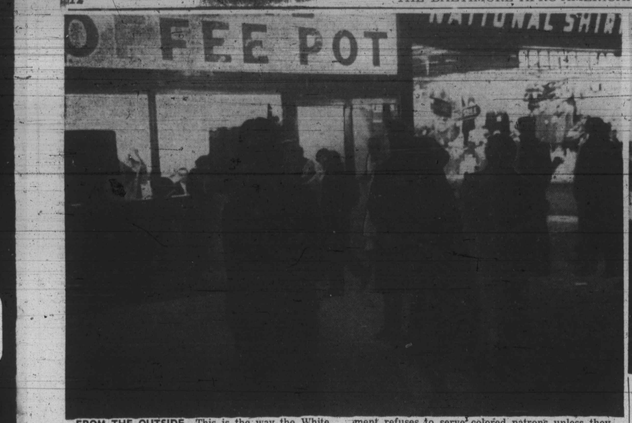


FROM THE OUTSIDE—This is the way the White Coffee Pot in the new shopping center on Gwynns Falls Parkway looks at night. The restaurant has been the target of a continuing anti-discrimination demonstration since its opening in the fall. The management refuses to serve colored patrons unless they take their purchases outside. Owner Myles Katz has said that his white customers might object if the policy was changed.

SEATED BUT NO SERVICE—Seeking to end discrimination at the White Coffee Pot restaurant, a number of citizens from various community and civic groups, have been conducting sit-in demonstrations at restaurants operated by the chain. This is the one in the new northwest shopping center. The technique of the demonstrators is to enter a restaurant, take seats and then ask for service. Many of the groups are mixed.

# White Coffee Pot protest continues twice a week

"Sit-in demonstrations" protesting discrimination in the White Coffee Pot outlet at the new Gwynns Falls Parkway shopping center are continuing semi-weekly despite activities on the part of the management to keep the sitters outside.

Last Saturday when the demonstrators, estimated at between 50 and 60, appeared at the all-night restaurant, an employee was stationed at the door but not before half of the group had already entered and taken seats.

From there on out the employee admitted only those patrons whom he screened first.

The group of demonstration was a mixed one and while several white members were kept out the process also kept out several white potential customers who had no connection with the sitters.

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THE demonstrations started shortly after the opening of the shopping center in the fall when the White Coffee Pot management turned down proposals that it serve all customers.

Three other eating facilities in the center do not have discriminatory policies leaving the White Coffee Pot as the only place that will not serve colored customers unless they take their purchases outside.

The firm operates a chain of restaurants throughout the city and several of them have also been targets of the "sit-in" technique which has been used successfully before in the city on several occasions.

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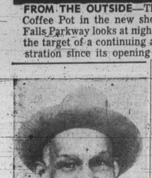
THE demonstrators usually enter in a mixed group, sit at a table or counter. After being refused service, they continued to sit for a certain period of time.

The demonstrators are drawn from a number of community groups.

In conversations with Myles Katz, president, of the chain, they have been informed that they could not be served because the white patrons "might object."

HE WANTED THIS—Shortly before Christmas Carl Smith expressed a wish that he could receive some Christmas cards. When his request appeared in the AFRO along with the information that he was not expected to live until Christmas, this was the result. Over 800 cards were sent by readers to the cancer victim and he also received gifts and money. The guitar he holds and the cowboy hat he wears were all gifts from readers. Nurse Joan Weitz is shown reading one of the cards in Carl's room at Johns Hopkins Hospital. This was Carl's last Christmas for on Sunday afternoon, to use the words of a hospital spokesman, "he slipped away." His brief and simple services were held on Thursday. Carl was a pupil at the Benjamin Banneker School No. 113.



AFTER 33 YEARS — Andrew J. Pinn, at 1811 Madison Ave., retired from active service as a pullman porter on Dec. 1, after more than three decades. Mr. Pinn is a charter member and one of the organizers of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Baltimore division.

# State job barriers may be investigated

ANNAPOLIS — "We ought to start practicing it state-wide."

With this statement on Wednesday in reference to Baltimore's Fair Employment Practices Ordinance, State Sen. Phillip H. Goodman announced that he will introduce a resolution asking the Governor to appoint a commission charged with the responsibility of investigating employment practices in state agencies.

