Guardsmen's $10 Per Couple Holiday Affair Called Waste

Wife Surprises Hubby; Neighbors Amazed As

NUDE GIRL FLEES

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Took Overdose Of Pills

Mrs. Dorothy Pratt, wife of Harry T. (Sonny) Pratt Jr. She was taken to Provident Hospital, Baltimore, last Sunday in a municipal ambulance suffering from an overdose of 25 sleeping tablets.

107 SCHOOLS SHUT; CLASSES ON TV

Pratt Heir's Wife Takes Overdose Of Sleep Pills

Reports State Matron Took 25 Tablets

Wife Of Former Nite Club Owner Refuses Comment

Pretty Mrs. Dorothy Pratt, 29, wife of Harry T. (Sonny) Pratt Jr., was taken to Provident hospital in a municipal ambulance early last Sunday morning suffering from what hospital records say was an overdose of phenobarbital. She reportedly took 25 of the sleeping tablets.

The record further shows that Mrs. Pratt refused treatment at the hospital and left after signing a release.

12:45 A.M. Call

Municipal ambulance reports for Dec. 28, indicate that a call for an ambulance to proceed to 2411 Madison ave. for "a poison case," was received at 12:45 a.m. from a person who identified himself as a citizen.

Reached at her Madison ave. home on Monday, Mrs. Pratt declined to comment. However, while AFRO reporters were there, she received a telephone call from her husband. She told him of the reporters' presence and added, "They want to know about my little incident."

Declines Comment

Pressed by the reporters as to whether they could call the incident an accident, Mrs. Pratt still declined to comment.

Recently In Hospital

A spokesman for the family later told the AFRO that Mrs. Pratt had recently been released from Freedmen's Hospital in Washington where she had been confined for five months, and that she was still under the care of a private physician.

This spokesman said that Mrs. Pratt had worked very hard in preparation for Christmas, and had been taking phenobarbital in order to sleep. The spokesman said the overdose was not 25 tablets and that the overdose was an accident.

Before her marriage to Pratt

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Guardsmen Holiday Party Called Waste

Templeton Sees Community Energies As Misdirected

The money spent by social groups like the Guardsmen in sponsoring affairs at $10 a couple might better be used to make contributions to the NAACP, the Urban League, or to establish a central scholarship fund for needy students.

That is the opinion expressed by Furman L. Templeton, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, at the Philomathian Club on Saturday.

Mr. Templeton, while not identifying the group, said that on New Year's Eve a group of young men sponsored a dance at the Star Light Arena on Pennsylvania ave. where admission was $10 a couple.

This group was the Guardsmen, well known social group composed of professional and businessmen, which has chapters in D.C., Philadelphia, Norfolk, New York, Richmond and

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FURMAN L. TEMPLETON

6 Babies Ring In New Year At 3 Hospitals

New Year bells rang in six babies, three girls and three boys, at three local hospitals.

AT PROVIDENT

Joining in with the noise-makers, midnight Wednesday, at Provident hospital was baby girl Brown, 7 lbs. 4 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, 1424 Rutter st.

Helping with the celebration at the hospital was the 8 lb. 8 oz. son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ma-

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Cotillion Society Honors Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is shown being presented with the Diamond Cross of Malta during the Philadelphia Christmas cotillion at Convention Hall last Tuesday evening. The presentation was made by Dr. You Chan Yang, center, Korean Ambassador to the United States. Judge Herbert E. Millen, general chairman, is on the extreme left.

Schools Still Operate In City Strike

Pupils Report To Teachers, Watch Special TV Shows

BULLETIN!

Revival of negotiations between city officials and union workers which waxed hot last night were scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Tuesday).

The union now demands a cross-the-board raise with fringe benefits, while the city has offered only fringe benefits and a 2-year agreement providing for no general increases this year but raises in 1954 if the cost of living climbs this year.

Some 3,300 workers, a large percentage of whom are colored, are out on strike. Many schools remain closed and no garbage has been collected since Jan. 1.

While supervisors and principals are working on plans to combat the strike situation, schools are still in operation throughout the city.

In the 67 buildings where there are non-union engineers and firemen, classes are being held as usual. In 107 other schools which are affected by the strike, pupils are receiving home assignments and being dismissed early in the morning to listen to special education programs on radio and television.

This plan went into effect this Tuesday morning, 10 a.m., over stations which have offered a total of 37 hours of air time per week. Elementary instruction will be carried on through WBAL-TV and W-WIN.

