WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

The massive registration drive launched throughout the city this week merits attention of the registered voters as well as the unregistered.

Making this a harsh fact——is the passion of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency for tearing down huge hunks of homes, displacing hundreds of families.

And making it an even harsher fact—is the just completed house-to-house canvass by the Supervisors of Elections.

An estimated 64,000 persons are in danger of losing their eligibility to vote—as a result.

This means—thousands of persons who may think they are safe on the registration books are not.

• • •

THOSE NOT contacted the past week by Supervisors of Elections representatives—and who do not receive a request from that office for address verification—are in this category.

Let's look, for example, at what BURHA has wrought in the Fourth District—a prime illustration of why his voter registeration campaign is so important.

There's that BURHA Madison-Park South project—that now almost completely barren, ghost area above Dolphin St. to Laurens, between McCulloh and Park Ave.

This agency has been demolishing homes in this sector for months—displacing hundreds of voters.

Forcing a vast majority of them out of the Fourth District entirely—to far areas of the city.

• • •

IT'S QUITE conceivable—even those who may have left forwarding addresses with the post office have now been gone so long such cards are invalid or destroyed.

And unless these voters have managed the time to change their address with the Supervisors of Elections—they are in registration trouble.

Of course, the law is they can vote in the May 19 primary if they appear at their old registered polling place—but, in Madison Park South, BURHA has torn these down too.

It's not difficult to visualize the confusion about to arise—**through such supplemental registration lists will be distributed as nearby as possible to other polling places.**

Result—hundreds of such persons are not going to vote May 19, and will be stricken from the books.

• • •

ANOTHER SUCH example lies in the lower end of this Fourth District—the 17th Ward's George St. area.

Here, too, is a BURHA operation—but, for once in many months of activity, a completed project.

They displaced hundreds of registered voters from this sector—and are now moving in mostly newcomers to the George B. Murphy Homes, the newest of the city's low rent projects.

Surely—there is a big job to be done here.

There is not only a matter of new registrations—but also the all important changing and verification of correct registration address.

• • •

THESE ARE just a couple of examples, involving situations created by BURHA.

Similar ones can be found in the Sixth District's Barre-Camden Sts. area—The Second District's Caroline-Chase Sts. sector.

In addition to BURHA's wholesale displacement in some areas—there is, too, the continued relatively high movement of families to new homes within the city.

It's reasonably safe to assume far too many of such citizens on the registration books have, for various reasons, neglected to post the change of address at the Supervisors of Elections.

SO, WE have the lawfully required house-to-house canvass of registered voters—principally, to clear the books of those who have died or moved from the city.

It's a move, also, to discourage political shenanigans—ghost voting, and the like.

Of particular note here is—this is a period for the voter to check thoroughly to maintain his registration status.

The margin for error having the lax range it quite often does—this applies to those who have resided in their present homes for years, as well as those in new homes.

The Supervisors of Elections office is on the ground floor of the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.—LExington 9-6960 and open Mondays through Fridays.

Those voters who have not been contacted by representatives of this office or do not receive letters requesting address verification—will likely be stricken from the books.

VOLUNTEER — Mrs. Ada C. Veney, supervisor of public health nursing in the Baltimore City Health Department, was one of the 45 volunteers who gave samples of their blood for a new City Health Department testing program to determine immunity to polio and influenza Mrs. Erdie Jones, public health nurse of the Druid Health District, is obtaining the blood which is to be compared with a small fingertip sample. Looking on, left to right, are Clinton L. Ewing, director of the bureau of laboratories; Dr. George Davis and Miss Virginia Struve.

$25 fine on bogus check rap

"I want to know if this man has been going around the community polluting the economy with bogus checks."

That was the reason given Tuesday by Municipal Court Judge Jerome Robinson who at first ordered Dr. Charles N. Saunders held in $1,500 bail for investigation in connection with a suspected bogus check ring.

Judge Robinson made an about face, however, when John R. Hargrove, defense counsel, protested that such action would be illegal.

Rescinding his earlier order Judge Robinson then found Dr. Saunders guilty of "false pretense by means of bogus check with intent to defraud the Hilton Court Pharmacy." He was fined $25 and cost.

• • •

WESLEY SHELTON, pharmacist and co-owner of the firm, testified he swore out a warrant for the arrest of the veterinarian after all efforts to get him to make good a bad check failed.

