Why Do Kids Leave Home? Where Do They Go?

• One of the nation's most astounding and sudden population shifts is going on now • Quietly but surely, now that school is out, young people are leaving home. • Why do they leave? Where do they go? What happens then?

Why do young people leave home? Is there some mysterious, unseen ghost that lures them away to the open road this time of year? Or is living today so difficult and precarious for everyone, the youngsters have to break away for awhile?

Whatever it may be, throughout the nation, they are heeding the call in droves from rich, poor, ghetto and hilltop families.

GONE FISHING?

Some law enforcement agents feel the mysterious yearning "to take to the open road" in warm weather is the same one a youngster had years ago to go fishing beside some quiet stream or just to wander to some shady lane close to nature for endless periods of time.

Others state it is no such idyllic thing as a call to return to nature or see what's on the other side of the mountain.

Social workers and public assistance experts see it as "mom fighting with dad; a broken love affair; fear for one's life; no jobs; no money; no loved ones; weariness of nothing and a search to find something, somewhere."

Recently the AFRO heard a Juvenile Court case of a 15-year-old girl dressed in navy blue jeans and a white blouse who had her own reason.

She left her Cherry Hill home in March, she said, "Because I had no privileges and always had to go to church."

TOO MUCH CHURCH

The attractive 8th grade pupil stated, "I had to go too much."

Calm and with steady eyes, the teenager revealed her family is of a strict faith that allows little recreation. She admitted she disliked ringing doorbells with a band of other children on Sundays.

Asked where she had been since March 15, she revealed she had stayed in the apartment of a Baltimore girlfriend who has two small children. She said she went to dances, had fun in general and sometimes was baby-sitter for her friend and another teenaged mother who paid her $12 a week.

In court without any worker, was not in court and the child was left alone, without friends or relatives, to face charges as a delinquent girl.

She said she would rather go home and try to stay rather than go to girls' training school.

Juvenile Court Master U. Theodore Hayes sent her home but required both she and the family be supervised by a Probation Department worker, "to find out what's wrong."

CUT MOTHER'S APRON STRINGS

"Maybe I was too loving. He is my only child. Maybe I loved him too much," a grieved mother writes in a letter to the AFRO.

Her carefully penned story revealed she is a school teacher. Her quiet, eloquent words disclosed culture, refinement and all that goes with an ideal home.

But, was it ideal to her 18-year-old son who left his first year at college before term's end and without a backward glance trucked off with an interracial group in a broken-down, abandoned car they had patched up?

The mother knew of his shacking up a few weekends with the group of black and white girls and boys on Calvert St. for Pot Parties, but somehow prayer and hope it would pass away as a fad, gave her patience. "Don't fuss at him," a psychiatrist told her. "Treat him kindly."

But now her baby boy was gone, she fell to remembering his baby shoes, how he loved hamburgers money, she admitted she had spent it all at Gwynn Oak Park over Memorial Day weekend.

Her mother, a hospital and French fries with catsup.

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THEY ARE ON THE WING NOW, thousands of youngsters of all descriptions of every race, creed and station in life, leaving home, grieved parents and relatives behind. Maryland's many run-aways, some of them, will be located later in Atlantic City, Ocean City or at some resort. Others will wander as far away as the West Coast. Whatever lures them away, they're going, some of them never to return. Nearly 40% of the public school's 193,000 children were truant during the school year. If school were in session in June, July and August, the truancy figure would go up to 50% as the children, mostly teenagers, "get lost on purpose."

School's out— 30,000 due at Summer School

School's out. Today (Friday) was the last day for Baltimore public schools' 193,000 pupils and 8,900 teachers.

Every in tre morning, classrooms were full of bubbling, chattering children, dressed in their Sunday best, anxiously awaiting this last day's chores before summer vacation opened.

The youngsters also seemed to be wearing some sort of sneaky smiles reflecting gladness. However, there were many teachers thinking the same thing.

Regular sessions will begin again for teachers on Sept. 1 and for the pupils on Sept. 7.

According to William Pinderhughes, an assistant superintendent, there will be only about 192,000 pupils coming in this Fall. "Somewhat fewer students are expected," he remarked; adding, "Maybe we're getting over the boom in births of the World War II year."

