'IF I DID IT, I DON'T REMEMBER'

Franklin Sq. Hospital denies blame in baby birth on lawn

"Where we had control the situation was handled properly. "My concern in this particular matter is that our arrangements do not break down again."

Paul Balcom, assistant administrator of Franklin Square Hospital, gave the AFRO these comments this week in regards the August 26 case in which a mother gave birth to a child on the hospital lawn.

The mother, Mrs. Dorothy Ingram, 1523 W. Lexington St., said she was turned away from the hospital the evening her baby was born with no funds at all.

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MRS. INGRAM reported she had made plans to be confined at City Hospitals, but could not get there because she had no money.

She said she was turned away with no transportation to City Hospitals after two examining doctors failed to agree on whether she had time to get to City Hospitals.

Once outside, she says, ambulance service, a police squad car, and a taxi cab refused her service. She said she got into the cab but was left behind when it was learned she had no funds.

Mr. Balcom said the hospital, like others, is reluctant to take maternity cases not registered with it and will provide transportation for patients who come there but have time to get to another hospital.

"Financially, if the patient is out on a limb, we have a fund for that."

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MR. BALCOM added: "As to what happened in this case, I understand that arrangements had been made.

"I understand the woman was put in a cab and went a short distance and got out."

Mr. Balcom said he understood that the hospital called the cab and if so would have paid the fare if the woman had no funds. What she would have got under these circumstances he said he "could not say."

After Mrs. Ingram's son was born on the lawn, she was taken into the hospital where she was treated and kept overnight.

C. E. McGowan, hospital account manager, said her bill would have been about $47 for services rendered. However, her card was marked, "not billed."

Break ground for new jobs building

"When the building for which we are about to break ground becomes a reality, the Department of Employment Security for the first time in its history, will be operating in surroundings specifically designed to meet employment security needs."

Gov. Theodore McKeldin used those words on Wednesday afternoon in his address for the groundbreaking for the department's new $5,000,000, block-wide building.

The building, which will house both the headquarters office and the Baltimore local office, is to be completed by Dec. 2, 1959, ending the split operation here.

Its boundaries will be Madison Ave., Eutaw, Dolphin and Hoffman Sts.

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THE AIR-CONDITIONED, six story and basement building will house, among other facilities, a cafeteria and a print shop.

Local office for Baltimore will occupy the first two floors and the state offices the top four.

The building is in the heart of the city's Renewal Area 12, near the new state Roads Commission and State Office Buildings.

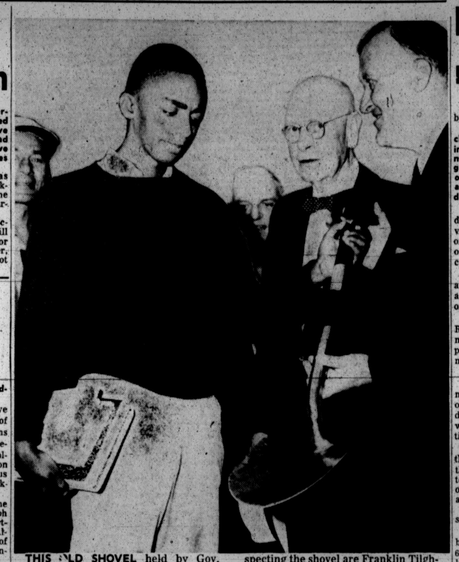
Robert B. Kimble, executive director for the Department of Security, has said that plans call for the elimination of sidewalk lines of unemployed collecting benefits by the provision of a covered waiting area plus above and below ground parking space.

Also taking part in the groundbreaking were Joseph Healy, chairman of the department's board of appeal and Allan P. Hoblitzell, chairman of the department's advisory council.

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GOV. McKELDIN emphasized that "not one penny of the taxes paid in Maryland unemployment insurance taxes by Maryland employers will be used for the purpose of financing this building."

The financing plans call for use of four million dollars in self-liquidating State bonds, redeemable in 15 years, plus the use of surplus administrative funds returned to Maryland by the Federal Bureau of Employment Security.



