Police Harass Mixed Couple; Place Charge After Four Days

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

BUGS BUNNY has served warning in the midst of the rabbit hunting season. He shot a man. Julius Monroe, 235 W. Biddle St., was sleeping in his third-floor apartment, Tuesday morning, when he was awakened by a loud report, and a stinging in his right hand.

Monroe told police his pet rabbit evidently jumped on his loaded rifle, which was lying on a chair, and the gun discharged. Monroe was treated at Maryland General Hospital for the bullet wound, and later released.

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, heavyweight boxing champion, who said God helped him win the crown and that he would dedicate himself to church work, is accused this week of "breaking faith" by the Rev. J. E. Philpot of Philadelphia, as he signed a petition against Walcott's proposed night club.

MISS LEATRICE CALLOWAY, 20 year-old Detroiter, who confessed killing her girl sweetheart because she violated her love pact and dated a man, indicated this week that she may plead insanity.

DR. JAMES DUCKREY was inducted Friday as Cheyney State Teachers College's fourth president. He succeeds Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, who retired June 1.

OTIS N. THOMPSON JR., Baltimore-born newsman writing in St. Louis, insists that Duke Ellington said it and he can prove it. Duke says he didn't. They disagree on whether Duke told Thompson jim crow is here to stay and even if it wasn't "we ain't ready."

MAYOR THOMAS D'ALESANDRO and his son, Hector, will leave Baltimore on December 28 to attend the Maryland-Tennessee game in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl. Tickets for seats they will occupy are marked "for Caucasians only."

[illegible] executive, went on trial in Atlanta this week charged with having concocted a "devil's brew" of illegal whiskey that caused the death of 39 persons in October. He claims he "didn't know the stuff was loaded."

DR. LIMAS D. WALL, prominent Washington and Richmond physician, was paid a final tribute by some 1,000 persons at funeral services in Hood Temple AME Church, Richmond, on Monday.

MISS RUTH JENKINS, city editor of the Baltimore AFRO, was released from Provident Hospital on Wednesday and is expected to resume her duties early next week.

SAM LACY, AFRO sports editor, returned to his desk this week after undergoing an operation in New York hospital. He fell ill at the end of the World Series.

PFC. GEORGE A. BARLOW, charged in Richmond with striking his mother a fatal blow and kissing her before embarking for overseas duty with the Army, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter this week, fined $50 and given a 30-day suspended sentence.

JOE LOUIS, former heavyweight boxing champion, was honored at a Chinese luncheon given by Gen. Ho Ying-chin, former premier, on the island of Formosa this week.

SENATOR HERBERT R. O'CONOR will speak on "The Importance of Upholding the Constitution and Its Provisions" over WMAR-TV at 3:15 p.m., on Sunday.

BTC PROBERS TIFF OVER JIM CROW TALK—'FIVE NATIONS' TALK HEARD AT MORGAN

Nation-wide FBI Dragnet Out For Evil 'Big John, The Killer'

Police Quiz Mixed Pair On Marriage

Question Vet's Wife Six Times; Only Once On Check Charge

Comely Mrs. Alice Mae Johnson, revealed, this week, that police were more interested in her interracial marriage than the bad check charges on which she and her Baltimore husband are being held.

The 21-year-old, auburn haired wife, who married William Johnson two years ago when he was on duty with the Army in San Francisco, said that police questioned her six times, and only on one of these occasions was the subject about the forgery charge.

Called Cop "Rebel"

Repeated references about mixed marriages being against the law in Maryland led her at one point to call an officer an "ignorant rebel," Mrs. Johnson declared.

She told the AFRO, "I married Bill because I love him. We have been happy with each other, and our baby, and nothing like this is going to break us up!"

Mrs. Johnson was held in custody from Saturday night until late Wednesday when her bail of $1,500 on three check charges was raised. The husband, 22, under heavier bail of $3,500, still is in city jail.

