WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO, PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Longshoreman, Still In Coma, Has 50-50 Chance

Braxton to face new trial

"Since there have been some occasions in recent weeks wherein the court saw fit to impose a sentence of life imprisonment, plus sentence for a number of years, it seems in the public interest to bring additional charges against Braxton for trial."

J. Harold Grady, State's attorney, gave this explanation Tuesday for the State's re-opening of ten previously stetted (not prosecuted) charges against Alvin Herbert (Butch) Braxton, already serving a life sentence for the slaying of a policeman.

The indictments include six charges of assault with intent to murder, two alleging robbery with a deadly weapon, and two with a deadly weapon.

He is scheduled to face trial before Judge Michael J. Manley on Monday.

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THE CASES were stetted by the State in November, 1956, when Braxton was convicted of first-degree murder, in another case involving the fatal shooting of a Northwestern District policeman.

Braxton, 19, and now serving a life sentence as a result of this case, was arraigned before Judge Manley in Criminal Court Monday.

He pleaded not guilty in each of the ten charges.

The youth was sentenced to die in the gas chamber by Judge James K. Cullen in January, 1957.

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin commuted his sentence to a life term in January, 1958, making Braxton eligible for parole after years after the 1957 sentence.

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MR. GRADY told the AFRO Tuesday that convictions and sentences on the re-opened charges would, in his opinion, lessen Braxton's chances for parole after serving 15 years though he might be technically eligible.

Mr. Grady and Thomas G. Nugent, assistant State's attorney, prosecuted the murder case, with a jury sitting before Judge Cullen.

James R. Compton, attorney for the youth in the murder case, has again been appointed to represent him in the new cases.

Mr. Compton told the AFRO Tuesday he had no comment to make on the coming trial.

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IN THE murder case, Braxton was accused of fatally shooting Officer John R. Phelan on the night of September 29, 1956, when police surprised him and two other young men as they attempted to rob a North Ave. liquor store.

Braxton was wounded in the leg in an exchange of gunfire, and was en route to a hospital in a city ambulance when the officer was shot.

Braxton contended policemen were beating him, and a service revolver dropped to the floor. He said the gun was discharged while he and Officer Phelan struggled for possession of it.

An officer also in the ambulance charged, however, that Braxton feinted severe pain and waited a chance to grab the policeman's revolver from its holster.

Guilty is extrdited to Miss. for killing

YAZOO CITY, Miss. — Paul Guilty, 32, last week was returned to Mississippi from Chicago to stand trial for the robbery-murder of a white man here.

Guilty and Charles Dage, 20, both of Yazoo City, were jailed in Chicago as suspects in the killing of the cafe operator. Cage confessed and waived extradition.

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Colts' fans crowd airport to greet team—kid police

By MAX JOHNSON

Baltimore's Colts and — in this instance — harassed and helpless Friendship Airport police are certain to long remember the reception given the world champions, as they returned to the airport Sunday evening from a high-blood-pressure-making victory in New York City.

And it is a bit more than a remote probability these police fellows just might not remember the Colts' triumphant return with the same brotherly spirit, as they recall the Colts victory over the New York Giants.

Why?

Well — here was the situation.

The time — 8:25 p.m. The weather — a breezy 45 degrees. The place—the east hangars end of Friendship Airport.

The people—some 30,000 odd—joyously wild, happily - delirious mischievously—unruly Baltimore Colts fans. Ages eight months to 80 years.

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THE PROPOSED procedure was a simple plan, devised by some

The Colts' plane was scheduled to land at 8:10 p.m., and the team personnel alight on the western area of the loading and unloading sector before the airport building proper.

Then, a bus was to pick up the victorious heroes and transport them to the east side of the airport for the benefit of TV cameras — and fans' adulations.

Well — everything [illegible] to go as scheduled, [illegible] the time the bus [illegible] the TV cameras [illegible] crowd was gathered [illegible]ened area lighted [illegible] equipment spotlights.

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THEN THE fans, who had confined themselves to just yelling and milling around each other, really got down to serious business.

They climbed on top of the approaching bus.

They surged in front of the bus, forcing it to stop some 50 yards from the TV equipment.

Hastily summoned airport police came from out of the darkness in at least six cars, with sirens screaming and red lights flashing atop their autos.

The police cars inched their way through the crowd to the front of the bus. It was a slow process.

