Jet Legal Action Speeds Trial Of Willie Adams

"We are Americans, and as Americans, we speak to America . . ." —Frederick Douglass

BALTIMORE AFRO AMERICAN

Entered in the Postoffice at Baltimore, Md., as Second-Class Matter, under act of March 3, 1879
Copyright 1951 for all materials previously printed in the current National Edition of the AFRO-AMERICAN by the AFRO-AMERICAN Company.

LATE CITY EDITION 46 PAGES

60th Year, No. 36 | BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 8, 1951 | 12 Cents in Balto.; 15 Cents Elsewhere

NAMES IN THE NEWS

MRS. LENORA B. WILLETTE of Belleville, N.J., is one of ten women named to represent the United States at an Interracial Conference on Migratory Workers in New Zealand next month.

MISS MELISSA ANNE JONES, retired Atlantic City school teacher who died Nov. 12, bequeathed her entire estate of $30,000 to charity.

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER left New York for Paris this week. He will be stationed there for two years attached to UNESCO headquarters.

ANNE WIGGINS BROWN, former Baltimorean, will be soloist when Dean Dixon conducts the Norwegian symphony in Oslo, Norway, next month.

LEATRICE HUBBARD, petite daughter of the David Hubbards, 1916 Riggs Ave., assumed duties as cashier at the Starlite Arena this week.

LOUISE BEAVERS, Hollywood movie star who says her husband, Bob Clark, floored her twice, is said to be contemplating divocre action.

MRS MARIE L. RICHARDSON, former Howard U. student, has been indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges of "telling a little white lie" when she said she was not a member of the Communist Party.

BILLY DANIELS, singer of "Black Magic," will appear on an all-star variety show on NBC-TV, Sunday, Dec. 10.

RUTH JENKINS, city editor of the Baltimore AFRO, who has been convalescing at Provident Hospital, is expected to be discharged on Saturday.

WALTER WEBB, Baltimore student at Lincoln University, has been selected for listing in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

MRS. MYRTLE BURNS is reportedly undecided about a flattering offer approaching six figures for sale of the popular Club 1017.

MAURICE "HOT ROD" HULBERT, disc jockey extraordinary, returned to his rocket ship on Radio Station Station WITH after a plane ride to Memphis, Tenn., where he appeared in a benefit show.

CECIL BURTON, former Bel Alton, Md. high school principal, was recently named manager of College Creek Terrace and Ober Court, housing projects in Annapolis.

L. CLEMENT NIXON, director of Chick Webb Recreation Center, is beaming with pride since the center's pool was given top rating by sanitation department recently.

WILLARD W. ALLEN, grand master of Maryland Masons and head of Southern Life Insurance Company, joined the Eisenhower-for-President bandwagon this week.

JAMES O. B. MOSELY, warrant officer and bandmaster of the 331st U.S. Army Reserve Band, will direct band music at the new Turner Armory when the structure at Argonne Drive and Hillen Road is dedicated Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

'PIGEON BOY' TALKS FOR AFRO; SAYS 'I WASN'T TRAPPED; COPS JUST SCARED ME!'

Rooftop Romeo Falls To Death

Court Of Appeals Denies Law Issue In Adams Case

Prosecution Schedules Case On Dec. 20; Judge Sherbow Wins Race With His Deadline

In what is thought to be the swiftest action on record, the Court of Appeals, this week, turned down a law motion that has delayed trial of William (Little Willie) Adams and the case has been set for prosecution on Dec. 20.

Attorneys for Mr. Adams, who is charged with numbers conspiracy, argued the law motion on Tuesday. By Wednesday morning, the Court of Appeals' denial of the motion was handed down. Usually, the high court takes at least 30 days to decide such matters.

With the trial set for Dec. 20, this means that Judge Joseph Sherbow will hear the Adams case before he is scheduled to leave Criminal Court on Jan. 14.

Scarlett Trial Set

On Dec. 18, Judge Sherbow is to preside over the trial of Austin Scarlett, country club operator, who is charged with number's conspiracy.

By the law motion, Mr. Adams's attorneys sought to make the State reveal all of the evidence it intends to use against him.

It asked particularly if a 1941 numbers case in which Mr. Adams was acquitted, will be used to prove conspiracy. He is indicted with Walter Rouse, real estate man, who took the responsibility for the numbers operation in the 1949 case.

