Suspect Arrested In Poplar Grove St. Death

Baltimore expressw'y in doubt

ANNAPOLIS — The question of the proposed East - West Expressway through Baltimore was still in doubt at AFRO presstime, as the House of Delegates went into a hassle on legislation, to repeal the previously authorized $20,000,000 enabling bond issue.

The House, following a spirited debate on Wednesday, voted to return House Bill No. 756, which would repeal the authorization, to the Ways and Means Committee for further study.

The bill proposes that the loan issue legislation be repealed, because there is no present need for the express way through the heart of Baltimore.

The General Assembly officially closes on Monday, but attempts are being made to end the current 90 - day session on Saturday.

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SUCCESS OR failure of the bill thus depends on action taken today (Friday) and Saturday.

The bill was introduced by Frances Holub and Charles Panuska, Second District, and William I. Hodges, Sixth District, Baltimore.

As presently planned, the East - West Expressway would be a super highway, extending between Mulberry and Franklin Sts., to Greene, then to Biddle and then roughly on the north side of Preston St., to and along the south side of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks to the city line.

Properties, including several churches and business establishments, would be razed to allow this construction.

FULL OF INSPIRATION on their way home from church, Easter Sunday morning, these young ladies decided to take the long way home so that they could talk about the fashions they saw at the morning services. They are Misses Bernadette Lemon, 616 W. Hamburg St., Brenda Middler, and Betty Smith, both of 932 Ridgely St.

Jerome Wells, city employee 34 years, succumbs suddenly

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p. m. at Centennial Methodist church for Jerome (Jerry) Wells, 71, 2318 Druid Hill Ave., who died suddenly Wednesday at his home.

Elevator operator at the Municipal Building for 34 years, Mr. Wells was also a deacon and a member of the Centennial Church 34 years.

According to relatives Mr. Wells had not complained of any pain or illness Wednesday when he started for work, returned around and retired home.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia Wells, a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Pratt, two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Hester Walters and Mrs. Anna E. S. Wells.

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Bus without driver takes 56 for ride

"A lot of people panicked. "The driver had gone to the back of the bus to close a door that had jammed when it started off. When it struck the steps people were thrown everywhere."

Those were the comments that came from one of the 56 persons who rode a driverless city bus upon the front steps of a downtown building Wednesday morning.

By the time the bus had stopped at the entrance to a beauty salon, six passengers, all women had been injured and the remainder had been shaken up.

Relatives of one of the injured women, Mrs. Laura Thaxton, 32, of 2900 Winchester St., said they were told the accident occurred shortly after a No. 12 bus had made a stop.

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AMONG THOSE admitted to Mercy Hospital where they were treated and released were:

Miss Ursula Israel, 36, 2800 block Waldorf Ave.; Miss Angela Jones, 35, 2400 block Calverton Rd., and Mrs. Thaxton.

Miss Marie Laukaitis, 52, of the 1000 block Beechfield Ave.; Mrs. Lavinia Powell, 43, 1700 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy.; and Miss Doris Smith, 40, of the 1900 block W. Fairmount Ave., were held at Mercy for X-rays.

The 7:50 a.m. accident blocked rush hour traffic after the bus had run out of control for more than 75 feet from Charles St. Police said the brakes had failed to hold on the vehicle.

Most of the passengers were enroute to work at the time.

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THE DRIVER, Lawyer L. Swinson, 26, of the 2500 block W. Fayette St., reported that the rear door to bus jammed when he stopped to let off passengers at Mulberry and Charles St.

Mr. Swinson reported he set the brake and had walked back and closed the door when the bus took off.

Police also said the driver was blocked from getting back at the wheel by a number of passengers who had jumped into the aisle screaming as they headed for the front entrance.

Churches, homes for aged to share estate of Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Lillie Jones, who died here February 25, left a will which carefully made equal bequests to her church and church institution and that of her late husband, Talbert Jones.

To Metropolitan Methodist Church, of which she was a member and to the N. M. Carroll Home, she gave $100 each.

She also willed $100 to Wayland Baptist Church, where Mr. Jones served as a deacon and $100 to the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged.

Members of the family said this week that the two interchanged visits to the churches and both gave their service to both home for the aged.

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MR. JONES died fust 11 months before his wife. He succumbed suddenly after suffering two attacks of virus. They had been married for 24 years.

