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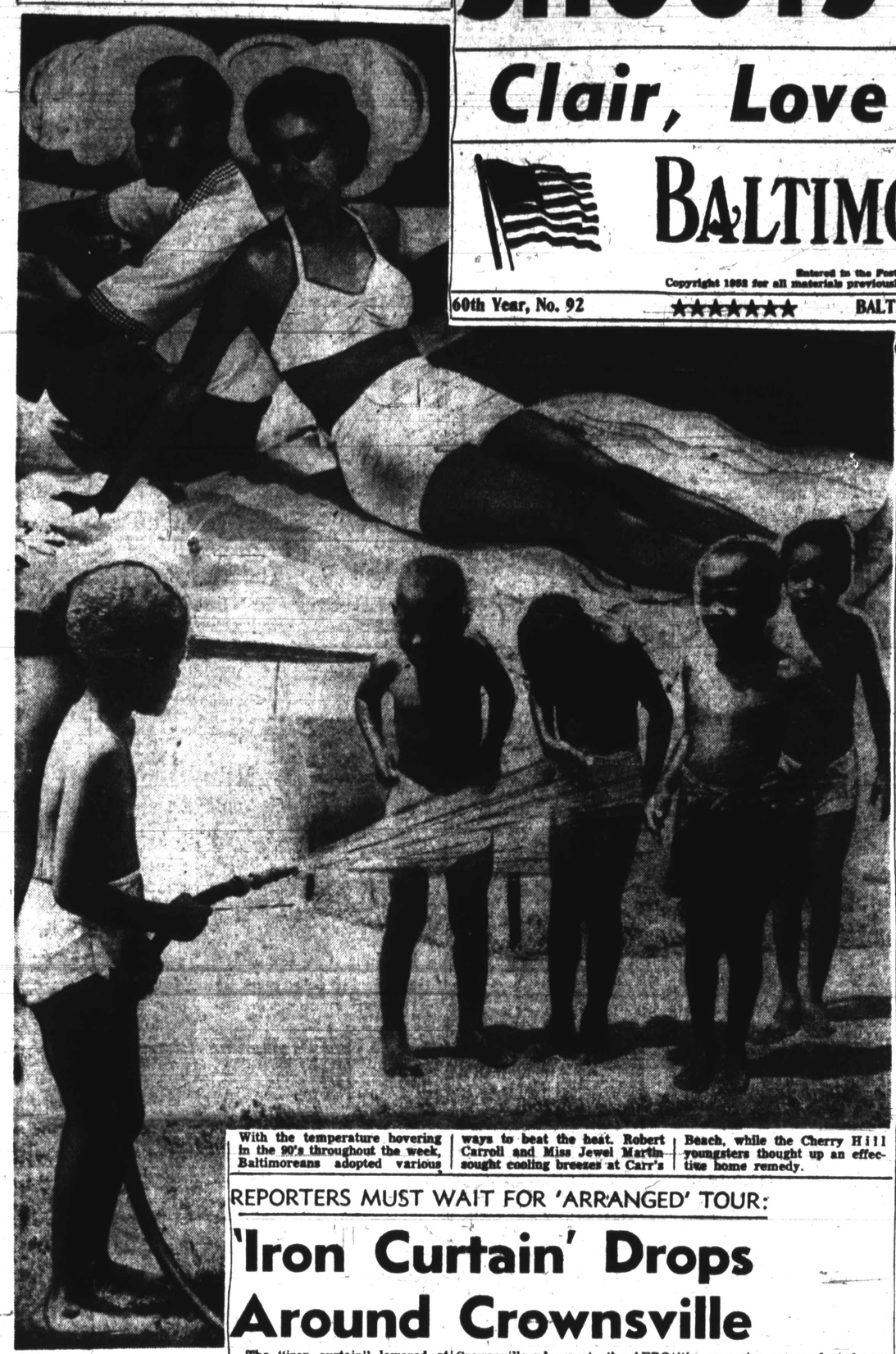
There Are Many Ways To Escape The Heat



With the temperature hovering in the 90's throughout the week, Baltimoreans adopted various ways to beat the heat. Robert Carroll and Miss Jewel Martin sought cooling breezes at Carr's Beach, while the Cherry Hill youngsters thought up an effective home remedy.

