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—Numbers

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tained 16 horses on the acres located on Route 625, about eight miles southeast of Leesburg, was described by agents as head of the operation and Anderson as his horse farm were $8,000 in chief lieutenant.

APPROXIMATELY 300 to 400 numbers writers and pick-up men are alleged to be members of the suspected ring.

Agents, in an aerial observation, took photographs of the daily activities on the farm. These included the arrival of the eight suspects daily between 4 and 4:30 in two cars.

THE OCCUPANTS of the cars brought brown paper bags and cloth sacks to the farm, agents said, speculating that the paraphanelia was used in tabulation.

Agents used aerial surveillance because open fields surrounded the stable on all sides making undetected observations impossible from the ground.

OTHERS CHARGED in addition to Washington and Anderson were:

Charles R. Myles, 42, 1300 block Girard St., NW; King J. Matthews, 38, 1700 block Kenilworth Ave., NE; Jesse S. Bowen, 38, 1800 block Sheridan St., NW;

George W. Johnson, 39, 1500 block T St., NW; Alberta Anderson, 41, 400 block Manor Pl., NW, "Geechie" Anderson's sister and Mrs. Lydia S. Anderson, 41, his wife.

A LOOPHOLE — This is a copy of a refill prescription blank used in the city's medical care program. Pharmacists send these to the city for payment of refills. Note the blank requires the pharmacist's signature, and the physician's name. The patient does not have to sign showing he received the medicine.

—Free medical

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druggist four or five miles from the patient. This results in delivery costs which ups the price of the medicine.

The committee also reported that it uncovered a number of prescriptions written for persons no longer on relief rolls, and therefore ineligible for city medical care.

The State auditors examined the accounts and records of the Medical Care Program for the period from July 1958 to June, 1959. This was the first state audit of the section's record.

The audit showed that in some instances, two prescriptions for the same person and the same drug, were written on one day.

Dr. Graham said he once received a bill for $94 for one prescription.

"Of course, I didn't pay it," he explained.

DR. GRAHAM said he felt that the Medical Care Section is not complying with certain recommendations made by its own advisory committee.

Since the fall of 1957, Dr. Henry W. D. Hollies, senior medical supervisor, has been keeping check on the cost of the medical care program. All bills for prescriptions of $5 or more have to be approved by Dr. Hollyes before payment.

Dr. Hollies said 90 percent of the prescriptions submitted for payment call for drugs from the formulary.

Nevertheless, Dr. Hollies explained that the cost of providing medical care for the city's needy is steadily rising. He attributed this to the use of tranquilizers in state mental institutions.

"The patients show marked improvement and are discharged. They turn up in the city and frequently become recipients of medical care aid."

The largest prescription noted on the books when this writer visited the medical care office was one for $10.50.

It was written by a local psychiatrist for an emotionally disturbed patient.

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AS A result of Dr. Graham's efforts, the cost of filling a medical care prescription was recently reduced. Formerly, druggists charged a 40 percent markup. Now they are paid a pharmacist's fee that ranges from 50 cents to two dollars.

Here is the sliding scale of payment:

Prescription — Pharmacist's cost	fee
.01 to .74 cents	$ .50
.75 to $1.74	.70
$1.75 to $3.99	1.00
$4.00 and up	2.00

Both Dr. Davis and Dr. Holly's explained that they lacked the time and facilities for "policing" the drug business.

"We go out from time to time to make spot checks, and we have never found any irregularities," Dr. Hollies said.

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THE BIGGEST loophole in the program— and one mentioned by State auditors last summer— is that some 400 participating pharmacies have refill prescription blanks and there is no way to check and determine whether the patient actually received a refill.

It is not necessary for the physician to sign a refill prescription blank. There is nothing to prevent an unscrupulous pharmacist from submitting bills for refills not actually made. There is reason to believe that the city has paid for refills not made by the druggist.

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IN AN effort to close this loophole, only two refills are allowed. If additional medicine is needed, the patient must get another prescription from the physician, Dr. Hollies said.

He expressed a belief that it would take "professional investigators" to uncover discrepancies in the program.

Dr. Hollies said the medical care prescriptions constitute only three percent of the total number of prescriptions filled in the city.

Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter, director of the State Department of Welfare, said: "I know that the cost of drugs is a problem, but I have no comment to make on the matter."

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A STORY in the April 22, AFRO showed that different pharmacists quoted widely varying prices for filling the same prescription. In one instance, the price quoted varied as much as $2.50. The article also told of price differences of 200 to 300 per cent.

