# Guest Physicians Heroes Of Park Train Accident

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# WIFE GETS BULLET AIMED AT SCARLETT

## Ten Children Hurt In Wrecked Train On Omega Outing

### Doctors Shervington, Luck, Picnic Guests, Administer To Victims At The Scene

Two local doctors emerged as heroes of a miniature train disaster at Beechwood Park, Saturday, in which ten children were hurt.

According t. witnesses, the miniature train, loaded with rollicking youngsters, was highballing at an estimated 30 miles an hour when it jumped the tracks while rounding a curve.

Many of the children on the train were tossed to the ground, while a few were trapped in two cars that toppled over.

In addition to the injured, about 30 other children managed to leap to safety just before the rampaging train ripped up 5 feet of an adjoining fence.

The injured were rushed to Baltimore hospitals by three Anne Arundel county ambulances.

Treated at South Baltimore General hospital were:

**PEGGY BRANDON, 12, 2100 block Presbury st., multiple cuts and bruises, and released from hospital.**

**BARBARA L. BROWN, 12, 17 N. Smallwood st., leg and arm cuts, released.**

**HERBERT TOLER, 38, 400 block Swale ave., multiple cuts and bruises, released.**

University Hospital treated:

**LIONEL SMITH, 13, 800 block Fulton ave., broken right knee, admitted.**

**ROBERT SMITH, 11, his brother, leg cuts, released.**

**MAXWELL CHATMAN, 12, 1800 block Division st., broken right leg, admitted.**

Taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital were:

**GAYLE SPAULDING, 15, 2400 block Montebello terrace, broken leg, admitted.**

**ANNE WILLIAMS, 13, 1500 block Presstman st., multiple bruises, released.**

Treated at Provident Hospital were:

**FRANCES PERKINS, 1500 block N. Appleton st., possible broken arm, released pending X-ray.**

**CHANDLER WYNN JR., 13, 1000 block W. Lafayette ave., bruised leg, released.**

**EARL WYNN, 7, his brother, cuts on face, released.**

**Doctors Were Guests**

Drs. Jerry Luck and Walter Shervington were guests of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity which sponsored the tragic - fated all day picnic.

When they heard the resounding impact of the train's crash, the doctors led the horde of spectators to the scene.

"When I reached the scene," states Dr. Luck, "the train was splintered to pieces and children were lying all over the place.

"Dr. Shervington and I examined those who seemed to be in the most pain, and were shocked to find so many broken bones.

"The lifeguards stationed at the park soon ran up with their first-aid kits and Dr. Shervington and I just pitched right in.

**Improvised Splints**

"There were so many fractures, however, that we soon ran out of splints. We just grabbed up some of that wood from the wrecked train cars and improvised more splints.

"The ambulances arrived soon and had everything we needed to ease the children's pain until they reached a hospital.

"Dr. Shervington should be especially commended, though, he did a fine job. Russell Frisby also did an invaluable job in rendering first aid," declared Dr. Luck

In turn, Dr. Shervington warmly praised Dr. Luck for his role in the disaster.

**Praises Luck And Frisby**

"Dr. Luck and Mr. Frisby really did a fine job," he said. "I think that special praise should also go to the courteously efficient ambulance drivers who arrived at the scene in 5 or 10 minutes."

Parents of most of the injured children are members of the Omega fraternity and witnessed the accident. Attorney Ernest L. Perkins did not wait for the ambulances, but rushed his daughter, Frances, and the two Wynn children to Provident Hospital in his car.

Dr. George Spaulding, Morgan professor, and fraternity member, soothed his daughter Gayle, who suffered a broken leg, until arrival of the ambulances. "I saw the accident and that train was going pretty fast," he stated.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane was talking to Mr. Perkins, near the dining room, when he heard the train crash.

"When I reached the scene," stated Magistrate Lane, "the children were lying all over the tracks. Bones were protruding from some of the bodies, with some of the kids lying unconscious. Many seemed to be in great pain."

The Rev. Hiram Smith, owner of Beechwood Park, was not present when the accident occurred. He reports receiving information, however, that the train was going at a high rate of speed just prior to the accident. He is the father of two of the victims.

Herbert Toler, who suffered multiple cuts, was acting as "conductor" on the miniature train, while Walter Kelly, 1600 block N. Fulton ave., served as "engineer."

**Debunks Speed Theory**

Marion Watkins, owner of the concession operating the train, discounts the speed theory. He blames the disaster on children who were riding as passengers on the train.

