Testimonial for Miss Bennett

Miss Jessye Bennett, former vice principal of Cherry Hill School, and now principal of School No. 121 was honoree at a testimonial given by co-workers, recently.

Participating in the affair were:

Miss C. Travers, Miss Iris Weaver, Mrs. Sylvia Lyons, Mrs. Mary Hairston, Miss Julia Smith, Miss M. Makel, Mrs. Beulah Westcott, Mrs. Gladys Hughes, Mrs. Alice Kinard;

Mrs. Ina Bryant, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. Mary Shaw, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Catherine Tucker, William Spencer, Mrs. Viola Wright, Delma Milbourne, Miss Margaret Wallace.

Mrs. Adele Queen, Mrs. Betty Graves, Mrs. Ruth Norris, Mrs. Florence Jones, Miss Ida Boyd, Mrs. Madora Gorham, Miss Minerva Carr, William M. Birche Jr., Thomas Lyons and Henry Ethridge.

—Gadabouting

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HIS WIFE and daughter, Bettye Phillips, gathered a few friends and relatives at his Morgan Park home to surprise Carl Murphy on his birthday Monday evening.

About were:

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Jenkins, Miss Frances L. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Alleyne, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy 3rd, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd, and Frank Phillips.

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MR. AND MRS. Hubert Lane entertained at the W. Hasslinger Restaurant, Saturday evening, with guests including Mrs. Helen Clash, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson and Mrs. D. Baker.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority marked Founder's Day with a party in the Medeso Club, Saturday evening.

A past national president, Mrs. Mae Allen, was speaker, and honoree was Mrs. Vashti Murphy, the only founder living in the city.

There were songs and games, with corsages for Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Allen and the chapter president, Mrs. Ellen Fisher.

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ALPHA PHI ALPHAS of Delta Lambda chapter enhanced their testimonial to Senator Harry A. Cole, at the Madison Avenue branch YWCA, Wednesday eve, with flower laden tables enhanced by a lot of feminine charm. And there were no more charming than the Senator's two ladies, his handsome mother, Mrs. Rosina Cole; and his guest, Miss Doris Freeland.

Both were smart in blue taffetas . . . the former in a frock, with interesting squared off neck line, and the latter in a snug fitting little dinner suit.

But it was strictly and evening for the blacks. Mrs. Alexander Walker's crepe had a shirred shoulder line that was most becoming. Mrs. Henry Parks wore a black sheath. Mrs. Frederick Dedmond was in embroidered black taffeta, and Mrs. Berkley Butler's black frock had entrancing tiny cap sleeves of lace, embroidered in black sequins. Mrs. Waters Turpin's black taffeta had a chic square neckline, quite low at the back, and a lot of pleated interest in the back of the skirt and Mrs. Tom Hawkins' black frock took a big bow at the front to lend interest.

Of course there were others whose frocks in other colors were eye-compelling . . . such as the electric blue worn by Mrs. Elson Higginbotham. The top was velvet and the bottom pleated taffeta. Mrs. Cliff Mackay also turned to blue, her gown being of taffeta.

And the brothers, bless their souls, didn't let those inch-thick plate-sized steaks divert their attention too much to tell the gals how swellicant they looked, either.

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AND SPEAKING of clothes, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorors, who celebrated their Founder's Day on Saturday marched out in smart array.

Mrs. Mary Frazier, who presided, was as smart as they come in a winter white suit, small white cloche and tiny nose veil. Mrs. Jewel Rawlings chose blue taffeta, sprinkled with tiny rhinestoses, made with cummerbund bodice and surplice skirt. She topped the whole with a deep rose hat. Mrs. Jessye Valentine's self-striped steel taffeta was enhanced by an orchid corsage. Mrs. Beatrice Stokes wore a white jacket frock. Mrs. Gwendolyn DeCilio's big beige felt hat, with a feather to here, was one that any gal would give an arm to be statuesque enough to wear with the eclat she did . . . and Mrs. Ethel Payne, on whom I will put my money any day as a town's best dressed, wore an all silk print in a lacy pattern, with a smart small black hat. And for color, Mrs. Althea Cornish's Roman striped frock was a delightful choice.

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ON MONDAY night, Walter Smith was host at a supper to a group of members of the Chesapeak Club, where he provided a gourmet menu of shrimp cocktail, diamond back terrapin, celery and olives, sherry wine, wild duck, hominy, French string beans, sparkling Burgundy wine, coffee, applie pie and cheese, and cordial brandy.

His guests included Dr. Bernard Harris, president of club, Nicholas Rice, Walter Burke, Walter Smith, Lewis Gray, Charles Tilghman, William B. Dixon, Norman Smith, Henry McNeil, J. Alvin Jones, and Arthur Bragg.

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE McCOO were married in Baltimore, Saturday. The bride is the former Mrs. Emma Lee Henderson.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. LOFTON

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton in silver anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lofton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently with a reception at their home at 627 G St., NE.

Mr. Lofton has operated a tailorshop in D.C. for the past 20 years. He and his wife are well known in local civic and religious circles as active members of Shiloh Baptist Church. Mrs. Lofton is sponsor of the Presto Music Group.

AMONG THE many gifts received by the couple was a silver pitcher presented to them by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lofton of Washington. The honorees have another son, Julius Lofton, now serving overseas with the U.S. air force.

Guests who attended the reception included:

Messrs. and Mesdames John W. Holland, Phillip A. W. Harris, Douglass Brown, Emmett Quander, Bert Smith, Charles Lewis, A. M. Long, Isaac Mack, Commodore Pinkett, Clifton Dandridge, Frank Southall, Charles Harvey, J. C. Lipscomb, Howard Matthews and Henry Colvin.

Glen Burnie Echoes

By CHARLOTTE W. DOWNIE

The wedding of Miss Florine McDonald, daughter of Mrs. Maud McDonald of Glen Burnie, Md. and William Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey of Tom's River, N.J., took place last Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in Furnace Branch, Md.

