Mrs. Williston exonerated; restored to hospital staff

WASHINGTON, (NNPA)—Mrs. Carol Carson Williston, the wife of Dr. Thomas A. Williston, a physician, was due to report back to duty at Freedmen's Hospital Wednesday after a suspension from her job for more than five months.

Mrs. Williston, the daughter of the late Dr. Simeon L. Carson, an outstanding surgeon, was suspended as the director of the medical social service at the hospital on security charges.

A spokesman for Dr. Charles E. Burbridge, said Monday that the superintendent, Health, Education, and Welfare, under which Freedmen's comes had notified the hospital that the report of the board which inquired into the charges was favorable to Mrs. Williston and that she could be restored to duty.

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AT THE request of Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby, secretary, Mrs. Williston was given an oral hearing before the Security Board of the Department of Health, Education, the Welfare in November. She was represented by George E. C. Hayes and Belford B. Lawson.

The principal charge against her was that her husband had been "reliably reported to be a member of the Communist party and of numerous organizations" listed by the Attorney General as subversive.

In a written reply to the charges, Mrs. Williston admitted that her husband had once been a member of the Communist party and of other organizations listed as subversive by the Attorney General, but said he had given information to that effect to the Justice Department.

She said her husband had severed his connections with the Communist party some time ago and that she herself had never been a member. She also stated that if she has had any association with members of subversive groups, such associations were purely social and had no political implications.

Two youths held on theft counts

Two youths accused of breaking into several stores were ordered held Wednesday for action of the grand jury folowing a hearing at the Northwestern Police Court. They were identified as:

WILLIAM SMITH, 17, of the 800 block Whatcoat St., $2,000 bail.

ROBERT ANDREWS, 16, of the 800 block Whatcoat St. $1,000 bail.

Smith was accused of breaking into a store in the 700 block N. Stricker St., and two stores in the 200 block Pennsylvania Ave. Andrews was accused of only the Stricker St. burglary.

The only loot taken in the burglaries was at the Stricker St. store, where the proprietor reported the loss of approximately $35 in cigarettes.

Piney Point resident fined in Leonardtown

LEONARDTOWN, Md.—Booker Robinson, 39, of Piney Point, was fined $15 and costs last week when he was convicted by Trial Magistrate Willson H. Knight of disturbing the peace in a store operated by Charles Bailey at Tall Timbers.

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ABORTION

- Hospitalized woman makes accusations
- Arrest makes 2nd time for Dr. Harris

WASHINGTON

Preliminary hearing for Dr. John Oden Harris, 58, and a 24-year-old woman, arrested with him Tuesday on abortion charges, was continued to March 14 by U.S. Commissioner Cyril S. Lawrence, Wednesday.

The request for the continuance was made by the government because the victim of the alleged illegal operation was in too critical a condition at the Arlington hospital to appear for the hearing.

It was Dr. Harris' second arrest on such a charge within the past three years.

Police nabbed Dr. Harris at his office and residence located in the 100 block of W St., NW. Miss Mary Veronica Gray, was arrested at her apartment in the swank Rhode Island Plaza apartment house.

Dr. Harris is charged on a U.S. Commissioner's warrant with performing an illegal operation on a 22-year-old unmarried white woman on last Jan. 20, according to Capt. Richard A. Felber of the homicide squad. The medic was acquitted after his arrest on a similar charge in 1953.

Miss Gray is accused on a warrant of treating the complainant at her apartment in the Plaza following the alleged operation by Dr. Harris.

According to Captain Felber, police seized three dozen catheters and other surgical equipment from Dr. Harris' office, including a small black book in which patients were listed.

They also confiscated surgical instruments from Miss Gray's apartment at the time of her arrest, Captain Felber stated.

The arrests were touched off when Arlington County hospital officials notified police that a woman patient was being treated at the hospital suffering from the effects of an illegal operation.

After questioning by police, the patient on recovery swore out warrants against the two suspects, Captain Felber said. The warrants were issued by the Commissioner on February 17.