"We were getting ready to close up when the operator gave all the children a free ride. Some people who were riding in the front car said the children were rocking the cars and this turned over the train.

"In fact, a few minutes before the crash I hollered at a boy to sit down. I saw the whole thing and the train wasn't going more than eight miles an hour when the trouble started."

Mr. and Mrs. James Denkins, 2000 block Bentalou st., were among the first persons to reach the scene after the crash. They told the AFRO it was one of the worst sights they had ever witnessed. "Screams of parents of the injured children were mixed with those of the victims," they said.

**Second Disaster**

This is the second disaster to strike the "amusement" train this season.

During the latter part of July,

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**401 DAYS**

since charges 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.

*Miniature Train Disaster Scene*

This shows the derailed miniature train in which ten children were injured on an outing at Beechwood Park, Saturday. (AFRO photo by Hillen)

## 46-Yr.-Old Data On Shiloh Baptist Church Unearthed

### Old Records Include Trial And Pastor's Resignation, Details Of August, 1906, Church Meeting

WASHINGTON

Shiloh Baptist Church records 42 years old were unearthed this week.

They consist of:

1. Minutes of a deacon board meeting called to investigate rumors about the then pastor.

2. The pastor's letter of resignation, and:

3. The minutes of a church meeting at which the resignation was accepted.

**(Minutes of Shiloh Deacons investigating charges against Rev. Taylor)**

Washington, D.C.
August 7, 1906

"We, your deacon board, met on this date for the purpose of investigating a much circulated rumor about Rev. J. H. Taylor, the pastor of this church, who is said to be guilty of the sin of adultery.

"Deacon James G. Semple, presiding. Meeting rallied to order, opened with prayer by Deacon Charles P. Roy, after which the chairman stated we must have the facts or a recommendation in this case to put before the church tomorrow night, at which time the members will meet to hear from the deacons.

The brethren quickly decided we should get the facts about this rumor.

The motion of Deacon William J. Lanier prevailed that a committee of deacon brethren be appointed to see Sister ——, the common sounding common Sister —— the rumored accuser of Rev. Taylor's, to appear before the board and give testimony if she has any charges to make.

"Motion carried unanimously, and Deacons Lanier, Washington Grady and Charles P. Roy were appointed to convey the call of the deacon board for her appearance before the said board.

"Rev. Taylor, having been notified previously to meet the officers, was present in the lecture room of the church.

"The trustees had been invited to sit in jointly with the deacons. The clerk of the church was requested to serve as recorder during this investigation.

**Committee Returns**

"The committee returned to the church, accompanied by the accuser, Sister —— who was ushered into the board room—all the officers being present, deacons, trus-

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## Dodgers Take Flag On Joe Black's Win

### 3-Hit Sunday Victory Assures Tie; Indians Close In AL

NEW YORK — With Joe Black going all the way and winning in his first starting assignment of the season, the Brooklyn Dodgers, as early as Sunday, assured themselves of no worse than a tie for the 1952 National League pennant.

The big righthander, climaxing his first year in the major leagues, had a terrific day for himself while setting the Bums up as virtual — if not mathematical — certainties as winners of the league championship. To him, September 21st will go down as a red letter day in that it was then that he:

**(1) Started his first big league game and won;**

**(2) Beat the Boston Braves, 8-2, to assure his club no worse than a tie for the title;**

**(3) Learned he had been named NL "rookie of the year**

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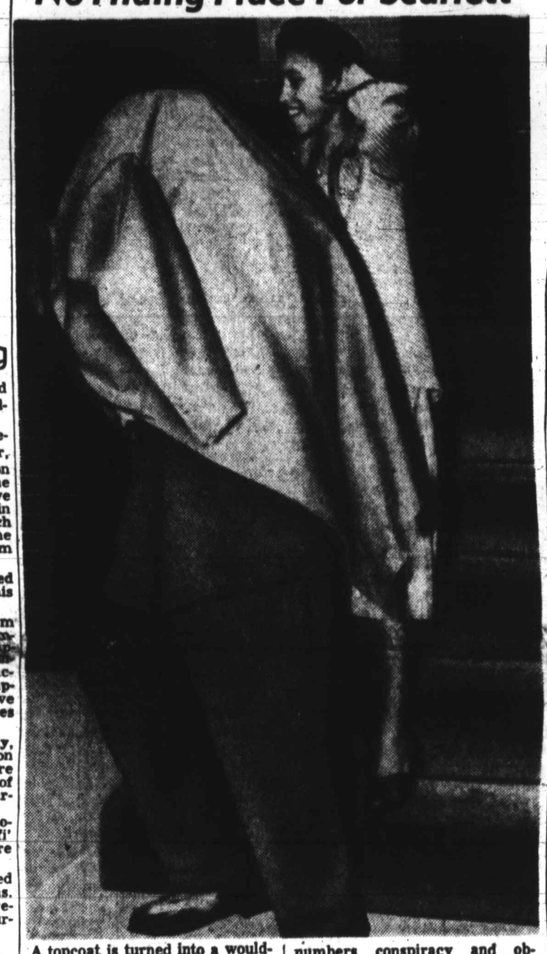
*No Hiding Place For Scarlett*



