GRAMBLING TIGERS 40, MORGAN BEARS 7

Oh, for crips sake!

My expression shows? Now, if they can jus'..

Well, anyway, anyhow

Oh, lookee the camera!

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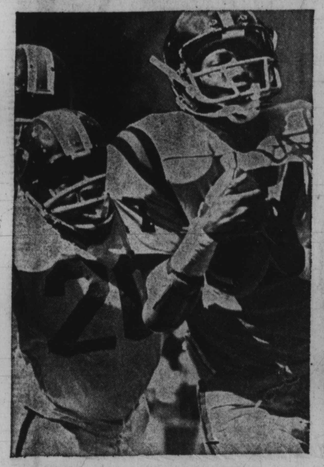

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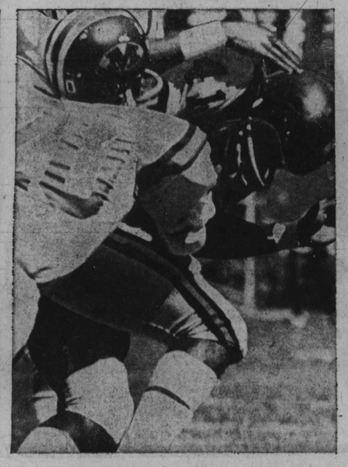

Help me, folks, to hold this Tiger

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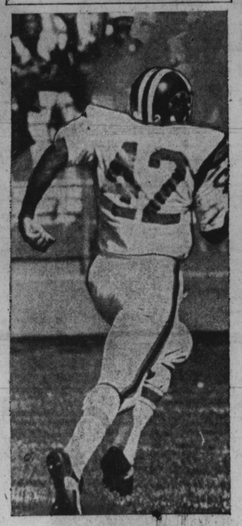

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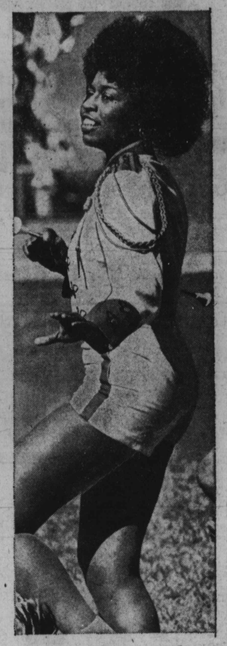

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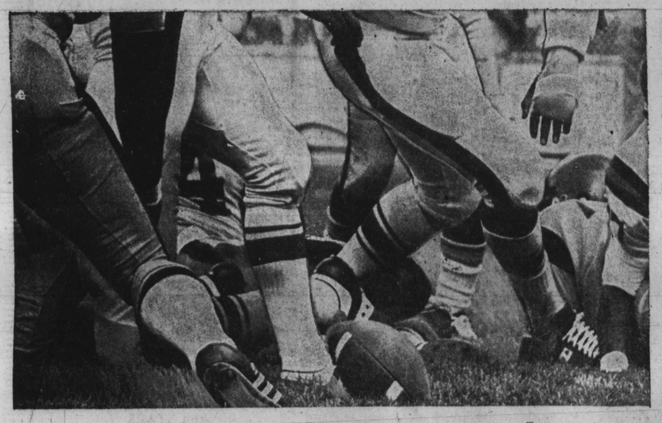

Whoa there, Nicoldemus, who's got the dawgone football?

Man, let's go find a party

Hey, this won't take long -- didit

Grambling gal? You betchd

Well, better luck next time

BODIES TO BE SHIPPED TO VA. FOR BURIAL

Tragic fire kills sister, brother

DWAYNE, age 9, ascribed this photo "To Mommie from Dwayne. grade 2, age 7. The AFRO enlarged the picture and gave it and the original to the mother.

Funeral services will be held in Grafton, West Virginia for the two children burned beyond recognition in a Wednesday morning fire at 2101 East Baltimore St.

At AFRO presstime, the bodies were still at the Michael Blount Funeral home in East Baltimore where arrangements are underway to ship the bodies to West Virginia.

The dead children are Sonya Stokes, 6 and Dwayne Stokes, 9. Firemen report Sonya was found huddled behind a chair and her brother was on the floor between the chair and his bed.

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Police report they suspect someone set the fire and they are still investigating the cause of the three alarm fire.

The children's mother, Mrs. Nina Workman, was at work in a southeast Baltimore bakery when the fire started.

Police report unsuspecting Mrs. Workman arrived shortly before the end of the 50-minute battle with the fire very hysterical and shouting, "Oh, my kids! Are they out?"

Mrs. Workman is now staying at 1923 E. Lombard St. and has been referred to the Red Cross for assistance.

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Willie Nance, 42, a neighbor on the third floor apartment usually babysat for Mrs. Workman until she came home from work.

On that tragic day, Mr. Nance reported, after putting the children to bed, he returned to his room in the rear of the third floor. He later smelled smoke and attempted to get the children, but was forced back by the flames.

