In Jail 56 Days - On Witness Stand 7 Minutes

Death of infant in tub puzzles mother

"I put him in just enough water to cover his waist and went out to find some clothes. "Just how long that child stayed in the tub I don't know. I don't know what could have happened."

While she paced the floor of her home at 2042 E. Hoffman St., Wednesday afternoon, those were the comments of Mrs. Lillian Wortham as she sought an answer to how her infant son could have drowned in a bath tub.

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THE YOUNG MOTHER was almost in tears as she discussed the drowning of 16-month-old Dwayne Wortham.

The infant drowned Tuesday afternoon while playing in the bath tub with his brother Kelvin, 2.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital at 3:54 p.m.

A report out of the Northeastern District Police station stated that after placing the children in the tub to give them a bath, Mrs. Wortham left the room.

Later when her sister, Miss Josephine Watkins, remained her of going to work at a down-town drugstore she entered the bathroom where she found the water on and the baby floating face down, police reported.

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"ALL OF THAT is not true," Mrs. Wortham declared. "I was almost out of my mind. I don't remember what I told the police.

"After i put them in the tub I went out to look for a needle and some clothes.

"I had put them in the tub together before. The child could have held on. Maybe he went to sleep, I just don't know.

"I don't know how long he was in there. My watch was broken and I was trying to get myself together. No one could tell how long he was in there.

"No one made a sound or anything. The baby wasn't afraid of water.

"I was only out of the bath room a few minutes" Mrs. Wortham explained.

Funeral services for the child had not been completed at AFRO press time.

The infant is survived by his father, Gunner Wortham; a sister, Gilda, 3; and his brother, Kelvin.

RAYMOND VIRGIN
16-year-old drowned in Turner Station.

DROWNING SCENE—From the banks of this inlet off the Patapsco River near Turner Station, Raymond Virgin, 16, of 119 Cypress Ct., went to his death Tuesday. The teenager had been warned by his family not to go swimming. Looking over the scene are the Rev. E. M. Miller and the Rev. William Jeffries.

94,684 NOW, 5,316 TO GO

The Baltimore Register and Vote Committee reported 94,684 colored persons registered as of July 30, 1958, and qualified to vote in the November 1958 General Election.

Figures were released by the Supervisor of Elections office.

Some 5,316 more are needed to register to reach the Committee's quota of 100,000 by September 22, final registration date before the Election.

Here is the registration by days from July 22 to July 30:

24—Tuesday, July 22
28—Wednesday, July 30
29—Thursday, July 24
23—Friday, July 25
12—Saturday, July 26
M—Monday, July 28
17—Tuesday, July 29
31—Wednesday, July 30
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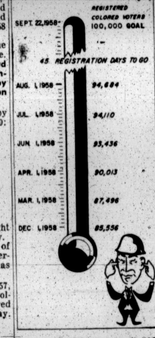
197—Total

The average for the eight days was 24 person per day.

During the hot months of June and July, the daily average of colored registration was 25.

Between December 1, 1957, and July 30, 1958, total new colored registrants numbered 9,133, an average of 45 per day.



45 Days More

With only 45 days more registration days available between now and September 22, the Register and Vote Committee needs to register an average of 118 persons per day to reach the 100,000 goal.

In the high point of the May Primary campaign, March 15 to April 19, new voters registered at the rate of 167 per day.

"Our committee of pastors and citizens under the direction of the Rev. Marcus Wood and the Rev. John Tilley and Mrs. Marian Downs, has done remarkable work during this uncomfortably rainy summer," Mrs. Lillie Jackson, NAACP president, said Thursday.

She added: "We confidently expect to reach the 100,000 mark because citizens have supported the campaign with real enthusiasm and there is evidence that workers will now intensify their efforts."

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THE REGISTER and Vote Committee is holding a series of outdoor rallies beginning today (Friday) to encourage registration of persons now already on the books.

Toni'ht's rally will be held in the Fourth District at the intersection of Dolphin and Etting Sts., under the direction of the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Eharp St. Methodist Church—It is set for 8 p.m.