The complainant charged that Dr. Harris had given her three shots from a hypodermic needle to induce the abortion. However, after that failed, he used surgical instruments, according to homicide detectives.

Police believed that patients were referred to Miss Gray's apartment for a three-day "rest" period following operations.

The raids were staged beginning at 12:20 p.m.

Sgt. E. C. Clarke of the homicide squad stated that he found Dr. Harris alone in his office at the time of the raid. Dr. Harris submitted quietly and made no protest, the detective stated.

He said officers noted the name of the complainant listed in the black book found in the office. "There were names of men in the book too," Sergeant Clarke reported, "and it may have been an ordinary date book that physicians use."

Dr. Harris, who is a graduate of Howard University medical school, appeared unruffled during questioning by homicide detectives at police headquarters.

He made few comments on the charges, police reported, and neither admitted nor denied the accusations. He was represented yb George Parks, attorney, who arrived at headquarters shortly after Dr. Harris' arrest.

Dressed in a brown striped suit, Dr. Harris made frequent trips into the corridors and back into the homicide office after his release on bond.

In 1953, Dr. Harris was charged in the abortion-death of Mrs. Josephine Fuller, government worker. After Mrs. Fuller's death, fellow workers at the Census Bureau contributed to a fund for her four children. The matron was also well-known as a favorite photographer's model.

The medic was cleared during trial of the case in District Court in June, 1953, on a directed verdict of acquittal byJudge Luther Youngdahl. The jurist upheld a motion by Dr. Harris' attorney charging that the government had failed to offer any direct evidence to connect Dr. Harris with the illegal operation.

Although he made no admissions in the present case, Dr. Harris is quoted by police as saying: "If a woman in trouble came to you pleading and begging for help, what would you do?"

Miss Gray was surprised by police at her modestly-furnished apartment, at approximately 2 p.m. When she responded to a knock on the door by Sgt. Emmet Waters and Roy C. Schwabb of the homicide squad, the attractive red-head was dressed in a housecoat, police reported.

"She appeared very calm," Sergeant Waters stated.

The two detectives, accompanied by Officer Lucile McGraw, of the women's bureau, entered the luxurious building from a side entrance. Miss Gray requested time to dress and while detectives were waiting, someone who saw the detectives enter the building notified William T. Tinney Jr., her attorney. Mr. Tinney arrived at headquarters before detectives completed the arrest.

Police officers said Miss Gray's statement was dictated by her attorney and they declined comment on whether or not she had admitted the charges.

At headquarters, Miss Gray hid from photographers under a beige coat. Police said she is a former Howard University student and has been living at the Plaza for three years. She has no record.

Both defendants were released under $3,000 bonds and were scheduled to appear before the U.S. Commissioner for arraignment Wednesday morning.

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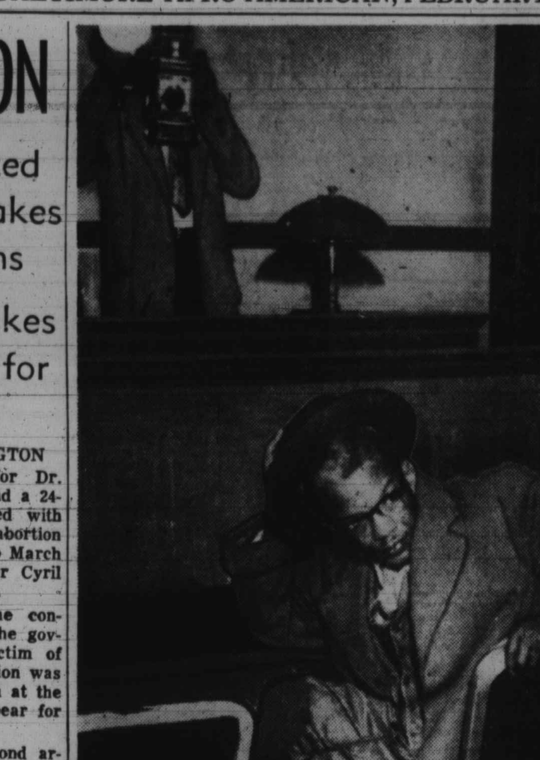
NEITHER DR. Harris nor Miss Gray said anything at the hearing and both were continued free under the $3,000 bond set for each by Mr. Lawrence, Tuesday.

