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Caught in Firebug Trap

Hicks Tells of High Jinks

Last Fling by GI's Returning to Battle

Hicks Attends a Celebration of Wounded GIs

Patched Up and About to Return to Battle

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TOKYO, Japan — How do they act after being wounded in battle, sent back to Japan to be patched up in a hospital, then ordered back to the fighting in Korea again?

How would you act? You'd have one big last fling and raise "Merry Hell" before you shipped out again, wouldn't you?

An that's exactly what they were doing when I ran into them.

Two Officers in Group

Two of them had on first lieutenant's bars and the crossed rifles of the 24th Infantry.

Another of them wore master sergeant stripes and the famed 24th insignia on his shoulder patch.

One of the white boys had a Pfc. stripe and was a member of the 555th Field Artillery of the 25th Infantry Division.

Still another white lad wore the well-known horse head patch of the famed First Cavalry.

That was as far as rank and race went. You had to keep looking at the patches and stripes to tell who was who, for both officers and men were raising "Merry Hell" after leaving the hospitals and getting set to go back to Korea.

I found them in the Sun Bancho Hotel, a beautiful little hotel overlooking the Imperial Palace Grounds of the Emperor of Tokyo.

They had completely taken over the place and the co-operative Japanese owner was apparently enjoying their fun as much as they were.

Made Own Bar—16 Bottles

The Hotel has no bar, but they had made a bar out of the hotel restaurant. They had gone out and bought 16 bottles of the best whisky, gin, rum, brandy, and wine and converted the service counter into a bar.

There was no bartender. They simply set the whisky on the counter and told the manager "Presenta," which in broken English and Japanese combined meant, "Give it to anybody who wants some."

Son of D.C. Medic

The tall long lanky lieutenant standing on top of a table with no shoes on was 1st Lt. Carlisle Ferdinand Cherry of 507 Second St., N.W., Washington, son of Dr. Albert H. Cherry of Washington and he was really having fun.

When I entered the grille he was weaving atop a table, saying "I am the Great I Am, and I don't give a durn."

Good soldier Lieutenant Cherry, now having his last fling before going back, was hit by schrapnel on

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Wife Falls 4 Floors in Leap to Freedom

WASHINGTON

A housewife who refused to be a prisoner found herself a patient at Freedmen's Hospital Thursday while her husband was being queried by police as to why he kept his wife locked up.

The wife, Mrs. Hattie Louise Lester, 22, fell four stories from her bedroom window at 634 N St., N.W., and was still being X-rayed at Freedmen's to determine the extent of her injuries when the AFRO went to press.

"I am locked in again, but I'm going to climb out of this window," Mrs. Lester called out early Thursday morning to Samuel Whitt, manager of the house where she lived

Used Bedspread as Rope

"I thought she was only talking," Mr. Whitt told the AFRO, "but the next thing I knew, there she was hanging out of the window by a blue bedspread."

Mrs. Lester had tied the spread to her bed and was trying to lower herself out of the window and down to a window on the next floor.

Mr. Whitt and others who witnessed the act from their windows called to her to hang on until they could come to her aid.

Lost Grip on Spread

But Mrs. Lester lost her hold and plunged down to a courtyard four stories below. Police, called by Mr. Whitt, summoned a Health Department ambulance, which took her to Freedmen's Hospital.

Matron Injured in Mock Air Raid Awarded $2,667

An award of $2,667 was granted in Federal Court, Wednesday, to Mrs. Edith Thompson of 1113 Madison Ave., for injuries she suffered on Oct. 19, 1948, when a gasoline tank from an airplane fell on a Lexington Market stall.

Mrs. Thompson was one of four persons injured when the auxiliary tank fell from a Navy fighter plane participating in a mock air raid on Baltimore in celebration of Downtown Week.

The stall owner, Vincent D'Anna, white, of 1100 block Ellicott Driveway, was awarded $6,275; his wife, Mrs. Violet D'Anna, received $2,175 and John A. Klaus, a handyman, was awarded $1000 for his injuries. The damages totaled $12,117.

Sued for Total of $80,000

The plaintiffs originally sued for damages totaling $80,000. Chief Judge William C. Coleman, who awarded the damages on Wednesday, termed the original claim "absurdly high."

Earlier Judge Coleman had ruled that the Government was not liable for damages on the grounds that the falling tank was an unavoidable accident.