One police car, its operator apparently remembering something else he had to do, turned before reaching the bus.

It left the area with 11 yelling fans sitting on its bent in steel top. The driver did not appear to be a happy man at the time.

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THE OTHER police cars finally got in front of the bus and headed toward the roadway edge of the crowd.

The police cars made it all right. But the bus did not.

When the police cars disappeared in the darkness, sirens still screaming and red lights still flashing, the bus had moved about 40 feet — and was at a dead stop by a yelling, pushing surrounding crowd of babies, young folks, middle-age folks and old folks.

After about ten minutes of this stalemate, the bus driver decided to try making his own way through the mass of humanity before his machine.

He inched the bus right on up before te TV equipment—and kept right on going on out to an airport roadway.

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WHEN LAST seen by one observer, the bus was headed toward the highway — and a crowd of fans on its top were still yelling:

"Yea, Colts! Gimme a C! Gimme a O! Gimme a L! . . ."

Others fans started making their way back to their cars—parked all along the airport roadway back to the two-mile marker.

One policeman of the airport was noted by one observer.

He was the one directing traffic when the observer arrived.

COLTS WELCOME—This is a portion of the wildly cheering, halarious crowd of fans who greeted the world champion Colts at Friendship Airport Sunday evening. The Colts team personnel were in the above bus, after leaving their plane, for appearance at another sector of the airport. The crowd, out of control of police, prevented them leaving the bus. Some enthusiastic fans rode off on top of the bus, as it left the airport. Fourteen were arrested, but later released.

AFRO's 'fat man' dies suddenly

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Monday at a funeral home at Biddle and Caroline Sts. for Alexander Nixon, 44, 2811 Harlem Ave., who died suddenly Tuesday of a heart attack.

Mr. Nixon, who weighed more than 400 pounds, was taken ill while shopping at a grocery store in the unit block Bennett St. Relatives report that he died instantly after slumping to the floor.

Mr. Nixon was a third place winner in the AFRO Fat Man contest last year and weighed 396 pounds at that time. The winner of the 1st prize tipped the scales at 409 pounds.

He had suffered a heart condition for sometime according to Mrs. Jeannette Douglas, a sister, with whom he resided at the Harlem Ave. home.

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ON THURSDAY Mrs. Douglas told the AFRO: "My brother had been ailing for a long time. He had been going back and forth to the hospital for treatment of heart trouble. He was unemployed at the time of his death."

According to witness at the grocery store at the time of his death, eight men were required to lift Mr. Nixon onto the stretcher. The ambulance arrived to take him to Lutheran Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Relatives also explained that a special sized casket was ordered for Mr. Nixon's burial. According to undertakers, a triple X size casket is used.

Mr. Nixon is dressed in a brown business suit for burial and relatives state that if they are unable to find six stout men to act as pall-bearers it may be necessary to have eight pall-bearers.

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Mr. Nixon is the brother of Mrs. Fannyjoe Reid, AFRO food columnist, whose famed corn bread recipe gave her the title of "The Corn Bread Lady."

The deceased man was a graduate of Dunbar Junior High School and at one time played trap drums in the famous Chick Webb orchestra. He was also known as a piano player and night club entertainer.

Mr. Nixon was born January 22, 1915, the son of the Rev. Louis Nixon. His mother, Mrs. Void Nixon, 1306 Lanvale St., survives him.

Also surviving are five sisters including Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Douglas, and Mesdames Bedie Williams, Alita Lee and Geraldine Brooks.

Burial is in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Santa missed them; can you restore their faith?

Do you know what it is to have no food in the house, not even at Christmas time?

Do you have extra food in your household you could share with a family less fortunate?

If you do, read the following letter which reached the desk of the AFRO'S Mrs. Santa two days after Christmas. It is from a mother who resides on Chessell Court in the Brooklyn section of Baltimore.

Here is what she says: "I want to thank you very much for the movie tickets (to the AFRO - Regent Theatre party on Christmas Eve attended by 2,200 children), you sent to my boys. They had a wonderful time.

"I did not know my son had written to you until the tick ets came. Then he said, to me, 'Mama, don't worry, we will have a good dinner for Christmas because I asked Mrs. Santa to send us some food and warm clothes'!

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"HE SAID HE did not ask Mrs. Santa for any toys because he wanted all of us to have a good meal for Christmas. It made my heart sad to see him watching out the window on Christmas Eve.

