# "AME Presiding Elder Barnes sheds wife of two months

The Rev. Joseph G. Barnes, 337 N. Denison St., was granted a divorce this week from his wife, Mrs. Eva Barnes of East South Orange, N.J.

The Rev. Mr. Barnes, 67, is the presiding elder of the Hagerstown District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The AFRO learned from a reliable source on Thursday that the longtime, well-known and high-ranking church official plans to remarry soon.

Court records show that Presiding Elder and Mrs. Barnes, a nurses' aide, were married in Baltimore on March 29, 1968, and separated on May 25 the same year when the 47-year-old bride left their home in the 1100 block W. Lexington St.

The decree which ended their wedded life of scarcely two months was signed on July 20 by Judge James A. Perrott and granted on grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Barnes did not appear in Circuit Court when the case was heard and did not contest the divorce.

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In testimony before the examiner master, the Rev. Mr. Barnes, revealed circumstances surrounding the day he and his bride parted.

He told the court, "We became involved in an ar-

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FUNDS GIVEN:

# Rec Centers operating on weekends

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation has received a grant of $58,029 from the Model Cities Program to continue expanded hours of operation of weekend centers.

The money will be used to employ young people of the Model Cities area as

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# Register to vote near your home

Tht second weekend of supplemental voter registration in city neighborhoods is being continued today (Friday) and Saturday by the Supervisors of Elections.

This mobile registration began last weekend and will end Aug. 6-8.

It is being conducted for the convenience of those citizens who find it inconvenient to get to the Elections Office, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

Registration is also available there daily Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election officials term the first neighborhood registration during this period last week as successful.

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For example, last weekend Mondawmin showed 538 new voters on the books, 58 were registered at the Community Action Agency, 1809 Ashland Ave., and on Saturday 51 at MUND, Maryland Ave. and 22nd St.

Persons who should register are those not yet on the books as eligible voters who are 21 years of age or over and have lived in the city for a year or more.

The law provides, however, that citizens who will be 21 by the Nov. 3 general election and those who will have resided here a year by that time may also register.

The books are also open for change of address for those registered who have moved since the last election, and for change of voting name for those who may have married since that time.

Here are the neighborhood registration stations set for today and Saturday:

TODAY (FRIDAY)

Social Security, Paca and Pratt Sts. — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northeast Market, Monument St. — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Stadium, 33rd St. — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Reisterstown Plaza — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Brooklyn Homes, Patapsco and 3rd St. — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fox Mansion, 3901 Wilbur Ave. — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Church Hall, Monument and Linwood — 12 noon to 6 p.m.

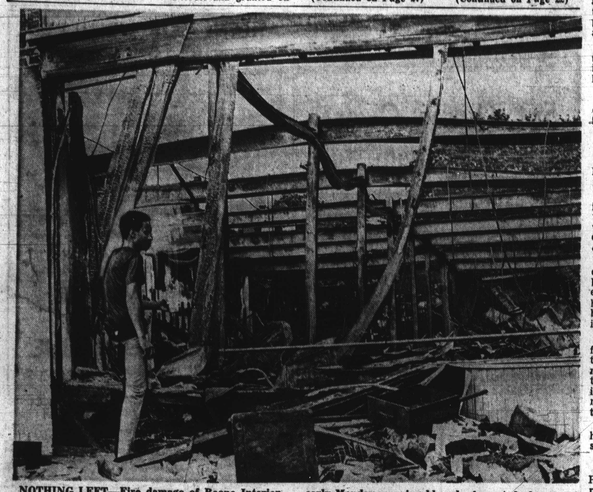
Northwood Shopping Center (Hecht Co.) — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Lafayette Market, Pennsylvania Ave. — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reisterstown Plaza — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cherry Hill Community Center, 2700 Spelman Rd — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

GETTING READY to vote in the upcoming September primary are these two youngsters, Neal and Renald Larkins. Mrs. Fannie Jones, super clerk in Supervisors of Election office administers the oath. Photo was made in Mondawmin Shopping Center where mobile registration booth is stationed. See complete list of places where you can register to vote near your home. Note: August 17 is LAST day to register to Vote before the Primary on Sept. 15.



NOTHING LEFT—Fire damage of Boone Interior 3820-22 Liberty Heights, makes this twisted picture taken by AFRO Staff Photographer Frank W. Phillips 3rd. Cephas Richardson of 3800 block Granada Ave., who sounded fire alarm shortly after the early Monday morning blaze broke out, looks over ruins. Cause of fire estimated at $250,000, is still a mystery. Blaze destroyed four other black-owned businesses in the Northwest Baltimore area near Garrison Boulevard.

