AFRO VIGNETTE:

The week's news 45 years ago Sept. 11

Exactly 45 years ago on Sept. 11, 1937, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN published a special 45th anniversary progress edition.

On its front page was a huge photograph of attractive Hermione Reckling, the daughter of the late Dr. Ralph Reckling Sr., the distinguished educator. The former Miss Reckling, now Mrs. Luther Hardin lives in the Baltimore suburbs.

As cover girl she represented the AFRO spirit of '37 and photographer Paul Henderson caught her marching resolutely bearing an American flag.

The big story in that edition was headlined "Blow Kills Boxer" in bold red type two inches high and reported the tragic tale of Emmett (Tiger) Brown, 23, of Waynesboro, N. C. who was felled in a boxing match sponsored by the Boy Scouts of his hometown and died of a broken neck.

Next in news importance that day in AFRO history was a report that "The Brown Bomber," heavyweight defending his title against Max Schmeling, the German challenger, "sometime in June 1938."

Two dances in the Big Apple Revue touring show business revue, John Westley and Jones and Henry Jackson were killed the week before in a highway accident in North Carolina.

Their kin sought $50,000 in damages against a white man whose truck smashed into the dancers' car collided. Bringing suit against a white person anywhere in the U.S., if you were black, at that time, was indeed a risky venture. To seek court action against a white in the Carolinas, was in 1937, sheer heroism.

More than 2,000 Baptist met for the 57th annual National Baptist Convention in Birmingham, Ala. the week of Sept. 11, 1937. Conference theme was "Go Teach All Nations."

A grim note: A Georgia black man, 75 years of age, was killed by a lynch mob in Mount Vernon, Ga. The man had sought to defend his property against the rampaging crowd of whites.

NOTHING EVER REALLY CHANGES: This 1937 edition of the AFRO contained a lengthy feature article entitled "Hamilton Street, Once Colored, Has Become White Neighborhood."

Writer Martha E. Phillips reported: "If you think of ghosts of old Baltimore's aristocratic white families walking in stately silence through the halls of lower McCulloh Street houses, many now occupied by

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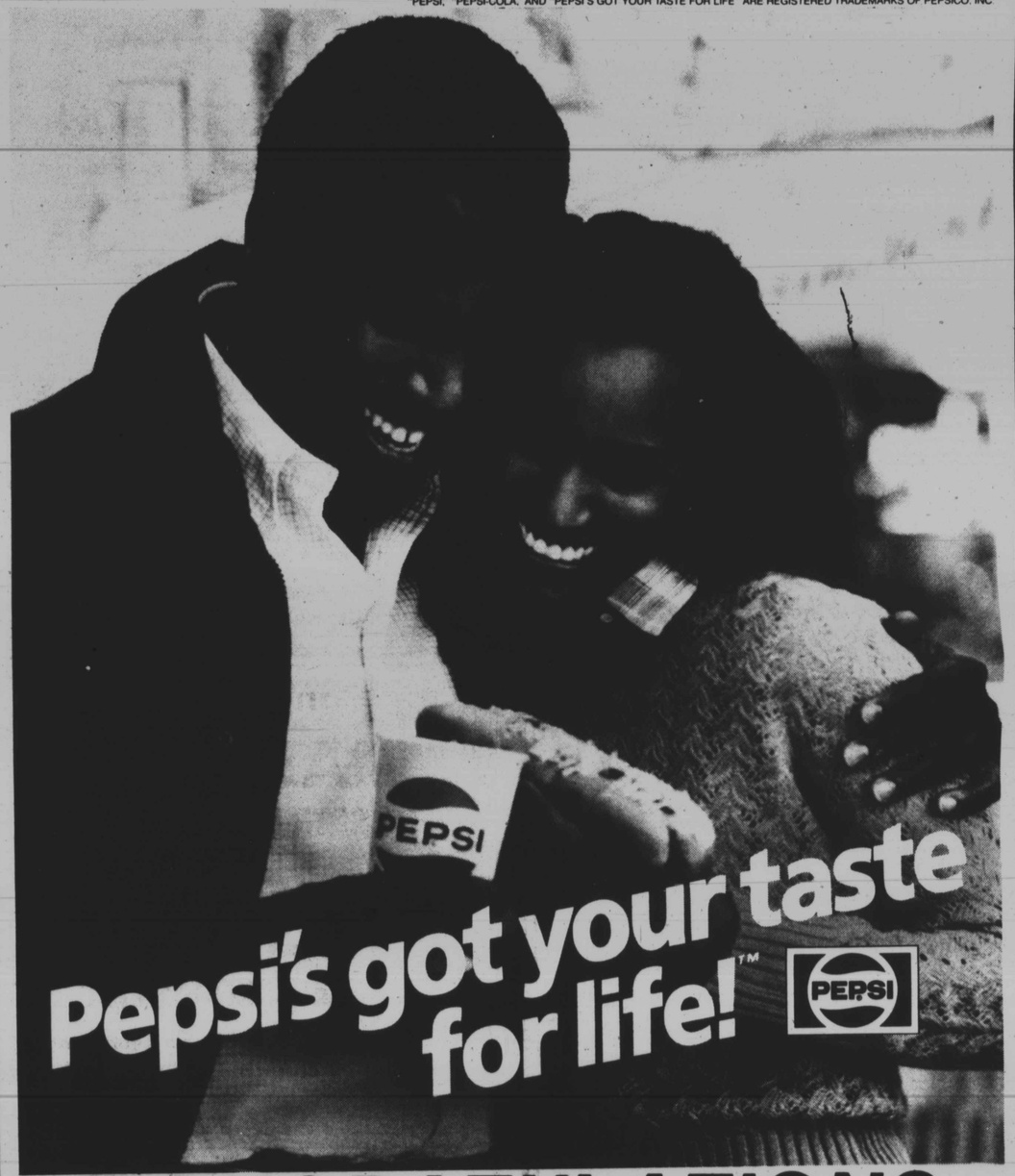

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