Judge Set Deadline

The couple was held on an open charge until Tuesday afternoon, [illegible] deadline for [illegible] case. He [illegible] corpus proceedings filed on the couple's behalf by Milton Allen and Robert Watts, attorneys, that some charge had to be placed by 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

After the charges were placed,

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Corner Judges Debating Outcome Of Adams Trial

A Man At His Hobby

William (Li'l Willie) Adams, local businessman and defendant in one of Baltimore's most sensational court cases growing out of 1951 crime investigations, indulges himself in an intriguing hobby. Here he inspects some of the rare tropical fish to which he takes a fancy. Most widely discussed subject in the city is the outcome of his trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate numbers laws scheduled for December 20.

Will Attorneys Seek Transfer?

Various Resources Seen For Defense

What is going to happen when William (Little Willie) Adams goes to trial next Thursday?

The speculations are many as to what course of action defense attorneys will take when the well-known business man is called to trial on a numbers conspiracy change of venue, which would take bow.

Trial Might Be Moved

A last minute motion that the attorneys could file, is one for a charge of venue, which would take the trial away from Baltimore.

Such a motion would rest solely upon the decision of the presiding judge. It was granted by Judge Sherbow in the case of Joseph Comi, white, whose numbers conspiracy trial was transferred to the county.

At that time, Judge Sherbow said he would not hear the case if there was any indication that Comi could not get a fair trial in Baltimore. Comi was sentenced to 18 months as a result of the county trial.

Jury Trial?

There are some who maintain, however, that they would take the Adams case before a jury, and try to defeat the conspiracy charge by discrediting the witnesses who try to support it.

Mr. Adams is co-charged with Walter Rouse, real estate man, who assumed responsibility two years ago in a numbers case in which Mr. Adams was acquitted.

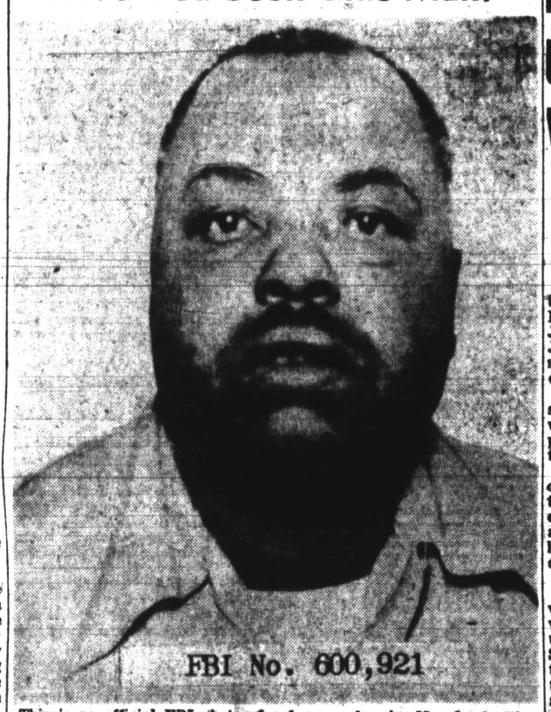
It is felt that the State's attorney will call as witnesses in the conspiracy case some of those defendants in the 1949 case who were called for questioning by the grand jury before it indicted Mr. Adams this fall.

Large Digit Operations

Some 17 persons were taken in the 1949 raid on a North Ave. house where vice squad men said they uncovered one of the largest numbers operations in the city.

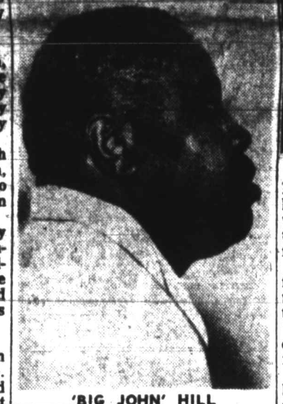
Mr. Adams is being defended by Joseph Rogan and Francis Ford, attorneys. Mr. Rouse will be represented by Ernest Perkins, attorney.

Have You Seen This Man?