Some Baltimore physicians control the flow of prescriptions by telephoning the prescription to a certain druggist. The doctors say this is done as a service to their patients, but the practice denies the patient the right to choose his own pharmacist. Moreover, it frequently results in the patient paying a higher price for his medicine.

An official of the Baltimore Metropolitan Pharmaceutical Association said this practice "isn't ethical." He pointed out that a patient has the right to take any prescription to any drugstore of his choice.

Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., president of the Monumental City Medical Association, admitted that some local drugstores compete for prescription business from physicians.

Dr. Holljes said that additional checks include running the patient's cards through an IBM machine in a search for discrepancies; and a statistical audit of every 20th bill submitted.

In addition, the senior medical officer frequently checks on bills submitted for less than five dollars.

JOSEPH CULLEN, executive secretary of the Baltimore Metropolitan Pharmaceutical Association and the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, said private investigators had been hired to probe complaints involving prescriptions, but they were unable to secure any concrete evidence.

One high - ranking city official shrugged his shoulders and said the discrepancies could not be pinpointed "because you can't trace money."

Are taxpayers getting their money's worth from the medical care program? What do you think?

GANDHI'S GRANDSON AT MRA MEET IN MIAMI

MIAMI, Fla. — Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of India's Mohandas K. (Mahatma) Gandhi, and representatives from South Africa, Kenya, and West Africa were among the 400 delegates from 31 nations at the Moral Re-Armament Hemisphere Assembly here last week.

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If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

Randalls wed 50 years

Best wishes to Mr. and Thomas Owen Randall (Iva), who were married 50 years on May 3. Their children are giving them a wedding anniversary reception on Sunday at 5, at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

The Rev. Frank Williams, pastor, and the Randalls own pastor, the Rev. Edward Carroll, will officiate when the couple repeats marriage vows. A reception will follow.

Known as one of the city's happiest couples, the Randalls were married in her home at 519 Bloom St., by the late, Rev. W. A. C. Hughes Sr. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Carter (Sarah).

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After the marriage, the Randalls remained at 519 Bloom St. address, reared their eight children, and made a happy home.

What's the Randalls' philosophy for a long and happy marriage? 'Enjoy doing the same things, and do them together,' says Mrs. Randall.

How did they discipline all eight children and see them through high school, and embarked on their own careers?

'We talked it over, first, and we agreed. That's the answer,' explained Mrs. Randall.

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The eight children, now adults, who will honor their parents at the reception all reside in Baltimore.

They are: Mesdames Lillian Barber, Bernice Watty and Ruth Allen, all housewives; Carter, Thomas O. Jr., and William, all of whom are employed as administrative assistants (foremen) at the C and P Telephone Co.

Their father before them held a similar job with C and P for 40 years until his recent retirement.

Other children are: Alfred, an insurance company worker, and Edward, who is employed by a lumber firm. There are also 24 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

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MR. RANDALL, who is 76; and Mrs. Randall, who is the Women's Society for 60, are both devoted members Christian Service. She is also a member of the Methodist Men.

She belongs to the Naomi Circle, the Golden Cross, and Bloom St.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall at 519 Bloom St. Rush your best wishes to them.

People, places, things

It couldn't happen to a finer fellow — Bob Watts, I mean Judge Watts — that is. He is the new Municipal Court jurist. Friends and associates will tell you that he is capable, and the same friendly person all the time.

After the swearing-in ceremonies on Monday morning, Bob held court at Western Police Station, then went on to a Garrison Ave. restaurant for lunch.

There, a few of his friends gathered to wish him well, and to see his law partner, W. Emerson Brown, present him with a handsome legal case.

—Your old one is pretty worn out with Brown, Allen, Watts (their law firm). Now you can wear this one out with the Municipal Court," Mr. Brown said jokingly.

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Mayor Grady was there to say hellos — "I know you have the ability and integrity to do a good job, Bob;" and so was Mrs. Wells (Jackie), chic in a beige suit and shocking pink straw.

Others about Mr. and Mrs. Milton Allen, Mrs. Emerson Brown, Harry Cole and George Russell (all members of the firm); Mrs. Emma Michael, Mrs. Verda Welcome, Dr. Barnett Rhetta, Charles Tilghman, William Adams, Dr. Marcus Moore, and Magistrate Calvin Douglass.

Mr. Cole, his law partner and lifelong friend, was the one who presented Judge Watts to the court when he took the oath.