THIS OLD SHOVEL held by Gov. Theodore McKeldin was used by the state executive on Wednesday to break ground for the Department of Employment Security's new six-story, $5 million office building. Also inspecting the shovel are Franklin Tilghman, 1309 Madison Ave., and Joseph P. Healy, chairman of the department's board of appeals and building chairman.

Father guilty of molesting child

"If I did it, I don't remember."

A 24-year-old father of three children shifted uncomfortably in the witness chair in Criminal Court on Tuesday, as he gave this defense to a charge of attempting to criminally attack his three-year - old daughter.

The statement by the resident of the 1600 block Cliftview Ave., brought a number of surprised gasps from many of the women in the crowded court room.

His 27-year-old estranged wife and mother of the girl sobbed audibly in her seat in the rear of the room.

"The verdict is guilty," Judge Reuben Oppenheimer told him moments later. "I shall postpone sentence, until I have a medical report."

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A HANDSOME, serious-faced man, dressed in tan slacks and orange-colored sports shirt, the defendant accepted the verdict with no visible show of emotions.

His wife, testified earlier that they had been separated for three years, but he often came to visit his three children, one other girl now six years old, and a boy now three years old.

She told Judge Oppenheimer she had two other children.

The wife stated that her husband came to her home in the 600 block N. Chapel St. on the late afternoon of July 23, and remained with the children while she went a few blocks away to answer a call from her sister.

She said her 10-year-old son ing his young sister.

The wife, a short and plump **followed shortly afterards, and told her his father was molest-**matron, neatly dressed in a grey skirt and blue sweater,

sobbed continually, halting her testimony several times in an attempt to compose herself.

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HER SON, called as the next witness by Joseph G. Koutz, assistant State's attorney, testified his stepfather had carried the girl to an upstairs bedroom, and he had been attracted by the girl crying.

A sister of the wife told Judge Oppenheimer she had been informed of the alleged incident and hurried to the Chapel St. home.

Mrs. Carolyn Robinson, policewoman, testified that she had talked with the man the next day, following his arrest.

"He said he didn't remember doing anything to his daughter," Mrs. Robinson stated, "He said he had had several drinks, and didn't remember anything."

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THE DEFENDANT, who told the court he had gotten out of the House of Correction in May on a non-support sentence, gave these answers to questions by his attorney, Fred Kolodner:

Q—Were you drunk when you came to the house?

A—No, sir.

Q—You went out and got more to drink?

A—I got a half pint of Vodka.

Q—Then what happened?

A—I asked my wife if I could lay down, because I was drinking.

I went upstairs and laid down and that's all I remember until I was getting up and the police came.

Mrs. Larkin, 90, dies at home

Funeral rites were held Sunday for Mrs. Annie Larkins, 90, of 1235 Druid Hill Ave., at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Sts.

Mrs. Larkins died last Thursday in her home after a long illness.

She left 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The widow of George Larkins, she was born in Prince Georges County. She has resided in Baltimore the past 63 years.

She made a living as a dressmaker and was well known in her neighborhood as one of the oldest residents there.

She resided at the Druid Hill Ave. address for 51 years.

A MEMBER of Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, during her Baltimore residence, Mrs. Larkins worked with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Naomi Circle.

She was also a member of the Odd Fellows Household of Ruth, the United Workers of Maryland, and the Nazarites.

She is survived by two sons: Tom Ave., a retired postal employee; George Larkins, who resided with his mother at the Druid Hill address and is a maintenance supervisor in connection with the Urban Renewal and Housing Authority.

In addition she is survived by two daughters: MMrs. Ellen L. Larkins, and Mrs. Mary E. Smith, both of whom resided with Mrs. Larkins.

Zoning Board rejects bakery on Monroe St.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on Tuesday disapproved a request to establish a wholesale bakery and offices at 1719 N. Monroe St.

Also disapproved was a request to house five families at 225 S. Sharp St.

The Zoning Board approved requests to continue a doctor's office at 1427 Madison Ave.; to house two families and five roomers at 521 S. Sharp St., and three families at 7 N. Wolfe St.

Among the cases scheduled for the coming Tuesday before the zoning Board, is a request to house one family and ten roomers at 1028 N. Eden St.