The resolution is to be introduced into the General Assembly and, according to Senator Goodman, is the outgrowth of his observation that minority groups are not fairly represented in "white collar" jobs in state offices.

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STANDING IN ONE of the corridors of the Capital Building, Senator Goodman also said the current session will also see him introduce a bill that would delete the words "white" and "colored" from the charters of the four training schools—Barrett Training-School and Boys Village for colored, and Montrose and Maryland Training School for white.

Passage of the measure will clear the way for the integration of the schools in view of a recent ruling by the Attorney General that segregation could not be achieved unless the legislature or the courts removed the racial restrictions from the schools' charters.

Also scheduled for introduction by the senator is a bill that would outlaw the so-called "debt counselors" who act as a middleman between persons who owe bills and their creditors.

# 6 clerics indicted by Atlanta jury

ATLANTA — Six ministers were indicted Tuesday on misdemeanor charges of violating the Georgia segregation laws. All six are free on $1,000 bail to await trial.

Indicted were the Revs. William H. Borders, Wheat Street Baptist Church; B. Joseph Johnson, Mt. Calvary Baptist; Roy Williams, Smith Chapel Baptist; Albert Fisher, West Hunter Baptist; R. B. Shorts, Atlanta CME Church, and Howard Buss, Rockdale Baptist Church.

After posting bond, the ministers told reporters that "this is just what we wanted," a chance to make a quick court test of Georgia's segregation laws.

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THERE'S A LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at the AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.

# Members of petit juries for January

Among those selected to serve for three weeks on petit juries this month are:

George W. Moore, auto mechanic, 1824 Mosher St.; Matthew Young, upholster, 917 Mechanic Ave.; Francis X. Wheeler, painter, 706 N. Appleton St.; Mrs. Pearl G. Miles, 1221 N. Bentalou St.

Also William K. Tidwell, chauffer, 1512 Clifton Ave.; Reed T. Watts, salesman, 2320 Lauretta Ave.; Mrs. Alfreda Hanson, 443 E. 22nd St.; Mrs. Mary E. Page, instructor, 1113 N. Carrollton Ave.

Miss Gloria Jordan, 2730 Lauretta Ave.; Mrs. Frances M. Stafford, 1810 Edmondson Ave., and Mrs. Nettie M. Higgins, 1306 Riggs Ave.

# Dashing for the nearest exit

(AN EDITORIAL)

The school segregation question came alive again recently when a Congressional subcommittee recommended integration of colored students again be separated in District of Columbia schools.

That such a recommendation should be made in the face of the Supreme Court's decision is, of course, deplorable. It serves only to highlight the fact that there are still people in our country who place their own personal prejudices above the law of the land.

More distressing still is the fact that the subcommittee's recommendation unveils a shocking proverty of mental resourcefulness on the part of some of the men to whom the care of our government has been committed.

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IF WE ACCEPT as a fact the allegation that integration has caused serious problems to arise within the schools of the District we must naturally agree that the problems ought to be attacked and solved. But the solution to the problems must be consonant with the law of our country.

However, it has certainly not been established that the problems discovered by the subcommittee have been caused by integration. Subsequent investigation. Then may have followed upon integration. But it is a daring thing to say that they have been caused by integration.

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THE PROBLEM of low educational standards is serious problem in every state of the nation. It needs attention. It begs for a solution. And when it gets the proper attention we may hope that it will be solved. But when it is solved it will be solved for all the students of our schools, be they colored or white. It will not be solved for one race and not the other, because it is not a race problem.

The same may be said for the other problems pointed out by the subcommittee's report. Take the large view, work on the whole canvass, solve them for the nation and they will be solved for all, within an integrated school system.

Of course, it will tax all the brainpower available to solve these problems for the whole of our country. And granted that men are, after all merely men, it is not surprising that some should dive for the nearest exit rather than face the issue.

(From the Catholic Review)

TURNER STATION YMCA OFFICERS, left to right sitting: Dr. Louis D. Glaser, membership enrollment chairman; Mrs. Gertha Davis, vice chairman; Frank Waterhouse, representative to Metropolitan Board

# William Brooks gets 2 years for theft

William Brooks, 47, 600 block N. Carey St., was sentenced to two years in Federal prison Friday when he pleaded guilty to two cases of theft of U.S. mail.

