'Miss Beaux Arts' votes pour in as election starts

Balloting for the coveted title of Miss Beaux Arts of 1966 is now officially underway and spokesmen for the Baltimore Urban League Guild and The F. and M. Schaefer Brewing Co., joint sponsors of the contest, already report a strong tide of early returns.

Through ballots available only in the AFRO, readers will have until Oct. 16 to decide which of eight finalists will wear the crown now worn by last year's lovely winner, Miss Carolyn Dotsen.

In addition to the crown, the fortunate winner will receive a $1,000 cash award and a career head start through a one-year modeling and personal appearance contract. The seven other finalists will each receive $200.

The girls were chosen on Aug. 12 at Mondawmin Shopping Center, Baltimore, by a panel of prominent judges before an audience of thousands.

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TO PROVIDE a note of excitement, each candidate will take her "campaign" directly to the voters, handing out photos and making speeches during a series of tours via open convertibles through Baltimore streets. Tours are scheduled for Sept. 11, 18, and 25; also Oct. 2 and 9 from 12 to 6 p.m.

The lovely candidates will also be interviewed over radio stations WSID, WEBB and WWIN.

Miss Beaux Arts of 1966 will be announced at the gala Beaux Arts Ball to be held at the Alcazar ballroom on Oct. 22.

The eight finalists are:

Miss June Thorne, teacher, Baltimore public schools.

Mrs. Marjorie A. Evans, administration aid, the Atomic Energy Commission.

Miss Barbara E. Plummer, secretarial assistant, Western Electric Co.

Miss Mildred Dorsey, court reporter, Department of the Army.

Mrs. Joyce A. Jordan, student.

Mrs. Venetta C. Butler, coding clerk, Social Security Administration.

Mrs. Connie Hebron, IBM computor operator.

Mrs. Lucille P. Banton, statistical assistant, U.S. Coast Guard.

To assure complete impartiality, ballots will be counted by an independent firm, Advertising Distributors of Maryland, Inc.

Man killed, woman in block held

A 31 - year - old man was stabbed to death early Tuesday morning in the 600 block of W. Franklin St., Western District police reported.

Dead on arrival at University Hospital at 1:33 a.m. was Richard Brown, 700 block W. Saratoga St.

Police said the stabbing resulted from an altercation that arose in an apartment in the block.

Being held for investigation in the case is a 36-year-old woman resident of the 600 block W. Franklin St.

The investigation is continuing, police said.

Mitchell takes oath Sept. 17

Parren J. Mitchell, outgoing executive secretary, Maryland's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, will be sworn in as director of Baltimore's Community Action Agency Sept. 17.

The time is set at 4:45 p.m. in Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's City Hall office.

Mr. Mitchell succeeds Dr. Melvin J. Humprey in the $22,500 a year post as head of the city's anti - poverty campaign. Dr. Humphrey resigned after about four months in office.

The date and time of the swearing in was set to avoid any conflict of interest by coinciding with the completion of Mr. Mitchell's duties with the Interracial Commission.

STEPSITTERS discuss the roles of the two political parties with the AFRO's inquiring reporters this week. Pretty group at the top produced a dictionary to help them with their definitions. In front row, left to right, are Tina Parkinson, Susie Edmonds and Joyce Edmonds. In back are Rodia Richberg and Marina Randall. Below, left to right, Alfred Berry, Morris Hall Jr. and Henderson Langhorne review the influence of "the bag" and taxes in politics.

Mayor asks tightening on contracts

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin has urged the Community Relations Commission to determine whether it is possible to extend the ban against discriminatory employment practices to cover city contracts for the purchase of supplies and equipment.

In a letter to H. Warren Buckler Jr., CRC chairman, the mayor noted that there appeared to be "an apparently serious inconsistency" in the city's policy.

"As you're well aware," Mayor McKeldin wrote Wednesday, "the city now has a provision in its construction and maintenance contracts which makes it illegal for private contractors to engage in employment practices which are discriminatory.

"It is my deep conviction that this policy has worked well and has served the best interests of both the city and its residents.

"But the city also has contracts for the purchase of a wide variety of supplies and equipment, and there is no provision whatsoever in these contracts which prohibits employment discrimination within the contracting firms."

In asking that CRC investigate the possibility of extending the discriminatory employment ban, the mayor suggested the matter be taken up with Joseph Allen, city solicitor, and Charles L. Benton, city finance director who is responsible for the operation of the City Purchasing Bureau.

Bulk of estate to Catholic organizations

The bulk of the $27,000 estate of Walton L. White will go to Catholic institutions, with the chief beneficiary being the Josephite fathers, according to a will filed in Orphans Court.