$250,000 LIBERTY HEIGHTS FIRE:

# Owner plans rebuilding of gutted sites

"I must see the insurance people first, but as soon as I get that straight we expect to build again."

Issac Margolis, owner of the four shop property area gutted by a $250,000 fire in the 3800 Block Liberty Heights Ave., early Monday morning, told the AFRO of his confidence in relocating as soon as possible.

Mr. Margolis owns the gutted properties occupied by Boone's Interiors at 3822-22 Liberty Heights; Unique Import-Export at 3818; Savon-Pharmacy at 3816, and Henry Baker's Beauty Shops, 3812-14.

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Elana's Pizza, Sub and Carry-Out Shop at 3824 has remained intact, but the ceiling area has been badly damaged, and the entire floor is water-logged.

Brown's Beauty Salon, at 3810, owned by Mrs. Bernice Brown, was the luckiest of shopkeepers in the entire fire area. The only damage was to her front door, which firemen broke to determine whether damage had spread to her business.

No damage was done to the other businesses

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# Carroll County candidate awaiting Mandel word

John H. Lewis Jr., the first black man nominated to sit on the Carroll County School Board is "just waiting for the Governor's decision" on whether he will be appointed to the board despite public criticism of his conviction of a minor crime 14 years ago.

Mr. Lewis told the AFRO that "it was unfair of these people to wait that long to produce this" and that they had done so because "they were not just gunning for me but for the School Board also."

He described it as a "dastardly trick."

The minor offenses which Mr. Lewis admits to having been involved in were a 1956 assault charge for which he paid a fine and a "check which bounced" and for which he paid $8 plus court costs.

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Mr. Jones admitted that had he "remembered the offenses, I would not have gone into it in the first place."

Mr. Lewis pointed out that he sought the seat because he believed that he could help develop "a better understanding between the school system and the Board. As it stands, it could use a little straightening out".

He also indicated that in his opinion the system in Carroll County provided "fair conditions for black students, seemingly equal but there is still a little friction between white and black students. There could be some improvement in some areas."

The 34-year-old soil technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a native of Sykesville, Md. but has lived in Westminster since he was sent there by the government two years ago.

He and his wife, Joan, their three children, Jonathan, 10; Dennis, 9; Telicia, 12, attend the Union Street United Methodist Church in Westminster. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Westminster Jaycees.

He also "works with H.O.P.E. (Housing Ownership Purchase Effort), an diately to make certain the aid establishing channels for low-income housing in the county.

Since its inception, Mr.

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# AFRO Line gets notice to apartments

Complaints of residents of the area about the deteriorating condition of the long vacated Marlborough Apartments, Eutaw Pl. and Wilson St., brought officials prompt city attention.

Robert C. Embry, commissioner, Housing told the AFRO he was unaware of the complaints and the crumbling condition of the apartment complex.

He said his department would take action immediately to make certain the boarded up, and that dangerous conditions of the walls are corrected as much as possible.

The complaints were made through the AFRO

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# Jackie and Hazel finally get together

Jackie and Hazel are together and well in the Phoenix Zoo.

After a series of false starts, Jackie, the Baltimore Zoo's 18-year-old gorilla, left Wednesday morning aboard Hugh Hefner's personal "Playboy" DC-9 jetliner to wed Hazel in Phoenix.

At the Phoenix Zoo, drowzy after being sedated for more than seven hours, he and 9-year-old Hazel met for the first time.

Jackie, a full-grown gorilla, had never known another adult female gorilla, although Hazel is a widow. Her former mate, Mongo died last year of valley fever.

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The couple has made a recently constructed $250,000 moated, unbarred complex, especially designed for housing and breeding gorillas, at the Phoenix Zoo

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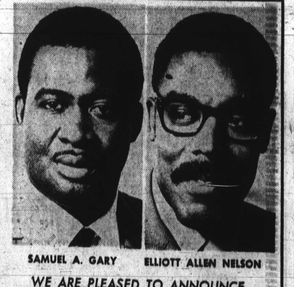

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# Student, 18, Shot, Left For Dead In Cemetery

MOTHER OF 4 SLAIN: SISTER IS CHARGED
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SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS HER HOBBY
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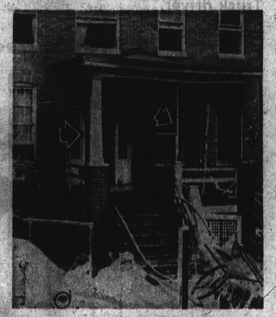
Age 3 years