The Rev. Solden Nicholson performed the ceremony and a small reception for the families and a few friends followed.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, Robert Booker, had Mrs. Lewis Kimble as her bridesmaid. Mr. Kimble was the groom's best man.

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MRS. McDONALD is a registered nurse and Mr. McDonald is employed with the government at the Naval Air Station. The newly weds will be at home after March 1, at Tom's River, N.J.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booker, Elmer McDonald, Mrs. Hilda Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James Kitma, Stanley Bradford, Jethro Bryson, James Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kimble and Mrs. Maggie Nicholson.

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HAPPY TO report Miss Geral-Manor Convalescant Home were surprised with a visit from several of our thoughtful neighbors last Wednesday evening.

Dropping in to help spread a little cheer were Mesdames Roland T. White, John L. Matthews and James Johnson.

Mrs. Henrietta Johnson, our dynamic Civic leader of Furnace Branch, has been selected head the March of Dimes Committee for the Furnace Branch Area.

John Wesley ME Church, the Rev. Silas Mack, pastor, presented Mrs. Johnson with the first contribution on Sunday. Let each family help this very worthy cause and give our representative the support she deserves.

Remember it is better to give than to receive.

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SUNDAY, JAN. 23, the choir dine Johnson, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Marley Park, is now convalescing at home from a recent illness. Drop her a note of cheer.

A seminar, sponsored by the Sharing Conference with Dr. Frank Frye as speaker, was held Thursday at Patuxent Methodist Church, Huntingtown, Md.

In the evening after the sessions a coffee hour was held in the social hall. The Rev. H. H. Bullett is pastor.

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SUNDAY, JAN. 23, the choir and congregation of Ebenezer ME Church, Sparrows Point, will be guests of John Wesley ME Church, Furnace Branch.

The program will be for the benefit of the Organ fund.

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FLASH—Neighbors, it would be nice if we would all pitch in and help the Davis family in Patapsco Park whose home was destroyed by fire last week.

Memory Verse:

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that
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Psalm 121—Verse—2-3

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Mr., Mrs. Givens hosts at dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Givens entertained at a dinner party, Sunday, at their home, 1903 N. Dukeland St.

Their guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Charlite Steven, John Turner, John Southerland, Jimmy Garrett, Waverly Wiggins and John Jackson.

Widows plan installation

World War Widows, Chaper No. 4, will install officers at a session to be held in the War Memorial Building, Fayette and Holiday Sts., Jan. 25, at 8:30 p.m.

Inducted will be:

Mesdames Cora E. White, president; Alice Glover, vice president; O. Dorothy Hawkins, secretary; Lula Tinsley, treasurer; Lillian Jacobs, assistant secretary; Thelma Campbell, escort; Margie Brown, chairman of the sick committee; and Daisy Johnson, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Handy party hostess

Mrs. Thelma Handy entertained at a party at her home, 2005 Hargrove St., recently.

Her guests were:

Mesdames Doris Segal, Florence Moore, Mildred Hopkins, Bessie Johnson, Anne Handy James Jackson, Frances Handy, May White;

William Moore, Zelner Pierce, Leroy Jackson, Arthur Bratten and Norman Handy.

Ministers Wives to have recital

The Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance will present Miss Dorothy Green, soprano, of Detroit, Mich., in a recital at the New Metropolitan Church, on January 30, at 5 p.m.

Miss Green is the daughter of the late Rev. Joshua Green, and Mrs. Goldie Green of this city.

The Alliance held their New Year party at the AME Zion Church, recently. The recreation center was beautifully decorated and games were directed by Mrs. T. B. Davis.

Refreshments were served by a committee and gifts were exchanged. The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant brought greetings to the group. The Rev. Spencer G. Dobson was also a guest.

Clubs

MARCHING PATROL — The Marching Patrol Club of the Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge of Elks met at 912 S. Sharp St., Thursday, and completed plans for their dance tonight (Friday).

The dance will be in Pythian Castle, 1432 Pennsylvania Avenue., and being arranged by a committee under chairmanship of 2nd Lt. Clinton Spender, assisted by 1st Lt. Vincent Wheeler. Thomas Imes is commander, Joseph Woodhous, adjutant; and Vincent Lee, captain of the patrol.

ROBERT J. WINN—The Memorial Lodge No. 555 of the National Ideal Benefit Society gave a surprise party at their installation services Friday evening for the founder and associate deputy, Mrs. Ann W. Wright.

Mrs. Florence Snowden, deputy of the Baltimore District, pinned a corsage of money on Mrs. Wright and the Lodge presented her with a purse. Mrs. Lola Davis was chairman of the affair; Mrs. Marian Lewis, secretary.

PROVIDENT GUILD, Thursday, Jan. 13, Provident Hospital Ladies Guild had their first report meeting.

Ten ladies reported. The drive will be continued until February 3. The dues are $1.00 a year.

Report nights are every Thursday in January. Memberships may be sent to Miss Marion L. Jones, 507 N. Carrollton Ave.

Mrs. Odell W. Payne is president of the guild, and Mrs. Marion L. Jones, membership chairman.

APOLLO—The Whist Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, 2826 Walbrok Ave. Cards were played. Prizes went to Mrs. Theresa Fonseca, first; Mrs. Alberta Briscoe, second; and Mrs. Mary Briscoe, third.

LAMONT—The social and Savings club met Tuesday with Mrs. M. Fowler as hostess.

The members discussed and made plans to have a supper at the Dallas Pleasure club on Jan. 29.

Present were Mrs. B. Edwards, president; Mrs. Washington, vice president; Mrs. Rose House, business manager; Mrs. E. Proctor, treasurer; Mrs. J. Hardy and Mrs. A. Gontz secretaries; and Mrs. M. Fowler, lady at-arms.

TWIN CITY—The club met with Mrs. Nancy Walley, vice president, at her home, 1949 W. Lexington St., Wednesday.

Plans were made for a supper party at 526 N. Stricker St. on Feb. 25. Mrs. Ruth Jones is president of the club and Mrs. Pauline Richardson is secretary.

