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Every AFRO reader can share in the Famous Names Contest now on. All you have to do is answer the questions correctly. See details inside on page 8.

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Weather
Friday, fair, warmer—high around 79 degrees. Saturday and Sunday partly cloudy and warm, temperature in middle 80's.

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Pullen Says Desegregate Without Court Action

Scarlett Wed In Jail

Educators told to act with honor

- Responsibility rests with the top officials
- 'Good faith' called key to matter

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of Education, told Maryland's 24 county superintendents Thursday, that he expected desegregation of county schools here to be accomplished without a single court case.

Speaking at a call luncheon meeting of county superintendents, their assistants and other officials of the State Department of Education, Dr. Pullen urged "good faith" in the implementation of the Supreme Court's edict of two days ago ordering prompt desegregation in reasonable time.

In a stirring appeal to the more than 40 educators, Dr. Pullen, very determined and obviously sincere, said:

"I hope and pray that we are not going to have the courts cluttered up with a lot of cases. This is a matter of goodwill, good spirit and common sense."

See complete text of Supreme Court ruling pg. 9.

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THERE IS EVERY indication that integration in several counties will be accomplished by this fall. Six counties in April had already taken steps to prepare for the eventual changeover.

Of the six, Montgomery County followed the lead of Baltimore and voted to end segregation in its schools. Two committees were appointed in Somerset County by Superintendent C. Allen Carson to study the problems that may arise from the integration of public schools.

Superintendents in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Allegany, Washington and Prince Georges Counties initiated positive action to get their areas and schools prepared for the implementation of the Supreme Court's May 17, 1954 ruling.

An AFRO survey in April showed that this action varied from appointment of, or plans to appoint, integration study committees, to the preparation of maps of school districts and the residences of

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'Darned good decision,' —Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, who lead the battery of lawyers that argued the school cases before the Supreme Court said after reading the final decree:

"The more I think about it, I think it is a darned good decision."

Mr. Marshall said that the NAACP will hold a meeting in Atlanta, Ga., this Saturday, at which time the decision will be studied and plans drawn for any needed subsequent action.

63 YEARS!

The other day we found two persons who have been reading the AFRO for 63 years.

A scientific study printed recently shows 25 percent of our subscribers have been reading the AFRO from 5 to 10 years; 22 percent from 10 to 15 years; and 21 percent from 15 to 20 years. 15 percent of AFRO subscribers have read this newspaper for periods ranging from 20 to 45 years.

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A wise statement

(An Editorial)

Governor McKeldin, speaking for the State of Maryland, has issued a very fine and wise statement in the wake of the Supreme Court's decree in the school segregation cases.

The governor says he believes that the school authorities in the Maryland counties will proceed in an orderly manner to bring an end to racial segregation.

Mr. McKeldin has underlined that portion of the Supreme Court's decision which is paramount. Namely, that wherever there is segregation in public schools it is based upon a foundation of law which the Supreme Court has

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Cherry Hill father draws 3-year term

Survivor in gun duel to settle children's dispute

The survivor in a gun duel to death between two Cherry Hill fathers of five children each was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, Tuesday in Criminal Court.

He is Willie V. Corbett, 39, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the fatal shooting of his neighbor, John Pringle, on April 3rd.

Mr. Pringle died from wounds received when the men, both of the 3000 bock Southland Ave., chose guns to settle a disagreement between their young sons.

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MR. CORBETT testified before Judge Joseph R. Byrnes **that at about 6 p.m. on April 3,** some of the Pringle children came to his home and said that they were going to beat his son, Willie Corbett Jr.

The Pringle children told him, Mr. Corbett said, that Willie Jr. had struck their little brother with a rock.

Mr. Corbett said that he marched his son to the Pringle's, taking along a strap to punish Willie Jr., if the rock throwing story was substantiated.

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UPON SEEING him, Mr. Corbett told the court, Mr. Pringle exclaimed: "I was just coming to kill you."

"I said no, not over children," Mr. Corbett testified he told Mr. Pringle. "Kids fight today and forget tomorrow. You and I will be pouting and they'll be playing."

Mr. Corbett said that Mr. Pringle invited him out of the house.