Det.-Sgt. Clarke admitted that Miss Gray had given the Homicide Squad a three-page statement detailing the operations in complete detail.

Meanwhile, the AFRO learned that presentations against Dr. Harris and Miss Gray will be started before the grand jury on March 3.



DR. JOHN ODEN HARRIS

(As he appeared when held on a similar charge in 1953)

Watson trial delayed again

U.S. prosecutor downed by illness

The first degree murder trial of Clarence E. Watson Jr. for the alleged "duckpin" murder of Miss Alyce O. Taggart, on July 5, 1953, was postponed again.

Scheduled to open Wednesday in U.S. District Court, it would have been the second trial of Watson on the same charge.

Illness of Frederick G. Smithson, assistant U.S. attorney and prosecutor in the case, caused the postponement. Mr. Smithson is confined to his home with a back ailment.

The trial will not be held for at least a week or two, Mr. Smithson told the AFRO Tuesday.

In the first trial which ended last Jan. 20 the jury was unable to agree on a verdict.

The trial was heard by U.S. District Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews, who heard a previous trial of Watson last year on charges of criminally assaulting an airlines hostess.

Watson was found guilty of that charge and sentenced to serve from 13 to 40 years in prison.

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IN THE "duckpin" murder case Watson faces three counts of first degree murder and one count of housebreaking in the four-count indictment.

The crime occurred at Scott's Hotel in the 2100 block of O St., NW. Miss Taggart, 45, was a government clerk.

Bride faces fraud charge

WASHINGTON

A man who lived with his new bride just 29 days, Monday filed suit in U.S. District Court seeking annulment of their short-lived wedding.

He charged fraud to his bride whom he wed on last Jan. 11 and from whom he was separated on Feb. 9.

Willard R. Baucom, 719 D St., NE, filed the action against Mrs. Dorothy J. Kitson Baucom, 623 Fourth St., NW.

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MR. BAUCOM says that Mrs. Baucom is now five months pregnant and that he had only known her for three months before he married her. He met her on last Nov. 15, Mr. Baucom alleges.

The husband makes two other charges against Mrs. Baucom. He says she was living with one William Smith, "to whom she was not married" during October, 1954, at 1321 Belmont St., NW.

He further accuses Mrs. Baucom of having lived with one Kenny Silvers at the Congress Hotel during last December and the early part of January of this year.

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OTHER DIVORCE actions filed Monday included:

Mildred H. Brown, 2001 Maryland Ave., NE, vs. James Duncan Brown, 1257 Morse St., NE; Elizabeth J. Crutchfield, 1211 17th St., NE, vs. Elmore B. Crutchfield, 704 12th St., NE;

Henrietta F. Sanders, 1348 Perry Pl., NW, vs. Harold Sanders, 3005 Southland Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Youth grabs money also deodorent

Seventeen-year-old Morton H. Eggleston Jr., of the 1600 block N. Wolfe St., may not have a reputation for honesty by now, but its' possible that the will remembered as one of the cleanest fellows that ever faced the bar of justice in the Northeastern Police Court.

Charged with taking a heart-fund collection bank containing $4 Tuesday from a resturant in the 1700 block Washington St., young Eggleston surprised arresting officers further when it was discovered that the had also taken two jars of deodorant.

The owner, Albert Daemoss told police that Eggleston took the box when he went to the rear of the restaurant to get some shrimp he had ordered.

The deordorant was taken from a nearby store immediately following the loss of the heart fund bank and was reported by Morris Kleiman.

Eggleston was given a 60 day jail term by Magistrate Samuel Gaboff.

