—Mrs. Dixon gets 15-day order

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"refrain from molesting Mrs. Dixon in peaceful enjoyment and quiet possession of her present home until a hearing has been set in the matter."

In 1957 when he was denied a divorce, Mrs. Dixon was given permission to remain in the Catonsville home rent-free.

The court at the time allowed Mrs. Dixon $40 weekly alimony and support for her and the children.

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THE LATEST legal move was taken by Mr. Dixon and his mother on December 29th when they obtained the show cause summons.

The following day Mrs. Mildred Dixon filed a petition in Circuit Court calling attention to the fact that she is to stay in the home rent-free.

In the petition Mrs. Dixon stated:

"Since the decree was signed, the home has been sold and we are threatened with eviction and if evicted we will be thrown into the street since the actual money award is scarcely sufficient for food and clothing for me and the children."

Mrs. Dixon added that she was under constant threat and harassment by her husband and that her health had suffered "irreparable harm"

In June of 1957 when the Dixon divorce case was summarized by Judge Reuben Oppenheimer, the court said that Mr. Dixon had neglected his wife and children.

The divorce was refused on grounds that the couple had not been separated 18 months.

In May of 1958, Mrs. Dixon filed suit for a divorce charging her husband with adultery. That case so far has not been scheduled for a hearing.

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THE DIXONS arrived in court almost simultaneously on Tuesday.

Samuel Hill, attorney for Mr. Dixon and his mother was in the court room when they arrived.

Mrs. Mildred Dixon entered ahead of Milton B. Allen, one of her two attorneys.

Her other lawyer, Mrs. Lena K. Lee did not attend the hearing.

Mr. Dixon and his mother who was attired in a tan topcoat and a coca brown felt hat conferred briefly with their attorney while Judge Caslin disposed of six other cases.

Mrs. Mildred Dixon sat on the front row with her attorney.

She wore a blue topcoat and a red hat trimmed in gold. Mr. Dixon wore a brown suit.

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WHEN THEIR case was called, their lawyers briefly explained to Judge Caslin the history of the court action.

Mr. Dixon was then called on to testify by Mr. Hill who asked:

Seven point to come

Q—Who own s the house at 5624 Old Frederick Rd?

A—Evelyn and Howard Dixon.

Q—Evelyn is your mother?

A—That's correct.

Q—When was this contract for the house entered into?

A—In October. It was sold to Leslie Gundy and Carline Gundy his wife.

Q—Settlement was scheduled under the contract for when?

A—Was supposed to be on the 23rd of December.

Q—Who was in the home when the contract was made?

A—Mrs. Mildred Dixon and the two children.

Q—Was your mother living there?

A—No. She was in New York.

Q—Just the wife and kids were there?

A—Yes.

Q—(Judge Caslin) You were not there?

A—No.

Q—Where were you living?

A—At 1416 Pennsylvania Ave.

Q—For how long?

A—For 18 months. (Mr. Hill:) "He filed a bill for separation in 1957."

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Q—(Mr. Hill) What happened at the time of settlement on December 23rd?

A—Mr. Gundy refused to take possession because Mrs. Dixon was still in the house.

"Mr. Gundy charges us $25 a day until settlement is made. We have lost $375 because we could not take possession of the house.

"We tried to work something out. We offered her a house at 2433 McCulloh St. and that was refused by her.

"My mother offered to have her stay with her. That was refused. We offered her an apartment. That was refused.

"She wanted $15 more a week. I can't afford that. I said I would give her $100 a month. That was refused.

Q—The wife is still in the house?

A—As far as I know.

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Q—(MR. ALLEN) How long has Mrs. Dixon occupied the house altogether?

A—For 14 years.

Q—Since the decree for divorce and alimony who has taken care of the utilities?

A—They were taken care of by my mother along with the telephone service.

Q—When did you make provisions for Mrs. Dixon to move?

A—Three weeks before settlement.

Q—Where was she to go?

A—To 2433 McCulloh St.

Q—Who own s the home?

A—It's own ed by my mother.

Q—Was she suppose to occupy the house rent free?

A—That's correct.

Q—When the contract was continued for 60 days did you volunteer to pay $25 a day?

A—We had to or we would have been sued.

Q—You have signed the original contract?

A—Yes.

Q—Was it signed by both parties?

