guest on 'Ladies Choice'

HOLLYWOOD—Mrs. Cordelia Johnson, president of the National Beautify Culturists League, was a recent guest on Sonny Dugan's "Ladies Choice" show on NBC-TV, over the coast-to-coast network.

Tap dancer Gene Bell, was presented as Mrs. Johnson's "choice" to perform before the nation-wide audience during the 30-minute variety airing.

Mrs. Johnson, who hails from Jersey City, N.J., is also active in civic, social and political affairs, as well as being chairman of the N. J. Board of Beauty Culture.

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BAND INDIVIDUALITY REMAINS:

Blues no longer spontaneous, says W. C. Handy

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—W. C. Handy, "the St. Louis Blues" man, was lecturer-demonstrator here recently at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Handy spoke, sang and played the trumpet before some 1,000 persons in Rackham Lecture Hall as the seventh guest artist in the summer symposium of Popular Arts in America.

The noted composer, who will be 80 in November, provided his own musical illustrations for his talk based on the spirit and folk idiom of jazz.

Demonstrated For President

Prior to his lecture, he stopped by the office of University President Harlan H. Hatcher and demonstrated a few techniques for him.

W. C. HANDY
He lectures on jazz

In a brief interview with Becky Conrad of the Michigan Daily, Mr. Handy said:

"Jazz today has lost a bit of the old-time spontaneous quality.

Enjoys The Bands

"It wasn't written down then so that there was a space for improvision—now there isn't," he said.

"But I enjoy all the bands nowadays," he noted, "from Ted Lewis to Guy Lombardo. Each one shows an individuality that the other doesn't have."

"Duke Ellington is doing things on instruments never that 50 years ago we couldn't have done," the 80-year-old musician remarked.

As America changes, jazz expresses these advances in a new form differing from the music of the early 20th century, Handy said.

"Even television will make a lot of difference in the playing of jazz," he commented. "Musicians may develop some new visual act to go with it."

"Blues was a natural development springing from the man farthest down and his music," the veteran composer said. "Our people have added a little more to music than had ever been done before.

Born Before Civil War

"Even before the Civil War, they were singing four to nine tones for every written note in sacred music," Handy explained, "so that when their grandsons played in bands they put more into their instrumental music too, and that's how we got jazz."

Singing, "They tell me Joe Turner's come and gone, bum-de-bum-de-bum," Handy demonstrated the technique of filling in at the end of phrases, a vocal technique that became an instrumental blues form.

Then composers took blues as a music form and put it with the jazz method of interpretation, he said.

Played Trumpet At 14

Born in Florence, Ala., down by the "Mussel Shoals Canal," the young musician began playing the trumpet at 14 and by the time he was 19 years old, he was teaching his own band.

The blues man brought his own "Ragtime" band to Michigan around the turn of the century. Later he started his first blues band, a seven-piece group. The cornet and violin were the only solo instruments at that time, he explained.

Handy wrote his first song in 1909 in the new medium, "Memphis Blues." "It was a little long-hair so I didn't sign my name to it," he said. But later when he wrote a simplified version, he "put everything in it."

His most recent blues song, published three years ago, is "The Big Stick Blues" dealing with the American life, the Panama Canal, two world wars, "but treating it lightly," he said.

Now the composer has his own publishing firm in New York City. Living in Yonkers, Handy commutes to work every day.

FACTS about WAX

KING RECORDS has released its first group of extended-play—45 RPM. Top recordings by Earl Bostic, Tiny Bradshaw, Ted Rhodes and Sonny Thompson are among the releases in the blues and rhythm class.

By MICHAEL H. GRAHAM

TRENTS RECORDS of California, is offering the music of Claude Thornhill on long, and extended play. Arrangements for Thornhill's recordings are by Jerry Mulligan, who heads his own musical aggregation.

COLUMBIA'S latest on "EP" is by Benny Goodman. He features the duo, trio, quartet and quintet. The album is called "The Goodman Touch."