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Summer School opens on June 24 with nearly 30,000 pupils expected to attend classes through Aug. 4. About 17,860 will attend elementary classes and 27,785 secondary classes.

Secondary Summer School will have 6,600 in eight "Review Schools." Enrichment Summer School Division will have 600 pupils enrolled. Two vocational schools will have 500 students.

Elementary Summer School will see 1,600 children studying under the Remedial Reading Program in 16 schools and 1,400 in seven Enrichment Summer School programs.

Highlighting the summer school scene is the fact that 17,685 pupils will be studying in 62 schools under the $2,600,000 Federally funded Elementary and Secondary Education Act. (ESEA).

Assistant Superintendent Clarence Gittings will be in charge of the elementary division and Dr. Wilmer Bell the secondary division.

Early Admissions pupils have $110,000 allotted; Elementary classes have $1,900,000 funds and Secondary and Teen-aged Mothers classes, $200,000.

Seven schools will house the 2,225 Secondary ESEA pupils while 14,860 pupils will be in 55 other schools

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Three babies in same family die of strange, rare disease

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Kenneth Darnell Jones, six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jones, Turner Station, died Sunday at City Hospitals of a strange and rare disease which the field of medicine knows little about.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Turner Station. The Rev. James A. Everett presided at the last rites and at burial in Arbutus Memorial Park.

The infant is buried beside a sister and a brother who died previously of the same ailment which City Hospitals physicians call Reye's Syndrome, a disease that attacks young children under 10 years of age.

A City Hospitals physician said the ailment affects the liver and brain and no one knows as yet what starts it.

He explained, "I understand Hopkins School of Hygiene is studying it but no one has come up with the answer."

The physician, a pathologist, also stated that the disease does not usually attack several children in a family.

According to Mrs. Elva Banks, grandmother of the three Jones children, the infant was stricken four days before he went to the hospital with a sore throat and high fever.

She stated that physicians there gave him new blood and every attention but were unable to defer his steadily weakening condition.

The other Jones children who were "hit with the same complaints all of a sudden" were Rodney, 13 months, who died last January and Tracy, 23 months who has been dead about three years.

Mrs. Banks said no one in the family other than the three youngsters has any history of such an ailment in fact, she stated, "Little Tracy's death three years ago was the first in the family in 15 years."

She also disclosed that her father died at the age of 87, "and was never sick a day in his life."

In addition to the parents and grandmother, surviving are a brother, John C. Jones III, 4, Terrance, 3; great-grandmother Mrs. Lucille Banks, all of Turner Station.

Terry case delayed to June 23

Cpl. Courtney M. Terry, the young soldier who was injured in a parachute jump and then ordered back on active duty while still wearing braces on his back and leg, is still awaiting word on his situation.

Ordered to report to Ft. Bragg, N. C., on Tuesday, June 15, he has been granted another delay until June 23. The office of Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th Md., has been instrumental in getting a series of delays for Terry, in hopes that a medical re-evaluation by the Surgeon General's office will convince the Army to reconsider.

Mitchell's office is hoping to secure for Terry disability compensation, as well as a medical discharge.

Cottman gets better position

John E. Cottman, formerly coordinator of the orientation program with the Baltimore Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), has been appointed to a better position.

Cottman, who was relieved of his duties with neither notice nor explanation last month, prompted many CEP employes to protest the injustice.

Frederick L. Nims Jr., CEP program administrator, reported that several organizations had led demonstrations against Cottman's removal. "Mr. Cottman was well liked by all with whom he worked," Nims said.

As a result of the protests, Cottman has been named coordinator of regular vocational skills at the Calvert Educational Center.

JESSE OWENS Trophy Winner, Michael Logan, 17, son of Mrs. Lucille Logan, is a June Polytechnic High School graduate who will be enrolled in Electrical Engineering at the University of Maryland this fall. Young Logan, a track star, has also won other trophies in addition to the Inter-City Jesse Owens championship for the mile held at Boston, Mass. They include the 1970 Baltimore Municipal Games; Junior Municipal Games, Olympics (Junior, Baltimore); AAU Junior Olympics and SAA Junior Olympics, 1971.