WIFE FREED IN SLAYING

'I Still Love Him' She Sobs During Trial

Attractive Factory Worker Had Shot Brutal Husband

"I loved him then, up until now, and will always love him."

This was the emphatic courtroom statement of Mrs Elizabeth Williams who was freed, Wednesday in the gun-slaying of her husband, Fred, who was described as a habitual wife-beater.

The calm which Mrs. Williams had maintained throughout the two-day trial gave way to tears of relief when the jury of three women and nine men brought in the "not guilty" verdict.

The 25-year-od former canning company packer broke into tears and sobbed unrestrainedly for about five minutes, but she was smiling when she left the courthouse with sympathetic relatives and friends.

The shooting occurred at about 2 a.m. on April 27 in the rear of 1512 Eutaw Place. The two-day jury trial was before Judge E. Paul Mason.

Jury Out 1 Hour

The jury took one hour and 20 minutes to acquit the tall, slim, dark brown-skinned woman, a native of Manning, S.C. who admitted she shot her husband with his gun.

Bernard Feikin, attorney for Mrs. Williams, based his defense on the plea of self defense, claiming that Mrs. Williams had often been beaten by her husband, described as a brutal man when drinking.

The night she shot Williams, the defense claimed, the couple had been to a party at the Eutaw Place address. Later, at Mrs. Williams's insistance, her husband drove her to their home in the 2200 block of Riggs Ave.

Mrs. Williams testified that her husband dragged her from the car by her hair into the house where he beat her again. He then returned to the party.

Took His Gun

Later, she said, when she found she had left her pocketbook in the car she caught a cab and returned to the scene of the party. Before leaving home, however, she took her husband's gun out of a dresser.

The defense claimed Mrs. Wil-

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Acquitted Of Killing Husband

Pleading self defense, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams was cleared in the fatal shooting of her husband this week. She broke into tears when freed. Here, she leaves the courthouse with her attorney, Bernard Feikin.

Ex-Chorus Girl Being Sought After Attack

He Built Modern Church; She Was Noted Gambler

By LAWRENCE F. LAMAR

LOS ANGELES, (NPB) — Local church, clerical and gambling circles each had its respective imaginations fired by happenings arising out of the same set of events. On Saturday, word was flashed that one of the West's most outstanding young ministers had been shot twice by a young married woman.

Principals in the bizarre-like shooting that occurred in one of the several fashionable apartment buildings reputedly owned by the alleged assailant were the Rev. John A. Branham, pastor of fashionable St. Paul's Baptist Church, and Hazel Simpson, ex-chorine.

Fled Scene

University police station detectives investigating the crime, reported that Miss Simpson had left the scene of the shooting, 2075 West 29th place before their arrival. They could find no witnesses to the shooting.

Other dwellers in the apartment reported seeing the Rev. Mr. Branham when he came to the apartment a short time before hearing two shots. A short time later they said they saw Miss Simpson emerge from her apartment.

Built Modern Church

The minister came to this city less than 10 years ago to climb with amazing rapidity to the top rung of the local clerical world. He is a native of Chicago.

In the time he has been here, he has built the great modern California styled church building that houses the congregation of St. Paul's Baptist at 49th and

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Flash!

Clair, Love New Bishops

PHILADELPHIA — The Rev. Matthew Clair Jr. of Chicago and the Rev. Edgar A. Love of Washington, D.C. were elected bishops in the Methodist Church here Friday morning.

By RALPH H. JONES

PHILADELPHIA — The segregated aspects of the Methodist Church were brought out in the opening stages of the Central Jurisdictional Conference here Wednesday.

Allusion to the still existing segregation of colored communicants was made by Bishop Robert E. Jones, retired, as he delivered the communion sermon.