Civic leaders, police meet at Institute

In an attempt to improve relationships between the police and the community, more than 100 community leaders and police officers participated in Baltimore's first Community Relations Institute this week.

The group, which met at the Dental Pharmacy Building of the University of Maryland at Lombard and Greene Sts., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday was made up of civic and police officials, and ended their sessions with panel discussions led by Magistrate James Fanseen.

The Institute was sponsored by the Maryland Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Baltimore Police Department, and the College of Advanced Training in Continuation Studies of the University of Maryland.

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THE SESSIONS featured talks by Dr. Louis A. Radlet, director, Community Relations Organizations, National Conference of Christian and Jews of U.S.

Dr. Radelet spoke on "The Development of Police Leadership in Community Relations."

Another "Police Training" were given by:

Captain William P. Brown of the New York Police Department; Inspector John B. Layton of the Washington D.C. Police Department; and Superintendent Herbert F. Quirk of the Philadelphia Police Academy.

EACH DAY, the Institute was divided into four workshop groups.

They were headed by NCC Directors Nathan R. Jerald of the Maryland Region; Russell Bradley, of Washington; Howard J. Devaney of New Jersey and Leon Sachs, director of the Baltimore Community Council, and Eric Braund of Philadelphia.

Workshop assistants included Samuel T. Daniels, executive secretary, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations; James D. Williams, assistant managing director, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN; and Mrs. Mildred Atkinson, director, Department of Christian Social Relations Council of Churches.

Also, William Townes, managing editor, News Post and American; Philip Heisler, managing editor, Evening Sun; Gordon Manser, executive secretary, Council of Social Agencies; and Gordon S. Sherry, managing editor, Catholic Review; and A.R. Rosenberg, director of Community Organization Division, BURHA.

AT TUESDAY'S panel session, Mr. Williams described the past relationship between the police department and the colored community as "bad."

He said, in part:

"Perhaps the low point in this relationship came under the late Police Commissioner Beverly Oliver who threw up an iron curtain between the department and the colored community.

"Not gifted with a sense of proper public relations, Commissioner Oliver succeeded in antagonizing the colored community by his constant refusal to hear complaints, make investigations or even give any indication that perhaps some policemen were less than perfect.

"With this type of feeling at the top of the ladder, it is rather easy to understand how the rest of the department felt toward colored citizens.

"Happily, things have changed for the better. The present commissioner knows that colored citizens are an important part of this community and he is willing to hear complaints and make investigations.

"HE TREATS the community with respect and the community in turn regards him with respect."

Representing the AFRO at other panel sessions were Mossie Newsom of the City Department, and Howard Murphy, business manager.

The speakers all agreed that while relations between the colored community and the department have not been happy in the past, that there has been definite improvement under the present Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

One of the issues raised at the panel sessions involved identifying criminals in news stories by race.

Mr. Heisler of the Sun defended the practice with the assertion that such labeling was necessary for identification purposes.

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AMONG THE COOPERATING groups of the Institute were:

The AFRO-AMERICAN News Dept.; Baltimore Council of Social Agencies; Baltimore Department of Education; Jewish Council; News Post and American; Sun Papers and the Baltimore Urban League.

Also, the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency; Bar Association of Baltimore City; Catholic Review; Social Council of Churches, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations; the NAACP and the UAW-AFL-CIO Region 8.

He (Dr. Radlet) told the audience that law enforcement could be made easier if the public understood that a police officer, "is just another human being."

Dr. Radlet said that people often think of an officer as a superman who is always "three steps ahead of the criminal, or as a 'dumb cop' who is unable to handle criminals in the streets."

In summing up his talk, the speaker said he believed that television and other forms of entertainment were often responsible for misconceptions of the police officer and his job.

He added that persons involved themselves could clear up the false ideas by trying to acquaint the public with the problems of the law.

Matron guilty of maiming in 'No Chemise' fracas

"It may be that Mary Tunnel was directing this song ('No Chemise, Please') to the defendant in a taunting manner.

"It may also be that she and some of her friends had taunted her about her illness, but that does not justify inflicting this injury."

