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Teacher divorced on adultry grounds

Despite a counter suit filed by her husband, a Baltimore school teacher was granted a divorce and guardianship of their 8 year-old adopted daughter, this week, by Judge John T. Tucker of Circuit Court No. 2.

Mrs. Viola C. Gamble, 46, 1917 Division St., won the divorce from Harlie Gamble, 35, 912 E. North Ave., on grounds of adultry.

Though Mr. Gamble filed a counter suit denying the charge, Mrs. Gamble, through her attorney, Michael F. Freedman, presented a witness who admitted she had had relations resulting in a baby, but Mr. Gamble.

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THE WITNESS, Mrs. Willie Mae Cleveland, 424 N. Gilmor St., said she began seeing Mr. Gamble around June or July, 1952. "I saw him about three times a week after that," she said, adding that she gave birth to a baby of whom she insists he is the father.

Mrs. Gamble filed her suit May 5, 1954. She charged: "Last Jan. 4, my husband told me he had a baby by another girl and that he was in love with her."

On June 22, Mr. Gamble filed a suit, through his attorney, Ernest Perkins, in which he denied the charge and accused his wife of deserting him January 1. The judge dismissed his suit.

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THE COUPLE was married in Baltimore Oct. 28, 1949.

The divorce papers did not refer to the criminal court case of this spring in which Mr. Gamble charged his wife with assaulting him with the barrel of a shot gun.

Mrs. Gamble was aquitted of the charge.

Pastor says wife left

Teacher also granted divorce

Unable to locate his wife even through the Missing Persons Bureau, the Rev. Nathaniel Brown, 30, of 1817 N. Fulton Ave. was granted a divorce this week.

The minister is pastor of Christ Spiritual Temple, 21 N. Schroeder St. He divorced Mrs. Alma Brown whose age was given as 35 years.

The counle was married in Baltimore in May 1944 and separated at Easter, 1945, when they were living at 630 Avondale Rd., Turner Station.

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THE MINISTER said: "She left me. When I returned from work, she had left a note saying: 'I won't be back.'

"A few days later, I saw her and she told me that she had no intention of staying married to me any longer, and she has not been back since."

The minister said that since their separation he had been unsuccessful in locating his wife either through her brother, Chester Wallace of Durham, N.C., or through the police missing Persons Bureau.

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MAINTAINING THAT his schoolteacher-wife was "dissatisfied" with their marraige, Earl S. Britt, 33, also a teacher, was granted a divorce from Mrs. Lillian Britt, 36.

The husband's address was given as 2041 Braddish Ave., and his wife's as 3130 Belmont Ave. Mr. Britt agreed to pay his wife $65 per month for support of their 21-month-old daughter, Patrice.

The couple was married in June 1948 and lived together until October 1952.

At that time, Mr. Britt said: "She just moved out. I came home on Oct. 3 and found that her clothes and most of the furniture was gone. She had left no note.

"I saw her in a couple of days. She said that our marriage was over; that she was dissatisfied and didn't want to live with me anymore."

His grandmother, Mrs. Lelia Britt of 2011 Baker St., was his substantiating witness. The husband was represented by the Brown, Allen and Watts l a w firm.

TRUCK DRIVER HERO—Roscoe James is shown in top photo with Dale Farley the six-year-old youngster whose life he saved on Aug. 31 when Dale was struck by an automobile. In bottom photo, Mr. James is receiving a certificate of merit for his heroism. Making ceiving a certificate of merit for his heroism. Making the award is Jack Geipe, president, Maryland Truck Association.

Trucking group honors driver

Saved life of injured youth

"I had no idea all this would happen. All I was interested in was stopping the flow of blood from that little boy."

That's what Roscoe James, a handsome 34-year-old truck driver who saved an accident victim's life, said Wednesday when presented a citation of merit by the Maryland Truck Association.

In a ceremony in the Turkeing Association's offices at 1103 Cloverdale Rd., the modest trucker was told that he had been nominated in the U. S. "Driver of the Month" contest for saving the life of Dan Farley, 6, of the 2400 block Homestead St.