A—Yes.

Q—You received $25 knowing that your wife was occupying the house rent free?

A—No. I didn't have to tell him my personal business.

Q—Did you tell him why she was occupying the house?

A—I didn't discuss that with him.

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Q—WHO FILED the complaint for eviction in this court? You?

A—No. My mother.

Q—(Mr. Hill) Mrs. Dixon, how did you acquire the property?

A—Through my husband.

Q—Howard's name was put on the deeds?

A—Yes. In case I die.

Q—Did you go to Howard's wife and advise her of the contract?

A—Yes. I did.

Q—(Mr. Allen) Did you and Mrs. Dixon get along well?

A—Very well until she and Howard parted, then Mildred got very nasty with me. Very nasty.

Q—How long were you in the house?

A—18 months.

Q—When did you tell her to move?

A—She knew when I put the (for sale) sign up. I told her we had an extension for 60 days. She said that was Howard's problem and not hers.

Q—So provisions were made for housing Mrs. Dixon and the two children?

A—I think so.

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"I ASKED Mildred in September if she wanted to live in my house. I said 'Mildred, you can live in my house on McCulloh St.' She said she didn't want it. I couldn't do anymore.

"I offered to give her my furniture. I said "Mildred, you can have anything you want. I have been a very good mother-in-law to Mildred. Almost like a mother.

Q—Is there anyone living in the McCulloh St. home?

A—Yes. There are some tenants.

Q—Did you made provision for them to vacate?

A—No I hadn't. I had to ask her (Mrs. Dixon) first.

Q—Did you offer her an opportunity to live with you?

A—Yes.

Q—Where?

A—On Chesholm Rd.

Q—Does Howard live there?

A—He comes there.

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MRS. MILDRED DIXON testified to the following before Judge Caslin:

Q—Do you have use of the Frederick Rd. home?

A—Yes.

Q—You have been occupying it before and since the decree?

A—Yes.

Q—Did Mr. Dixon tell you about the McCulloh St. home?

A—No. On this McCulloh St. thing, Mr. Dixon has never approached me. He always told his mother to tell me things.

"She told me about one house in a slum area. I couldn't raise my children there.

Q—Where any other provisions offered?

A—Yes. The house on Cheshelm Rd.

"There are certain reasons why I don't want to live with my mother-in-law. They will come out later.

Q—You have a petition pending in Circuit Court for more alimony?

A—Yes. It seems that my mother-in-law and her son are trying to make things look good. Things are not as rosy as they would seem.

"Because I am Catholic I have tried to hold my marriage together. Now I'm a mean person." Mrs. Dixon declared.

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HER MOTHER-IN-LAW, who had taken a seat in back of the court room following her testimony heaved an audible sigh and mummered: "Oh. That's not true." The younger Mrs. Dixon continued:

"I heard from the outside that someone had bought the house.

"This thing ruined Christmas for the children. They (Mrs. Dixon and his mother) have had no regard for their Christmas."

"I keep telling her (Mrs. Dixon) that this is Mr. Dixon's responsibility. She tells me it is not."

Q—Are you employed?

A—No.

Q—Have you applied for a job?

A—Yes.

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IN ASKING the court to dismiss the request for eviction Mr. Allen said:

"All she wants is adequate and satisfactory housing. I don't want the court to get the impression that she's holding onto the house."

Mr. Hill stated: "This is an eviction proceeding and has nothing to do with the divorce proceedings. She has no right to be in the house."

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BEFORE RENDERING his decision Judge Caslin had this to say:

"Frankly, I believe this could be settled among yourselves.

"As far as this court is concerned I must sustain this petition for eviction. The property is own ed by the mother and son. It is a matter of joint tenancy.

"This court has to meet another question. That is, how long will it take to obtain comfortable facilities for Mrs. Dixon.

"There is a time element. We can't expect Mrs. Dixon to move tomorrow, but it must be done prior to January 20th.

"Suppose we allow until January 20th. That is a court day. If the house is not vacated by then, I suggest that you all be here on that date."

As the Dixons and their attorneys turned to leave, Judge Caslin added: "Mrs. Dixon, I hope you will be able to find another place."

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—Ameche drive-in

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ness is operated on a jim-crow basis.