The cases were taken to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which reversed Judge Coleman's decision and ordered the

MRS. EDITH THOMPSON

Baltimore court to fix damages.

Victim Needs Mental Therapy

Judge Coleman said he would allow Mrs. Thompson $667 for medical treatment. She was struck on the head by some object when the tank fell, wrecking the stall where she was shopping.

Most of the $667 was for psychiatric treatment.

Mrs. Thompson was represented by Charles W. Main, attorney.

Jurist Skeptical

Mr. D'Anna contended that as a result of the accident he will never be able to work again. Judge Coleman disagreed and remarked, "probably after the litigation is over, he will take himself over and will not be permanently incapacitated at all."

The stall owner said he made between $65 and $80 weekly, but government attorneys pointed out that he had failed to file any income tax returns, which, they said cast some doubt on the accuracy of his estimate of his earnings.

Mrs. Morse, 1616 Ruxton Avenue, placed the following Want Ad in the Afro-American only once and had absolutely no difficulty in renting within a matter of a few hours.

FRONT SEMI-APT. FURN. — In respectable home to clean, quiet couple or men. Conveniences furnished. Refs. LAf. 7810.

Why don't you test the results gotten from one of our inexpensive Classified ads, whether you rent, buy, or sell?

Call MUl. 6016, Adv. Dept. NOW!

Champions of Civil Rights

Winner of an NAACP-sponsored court case to admit colored students to the University of Maryland sociology department at College Park, Parren J. Mitchell is shown as he left home Thursday for the College Park campus where he was courteously received by fellow students. He expects to register and begin class work on Monday.

Hail Mitchell Hero of Week for Court Suit

"It certainly is a great feeling" exclaimed Parren Mitchell Thursday, after he spent some four hours on the campus of the University of Maryland.

Mr. Mitchell is the first student to matriculate on the university campus at College Park having won an NAACP-sponsored court fight to break the color bar at the campus.

For this unselfish public service he is being hailed as "Hero of the Week."

To Register on Monday

The student expects to register on Monday for graduate courses in sociology leading to the master's degree.

Judge John T. Tucker ruled Tuesday that the university could not, as it attempted to do, set up for Mr. Mitchell alone a full-time graduate course in sociology off-campus and 35 miles away in Baltimore.

The 27-year-old graduate student could not register Thursday because official notice of his admission had not been received by the dean of the graduate school Mr. Mitchell explained.

He added "Everyone was wonderful to me" and stated that his

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13 Named to Serve on Petit Juries

Thirteen persons were selected, Monday, to serve on petit juries in the local courts for the next three weeks. They are:

SUPERIOR COURT — James F. Carroll, 611 Cumberland St.; Leroy Bowen, 775 George St.; Mrs. Virginia V. Daniels, 2806 Spelman Rd.; Allen E. Henry, 1905 Druid Hill Ave.;

Charles E. Johnson, 924 W. Mulberry St.; Miss Lillian Christian, 537 Wilson St.; Mrs. Lillie R. Arundel, 2029 McCulloh St.; and William H. Cure, 1012 N. Carrollton Ave.;

City Court

CITY COURT — Mrs. Naomi Crockett, 1927 W. Saratoga St.; and Mrs. Violetta E. James, 1340 N. Carey St.;

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS — Clem Cox, 508 N. Arlington Ave.;

CRIMINAL COURT—Mrs. Mary A. Dowell, 517 Bloom St.; and Miss Lota C. Johnson, 1043 Harlem Ave.

Winner of another NAACP case which opened the University of Maryland's nursing school to colored students, Miss Esther McCready leaves the University Hospital where she has been in training for three weeks.

Keep Your Umbrella Handy, In Case

Scattered showers are indicated this weekend, the Weather Man predicts.

Today's warm weather is expected to cool off considerably on Sunday.

Board Elects 15 Teachers

Misses Hicks, Simms Resign From System

HENDERSON BACK

Rules Suspended for Five Concerts

The Board of School Commissioners, meeting Thursday, elected 15 persons to teaching positions and accepted the resignations of two.

Dr. Elmer H. Henderson, assistant, superintendent, attended the session for the first time since his illness of last year.