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JAMES WHO declares "I have never been in a tough spot where it was necessary for someone to save my life," said he applied what bit of first aid he learned in the Air Force to save young Farley's life.

"I thought I had forgotten what little I knew," he said.

On Aug. 31, James, who is a father of three, jumped from his truck when he saw Farley hit by an automobile, which severed an artery and several large veins in his arms.

Doctors at Sinai Hospital say that his application of a tourniquet to the injured boy's arm saved his life.

For his brave action, the World War II veteran, received his citation from John W. Geipe, president of the association.

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A DRIVER for the Davidson Transfer and Storage Co., for one year, he was previously employed at the Baltimore Signal Depot as a radio repairman.

Trucking representatives from all over the city made a fuss over the hero at the ceremony. In addition to appearing on television, he received personal congratulations from:

Roscoe James, Joseph Davidson, president of the Davidson Transfer Co., Thomas Widerman, general manager of the MMTA; and John A. Gwynn, safety director of the Association.

Also, William A. Duffy, director of safety and personnel for the Davidson Co., and Joe Davidson. Plans are underway to enter Mr. James in the Maryland Driver of the Year contest as well as the national event.

With his wife, Othella, and his three children, Wilburt, 17, Alfred, 14, and Elaine, 13, Mr. James resides at 119 N. Bentalou St.

He is a member of the Rehobeth Church of God in Christ.

Coppin teachers meet this week

Dr. Miles W. Connor, president, addressed the faculty and staff of Coppin State Teachers College at the first meeting of the school term Tuesday morning.

In his address, Dr. Connor pointed up the need for a continuation of a program of self-evaluation of the program of the college. He stressed the need for evaluating faculty-student relationships as well as efficiency in the preparation of future teachers for the elementary schools of the state.

This approach will be continued throughout the school year

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'Caddie' Edward A. Cole returned to West Coast

After spending 46 days in the county jail at Towson, "Caddie" Edward Cole started on his return trip to California last Friday to face three bogus check charges and two charges of grand larceny.

The dapper Californian was ordered held for extradition last July after a state trooper stopped him en route to New York in a baby-blue Cadillac and police learned he was wanted in the Golden State.

Prior to his arrest, Cole spent a week on the campus of Morgan College posing as the son of a wealthy West Coast family.

In addition, he boasted of being a Phi Beta Kappa while attending a round of parties in the city and on the campus.

Barmaid charged in homicide

An argument with a barmaid over $10 in a Laurens Street bar cost a 32-year-old laborer his life Tuesday.

Shot through the chest, forearm and back, Thomas J. Bannegman of the 1000 block N. Mount St. died within an hour after arriving at Provident Hospital.

As a result of his death, Dorothy Snead, 32, of the 1200 block N. Parrish St., was ordered held without bail at Central Police Court.

Witnesses said Miss Snead drew a pistol from a counter drawer and shot Bannerman three times while he was trying to escape through the front entrance of the bar.

Four men held the barmaid until police were called to the 1500 block Laurens St. by the proprietor, Isadore S. Glassman. The murder weapon was not found.

Bannerman's body was taken to the city morgue where it was claimed Wednesday by his mother Mrs. Janie Bannerman. The family said the waitress and Bannerman were "friends."

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

Blame fire on wiring

A report in Tuesday's AFRO stated that a fire at 1349 Fremont Ave. Monday night was believed to have been caused by a defective ironing cord.

The resident of the apartment in which the fire started, called the AFRO to say that the fire was caused by bad wiring in a clothes closet.

The story also reported that the baby of Mrs. Martha Simms was being cared for by another family. The baby is at the Fremont St. address with its mother.

The fire which wrecked the apartment of Fred Whiting also felled a fireman who was overcome from smoke inhalation and exhaustion.

Seamen's union opens cafeteria

The Seafarers International Union, Atlantic and Gulf District, AFL, has announced that the Seafarers Welfare Plan will operate the cafeteria at the soon-to-be-opened Baltimore hall exclusively for seamen.

