—Cab driver

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Police report that one of the officers opened the driver's door and managed to fire at one of the assailants as he leaped out of the passenger's side of the cab.

Officers chased Branch north on Brookfield Avenue, where he was shot after a furious gunbattle. Campbell was arrested when he ran in front of an officer who was patrolling in the 900 block Whitelock St. He is being held without bail at City Jail.

Paul Aulston is described by his neighbors as a loner, who lived by himself in an apartment house in the 500 block N. Schroeder St.

"He was a nice guy, he always spoke," said a neighbor, Rodney Lambson, "he lived alone, and kept pretty much to himself."

According to a spokesman at Diamond Cab Co., where he was employed for the past three years. "He was a friendly guy who got along very well with everyone."

Aulston did not have a bulletproof shield in his cab, although most city cabs are equipped with such shields.

A company spokesman defended the lack of such protection in Aulston's cab, stating: "He always drove a cab that did not have the bulletproof shield because he enjoyed talking with his customers."

—Adams

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But Western "West" Ivey, another Metro member who was present at the warehouse Wednesday when the election was certified, said it was only right that they ask for a recount.

"We hate to do this to Kweisi by bringing the game of numbers into this," he said. "But having a 46 vote lead — something is certainly suspect when you lose by a three-vote margin.

"I mean Kweisi was going to demand a recount for 46 votes, why shouldn't we for three," he said.

Ivey's reference to the 46 vote lead was the unofficial margin Mrs. Adams held over Mfume when the absentee ballots were counted last Friday, Sept. 14. She increased that lead by one beating Mfume in the absentee ballots 25 to 24.

When election officials did the official canvassing the following day, errors from several polling places were detected, which resulted in the lead being swapped several times with Mfume coming out on top.

He was declared the winner by election officials Wednesday over protests from Metro members that they were not present at the official canvassing last weekend.

Election Board sources said a representative was there but had arrived late.

Mfume told the AFRO while he was not angry he was concerned that Metro would even go through this process at this late date.

"I want to get on with the campaign for the general election," he said.

There had been some strong speculation that Metro would not sue the board of election. Sources had said that William L. Adams was unwilling to invest the necessary $2,000 in court cost in order to go through the process of demanding a recount.

And, Conaway, Mrs. Adams and top Metro officials had publicly stated last weekend that they would not seek a recount of the election.

Federal labor economists say a second-quarter loss of 1,300 jobs in Baltimore may signal the start of a recession.

The job loss was recorded between March and June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

"Maybe this is an early sign of the recession in Baltimore," said Bureau Economist Alan Paisner.

WORKING HARD — Mrs. Norma B. Christian, newly named Federal Women's Program manager at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and Fort Lee, works at her desk.

Ocean City mayor tells feds to 'shove' minority hiring plan

OCEAN CITY, Md. — Federal investigators who want city police to adopt a minority hiring plan are nterfering and can "stick it and shove it," Mayor Harry Kelley said.

Kelley said he will relinquish $100,000 in federal revenue sharing funds rather than accept an ultimatum that he increase the number of minorities on the police force. The police and other city departments have a higher proportion of minorities than the resort city's population, the mayor maintained.

"I've had a bellyful of those investigators and pencil pushers," Kelley said. "They can stick it and shove it. It's our tax dollars — let us spend them the way we want."

The mayor said he had the City Council's permission to refuse the revenue sharing funds. Kelley will meet Sept. 21 with several attorneys who are negotiating with federal officials.

Investigators from the U.S. Office of Revenue Sharing found last February the police force was 15.7 percent female and 5.7 percent non-white. Worcester County's "relevant labor market" is 38.6 percent female and 31.9 percent non-white; the federal report said.

Kelley said the investigators are using the wrong numbers.

"They go and use the county as a whole, when less than one quarter of one percent of the city's population is black," he said. "Forty percent of the (city) work force is black. If I had to have equal (racial) representation, according to them, I'd have to fire 100 blacks."

The city paid a $15,000 fine in 1976 for hiring discrimination by former Police Chief Leroy Dugan, but Kelley said things have improved since Ray Donovan was appointed chief.

He was also angry that investigators would not tell him who complained about the makeup of the police department.

"The big point is that we have never been able to find out who the complainant is. The complainant is here being a secretive and we've opened our books wide to them," Kelley said.

"That galls me that our own government has got to play games."

—Rent control opposition

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a hearing, rent control backers agree that action must be taken before Oct. 1, when all ballot questions for the election will be circulated by the city.

Bobby Cheeks, head of the Welfare Rights Organization and a leading proponent of the bill, states:

"We need it (the bill) to protect people from gouging by their landlords. We're not talking about normal or legitimate profits, but we have people paying for housing that should not even be inhabited. The people that oppose rent control are those who have a vested interest in maintaining no rent control."

Cheeks cited landlords and several City Council members as being among those with "vested interests" in defeating a rent control proposal.