Two men on trial for robbing cabbie

WASHINGTON

Two men accused of robbing a Capitol Cab driver of his cab and watch and $4 in money Sept. 23 went on trial this week before Chief U.S District Judge Bolitha J. Laws.

Shaw Henderson, 32, 1600 block Graceland Ct., NE, and Robert Mason Potter, 30, 500 block 23rd St., NE, allegedly robbed Pless R. Redd, 33, 4100 block Hunt Pl., NE, at gunpoint.

The robbery occurred at 17th and Benning Rd., NE, the indictment charges.

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Suit against Elder Michaux dismissed in District Court

WASHINGTON—(NNPA)—Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, radio evangelist and "Happy Am I" preacher, Monday scored a victory when Judge James R. Kirkland in District Court here dismissed the suit of Albert I. Cassell, former Howard University architect, against him and five other defendants.

Cassell was seeking to recover a total of $993,171 from Elder Michaux, the Gospel Spreading Association, Mayfair Mansions, Mayfair Extension, Elder Howard W. Poole, a trustee of the Gospel Spreading Association, and Arthur M. Chaite, a former attorney for the Federal Housing Administration.

Judge Kirkland also ruled that plaint out of court on the grounds that count one failed to state a complaint for fraud under the Federal Rules of Procedure and that the complaint was not a plain and concise statement of action as required by such rules.

Judge Kirland also ruled that the claims asserted in count three for money advanced to Mayfair Mansions and Mayfair Extension and for services as architect and engineer were stale and barred by the three-year statute of limitations.

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MR. CASSELL WAS GIVEN the right to amend his complaint as to counts 1 and 2 and reinstate his suit.

The motion to dismiss was filed by John M. London, attorney for the defendants. In dismissing the suit Judge Kirkland virtually adopted all the grounds urged by Mr. London in the dismissal motion.

In Count 1 Mr. Cassell claimed money damages as a result of alleged fraud in the sale to Mr. Chaite of his stock in Mayfair Mansions, one of the first deluxe apartments built under the Federal Housing Administration program for colored people anywhere in the United States.

Under this count Mr. Cassell sought to recover $576,004, which he claimed was the net worth of his stock in Mayfair Mansions, less $30,000 which he was paid for the stock.

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CASSELL FIGURED the value of his interest in the project on the appraised value of $6,000,000 placed on Mayfair Mansions, less a balance of $2,868,979 owed on an FHA-insured loan and a balance of $251,000 due Messrs. Walker and Dunlop, realtors, who advanced funds to save Mayfair Mansions for foreclosure.

This indebtedness left a net value of Mayfair Mansion stock of $2,880,021 twenty per cent or $576,004, which represented Cassell's interest before he allegedly was defrauded, less $30,000 which he was paid for his stock.

In count two Mr. Cassell sought injunctive relief to be restored to what Mr. London termed "unspecified 'rights and privileges,'" of which he claimed he was deprived by the alleged repudiation of an agreement.

The agreement, dated Jan. 10, 1947, made Mr. Cassell a director, architect-engineer and executive vice president of Mayfair Mansions, Mayfair Extensions, a shopping center, and the Northeast Management Company, with voting power, for twenty-nine years.

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IN COUNT three Mr. Cassell asserted claims, in various amounts, for "advances" to Mayfair Mansions and Mayfair Extensions, going back as far as 1939, and for salary at $5,000 a year for 10 years and five months, totaling $417,171.

All of the claims asserted in count three arose more than three years prior to the filing of the suit.

Cassell, on March 26, 1952 sold his stock to Chaite for $30,000 and for release from all liability on the loans of $110,000. Mr. Chaite, in making these loans, acted not as principal, as Mr. Cassell allegedly believed, but as agent for an undisclosed principal whom Cassell later learned was the Gospel Spreading Association, a stockholder in Mayfair Mansions.

Mr. Cassell did not learn that funds for the loans Mr. Chaite made to Mayfair Mansions came from Michaux until he testified before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in October and Sen. Homer E. Capehart, (Rep. Ind.) informed him of that fact.

