Baltimore Paratrooper Held In Buddy's Death

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SCHOOL PET SHOW WINNER—James Scott, 7, with his dog, Fluffy, who won first prize for performing the most tricks in the pet show competition of second-graders at School No. 136, Howard and 24th sts. Mrs. Catherine Banks is teacher.

Wife No. 1 Asks Court To Annul Heiress' Marriage

MRS. BETTINE FIELD BRUCE — *Her marriage in Virgin Islands now called illegal*

ELDRIDGE BRUCE — *Former H. U. student who wed Marshall Field's daughter*

MRS. VIRGINIA REID BRUCE — *First wife asks court to void hubby's marriage to heiress*

Says H.U. Grad's wedding is fraud

Philly matron contends his Virgin Isle divorce a fraud

PHILADELPHIA

Papers have been filed in Common Pleas Court here by Mrs. Virginia Reid Bruce of South Philadelphia, asking annulment of the marriage of her divorced husband, Eldridge Bruce, and Bettine Field Bruce, daughter of Marshall Field, Chicago department store magnate.

The first wife charges that Mr. Bruce, a Howard University graduate and now a student at the University of London, and the blonde Chicago heiress were married illegally in the Virgin Islands two years ago.

She is still married to Mr. Bruce, she says, in her petition, charging that he obtained a divorce in Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 27, 1948 without her knowledge and that she did not know of his second marriage until a month ago.

Reputation Damaged

The Virginia divorce and subsequent remarriage of Mr. Bruce, 34, "jeopardizes my right to remarry and have children without the stigma of illegitimacy," the first Mrs. Bruce declares.

The Virginia divorce is a fraud, she says, on grounds that the Virginia court had no jurisdiction in the case since Mr. Bruce at that time was a resident of Pittsburgh.

The first Mrs. Bruce, who was married to Mr. Bruce in Lynchburg April 3, 1939, is a stenotypist and lives at 1143 S. Dorrance st. She is being represented by Abraham P. Piwosky, attorney, who filed the petition in court last Wednesday.

Ignorant of Divorce Suit

The divorce charges that she received no notice of the taking of depositions in the case and adds that she had sought to effect a reconciliation in May, 1948.

Mr. Bruce and his present wife, Mrs. Bettine Field Bruce, are living in London. An earlier court issue involved custody of her 9-year-old daughter by a former marriage. She wants to take the child to Europe to live with her and her husband.

A hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held in a New York court next week. She is expected to return to NYC to be present in court to face her former husband, Dr. McChesney Goodall, Yale professor, who field the suit.

3 Years Together In Va.

Following their marriage, they lived together continuously in Lynchburg until July 1942, the first Mrs. Bruce says, when he left to work as a Pullman porter in Pittsburgh, later establishing residence at 521 Francis st. He entered military service in

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N.C. police hold Balto. G.I. in murder

Sgt. V. A. Thomas seized in buddy's death in project

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Sgt. Vernon A. Thomas, a Baltimore soldier with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., was ordered held in bail of $2,500 Wednesday in connection with the slaying of an army buddy.

The 25-year-old paratrooper, who gave as his home address as the 1600 block Division st., was arrested Tuesday at his local home in the Hostloop Projects, outside Fayetteville after neighbors found the body of Sgt. James F. Brown lying in a pool of blood in his home across the street.

When arrested by two colored officers who had been called to the Brown home three hours earlier to quell a disturbance, Sergeant Thomas allegedly had a .32-calibre revolver in his possession.

Members Of Band

Both of the 25-year-old service men were members of the 82nd Division Band. In Baltimore a canvass of the entire 1600 block of Division st., failed to turn up relatives of the accused soldier.

According to army authorities, Sergeant Thomas' mother, Mrs. Lottie M. Thomas is supposedly living at the Division st. address.

Fayetteville Police Chief W. F. Worrell told the AFRO Thursday, that two service men, prior to the shooting, had been in an argument over money.

Police were called to the Brown home around 4 p.m., by an unidentified person, the chief said. When they arrived they found the living room in shambles where the two men had fought each other for more than five minutes.

Police quieted the couple down, the chief said, and took it for granted that everything was on the up and up when they departed.

Around 7 p.m. police were again called to the Hostloop Project where they found Sergeant Brown sprawled out on his

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Seek early Yule for three-year-old

By HERB MANGRUM

Three-year-old Alecia Moon of 731 E. 22nd st., is looking forward to an early Christmas celebration.