Mr. Shelton said Dr. Saunders gave their delivery man a $20.49 check after the latter carried merchandise to his office in the 3800 block Liberty Heights Ave.

However, the store official testified that restitution was made shortly after the warrant was issued and the firm was not interested in pressing charges.

"Mr. Shelton as far as I'm concerned, don't you ever come here for a warrant again. Don't come in here, invoke criminal process and then make up your mind not to cooperate with the courts." Judge Robinson said, obviously displeased at the reluctance to prosecute on the part of Mr. Shelton.

• • •

BEFORE DISPOSING of the case, the jurist recessed court and telephoned the Check Squad at Police Headquarters. Purpose of this call, he explained was to determine to what extent, if any, was Dr. Saunders involved in a suspected bogus check ring.

Returning to the bench, Judge Robinson asked the veterinarian if he knew a woman police named as an alleged bogus check passer.

When Dr. Saunders answered in the affirmative and added that the woman had used checks to repay a loan, Judge Robinson warned:

"You might not have known it. But you've got notice now. That account has been opened with a small amount but is being hit by big checks."

Miss 64,000 in voter canvass

Approximately 64,000 of Baltimore's 380,000 registered voters were not reached during the Supervisors of Elections' house-to-house canvass last week, and are in danger of ultimately being stricken from the books.

E. Paul Mason Jr., chief clerk of the agency, told the AFRO Wednesday these steps will now be followed by his office to reach these persons.

1. Letters are being mailed to the registered address of the 64,000, containing a card to be returned to the Supervisors of Elections verifying the correctness of the address, or a new address if the person has moved.

These cards require no postage for return mailing, and should the person have moved a duplicate registration card will be sent him with the correct new address.

Such persons who return their cards with this information will remain on the books.

• • •

2. THOSE WHO do not respond to the cards, either because they have moved without a forwarding address or for any other reason, will have their names placed on a supplementary voters list at their registered polling place for the May 19 primary.

If they appear for vote in this primary, they will be permitted to do so upon affidavit of their address.

Their names will then be retained as registered voters.

Those among the 64,000 registered persons not reached in the canvass, who neither respond to the cards nor show up to vote at their polling place during the May 19 primary, will be stricken from the books.

It will be necessary for these persons to register again when the books reopen after the primary, to become eligible to vote.

Supervisors of Elections officials have not yet compiled a listing of the racial breakdown of the 64,000 registered citizens not reached in the canvass, Mr. Mason stated.

Register to vote, change address now

There are just 54 registration days left to register to become eligible to vote in the May 19 primary.

Last registration day before the primary is April 18.

Citizens may register at the Supervisors of Elections Court Bldg., Fayette and Gay Sts., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Who must register — Those who will become 21 years of age prior to next years' election; newcomers to the city who have lived here at least a year.

Change of address — Citizens who have been registered as eligible voters, but have changed their address in recent months without notifying the Supervisors of Elections, should do so now.

• • •

IT MAY be necessary to register again. Several thousand citizens who have changed addresses in the past two year period, without notification to the Supervisors of Elections, have been stricken from the books as eligible voters.

Son dead, husband jailed, woman fights to keep going

With her husband charged with murdering their two-year - old son, a desolate woman with three remaining children finds herself faced with increasing problems.

Mrs. Annell Pullen, 27, of the 1600 block Bradford St., is the wife of Arthur H. Pullen who has been charged with tossing his son James to his death from Pier 6 on Pratt St., last Dec. 27.

"Ever since this tragedy, we have been going down hill. My rent is over due (amounting to more than $100) and the gas and electric bill is back two months," Mrs. Pullen told the AFRO Wednesday.

"My children have no clothing. They are out-growing everything. And we have only enough food to keep us from starving," she said.

• • •

THE MOST pressing problem now confronting the Pullen family is finding a home which will fit into a budget based on a total income of about $190 a month in welfare aid.

Although they would like to remain where they are, it is impossible for rent there would cost them about $90 a month, leaving less than $50 a month for food, clothing and other needs.

"We get some food from the welfare department. It is good food for my son William (who is 10) and myself. But my two little girls need fresh milk. Powder milk makes them sick," Mrs. Pullen declared.

Prior to Tuesday, when Mrs. Pullen finally succeeded in getting on the welfare, the only support she received was from neighbors and donations from the congregation of Ebenezer AME Church.

