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Warden Charged In 'Hanging' Suit

First AFRO was 10 by 14, four pages

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers read throughout the United States each week today differ vastly from the 10 by 14-inch four-page sheet termed AFRO-AMERICAN and issued 80 years ago.

The editor was the Rev. William M. Alexander, 525 McMechen St., pastor of Patterson Ave. (later Sharon) Baptist Church, president of the Northwest Baltimore Colored League and chief supporter of the Northwest Supply Company which operated a provision store at 1210 Fremont Ave. and a printing plant 1112 Fremont Ave.

The price was three cents a copy.

FIVE BUSINESS MANAGERS

Associated with him were five men termed business managers: W. E. Toney, William H. Daley, George W. Reid, F. A. Gains, and George Dowtin.

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Messrs. Daly, Toney and Reid were stall keepers in Lafayette Market. Mr. Dowtin was a grocer at 244 Brice St.

After the first issue, the size was increased to a 13 by 19 four-column page and then to a seven-column page before adopting the standard eight column format.

NEWS ITEMS

News items were much the same as now. The Cab Calloways celebrated their 20th anniversary. Bishop James A. Handy held an AME Conference. Bethel pastor, the Rev. J. H. A. AME Church presented its Johnson a $50 purse.

John H. Murphy, Sr. was called to serve on the Federal Grand Jury. The Howard-Lincoln football game was called off when the Baltimore Athletic Association refused to rent its pro-league baseball park. Reason assigned was "social equality."

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Dr. Marcus Cargill was a member of the City Council from the Eleventh Ward.

Frederick Douglass wrote the AFRO a letter concerning the World's Columbia Exposition at Chicago and George W. Murray was the one colored member in the U.S. Congress.

The Rev. Frank Williams pastored Perkins Square; the Rev. Alfred Young, John Wesley AME; the Rev. J. C. Allen, First Baptist.

The Lexington Savings Bank, Everett J. Waring, president, had $57,000 in deposits.

Warner T. McGuinn was clerk at the Liquor License Board, Lloyd Lowndes was governor of Maryland and McKinley's chances of election to the U.S. presidency were considered excellent.

Dr. William H. Weaver, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church was appointed to the board of the Industrial Home for Colored Girls at Melvale.

MARYLAND MUTUAL

There was a shake-up in the Maryland Mutual Benefit Association of which Nathaniel Gibson was president and Walker Lewis, treasurer. The name has since been shortened to Mutual Benefit Society.

William Johnson's Barber Shop was located at 527 Lanvale St. George P. Douglass' dining room at 732 N. Eutaw and John C. Minnis, ice cream manufacturer, at 534 W. Biddle

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DAVID C. WINBORNE III

IN TIME FOR THE CELEBRATION

David Winborne 3rd arrives for AFRO's 80th birthday

If we were having an 80th birthday party, here is one guest who would be there.

Born at Provident Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1972, at 11:07 a.m., David C. Winborne III, weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and is "doing fine." Parents are Mrs. Jacqueline Winborne and David C. Winborne Jr., of 2733 Gatehouse Dr.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Marguerite James and George Washington of 4026 Boarman Ave. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David C. Winborne of 2549 W. Fairmount Ave.

David III is the new brother of two-year-old Jacquetta Darminia Winborne. Their parents are both graduates of Edmondson High School. Mrs. Winborne is on leave from the Community College of Baltimore where she works in the Financial Aid Department. Mr. Winborne is with the Checker Cab Co.

SUIT CLAIM

Five 'hanged' by wrists, feet burned

By SCOTT PONEMONE

In response to a suit filed by six former City Jail inmates, the Board of Estimates as requested by City Solicitor George Russell provided as much as $14,000 to help pay for the legal fees incurred by the seven defendants: suspended Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield, Deputy Warden Howard B. Parks and five correctional officers.

The suit, filed last month in U.S. District Court, charged the five officers with "harsh and brutal punishment" including hanging the plaintiffs by their handcuffed hands and either holding a match to their bare feet or pulling on their legs.

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The warden and his deputy were accused of failing to take any disciplinary action against the officers when told of the incidents by the inmates and failing to take measures "to insure that similar incidents did not occur in the future."

Warden Schoonfield has been suspended by the Jail Board for two weeks ending

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One inmate cried . . . it hurt so bad . . .

Sunday registration approved

The Baltimore City Board of Supervisors of Elections voted Thursday to approve the Sunday registration of voters in 20 churches throughout the city.

At the same time the Board tabled for one week a vote on whether or not deputized volunteers will be allowed to register voters unassisted by paid worker; approved additional supplemental registration sites; and voted to let the nine CAA centers register voters on Thursday and Friday during September and October.

The Board also made a formal request to Governor Marvin Mandel for an additional $15,000 to carry out its program and discussed but did not act upon permanent sites for voter registration.

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John Donohue, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections stated that 20 churches which had previously indicated they wanted to be included in voter registration on Sunday, would be used over a five-week period at the rate of four churches each Sunday.