WONDER — The savings club met, Thursday, with Mrs. Mary L. Williams of 1101 N. Stricker St. The next meeting will be at 1623 W. Mulberry St.

MISS MURIEL WILSON

Blind student needs readers

Miss Muriel S. Wilson, blind, and a sophomore at Morgan State College, made a plea through the AFRO-AMERICAN, this week, for a reader.

The co-ed, whose scholarship has won her several awards, and who maintains excellent grades in her work, cannot continue in classes without someone who will serve as "eyes" for her home study periods.

The only requirement for the person needed is that they are able to read material of college level. Reading periods never exceed two hours, and the pay for the service is from 50 to 75 cents per hour.

Miss Wilson lives at 1817 Madison Ave. and may be reached by phone at MA. 3-1845 between 4 and 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

MRS. CHARLES J. WILSON was before her marriage on Jan. 5, Miss Barbara J. Hunt. She is the daughter of Mrs. Beulah Hunt Joyce of Baltimore.

Miss Hunt wed to Cpl. Wilson

Miss Barbara Geraldine Hunt, daughter of Mrs. George T. Joyce Sr., of 1700 N. Fulton Ave. and Daniel C. Hunt Jr., also of this city, was married to Cpl. Charles J. Wilson, on Jan. 5.

The wedding took place in Frederick, Md. and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. I. Snowden.

The bride, a former student at Morgan State College, is now attending Cortez Peters Business College, here. Cpl. Wilson, who is stationed at Fort Denver, Massachusetts, is the son of Mrs. Hannah Wilson of 632 Gold St., this city.

SOCIAL EIGHT—Miss Dorothy Alford of 1519 E. Chase St. entertained the club, this week. Miss Julia Townsend of 613 Bentalou St. will be hostess at the next meeting.

Mrs. Mabel Lawson is president of the group.

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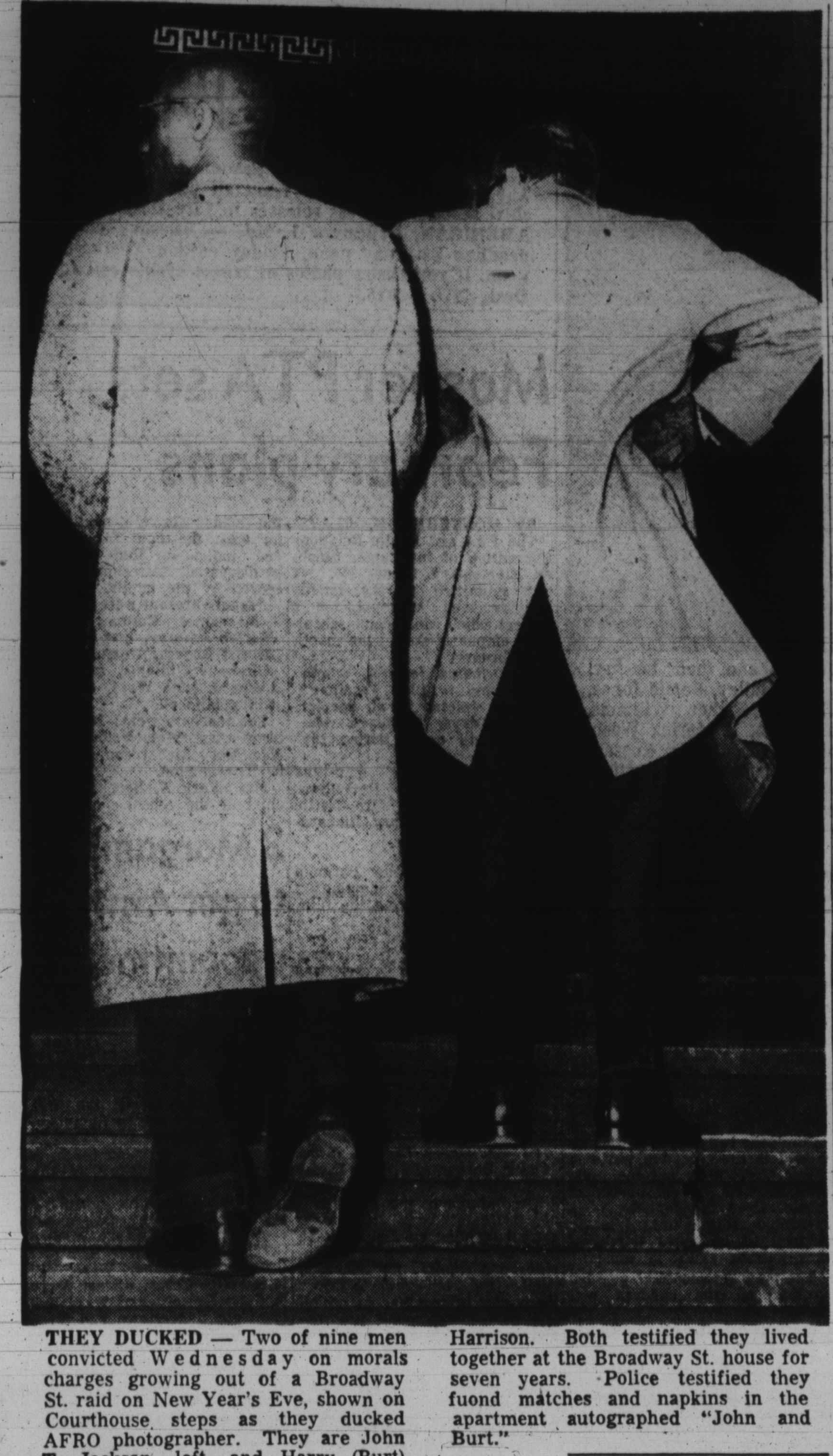

THEY DUCKED — Two of nine men convicted Wednesday on morals charges growing out of a Broadway St. raid on New Year's Eve, shown on Courthouse steps as they ducked AFRO photographer. They are John T. Jackson, left, and Harry (Burt) Harrison. Both testified they lived together at the Broadway St. house for seven years. Police testified they fuond matches and napkins in the apartment autographed "John and Burt."