Guthrie heard Tues.; Young drops out, dailies blamed

By PAUL EVANS

A major crisis may be looming on the horizon for the Board of School Commissioners as it attempts to secure a permanent superintendent for Baltimore's 211 schools and 193,000 students.

In an effort to involve as broad a range of community groups and views as feasible, the board originally set up four nights to interview four out-of-town candidates for the position.

Last Friday Board president Robert L. Karwacki issued a release which stated that because of a lack of consensus on the board over a single local candidate, no local person would be considered for the permanent position.

Highly regarded local school personnel had included Associate Superintendent William Pinderhughes, Assistant Superintendent Clarence J. Gittings, the Social Studies Revision Commission's Chairman, Samuel L. Banks, and Community College of Baltimore President, Dr. Harry Bard.

With this before the public the board issued a detailed plan for involving many segments of the community in serving in an advisory capacity to pick a permanent superintendent.

Invited to ask questions and express their views on a candidate were: Representatives from the Baltimore Teachers' Union, the Public School Teachers Association, the Mayor's Task Force on Equal Education, the Council of Parent-Teachers Associations, students from six high school student governments, and parent representatives from six councilmanic districts of the city.

The first interview with a candidate was slated for Tuesday night at the board's meeting room in the Department of Education's headquarters on Twenty-fifth St.

The first of the four candidates to be interviewed by the board and these invited was Dr. James W. Guthrie, a 35-year-old blond, assistant professor of Education with the School of Education at the University of California at Berkeley and presently Deputy Director, New York State Commission on the Quality, Cost and Financing of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The tall, somewhat slim educator was born August 28, 1936 in Chicago. In 1961 he was married to the former Miss Lynda Layton. The couple has three children: Sarah, 8, James Jr., 5, and Shannon 4.

Dr. Guthrie received an A.B. degree in Anthropology from Stanford University in 1958; and took his M.A. degree from the same school in 1960 in Education. He received the Ph. D. degree in Educational Admin-

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2 nursing homes now meet HMH standards

Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dr. Neil Solomon, announced Monday that two nursing homes which have cooperated with his program in up-grading their facilities have had bans on admissions lifted.

The two homes are: Lincoln Memorial Home on N. Carey St., Baltimore; and Caton Ridge Nursing and Convalescent Home in Catonsville.

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Actions taken by the Lincoln Home included the installation of sprinklers in prime danger areas, moving all non-ambulatory patients to the first floor near exits and adding extra staff at nighttime hours. It has also embarked on a painting, renovation, and clean up program for the present home.

Caton Ridge, likewise, has improved fire safety facilities with plans for a new alarm system, new fire escapes and plans the installation of a modern patient call system. A major clean-up and paint up project is currently underway, said the Secretary.

Fred Pope Martin III, wife end brief marriage in court

Mrs. Fred Pope Martin III, wife of a Social Security verifying clerk, has vocity verifying clerk, has wonuntary separation. Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast signed the decree on June 8 in Circuit Court.

The Martins were married Feb. 26, 1969 at the Court House and separated when the husband left their home on April 12, 1969, "because we couldn't get along," the wife testified.

Agreeing was her mother, Mrs. Nannie Hill, who testified her son-in-law "packed his clothes and left and they never lived under the same roof again."

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The decree was granted on Mrs. Martin's cross bill of complaint.

Mr. Martin had filed first for a divorce on grounds of adultery on April 19, 1970.

In testimony before Court Master Edward A. Smith at 2 p.m. on May 25, 1970, Mr. Martin said he and his brother, William, parked in front of a house on Lafayette Ave. and saw his wife leave with a man.

He testified further he followed the couple to a bar and a motel and waited until they came out.

Also testifying before Circuit Court Master Smith at 2 p.m. on May 25, 1970, the brother, William Martin, 2510 Talbot Rd., stated, "He was a good, kind and faithful husband but after the April 19, 1970 episode, he could not forgive nor condone her conduct."