The bequests are to come from funds from the sale of her property at 1655 N. Fulton Ave., which has been valued at $5,500.

Out of the funds, also, will go a bequest of $500 to her sister, Mrs. Mary Redmond of 1111 Edmondson Avenue, and the balance to her daughter, Mrs. Roslyn White of 3509 Dennlyn Road.

$21,500 bail in money order case

Two men and three women who are accused of cashing forged money orders throughout the city were ordered held in total bail of $21,500 Thursday afternoon in Northeastern District Police Court.

With the exception of one man the defendants entered pleas of not guilty before Magistrate Harry H. Fine.

Nine charges in all were filed against:

Bernard Sharp, 37, of the Trapp, 32, 4100 block Fairfax Rd.; Marcellus Levi, 34, 600 block Gold St.; and eight charges were filed against Mrs. Alice Doris Datcher, 27, 2500 block W. Pratt St., and Miss Bernice Mary Smith, 26, of the 500 block W. Biddle St.

One of the charges against the men involved larceny of 12 books of Nation Wide Money Orders from a store in the 1300 block Myrtle Ave.

Six of the charges involved obtaining a total of $82.16 in merchandise and $517.84 in cash from a number of business firms and two charges were for attempting to obtain $100 with a forged money order from a N. Gay St., drug store, and merchantise and currency from a W. Lexington St. jewelry store.

Sharp, who according to Sgt. Leeman Gonce, was arrested on March 24 when he tried to pass one of the bogus money orders in a drug store, pleaded guilty to eight charges.

Following his arrest the two women were apprehended and they implicated the men, police said.

The bogus money orders were allegedly passed at clothing, furniture, and food stores and a night club.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A citation for his 28 years of continuous service was presented to **Lawrence W. Rogers**, superintendent of buildings and grounds, by Bennett College faculty - staff club in the David D. Jones Student Union last Tuesday night.

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Sit-down resumes at restaurant

The Civic Interest Group resumed its sit - down campaign in the roof - top restaurant of the Hecht Company in the Northwood Center on Wednesday night.

Approximately 50 members of the CIG, which has been campaigning to crack the bars against colored persons at the Northwood Theatre and two eating places in the Northwood Center, took seats in the restaurant.

This was the first time the restaurant had been demonstrated against since the initial sit-down activity there about three weeks ago.

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IN THE MEANTIME CIG, headed by Aubrey Edwards, has said it was awaiting the outcome of conferences which were felt to be leading to a favorable decision from the Hecht Company.

On Thursday, Nathaniel Pierson, another of the CIG leaders, told the AFRO, "we understand that they are sympathetic toward us but it has been quite a while and we want to know if they are pulling our leg."

He said the sit - down demonstration on Wednesday was not full - scale "because we wanted to show them that white patrons would continue to come in if we were there, and they did".

The picketing of the Northwood Theatre continues nightly with from 15-20 CIG members taking part.

The other center place against which the protest was first launched, the Arundel Ice Cream Company, has agreed to admit and serve all orderly patrons.

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CIG LEADERS said on Thursday they did not yet know how often they would repeat the demonstration in the roof - top restaurant of the Hecht Company.

Most of the members of CIG are students at Morgan State College which is about two blocks from the Northwood Shopping Center.

EEOC aives Read case to the Mayor

The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission has forwarded to Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro a copy of its findings and order against the Read Drug and Chemical Co.

Signed by Richard W. Emery, chairman, the covering letter notes that having brought the alleged violations of the Equal Employment Opportunities Ordinance to the attention of the public, there is nothing more the commission can do.

The letter also says that the Read case is the "most obvious and flagrant violation" of the ordinance to come to the commission's attention.

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MR. EMORY noted:

"Any further action will have to be taken by higher municipal authority (than the commission)."