—Teacher in raid

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in 25 years in police work."

Harrison testified that he did not recognize the plainclothesmen but that after they had been inside for a while he "could tell they were up to no good."

One of the officer's detailed account of his observations brought such loud comments from the standing room only crowd in the courtroom that Judge Byrnes had to advise the spectators "not to laugh or comment on what is being said here."

The policeman, Officer Philip Ferrace, told the court that he had stood outside the house with his partner, Officer Melvin Howell, from 11 p.m. Dec. 31, until 12:45 a.m. Jan. 1. At 1 a.m., he received a partial bottle of whisky from Lieutenant Byrnes and with a neighbor, a Mr. Foley, he and Howell entered the house.

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JACKSON ANSWERED THE door and invited us in," the officer said. "We met Harrison downstairs and he gave me a glass of punch. During the evening I saw Garrison and Jackson dancing and kissing each other.

"They were all clothed. Fleming and Kolarick were seated in a chair, Kolarick on Fleming's lap, kissing him.

"Harrison was sitting on the arm of another chair and George Reed came towards him dancing. Harrison grabbed him, saying, 'Either you're too high or I'm too short.'

"During intervals, Lindsey and James Reed and Miller danced with each other kissing each other. George Reed and Jackson danced around the room and got on the bed.

"Then Harrison came over to me and grabbed me."

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JUDGE: Were they kissing on the mouth?

Ferrace: Yes sir.

Herman weissman, attorney for Garrison: What type of music was played?

Ferrace: Different types; slow, mambo, jazz.

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OFFICER HOWELL testified: "I saw Garrison and Jackson at one time go to the kitchen at the rear of the room. Jackson was dressed in a silk smoking jacket. Garrison kissed Jackson on the neck.

"I saw Fleming pass Kolarick, who was sitting in a chair. He bent down and said, 'I love you tonight.'"

The officers said they saw match books and napkins with the engraving "John and Burt." They also found several obscene pictures and books on a desk in the room.

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LIEUTENANT BYRNES commented on the large assortment of religious articles in the basement. "I never saw anything like it. There were several statues of saints and religious pictures all over the wall.

"On one table there was a picture of the Sacred Heart with a rosary draped over it."

Denying the accusations, each of the defendants insisted they had merely stopped by the house on the invitation of Jackson and "were just leaving" when the raid occurred.

Harrison, a floral designer, described the affair as being "not a party where you come at 9 and stay as long as you please, but just an if-you-are-doing-nothing-stop-by-for-a-sandwich-and - a drinksort of thing."

He corroborated several of his guests' testimony that they were intoxicated at the party by explaining they had consumed four gallons of punch spiked with six quarts of whiskey.

"It was a potent thing," he remarked, referring to the beverage. "And the men were feeling no pain."

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GEORGE REED, represented by Ellis Levin and Morris Rosenbert, attorneys, was the first defendant to take the stand.

"I met Jackson at his home two weeks before the holidays," he began. "I was introduced by my brother, James, who knew him before.

"On Dec. 26, Jackson came to my home at the invitation of my brother and he told us to stop by his house on New Year's Eve.

"That night (New Year's Eve) my family went to my uncle's like they have been doing for the past five years, but James and I stopped by Jackson's house.

"We arrived shortly before midnight. Three white men came in and Jackson introduced us. They were friends of his. About 12:45 two others and the officers arrived.

"During the course of the evening Jackson said my brother was a dance instructor and suggested he give an exhibition of the mambo. My brother agreed and since I am a student of his, I joined him. The others got together and attempted to learn it.

"During the dance, I noticed the fellows became quiet friendly."

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JUDGE: HOW far did the friendliness go?

Reed: They were holding each other and dancing. As the evening progressed, some became aggressive and there was some evidence of kissing.

"I told my brother we had better go to our uncle's and he called and asked my sister to send her husband for us. I was sitting in the chair waiting when the officers came in."

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JAMES W. MURPHY, assistant State's attorney, asked Reed had he ever been on the bed. He denid it, saying, "I don't remember lying on the bed any time during the evening."

Murphy: Did Harrison grab you?

Reed: I don't recall.

Murphy: You saw the kissing?

Reed: I said that.

Murphy: Were you engaged in the kissing?

Reed: I said that during the evening there was hugging and kissing.

Murphy: But how about you?

Reed: I was kissed.

Murphy: You were the passive party, then.

Reed: I was kissed, yes.

Murphy: Didn't you hold your hands behind your head and do a solo dance?

Reed: No.

Murphy: During the dance didn't you do a solo?

Reed: In a mambo one often makes movements alone.

Murphy: How long were you on the bed?

Reed: During the course of the evening I may have stumbled over the foot of the bed, but I was not on the bed.

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REED'S BROTHER, James, testified:

"I met Jackson while delivering orders to the department store where he worked. He told me he had observed my handwriting and thought it was very neat and invited me to his house a month before the holidays to help him address Christmas cards.

"At the party it was mentioned that I had studied dancing and taught ballroom dancing and I was asked to demonstrate a few steps of the mambo."

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JUDGE: DID YOU kiss anyone?

Reed: Truthfully speaking, I don't remember kissing anyone but I was kissed.

Judge: What did you do?

Reed: I didn't want to slap his face because I didn't want to cause a scene. As far as I'm concerned they are all human beings and are all right. My primary concern was to get away.

My brother and I put our heads together and I went to the kitchen to make the call. After that I sat in a chair and drank a beer.

Judge: Did you see the others kissing?

Reed: I don't remember. It wasn't enjoyable enough to remember. I took the fellows' friendship on face value. I didn't know anything about them.

The Revs. Cedric E. Mills, rector, St. James PE Church, and Leonard Anderson, curate, and dean of men at Morgan, testified that the brothers were members of the church and had good reputations in the community.