A similar rally for persons residing in the first, second and third districts will be held on Monday, August 4, 6 p.m. in Madison Square, under the direction of the Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church. On August 7, for voters in the fifth district at 6 p.m., in Lafayette Square, under the direction of the Rev. Frank Williams, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Another rally is set for August 8 at 6 p.m. in Harlem Park for persons living in the fifth district, under the direction of the Rev. Theodore C. Jackson, pastor of Gillis Memorial Church.

Cherry Hill youth slips out, drowns

"I thought he was outside playing. I had no idea he had left home.

"A little boy came to the house and told me what had happened."

That was the comment Thursday of Mrs. Audrey Hall of 613 Roundview Rd., whose son drowned in a storm drain Wednesday afternoon.

The youth, Gregory Hall, 7, a third grade pupil at School 159, drowned in a pool of water in a 10-foot pit near the 300 block of Reedbird Ave., in Cherry Hill.

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THE ACCIDENT occurred while the boy was playing with two other children.

The young witnesses sought help for the drowning boy after they saw him go down in the water.

Although artificial respiration was given, the youth was pronounced dead on arrival at South Baltimore General Hospital.

Mrs. Hall stated that as far as she knew her son had never played in the vicinity of the accident before.

Gregory is survived by his father, James Hall; a brother, Phillip, 3, and a sister, Edith Hall, 5.

Drowned youth did not heed warning

"My daily prayer was, "don't go swimming, one day you won't come back."!

"I tried to scare him out of it but it just wouldn't do".

That was the comment Wednesday of Mrs. Sadie Virgin of 119 Cypress Court, Turner Station, as she talked about the death of her son, Raymond 16.

The youth, an 11th grade pupil at Sollers Point High School, drowned in 20 feet of water Tuesday afternoon while swimming in Clements Cove.

The tragedy occurred not far from the boy's home in Day Village when he slipped off an inner tube while swimming with a group of boys.

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ACCORDING to Mrs. Virgin, one witness said that her son came to the surface three times before he finally sank from view.

Efforts to locate the body by 20 skin divers from the Edgemere Moose Water Rescue Squad and Baltimore county police continued until late Tuesday night.

The scene of the accident is near the 700 block of Peach Orchard Lane. Clements Cove is an inlet on the Patapsco River.

The victim's family was informed of the accident by a neighbor, Miss Delois Kilgore.

Her brother Alonzo Kilgore was among the group of boys who went swimming with Raymond.

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MRS. VIRGIN said that she had warned her son not to go swimming because two people had gone to their deaths in the same location a year ago.

"You know how big boys are though. I guess he felt warm yesterday and went to take a dip and it turned out to be his last," she stated.

The family explained that Raymond had been working at a golf course on old North Point Rd., during his summer vacation.

He is survived by six sisters and two brothers. His father Robert is a seaman.

The sisters are Misses Frances Virgin, 18; Patricia 14; Elaine, 11; Michel, 8; Angelie, 7; and Ernestine Virgin, 5.

The surviving brothers are Ronald, 10; and Robert Virgin Jr., 12.

Funeral services have been planned for 1 p.m. Saturday at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Turner Station.

Women mobilize for power

Woman Power, a new political organization to mobilize women for political information and power, is now being formed in Baltimore by an organizational committee headed by Mrs. Victorine Adams.

The group, which according to Mrs. Adams will be for politics as well as fun, is trying to get one woman in each city block interested in the organization.

Their six-point platform is to interest women in politics, get women to register, get out the vote, elect qualified officers for good government, protect our neighborhoods and be non-partisan.

THE VANGUARD Democratic Club, headed by Archie Williams, announced its support this week of the new organization.

At present, the organization is being sponsored by the Colored Women's Democratic Organization but according to Mrs. Adams it hopes to be independent soon.

State loses case, defendant freed

"You are a lucky man. I am going to find you not guilty."

Judge James K. Cullen was speaking in Criminal Court Wednesday afternoon to a 54-year-old man, who was trembling as violently his red and gray sports shirt could be seen moving from several feet away by observers.