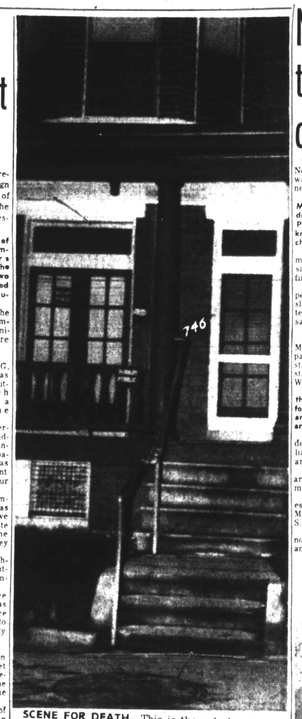
In its findings relative to the company, the commission said the company has a policy of paying wages on the basis of the race and color of its fountain employees; it has a policy of differentiating sickness, accident and life insurance benefits on the basis of the race and color of its fountain employees;

It starts colored fountain employees at a salary ranging from $28 to $30 a week while white employees start at a salary of from $36 to $38 a week, and white employees of the company are eligible within 90 days of employment for a $1,000 life insurance policy and for sick and accident benefits while colored employees are not.

The order to the company called for the end of such practices, but under the EEOC Law the commission has no power to enforce such an order.

APRIL 6

Herbert M. Frisby speaks about Matthew Henson at Coppin State Teachers' College assembly, 11:45 a.m.



SCENE FOR DEATH—This is the exterior of the house at 746 Poplar Grove St. where the body of Mrs. Hattie Lee Walls was discovered Monday. A large crowd gathered about the house attracted by the presence of police and the medical examiner.

MRS. EMMA JONES
Found the body

Man takes test on lie detector

The bloodstained body of a Northwest Baltimore matron was found at her home by a neighbor Monday afternoon.

Police said that the matron, Mrs. Hattie Lee Walls, laundry worker of the 700 block Poplar Grove St., died from a knife wound of the upper left chest.

The gruesome discovery was made by Mrs. Emma Jones, same address, who lives in the first floor apartment.

Police are now holding a suspect in connection with the slaying. He underwent a lie detector test Thursday, police said.

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POLICE REPORTED that Mrs. Jones found the body, partly dressed in a white bloodstained slip, at the foot of the stairs leading to her (Mrs. Walls) second floor apartment.

Upon further investigation of the bedroom, police said they found bloodstains on the bed and bedclothes, but no sign of any other disorder.

Mrs. Walls was pronounced dead at 4:55 p.m. by Dr. William Lovett of the Medical Examiner's office.

At AFRO press time, funeral arrangements had not been made.

Mrs. Walls is survived by her estranged husband, a daughter, Mrs. Marian Marks, Leesville, S.C.;

A son, Nathan, U.S. Army, now stationed in Germany and an uncle, Leo Wise.

Shockley must die

A new concept in the administration of executive clemency was forecast this week when Governor J. Millard Tawes turned down the plea of Leonard Melvin Shockley, 37, scheduled to die in the gas chamber next Friday, April 10.

In rejecting Shockley's plea for life, Governor Tawes said:

"As long as such provision for capital punishment is a part of the organic law of the State of Maryland, then the question of one's personal conviction concerning capital punishment should not influence a decision regarding commutation of a sentence from death to life imprisonment."

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THIS STATEMENT has been interpreted in some quarters as marking a departure from the philosophy of Governor Tawes' predecessor, Theodore R. McKeldin, who was personally opposed to the death penalty and who saved several men from execution on compassionate grounds.

The Shockley case offered the new governor his first chance to act in a case requesting executive clemency for a man sentenced to die.

Barring some unforeseen development, Shockley will be the youngest person ever executed in Maryland.

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SHOCKLEY AND his brother, Harold, 22, were convicted of first degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Sarah Hearne of Box Iron on Jan. 16, 1958.

Harold was sentenced to life imprisonment and Leonard, who admitted cutting Mrs. Hearne's throat, was sentenced to die.

The brothers were arrested some seven hours after the crime at their home near Frankford, Del.

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GOVERNOR TAWES in turning down the plea said:

"Compassion is an ever present element in such matters as this, but it cannot and should not be controlling.

"It is my belief that the power of commutation given to the Governor by the laws of the State of Maryland has been bestowed upon him for the purpose of correcting inequities or errors which may have arisen in the trial of the case; for the consideration of newly discovered evidence which might illegate the guilt of the accused.

"To remedy a situation where the accused was not adequately or competently defended in the course of the trial or on appeal; or for the consideration of conflicting psychiatric reports regarding the mental competency of the accused and his moral responsibility for his actions, concerning which the minds of reasonable man may differ."