Mrs. Pullen also said moving will be an expense which will further cripple her financially.

• • •

IN ADDITION to her financial problem and finding a home, Mrs. Pullen expressed deep concern for her oldest son, William, who was a witness to the tragic death of his brother.

Even before little James was tossed into the Bay, William had begun to act and talk strangely, she said.

Mr. Pullen, a member of the Apostolic Faith, reportedly believed in witchcraft and often told William, an almost constant companion, tales of its power.

"The first time I knew of Mr. Pullen believing in witchcraft was when I solicited that William was staying home from school," said Mrs. Ann Nelson, a neighbor.

"One day I asked him why he was staying home and he told me that his teachers were witches, that they had made things disappear, then suddenly reappear again.

"I asked Mr. Pullen about it, and told him he should send the boy back to school. Mr. Pullen told me that he had gone to school and knew for certain that what his son had told him was true."

William is now undergoing psychiatric care.

• • •

..AT THE time of the incident, witnesses told police that Mr. Pullen had walked past the pier, returned and lifted James above his head and tossed him to his death. William watched.

Sgt. Robert E. Johnson said the accused father changed a strange unrecognizable language while kneeling prayerfully.

A passer-by called it voodoo.

While police attempted to give the child artificial respiration Mr. Pullen was said to have tried to prevent this

Slain father to be buried in North Carolina

The body of Pearley A. Powers, the 39-year-old man who was fatally stabbed Sunday night in his home, in the 1000 block Vine St., was shipped Thursday to Wilmington, N. C. for burial.

Charged with the slaying is the dead man's step-son, Willie J. Powers, a 17-year-old Douglass High School junior.

Mr. Powers had been taken to Provident Hospital following the stabbing on Sunday night and was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to the youth's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Powers, 37, the incident occurred after she had inquired of her son the whereabouts of his younger brother Sidney, 15.

• • •

MRS. POWERS stated that both youths had left the house together and had gone to the movie. She said she had told them to return together.

"When James came home from the movie I asked him where his brother was, he began to yell at me, saying he didn't know where he was and that he was not responsible for him," the mother stated.

"My husband who was sitting in a chair in the living room told him to be quiet and go upstairs. But he didn't, he just kept on argu-

(Continued on page 23)

MORE COLD

WEATHER AHEAD
1100 Gallons of the Distinguished
FUEL OIL
11.5c per Gallon
HIGH QUALITY LOW PRICE
COAL
Lynbrook Pa. Hard No. 4 or Nut $22.33 ton
RED BLAZE Egg or Nut-Soft $14.95 ton
RED BLAZE Run of Mine-Soft $12.95 ton
plus tax
Every Ton Screened.
HONEST WEIGHT GUARANTEED
All prices subject to change without notice.
FURNACES
Cleaned-Serviced
Repaired or Installed
MU 5-1224
M. SEGALL & Co., Inc.
501 E. Fort Ave.—Bet. 1919
Coal • Fuel Oil • Charcoal

Night classes on investing open at City College; $1 fee

Want to know how to invest your money, the inside story on stocks and bonds, how successful businesses operate?

The Baltimore Public Schools in cooperation with the Maryland Investors Information Committee and the New York Stock Exchange is offering evening classes in securities and investing beginning this Tuesday, Feb. 4 at Baltimore City College.

Fee for the eight-week courses is one dollar to residents of Baltimore City.

Moderators for the classes will be investment brokers from Stein Brothers and Boyce and Eastman Dillon Union Securities and Company, two nationally known investment firms.

A beginning class in securities and investing begins Feb. 4 and concludes March 24. It will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. in the music room of Baltimore City College, 33rd St. and the Alameda. Register for this course at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 4.

• • •

EACH THURSDAY, for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 6 a more advanced course in investments will be given at City College from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration for this class is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6.

The beginners course will include instruction on the types of securities, the risk and rewards of investing, how to read the financial page, family financial planning and specialized investment programs.

The advanced course will consider selection of securities, public utilities, how profits are made in chemical and drug stock investment, insurance stocks and other money matters.

The fee to county residents is $6.40 for either course.

Mayor outlines program for city legislators

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, obviously a believer in the adage that the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach, chose that route Tuesday night to seek support for the city's legislative program.

