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Says mother-in-law came for a week, stayed a year

Much of the trouble which brought an end to her marriage stemmed from her mother-in-law, according to Mrs. Goldie J. Watson of 2439 Guilford Ave.

Mrs. Watson, a city teacher and mother of six children won a divorce from Harmon S. Watson in Circuit Court No. 2.

She said that they were married in 1942 and separated in 1951, because, said she, "I didn't feel I would live much longer had I stayed."

Charging that her mother-in-law and her husband took over their home, Mrs. Watson said:

"His mother came from Alabama to stay for a week. The week drifted into a year. He and I were sleeping in the living room and she (her mother-in-law) had our bedroom.

"We had no privacy. He seemed satisfied for things to remain as they were. At times her will and his will were more dominant than mine, and I had nothing."

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BUT WHAT brought the marriage to an end on March 5, 1951, was his threatening her life, the wife said.

"When I woke up that morning my husband and his mother were in the bedroom talking. I heard her say that the darkest days came before the dawn.

"He had often threatened to kill me, but on that day there were knives on the table where I had been cooking.

"He grabbed a knife and I was afraid he was going to cut me. He had a gun in his possession. I was afraid for the children also. I took tre children and went to the home of my sister."

Mrs. Warner said that in one fight he left scars which she still has. At that time, she said, she had him imprisoned.

Along with the divorce, Mr. Watson will convey property in Anne Arundel County to Mrs. Watson, pay her attorney $75, pay the court costs and pay $25 a week for support of the children.

Mrs. Watson is to have custody of the children.

The father may see the children, but the visits must be at his expense and at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Mitchell.

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MRS. FLORENCE MERRITT of 2412 Woodbrook Ave. divorced Elmer Merritt on the grounds that they voluntarily ended their marriage in 1946.

"It was hard for him to keep a job. The babies were coming. We were fighting and half of the time we weren't eating and we owned rent," the wife tersely explained.

Married on June 22, 1938, the union ended Christmas, 1940, she said. They are parents of two children, both of whom are self-supporting said the mother.

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MRS. LESSIE SHIPMAN of 139 Aisquith St., said that her husband, Robert, deserted her on Sept. 1, 1948.

"When I returned from work he had gone. Later police came looking for him on a paternity charge," she testified.

The Shipmans were married on Sept. 28, 1948, and are parents of two children, now in her custody. Mr. Shipman is now in Flint, Mich., the wife said.

A charge of technical desertion won a divorce for Rufus J. Dargan of 2607 Reisterstown Rd. from Mrs. Ivia Dargan, this week.

The husband said his 36-year-old wife tired of his arguing about another man and ordered him to leave.

Married on Oct. 7, 1950, they separated on July 15, 1955, according to Mr. Dargan.

He, 36, agreed to provide $18 a week for support of three children, who are in custody of the wife.

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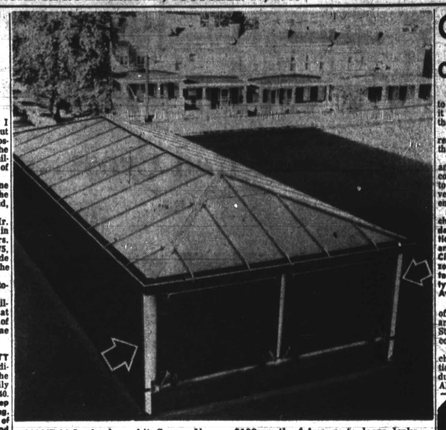

VANDALS who have hit Carver Vocational Technical High School off and on, stripped all the copper off the legs of this auditorium air vent on the school's roof. Over the past weekend a group broke into the school doing $100 worth of damage to doors, locks, windows and vents. They also stole a car coat being worked on and some foodstuffs for a total loss to the school of about $400.

Citizens ask re-zoning of Elgin Ave. area lot

"It was an error for this lot to be zoned commercial, when it is surrounded by some of the finest homes in the city.

"One part is already zoned residential. We want to rezone the commercial part of the lot.

"It is presently used to park and service trucks, and is a constant source of disturbance to the homeowners, and prevents them from the peaceful enjoyment of their properties."

Mrs. Jaunita Jackson Mitchell, attorney for the Mondawmin Improvement Association, offered this explanation of an ordinance introduced in the City Council Tuesday to rezone from second commercial to residential a tract of property on the north side of Elgin Ave. east of Pulaski.

The vacant lot is in the area of the 2000 block Whittier St. and the 2300 block N. Monroe St., and is owned by a storage company.

At the request of Mrs. Mitchell representing the association, the ordinance was introduced by Councilmen Maxwell Alpert, Walter T. Dixon and Maurice J. Soypher, of the Fourth District.

George C. Grant, Morgan State College dean, is president of the association; Miss Thelma Anderson, secretary, and Prentis Nolan is the treasurer.

Croxton estate

Robert Croxton, who died here July 29, left an estate of $5,852.62, according to an account filed by his widow and executor, Mrs. Marione Croxton.

The estate consited chiefly of property at 932 Bennett Place, an automobile and cash.

