Political Leaders Oppose Redistricting Amendment

$5 winner new to Balto.

Man in Lucky Pic only here 4 months

Richard McDowell of 503 Oxford St., was the person circled in the Lucky Pic in Tuesday's AFRO.

A resident of Baltimore for only three months, Mr. McDowell came into the AFRO office from work Thursday afternoon to receive his $5 check.

He found his picture was in the paper when a friend told him to "buy an AFRO."

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THE WINNER, a native of Elkton, N.C., came to Baltimore on vacation four months ago and decided to make the city his home.

Asked what he would do with his $5 prize money, Mr. McDowell said: "I don't know."

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THERE'S A Lucky Pic encircled somewhere in this edition of the AFRO worth $5 to the person in the photo.

The person in the circle can collect his or her $5 by calling at the AFRO office, third floor, before 12 noon Tuesday.

All you have to do is look for the Lucky Pic. Your picture must be in the circle for you to win.

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Say JAC proposal is gerrymandering

Would keep colored voters from electing representatives

Bipartisan opposition from colored leaders is expected this fall to a redistricting City Charter amendment which will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The proposed charter amendment, sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce, would redraw the lines dividing the city into six councilmanic districts.

The expected opposition will come from leaders who feel that the effect of the new plan would seriously lower the potential of the colored vote in the Fourth Legislative District where possibilities of direct representation are the greatest.

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THE PROPOSED charter amendment would provide for a pie-shape districting of the city running the boundaries to the county line.

This would leave the heavy colored population in the Fourth District at the apex of the district which would be bound by the city limits and extend farther than it does now.

The amendment, which the voters will accept or reject in November, will appear on the ballot marked effective as of the Municipal elections which are not until next May.

It will read, chapter amendment relating generally to the boundaries of the several councilmanic districts and to the election and number of councilmen in the city of Baltimore.

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PROPONENTS OF the amendment claim it will provide for equal representation in government.

In it the number of districts would remain the same but, if passed, only three city councilmen would be elected from each of the six districts.

This would reduce the number of councilmen to 18 instead of the president 20, plus the president of the council who would be elected citywide. At present, the Third and Fifth Districts, because of heavy populations, have four councilmen.

Under the new proposal, parts of the Fifth would be enveloped in the Fourth.

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THE JAC PROPOSAL was introduced in the City Council on May 27 and reported out unfavorably on June 14.

The JAC, under the direction of George Radcliffe, chairman of the civic affairs committee, then started collecting signatures for petitions in order to get the proposal on the ballot in the form of an amendment.

Maryland's constitution requires 10,000 voters' signatures for an amendment to be placed on the ballot. The JAC, aided by four other civic groups, was able to secure 14,152 signatures on 388 petitions which were turned over to the Mayor on July 22.

They have since been checked and the Board of Supervisors of Elections notified to place the amendment on the ballot.

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"THAT PIE SHAPE proposal is bad as far as colored voters are concerned," said Truly Hatchett, Democratic candidate for the State Assembly from the Fourth District.

"They will be at the apex of the district and won't have a strong member in the Fourth.

"It proposes to equalize the number of voters, but it doesn't show up very well. It's a question of whether it's helpful to us.

"I don't believe the majority of colored voters will vote for it," Mr. Hatchett stated.

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ON THE REPUBLICAN side of the fence, Harry A. Cole, Republican nominee for the State Senate in the Fourth, was even more emphatic in his opposition to the charter amendment.

"It's bad," said Mr. Cole. "Colored people won't elect anyone in another 50 years if it goes through.

"There is need to redistrict the city, but this ends up gerrymandering the city only as far as colored voters are concerned.

"Every colored voter should vote against it," continued Mr. Cole.

"If successful, it will divide the colored vote in numbers too small to be effective in any election. We would never be able to elect one of our own members from any one district and would not be a determining factor in electing anyone else," he said.

"IT'S NOT SO good," was the observation of Lloyd Randolph Democratic leader.

"We're just getting to the point where we can elect somebody. With this proposal, it would be 10 to 15 years before we could elect anyone to the council or state assembly.

"Something is going to have to be done about redistricting," continued Mr. Randolph. "That's why we proposed a new Seventh District.