"Whenever a truck went by, he watched, and still he did not get anything. I have three boys, ages 11, 12 and 14. They have not had a good meal at Christmas in a long time. I am sick on account of a back operation.

"If you have any food or clothes left over, please send them to him so he will know that Santa did not forget him. . . . Thanks again for sending them to the movies. . . . Mrs. E. C."

Editor's Note: If there are some generous AFRO readers in the area of the Brooklyn section of Baltimore or for that matter in any section, who would like to play Santa to this family, call MU. 5-6015 and ask for the name and address.

SUNDAY FIRE — A fire, believed to have been caused by a defective TV set, completely destroyed clothing and furnishings in the second-floor front room apartment of Raymond Middleton, 2917 Clifton Ave., Sunday afternoon. His 11-year-old daughter, Fromma, and two younger children were in the room when the fire started, but all escaped injury.

January 31 is deadline to register

34 new voters on the books last week, total registered—100,808

Because of the Christmas holiday when the Supervisors of Elections office was closed, only 38 persons registered to vote last week

Of the 59, 34 were colored persons, bringing the total number of colored registered voters to 100,808, as of Dec. 24 1958.

Still unregistered are 43,468 colored persons of voting age.

They still have time to register and qualify to vote in the coming March 3, 1959 primary, if they do so by January 31, 1959.

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PERSONS WHO are registering for the first time are urged to affiliate with one of the two major parties so they may have voice in nominating candidates.

Both the Democrats and Republicans are offering candidates for mayor, city comptroller and city council in the Primary election.

Persons who have already registered as "declined," may change their registration and affiliate with one of the two parties and still vote in the Primary if they do so by January 31, 1959.

The office of the supervisors of elections is located in the People's Court Building at Fayette and Gay Sts., and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays until noon.

Register new voters or change their party affiliation.

HERE IS how 34 colored persons who registered for the three-day period, Dec. 22-24, signed up:

Date	Total	Total Cat.	Total Cat.	Cat.	Cat.
		Cat.	White	GOP	Dem.
12-22	18	18	17	1	17
12-23	10	11	7	3	10
12-24	6	5	4	1	5
Total	34	34	28	4	32

Registered before Nov. 4, 1958 General Election 100,311
Total Negro registered as of Dec. 24, 1958 100,808

Attacked by thugs near home

"He's in a coma as of this evening. He can speak a little but you can't understand what he's saying."

"The doctors have given him a 50-50 chance. He's a very good person. . . never harmed anybody."

"This is a terrible thing" . . . Mrs. Anna Millington was speaking Tuesday of her husband, John, who was beaten and robbed by three thugs near his home Saturday evening.

Mr. Millington, 55, 1119 N. Gilmor St., is fighting for his life at Provident Hospital.

The hospital confirmed that he is in a critical condition and has a 50-50 chance to liye.

Mr. Millington underwent an operation Saturday to remove a blood clot from his brain.

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MEANTIME, Northwestern Police arrested three youths and charged them with assaulting and robbing Mr. Millington.

The youths were dockets as Joseph S. Willis, 17, 1100 block N. Stricker St.; Reginald M. Stokely, 17, 1100 block N. Stricker, and Jackie Smith, 18, 1200 block Brentwood Ave.

At a hearing in Northwestern Police Court on Tuesday, Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. set bail at $7,500 each and ordered the youths held for action of the grand jury.

New Year's baby arrives 12:08 a.m. and it's a girl

The first baby born locally in the New Year is a five-pound, 13 - ounce girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McDowell, 3227 Remley Ave.

The infant made her debut into 1959 at 12:08 a.m. at Provident Hospital just eight minutes after the New Year arrived.

The mother is Mrs. Elizabeth McDowell, 28, while the 29-year-old father is a motor operator at an industrial plant.

At prestime the parents had made her decision a name for the new baby.

BABY GIRLS seemed to be most popular early arrivals since the second 1959 baby is a girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, 4419 Cradlock Ave. She was born at 6:53 a.m.

The infant tipped the scales at six - pounds, 2½ ounces.

The earliest 1959 boy baby is the six - pound eight - ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Williams, 2318 Lafayette St., who arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Koger withdraws; leaves 12 in council race on March 3

By MAX JOHNSON

Earl Koger, insurance broker, 2409 Ellamont St., withdrew as a Republican City Council candidate in the Fifth District, shortly before the midnight deadline Monday.