CANDY LEMON
Age 1 year

NATHANIEL LEMON, JR.
Age 4 years



ALL THAT'S LEFT of a family of six are Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lemon who lost their four children in a one-alarm fire at 5105 Litchfield Ave. Tuesday. The distraught parents complained rented house had poor electrical wiring that makeshift pole held up roof of porch ad only one stable column assists the patch strips of board (center of porch in right corner) to keep the structure standing.
AFRO STAFF PHOTOS by Frank W. Phillips 3rd and Ben Phillips

# Parents Blame Fire Deaths On Landlady

## Owner denies wiring trouble

"She would have only had to pay about $135 to fix the wiring in the house; she didn't, and I paid for it with the lives of my four children," Nathaniel Lemon was angry as he spoke. He had just learned that fire authorities speculate the fire which took the lives of his children on Tuesday may have started "because of bad wires."

Captain Elmer Katzenberger, of the Fire Investigation Division said, "Nothing is certain yet, we're still out there, but with four children inside by themselves anything could happen.

"In my mind," he explained, "there is no indication that the fire was caused by electricity."

But Mr. Lemon declared, "for at least three months my wife and I have been after the landlady to do something about the condition of that house."

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The landlady, Mrs. Ella P. Hanover, of the 3400 block Dayton Drive admits that the Lemons have had some trouble.

"The fuses went out a couple of times and the gas heater had to be fixed, but I'm not aware of any real trouble with the wiring," she told the AFRO.

Mrs. Hanover also admits that on last Sunday, two days before the tragic fire, she had visited the house at 5105 Litchfield Ave., where the Lemon family lived "because the girl upstairs had complained that her lights had gone out."

The two-story-house was once a one-family dwelling but was converted into two apartments.

In 1969, when the Lemons moved in they "only planned to stay until we could buy a decent house of our own."

That plan was near to realization when the tragedy struck. Mr. Lemon said, "We would have been in our new home two weeks ago, but the HFC was still clearing the contract so the people we're dealing with said we had to wait about two more weeks.

"That time will be up this week," he concluded.

In a half hour interview with the AFRO Mr. and Mrs. Lemon told how and why they had complained to Mrs. Hanover about the condition of the two-apartment dwelling.

"After we made our down payment on the new house," Mr. Lemon said,

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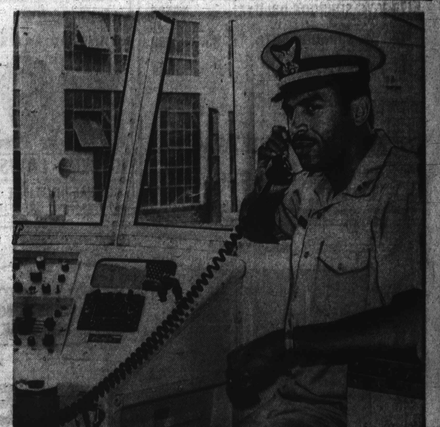

IN COMMAND — Capt. Merle J. Smith Jr. of Baltimore in command of U.S. Coast Guard Division 8, on duty at Curtis Bay.

# Commands Coast Guard division

For the first time in U.S. Coast Guard history, a black Coast Guard officer has been assigned command of a U.S. Coast Guard Division.

The pioneering seaman is 36-year-old Lt. Merle J. Smith Jr., a Baltimorean, son of retired Army Col. and Mrs. Merle J. Smith Sr.

A coast Guard division is a number of vessels which have patrol duty in any territorial waters of the United States, and, contrary to popular opinion, this may take the Coast Guard to any place in the world.

Lt. Smith's division consists of three 82-foot patrol boats — the Point Doran, the Point Harris and the Point Hobart.

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These three vessels were built at the Curtis Bay Coast Guard yard, and their new commander and his crew are in Baltimore now waiting to sail to their home port of call, which

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# Waters new IRS assistant chief

William D. Waters, 48, Internal Revenue Service assistant district director in Milwaukee, Wis., has been promoted to assistant director of the larger IRS district in Baltimore, which ranks 12th in the nation.

His appointment is a first. In his new job, he is second in command to district director, Irvin Machin.

He succeeds Francis G. Duehay who retired earlier this year.

"I am very pleased with my promotion," Mr. Waters told the AFRO Thursday. He said he is "looking forward" to starting his job on August 31.

Although he will not officially start until then, Mr. Waters and his wife, the former Viva Edwards of Bridgeton, N.J., will arrive in Baltimore as soon as their furniture arrives in their new home in Columbia.

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Mr. Waters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Waters (Rebecca) lived in Harford County, Md. but this is his first time to live in Balti-

more for any length of time. He has visited the city on a number of occasions on business trips.