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T-N-T TRIBBLE journeyed from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. in order to back up the singing of Wade Maxie's latest vocal discovery, Morris Lane, now on tour with Lionel Hampton. Lane is an unknown great when it comes to playing the saxophone. His music is soft and understanding.

APOLLO RECORDS is back in the spotlight with blues and rhythm, offering an "EP" on Arnett Cobb and Illinois Jacquet. On 78, The Five Royals are tops with "Too Much Loving."

"CAPITOL is offering "For Two in Love" by King Cole and The Art Tatum Trio on EP; and Columbia has another by Sarah Vaughan titled, "Linger Awhile."

FRANK MOTLEY, "DC" recording artist and the man that plays two trumpets at the same time, is getting ready for a Southern tour.

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Faith songs, gospel music

CHICAGO—Any song which reflects inspiration and faith may be classified as gospel music.

That is the belief of gospel singer Mahalia Jackson as voiced in a recent interview over this city's ABC-TV network on the new "Studs 'n Chet" half hour show.

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The gospel singer answered questions about her rise in the position of top recording artist and her recent successful tour of Europe.

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Women in bars goal of liquor dealers

Jersey City business slump spurs action to end old ban

JERSEY CITY—Worried over a protracted business slump, liquor dealers plan to seek a referendum vote in the November election to permit women to patronize bars.

The ban against women in bars has been in effect since before prohibition days. Saloon owners used to serve them in dim-lit back rooms.

But this practice was outlawed also by former Mayor Frank Hague early in his administration.

Pickup Trade Feared

Hague was made police commissioner in 1913 and became mayor in 1917. He branded the back room saloon trade with women as /injurious to family morals because it encouraged a "pickup trade."

Hague's successors, Mayor Eagers and Mayor Kenny, continued the ban against women in barrooms.

Speaking for the Jersey City Retail Liquor Dealers Association which plans to push the referendum, Al Mandel, secretary said:

"We feel that women are being discriminated against, too. "The taverns are in a business slump. Women at the bar might be the needle we need."

City Stands Alone

Mandel emphasized that this is the only large city in the state which does not permit women at a bar or in close proximity to it.

While the majority of local taverns can't serve women at bars, some serve them in their grill rooms, which have separate entrances from the bar proper.

The liquor dealers feel that both the results of last May's City Commission election, which weakened the influence of the Kenny administration, and the precarious status of local business in general, make the referendum advisable.

MRS. VANN MENTIONED FOR ANOTHER TOP POST

PITTSBURGH (ANP) — According to reliable sources in Washington, Mrs. Robert L. Vann, local publisher, is now being mentioned in connection with another high post in the Eisenhower administration.

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Beauty contest at Carr's August 23

BALTIMORE

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The main event or Senior Contest for young ladies who aspire to the title of "Miss Carr's Beach" will take place in the afternoon, and the crowning of the Queen will be broadcast over Station WANN in Annapolis.

Entertainment for the great event will be furnished by Tom Bradshaw and his Orchestra.

Sparrows Beach benefit set for athletic clubs

A benefit party for all amateur clubs in Washington and Baltimore will be held at Sparrow's Beach on Sept. 5. Sixty percent of the gate receipts will be donated to club groups.

Scheduled to become a yearly affair, the program is being sponsored by the management at Sparrow's. More than 200 clubs are expected to take part in the event.

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Firms back farm loans

$800,000 invested within four years

WASHINGTON

During the past four years colored insurance companies, fraternal organizations and a bank have invested more than $800,000 in the insured farm mortgage program in cooperation with the Farmers Home Administration of the Department of Agriculture.

The largest amount of money advanced for this purpose by a single investor was $245,000 by the Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Alabama Masons.

