4 ON TRIAL IN $9,503 ARMED HOLDUP

More members needed to reach goal of NAACP drive

With a goal of 15,000 members, the local branch of the NAACP drew near that figure on Tuesday when a total of 9,634 members was reported.

Out of the 963 workers in the campaign, only 178 reported Tuesday, but they brought in over 1,600 memberships.

This, according to Philip H. Savage, director of the campaign, gives an indication that when all reports are in, the goal will be reached.

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DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON, president of the local branch, has reminded all the campaign workers to be sure to make their reports at the office or the next report meeting, Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m., at Sharp Street Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

This will be the NAACP Annual Thanksgiving Membership Campaign Mass Meeting.

The Rev. Matthew R. Silver, new pastor of Concord Baptist Church and a native of Fayetteville, N.C., will be the main speaker. The Rev. Mr. Silver's topic will be "I Sat in for God."

The minister assisted the student sit-in movement in Fayetteville. The public is invited.

Music will be given by his several inspirational choirs. He plans to bring his ushers and members.

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ON TUESDAY, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m., at Sharp Street Methodist Church, the last NAACP campaign report meeting will be held and a complete up-to-date campaign report will be made.

The names of the campaign workers who will receive gifts from local merchants and the winners of an all expense paid trip to the 1961 NAACP annual conference in Philadelphia, will be announced.

Heading the list of churches, so far, with the largest number of NAACP memberships reported to date are: Israel Baptist Church, the Rev. Edmund D. Meade, pastor, 379 members, $731; Douglas Memorial Community Church, the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor, 364 members, $942; Wayland Baptist Church, the Rev. W. W. Payne, pastor, 280 members, $919.50; Morning Star Baptist Church, the Rev. Nathaniel Wicks, pastor, 136 members, $387; Bethel AME Church, the Rev. Harrison Bryant, pastor, 114 members, $264.50; Essex Baptist Church, the Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor, 95 members, $357.

Mrs. Sarah P. Diggs, District captain, made a very outstanding report, Tuesday as she reported 275 members, $013.75.

Some of the workers making other outstanding reports were: **Mrs. Susie Murphy, 87 members, $161.50; Robert E. Johnson, 58 members, $117.00; Mrs. Ida Russell, 54 members, $111; Oscar Hawthorne, 42 members, $138; Mrs. Leah Patterson, 33 members, $76; Mrs. Margaret Walker, 31 members, $81.50; Willie Hubbard, 30 members, $52.50; Mrs. Jerolyn Stewart, 29 members, $55;**

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SMALL BUSINESSMEN'S League, 24 members, $93; Mrs. Mary Grayson, 20 members, $43; Mrs. Annie Addison, 20 members, $40; Mrs. Gwendolyn Reid, 19 members, $37.50; Mrs. Enolia McMillan, 18 members, $38; Mrs. Emma Michael, 17 members, $46; Mrs. Emolia Thompson, 17 members, $38.50; Mrs. Margaret Yancy, 16 members, $36.50; Pinkney Howell, 16 members, $36.50; James Byrd, 16 members, $34;

Mrs. Della Wright, 16 members, $32; Mrs. Florence Snowden, 16 members, $32; Mrs. Clara Taylor, 15 members, $51; Albert Doudell, 15 members, $33; Mrs. Margaret Evans, 15 members, $31; Mrs. Marjorie Adams, 15 members, $27; Mrs. Mattie Love, 14 members, $29.50; Herman Handy, 14 members, $28;

Boyd L. Chrisroe, 13 members, $34; Mrs. Daisy Brown, 13 members, $26; Thomas Edwards, 13 members, $22.50; Mrs. Emma Blackmon, 12 members, $31; John Wulgeon, 12 members, $28.50; Mrs. Vera Smith, $26; Rev. Clarence A. Powell, 11 members, $25; Mrs. Bertha Poag, 11 members, 25; Leon Johnson, 11 members, $22; Mrs. Alice Moulton, 11 members, $22;

Mrs. Bethel Morrow, 11 members, $19; James Moseley, 10 members, $30.50; Catherine Paterson, 10 members, $22; Mrs. Susie Parson, 10 members, $21.50; Mrs. Pauline Brooks, 10 members, $20; Mr. Cecil Little, 10 members, $24.50; Mrs. Frances Brooks, 10 members, $21.50; Walter Quarles, 10 members, $20;

Herman Sanders, 10 members, $21.50; Mrs. Edith Peters, 10 members, $20; Mrs. Betty Alexander, 10 members, $16; William B. Henry, 10 members, $17; Mrs. Rebecca Williams, 10 members, $11; Mrs. Catherine Yarborough, 4 members, $28; Mrs. Josephe Byrd, 12 members, $27; Mr. Langston Talley, and William Edmondson, 9 members, $25.50; Mrs. Geneva Moore, 9 members $21.