Her two brothers and two sisters—Velinda, 14 months; Alvin, 2; Cynthia, 5; and Arthur Moon 3rd, 6—are awaiting Christmas also but they expect to celebrate on Dec. 25.

(See Photo Inside)

If the diagnosis of more than 12 doctors should prove to be correct, Alecia will not be with the Moon family when Christmas day arrives.

Complained 3 Months Ago

More than three months ago the once bright eyed and cheerful youngster complained of stomach trouble. Three weeks later she found herself unable to sit in a chair.

Three weeks ago she all but lost the use of both arms and one week ago her right eye closed completely. This week her left eye began closing.

The group of Johns Hopkins doctors which included a specialist, diagnosed her case and

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Woman patient who asked for blood operated on Tuesday

Miss Annie Beckwith, 29-year-old patient at University hospital was operated on Tuesday afternoon.

Although the operation was termed successful, her condition is still considered "serious."

Miss Beckwith has a serious chest ailment and last week appealed to the AFRO for blood donations. After nine answered the appeal, the hospital notified other would-be donors that Miss Beckwith's needs had been met.

Dr. Wade faces trial, Dec. 15

The Turner Station physician who was arrested on narcotics charges, last month, faces trial in Baltimore County Criminal Court in Towson, on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Dr. William C. Wade, 100 block Oak ave., will be tried before Judge J. Howard Murray.

According to John Raine, Baltimore County State's Attorney, Dr. Wade will be tried on two counts of obtaining narcotic drugs by using false addresses or names.

On $1,500 Bail

Dr. Wade was released under $1,500 bail, November 4, on narcotics charges arising from an extensive investigation by Sgt. Christian Kessler, chief of the Baltimore County narcotics squad.

Sergeant Kessler secured a warrant for Dr. Wade's arrest from Magistrate Joseph Hughes after investigating an influx of prescriptions for the drug, demerol, in the Dundalk area.

Man drops dead at Crownsville

An elderly farmer who was brought to the Crownsville State hospital as a mental patient, Monday, died 20 minutes after he entered the hospital's admitting room.

Doctors at Crownsville attributed the death of Frank Stanford, 72-year-old tenant farmer of Queen Anne County, to heart failure.

As Mr. Stanford was being escorted through the door of the mental hospital, Dr. J. Klinger, male services chief, saw his wobbly condition and immediately rushed him to the admitting room.

While Dr. Klinger was examining Mr. Stanford, who was lying on a cot in the admitting room, the man died.

Police in Baltimore and Queen Anne's County are searching for Stanford's relatives to claim the body.

U.S. approves Ala. redevelopment plan

WASHINGTON (NNPA) —Tentative approval of plans for a slum clearance and urban redevelopment project in Birmingham Ala. against which colored groups and individuals have vigorously protested, has been given by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, it was announced Tuesday.

Final approval and a Federal assistance contract will not be given until a satisfactory redevelopment plan approved by the Birmingham City Commission, the local governing body, has been submitted by the Birmingham Housing Authority.

(See Editorial Inside)

One of the points at issue is whether the facilities to be expanded and whether housing, if any is built in the area, are to be opened to colored people as well as whites.

If the plan is finally approved, 523 colored families presently living in the area to be cleared and redeveloped must be relocated.

Approves 4 Million

The HHFA said it has approved allocations of $4,058,000 in temporary loan funds and $858,780 in capital grant funds for the project.

J. W. Follin director of HHFA Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment, in a letter to Colonel Harold Harper, executive director of the Birmingham Housing Authority, said a financial contract covering the allocations will not be tend-

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Man, wife held in raid

12 lottery charges; $13,500 bail each

The roundup of key suspects linked to the operation of the headquarters for an alleged multi-million dollar numbers ring exposed in a raid last week was completed on Wednesday when a man and his wife surrendered to police at Northwestern police station.

Booked on 12 separate charges of setting up and maintaining a lottery in their attractive home in the 3300 block of Brighton st. were Mr. and Mrs. James Milton Williams.

They were released in $13,500 bail each following a brief hearing before Magistrate E. Everett Lane.

Set For Monday

The next appearance of the couple in Northwestern police court is set for Monday at 3:30 p.m. at which time they and the two women arrested during the actual raid, will receive a hearing.