Bishop Jones told the 118 delegates and approximately 1,300 spectators in Tindley Temple, Broad and Fitzwater Sts., not to become vindictive over their

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REPORTERS MUST WAIT FOR 'ARRANGED' TOUR:

'Iron Curtain' Drops Around Crownsville

The "iron curtain" lowered at Crownsville State Hospital on Tuesday when three AFRO staffers were denied entry to the wards of the tax-supported institution and were told to return when a tour could be "Arranged."

The incident closely followed a pattern described by a patient at Crownsville who wrote the AFRO recently, charging that:

"All too often the public and press is deceived about actual happenings when visiting certain state hospitals.

The patient said that when newspapers and other agencies visit Crownsville, "the administrative grapevine starts buzzing and the alert is flashed.

Well-Timed Tour

"The place is ready to receive any and all organizations. Camouflage, whitewash and administrative deception formulated, the visiting agencies are conducted on a well-timed and planned tour.

"What do they see? Exactly what management and administration intended for them to see... no more, no less.

"But, Oh, Brother, drop in unannounced or unexpected at any time and the conspicuity of inhuman suffering and sights will erupt the stomach and you will be amazed and gasp for breath."

The reporters had asked to be shown what had been done to improve the situation at Building

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Continue Trial Of Mail Clerk

Robert Collier Fights Dope Rap

The case against Robert Collier, 27, local postal clerk who is being tried along with Miss Madeline Wynn on charges of violation of the narcotic laws, is expected to end today (Friday).

Collier, a World War II veteran and member of a well-known Baltimore family, was arrested along with Miss Wynn on May 28. At time it was alleged he and the

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To Bury Baby In Dad's Arms

PHILADELPHIA — A paralyzed father and his month-old son, killed Friday in an automobile crash near Baltimore, will be buried together—the baby in his father's arms in the casket.

The father and son are Curtis Stokes Sr., 32, and Curtis Jr., who lived at 343 S. Second St. here.

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The AFRO Goes To A Police Court Session

DEAR BOSS:

Today's adventure has to do with the parade of humanity that files past the bar of justice at a typical city police court.

Call this one Southern Police Court in 3 acts.

THE SCENE: A tiny tan-walled court room. Four rows of wooden benches fill its length. At front is the magistrate counter. On each wall, hangs a flag, one representing the state, the other, the nation. High on a back wall hangs a clock, its hands point to 4 p.m.

THE CAST: Magistrate Avrum K. Rifman, a medium-sized man with deep eyes and thinning hair. A white-haired police sergeant, red-faced from the heat. A feeble-minded boy who sits on the first bench, staring into space.

Other people, women mostly, are on the remaining benches.

The play begins.

MAGISTRATE RIFMAN (looking at the docket) "Light day."

SERGEANT—"Too hot to get in trouble."

A prisoner is brought in. He is a young man in work clothes. Two white men step up to counter, wipe sweat off their foreheads.

RIFMAN—"Well, you sure have a nice employer, Johnson, he's come to bail you out."

PRISONER—"Yessir, I know."

RIFMAN—(Turning to sergeant) "This is that non-support case. His wife told him to stay away or she would have him locked up. He stayed away so she had him arrested for not bringing the money."

Prisoner shakes his head sadly as if to say "there ain't no justice."

RIFMAN (nodding toward prisoner) "He's caught between the rocks of Scylla and the whirlpool of Charybdis."

The others look at him dumbly so he explains. "That means he is caught in the horns of a dilemma.

EMPLOYER: "Now remember, Johnson, if you ran a w a y. They lock me up." (he gives bond money to sergeant.)

RIFMAN—"Not only that, but we fine you $250. He's in your custody until trial tomorrow morning."

PRISONER — "I won't run away."

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DO YOU REMEMBER??

The days when every man could carry a tune,
It must be, say, thirty, forty years;
We never saw our sweethearts' legs,
They were covered like her ears.

We kids were washed on Saturday night,
Our daddies cut our hair;
Our suits were made from uncle's pants,
And we wore red underwear?

The women padded but did not paint,
Nor smoke, nor drink, nor vote,
The men wore boots and small stiff hats,
And whiskers like a goat?