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IDENTICAL TESTIMONY was given by Walter Dixon, dean, Cortez Peters Business School and Democratic candidate for City Council in the Fourth District; Mrs. Eulah Mae Watts, 2428 Arunah Ave., dentist's wife;

Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, assistant professor of physics at Morgan; Martin Hess, employer at wholesale hat manufacturing company where James worked as clerk, and Samuel Taylor, superintendent of mathematics in Baltimore Public Schools.

A similar barrage of character witnesses were also called upon to testify in behalf of the white defendants.

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ATTEMPTING to justify the unusual conduct at the party, Jackson said, "I would not say that the men were kissing. It was New Year's and they were placing their heads on each other's shoulders to greet the New Year."

Murphy: You made the invitations to the party?

Jackson: Yes.

Murphy: Why didn't you invite women.

Jackson: If you have a party and invite women there's something wrong. If you invite men, that's wrong too. I guess you're not supposed to have parties.

I had the party to return the dinner compliments during the previous year.

Referring to his association with Harrison, Jackson explained that they had purchased the house together in 1949 and that in 1952 Harrison moved to the country and he took over the house.

Up until 1952, Jackson said, "Harrison and I lived like one family with his mother in the house."

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JUDGE: DID you occupy the same bedroom?"

Jackson: "We fixed the basement and put twin beds down there. Harrison and I slept there."

Harrison said:

"True, John slept beside me. He had to help me with everything but dressing and personal habits because I was paralyzed from the mouth down for seven months from a tank accident while I was in service.

"I purchased the house in 1946 and added John's name to the deed. I promised him if he would take care of me as long as I lived then the house would be his.

"I thought of him as a brother, color didn't matter. I have known John all his life. His grandparents raised me. In later years it is right that everything I have should be his.

"In 1952, he gave me $2,000 for the house and assumed the mortgage of $6,000. The house has three apartments and is worth $10,000.

"John was 26 when he started taking care of me. We lived intimately. As man and wife, no, but as friends, knowing each other's habits, yes."

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HE SAID THAT the napkins and matchbooks engraved "John and Burt" were left over from a party given by them three years ago for a group of clergymen who were enlisting in the services.

The kissing at the party "amounted to practically nothing," he asserted. "If it happened, it did at New Year's."

As for the religious articles in the apartment, he said there were only two items, a crucifix "over John's bed and a picture with my rosary hanging on it which John had found."

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JACKSON SAID the obscene pictures and books had been left by white tenants when they moved from the house two years ago. "I have been intending to burn them up but like everything else when you have many things to do you forget some things that should be done."

Character witnesses for Jackson included the Rev. Joshua Williams, pastor, Sharp St. Memorial Church, where Jackson is a member, and the tenants, Willie Health and Mr and Mrs. Robert Wright.

All of them upheld Jackson's "good reputation" in the community, and Mrs. Wright added that she had helped him to prepare the food for the party although she was not invited.

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MILLER, AN insurance salesman who insisted he "had an excellent time at the party and did not feel anything evil going on," attended the affair with Garrison, graduate of University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn.

Lindsay, who was spending the holiday weekend in Baltimore, went to the house with Fleming and Kolarick.

Of all the defendants, Kolarick, a social security employee, was the only one to deny that there was kissing and dancing at the party. Anthony Frederico, attorney, represented the five men besides Jackson and Harrison.

Commenting on the case, Judge Byrnes said:

"There is clear and convincing evidence that these defendants engaged in degrading and lewd acts. There's no doubt in my mind about their guilt."

Gun and knife in bar gets two suspended jail terms

Two men who engaged in a shooting at a Whitelock St. bar, Dec. 11, were given suspended 6-months jail sentences in Criminal Court, Monday.

Detroit Mitchell, 31, 120 block Cloverdale Rd., was convicted of assault to murder charges, while his friend, Ridgely Smith, 30, 1500 block W. North Ave., was found guilty of carrying a .38 caliber revolver.

Mitchell suffered bullet wounds of the chest as result of the fight over a girlfriend, was confined to Mercy Hospital three weeks, it was testified.

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SMITH TOLD Judge Herman Moser that he shot Mitchell after the man had hit him over the head with a beer bottle and appeared "to be looking for a knife."

that he threw the bottle in self defense because "Smith was fumbling for something in his pocket."

Outlining the series of events leading to the shooting, Smith told the court:

"I was talking to a girl in a booth and she gave me a nickel to play a song on the record player. Detroit was at the front of the bar."

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E. Weisgal, interrupted to ask: "Didn't you know she was his girlfriend. Anyway, after I put the nickel in the box I went

"Before ai could turn around, and that's when Detroit threw the bottle at me. It knocked me to the floor.

"I saw Detroit in the door. If he hadn't ollked like he was going for his knife, then I would have fought him fair. But he made a motion like he was so I took out my gun and shot him."

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by his attorney, W. Emerson that he had purchased the weapon three months ago and was my car."

Judge Moser said that Mitchell was guilty of the assault and that although Smith used too much force in defending himself, it was not a case of assault to murder.

Prosecuting the case were Julius Romano and Norman Polski, assistant State's attorneys.

Time capsule of trial of 9 who danced until cops came

The two-day trial this week of the nine men convicted in the morals case that stemmed from the raid on an all-male, interracial New Year's Eve party in the 1700 block N. Broadway, was a mixture of many elements.

There were humor, excitement and pathos.

Testimony was that the men danced together because they were learning to mambo and they kissed to express joy over the coming of the New Year. Spectators, who filled the courtroom to the doors, smiled often but obeyed judge's orders against any outbursts.

The AFRO had three photographers, covering the four entrances to the courthouse. Their job—to get pictures of the defendants.

The defendants, however, had friends and relatives whom they used as spotters. Their job—to locate the door not covered by a photographer.

The cat and mouse game between the defendants and the photographers — who got their pictures—caused excitement.

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THE PATHOS can best be seen in a statement made by Morris Rosenberg, one of the lawyers in the case, in his final plea to the court, when he likened the men on trial to the women portrayed in the book, "The Well of Loneliness."