FBI No. 600,921

This is an official FBI photo of John Thomas Hill, alias John S. Hill, who has been placed on the list of the nation's most wanted men. The complaint in the FBI files states Hill is wanted for murder in Maryland. The man is classified as "extremely dangerous, and extreme care should be used in approaching him."



'BIG JOHN' HILL

'Big John' High In Hall Of Infamous

John Thomas Hill, also known as Big John the killer, rose high in the hall of the infamous, this week, when he was placed on the list of the FBI's "ten most - wanted fugitives."

But his chances of continued freedom now are considerably less than they were before he received the dubious distinction.

History shows that men placed on the most-wanted list are usually marked for early capture.

In the last 20 months, four celebrated criminals have been seized as a direct result of the publicity that attended their "most-wanted" status.

William Raymond Nesbit, one of the original ten listed when the FBI began the list about two years ago, was seized March 18, 1950 after two youngsters identified him from a newspaper photograph.

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Listed Among USA's 'Most Wanted Men'

Fugitive Described As 'Fierce, Evil, — Very Dangerous'

FBI agents scoured waterfront towns on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, this week, in search of John Thomas Hill, known as Big John, the killer, and one of the nation's ten most wanted criminals.

The search for Big John, who is sought in Maryland for murder, was intensified when the FBI placed him on its list of America's ten "most wanted" men.

A murderous disposition is one of Big John's chief characteristics, the FBI says. To prove this, they explain that he was out on bail for attempting to kill his nephew when he beat an elderly storekeeper to death during a hold up.

Mean Disposition

He attempted to kill his first wife by holding her head under water in a stream until she was unconscious then left her for dead. Shortly afterwards, Big John threw a man out of an automobile that was moving at a high rate of speed, the Federal agents report.

And just three days after the Maryland murder, Big John invaded the home of his mother-in-law in Portsmouth, Va., choked his estranged wife and stabbed her five times in the breast and head with an icepick before leaving for parts unknown.

[illegible] brought the Federal agents on Big John's trail. He [illegible] Virginia when he was being sought for murder in Maryland, indicated that he had crossed State lines to avoid prosecution, which is a Federal offense.

2 Years of Crime

Born in Chester, Md. on Sept. 8, 1903, Big John had his first serious brush with the law when he was 23 years old. On April 18, 1926 he was sentenced to three years for assault and battery in Trenton, N.J.

After serving his time, Big John managed to steer clear of the law until Jan. 19, 1941 when he received a six-month sentence in Bridgeton, N.J., for being drunk and disorderly.

This was the beginning of a long series of crimes that were to win Big John the dubious distinction of being one of the nation's ten "most wanted" criminals.

On Nov. 28, 1946, Big John was charged with murder in Eastport, Md., but the case was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

Three years later, Maryland State police arrested him for assault with intent to kill his nephew. Big John was out on bail in this

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4,000 Kids Invited To Holiday Party

Christmas Eve parties at three theaters for some 4,000 needy children will be given by the Pennsylvania Ave. Business Association, as a part of Yuletide activities planned for the Avenue.

"No child will be turned away as long as there's room left," said Henry Hornstein, manager of the Regent Theater, which with the New Albert and Roosevelt Theater will play to host to the youngsters.

Tickets will be distributed through schools in the Northwest area. The theatre parties will be free. Movies and other entertainment will be presented.

Party schedules are:

December 24—The Regent will open at 10 a.m., the Roosevelt at 10:30 and the New Albert at nine a.m.

BTC Prober Denies Jim Crow Bus Plot

One member of the commission to investigate the Baltimore Transit Company has accused another with having advocated that colored people be banned from the city's streetcars or "at least to establish jim crow."

Transit commissioner Herbert Levy, in a letter to daily papers that editors refused to print or let him run as an advertisement, charged that:

"Commissioner (Paul R.) Kach expressed the views to his colleagues, including myself, on several occasions that one way to increase the revenues of the Transit Company is to ban colored people from the busses and streetcars, or at least to establish "jim crow."