This lone withdrawal of City Council candidates of Mr. Koger's race leaves 12 colored persons seeking Democrat and Republican nominations in the March 3 primary.

They are running in the Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth Districts.

Five of these remaining 12 are attorneys.

All are men.

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PREVIOUS elective public office holders among them are:

Walter T. Dixon, incumbent, seeking Democratic re-election to a Fourth District council seat;

Harry A. Cole, out - going Fourth District Republican state senator, and Truly Hatchett, out-going Democrat House of Delegates member in the same district.

Here are the 12 colored candidates who will be on their district's ballots for the Mar. 3 primary:

SECOND DISTRICT

Tucker R. Dearing, attorney, (Dem.) 909 N. Eden St.

THIRD DISTRICT

Paul Cockrell, attorney, (Dem.) 1402 N. Monford Ave.

FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

Walter T. Dixon, incumbent, 1923 McCulloh St.

Truly Hatchett, 2026 Druid Hill Ave.;

Ernest D. Young, attorney, 1603 Gwynns Falls Pky.;

William Roberts, 2016 Walbrook Ave.

REPUBLICANS

Harry A. Cole, attorney, 1534 Druid Hill Ave.

Howard D. Dixon, 1416 Pennsylvania Ave.;

Joseph Brumwright, 1911 Gwynns Falls Pky.;

Raleigh Jones, 1700 Gwynns Falls Pky.;

SIXTH DISTRICT

William H. Murphy, attorney, (Dem.) 3217 Round Rd.

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ALL OF these Democrat candidates face stiff competition in their districts.

In the Fourth District where three candidates in both parties are to be nominated, there are seven Republicans running and eight Democrats in the race against three incumbents.

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MR. KOGER said he withdrew from the Fifth District council race because a fifth Republican filed, after he and three others filed and formed a unity slate.

He explained he did not care to wage a fight in the primary, as four seats are open in that district for nominations and election.

However, the fifth Republican withdrew without Mr. Koger's knowledge, and he told the AFRO he might enter the general election on May 5.

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TOP CANDIDATES in the Mayorality campaign on the Democrats side finds Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr.; Leon Abramson, City Council president, seeking re-election with Joseph L. Manning added to their team in the comptroller spot.

"Their chief opposition is expected to come from a Democratic state tagged the "three, Gs."

They include J. Harold Grady, state's attorney; Dr. Walter Graham, present comptroller seeking re-election, and Phillip H. Goodman, State Senator from the Fifth District.

Mr. Grady is running for mayor, and Senator Goodman seeks the presidency of the City Council.

J. Millard Tawes, governor-elect and top Democrat in the State, has given a nod to a candidate on both of these slates.

He has indicated some pleasure toward Mayor D'Alesandro. He likewise indicated that he thought well of Dr. Graham's candidacy.

Little concern has been expressed so far over the other three Democrat candidates for these posts.

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GOV. Theodore R. McKeldin, who has filed for Mayor, has created the top interest on the Republican side.

However, a Superior Court suit is pending, charging that he has not maintained the necessary city residence, as required by law, to be eligible.

Mr. McKeldin has served two consecutive terms as governor, and was prohibited by law from running for a third term.

Returning briefly to the Fourth District Democrat City Council race, it is noted that **Maurice J. Soypher, incumbent, is running for the first time.**

Mr. Soypher was appointed to a council seat early in the year, in a switch that sent Solomon Liss, then Fourth District councilman, to the Fifth to fill a vacancy created by the death of Michael J. Hankin.

Mr. Soypher, Mr. Dixon and Maxwell Alpert, incumbents, have the support of the Democratic machine in this district.

This machine failed to support Mr. Halchett, when he lost his bid for renomination in the primary.

Victim of Christmas Eve slaying buried

While funeral services were being held in Mullins, S.C. Thursday for a 27-year-old construction worker, Baltimore police were searching for his killer.

The search was undertaken following the Xmas Eve slaying of Charles Rowell Jr. of the 1200 block Linden Ave.

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MR. ROWELL WAS pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital last Wednesday after he was shot in the chest by an unidentified man.

His brother, Marvin Rowell, also of the 1200 block Linden Ave., suffered a finger injury when a volley of shots were fired in the 300 block of N. Fremont Ave.

