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Salisbury school elects council

SALISBURY, N.C. — In a hotly-contested student government campaign held at Livingstone College this week, George J. Leake of Shelby and Miss Lorene T. Rhodes of Kinston were elected president and vice president respectively of the student council for 1955-56.

The two were over Louis Richardson of Johnstown, Pa., and Miss Gladys Stewart of Mt. Pleasant, by a 30-vote margin, Miss Rhodes is a senior and Mr. Leake, a junior.

Student Council representatives elected are as follows:

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COMING TO NEWARK—The Mariners, the famous interracial quartette whose popularity has increased since Arthur Godfrey released them from the television program, will give a concert at the Mosque Theatre in Newark, N. J., on Friday, May 27, at 8:30 p.m. They are being presented by the N.J. State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., for its Scholarship Fund.

Edwards had armed guard on 'Phenix City' location

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (ANP)—Movie star James Edwards, who returned from location at Phenix City, Ala., last week, revealed that he was in danger during the filming of an Allied Artist picture there.

Titled "Phenix City" and based on its wickedness, Edwards well remembered for Stanley Karmer's "Home of the Brave," was flown there to portray a quiet, upright family man.

But just like the director and others of the company that gangsters had threatened to kill if they came there, the colored star had to be well guarded. He was supplied a car, with an armed driver to pick him up at his stopping place in the morning, and drive him home at the end of the day.

Arena players to close with 2 one-act plays

The works of one of America's most widely acclaimed playwright have been chosen as the final productions of the Arena Players.

These are two one-act plays by Tennessee Williams, author of "Streetcar Named Desire" and "Glass Menagerie," whose most recent work, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," was just awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

These two hits will open a four-performance engagement, including a Sunday matinee at the Arena Playhouse, May 20-22.

To be offered are "The Long Goodbye," and "Portrait of a Madonna."

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Hulan Jack 'Let's Find Out' guest

NEW YORK — Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, was the guest on WCB Radio's public service program "Let's Find Out" Sunday.

He was interviewed by Herbert Kamm of the New York World - Telegram and Sun and Mitchel Levitas of the New York Post on "A Prevention Plan for Juvenile Delinquency."

Martin Weldon moderates the public service program that deals with problems of partisan importance and concern to the inhabitants of Greater New York, New Jersey and the surrounding area.

Carmen McRae in great demand

NEW YORK —Singer Carmen McRae is on the road for the next two months.

At the Streamliner in Chicago until May 21, she moves to the Rouge lounge in Detroit May 23-May 30.

Then come engagements at the Tia Juana in Baltimore May 31-June 5 and the Showboat in Philadelphia June 6 - 11.

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

The Morgan State College Trustee Committee on State Scholarships will meet on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. at the college, and award grants to those eligible for a summer school study outside the state.

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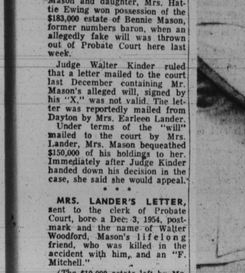

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● Wife, child win estate of numbers king

● Court throws out claim of Ohio woman

CLEVELAND —Mrs. Blanche Mason and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Ewing won possession of the $183,000 estate of Bennie Mason, former numbers baron, when an allegedly fake will was thrown out of Probate Court here last week.

Judge Walter Kinder ruled that a letter mailed to the court last December containing Mr. Mason's alleged will, signed by his "X," was not valid. The letter was reportedly mailed from Dayton by Mrs. Earleen Lander.

Under terms of the "will" mailed to the court by Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Mason became the $150,000 of his holdings to her. Immediately after Judge Kinder handed down his decision in the case, she said she would appeal.

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MRS. LANDER'S LETTER, sent to the clerk of Probate Court, bore a Dec. 2, 1954, postmark and the name of Walter Woodford, Mason's lifelong friend, who was killed in the accident with him, and an "F. Mitchell."