Others who have made funds available for the insured farm mortgage program since it began operations the latter part of 1947 to extend the benefits of farm ownership to as many farm families as possible include:

Groups Listed

The Atlanta Life Insurance Co., The Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Louisiana Masons; the Good Citizens Life Insurance Co., New Orleans; The Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co., Chicago; The Pilgrims Health, Life and Insurance Co., Augusta, Georgia; The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham; The Dunbar Life Insurance Co., Cleveland; The Grand Court, Order of Calanthe, Houston; and the Citizens Trust co. of Atlanta.

These 100 per cent loans have been made to about 1,000 white and colored farmers in the United States since inception of the program to a total of $62,675,000 as of June 30.

They have enabled farm tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers and veterans to buy family-type farms of their own or to improve or enlarge their holdings to efficient and productive units.

NEWLYWEDS—Eternal youth seems to sparkle in the eyes of Alex Ogburn, who claims he is 111 years old, as he poses with his 22 - year - old bride, Clyda Mae.

HE WAS PRE-CIVIL WAR BABY:

AFRO goes to home of newlyweds, 111 and 22

By J. B. HARREN

GRIMESLAND, N.C. — After driving almost 150 miles, having gone to New Bern and then back to this small Pitt county village, I finally found the ramshackle shack which Alexander Ogman (some say "Ogburn") calls his home; to which he last week brought his brand new 22-year-old bride, which some reports say is his "fifth or sixth" wife.

However, Mr. Ogman told this reporter that the "white folks" credited him with about 20 wives.

Perhaps that is because the same white folk have counted up his children whom they find reach the staggering total of 46 for the African-American who he was born on a ship en route to this country about 20 years before American slaves were freed.

Father Never Submitted

Also claiming to be father—Neal Ogman—never did submit to slavery, although he had no real refuge. He was the father of three children by Alec's mother, but always ran away into the woods where he'd remain many weeks until recaptured by the whites and brought back.

He always managed to escape again and again and "lived off green corn, potatoes and what fish he could catch with a home-made hook. I'm right well, never give up," Alec says of his daddy.

Alec, himself, boasts that he, too, has the love for the woods and outdoor life. Frequently he goes there to be alone — even nowadays. His mother used to go off in the woods and live with his father for weeks before Emancipation.

Despite his 111 years, Mr. Ogman, who has few teeth left, can walk with an average sprightly step, and can see very well. His hearing is excellent and he was patiently co-operative in answering questions without using more than once the distasteful racial epithet (n...r) used so frequently and daily present story and credited to him.

Farm Under Mortgage

Mr. Ogman's 65-acre farm is hopelessly mortgaged and two fine cows are being held for a $60 loan because of his inability to redeem either. He gets some overall work assistance.

His oldest child is Robert Ogman, 79, while the youngest is 5-year-old Mary Ruth, unless you credit him with the new wife nine - month - old baby which he half-heartedly admits, too. There are three other kids, up to 12-years of age, whose mother "got to fixing up too much and then went off after another man," Alec says.

Some Ex-Wives Living

Mr. Ogman's nearly a score of marriages have been scattered out over Craven, Pitt, Lenoir, Johnstone and Beaufort counties, not all of whom are dead, it is reported. Mrs. Rosa C. Ogman, the immediate predecessor and mother of the young children, is said to be living in Greenville.

The new bride is the former Miss Clyda M. Goddard, daughter of D. G. and Rosa Goddard of Route 2, Box 179, Williamston. Alec Ogman's address is Route 1, Grimesland, care of J. P. Wilson. He will be 111 years old on Sept. 7, 1853, having been born in Johnstone county.

Alec says he was once sold by "Marse" Calvin Ogman to one of his sons, Calvin Jr., when he was a young man, but he "didn't like me."

He likes to tell about the time he went down to Everytown in March, 1865, to help "throw up breastworks and to see "Marse Calvin was dead" during the heavy fighting around there.

Children Seldom Visit Him

Mr. Ogman's children (two of them about 69 and 79, as well as he can remember) seldom visit their over-age dad, he says. Sometimes he has to be in touch with 39 of them, he said. One lives near Louisburg or Rocky Mount and another near Mayesville or Jacksonville, he recalls.