No one had an appendectomy,
Nor thought of buying glands,
The butcher gave away his liver
But charged us for his hands?

We never had a bank account,
On vacation never went,
The hired girl got three bucks a week
And a few more paid the rent.

One thing hasn't changed, though,
In all the years gone by;
Folks still rely on AFRO ads,
One issue will tell you why.

AFRO-AMERICAN
Classified Advertising
MU. 6016 Miss Marion

306 DAYS

since charges of improper conduct were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

Hotel Refuses Catholic Vets

Convention Votes To Bypass Baltimore

Delegates to the 17th annual convention of the Catholic War Veterans voted Thursday to never hold another convention in a jim-crow city.

The action was taken because of the treatment afforded four colored delegates to the convention.

Two of them had been barred from room accommodations at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, where the sessions are being held, a third had been locked out of her hotel room at the Lord Baltimore after it was discovered she was colored, and the fourth had given up in disgust and gone to a colored establishment.

Legal Action May Come

The Baltimore NAACP is considering legal action in the case of Irving Cosby and Hymel T. Sibrie of Chicago. The pair had made their reservations by mail but ran into a jim-crow barrier when they arrived Wednesday morning.

The men told the AFRO that they were allowed to register at the Lord Baltimore, but were told

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GIVES UP BEFORE THE BATTLE:

Hammond Doubts Power To Ban Offensive Film

Maryland's Attorney General Hall Hammond, who admitted to the AFRO this week that he favors the showing of the film, "Birth Of A Nation" here will defend the Board of Censors against a suit brought by Harry Shull, an exhibitor who seeks to lift the ban imposed by that body.

Mr. Hammond was asked by the AFRO if he did not think it advisable to disqualify himself in face of his action by which he had already stripped the Censor Board of most of its authority.

Mr. Hammond declared that such action would be left to the discretion of the court. He is authorized by law to represent all state boards against any legal action and there is no substitute provided for.

The action in this case was brought by Shull who charged that the board, in refusing him permission to show the controversial "Birth Of A Nation" was acting in restraint of trade.

Supreme Court Quoted

Mr. Hammond based his action on the recent Supreme Court decisions in which the New York Board was denied the right to ban the showing of "The Miracle" on the grounds that it was sacrilegious.

In this case the court ruled that religion was of such a nature that what might be considered sacrilegious by one group or sect would not be so to another and any action taken by censors on this ground would be arbitrary and therefore unlawful.

Mr. Hammond also cited the

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Clean Blockers Set To Meet June 27

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! AFRO Clean Block Meeting — McCulloh Homes — Friday, June 27—10 a.m.

Purpose — To Make Baltimore the Cleanest City In the Nation.

The old town crier may have needed his bell, but the AFRO's Clean Block Office does not have to ring out its message.

For you boys and girls who make the Clean Block Program a yearly success have been calling well in advance to find out when you learn the rules, meet your co-workers and to start the Clean Block Program moving.

An 'Extra' Clean City

And most Clean Blockers have shown that they are intent in making the city not only clean, but 'extra' clean.

"Help Make Baltimore the Cleanest City In the Nation" is the aim of every Clean Blocker.

Clean Blockers have gained local, state, and national recognition in the past.

This year perhaps the work will gain international recognition. The Clean Block officer is working on

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Rising Costs Force AFRO Up To 15c

Beginning with the Tuesday issue, dated June 24, the price of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN will be increased to 15 cents.

It is with extreme reluctance that the AFRO makes this increase. The ever-increasing costs of all the materials used to produce a newspaper have forced the AFRO management to this decision.

Linotype metal, zinc for engravings, machinery repairs have all skyrocketed. This was topped on June 15 with a $10-a-ton increase in the cost of newsprint. This one item alone added $26,000 to the cost of producing your AFRO.

The AFRO nationally, in Philadelphia, Richmond and New Jersey - been selling since the first of the year at 15 cents. Most of the competing newspapers for more than a year have been priced at 15 cents and one sells for as much as 20 cents.