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"AS I WAS leaving, he kicked me and shot me in the shoulder," Mr. Corbett testified.

Mr. Corbett said that when the first bullet struck him, he ran and Mr. Pringle fired a second shot which also found its mark.

"I wheeled, pulled my gun and fired four times," Mr. Corbett said.

MR. PRINGLE DIED at the South Baltimore General Hospital. An autopsy report revealed that death was caused by multiple gun shot wounds.

Mr. Corbett was arrested at the hospital where he received treatment for two shoulder wounds.

Mrs. Pringle, wife of the slain man, differed with Mr. Corbett on the firing of the first shot.

Her testimony was that when Mr. Corbett came to the house, Mr. Pringle was in the bedroom. Upon being told that Mr. Corbett was in the living room, Mrs. Pringle testified, her husband reached in a dresser drawer for his pistol.

Mr. Pringle asked his neighbor to step outside to discuss the disagreement between their sons, the widow testified, and as they were leaving, Mr. Corbett pushed Mr. Pringle, drew his gun and began firing.

Mr. Pringle fell back wounded, she said, pulled his own gun and blazed away.

"One of them apparently had to die," Michael Freedman, attorney for Mr. Corbett told the court as he asked for leniency. "If Corbett had not had that gun, Pringle would be on trial here today."

Mr. Corbett testified that he was carrying the gun to protect a large sum of money he had with him. He had forgotten all about it, Mr. Corbett said, until he was shot.

Both Mrs. Pringle and Mrs. Corbett are expecting their sixth child.

DUGGER

- Principal must pay alimony

Despite this plea that Mrs. Constance Dugger and his children have heretofore managed on $35 per week, and that he is not responsible for the support of the youngest child, Milton A. Dugger has been ordered to pay his wife temporary alimony of $50 per week.

The order was handed down against the city school principal, Tuesday, in Circuit Court.

Mr. Dugger is suing his wife for a divorce on grounds of adultery, specifically charging that he is not the father of the youngest of her four children.

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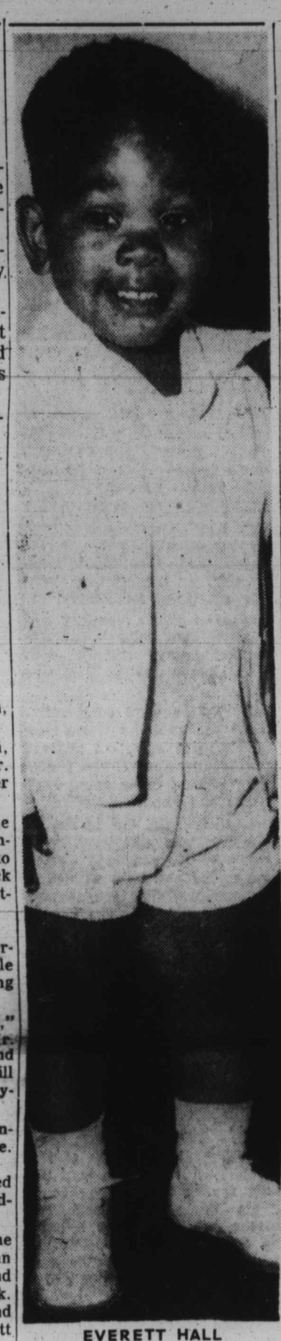
HE SAID THAT he has voluntarily been giving his family $35 per week. She has also requested counsel fee of $125 to defend her name and that of her children against scandalous charges of the complainant," according to papers filed.

Mrs. Dugger says that her husband earns $500 per month while she is without funds.

Mr. Dugger and the former Constance Clark were married in 1939. The children include three sons, 12, 11 and 7 years old and an infant daughter.

In the answer to his charges, Mrs. Dugger says that the infidelity charge was made merely to embarrass and humiliate her. She also denies his statement that he has been kind, faithful and affectionate, but says that during the past three years he has been just the opposite.

The wife is represented by Tucker R. Dearing, attorney. His attorneys are Carroll F. Fitzsimmons and Pierson and Pierson.