Called Report Hypocritical

Mr. Levy mentioned Mr. Kach's alleged comments in pointing out what he termed the "hypocrisy" of the majority report issued on Dec. 1 by the four other members of the Transit Commission.

Mr. Levy wrote a separate minority report on the results of the summer-long probe of BTC mismanagement, financial deals and discriminatory hiring policies.

He did not agree with the conclusions reached by his fellow commissioners and branded their report as a "whitewash" of the transit company.

Everyone Agreed on Hiring

One point the five commissioners (all whites) agreed on in their public statement was that colored men be hired by BTC as motormen.

Mr. Levy stated that Mr. Kach "hypocritically" voted along with this resolution despite the fact that he purportedly favored jim-crow riding and hiring policies.

The daily papers, Mr. Levy also

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'Songbirds' Freed In Numbers Case

While the jury failed to agree on the guilt or innocence of Louis Comi, two numbers prisoners who "fingered" the white business man as a numbers backer, were freed the following morning by Judge Joseph Sherbow.

The jurist ordered probation Thursday for Leo Quattroche and Anthony Astarita who turned State's evidence against Comi who was charged with numbers conspiracy.

A Criminal Court jury was discharged from the case Wednesday when it failed to reach a verdict. Comi was the first of several persons to be brought to trial as a result of the city's crackdown on the gambling racket.

Hess Trial Begins

On Thursday morning, trial began of Morton J. Hess and Martin McGuire, both white, on a numbers conspiracy charge which stemmed from police wire-taps of

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Divorces Go To 3 Couples

Pastor Says May-Dec. Union Ended In Nite

"She got right up out of bed, put on her clothes and walked out," the Rev. John Williams testified in divorce court, here, Wednesday.

The 51-year-old pastor of the Church of United Holiness was explaining the three-year absence of his 26-year-old wife, Mrs. Kathleen Williams. He was seeking a divorce on grounds that she had deserted him three months after they were married on August 26, 1948.

"When I asked where she was going she told me it was none of my business. I haven't seen her since," the Rev. Mr. Williams added.

He said that he thinks she is

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McKeldin Addresses 1500 At Morgan

The appointment of colored citizens to non-paying committee jobs is the first step toward full intergration of State employees, Governor Theodore R. McKeldin declared Wednesday.

Speaking to some 1500 Morgan College students at the weekly assembly in Hurt Gymasium, the Chief Executive indicated that a more equitable distribution of State jobs was forthcoming.

The governor made the remarks during an inspirational talk entitled "Five Nations." He pointed out that the individual can do little about the many philosophies of governments in the world, but that there are five nations that we can control.

These he listed as "Combination," the state of getting along with your fellowman; "Determination," "Resignation"—the ability to endure that which cannot be cured; "Imagination," and "Cor-

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'DUCK FOR COVER, JUNIOR'S AT WAR:'

Toy Shelves Indicate Kids Expect An Attack

With all the toy weapons—guns, tanks, bombers—on sale as Christmas gifts, it looks like Baltimore kiddies expect to be attacked by land, sea or air any day.

Miniature instruments of destruction are moving off toy counters faster than the real weapons are coming out of defense plants.

Christmas day is shaping up as a Blitzkrieg, junior-size.

Santa Needs Protection

Rumors abound that Santa Claus will zoom through his Yuletide rounds with a fighter plane escort.

Some aggressive youngster prematurely armed with a Spaceman rocket gun (on sale at leading stores) might take pot shots at Santa.

The likelihood that St. Nick might be blasted out of the sky, reindeer, sled and pack, has some adults thinking about going underground for the holidays.

Until the tots get tired of their flame-throwers and atomic ray pistols, backyards, living rooms and city sidewalks will be "no man's land."

AFRO Makes Toy Tour

The AFRO made a tour of toy shops this week and found every conceivable type of military weapon except the most powerful one of all-the atomic bomb.

Don't sigh with relief too soon. One merchant predicted toy A-Bombs will be on the market before long.