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IN THE MOTION to dismiss, Mr. London pointed out that Mr. Cassell did not allege that he suffered any damage in selling his stock, nor did he allege that anyone misrepresented to him the value of his stock or the value of the corporation.

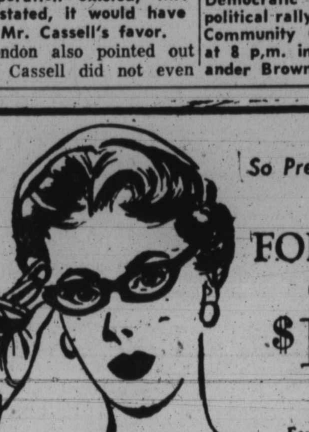
On the contrary, Mr. London said, the complaint alleged that Mr. Cassell was up to the time of the sale in charge of operations and finance of the corporation. If any disparity of knowledge as to the value of the stock and the corporation existed, Mr. London stated, it would have been in Mr. Cassell's favor.

Mr. London also pointed out that Mr. Cassell did not even allege that the stock was worth one cent more on March 26, 1942, when Mr. Cassell sold it, than the money he received. Instead, he said, Mr. Cassell alleged only the value of the stock two and a half years after the sale on November 2, last when the architect filed his complaint.

Mr. Cassell, by failing to allege any difference in value between the price he received in 1952 and the value of the stock he sold in 1952, Mr. London asserted, failed to allege that he suffered any damage by the sale of the stock, whether or not the sale was induced by fraud.

CHERRY HILL CLUB TO HOLD RALLY

The Cherry Hill Combined Democratic Clubs will hold a political rally at the Presbyterian Community Church this Sunday at 8 p.m. in Cherry Hill. Alexander Brown is chairman.



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60 Firemen Back Dept. Integration

Portrait of a Dixiecrat

REP. JAMES C. DAVIS

The Supreme Court's decision on the school cases is the worst fraud ever perpetrated on the American public, Rep. James C. Davis (Dem., Ga.) told the AFRO, Monday.

"I think that the Supreme Court usurped the power of the states in the school decision," Congressman Davis declared.

"It was a raw decision."

The Georgia congressman is chairman of the House District Subcommittee on the police and fire departments.

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WHEN INTERVIEWED, he had concluded a second hearing in a bill he introduced. If enacted, it would reverse the District Commissioner's August, 1954, order to integrate the fire department.

Asked about the truth of the report that he encouraged the District school children to strike last September against attending integrated classes, Congressman Davis replied:

go home and refuse to attend classes.

"If they didn't attend classes, there would be nobody in school to teach."

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CONGRESSMAN DAVIS, 60, is a resident of Stone Mountain, Ga., one time heart of the Ku Klux Klan activities.

The Fifth Congressional District which he represents takes in the City of Atlanta and includes three counties, DeKalb, Fulton and Rockdale.

The population figures for the counties included in the District are:

DeKalb—total—136,395; non-white, 14,410
Fulton—total—473,572; non-white, 145,182
Rockdale—total—8,464; non-white, 2,480
The District—total—618,431; non-white, 162,072.

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IN THE 1954 Democratic primary, Davis received 55,366 votes while his leading opponent, Morris B. Abram, received 49,346 votes.

total vote cast was 105,702, or approximately 17 percent of the population.

He was elected by about 8 percent of the people in this District.

From 1934 until 1947, Davis served as judge of the Superior Courts in the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit.

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DURING THE 1954 Democratic primary, Davis admitted that he joined Ku Klux Klan when the revived Klan numbered most white Georgians among its members.

The "Association of Georgia Klans" is listed by the Attorney General of the United States as a subversive organization.

He says he doesn't dislike colored folks.

"I am just dead against social equality.

"It is a belief that I have that is based on common sense."

Question—Common sense?

Answer—Yes, common sense.

"Now looka here, I don't expect you to agree with my views. You are entitled to your opinions, but I think mine are based on common sense.

Q.—What do the colored folks in Georgia think about you?