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer gave these comments Wednesday in Criminal Court, in finding a 25-year-old mother of four children guilty of an assault to maim charge for biting off another matron's ear in a dispute over a chemise dress.

The mother, Mrs. Annie Campbell, 1000 block N. Broadway, was not sentenced, but referred to the Probation Department, because of her four children and her statement that she is receiving funds from the Department of Public Welfare.

JUDGE OPPENHEIMER was told that Mrs. Campbell bit off the lobe of the right ear of Mary Tunnell, 2104 block Boone St., during a fight between the two in the 1700 block E. Chase St. on July 26.

The dispute arose, according to witnesses called by James W. Murphy, assistant State's attorney, when somebody started singing the song, "No Chemise, Please," and Mrs. Campbell walked past, wearing a dress of that type.

Both matrons testified that they had known each other for some time.

Mrs. Campbell charged that Mrs. Tunnell and her friends often taunted her because she had spent five weeks in a hospital after one of her children was born.

She said Mrs. Tunnel attacked her, and a man in the house joined in the fight also.

"Did you realize you were biting this woman's ear?" Mr. Murphy asked her.

"I guess I got a little mad when both of them started hitting me," Mrs. Campbell answered.

State's witnesses said, however, no man had been in the fight between the matrons.

Mrs. Campbell, represented by Alan H. Murrell, attorney, had no witnesses.

Woman puts baby boy on steps, flees

"She called up to me, 'May I speak to you please?' She was standing there with the baby in her arms.

"By the time I got down stairs, she had left the baby on the steps and was running away.

"I called to her, Lady please don't leave this baby her but she kept running."

Excitement tugging at her every word, Mrs. Louise Wilder, 28, 512 Roundview Rd. in Cherry Hill, was telling the AFRO early Friday how a woman left an hour-old baby on her doorsteps about 3:05 a.m. and fled.

Mrs. Wilder, a clerk for a supermarket in the 500 block W. Lexington St., called police and they took the baby boy to Baltimore General Hospital for examination and then to City Hospitals where he was kept.

"He is a cute little buster," Mrs. Wilder said, adding that if she had not been scheduled to go to work this morning she would have been tempted to keep the child for a while.

She said the baby was "poorly wrapped in a baby bag and had on a sweater and some other old clothes."

MRS. WILDER said she had never seen the woman before and did not get a good look at her face. She guesses she was about five feet six inches, weighing about 175 pounds.

She said three knocks came at her door about 3:05 a.m. but her query as to who was there drew no reply. She said she looked out an upstairs window and saw the woman with the baby and this was when the woman asked if she might speak to her.

Signs to judge didn't help any

"I saw you flashing your sign. Haven't you heard me tell the brothers not to come down here flashing?

Magistrate Linwood G. Koger addressed these words to a defendant who appeared before him Wednesday on two disorderly conduct charges, one of which was placed against him at the Northwestern station house.

"Here's the thing about it Brother Scott; you don't make the rules down here," the magistrate said as he fined him $15 and costs on each charge.

fendant, Melvin Scott, 37, 100 block W. Lexington St., could get himself in trouble after Mr. Scott interrupted a testifying officer with a "take it easy now" admonishment.

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Teenagers accused of training dogs to fight

In an effort to arrest a gang of teenagers who were allegedly training their dogs to fight, a group of police officers were led on a chase through the Lafayette Courts Wednesday afternoon.

After rounding up the youths, two of whom were arrested as they stepped from an elevator in an 11-story building, police charged:

Clarence McKee, 16, of the 1200 block Ashland Ave.; with disorderly conduct and harboring an unlicensed dog.

Jerome Bowles, 17, of the 1700 block N. Bradford St., with cruelty to animals, disorderly conduct and harboring and unlicensed dog.

Howard Jackson, 17, of the 1700 block N. Fort St., with disorderly conduct, harboring a vicious dog and cruelty to animals.

And, James Coulter, 18, of the 2900 block E. Chase St., with disorderly conduct. Two other youths were released.

CENTRAL District Police Court Thursday morning. Blackson was given 60 days in jail and fined $50 and costs. Bowles was given 30 days and fined $25 and costs.

McKee and Colter were fined $5 and costs.

