—Is ex-cop sadist? — Judge

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pal of the school, I. E. White, into intervening and keeping the case out of court.

Mr. White testified that he refused because he felt that Officer Ferrell was doing a good job and that the legality of the arrest should be determined by the court.

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Highlighting the trial was the history of how determined Officer Ferrell was to have Larry Martin confined behind bars.

Testimony revealed that on April 9, the day of the incident at the school, Officer Ferrell arrested Martin charging him with disorderly conduct and testified against him at the trial held before Judge Joseph Finnerty at Southwestern District Court.

Judge Finnerty found Martin guilty but the conviction was appealed and Martin was released on his own recognizance that evening.

On April 13, after Martin had returned to school, Officer Ferrell placed additional charges based on the same incident, Resisting Arrest and Assault by Threatening against Martin, who was again arrested and again released on his own recognizance.

Three weeks later on May 8 the Sheriff's office arrested Martin on warrants filed by Officer Ferrell stating the same three charges as had already been heard in the Municipal Court. This time the youth was held at City Jail for several days.

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Judge Sodaro described the whole incident as an "unfortunate situation." He pointed out that Officer Ferrell was a school officer and Mr. Wright, the history teacher was also a school officer with other responsibilities.

"And confrontations between officers of the same unit makes controlling discipline problems difficult. There are problems existing in this school, and I agree with Mr. Wright that we don't want a breakdown in discipline any more than we want excessive severity of controls.

"No one has explained to me why Officer Ferrell picks on this young man. Is it a sadistic act? I suspect there have been good reasons."

In announcing his decision, Probation Before Verdict, the Judge admonished the defendant, "I've not found you guilty but I have found you guilty but I have n't found you not guilty either.

"I don't want you to go back to school with a chip on your shoulder. I can think of no job more difficult than being a security officer at a junior high school."

MRS. ADDIE LEE MARTIN (His Mother)

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During the three hour appeal hearing, defense Attorney Ron Elberger brought to the attention of the court that Officer Ferrell had once been on the Baltimore City police force and had possibly been "dismissed on psychiatric grounds."

Mr. Elberger indicated that Officer Ferrell had shown "the propensity to become psychotic when making an arrest and that the department had recommended that he undergo a psychiatric examination."

The attorney declared that within one month after the examination Officer Ferrell left the police force.

However, Harry S. Hodgins Jr., head of the Department of Education's security force told the AFRO that his office had investigated Officer Ferrell's background and had found that he had not been "dismissed from the force but had resigned.

"We found nothing to indicate that Ferrell's resignation held a hidden meaning," Mr. Hodgins said.

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Mr. Hodgins did point out that during his investigation it was discovered that Officer Ferrell had been under investigation by the Internal Investigation Division of the police department "because of something concerning an arrest he made while at the Central District but it was never resolved and he was later accepted by the Habor Tunnel Police before coming to us."

Mr. Hodgins said in his opinion "Ferrell is a valuable man. He has performed very well every place we've assigned him and the principal at School 91, where this incident took place, has given him some pretty good reports."

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When asked about his position on the Larry Martin case Officer Ferrell refused to give his first name because "It isn't important." He said he was "determined to put a stop to the beatings and robberies that are going on out at that school.

"Its not going to go on any place I'm working," he declared, "I know that Martin is the leader of a gang that comes around the school carrying knives and guns and I'm going to put a stop to it!"

Officer Ferrell went on to say that he had "seen Martin with a pistol" but when asked why he had not arrested the youth at the time, he answered, "I just haven't been able to catch him, but I will because if it keeps up he's going to get himself killed or someone else."

Following the hearing; Larry told the AFRO, "I don't know what to make of the officer's treatment of me.

"I'm glad the judge could see through the situation, though."

Mrs. Martin was not available at presstime for a statement, but the youth said his mother had expressed to him the same views that the judge had expressed.

"She feels that there must be something the officer has against me that he did not or could not tell in court."

This summer Larry is attending Lemmel Jr. High School for half day sessions.

Benjamin Madden buried Wednesday

"There were many people at the funeral. He loved children and was liked by everyone."

Mrs. Martina D. Madden was speaking of her husband, Benjamin Madden who died Sunday at his home.

Mr. Madden was 45. He lived at 4107 Fairfax Rd. He was employed as a student advisor for the Concentrated Employment Program for three years.

He and his wife (Teeny) were life-long friends of former AFRO printer F. Payne.

Born in Maryland, he attended the public schools and served in the Army.