(The $183,000 estate left by Mr. Woodford also has been the subject of court action).

Under terms of the will submitted by Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Mason would have received $10,000, Mrs. Ewing, a like sum; a son, Julius, Mr. Mason's father, Joseph and a brother, $5,000 each.

The document stated that the $100 share of the estate was left to Mrs. Lander "because she helped me when I was helpless and behind bars and helped make me all that I am. It estimated the residue of the estate at $148,000.

The X appeared on the document, it was explained, because of Mr. Mason's inability to write.

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TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS during the probate, however, established the fact that Mr. Mason was fully capable of writing his own signature, but Mrs. Lander insisted after the hearing that "he couldn't write."

She added that she had known the deceased since 1922 and that he left Dayton in 1923. All of the persons who signed the will are now dead, she said.

Ever since Mr. Mason's death and claiming of his personal and real property, by his wife and daughter and surviving next of kin, numerous attempts have been made by other persons to get a share of it.

Order man held in stick death

Accused of slaying a fellow tenant by striking him in the head with an iron tipped stick, John W. Price, 66, 800 block Hanover St., was ordered held without bail for a hearing to be set by the state's attorney on Sunday in Central Police Court.

Ernest Brice, 45, the victim, died in South Baltimore General Hospital on Saturday afternoon, almost five hours after he had been admitted with a fractured skull.

Police said Brice was injured in an altercation at his home, where Price was a roomer.

Youth gets 90 days in automobile theft

Vernon P. Wilson Jr., 16, of the 700 block W. Franklin St., was sentenced to 90 days in the house of correction at Northwestern police court Friday after he pleaded guilty to stealing a 1937 automobile.

The recovered car is the property of Paul M. Moore of the 3700 block Ellicott Drive. Wilson was arraigned before Magistrate Linwood Koger Sr.

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TOP STUDENT SOLDIER—Cadet Col. Gilbert Ware of Hagerstown, Md., is shown receiving congratulations from Major Carl Dietrich, on winning the gold medal of the Reserve Officers Association. The award was made last Saturday at Morgan State College during ROTC Day: Reading from right to left, William Womack, Chester, Pa., who won the bronze medal of the Association; Colonel Ware, and Lester H. Wells of Hamilton, Ohio, winner of the silver medal.

BIG TOWN BY JAMES HICKS

NEW YORK — I have never been able to figure out just what a man is supposed to do when a woman suddenly bursts into tears.

So, if this column has a male reader who is more sophisticated in the ways of women than the writer, and who knows just what to do on such occasions, I wish that he would pass his information along in a letter.

Last week, when Mrs. Mable Grammer, former AFRO reporter, was honored by the Quizlets for her work in the adoption of German war babies this reporter and a magazine photographer happened to be about the only men at a luncheon of some 400 women.

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MIDWAY THE program, one of the women officials of the organization arose and said she wished she had the opportunity to know Mrs. Grammer better because when she hears of Mrs. Grammer's experiences with the war babies it just makes her want to sit down with Mrs. Grammer "so we could both just have a good cup."

M. Smith, the photographer, and I thought that this was a rather odd statement, but we paid it little attention. We should have known howgver, that it was a shadow of things to come.

And they did come. For Mrs. Grammer broke down in the middle of her speech to the women and began to cry. This appeared to be a cue for all the other lovely 400 women in the house to take out their hankies and cry, too.

And about 300 of them picked up the cue.

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EVER BEEN a man in a room where there are 300 lovely women crying? I didn't know what to do. I had one handkerchief in my pants pocket and one in my lapel. But I knew that in order to dry all those tears it would take 50 thirsty cannon balls towels.

So I just sat tight and hoped that I would not get drowned by tears. Pretty soon it was all over and the women went right on with their well-planned program as if nothing had happened.

You will ask asking — What does a guy do in a case like that? I'd like to help — but what can a man do?

