# NO BATHTUBS IN MANY HOMES DESPITE LAW

(Story in Column 1)

Baltimore Afro-American

66th Year, No. 38
Copyright 1957 by AFRO-AMERICAN CO. for all material previously printed in the current National Edition.
BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 7, 1957 ★★★★★★★ LATE CITY EDITION 32 Pages Price: 15 Cents

# 'Lost All They Had'

## Bathtub law is violated

Is the regulation governing bathroom facilities being observed in Baltimore?

**To answer that question the AFRO sent a reporter out this week to check homes in the lower northwestern area of the city to determine whether they are complying with the law that states all dwelling units must have bathtubs and running hot water.**

A total of 50 homes were visited and out of this number 26 or a little more than half were found to be without bathtubs and also without hot water.

A spokesman at the Department of Health said on Thursday that it was "impossible" to have any large scale check on whether the bathtub law was being complied with because of the lack of personnel.

He said that persons who do not have bathtubs or hot water should contact the Department of Health and file a complaint.

He pointed out that since the law has been in effect, up until November of this year, 157 tubs had been ordered to be installed as well as 158 hot water heaters and 311 wash basins.

* * *

The Department of Health regulation which spells out what sanitary facilities shall be provided in the homes of the city has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1956.

It states:

"Every dwelling unit shall contain within a room which affords privacy, a bathtub or shower in good working condition which shall be properly connected to both hot and cold water lines and to the public sanitary sewer or to an approved sanitary sewage disposal system."

The regulation on hot water states:

"Every dwelling or dwelling unit shall have supplied water heating facilities which are

(Continued on Page 2)

## Eager to play for Birds, says Doby

PATERSON, N.J. — Larry Doby is looking forward to playing baseball in Baltimore next summer.

"Even if I didn't like the idea of going to Baltimore, I'd have to be pleased over the fact I'm still working. But I do like the

Our Colts set for crucial game. See details on Sports Page.

idea," declared the hard-hitting outfielder who was traded early this week to the Orioles by the Chicago White Sox.

**"Minnie (Minoso) has told me he'd rather play for Paul Richards than for anybody he knows," Larry continued, discussing the deal at his home here. "That sounds mighty good to me."**

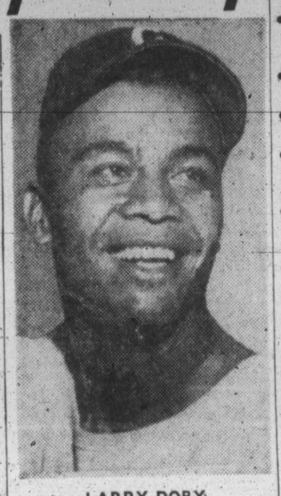
Doby was involved in a five-player transaction, in which the Chicago White Sox traded him, along with pitcher Jack Harshman, to the Orioles for outfielder Tito Francona, pitcher Ray Moore and infielder Billy Goodman.

* * *

**"USUALLY** ball players don't like being moved around," Doby went on, "but I can't say that I mind very much.

"The prospect of playing for Richards and for the Baltimore fans makes it easier being dealt off.

"If what Minoso and Connie



LARRY DOBY
*He's a Bird now.*

Johnson have said means anything, it's going to be a pleasure playing under Richards. And there are a lot of fellows who've expressed the opinion you can't beat these Baltimore fans for loyalty.

"Another thing," the muscu-

(Continued on Page 24)

## INSIDE


- **FATHER AYD**, prison chaplain dies. See editorial Page—4.
- **CORNISH** family's new home designed by Mrs. Cornish—Feature Page.
- **800 ATTEND** wedding of Miss Russell and Mr. Blackwell Page—10.
- **STICK-TO-KNITTING** speech Made at Morgan—Page—7.
- **'MAN ON RAMPAGE'** may get mental exam—Page—32.
- **COUNCILMEN** rap refusal to sell veteran new house—Page—32.
- **HATCHETT** says he's undecided about Senate race—Page—16.
- **51 YEARS** of progress is story of Southern Life Insurance Co.—Page—17.
- **MORDECAI JOHNSON** is religion-in-life speaker next week at Morgan—Page 9.
- **10 YEARS** on dope charge Page—21.
- **EASTSIDE** girl's death ruled suicide—Page 32.


## No AME General Conference

ST. LOUIS (Special) — The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in St. Paul Church, declined Wednesday to vote for an extra General Conference to be held next year.

The special committee of bishops appointed to consider the need for a special session, the place to hold it and the means of financing it, brought in an adverse report after a 3-5:30 p.m. session.

"We are trying to straighten out our problems within the Bishops Council," Bishop Frank Madison Reid, secretary said.

The committee's report was accepted without a vote.