Mr. White, former resident of 532 Sanford Pl., died on August 16, this year. At the time of his death he was retired from a post of mechanic at the Army Chemical Center.

The will named George Simms and William I. Gosnell, attorney, as executors, and gave the Josephite Fathers the residue of the estate after other bequests had been made. The majority of these bequests were also to Catholic institutions.

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DIRECTING THAT George Kelson be named to arrange his funeral, Mr. White directed the executors to purchase a grave for him in the Cathedral Cemetery and to have a marker placed there on all to not exceed $1,200 in cost.

Mr. White willed $30 to St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church for purgatorial masses.

He gave $1000 to Oblate Sisters Of Providence for their building fund and building maintenance.

The Sisters of St. Francis of St. Peter Claver Church will receive $1000 to be used in the maintenance and build-

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Schools await 280,000 pupils

Nearly 280,000 youngsters — some willing and some unwilling — will trudge back to schools in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following Monday's Labor Day celebration—traditionally the last fling of summer an estimated 181,530 children will begin anew their tolls with the Department of Education Tuesday.

Wednesday, the 155 Catholic schools will follow suit with an estimated 77,320 youngsters.

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IN THE public elementary schools, 4,630 children, distributed among 14 schools, will go to half-day or split-shift classes.

Secondary schools will accommodate 11,950 on a split-shift basis at Eastern, Western and Edmondson High Schools and City College.

Among those who will be returning to school willingly are the 900 youngsters who participated in public and private Headstart Programs this summer and are looking forward to their first taste of "real school."

Integration brings demotion for principal; case heads for courts

When desegregation action closes an all colored school, what are the rights of the principal as to re-assignment?

If a vacancy exists in a "white" school does she have priority over a new appointee?

Must the assignment be made regardless of race?

Has the displaced principal a right to be assigned to a new post equal in rank to her former position?

Does the superintendent or the school board have a right to demote the principal or to place the principal according to personal interpretation of "the best position?"

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THE ABOVE questions may soon come before the Federal courts through action of the NAACP in Maryland.

According to Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, head of the NAACP Legal Aid Division, suit is being filed on behalf of an Anne Arundel County public school principal who was displaced by the closing of Bates Junior High in Annapolis last spring.

Mrs. Mary V. Wiseman, the principal seven years, failed to obtain a principalship although vacancies existed in so - called "all - white" schools.

Instead, she was reassigned to the all - colored Bates High School, as "coordinator of the reading program," a newly created department that is expecting federal funds.

Dr. David S. Jenkins, superintendent of Anne Arundel County schools, said it was his opinion that the post given Mrs. Wiseman was the best placement according to her qualifications.

He admitted that white principals with lesser qualifications and tenure were placed in the vacancies in the all-white schools.

At a closed session of the School Board on Wednesday, Dr. Jenkins further stated that Mrs. Wiseman could "either accept or reject" her new assignment.

He refused to consider assigning Mrs. Wiseman to a principalship, stating that his discretion in the matter is final.

In addition, Dr. Jenkins refused to reveal the qualifications of the white principals assigned.

Representing Mrs. Wiseman, the NAACP attorney, Mrs. Mitchell, termed the action "arbitrary and based on race."

She decried such conditions "existing in the system of the capital city of the Free State and just 40 miles from the Nation's Capital."

Mrs. Mitchell also informed the administrator and the board that Federal funds can be withheld under the law.

The Maryland Branches of the NAACP immediately sent a wire to the U.S. Department of Education advising of the situation and showed where, 11 years after the Supreme Court Decision, Anne Arundel County Schools have arbitrarily failed to comply.

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MRS. MITCHELL based her contention on rights under the 14th Amendment and under the U.S. Department of Education requirements by Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

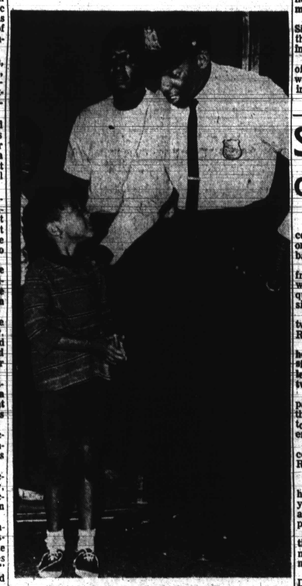
On Thursday, in a written statement, Mrs. Wiseman advised the superintendent and the School Board that she considers the post as "reading program coordinator" a demotion and her acceptance of it "under protest."