A.—In the last election, about 14,000 or 15,000 of them voted against me.

My opponent got a popular vote plurality of 1,400 votes due to the 100 pereent support of the colored vote.

But, we have a county unit system and I was nominated on the Democratic ticket. In the fall election I beat my Republican opponent by a huge margin.

Q.—What about race relations in Georgia?

A.—The colored and white people get along fine in Atlanta. It is just those radical outsiders who come in there to create dissension.

Q.—Radical outsiders?

A.—Yes, that group called the NAACP. They are nothing but a bunch of radicals.

In my home county, we have some fine schools for colored children.

They are equal to anything that the whites have.

We made a survey and found that the taxes that the colored people in the county pay couldn't support a single school, let alone all of the fine schools that the white folks have provided.

Q.—Don't you think colored people would like to pay more taxes, but it's just a question that they don't get decent jobs?

A.—That's not true. A colored man in my state can get any job that he is qualified to hold.

Q.—Can they get jobs driving streetcars?

A.—Well, I don't know anything about the transit company. But they get plenty jobs in the post office.

Why, just the other day, a branch post office opened in a nice colored community.

The entire staff is made up of colored persons.

Q.—Do you think that your bill to reverse the District Commissioner's order to integrate the fire department has a chance of enactment?

A.—I don't like to predict about such things. You never can tell. It could pass, but I wouldn't want to say.

Q.—There has been a charge that you are only hearing one side of the subject. Are you going to hear from those in favor of integration.

A.—I think the hearing has been conducted fairly.

Sometime, we might hear from the other side. I just can't say when.

SLUR HIT

- Deny seeking transfer to JC company
- Charge Stein slurred men is repeated

WASHINGTON

Sixty colored firemen attending a press conference called by Congressman Adam C. Powell (Dem. NY.) Thursday, indicated that they are solidly in favor of a completely integrated fire department.

Five of the men made statements to the conference which was held in the committee on insular affairs hearing room in the House office building.

Pvt. Paul Galloway and Ivrn Elmore, assigned to engine company No. 5 in Georgetown, denied that they sought transfers from a previous all white company to an all colored unit.

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DURING MONDAY'S hearing before the House District subcommittee headed by Congressman James C. Davis, the names of the two men were injected by Capt. George Tacey, president of the Fire Fighters Local 36.

Tacey stated that the men asked for transfers because they did not want to be in an integrated unit.

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ANOTHER FIREMAN, Pvt. Samuel Jefferson, of Engine No. 24 said he applied for a transfer to the police fire boat because while in the coast guards he served as a petty officer on a water tender.

Capt. Joseph Briscoe of Engine No. 4, the highest ranking colored officer in the department, told the newsmen that in his 34 years of experience he had never seen a fireman, white or colored, display cowardice.

His statment refuted a charge made by Battalion Chief Paul Grisso before the Davis sub-committee that many times he (Grisso) "had to push colored firemen into a fire."

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CAPT. BRISCOE told the newsmen that he favored integration because it afforded the colored firemen an opportunity to participate in a rotating plan to learn all phases of the department.

"I came up in a segregated engine company and that was the only operation that I knew. While white firemen under a rotating plan learned the operations of a truck company, rescue squad, communication, and the fireboat.

"Under integration, our boys will have the same opportunity," he observed.

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SGT. H. Y. DOWLING of Engine No. 27 told the newsmen that there is a clause in the firemen's manual that deals with the conduct of members of the department according the proper respect to other members and civilians while in uniform.

Congressman Powell injected the comment that evidently the District commissioners were not aware of this clause, or they would have taken actions against Battalion Chief Elmer F. Stein for his racial slur, because the slur was made while Stein was in uniform, Powell said.

Congresman Powell further told the newsmen that he was going to propose to the commissioners that the fire department be integrated horizontally and vertically; the rookies in the department not be assigned to sensitive units; that the commissioner publically refute Grisso's statement about the cowardice of colored firemen.