(Ed. Note: The proposal for a new Seventh District, sponsored by the Citizens' Democratic Club and the Monumental Democratic Club was also reported out unfavorably in the City Council).

"There's nothing to do but fight it," Mr. Randolph said, speaking of the charter amendment. I'm going to campaign against it."

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BALTIMORE'S ONLY colored member of the JAC is also against the charter amendment. He is Henry J. Parks, president of Parks Sausage Co.

"I don't believe the Junior Association of Commerce has stopped to consider the impact their proposal will have on the colored people," Mr. Parks said.

"We had no voice in the operation of drawing it up.

"I'm compelled to try and oppose any attempt to redistrict unless it takes into consideration our particular interests.

"Government emerges out of the desires of the family and neighborhood. Baltimore is divided into group interests.

"The JAC proposal was drawn up by persons thinking in cold statistics only and the people are not represented properly.

Mr. Parks was a member of the group which went to Annapolis in 1953 to speak against a proposed plan then to redistrict the city.

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ANOTHER PERSON who said he plans to speak out against the charter amendment was Robert B. Watts, local attorney and Democratic figure.

"It may not have been their (the JAC) specific intent, but it (the charter amendment) has the effect of gerrymandering no more than we are now," said Mr. Watts.

"Our only hope of electing qualified colored candidates is to have a heavy concentration of colored votes. I favor an equitable distribution of the voting strength but would like a plan that would carry out that purpose and not gerrymander us.

"I plan to speak against the charter amendment before election," said Mr. Watts.

GRADUATION CLASS — Degrees were awarded to these students at the 34th commencement exercises of the Morgan State College Summer School on Sunday. The speaker at the exercises was Dr. Matthew Whitehead, president of Miner Teachers College in Washington.

Austrian bride divorces soldier

Says he never gave her money; deserted bedroom for barracks

An Austrian bride divorced her soldier-husband this week, testifying that he deserted their bedroom, preferring to sleep in the barracks.

The divorce was granted to Mrs. Ilse HeleneRichardson, 23, who lives in the Broadview Apartments and is a fashion stylist for Bachrach Studios. She won her freedom from Sgt. James Richardson, 28, a nine-year service man now stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

The couple was married in Vienna, Austria in July 1948 by the Austrian authorities in the presence of the American counsul. A religious ceremony was performed in August 1948 by an American chaplain.

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THE COUPLE HAS a five-year-old daughter, Shirley Ann, who is living with her mother.

The family was living in an apartment building at Fort Meade, Mrs. Richardson said, when her husband deserted her in December 1951, and moved into the barracks.

She testified that this move followed continuous arguments about money. She said:

"He wouldn't support me and would make me ask for every nickle for the slightest thing I wanted.

"Never would he give me any money. I would have to order clothes out of a catalogue and he would even supervise that."

Mrs. Richardson was represented by Calvin Douglass, attorney; and the husband, by George Parrish.

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ACCUSING HER HUSBAND of infidelity, Mrs. Rebecca Eads, 33, a hospital employee of 1102 Warner St., won a divorce from Charles Eads, 36, of 226 N. Carey St.

She said that she left him in May 1953 when she learned that he had been intimate with another women.

"Later," Mrs. Eads testified, "the other woman telephoned me and told me that she was expecting my husband's baby to be born in December. And so it was."

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A DECREE was granted to Lester Harris of 647 W. Lafayette Ave. from Mrs. Earlee Harris of 883 W. Fayette St. who also was accused of infidelity.

Their two young daughters were committed to the city welfare department for foster home care.

600 depot workers to be dismissed

More than 600 employees at the Baltimore Signal Depot in Dundalk were informed Wednesday that they will be dismissed from Federal service around Aug. 27.

The workers are persons who found it impossible to move with the local depot to Tobyhanna, Pa. About half of the employees are colored.

The government announced five months ago that the Baltimore Depot would have to close down in late December for economic reasons.

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WORKERS WHO WISH to keep their jobs have been asked to accompany the depot to Tobyhanna, which is located near Scranton, Pa.

Attempts to transfer a second government agency here, to provide work for workers who wish to remain in Baltimore, are still being made.

The government has also been asked to issue reduction-in-force letters to the workers instead of letters of termination.

Under the reduction in force plan, workers are in a better position to obtain federal jobs elsewhere. A letter of termination in effect amounts to outright firing.