"It is the policy of our business to serve every one of our customers on the same basis. Color has no effect on, or anything to do with our service," Ameche declared.

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THE COLT star added: "I had Mr. Templeton's letter of December 29th in my possession but I haven't heard from him since. I didn't answer him at the time because I was stunned by its contents.

"I come from the Midwest, and from an area where all citizens are treated alike. (Ameche is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he was an All-America fullback)

"I would pain me very much if I thought that Lenny or Daddy (Lipscomb) or any of my teammates and their friends believe they would be mistreated at my place ofbusiness.

"When we opened the place on Reisterstown Road, it was determined that there would be absolutely no discrimination. Everyone who came thereweas served and for this, we were condemned by residents tf the area."

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MR. AMECHE continued:

"As the business grew, the inside space became inadequate and we started discouraging service to everyone inside, hoping to sell the idea that we could give better service on the curb.

"That is the situation as it prevails today. Anyone is at the curb and those who insist that they prefer inside served at the curb and those who insist that they prefer inside service, are given their wish.

"The same holds true at the newly - opened Loch Raven restaurant. Patrons are given the best possible treatment without regard to color or anything else.

"I repeat I would hate to think Lenny, Daddy, Jim Parker, Sherm Plunkett or any of my teammates and their friends could believe I use their race as a yardstick for my relationship with them."

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AFTER GIVING this statement, Ameche asked the AFRO to read it back to him. This was done.

Then the Colts star suggested that it would do him "a real favor" if publication of the story were withheld until he had time to discuss the matter with his partners (Campanella and an unidentified party).

"I will then give you a written statement," Ameche promised.

The AFRO agreed. A copy of the story that was prepared for publication, including Ameche's quotes, was sent to him, with the understanding that he would be heard from "no later than January 5."

On Wednesday, in the absence of any further word from the football star, the AFRO informed Dr. Templeton of the Ameche denial.

The Urban League official asked that publication of any facts in the case be withheld until he could conduct a further investigation, this in deference to Ameche.

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LATE Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Templeton issued the following statement to the AFRO:

"I personally visited the Reisterstown Road drive - in restaurant operated under the name of Alint Ameche.

"I entered the place, seated myself at a table and was informed by a waitress who identified herself as 'Thelma,' that I could not be served.

"She asked if I would like to see the day manager and I did. He then advised me that colored people cannot be served at the tables.

"He said they can get orders to take out or they can be served at the curb, but not inside.

"His explanation was that when the place first opened, they did not serve colored at all, at the counter or curb, but after they received complaints they opened curb service to all.

"He said they now get complaints from other restaurants in the area, but they are bidding their time to open up counter service to all."

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DR. TEMPLETON added: "The championship came to Baltimore because the Colt club is characterized by the closest kind of cooperation and teamwork between colored and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protstant.

"In short, the Colts are champions only because the club personnel is determined is determined t the basis of qualifications above without regard to race, creed or color. aloe, without regard to race, creed or color."

"I would urge Mr. Ameche to operate his restaurants on the same non-discriminatory policy under which he has been privileged to play as a college and professional athlete.

"In opening his restaurants to serve all qualified people, he would not be leading the parade. Rather, he would be catching up with other eating facilities.

"At the same time, he would be exhibiting the kind of courage and moral integrity expected in an athlete worthy of a spot on a championship team."

EFFORTS TO reach colored members of the Colts for comment, met with only measured success. Lipscomb, Parker, John Sample and Milt Davis were out of the city. Len Lyles also was unavailable.

However, Moore and Plunkett talked to the AFRO. "Alan has told us several times," said **Lenny, "to come out any time we want to; the doors are always open.**

"I haven't been, though, because I think it is only natural to assume that there might be some embarrassment. And you don't try to embarrass your friends."

Said Plunkett: "He didn't extend a personal invitation to me, but Ameche's such a great guy, I'm sure it would be all right."

Mrs. Anna Flamer dies suddenly in Coatesville

By ETTA J. STROUD

COATESVILLE, Pa. — Mrs. Anna Flamer, the widow of Howard Flamer, died at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Flamer of 706 Lumber Street, suddenly, on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

Mrs. Flamer was born in Queens County, Md. and had been a resident of Coatesville for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Curtis Flamer and Paul Flamer of Coatesville, and Robert Flamer of Embreeville; eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

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THE REV. E. I. Davis, pastor of Hutchinson Memorial UAME Church, Coatesville officiated and delivered the eulogy.