Nearly 200 colored seamen belong to the Baltimore branch.

Thus, both New York and Baltimore will soon feature cafeterias but each run under slightly different set-ups on an experimental basis.

In New York, the Welfare Plan underwrites a portion of the expenses of the SIU Port of Call Corporation for operating the cafeteria as a service to seamen. But the headquarters unit is also open to the public.

The Union intends to open similar facilities in other ports in the future.

The Baltimore hall, like the NY branch, will be open 24 hours a day. The SIU offers the use of the modern, air-conditioned hall for recreation, television-viewing, card-playing, reading and lounging.

There is a lucky picture in this edition worth $5 to the person in the circle. There is also a lucky house worth $5 to the occupant who identifies it first. Look for these $5 prizes in this issue.

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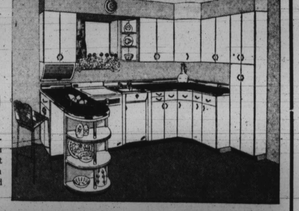

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Parker Calms Noisy County Meeting

Catholic Schools

Parochial classes are open to all

22 grade schools drop color bars; 6 at St. Cecilia's

Catholic parochial schools in Baltimore are now open to all. Schools which heretofore had no colored children enrolled them for the first time when the fall term began last week.

The Rev. Leo J. McCormick, superintendent of schools, declined on Wednesday to comment on the new policy as he has repeatedly refused to do before.

However, last May when the Supreme Court decision opened public schools to all, Father McCormick was quoted as saying that the Catholic schools would follow suit.

One of the schools open to all is St. Cecelia's at 3333 Windsor Ave., which has six colored pupils.

This school was in the news last month because a parent who sought to enroll his daughter there was told, "This is a white school. We have never had colored pupils." Father McCormick and others declined comment at that time.

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THE PARENT, Walter Jones, when advised by the AFRO of the policy change said: "I am certainly glad to know it. I hope my daughter will be able to enroll now as this school is only a block from our home.

"Now she has to get up at 6:30 in the morning and go all the way to East Baltimore to St. Francis Xavier." He said he would reapply.

A school official told the AFRO: "We knew we were going to have colored children beginning this fall." He offered no explanation as to why one child was refused a week before school opened.

St. Ann's at 2209 Greenmount Ave. has five colored pupils; and St. Edward's at Poplar

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Holdup suspects had NAACP cards

One of the six men accused of an attempted daylight robbery of a Whittier Ave. home on September 1, visited the Baltimore NAACP office the day before and obtained two $5 membership cards for the two men with him.

This information was reported this week by Bowen Jackson, executive secretary of the NAACP, as he recalled the visit of Martin Yamin, a man he knew as a former police court magistrate.

Yamin and five other men are under bail totaling $90,000 in connection with the holdup at the home of Albert Williams, a well-known sportsman residing in the 2000 block Whittier Ave.

TWO OF THE men allegedly gained entrance to the house by posing as representatives of the NAACP. They were routed by Mr. Williams who fired five shots at the bandits, wounding one.

Mr. Jackson was unware of the holdup attempt until Monday, when he returned to the city after spending a vacation in California.

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The NAACP secretary gave the AFRO the following account of the Yamin visit at NAACP offices, Dolphin and McCulloh Sts., after learning of the holdup attempt.

"I remember the visit very well. Yamin came into the office and introduced two men to me. One he said was John Santo and the other William Miller."

(None of the men arrested in the holdup attempt gave such names).

"One of the men was heavy set—he looked like a prize fighter and was six feet tall. The other was a medium sized fellow. Neither of them did any talking.

"Yamin told me that both of the men wanted to take out NAACP memberships. He told

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Bowen Jackson of the Baltimore NAACP, examines type of membership cards he issued to one of the men implicated in the attempted holdup of a Whittier Ave. home on Sept. 1.

