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"We are Americans now, as Americans, we would speak to America."
— Frederick Douglass

Better like Hector in the field to die, than like perfumed Paris turn and fly.

Dorchester County

A Dorchester County committee decided this week to recommend integration for those children in the Cambridge area who desire to attend the schools nearest their home.

Commissioner Charles Cornish recommended certain other programs upon which the Board of Education should embark immediately to comply with the Supreme Court's decision which declared segregation unlawful.

The County Committee, however, recommended further study.

We hope that the County Board of Education itself will proceed with the Cornish plan.

It is important to point out that under the Supreme Court's decision, it is compulsory upon the county Boards of Education to begin at once, and proceed with all deliberate speed to do away with segregation in the public schools.

That's the first point.

The second point is equally as important.

Any individual parent, whose child must travel long distances to school, has a constitutional right, now, at this moment, to request the county authorities to admit his child to any school in his area. If the board does not comply, he should take his petition to the Federal Courts.

Since the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954, and again of May 31, 1955, there has been a disposition on the part of most parents to give the school authorities a reasonable time to take action.

If county committees, like those of Dorchester are going to recommend continued study, it is very evident that they do not plan to begin at once.

It would be most unfortunate for any county to substitute control of the Federal Courts for the opportunity voluntarily to solve local situations.

Quoting Lincoln

Die-hards who are opposed to mixed schools like to quote Abraham Lincoln.

Abe, when a candidate for President in 1858, said he was not in favor of making jurors or voters of colored people and qualifying them to hold office. The difference between the races, Mr. Lincoln said, affords a reason why the two races should be separated.

That was the young Abe Lincoln, who had never been out of the United States, had no conception of national and world problems.

In the next six years, Lincoln was to change his mind.

He was to say that the Union could not have been saved without the enlistment of colored troops.

He was to grant them equal pay on the same basis as white troops and commission them as officers.

Two years after his death, the party of Lincoln passed the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, granting colored people equal citizenship in the Union.

If Lincoln had lived, he would have approved his party's measures, and disavowed his earlier statements.

The Lincoln of 1858 was not Lincoln of 1864 but for the sake of argument, suppose Lincoln had not changed.

Suppose he held in 1864 the same views on segregation that he did in 1858?

Ninety-seven years have passed since Lincoln made that segregation utterance and this country has come a long way.

To use the words of Chief Justice Earl Warren, "We of this day cannot turn the clock back to 1896, when the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a separate but equal doctrine."

And we might add, neither can we of this day turn the clock back to 1858.

Unusual petition

Judge Joseph L. Carter could hardly have ruled otherwise when he rejected the petition of Dr. William Kessler to have his accusers undergo mental examinations.

An assistant resident in surgery at City Hospitals, Dr. Kessler is accused of carnal knowledge and assault upon two young girl patients.

Dr. Kessler is bedridden.

If Dr. Kessler and his attorney had succeeded in their plea, the prosecution would have been set for the accused to attack his accuser instead of defending himself against the accusation.

Imagine what could happen if this were the usual procedure in the courts.

An inmate accused of stealing your diamond ring, could walk into court and loudly demand that you give sharply questioned about how you got the ring in the first place.

If Dr. Kessler has any defense against the serious charges preferred against him by these two unfortunate patients, he should produce it.

These patients are in a difficult position.

They are in a city hospital. They are under the care of professional people of supposedly high reputation.

Because of medicines which can be administered to them, they can very easily be taken advantage of.

A physician who wanted to get away with unprofessional practices could easily do so without any witnesses.

The fact that he is a professional man ought not give him any special advantages in a court of law.

To the contrary, his profession al status ought to make him even more accountable for his actions under the law.

There is an old lawyers' cliche which says when you do not have a case, argue the law and when the law is not with you, attack the opposition.

We do not know whether Dr. Kessler has a good case or not, but we do know that his case should stand or fall on the evidence and testimony and not on the mental condition of his accusers.

Gloria's $16,000 an anti-climax

Gloria Lockerman's appearance on the TV Program, the $64,000 Question, was an anti-climax this week.