FINED FOR CONDUCT

Charles W. Snau of the 2000 block Walbrook Ave., was fined $15 and costs on Thursday in Northwestern police court on a disorderly conduct charge.

DUTY ROUND — Receiving degrees at the Sunday commencement exercises of the Morgan State College Summer School were these students. They received commissions as second lieutenants after graduation. Left to right: Charles W. Williams, Donald A. Millard, James H. Chase and Aaron W. Jenkins.

'Jett' downed in flight from apt. house

Bail totaling $1,500 was set at Northeastern Wednesday for a 30-year-old man named Jett who bowled over two policemen who surprised him in an apartment that had been burglarized.

Vander Jett of the 3400 block Presstman St., was charged with striking Sgt. John McKenna and Patrolman George Taylor proceeding a chase down the 1900 block East Hoffman St.

He was also charged with breaking and entering the apartment of Mrs. Helen Holland at 1927 E. Hoffman St.

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FIVE LADIES' rings, a shirt, and $11.86 in cash were reported missing from the apartment.

Police were called to the house by a neighbor who reported seeing a man enter the house through a cellar window. Mrs. Holland was away for the summer on vacation.

When Sgt. McKenna reached the front door, Jett allegedly knocked him down in his haste to get out of the house.

When he reached Hoffman and Wolfe Sts., he also bumped into Officer Taylor and knocked him down, police said. The chase ended at Lafayette and Montford Aves.

Come back for money, find police

Forty-five days in jail was what Robert Montgomery, 32, of the 1600 block W. North Ave., received in Northwestern police court on Thursday for selling three lawn chairs worth $23 for $1.50.

Trouble was that the chairs were the property of Ray Holland, also of the 1600 block W. North Ave., who testified that they disappeared from his back yard on Wednesday afternoon.

Montgomery admitted taking the chairs but said he thought they were "junk." He also testified that he sold the chairs to a housewife for $1.50, of which he received $.50 in cash.

When Montgomery returned to collect the dollar, he found that police had traced the chairs and were waiting at the house for him. Mr. Holland got his chairs back.

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Teachers study 10 years to obtain their degrees

That Maryland teachers show exceptional determination to become well prepared was exhibited, here, last week, when two, who had spent 10 years working for credits received bachelor degrees, at Morgan State College.

It is not extraordinary for teachers, who do not live in the vicinity of extension centers to persevere through long periods to complete training, college officials said, this week.

The long terms, however, usually apply to teachers who live long distances from the college, or centers run by the college, and who must make up their work in summer sessions alone.

In Baltimore, where extension work is available during evenings, the college degree may be obtained in as short a period as four years, depending upon the number of normal school credits already held.

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TO AID TEACHERS, Morgan provides extension centers in sections of the State where 25 or more students express the desire for such classes. These centers have been held in Cambridge, Fairmont, Rockville and Annapolis.

Other teachers drive long distances to attend the classes held in the Baltimore extension center.

There are still many too far away, as in the extreme southern part of the state, who must study during the summers when they cannot afford to take the time out to attend the regular session of college.

Boy accident victim sues cab company

Struck by a taxi cab, 10-year-old Farris R. Butler Jr. of 924 E. Watson St. is seeking $1,000 damages.

His mother, Mrs. Minnie Butler is asking an additional $500 for medical expenses and loss of her son's services.

The suit, filed in City Court, states that the boy was struck by the taxi on July 17 at Howard and Franklin Sts. Named as defendants are the cab company and taxi driver, Leon Snead of 1548 N. Carey St.

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Football Canadian game on TV Saturday

To feature five colored players

Outstanding star is Armstrong High School graduate

By SAM LACY

Five colored players will be featured in Saturday's inaugural of the television series on Canadian football.

When the National Broadcasting Company initiates its experiment of telecasting above-the-border grid games for nationwide viewing, Avatus Stone, a former Washington (D.C.) high school star, will be one of five tan aces on display.

This game is the first of 13 to be aired by NBC in cooperation with the CFL (Canadian Football League).