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DURING THE shooting, a Southwestern District officer exchanged five shots with the fleeing gunman.

Marvin Rowel, reported the fatal shooting occurred when he and his brother left a Fremont Ave., tavern around 4 a.m.

He said they were met on the corner by a man who drew an automatic pistol and fired three shots after saying: "You don't think I'll shoot."

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PATROLMAN Nathan Ponder, who was a block away at the time ran to the scene and started to pursue the gunman into Mulberry St.

After being chased into an alleyway, the fugitive fired four shots at the officer and escaped north on Pierce St.

Police said the gunman wore a yellow sports jacket and had bulging eyes.

Relatives said the Rowell brothers had seen the man before, but did not know him well.

Mr. Rowell is survived by his mother, Mrs. Roxanna Rowell; three brothers, John C. Brady, Marvin and Harry Rowell; and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Lewis and Mrs. Annie Proctor.

Colt victory still talk of the town

Although the pro football season has ended, the memory of the Colts' smashing nerve-wracking win over the New York Giants Sunday is one of those things that will never fade away.

The "Hosses" are the talk of the town and their fans are still walking around with their heads in the clouds.

In a Greenmount Ave., restaurant Monday, a coin collector for a juke box firm had this to say about the championship game.

"What a game that was! When that TV went off near the end, a friend of mine who had money on the game used words I had never heard before.

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AT FIRE DEPARTMENT headquarters one executive described the game as "tremendous."

"I watched it on television and got a better look at things than some of the people in the stadium.

"There's never been anything like it" the official declared.

In the Munsey Building on Tuesday, an elderly dignified well-tailored gentleman entered the elevator and greeted the operator with, "Gimme a "C!"

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AROUND THE candy counter in the Municipal Building, the Monday morning quarterbacks are still replaying the game.

One was overheard saying. "They (The Colts) almost gave me heart failure when they fell behind."

At Gay and Caroline Sts., a sportsman was still bragging about the amount of money "I won on my team."

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AMECHE DRIVE-IN BARS LEAGUE HEAD

(Story in Column 4)

15 Days Order To Mrs. Dixon

MRS. LAW-MAKER—Mrs. Verda F. Welcome and Richard T. Bombardier, Baltimore's Fourth District Democrat House of Delegates members, are shown here electing a communique tion.

MAKES HISTORY—Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Baltimore's Fourth District House of Delegates member, here with Sol J. Friedman, shares with Mrs. Verda F. Welcome the distinction of being the first women of their race as Maryland law-makers.

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Ameche drive-in refuses UL head

Indications are that Alan Ameche, fullback star of the world champion Baltimore Colts, does not rate as well in business and public relations as he does on the gridiron.

The 29-year-old rushing star of the Heroic Colts was thrown with charges that he operates a restaurant business which discriminates against colored people.

Ameche at first denied the allegation to the AFRO. Then asked for an opportunity to "talk it over with my attorney." Later, he said, at a meeting, one of the two restaurants owned by Ameche and his partner, Joe Campanella, formerly Colt, Joe Campanella, refused to refuse service to colored patrons.

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THE COLTS fullback was contacted on December 29, by the AFRO, and asked for comment on a letter of complaint sent by Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

In his letter, Dr. Templeton called it a "tragedy" that, in view of the happy celebration over the Colts' victory, "Lenny Moore and all other non-white people, as well as cultured colored citizens, would be denied the democratic opportunity of being served" at his (Ameche's) restaurant.

Ameche admitted receiving Dr. Templeton's complaint, also confirmed the latter's assertion that he had thus far failed to answer the letter. He denied, however, that his busi-

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We are up to 301,000

The colored population of Baltimore climbed to 301,000 as of July 1958, according to estimates made by the Baltimore City Health Department and released this week by Dr. Huntington Williams, health commissioner.

An increase of 10,000 over the 1957 estimate, saw the colored population grow by more than three times the overall city increase of 2,000 that brings the total population estimate for July 1958 to 982,000.

Total city population increase failed to register a growth in keeping with the colored rate because the number of white residents declined by 7,000 from 1957's 688,000, when the total was 979,000, to 681,000.

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THE HEALTH department predicts that the colored population will continue to grow at a rate not less than 2½ percent while the white population will continue to decline by a number equal to the colored increase.

It further predicts that the population will stabilize at approximately the present level, rather than the 1,150,000 to 1,250,000 residents formerly regarded as the eventual number.