At a dinner meeting in a downtown hotel, preceded by cocktails, Mr. McKeldin was host to the city's delegation to the General Assembly which convenes Feb. 5.

In a 22-page speech to members of the delegation, Board of Estimates, co-hosts of the meeting, and City Councilmen, Mr. McKeldin outlined his legislative program which essentially calls for:

1. Increased State aid to education without eliminating the city's kindergarten program.

2. Bigger bite of the revenue anticipated from proposed tax increases.

3. Less dictation from the state on the expenditure of aid granted.

4. Location of a branch of the University of Maryland within the city.

5. State financed authority to take over operation of Friendship International Airport, and

6. An equalization of franchise taxes on savings banks and on savings and loan associations.

• • •

POINTING OUT that the city currently receives $3,283,971 in state aid to education, the proposed revision of the formula for distributing state aid to public education calls for a substantial increase.

The mayor urged the delegation to pass to the hill, but called upon them to add an amendment that would protect the city's kindergarten program.

"Studies made here and in other cities indicate that were the city to abandon its kindergarten program for

(Continued on page 23)

In jail his 171st time

"Your Honor, I wasn't doing a thing and there ain't nobody here to say I was. None of the people I'm supposed to have bumped into is here. Give me a break, will you, your honor?"

"Mr. Douglass, the officer is your accuser," said Judge I. Sewell Lambin, in Central Municipal Court to the accused man, James S. Douglass, 51, of the unit block S. Bond St.

Charged with disorderly conduct when he was arrested Wednesday night in the 400 block of Baltimore St., plainclothes detective testified he was bumping into passersby.

"Sir, I just got out of jail! Please give me a break this time. Please Judge.

• • •

"TELL ME, Mr. Douglass, just what kind of break do you want? Your record shows you have been arrested 170 times. Now tell how can I give you a break? $25 and cost," the judge said.

"Mr. Douglass was unable to pay his fine and is again a resident in the city jail.

Manning-Shaw

3102 LEIGHTON AVENUE
TIOGA PARKWAY
Most outstanding 2-story, 6 room center group. Aluminum awnings front and back, storm windows and doors, steel back entrances and drapes, fenced in yard. 1 block from Mondawmin Shopping Center. Walking distance to Douglass High, Junior High and elementary schools. Gas range, garbage disposal. Positively spotless throughout. $450 Down.

AN OFFERING OF Manning-Shaw

100 Others To Select From. Vets No Money Down.

1821 Eutaw Place
G.I. LOANS
F.H.A. LOANS
or Just Plain Good Financing
Day NO. 9-6262
Night LI. 2-1897

Teacher rating order issued by Dr. Hansen

WASHINGTON

Ground rules for rating all educational employees of the Districts public schools were laid down in a directive issued by Superintendent Carl F. Hansen last week.

Dr. Hansen stressing the importance of "good rating procedures" advised all schools to devote the major portion of a faculty meeting to the directive.

• • •

DETAILED instructions of the procedures to be used are given and the directive covers all educational employees except Dr. Hansen. Stress is placed on the consequences resulting from a poor rating.

The ratings, which are to be given annually to all except temporary and probationary employees, will be made by the individual who normally makes duty assignments and reviews the work of the employee, which in most cases will be the school principal.

C. O. D. OIL CO.
OR. 5-1818
PAY CASH AND SAVE
WE OFFER PREMIUM QUALITY FUEL OIL AT TREMENDOUS SAVINGS!
$14.42 Per 100 Gal.
INCLUDING TAX
Call Before Noon And Get Your Delivery
THE SAME DAY
FUEL OIL OR. 5-1818

Canvassers
MALE OR FEMALE
Exp. In All Phases of Home Remodeling and Plumbing. Guaranteed Salary Plus Comm.
G. E. Contractor
CH. 3-1600
Call For Appointment
Between 9-11 A.M.

IF YOU
have something for sale and want to sell it quickly, use an
AFRO CLASSIFIED WANT AD
CALL
MUlberry 5-6015

BLUE Streak EDITION

Baltimore Afro-American

72nd Year, No. 58 — Copyrighted 1964 by AFRO-AMERICAN CO. for all material previously printed in the current National Edition — BALTIMORE, MD., FEBRUARY 8, 1964 — 32 PAGES — 15 CENTS

THE WEATHER

Today (Friday) partly sunny and windy with the highs in the low 50s. Tonight will be fair and colder, lows in middle and upper 40s. Saturday, mostly sunny with high around 40.