Any man or woman, who has any suggestions, please drop me a line to 21 - 34th Ave., Long Island City, N.Y., or send it to the AFRO in Baltimore.

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INCIDENTALLY, I'd like to in my nomination now for the "Father of the Year." Mrs. Grammer's husband, Mr. Grammer, husband of Mable Grammer, who allowed his wife to adopt not one, but eight of the war babies in Germany and is now in Washington bustling and bustling and giving them a good home.

And look at you — you piker. You raise the roof when your wife tells you she is going to present you with ONE!

I asked Mable how her husband took all the adoptions. She said he was a prince.

She said at times he would be away on duty with the Army and when he returned at night he would walk into the nursery and see the little beds rearranged. This would tell him that there had been a new addition to the family.

All he would say would be "Well what is it — a boy or a girl. Let's have a look at my latest child."

Compare that to what would have happened in YOUR house!

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SPEAKING OF CHILDREN: My personal thanks to Lt. Colonel Daniel E. Day of Washington for sending me a picture of myself which he wrok while I was on duty as a captain in the Pentagon.

It just so happens that that picture is the only one that I have of myself in the uniform of an officer.

And it was badly needed in my household because our 4-year-old had begun to challenge his Poppa's statement that he was once a "sojer."

The picture proved it to him. So, thank you, Colonel Day who is heading for a new assignment in Maji!

Attention, the Rev. Theophilus Alexander president of Morehouse College, Little Rock Arkansas: New Yorkers who read your articles in the North Little Rock Times are concerned about your April 14 column.

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AS WE READ IT HERE, you are calling attention to the fact that in North Little Rock you have a separate civil defense setup for colored and white citizens. And from the way we read it, you don't seem to mind at all.

Please tell us, Reverend, do the people of Little Rock feel that there will be a special atom bomb for colored people and another for whites? Or did we just misread what you had to say? Information, please?

The night before he dropped a pop fly in a ball game last week, Willie Mays of the Giants had a big chittering dinner at the Red Rooster. After the game Dodger fans went around yelling, "I tell you about these chitterings — man they make wrinkles in front of your eyes the next day."

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DAVE HEPBURN was a daily guest when Marguerite Cartwright delivered her wonderful summary of the Bandung conference to the Overseas Press Club Thursday.

Other guests included Thelmas Boozer, the city official; Mrs. Paul Robeson and Ruth and Dan James. Hardworking Gladys Graham, covered for ANP and got so interested in Marguerite's talk she didn't touch her lunch.

Rep. Adam Powell was supposed to have been there and Marguerite was ready to take him apart. When the congressman failed to show, Marguerite told the press she considered it "ungallant" to disect Mr. Powell in his absence.

Then she proceeded to quietly disrobe him of all the glamour with which he has surrounded himself during the conference and after. 'Twas beautiful to hear!

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THE SHALIMAR, Red Randolph's bar on Seventh Ave. across from Sugar Ray's, has suddenly blossomed into one of the most beautiful spots in town. Red moved a few things around and presto — the women went wild over it.

The new manager of the Theresa bar is Major Reid, a 1950 graduate of A. and T. College, who hails from Greensboro. All the guys like him—and in the bar business thats equivalent to saying he is off to a good start.

Frances Anderson, one of Harlem's more charming civic workers, nas been lured back into activity by George Gregory and is busy lining up a supper dance for May 31 at the Rupert Brewery for the benefit of Forest House the youth center.

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LINDA PAGE, the top hat designer, is planning to expand her activities to include Washington and Richmond.

The mother of Sammy Davis Jr. died in a Harlem cafe. House of Flowers is closing up shop on Broadway but has ambitious plans for a road trip.

The easiest Broadway star to meet off Broadway is Sidney Poitier who co owns the "Rib on the Roff" cafes around town. He is currently starred in Blackboard Jungle. One of the nicest great actors I know.