When Mr. Ogman went to secure his marriage license in New Bern, he was sensitive to the probability that a Negro would kid him about the disparity between the ages of the two. Accordingly, when Mrs. Jane Holland, clerk in the register of deeds office, expressed surprise at his amazing age with a smile, he exclaimed:

"Don't laugh at me lady," and warned her that he had just left one doctor where he was attempting to get a blood test because he "laughed at me." Press reports stated that much laughter was had at Alec's expense.

However, both Mrs. Holland and Justice of Peace T. J. Harrison, who married the "May and December" couple, denied to this reporter that any "game" was made of the humble but apparently sincere pair. Both officials were very cooperative.

Mr. Ogman's recipe for long life and his ability to eat "anything I can get" is simply to "pray and serve God; smoke no cigarettes and drink no liquor." He added, "I have slept on pine straw all my life and inhaled the turpentine, and that kept my lungs clean."

After he posed for photographs I handed him a large bag of soft peppermints with the remark: "You can eat those without any teeth." "Old Alexander The Great" smiled his approval as he thanked me and walked away to the house, asking: "What does anybody want to see me for?"

Baptists set annual meeting for Denver

DENVER, Colo. (ANP)— The National Baptist Convention of America will hold its 1953 convention in the city auditorium here Sept. 9-12. St. Stephen Baptist, pastored by the Rev. I. Miller, will be host to the convention.

The large number of high Baptist officials who will attend the sessions will be led by the Rev. G. L. Prince of Galveston, Texas, president of the convention. More than 7,500 are expected to attend the session.

NCTE head joins Atlanta U. faculty

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Lou LaBrant, a specialist in the psychology of language and in the English education on the secondary school level and the president of the National Council of Teachers of English, has accepted an appointment to the Graduate faculty of Atlanta university.

Dr. LaBrant will work with the university's English department in an intensive program which has been initiated under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel P. Tillman chairman, for the training of English teachers.

Dr. LaBrant is a former professor of English at New York university's school of education and a former teacher at Harvard, Tulane, Northwestern, the University of Puerto Rico, Colorado State Teachers college, the University of Arkansas and Mills college.

In 1942, Baker university awarded her an honorary degree of doctor of literature. She was also an assistant professor at the University of Kansas, a teaching fellow at Northwestern, and a professor of English at Ohio State university before joining the faculty of Baker university.

Author of six books and more than 100 articles on English education, Dr. LaBrant has lectured in 32 of the 48 states.

Engineers credited in amazing development of electronic brain

NEW YORK — Colored engineers and scientists have played important roles in the development of the International Business Machines' newest "Electronic Brain" the amazing "701."

This fact was revealed during the recent three day press preview for the scientific press introducing machine set up in the firm's huge inspection room.

Through IBM personnel records carry no mention of race, it was learned that among colored personnel working in Poughkeepsie where the machine was developed, are the following:

Harry Cochrane, production engineer; Walter Gray, mathematician, Charles Waite, member of the general group, and Ronald Turner, drafts.

Another Mentioned

George Glass, formerly of the Poughkeepsie laboratory and now at the Watson scientific computing laboratory, also connected with the firm's electronics development. The men have worked on this project for two years.

The consultants pointed out that the machine, is the first calculator of comparable capacity to be produced in quantity.

It is designed to shatter the time barrier confronting technicians working on vital defense projects.

IBM has pioneered the use of high-speed digital computers for cost accounting with the IBM card - programmed electronic calculator. Government agencies are expected to use the 701 principally on classified problems.

It was not learned at press time whether Dr. T. M. Lassiter former A and I (Nashville, Tenn.) college professor who was the first colored special assistant field representative for IBM, would work on the market of the electronic calculator.

Segregation doomed, says Okla. attorney general

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Racial segregation in housing and education "is virtually dead," Mac Q. Williamson, attorney general of the State of Oklahoma told members of the Oklahoma City Real Estate board at a luncheon meeting here recently.