He began his IRS career as a deputy collector in

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WILLIAM D. WATERS
1st at Internal Revenue

# 2,000 morticians meeting here

The Maryland Chapter of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association is welcoming over 2,000 funeral directors to Baltimore for the 33rd annual convention.

The convention, paying tribute to Baltimore's Charles R. Law, the association's longtime national president who died July 12, 1970, will meet from August 2-7.

Headquarters are at the Civic Center and the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Carnie P. Bragg of Paterson, N.J., is national president.

The hosting Maryland group has planned a week of business and pleasure for delegates.

The convention opens Sunday, with the Directors and the Executive Board

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Chuckle

The human brain is wonderful. It starts clicking as soon as you're born and never stops until you're called on to speak unexpectedly at a public gathering.

# Leakin Park murder back in news

Two members of the Black Panther Party are now at the head of the FBI 10 Most Wanted List charged with illegal interstate flight to avoid prosecution for assault to murder.

Another member, a Post Office employee who is in custody here at the City Jail, is asking that all charges be dismissed against him because, he contends, his constitutional rights have been violated.

Thus the 1969 case of the skeleton of Eugene Anderson found in Leakin Park returns to the news.

Police claim Anderson was believed to be a spy for the police by fellow Panther members and was subjected to torture at the Eden St. headquarters and later taken to Leakin Park

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IN CEMETERY:

# June graduate left for dead

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Just before dawn Saturday morning residents nearby old Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Hill, Anne Arundel County, heard gunshots fired.

They also heard moans and screams of a young woman and called the police.

However, after County police searched in the dark among the tombstones in the ancient burial grounds, they failed to find the source of the terrifying cries and departed.

Around 10 a.m. the cemetery caretaker found the unconscious form of an 18-year-old Baltimore girl on the ground near a grave.

Later in the day she was moved to University Hospital where it was determined she had sustained two gunshot wounds of the head.

Still later, police found she was Miss Paula Denise Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Spencer, 3000 block Westwood Ave.,

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MISS PAULA D. SPENCER mysteriously abducted, left to die in graveyard

# Panther defense minister abducted to California

"John L. Clark, defense captain of the Black Panther Party, Baltimore Chapter, was kidnapped away from the people he loved and the people he had vowed to serve."

The above statement is a quotation from a press release given to the AFRO Thursday by officials of the Black Panther Party.

The statement came following a Thursday morning incident in which John L. Clark was whisked away from the courthouse and carried off to California by a person alleged to have been a Los Angeles policeman.

Mr. Clark was at the courthouse to Judge Anselm Sodaro's courtroom supposedly for a hearing, which was postponed.

Witnesses say that he walked out into the corridor and was then immediately taken into custody by the alleged officers of the law.

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Police officials say that Clark offered no resistance and he appeared to have gone with the man willingly.

Angry Black Panther officials told the AFRO:

"John and several other Panthers had just received a postponement in a case that stemmed from the April 9th arrest of a Baltimore Panther.

"While leaving the courtroom John was surrounded by Baltimore City police who allowed this supposed bail bondsman to arrest him.

"When asked why he was being arrested," the Panthers continued," the police reinforced the protection around the bail bondsman.

Later in the day Thursday, Major William Harris of the Community Relations Division, Baltimore City Police, informed the AFRO that he and other top officers were scheduled to meet with a committee of the Black Panther Party.

Their scheduled discussion was for the purpose of clarifying the circumstances of the arrest.

# Just four days left to enter $50 name-the-monkey contest

Time is running out.

AFRO readers, 16 years of age and younger, have only four more days to enter the AFRO's Name-the-Monkey contest and vie for the $50 in prizes.

$25 for the best name for the female monkey and $25 for the best name for the male.

Entries will be judged on individuality.

Hurry and get your entry in. Remember, it must be postmarked by midnight, Aug. 4.

The monkeys, which have been at the Baltimore City Zoo since November, can be seen daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Druid Hill Children's Zoo.

The poor little nameless monkeys will not be that way much longer.

So far, youthful AFRO readers all over the city have suggested names. The AFRO zoo reporter is going to have a hard time deciding who is going to win the prizes and give the active babies their names.

To date names have ranged from famous names like Romeo and Juliet to Druid and Hillery.

Young AFRO readers offered African names, unusual names and plain names.

Here are some more names suggested by AFRO readers: —

Faye—Talbert, 43, 3600 Woodbine, Paul and Paulette;

Carole Bailey, 12, 2509 Keyworth, Duke and Duchess.

Lareda Wright, 13, 1019

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WHO'LL NAME THEM? — The AFRO's zoo contest to name the Diana monkeys ends August 4. If you're 16 or under, you can enter the