Judge R. Dorsey Watkins found the defendant not guilty in two other cases.

Martin Ferris, assistant United States attorney, said Mr. Brooks was apprehended early in December and accused of rifling mail boxes for Welfare Department checks.

# —Carl is buried

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the ride to the cold grave that waited silently for Carl at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

It was a brief story—born Nov. 14, 1949, exhibited and found to have an incurable cancer of the stomach in January, 1956—died Jan. 13 and buried Jan. 17, 1957.

There were no loud cries at this funeral but the soft and painful sobs that filled the room brought tears to the eyes of almost every person as they sat as if joined together in an invisible but very real common bond of sorrow.

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IT WAS the soft but eloquently simple voice of the Rev. Mr. Kearse, pastor of the Great Baptist Church, that set the tone of the 45-minute service when he said:

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

The Rev. Mr. Kearse did not know Carl personally, but like so many other people he had heard of the youngster and read his story in the pages of the AFRO. As a father, he put into words the feelings of those who heard him:—

"I suppose that it is easy for each of us to place ourselves in the shoes of the parents, and if you do your heart will ache even now.

"It is difficult enough when a child grows up and dies and my heart goes out because here lies a boy not really knowing what life had to offer."

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AND AS the minister was touched, so were other people who knew about Carl.

He wanted some Christmas cards to make his holiday a little brighter.

When doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital said he might not live until Christmas, the AFRO published his story.

Readers swamped him with over 800 cards and gifts that would warm any little boy's heart.

Like other children, Carl wanted to be home for Christmas and even though the skilled doctors said that he would be soon, somehow he found the strength to get out of his bed and go home.

The visit wasn't long and Carl had to go back to the hospital for the last time. But would happen and Carl would live.

That miracle never happened and on Sunday afternoon, physicians at Hopkins reported that Carl had "slipped away."

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AND NOW on Thursday they were burying Carl, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith, 2131 Greenmount Ave., sat near the front of the chapel. She with her head bowed, and he with his eyes fixed steadily on the wall ahead of him.

Carl's three sisters and two brothers sat dutifully still.

"Every since Jan. 1956 the Smith family has been going through the shadow of the valley of death," said the Rev. Mr. Kearse. "To Mr. and Mrs. Smith I say that even though they have been through the shadows there is no need to be afraid."

To answer the unspoken question of "why," the minister admitted "I do not know." Then he added:

"God moves in mysterious ways. Jesus has loved Carl so well. He has lifted him out of the possibility of more suffering. The Head Master of the universe has spoken to Carl and said 'you've been given a rather stiff examination and you have passed with flying colors.'

"'You have done so well that I am going to promote you. From this day on you will be in eternity.'"

Then the minister said:

"Out of such material as children is made the kingdom of God."

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THERE WAS not much more to the service. A brief obituary—for after all Carl lived only seven years — a message from the family, a solo by Miss Eva Hughes and organ music by Mrs. Sylvia Boddie.

The the casket was opened and the people filed by for their last look at Carl.

They wiped away the tears but they couldn't wipe the sorrow from their faces.

As the last mourner moved away, the casket was closed over to where Mr. and Mrs. Smith sat with their children.

Without a word, Mrs. Smith leaned over and touched her son and her hand lingered on his face. Mr. Smith said good-bye to the boy in the same manner.

It was quiet in the chapel and it was a quietness of sorrow. Mrs. Smith cried and her husband cried and the people ed away from the family and then taken to the white hearse outside the building.

Volunteers took the flowers out of the building.

The floral tributes came from Carl's family, his teacher, Mrs. Bettye Sheldon, who was at his bedside when he died.

Also, his classmates at Banneker Elementary School No. 113, which he attended briefly; the principal and faculty of School No. 113, the patrons of the Club House; the patrons of the Winfield restaurant, and the employees of the Canton Cartage Co. and Universal Carloading and Redistributing firm.

Slowly Carl's family left the chapel. In addition to his parents he is survived by the five brothers and sisters, William Jr., 9, Eloise, 8, Marvin, 5, Shirley Ann, 2, and Gail, 1.