Witness Still "Missing"

Meanwhile, plainclothes officers are still searching for a witness who testified before the grand jury during the Scarlett investigation, but who has been "missing" for several weeks. The witness is thought to be dodging his having to testify.

The absence of this witness caused postponement of the trial two weeks ago, but prosecutors said that the case will be heard, with or without the witness, on Dec. 18.

Squeeze On Gambling Is Easing Up

Santa's Demands Thought Responsible For New 'Attitude'

By TOM RAWLS

The tight squeeze placed on gambling in Northwest Baltimore is easing up.

If you knew the "right" people and were a "right guy" yourself, you could always get your number in, despite the clamps police had on numbers playing, but now the furtiveness of the "tight" days is gradually tapering off.

A few weeks ago, if you had a yen for a dice game or a poker game, you had to know a special password or carry a padlock key, but now you hardly have to look around anymore.

Santa Clause Responsible

Christmas might have something to do with the way things are changing.

Reliable sources reported last week that word has been passed along Pennsylvania Avenue that some persons who might have made trouble a few weeks before would look the other way if a little number playing, poker or dice game got underway.

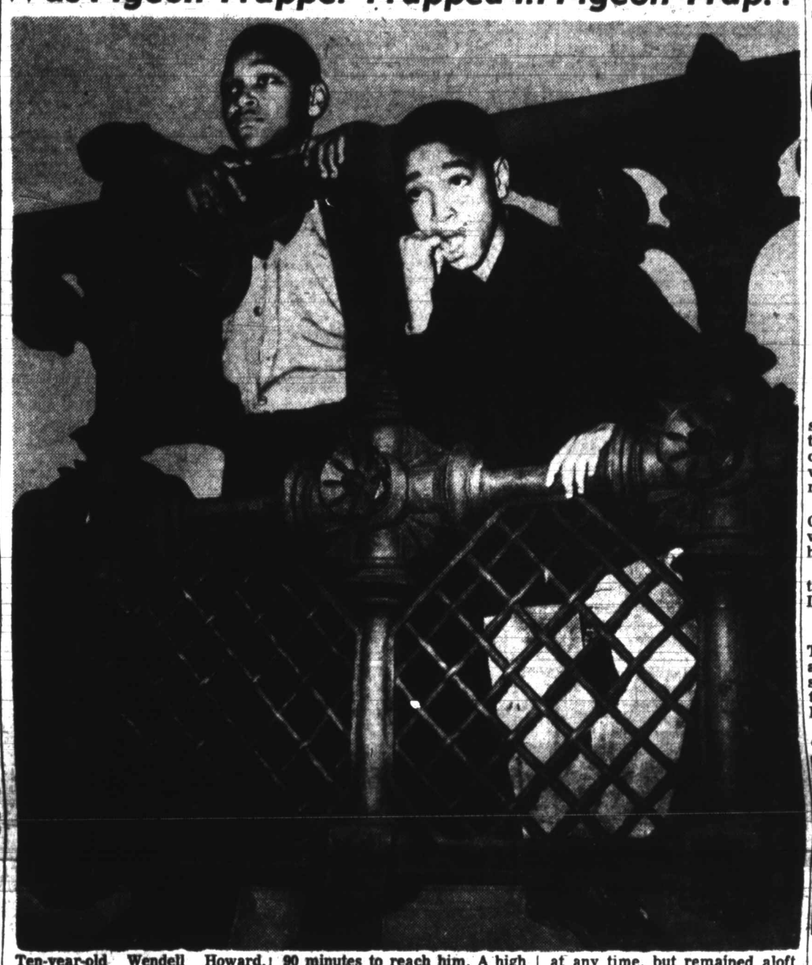
The heavy financial demands of the Christmas season has changed some attitudes.

Barkeepers Happy

Early this week, conversation in several Pennsylvania Ave. spots dealt with the easing of police

(Continued on Page 2)

Was Pigeon Trapper Trapped in Pigeon Trap??



Ten-year-old Wendell Howard, right, a self-styled pigeon hunter, stands on the St. Paul St. bridge with his brother, Reginal, 12. Wendell gained city-wide fame, Monday, by sitting tight on a steel girder under the bridge while police and firemen worked 90 minutes to reach him. A high voltage wire was eight inches away and the wrong move would have meant instant death. Published reports were that Wendell was trapped, but the young hunter said he could have descended at any time, but remained aloft an hour and a half because "I was scared those policemen would put me in jail." Which leaves unanswered the question: "Was the pigeon-trapper trapped while trying to trap pigeons?"