Mrs. Wiseman is the wife of Dr. J. Alexander Wiseman a longtime Annapolis resident and professor at Bowie State College.

Her certification as an elementary school principal is valid through 1972. She has a total of 34 years service in the Anne Arundel County school and was an elementary school principal 17 years before becoming principal of the now extinct Bates Junior High School.

Although Dr. Jenkins revealed at the School Board meeting he thought her "unqualified" as a Secondary school principal, Mrs. Wiseman disclosed that she became the Bates Junior High principal in 1959 at the superintendent's insistence.

She also reported that throughout her tenure as a secondary principal, no dissatisfaction was expressed to her.



FRIENDS —Little Tammy Kearney, a resident of the George B. Murphy Homes, makes friend of Guard David Harvey, 648 Pitcher St. Mr. Harvey one of the seven guards on duty in the city's high rise project developments to cut down on vandalism and rowdyism. So far the young program has been quite successful.

Stepsitters favor image of the Democratic party

By ROGER J. NISLY

"That's what makes this country great; they won't let one man keep his hand in the bag too long."

Alfred Berry speaking from 78 years experience was reflecting on the AFRO's question of the day for stepsitters:

"What is the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties?"

Mr. Berry of 1133 N. Calhoun St. reached his conclusion after expounding at length on the values of the two - party system.

"You have to have a two-party system" he said "so that there is always someone to keep after the men in power.

"With just one party, your country would be the same as Russia."

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HE TRACED the history of his voting back to 1908—the year he turned 21 — "when all colored people were Republicans."

"Later some switched parties and as they became more educated voted for the man and not the party."

Mr. Berry said he now is a Democrat having voted for "Johnson of course" in the last election but that he would cross party lines to "vote for what I think will help the most.

"I think it's good to have a change; to keep switching the bag around."

He named one public figure and observed "He must have three sugar - bags full by now. I think it's time for him to go."

He remembered back to the time when "people used to think a colored person was crazy if he voted Democrat."

"There used to be a little short fellow on this block" he recalled, "that all the kids would gather around and make fun of him by calling him 'Democrat! Democrat!'"

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HE ALSO remembered when "if you voted you had to go in groups so you wouldn't get beaten up" and "your employer told you who you were expected to vote for."

Back around 1896, "when we all lived on side streets, there used to be victory bonfires in the middle of Stockton St. the night after election and the white youths would come and put out the fire and chase everyone into the houses."

When his neighbor Henderson Langhorne, 1123 N. Calhoun St., revealed that he had been a lifelong Democrat, Mr. Berry expressed surprise: "and you were brought up in Virginia?"

Mr. Henderson replied that he had and said "I vote the way I think best. My family has a history of Democrats. That's my privilege. Take that away and I don't have the privilege anymore."

He said he thought the Democrats did more for the

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232 registered this week

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register.

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register—Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov., 1960 election 106,306.

Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.

Registered this week period, 114.

Total registered for Nov., 1964 election 132,687.

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Monday	35	5	0
Tuesday	23	3	2
Wednesday	17	0	0

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I give to you." John 14, 27

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DOROTHY DANDRIDGE'S DEATH PROBE FINDS NO SIGNS OF MURDER, SUICIDE

Parker quote chills meeting

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Despite chilling resentment over what one member termed " a stupid thing," and charges that the gathering was "stacked," the September meeting of the Western District Police Community Relations Committee ended on a promising note Wednesday.

Information presented by prominent members of the group and a ringing challenge sounded by Samuel T. Daniels, executive director, Community Relations Commission, guest speaker, gave evidence that racial changes are in store which will enable the committee to do more effectively what it was created to do—improve the relationship between policemen and citizens of the district.

The resentment was caused by the choice of a passage printed on the cover of the meeting announcement, mailed earlier in the week to members of the organization.

A statement of "philosophy," the passage was signed by an author currently considered the worse aut-

—See Parker quote, Page A-3

Man charged in church arson

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Ellicott City, Md. police department investigators arrested three white youths and a white adult in connection with the Labor Day burning of First Baptist Church, owned by a colored congregation 98 years.

Ernest James Smith Sr., 2800 block Georgtown Rd., is being held under $12,500 bond at the Howard County Jail in Ellicott City.

He is charged with arson, grand larceny, breaking and entering, and contributing to the delinquency of minors.

The church, located in a predominately white area, was gutted by fire that flashed through the stone building shortly after 9:30 p.m. Sept. 6.

Damage estimated at more than $50,000 includes the new wing added in 1964, new pews, organ, air conditioning system, hymn books, choir robes, Sunday School material and furnishings.