Other survivors include his grandmother and great-grandmother, His paternal grandfather, Theodore Roosevelt Smith, 53, was also a cancer victim and died at Hopkins last Thursday and was buried on Monday.

Relatives and friends occupied four cars to accompany the body to the cemetery and as they made ready to drive off, the sun had been hidden almost all day, suddenly brightened the street.

This was Carl's goodbye. He lived for seven years but as the Rev. Mr. Kearse said:

"Those who knew him will never forget him."

THE FINAL ACT—Sunday afternoon saw the end of the struggle of Carl Smith when he died in Johns Hopkins Hospital. The seven-year-old youngster was the victim of a stomach cancer. His story in the AFRO attracted the interest and prayers of thousands of persons. Here he is shown in his coffin

HEARD THREATS—Jessie Haskins, 928 Park Ave., Baltimore, entering New Brunswick, N.J. Courthouse on Wednesday. He testified at trial of Richard L. (Ricky) Hunt, charged with shotgun death of his wife, Helen. Mr. Haskins is father of Helen. He told court he heard Ricky say: "I've got a gun and I'm going to kill you."

# —Rickey trial

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had said was under threats or promises by the detectives. He refused to give them a written statement after he was returned to New Brunswick, he testified.

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THURSDAY afternoon Miss Campbell took the stand at the request of Prosecutor Warren W. Wilentz.

Dressed in black and appearing weary of the ordeal of a lengthy trial during which time she had heard herself and her children by Hunt mentioned in other testimony, she spoke in a low voice and seemed afraid.

"I lived with Richard from April until he got in this trouble," she testified.

Admitting that Hunt visited her when she was a student at Virginia Union University, Miss Campbell testified that she left college because she did not have tuition for the next term. She denied that it was because she was pregnant at the time.

"I didn't find out I was pregnant until October," she stated.

"He told me that he shot his wife after he had been hit by the baseball bat," Miss Campbell also testified.

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PREVIOUS testimony by William Harley, and his wife, Bertha, who were on the murder scene, indicated that Hunt had been hit by the baseball bat while he was kneeling over the unconscious body of his wife after she had been shot.

Subsequent testimony by Thomas Williams, husband of the dead woman's sister, Johnnah, indicated that Williams hit Hunt over the head with the bat when Hunt was attempting to assault the body of his wife with the butt of his pistol.

"I saw Hunt pull back the barrel of the gun while he was on the porch after the, shots fired. After he shot her and she fell to the ground, he ran and got on top of her. that's when I got the bat and hit him," Williams testified.

He said he did not know his wife had the baby in her arms when he shot." Miss Campbell testified.

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ACCORDING TO previous testimony of Detective Spisso, Hunt got the gun in a Baltimore Theatre.

"He said it was wrapped in a paper bag and that he purchased the shells for it. He said he took it to New Brunswick with him on June 19 to use if he had to and to use it on whoever he had to use it on.

"He confessed he shot his wife and stated that he thought he had killed her and William Harley," both detectives testified.

Defense Lawyer Joseph Edgar interrupted their statements frequently saying that they were "carbon copies," that they were "recitations," reports of "Readers' Digest Reports" of the prosecutor's opening statement to the jury the first day of the trial.

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HIS OBJECTION overruled, both detectives testified that Hunt had fled the murder scene, earlier, by freight to some where in Pennsylvania and gone to Baltimore by bus.

According to the detectives, Hunt told them that he had been hit on the head with a baseball bat and put down from the train floor on his head to stop the bleeding.

He "blacked out" from lost of blood while on the freight train, Hunt is said to have told the detectives.

Bates testified: "Hunt said he went to Baltimore to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryce, where Jo Ann treated his head and then he left for Tennessee, where his mother gave him money."

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HUNT TOLD us that he went to New Orleans, left when the FBI seemed to be on his trail, and ended up in Los Angeles, where he worked in an auto plant until we picked him up," Lieutenant Bates said.

Hunt denied he made any statements voluntarily and testified: "Detective Bates was constantly saying that I should sign a statement and then I wouldn't get the electric chair."

Expected to go into the third week, the trial is said by old-timers to be unprecedented both in length of time and in unusual delays and events which have held the trial up.

