Weather
Friday, warm and humid with possible thunder showers in the afternoon. Saturday, warm and humid. Sunday, warm and no change.

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"Our Father God: Give us courage and strength for the vast task of social rebuilding that needs to be dared if life for all men is to be made full and free."

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Coed Case 'Most Unfortunate'; Judge Frees Athlete

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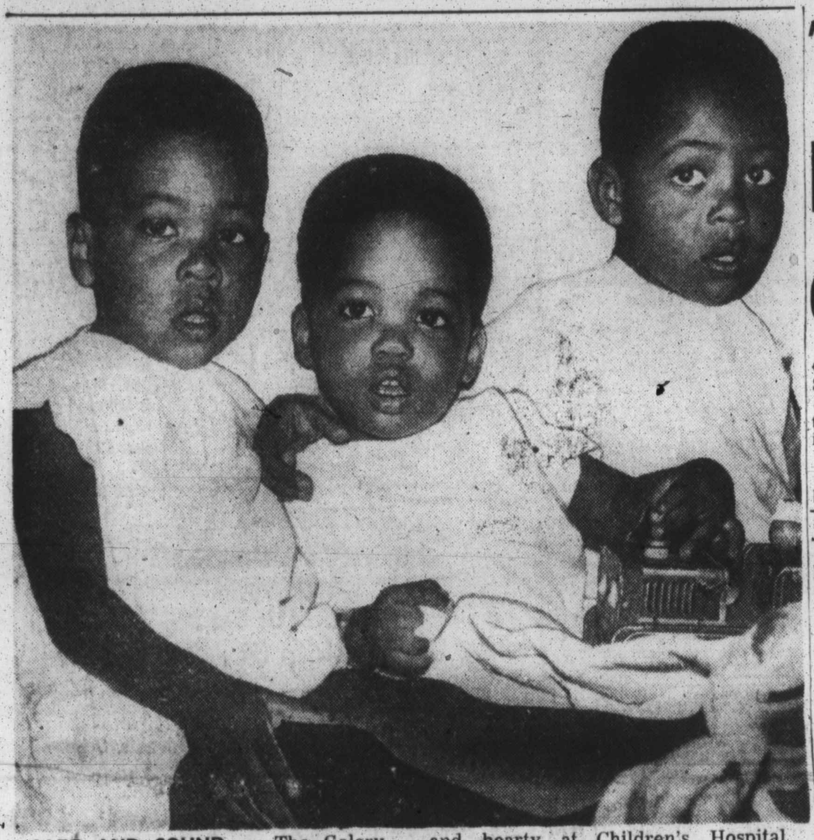
Shotgun 'Kiss' Fatal

Sausage King's Ex-Wife Weds College Sweetheart



SAFE AND SOUND — The Galery boys (left to right), Wayne, 3; Brian, 22 months, and Willard, 4, look hale and hearty at Children's Hospital where they are being treated as a result of eating 100 aspirin tablets.

'I'm very happy,' she comments

Mrs. Virginia B. Parks divorced Henry R. Parks, "The Sausage King," here, July 9, and a month later was married to an old college sweetheart, it was disclosed, Wednesday.

The new husband is Lt. Col. James Hillard, USA, who is based at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, where he heads the department of military tactics.

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Coincidentally, the former Mrs. Parks became Mrs. Hillard on August 9, the same date, in 1941, that she was wed to Mr. Parks.

Contacted in Springfield, Ohio, Wednesday, the new Mrs. Hillard said she was "very happy."

She and Lt. Col. Hillard, whom she had known 20 years ago when both were students at Wilberforce University, were married in Ahoskie, N.C. at the home of a physician friend, Dr. Joseph Weaver.

Mrs. Rossie Vallard, an Ahoskie nurse, was her attendant. The ceremony, witnessed by a half dozen close friends, was performed by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

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THE BRIDE wore a street-length frock of blue cotton brocade, with matching blue slippers and carried red roses.

Lt. Col. Hillard was in full dress uniform. Mrs. Vallard wore a pink flowered organza dress. Mrs. Hillard said the wedding was "very informal."

The newlyweds are residing in Springfield near the Central State campus. Mrs. Hillard is the former Virginia Byrd, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. James Byrd. Her father is on the Central State faculty.