EVERETT HALL
Wins $300 top prize

19-month-old is healthiest

$535 in cash awards given 20 finalists

Little Everett Hall is the "Toast of Baltimore" today.

This healthy, happy tot, age 19 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waleer Hall, 2018 N. Bentalou St., St., was chosen by the judges Tuesday as the first prize winner in the second annual hometown AFRO-Carnation "Healthy Baby Contest."

Some 20 youngsters from among more than 500 entrants in this year's contest appeared with their parents and friends at the Madison Ave. Branch YWCA where they displayed their charms in exchange for honors bestowed on the 20 finalists.

As "king" of the occasion, first prize winner Everett Hall was awarded $300 in cash.

When interviewed after the presentation of this honor, this reporter was rewarded by a beaming smile and happy assurances of the proud parents that the money would be used for

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THERE IS a lucky photo circled in this edition of your AFRO. Look for it, it's worth $5 to the person whose head is circled in the lucky picture.

IF YOU ARE in the lucky photo, all you have to do to collect your $5 is to call at the AFRO City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St., BEFORE Tuesday noon.

NEWS IN BRIEF..

BULLETIN

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Owner Tom Baird announced early Thursday morning that Satchel Paige, veteran pitching star has rejoined the Kansas City Monarchs and will play out the 1955 season with them.

REV. J. WINSMORE MASON NEW PRESIDING ELDER

PHILADELPHIA — Elevation of the Rev. J. Winsmore Mason to a presiding eldership was the most significant change in the 139th session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the AME Church which closed here on Sunday.

HAROLD JOHNSON SEEKS DIVORCE IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA— Lightheavyweight boxer Harold Johnson filed a divorce action Tuesday to end his seven - year marriage. Mrs. Nancy B. Perry Johnson later told reporters that her husband had refused her a divorce almost five years ago. Mr. Johnson is the boxer who figured in the famed doped orange case last month.

BELIEVE PASTOR'S BRIDE TOOK HER OWN LIFE

PHILADELPHIA — Married for eight months, Mrs. Harold Davis, 21, the wife of the Rev. Harold O. Davis, was found dead of an apparently self inflicted bullet wound in their apartment on Monday night. The Rev. Mr. Davis is pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

VIOLENT DEATH CLAIMS THREE HOLIDAY VICTIMS

NEWARK — A three-year-old boy died in a fire he started, a man was shot in a lover's quarrel, while another man died when a 1,150 pound hydraulic press slipped and crushed his skull, over the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

TEACHER TO RETIRE AFTER 51 YEARS

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — City officials, members of the Board of Education and civic leaders will stage a testimonial June 6 for Miss Charlotte E. Karney, seventh grade teacher at the Bangs Ave. School, who is retiring after 51 years.

JUDGE DECLARES CHURCH IS MEMBER OF AME

NEWARK — Judge Mark A. Sullivan Jr., declared this week that the St. Matthew's Church of Orange, N.J., is an AME Church, despite contentions that in 1946 the church had withdrawn from the religious group. Judge Sullivan made the ruling in a case brought by Bishop D. Ward Nichols and the N.J. Annual Conference of the AME Church.

Carr trial June 17

The trial of William Carr, accused of the bayonet slaying of his attractive ex-wife, Mrs. Betty Conway Carr, scheduled for Tuesday, has been postponed until June 17.

Postponement was granted in Criminal Court after Joseph Rosenthal, attorney, was hired to be associated with Robert Watts, another attorney.

Vital statistics

POLICE COURT

Arrested at Northeastern for disturbing the peace at his home in the 1900 block Oak Hill Ave., John Young was fined $5 and costs Tuesday.

Irvin Curtis of the 1200 block E. Monument St., was fined $10 and costs Tuesday at Northeastern for disorderly conduct.

For striking Carl Krummel of the 1800 block Harford Ave., Charles R. Webb, 16, of the 400 block E. Wesley St., was fined $25 and costs at Northeastern Tuesday.