Painter jailed in lottery case

Judge ignores employer's plea

Despite a plea for probation from his employer, a 44-year-old man car painter was sentenced to five months in the House of Correction and fined $600 and costs in Criminal Court, Wednesday, for a lottery violation.

Convicted was Theodore Robinson, 500 block Arlington Ave. who was identified as a new car painter for the Brooks Price Buick Co.

Sgt. Hyman Goldstein of Feb. 5, armed with a search warrant, arrested the painter at the automobile company's branch at McCulloh St. and Cloverdale Rd.

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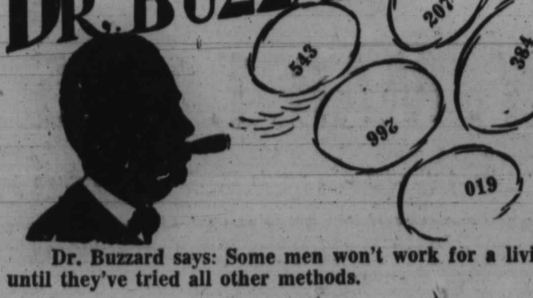
A SEARCH of Robinson, the sergeant testified, revealed 48 slips, 298 numbers and $88 in play. Police said Robinson told them he took numbers from employees.

Maurice Siegel, attorney for the defendant, entered a guilty plea but presented a letter from David L. Brooks which requested that Robinson be placed on probation and stated that if this was done he would be retained on the job he has held for six years.

Judge John T. Tucker turned deaf ears to the request. Robinson had no previous record.



Dr. Buzzard says: Some men won't work for a living until they've tried all other methods.

Decent citizens provide home for snubbed airman

Billy Daniels' brother welcomed by mayor

WAVERLY, Iowa—The heartwarming story of how decent people in a community can overcome racial bigotry was unfolded here last week when city and Chamber of Commerce officials, along with prospective neighbors, ceremoniously welcomed the family of a colored Air Force captain as a resident of the city.

Capt. Virgil A. Daniels, 37, the brother of Billy Daniels, jazz singer had been assigned to an Air Force installation near Waverly, about 21 miles from Waterloo, Iowa, about six months ago.

When he decided to move his family from Waterloo to Waverly, to avoid having to make the 42-mile round trip to the installation each day, a white rental manager of the housing area told him that some tenants "said they didn't want to live with colored people."

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CAPTAIN DANIELS said he was "shocked" when he heard this. "I didn't expect any fuss up here about integrated housing," the veteran 12-year airman added, when he was told further that some of tenants of the apartment house where he had sought an apartment threatened to move if he were allowed to rent an apartment.

Other residents of the apartment, however, heard about this and thereupon called a meeting, signed a petition asking Daniels to move in, and even took up a collection to pay part of his first month's rent of $64.

Last Thursday, Mayor Willard Oscincup ceremoniously presented Captain Daniels with keys to an apartment, saying: "Waverly is a friendly town and we welcome anyone who would like to be a part of our community, especially one of the country's defenders.

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SEVERAL RESIDENTS of the apartment group also gave him a "petition of neighborliness" signed by most residents of the housing area.

With his wife, Inez, 27, and youngest of three children Gwendolyn, 2, at his side, Captain Daniels responded:

"This little gathering has been so warm and spontaneous as to verify my confidence in my friends and my faith in the people of Waverly. I think it is indicative of the very fine relations that have always existed between the base and the people here. I am sure I speak for my wife and my family when I say I'm very appreciative."

Mr. Lackmore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said that "all but two" of the residents of the housing group signed the petition welcoming the Danielses.

Slowdown: fate of civil rights bills in offering

WASHINGTON

With battle lines firmly drawn in the Senate and House for the showdown over civil rights legislation, it is highly probable that events of the next few days will forecast the outcome.

Last Friday morning the House Rules Committee held a hearing on the creation of a Civil Rights Commission—a joint congressional body with its own independent staff.

The Rules Committee is headed by Rep. Howard W. Smith of Broad Run, Va., now serving his 13th term in the House.