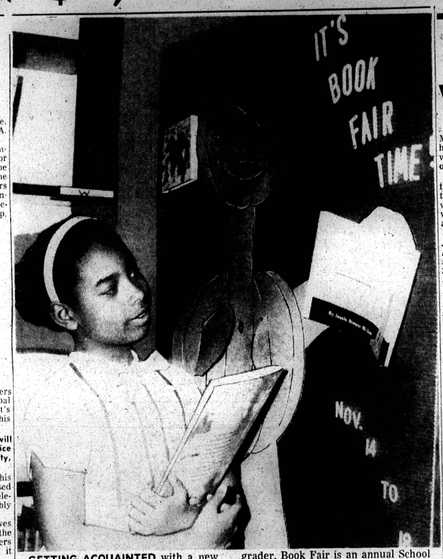
JOSEPH LEE, 9 members, $19.50; Mrs. Alease K. Jones, 9 members, $18; Mrs. Elsie Baird, 9 members, $18; Mrs. Rebecca Brown, 9 members, $18; Mrs. Edna Crittenton, 9 members, $18; Mrs. Odella McCoy, 9 members, $18; Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, 9 members, 39; Mrs. Earlier Ford, 8 members, 16; Mrs. Lula Nelson, 8 members, $13.

Mrs. Shephard Barge, 8 members, $19; Mrs. Lucille Barton, 8 members, $14.50; James Mercer, 8 members, $16; Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, 8 members, $16; Mrs. Joanna Taylor, 8 members, $17.50; Mrs. Evelyn Welbourne, 9 members, $12.00; Mrs. Christine Anderson, 8 members, $22; Mrs. Margaret Williams, 8 members, $25; Mr. Lonnie Parker, 8 members, $12;

Eddie Montgomery, 7 members, $9; Mrs. Barbara Cox, 7 members, $8; Mrs. Helen Booker, 7 members, $17; Mrs. Velvet Harris, 7 members, $14; Mrs. Margaret Durkin, 8 members, $25.50; Clinton Agnew, 7 members, $16; Mr. Amos Jones and Viola Thermian, 7 members, $13.50.

THE NAACP office at 1234 Druid Hill Avenue is open 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Additional campaign literature and information may be secured here. The telephone number is LA. 3-8503-04.

A minimum NAACP membership is $2.00. A $3.50 or above membership entitles the holders to a subscription to the Crisis. Twenty - five dollars will start a junior life membership. Fifty dollars will begin a senior life membership. Join the NAACP today.



GETTING ACQUAINTED with a new book being displayed in Book Fair exhibit at School 132, Mount St. near Riggs Ave., is Deborah Holly, a fourth grader. Book Fair is an annual School 132 project during National Children's Book Week.

POLITICS:

Who's to pay?

By MAX JOHNSON

Now that Maryland voters have approved a Municipal Court for Baltimore — let's take a closer look at what this means for taxpayers.

First off, this new court will replace the Traffic and Police Magistrate Courts in this city, as they now exist.

It should be remembered this proposal was bitterly opposed by a majority of the city delegation in the General Assembly last year.

But Gov. J. Millard Tawes wanted this court — and the General Assembly members from the counties pushed it through.

THE CITY delegation wanted to know, among other things:

1. How much this Municipal Court would cost?

2. How much more it would cost city taxpayers?

3. Whether it would be a feasible move for Baltimore at this time?

Legislation establishing this court states that there are to be 11 judges originally, appointed by the Governor for staggered terms.

At the expiration of an appointed term, the judge must run for election against candidates who may filed.

Judges so elected would serve ten-year terms.