Her grandmother, Mrs. Vivian T. Key, made the decision that she would accept the $16,000 prize earned last week rather than try for $32,000.

A week is a long time to think over something.

A week in which there was no privacy. A week in which Gloria and her family lived in a gold fish bowl. A week in which the mail man was laden with more mail than she had ever imagined. A week in which strangers stopped her on the street or came to her door. The telephone rang constantly.

Even a visit to relatives and friends in the old homestead in West Virginia was misinterpreted as a family dispute about money.

Under such tensions, anxieties, and pressures, there is no wonder that Gloria's guardians decided not to go through another week of it.

In the background was the knowledge that the $32,000 words to be spelled might be too difficult for a 12-year-old child.

With the excitement and drama absent in Tuesday's show, the nicest thing was Announcer Hal March's concluding statement that he hoped Gloria would grow up to be as nice a person as her grandmother.

Tuition by installment

The Saturday Evening Post came upon an excellent suggestion this week.

It points out that colleges, ranging in size from Seton Hall in New Jersey, with a student body of 3,500 to St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., with an enrollment of 135 students, have changed the methods of paying tuition and all other academic fees.

The new method is to divide all payments in 9 equal installments.

Under this pay-as-you-go method, no student is required to accumulate payments six months in advance and pay out a huge sum at one time.

The installment plan has proved a booster for business.

It enables the average American housekeeper to buy expensive household equipment, without large down payments.

A similar program ought to be a booster for the colleges, too, and make it possible for many students to enroll who cannot accumulate large sums in advance.

Across The City Desk

By FRANKIE WOOD

More about Gloria

Mrs. Christine Moore, the Booker T. Washington Junior High School teacher, who coached Gloria Lockerman on the train to New York before her debut on TV Tuesday night, is now out on maternity leave. Her baby is due in January.

Mrs. Moore took the dictionary which was given to Gloria, on the program Tuesday before last. She first went through it to get words which were not spelled like they sounded. This proved to be a tremendous task so she gave it up.

Then she decided to restudy the word list Gloria had in the other spelling bee. She pointed out that most of the words given to the spelling champion were on this list.

Although Gloria did not try for the $32,000 she still studied with her coach up until the last minute.

ON THE "$64,000 Question" program Tuesday night, before Gloria appeared Mrs. Suzanne Boswell, Pittsford, Vermont, nurse, chose the topic of literature.

The first question for $64 was:

"If a mens item carried the statement 'Alice fell down a rabbit hole', what would be the title of book referred to?"

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ANSWER: Alice in Wonderland.

For $128.00: "An American colonist was put to sleep by men bowling." What is the title of the book?

ANSWER: Rip Van Winkle.

For $256: "French Police discover that the murderer was an ape." What was the title of the book?

ANSWER: Murder in Rue Morgue.

For $512: "A visit by a guest reforms an old miser." What is the book referred to?

ANSWER: Dickens' Christmas Carol.

For $1,000: Name the merry maiden who married Hiawatha."

ANSWER: Minnehaha.

For $2,000: "Lefridge Dodson was an English writer, what was his pen-name?"

ANSWER: Lewis Carroll.

Mrs. Boswell said that her field was medicine not literature and she therefore took the $2,000 and did not go for the $4,000.

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CAPTAIN Richard McCutcheon, in his first week on the $64,000 question was aiming for $16,000.

The question: "Bread is the staff of life, name the geographical origin and type of flour from which the following breads are prepared:

1. Tortillas:

ANSWER: Mexico — corn meal.

2. Pumpernickle:

Russian of German — coarse bolted meal from coarse bolted rye flour.

3. Pone:

ANSWER: Indian — cornmeal.

4. Graham Bread:

ANSWER: U.S. Whole wheat flour

5. Bannock Bread

ANSWER: Scottish cake — wheat or oaten flour.

MRS. HARRISON J. BRYANT, president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives, said in speaking of Gloria:

"She has given a shot of penicillin to the children of color for their personal pride and dignity, and confidence in their own mental ability.

"The white child's eyes have been opened by Gloria and on Tuesday morning he can greet us in the classroom and on the playground and in every area of his life as equal and a friend, wrapped up in skin of a different color, because in every brown face the sweet smile of personal dignity and humility of Gloria Lockerman will be seen."