Md. counties will obey High Court

Atty.-Gen. Parker quiets 800 noisy county parents

By LARRY STILL

LOTHIAN, Md. — "Make no mistake, sooner or later there will be no segregation in public schools in Maryland," approximately 800 die-hard segregationists, members of Southern Maryland PTA's, were warned, Wednesday night.

The comment was made by W. Giles Parker, assistant attorney general of Maryland, who addressed the mass meeting in the new Southern High School (for whites) here, as "a private citizen."

Mr. Parker said that the Maryland attorney-general would ask for gradual integration of schools in an amicle curiae (friend of the court) brief to be presented to the Supreme Court.

He said that he was not making a political speech on the issue, because "I think the matter transcends all politics."

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MR. PARKER was introduced by James Morton of Davidsonville, who described himself as "a good Democrat."

"The Supreme law of the land has spoken," Mr. Parker asserted. "Ways must be found to preserve our public schools and the law and order. Flouting the law is hardly a desirable action."

The assistant attorney-general also urged the application of "tolerance and common sense" and "avoidance of friction, litigation and hatred."

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HE SAID that his office disagreed with the City Solicitor of Baltimore in advising the integration of schools immediately, but "most of the pupils in that city have returned to the same schools, anyway."

"Some members of the school board are happy to observe what happened in Baltimore," he stated.

He also declared: "I've been quoted on this before, but I'll say it again: there is as much difference in Garrett and Calvert counties as there is between Maine and Mississippi."

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MR. PARKER'S remarks came near the end of an hour-and-a-half discussion by representatives and members of approximately 45 PTA groups on the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling.

His comments seemed to calm a meeting that started off with

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JACKIE ROBINSON
Manager Alston had tears in his eyes.

JACKIE

- As Dodgers lose games, comes report of dissension
- Players must have been drinking, says Rube Walker
- Alston apologizes for team for rumors about Robinson

BROOKLYN — Reports that he was the butt of a growing dissension in the ranks of the Brooklyn Dodgers came as a surprise to Jackie Robinson early this week.

"It's quite a shock to me," Robinson told the AFRO Wednesday. "When I first heard about it, I couldn't believe it. I've had the very best of relations with the other fellows on the club all year, and I have no idea who could have started such a rumor."

Jackie was reportedly the subject of bitter denunciation by five players during the course of a drinking bout in a downtown bar, located near the Montague St. office of the Dodgers.

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OFFICIAL cognizance was taken of the matter Saturday, when Vice President Buzzy Basvasi warned the full club that "heavy fines will be imposed on any player or players guilty of violating training regulations or showing a disregard for club discipline."

Later, Bavasi told newsmen that fines of $500 will be levied against any member of the club caught in a repetition of the act.

"Bad feature about the whole thing," said Jackie in commenting on the incident, "is that the club needs everything it can offer in the way of morale right now.

"As far as I'm concerned personally," Robinson continued, "it doesn't make too much difference. This is a business with me, and nobody has to be in love with me as an individual.

"NATURALLY, it is for the best when everyone gets along, *but it doesn't matter to me if nobody likes me — so long as they're in there trying to win for the team.*

"According to the story, the fellows — whoever they are — have been breaking curfew regularly. I have nothing to do with how a man spends his own time. But it can't be denied that the club is hurt by things like this.

"Again I say it's hard for me to believe. And I might add here that it's unfortunate the players can't be identified. It places an unfair onus on the other guys.

"THERE'S PROBABLY something else I should add here," Robbie went on. "If these fellows are out on the town like that, breaking rules and giving the club a black eye, I'm rather

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Mr. NAACP' here Sunday

Kickoff meeting features Marshall

Thurgood Marshall, (Mr. NAACP) speaks here Sunday as the local branch NAACP opens its fall membership drive.

Mr. Marshall is the NAACP special counsel and the man who spearheaded the school segregation cases which led to the Supreme Court's historic May 17 decision outlawing jim crow in the nation's schools.