Let's keep the record straight. In that Von Blaine, Jesse Dedmond case versus Col. Hubert (Black Eagle) Julian, it was not Von Blaine was introduced into evidence the letter which Baline wrote to Mrs. Julian. It was the colonel's side which put that into the record.

I'll have more on the records in the case, soon. Right now the papers are in the hands of the official referee.

Pinchhitting

By BOM THOMAS

Seems as though Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Howard University president, has already picked out the work he would do on his retirement. He would like to do the rest of his life, when and if he is. retired as president of the Washington institution.

He told delegates to the 29th annual session of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland Monday that his warmest hope is that when a successor is found to take his place at the university, some little Baptist church will "call me to preach until I die."

Dr. Johnson was the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the annual session at Union Temple Baptist Church, North and Madison Aves. He spoke for an hour and a minutes, during which he soundly denounced the colonial powers of the world.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Johnson apologized to his audience for not having "cultivated the facility of speaking briefly. He said his father, "a good Baptist minister," could say in 30 minutes what he, himself, took twice as long to say.

At one point in his message to the Baptist delegates, the Howard president told "any men in the audience who are interested" that some of the most beautiful women in the world can be found in southern India.

Jokingly, he stated that should his wife decide to take off some day, he had a book full of addresses of beautiful women, 100 of whom are in India.

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HOWEVER, HE STATED that he still holds firmly to the vows he took before the altar in the church in which he was married. "I said 'I do' so loudly," he stated humorously, "that a deaf fly way up in the back of the church said 'amen'."

During his introductory remarks, which, by his own words, lasted for more than half of his address, Dr. Johnson paid tribute to two Howard graduates. Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Methodist Church and Walter T. Dixon, the new Baltimore councilman.

In one of the more serious moments during his speech, Dr. Johnson gave a shining example of the fate of nations, which build great colonial powers by exploiting and subjugating other peoples.

He said that during a recent visit to England, while he was having breakfast, an English acquaintance remarked that he had as much meat on his plate as the average Britisher eats in an entire week.

This same nation, which was once the greatest colonial power in the world, dominating approximately two-fifths of the earth's surface, is still pulling in its economic belt. Dr. Johnson went out, added that colonialism in the world is making its last desperate stand.

FLASH! 2 Shotguns used in slaying here

Car lot operators held as suspects

Two white used car lot operators, on the alert for a prowler, are being held by police in the shotgun slaying of a 40-year-old man who had been formerly employed by them.

The bullet-ridden body of Norman Williams was found at 6:30 p.m. Thursday behind the Baltimore - New York Express, Inc., in the 1100 block N. Macon St., about 200 to 400 feet from the used car lot at 4715 Erdman Ave.

At least 15 pellets from shotgun blasts had ripped through the man's body.

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POLICE SAID charges will be placed this afternoon (Friday) against Al Polinsky of the 2500 block Druid Hill Parkway and Nathan Berkman of the 4100 block Fairfax Rd.

The men, police at the North eastern District said, surrendered to authorities after they were attracted to the place where Williams' body was found by the crowd which had gathered.

They told Sgt. George Waldhauser, who investigated the shooting, that the man had formerly been in their employ.

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THE TWO MEN told police they had been missing parts from cars on their lot for some time. Police at the Northeastern District said an official complaint of prowlers had been received from the men about two days before the shooting of Williams.

Polinsky and Berkman told police they had staked themselves out on the lot Wednesday night to wait for possible prowlers. At about 11:30, police said the men stated, they saw a man in the act of tampering with a radiator on one of the cars.

WHEN THEY called to the man, the two men reported, he jumped up and started toward them with something in his hand.

Both of them, armed with shotguns, discharged their weapons in the direction of the onrushing man. They said the prowler turned and fled through an opening in a fence surrounding the used car lot.

Police said both men surmised they had missed Williams with the shotgun blasts and thought that he had gotten away. They will face assault and shooting charges at Central police court.