Governor Tawes said he found none of these things present in the Shockley case and hence the plea was denied.

BODY IS REMOVED—Morgue attendants are shown bringing the body of Mrs. Hattie Lee Walls, 40, from her home at 746 Poplar Grove St. Her body was discovered Monday afternoon.

Gas Co. told 'pay it back'

Late Thursday the Gas and Electric Co. reported that it had not reached a decision on whether it will appeal a court order to refund an estimated $2,000,000 to its customers.

The order was issued Wednesday by Judge Joseph L. Carter on the basis of a prior ruling that the two million dollar sum was unlawfully collected because of an improper rate base.

Judge Carter instructed the Public Service Commission to determine the manner and form in which the refunds shall be made.

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WHILE NO official decision has been forthcoming on an appeal it seemed a foregone conclusion that the company would seek an appeal.

Judge Carter said in part:

"It must logically follow that money received on an illegal order cannot in good conscience be kept by the company."

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Total to date **104,588**
Still unregistered **39,628**

There are 39,628 colored persons in Baltimore over 21 years of age who are still not registered to vote. Registered as of **March 23, 1959, were 104,588 persons.**

If you have not already registered it is too late to do so before the May 5 General Election to select a mayor, City Councilmen and other officials.

In this general election just because you are registered as a member of one party does not mean that you cannot vote for candidates in the other party.

For instance, if you are a Democrat, you can vote for any Republican that you desire as long as his name is on the ballot in your district.

The same holds true if you are a Republican.

REMEMBER that you can also split your ticket and vote for both Democratic and Republican candidates.

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Strangler Strikes Again

Police Press Hunt For 'Dawn Slayer'

'HO, HUM, it's income tax time again!'

'BUT, THEY CAN'T make a monkey out of me, they told me I didn't have to file . . .'

'DOESN'T TASTE too bad, but I'll stick to bananas . . .'

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Aisquith St. mother is found dead

Believe 'down strangler' also killed two other women found murdered

"We have got to find him.

"We have got to get this guy before he harms someone else.

Those were the comments of a veteran police officer Thursday morning shortly after a mother of three boys was found strangled.

The body of Mrs. Pearl Wees 39, of the 1300 block Aisquith St., was discovered in an areaway behind 1406 Harford Ave. shortly after 7 a.m.

Her death is similar to that of two other women who were found murdered in the pre-dawn hours last December.

In both instances, the women had been strangled, their clothing torn from their bodies and they had been dragged into an alleyway.

All of the slayings have occurred in the same neighborhood.

VICTIMS OF the strangler in addition to Mrs. Wees have been Mrs. Ruth Hall, 31, of the 1300 block E. Chase St., and Mrs. Lottie R. Kight, 60, of the 900 block E. Preston St.

The body of Miss Hall was found last Dec. 9th in the rear of the 1300 block E. Eager St.

Her clothing had been stripped from the upper part of her body and there were bruises about her face.

The body of Mrs. Kight, an elderly blonde was found a week earlier in an alleyway two doors away from her home.

There were also bruises and scratches about her body and a trail of blood led from the scene to a nearby sidewalk.

In connection with those two slayings, Northeastern District Police have questioned more than 25 men.

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POLICE HAVE also surmised that the "Dawn Strangler" may have been responsible for attacks on two other women.

Last January, a Hopkins Hospital employee was attacked by a man during the early morning hours while walking to her job.

Two weeks later, a second woman reported that a man tried to attack her in the vicinity of the 1400 block Ensor St.

In both instances the attackers were driven off by violent struggling and screaming on the part of the women.

In the case of victim No. 3, Mrs. Wees, police surmised that she put up a violent struggle before she lost her life.

The body of the murdered woman was first discovered by Mrs. Marian Craige of 1406 Harford Ave., who told police she saw Mrs. Wees when she happened to look out of her window.

Patrolmen Conrad Amrehein and William Benson reported that when they arrived on the scene, they found Mrs.

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Suit charges false arrest; asks $75G

(See Photo Page 22)

A $75,000 damage suit has been filed against two Baltimore County Police officers.

Named in the suit by Luther M. Adams, 200 block E. 21st St., are Sgt. James W. Pearce Jr. and Officer Edward A. Vanik, both of the Police Headquarters at Towson.