Junior High Posts Filled

Named to junior high school posts were:

Raymond L. Carpenter Jr., Scho No. 137; Rita I. Coe, Douglass High School; Miss Margaret C. Driver, School No. 137; Miss Alice S. Hall and Wayman Holley to Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130; Miss Helen C. Harris, Miss Edith S. Kelly and Elias Wilson to Dunbar Junior - High School No. 133;

Miss M. Junita Holsey and Miss Dorothy M. Johnson to Harvey Johnson Junior High School No. 106; Elias Wilson to Dunbar High School; and Miss Bertha M. Washington and Benjamin C. Whitten to School No. 137.

2 Resign From System

Guy P. Bailey was made an occupatio[illegible] teacher.

Miss Marie C. Hicks of the faculty of School No. 135 and Miss Doris N. Simms of School No. 128 resigned from the system.

The board voted to suspend the rules to permit Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to use the Polytechnic Institute auditorium for the presentation of three concerts in January, March and April, and for Alpha Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to present a concert in January.

Okay Hampton Choir Concert

Proceeds from these concerts are used for scholarships and awards to graduates of senior high school here.

The Baltimore chapter of the Hampton Alumni Association was given permission to use the auditorium of Douglass High School to

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Police Nab Suspect Carrying Kerosene

Carrying two beer cans filled with kerosene, Johnny Hendricks of 1405 W. Lanvale St., a suspected arsonist, was arrested, Tuesday night, near the East Baltimore home that was mysteriously set afire twice within a week.

The suspect also had several boxes of matches when apprehended near 462 E. Federal St. by a police man who had been watching him from a parked car.

Patrolman Blaine Monkhouse, Central District, said that as he watched, the man poured kerosene on a fence adjoining the house, dropped a scrap of paper nearby and started to walk away.

Assigned to Watch House

Officer Monkhouse then arrested the man, finding the tools which could be used by an arsonist upon him.

The policeman had been assigned to watch the home of Lawrence Shelton, where two arson attempts were made late in September.

Mr. Shelton, his wife and children, have lived in constant fear since Sept. 21, when the first blaze was set at the only door leading into their home.

This blaze did little damage, but a note left by the firebug said: "We will return later to finish the job."

Promise Almost Kept

Two days later another kerosene fire was set and the family was forced to flee in their nightclothes as the flames threatened to block the only exit from their second-floor apartment.

Since then the Fire Department arson squad and police have been trying to trap the firebug.

The arrest of Hendricks led police to hope for an early solution to the mystery fires. For three days the suspect was questioned, but he often gave conflicting stories, police said.

Strange Actions Cited

Unable to link the 41 - year - old man to the fires, police charged him with disorderly conduct. He faced Magistrate James R. Cadden

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Ran Unlicensed Employment Agency

Mrs. Anne Dubinsky leaves Northwestern station house, Wednesday, after being found guilty and given a $50 suspended fine on charge of running an unlicensed employment agency at her home in the 2300 block Chelsea Ter. In front is her lawyer.

Police Trap Snags Woman

Operative Given Job by Unlicensed Agency

A Northwestern District policewoman wound up with a $30-a-week-job caring for an elderly couple when police set a trap to snag a white woman who was conducting an unlicensed employment agency in her home.

Policewoman Violet H. Whyte testified in Northwestern police court Thursday that she received the job when she went to Mrs. Anne Dubinsky's home at 2313 Chelsea Ter. Monday.

Officer John Fritz told Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick that in September the Board of Zoning refused to approve Mrs. Dubinsky's request for license to operate a nursery service or employment agency at her home.

Placed With No References

Nevertheless Officer Fritz said the woman ran an advertisement on Sunday listing baby-sitting service from the Selected Nursing Agency at her home.

Mrs. Whyte said that despite the fact that she had no references she was given a job slip to work in caring for an elderly couple at $30 a week.

While there Mrs. Whyte said another job-seeker whom she remembered only as "Doris" came to the house. When "Doris" also failed to have references Mrs. Whyte testified Mrs. Dubinsky suggested that she clean the upstairs bedroom to prove her ability.

Neighbors Oppose Matron

Also testifying against Mrs. Dubinsky were a group of her neighbors. A spokesman for the group said that they have noticed people going in and out of her house at "flowing rate."

Attorney for Mrs. Dubinsky revealed that she had obtained a license on Sept. 26 to conduct her business at a building in the 3200 block of North Ave.

Advising the woman to confine her business to the North Ave. address Magistrate Fitzpatrick lieved a $50 suspended fine.

Scheduled to report for work at 4 p.m. Monday Mrs. Whyte was unable to take the position—police duties came first.