Frequently it has been said that the trial has been "jinxed" from the start.

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STILL TO testify for the state is John Ryce, 2224 Ashburton St., Baltimore, with whom, according to Mrs. Lucille Ryce, his daughter, Hunt stayed the day after the shooting, June 21.

Also Mrs. Rosalie Washington, 2950 W. North Ave. with whom, Hunt and Jo Ann lived as man and wife. They are said to have applied for the room as Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunt.

Mrs. Washington is expected to testify Monday as well as George Lee, Baltimore AFRO Circulation Manager, who, according to Detective Bates, knew of the Hunts' married life together. According to defense Attorney Edgar, he will present

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# Baltimore residents talk at Ricky trial

By E. M. OLIVER

NEW BRUNSWICK N.J. — "He asked me if he could lie down.

"I told him 'no,' because I was afraid he might die in my bed."

Mrs. Lucille Ryce, 2224 Ashburton St., Baltimore, was testifying here, Tuesday as a witness for the state against Richard L. (Ricky) Hunt, on trial here for the June 20 shotgun death of his wife, Helen.

The trial entered its tenth day today (Friday).

Mrs. Ryce said Hunt had appeared at her back door at 10 the morning after the fatal pistol shooting of Mrs. Hunt in front of the Elks' Home here.

HER HUSBAND, John Ryce, had met Hunt in Baltimore in 1952 when they were taking instructions for jobs with the Baltimore Transit Company, she stated. It was then they had become friendly with him and his wife, Helen.

"I let him in the kitchen, and I noticed he was all bloody," Mrs. Ryce added.

I said: "My Lord, what happened to you?"

Hunt said, 'My in-laws and I had a fight.'

"I asked him if I could take him to the hospital and he said, no, that he would be OK."

Mrs. Ryce testified that Hunt had a wound at the nape of his head which you could lay a finger in, and that she could see "thinns working inside his head as he breathed, the wound was so deep.

"Another wound was at the back of his head which was also filled with blood and sand.

"He asked me to help him clean out the wounds and I told him—I just couldn't, that it made me sick to look at him."

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IT WAS later revealed through testimony that the wounds Hunt received were from blows of a baseball bat allegedly wielded by a brother-in-law as Ricky bent over his wounded wife.

"Go get Joe" — Mrs. Ryce testified that Hunt said.

Mrs. Ryce said she thought his wife was dead, discovered "Joe" was Miss Jo Ann Campbell—when she reached the Fulton Ave. address Hunt had given her.

Mrs. Ryce also testified that Hunt made a long distance call to his mother in Chattanooga, has never paid her for the call.

She stated that Jo Ann stayed there at her house, but that Hunt went out and she never saw him again until in the courtroom.

She also stated that in 1952 or 1953 he came to her house with "another woman" who was neither his wife nor Miss Campbell.

In addition, Mrs. Ryce testified that Hunt frequently took his children out for walks on Sundays and took her children along too.

WILLIAM HARLEY, husband of Bertha, the victim's sister, testified that he awoke when he heard a disturbance downstairs at his Baldwin St. home.

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"HE WAS ALL BLOODY"—This was the testimony given in Middlesex County Courthouse in New Brunswick, N.J., this week at the trial of Richard (Ricky) Hunt on trial for death of his wife. Testimony was given by Mrs. John Ryce, 2224 Ashburton St., shown here with her husband. Mrs. Ryce said Ricky came to their back door on the night of June 21. The Ryces met him when he was employed as a transit company driver.

# Court grants' pleas of 11 couples awards them divorces for New Year

was sentenced to prison. He was also sentenced to a term for non-support.

"When he was released the last time, he did not come back to us."

Mrs. Daisy Brooks, 1061 Myrtle Ave. testified against Henry R. Brooks, of Ithaca, N.Y.

Mrs. Brooks was married in 1936 and separated in 1942.

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A DIVORCE also went to Mrs. Catherine Franklin of 809 W. Lexington St., from Louis Franklin of New York.

"He left me," the wife said. "He drank continuously and was cruel when he was drinking."

The couple, married in 1944, separated in 1946, according to the testimony.