Gloria, the rescuer

Gloria Rubio, 15 of 302 Robert St. who saved a three-year-old child from drowning at Beechwood Park the other day is trying to find out why she didn't even get thanked.

Gloria, a junior counselor at the YWCA this summer, declared that she was standing on the beach talking to friends when she saw the little girl "fall in where it was deep."

"When she came up I grabbed her by her hair and held on.

"I hung her head over and let the water come out. It came all over me and she yelled for her mother. I asked for her name but all I got was another bucket load of water.

"I then took her over to her parents, who were sitting watching and they didn't even say thank you. I was so excited I didn't know what to do."

Miss Rubio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Rubio is a 9th grade pupil at the St. Frances Academy.

Notes on the cuff

Frank Morgan 52, of 1300 W. Mulberry St. who has been an invalid for three years, will soon be discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital and he needs a wheel chair.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Morgan, a minister of Gillis Memorial Church has been trying to raise $180 to buy a folding chair. The Morning Star Baptist Church where Mr. Morgan is a member has already contributed $15.

Mr. Morgan worked at the American Sugar Refinery for 15 years and that company "allowed" his wife to stand outside the gate and solicit funds as the other workers were leaving.

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MRS. DOROTHY VENOZ, a nurse at Crownsville Hospital, will celebrate her birthday Saturday and her patients on Ward 31 want her to be cited for kindness.

Mrs. Venoz bakes cookies and distributes them to her patients at Christmas time and on other holidays she gives the patients little thoughtful gifts.

A Bird In The Hand Is Worth Two In The Bush

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

About Crownsville

Dear AFRO:

Health conditions here at Crownsville are terrible on the wards. For example in "A" Building, 567 patients have only 489 beds, the balance sleeping on the floors.

The fire-trap "C" Building is overcrowded and the new unit for admissions has one bedroom made for 35 patients that has 54 patients in it.

Food conditions are terrible, molded bread, gritty lettuce; all the green vegetables are terrible.

Does Governor McKeldin know the health conditions; also the overcrowded conditions? Does he know that Maryland taxpayers' money is being wasted away, that food is being stolen from the patients?

This is also a slave camp where patients are working for as little as 40 cents a month, seven days a week. The patients should have a committee to represent them.

On Sunday July 31, at dinner, we had dirty cabbage, raw ham, half done lima beans and hard yellow corn.

The torment I go through is agony. I've suffered loss of money, loss of home, loss of wife, loss of insurance. My friends, nor members of my church, nor my pastor visit me.

Things have happened here that could have caused me to lose my life.

A PATIENT IN ADMISSION ONE

Pughs give thanks

Dear AFRO:

People haven't forgotten the pictures of the Pugh Triplets in the AFRO. This week a baby food company will send baby food until the triplets are one year old. A bottle company has sent three dozen bottles and toys, and a reader has sent two snow suits and other clothing.

Mrs. Margaret Cruz, 3204 Auchentorly Terrace, has sent $2; Mrs. Blanche Mack, 1012 Rosedale St., eight cans of milk; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams, 823 Gilbert St., one dozen diapers.

The grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Pugh, feels rather badly because the church at which she has been a member for 40 years has not donated. Night clubs and bars have given generously and so has the Catholic Church to which we belong.

May God bless all those that gave.

MR. AND MRS. PUGH

Stanley boycott

Dear AFRO:

We would like to remind the public that the fight for integration in Stanley Junior Products is not over.

We still ask that the public continue to boycott Stanley Home Products until it is published and known that their segregated policy has been permanently discontinued.

We also wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation of many of our churches, the sororities, neighborhood and pleasure clubs, as well as the general public, all of whom have made this boycott successful.

(Mrs.) ETHEL CLAY
Chairman
(Mrs.) HORTENSE SPRIGGS
Secretary
Committee on Integration of Stanley Home Products.

