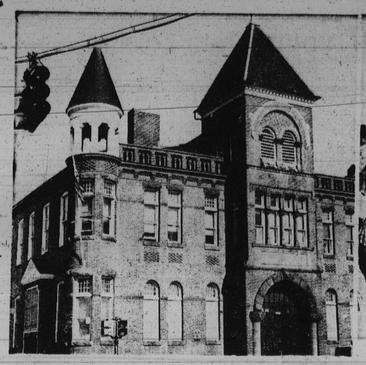

BILL OF HEALTH — 81-year-old School No. 99 at Washington St. and E. North Ave. was said not to pose a health hazard by Dr. Robert E. Farber, Baltimore's commissioner of health. Earlier this week, parents, upset with the presence of rats at the school, met with J. Edward Baston, president of the P.T.A. They demanded that no vermin attend school with their children. Mrs. Ruth Wyche (R), a parent living in the 1300 block Kilmore Rd., points to where a rat was discovered Tuesday morning in the school's basement.

Columbus Sch. cleaner 'now than in 20 years'

Columbus Elementary School (No. 99) has reopened its doors to the youngsters of the Washington St.-E. North Ave. area after a day of rat extermination and general repair, Wednesday.

Attendance Thursday was slim. Only about 300 of the school's 920 students were present. This is the same as Tuesday's attendance figure.

Mrs. Ruth Wyche, one of the spokeswomen of the parents, told the AFRO Thursday that the weather was greatly responsible for the poor turnout.

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She said she spoke to Concerned Parents of School No. 99, a group that picketed the school administration's 25th St. headquarters Tuesday, and promised her children would be in school Thursday.

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"I took my two children in to school today (Thursday) in spite of the weather, to keep my promise," Mrs. Wyche commented.

She added, "I was up to their (School No. 99) late Wednesday. A crew was up there 24 hours.

"They scrubbed the floors, did cementing and plastering . . . They had a carpenter, a plumber, a sheet-metal layer."

In short, Mrs. Wyche agrees that the threatened boycott has caused more good than expected.

She remarked, "Other parents say the school hasn't been as clean in 20 years. It is a lot cleaner school now than it was when I first started teaching there in 1963."

"The trouble was," she stated, "that the school got neglected. There were only two custodial workers for 900 students in an 80-year-old school."

Mrs. Wyche said there were three custodians at the school Thursday and she hopes there will be three permanent workers.

If not, she suggested, parents might just have to boycott the school to get the appropriate number of custodial workers.

"I definitely feel that the school is safe," she concluded.

Staff members testify in jail case

BULLETIN

Federal courtroom hearings in the city jail suit were were recessed Thursday afternoon and will be resumed again Monday as the trial enters its 5th week of testimony.

Jail Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield is expected to take the stand sometime next week.

Federal courtroom hearings continued Thursday in the class action suit filed by five inmates of the City Jail against Warden Hiram Schoonfield and other Jail Board members.

U.S. District Court Judge Julius Kaufman, throughout this week, listened to testimony given by staff members of the institution, including its chief physician, nurse, mail censor and wardens.

The Rev. Joseph Brown, an ordained Baptist minister, told the court he received complaints from inmates that there are maggots crawling from meat served them at the prison.

However, Rev. Edward Weglein, D.D., who says he has visited the jail for 45 years, indicated conditions of the jail's isolations roo is are better and described them as "clean."

The suit which was filed by the pre-trial detainees, who are presently confined to the Jail, challenges the constitutionality of the institution's practices, acts and behavior of the defendants.

LAST DAY — Mrs. Willie Mae Waters, a crossing guard for 18 years at the intersection of North and Woodbrook Aves., is shown here on her last day before she retired Wednesday afternoon.

State's 1972 delegation faces change

"Danger" exists, said William F. James (D-4), president of the Maryland Senate, that some of the states members to the 1972 National Democratic Convention in Miami may lose their seat at the convention.

The Senate president stated that Maryland's formula for selecting a delegation differs from that of the National Democratic Party and that it requires a change in state law to comply with the party's formula.

"We have decided," said Sen. James, "that the delegation should not have to withstand a challange next summer in Miami Beach.