Before taking the vote, Mr. Donohue read a letter from the Rev. Vernon Dobson which stated, "... we will participate in such a program if it is possible. I am certain that those who originally signed up can be

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Liddie's diamonds

By SCOTT PONEMONE

John Edward (Liddie) Jones and two friends made a surprise visit to the AFRO Thursday to complain about alleged police harassment that they said has followed Liddie from the time he was released from federal prison in Pennsylvania, May 1971, to his arrest Wednesday night in the Civic Center.

Liddie, Andrew Strickland and Alonzo Stanback said they came to the AFRO so people will know their side of the story.

"I feel like I'm worse off in the street than I was in prison," Liddie declared. "I have no privacy. I moved

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Sam Torsell AFRO writer for 63 years

By JOHN GROSS

The oldest AFRO reporter, now 91 years of age, is Samuel Torsell, 79 Winters Ave., Catonsville.

For 63 years he has written his column, Catonsville News and until this summer, he arrived at the AFRO office each week like clock work. Each summer he brought flowers.

He isn't feeling too well now, and the usual space Catonsville News occupied is vacant.

Mr. Torsell and his wife,

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How does a newspaper stay alive 80 years?

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER, City Editor

The Washington Daily News died July 12, 1972 after 50 years. The World Journal Tribune died May 5, 1967. What happened to Look, the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers? Dead and gone.

How can a newspaper survive as the AFRO has these 80 years?

There are reasons and reasons but the truth is, the AFRO is the voice of the people, the champion of the people's cause. Thousands of citizens never miss an issue. But, more important, the AFRO finds everlasting life in the people who produce the paper.

Arthur James, machinist, came to work at the AFRO October, 1927; Mrs. Lula Mackay, women's editor,

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Lily-white defenders challenged in 'Sho case

Behind the scene of the Eastern Shore Hillsboro Shopping Center slaying another controversy rages, the question on the lily-white public defender system.

Charged in the robbery-homicide are Scott Caldwell, 21, of Syracuse, N.Y. and Michael Thomas, 20, of Camden, N.J.

Police allege the shooting took place at a small, isolated rural shopping center 7 miles west of Denton, Md. on the Shore.

The bodies of the victims, Patricia Lee Dean, 18, and her sister, Cynthia Marie Dean were discovered on the floor of the coin-operated laundry where they worked as temporary employees for their parents, the operators of the laundromat.

Police reports reveal that

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August, 1892 like today

The weather in August, 1892 was very much like the weather we're having 80 years later in August, 1972.

The Weather Bureau's observation records show that on August 10th and

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President Nixon's Greetings

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1972

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

My warmest congratulations to you, your staff and readers as you celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Baltimore Afro-American.

Providing the people with prompt and accurate information about what affects their lives is one of the most vital and valued ingredients of our democratic way of life. It is also one of the highest forms of constructive community service.

I am sure that you will continue to recognize both the power of the printed word and the high responsibility that goes along with that power. And I wish you every success as you carry forward this important work.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mrs. Frances Murphy
Chairman
Board of Directors
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JOSEPH C. SMITH is a musically inclined 80-year-old who celebrates his birthday Aug. 12.

He'll be 80 years old on Aug. 12

By PATRICE MYERS

A world traveler in his youth, 80-year-old Joseph C. Smith has visited France, Germany, Poland, England and other European countries.

Mr. Smith was born in Richmond, Va. on Aug. 12, 1892, just a day away from the AFRO's birthday.

He did his world traveling in the Merchant Marines which he joined in 1947. He retired in 1965.

Mr. Smith settled in Baltimore in 1942. He worked in an airplane factory and as a handyman. He fixed fans, washing machines and other mechanical devices.

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As a born musician, Mr. Smith used to play the piano by ear. He has a collection of "oldies but goodies" record albums.

Mr. Smith attended Sec-

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The top income tax man is six feet tall and black

"The transition isn't so drastic if you're coming from inside the office, as I am, than if you're coming from outside — it's like moving from one chair to another."

The speaker is William D. Waters, 47, black, six feet and two inches tall and the new District Director of the Baltimore District of the Internal Revenue Service.

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According to a spokesman at Mr. Waters' Federal Building office in Hopkins Plaza, "The Baltimore district covers the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia and serves a population of 4.8 million.

"In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1971, the district's individual and corporate taxpayers filed 1.9 million tax returns representing $4.7 billion in Federal taxes," the spokesman concluded.

Under Mr. Waters' direct supervision in the Baltimore District are 1,080 employees, of whom his office reports 16.6 per cent are black citizens.

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Born in Camden, N.J., Mr. Waters was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School there in 1941.

He received a B.S. degree in 1947 and a master's degree in 1948 in business administration from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Waters began his IRS career in 1948 as deputy collector of Internal Revenue for Camden, N.J.

After serving in increasingly responsible posi-

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WILLIAM D. WATERS — New Baltimore District Director of the Internal Revenue Service for Md. and D.C.