Seeks furniture

Dear AFRO:

I am writing you to ask if you will lend me a helping hand. I need furniture in my little apartment. At present I am not working because of a physical defect in my hand and I am now under care at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

If I could hear from you or secure some help from you in this matter I'd be so grateful. You should consider my letter to give me a helping hand you'll find me at 1201 Druid Hill Ave.

Praise for Gloria

Dear AFRO:

Baltimore has much to be proud of in Miss Gloria Lockerman for her wonderful success and studious ability.

Our hope is that she will be encouraged to continue on and let us all pray to God that she may be served and go forward.

(Mrs.) ANNIE E. S. WELLS
and FAMILY

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

This and that of many things . . .

Like 47 million other viewers, I have been a regular lookey-in on the CBS-TV "$64,000 Question." Back in July, I remembered leaving a neighborhood pinochle game to go home and see whether Mrs. Catherine E. Kreitzer, the lady reading grandma, would keep her $32,000 or go for the 64 G jackpot.

My heart beat fast when she said, "I felt I knew the $16,000 question, and I knew the $32,000, and I think I can answer the $64,000 . . ."

Then, after the studio audience applause which interrupted her had died down, she added, "But I agree with another Bible phrase 'or I have decided to stop now . . .' Boy, I was happy—I heaved a sigh of relief. But that was nothing compared to my reaction on the past Tuesday evening.

The contestant set to answer the $32,000 question was an impressionable youngster. I had come to know 12-year-old Gloria Lockerman last April after she won the state spelling bee title.

So the surprise was worse. I wanted her to keep the $16,000 and quit, but up until the last minute she was determined to go ahead.

When her grandmother gave the word that she would stop, this reporter felt like a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. Psychologists will tell you that millions of other viewers were relieved too.

If she had tried the $32,000 word and missed, there would have been some unhappy souls in Baltimore and all over the nation.

Revlon, sponsors of the program, are probably secretly glad she stopped, too. They wouldn't have been able to counteract the tears and sadness which would have followed had Gloria tried and missed.

Remember her broken-hearted sobs when she was counted out in the National Spelling Bee in Washington last May?

Well, Gloria has come home undefeated and we can get down to normal living, again.

Marine Capt. Richard McCutcheon, the current contestant who has just won $16,000 will be on again next week to try and double his money but he's a grown man.

He is a war veteran who has probably suffered many reverses and known happiness and unhappiness.

His life won't be ruined if he tries and fails. But Gloria might have been marked for life had she suffered the emotional experience of missing out.

I'm glad she's back to her books and set for classes at Booker Washington Junior High. I'll be watching and pulling for Captain McCutchen and all the other contestants on my favorite program without worrying about suffering a nervous breakdown.

In this weekend from six weeks in Mexico where she went on a study tour is Miss H. Lois Howard of Auchentoroly Terrace, a teacher at General Vocational School.

Dropped by Harris Radio Shop at 545 Wilson St. the other day. Note that they have the latest in Hi Fidelity sets and some good ones in the medium price range—$239.

Gus Harris got me to thinking while I was there. Here's why:

George Barnes, who conducts his own radio and TV shop at Harlem Ave. and Carey St., dropped by to chat. He formerly worked at Harris's.

After he left, Gus said: "There's a brilliant guy. He can do any kind of cabinet work—knows television and radio inside down. . ."

I thought that was a fine compliment coming from a former co-worker, especially in this day and time when you so often hear people condemn or criticize their former co-workers who are making good.

Samuel Sussman, owner of Rie Rie Clothes at 1848 W. North Ave., near Monroe, is completing his new house out Reisterstown Rd. way.

The newlywed Jack Bonds (Pauline Wharton) honeymooned here lifted from his shoulders. It was some relaxing fishing even though Jack suffered a severe attack of bursitis last month.

Miss Dukeye Woods is in from Columbus, Cincinnati and other points in Ohio.

Miss Mary Jane Brown is holidaying in Atlantic City.

Richmond and Washington lost outstanding pharmacists this month.

Dr. William (Bill to his friends) Jones, was buried last week in Richmond, where he had been practicing since his graduation from Howard U. School of Pharmacy. He died following a year's illness.

And Washington lost Dr. Frederick A. Phillips, 78, who had practiced in the Capital over 40 years. He was a 1901 graduate of Howard's Pharmacy School.