6 Sue to Set Aside Ft. Smallwood Policy

Six citizens, three of them acting on behalf of their children, asked the U.S. District Court today (Friday) to set aside the policy which denies colored persons the use of facilities at city-owned Fort Smallwood Beach and Amusement Park.

In the group which sued for an injunction to stop the exclusive operation of the park for whites, are adults and children who were refused service and use of facilities at Fort Smallwood on Aug. 10.

The legal action, sponsored by the NAACP through Linwood Koger Jr., attorney, is being taken under the equal protection of the laws clause and the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

Rights Denial Charged

The litigation charges that the constitutional rights of the plaintiffs have been denied because they were refused entrance to the park, a public facility, supported by public funds, which is being operated for whites alone. Fort Smallwood is the only city beach.

Named defendants are the Mayor and City Council; the seven members of the Board of Recreation and Parks; Sun and Sand Inc., which operates a concession at Fort Smallwood; Kenneth C. Cook, president of this concern; and R. Brooke Maxwell, director of recreation and parks.

Suing are:

Mrs. Edith D. Bryant of 2027 McCulloh St., her husband, the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, who is acting on behalf of their two children,

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Wounded GI Hit in Six Places

Two Others Injured in Korea Fighting

Three soldiers, one of whom was hit in "six different places," and another who lost a foot race with motar fire, were listed as wounded on the latest release from the Department of Defense.

They are Cpl. Robert E. Waters, 23, 1005 W. Lanvale St.; Pfc. Warren T. Plowden, 19, 1711 Lafayette Ave.; and Pvt. Robert T. Tillman, 23, 1520 Madison Ave.

When Robert (Buck) Tillman wrote his sister, Miss Janie F. Tillman, from a hospital in Japan last week, he said that he received multiple wounds while crouched in a foxhole on Sept. 15.

"I was hit in about six different places. I didn't think there

The People's Chaw-ice

Jimmy Hicks to Run for U.S. Senator

Sick over the state of affairs in the Free State of Maryland, the Upside Down Party last week announced plans to draft James L. Hicks, the AFRO's war correspondent in Korea, to run against Sen. Millard Tydings, who is seeking reelection in November.

This week, Will O. Wisp, political agent for the "Jimmy Hicks for Senate Committee of Maryland" issued the following statement in behalf of his candidate.

By WILL O. WISP

I know Jimmy Hicks can beat Mallard Tydings in the Senatorial race.

I call him "Mallard" because he ducks. He ducked FEPC. He ducked his boss, President Truman, on the anti-Communist bill the President wanted killed. Tydings was for it and against the President. There's really no difference between the "a" and "i" in some words. "Him" or "ham"—what's the difference?

Tydings Job Freeze Hit

Tydings, during his 20 years in office never appointed a colored person to any office of any significance.

If elected by the Upside Down Party, Hicks pledges that if of-

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Ex-Prosecutor Hits Police's Method of Handling Killings

Baltimore's method of handling homicides is "bringing innocent people within the shadow of the gallows, while murderers are turned loose to kill again.

This charge was made this week by an assistant States' Attorney recently resigned.

Alan H. Murrell who quit the State's Attorney's office this week after four and a half years to resume private law practice, cited one murder case in which an innocent man almost was convicted of first-degree murder.

Gibson Case Noted

The man, Raymond Paul Gibson, was prosecuted in the holdup-murder of a white liquor store proprietor on the basis of two signed "confessions" and an eye-witness "identification."

Yet, when the case was over, the defense had shown that Gibson

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Cupid's Corner

Four 17-year-old brides-to-be, Misses Leona Brooks, Gladys Leighton, Ruth Ewell and Carrie Newman, were among the 72 persons issued licenses to wed, here, this week.

Miss Ewell, who lives at 207 W. Ware St., will become the bride of William Lewis, 22; Miss Leighton, that of Hercules Riley, 30, of 344 Camel St.; Miss Brooks, of 1904 E. Eager St., that of James Alston, 21; and Miss Newman, 1308 W. Mosher St., that of Junior P Hooper, 22.

Other Altar-Bound Pairs

Others receiving licenses were:

CHEEK - JACKSON — James E., 23, 1235 Division St.; Earlene H., 22.

JOHNSTON - BROWN —Walter R., 24; Estelle M., 24, 318 N. Carey St.

JOHNSON - ROMERO — Arnold W., 45, divorced; Milzella E., 44, divorced, 530 N. Schroeder St.

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