"Through the efforts of a Delegate Selection Commission chaired by Charles Fisher of Carroll County, we have prepared legislation to change the state law."

"I personally will introduce it in the Senate.

"The legislation will cause problems," admitted Sen. James, because a new law would mean some Congressional districts would lose delegates to the convention.

Under the present state law, each of the state's eight districts would elect six delegates who would then meet to select five at-large delegates and 37 al-

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Mr. Kerson wins $$ for lucky tag

Have you checked your car lately to see if your AFRO bumper sticker is still on? Or have you ever placed a sticker on your car?

If you don't have a sticker, get one today at your local newsstand or at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Once you place this sticker on your car, continue to read the AFRO and watch for your lucky license number to appear. The only way your number will appear and you are eligible to win the cash is to have this sticker on your car.

The contest is open to anyone 16 years or older. Each week the AFRO will give money to twelve lucky

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Ski-masked men robbed bank in broad day-light

Thursday, Feb. 10, has been set for the preliminary hearing of a day-light robbery case in which four young men including a student have been accused of assault and hold up of the Central Savings Bank of the Mondawmin Shopping Center Tuesday morning.

Police reports state the four suspects wearing navy blue ski masks held the employees at gun point and made off with $4,000.

There were only one customer, three tellers and the branch manager present at the time of the hold up.

Charged and released on bail are:

Pyrone Jesse McGray, 19, 3300 block Tioga Parkway, $5,000 bail;

George Phillip Day, 23, 1800 block Cliftview Ave., $10,000 bail;

Dennis Randolph, 18, 1900 block Penn. Ave., $7,000;

Sherman Paine, 18, 1900 block W. Lafayette Ave., $20,000 bail; and a 17-year-old student of the Douglass High School, who has been released in custody of his parents.

Police report all the sus-

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HOLD UP SCENE — The Central Savings Bank in Mondawmin Shopping Center where armed men wearing blue ski masks escaped with $4,000 Tuesday. All were captured within minutes by the police. X shows the approximate spot where the lone customer was forced to lie down during the holdup. Broken lines show route bandits took. (Photo by John Dorman.)

Federal court fair housing suit filed

A class action suit seeking damages, declaratory and injunctive relief from alleged discriminatory practices of the Security Management Corporation, was filed Thursday in U.S. District Court.

Attorneys for Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., a fair housing program, charges the corporation with violating Constitutional requirements and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The corporation, which manages Maple Crest Town Houses, is alleged to have refused white residents there the right to sublease their home to prospective occupants solely on racial grounds.

According to the suit submitted by BNI Attorneys Kenneth L. Johnson and Gerald A. Smith:

"Such racially discriminatory conduct is an affront to plaintiffs and places upon them a badge and incident of slavery."

Crossing guard watched streetcars first day

There aren't many people who can say they have watched a community and its residents grow and change through the years on a day to day basis.

But Mrs. Willie Mae Waters, a crossing guard at the intersection of North and Woodbrook Aves., can.

"When I first came here 18 years ago," she says, "I saw the streetcars. The last car went to Cumberland and North is torn down now and there is a health center there.

"I've seen many changes."

Mrs. Waters has been helping school children, from Public School 137 at Clifton Ave. and Francis Sts., cross the busy intersection safely during the school sessions for almost two decades.

She retired officially Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Waters explained she was forced to retire because a leg injury she sustained two years ago when she was injured in the line of duty. She stumbled over a broken curb.

The "last day" for her, she reveals, was "a sad but happy one," as many of the community neighbors welcomed her into their homes

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Police officer shot

Two men are being held by the Western District police for questioning in connection with the shooting of Western District Patrolman Willie L. Purdue, Wednesday afternoon.

Two other men are being sought for questioning.

Police reports state Officer Purdue, 24, 3700 block Belle Ave., was shot 6:0

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Feb. 12 deadline for Honor Roll

Do you know a humble, dedicated person? Do you know a person who serves his community without thought of personal gain?

This person can be honored by the AFRO with your help. You can nominate this person for the newspaper's annual Honor Roll.