Currently popular with shoppers are tiny replicas of army scout cars, jeeps, anti-aircraft guns, radar units, amphibious vehicles, jet planes (including the famous F-86 Shooting Star our boys fly in Korea.)

Seen in a Park Ave. hobby store were small-scale tanks, not only American Pattens, Shermans, but British and Russian models as well. About six inches in length, they sell for $3.95.

You can buy complete platoons of tiny plastic soldiers, amazingly lifelike, in action poses. Some march, others fire rifles from prone positions, some are wounded, others are perched on motorcycles and behind howitzers.

Buy An Army

For ten bucks you can give Junior a fair-sized army and he can play Eisenhower on the living room floor.

There are Navy helicopters, with 12-inch wingspans. They actually fly; and jet planes launched from a catapult.

For little girls, Red Cross and army nurse uniforms can be had. Sis can help Brother by taking care of his wounded troops. Some nurse kits have gas masks.

Cowboy guns are plentiful for those who like their warfare Wild West style. Pearl handled, diamond studded revolvers like "ole Hopalong" carries on his hip start at $1.98. Some have cartridge belts, holsters, and shoot caps or paper pellets.

Death Ray Guns

The prevalence of Buck Rogers type adventure stories on televi-

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THE LAST 24 HOURS IN BALTIMORE

ACCUSED BY GIRL, 15

William Wilson, 19, of the 1800 block of Edmondson Ave. was charged in Northwestern Police Court with carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old girl and held for grand jury action.

FINED FOR PARTY BRAWL

Norman (Mickey) Johnson, 32, popular along the Avenue, Miss Sylvia Belt, 22, of 609 Pitcher St., a waitress, and Eugene Mosby, 37, of 2127 N. Pulaski St., a waiter, were each fined $5 for engaging in a fight at a party.

BONDSMEN FACE CHARGE

Irregularities in the bail bond service may result in Grand Jury action against one or more bondsmen today (Friday). The Supreme Bench had asked the Criminal Justice Commission to investigate the business here.

HOLD UP ADAMS TRIAL??

There was indication this (Fri.) morning that, due to the long Christmas weekend, the trial of William (Little Willie) Adams may be postponed until after the holiday. Scheduled to start next Thursday, if hearing were not concluded by Friday afternoon, the case would run into a 4-day recess.

HEROIN SELLER HELD

Two men, one charged with selling heroin to a Federal undercover agent, were held in $3,000 bail each, Monday, after hearings on dope charges in Northwestern police court.

They are William A. Woods, 26, and Harold V. Sneed, 18, both of the 1200 block E. Lexington St. Magistrate Samuel J. Gaboff set the bail after the undercover agent testified that he paid $15 for five heroin capsules.

FOR STUDY OUT-OF-STATE IN '52:

575 Md. Students Get $75,580 In State Aid

The Trustee Committee on State Scholarships, Wednesday, appropriated $75,580 for 575 students to study, mainly out of the State, for the second semester.

An additional sum of $6,862.50 was appropriated for 198 students, mostly teachers, who will study New York University extension courses held in Baltimore.

These scholarships cover students who will reside at out-of-state schools and those who will commute from Baltimore to out of state institutions from one to three times weekly.

Howard Gets 67

The largest number of out-of-state students 102—is registered at NYU. Howard University received 67 students, the second largest number. Twenty-nine students will reside and study at Hampton Institute during the school year.

In addition, 11 scholarships were awarded for study at Provident Hospital; three for Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore; 16 for Johns Hopkins University; eight for study at Loyola College; four for American University in Washington and eight for Catholic U., in the same city.

Two scholarships were awarded for study at the Medical College of Virginia.

The largest award $450, went to Gwendolyn P. Hunter to study business administration for a half-year at the University of Southern California.

The smallest award was for $8 for a course at Loyola College.

Travel Cost $27,224

The students will attend 53 dif-

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The Weather

PLEASANT BUT COLD

Low Near 20 Degrees

A 4-F WINTER WEEK END

Fair, Frosty, Freezing and Frigid