Summer fun camp set to open in Cherry Hill

The Bureau of Recreation has announced plans for its Summer Fun Camp for Boys and Girls, to be held at the Cherry Hill Recreation Center, 2700 Spelman Rd.

The camp will begin June 21 and operate through August 20. It is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12. Camp activities include: hwimming, crafts, music, nature, games, special programs, bus trips and free lunches.

For additional information and application forms, call the center, 354-1731 between 2 and 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FIRST AND LAST—Receiving diplomas from famed McDonogh School are John M. Belcher III and Robert L. Johnson, who (along with Tyrone D. Wilson not shown), became the first black graduates. This graduation marks the end of uniforms and the last year of the military-like structure at the famed Baltimore County Military school.

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MOTHER GIVES BRIDE AWAY in a unique African wedding. In left panel, mother of the bride, Mrs. Norma Woods, presents her daughter, Miss Joyce Elaine Jackson to her husband-to-be Phillip Johnson (far right); standing in background are the bridesmaid, Miss Marsha Jackson and the minister, Brother A. Chinedozi Anoye. Shown in the right panel during the exchanging of vows are: the bridesmaid, the newlyweds, and in the background, the minister and best man, Jerry Bannister. Shown in the inset is the African designed wedding band, exchanged in the ceremony.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

African Wedding Ceremony Highlight Of June Week

with Lula Mackay

"... And the minister intoned: 'Nde C hineke kekotara, madu atosal!'" which translates to: "Those whom God has joine d together, let no man put asunder."

Thus Joyce Elaine and Phillip Rog e became Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Johnson.

The ceremony was African—the lan guage Ibo, the minister Nigerian-Brother A. Chinedozi Anonye, assistant prof. of H istory at Morgan State College.

Mrs. Mackay is on vacation. This column is written by her staff).

The primary difference between an African wedding and a traditional American one lies in the emphasis. In America, the wedding ceremony centers on the young couple and their vows.

The African version celebrates the joining together of two families.

The rites begin when the two families join and walk together to the altar. When all are assembled, the minister addresses the congregation with a short prayer, then the uncle of the bride hands her to the father of the groom.

He, in turn, hands the bride to the bridegroom.

The mother of the bride then hands both bride and bridegroom to ehe minister who begins the recitation of the vows.

The rites celebrated are a synthesized version combining African, Anglo-Saxon and Judeo-Christian traditions. The vows have a lyric quality of their own:

"I, Phillip Roger Johnson, take thee, Joyce Elaine Jackson to my wedded wife with who, in love, all that the Great Spirit may bring into my life may be share, and, I, therto plight thee my troth, until life's flames are extinguished."

A ring is used in the ceremony. In this case, one of enameled gold. The words accompanying the bestowal of the ring translate to:

"In the name of the Great Spirit, Creator of all that is Good, Maker of all mankind, you, now, have become my wedded wife, in whom all my love, wealth, care and attention are to be bestowed."

At an African wedding, the congregation does not sit idly by. Following the formal exchange of vows, the minister leads those assembled in special songs composed for the occasion.

The songs tell of the joining of the young couple and gives the name of each family member and the entire wedding party.

Things do not end here. Contrary to American costom, the African wedding ceremony itself is a happy occasion, not steeped in the sonorous solemnity to which we are accustomed.

This comes immediately after in a recepeion area, where the ritual of the "Pouring of the Libation" takes place.

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In Africa, palm wine is used as the libation. Here, an extra-fine brandy is the alternative liquid.

After the wedding party and guests are in place, the ministeh calls for complete silence, while the libation is poored. The couple drinks, another special song is sung, then anyone who wishes to make remarks is invited to do so.

Following this, the wedding gifts are presented, and the festivities begin. In fact, they would go on for two on three days.

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Why an African wedding? According to the bridegroom, Phillip Johnson, "it is completely fitting because of the heritage of black people."

He continued, "Most ethnic groups hold weddings in the tradition of their cultures. The Poles have Polish weddings, the Jews have Jewish weddings, and so on.

"Our heritage is African, and therefore an African wedding is in keeping with our heritage."

When questioned about the legality of such a union, Phillip was quick to point out that a marriage license was secured, in keeping with the laws of Baltimore.