He was assisted by Rev. E. C. Lindsey, pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Atglen and Rev. R. V. Swinney, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Coatesville. The combined chorus of Hutchinson Memorial UAME and 2nd Baptist Church of which Rev. Solomon Gush is pastor furnished the music.

Mrs. Ester L. Coleman of Second Baptist and Mrs. Grady Gibney of Hutchinson Memorial were at the organ.

Many friends and relatives viewed the body on Tuesday, Dec. 30th at the Prout's Funeral Home, Coatesville, where the services were held Wednesday. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Atglen, Pa.

Flower bearers were: Mrs. Sarah Howard, Mrs. Edith Larkins, Mrs. Pauline Brown, Mrs. Alice Corey, Mrs. Lydia Fortune and Mrs. Etta J. Stroud.

Pall bearers were Gerald Fortune, William Jackson, Ellsworth Hammonds, Daniel Denmark, Sr., Earl Crawford and George Mules.

Mrs. Wilkins' funeral Sunday

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Lilly M. Wilkins, 70, 2527 Harlem Ave. Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Payne AME Church, Laurens St. and Madison Ave. The Rev. W. P. Mitchell will officiate.

Mrs. Wilkins, a 23-year member of Payne, died at her home Thursday after a 4-year illness.

She was a member of such church organizations as the Gospel Choir and the Volunteer Club.

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THE BODY is at the Holland Funeral Home, 1631 Druid Hill Ave.

Mrs. Wilkins is survived by four daughters, Misses Georgie, Bessie, Daisy and Margaret Wilkins; a son, James Wilkins;

Also, three sisters Mesdames Melba Green, Georgie Norris of Baltimore and Cora Stokes, of New York;

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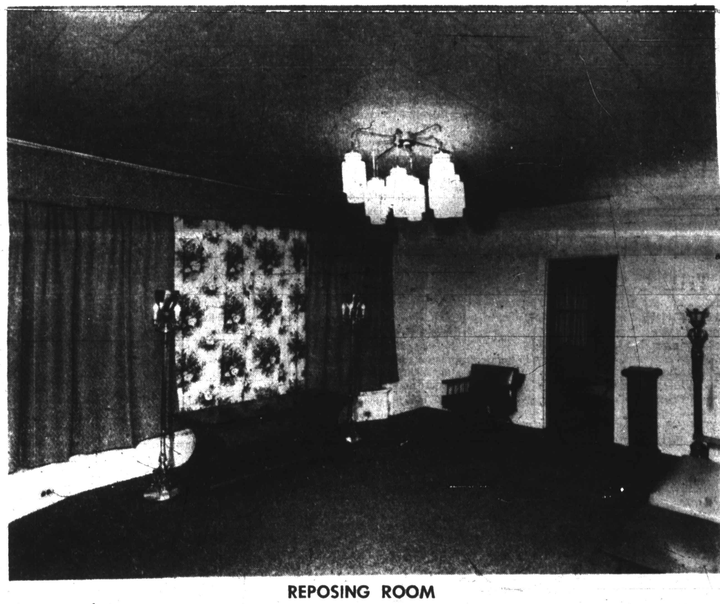

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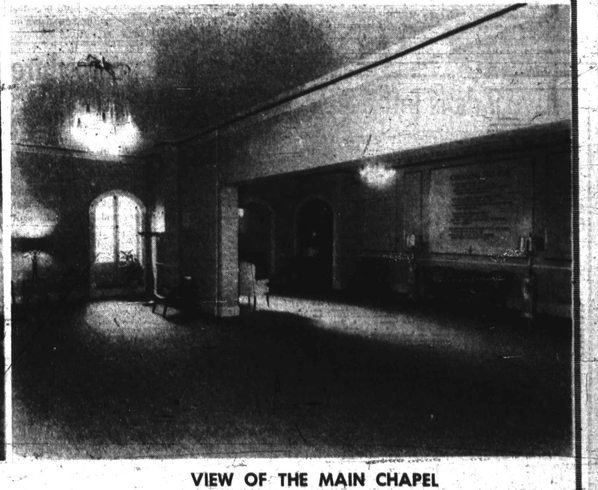

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