Mr. Adams alleges in his suit that the officers on or about last Feb. 15 "without any cause or justification and without authorization," arrested him and detained him as he left St. Joseph's Hospital.

The suit alleges that Mr. Adams had been treated at the hospital for burns and despite his protests that he had committed no crime the two officers forcefully" took him to the police station at Parkville, Md.

There, the suit continues, he was questioned and later taken to headquarters at Towson where he was questioned again and forced to submit to a lie detector test.

Mr. Adams contends he was held for 20 hours and he was denied permission to communicate with his family, friends or employer.

The complainant said he was finally released but that the "deliberate false arrest and illegal detention" had greatly embarrassed and humiliated him, he had been subjected to severe nervous and mental disorder, he had been summarily and maliciously deprived of his civil rights and he had been forced to lose time from his job.

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THE SUIT was filed by Arthur D. Williams, Arthur G. Murphy and Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell.

According to a statement from police officials at the time of the incident, Mr. Adams was taken into custody in connection with the attempted burglary of a safe in which a suspect was believed to have been hidden. Mr. Adams said he suffered the burns in an explosion at his home.

ORIOLES DEFEATED

Birds lose; Boyd stars

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

WASHINGTON

The Washington Senators reared up from the stature of an American League tailender in 1958 to clobber the Baltimore Orioles, 9-2, in Thursday's Major League Baseball Inaugural at Griffith Stadium.

A crowd of 26,850 persons, including Vice President Nixon, who threw out the first ball, was on hand to witness the go.

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'Lost all I had,' says suicide coed's mom

GREENSBORO, N.C. — "I've lost all I had. I'm a terribly torn-up mother."

The speaker was Mrs. Frederic A. Jackson, mother of Miss Anna Louise Jackson, one of two Meharry College medical seniors whose deaths have been ruled "murder and suicide."

Mrs. Jackson told the AFRO on Thursday that funeral arrangements are tentatively set for Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Matthews Methodist Church here.

Mrs. Jackson said she was awaiting the arrival of the girl's father, Dr. Frederic A. Jackson, professor of economics at Morgan State College.

DEAD IN the tragedy that has been ruled a murder-suicide are Miss Jackson, 24, and Vernell Roberts, 27, of New York City and Galveston, Tex.

Both were due to graduate in May.

A broken love affair was blamed for the tragedy by John W. Coles, district attorney general's investigator at Nashville.

Police said Roberts, shot through the heart, was found dead by Meharry College officials investigating his absence from class.

Miss Jackson, who died on the operating table at Hubbard Hospital, was found critically injured in a 1958 Buick which apparently had swerved off a 100 - foot embankment, completely demolishing the car.

At the hospital, doctors discovered a bullet wound in her left shoulder.

INVESTIGATOR COLES told the AFRO earlier:

"They had been friends for quite some time. Roberts was married, last Wednesday he told her the friendship would have to stop."

Mr. Coles said Roberts' wife, Barbara, is soon to become a mother. He said she lives in New York and recently visited her husband in Nashville.

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DR. W. J. CORE, of Nashville, Davidson County Medical examiner, told the AFRO Miss Jackson made a statement before she died.

He quoted her as saying on

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Rules don't stop African pickets

WASHINGTON

Local regulations against picketing a foreign embassy didn't stop more than 25 African students from demonstrating Tuesday before the British Embassy in protest over hangings back home.

They moved back 500 yards until police orders and continued the demonstration with placards in the 3100 block Massachusetts Ave., NW.

Motorists stopped and many gawked at posters held on either side of the street by Africans, some in the colorful dress of their various countries.

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Bombed family vows to stay; FBI enters probe

By IRMA LAWSON

WILMINGTON, Del. — Despite a bomb explosion which left the kitchen of their Collins Park home a mass of twisted metal and broken glass, Mrs. George Rayfield told the AFRO Wednesday night that the family will return to their home as soon as repairs are completed.

State police and agents of the FBI are continuing their investigation of the blast at the Rayfield home, located in the previously all-white suburb of Wilmington, which occurred on Tuesday evening while Mr. Rayfield was away having a car repaired and their daughter, Geraldine, was spending the evening at the home of relatives.

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MRS. RAYFIELD was attending a hearing before Magistrate Frank Carrello Jr., of a charge of breach of the peace involving Robert Smith, a white Minguadale, Del., resident, which was the outgrowth of the blocking of the Rayfield driveway.