Mr. Nance managed to escape through the third floor back window to the next house. Others injured in the three alarm fire were James Paulling, 21, who also escaped through the window, but fell off a ledge. He is in satisfactory condition at Church Home and Hospital.

Other tenants in the apartment house who escaped unhurt are Horace Williams, 60, and Mrs. Violet Booker, 53.

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It took about 70 firefighters to bring the blaze under control. One of the firemen suffered a neck injury and was treated and released at Mercy Hospital.

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS search the rubble from the tragic fire in hopes of retrieving something the family valued. A child finding the photo of the dead child, Dwayne, handed it to AFRO photographer Roman Hankewycz to later give it to the grieved mother. The location of the gutted home is Baltimore and Chester Sts.

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POLICE PROBE KILLING PATTERN

No suspects in 4th mysterious murder

Victim dies days before discovery

Homicide detectives are still seeking suspects in the bizarre murder of 41-year-old Elmer Lee, found dead from multiple stab wounds in his iron-barred and burglar-proofed Northwest Baltimore home last Monday night.

Police have no motives for the slaying of Mr. Lee who was a counselor at the Children's Detention Center in Laurel, Md.

However, investigators told the AFRO the pattern of slaying is similar to those of Oscar Minnitt, Charles Pryor and William Evans. According to police each of these victims was killed in his apartment without a struggle.

As in the case of the previous murders, police said, Mr. Lee's car was missing as well as some personal property but they are convinced theft was not the motive in each case. All except in Mr. Pryor's case, the car was found abandoned somewhere.

Stating they are probing the manner of the killings, investigators explain despite the pattern similarity no connection has been established between the four slayings.

"Each seems to be an isolated case, yet they all follow the same pattern," mused a Homicide detective.

Funeral services for Mr. Lee are tonight (Friday) from 6-7 p.m. at the Wayland Baptist Church in the 3100 block Garrison Blvd. Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kings Memorial Cemetery.

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The dead man's brother, Kenneth Lee, 4000 block Wabash Ave. and a Northwest District police officer discovered the body of Mr. Lee who was reportedly missing since Sept. 13.

A medical examiner's report revealed Mr. Lee was dead at least five days before being found on the floor of his house with stab wounds in the back, neck and skull.

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His absence apparently caused quite a stir, speculation and anxiety in his family.

His brother Kenneth told the AFRO: "I couldn't stand the rumors anymore so last Monday I decided I wanted to go in anyhow; I wanted to stop the rumors."

According to the brother there were "wild rumors that my brother had gone to the West Indies. He was not that kind of man to just take off without informing any of us. I was a bit scared too but I decided to go in there."

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So shortly before 9 p.m. Monday in the company of Officer James Clavon, Mr. Lee forced his missing brother's door open and the fateful search began.

The officer reported the victim was found facedown in a semi-hard pool of blood. The body was in the state of decomposition.

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They also discovered the victim's 1973 Buick was missing as well as his television set and a stereo. The victim's house was protected by inch-thick iron window bars and a burglar alarm that, police records show, had not been set off. Mr. Lee's car was later found abandoned at Sparrow's Point.

The body was found in the kitchen. In the dining

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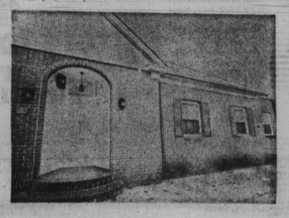

3103 GARRISON BLVD. — This is the house where Elmer Lee was found dead.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

10,000 members is NAACP goal

Miss Gertrude Gorman is here from New York directing the membership campaign of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP.

She will remain in Baltimore until the middle of October when she is assigned to go assist Chicago in its campaign.

President Enolia McMillan will direct the remainder of the campaign here.

The membership goal is an attainable 10,000 adult members, a goal that has not been reached since the days of the civil rights thrusts of the 1960's when the minimum annual dues were $2 instead of $4.

The 60's gave the necessary civil rights laws but did not abolish discrimination and justice.

The remaining tasks are made more difficult by the subtlety of the remaining problems and the apathy that results from a feeling that our job has been completed.

The campaign kick-off with a filmed "Parade of Stars" will be staged on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. at Douglas Memorial Community Church, Madison and Lafayette Aves.

Outstanding Membership Campaigners, fund raisers and members will be featured.

The public is invited to witness the parade free of charge.

The Star Campaigners "Club 100" Members include those who secured 100 adult members personally, captains whose adult members and workers secured 10 or more adult members.

Satellite Campaigners are individuals, captains and pastors who secured 50-99 or raffle chances amounting to $100 or more for our Thanksgiving Freedom Festival, Seals, car raffle or Baby Contest.

Satellites are those who reported $50-$99 in the above mentioned projects.

Star members are Golden Heritage Members who have paid in full and regular life members who have paid $500 in full.

The stars and satellites are asked to participate in the "Parade of Stars" and urge the public to witness the parade.