A topcoat is turned into a would-be hiding place by trouble-weary Austine Scarlett, well known club owner, as he leaves Northwestern police court Monday morning. He had just been released in $11,000 on charges of numbers conspiracy and obstructing justice following the shooting of his wife Saturday. Behind Scarlett is Miss Cornelia Wilkes, who was arrested with him.

## State's Attorney Links Gunplay To Numbers Payoff

### Police Hold Samuel J. Todd; Bloodstains, Lottery Found At McMechen Street Home

Arrested Saturday in what was called a "numbers racket payoff shooting," Austine Scarlett, convicted numbers backer and country clubman, was released in $11,000 bail Monday.

Also released on bail was Miss Cornelia Wilkes, 27, 600 block Arlington ave., who, with Mr. Scarlett, was charged with conspiring to operate a lottery and obstructing justice in connection with the investigation of the shooting of Scarlett's wife, Mrs. Ella Mae Scarlett.

Miss Wilkes' bail was set at $6,000.

**Todd Held In Shooting**

Charged with the shooting of Mrs. Scarlett and attempting to shoot and kill her husband is Samuel J. Todd, 43-year-old contractor of the 500 block McMechen st., who failed to make $10,000 bail.

Police believe the bullet which struck Mrs. Scarlett was intended for her husband.

Also held is a State's witness, Mack McCoy, alias Mack McCray, a 38-year-old roomer in the house in the 500 block of McMechen st. His bail was set at $500.

**Postponement Asked**

The quartet was arraigned before Magistrate E. Everett Lane in Northwestern police court. Capt. Millard B. Horton, representing Anselm Sodaro, state's attorney, asked for postponement of a preliminary hearing until a date to be set by the state's attorney.

Conflicting reports have been given on how the shooting occurred Saturday.

Mrs. Scarlett is said to have told police that she was shot as she and her husband walked along the street in the vicinity of McMechen and Etting sts. Saturday evening.

**Bloodstains Found**

However, police investigation indicates that the shooting occurred in the McMechen st. house, where bloodstains were found on the floor and steps.

Inside the house was found numbers paraphenalia indicating "several thousands of dollars" worth of play, and "a rather large operation," according to Captain Horton.

Mrs. Scarlett, former schoolteacher was taken to Provident Hospital with a .22-caliber bullet wound in her stomach. Her condition was described as "fair" Tuesday by hospital officials.

**Ingram Defends**

The bails set by Magistrate Lane were requested by Capt. Horton in behalf of the state's attorney. Scarlett's attorney, R. Palmer Ingram declared the $11,000 was excessive and asked for a smaller amount.

However, Magistrate Lane said that in view of the fact that Scarlett is under conviction for numbers conspiracy at the present

AUSTINE SCARLETT

time, although out on bail awaiting an appeal, the figure seemed "reasonable enough."

Irving Friedman appeared as counsel for Todd. All of the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

**Defendants Silent**

During the 15-minute hearing in the packed courtroom, none of the defendants spoke. Scarlett, dressed in a grey suit and carrying a dark brown hat and tan topcoat, stood beside Miss Wilkes, who wore a checkered shorty coat and blue-striped dress.

They stood silently while Mr. Ingram and Magistrate Lane discussed the bail.

Later, a policeman said that Scarlett refused to sign a receipt for some of his personal belongings when released on bail. When he left the station house, he draped his topcoat over his head to shield his face from newspaper photographers.

**Sentenced To 7 Years**

Operator of the swank Scarlett's Country club at Westminster, Md., Scarlett was convicted early this year on charges of conspiracy to operate a lottery in violation of State laws.