MRS. ANN CLAYTON of 1814 Edmondson Ave., said that when Charles Clayton packed and left in 1951 and has not been back since, won a divorce.

The Claytons had been married two years. She will resume her maiden name, Diggs.

MRS. ELLEN WILSON was given custody of their two children when Woodrow Wilson of 1846 W. North Ave. won a divorce from her.

Mr. Wilson was charged with support of the children. He told the court that Mrs. Wilson "just walked out and took the children with her." That was in 1954, he said. The couple was married in 1947.

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HE SAID he wasn't going to pay the rent any longer and left." Mrs. Geneva Phillips of 3023 W. North Avenue testified.

Along with a divorce from Milton L. Phillips she was granted the right to resume her maiden name, Fedd.

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VOLUNTARY SEPARATION was the ground upon which Joseph Weldon of 711 E. Biddle St. won a divorce from Mrs. Martha Weldon.

The husband said that after 18 years of marriage they "agreed to live separate and apart." They were married in 1933.

VOLUNTARY SEPARATION was also the grounds on which Mrs. Helen Wild won a divorce from Marion G. Wild.

"We just couldn't get along, we couldn't agree on anything, so we voluntarily separated," the wife testified.

Mrs. Wild was given custody of the couple's two children and he was ordered to pay her $10 per week for their support.

"HE WAS jealous. He wouldn't work, and he liked to fight."

And that, said Mrs. Gladys Jones of 413 E. 22nd St., brought her marriage to Leon Jones to an end one month and one days after the ceremony on Oct. 20, 1952.

"We talked the matter over and decided to separate," Mrs. Jones added.

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AFTER HE had "put up with her keeping late hours and not saying where she had been" for 4½ years, Mrs. Anna Mathews told him she was through and left, her husband testified, this week.

The husband, Irvin Mathews, of 626 E. Eager St., won a divorce. They were married March 3, 1938 and separated Nov. 1, 1949, in 1942, Mrs. Mathews said.

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A DIVORCE went to Patrick H. Phipps of 8 N. Mount St., from Mrs. Ida G. Phipps, who, he said, he married on Feb. 20, 1949, and was deserted by Mrs. Phipps in May of the same year.

"I went to work and when I came back she was gone," he told the court.

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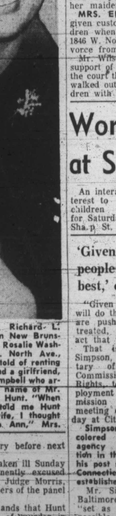
ODIS WILLIAMS, 2874 W. Lanvale St., also testified that his wife, Mrs. Annie M. Williams, left while he was at work.

The couple, married on Dec. 31, 1940, separated on Jan. 15, 1946. He was granted a divorce.



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to go to the jury before next Wednesday.

A juror was taken ill Sunday and was prematurely excused from service by Judge Morris, leaving 13 members of the panel remaining.

The state demands that Hunt be found guilty of "murder in the first degree. It has pressed for non-suicide, that the jury be instructed that the "simple Kenneth Williams, husband of Bertha, the victim's sister, testified that he awoke when he heard a disturbance downstairs at his Baldwin St. home.

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# Alphas vow more social action in '57

A pledge that Delta Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha during 1957 will become more of an instrument for social action in the community than it has been in the past was made Monday night by Frank J. Ellis, president.

The vow was made following installation of Mr. Ellis and other newly elected officers by Howard Murphy, AFRO comptroller, a former president of the chapter.

Asserting that "Alpha's greatest work in this community is yet to be done," Mr. Ellis declared:

"OUR GUIDING ideal must be the complete destruction of the Iron Curtain of Jim Crow in this country and this community. The evil, bitter fruits of injustice, based on color, must be torn from the fabric of American culture.

"All Alpha has been called to action in every state in the Union. Delta Lambda is no exception The Record will show that we have been in the vanguard as a champion of social justice and an unrelenting prosecutor of social action."

Earlier reference had been made to the work of the Human Relations Committee, whose chairman, Dr. A. J. Walker of Morgan State College, has been selected by Eastern Regional Vice President J. Rupert Picott to head the 13-state Eastern Regional human relations program.