NEEDING YOUR SUPPORT through membership, NAACP officials accenting the fact in photo by Roman Hankewycz are from left, Miss Gertrude Gorman, campaign director and Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the local chapter.

Mr. Brown takes his right to rent to federal court, asks damages

Thomas Brown, a city employee, who unsuccessfully tried to rent an apartment in the 3200 block of Guilford Ave., has taken his case to federal court.

Jeffery Hines, attorney for Mr. Brown, told the AFRO they filed a civil rights suit in federal court Sept. 9.

The suit has been lodged against Mrs. Grace Auer, a 70-year-old white woman, the owner of the apartment, who refused to rent to Mr. Brown last May.

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Mrs. Auer was served with the suit on Sept. 15 and has until October to answer. The AFRO was unable to reach her by phone.

Mr. Hines stated if Mrs. Auer refuses to answer the suit, the judge can find in favor of Mr. Brown and order Mrs. Auer to compensate him for actual, punitive and exemplary damages, in the amount of $30,000.

The federal suit grew out of a letter Mrs. Auer sent to the Maryland Commission on Human Relation.

On July 11, the Commission ordered Mrs. Auer to rent to Mr. Brown. However, the July 18 letter requested Mrs. Auer be re-

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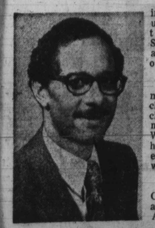
Orchard Church fete to hear historian

Many citizens are becoming interested in their family histories. James Dent Walker is a research specialist, lecturer and a member of the Council National Genealogical Society, and the American Association for State and Local History. He is employed as one of the three research consultants in the National Archives and Records Service in Washington.



JAMES DENT WALKER
famed historian

He is known as Jimmie Walker to his friends.

One friend and admirer of Mr. Walker is the eminent author, Alex Haley.

This is how it happens that when Alex Haley and Mary Carter Smith present a benefit performance in Columbia for the restoration of Orchard Street Church, Jimmie Walker will be the master of ceremonies for the occasion.

He is a witty and charming person and another of us dedicated to seeing that the old slave Orchard Street Church is restored and made a useful part of our community.

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James Dent Walker, married and father of four children, tells us that his children are 5th generation native Washingtonians. When you mention black history and genealogy, his eyes light up, for this is where his interest is.

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The Orchard Street Church benefit performance is termed "Roots of America."

It is to happen on Sunday, Nov. 23 at seven in the evening at the Wilde

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Is This Woman's Lib?

Women pulling guns on President Ford. Ladies holding up banks and stores. Is this a part of Women's Lib?

The story of the ladies who they say drew a bead on Ford is well-known now. But here's another.

Two mothers, displaying a gun, robbed a grocery store in May and pleading guilty in Criminal Court before Judge David Ross this week, received 10 years sentence each.

Evidence produced by Prosecutor Harvey Greenberg revealed once inside a 2500 block W. Fairmount Ave. store, the pair of ladies Ms. Irene Harrison, 23, and Ms. Karen Jones, 24, forced Ms. Virgie Opher and sister, Ms. Ida Opher, to lie on the floor. Ms. Jones threatened to shoot the Ophers before she and the other mother left the store with $26.

The same day, the two tried to holdup a store in the 100 block Franklintown Rd., but were stopped by owner Maceo Price, 28. Ms. Jones hit him on the arm as he grabbed her gun. Price fired five times, wounded Ms. Jones twice. Both mothers were arrested in back of the store.

AFRO Lucky Bucks

You still have a chance of winning $5, $10, or $20 in the AFRO Lucky Buck contest. Each AFRO Lucky Buck certificate will indicate a number on the lower front portion.

Mrs. Helena Barnes, 2500 block Cecil Ave., and a member of Homestead United Methodist Church won $20 in the contest.

Other winners are Miss Sbari Bailey of Dunbar Ave., William Berry, 1700 block N. Caroline St. won $5 and Joe C. Gaddy, 4000 block Dorchester Rd. won $5. You too can be a winner.

Tuesday winners will have to collect their win-

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CBS wants King death evidence

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — CBS, Inc. has requested access to ballistics evidence in the 1968 sniper slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a hearing was scheduled for today (Friday) on the petition.

Memphis attorney Newton P. Allen, representing the television network, asked the court to let CBS newsmen and experts examine a 30.06 rifle, a cartridge case, a slug, a cartridge box and a windowsill now in the court's custody.

"Certain questions have been raised about the ballistics or firearms evidence gathered in the investigation that followed the murder of Dr. King," the petition said.

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"There is a question whether the bullet which killed Dr. King can be demonstrated to have come

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THE NATION'S CAPITOL was the meeting place this week when members of the Mitchell family got together to coordinate to deal with the problems citizens face today. From left are Maryland State Senator and Mrs. Clarence M. Mitchell III, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Lawyer Michael Bowen Mitchell, slated for a 4th District City Council seat.

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