'I Wasn't Trapped,' Pigeon Boy Declares

"I wasn't trapped, I was just scared to come down. . ."

Ten-year-old Wendell Howard, who gave police and firemen an anxious 90 minutes as he perched under the St. Paul St. bridge Monday just eight inches from a high voltage wire, was talking freely now.

In the safety of his home after his narrow escape from death, Wendell gave the AFRO a pigeon's-eye view of the whole incident.

"My brother and I were hunting pigeons along with Michael Sweeny. I had dropped two pigeons to my brother who was standing on the ground and was sneaking up on another pigeon when a policeman hollered at me," the lad recalled.

The "policeman" was Railroad Patrolman Sanford DeBuss, who called city police after his efforts to get Wendell down failed.

City police warned Wendell not to move or he may be fried to death by the 11,000-volt wire, then called the fire department.

Thought Of Mother

Telling of his thoughts as firemen flashed a floodlight under the bridge and began "rescue" operations, Wendell said:

"I thought the police were going to put me in jail. Then I thought my mother was going to whip me, 'cause she told me not to go under that bridge."

"But my mother didn't whip me, and the cops didn't put me in jail, they just told me not to go up there again, unless I was tired of living."

His mother, Mrs. Ruth E. Howard, said she had warned her boys about hunting piegons near the railroad track.

"I even brought them some pigeons so they could stay home, but they still went hunting for more" Mrs. Howard explained.

Firemen put a ladder under the bridge but decided not to raise it because it would have to rest against the high-voltage wire.

Unable to reach the "trapped" boy, who sat silently amidst the metal grillwork under the bridge, the policemen called on the fire department.

Meanwhile, news photographers and a curious crowd had gathered to watch the operations.

(Continued on Page 2)

Man Lost Balance Outside Of Girl Friend's Bedroom

Victim Discovered In Alleyway After Blind Girl Downstairs Heard Thud of Falling Body

PHILADELPHIA

A 38-year-old married man who sought to call on his girl friend in the early hours of the morning by climbing through her third-story window fell to his death from the rooftop Sunday.

He has been identified as Harold Griffin, 1941 W. Jefferson St., whose wife, Mrs. Theresa Griffin, had no comment to make.

The man was attempting to enter the apartment of Mrs. Alice Lee at 2021 Ridge Ave.

Body in Airway

Griffin's body was found by Thomas Hurley, a first-floor tenant in the apartment house, who stumbled upon it in the airway between buildings at 2021 and 2023 Ridge Ave. at about 4:30 a.m.

Police place the time of the accident at about 2 a.m. on the basis of information given Detective Francis Kelly by a blind girl, Miss Carrie Maw Whaley, who resides on the second floor with her sister, Pearl.

The blind girl reports having heard a thud, but though it was an auto running into the side of the house, She said she awakened her sister who investigated.

The sister told police that she looked out of the window and saw a shoe and a hat in the airway but did not investigate further because of her blind sister's frightened state.

Man's Foot Slipped

Detective Kelly said an investigation of the death scene disclosed that Griffin apparently lost his footing as he attempted to make his way from the roof into the third-story window.

Three pieces of pipe normally embedded in the cement wall had been pulled out. Cement dust was on the man's left shoe, the detective said.

According to Mrs. Lee, it was a common occurence for Griffin to call on her at the hour it is believed he slipped to his death. But last Sunday, she was asleep and did not hear the door bell.

She said it was not the usual thing for him to try to climb through the window from the roof, however.

Masonic Head To Support Eisenhower

Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland Masons and president of Southern Life Insurance Company, joined the Eisenhower - for President movement, this week, by becoming affiliated with the Eisenhower Club of Baltimore.

Mr. Allen emphasized that in becoming a committee member of the Club he was acting as a private citizen and that it would not involve any of his fraternal, business or social associations.

"I have only one vote," Mr. Allen declared, "and that is all I can promise Eisenhower. There are four votes in my home, but I can pledge only one of those."

Must Regain Confidence

The insurance executive said he felt that America must regain confidence of people all over the world if we are to live in peace.

He continued:

"I sincerely believe that if any man can get this confidence, Eisenhower is the man who can do it."

Mr. Allen pointed out that in the selection of a President, we must think in world-wide terms.

