

Charges Adultery, White Woman Seeks Divorce From Sepia Hubby

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (ANP)—The 37-year-old daughter of a multimillionaire, who was happily married for four years to a Negro former actor and TV producer, filed for divorce from her mate last week on grounds that he committed adultery on three separate occasions.

She is Helen Leidesdorf Banks, daughter of multimillionaire businessman Samuel D. Leidesdorf. The three-married Mrs. Banks filed suit for divorce from Charles A. Banks in Westchester Supreme Court here.

Mrs. Banks, 37, is a former actor, TV production man and part-owner of an Atlanta, Ga., radio station. He also owns a liquor store which reportedly nets him \$30,000 a year.

The Banks were married on December 31, 1953, in Nassau, N. Y. after a romance that blossomed during an entertainment tour of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Banks accused her husband of adultery in 1955, in January, 1956 and last December. No names were mentioned in the suit, but the papers revealed that the couple separated last July from their plush living quarters at Hy-Acres on Pinesbridge Road in New Castle, Westchester County.

Last Feb. 25 through a judgment she obtained, Banks was dispossessed of any ownership in Hy-Acres. He has entered a denial to his wife's charges in the case that will be heard this fall.

Reliable sources revealed that Helen's father had done all



WINS WRITER'S GRANT—Nathaniel LaMar, 33-year-old short story writer, has been awarded the first Atlantic Grant for his short story "Cerulean Love Song." The promising young writer was given the award, which was established by the Atlantic Monthly Press and Little, Brown and Company, for the story which appeared in Atlantic in June, 1955. LaMar's story also won the Dana Reed Prize, which is given yearly to the best piece of writing appearing in any of the Harvard undergraduate publications. (ANP PHOTO)

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in his power to make the marriage stick. He reportedly gave the couple a \$100,000 a year allowance.

Banks, himself upset about the incident stated, "If I could sit down and have a little chat with her, away from lawyers and everybody else, I am sure we could work out our own problems and be back together again."

He said the adultery charges were "absolutely baseless."

Mrs. Banks' father heads an accounting firm under his name, is chairman of the medical center board of the New York University Bellevue Medical Center, chairman of the trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J., and treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.



WHAT'S THE PROGRAM? — Just as soon as these "early arrivals" reached the A and T College campus last week for the 27th annual 4-H Club Week their first interest was the program of activities for the celebration. Getting the information are: Con Kearns, Trinity; Alice Kelly, Carthage; Willys Mebane, Burlington and Lily Wiley, Yanceyville.

Auto Air-Conditioning Demand On The Upswing

DETROIT — The demand for all-weather automobile air conditioning has soared 500 per cent over last year, according to L. F. Desmond, Dodge Vice President in Charge of Sales, who added that sales of the units no longer are a seasonal matter.

In previous years, sales were confined almost exclusively to spring and summer months, Desmond said.

Since new model introduction last November, he pointed out, orders for air conditioning in Dodge cars have been running at a steady pace of approximately eight hundred units per month.

Although comparatively new to the automobile accessory field, air conditioning has

reached a high degree of development which has resulted in greater practicality, dependability and lower price, Desmond said.

To date, customers have ordered 6,600 air conditioning units on new Dodge cars, he said. Sales for the model year are expected to exceed 7,000. Production schedules are presently running at a peak output of 30 units per day.

This compares to a figure of 1,332 for the 1956 model year, 1,275 for 1955 and 419 for 1954, Desmond added.

As major factors in the upsurge of customer demand for air conditioning units, Desmond cited lower price, introduction of a new combined heater and air conditioner, universal adaptability of air conditioning to all model cars, including convertibles, and the ever increasing desire for more automobile luxuries.



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Tan Topics



Man Stabbed In Heart, Recovers At Hospital

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Sylvester Robinson, who was stabbed in the heart last Sunday morning, was in good condition at City Hospital Tuesday, following an emergency operation in which surgeons massaged his heart and stitched up a half-inch wound in his left ventricle.

Shortly after Robinson was admitted to the hospital, his heart apparently stopped beating.

Dr. Leonard Coleman, assistant resident in surgery, opened the chest and massaged the heart in an effort to restore its function.

Then Dr. John Kroyer, chief resident in surgery, cut the pericardium — sack around the heart — and closed the stab wound. Robinson received seven units of blood.

The hospital said Robinson, who is 34 years old, was already "walking around the ward." He told police he had

SEN. THOMAS C. HENNING'S ISSUES RIGHTS STATEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24, 1957 — U. S. Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D-Mo.), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, today issued the following statement, following this morning's regular meeting of the Judiciary Committee:

"I do not believe that the Senate Judiciary Committee should dodge making a decision on federal civil rights legislation in this Congress simply because we succeeded last week in placing the House-passed bill on the Senate Calendar.

"I do not think the committee members should crawl out the back door and leave this important committee business suspended in mid-air.

"Therefore, I voted this morning in executive session against making any other measure the pending business at the next committee meeting. However, a majority of committee members voted to lay the civil rights bill aside and take up a "meat bill" at next Monday's meeting."

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Gun Battle Rages In Cuba; Soldiers, Others Are Killed

SANTIAGO, Cuba (ANP)—Five persons, including three soldiers, were killed here last week in a flurry of gunfire from unidentified civilians in a stolen car as violence broke out at a political "peace rally."

Three others were wounded in the melee that broke up the speech of a government worker at the "peace rally" on the edge of the city. Police intercepted the speeding car of civilians after they had shot down three soldiers patrolling the rally area in a jeep and two of the assailants were killed in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Two bystanders and a 7-year-old boy were wounded in the incident which apparently was provoked by the rally in which the government speaker called upon the political opposition to abandon violence as a political weapon.

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