* * *

**VERY OLD** bishops had backed the proposal for an extra general conference to:

(1) Reconsider the action of the church's Judicial Council (supreme court) in the Bishop D. Ward Nichols case,

(2) Limit the power and authority of the Judicial Council,

(3) Readjust the budget by raising per-member assessments in certain northern industrial areas — Present assessment is $4 per member.

The sun broke through the clouds after a light snow Wednesday.

The Council issued no official

(Continued on Page 2)

**DIED IN FIRE**—The three children of Fireman and Mrs. Cecil Lewis as they looked last Christmas. They are Stanley, 3, Valerie, 2, and Stephen, 5. Funeral is Saturday.

## McCulloh Homes fire kills their 3 children

"We had already paid on all their toys for Christmas.

"And we had planned to buy a home in January in Walbrook. We wanted to have better surroundings for the children."

**Mrs. Claressa Lewis, 25, wife of a 26-year-old fireman, Cecil Lewis, sobbed softly Thursday morning as she talked to the AFRO. A neighbor sympathetically commented, "They've lost all they had."**

Tears rolled down the young housewife's cheeks as she clutched a picture of all three of her children who died this week from smoke suffocation, during a fire in their McCulloh Homes apartment at 415 Manse Ct., while the parents were away.

"This picture was made right here last Christmas morning," Mrs. Lewis said.

* * *

**DEAD AS** result of a fire in the home late Monday night are:

Stanley Andre Lewis, 3, pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital at 12:15 Tuesday morning;

Valerie Karen Lewis, 2, who died at Provident at 10:15 Tuesday morning;

Stephen Arnold Lewis, 5, who died at Provident 12:15 a.m. Wednesday morning.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis said they left home about 10 p.m. Monday night after putting the children to bed in a third-floor rear bedroom, leaving the key with a neighbor who agreed to "Keep an eye on them."**

They said they learned of the fire, which Northwestern police reported started about 11:35 p.m., when they returned home Tuesday morning after 2 a.m.

* * *

**"I TRIED** to drive the car to the hospital but I couldn't," Mrs. Lewis said. "My husband couldn't drive either. We were that nervous. We stopped a man and he took us there."

The fire was confined to a sofa on the second floor of the apartment. The parents said they learned that a short-circuit in a table lamp left burning at the end of the sofa had started the fire.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis said they had gone out to the home of Mrs. Rosalee Beale, 2202 Bryant Ave., where they played cards. They said they left the key to their home with Mrs. Viola Dunaway, 423 Manse Ct.**

Mrs. Dunaway told the

(Continued on Page 2)

## That white stuff is really SNOW

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

"Snow ending before noon." That was the forecast that

(See Photo Page 32)

the Weather Department issued for Wednesday.

Sad to relate the Department was a little in error.

**The snow didn't end before noon on Wednesday, in fact, it kept right on snowing until early evening when the last little flake drifted out of the sky to join the rest of the little flakes that taken together, and please forgive the English, added up to a whole mess of snow.**

In some areas of the city the snow reached a depth of a foot, which is quite some depth since it hasn't snowed like that in Baltimore in over ten years.

* * *

**THE FLAKES** began falling Tuesday evening but melted almost as soon as they struck the street deluding some persons into believing that there would be only light snow.

**They received the surprise of their lives when they awoke on Wednesday morning and discovered that Mother Nature had been as busy as a beaver and all that white stuff in the street wasn't cotton.**

Things were bad early in the morning and during the rest of the day they didn't get any better.

There was many an unhappy motorist who found that trying to drive without chains or

(Continued on Page 5)

**KITCHEN SINK IS BASIN**—Mrs. Hattie Hill, 65, 622 Jasper St. has to use this kitchen sink to wash her face. Below the sink is a water pail used for bathing purposes. She pays $6 a week.

## Mrs. Bates appeals fine

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Municipal Court Judge Harry C. Robinson, who recently freed scores of white persons of charges growing out of the September Central High School mob violence, struck at the NAACP here Wednesday with a $100 fine against Mrs. Daisy Bates.

**The action was against the**

(Continued on Page 14)

## Air defense missile unveiled Thursday at Fort George Meade

The nation's first fully operational electronic air defense missile was presented yesterday (Thursday) at Fort George Meade.

Developed at Glenn L. Martin Co., it was unveiled by Martin president, G. L. Martin, and presented to Lt. Gen. Charles G. Hart, Commanding General of the United States Army Air Defense before a score of newsmen including an AFRO reporter.

Called the "Missile Master," this defense device is an electronic system which detects enemy aircraft. After the detection, the system projects such information to T.V.—like picture tubes for a precise aim at the target.

## Wrighten loses S. C. election bid

CHARLESTON, S.C. — "I'm not at all discouraged by the outcome of the election. I plan to run for political office as long as I'm in the area. I have strong thoughts of running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the future.