Mr. Maiden is survived by his wife Mrs. Martina D. Madden, two daughters Joan and Janis Madden, a son Benjamin A. Madden Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Wayland Baptist Church. Burial was in National Cemetery.

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Mother of 2 held in husband's death

Mrs. Marie Sherrod, 38-year-old mother of two, has been ordered held without bail for the action of the grand jury in the stabbing death of her husband, George, 42, both of 5113 Linden Heights Ave.

According to the police report officers responding to a call to the Sherrod home last Tuesday night found Mrs. Sherrod on the porch. She told them her husband had come home drunk and they "had become involved in an argument.

"Her husband picked up a butcher knife and she attempted to take the knife away from him and he fell against the knife stabbing himself in the chest."

The arresting officers also point out that Mrs. Sherrod's two children Darlene, 14, and Curtis, 13 both verified that their stepfather "fell against the knife."

No testimony was heard by the defendant at Central District Court this week but homicide detectives pointed out to presiding Judge Robert Gunstung that "hospital authorities had pronounced Mr. Sherrod dead and reported that his death was caused by two stab wounds one of the chest, the other in the lower left side of the stomach."

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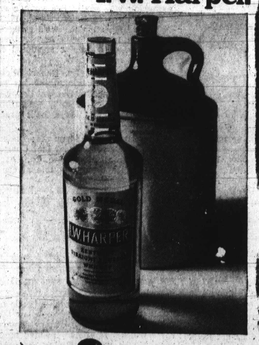

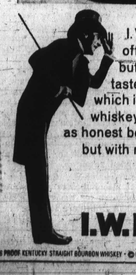

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AT BANQUET which climaxed the International Florist Association convention, in Baltimore, Monday evening, were, from left: Lee Cloud of Ohio, Mrs. Loretta Valentine, Judge Robert Watts, J. Wesley Lee of Pittsburgh, Pa., Charles Rice, Mrs. Charles Rice, Joseph Bush, Mrs. Richard Scott and Richard Scott.

St. Agnes grads hear Mrs. Moseley

Mrs. H. Jewel Moseley, wife of Dr. Herbert Moseley, was the commencement speaker Sunday, when 43 student nurses received their diplomas at the St. Agnes Hospital School of Nursing. She spoke on "Your Challenge: To Know, to care, to do."

Mrs. Moseley was formerly assistant director of nursing education at St. Agnes. She is now assistant professor at the University of Maryland, and a member of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses.

The diplomas were handed out by Sister Alberta, president of the St. Agnes Hospital board of trustees; Sister Margaret Ann, director of the School of Nursing, presided.

Miss Mary Murray was June bride

Miss Mary D. Murray and George E. Robinson were married in the Somerset Street home of the bride on June 30th.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. R. Robinson Jr.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Linda Bryan, Morgan Co-ed wins Neptune Club's title

with Lula Mackay

Pert Linda Bryan, 19-year-old junior at Morgan State College, won the Neptune Yacht Club title, Sunday. The new queen, who has already achieved some national status as a model, added these laurels to her steadily growing list (which includes reigning as "Miss Empire State," New York) of accomplishments by winning over nine other contestants at the Neptune Yacht Club picnic at Elktonia Beach in Annapolis, Md.

Commodore William Hall presented the bouquet of yellow carnations on a bed of green, tied with green and yellow ribbons to Miss Bryan. Yellow and green are the club colors. Her prize will be a three-day trip to a Caribbean Island of her choice. She will also receive a trophy from the club. Official coronation of Miss Bryan will take place at the annual Commodore's Ball, in Washington, early in December.

First runner up in the contest was Miss Andrea Custis, who will enter Hampton Institute as a freshman this fall. Miss Lydia Nicoll Myers, sophomore at Coppin State College, was second runner up; and Miss Mavis Maria Anderson, a flexiwriter operator at a local business, was third runner up.

Other contestants included Misses Alicia Victoria Allen, Deborah Bailey, Lillian Thornton, Priscilla Walston, Beverly Foster and Delores Creighton. The contest was directed by Mrs. Willia Bland and Mrs. Ceil Banton of Flair Studio in cooperation with Capt. Clarke Mallory, program director for the Yacht Club.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Zelma Cole Brown, Mrs. Mary Young, and Mrs. Glodine Adams of Baltimore, Mrs. Ruth Shuford of St. Louis, Mo., Elijah Brown and Melvin Smith of this city, and James Whitley of Washington. The Neptune Club counts members in this city, Annapolis, Philadelphia and Washington

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The Firesiders held their closing meeting Saturday with Ada Weaver and Eula Watkins as hostesses.