The man, Sam Hall, unit block N. Carlton St., was before Judge Cullen on a murder charge, involving the death on April 29 of his close friend, Mrs. Etta Wilson, 28.

Mrs. Wilson died of a broken neck, after a fall down the stairs of Mr. Hall's home on April 26.

Mr. Hall was accused of pushing her down a flight of stairs and thereby causing her death.

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AS JUDGE Cullen announced his acquittal, Mr. Hall gave an audible sigh of relief, and turned to Ellis Levin, his attorney, with a sudden, broad smile.

He did not say anything. He just smiled, and stopped trembling.

On a front bench in the court room, Willie R. (The Witness) Suber, 38, his nephew and the State's principal witness against him, did not change his melancholy expression as the verdict was given.

Mr. Suber, called to the witness stand by Preston A. Pairo Jr., assistant State's attorney, gave this testimony:

"When I left the house, one of them was lying on the bed, and one was sitting on the bed.

"When I came back and opened the door, I saw this girl lying on the floor at the bottom of the steps on her stomach.

"My uncle was sitting on the steps with a stick in his hand, and he said, 'I'm going to beat her — as long as I see her'

"I looked to see if the girl was breathing, and then I went to call the police."

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MR. SUBER was on the witness stand a total of seven minutes, from 12:27 to 12:35 p.m.

To make certain he would be present to give this testimony, the State placed him under $500 bail.

Because he could not make the bail, Mr. Suber was held in the Baltimore City Jail for 56 days.

He was released, when his plight came to public attention, and Louis Kandel, a professional bondsman, posted bail for him without charge.

At the noon recess of the two-hour-and-20-minute trial, James A. Cole, Criminal Court clerk, took Mr. Suber to the court office for receipt of a check for $38.

The check was payment, at rate of 50 cents a day, for Mr. Suber's 56 days in the city jail.

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MR. HALL, taking the stand in his defense, told Judge Cullen Mrs. Wilson had been drinking heavily on the day of the accident. He said she started an argument with him when wanting of money for more drinks.

He said she struck him when he refused the money, and turned to run down the stairway from the second floor bedroom.

Mr. Hall testified he heard something go "bomp, bomp, bomp" down the stairs, and looked to see her lying at the foot of the stairway.

He said he went down, picked up a stick and struck her across her back a couple of times.

"I asked her if she was hurt," Mr. Hall testified. "I thought she was kidding."

However, Mr. Parlo introduced a statement taken from Mrs. Wilson at Franklin Square Hospital five hours and five minutes before her death, in which she accused him of pushing her down the steps.

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THE STATEMENT gave these answers to questions by police officers:

Q—Etta, you have been informed by Dr. James Teeter that you are about to die, do you believe this to be the truth?

A—Yes.

Q—Etta, now that you have been informed of this, are you willing to tell us what happened at 7 N. Carlton St.?

A —Yes.

Q—Etta, we now have in custody Sam Hall, 54, 7 N. Carlton St. Is Sam responsible for your injuries?

A—Yes.

Q—Sam Hall stated that you and he had an argument over some money, and when he chased you, you fell down the second floor steps. Is this true?

A—No, he pushed me.

Q—Did Sam intentionally push you down the steps?

A—Yes.

Q—Why did he push you?

A—He said that he was going to kill me.

Q—How long have you lived with Sam?

A—Six months.

Q—Do you remember Sam hitting you with the stick after you fell down the steps?

A—No.

Q—Etta, I ask you again. Did Sam Hall push you down the steps, or did you fall?

A—He pushed me.

Q—Is this the truth?

A—Yes.

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MEDICAL testimony called by Mr. Pairo revealed that Mrs. Wilson's spinal column was severed by the accident, and she was paralyzed from her neck down.

Also, that there were several bruises on her back.

Mr. Levin argued that her injuries were such as might be suffered by a person who had slipped and slid on the floor down a flight of stairs.

"It is not an easy case to decide," Judge Cullen said, prior to rendering a verdict.