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DR. WALKER'S committee has been participating in direct action demonstrations against the discriminatory police of the White Coffee Pot restaurant in a northwest shopping center and has appeared before City Council in support of legislation to end hotel discrimination.

Reciting the accomplishments of the past year, Mr. Ellis pointed to the development of a scholarship program, a 50 per cent increase in the chapter's membership, the revival of the Pan Hellenic Council, the purchase of a $500 NAACP life membership and cooperation with other Greek letter organizations in placing host to the Omega conclave.

LOOKING TO the future, the Alpha president promised a sound housing program, a closer working relationship with undergraduate Alphas at Morgan, and a stepped up drive for increase registrations in the city.

Besides Mr. Ellis, other officers installed Monday night were:

Bruce Edemy, vice president; Dr. Clifton Jones, secretary; Dr. Frederic Jackson, financial secretary; Frank Veney, treasurer;

Also Cliff W. Mackay, associate editor to the Sphinx; Joe Quay Kiah, chaplain; Charles Anderson, sergeant-at-arms, and Erwin L. Green, lay member to the executive committee.

Delta Lambda in response to a plea from Tom Hawkins voted $25 toward the funeral expenses of seven-year old Carl Smith, the little cancer victim, who died Sunday night.

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A LETTER was sent Robert R. Watts, a member of Delta Lambda, congratulating him upon his appointment as associate magistrate in the Traffic Court.

Final plans were also made for the annual Valentine Cabaret Dance to be held at the Coliseum on Friday evening, Feb. 15.

The affair is for the benefit of the Alpha scholarship fund. Joseph Bracey is chairman.

# Seek funds for cop victim's wife

ANNAPOLIS — The General Assembly will be asked in the near future to authorize the payment of a large sum of money to the widow of a Baltimore steelworker who was reportedly shot to death by Baltimore County police.

State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep., Fourth) announced on Wednesday that he was preparing such a bill and the person to be benefited would be Mrs. Meredith Wilkerson, widow of Clarence Wilkerson, 29, 1304 Harlem Ave.

The senator did not state the exact amount of money he will ask for Mrs. Wilkerson but he did indicate that the sum would be at least five figures through the legislative mill at this session.

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# Workshop on children at Sharp St. Saturday

An interacial workshop of interest to parents of growing children has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church beginning at 1 p.m.

Using the theme, "A Child's Right of a Good World," the workshop is one of 12 being sponsored jointly by the Women's Society of Christian Service of North Baltimore District of the Washington Conference and the Baltimore East District of the Baltimore Conference.

DISCUSSION LEADERS will be the Rev. Dr. Rex B. Wilkes, rector of Grace and St. Peters Churches; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League and Clements Nixon, supervisor, Department of Recreation.

The purpose of the workshops, according to Mrs. Phenola V. Carroll, who is chairman of the committee on arrangements, is to stimulate discussion of community problems as a prerequisite for world understanding.

Five churches are participating in this, the initial workshop.

They are Evergreen, St. Andrews of Mt. Washington, Grace Towson and Sharp Street Memorial.

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# 'Given a chance, people will do their best,' comm. told

"Given a chance, people will do their best. When they are pushed down and mistreated, expect people to act that way."

That is what Frank T. Simpson, executive secretary of the Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights, told the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission during their first meeting of the year, Thursday at City Hall.

Simpson, who is the only colored head of a state agency against discrimination in the country, has held his post since 1947, when the Connecticut Commission was established.

Mr. Simpson advised the Baltimore Commission to "set as high a standard as possible in the selection of your people." He will be the

HE WORKED FOR THIS—The sign on his window states that John C. Catlin is a registered master plumber, but it took over 19 years before it could be placed there. The second man in the state to receive a license, Mr. Catlin fired the opening shot in the fight against discrimination back in 1941 when he finally compelled the Plumbinfi Board to allow him to fill out an application to take an examination for a journeyman plumber, a step below a master.

# Blonde blows whistle

PHILADELPHIA—A 19-year-old Philadelphia blonde "told it all" this week and her tan sweetheart is accused of being a member of an "integrated narcotics ring."

Eugene (Skippy) Williams Jr., a 21-year-old Temple University student, is accused by Sue-Ann Lewis of leading her down the primrose path to dope.