The afternoon started with cocktails at Ada's then dinner at the Golden Eagle in Towson. Then the fun began ... the girls saw a shoe sale and the next thing you know ... the whole group was in the store and spent an hour trying and buying ... then someone mentioned Mr. Baker in Mondawmin having a wig sale. So right on to Mondawmin where the group all changed hair styles and colors to red, white, blonde, frosted and black.

Then back to Ada's for fun and games to the wee hours plus another gorgeous banquet to complete the closing. Guests were Frances Hill and Ivy Grinage.

Members about were!

Florence Ringgold, president, Evelyn West, Irma Dancy, Iris Mapp, Ida Smith, Frances Ashby, Milburn Brown, Bea Nixon, Helen Cothorn, Dorothy Brown and Lillian Bell.

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Ida Murphy Smith has invited the black candidates of the 30th and 31st Precincts 15th Ward in to meet her neighbors on Saturday, July 25th from 2 to 5 p.m. Working with her on the open house are neighbors Thelma Rice, Philathea Hall, Nikki Randolph, Ida Russell, Toots Smith and Agnes Underwood.

The open house will include neighbors from Wheeler, Ruxton, Windsor, North Avenue, Bentalou, Carey and streets in between. Among the guests will include Parren Mitchell, Arthur Murphy, Bertram Dorsey, Senators Verda Welcome, Clarence Mitchell III, William Murphy Sr., George Brown, William Murphy Jr. and Henry Westy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard

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Wedding planned

Mrs. Lorraine Smith of 4504 Mani Avenue has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Theresa Harmon, to Brady Peacock, son of Mrs. Eula Adams.

The wedding will take place on August 8.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Carolyn C. Keel to Williams Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Williams Sr. of Baltimore, has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Joyce Clemmons of North Carolina. An August weeding is planned.

Miss Rozell recent bride

Miss Christine Mae Rozell became the bride of James Lee Turner in Gillie Memorial Community Church, recently.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Rozell. Mr. Turner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Isaac Turner.

A reception was held in the church hall.

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Miss Rozell was attended by Mrs. Georgette Jordon, Matron of honor; and Mrs. Vivianne White, bridesmaid.

Darlene Rita Jordon was flower girl.

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By the way...

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When was the last time your child, mother, wife or daughter took a leisurely stroll through the neighborhood or the park...all alone? I know the answer. And so do you. And that answer is very closely related to the reason why so many black families today are arming themselves with guns. In most cases they're not protecting themselves against the white man. They're seeking protection from some of our very own black brothers.

Think about that for a moment. Black communities arming themselves to protect black women from being robbed, raped, and mugged by black men. I'm not implying that the situation would be any more acceptable if blacks vented these horrible frustrations on whites. What I'm getting at is the reasons for these conditions in the first place. It's my opinion that the double standard of justice is one of those reasons. Black people have discovered that robbing, mugging...yes, even killing a black person is not the offense it is when that same crime is committed against a white. It's a dual standard of justice, a mockery of law and order. But it exists. It's real. Disgustingly real.

It is clear that the streets in the black community will not be safe until a crime against a black citizen is considered just as deplorable as that same crime committed against a white citizen. To make it so must be our aim and our responsibility if our women and children are ever to walk our streets in safety again.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Epps-Weaver wedding in Mt. Olive Church

Miss Dessie Chappelle Weaver and Ronald W. Epps were married in an afternoon ceremony in Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday.

The Rev. Leo K. Caesar Polk was organist.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Weaver by her father. She wore a gown of white satin, banded at the neckline with lace panel of the front of the gown. The empire waist line was also outlined by the lace.

Her headpiece was a mantilla of lace, and she carried a bouquet of white and pale pink roses.

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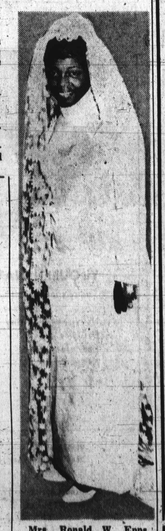
Miss Weaver was attended By Mrs. Dorothy Gwynn, matron of honor; and Mrs. Carol Roberts and Mrs. Linda Berry, bridesmaids.

All attendants wore ensembles in pink and carried pink roses.

Pamela Weaver and Monica Williams were flower girls, and ring bearer was Marvin Harold. Floyd Gwynn was head usher.

A reception for 175 guests was held in the American Legion Hall.

The newlyweds, graduated of Carver Vocational and Edmondson high schools, are at home at 612 N. Woodington Road. He is employed by the Pepsi Cola CO.



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