"If he had pushed her down the steps to break her neck, he would not have gone down to beat her with a stick."

Mr. Pairo, at conclusion of the trial, praised the State's system of appointing qualified attorneys to represent indigent persons brought in court on serious charges. He said the case, in which Mr. Levin was appointed to represent Mr. Hall, illustrated the worth of such a system.

Man held for Jersey police

A 30-year-old chauffeur, traced through a Northwestern Police Court record, was arrested at Southwestern Friday and held for Trenton, N.J. police.

He is wanted for questioning in a slaying.

The man, James E. Wright, whose address was listed on 400 block N. Carrollton Ave., was picked up at that address.

Pipe beating victim fights for her life

Mrs. Edna Johnson, 25, 1500 block Moreland Ave., remained in critical condition in Lutheran Hospital on Thursday where she's fighting to overcome the effects of a severe bating with a piece of pipe.

Capt. Wade Poole of the Northwestern Police District said the young woman manager of a cleaning establishment in the 1800 block Walbrook Ave., was tied and beaten in the cleaner about 9:30 a.m., Wednesday.

Less than 20 minutes later, Officers Eugene Price and James Gilbert, in Cruising Patrol 7, arrested a powerfully built 17-year-old suspect.

The suspect was identified by Capt. Poole as Lemuel W. Smith of New York City and the 1400 block Mosher St.

He was booked on a charge of assault with intent to rob. Bail was set at $35,000.

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OFFICIALS said they had learned that the suspect was free on $1,000 bail and faces charges of grand larceny and burglary in New York.

When arrested the suspect was wearing "blood" - flecked white tennis shoes and dungarees, police said.

Capt. Poole said the arrest by Price and Gilbert was "one of the best examples of police work I have ever seen since I've been in the department.

The suspect denies he went in the place with robbery in mind. An owner of the establishment said approximately $10 was missing.

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AN 18-YEAR-OLD youth who noticed a man run from the cleaner found the woman, badly beaten and bloody.

Police said she was tied and beaten in the bathroom of the cleaner with a 15 - inch length of one - inch wide pipe.

She was taken to Lutheran Hospital where doctors said she was suffering a possible fractured skull and numerous lacerations.

She was unconscious when admitted and remained in a semi-conscious state on Thursday.

No cause yet in waitress' death

The cause of death to Miss Patsy A. Thomas, 17, 1000 Edmondson Ave., was still pending on Thursday, the Medical Examiner's Office reported.

Miss Thomas, a waitress, was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital on Monday evening. Hospital records show she was brought there from the Druid Health Center.

More find jobs, more seek them

Employment and unemployment both climbed in Maryland in June and it was not unusual, the Department of Employment Security has reported.

Employment in the state rose from May's 1,648,200 to 1,021,400 in June, a climb of 12,600.

Unemployment rose 8,300 up in June to 87,600 from May's 79,300.

Robert B. Kimble, executive director of the department, said the employment climb was seasonal while the unemployment situation was created by the entry into the labor market of thousands of high school and college students.

For the Baltimore metropolitan area, June's employed rose by 17,400 from May's 1,048,200.

Unemployment in Baltimore metropolitan area rose from the 31,100 level for May to 38,800 in June.

State Dept. interviewing job applicants

A personnel officer from the United States Department of State is in Baltimore until August 8, to interview applicants for secretarial and stenographic positions in Washington, D.C.

The jobs in the Department of State "Home Office" offer attractive starting salaries, automatic salary increases annually for satisfactory work, plus excellent promotional opportunities, officials state.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, in good health, and high school graduates. A minimum typing speed of 40 words a minute and a shorthand speed of 80 words a minute are required.

Preference will be given to applicants with office experience.

Interviews and tests will be conducted at the Maryland State Employment Service Office, 8 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, until August 8. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Persons interested in these Civil Service jobs are urged to contact Edward T. Simms, personnel officer, immediately.

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'I can't make enough,' says bank suspect

"I can't make enough money to meet expenses."