Howard County Chief of Police Jack L. Larrimore described the youths as out of town visitors from Baltimore City who were in the church area Labor Day. They are all between the ages of 10 and 16, he told the AFRO.

Expressing deep concern about the burning

—See Question youth, Page A-3

Mrs. Payne leaves estate of $163,741

Mrs. Marie E. Payne, widow of J. Howard Payne, long-time attorney of this city, left an estate of $163,741.26 when she died on Sept. 21, 1964, according to inventory filed in this city, this week.

The fortune, which Mrs. Payne inherited from her husband, consisted of stocks and bonds.

It included:

400 shares of Allegheny Power valued at $10,400; 100 El Paso National Gas, $2,100; 110 Northern States Power, $4,070; 104 National Distillers, $2,012; 320 Ohio Edison, $18,240; 100 Sinclair Oil, $4,500; 229 Southern Co., $14,427.

Also, 147 shares Union Carbide, $18,669; 300 Louisiana Land Corp., $26,100; 2303 Massachusetts Investors Trust, $39,433.26; 100 Tennessee Natural Gas, $2,121; 252 Socony Mobile Oil, $20,664.

There is also due the estate $7000 from their son, J. Howard Payne Jr.

The latter is executor of the estate, and with his wife and son, the sole legatees to the fortune.

One man, two wives

A 31-year-old father of four was given a two-year suspended sentence Thursday in Criminal Court after entering a guilty plea to a bigamy charge before Supreme Bench Judge Joseph R. Byrnes.

James E. Herbert Sr., of the 2100 block Druid Hill Ave., was put on probation for two years on condition that he get a job and pay the support of his minor children.

Court testimony revealed that Mr. Herbert married his first wife, the mother of his children, in 1957, when she was 20 years old, and without getting a divorce, remarried this past August.

His court appointed attorney, Joseph A. Imbesi,

—See Father Admits, Page C-5

FAMED ACTRESS-Singer Dorothy Dandridge, who was found dead in her apartment, is shown in various stages of her career. From left: as she appeared in 1955 film "Carmen Jones"; in 1963, wearing dark glasses, she filed bankruptcy claim; in Dec., 1962, smiling after getting divorce from restaurant owner John Denison, who she wed in 1950; and at right, in one of last pictures taken of the 41-year-old performer, Miss Dandridge is shown as she left Mexico City to return to Hollywood.

Mayor Acts On CIG Complaints

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin today announced a series of actions which he and other City officials have taken in response to complaints which were voiced by representatives of the Civic Interest Group and residents of Division Street in a meeting in his office on August 26.

The Mayor said the grievances, concerning an area bounded by North Avenue and Gold, Talbert and Calhoun Streets, related principally to housing conditions, recreational needs, the Police Department, and the condition of a Police Boys Club at Gold and Calhoun Streets.

"We have by no means solved the deeply rooted problems which are behind these grievances," the Mayor commented, "but we have taken enough decisive steps in a relatively short period to begin to make some impact on living conditions in the area, and we have, I believe, clearly indicated our determination to

—See Mayor acts, Page C-5

Divine is dead!

FATHER M. J. DIVINE

PHILADELPHIA

Father Divine, leader of an international religious cult, died early today (Friday) at his estate in Gladwyne.

A self-styled God believed to be at least 100 years old, Father Divine headed an organization known as the Worldwide Kingdom of Peace.

Announcement of his death was made by his attorney, Austin Norris.

There have been rumors many times in the past concerning the death of Father Divine.

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His by-word was "Father Will Provide," and according to his followers, he did —

—See Father Divine, on A-2

'Pick Champs' contest for baseball fans

Okay, you baseball experts, here's that once - in - a -lifetime chance to prove, for the record, just how smart you are — and win a handsome prize at the same time.

Try to "Pick the Champs" in the AFRO's new, exciting World Series game. It's almost too simple.

All you've got to do is fill in the entry blank on Page 3

—See Pick champs, Page C-5

A Rumor Had Them Dead

Family very much alive as friends prepare for funeral

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tarrant, 2311 Windsor Ave., and their three children, arrived home 1 a.m. Wednesday from a vacation in Birmingham, Ala. to find their phone "ringing off the hook."

The reason: A false report had circled around town over the Labor Day weekend that the family had met with a fatal accident on the highway returning home.

Mrs. Tarrant (Corene), popular owner of the beauty shop at 3120 W. North Ave., told the AFRO not only has she received hundreds of calls of "sympathy" but also personal visits from grieved friends.

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FOR EXAMPLE a woman friend came to the residence Wednesday morning so tearful she failed to see that it was Mrs. Tarrant herself at the door.