All you have to do is write to AFRO Honor Roll, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md 21203, by Feb. 12, 1972.

In 150 words or less tell why the person you nominate deserves the AFRO's highest honor.

Tell us about the man down the street who has organized a boy's club, an athlete who excels despite hardships or handicaps, a doorto-door campaigner for charities, a policeman responsible to his community . . . or anyone with honest dedication.

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Rathway co-ed, St. Aug.'s Sigma Tau charter initiate

RALEIGH, N.C. — Installation Services of the Lambda Lambda Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, a National English Honor Society, were held January 23, in the Amphitheater of the New Classroom Building, St. Augustine's College, following worship by the members at the college chapel during the morning service.

Dr. Joseph Jones, vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine's College was the speaker for the occasion.

The organization is open to eligible junior and senior English majors. The senior charter members are Misses Sylvia Berry of Wilfdsor; Esther Boyer of Raleigh, Minnie Fort of Durham; Betty Gross of Chicago, Ill.; Clayborne McGill, Lancaster, Pa.; Nancy Otey, Washington, D.C.; Lillian Scott, Raleigh; Genevieve Perry, Wendell; Roy Pearson, Angier; and Ralph Knuckles, Spartenburg, S.C.

The junior charter members are Misses Annie Mae Richardson of Raleigh; Glenda Dunston, Rahway, N.J.; Jane Harp, Raleigh; Janet McPhail, Clinton; Hattie Paisley, Fairmont; Patricia Ann Tuck, Roxboro; Deborah Wilson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Brenda Johnson, Parmele; Robert Wall, Raleigh; and Preston Simms, Wilson.

The officers are Miss Annie Richardson, president; Robert Wall, vice-president; Misses Sylvia Berry, secretary; Jane Harp, treasurer; Hattie Paisley, historian; Glenda Dunston, assistant historian; and Esther Boyer, marshall.

Miss Rona Web recent bride

Miss Rona Patricia Lee Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Neal of E. Lombard St., was wed to William Horton Jr., son of Mrs. Queen E. Horton and the late William A. Horton of E. Preston St.

The Rev. Oscar Holley officiated.

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The former Miss Webb wore a full-length punch-colored gown with a green and yellow embroidery from the neckline to the empire waist of her dress.

Her bridal headpiece consisted of organdy petals, highlighted with baby's breath flowers. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Joanne Wilson attended the bride. Best man for the bridegroom was Thomas Lewis Jennins.

The couple will make their home in Baltimore.

THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Linda Patricia Grant to John F. Guess, Jr. of Baltimore and Houston, Texas has been announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Preston Grant of Baltimore.

Ferguson-Smith wedding held

Miss Evelyn Christine Smith, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Smith and the late Love Smith of Baltimore, was recently wed to Woodson Coleman Ferguson, son of Wesley Ferguson and the late Mrs. Virginia Ferguson of Appomatox, Va.

The former Miss Smith is a graduate of Sollers Point Senior High School in Turner Station.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Carver-Price High School in Appomatox. He is employed as a construction worker.

The wedding was performed by the Rev. James Matthews at the Smith family residence on Argyle Ave.

MRS. GEORGE ROBERT YOUNG, JR., married in Baltimore, Saturday, is the former Miss May Patrice Pinkett.

Valentine courses at Dunbar High

A class to teach ..... ing valentine treats for a family, will be presented for adults next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in room 413 at Dunbar High School, 500 North Caroline St.

The class will be conducted by Mrs. Diane Morris, home economics teacher at the school.

Each participant will have an opportunity to prepare a valentine treat to serve on this special occasion. There is no charge for the class.

Adults in the community are invited to participate. Child care services will be provided.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Couples' Club party swings through evening of prime fun

with Lula Mackay

The Couples gathered some eighty-odd of their friends together, Sunday evening, for a full-blown party that effervesced on the post season like champagne bubbles. Mrs. Charles Law's Forest Park Avenue home was the setting, and while the bulk of the guests gathered in the huge recreation area, others spread from the upper floor living room to the sabarium, from the dining room to the kitchen, I suspect. Wherever the guests were 'twas strictly fun in depth within the Law's four walls.