Already at liberty under $6,500 bail each set on Saturday at Pine st. police court, are Miss Fern Scotland, 34, and Mrs. Mae Smith, 39, both of whom gave the same address in the

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SCHOOL CASES UP MONDAY:

Supreme Court allows 11 hours for reargument

WASHINGTON

Virginia was the last of the litigants to file its brief in the public school segregation cases late Tuesday.

Reargument of the cases is set to begin before the Supreme Court on Monday, Dec. 7. Eleven hours have been alloted by the court, with one hour being set aside for the government.

On one side of the conflict stand Thurgood Marshall of the NAACP and U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

Power And Duty

They contend the court not only has the power, but the duty under the law to end segregated school systems in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

Arrayed against them will be lawyers for the states of Delaware, Kansas, South Carolina and Virginia and the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia.

Principal subjects at issue are answers to five questions posed by the Supreme Court last June in ordering reargument of the cases.

The first argument was held in December, 1952.

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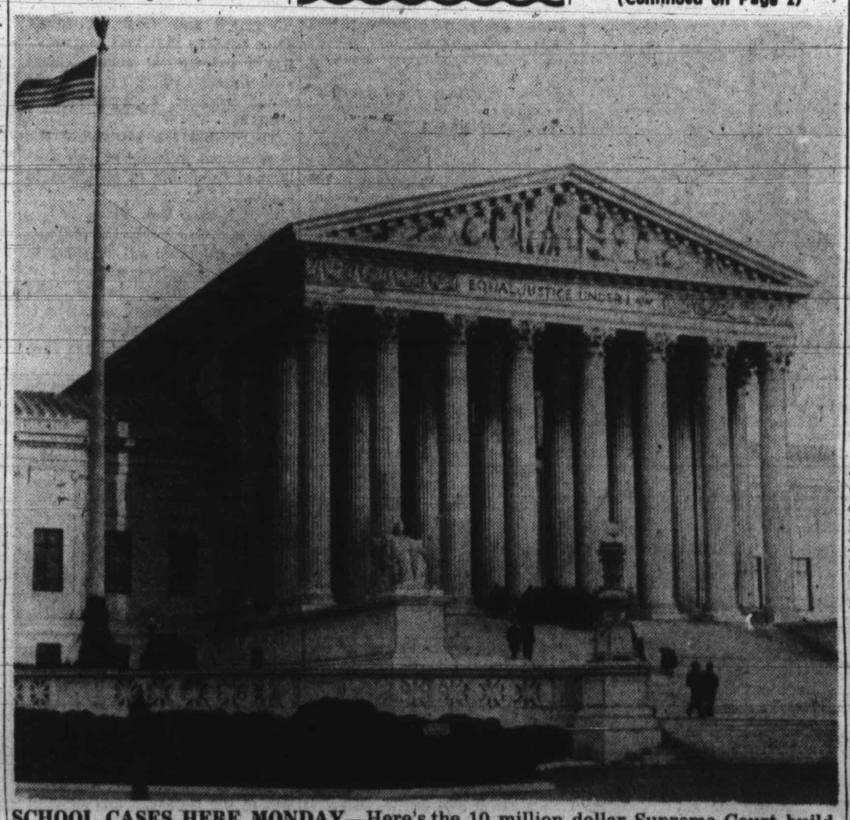
FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

The Supreme Court, First and East Capitol sts., ne, opens Monday, at 9 a.m. It will convene daily from noon to 4:30 p.m. until Wednesday when the hearings are expected to end.

A few choice seats are available for early comers. The consolidated Virginia and South Carolina cases may be heard first, followed by those of Kansas, District of Columbia and Delaware.



SCHOOL CASES HERE MONDAY—Here's the 10 million dollar Supreme Court building at First and E. Capitol sts., directly opposite the U. S. Capitol, where reargument of the historic school segregation cases begins Monday. The High Court has allowed eleven hours for hearing the five cases.

Shrine head certain to face new charges

Raymond E. Jackson, head of the Shrine Order, which Grand Masters have agreed to silence in 19 states, may be in additional difficulty.

In some of the states, orders directing Masons not to have anything to do with the National Shrine are in effect.

In others, the effective date will be the Grand Lodge meeting and, in still others, edicts will not be sent out until after the meeting of the Grand Masters Council, on Dec. 18.

