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Melvin L. Hughes, 2207 Chelsea Terrace, a chauffeur, applied for a marriage license on July 1, the day after Judge Harry A. Cole signed a decree divorcing Mr. Hughes and his first wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Hughes of Washington.

Records in the Court of Common Pleas list the bride-to-be as Miss Ella Louise Miller, 26.

The application for the marriage license was among the first on the day the law required that notation of the race of the parties be stricken from the record.

The divorce was granted Mr. Hughes on grounds of desertion.

He and Mrs. Hughes were married Nov. 26, 1959. Dec. 31, 1960, "after she told me she was fed up with married life and she just wanted to get away," the husband testified.

Letter notifying Mrs. Hughes of the divorce proceedings were returned from Washington marked, "Moved" with no forwarding address.

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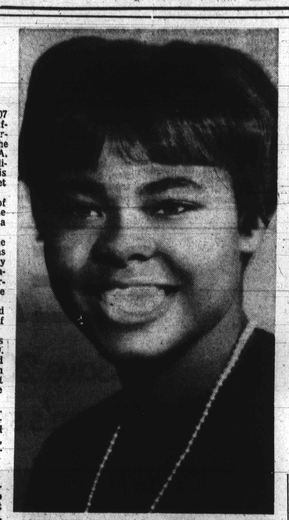

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of the engagement of Miss Cornelius Ranay Spencer to William Hodge of Philadelphia by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer of Baltimore. An August wedding is planned.

Mrs. Warden heads Elks

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Mrs. Amy Warden was elected president of the Tri-State Elks during Convention in Frederick, Md., last week. This is her fourth term.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Torsell were dinner guests Wednesday at Grace AME Church parsonage.

The Rev. Donald Allen, new Pastor of Grace Church, has moved into the church parsonage at 67 Winters Ave. You may call him at 747-4775.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Diggs Monmouth, where they vacationed a week.

Funeral services were held from the Full Gospel Tabernacle church on Monday for Clifton Boardley. The Rev. Donald Allen officiated, assisted by the Rev. Purnell Hardesty, Ridgely Coates, Mrs. Ida Torsel. Mrs. Pauline Brown was SOLOIST.

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Mrs. Frances Carter is a patient at Luther an Hospital.

The Golden Age Club will sponsor their Annual Birthday party and Cookout on Saturday, July 11, on the lawn of Earnest Johnson.

Residents were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Harrison Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lee of New York will make their home in Catonsville.

JULY 12

The Pickwick Players of Baltimore open a new summer theatre in the city of Columbia, the Oakland Mills Summer Garden Theatre today with a full length folk-rock musical version of Peter Pan. Performances will be held every Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock throughout the month of July.

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No replacement seen for Baylor on Zoning

"The job is wide open, and there isn't a live name on our desks."

An administrative aide to Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd was commenting to the AFRO Thursday on a replacement for Solomon Baylor on the city's Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Baylor, veteran attorney and former assistant city solicitor, was named this week by Gov. Marvin Mandel to a judgeship on Municipal Court, succeeding Judge Albert Blum who retired two weeks ago.

The mayor's aide said the appointment will be filled by another black citizen, who may not necessarily be an attorney.

He said the Baylor judgeship appointment caught the mayor and his staff somewhat by surprise and nobody there has had time to think in terms of a successor.

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Mr. Baylor, first to integrated this vital board, was appointed to the post in January 1968 by Mayor D'Alesandro. It is a part-time job with an annual $8,062 salary.

Gilbert V. Rubin, the board's executive secretary, said Thursday the replacement need not be in a special category, for the city charter requires one of the board's five members to be an attorney and one to be a realtor and the board still has both.

"It is imperative," Mr. Rubin said, "that we have a replacement as soon as possible. It's best for us to operate with a full board because four concurring votes are needed for adoption of a resolution."

He said, however, that Mr. Baylor named Tuesday by Gov. Mandel to the judgeship had not tendered his expected resignation to the board as of Thursday.

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Mr. Baylor is member of the comparatively new Metro Democrats Club and has long been closely associated with former councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. and William Adams, prominent businessman.

Actually, both engineered his appointment to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Both are also closely associated with Lloyal Randolph, chief clerk at the city's Supervisors of Elections and a 4th District member of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Randolph and Gov. Mandel, in turn, have been close associates for years also. Mr. Baylor, however, was the lone member of his race on a list of nine recommended appointees submitted to Gov. Mandel by the Baltimore Bar Association — MAX JOHNSON

School suits hit districts in four states

By ISABELLE HALL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government began its final push to desegregate more than 100 hold-out southern school districts Thursday by filing a statewide desegregation suit against Mississippi and individual suits against districts in Arkansas, Florida and South Carolina.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced that suits were filed in the four states against 46 school districts, seeking court-ordered compliance with civil rights laws by the opening of the 1970-71 school year.

The Mississippi suit involves 19 districts and names as defendants the state, the Mississippi Board of Education, the state superintendent of education, and the state educational finance commission.

Multi-district suits were filed against eight school districts in Florida, nine in Arkansas and 10 in South Carolina. The four states have a total of 606 districts.

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More suits are expected to be filed this weekend and possibly more next week as well. The government estimates 100 hard core districts still are not in compliance with the civil rights law covering school integration.