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THE LAW also provides that there are to be a chief clerk, deputy and assistant clerks, clerical, probationary, stenographic and other employees as may be prescribed from time to time by the General Assembly.

The legislation states further:

"The employees of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City shall be transferred from the Traffic Court to the Municipal Court, as of the first Monday in May, 1961."

No such provisions are made for police magistrates.

The State pays for the Traffic Court.

The city bears the tariff for the Magistrate Courts.

Now—it might be logical to assume that the General Assembly will provide a reasonably proportionate expense tag on the new court for city taxpayers.

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BUT THEN again, the General Assembly hasn't always acted in a reasonable vein.

No provisions are made in the budgets of the city or State for the new Municipal Court—because nobody knows yet what the thing will cost.

Clarifying this matter is one of the major items facing the General Assembly which convenes for a 90 - day term in January.

The new court is to become effective the first Monday in December.

Testify victims were gambling

Charges that a Frederick, Md., club was fingered for a holdup by an interracial gang was made at the trial of four out-of-state men Wednesday.

The accusation was made by two witnesses in Howard County Circuit Court at Ellicott City where a jury of 11 men and a woman are hearing charges against:

William. C. Williams, 35, and Johnny D. Boyd, alias Tar Har Abu Sulman, 43, both of Newark, N.J.; Charles R. Graves, 35, of East Orange, N.J., and James C. Toland, 55, of Washington.

The trial of a fifth defendant, Benjamin Greif, 51, of New York was postponed.

Mr. Greif is in a Washington hospital.

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THE FIVE defendants are accused of taking $9,503 in cash and a watch and two rings from a group of men who were gambling in a club two miles south of Frederick.

According to state police, five armed bandits entered the Sparton Club on Route 355 last April 11.

The hold-up men lined patrons and members of the club against a wall and made them remove their trousers to prevent them from sounding an alarm.

Five men were arrested one hour later when a 1960 Cadillac was stopped at a road block on Route 240 in Montgomery County.

Police said the car was driven by Mr. Toland but belonged to Graves.

The trial was shifted to Howard County when it was decided that an "extreme amount of publicity" in Frederick would prevent impaneling an impartial jury.

The four men went on trial before Circuit Court Judge James Maegill on Monday.

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OPENING DAY a recess was called after the court failed to complete a jury panel.

The case was postponed until Tuesday after nine jurors were seated and 28 others were dismissed.

On Tuesday, three of the men were identified by witnesses.

Angelo C. Rabasco and Chester Cunningham who identified themselves as used car dealers from Hagerstown, testified that 17 to 20 men were in the club when the hold-up occurred.

Mr. Cunningham stated that Williams and a blond man entered the club about 1:30 a.m. carrying a sawed-off shotgun.

Mr. Rabasco said Graves came in armed with two pistols and was followed by Boyd.

The witnesses said the gunmen herded everyone into a back room where they made them drop their trousers and "frisked" them.

Mr. Cunningham said he had been playing cards and shooting dice at the club.

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UNDER CROSS examination the witness admitted that poker, hearts and gin rummy games were also played at the club.

Mr. Cunningham, who said he had about $2,825 in cash on him at the time, identified the club owners as a Mr. Powell and a Mr. Rose.

Mr. Rabasco said he was carrying about $1,000 in cash.

Rabasco said he was searched by Boyd and Williams for money and for weapons.

The witness stated that one of the gang kept yelling "keep your hands up or I'll blow your head off."

Mr. Rabasco stated that when Boyd had difficulty removing a ring from his finger one of the men said, "Cut the finger off."

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WILLIAM V. ROSE a Frederick restaurant owner was called to the stand on Wednesday.

Mr. Rose told the court, a "Washington man put the finger on us."

Rose said he believed that three men identified as Washington Chris, Paul Checkers and New Jersey Sam had fingered the Sparton Club because they had heard "we were holding a big crap game."

Mr. Rose, who said he lost $650 in the hold-up declared, "It must have been one of the three who tipped them off."

When an inquiry was made into Roses' alleged gambling activities Judge Macgill warned Howard Levine, a Washington attorney, not to pursue that line of questioning.

Judge Macgill warned the attorney that he would be in contempt of court if he insisted asking such questions.

At one point Judge Macgill told Mr. Levine to "Take your hands out of your pockets.