Mr. Rosenberg said: "Homosexuals are diseased (mental condition), but even members of that unfortunate, tragic group let their hair down on New Year's Eve."

This was the pathos.

WHEN JUDGE Joseph R. Byrnes returned guilty verdicts against the nine defendants, reaction among the spectators was obviously mixed.

The six white defendants were:

Harry (Bert) Harrison, 42, floral designer of Sykesville.

William Fleming, 37, 4700 block Sayer Ave.

George Garrison, 29, salesman, unit block E. Eager St.

Joseph Kolarick, 29, 4700 block Sayer Ave.

William Lindsay, stenographer of Beaver, Pa.

Neale Miller, 35, 900 block N. Charles St.

The other defendants were:

George T. Reed, 22, mathematics instructor at Junior High School No. 181; and his brother, James W. Reed, 29, clerk for a wholesale hat manufacturer, both of the 2200 block E. Biddle St., and,

John T. Jackson Jr., 36, department store stock clerk and owner of the house in the 1700 block Broadway where the raid was staged.

Attorneys representing the men included Mr. Rosenberg, Herman Weissman, Frank Dolan, Ellis Levin, and Anthony Frederico. Assistant State's Attorney James W. Murphy was the prosecutor.

W. A. C. Hughes was the only colored attorney, and his clients, Kelsie G. Keeys Jr. of Philadelphia and Raymond I. Johnson of Baltimore, both professors at Delaware State College, were found not guilty, when the State admitted it had no evidence against them.

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THE FOLLOWING is a time capsule of the humor, excitement and pathos, as recorded by an AFRO reporter:

Tuesday a.m., Jan. 18:

11:20—Courtroom in packed to the doors. Spectators stand along back well. Several ministers of both races present. Defendants' names read. Not guilty pleas entered.

Take seats on front row of center aisle in this order from left to right: Fleming, Garrison, Harrison, Jackson, Kolarick, Lindsay, Miller, James and George Reed. Mr. Hughes reserves plea for Johnson and Keeys pending motion for separate trial.

11:25—Mr. Hughes asks for ruling on separate trial motion. Motion granted by Judge Byrnes.

Mr. Murphy tells court State has no evidence against Johnson and Keeys, requests not guilty verdict. Judge complies. College professors leave courtroom with Mr. Hughes.

Friends and relatives surround them in hall outside. Keeys' parents, AME Presiding Elder and Mrs. Keeys Sr. of Philadelphia at his side. Mrs. Keeys throws her arms about son.

Inside courtroom, vice squad officers are testifying to dancing, kissing and other activities observed at the party. Court recesses.

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TUESDAY P.M. 1:45 — Attorneys for nine defendants ask for directed verdicts of not guilty. Fleming has hand to head. Garrison chews gum. Harrison and Jackson whisper. Kolarick smiles.

Lindsay looks straight ahead. Miller's brow is furrowed. James Reed, arms crossed, watches reporter. George Reed has eyes on lawyers, judge.

1:53—All get directed verdict of not guilty on charge of disturbing the peace; and Harrison on charge of assault on officer by placing his hands on him. Motions to dismiss. Other charges denied.

1:54—Mr. Rosenberg begins to give background of Reed brothers. Tells court that George graduated from Douglass High in 1950 and cum laude from Morgan in 1954. Mr. Murphy objects. Overruled.

Court hears that James is graduate of Cortez Peters Business School and a member of the Army Reserve.

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2:02 — Call character witnesses for Reeds. First is Walter T. Dixon Sr., Fourth District City Council candidate and dean of Cortez Peters. He's nattily attired in grey suit and red tie with designs.

Next is Mrs. Eula M. Watts, 3400 block Arunah Ave., wife of dentist. She's wearing blue coat with yellow flower, black hat and red dress trimmed with mink. Mrs. Lelia Logue, white, next-door neighbor of Reeds', says families often visit each other.

Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, associate professor of physics at Morgan has on light tan suit and grey tie. He knew George from student days.

Father Leonard C. Anderson, dean of men at Morgan, has known the Reeds about three years. Brothers attend St. James PE Church, where Father Anderson is curate.

Martin Hess, white, president of wholesale hat place where James works, says he's "good boy," as far as business is concerned.

Last character witness is Samuel L. Taylor, supervisor of mathematics, public schools. He wears grey suit. George worked under him.

2:13—George takes stand. He's 8-A math teacher at Junior High No. 181. Has known John Jackson about a month. Met him through his brother James. Other defendants have eyes on George.

Harrison drops head. Miller looks at ceiling, has hand on chin. George testifies that when he saw other men kissing each other, he told brother, James, that he wanted to leave party. Jackson has eyes on George.

2:22—Courthouse clerks have left desks, are among spectators standing in rear of courtroom. George says men danced, but they were learning the mambo from brother, James, who is dance instructor.

2:27—George says he was kissed at party. Murmurs in courtroom.

2:28—Harrison takes off glasses, holds head as Mr. Murphy asks whether Harrison grabbed George and pulled him close while they were dancing.

2:33 — GEORGE OFF stand, James on. He met Jackson in Stewart's where he (Jackson) works. Jackson liked his handwriting, asked him to help with addressing of Christmas cards. James says he's a student of the dance. Has studied and taught ballroom dancing, but it differs from creative dancing in that a partner is needed.

When others asked for mambo demonstration, James asked George to help him — just like they do at home.

James says he and George didn't kiss. Courtroom murmurs. Says he was kissed, but doesn't remember kissing anyone. When kissed, James says, "I didn't slap his face; I just wanted to get away." He and brother put heads together and decided to leave.

2:43 — Mr. Murphy wants James to pick out person who kissed him. James looks, but doesn't remember.

James says after being kissed, he and brother called sister who was at family party and asked her to send her husband to pick them up.

Reed brothers were waiting to apologize to Jackson when vice squad officers entered. About Jackson, James says, "I just thought he was a nice fellow and I still do."