Lessons for junior and senior

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Hubby Denies 9 A.M. Episode In Courtroom

Wife Tells Tale Of Lady Godiva Minus Horse Or Hair

A Baltimore public school teacher told a police court Monday of finding an unclothed woman with her husband in the basement of their home, and chasing the nude damsel down the street in broad daylight, to the amazement of passers-by and a neighbor.

The claim was made by Mrs. Mary G. Studivant of the 1500 block N. Pulaski st., who three weeks ago filed a divorce suit against her husband, Obie Studivant, AFRO photo-engraver, charging him with infidelity, cruelty and non-support.

Mrs. Studivant told Magistrate E. Everett Lane that the incident occurred Friday morning about 9 o'clock in the house where she is living estranged from her husband.

"I went down into the cellar about 9 a.m. to put some clothes away. It's like a clubroom. My husband ran over from the settee and sat down in a chair."

Became Suspicious

Mrs. Studivant said she then became suspicious of her husband's actions, and when she took a look in the direction from which her husband had run, she saw a nude woman.

"She didn't have anything on. My husband only had on his shorts," she told the magistrate.

As soon as she spotted the

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Afro Readying Honor Roll

Readers Asked For Help In Selections

Who were Baltimore's ten outstanding citizens in 1952?

It's up to the readers to select the men and women for the annual AFRO Honor Roll, and your suggestions are needed not later than Jan. 10.

Your choices may include businessmen, government of municipal workers, ministers, laborers, teachers, housewives, professional people, or mothers or fathers of outstanding children.

Take Your Choice

Anyone and everyone is eligible, regardless of race, sex, occupation or age, provided he or she has not appeared on a previous AFRO Honor Roll.

The one requirement is that your choices have reflected credit upon the community through an unusual display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, generosity or unselfishness.

How about it? Who were the city's ten outstanding persons last year? Write to the AFRO Honor Roll, City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw st., Baltimore 1, Md.

Remember, your suggestions must reach the AFRO no later than Jan. 10.

Poolroom Operator, 9 Others Nabbed In Gambling Raid; 15 Flee Basement

William K. Clarke, prominent Northwest Baltimore poolroom operator, was ordered held for court in $2,500 bail Monday on charges of setting up a gambling device at his home in the 500 block of Sanford pl.

Nine other persons, arrested with Clarke when a trio of police men raided the house about 4:45 a.m. Sunday where given suspended fines of $25.

Arrested and charged with playing poker were:

William A. Jones, 47, 2300 block Stockton st.; Robert S. Lee, 26, 200 block E. 23rd st.; Victor Peters, 56, 500 block N. Gilmor st.; Charles S. Kelson, 54, 1800 block N. Carey st.; Purdy Harvin, 48, 2300 block Madison ave.; Jerome Larkins, 34, 1100 block N. Carey st., Daniel Pinkney, 37, 900 block W. Franklin st.; Luthur Garrett, 34, 2200 block Barclay st., and John

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10 Arrested In Raid On Poker Game

Sgt. Casimer Moniewski, second from left in foreground, turns to point to a defendant Monday morning in the trial of 10 men arrested on gambling charges. At right is William K. Clarke, at whose house the raid took place early Sunday. The defendants were represented by former senator E. Milton Alfeld, third from right with eyes closed.

3,000 SCOTCH BOTTLES; 400 CHOICE STEAKS:

Liquor Flows Freely As Greeks Meet In Ohio

By VINCENT TUBBS

CLEVELAND — Now, I could tell you what the speakers said, who they were, who got elected and what was accomplished at the 1952 Joint Convention of half a dozen Greek letter frats and sororities here last week But—

Wouldn't you rather know:

The garbage disposal unit at the Hollenden Hotel, headquarters for the Deltas, Kappas and and Sigma Gamma Rhos (and where everybody else gathered when they were seeking "recreation") carted away a grand total of 3,683 liquor bottles — mostly Scotch.

The maitre d'hotel also managed to dispose of 418 U.S. choice sirloin steaks at $6.41 each, with broccoli, French fries, hollandaise sauce, coffee and condiments.

The garbage disposal unit at the Allerton Hotel, headquarters

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Inside Your Afro

- I REMEMBER—An oldtimer recalls how a Dixie mob broke up an AME conference.
- THE AFRO GOES to the annual Christmas Cotillion in Philadelphia.
- KING OF BROOKLYN—James Hicks reviews the first year's work of John King, New York's first school superintendent.

506 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.