"My election would have shown the nation that the people of Charleston believe in the democratic principles of America."

**John H. Wrighten, an attorney and the lone colored candidate seeking a seat in the South Carolina State Legislature, expressed that sentiment Wednesday here following his unsuccessful bid Tuesday for election.**

Norman W. Stevenson, one of three other white candidates seeking to represent Charleston County residents, won the General Assembly seat in the special election with upwards of 10,000 votes.

Mr. Wrighten garnered more than 3,000 votes and the two other candidates, William S. Turner and William R. Beck gathered upwards of 1,200 and 700 votes respectively.

According to the 1950 census, there were 90,000 whites and 68,000 colored persons in Charleston County. Mr. Wrighten told the AFRO that about 18,000 persons voted in the election.

**It had been earlier speculated that the Charleston lawyer had a more than even chance of winning due to the massive bloc vote of colored persons, since the white vote was di-**

(Continued on Page 2)

TO PLACE A
RESULTS-GETTING
CLASSIFIED AD —
SELL, RENT, TRADE, BUY, SWAP; FOR JOBS, HELP, ETC., REMEMBER . . .

## AFRO's Miss Sheila, Santa Claus' helper, can help you if . . .

You know a needy family which would like toys, clothing, food for Christmas, you should write a letter on their behalf - address it to Dear Santa, AFRO City Desk, Baltimore, 1, Md.

Be sure to include ages of children — explain why the family is deserving and give the correct address. If there is a phone number at the address of the needy family, include it in your letter.

For stories about families which have already appealed to the AFRO's Santa Claus helper, Miss Sheila, turn to Page—16.

## Van Horns ideal couple, maid tells murder trial

"They were just as sweet together as they could be.

"There was never a cross word.

"They loved each other and I know they did because I was

(See Photos Page 21)

the one closest to them."

**Mrs. Helen M. Garey, housekeeper for the Van Horn family was positive as she spoke the above words.**

She made the statements as she walked from the courtroom in the Towson Courthouse where her former employer, Robert Jett Van Horn was on trial for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Bernice Ward Flynn Van Horn.

To support her statements, Mrs. Garey told the AFRO that she had been with the couple during the entire time of their two years and five months marriage, and she was certain of the words she spoke.

"In fact," she added, "the only one who could tell me he (Mr. Van Horn) did it purposely is Jesus and He would have

(Continued on Page 21)

## New York ruling closes office of Va. resort hotel

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Elmer A. Carter, of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, rendered a far-reaching ruling Tuesday when he held that the New York office of the Homestead, resort hotel in Hot Springs, Va., violated the New York State law against discrimination by rejecting patrons because of their Jewish faith.

If the ruling is applied in analogous cases, it could force the closing of New York offices of resort hotels in Florida which ban colored guests, and also prohibit the placing of advertising in New York newspapers for such hotels.

The complaint, upon which Mr. Carter ruled, involved the rejection of an application for reservations made in April, 1956. The hotel's New York office, in a midtown hotel, was closed down last July, 12, but Mr. Carter said this did not make the issue "moot."

* * *

**"THERE CAN** be no assurance that any temporary discontinuance of activities here will remain permanent," he said. He added that he was "closing this case with the specific reservation that it is subject to reopening at any time upon sufficient evidence that respondent has resumed its activities in the State of New York without compliance with the law against discrimination."

The complainant, Mrs. David Kaplan, of New York City, charged that between April 12 and April 17, 1956, her applica-

(Continued on Page 2)

## Former wife nixes plan to rewed $64,000 star

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

NEW YORK — The marital troubles of Bible quiz ace Adepoju Aderonmu plunged the Columbia Broadcasting System and Entertainment Productions Incorporated, producers of the $64,000 Question into a tailspin late Wednesday.

Mrs. Fay Aderonmu, the ex-wife of Adepoju, announced that she was not going through with her Tuesday promise to remarry the heir to a Nigerian tribal throne. Immediately following the announcement, Judge Charles Horowitz issued a new non-support summons demanding that "Addie," now up to $90,000 on the nationally televised quiz show, appear in court next Monday and make provisions to care for Sheila, the couple's 15-month-old daughter.

* * *

**IN THE** wake of the newest development, CBS officials reportedly spirited the popular "Addie" out of his hotel, and have kept the Bible wizard hidden from newsmen.

On Tuesday, the couple appeared in Bronx Domestic Relations Court and fell into each other's arms. To the delight of the judge and spectators, the couple went out for a two-hour "bill and coo" lunch and returned to say they would remarry as soon as possible. They were scheduled to get a

(Continued on Page 14)

EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD
There's a carrier available in your neighborhood for prompt delivery.
AFRO
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE
CALL MU. 5-6016