2:53—Mrs. Diana McLan, 2200 block W. Fayette St., sister of Reed brothers, tells court brothers called her at annual family party at uncle's house in 2400 block of Barclay St. She's attractive. Has black hair, earrings are clinging type. Wears white sweater and blue skirt.

2:57—Judge Byrnes calls for recess. Defendants go out in hall. Jackson points out AFRO reporters to group of white defendants. Somebody spies photographer at Fayette St. door. Cat and mouse game becomes official.

3:09 — RECESS OVER. White woman character witness testifies she's known Harrison 10 years. Says he's okey.

3:12—The Rev. Joshua Williams, pastor of Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church is first character witness for Jackson. Says he has known him seven and a half years.

Willie B. Heath who has apartment in Jackson's house is unable to tell Mr. Murphy meaning of word "chastity."

Mrs. Mary Wright, who also has apartment in house, tells court that she and Mrs. Heath helped Jackson prepare for party. Says Jackson had all-male party last New Year's Eve. She wasn't invited to either.

Her husband, Robert L. Wright, testifies that he and wife were invited.

3:25—MISS MEREDITH Reid, white, 900 block Charles St., called as character witness for Miller. Says they've been dating for 15 years, and testimony she's heard hasn't changed her opinion about Miller.

3:28—Miller takes stand. Testifies that he met Harrison when both belonged to organization at Johns Hopkins University. Left Baltimore and upon return as insurance agent, met Harrison one Monday.

Just before Christmas, he saw Jackson on the street and inquired about Harrison.

Says Jackson told him Harrison was coming to New Year's Eve party and extended invitation. Miller says he met Garrison at another party and asked him to come along.

Miller has strongest voice of all defendants—so far. On occasion, it thunders through courtroom. Miller admits he was dancing with "one of the Reed boys." Says he was "slightly high-spirited," the heat had him so he had to move about.

They were doing the mambo. Can't remember kissing anyone.

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MISS REID IS sitting in jury box. She shifts from side to side, bites lip, as date of 15 years testifies. Looks very stunning in purple suit and black hat.

Miller tells the judge, "Sir, I did not sit back and watch everybody. I myself had an excellent time."

Miller adds he did not "knowingly" participate in any kissing and was "pleased to have been invited" to the party.

3:40 — George Garrison takes stand. Tells court that he was graduated from the University of Bridgeport (Conn.). Says that upon arrival at party, he recognized Fleming, whom he's met before. Testifies that he danced but didn't kiss or embrace Jackson—"to my knowledge."

Admits he danced with some of the "colored persons," and may have stood close to Jackson in the kitchen. Says he spent part of time eating potato chips.

Garrison says he's unemployed. Been so since Jan. 3—two days after raid. Blames it on the publicity.

3:45—Fleming takes stand. He too is jobless and also attributes his plight to the uninvited guests at the party—the vice squad. He's oo newcomer on the Jackson guest list. Says he attended all-male party Jackson gave two New Year's Eves ago.

Denies that anyone sat in his lap. Testifies that he and roommate, Kolarick were sitting next to each other. Says he did no dancing and saw no kissing. Thinks it would be rather difficult to kiss while doing the Lindy or the Mambo. Says he was on staff of play "South Pacific" and only men danced. Mr. Murphy says he understands play points up plight of men on womanless island.

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3:55—KOLARICK called. He's still employed at Social Security. Met Jackson at Stewart's while doing Christmas shopping and was invited to party. Says he kissed no one, and saw no kissing or dancing, but was engrossed in watching television.

Testifies he was there about hour and a half before the raid. Still saw nothing. Judge Byrnes comments that he understands Jackson's basement apartment is just about one room.

4:3 — Jackson takes stand. Based on past testimony, expect Jackson and Harrison to be star witnesses. Testimony gets underway with admission that he was once fined $25 and costs for placing his hands on a man. That was in 1946 or '47.

About the kissing and dancing, Jackson says somebody misconstrued an old New Year's greeting custom of placing your head on the other fellow's shoulder as an act of a different nature.

Jackson goes on to say that he and Harrison owned Broadway house jointly, until Harrison's health forced him to move to the country. Jackson then paid Harrison off and took over the mortgage.

As the court asks questions, Jackson sits solemnly, head to side, neck arched. About the indecent pictures, Jackson says he just hadn't had time to destroy them.

At one time, Jackson testifies, he, Harrison and Harrison's mother lived together in the house. Jackson says he and Harrison shared bedroom in basement, with twin beds.

4:14—Jackson runs hand over lapel of blue suit, straightens red tie. About his all-male guest list, Jackson says if your friends are men and you only invite them—that's wrong; and if you only invite women—that's wrong too.

Tells court his guest list represented his way of "returning compliments to men who had invited me to dinner during the year.

4:15—Court adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY A.M., JAN. 19. 10 a.m.—Every available seat is filled. Court attendant asks that only those with official business enter courtroom. Spectators line back wall. Court disposes of two or three other cases.

10:10—The Reed brothers and Harrison are only defendants in morals case who have taken positions on front row. George has changed outfit.

Yesterday, he wore grey suit, black tie with red stripe and black stockings with white and grey blocks. Today he has on brown suit, with matching tie and socks.

James is wearing blue suit he had on yesterday. Has changed tie. Garrison is in same brown single breasted suit, brown and yellow tie.

10:17—All morals case defendants are in. Take some positions as day before. Harrison was wearing brown suit, with brown and white tie yesterday. Looks quite dapper today in grey suit, with red and blue tie.

Others seem to be dressed same as yesterday. Kolarick in grey suit, green tie; Lindsay, blue suit, pale blue tie; Miller, grey suit, red stripe tie; Fleming, quite the fashion plate with his grey - streaked hair, grey suit, blue button-down shirt and blue tie; and Jackson in his blue.

10:28—Court has finished other cases. Clerk calls names of morals defendants. Some raise hands, others answer. Miller, still singing bass, blasts "there!"