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Dixon back to normal City Council committee duties

"I am happy about it because there is more unity in the party and the council, and I think the best interests of the Fourth District will now be served."

Walter T. Dixon, Fourth District city councilman, was speaking Tuesday, expressing his opinion about the coming reshuffling of City Council committee assignments among the three councilmen in his district.

Last week, in an unprecedented council action, Mr. Dixon was given assignments on all of the council's 20 committees. He was previously assigned to eight committees.

On Monday, Philip H. Goodman, council president, is expected to relieve Mr. Dixon of 12 of the committee assignments, leaving him on the following eight committees:

Aviation, budget and finance, claims and disbursements, executive, labor, health, chairman; judiciary, and parks and recreation.

He was previously on these eight committees, prior to the all-committee assignment.

Building regulations, education, executive, health, chairman; judiciary, rules, vice chairman; traffic, and the important zoning committee.

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THE ALL-COMMITTEE assignment came when Maxwell Alpert and Maurice J. Soypher, the district's two other councilmen, refused their assignments, arguing that they had been relegated to non-functioning committees.

As a result, Council President Goodman named Mr. Dixon to their respective committees, in that council rules require that each of the city's six councilmanic districts be represented on each council committee.

Reports are that Councilmen Alpert and Soypher have agreed now to accept committee assignments.

The matter of committee assignments in the new City Council, which took office in May, has been an issue with the Fourth and Fifth District councilmen allied with the political forces of James H. (Jack) Pollack.

Mr. Dixon alone raised no objections—even when he was saddled with the 20 committees.

Anthony F. DiDomenico, Second District, is a third councilman who declined all his committee assignments.

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5-family housing at 1407 McCulloh blocked

The Northwestern Residential Protective Association, the NAACP, Urban Renewal and Housing Agency and several homeowners in the block successfully protested a request before the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals Tuesday to allow the housing of five families at 1407 McCulloh St.

The protestants, represented by Archie D. Williams, attorney, argued that five families were too many for that type of house, and would be detrimental to the residential block as a whole.

Speaking in protest to the five family request were Mrs. Florence Snowden, president of the association, Mrs. Blanche S. Day, Mrs. William E. Phillips, P. S. Jackson, and Miss Edith Graffiin, a blonde who said she will be 92 years old in November, and has lived at 1414 McCulloh St. all her life.

In other action, the Zoning Board approved the housing of four families at 1220 and 1322 Harlem Ave., and the location of four families and a beauty shop at 200 E. 24th St.

Disapproved was a request to house three families at 1502 N. Bond St.

Among the cases scheduled to be heard this coming Tuesday are requests to reconstruct 1052 W. Lanvale St. and 1323 McCulloh St. so that seven families might be housed at each location.

Governor urges community support for United Appeal

Governor J. Millard Tawes today called on all residents of the Baltimore metropolitan area to rally to the support of Cross United Appeal Crusade the Community Chest - Red Cross United Appeal Crusade which begins next Monday.

"All of us must rally," the governor said, "to halt the gradual eclipse of one of the bright stars of any community—our willingness as neighbors to pitch in and help a neighbor when help is needed."

The United Appeal Crusade, which runs from October 19 to November 6, is seeking to raise at least $1,000,000 more than the $4.3 million contributed last year.

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NAACP exec visits here next week

James Farmer, activities coordinator of the NAACP in charge of a program of education and activities, will visit the Baltimore branch of the NAACP on Oct. 20 and 21st.

He will speak briefly at the report meeting of the current NAACP membership drive to be held at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m.

On the two days that he is in town, Mr. Farmer will conduct conferences with committee chairmen and officers in regard to his work as activities chairman.

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MR. FARMER was born in Texas in 1920, and graduated from Wiley College in 1938, and from Howard University in 1941.

He was active in the Christian Youth Movement from 1936 to 1940, serving as Vice Chairman of the National Council of Methodist Youth and the Christian Youth Council of North America.

He came to the association's staff in 1959 with a broad background of activity in the fight for civil rights and civil liberties, and other related causes.

Gets promotion

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — Meritoriously promoted to Marine Private First Class during graduation ceremonies at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., was Donald W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of 2726 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Before enlisting in April 1959, he graduated from Douglass High School in Baltimore.

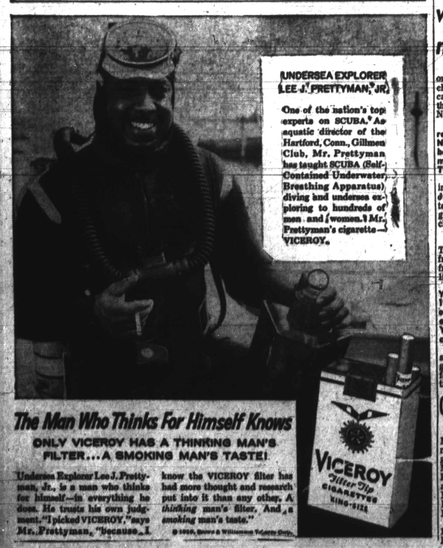
$3,500 bail set on dope charge

A 23-year-old man was held in $3,500 bail for the grand jury, Tuesday in Western Police Court.