"It's incredible to me that you should be a member of the bar and not know what I am talking about."

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ANOTHER WITNESS, John A. Hanshew of Martinsburg, Va., said he had shot dice at the club.

Robert L. Horn, a coin machine operator from Hagerstown, identified Mr. Toland as one of the hold-up men.

Horn said he lost $2,600 and a ring.

Mr. Horn said the blond man called him by name and inquired about the location of a telephone.

Horn said the men must have been tipped off "or they would not have known about the telephone."

The witness said the phone had been removed following the last visit of Paul Checkers, Washington Chris and New Jersey Sam.

Mr. Horn said he remembered that Williams had on sun glasses, "an odd hat with a small short brim, and a trench coat that was too short for him".

The witness added that Graves commented during the holdup, "consider yourself lucky. We only got your money not your life."

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THREE MONTGOMERY COUNTY officers testified they found a green pillow case filled with $9,503.36 in cash, a watch and two rings and a pistol when they stopped the car.

One officer said a sawed off shot gun was tossed from the car as the five men approached the roadblock.

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THROUGHOUT the day-long hearing the four defendants showed a pleasant frame of mind.

They frequently stood around and talked among themselves in the half empty court room.

Mr. Williams showed guns and joked in the court-house lobby.

One other defendant slept off and on while the trial was in progress.

The four men are out on bail pending resolution of their case.

The cases are being prosecuted by Robert S. Rothenhoefer, state's attorney for Frederick County. He is assisted by T. Hunt Mayfield, state's attorney for Howard County.

Defense attorneys in addition to Mr. Levine are, Delegate Daniel M. Murrary Jr., (D., Howard County) State Senator Samuel W. Barrick (D., Frederick), Benjamin M. Campbell of Alexandria, Va., and Leon J. Lavigne of Newark, N.J.

4-cent property tax hike seen with 4 new levies

The Board of Estimates has announced these additional taxes for next year, as necessary to balance the city's new budget:

1. A four - cent increase in the property tax rate, from the present $3.60 per $100 assessment to $3.64.

2. A three percent tax on restaurant meals over 50 cents, applying the present State sales tax rate and brackets.

3. An increase in the present amusement tax from one-half of one percent to five percent, affecting admissions to theaters, etc.

4. A real estate transfer tax of one percent, applicable when property is purchased.

5. A five percent tax on residential telephone bills.

THE BOARD of Estimates will hold a public hearing before the City Council on these new tax proposals at 3 p.m. today (Friday) in the Council chamber, city hall.

Sen. Jones plans rights bills; will run again

"Before my initial term is out, I hope to have enacted some of the civil rights legislation which I introduced during my first session in General Assembly."

State Senator J. Alvin Jones (4th D., Balto.) was speaking Wednesday, telling the AFRO he is preparing to again place civil rights bills before the coming session of Maryland's General assembly, which begins a 90-day meet in January.

Foremost among such bills is expected to be one calling for the opening of public places of accommodations and services throughout the State to all citizens.

Such proposed civil rights legislation has failed passage in the past.

SENATOR JONES also announced that he would run for re-election in 1962. He said:

"In view of my past record, I definitely will be a candidate for re-election.

"But I won't use my record to run on. I will use it to build on."

Among the legislation Senator Jones sponsored successfully were Maryland's ratification of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and provisions to allow other candidates in addition to incumbent judges to run for election to Baltimore's People's Court.

Organizational representatives and individuals may attend and be heard, if they wish to lodge an appeal to the Board of Estimates.

At a public hearing before the Board Wednesday, these organizational representatives appeared to protest the new taxes aimed in their respective directions:

Telephone Co.; motion picture theaters; Restaurant and Metropolitan Beverage Assocs., and real estate groups.

The present budget calls for pay raises for firemen, policemen, teachers and laborers working for the city.

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THERE IS a base $100 beginning salary increase for firemen and policemen, and a five percent increase in pay applied as a fifth increment.

Presently, Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission has been granted $3,000 more than the $6,000 allowed this year for operating expenses.

The agency asked for $12,000.

Also allowed was $6,468 salary for another full time position, that of employment opportunity division chief.

This gives EEOC a salaried staff of three persons. The other two are executive secretary and office secretary.