"The day when America was isolated from other countries is gone forever. Our very existence depends on how we get along with other nations of the world, and we need a man for president who thinks in these terms.

"General Eisenhower has distinguished himself as a soldier. He knows the horrors of war and he is not tied up with big business."

Speaking As Individual

Mr. Allen made known his feelings in a letter to Harris Kirk, treasurer of the Eisenhower Club. The letter said in part:

"I appreciate your kind invitation and it will be a pleasure for me to serve on this committee. In serving as a committee member, I would like for it to be understood that my participation will be from an individual standpoint and will not involve any of my business,

(Continued on Page 2)

Five Couples Get Freedom For Holidays

Harcum Decree Will Be Contested; Hubby Trapped By Lipstick

U. Theodore Hayes, attorney for Mrs. Sara Harcum, who lost her suit for a limited divorce on a cross bill against her husband, Raymon T. Harcum, said that he will appeal the decision of Judge Robert France, Wednesday.

Mr. Harcum had filed a suit for a permanent divorce from Mrs. Harcum on the grounds of infidelity and testified in open court, Monday, that his wife had been indiscreet with Samuel Harmon.

He said that Mrs. Harcum had come home in the early morning hours in Mr. Harmon's automobile, and his attorneys produced two invoices to show that Mr. Harmon had purchased oil and contracted a loan jointly with Mrs. Harcum.

Friend to Defense

Mr. Harmon came into court to testify in defense of Mrs. Harcum. He told the court that he had paid for the oil because she and her children were without heat. He said that he had given her address in the case of the loan in order that she could pay the notes for him since he was at

(Continued on Page 2)

6 Hurt In Wreck Of Scout Car 113

WASHINGTON

Police Scout Car No. 113, one of two in the city manned by colored personnel, collided with two other vehicles at Fourth and Bryant Sts., NW, on Tuesday afternoon.

Although, six persons were injured in the three-way crash, none was seriously hurt.

Responding to Alarm

The scout car was roaring down Bryant St., NW, in response to a fire alarm at the Union Welding Co., 2231 8th St., NW.

Coming in an opposite direction was a Buick convertible driven by Lewis J. Smyre, 27, of 2425 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington.

Pickup Truck Hit

The convertible burst into flames after the impact. However, Howard T. Lucky, 27, of 1450 Clifton St., NW, and Miss Mathelle L. Lewis, 25, of 614 Randolph St., NW, passengers in the car, managed to escape without serious in-

(Continued on Page 2)

$25,000 Awarded Widow, 5 Children

The widow and five children of a man killed in a highway accident last year, won a judgment totaling $25,000 this week in City Court.

Darius E. Prather Sr., 32, was killed Sept. 13, 1950, when his car was struck by a truck on the George Palmer Highway south of Landover Rd. The judgment was agreed to by the Motor Tank Lines,

(Continued on Page 2)

Who Threw Goofey Dust Into Pulpit?

Big question around church circles, this week, was "Who threw voodoo dust into the pulpit of a Madison Ave. Church?"

According to reports, an unidentified woman was seen tossing a powdered substance over the Communion rail one Sunday this month.

An official of the church is supposed to have had the substance collected and analysed, and to have found that it contained herbs, and celery usually connected with the making of soup (or roots, if one prefers).

Question—why did the unidentified woman aim at the pulpit?

Is the answer that she didn't like who was in it?

Ober Gets Complaint Against Policeman

In a complaint to Commissioner Ober, this week, a Northwestern district patrolman was accused of barging in upon and cursing the guests at a private party in a physician's home early Sunday morning.

The disorderly conduct complaint was lodged by Robert Watts, NAACP attorney, who was attending the party.

Cop Barged In

He reported the officer's number as 1597 which was traced to a Radio Car dispatched out of the Northwestern district annex.

According to Mr. Watts, a group of professional men and their wives were assembled at the home of Dr. Clinton Buford of 2759 Baker St., when around 2:30 a.m. the officer barged in and declared, "You're making too much noise in here. We got a call so cut out the noise."

Dr. Buford, the attorney related, answered, "all right officer," and the patrolmen looked around the room "and then went down the steps, disappointed for

(Continued on Page 2)

JUDGES SAY SEGREGATION BAD, WON'T ACT:

Supreme Court Asked To Review J. C. School Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA) — The U.S. Supreme Court was asked Monday to review the decision of a special three-judge Federal court upholding racial segregation in the first six grades of Topeka, Kan., public schools.