MISTRIAL FOR BECKWITH

COED IS FATALLY INJURED, DETECTIVES LAUNCH PROBE

TROUBLED TEENS

No rules for restless youths

By WALTER DEAN and RALPH MATTHEWS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in series of articles on today's youths and their problems.)

"Out here and don't a bit more care," shouted the group of teen-age boys walking a West Baltimore Street shortly after midnight Saturday. A man passed them.

For no apparent reason, one of the boys quickly knelt at the curb, picked up a piece of broken bottle and hurled it after the man. The boys laughed and though picking up speed, did not run as the glass crackled noisily and dangerously close to the man.

The man turned, saw he was outnumbered, and kept moving.

"Don't you like it?" the bottle hurler yelled as the man hurried off.

There was no rhyme to this scene, no meaning such as is easily seen. A boy on a dark street felt compelled to throw something after a perfect stranger.

In the light of the corner street lamp, the faces of the boys showed them to be young . . . husky but young . . . and an observer might be tempted to say, seeing the late hour and their obvious boyishness, "all of you should be home in bed."

But it was equally obvious that such a statement would have brought disaster down on its sayer's head.

• • •

THE REAL question to these kids "out here" and not caring about either themselves or the world around them, is not why they are not at home, but why their parents let them roam menacingly around the street in the first place.

When a teen-ager says defiantly, "I'm out here an don't care" he is more than likely really complaining that he is loose in the land because somebody else DOESN'T CARE.

That somebody else who doesn't care is two things really: the kids' parents and the community at large.

It has been reported that social workers find teen-agers gripped with an inner rage that sometimes gets so strong they are moved to outward anger. The boy who threw a bottle at a stranger was a sufferer with this teen-age turmoil.

What causes the turmoil?

Parents usually.

• • •

CONSIDER WHAT one youth worker, a trained psychologist says about teen-agers:

"Teens are actually very stable, people outwardly, they tend to be very conservative and idealistic. Most young people are looking for genuine people to look up to and respect, they are looking for "real" symbols to believe in.

"In my opinion, they are giving society so much trouble now because these kids cannot find anyone or anything to really believe in. That's enough to make anyone angry actually.

"Besides having a feeling of being thrust into a world full of phonies, teen-agers have their own personal problems that make them even more anxious. A teen-age boy is half-a-man; he may physically want a girl if he is at the age of puberty, and the way to get a girl is to be one of the fellows, to belong to a gang or have the approval of the other boys.

In the teen world, if all the boys like a boy, then the girls like him also. But on the other hand, he is full of adolescent fears. If he gets too carried away with being accepted by the group, the pressure of sex leads him away from manhood and that is even more frightening and confusing to him.

"So you have these bewildered kids asking themselves, What am I doing? How am I growing up? Am I doing the right things? Am I doing the wrong things? Should I feel this way or that way?

"In all this confusion which is natural to teen-agers they also begin to take their first clear hard look at their parents and often they do not like what they see.

"I have kids tell me they hate their parents and you would be surprised at the reasons. Or maybe not so surprised.

"One girl from a wealthy suburban home told me she hated her father because he claimed to be a liberal on racial matters but owned a real estate mortgaging firm that refused to do business with either colored people or Jews."

This resentment at what they call a "phony" adult world is what prompts many teens to strike out as they do.

• • •

DR. ROBERT M. LINDER, the world-famed Baltimore psychiatrist, in an essay published shortly before he died said of teen-agers in a modern world that because of the time and the tempo of society, teen-agers no longer strike out by killing themselves, they strike out by killing others and preserving themselves.

Dr. Lindner noted that today's youth all too often finds violence the only way they can express themselves in a real way.

All other ways; art, hobbies, school, seem too "phony" and ineffective.

A youth worker in the inner city says: "Kids from poor homes are really no different from teen-agers out in some neat nice suburb. A poor girl in her teens hears her mother constantly telling her not to get in trouble with any boys but then every Saturday night she must be a witness to her mother's weekends with her casual boyfriend, who moves in Friday and moves out Monday morning.