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Frontiers Club, 12 noon, Druid Hill YMCA. Speaker: Mrs. Flaxie Pinkett, president, Pinkett Real Estate Co., Washington.

Bible reading upheld; Board amends its rule

The School Board yesterday (Thursday) voted to continue reading of the Bible at opening exercises in public schools.

However, the Board amended its rule to allow pupils who object to such exercises, to be excused upon written request of parent or guardian.

The new procedure is effective immediately.

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RULE NO. 7, section 6, as amended, reads as follows:

"Each school, either collectively or in classes, shall be opened by reading, without comment, of a chapter in the Holy Bible and or the Lee of the Lord's Prayer.

"The Douay version may be used by those pupils who prefer it.

"Appropriate patriotic exercises should be held as a part of the general opening exercises of the school or class.

"Any child shall be excused from participating in the opening exercises or from attending the opening upon the written request of his parent or guardian."

Members of the Board's rules committee made the recommendation in a closed meeting last week.

Board Members present at the meeting Thursday were Dr. William McElroy, John Sperwood, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips, Samuel Epstein and chairman John Curlett.

(Other members were out of town.

THE BIBLE reading discussion began three weeks ago after William Murray, 14-year-old pupil at Woodbourne Junior High School, a professed atheist, and his mother, Mrs. Madalyn Murray, objected to Bible readings as a part of morning exercises.

They said that religion is a personal thing and should be practiced in the home, not in schools.

THE BOARD'S decision "to keep Bible reading followed a plea by Fred E. Weisgal, of the American Civil Liberties Union. He said such exercises are unconstitutional, adding:

"A group of prominent citizens should be allowed to sit in the schools to see the effect this thing is having, and the trouble it can cause", he told the Board.

"You certainly can't say you're permitting these Bible readings for educational reasons, because you don't have Bible as a part of the curriculum," he said.

He asserted the time think this is now destroying what we consider the most important democratic system in the United States, namely the public school system."

Mr. Weisgal gave notice that he would file suit on behalf of 15 persons who object to the exercise.

DR. WILLIAM McELROY, a board member, favored thrashing the question out in court.

"I'd prefer to have the question decided by people more competent than we.

"I don't think we should attempt to interpret the Constitution," he said.

It was noted that the board received 148 letters for continuing Bible-readings and 8 against.

Among recommendations announced by the board was the promotion of Mrs. Osceola Adams, special assistant at Fairmount-Hill Junior High School, to vice-principal of the same school.

Her appointment is effective today (Friday).

Mrs. Rebecca Carroll, Mrs. Josie C. Smith and Misses Khaaleen V. Kennedy and Dorothy Kell presented papers on "Reading in Elementary Schools," and "English Programs in Secondary Schools."

TOP POSTERS in the contest sponsored by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission were produced by Elizabeth Harris, Garrison Junior High School, first place junior division; Curley Graves, City College, second place, senior division; Monroe Saunders, Garrison Junior High School honorable mention; and Edward Rosen, City College, first place winner in the senior division. Judging took place Monday at Peale Museum and Philip Campponeshi, EEOC director, presented the awards. Posters are still on display at the museum.

Family relocation still in process in George St. plan

A total of 265 families and 24 individuals now have been moved from acquired properties in the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's George St. Project.

Of the 490 structures in the area, 389 have been acquired to date.

A sampling of 12 families picked at random to determine where they had relocated showed:

The 2100 block Mt. Royal Ter.; 1800 block W. Fayette St.; 700 block W. Lexington St. (public housing); 400 block W. Mosher St.; 2900 block Rockrose Ave.; 3200 block Yosemite Ave. (an owner who purchased again).

Also, 1500 block Argyle Ave.; 1800 block W. Fayette St.; 700 block Arlington Ave. (all owners purchasing again); 400 block E. Biddle St.; 500 block W. Lanvale St. and the 800 block W. Franklin St.

THERE ARE 68 families and one individual remaining in the acquired properties, according to Robert F. Ferguson, relocation manager at this site.

Mr. Ferguson said figures on families and individuals in unacquired properties have not been completed.

He said there were 146 vacant properties and 19 vacant lots on the site as of the past June 10.

At that time, there were 414 families and individuals residing there.