Murray's Hair Pomade is "Known throughout the world for men. Charles Murray, the barber who developed the hair preparation and built the Murray corp. into a million dollar empire was buried in Chicago last week.

The firm started in the kitchen of his home in 1923, now has modern plant on S. Chicago Ave., with sales staff and agencies throughout the world. In addition to the hair pomade, the firm makes and distributes a complete line of cosmetics.

Letters in the mailbag . . .

Mrs. Beatrice Travis of 2502 Longwood St., Baltimore, commenting on the "But I'm A Reporter" piece about the Pryor and Jones families of Turner Station: "I was inspired . . . sobbed in my ice tea . . ."

Mrs. Hilda Anderson Hill of 1717 Fifth St., NW, Washington "I am now out of Hopkins and convalescing at home. The item in your column brought me a batch of mail from folks I had not heard from in years—I had cards and letters from old friends and students in New York, Charleston, W.Va., and all parts of Maryland. It was a pleasant surprise!"

And that serves to remind me that Hilda's roommate during her hospital sojourn last month was Mrs Mary E. Dorsey of Furnace Branch Rd., Glen Burnie.

You'll recall Mrs. Dorsey taught in our elementary school for years. I taught the Dorsey children and Mrs. Dorsey was a pupil of Hilda's dad, the late William Jones. It was a like old home week.

Mrs. Dorsey, by the way, is recuperating at her home, write her at Box 382, Route 2, Glen Burnie.

And Mrs. Dorothy C. Gibson, 4214 S. University Ave., Chicago, says "your column on take time to say thanks, etc. jolted me into remembering I had not sent the first thank you to my friends in Baltimore who were so kind to me when my mother died. I sat right down and wrote them . . ."

From: Marguerite S. Hinton of 322 Garfield Ave., Chicago: "Just a note to say I am still a regular AFRO reader. I still recall my pleasant association with the AFRO as an employee in the bungue. I am now employed with the merchandising department of a large chain store. My daughter, Connie, is a student at A. and T. College in Greensboro.

"Also here in Chicago is another former AFRO employee, Marcella Branham. You'll recall she was a secretary in the editorial department. She is now with Johnson Publications."

Thoughts of the week . . .

Here is a prayer used by Catholic lay teachers:

"Give me a healthy body, Lord, And give me something to digest. Give me a healthy body, Lord, And a sense to bring it at its best. Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord, To keep the good and pure in sight, Which seeing sin is not appalled, But finds a way to set it right. Give me a mind that is not bored That does not whimper, whine or sigh

Teach me wisdom that I may meet My foes, the devil and his deceit. Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get real happiness from life And pass it on to other folk."

But let me worry over much About that fussy thing called I.

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Friends of a local bar maid were afraid that foul play had caught up with the young lady this week, when she suddenly dropped from sight immediately after her husband died in an accident.

There were rumors that she had been "taken care of" before the accident — and rumors that the accident was not an accident but something that might have been done deliberately.

However, she turned up hale and healthy on Tuesday, and the second guessers went back to guessing whether all was love and kisses in the household prior to the husband's death.

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ONE OF OUR bright attorneys is investigating the story of a drugstore clerk who claims she has been made the victim in a shakedown attempt. She confiends that several weeks ago her employer and a private detective asked her to sign papers admitting that she had lifted $400 from the register, over the period of a year.

Frightened and confused, the woman signed the papers when her employer promised her the papers will only be used to help on my income tax." Later the clerk was told that unless she ante'd up some loot she was going to jail as sure as shooting. "I'm innocent," she yelped, and that's when she got a lawyer.

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UNDER THE DIRECTION of Bowen Jackson, the local NAACP is increasing its activities in the labor field, with particular emphasis on firms which pay colored employees less money than white workers for the same job. Mr. Jackson is doing a wonderful job and performing a much needed task for the community at large.

Inside information indicates that Officer Leroy Moody, who has been on the Northwestern District beat for several years, has a number of supporters, who would like to see him made sergeant. Understand that Moody is studying, but hard, for the examination.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

You just can't beat that good old Southern hospitality.