To this girl, mom is a hypocrite, she does not practice what she preaches. The girl strikes out, often by imitating

(Continued on page 7)

Beckwith jury in deadlock

By WILLIAM WORTHY
AFRO Special Correspondent

JACKSON, Miss. — A mistrial was declared today in the murder trial of Byron de la Beckwith, a crusading segregationist who was chaged with slaying civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

Circuit Court Judge Leon Hendrick declared the mistrial after the all-white male jury reported itself hopelessly deadlocked. Beckwith sat quietly with his hands clasped in his lap as the judge asked individual jurors if there was any hope of reaching a verdict.

The mistrial went against early predictions that the case would end in quick acquittal because of the deep passions due to racial aspects.

The jury deliberated 11 hours. Beckwith was remanded to jail pending a new trial date.

The case ended Thursday and after seven hours of deliberation, the jury retired for the night without a verdict.

The big question being debated in Jackson (Thursday) whether the surprise appearance of defendant Byron De La Beckwith on the witness stand helped or hurt him in the eyes of the all-white jury.

Even the prosecutor seemed stunned when the Chief Defense Counsel suddenly called Beckwith near the close of testimony in the sensational murder trial.

It had been the consensus in the Press Gallery that Beckwith, a man of considerable emotional instability, would not testify in his own behalf.

THE ARCH — Segregationist who is charged with killing Medgar Evers was a supreme confident witness.

Only near the end of his two hours on the stand, under questioning by a scornful prosecutor, did he begin to show signs of nervousness.

His voice was loud, clear and firm. He directed his answers at the 12 men who will settle his fate, largely ignoring the defense attorneys and the prosecutor who asked the questions.

His style was folksy, conversational and garrulous.

The 43-year-old fertilizer salesman had an easy answer—in some cases almost a glib answer — to nearly every awkward question, no matter how remote from time

(Continued on Page 2)

X MARKS THE SPOT — Earl A. Barnes points to spot where he found Miss Gill sprawled face down in the gutter in front of his home. The arrow (to rear of car) points to her home, one block from the spot where she was found unconscious.

Del. Dixon joins Welcome's camp

By MAX JOHNSON

Abandonment has struck again within the key ranks of the once all - powerful James H. (Jack) Pollack Democratic forces in the city's fourth District.

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, now serving a second term as a member of Maryland's House of Delegates, announced today (Friday) she has left the Pollack camp.

Mrs. Dixon said she is joining forces with the Fourth District Democratic Organization — a rival group which pushed through the election last year of City Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. to oust a veteran Pollack councilman.

As head of the district's Monumental Democratic Women's Club, she has a considerable following of her own.

• • •

MRS. DIXON, in quitting the Pollack camp, announced her support of the candidacy of Louis L. Goldstein for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate.

She said:

"During this campaign, it is my intention to work closely with the members of the Fourth District Democratic Organization Inc. for the election of Mr. Goldstein to the United States Senate.

"In so doing, it is my firm belief that I am acting in the best interests of the people of the Fourth District of Baltimore City and the citizens of Maryland and the nation."

The Fourth District Democratic Organization has already pledged its support to Mr. Goldstein, who has the backing of Gov. J. Millard Tawes and his strong forces.

• • •

MURRAY ABRAMSON, veteran Fourth District House of Delegates member who also quit the Pollack camp about three years ago, took note of Mrs. Dixon's action with this comment:

"This takes the very last vestige of strength from the Pollack faction in the Fourth District."

Mr. Abramson is on the board of governors of the Fourth District Democratic Organization.

He was referring to the fact that Mrs. Dixon was the ranking member of the four Pollack delegates in the House — but has stripped that faction now of whatever attention it might have generated in that chamber.

The rival Fourth District Democratic Organization's

(Continued on page 7)

DEL. IRMA DIXON

MISS EULA GILL

Body found after she left party

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Who or what killed "Bunny Gill?"

That is the puzzling question surrounding the mysterious death of a pretty teenager who died at 5:30 p.m. Monday in St. Joseph Hospital.

"Bunny" is — or was — Eula Gill, a 17-year-old senior high student who lived at 1437 Homestead St. in Northeast Baltimore.

Attractive and popular, Bunny was studying cosmetology at the Carver Vocational High School. According to her classmates, teachers and parents, the teenager had high hopes of graduating in June.

She was buried at 1 p.m. today (Friday).

Now homicide investigators are probing the mystery of "Bunny Gill" — the tragic and mysterious death of a teenager.