Sentenced to seven years, he has appealed the conviction and is free under bail.

In recent weeks, the lavish country club and adjoining farmlands and livestock have been seized by income tax authorities who state that all will be sold to satisfy tax delinquencies, an unannounced but "considerable amount."

**Arrested In Raid**

Scarlett was ensnared again recently when police raided an East Baltimore gambling game.

Taking part in the investigation of Saturday's shooting were Cap-

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CANDIDATE MAKES BID FOR COLORED VOTE:

## Eisenhower Special Train Gets New Look In West

ABROAD EISENHOWER SPECIAL — The Eisenhower special took on a new look Monday and the new look was designed to attract the eyes of colored voters.

The new look was participation of colored people aboard the Eisenhower Special and credit for its design went to Fred Morrow, colored adviser to the General, and a general awareness of the Eisenhower high command that colored people like to see other colored people around the man they plan to vote for.

In line with the new policy, when the Ike train arrived at Evansville, Ind., a member of the Kentucky State legislature became the first colored politician to be honored with a ride on the train since it left Grand Central Station, New York, September 2.

**Jesse Lawrence Honored**

The politican so honored was Rep. Jesse Lawrence, Louisville undertaker, elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1949 and its only colored member.

Lawrence boarded the train in Evansville, lunched with Ike and wife, Mamie, and traveled on the train to Louisville.

There was nothing unusual about a state legislator boarding

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**DAY BY DAY WITH EISENHOWER**

Tuesday, September 23rd
Lv. Cincinnati, NYC, 8:00 a.m.
Ar. Middletown (crossings) 8:45 a.m.
Lv. Middletown, NYC, 9:00 a.m.
Ar. Dayton (elevated), 9:30 a.m.
Lv. Dayton, NYC, 9:45 a.m.
Ar. Springfield (crossings) NYC, 10:20 a.m.
Lv. Springfield, NYC, 10:35 a.m.
Ar. Columbus (Capital Steps.) 11:35 a.m.
Lv. Columbus, 1:00 p.m.
Ar. Delaware, NYC, 1:50 p.m.
Lv. Delaware, NYC, 1:50 p.m.
Ar. Galion, 2:40 p.m.
Lv. Galion, NYC, 2:55 p.m.

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## 'Aunt Jemima' Welcomes Ike

By JAMES L. HICKS

ABOARD EISENHOWER SPECIAL—A buxom middle - aged woman dressed in the garb of Aunt Jemima was the only colored person given official recognition by General Eisenhower as his train rolled into St. Josep,h Mo., Friday en route to Kansas City.

The public relations blunder to

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## Eisenhower And Stevenson Here

Both Govrnor Adlai Stevenson and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower will deliver speeches in Baltimore this week.

Governor Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, will deliver a nationally televised address at the Fifth Regiment Armory at 10 p.m., with doors open to the public at 8 o'clock.

At 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, the Maryland Volunteers for Stevenson, headed by H. Warren Buckler Jr., will entertain the candidate at a breakfast at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel.

General Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee, will speak at the Fifth Regiment Armory at 9:30 p.m., Thursday. Ike will arrive at Mount Royal Station at 4:55 p.m., Thursday.

NO DOUBLETALK FOR ADLAI:

## Stevenson Invades South; Talks On Civil Rights

RICHMOND, Va. — Amidst cheers of an unsegregated audience of some 5,000 persons, Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson made his first major speech in the South here Saturday night, and indicated that he would pull no punches on civil rights issues.

He told a capacity crowd at the Mosque that he would support the party's civil rights plank, then added:

"I should justly earn your contempt if I talked one way in the South and another way elsewhere."

State racial segregation laws were not enforced at the meeting because both city and state officials agreed that the affair could be considered "a private gathering of the Democratic Party" and not subject to laws regarding public meetings.

Outside the huge auditorium, a crowd estimated by police at 2,500 heard the talk over a public address system.

Signs of the South were much in evidence inside the Mosque, however, in the orchestra pit, a band played "Dixie," and three rows

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**DAY BY DAY WITH STEVENSON**

TUESDAY, Sept. 23
12:40 p.m., EDT, Leave New York
3:00 p.m., Arrive Friendship Airport, Baltimore
3:45, Arrive Emerson Hotel
4:55, Leave Governor's suite
5:00, Main Ballroom, Reception for Democratic Leaders and Party Workers of Maryland.
6:00, Return to Emerson Hotel
8:15, Leave Emerson Hotel.

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