Northeastern District police said they were called to break up a fight between three dogs in a vacant lot near Caroline and Fayette Sts., around 12:30 p.m.

When the youths saw the officers coming, they fled, and were chased through the housing project, it was testified.

Husband held in shotgun death of mate

"There were no words. There was no argument all day. The gun just went off."

In Homicide Court Tuesday, those were the comments read from a statement allegedly given by a construction worker who was charged with shooting his wife.

Garfield McNeir, 43, of the 800 block Pennsylvania Ave., entered a plea of not guilty in connection with the death of Mrs. Chester McNeir, and was held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Following the shooting last August 8th, the body of Mrs. McNeir was found in the kitchen of her home. A .12 gauge shotgun was found nearby, police said.

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SERGEANT GEORGE WILLIAMS stated that when police met McNeir outside of his home he told them he had just shot his wife.

The death of Mrs. McNeir was attributed to a severed artery, according to a medical report.

In a signed statement Mr. McNeir allegedly declared: "I had paid for the gun at a pawn shop and picked up some shells and went home.

"I told my wife I was going to try it out in the back yard before shipping it to North Carolina when it went off."

Andrew Mello found dead

Anderw Mello, 31, 1100 block N. Carrollton Ave. was pronounced dead on arrival at 7:35 p.m. Thursday at Provident Hospital.

Police report finding the man in an unconscious condition lying on the sidewalk in front of the 1100 block N. Carrollton 15 minutes earlier.

Also taken to the hospital where he was treated for a cut elbow and is now under police guard was Calvin Dorsey, 31, 1300 block Winchester St.

Police said they followed a trail of blood leading from the 1100 block Carrollton Ave. to the corner of Winchester St. and Fremont Ave.

Two knives and a brown hat found at the scene were turned over to the crime lab by police.

Bar group endorses Judges Lane, Parr

The Maryland Plaintiffs' Bar Association on Thursday announced the group's unanimous endorsement of People's Court Judges E. Everett Lane and Joseph T. Parr for confirmation by voters in the November 4 general election.

Hyman A. Pressman is president of the association, and John J. O'Connor Jr., assistant State's attorney, is chairman of the board.

Matron's burial of victim, 60

Who is going to bury William Williams?

That was the question the occupants of an apartment house at 734 Greenmount Ave., were asking Thursday following the death of an elderly tenant.

The deceased, 60-year-old Mr. Williams died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a fall from a wagon last Aug. 22.

THE ACCIDENT occurred in the rear of the 1700 block Holbrook St., while Mr. Williams, was collecting junk.

As a result of the fall from, his horse drawn cart he sustained a blood clot of the brain and a back injury. He had no survivors.

His neighbors have said they have no money to contribute toward the burial.

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Carrington Davis is improving

At presstime today (Friday) Dr. Carrington L. Davis, Morgan State College trustee emeritus, is reported somewhat improved.

Dr. Davis is recuperating at his home, 1821 McCulloh St., from a recent attack of illness suffered two weeks ago Saturday.

He had been ailing since early summer.

The veteran educator has been a member of the Morgan Board of Trustees for 38 years and is a member of the Morgan Christian Center board.

He retired in 1949 after 15 years as principal of Dunbar High School. Prior to 1933, Dr. Davis was vice-principal at Douglass High School.

Mrs. Mattie Turner's estate set at $3,617

By a strange turn of fate the only item in the estate of Mrs. Mattie G. Turner is $3,617.44 cash from a fire insurance company, Orphans Court records indicated, this week.

Mrs. Turner died as result of asphyxiation in a fire in her fashionable Mondawmin Ave. home. She was 43 and at the time of her death was a social worker. She formerly was a mathematics teacher. The fatal fire was the second blaze in which she was involved.

Prior to the one that caused her death she had been overcome by smoke in her home and had been treated at Provident Hospital.

The police department ruled her death accidental, and stated that the fire had probably been started by smoking.

Mrs. Turner's widower, Dollize Turner, is administrator of the estate. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mable McKay of Springfield, Mass.

