Tavern, says he has been denied a whiskey license because of the bitter opposition of the whites. At present, he serves only beer.

The economy of the area is definitely linked with the success of the Mardi Gras. Mr. Griffith, who owns a modest farm, says that the current season is a poor one because of the drought.

He, also, pointed out that many farmers might have to take a loss this year because of their refusal to accept a proposal by Gov. Thomas Meredith to guarantee a parity-price for their yield.

The Atlanticans, who have shore locations, find an added income from city fishing parties. One of the more popular wharves is the "Johnson and Clark Wharf" in Solomons, Md., where fishing parties from Baltimore and Washington frequently to cast off Solomons Island.

The spot where the bodies of the Johnson cousins were found along Route 2 is about 37 miles from the District. The county seat is about 20 miles away, while Dowell, where Ellsworth lived, is about 37 miles.

Amos resided in Lusby about 28 miles from the scene of the slaying.—SWEENEY

She Got Mad He Got Cut, She Gets Year

Miss Dorothy O. Daily, 27-year-old divorcee of the 1000 block Shields Place "got mad" when her boyfriend, William McNeil, 36, block Franklin St. turned his back on her.

So, she admitted, she slashed his chest with a razor blade, inflicting a 12-inch gash which required 27 stitches.

"You didn't give him much chance, did you?" asked Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith, Monday in Criminal Court.

"He turned his back on me. He didn't pay me any mind. I got mad," said Miss Daily who was appealing a police court conviction for assault.

Say Other Girls

She also said she had heard that McNeil had been seeing other girls.

McNeil denied the latter accusation. He said he met Miss Daily on the corner of Myrtle Ave. and St. Ann's Place the night of July 19 and she appeared angry because when she went to his house he wasn't home.

McNeil said before he could say anything Miss Daily began slashing at him with the razor blade.

Judge Smith found the young woman guilty and gave her a sentence of not more than one year in the Woman's Reformatory.

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