The kindly friend said she came to straighten up the house and "do whatever she could" for "the funeral."

Mr. Tarrant, 12 years a crane operator at the Coppers Co., revealed that one of his many friends called to say with real astonishment, "Man, I thought you were dead."

Looking at Mr. Tarrant, the man shook his hand and added, "It sure is good to see you're alive and kicking."

The Tarrants also disclosed reports of the "accident" have now reached members of their family 800 miles away in Alabama. They also telephoned to "get the truth" and were relieved to know all was well.

As near as can be figured, the rumor started somewhere on the other side of town on Labor Day when an acquaintance of the family announced he had heard the "tragic accident" wiped out "the whole family."

The AFRO received a score of calls on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. Tarrant said

—See Family alive, Page C-3

MR. AND MRS. OTIS TARRANT

Since seeing is believing, here's the lively couple in a photo taken by the AFRO Wednesday, the day they arrived home, safe and sound.

Body found on bathroom floor

Her Career

By BRENDA L. THOMPSON

Dorothy Dandridge, popular actress and singer who could transform at the flicker of a candle from a demure to an uninhibited personality, is dead at 41.

Dottie, who began her career at the age of four with sister Vivian, 6, as a dance team touring southern theatres, reached her heights in the 50's.

"Carmen Jones", the film in which she played the lead role, brought her the fame as an actress she had always sought. At the time Dottie stated, "I almost didn't get the part because I was considered too regal."

One critic wondered how a lovely girl like Dorothy could make the transformation to the uninhibited "Carmen." "That's easy," said Dorothy, "I just get up there and think sexy."

In "Tarzan's Peril," 1951, Miss Dandridge made her movie debut as a jungle queen.

Later she was the feminine lead in the film starring the Harlem Globetrotters. Fans saw her again in 1952 as the sultry singer in "Remains To Be Seen."

"Not much of a debut for someone who wanted to be an Ethel Barrymore," she commented.

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THEN SHE moved up into different and more serious roles. First she played a gentle schoolteacher opposite

—See Her life, Page A-6

Her Death

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

Mystery shrouds the death of svelte, sophisticated singer-actress Dorothy Dandridge whose nude body was discovered Wednesday in her cluttered Sunset Strip Apartment.

New tests were ordered Thursday after a Wednesday night autopsy "revealed no conclusive results as to the cause of death."

The coroner said "there is no indication of foul play or violence" in the death of the sexy star of "Carmen Jones" and "Porgy and Bess."

Investigators said there was nothing to indicate suicide.

Sheriff's detective Lt. W. E. Barnard said the 41-year-old Miss Dandridge might have died from a "coronary insufficiency" or a "fat embolism" as the result of an apparent ankle injury suffered Tuesday.

Private funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Satur-

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Money Man set to give more $$$

School is open and everybody seems to be doing his or her homework — AFRO Money-Man Lucky Number assignment, that is. The Money Man doesn't have any time to play — he's strickly business when it comes to giving away money.

In the 1100 block Brewer St., when it was time to give away the JACKPOT of 28 crisp green dollar bills, the player was ready. Mrs. Yvonne Lewis of 1109 said she had done her homework. She knew the Lucky Number - 999 and received her just reward.

Before Mrs. Lewis told the Money Man's caravan "Let me see . . . I think I'll give it to my son," the crowd that had followed the pied piper with microphone in hand was told, "no squeezing, no sneezing, no wheezing, no nothing until the young lady answers my JACKPOT question."

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IN THE 500 block Dolphin

—See Money Man, Page A-2

Dr. Saul Perdue is new assistant superintendent

For the first time in the history of the Baltimore public schools, there are now two colored assistant superintendents.

The appointment of Dr. Saul M. Perdue to serve as assistant superintendent, business, was announced today (Friday), by Dr. Laurence G. Paquin, superintendent.

Already serving as assistant superintendent, pupil personnel and staff services, is Dr. Houston R. Jackson.

In his new post, Dr. Perdue succeeds Dr. M. Thomas Goedeke, who becomes associate superintendent, administration, a new position.

Mrs. Rose P. Cote was named staff assistant to the Superintendent.

Mrs. Cote served in a similar position with Dr. Paquin in New Haven, where he was superintendent before coming here.

These promotions are the first personnel actions to be made by Dr. Paquin, who became superintendent this

—See Dr. Perdue, Page A-2

DR. SAUL M. PERDUE
New assistant superintendent

SMILE OF THE WEEK

Antiques are something you have when you finally finish paying for the furniture.