While covering the assignment of Gloria Lockerman's visit to Gap Mills, W. Va., I got stranded in the tiny town Saturday night.

Gloria, her family and I had spent the entire day at the West Virginia State Fair, 25 miles away and when we returned it was too late to get a cab to go 40 miles to Covington, Va. where I was staying.

WITHOUT HESITATION, Gloria's aunt, Mrs. Fay Truss told me, "You're going to stay right here with us. You might as well because you have to be here in the morning anyway."

With that, she dashed upstairs. In a few seconds she was back with a night gown, robe, slippers and hair net. "I think that should do the job tonight," she laughed.

The next morning, before church services, Gloria's grandfather, the Rev. V. H. Key, and his brother-in-law, John Dunlop of Detroit, took me on a sight seeing tour of the countryside.

WHAT IMPRESSED me most was the log cabin — like structure of Rehobeth Methodist Church, the first Methodist Church to be erected West of the Allegheny Mountains.

Built by Edward Keenan in 1786 on a five - acre plot, the church was dedicated by the late Bishop Francis Asbury. A plaque on the front of the structure says that this church will last "as long as grass grows and water flows."

"Everything inside the church has been preserved, even down to the log benches. The wood shows no signs of decay and the heavy door still opens on wooden hinges.

In the church yard, marble monuments stand over the graves. Many are dated back as far as 1786.

Congratulations to Miss Jessie M. Green on her forthcoming marriage. The young lady was formerly employed at a downtown lunch counter that made the sandwiches that pleased the editorial department so much. The bridegroom is William H. Parker and the date of the reception is Sept. 10.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

A moonlight cruise down Chesapeake Bay sounds romantic. That's what a West Baltimore housewife thought Tuesday until it caused her a heap of trouble.

To those who happened to be in the Southwestern District station house the story, as it unfolded brought chuckles, but Harry goes that wifey left home too early and stayed away too late to suit her mate.

SHE ARRIVED—home around 6 a.m., and when the old man blew his stack, she claimed that she was "assaulted" by a "gentleman" who volunteered to drive her home from the port of departure.

Hubby said o.k. let's go tell it to the police. Wifey went along but unfolded her story before the desk sergeant, that is until she broke down and couldn't continue.

"She finally admitted: "It wasn't like that at all. I went out with him and forgot the time."

When last seen hubby was leading the little lady gently by the hand out the door. What happened after that? Your guess is as good as mine.

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NOW THAT Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte is on vacation, Police woman Carolyn Robinson is pulling what amounts to double duty

She has to look out for her district on the Eastside, and Sergeant Whyte's in Northwestern until the vacation is over. In the meantime, her father is critically ill at Provident Hospital.

Teenagers around the new Lafayette Courts are having their day much to the disgust of tenants.

Folks in the high rise buildings say they are drinking as if the distilleries had turned out their last batch of barley corn.

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Statement issued on Thursday

- Investigation already under way, he says
- Prosecution promised if charges true

WASHINGTON

Promise of an investigation into the denial of the right of colored people to vote in primaries in Mississippi and other parts of the South was made by Attorney General Herbert Brownell in a statement issued Thursday afternoon.

"I have already directed that an investigation be conducted," Mr Brownell said, adding: "If it is disclosed that any citizen has been deprived of his constitutional rights, immediate and vigorous action will follow."

The statement continued:

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"THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE has received numerous complaints from Mississippi and elsewhere to the effect that colored citizens of Mississippi, though registered and otherwise qualified, were denied the right to participate at voters in both the first and second primaries held during the month of August.

"Reports indicated that in some counties colored citizens are refused ballots when they allegedly failed to answer certain irrelevant and probably illegal questions—in other counties the reports indicate that ballots cast by them were apparently not counted—that colored persons were kept from the polls by threats and intimidations.

"Since the primaries involved no candidate for federal office, the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Justice under the Constitution must first be determined."

There's a Lucky Photo with a hair excited in this and every edition of the AFRO worth $5 to the person in it. Look for it, it may be you.