The George St. Project is the last of BURHA's presently planned low - rent public housing developments.

"One section of the site is bounded by Fremont Ave.; George St.; Myrtle Ave., and Franklin St."

The other by Myrtle Ave.; Hoffman St.; Argyle Ave., and Biddle St.

"The plan calls for 750 dwelling units in four highrise buildings of between 11 and 14 stories, and others of two and three stories.

BURHA to open model home

Mayor J. Harold Grady, city officials and organizational representatives will be conducted on a tour of a rehabilitated house in the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's Demonstration Block 314 at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The house, purchased by a private developer and rehabilitated in accordance with URHA standards, is at 642 N. Carey St.

Beginning Wednesday, the house will be open for inspection by the public.

Inspection hours will be from 12 noon to 5 p.m. daily.

Construction of the interior work of this block is still under way.

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Wife Sues Pastor

Happy Thanksgiving

PROGRESS for which Susan King is thankful is shown above, left, AFRO photo, when she was beginning to grow out of traces of her illness, had not regained hair growth. Right is photo taken this week showing how Susan looks today, after remarkable recovery. Her, as typical 10-year-old, happy at home and in school.

Happy Thanksgiving for Susan King

Susan King, 10, 2317 Poplar Grove St., has many things for which she was thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

In October, 1952, when Susan was 2 years old, she was stricken with a peculiar malady of the brain commonly called brain cancer.

Physicians gave her but six weeks to live. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William King, became despondent, hopeless.

AFRO stories told of the tragedy which had come suddenly to the happy family.

Mr. King, a seaman, then was in South America, rushed to her bedside at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In all his eight years on the sea, he had never been called home for anything so frightening.

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THE SORROWING parents waited two months, took daily trips to Harriett Lane Children's Division of the hospital, awaiting the end, but Susan was a plucky little child even at the early age.

Instead of following the doctor's prediction, she steadily improved and in 60 days was taken home. The only relapse since then was last year, near Thanksgiving, but it was brief.

Thanksgiving Day, 1960, found Susan well-adjusted, happy, and except for "talking too much" is a rather good pupil at school.

She gives thanks for "my mother, my father and all my sisters and brothers and friends who help me so much every day."

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HER MOTHER, Mrs. Doris King, says: "I am thankful every day, not only on

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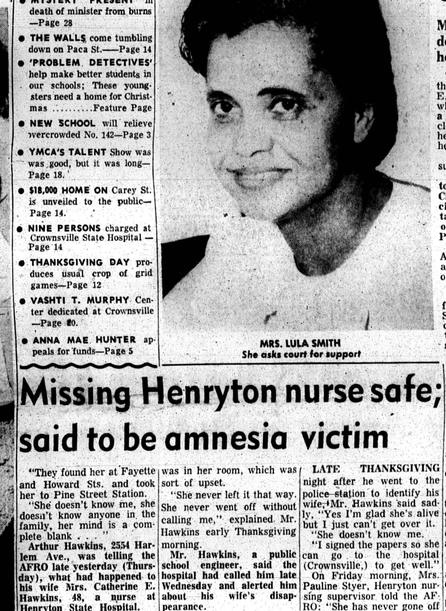

MRS. LULA SMITH
She asks court for support

Missing Henryton nurse safe; said to be amnesia victim

"They found her at Fayette and Howard Sts. and took her to Pine Street Station.

"She doesn't know me, she doesn't know anyone in the family, her mind is a complete blank . . . ."

Arthur Hawkins, 2534 Harlem Ave., was telling the AFRO late yesterday (Thursday), what had happened to his wife Mrs. Catherine E. Hawkins, 48, a nurse at Henryton State Hospital.

Mrs. Hawkins reportedly disappeared from her quarters at the hospital late Tuesday, and it was felt she may have met with foul play.

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"SHE WAS supposed to work from seven to seven on Wednesday. When the 11 o'clock shift came on they couldn't find her. Her bag was in her room, which was sort of upset.

"She never left it that way. She never went off without calling anyone, explained Mr. Hawkins early Thanksgiving morning.

Mr. Hawkins, a public school engineer, said the hospital had called him late Wednesday and alerted him about his wife's disappearance.