Before Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass, Paul Howell, of the 2300 block W. North Ave. pleaded guilty to charges of having on improvised hypodermic syringe, an eye-dropper and a needle in his possession.

Police said Howell was arrested Monday at his home after they went there to investigate an armed robbery case.

They said in searching the apartment, they found the syringe and needle in the pocket of a coat hanging in the closet.



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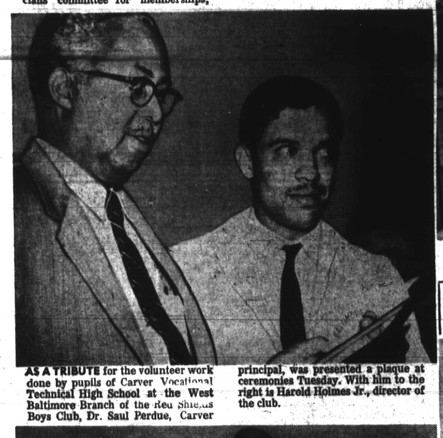
TEA ON Sunday at Me-De-So Club was sponsored by NAACP Life Membership Committee. Glamorous Dorothea Towles, seated, famed N.Y. model, received guests. Pictured with her are, left to right, Mrs. William H. Watts, chairman of the physicians' committee for memberships; Mrs. Dorothea B. Merchant, director of the NAACP's current membership drive; and Dr. Watts, chairman of the life membership committee. Not pictured is Malvin Goode, Pittsburgh, public relations man, who was guest speaker at the tea.

Meet the quads' family

SISTERS AND BROTHERS of the Graves quadruplets are pictured here. Left to right, Milton, 13, holds James, 2. His twin, Geraldine, stands in front. Others are George, 10; Janet, 8, survivor of a set of twins; Gregory, 7; Vivian, 4; and Frances, 5.

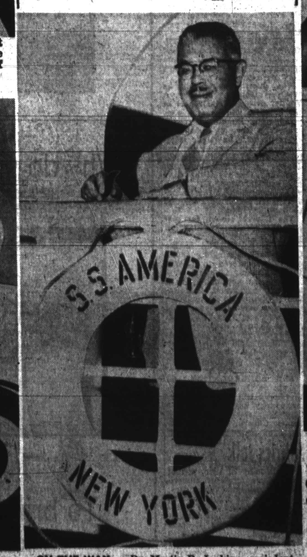


AS A TRIBUTE for the volunteer work done by pupils of Carver Vocational Technical High School at the West Baltimore Branch of the Boys Club, Dr. Saul Perdue, Carver principal, was presented a plaque at ceremonies Tuesday. With him to the right is Harold Holmes Jr., director of the club.

'I'M GLAD 'IT'S OVER' was one of the first comments 30-year-old Mrs. Lorraine Simms Graves made after she gave birth to quadruplets at Johns Hopkins Hospital Saturday. Husband and father is George Graves, 35, unemployed and estranged from family which is on relief.

HAPPY WINNER — Alec Bland, 24, not only was the lucky winner of the Renault given away Saturday night at the Morgan State-Maryland State football classic at Memorial Stadium, but the occasion was brightened when Miss Betty Wiseman, left, and Miss Henrietta Ballard, right, extended their congratulations.

In Europe

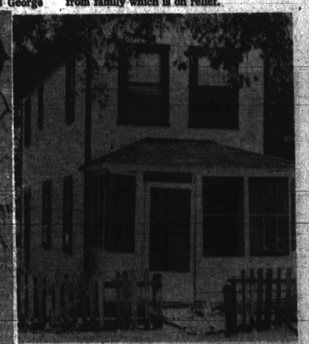


ON THE WAY — Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, sailed on Oct. 10 aboard the United States lines' luxury liner America for a three-month trip to Europe where he will lecture on behalf of the State Department.

QUADS' AUNT — Three-year-old Viola Lee is sister of Mrs. Lorraine Graves, mother of the quads.

Quads, triplets enrolled in NAACP

On Wednesday, Mrs. Anne Readenhof, former Baltimore resident who now resides at the Dedeistown Inn, Dedeistown, Pa., notified the AFRO that she has registered the Graves quads and the Earl Watkins triplets as members of the NAACP. She has paid for the membership of the seven children.



FIVE-ROOM house at No. 5 Lee St., Annapolis, is residence of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Simms, who have opened home to their daughter and her eight children, will now probably have to make room for her quadruplets. "I don't know what we'll do now. I guess we'll have to go up on the roof," Mrs. Simms told the AFRO.

GRANDMA — Just 45 years old is Mrs. Temperance Simms, maternal grandmother of the Graves quads. In addition to the quads' mother, who is 19, she has a grown son and a three-year-old daughter.

GRANDPOP—Milton Simms is employed as a cement finisher in Annapolis. He has a twin brother, Milton Simms, also a cement finisher, in Edgewater, Md.