Charged with striking Gladys Land, Love Land of the 600 block Sterling

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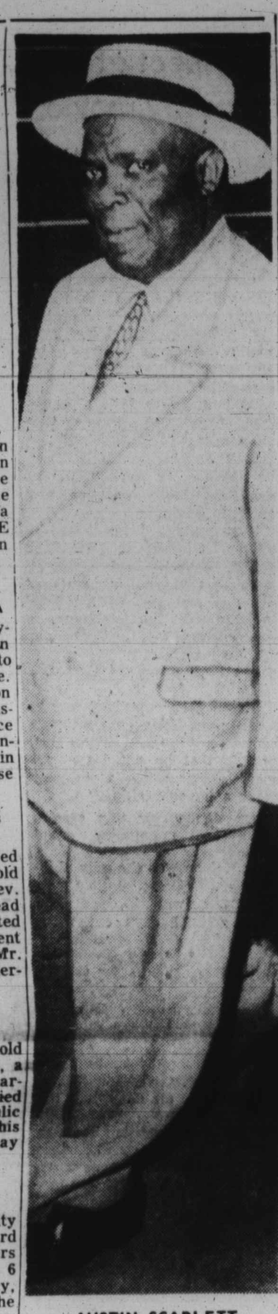

AUSTIN SCARLETT
Takes bride in jail

Guard witnesses brief ceremony

Bride says she'll stick with him; Scarlett to be deported Sept. 4

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Austin Scarlett, once wealthy digits baron now completing a 180-day term in jail before being deported to his Jamaican home, was married Saturday in the institution chapel.

His bride is the former Miss Ella Mae Lee, 49, one time city teacher who has stuck by him through thick and thin, and who for over ten years has been known as Mrs. Scarlett.

At present, the bride is employed at a rest home in Glen Burnie. She told the AFRO Thursday:

"I enjoyed him while he was prosperous. I met him when he wasn't so prosperous and there is no reason why I shouldn't be with him now when he is not prosperous."

The five-minute ceremony was performed at 10 a.m. Saturday by the Rev. Nathaniel W. Wicks, pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church. Only a jail guard witnessed the event.

Scarlett was dressed in a blue prison uniform. His bride wore a dark blue coat suit.

Arrangements for the marriage, according to jail officials, were made by Scarlett's attorney, J. Palmer Ingram. The officials reported that the attorney had called them earlier in the week to get permission for the ceremony.

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HOWEVER, Mr. Ingram, on Thursday told the AFRO he had nothing to do with the wedding. "I know nothing about it," he insisted.

The marriage license and minister were obtained by Mrs. Scarlett. The Rev. Mr. Wicks said that at one timé she was an organist for his church.

Just what the future holds for the pudgy 53-year-old sportsman and his bride cannot be predicted at present.

While it is a certainty that Scarlett will be deported from the country soon after his release from jail Sept. 4, there is some question as to whether or

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What does May 28 mean to Scarlett?

If Austin Scarlett is in any way superstitious, then the date, May 28, by now should begin to be some sort of omen to him.

ON MAY 28, 1952, he was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary and fined $2,000 for numbers conspiracy.

ON MAY 28, 1953, he began serving the term after his appeal was denied by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Maryland Court of Appeals.

ON MAY 28, 1955, he married Miss Ella Mae Lee who stuck by him during his trials and tribulations.

HANGING

- Cricket star dies for killing

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Leslie Hylton, former West Indian test cricketer and celebrated idol of thousands, was hanged for the bedroom slaying of his wife, Lurline, at St Catherine District Prison, Spanish Town, S.C., May 17.

The 49-year-old man walked calmly up the 13 steps to the gallows of doom wearing a light grey tropical suit and a white shirt. He was pronounced dead at 8:30 a.m.

A beautiful Syrian young woman—former girl friend of Hylton was among the hundreds of persons who sadly waited outside of the prison in the hot morning sun for the posting of the death certificate.

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SHE WEPT openly. Literally thousands blocked the main gate entrance. Hylton's death certificate was posted at 8:37 a.m.

When the six-foot cricket player entered prison he belonged to the Anglican faith. Shortly afterwards, he adopted the Roman Catholic faith.

Probably his last message to the outside was in the form of a letter to a minister who had tried unsuccessfully to see him the day before the execution.