He will speak at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts. at 3 p.m. His subject will be "Implement evidence purporting to link 13 other alleged gambling suspects to a bribery conspiracy."

John Coniffe, Edward Troxell, and John Doyle will assist in presenting the case to the grand jury.

PARTICIPATING also in the conspiracy, according to Police Chief Robert V. Murray, are Capt. John B. Monroe, of the 12th Precinct and Probational Detective George C. Prather, of the 13th Precinct.

Responsible for exposing the entire operation, according to Chief Murray, is Lt. Todd D. Thoman of the gambling squad. Simkins' answer to all questions put to him by reporters Wednesday morning. Only one charge was cited: the giving of $200 to Lieut. Thoman on Sept. 14.

THE DISCLOSURE of the profile trap brought to mind a recent answer by Deputy Chief Lutz to an AFRO question: "Is there still any graft to amount to anything in the police department?"

At that time Deputy Chief

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Simkins mum on bribe charge

2 D.C. policemen, others held as suspects in payoff

WASHINGTON — A Federal Grand Jury will begin hearing testimony Monday in the police department "payoff" scandal that involves Roger (Whitetop) Simkins, 55, alleged kingpin of local gambling.

In addition to Simkins, the staff of prosecutors headed by District Attorney Leo Rover will present evidence purporting to link 13 other alleged gambling suspects to a bribery conspiracy.

John Coniffe, Edward Troxell, and John Doyle will assist in

Father Casserly leaves St. Peter's

Promoted to Seminary in D.C.

Fr. McKee leaves St. Francis

The Very Rev. Edward V. Casserly, for six years pastor of St. Peter Claver Church here, preached his last sermon there on Sunday. He assumed his new duties as rector for St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington on Friday.

The promotion of Father Casserly was one of several new assignments announced last week by the Very Rev. Thomas P. McNamara, SSJ, superior general of the Josephite Fathers.

He is being succeeded at St. Peter by the Very Rev. Thomas F. O'Connor who comes to Baltimore from Newburgh, N.Y., Epiphany Apostolic College.

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OTHER assignments announced by Father McNamara:

The Very Rev. Henry J. Offer to pastor St. Francis Xavier Church, Baltimore. He was formerly pastor of St. George's Church, Detroit.

The Rev. Joseph E. McKee from pastor of St. Francis Xavier to pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, New Orleans.

The Rev. Edward J. Hennessey from assistant at St. George's Church, Detroit, to assistant at St. Francis Xavier, Baltimore.

The Rev. Meldon R. Elwood, from assistant at St. Peter Claver, New Orleans, to assistant at St. Francis Xavier, Baltimore.

All of the changes were effective Friday, September 17.

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REGRET AT Father Casserly's transfer to Washington was expressed by Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Urban League.

Father Casserly, Dr. Templeton pointed out, was an active member of the Urban League's executive board for the past six years.

"He was particularly outstanding in his public appearances and statements on behalf of improved housing for minorities.

"His work on the introduction and integration of firemen, and his support of a fair employment opportunity ordinance before the City Council early this year, will be remembered by us here in Baltimore.

"We are sorry to see Father

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More school guards sought

18 extra women needed in city

Eighteen jobs for school crossing guards are open with the Police Department but there is no one to take them.

And since interest in the jobs is lacking, an urgent appeal has been issued for applicants by personnel director Thomas L. Miller.

Persons interested in the jobs can file their applications with principals of schools nearest their homes.

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CROSSING GUARD jobs pay $3.25 a day for a five-day week. **Guards work only on school days, in the mornings, at noon and in the afternoon. A total of 270 women are now filling such positions.**

Crossing guards are being

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Appeals filed in beach cases

NAACP attorneys filed an appeal to Judge Roszel Thomsen's decision in the Fort Smallwood and Sandy Point beach cases today (Friday) in Federal Court.

No appeal was filed in the case of the city swimming pools since Judge Thomsen said he wanted to hear more arguments on the issue of whether or not they are equal.