Grand Masters, in most of the states where the Shrine has large memberships, have listed 10 charges for silencing the Shrine Order in their jurisdiction.

Last week, Mr. Jackson replied to these charges in an 11-page document sent out to the various Shrine temples.

Mr. Jackson also sent out letters to Shrine officers calling them to a meeting in Buffalo on Dec. 4, 5, and 6, to consider the action of the Grand Masters.

Hall To Answer

Amos T. Hall, Grand Master of Oklahoma Masons and president of the Grand Masters Council, told the AFRO, "Our Council meets on Dec. 18 and those charges will be answered there."

Grand Master Hall is the attorney whose name appeared on the NAACP brief as council for Ada Sipuel in the case which ultimately led to her admission to the University of Oklahoma.

Unmasonic Conduct

Dr. Willard Allen, Grand Mas-

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An open letter to mother of abandoned twin girls

(Ed. Note—The following is an open letter written by Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte to the mother of the girl twins abandoned several weeks ago in the vestibule of a house in Northwest Baltimore. The children are now at Provident hospital, wards of the city.

"To the mother of twins:

"God abundantly blessed you with fine twin baby girls and we believe some acute emergency has caused you to separate yourself from them.

"Because some day you will be proud of your children and will want them to call you mother, we want to help you gain God's forgiveness and to experience the affection and love which will be yours if you touch your babies' hands and look into their eyes.

"We want to help you correct this mistake and claim your wonderful children.

"Mother, please come to see me any morning at 6:45. Expressing the love and forgiveness of your twin daughters.

Sincerely,

Violet Hill Whyte."

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 4

Membership meeting of Cooperative Women's Civic League, Civic League House, 1518 McCulloh st. 8 p.m.; Miss M. Estelle Thomas executive secretary YWCA, speaker.

Final free Bureau of Music concert Douglass High school; Robert Wilson, tenor, soloist; 8:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Social work seminar, Crownsville State Hospital, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dr. Irene M. Josselyn speaks on "The Adolescent and His Problems" at 10:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Provident Hospital 26th anniversary celebration 4 p.m., Union Memorial Methodist church, Harlem and Warwick aves.; Judge Herbert Millen of Philadelphia, speaker.

Shirley R. Young, recital at Providence Baptist church 850 Edmondson ave. 5 p.m.

WSCS of Sharp St. Methodist church, 13th anniversary program featuring Dr. Howard Cornish and Morgan College students, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 7

Fairfield Four of Nashville, Tenn., in Gospel Song Feast, Gillis Memorial Community church, Calhoun and Mulberry sts., 8:30 p.m

DECEMBER 10

Provident hospital Nurses Guild apron and bake sale for scholarship fund.

DECEMBER 13

Second Baltimore Youth Guild concert series, Madison Avenue YWCA.

"The Messiah," Christmas cantata, at Douglass High school auditorium, presented by Community Relations Committee and Music Department, 5 p.m.

E. B. Rea, AFRO veteran Theatrical Editor, dies

E. B. Rea, veteran AFRO Theatrical Editor, died here Thursday at 1:22 p.m. at St. Joseph's hospital while undergoing an operation. He was 56 years old.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m., Sunday at Union Baptist church, 1200 block Druid Hill ave. The Rev. Baxter L. Matthews, pastor, will officiate.

Arrangements for burial had not been completed as the AFRO went to press.

40-Minute Operation

Mr. Rea died in the midst of a 40-minute operation for a malignant condition of the lungs. Dr. William Grouse, John Hopkins and St. Joseph surgeon, said the veteran theatrical editor had received blood tranfusions at the start and during the operation.

Mr. Rea left his desk at the AFRO on Oct. 29 when he became ill from bronchitis. He entered Provident hospital on Nov. 6 and remained there for 10 days. On Nov. 27 he entered St. Joseph where he remained until his death, Thursday afternoon.

A native of Lafayette, Ala., Mr. Rea, graduated from Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C. in 1924.

Familiarly known as "E.B.," his real name was Edward Black Rea.

Started As Printer

He began his journalistic career with the Carolina Times in Durham, N.C. in 1928 as a printer and reporter and remained there until 1931.

His next association was with the Norfolk Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Va. He remained there 11 years, writing theatricals and sports.

In March, 1941, "E.B." started at the AFRO-AMERICAN as a copy reader. On January 1, 1944,

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E. B. REA

890 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.