Kidnapped boy slain in Mississippi

GREENWOOD, Miss. — A white storekeeper and his half brother have been arrested in the kidnapping of 15-year - old Emmett Louis Till of Chicago.

Arrested were Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam. A third man who allegedly was in the kidnapping has not been apprehended.

Sheriff George W. Smith fears that the youth has been slain since searching parties sent out since Aug. 28 have not been able to find any trace of him.

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"I'm KIND of scared there's been foul play," Smith said. "It's possible he may have been killed. I don't see what else could have happened to him."

According to the sheriff, both men admitted taking Till who was visiting with an uncle, Moses Wright, at the nearby community of Money. He said the men "claim they let him out at the store."

The sheriff stated that an investigation disclosed that one of a group of colored boys last Saturday entered the Bryant's store and made "ugly remarks" to Mrs. Bryant.

THE FOLLOWING day three white men and a woman went to the Wright home and asked if the boy from Chicago was there. Upon entering, they took the boy out.

Wright said he asked where they were taking young Till and was told: "Nowhere, if he's not the right one." Till was placed in the car, Wright said, after a woman identified him as the right one.

Sheriff Smith said Bryant told him that they returned to the store with the boy and he was asked his wife whether he was the right one or not. She told him no he added, and they released the boy there.

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A FBI spokesman in Washington said that it had not enter the case, as yet.

"We only have asked Mississippi authorities to notify us if it develops that a federal law was violated." Normally the FBI takes part in kidnapping cases when it suspects a state law was crossed.

In Chicago, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, the boy's mother said: "He didn't do anything to deserve that. Somebody is going to pay for this. The entire state of Mississippi is going to pay for this."

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MRS. BRADLEY asserted what happened to her son is an everyday occurrence in Mississippi and "it's like walking into a den of snakes."

The FBI in Washington said it was keeping in close contact with Mississippi authorities but had made no move because there had been no evidence of a federal crime.

Emmett's body was found by a fisherman in a tributary River in the county with the same name. The kidnaping took place in Leflore County.

HE HAD a bullet wound one inch above the right temple and a smashed skull. The body had been weighted down with a cotton gin pulley and barbed wire, but his feet rose to the top.

The Chicago youth was buried at Money, Wednesday afternoon because his body was in such bad shape that it could not be shipped home for burial.

Teacher locals end color bar

AFL units vote for integration

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (NNPA)—Any local union of the American Federation of Teachers, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, which does not open its membership rolls to all teachers without racial discrimination by next June 1 will have its charter suspended.

A resolution to that effect was adopted after long and heated debate at the final session of the convention of the American Federation of Teachers, held here last week.

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THE RESOLUTION IS expected to have far - reaching effects in southern states where demagogues are threatening the jobs of teachers who may support the decision of the United States Supreme Court against segregated schools.

Organizing teams will be sent into the southern states to investigate the situation and help in programs of integrating colored teachers into the previously all-white locals, the council decided.

It was reported to the convention that of twenty - five locals known to have color bars only five had answered a questionnaire from the federation concerning the operation of, discovering locals were located in New Orleans, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile. The Mobile local has been operating on a non - segregated basis for a year.

William P. Swan of Gary, Indiana, pointed out that some of the southern locals had no colored members because colored public school teachers were afraid to apply for membership in them. He charged that some colored teachers had been threatened with loss of their jobs if they insisted on their right to join.

Courtroom camera use faces Pa. test

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The camera and freedom of the press in the news last week as Gov. J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware vetoed special licensing legislation for photographers and Pennsylvania news photographers sought relaxation of "Canon 35." The special licensing legislation, The McCullogh Portrait Photographer Bill, would have required all professional photographers selling portraits to citizens to obtain identification cards from the State Department.

THE GOVERNOR said the bill was discriminatory because it singled out one occupation, consisting of relatively few people, for regulation while innumerable other occupations dealing more closely with the public are not so regulated.

Section 35, which prohibits the use of cameras in courtrooms or courthouse premises without explicit judicial permission, was the subject of a "mock court" demonstration Monday at Philadelphia's staid and dimly-lighted Union League Club.

The demonstration, held in connection with the American Bar Association's annual convention, was staged by the National Press Photographer's association.