Offer made to collect shoes, clothes for 'Distraught mother'

Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, 1909 Druid Hill Ave., wrote the AFRO this week urging readers to contribute shoes, food and clothing for the family of six schoolage children whose mother, Mrs. Diggs' other came after reading the case entitled "Distraught Mother" in the Sept. 11th column 'If You Ask Me', by B. M. Phillips. She is urging other readers to make their contributions at her home anytime on Wednesday or Thursday.

Mrs. Diggs is the widow of Josiah Diggs, businessman and civic leader who died in 1938. She is supervisor of residence halls, at Morgan State College. **For the full text of Mrs. Diggs' letter, see "If You Ask Me," on the editorial page in this edition.**

Liberian President Tubman to get Morgan degree

Liberian President W. V. S. Tubman's 23-day sojourn to the U.S. next month as announced in Washington includes a visit to Annapolis and Baltimore.

In the State Capital, he will be guest of Governor McKeldin, then journey to Morgan State College where he will receive an honorary degree.

Rocky, Ezzard fight tonight

NEW YORK — Bad weather caused the second postponement of the Rocky Marciano - Ezzard Charles heavyweight championship fight until tonight, (Friday, September 17).

THE WEATHER

Friday
Partly cloudy, maybe showers
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Showers
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NEXT WEEK

The AFRO visits Baltimore's Court House where two million dollars worth of improvements have been made . . .

Don't miss this story in pictures

News Summary of Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

John Edwards, 54, a Washington postal clerk and Miss Pearl Dunn, 44, were among three out-of-town couples who received marriage licenses here this week.

The other couples were Benjamin Botts, 32, of the Berkeley, Calif., air base and Miss Clarissa Mae Wayville of Catherine, Md. and Miss Alyce Pope, Chandler, 22, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Licenses were also granted to the following 24 local couples:

CURETON - BROOKS — Bruce, 21; Gladsius, 18, 1850 McCulloh.
KITCHEN - FULCHER — Sandy Jr., 26, 1452 Ward St.; Evelyn, 20.
MASON - MOORE — Emmett, 25, 2003 Northeast Ave.; Bertha, 21.
JENNINGS - GREEN — Clarence, 18, 1128 Forrest St.; Gladys, 18.
McGRIFF - MARTIN — Sebastian, 33; Mamie, 28, 2339 W. Lexington.
FIDNEY - SMITH — Essex, 48, 1321 E. Eager; Corine, 35.
BRITTIN - THOMAS — Joseph, 61; Rose, 60, 1041 E. Fayette St.
PEFFERSON - SMITH — James, 21; Lillie, 26, 1912 Madison Ave.
POWELL - BERMAN — William, 32; Cora, 34, 705 N. Central Ave.
WARNER - WASHINGTON — James, 21; Mary, 30, 1017 Hollywood St.
WARNER - WASHINGTON — William, 24; Jessie, 314 N. Bircher.
BAYLOR - JONES — Leonard, 42; Sadie, 34, 1018 N. Fulton.
PETERS - GREEN — Lynwood, 48, 3105 Leeds St.; Dora, 39.

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Navy blames Rollins for school setup

Bainbridge Naval Center officials complain

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BULLETIN

Mothers of Bainbridge youngsters denied admission to the Base school have employed NAACP Attorney Tucker Dearing to represent them. Mr. Dearing says he is considering whether to file an injunction.

WASHINGTON (NNPA)— Navy officials blame Maryland's Attorney General, State and local officials for continuing racial segregation in schools for children from the naval training station at Bainbridge, Maryland.

A Navy spokesman said Monday that continued segregation of eleven colored children from the training center was due to these county and state officials:

He said there are 401 children at the center, who could not get an education "unless somebody did something."

There were two solutions, he said.

One was to set up double shifts—send one-half of the children to the Perryville Elementary School, about six miles from the center, in the morning, and the other half in the afternoon.

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THE OTHER solution was to find a place to house the overflow, the Navy spokesman said. A building was found on the center and teachers were brought in from the local public schools.

The school on the base, housing the overflow is called an

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