"You might as well give up the fight to prevent colored tenants from buying in any district they choose," he warned.

Mr. Williamson, who represented the state in the Sipuel and McLaurin cases, admitted that on the basis of the United States Constitution he would "lose" the fight to keep colored students out of the University of Oklahoma.

Cites Constitution

"The federal Constitution is plain on the subject," he told the realtors. "There can be no discrimination against any citizen of the United States because of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

According to the attorney general, the decision to oppose the Sipuel and McLaurin suits filed by attorneys of the NAACP was made despite an opinion written by a member of his staff which entirely agreed with the final Supreme Court ruling. Although indicating the validity of that opinion, Mr. Williamson said he believed that, "It's not up to me as attorney general to break down the laws and the decisions of Oklahoma when the courts are open for that purpose if it seems to be necessary."

Secret agent traps six on dope charges

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — A secret agent assigned whose identity remains unknown is credited with having bagged a half dozen narcotics operators here recently.

Charged before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter with conspiracy were, Willie Craft, 26, Harold Medlow, 30, Thomas Henry, 25, and Lionel Ina, 24.

Charged with possession of marihuana was Robert Harris, 23. Ollie Williams, 27, was held for investigation.

Woman, 104, flies back to Virginia; recalls Gettysburg

BROOKLYN (ANP) — Still full of memories of antebellum days, Mrs. Emerline Read departed recently for Virginia where she was born in 1849. Her takeoff by plane from LaGuardia airport was witnessed by only a few of the 104-year-old woman's remaining relatives — seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Read, who resides at 907 Greene ave., was scheduled to land at Richmond and go from there to Charlotte Grove.

Her trip also called for a visit with the white Shepperson relatives of Charlotte Court House, Va. She remembered well, she said, the day her brother brought her dead young master back from Gettysburg, his body "flung across a horse."

Veteran cites shortage of jobs

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —A young soldier recently returned from Korea has suggested that the various veteran organizations stage an united effort to obtain jobs for colored soldiers returning to civilian life.

Cpl. Frank Thompson told an AFRO reporter:

"Bad as the employment opportunities were for colored men in Milwaukee before the Korean war, they are a lot worse now."

A step toward realization of the soldier's idea will be taken Aug. 23 at the Milwaukee Hall, when Mrs. Alice Cooper of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, and Miss Zella Nash of Charles Young American Post, women's auxiliary, will sponsor a meeting to discuss the problem.

DR. JEMISON CHANGES HIS MIND:

May explode fireworks in Baptist convention

CHICAGO—(ANP) — Recently announced decision of President D. V. Jemison of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., to retract his intentions of retiring may produce considerable fireworks in the forthcoming session in Miami.

Acting upon information that elderly Dr. Jemison would step down and go on pension, numerous candidates have sprung up throughout the nation and considerable denomination maneuvering had been going on.

Agreed To Resign

Many people regard Dr. Jemison as incapacitated and say the convention is stalled under his leadership.

Dr. Jemison, 81, had agreed to resign, it was understood, in return for a $5,000 gift to be made at the convention, a pension of $300 a month and certain prerequisites, including expense paid trips to the conventions, board sessions and principal meetings of the denomination.

The plan was evolved, it is said, by some of the ambitious candidates and by some of the younger men who felt the convention was in need of more dynamic and vigorous leadership.

The National Baptist Convention has always followed tradition closely. Normally, this would have meant that the Rev. E. W. Perry of Oklahoma City, who has served for many years as vice president, would succeed to the presidency.

Perry Headed Slate

A slate covering certain offices had been prepared with Mr. Perry at its head, Dr. J. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles to succeed Mr. Perry as first vice president, with other officers agreed upon. The slate was regarded as a strong one.

Among other independent candidacies were the Rev. J. H. Jackson of Olivet Baptist church in Chicago, The Rev. Sandy Ray of Brooklyn, principal aspirant from the East; and the Rev. J. C. Austin of Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist church, regarded now as ripe for promotion.