The Lincoln Room was set up like a courtroom. The panel consisted of three prominent jurists, Herbert F. Goodrich of Philadelphia, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, acting as Chief Judge, assisted by Stanley N. Barnes of Washington, D.C. Assistant U.S. Attorney General in the Department of Justice in charge of the Anti-Trust Division, and Charles W. Joiner of Ann Arbor, Mich., professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS representing a national magazine, a Philadelphia daily and the AFRO-AMERICAN shot more than 100 pictures without the use of flash or other than normal light of the courtroom.

Later Judge Goodrich said that the photographers did not distract him, but also that he was aware that pictures were being taken from the start.

Statements of the judges and other witnesses at the mock trial indicated that the taking of the pictures with unobtrusive cameras in the natural light did not distract the participants or affect the judicial proceedings in any way.

"WE FEEL therefore," said Joseph Costa, chairman of the board of NPPA, "that the demonstration was completely successful and proved conclusively that Canon 35, adopted in an era when press photographers did not have the versatile equipment they have today, should be relaxed."

A more serious test of Canon 35 will be made before the session of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which begins on September 27.

The court is that time will hear an appeal of seven newspapermen who were fined for criminal contempt of court for taking pictures outside the courtroom in connection with the trial of Mable for the Turnpike murders.

'Choked Her 'Til She Went Down'

Coroner's jury orders Airman held on murder charge

WASHINGTON

Airman 2/c William H. Lewis, 24, showed no reaction Tuesday when a coroner's jury held him for action of the grand jury on a charge of murdering his wife, Mrs. Florence D. Lewis, 21, last Wednesday night.

Lewis was committed to jail, pending the action of the grand jury. He had no counsel to represent him at the hearing at the D.C. Morgue. The hearing lasted one hour and 15 minutes.

Lewis told the same story he had related to Homicide Squad detectives after changing his mind about committing suicide following the death of his wife.

He said he "choked her until she went down."

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HIS FACE was expressionless as he related how he entered into an angry rage and choked his young wife in their apartment in the interracial DuPont Housing Project in the 3900 block of C St., SE.

The airman stopped two 14th Precinct privates, John H. Bonaparte and H. F. Shorter, around 5 o'clock last Thursday morning. "I've just killed my wife," the officer quoted him as saying. They went to the apartment where they found the body of Mrs. Lewis just inside the door.

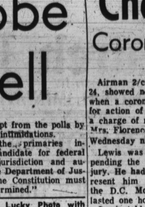
The couple's 15-month-old son was in his crib, suffering from a liver disorder. He was taken to D.C. General Hospital. The airman is stationed at Bolling Field.

LEWIS SAID he and his wife had quarrelled. He charged her with running around with other men.

Joseph Hannon, assistant U.S. attorney, presented the case for the government. Det. Sgt. Bernard F. Crook of the Homicide Squad made the original investigation and took a statement from Lewis, telling how the crime was committed.

Lewis is the son of Saul Lewis of the 4500 block Rhode Island Ave. in Brentwood, Md.

The case was scheduled to be presented to the grand jury this week.



MRS. FLORENCE D. LEWIS
Strangled by her husband

Strangling victim called 'model wife'

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Florence Lewis, 21, was described as a "model wife, devoted to her home, husband and invalid son" at her funeral services Tuesday at the Henry S. Washington Funeral Home, 4925 Deane Ave., NE.

Rev. S. Everette Guiles, pastor of the Campbell AME Church, preached the funeral sermon, substituting for the Rev. James H. Mayo, pastor of Ward Memorial AME Church, where Mrs. Lewis was an active member and Sunday School teacher.

The Rev. Mayo was out of town on business. The Rev. Guiles took his text from Isaiah 26:3 "They will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind stay on thee."

"I WISH I could say that Florence is now in heaven but I don't know. I hope she will find favor in the good things in her, her devotion to her home, her husband and her family—and find salvation for her."

The minister read a detailed account of the young woman's life, describing her married life to Airman William H. Lewis who is charged with strangling his beautiful wife to death.

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Auto victims' services held

Man, 19, girl, 9, killed, 2, injured

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held