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Ervina Kennedy marries Benjamin Phillips IV

Lavish wedding unites 2 prominent families

AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz

NEWLYWEDS — The new Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Phillips IV pictured immediately following their marriage at the Waugh Methodist Church in Cambridge, Md., on Saturday, Sept. 15. The groom is the great grandson of John H. Murphy Sr., founder of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Cambridge, Md. — Relatives and friends from Baltimore, Md. and from the states of New Jersey, Georgia, Virginia, Massachusetts, Ohio and the District of Columbia overcrowded Waugh Methodist Church here on Saturday Sept. 15 for the wedding of Ervina Michelle Kennedy and Benjamin Murphy Phillips 4th.

The beautiful double - ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. George O. Commodore, and was highlighted by the participation of a large number of family members who preceded the bride up the aisle.

Ladies in the family were resplendent in pretty gowns in spice, white and apricot, while men in the bridal party and family wore walnut tuxedos.

The bride was a study in loveliness in a conventional off - white gown of silk organiza and lace, accented with seed pearls. It featured a high neckline and sleeves to the elbows, and was fitted at the waist, with attached train and mid - length veil. She carried white roses.

Her maid of honor was Ingrid Gibson, a cousin of Bowie, Md. She and the bridesmaids were all in spice.

Bridesmaids were: Fredericka Lee, Washington, D.C.; Carol Camper, Baltimore; Rachael Phillips, Atlanta and Marie Phillips Braxton, Baltimore, all are sisters of the bridegroom.

Junior bridesmaids, cousins of the bride, in floral print, picking up the colors of the other female attendants, were: Antred Henry and Marilyn Hooper of Cambridge.

The tiny flowr girls, all in white, were Pamela Jackson, Kimberly Scott, District Heights, Md., Doris Patterson, Lanaya Williams and Cimmon Byrd, all of Baltimore, and Abgela Hull, Cambridge.

Best man was Irving Phillips of Baltimore, cousin of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were another cousin, Martin Phillips and Earl Cottman.

Ushers were another of the bridegroom's cousins, Frank W. Phillips 3rd; his borther - in - law the Rev. Ronald E. Braton, Baltimore; Ronald Collins, Boston, Mass.; and William Jews, Cambridge.

Assistant usher was a cousin Christopher Byrd, Baltimore. Kerri and Richard Owings of Baltimore were junior ushers.

Hostesses were Pauline and Becky Minor of Springfield, Ohio. Ringbearers were the bridegroom's cousins Kyle Funn and Jon-Michael McKenzie, both of Baltimore. The latter balked and refused to walk up the aisle, but Kyle had wedding guests in stitches as he held the ring pillow under his arm.

Mrs. Ruth Carver of Richmond, a Kennedy family friend, was at the organ. Soloists were her son, Frank Carver, Richmond, who sang at the bride's request, 'I Feel No Ways tired,' and 'The Lord's Prayer.' Fred Jackson's solo was the traditional 'Because.'

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Elwood Kennedy. Her mother, Mrs. Ramona Kennedy, selected a becoming apricot gown for the event. The bride's father and Alonzo Paul Moss of Baltimore, stepfather of the bridegroom, wore walnut tuxedos as did other males in the party.

The bridegroom's mother, Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, wore a champagne - colored gown.

A wedding rehearsal on Friday evening was followed by a dinner for the entired party and guests at Gentleman Joe's hosted by family friends of the bride, Rose and Rudolph Jackson.

A reception and dinner followed the wedding at the Minnette Dick Hall. There, the couple was toasted by relatives, friends and co - workers, including Travis Vauls, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

The wedding was coordinated by Bea Wright, Baltimore, godmother of the bridegroom, assisted by her husband, David Wright.

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WEDDING ATTENDANTS — Attendants in the wedding of Ervina Kennedy and Benjamin M. Phillips IV are First row: Cimmon Byrd, flower girl and Kyle Funn, ringbearer; second row: Ingrid Gibson, maid of honor and Rachel Phillips, bridesmaid; third row: Fredericka Lee, bridesmaid, the bride and groom, and Marie Phillips - Braxton, bridesmaid; fourth row: Carol Camper, bridesmaid.

PROUD PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Kennedy (Ramona), parents of the bride, Ervina K. Phillips, and Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss and husband, A. Paul Moss, parents of the groom, Benjamin M. Phillips IV, pose happily after the Sept. 15 wedding ceremony joining their two old - line Maryland families.

Partyline

Strother reunion reveals magistrate, author, inventor

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Staff Writer

The Strother family reunion was held recently in Timmonsville, S.C. Timmonsville is near Florence, S.C.

500 family members and friends attended the reunion, with six generations of the Strother clan revealed. All are descendants of the late David and Calvin Strother and of Ms. Hannah Strother, of South Carolina.

The reunion was dedicated to three outstanding members of the Strother clan. They are: the late David Strother, County Commissioner and Magistrate of the town of Timmonsville during the Reconstrucition Period; the late Professor Horatio T. Strother, author of the book "The Underground Railroad in Connecticut; and John Strother, an inventor and the oldest living Strother.

The three - day festivities began on a Friday at the train station in Florence S.C., where a ten - car motorcade picked up and transported family members to their various places of abode for the reunion.

The family members were housed in six establishments in the area — The Ramada Inn, Thunderbird Motel, Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson, Florence Inn and Day's Inn.