The first rift in the clouds preceding the convention came at Brooklyn last month during the national gathering of the BYPU and Sunday School Congress. There Rev. Mr. Perry suddenly abandoned his slate.

His action threw the field wide open and the Rev. Mr. Henderson, candidate for vice president on the slate, immediately announced that he was going for the top post. The Rev. Mr. Jackson, Henderson and Austin, led the pack until a still bigger sensation broke two weeks ago.

President Jemison at state meetings of Baptists held at Jackson, Miss., and Mobile, Ala. reportedly announced he was not going to retire. Just what this can mean, no one knows.

Some have felt it was a technique to discourage candidacies right up to the convention time, to give Mr. Perry the advantage of an announcement at that time might produce.

Others have felt that since no NBC presidents have died in business, perhaps Dr. Jemison wishes to follow suit.

Secretaryship Deserted

The scramble for first place has thrown into obscurity the struggle to secure the new executive secretaryship created at the last convention in Chicago and open to either a minister or a layman.

It was expected to develop into the most powerful spot in the whole denomination because the secretary would control the finances of the various boards. Some predicted that in a few years the secretary would dominate and select the president.

The free-for-all becomes even more conducive.

If Jemison runs and has the support of the South, can any of the northerners beat him? At the moment the most important candidate from the South is the Rev. W. H. Borders of Wheat Street Baptist church in Atlanta.

Many Want New Prexy

Many Baptists would like to see a new president of the NBC. They would like to see Jemison go ahead with his announced plans to retire. However, some members of the convention disagree with the proposed plan for his retirement.

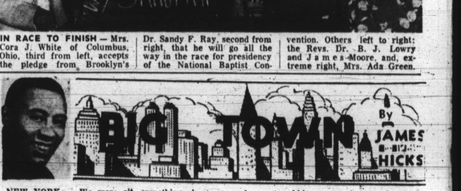
They say it will cost the conventions too much money which would be spent for other purposes. A supporter of this view is the Rev. George A. Crawley, pastor of St. Paul Baptist church in Baltimore.

In objecting to the plan, he said in part:

"The proposed plan for the 'pay off' to the president would cost about $9,000—the first year. That amount would pay a lot of interest on the indebtedness or the bath house; it would pay salaries for missionaries in Africa, and it would help out greatly with financial obligations at the seminary and training school at Nashville.

"I am expressing the sentiment of thousands of Baptists over the nation who are 'too good' to speak out, only on the corner, but will withhold support. I am willing to help with anything desired for the president, but not the way proposed."

IN RACE TO FINISH — Mrs. Cora J. White of Columbus, Ohio, third from left, accepts the pledge from Brooklyn's Dr. Sandy F. Ray, second from right, that he will go all the way in the race for presidency of the National Baptist Convention. Others left to right: the Revs. Dr. B. J. Lowry and J. M. e-Mond, extreme right, Mrs. Ada Green.



NEW YORK — We were sitting there in an after hours joint on Seventh ave. not too far from the Red Rooster. Those of you who know your way around on Seventh ave. will know exactly where I mean. Those of you who don't recognize the place from the above description — well you're not a paid up member in the Dawn Patrol and darned if I'm going to contribute to your delinquency by telling you where it is so you can go up there and join.

It's 20 minutes to five in the a.m. (the joint doesn't open until 4 a.m.) and we're sitting there for the simple reason that none of us have the sense to go home. The door swung open and one of the regular dawn Patrol members strode in. He came straight over to the table where the rest of the hustlers sat and told the waiter to bring him a drink.

Sat At Table

And as he plopped down in a chair at our table he said in the same breath, "Man, a woman is the biggest fool in the world!"

There were not too many hustlers at the table who were willing to argue with him on that subject. But all of us could see he was excited about something so by the way of conversation one of the guys said:

"What's the matter man? What brought that on so early in the morning?"