Competing in Saturday's game will be the Ottawa Rough Riders and the Toronto Argonauts. Their lineups include:

ROUGH RIDERS — **Avatus Stone No. 83, halfback and punter; Bill Bass, No. 94, fullback.**

ARGONAUTS — **Ulysses Curtis, No. 81, halfback; Harvey Singleton, No. 71, end; and Ostrom Fisher, No. 31, end.**

Best known of the lot, perhaps, is Stone, who starred at Armstrong High School in Washington before going to Syracuse University, where he played four years of varsity football.

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INJURED in his senior season, he was unable to play in the 1953 Orange Bowl game when his team met, and lost to, Alabama.

So, Stone's TV debut comes some 21 months late. That he should have played in the Miami classic was a foregone conclusion in view of the fact that Avatus, since his sophomore year, had been the cynosure of stays of the shifty Orange eleven from New York.

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DRAFTED by the Chicago Cardinals, of the National Football League, at the close of the

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Girl 'dies' on operating table, doctor saves her

Physician massages heart, she lives; calls self lucky

Today, cute Josephine Smallwood, 39, is lying abed at City Hospitals in a frilly pink nightie—most likely smoking a cigarette and reading a magazine.

But ten days ago, Miss Smallwood lay dead on the operating table—dead, to the extent that there was no sign of life: no blood pressure, no pulse, no breathing and no heart beat.

(See photo, Pg. 2)

Miss Smallwood was "dead" for two minutes shortly after she had been given anesthesia in preparation for an operation for an abdominal ailment.

But quick-thinking physicians cut open her chest and massaged the heart until it started beating again. Then, of course, the operation was cancelled.

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BUBBLING WITH life this week, Miss Smallwood said: "I feel very lucky. God must have something special for me to do in life, since he brought my life after such a close call."

The operating physician who brought Miss Smallwood back to life explains that, "This is not a terribly uncommon experience. It occurs with some predictable regularity in anesthesia.

"It occurs probably in one out of 4,000 or 5,000 cases—a figure less than the likelihood of being struck down by a car.

"However," he continued, "Only within the last seven or eight years has it been possible to start the heartbeat again, once it has stopped.

"Now we have new ways, new methods which have reduced

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1,200 Mourners At Sportsman's Bier

Not Wed-Grace

1,200 pass bier of sportsman killed in crash

600 mourners crowd church; 500 outside; for 'biggest' funeral

"I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT"—Grief-stricken over the death of her son who was shot while sitting on the steps of their home at 907 N. Wolfe St., Mrs. Ruth Veney is helped into a funeral car for the procession to Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Fifteen-year-old Gerrison Veney Jr. was to have played on the Dunbar High football team this fall. See funeral story on page 5.

James Booker Johnson was buried this week.

Known to his friends and associates as "Booker," Mr. Johnson was popular in sporting circles where he had a reputation as a good dresser and a man who knew his way about town.

Proof of his popularity was given Tuesday afternoon when 600 persons crowded Christ Methodist Church for his funeral.

Some 500 other mourners lined Chase and Washington Sts., while the hour-long services were under way.

And 50 late model cars, three of them white convertibles loaded with flowers, made up the four-block-long procession to Arbutus Memorial Park for burial.

In addition to friends from Old Town, The Point and other sections of East Baltimore where he grew up and lived all of his life, there were mourners from Virginia, New York, and Washington, D.C. in the procession.

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MR. JOHNSON was killed in a three-car accident August 19 on Route 13 near the outskirts of Sonnia, Va. He and four other Baltimore sportsmen were on their way to a fair in Casley, Va.

He died several hours after admission to Accomac, Va., Hospital where he was treated for a fractured skull, broken arms and a broken leg.

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THE BODY of Mr. Johnson was returned to Baltimore on Sunday by the Snowden Funeral Home and placed on display at his home, 1616 E. Biddle St., beginning at noon.

Relatives estimate that at least 1,200 persons visited the home from Sunday until the funeral on Tuesday. They said there were so many visitors that the street in front of the home resembled a movie line. Names of visitors filled two books.

Floral tributes lined the Johnson living room and hallway and were banked around the bronze casket. The family's floral tributes included a bleeding heart and a huge cross of red roses.

Mrs. Zorah Baysmore, manager of the Snowden Funeral Home, told the AFRO the Johnson funeral was "one of the largest this year."

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AT THE hour - long funeral services, the Rev. C. C. Nelson, associate pastor of the church, officiated in the absence of the minister, the Rev. Frank Williams who is on vacation.