Mrs. Hawkins, a nurse at the tuberculosis hospital for 20 years, has one son, Irving Dorsey, by a former marriage. There are also four grandchildren.

The family attends the Psalmist Baptist Church, where Mrs. Hawkins is a nurse and a member of the

LATE THANKSGIVING night after he went to the police station to identify his wife, Mr. Hawkins said sadly, "Yes I'm glad she's alive but I just can't get over it.

"She doesn't know me.

"I signed the papers so she can go to the hospital (Crownsville,) to get well."

On Friday morning, Mrs. Pauline Styer, Henryton nursing supervisor told the AFRO: "She has never gone off like this before.

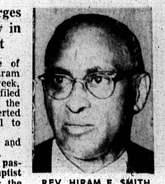
She had not complained to us of ailing in any way.

"The last 'we saw of her was when she went off duty she was going to her room. That was Tuesday morning. She seemed to be all right then.

"She is a very nice person. She seemed to be happy with her work."

Mrs. Hiram E. Smith asks for alimony

Minister's wife charges desertion, infidelity in her suit for support



REV. HIRAM E. SMITH
Wife charges him

The 29-year marriage of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram E. Smith hit court, this week, when Mrs. Smith (Lula), filed a petition charging that the clergyman has both deserted her and been unfaithful to her.

She asks for alimony and support, but no divorce.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, is also one of the city's best known real estate men, as well as operator of Beechwood Amusement Park.

Married in Ellicott City on August 3, 1931, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are parents of seven children.

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IN HER BILL of complaint filed in Circuit Court, Mrs. Smith says that six of the children have reached maturity and that five are self-sufficient.

One child, she says is ill, and is unable to work. He has numerous medical, psychiatric and hospital bills and is completely dependent on his parents for support and maintenance.

Their youngest son is a student at college, and must meet these expenses, she says.

Both young men are in her care and custody.

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Mrs. Smith charges that although she has always conducted herself toward the Rev. Mr. Smith as a kind, chaste and affectionate wife, and has fulfilled all of her marital obligations, he without just cause or excuse, abandoned and deserted her on Sept. 17, 1959.

She says that he declared his intentions to live with her no longer, and that the separation is now beyond any reasonable hope of reconciliation.

Since the date of separation Mrs. Smith charges in the paper that her minister husband has committed the act of adultery.

In addition to being pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, says Mrs. Smith, he has been in real estate business.

She asserts that she worked with him and helped him run, manage, operate and develop the business.

She adds there are extensive real estate holdings in her and her husband's names. She says that the amusement park, known as Beechwood, in Pasadena, Anne Arundel County, is also titled in their names.

The petition also alleged that the Rev. Mr. Smith owns other real and personal property jointly with another person, and also owns property individually.

From these properties, salary, expense accounts, rents, mortgages, accumulations of capital and profits he receives a substantial income, Mrs. Smith's petition says.

She avers further that her husband has not accounted to her for her legal share of the profits from these operations.

She adds that in addition he keeps a yacht and two automobiles, while she is unemployed and without means to support herself and her dependent children.

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Her petition asks the court to have him render an accounting of his entire earnings, and a statement of all his assets.

She further requests that she be awarded a decree for permanent alimony to the amount that the court feels will support her and the children in keeping with their station in life.

She also requests temporary alimony and support for the two children, as well as counsel fees.

She adds that the Rev. Mr. Smith may be reached at 832 N. Fulton St. or at 2902 Lyndhurst Ave. She gives her address as 3906 Grantley Road.

Asked to comment on his wife's suit, the Rev. Mr. Smith told the AFRO, "none of that is true. I'm paying the bills." To the infidelity charge, he said, "there isn't a bit of truth in it . . . it's false."

He added, "my answers will be in court. I hope people will withhold judgment until all the facts are in."

Mrs. Santa needs help

Have you ever known what it is to be hungry on Christmas Day?

Have you ever had to face your children and tell them that unlike other children, Santa Claus will not visit them?

Have you ever felt tears roll down your face as you looked about a barren room and realized that Christmas Day would be just as bleak as all the other days of the years?

If you haven't, then count yourself lucky.

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COUNT YOURSELF lucky because there are thousands

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'Watch the 49ers,' weekend battle cry in Baltimore

Protecting their hold on first place in the serious game of business for the Baltimore Colts at Memorial Stadium Sunday afternoon.