Food Hobbist Yvette Murphy supervised that part of the program and you can believe 'twas a feast of some magnitude. 'Twas also a feast for the eyes, and a feast of incidents.

Victorine Adams popped in wearing a mink and aligator coat . . . flung over a short silver frock, and Ivy Grinage's ensemble for the evening was multi-colored sheer gold and silver threaded chiffon pants suit . . . under that, you-know-what floor-sweeping number.

The S. Leroy Taylors, just back from the Holy Land were still filled with awe of the sanctity of being in the land of the Christ, or attending worship on the Mount.

Verniece Reynolds donned deep purple velvet pant suit . . . and that cute little number with the huge auburn afro and form-fitting chocolate brown jumsuit was Mrs. Calvin Burnett, wife of the President of Coppin State College. Her tall, handsome husband had just been inducted into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Jewel Moseley was in a floor-length sweater dress in purple and white, and a pair of the most intriguing shoes in ten counties. Catherine Adam wore white embroidered pant suit, and I think, desert boots. And there was Del Foreman in a two-piece red affair, deep slit at front, enhanced with a jeweled belt at the waist and matching pin at V-front.

Edna Stanford's floor-length flowered skirt of multi-colors was topped by a black velvet basque . . . and Elaine Nickens also wore a dress with black velvet top, but the short skirt in black and silver. Agnes Patterson was also in black and white, a print this time. To look at Yvette Murphy in pale blue satin pantsuit, the pants accordion pleated, you wouuld never have imagined she had laid hands to a single forkful of the soul food that filled the bounitiful buffet,

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Miss Grant engaged to John Guess Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Preston Grant, of Whittier Avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Patricia, to John F. Guess, Jr. 37 W. Preston Street, this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Guess, Houston, Texas.

The pride-elect was graduated from Forest Park High School and has completed her studies at Goucher College and will be graduated in May of this year.

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The prospective bridegroom was graduated from Evan E. Worthing High School, Houston, Texas, and from The Johns Hopkins University here. Miss Grant is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Preston Grant, Rockhill, South Carolina, and Mrs. Herbert Hines and the late Mr. Herbert Hines of Glen Burnie, and Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Gcess is the grandson of the late Connie L. Guess of Houston, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Johnson also of Houston.

Miss Grant is presently employed as an administrative aide to Delegate Maclyn McCarty of the Second Legislative District. Mr. Guess is now working as a legislative investigator for the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C.

While a student at the Hopkins, Mr. Guess was the chairman of The Johns Hopkins University Black Student Union, and president of the Student Council.

The wedding is scheduled for September 9. The bride-elect made her debut in 1969 at the Me-De-So Spring Ball.

Miss Pinkett bride of George H. Young

Miss May Patrice Pinkett, daughter of Mrs. May H. Pinkett and the late Otho P. Pinkett, and George H. Young Jr. were married in the Macedonia Baptist Church, here, recently.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William L. Clayton, minister of the church, and the reception followed in the lower auditorium. Victor Myrick was organist and soloists were Earl Grandison and Miss Margaret Lindsay.

'Twas a sentimental journey down the aisle for the lovely young bride. She was given in marriage by her grandfather, Dr. Ulysses Stubbs, and wore the gown in which she had made her debut at the Me-De-So Co-

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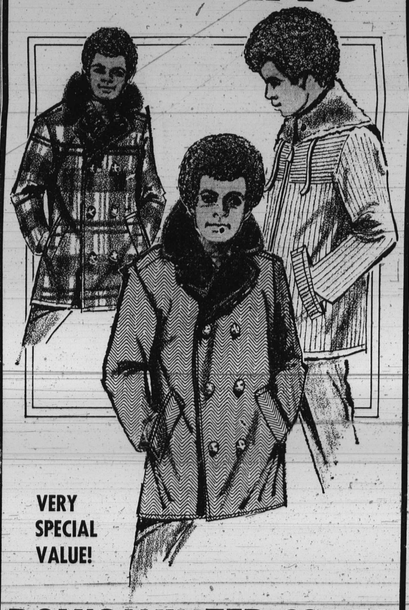

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