Says mate lost her pay by gambling

Money seemed the basis of the trouble that ended the marriage of Mrs. Daurine Sheves of 1740 Abbott-on St., and her husband, Leroy.

Mrs. Shreves told a Master of Circuit Court that Mr. Shreves not only refused to work but took her whole pay, one week, and lost it gambling.

During the time they were married, July 31, 1951 to July 3, 1952, he was employed only two weeks, said the wife.

On July 3, 1952 when she came home from work her husband was out, according to Mrs. Shreves. She said that he remained from home all that night and came home around noon next day. "He told me that he had lost my money gambling. We had a violent quarrel. He packed his clothes and said, as he was leaving, that he never wanted to see me again," Mrs. Shreves testified.

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A WHISTLE from her upstairs neighbor practically saved her life, according to Mrs. Gerona Lemmon of 644 W. Saratoga St., who divorced John Lemmon this week.

"I was sitting on the steps when the lady on the second floor whistled and warned me that my husband was crossing the street.

"I looked up. He had a knife in his hand, I started screaming and the police came and took him to Pine Street Station. They told him not to come back.

Asked why he so acted, Mrs. Lemmon said that her husband just always fought.

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No Out For 'Pres'

Judge Denies Prestwidge Divorce After 'Other Woman' Testimony

Infant may be sent to Welfare

By JOHN DOE

(Ed. Note — This is the story of a homeless baby, told as he might tell it if he could only talk)

Not that I have anything against a nice name like John Doe, but don't you think my name could be a little more original?

That's what they call all foundlings at City Hospitals—and I am a foundling.

Now isn't that something? I could have sworn I had the

(See photo on Page 3)

regular set of parents like everyone else, but seems like I can't find them.

A stranger found me a week ago when this lady walks up and leaves me on a doorstep in Cherry Hill.

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THAT STRANGER was Mrs. Louise Wilder, 28, of 512 Roundview Rd., who found me on her door-step last Friday.

She isn't a stranger now because we got to know each other pretty well.

I think I really impressed Mrs. Wilder because she told someone she was tempted to keep me for a little while.

I overheard Mrs. Wilder say a woman knocked on her door, asked to speak to her and when she reached the door, the lady was gone — and there I was. A misplaced bundle of joy.

Well, after Mrs. Wilder called someone to take me to the nearest hospital, they took me to Baltimore General. I was about two weeks old then, they say.

Now my home is City Hospitals where all the nurses are taking good care of me.

I've really been very fond of them, but I can't help wondering how I got away from my poor mommy.

She must be worried to death. I'll bet the lady who left me on Mrs. Wilder's steps could tell me who I am — or where I came from.

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IF THEY DON'T HURRY to get me, someone else will take me home with them then I'll become more attached to them.

If my mom doesn't come, I just might fall in love with another set of parents.

After all, a cute little fellow like me needs a lot of love and attention. I've got plenty of that to give, too.

My nurse — Mrs. Grace Carr, head of the pediatrics ward where I am — says I'm a "normal, healthy baby." I weighed seven pounds, seven and a half ounces when they brought me here.

I heard someone ask her if I cried a lot. I didn't catch the

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WHO MUST REGISTER:

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Any resident who has turned 21 or will become 21 before November 5th, the day after the November 4th General Election.

Any resident who has moved into Baltimore City from any one of the counties.

Any resident who has changed his name through marriage or court order.

Any registered voter who has failed to vote in the past five years.

NOTE: If you are already registered but have moved, you do NOT have to register again. You simply send your new address to the Supervisors of Elections. Change of address cards are available FREE at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St., as well as the Supervisors of Elections office and at public schools listed below.

WHERE TO REGISTER: At the Supervisors of Elections Office in the basement of the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER at the following schools in your neighborhoods from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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No. 407 Howard and Centre Streets
No. 211 Belair Road and Frankford Ave.
No. 45 Maywood Ave. and The Alameda
No. 51 34th and Frisby Streets
No. 231 Roland Ave. near Deepdene Road
No. 222 Paris Ave. and Ken Oak Rd.
No. 246 Frederick Rd. and Beechfield Ave.

QUESTION: If I have already registered, do I have to register again?

ANS.—No, not unless you have failed to vote in the past five years or have changed your name through marriage or court order.