Should Baltimore's population shift continue over the next five years at the same rate of change shown in 1957 the City would register one million with colored standing at 351,000 and white at 649,000, putting the colored percentage above the one-third mark it has approached in recent years.

The health department says the out-migration of native white Baltimoreans and the immigration of whites from the South plus the increase of colored citizens with their depressed economic level, will result in an exceptional public financial "burden."

The report suggests that this "burden" should be "equitably distributed" across a broader population base than the City itself.

Child needs 23 pints of blood

Cassandra Cassell, 12-year-old sixth grader of 1942 W. Lafayette Ave., is in need of 23 pints of blood.

She underwent a heart operation at Hopkins Hospital yesterday (Thursday).

Interested persons are urged to volunteer at Halstead 6 daily from 1 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Holland, one of city's remarkable women, ill

By B. M. PHILLIPS

One of Baltimore's most remarkable women—Mrs. Helen Gibson Holland, 81, is critically ill.

On Sunday, special prayers for her recovery were offered at Douglas Memorial Church and Trinity AME Church, which she attends, and by friends and relatives.

Semi-conscious despite the pain, Mrs. Holland is confined to bed in the second-floor living quarters she maintains atop the funeral home which bears her name at 1631 Druid Hill Ave.

Visits are limited to her closest relatives, her minister, friends and the young associates she has trained to work with her and conduct the business with patience and understanding.

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MRS. HOLLAND has been ailing for over a year. But being the indefatigable woman she is, she refused to surrender to the illnesses which plagued her body. She has kept on the go — to bed late, and up before dawn to see that every detail was handled for the next day's funeral.

When her brother, George T. A. Gibson Sr., died in October, the doctor's strict orders to her after his funeral were to rest, take it easy.

She did not listen—there was a necessary service to perform. A Mahogany Funeral Home without Mrs. Holland walking at the head of the family procession, aiding the bereaved, would not be in the Holland tradition.

On Nov. 30, even though she was in pain from arthritis, she walked with the bereaved husband and next of kin of Mrs. Elmer Burgess, Sr., (See page 2.)

During that month, she gave the same service on an average of three times a day.

But, on Dec. 22, when another lifelong friend was buried—Mrs. Jenny White — her associates prevailed upon her not to leave the funeral hearse. She obeyed and watched the proceedings from the car.

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IT IS NOT easy—after a lifetime of service—to stop your work or lose interest, especially when that service is in the sensitive area of death.

Since 1923—Helen Gibson Holland — has been comforting other people. That was the year her husband—George Holland died, and her brother, the late Mr. Gibson Sr., helped her set a funeral director's license so she could carry on.

In the 36 years since then, associates estimate, Mrs. Holland has buried 38,225 of her

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WIN AFRO'S $100—Mrs. Elsie Griffin, 25, 434 E. 22nd St., is winner of the AFRO's $100 cash award because her twin daughters were the first multiple births reported to the AFRO City Desk. Babies arrived January 4 at City Hospitals. They are Sharon, left, and Karon, right. Mr. Griffin, 27, is a parking lot attendant. Other Griffin children are two boys, Joseph, 9; and Ronnie, 3. — See story on page 29.

Court acts after hour testimony

The Howard Dixons went to court Tuesday morning, and for 37 minutes the young night club impressario, his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Dixon and Mrs. Mildred Dixon played before an almost empty house.

When the talking was all over Mr. Dixon and his well-dressed mother got what they came for, a court decision ordering his attractive wife to vacate their Old Frederick Rd. home within 15 days, dating from January 6.

The decision of Judge John J. Caslin in Peoples Court paved the way for Mr. Dixon and his mother to complete the sale of their Catonsville home by January 20th.

Both testified that after they had arranged to sell their home at 3834 Old Frederick Rd. to a neighbor, the young Mrs. Dixon refused to move.

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This decision was reached after a long and tedious court since early when Mrs. Dixon tried without success to obtain a postponement of her appearance in court in three weeks.

They are the parents of two children, a daughter 11, and a son eight, and have been married for 13 years.

Mr. Dixon is a real estate dealer and bondsman, and is connected with the Comedy Club, a Pennsylvania Ave., night club.

In the general election last November, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Delegates.

Mr. Dixon is currently running for the City Council. His wife is the former Miss Mildred Holly.