The petition for a review was filed by NAACP lawyers on behalf of Oliver Brown, Mrs. Richard Lawton, Mrs. Sadie Emmanuel and other adults, suit to force the Topeka Board of Education to discontinue maintaining and operating separate public elementary schools for colored and white pupils.

Similar to S.C. Case

The issues involved in this case are similar to those before the Supreme Court in the Clarendon County, S.C. case.

For school purposes, Topeka is divided into 18 territories. An elementary school is maintained in each of these territories exclusively for white children. There are only four for colored children. A colored child must attend one of the four—no matter how close he may live to a white school.

Racial segregation is enforced only in the elementary schools, which ends with the sixth grade in Topeka. After the sixth grade, children enter the junior high schools which, along with the senior high schools, are operated on a racially integrated basis.

"Segregation Bad But—"

The appeal is from the decision of a three-judge Federal court which found no material differences in physical facilities in colored and white schools, but decided that segregation has a detrimental effect on colored children and that the "impact is greater when it has the sanction of law."

The special court refused to issue the order, basing its action upon the Plessy case in which the "separate but equal" doctrine was upheld by the Supreme Court 50 years ago, in spite of its finding cited in the above paragraph and its statement that:

"A sense of inferiority affects the motivation of a child to learn. Segregation, with the sanction of law, therefore, has a tendency to retard the education and mental development of colored children and to deprive them of some of the benefits they would receive in a racially integrated school system."

In a split decision last June, the U.S. District Court of the Eastern

(Continued on Page 2)

The Weather

THE ROMANCE IS OVER

Saturday, partly cloudy, windy and warm. Chance for scattered showers.

Friday, cloudy and colder, some rain likely.

Sunday, cloudy and cold.

DON'T BE SURPRISED, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.

Police Smash Digit Ring At 2 Army Posts; Nab 5

BEL AIR, Md.—What police described as "a big numbers operation" at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Edgewood Arsenal was smashed, this week, with the arrest of a Baltimore pickup man and four alleged Harford County numbers operators.

Charged with operating the lottery are Gonzia Lee Green, 28, who refused to give his home address in Baltimore, and listed Winston-Salem, N.C. as his home. Green was released on $1000 bail. Police said Green was the pickup man.

Charged with writing numbers were:

Lemuel Jones, 25, a Pennsylvania Railroad employee of Aberdeen, who was committed to jail; Samuel Jones, 56, an employee of Edgewood Arsenal(no relation to Lemuel Jones), released in $200 bail;

George Turner, 45, employee of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, released on $1000 bail; and Joshua Buchannon, 45, of Bel Air, committed to jail.

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW:

Heaven Helped Matron; Attacker Gets 12 Years

With an assist from Heaven, a 35-year-old mother of five children scared off a criminal attacker who later was caught and sentenced, Wednesday, to 12 years in the House of Correction.

"Lord have mercy! Lord have mercy! You said You'd be with me in my time of need!" was the prayer the matron cried out just before the attacker's hand began to shake so that the gun fell out of his hand.

Left Half of Pants

The woman told Judge Emory Niles that as soon as the gun fell, she grabbed the legs of 20-year-old Louis Sales and held on until he tore away, leaving one-half of his pants in her hand.

Admitting that he robbed the woman as she stood on the corner of Gold and Carey Sts. around midnight Oct. 31, and walked her a block down the street to an abandoned garage, Sales was convicted of armed robbery and attempted criminal attack.

Traced by Laundry Mark

He was arrested at his home in the 700 block Gold St. on Nov. 6 after Northwestern district police, working under Sgt. George H. Deuchler, traced him through a cleaner's mark in that part of the pants left behind in the woman's grasp.

At Sales's home, Sgt. Deuchler said, was found the other half of the pants. A key in the pocket of the half left with the victim fitted Sales' house door.

The woman testified that Sales never actually completed his sex attempt, but that he kept the gun at her head during the ordeal. After she sent up her desperate

(Continued on Page 12)

Mayor To Name Mixed Race Committee Soon

Mayor D'Alesandro said this week that he will soon announce his appointments to the city's first interracial Commission on Human Relations.

The commission was created by ordinance of the City council last spring. Mayor D'Alesandro said he hoped his appointments would "receive the general approbation of the community."