REMEMBER: You do not have to re-register if you have changed your address, since the last election. Simply fill out a change of address card. These cards are available at all registration places and at the AFRO office.

LAST-MINUTE TRANSPORTATION: Womanpower Committee is providing trasportation to registration points for one hour tonight (Friday). Saturday and Monday, the last days to register before deadline. Cars will be available at Womanpower Headquarters, 1732 Druid Hill Ave., from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the three days. Phone MA. 3-7419 for additional information.

97,480 registered; 100,000 goal sure

In the 6 days, Sept. 8 to Sept. 13, 1,425 more colored voters registered.

Of these, 1,034 were recorded as Democrats; 366 as Republicans and 25 declined.

These declined voters will not be able to vote in a primary election because they did not affiliate themselves with any party but they will be able to vote in the November General Election.

The total number of colored voters now registered in Baltimore is 97,480; 37,422 Republicans; 57,822 Democrats; 1,945 Declined.

The total number of white voters registered as of Sept. 13 is 320,793.

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THE NEW TOTALS to be added to these figures are the five days of registration for Sept. 15 to Sept. 18, now in the Supervisors of Elections office, and the figures for Sept. 19, 20, and 22 when registration ends.

These last three days, Friday, Saturday and Monday should break all records.

New figures for colored registrants in the 4th District were made available by the Supervisors of Elections office.

As of Sept. 1, there are 26,437 colored voters in the 4th District; 22,842 white voters.

Party	Total	Colored	White
Rep.	14,057	10,964	3,093
Dem.	39,952	14,878	13,233
Dec.	1,106	590	516
Tot.	49,214	26,432	22,842

According to the Supervisor of Elections, this final list includes all new registrations to Sept. 1 and all persons removed from the list due to transfer to other districts.

The breakdown day-by-day registration last week was as follows:

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Decl.
Mon., 9/8	176	47	124	5
Tues., 9/9	204	67	135	2
Wed., 9/10	294	62	224	8
Th., 9/11	289	96	188	5
Fri., 9/12	191	47	143	1
Sat., 9/13	271	67	200	4
Total	1,425	368	1,034	25

In the week of Sept. 8 to (Continued on Page 8)

Admits 4, rejects 26 in Virginia

By LOUIS LAUTIER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (NNPA) —Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan Wednesday gave Arlington County, Va., public schools a respite of three and a half months from desegregation and automatic closing.

Of 30 colored applicants for transfer to all-white schools, he ordered the admission of only four, but delayed his decree until the beginning of the next semester in January.

By holding up his decree, Judge Bryan made it possible for Arlington public schools to remain open — at least until the next semester begins. If

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the four colored pupils had been ordered enrolled immediately, under state law, Stratford Junior High School, to which they were ordered admitted, would have been automatically closed and state funds cut-off.

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THE ACTION of Judge Bryan in delaying his decree was hailed throughout the state of Virginia, Judge Bryan expected admission of colored pupils in white schools in Arlington County.

At the time he took the case under advisement on Sept 25, he said the students would go to the schools to which they had been assigned "without prejudice."

The implication was that his decision would become effective as soon as it was reached and that he would order the immediate admission to white schools of the children he found qualified to transfer.

Yet, there, were indications that he wished to delay desegregation of Arlington schools.

He delayed his decision until after the Supreme Court decided that Federal Judge Harry J. Lemley was in error in granting the Little Rock Board of Education a delay of two and a half years in desegregating Little Rock schools.

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DURING THE hearing of the Arlington case, Judge Bryan asked attorneys what bearing —aside from violence and disorder — the Little Rock case had on the Arlington case.

Judge Bryan also appointed to the bench on June 5, 1947. He had the endorsement of the Virginia senators, Harry F. Byrd, the father of Virginia's program of "massive resistance"— to the Supreme Court decision against segregated schools, and A. Willis Robertson, also a pro-segregationist.

In reaching his decision to approve rejection of 26 of the colored applicants, Judge Bryan accepted the "expert" testimony of the Arlington County school board witnesses and discarded the testimony of the "expert" witnesses for the NAACP.