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IN HER SUIT for divorce from Mr. Parks, Mrs. Hillard

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HIS GREATEST MOMENT — Along with approximately 5,000 other youngsters in Baltimore, William Cager, 5, of 1705 W. Lexington St., will enter school for the first time on Wednesday. But before William could enter he had to register and here his mother, Mrs. Flora Cager, leads him by the hand into the front door of the Joseph Harrison Lockerman School No. 100, at Mount and Saratoga Sts. William said he was happy about the whole thing.

Puts gun in mouth, kills self

By LENNY WIDDIS

WASHINGTON

Homicide police and an AFRO reporter lost a race with death, Thursday morning, as a 36-year-old airport baggage employee committeed suicide by blowing his brains out with a shotgun.

Jay C. Knight, 1009 11th St., NW, was found dead with a huge gunshot wound in the right side of his head. Less than 10 minutes earlier he had called police and told them "I am going to kill myself."

He is a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) and at one time was a member of the wrestling team.

Police and this reporter, who was at headquarters when the call came, attempted to reach the scene before the caller carried out his threat, but arrived minutes too late.

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THE VICTIM was found on the bed in his seventh-floor efficiency unit of the Imperial Apartments, his head resting on two blood-soaked pillows.

His body was completely in the bed, his eyes open and blood was still pouring from his mouth. The body lay completely in the bed, clad in bloody, polka dot pajamas.

Beside the body was a 16-gauge double barrel shotgun and the Bible.

Police said they found eight shotguns and two pistols in the apartment. Mr. Knight was described as an avid hunter and race track fan.

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SGT. EMMETT WATERS of the homicide squad said a note was also found in the kitchen. It read: "This is no foul play, my head hurts."

Police said the victim must have placed the shotgun barrel in his mouth and fired.

Homicide detective Sgt. Bernard D. Crooke received the suicide warning call about 10:45 a.m. just as this reporter walked into the office.

"He said he was going to

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Athlete freed in coed case

"Now, Pratt, you were found guilty by me of assault. It is a most unfortunate case from the standpoint of you and from the standpoint of your school.

"The case has given me a great deal of concern, to such an extent that I postponed disposing of it yesterday..."

(See photo page 2)

Judge James K. Cullen, whose stern voice resounded over a crowded courtroom Wednesday, was rendering a decision in the case against William Merrill Pratt, 20-year-old freshman star athlete at Morgan State College.

Pratt was one of five Morgan freshmen accused of the May 14 "lover's lane" rape of a 19-year-old coed from Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was tried before Judge Cullen and found guilty of assault on June 20.

The jurist said at that time that "I think it is a very aggrevated case of assault."

Charges against the other youths in the case have not been disposed of.

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IN HIS VERBAL opinion Wednesday Judge Cullen said:

"Your expulsion from college, the loss of one year of your college career and your failure to make the Olympics in California has certainly been very unfortunate for you and has a remedial effect.

"The Probation Department tells me from the social standpoint further embarrassment will be detrimental rather than beneficial to you.

"With all that in mind I'm going to assume a very serious responsibility for the public and strike out your guilty verdict and give you probation without a verdict."

When the judge handed down his decision the Palmyra, N.J., youth who wore a dark sports coat and gray trousers, breathed a sigh of relief.

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ALSO EXPRESSING joy at the decision was the youth's mother, Mrs. Mary Pratt, who accompanied him here from Palmyra.

"That was the most we could hope for," said W. Emerson

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'A big headache'

WASHINGTON

"I asked 'Butchy' what happened to all the aspirins.

"He told me he ate them.

"He said he had a headache."

Speaking was the mother of three baby boys who were taken to Children's Hospital, Monday, after tney consumed aspirin tablets.

Mrs. Barbara Galery, 22, 7 18th St., SE, said she made the startling discovery while preparing the children's food.

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THE GALERY boys, Willard, 4; Wayne, 3, and Brian, 22 months, were reported in 'satisfactory' condition Wednesday.

Emergency treatment included the youngsters having their stomachs pumped out and undergoing extensive medical tests to determine the effects of the aspirin-chewing spree.

The youngsters, already favorites at the hospital, are known there as "Wynken, Blynken, and Nod."

Mrs. Galery said her husband, Willard, 30, a driver for Safeway Stores, was at work during the near-tragedy. They have another child, 4-month-old Deborah.

The youngsters were in the

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Morgan State has record enrollment

Morgan State College will have the largest enrollment in its history when classes begin on Monday, Oct. 1.

A total of 2,035 students are expected to register, shattering the record of 1,913 set at the school last year.

Of this number, 650 will be freshmen, 50 will be transfer students, and 1,335 will be former students re-registering.