Solos were by Daniel Green and Miss Sophie Bates. Pallbearers were: Frank Rucker, Henry Allen, Elmer Handy, George Taylor, Donald Adams and James Tiden.

Surviving Mr. Johnson are his wife, Mrs. Irene Johnson of the

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BOOKER JOHNSON
1,200 pass his bier

Elks re-elect W. C. Hueston by acclamation

Robert Johnson re-elected grand exalted ruler

By JAMES L. HICKS

CHICAGO — Moved by an impassioned, arm - waving plea from Herbert Jones of Washington, Elks convention delegates Wednesday suspended the rules and re-elected Judge William C. Hueston grand secretary, unanimously.

On Tuesday, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson of Philadelphia was unanimously re-elected to a two-year term.

The unanimous election of Hueston virtually spelled defeat for an insurgent group of younger men who had threatened to split the convention wide open by opposing the aging but aging former judge. The election came after the silver-haired Hueston had made his annual report to the order which showed the Elks have assets totalling $449,064.94

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AT THE CONCLUSION of his report, Ernest T. Copeland of Philadelphia, long-time floor leader of the Elks, took the microphone and moved that the rules be suspended to re-elect Hueston.

It was a dramatic and key moment of the convention. Failure to pass such a motion would have meant an opening of the flood gates to the insurgent younger men. More than that it was a plea of the old order not to allow the young order to shunt it aside. Copeland had scarcely made the motion when Jones, a husky six footer, bounced to his feet and took the floor.

A popular figure with lay Elks, Jones made his appeal directly to the "boys" scurrying the microphone he got back on an aisle near the rear of the hall, extended his long arms; and began to speak in a booming voice while at the same time walking down toward the rostrum on which sat Judge Hueston. By the time he reached the rostrum he had thoroughly stampeded the convention for Hueston's re-election and when he sat down it was only a matter of calling for the quesion to put Hueston back in though other speakers followed with seconds to the motion.

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THE FIGHTING OLD judge rose and gave an Eisenhower salute to the Elks as his re-election was announced.

Grand Treasurer Perry B. Jackson of Cleveland then rose and made his annual report. He

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MRS. LOUVENIA A. ROYSTER
Sues 'Sweet Daddy-Grace' for non-support

Bishop says non-support suit 'junk'

Denies 'wife,' other claims of petitioner

Says all she wants is money

WASHINGTON

"All she wants is my money." That was Bishop Charles C. M. (Daddy) Grace's reaction Tuesday to the non - support suit filed in District Court last week by Mrs. Louvenia A. Royster, of the 3200 block Stanton Rd., SE.

Mrs. Royster stated in her petition that she married Bishop Grace, leader of the United House of Prayer for All People Movement, in NYC, Dec. 25, 1923.

She charges that the bishop has failed to support her or their child, Frances, born in Sanford, Fla., August 8, 1927.

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Editor's Note—Daddy Grace is in Baltimore now conducting his 28th "Annual Holy Convention" in the 600 block W. Preston St., closing Sunday night. Baptizing will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday.

BISHOP GRACE, who resides in a well appointed home at 115 Logan Circle, N.Y., apparently takes the litigation lightly because he moved quickly.

"That suit is all junk, I don't even know the woman. All she wants is my money."

"Have you ever been married?" the bishop was asked.

"I don't know what you are talking about,"—he replied with a chuckle.

Mrs. Royster in her petition, said they moved to Sanford, Fla., from New York City in 1925, with the Rev. Mr. Grace preceding her by about six months.

But the Rev. Mr. Grace had this to say: "I have never lived in Sanford, Florida, in my life."

However, he said he may have passed through the city. "I don't know. I go so many places," he said.

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MRS. ROYSTER, in her suit names about 10 women with whom she says is also known as James E. Morris and Bishop C. M. Grace.

Asked if he had ever used the "Royster" or "Morris" aliases, the Rev. Mr. Grace answered: "Of course not."

Mrs. Royster avers that upon her arrival in Florida, she was advised by the Rev. Mr. Grace that he had adopted the name

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Dr. Byrd says he will win; Mahoney out

Convention meets Monday; Mahoney concedes

Dr. H. C. Byrd told the AFRO he is in, now, even though it has been two months since the June 28 primary in which voters selected him as the Democratic candidate for governor.