The two - time National Football League champions are hearing whispered warnings to "watch those San Francisco 49ers" every where they go in their home town this weekend. And well they might. The Prospectors, dangerous under any circumstances, arrive loaded with a desire for revenge.

If any club in pro ball is destined to be "up" for a given game, the 49ers have every right to fit that description. In each of the last two seasons, San Francisco has been knocked out of the Western Conference title bracket by the Steeds of Weeb Ewbank.

COLORED FANS will have considerable interest in the tussle, regardless of their sense of loyalty. Whether they are Colts rooters or from the West Coast or just plain football fans, they'll be represented by 11 tan athletes in the 60 minutes of action.

Aside from the six regulars on the champion Colts—Lenny Moore, Big Daddy Lipscomb, Jim Parker, John Sample, Milt Davis and Sherm Plunkett—there'll be eight colored performers in the visiting lineup.

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THE 49ERS will get a great deal of service from their veteran rushers J. D. Smith and Joe Perry. The former was the second leading ground gainer in the NFL last year, and Perry is the all-time top rusher in professional football.

The Frisco aggregation also counts heavily on R. C. Owens, who teams with veteran quarterback Y. A. Tittle on the famed "alley oop" pass, which has pulled a number of games out of the fire for the 49ers.

In addition to Smith, Perry and Owens, San Francisco coaches frequently call on halfbacks Len Lyles, ex of the Colts; Abe Woodson, C. R. Roberts and rookie speedster Ray Norton. End John Thomas is the eighth member of the tan contingent.

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BEATING THE Prospectors has been no cinch assignment for the Colts, although in the past three years coach Weeb Ewbank's forces have been able to make an appreciable dent in California's series advantage, which now stands at 9-6.

Already assured is the third

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Va. defeats Morgan; City surprises Poly

City - Poly

By MOSES J. NEWSON

"We beat Poly!!"

Some in disbelief but all joyously, the City "College supporters among the 18,000 at Memorial Stadium Thursday for the annual City-Poly Turkey Day clash, chanted that cry after their team scored a 30-26 upset win.

Favored Poly's only consolation was capturing the most valuable player award which went to Roland Savage, the

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Va.- Morgan

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

PETERSBURG, Va. — Virginia State College dominating play of the entire 60 minutes, hung a 27-12 pasting on Morgan State College in their rivalry here Thursday afternoon.

With Dewayne Jeter, their senior quarterback from Pittsburgh, calling a masterful

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Court reform bill poses problems

By HERB MANGRUM

In voting to scrap the present city court system, did 210,116 voters buy the proverbial pig in a poke last November 8?

The 72,630 persons who voted against the Constitutional amendment may yet have the last laugh.

Here's the reason why?

Now that the amendment has been approved by Maryland voters, no one knows what comes next.

For example, no one can say how much the court changeover is going to cost.

THERE ARE NO answers to questions like:

Will all facilities of the new Municipal Court be housed in one building?

If so, where?

What will become of court room facilities in the nine police districts?

Was any thought given to the fact that:

The city has four brand new district station houses with court rooms and two others are nearing completion?

How will the setup affect the schedule of the city's 1,000 police officers?

What will become of the

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What's cooking in our town

COMING EVENTS

NOV. 27

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will march into their New Hall at 2 p.m. All fraternal organizations, clubs and the public are invited to attend.

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The Commission on Missions of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave., sponsors the last in its series of courses on "Alcohol and Christianity," at 2 p.m.

"Colored Man and His Struggle for Justice," will be topic of Minister Akbar Muhammad at the local Muslim Temple, 514 Wilton St., 2 p.m.

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Meetings open to public

CITY COUNCIL meets Monday in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Fayette and Holiday Sts., 5 p.m.

ZONING BOARD meets Tuesday in Room 231 at City Hall, 1 p.m.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION meets Wednesday, 2 p.m., Room 400 of Municipal Building, Lexington and Holiday Sts.

FIRE BOARD, Tuesday, 1 p.m.; Fire Department Headquarters, Gay and Lexington Sts.

PARK BOARD meets Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. in the Druid Hill Park Office Building.

LIQUOR BOARD meets Thursday, 1 p.m., in City

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