With the opening of most schools just seven weeks away, the Justice Department set up a proposed timetable for integration. It calls for a report in each case to the court by July 17 on the results of attempts to reach agreements on school desegregation plans.

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It also wants the filing of suggested plans one week later if no agreement is reached, and court hearings on the plans to begin during the first week of August.

The suits seek immediate court orders requiring school officials in the districts cited to work with the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to develop acceptable desegregation plans.

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The suits, Mitchell said, would ensure that "virtually all school districts in the areas where suits were filed will have complied voluntarily or are involved in litigation to provide unitary districts by the opening of the fall term."

The statewide suit against Mississippi is only the second ever brought by the government. The Justice Department sued the whole state of Georgia Oct. 22, 1969.

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Two suits were filed against nine school districts in Arkansas in the federal courts at Eldorado and Little Rock. The districts have 36 schools attended by 7,853 white and 9,168 black students.

Two suits were filed against eight districts in Florida in Miami and Pensacola federal courts. One suit covered the 10 school districts in South Carolina and was filed in Columbia.

Wayne D. Blake joins Project Equality Inc.

Maryland Project Equality, Inc. has named Wayne D. Blake as compliance officer. John R. Burleigh 2nd is executive director.

Mr. Blake, a Baltimorean, is a recent graduate of Wichita State University. He is a former staff member of the Wichita Area Community Action Agency in Kansas.

He was a member of the Model Cities Area Council, as well as an active participant of the Black Student Union at Wichita State University. He is also affiliated with the Urban League and NAACP.

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Mr. Blake will be responsible for conducting reviews of personnel policies and practices of churches, synagogues and related institutions participating in the Project Equality program.

He will also conduct reviews of business firms supplying goods and services to the religious community.

Project Equality located at 330 N. Charles St., is an interreligious program to promote Equal Employment Opportunities.

It is a national program with 20 offices throughout the United States serving the religious community.

Mr. Blake, who is 24, is the son of Mrs. Rae E. Holden, of Round View Rd. in Baltimore. She is a psychiatric social worker at Spring Grove Hospital.

His father is R. W. Blake Jr. of Wichita, where he is assistant dean of students at Wichita University.

He has one sister, Miss Jacqualine Bullock, 18, a June graduate of Baltimore's Western High School.

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Sheds wife on June 24, applied to marry another on June 29

Merrill J. Epps Jr., 5012 Goodnow Rd., applied for a marriage license five days after his June 24 divorce from his wife, Mrs. Beverly Jane Epps, New London, Conn., became final.

The marriage license application on file in the Court of Common Pleas lists the bride-to-be as Miss Phyllis Stanford, 303 E. 21st St.

Records in Circuit Court show Mr. Epps, a Bethlehem Steel Co. draftsman, and his first wife were married Aug. 8, 1964 in New London and separated in September, 1968 while residing on E. 22 St. in Baltimore.

Through Solomon Baylor, attorney, Mr. Epps told the court he and his wife agreed to end their marriage.

His mother, Mrs. Thelma Epps, 717 E. 22nd St., told the court she feels the couple is beyond reconciliation and recommended that the wife, "a fit and proper mother," have custody of the Epps' two small children.

The decree provides that Mr. Epps pay $20.60 a week for the support of the children. Alimony is to be determined later by the court. Juged Robert B. Watts signed the decree June 24.

Rev. Forest new pastor at St. John

Bishop George W. Baber has assigned the Rev. Benjamin F. Foust to the pulpit at St. John's A.M.E. Church here.

ceeds the Rev. Joseph S. Grant who died thel month. preached his first sermon last Sunday, is the former pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Raleigh, N.C.

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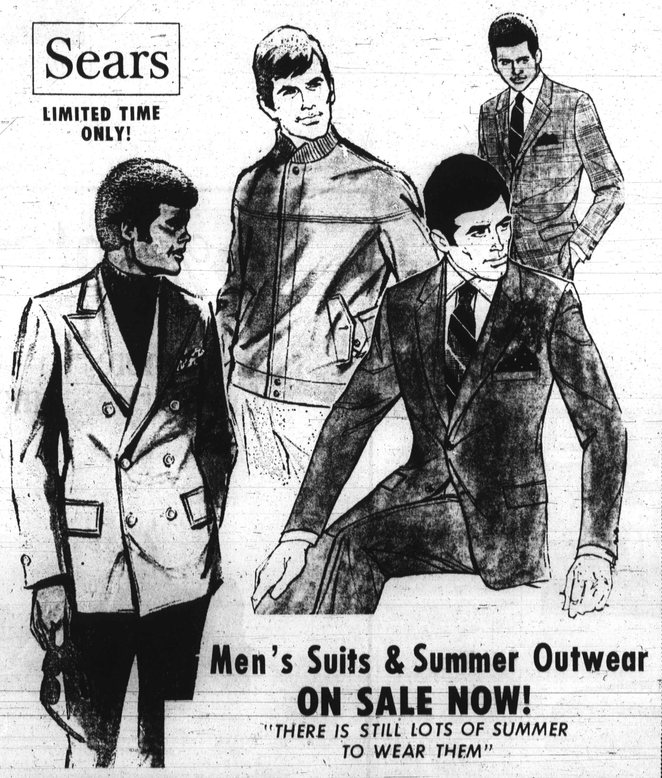

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