10:32—Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of St. James PE Church, called as character witness for Reed brothers. Says George has been quite active in the church; James, "some times."

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10:33—LINDSAY takes stand. Says he came down from Pittsburgh to visit Fleming during holidays. Went to party with Fleming and Kolarick. Says he kissed no one and wasn't kissed.

Testifies that he danced with more than one man, and calls it, "Just one of those things . . ." Has known Jackson about two and a half years. Fleming holds his hand to forehead, closes eyes.

Lindsay says he was sentenced to one year in jail for larceny after trust. Got out in April of '54. Says he, Fleming and Kolarick were getting ready to leave party when raid was staged. Harrison sits very still, his lips pressed tightly together.

10:44 — HARRISON takes the stand. Spectators edge forward in their seats. This they've been waiting for. Courtroom is packed to the doors and out into the hall.

Harrison begins with a dissertation on the dimensions of the bathroom in the basement apartment.

Says when you're in living room, can only see person using same, from waist up. Therefore claims it would have been impossible for police to have seen any alleged acts committed in there.

10:48—Harrison stops as court clerk calls out two cases being transferred to another court. Tells court that party was joint affair, "John (Jackson) and I," Harrison says, give the annual party for their business associates—colored and white.

About the punch that was served, Harrison says it was potent. Was mixture of three quarts of whisky to five quarts of liquid, per punch bowl. Two bowls were consumed. "Everyone was feeling no pain," Harrison states.

Harrison says he bought Broadway house in 1946, put Jackson's name on deed. Testifies that he and Jackson lived together for seven years.

Says that as result of Army injury, he was paralyzed from mouth down, for seven months. Jackson had to help him in and out of bed.

Reveals that he's known "John" since he was a child.

"John's grandfather and grandmother raised me."

Says that when ill health forced him to move to Sykesville, Jackson paid him about $2,000 and took over $6,000 mortgage on Broadway property. Estimates house is now worth about $10,000.

Harrison says that he and Jackson lived intimately together—but not as man and wife.

States that matches and napkins autographed "John and Burt," were remnants of party held three years ago.

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11:10—MR. ROSENBERG begins defense plea for clients. Defendants lower their heads, look to floor.

Mr. Rosenberg says that in France, men kiss each other and it is not considered unnatural. Kolarick smiles, Jackson holds head high.

Lawyer wants to know: "Where is Mr. Fohley, the unfaithful neighbor who got them (the undercover men) into Jackson's apartment?"

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11:35 — JUDGE ORDERS recess. Fleming and Harrison move to lawyer's table, talk with Mr. Frederico. Jackson and Kolarick are still seated. Other defendants are in hall.

11:38—Jackson glares at reporter talking to Assistant State's Attorney.

11:39—Courtroom still filled. Nobody wants to lose seat. Fleming and Harrison now talking to Rosenberg.

11:40 — Kolarick whispers to Jackson out corner of mouth.

11:42—Garrison, Lindsay, Miller return to seats.

11:46—James Reed takes his seat.

11:47—George Reed is back.

11:48 — Man comes up to press table, says he's Robert Fohley, wants to know why he wasn't called to testify. Recess ends.

11:49—Mr. Levin asks for directed verdict of not guilty for Reed brothers.

12 noon — Man in grey suit leaves seat; immediately occupied by man in brown suit. Mr. Levin is still talking.

WEDNESDAY P.M. 12:04 — Mr. Frederico asks for direct verdict of not guilty for his clients.

12:07—Fleming is a livid red. He holds hand to head.

12:10 — Mr. Frederico says that case should be decided on law.

12:13 — Mr. Weissman also asks for directed verdict for Garrison.

12:14—Assistant State's Attorney Murphy rises. Judge Byrnes says, "I do not need to hear from the State."

Judge Byrnes says that there is "clear and convincing" evidence that the defendants were engaged in degrading and lewd acts. There is no doubt in my mind about their guilt." Miller rubs his eyes.

Judge returns guilty verdicts against all. Mr. Levin asks that sentencing be deferred pending new-trial motions. Bail set at $1,000 for each. Reed brothers are whispering to each other.

12:20—White woman who was character witness for Harrison, leans over and talks to him.

12:22—Defendants taken to detention room in sheriff's office to await posting of bail.

12:30 — Fohley collars reporter. He's hoppin' mad because he wasn't allowed to testify. Says Jackson is a good neighbor and calls trial "a rotten deal."

Fohley says he didn't take policemen in Jackson's house. Says they grabbed him in seat of pants, led him to door and made him ring the bell.

12:40—Friends and relatives of defendants are runnin' wild from door to door trying to find out position of photographers.

1:43—Bail is posted for all defendants.

1:50—Reed brothers first to go free. Reporter gives signal to photographers to take stations outside Calvert St. entrance. Reed brothers, their sister and defense attorneys come out door. Flash bulbs go off. James Reed tries to hide face. Too many photographers. There's no hiding place.

Charge youths in 3 assaults

Gold St. house named as place

A story of sex and teenagers was unfolded on Wednesday in Northwestern Police Court, as two youths were ordered held without bail for action of the grand jury on carnal knowledge charges involving three 13-year-old girls.

Pleas of not guilty were entered for the youths who were IDENTIFIED AS:

James T. Mitchell, 16, of the 1600 block Bakebury Ct.

James F. (Lefty) Gardner, 17, of the 700 block of Gold St.

Both youths were charged with criminal assault by "carnally knowing and abusing" the girls, all pupils at Junior High School No. 181.

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SGT. ROBERT Taylor testified that police first became interested in the case when the mother of one of the girls reported to police that her daughter told her she had been pulled into an alley on January 17 and criminally assaulted as she was on her way home from school.

"An investigation of the girl's story showed that she had not told the truth, and we learned that incident had taken place at the Gold St. home where she had gone with the other two girls after school," the officer said.

"We also learned that one of the girls was intimate with both boys at this time, while the other girls were in contact with only one of the boys," he added.

All three girls admitted that the officer's statements were true and said there had been other teenagers in the house at the time.