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"BY THE TIME that this reaches you," the letter read, "I will be dead and gone; but I am fearless because I have accepted Christ."

Hylton was convicted by a Home Circuit Court jury last fall after an eight-day trial. He had been accused of shooting his wife seven times as she lay semi-nude on the bed in their home.

The murder resulted from an anonymous letter signed "from old friend," which accused his wife, Lurline Hylton, of living in adultery with one Roy Francis of 689 Brooklyn Ave., New York City.

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THE 12-MAN Home Circuit

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250 to graduate from Morgan Mon.

Simon Sobeloff will address school's largest class

A total of 250 graduates will receive degrees at commencement exercises of Morgan State College Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Hughes Memorial Stadium on the campus.

The graduates represent 13 states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries and constitute the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

A total of 148 are from Maryland, with 114 from Baltimore City.

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THE HON. Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General of the United States, will deliver the commencement address. Honorary degrees of doctor of laws will be conferred upon:

The Honorable Mr. Sobeloff; Dr. John H. Fischer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Baltimore City; the Hon. Charles E. Cornish, City Commissioner of Cambridge, Md.;

Branch Rickey, executive vice president and general manager of the Pittsburgh Baseball Club; and Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, professor and head of the Department of Sociology, Howard University.

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THE REV. Cedric Mills, rector of St. James Episcopal Church will give the invocation. The Rev. Franklin Auld, minister of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, will give the benediction.

Baccalaureate exercises will be held Sunday, June 5 at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church delivering the sermon.

Father Joseph M. Connolly, assistant pastor of the St. Barromel Church, will give the invocation. Prayer and benediction will be offered by the Rev.

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Fake doctor must remain; Uncle Sam probes income

With the Federal Government waving an income-tax investigation over his head, Nathaniel Brown, the fake doctor who duped people out of their life savings by giving them "medical advice" is forced to remain here with his family.

Following a Criminal Court trial, three weeks ago, Judge Herman M. Moser had suspended the 8-year sentence on Brown with the understanding that he and his family leave the state for at least five years.

However, this week, Judge Moser deferred the order after learning that the government was conducting an investigation into Brown's federal income tax.

THE JURIST warned Brown, nevertheless, that should he attempt to renew his illegal practice of medicine, during the probe, he would be confined to a place where "the Federal people will know where to find you for the next ten years."

In the court trial, Brown, 39, 1800 block N. Fulton Ave., who advertised himself as "Rev. N. Brown" was convicted of giving fake medical advice and accepting $10 to cure mental illness and cancer.

His 19-year-old daughter, Miss Geneva R. Brown, was found guilty of conspiracy in the act and given a suspended fine of $200.

AFRO offers three $25 prizes in new pay-for-play contest

Going on a family outing, a picnic or a fishing party on the Fourth of July?

If so, you will be making your plans now.

You might as well make that trip pay by cashing in on the AFRO's pay-for-play contest.

The Baltimore AFRO offers its readers three prizes:

$25 cash for the best picture and fish story.

$25 cash for the best picture and picnic story.

$25 for the picture and description of the best outing costume worn by a man, woman or child.

All you do is take your camera along July 4, on your family outing, picnic or fishing trip and then send the pictures and description in to the Baltimore AFRO.

The contest will close July 10; so get your pictures and stories in before the deadline.

Address all communications to AFRO Outing Contest Editor.
628 N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore 1, Md.

Freshly painted green and white doors to Clean Block office open on Monday

The freshly painted green and white doors of the AFRO Clean Block office at 416 Druid Hill Ave., will swing open for business Monday morning.

Prospective block captains and their youthful workers, at the close of school, are expected to be crowding in the two-room headquarters in increasing numbers.

Boasting a new and expanded program, the 21st annual campaign this year will again be under the direction of Mrs. M. Francis Mackay.

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MRS. MACKAY, who manned Clean Block recruiting stations at the AFRO Cooking School and the Somerset-Douglass Project and Lafayette Project tenants' conferences, has already signed up a large number of young workers.

Last year more than 10,000 children in all sections of the city and three suburban areas participated in the drive.

With many AFRO readers having moved into new areas, it is hoped that the number will be

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