The bombing, which completely demolished the kitchen knocked out a living room wall and weakened beams supporting upper floors, climaxed six weeks of minor incidents which have harassed the family since they moved into their $12,500 home.

Only the absence of the family prevented the injury or possible death of any of its members who might have otherwise been on the first floor when the blast occurred at 7:38 p.m.

Attesting to the lethal force of the blast was the blowing of a heavy oak door 35 feet from the back of the house, where it landed in a flower bed.

Mrs. Rayfield had left the house only 15 minutes before State Police received an anonymous telephone call that the home had been bombed promptly at 7:39."

BOTH THE FBI and State Police, who placed a two-man, 24-hour guard on the scene immediately following the blast, to comment on the progress of their investigation.

Theophilus Nix, attorney for the Rayfields, said that the bombing "looks like pros did it. There wasn't any fire or anything like that. Just a big explosion that ripped that place to pieces."

County building inspector

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'Taxes are for the humans,' says Betsy, pride of Zooland

"Taxes? Who's worried about taxes? I am going to beat up all those old income tax and state tax forms and spend my money.

"This tax business is for the humans, so I don't worry about it April 15. I'll never get out of this life alive anyway."

Giving the AFRO her views and ideas on the present tax problem was cute, vivacious Betsy.

You know Betsy, that international known personality who is the latest thing in the 'beatnik' circles with her 'crazy' artistic and musical ability.

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THE CUTE little chimpanzee from West Africa who earned over $3,000 last year, says if Uncle Sam gets one cent out of her, he'll be lucky.

Uncle Sam agrees. In fact he has ruled that Betsy does not have to pay any income tax at all

"I'm not paying one penny in taxes this year," she says.

"Things are getting to the point where a person, human or not, can't save anything.

"Since I brought my new house I can't keep a penny."

Betsy lives in a $296,000 mansion on top of a hill in Druid Hill Park (the Mammal House).

About her new house, Betsy told the AFRO.

"My 'pad' is nice, but it costs so much for the upkeep of it.

"And the cost of living is going up every day. If things keep going up, I won't be making enough to cover my expenses."

Most of Betsy's money comes from her paintings and on occasional personal appearance.

LIKE ALL WOMEN, Betsy watches her weight. At present she says she weighs around 75 pounds, and is about 3 feet 5 inches tall.

"I've got to keep slim and trim," says Betsy, "you never can tell when you might meet a new young male."

Betsy says her heart throb at present is Dr. Tom.

Like all women, Betsy also watches her wardrobe.

WHEN SHE entertained the

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'NOT UNTIL I HAVE READ MY AFRO'

"I know I've got a bite, Buster. The fool, fish came up trying to read my AFRO and I hooked him. I'll pull him in just as soon as I finish my paper." Don't you get hooked trying to read someone else's AFRO. You can get your own by merely calling the AFRO circulation department

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Mrs. Herbert Wilson sues him for divorce

Charging that Herbert Wilson, postal clerk has "cruelly abused" her, Mrs. Catherine Wilson, city teacher and daughter of George W. F. McMechen, attorney, filed a suit for divorce this week.

Mrs. Wilson says that her husband made life intolerable for her, and by his cruel and abusive treatment brought about a desertion on March 25.

She gave her present address as the home of her brother - in - law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chester, 2102 Whittier Ave.

Mr. Wilson, according to the records, is still in their former home at 2207 Bryant Ave.

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THE WILSONS were married on Nov. 24, 1940, and are parents of a seven - year-old daughter.

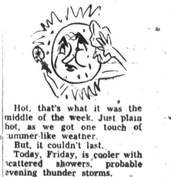
Her petition, pointing out that Mr. Wilson earns more than a $3000 per year in the Post Office, asks for weekly support and fees for her attorney.

She also asks for custody of their child.

Mrs. Wilson is being represented by Nicholas and Gosnell, attorneys.

WEATHER

Touch of summer



Hot, that's what it was the middle of the week. Just plain hot, as we got one touch of summer like weather.

But, it couldn't last.

Today, Friday, is cooler with scattered showers, probable evening thunder storms.

Saturday will see fair weather, a little on the cool side. Sunday, continued fair. Monday, warming.