A pre - reunion get together was held at the Ramada Inn, which was attended by 75 family members. They had much fun getting reacquainted, meeting new family members, chatting and reminiscing.

On Saturday, there was registration and an old - fashioned cook - out at the Johnson Junior High School in Timmonsville, the main site of the reunion.

Enjoyable activities of the day were sports events, dancing and social hours, as well as the delicious food of all kinds which was served to the 500 attending.

At 3 p.m. there was a mini - tour of Timmonsville and the old Strother town plantation, with family photos being aired. Following this there was a visit to the family cemetery in honor of the memory of deceased members of the clan.

At 5 p.m. dinner was served at the school, after which the families of the Strother clan visited each other at different family homes.

At 9 p.m. disco at the Bluebird Ballroom in Florence S.C., attended by 250 family members and an after - hours party at the Thunderbird Motel, also in Florence, capped off the fun activities for that day. On Sunday at 11 a.m. the main church of worship for the family was the Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Timmonsville. The Rev. L. J. McClam is pastor.

The Strother clan's main dedication church service was also held there at 3 p.m. It was during this service that the family's roots, were aired, cart - of - arms were shown and explained and special family members were honored.

Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Ms. Charlena Jones, of the fourth generation of the Strother clan. After the opening song, "The Black National Anthem", the reading of the scripture and prayer, the welcome address was given by Mrs. Elrita M. Bacote.

Response to the welcome was made by Ms. Desiree Reid, of the sixth generation of the Strother clan.

Following an inspirational address by Mrs. Celestine Pearson, a solo was rendered by George McDaniel, of the fourth generation of the clan.

The extent of the family participation in various areas was given by Ms. Akua Deborah Warden, of the fifth generation of the clan. Highlights of the program were the special awards and presentations made to outstanding members of the Strother clan.

REUNION AWARDEES — Mrs. Strother, widow of the late Author - Professor Horatio T. Strother, presents award to sons Edward and Louis Strother, in honor of their deceased father's contribution to society at the Strother family reunion held in Timmonsville, S.C. recently.

A beautiful plaque was awarded to John Strother, 85, an inventor and the oldest living family member.

A plaque was also presented in honor of the late Professor Horatio T. Strother, author of the book, "The Underground Railroad in Connecticut". His plaque was presented by his widow Mrs. Joanne Strother and received by his sons, Edward and Louis Strother. The late professor is a great grandson of David Strother, one of the original patriarchs.

Mrs. Naomi Strother Ralph, committee chairperson for the reunion, received a certificate of appreciation and a silver cup.

The Strother family presented the church with a new P.A. system. Special guests at the reunion were South Carolina's Nunn Sisters, a vocal group which performed for the Strothers at the reunion.

On Monday there was a farewell luncheon on the lawn of Bennie and Olivia McDaniel's lovely Timmonsville home. Bennie is a nephew of John Strother.

Acting reunion committee chairperson for the Baltimore area was Mrs. Everlyn M. S. Lewis; acting committee co - treasurers were Mrs. Hazel Parks of Baltimore and Charles Davis of Washington, D.C. The next Strother reunion is planned for 1984 in Charm City.

Birthday Celebrations

Tyrone Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Johnson Sr. of Sumter Ave., Baltimore, had a surprise birthday party, hosted for him by his parents on Sunday, Sept. 11.

That jazzy "in" disco, The Ritz was the scene for this festive bash.

From 1 until 5 p.m. 65 family members and friends came out to wish Tyrone a happy birthday and welcome him into the teenage period. He was 13.

Disco music for dancing was provided by the Ritz disc jockeys. Charles Newby of the Ritz planned and executed the party.

Guests enjoyed dancing the latest disco steps, chatting and wishing Tyrone a "Happy Birthday". They also enjoyed the delightful refreshment of ice cream and cake.

Tyrone was thrilled by it all and had a lovely time. He also received many beautiful gifts and many in the form of that much needed commodity — money.

Among those attending were: Lionel Pauling, Rodell Bailey, Denise Bailey, Ralph Bailey, Towanda Whitehead, George Pauling, Eric Bailey, Lisa Bailey, Lolitha Jones, Darlitha Jones, Allen Jones and Joe Hardin.

Also Kim Hammond, Lynn Sheumate, Tyronica Johnson, Rosalind Burgess, Cardoza Jackson, Ruth Jackson, Carolene Jackson, Grady Jackson Jr., Mardell Brawner, Crystal Lucas and Margretta Means.

Also Daniella Pauling, Ernest Pauling, Sara Ingram, Teelah Epps, Linya Epps, Karen Simms, Rodney Simms, Karla Carter, Roxanne Carter, Teia Kendricks, Linda Gray, Morris Gardner, Janice Gardner and Craig Alexander.

Also Pauletta Alexander, Sonya Williams, Charlene Cuthbertson, Kimberly Orange, Kevin Orange, Charlene Weldon, Rosalind Weldon, Tonya Hitchcock, Michael Johnson, Monique Johnson and Debbie Mickle.

Also Joyce Underwood, Maria Underwood, Brenda Jeffers, Margaret Pauling, James Bankin, Ray Hammond and Georgianna Walters.

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