As an aside, he admitted that this was done mainly for the benefit of the parents.

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The parents provided something of a surprise themselves for the newlyweds. Mrs. Norma Wood, mother of the bride, said at

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Woman Power conducting workshops

Woman Power, Inc. is still conducting Election Judge Workshops in various sections of the city to which the public is invited.

The purpose of these workshops is to brief present election judges and substitutes in how to perform their duties more effectively; train new judges in order to have a "pool" available in time of need, and teach election know — how and proper voting procedures.

The workshops are Saturday, June 19, Dunbar Community School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 500 N. Caroline St., and Saturday, June 19, Lombard Community School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lombard and Caroline Streets.

Woman Power officers are Dr. Delores C. Hunt, executive director; Mrs. Hortense Henry, co-chairman; Mrs. Fannie Jones, advisor, and Mrs. Clarice LaV. Brooks, chairman and project director.

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Dunbar Class of 1961 to hold reunion June 25

The class of June, 1961 of Dunbar High School, will hold its ten-year reunion on June 25. The affair will be a banquet dinner-dance, held at the Emerald Gardens, on Primrose Ave. Featured musicians will be the Del-Rays.

Guest speakers will be State Senator Clarence Blount (D.-5th), and the present principal of Dunbar High; Robert P. Diggs, former principal now Director of Project Mission; and Mrs. Thelma Cox, a coordinator of Special Projects and programs for Baltimore city Schools, and a former Dunbar teacher.

Many other known administrators and teachers will attend to reminisce with graduates of the 1961 class.

Mrs. Patricia Pallitt Albright, aceing phairman and business manager of the reunion committee is handling reservations.

Other participating members are: Mrs. JoAnn Matthews Chaffin, Mrs. Katherine Moorins McCaskill, and Mrs. Betty Taylor Rice.

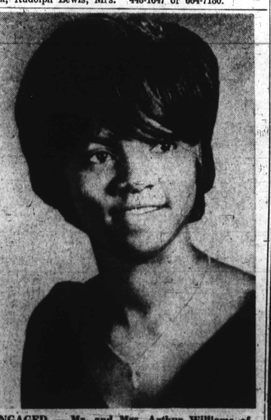
Reservations have already been made by the following persons: Mrs. Lucille Singleton Cookley, Mrs. Eliza McCullough Jennings, Miss Barbara McGlotten, Miss Carolyn Lashley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ball:

Calvin Wilkins, Michael Abney, Tyrone Lawrence, Ralph Williams, Mrs. John Terrell, Mrs. Rena Griffin Campbell, Attorney Robert E. Bell, Mrs. Zelma Cox Adams, Mrs. Jean Ferguson Brockington, Mrs. Brenda Thompson Henderson;

Also, Miss Carolyn Elbeck, Rudolph Lewis, Mrs. Irene Hodges, Ronald Doswell, Melvin Howard, Phillip Smita, Thomas Foster, Mrs. Agnes Minor Galloway;

Douglass Crowley, Harold Mitchell, Roland Baltimore, Clarence Gibbs Jr., Mrs. Carolyn Vaughn Foy, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker Bournes, Mrs. Ruby Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Meacham, Ralph Smith, Henry Philjau, Mrs. Helen Quarles, and Miss Bessie Anderson.

Classmates are urged to make reservations for themselves and friends by calling Mrs. Albright at 448-1647 or 664-7180.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of German Hill Rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Yvonne Williams, to Warren DeSales Gant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gant of Lakewood Ave, all of Baltimore. Both are graduates of Dunbar High School. A late June wedding is planned.

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Black Beauty Week

Contestants for the Miss Black America of Maryland Pageant witnessed the signing of a proclamation by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III proclaiming Saturday, June 26 as "Miss Black America of Maryland Day" in Baltimore.

As Saturday evening approaches, the contenders for the title are preparing for a busy week of activities.

There will be radio interviews, personal appearances, and talent rehearsals under the direction of Ed Terry of New York City.

Also, make-up sessions directed by Mrs. Bernice C. Monroe of Fiori Roberts Cosmetics and a luncheon hosted by Frazier Brice of Brice's Hilltop Inn.