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LAST MONTH, Mr. Dixon was ordered to appear in Circuit Court within 15 days to show cause why he should not allow his wife enough money for a home for herself and the children.

He has also been ordered to show cause why he should not

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Senate showdown on filibuster today

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON

The all-out effort of a group of bi-partisan liberals to alter Senate Rule XXII and thereby curb the filibuster is due for a showdown vote today (Friday) in the Senate.

The test will take the form of a motion to table a motion made Thursday by one of the Senators seeking a change in rule XXII, Clinton P. Anderson, Democrat of New Mexico.

The Senate fight over curbing filibusters, Thursday, revolved around the question of whether the Senate is a continuing body and its rules continue from one Congress to another.

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THAT ISSUE developed after Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Senate Democratic leader, cooperated with the liberal bloc to get before the Senate the motion of Senator Anderson, that the Senate pro-

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THE WEATHER

Friday—mostly sunny, continued cold, high about 30.
Saturday—sunny, cold.
Sunday—some sunshine, cold.

JANUARY 31 is DEADLINE

That's right—this is the last day new voters may register in order to vote in the March 3, 1959 primary election.

If you are not already a registered voter, do register today. And, remember, you should register as Democrat or Republican. Do not "decline."

A "declined" voter can not vote in the primary election when candidates for mayor and city council will be nominated only in the General Election next May 5.

If you are registered as "declined," you can affiliate with either major party if you do so before January 31, 1959.

Where to register to vote: Supervisor of Elections office, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

Bishop Love on Tawes inaugural program

ANNAPOLIS — Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Methodist Conference, will deliver the invocation, prior to Governor-elect J. Millard Tawes' inaugural address at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday.

The address will be delivered before the members of the 1959 General Assembly in the State House.

Inaugural ceremonies are scheduled to start at 10:45 a.m., with music by the Naval Academy band and choirs from the University of Maryland and the Hollywood Methodist Church.

The 1:30 p.m. inauguration parade is slated to be one of the most colorful of all events.

The crack Pershing Rifle Unit of Morgan State College will march as will the Antlered Guard of the Baltimore Elks Lodge with General Edward Wodden in command.

Also in line will be the affiliated Decoratrie Clubs of Baltimore and the Morgan State College band.

2 women make history as Md. Legislature opens

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — A new chapter in racial relations and racial advancement was added to Maryland history here Wednesday, as two colored women became members of the state's law-making General Assembly.

They are Mrs. Verda F. Welcome and Mrs. Irma G. Dixon. Both are Democrats, and are two of the six House of Delegates members representing Baltimore's Fourth District.

J. Alvin Jones, also a Democrat and representing the same district where a majority of the residents and registered voters are colored, took a State Senate seat, as a third colored lawmaker.

They were sworn in with new members of the 1959 General Assembly for four-year terms.

They are holding elective public offices for the first time, having been victorious on their first bids.

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OVER 100 relatives and friends were present in delegations to witness their taking oath of office.

Mrs. Welcome is a former teacher and civic leader, who ran as an independent Democrat and member of the Fourth District's Coalition ticket.

Mrs. Dixon, also a former teacher and business woman, and Mr. Jones, retired from a specialist position with the Maryland Unemployment Service, were backed as members of the district's political machine.

Mrs. Dixon was also supported by the Coalition forces.

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FOLLOWING organizational proceedings Wednesday, the introduction of a few bills and an address by out-going Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, the General Assembly recessed until Monday evening.

The organization of the Senate placed Senator George W. Della, (Sixth Dist., Balto.) as president. He is a Democrat.

Mrs. Mary I. Nock, (Wicomico Co.) also Democrat, was appointed president pro tem, and will be the first woman to preside over a Maryland Senate.

The floor leadership went to Senator Edward S. Northrop, (Montgomery Co.) Democrat.

On the House side, Perry O. Wilkinson, (Prince Georges Co.) was the Democrat given the House Speaker post.

Jerome Robinson, (Fourth Dis., Balto.) became speaker pro tem. A. Gordon Boone, (Balto. Co.) was returned to the floor leader spot.

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DEMOCRATS HOLD a whopping majority in the General Assembly.

The new Senate has 26 Democrats and 3 Republicans, as compared to 21 Democrats and 8 Republicans during the past four years.

The new House of Delegates has 116 Democrats and 7 Re-

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