Freshmen are scheduled to report on the campus at 9 a.m.

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Teachers in new jobs

With the opening of its third year of integration on Wednesday Sept. 5, the Baltimore City Schools will mark another step forward as over 200 colored teachers begin the semester in formerly all-white schools.

In addition, it was predicted that there will be a notable rise in the number of integrated schools in the 195 unit school system. Last year the number of integrated schools was approximately 55.

The opening of school on Wednesday will also see the school population continue its upward trend. An estimated 154,295 youngsters are expected this year representing an approximate increase of 5,000 over last year.

The majority of the parochial elementary schools will open on Tuesday. Other schools will follow suit on Wednesday, Thurs-

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Johnson re-elected; Hueston victorious

LOUIS LAUTIER

By Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (NNPA) — The promised legal battle over Elks finances temporarily wilted late Thursday afternooon, when Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, D.C., was re-elected grand secretary.

The vote for Judge Heuston was overwhelming, with only two or three delegates voting for his opponent, William H. (Sarge) Walker, also of Washington.

The balloting for office followed a report by Judge Hues-

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Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia Tuesday was re-elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks for a third term.

The standing vote given him was overwhelming. His oppon-

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ent, Jessie M. Vann, Brooklyn, N.Y. real estate operator, was completely snowed under.

If it had been a boxing contest instead of an election of

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1,000 jam rites for beautician

WASHINGTON

"Only a few days ago I sang with Sister Worlds in the choir.

"She was a quiet unassuming woman, always ready to help those in need.

"Now God has taken her

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away, but he will take care of her.

"The earth has one angel less; heaven has one more."

Such was the eulogy delivered at services for Mrs. Ethel Worlds, held Monday night at Salem Baptist Church, 917 N St., NW.

The Rev. Herbert N. Travis,

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Ala. board gets cold feet in Montgomery bus boycott

WASHINGTON

Alabama Public Service commissioners say they never ordered or upheld segregation in the Montgomery bus boycott.

That announcement comes out of the brief filed in appealing this case to the Supreme Court on the part of Alabama officials.

District Federal judges outlawed bus segregation in the state in a 2 to 1 decision on June 5. The injunction against bus jim crow was suspended pending the appeal, which arrived last week in a brief to the clerk's office of the Supreme Court.

IN THESE papers, it is said, "The members of the Alabama Public Service Commission object to their joinder as parties defendant and move to dismiss the action against them."

Commissioners "never attempted or threatened to enforce the statutes and ordinances relating to the segregation of races on buses, operated by Montgomery City Lines, Inc.," they said.

Alabama Attorney General John Patterson and his assistants deny that Commissioners Jimmy Hitchcock and Sibyl Pool were aware of action by C. C. (Jack) Owen, president of the board.

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MR. OWEN sent a telegram to the National City Lines of Chicago, of which the Montgomery lines is a subsidiary, on April 24:

"As president of the Alabama Public Service Commission, elected by the people of Alabama, sworn to uphold the segregation laws of this state, which include all forms of public transportation, I hereby defy ruling handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court . . .

"Alabama state law requiring segregation of the races on buses still stands. All public carriers in Alabama are hereby directed to strictly adhere to all present ex-

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Tonsils out, new shoes on— six Bakers ready for school

By ELIZABETH MURPHY OLIVER

"We have bought the boys' shoes and will get the girls' before the first day, however the first thing we really did in preparation for the school year was to have Randolph Jr., Joan, Maxine and Yvonne's

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tonsils removed," said Mrs. Randolph Baker of 1205 Nolan Ct., Somerset Homes.

She and Mr. Baker have six children ranging from the ages of 6 to 13 who will enter school this fall. They are Randolph Jr., 13, who enters Dunbar Annex, grade 7; James Robert ("Bobby" to his friends) who is also in the 7th grade at school 453;

Joan, 11; John 10, and Gertrude Maxine, 7, will all go to School 139 and enter grades 6, 5 and 3, respectively. Yvonne who is in school for the first time, is 6 and in grade one, also at school 139.

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"THIS YEAR there are certain items that I am determined to get everyone of them at the very start," Mr. Baker declared firmly. "That's raincoats, hats, umbrellas and boots for everybody."

Mr. Baker, a native of Sykesville, Maryland, is a porter at the Gas and Electric Company. Mrs. Baker of Warsaw, Va., finds that she has enough to do to keep her at home although she is a trained practical nurse.

Should the Baker children get the rainclothes as promised, Mr. Baker estimates it will

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