In Northeastern District Police Court Wednesday morning, that was the testimony of a New Jersey man who was accused of attempting to break into a bank.

Bail for Walter Shearin, 32, of Newark was set at $20,000 by Magistrate Simon Schonfield.

Shearin, who gave his Baltimore address as the 1200 block N. Caroline St., was charged with attempting to break into the Clifton Savings Bank at Gay and Broadway on Monday.

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SERGEANT Edward Cook testified that Patrolmen Fred Kestler and Robert Lilly were within a half block of the bank when a burglar alarm went off.

The sergeant said they grabbed Shearin as he tried to leave the bank carrying a small hand drill and an axe.

An attempt to smash in two door panels tipped the alarm and brought more than a dozen officers running to the scene, police said.

Shearin, who pleaded guilty to the charge testified that he needed money to support his wife and children who are still in New Jersey.

Southwest police eye auto thefts

Under orders of Capt. Frank J. Bataglia, Southwestern's keen-eyed officers have arrested 25 juveniles in the past month and a half for driving stolen cars.

Capt. Bataglia said his station was getting approximately 70 reports of stolen cars each month until he instructed his officers to investigate any suspiciously young drivers.

Since the check began, the number of stolen cars in the area has been decreased to approximately 50 a month.

All of the youths arrested were charged either at Southwestern or Traffic Court, given sentences or turned over to juvenile authorities.

WOMAN POWER, a new organization on the Baltimore scene to "mobilize women for political information and power has these committee members at work left to right, seated, Miss Pauline Blanchard, Mrs. Victorine Adams, Miss Mayme Tilghman; back row, Miss Gladys Barbour, Mrs. Bertha Peaker and Miss Clarice Brooks. Not shown is Mrs. Ethel Rich, who has charge of membership.

'Turkey' didn't fly the coop, husband claims and wins divorce

But Turkey didn't fly the coop.

That contention by John H. Greer, Government worker, won a divorce for him from Mrs. Theima R. Greer, this week.

"Turkey," according to Mr. Greer and a detective hired by him, spent evenings in his wife's apartment at 1666 W. North Ave.

The husband and the detective, Charles Montgomery, testified that they watched outside the wife's home and observed her and her friend go into the apartment after midnight and the gentleman had not come out when they left next morning after nine o'clock.

"Turkey," said Mr. Montgomery is a seaman, who uses the nickname, but is also known as William Jones.

Mrs. Greer, says the detective, also has other names for Mr. Jones such as "Honey," "Honey Bun," "Sweetheart" and "Daddy."

These, he says, he heard while he was spying on the couple at a tavern where Mrs. Greer is employed.

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MR. GREER and Mr. Montgomery pointed out two sessions, one on June 19, 1957 and another on June 21, 1957 when they trailed the couple to the North Ave. address, watched them enter the apartment and observed their actions after they had entered.

They testified that they observed both in varying states of undress.

In cross examination, Jay McRae, attorney for Mrs. Greer, attempted to point out that the husband and detective had not proved that Mr. Jones (Turkey) had remained in the apartment during the night, or that they were certain there was not more than one bedroom in the apartment if he had remained.

But the husband was awarded a divorce on grounds of the report of the Master of Chancery that adultery had been proven.

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THE DECREE was the second given Mr. Greer, who lives in the 700 block N. Arlington Avenue., and who is a worker with the Defense Department at Fort Meade.

A first divorce was awarded him after a petition filed stating that he and Mrs. Greer had voluntarily separated.

His petition said that they had decided they could not get along, & gotten rid of their property and that he had given her their furniture. Both, he said, left the home at the same time.

Mrs. Greer had this decree stricken out on the grounds that she had not been properly served, or notified.

Brinkley estate

The total estate of Mrs. Eppelle Rhetta Brinkley has been given to her husband, Percy B. Brinkley, attorney.

Mrs. Brinkley, daughter of the late Dr. B. M. Rhetta, and Mrs. Rhetta, left an automobile valued at $1300; a $100 bond, and cash, $311.29, according to the inventory.