Following an unsuccessful court contest, George P. Mahoney on Friday morning finally conceded the nomination to Dr. Byrd.

The Maryland State Democratic Convention, which adjourned during the deadlock between Mahoney attempts to challenge the Byrd election in the courts, has been called to meet again Monday in the main ballroom of the Emerson Hotel.

The first session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the nominating session at 2 p.m.

Delegates have been instructed to nominate Dr. Byrd and all other winning nominees of the primary election.

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THE LIST included C. Ferdinand Sybert, candidate for attorney general, who may face court action by Philip D. Dwyer Jr. seeking the same nomination, who lost by a small margin in the Fourth Legislative District to Mr. Sybert.

Mr. Dorsey has been examining records in the district to detect fraud, if irregularities are

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Race eliminated on birth records

Dr. Williams announces new policy; AFRO pointed out law

The Health Department announced this week a new policy affecting birth registration going back 65 years or more.

Attention was called to the matter by Carl Murphy, AFRO president, who went in person to the Health Department and received a photostat of a birth certificate marked Carl Murphy, "colored."

Two years later when he had need of another birth certificate, he asked a duplicate be sent and received a photostat marked Carl Murphy, "white."

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DR. HUNTINGTON Williams, chief of the Health Department, made an investigation. He discovered that the 1953 Democratic regulation requiring registration of births by race.

In fact, Dr. Williams said, up to 1900 many physicians failed to fill out the birth certificate in their entirety and told the Health Department it was none of their business.

As a result, parts of many pages in the birth registration books of the Health Department are blank.

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DR. WILLIAMS explained that without his knowledge, it had been the policy of the department in issuing birth certificates where registration was not complete, to mark them all white.

Since nearly one-fifth of the population is colored, other colored persons who asked for birth certificates up to now, unless they went in person, would have

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D.C. assumes festive air for Legion meeting

Ten-hour parade Tuesday highlights four-day event

WASHINGTON

The nation's capital will take on a festive air next week as the American Legion holds its first national convention in the District of Columbia.

The highlight of the four-day meeting will be the American Legion parade along historic Constitution Avenue.

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ACCORDING TO AMERICAN Legion officials, about 75,000 Legionnaires will march. The officials predict that the town will be swarmed with 150,000 Legionnaires.

Of that number, Carl Coleman, commander of the James Walker Post, estimates that 50,000 will be tan Legionnaires.

Many of the visiting Legionnaires will congregate at the James Reese Europe Post's Headquarters, 2000 block North Capitol St.

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ACCORDING TO VERNON S. Poindexter, assistant adjutant,

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News Summary of Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

Among the twenty-five couples who obtained marriage licenses here, this week, were the following seven non-resident couples:

Clinton Harris, 32, Asbury Park, N.J., and Mrs. Ida Conner 40, divorced, Belmar, N.J.; Carlyle Crichlow, 22, and Miss Claudia Munroe, 20, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ernest Coasley, 31, and Mrs. Ethel Webb, 48, widow, both of New York City;

Also, Willie Johnson, 22, and Miss Regina Hunter, 22, both of Philadelphia; Joseph Arazie 38, and Miss Helen Cook, 33, and Willie Barnes, 27, and Miss Mary Riley, 28, all of New York City; Manuel Jones, 30, and Miss Irene Rasmu, 29, both of Washington.

Baltimoreans who obtained licenses were:

ANDERSON-BROWN — Vernon, 22, 1001 McKean; Geraldine, 17, 1003 N. Dallas.

BOWIE-JACKSON — Harrison, 36, 2504 Hollensberry Rd.; Christine, 18.

CARTER - JONES — Willie, 21; Patricia, 18, 216 N. Wolfe St.

GILLIAM-WATSON — Willie, 35, divorced, 1710 E. Lafayette; Louise, 35.

WASHINGTON-BARNES— Avon, 26, 1306 Laurens; Gladella, 21.

STEWART - TARPLEY — William, 28; Viola, 26, both of Cambridge.

SCOTT-BRITTON—John, 23; Beulah, 17, 1023 N. Dallas.

GARRETT-GASKINS—Granville, 21; Aileen, 19, 1206 W. Lafayette.