The beauty pageant will be held Saturday, June 26, in the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Auditorium.

No Name Club's cruise full of fun and fashions

By LULA MACKAY

The No Name Club (plus a slew of guests), cruised off to Nowhere, Saturday, but you can put a period to the negatives right there.

For there were nothing but positives from the moment the party of 123 stepped aboard busses in Baltimore for the pier in New York to embark on the Greek line's Queen Anna Maria, to the time they stepped off the busses in Baltimore again, it was a fun-packed thing.

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The "Queen" was adequately equipped for fun-giving, and the guests equally equipped to participate; from the breakfast hour beginning at seven, to perhaps four next morning when the cabin parties eased up.

In-between they rocked their way out to sea in the Night Club, listened and danced to Calypso music, along with cocktails in the Athenian room, had dinner, heard the Trio Vitalites and Johnny Bulfaro with the Jesse Solomon American Orchestra.

And then went back to the Night Club for dancing, checked the half dozen bars on boat and ambled back to their staterooms to test their own mixing.

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Three hours later, they started all over again. There were of course, the spots for cards, some chance-taking on the filmed horse races, a little summing on deck and a lot of visitig at a late morning snack, afternoon tea to midnight buffet.

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It was a fashion thing, too . . . with not all the peacocking on the feminine side.

There were those of the latter contigent who changed four times a day . . . with, of course, their men moving smoothly in the same groove.

There were the couples who effected a similar pattern of dress.

For example, tall, handsome Don Patterson in hot pink pants, topped by a jacket in white, pink and black tiny stripes, and his Barbara in pink and white [illegible] suit. The [illegible] thing in red, white and blue cotton for the return trip.

Helena Edmonds wore the most eye-catching hot pants at dinner. Her magnificent silk print had a street-length dress, slit from the waist, above her briefs.

And that was quite a number chosen by Ivy Harris for dancing following the Captain's dinner; a pale green affair dashed with gold and pink dots.

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Anne Johnson wore a street length beaded frock to the affair: Maxine Higginbotham a jump suit which gave the illusion of a print top;

Bernadine Harris, a pink all-over beaded dress for Sunday night; Bea Nixon a hot pink pant suit for the return trip.

And Adelle Foreman a chic line of ensembles from Saturday to Monday, including a brown linen pants suit for bus riding.

Diana Brown was in a pretty print, Mandarin styled for the last-evening-out dinner.

Seretha Green added her own charm to the floor-length black crepe and chiffon gown she dined in.

Bea Butler was cheating . . . for there really was a layer of chiffon midriff to her black, brilliants trimmed pants dinner suit.

Corrinne Woodland was classic in a long sheath of white with a band of jewels off left at front.

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Two of the most elegant gowns at the Captain's dinner and the cocktail party prior were worn by Mrs. Samuel Daniels and Mrs. Charles Hicks.

Mrs. Daniels' gown would have to be seen to be appreciated . . . its intricate patterns of dots in beiges, oranges, golds, closely massed on the top and spread on the skirt which ended with a ruffle.

Mrs. Hicks gown an import from Hong Kong was of magnificent blocked silk and chiffon, each block tipped with a hand set brilliant and the neckline embroidered with a double line of the jewels.

This would go on for a couple of columns more . . . from the bikini to top all bikinis worn by June Thorne Garrett at pool side, to the beige and brown knit pants suit worn by Edna Stanford for travel.

Hosts were: Alfred Gardner, president of the No Name Club, and who concerned many by a slight illness from which he soon recovered; Herbert Brown, John Cohon, secretary; Matilda Dugger, Walter

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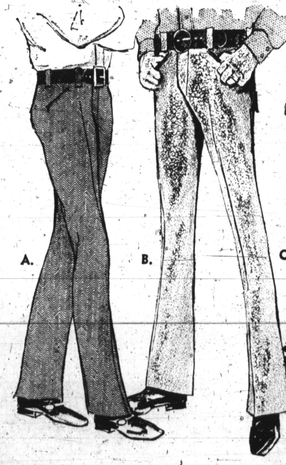

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