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'Not A Chance'

Eyewitness Tells How Youth Was Killed Riding His Bicycle

DEAD ON ARRIVAL at Provident Hospital yesterday afternoon (Thursday) was Robert Watkins, 12, 1408 Retreat St. He died instantly after auto struck him while he was riding his bike on North Ave. near Division.
—Photo by Reid Abney, Vanity Studio

12-yr.-old struck as car turns

"That kid never had a chance . . . not a chance.

"He turned his bike into Division St., and it seemed like he was floating in air. His body was suspended between two cars.

"You could tell right away that the boy had been crushed to death. He didn't yell, scream or anything.

"You could hear metal grinding against metal and he was in between."

That was the comment of Reid Abney, a photographer who witnessed the tragic death

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of a 12-year-old bicyclist Thursday noon at North Ave. near Division St.

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THE ACCIDENT which claimed the life of Robert Watkins of 1408 Retreat St., occurred in front of Mr. Abney's studio in the 1300 block of W. North Ave.

In connection with the fatal accident, a 19-year-old youth was taken into custody by police following a five-block chase by both officers and civilians.

THE NEAREST he ever [illegible] to bumping cool at work, [illegible] said, is when [illegible] dampens his shirt. [illegible] hen air hits the shirt, it [illegible] it it, and that in turn cools [illegible] body.

[illegible]loyed by the Baltimore [illegible] Block and Tile Co., Mr. Hall and the rest of the 17-man crew work during the hottest part of the day and on the hottest days of the year.

"This stuff lays better in hot weather," explained one of the crew members.

One man in the crew drives the "hopper" truck, two others drive asphalt steam - rollers, four work with Mr. Hall.

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• THE WEATHER •

FRIDAY—Mostly sunny and warm with chance of widely scattered thunder showers, temperatures near 90.

SATURDAY—Fair, not quite so warm, high temperatures in the upper 80's.

SUNDAY—Mostly fair, high in mid-80's.

MONDAY—Warmer, high near 90.

Let's all Register NOW

THERE IS still time to register so you can vote in the important Nov. 1958 elections. The Office of the Supervisor of Election in the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. If you've not already registered, do so today.

HOT!

'You just learn to beat it . . .'

"How do I keep cool? — I don't!" said Fleming Hall, 126 N. Schroeder St., at 10 a.m. Wednesday as he worked behind the asphalt "hopper" in 83 degree weather.

If you've ever watched men laying asphalt on the street and seen the machine similar to a tractor used to distribute hot asphalt —that's the hopper— then you know Mr. Hall's job is hot.

At Potee St., near Chesapeake Ave., Mr. Hall was busy churning steaming asphalt with his shovel in the back of the "hopper" truck.

And the heat of the asphalt in his face plus the mid-day temperature was certainly no fun.

Perspiration streamed down his face and dampened the back of his light, block - print shirt and on his feet were black, wooden, hinged - soles strapped to his shoes in order for him to walk on the hot, hot, hot asphalt.

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COLD!

And, that's what it is here . . .

It was 26 above zero in Baltimore on Wednesday August 6.

This is not a misprint. Although temperatures were soaring outside toward the 90's, it actually was 26 above zero inside the beef cooler at Goetze's Meat Packing Co.

Hunting for the "coolest job in town" the AFRO went to visit the lucky man who has held down the job for 12 years.

He is Eugene Habden, 37, 2205 Brookfield Ave. an employee of the firm who transports 250,000 pounds of meat and places it in a deep freezer where temperature remains at 26 degrees above zero.

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DRESSED IN a fur-lined parka over which he wears a white butcher's coat, Mr. Habden is otherwise fitted for the job of position.

He weighs 303 pounds and stands 5-foot 6-inches tall.

Operating the electro-truck throughout an eight-hour day, he has lifted more than one million pounds of hams, bacon, sides of beef, veal and pork which must be kept cool and fresh.

Mr. Habden wears a size 52 suit and is the father of two daughters, Lavain, 12 months and Felice, age 2½.