McFARLIN-McCANN—Theodore, 22; Myrtle, 17, 1719 E. Lafayette.

BLANDING-COBIA—Jimmie, 63, widower, 916 S. Paca; Annie, 60, widow.

WAYFIELD-ALSTON — Charles, 40, divorced, 1813 W. North Ave.; Gertrude, 28, divorced.

BROWN-HART—Jacob, 48, widower, 3818 Auchentoroly Terr.; Marie, 37, divorced.

COLLINS-MASON—George, 48, widower, Viola, 36, widow, 1616 W. Lafayette.

PRETTYMAN - LAWRENCE—Samuel, 35, 1121 N. Gilmor; Hattie, 36.

PRATT-PARKER—Samuel, 52, widower, 822 N. Carrollton; Esther, 46.

SIMMONS-POWELL—John, 44, widower, 1106 W. Lanvale St.; Josie, 46, widow.

HARRISON-RAMEY — James, 18, 311 N. Central; Sylvia, 22.

DIVORCES FILED

MOORE, Nelie vs. Bogart; McDONALD, Willie vs. Rita; JONES, Olive vs. Joseph; BRYANT, James vs. Helen; THOMAS, Edgar vs. Irene; HARRIS, Gabriele vs. Ralph; WOODFORD, Marie vs. Roland; WILLIAMS, Ruth vs. Robert; DAVIS, Roberta vs. Lester.

KERR, Dorothy vs. William; TELLEY, Elizabeth vs. Cecil; HAWKES, Chester vs. Maggie; NASH, Lillian vs. William; RUSSELL, Clara vs. Robert; BROOKS, Charles vs. Thelma; TAYLOR, Beatrice vs. Thomas; FLIGHT, Robert vs. Frances; SMITH, Hesta vs. John.

BOWERS, Eugene vs. Ann; ROBERTSON, Mervin vs. Willie.

DIVORCES GRANTED

HALES, Lela Mae from William; MANSFIELD, Frederick from Grayce; CLARK, Pauline from Cecil; LANGFORD, Delmar from Jack; DEAL, Ruth from William; JACKSON, Connie from Robert; DOBBS, Lenora from Darrell; MYERS, Harry from Kathleen.

(Other Statistics Inside)

Leon Ransom, lawyer, dies

Succumbs at home of son in Jersey

WASHINGTON

Dr. Leon A. Ransom, 57, prominent local attorney, died suddenly of a stroke Wednesday night, while vacationing with his son, Leon A. Ransom Jr., in Point Pleasant, N.J. He lived at 1512 Girard St., NE, with his wife, Mrs. Willa Ransom.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's P. E. Church, 15th and Church St., NW. The body is at the Frazier Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frank McKinney, wife of Mr. Ransom's law partner, said that Dr. Ransom died at about 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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1700 Llewellyn Ave. wins first Clean Block prize again

The 1700 block of Llewellyn Ave., for the second consecutive year has been adjudged the top AFRO Clean Block. Odelsie Tinsley is the captain.

The announcement of the prize winners, ending the 20th annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign, was made Friday morning during the exercises, attended by 300 persons, including Governor McKeldin, who brought greetings.

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Second prize also went to an East Baltimore block. 900 Shuster St. Ella Payne is the captain.

Third prize was won by 600 block Dover St., whose workers under the direction of Captain Maxine Brooks, transferred a drab South Baltimore block into a thing of beauty.

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A PERENNIAL Clean Block winner captured the fourth prize. The honor went to the 1100 block Shields Pl., Cornelia Richardson captain.

Fifth prize was awarded the 600 block Smithson St., of which Harry Coates is captain.

The first prize was $75. Under Clean Block rules, a fifth of this amount belongs to the captain. The remainder is divided among the youngsters who have been working with him all summer.

The other prizes were as follows: second, $50; third, $35; fourth, $25; and fifth, $20.

Selection of the winners was made Sunday by a committee of Clean Block judges, which made an exhaustive tour of inspection of the outstanding blocks.

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ON THE committee were Mrs. Thelma Lawrence, Douglass High School teacher; Mrs. Eula Watts, well known civic and club worker; Mrs. Charlotte McNeil, and Mr. Turnie Gilmor, public school teachers.

Selecting the winners was no easy matter, the judges agreed after a two-hour session of total-

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