Honor funeral of Philly banker

PHILADELPHIA Pa. (ANP) — This state's only colored bank celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of its founder—Maj. R. R. Wright, May 15-16 with a drive to get more savings deposits and memorial services in more than 100 of the city's churches.

Major Wright, who rose from a lowly status to a respected member of Philadelphia society, was famous for his answer to the question of a white general who had found him when he was a school boy. "What shall I tell northern friends about you?"

Wright answered: "Tell them, sir, we are rising."

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MAJOR WRIGHT opened the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Co. in 1920, when he was 65 years old.

In 1876 he graduated from Atlanta University with an A.B. degree and was president of Georgia State Industrial College for 30 years. He also served as a major and paymaster in the U.S. Army in The Spanish-American War.

At 84, he purchased his own airplane and made a "good will tour" of Haiti, later came back to start the Haitian Coffee Co.

The bank that he founded never closed while white banks were closing one after another during the great depression. When the government compelled all banks to close Citizens shut down, but was one of the first to reopen.

Deaths

MRS. BESSIE R. C. JOHNSON

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Holland Funeral Home for Mrs. Bessie Reed Cox Johnson, 65, 1727 Madison Ave. Mrs. Johnson died on Saturday at the Deer's Head State Hospital in Salisbury, Md., following an 18-month illness.

The Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, where Mrs. Johnson was a long-time member, officiated at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. Kelly Jackson, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church. Burial was in Metropolitan Methodist Cemetery.

A native of West Point, Va., Mrs. Johnson had resided in Baltimore for over 40 years. For many years, she was an office assistant to the late Dr. A. Lee Ellis.

At Enon Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir, Women's Missionary Society and taught Sunday School, she met and married the late Llewellyn J. Cox. Of this union there was one daughter, Mrs. William J. Gibson (the former Dorothy Cox) of Chicago.

In 1935, she married Arthur Johnson, who survives. Other survivors include two grandsons, two great-nieces, one of whom she reared from birth.

Music during the funeral was rendered by Mrs. Agnes Gibson and Mrs. Doris Smith. Mrs. Rosa Gaskins acknowledged messages. Pallbearers were: John Manns, James Hickman, Richard Sharer, William Turks, Charles Bruce and Otho Puckett.

COLEMAN B. COSBY

Funeral services were held Thursday at Union Baptist Church, Sparrows Point for Coleman B. Cosby, a retired employee of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

Mr. Cosby, who resided at 816 E. St., died in a local hospital last Sunday while making preparations to return to his home. He had been ill for four weeks.

Born in Schuyler, Va., Mr. Cosby retired from his job after 30 years service. He was 78 years of age. Burial was in Carver Memorial Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Cosby, two sons, George and Jack Crosby, and two daughters, Dorothy Friedman and Edna Taylor both of Washington.

Also three grandchildren, Gifin of Baltimore. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

MRS. GEORGIA JONES

Funeral services at the King Apostolic Church, Paris and Winchester Sts., were held Tuesday for Mrs. Georgia Jones, 7 of 2230 W. Lexington St.

Born in Ashville, N.C., Mrs. Jones died at City Hospitals Friday. She had been ill for the past three years. She was a member of Mt. Zion Church of God for six years.

Mrs. Jones is survived by two sons, Robert Cherry of Baltimore, Samuel Cherry of the Bronx, N.Y.; and two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Conley of Durham, N.C., and Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin of Baltimore. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

BENJAMIN TILGHMAN

Services for Benjamin Tilghman of 2314 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., who died at Provident Hospital Monday, were held Wednesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

A native of Baltimore County, Mr. Tilghman was 6 years of age. He had been blind for the past three years. Burial was in Arbutus Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Natalie C. Tilghman, a teacher at Dunbar High School, and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Harris and Mrs. Margaret Boston.

Father linked to tot's burns

Held in bail for grand jury

The scars of a badly burned one-year-old child were displayed in Northwestern Police Court Wednesday, as the infant's father was ordered held in $5,000