• • •

INVESTIGATORS KNOW part of the "why" of Bunny's death — but only a part. The remainder and the "how" remain a mystery.

Dr. John Adams, assistant medical examiner, listed the official cause of death as "brain damage caused by a fractured skull."

"What is not known," Dr. Adams added, "is the manner in which she sustained it."

Dr. Adams further explained that advance evidence indicates that the student sustained the fracture from a fall, but made this observation:

"It is very unusual for a 17-year-old child in obvious good health to fall in the street and sustain a fracture

(Continued on Page 2)

Another showdown looms in Alabama

NOTASULGA, Ala. — Six pupils scheduled to desegregate Macon High School Thursday made ready only to learn it had been ordered closed. This is the second school Alabama has shut down in their faces in less than a week.

Mayor James Rea ordered the school closed sometime Wednesday night. The move came after word was circulated that a "mysterious" fire had damaged the town's water filter plant.

The mayor said the town has only enough water in storage tanks to last one and a half days. He then asked that all schools be closed, including Macon High where he refused to allow the students to enrol.

A member of Congress expressed the opinion Thursday night that both Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and Mayor Rea are in contempt of federal court.

The opinion was expressed by Rep. Robert N.C. Nix Sr. (D., Pa.) who left the House floor during debate on the Administration's civil rights program to discuss the Alabama situation.

"I think the Federal Government has no alternative but to jail Gov. Wallace," Nix told the AFRO.

He said the Alabama governor's past action and his current behavior in attempting to thwart U.S. Court orders for school desegregation shows that he is completely contemptuous of federal authority.

Gov. Wallace should be shown no leniency. "The government should deal with him and it would deal with any common criminal, Rep. Nix declared.

• • •

A FEDERAL court had ordered the students admitted

(Continued on page 7)

WHY NOT?
Upstairs, downstairs, all around the house . . . Inside, outside and all around the yard . . . There are so many things that you would like to turn into cash. WHY NOT?
Just Call MU 5-6015 for a quick result . . .
AFRO Classified

INSIDE

• THIS WEEK'S Feature Page — Ford's Remembers, The Tense Life of a Policeman's Wife — Page 16
• HELPFUL AIDS for the busy housewife — Page 9
• MASSIVE VOTE drive planned for Baltimore — Page 32

AFRO-AMERICAN
628-N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore, Md.

OPINION

'DON'T CALL ME MANDY'

By CARL MURPHY

No one in his right mind should ever want to live in the one-time confederate states.

Yet, when arrogance and intolerance reach a point of high stupidity there comes usually some happening to make the persecuted grin.

In Shelley vs. Kramer the U.S. Supreme Court knocked out segregation in housing (restrictive covenants). In Brown vs. Board of Education, the same high court killed segregation in public schools.

There was and remains a lot of kicking and writhing, but segregation is mortally wounded.

After such decisions that bring us closer to equal public accommodations or the right to picket without harassment and arrest by police, we get a vision of a country that could be and isn't.

• • •

THERE ARE causes for laughter, too. For instance, the NAACP suit to prevent Alabama courts from addressing colored women by their first names.

"Don't call me Mandy, or even Mrs. Mandy," the NAACP tells Alabama, and adds, "My name is Mrs. Jones. Don't call me Mandy. If you do, I will not answer."

Doesn't seem like much of a suit. But it is quite a serious matter to Confederates from Virginia to Alabama.

Such a suit must make the U.S. Supreme Court judges lift an eyebrow.

What will the NAACP do next? They must wonder. We wonder too.

• • •

THE NAACP is unpredictable, surprising, delightful, precious.

Now that we are all busy looking for jobs, licking the unemployment problem, and demanding that something be done about the increase in crime among young people, at this time the NAACP steps in with its "Don't Call Me Mandy" suit.

It is not the NAACP's fault that its cases come up at odd times.

Robert Carter, Jack Greenberg and Constance Baker Motley, NAACP attorneys, are filing suits from day to day as plaintiffs bring in their complaints.

It may take 3 or 5 years to get a final court hearing. So when least expected, here comes the NAACP with something to stir the risibilities.

All our lives we have been furious with police and minor court officials, who, hiding behind the coattails of a judge or magistrate, refer to our women by their first names. For years we had not thought of any way to reach them.

But the NAACP has.

And it is typical of this organization that quite regularly comes up with the right question and right answer.

Whatever would we do without it!