I recognized the hustler as one of the smooth operators on the avenue who is "taking care" of the beautiful wife of an elderly doctor. By "taking care" of her, I mean, he is helping her to spend the doctor's money.

The affair has been going on for over a year now and it's an open secret on the Avenue. The lady is young, vivacious and pretty. The hustler is well dressed (he ought to be because the doctor has a good practice), he knows how to spend the doctor's money, and his manners in public are those of a Spanish Don.

Waited For Answer

The hustler took a deep breath as we waited for his answer. "I don't know man" he finally said "I don't know. Women are just crazy thats' all."

"Look man," said one of the other guys at the table, "don't come running in here with no deep dark secrets. Either tell us what happened or stop hinting about it."

"Well, it's like this, man," said the harassed hustler, "My Old Lady, — you know her — well she's throwing a big party up at her house tonight and she gets the crazy idea that I should come.

"I tell her, 'look baby, you and I are down with it but I can't come to no party at your house because I'm not down with what your friends will be putting down.' I said, 'I'm not a party man, baby.'

"We're sitting in my apartment and the chick jumps slightly because I won't come to her party. She wants to wreck the place, man. Tore the curtains down and started hollering about the few dollars of her old man's money she spent fixing the place up.

"I told her I didn't have any gold to get straight for no party and she laid some loot on me. So first thing I know I'm in this cat's house with all them doctors and lawyers and stuff.

Playing It Cool

"I'm playing it cool man. I'm staying 50 miles away from my Old Lady 'cause I don't want her husband to get any ideas on what's going down between us. So what happens?

"The chick gets salty at me, starts whamming the bottle and then barks me in the kitchen and accuses me of igging her.

"Man I didn't know what to do. I wanted to hang one on that chick because she sure was asking for it, but I can't do nothing 'cause I'm in her old man's house. So I play it cool.

"As soon as I can, I get out of there. I go 'round to the Rooster and call her up. I say, baby look. I don't know about you women but let me tell you something about a man.'

"I said, 'any man who knows his way 'round can look at the way a woman acts around a certain man and tell whether anything is happening between them.'

"And you know what that chick said to me? She said, 'you're crazy.' My husband doesn't suspect a thing."

'Crazy Man, Crazy'

The hustler dashed off the rest of his drink. "So shatta you gone do with a woman like that? Crazy, man, crazy. Hell I can tell by just watching a woman walk down the street whether anything is happening between them or not."

That did it. Some of the guys took issue with the hustler. They said he couldn't tell by watching two people in public what their private lives were.

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I asked them what made them feel they can tell. The majority of them agreed that the woman will invariably be one who will give the tip off if there is something in her just friendship between the two.

One of the hustlers said, "I don't care if it's in her house or her father's house — when a woman is gone on a cat she is going to lip her hand. She just can't hide it."

But how? I insisted, how?

Watch The Hands

The hustlers generally agreed that a woman will usually tip off her love affairs with her hands. "If she's gone on a cat she's got to touch him man one of the hustlers said. Just sit around and watch them. Sometimes during the night she is going to touch him in some way — and when you see a chick rubbing a cat who's not her husband — look out."

Another hustler said women will insist on whispering something to their lovers even when there is nobody to whisper about.

"I don't care where she is," another said. "A woman has got to show the world that the cat is her man."

I finished my drink and prepared to go.

And as the dawn broke over Seventh ave. and 125th st., I wondered what the women would say about all this.

Some night I'm going to ask them!

State club taps teacher of Memphis

NEW YORK (ANP) — Jeannette S. Carr, Leath school teacher from Memphis is attendance at the Columbia university summer session, scored something of a precedent when she was named president of the Tennessee State club on the campus of Columbia.

Mrs. Carr is one of eight Memphis colored teachers at Columbia this summer.

Mrs. Alma R. Booth, Hamilton high school history teacher in the Bluff City, was initiated into Pi Lambda Theta, Alpha Epsilon chapter, the national association for women in education.

Other Memphis educators in attendance at Columb