THERE WAS about his decision something of a Pontius Pilate attitude. Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, found no fault in Jesus but permitted him to be crucified.

Judge Bryan said he might

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MISS DAKOTA STATON
New singing star is an art collector

Dakota sings; tells of African art collection

By BAKER E. MORTEN

Miss Dakota Staton, in her first Baltimore night club appearance, at the Comedy Club put on "the late, late show" Tuesday evening to the delight of a crowded atmosphere of congenial onlookers.

Miss Staton, one of the hottest young singers to come along in recent years, hit the big time circuit with her album "The Late Late Show."

Soft lights, the touch of velvet and the smell of a haunting perfume are the things that the sultry sexy voice of the thrush bring to mind.

She has taken a standard, say "A Foggy Day," and gives it a new bounce, a new life. That's

And she was everything the crowd wanted her to be perhaps a little more.

Attired in a stunning black gown, which later became red on the second set of the evening, Dakota sang a medley of tunes in an ovation-winning manner.

AFTER THE applause died down Tuesday night, she turned her thoughts to her expensive collection of African art.

"I've been collecting African art for about two years," the buxom singer said, "and my most prized item is an original statue of Ief, an African tribal piece.

She said she orders the set pieces from Nigeri, Morocco, Ghana and other regions in Africa.

"Incidentally," she smiled, "someday I would like to go to Timbuctoo to live with the people and collect more art."

The Pittsburgh song thrush said she would have loved to have met Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah when he made a recent tour of the U.S. "I was in the hospital when Dr. Nkrumah was here," she lamented.

DAKOTA SAID her favorite

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$50 for NEWS TIPS

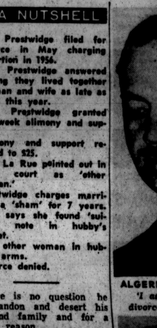
There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips and news photos. If you have a tip or a newsworthy photo, call AFRO City Desk, MU. 5-4015 and say "I've got a news tip." Bring photo to City Desk. If no answer, call La. 3-3024.

'No question he did desert his family...'

Judge rules 'he got interested in someone else... bill dismissed'

IN A NUTSHELL

- **Mr. Prestwidge filed for divorce in May charging desertion in 1956.**
- **Mrs. Prestwidge answered stating they lived together as man and wife as late as April this year.**
- **Mrs. Prestwidge granted $90 week alimony and support.**
- **Alimony and support reduced to $25.**
- **Mrs. La Rue pointed out in open court as 'other woman.'**
- **Prestwidge charges marriage a 'sham' for 7 years.**
- **Wife says she found 'suicide' note in hubby's pocket.**
- **Saw other women in hubby's arms.**
- **Divorce denied.**



ALGERNON PRESTWIDGE
'I asked her for a divorce many times . . .'

MRS. GLADYS PRESTWIDGE
'It just about floored me . . .'

"There is no question he did abandon and desert his wife and family and for a specific reason.

"He got interested in someone else but

IN DENYING Mr. Prestwidge a divorce, Judge Warnken granted the petitions in a cross-bill filed by Mrs. Prestwidge who charged her husband deserted her and asked that his bill be dismissed.

The amount of alimony and support for the two Prestwidge children has been referred to a master of the Circuit Court and is to be set at a later date.

Judge Warnken's ruling came at the end of a 4-hour hearing which began at 10:30 a.m. with an hour's recess for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

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THE DAY-LONG hearing featured testimony by Mrs. Prestwidge about "the other woman;" testimony by Mr. Prestwidge as to what he called a "sham" marriage and the courtroom appearance of blonde woman who was pointed out by Mrs. Prestwidge as the person she had seen in company with her husband.

On this point Judge Warnken commented:

"I would also call attention to this fact:

"There has been testimony, supported by notes, of visits by the wife to an address at which a named white person lives.

"The wife told what she saw which is believable and sufficient even if she had not found the note or heard the telephone conversation.

"Terry La Rue who is right here in the courtroom has made no denial or statement to protect her reputation nor has there been any denial from the 'co-respondent.'

"How anyone could disregard the testimony of the wife is beyond my ability to fathom."

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**JUDGE