His wife is Mrs. Lavain Habden and the family attend Douglas Memorial Church where Mr. Habden has been a member for five years.

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MRS. PRESTWIDGE
She says hubby makes $1,000 a month

MR. PRESTWIDGE
His lawyer says he makes $90 a week

Judge cuts $90 alimony to $25

The $90-a-week support payment previously granted Mrs. Gladys Prestwidge, pending final action in a divorce case initiated by her husband, Algernon, was reduced Thursday to $25 a week.

Mr. Prestwidge, who had entered an exception to the $90 figure set by Judge James K. Cullen, did not appear for Thursday's hearing at which Judge E. Paul Manna slashed $65 off the weekly payment.

Mrs. Lena K. Lee, attorney for Mrs. Prestwidge, said notice she would file immediate exceptions to the reduced figure.

The divorce action was filed in Circuit Court on May 19, by Mr. Prestwidge, who charged his wife with desertion.

He said in his bill that Mrs. Prestwidge had removed herself from their bedroom about two years before the suit was entered and had barred him from the room into which she moved.

The bill said they then resided at 1318 N. Pulaski St.

IN JUNE, Mrs. Prestwidge filed an answer in which she denied her husband's charges item by item, admitting only that they were married Jan. 29, 1938 and that they were parents of a daughter, 13, and a son, 10.

(The Prestwidge children are Barbara who won $12,000 on the Name That Tune TV show, in April 1956; and Billy.)

Mrs. Prestwidge asked that she be awarded $90 a week and also asked for a cross - bill charged Mr. Prestwidge with desertion, cruelty and failure to support.

She did not ask for a divorce.

In her request for support Mrs. Prestwidge said her husband had an income of about $1,000 a month, coming in as manager's salary of the Sphinx Club and from a construction Company in his name.

However, in the exception filed for Mr. Prestwidge by Richard R. Rombro, attorney, Mr. Prestwidge's income was given as $50 weekly.

Mrs. Prestwidge also said in her bill that she had an extremely small salary from a clerk's position. She is school clerk at Carver High.

Tax consultant gets 6 months

WASHINGTON

Robert Carlton Scott, 28, of 1412 Madison Ave., Baltimore, known in Baltimore as a tax consultant, was found guilty of petty larceny in Municipal Court on Thursday.

The jury returned the guilty verdict after two hours deliberation.

Mr. Scott was sentenced to six months and $100 fine, or 90 additional days if the fine is not paid. Appeal bond was set at $6,000.

Scott did not take the stand. The U.S. attorney, Jerome Cohen, pointed out that Scott was on parole from Philadelphia, New York and Maryland on other larceny charges.

Miss Leona Williams, 17, testified that she saw Scott on February 24 in the American University Library behind her desk moments before her wallet was missing.

It contained 41 cents.

Mrs. Nora Nelson, 50, 1300 block T St. NW, told the jury that she found Miss Williams' wallet two days later on a library shelf. The 41 cents was still in the wallet, she testified.

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PRIVATE CHARLES TINSLEY of No. 8 precinct, testified he responded to the University campus on a house-breaking complaint on July 3, when he saw Scott leaving the Hurst Hall.

Scott looked away, and then ran until apprehended three blocks away, Private Tinsley testified.

Detective Wayne Hostetler

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Hearing Tuesday for nephew held in crippled aunt's death

John H. White, 54, 1000 block N. Milton St., is scheduled to face a Homicide Court hearing Tuesday, in the death of Mrs. Edna Smith, his crippled aunt of the 1100 block W. Saratoga St.

Mrs. Smith, 71, was found strangled to death in her home on July 27, by a group of children who peeped through a window.

Joseph Rosenthal, attorney for Mr. White, said Thursday the case against his client was based on "circumstantial evidence."

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26 ABOVE ZERO is the temperature inside the Goetze Meat Packing Co.'s beef cooler where Eugene Habden, 2205 Brookfield Ave., is privileged to work these hot days. Note he wears fur-lined parka as does AFRO reporter who interviews him.