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REP. SMITH holds a similar position in the House to that held by Senator Richard Russell, Georgia Democrat, who is regarded as the "uncrowned king" of the Senate.

By the same token, the power of Rep. Smith in the 84th may turn out to be the deciding factor in the battle for enactment of civil rights measures.

It is believed that decision on the fate of the proposed joint Congressional Civil Rights Commission will tell the story of how other civil rights legislation will fare.

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MEANWHILE, THE leader of the civil rights fight in the House, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (Dem., N.Y.) has mapped the strategy he and his supporters will use to offset possible losses by parliamentary moves.

A total of 22 "whips," each responsible for 10 Congressmen, will comprise the Powell task force. Representing a total of 220 votes, the number actually needed for a majority is 218.

The first test will probably come next Wednesday when "Calendar Wednesday" will be called. If it is impossible to get civil rights measures reported out-of committee, then Rep. Powell will call his task force into action.

The New Yorker will seek signatures to a discharge petition, "which if 218 are obtained, automatically brings legislation to the floor for consideration and a vote.

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THE FIRST bill which may feel the impact of the Powell task force is the President's school construction bill, to which the NAACP has urged the addition of safeguards to foil racial discrimination.

Rep. Powell believes that this measure and his proposal for the banning of racial discrimination in interstate transportation, have an even chance of being enacted.

This week may indeed be a week of tremendous significance in the battle for civil rights. The word is "watch the House Rules Committee."

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ON THE other hand, Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr., freshman Democrat from Michigan, doesn't believe civil rights bills will have much chance for passage during the next two years.

"The emphasis is on party harmony," Rep Diggs points out. "Anything which might disrupt that would not be looked upon with too much favor, considering 1956."

In contrast is the view of Clarence Mitchell, the NAACP's watchdog of Capitol Hill.

"I believe that we are going to get some of the things we've asked for," he says, "particularly the interstate travel bill."

Mr. Mitchell makes this further observation:

"Congressmen realize that they are up for election in 1956, that unless they have something in their own record the President can't help them.

MR. MITCHELL, too, believes that there is a serious "crack" in the coalition which has wielded such effective preventive strength in recent Congresses.

"It is in a little different position in this congress." I wouldn't say the coalition is broken, but there are some cracks in it."

The key man to watch in the Senate on all civil rights measures, according to Mr. Mitchell, is Senator Russell.

"Nothing 'goes' except by Russell's okay," Mr. Mitchell declares. "Senator Lyndon Johnson (Dem., Tex.) is the titular majority leader, but Senator Russell is the real head."

In the House, Speaker Sam Rayburn is backed by Rep. MacCormack, the majority leader, but the Rules Committee is not under administration domination as it was in the 83rd Congress, Mr. Mitchell points out

Rep. Howard Smith, that committee's chairman, is not the kind of man that Speaker Rayburn and Majority Leader John MacCormack (Dem.,Mass.) can order around, according to Mr. Mitchell.

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"THE LIBERAL elements in both Senate and House—if they stick together—can keep Calendar Wednesday from being suspended," Mr. Mitchell believes.

But the battle lines are drawn. There are 50 civil rights bills in the Senate and House. The decks are cleared for action. Whose strategy will win remains to be seen, but the battle is on!

Man pleads guilty in lamp death

WASHINGTON

Earle J. Lucas, 44, of Alexandria, pleaded guilty to second degree murder Monday in the Dec. 4 "lamp death" of Miss Mildred Robinson.

Miss Robinson died of burns in a local hospital after stating that Lucas threw a flaming kerosene lamp at her Dec. 2. Judge Davis A. Pine accepted Lucas' plea and will announce sentencing date later.

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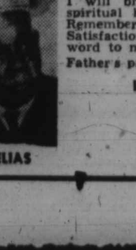

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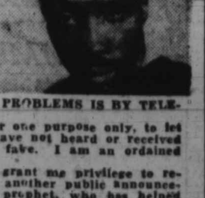

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