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A nod to outgoing Magistrate Douglass, who has been damned if he did and damned if he didn't.

The life of a magistrate is no bed of roses, and believe me things get pretty monotonous when you have to listen to other people's problems day in and day out.

While one may not agree with Magistrate Douglass' politics or condone some of his decisions, no one can deny that he has been a faithful public servant.

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Speaking of public servants. Those in the know say Paul A. Dorf, former Traffic Court magistrate, was and is a good fellow, fair and helpful.

Newspaper announcements, they point out, in telling of his probable appointment to the 5th District Senate seat, overemphasize the fact that he happens to be a son-in-law of Jack Pollack, the political leader, and do not give him proper credit for being an able individual. So there.

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Do hurry and order your tickets for the William S. Taylor testimonial — May 19, 8 p.m., at the Morgan State College Refectory. (Tabs are $3.25).

Sunshine to them

Sunshine to Provident Hospital for Leslie Tasco, 3508 Clifton Ave. He has been in room 320 since May 1, is doing nicely after an operation. Mr. Tasco is employed at Union Memorial Hospital.

Cards to Room 313 for Cornell Bayloy, industrial plant worker, of 2443 E. Preston, who's been confined since April 28.

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Mrs. Ernestine Bridgeport, wife of the postal worker, is doing fine in room 209, but keep those cards coming.

Miss Ira Brown, 3026 Brighton St., the food store cashier, is doing nicely after an operation.

Cheer also to Mrs. Frances Faison, 631 N. Pulaski, wife of the Montebello State Hospital employee, is in room 210; and Mrs. Dorothy Johns, City Health Department secretary of 3409 Woodbrook Ave., is in room 214.

Glad you're feeling - better cards to Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO writer, who is in room 338 at Sinai Hospital, where she underwent operation for removal of a tumor ('about the size of a small watermelon').

She's doing nicely, hopes to be back at her desk soon.

Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, who was taken ill on her job at Social Security, is still confined at home, 2417 N. Pulaski St. Do cheer her up.

New citizens here

New citizens born at Provident Hospital: It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capel (Janet), 120 Berlin Ave., 7 pounds, 2½ ounces, as of April 27.

On April 29, it was a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Savage (Phyllis), 702 Wellbourne Ave: 8 pounds 13 ounces. Dad, former sitdown leader here, is now with the national NAACP office in N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bazemore (Ruth), also have a baby girl, born April 29. Her weight, 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Send hellos to them at 744 Richwood Ave.

May 1st, it was a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Taylor (Minnie), 520 E. North Ave., weight 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Dad works at an Elkridge dry cleaner's.

Send birthday cards

Happy birthday cards go today to Carl Norwood, the talented flutist (Summers Norwood). His address: 2262 Terra Firma Rd.

Some people have a pleasant and friendly manner almost all the time you meet them, and in addition they show genuine concern and interest in others.

Such a person is Mrs. Shelton Coles (Marjorie), the social worker, who marks her birthday on May 11. Send her greetings to 2015 Gregory Falls Parkway.

May 11th cards also for Miss Edna Brown, the teacher at 2402 Montebello Terrace.

May 11 cards for Mrs. Esther Gordon, the attractive widow who will soon have a date with the parson. Her address: 1612 Pulaski St. And May 13th also to Mrs. J. C. Reaves (Agnes), 2611 Allendale Rd.

Can you top this birthday oddity — Joel (Tony) Murray was 13 years old on April 13.

His brother, Jan, was 19 years old on April 19. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Murray (Ethel), 2416 W. Lafayette Ave.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Zerita W. Adams, 800 Whitelock St., who is efficient receptionist in the firm of Brown, Allen and Watts.

More people, places, things

The last several days have been exciting ones for Mrs. J. Logan Jenkins. She was at N.Y.'s Manhattan Hotel last week, saw several shows.

On Thursday, she was guest of honor at a dinner party given by her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Chavis at Robey Sons Canton Village.

Then she was back in Baltimore on Monday, picked up her chum, Mrs. Virgie Wood Waters, and they went on to Atlantic City's Traymore Hotel for a couple of days' rest.

When they returned home on Wednesday, they found Mr. and Mrs. Chavis had come from N.Y. for a visit.

All of them attended the Monday Bridge Club hosted by Mrs. Ruth Johnson.

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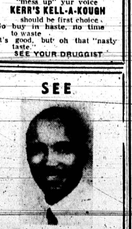

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