

Singer Mary Wells' Ex-Husband Shoots Promoter

California Notebook

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. — One of the most disturbing situations in this country (other than the fight for equality) has been the rise of illegitimacy. The National Office of Vital Statistics estimates that there are 20 illegitimate live births per 1,000 unmarried women 15 to 44 years of age. This is against 11 per 1,000 births reported in the late forties.

A study conducted by a Washington newspaper indicated a high percentage of repeaters among unwed mothers. As in previous years, the highest birth rates are in the South with many children being born out of wedlock to Negro parents who even take "common law marriage" lightly. These children ultimately become the department and in turn become wards of the taxpayers.

To highlight the problem, one Public Assistance official told us, the welfare department is confronted with a hard core of these people who are incapable of functioning at an adult level, taking responsibility for themselves and all of their children. And the official added, yet the federal government goes ahead in providing assistance for such persons.

The argument that aid to dependent children would seem actually to foster illegitimacy has no logical basis for argument. Certainly an upward who had a "strain of sense" would not continue bearing other illegitimate children just to draw the financial assistance issued monthly by the welfare department.

There are other basic reasons, some of which are obvious, for the rise in the birth of illegitimate children. Welfare department officials must seek and find these causes then remove them. Meanwhile, these unfortunate children cannot be blamed nor allowed to starve as Louisiana and some other States would have them.

DASHING ALONG
The Mary Clay Nursey School is considered by many to be the finest and most unique on the West Coast. . . . Marlene Edwards, the petite westside L. A. beauty is considering giving up her bachelor role and become a housewife. . . . Emory Seymour is reported doing an excellent job in Nigeria. . . . 20 Million Dollars is spent daily in the U. S. by 5 million Negro families. . . . New York is the Nation's first city with a Negro population of more than a million. . . . Overheard a lady say at a recent political meeting "My mind's made up—Don't confuse me with facts."

Joe Latcher, Wells' gifted brother, who gave up swing music and turned to gospel-playing and composing has a hit religious number going for him. . . . Aaron Williams, continues to maintain his rating as one of the top ventriloquists in the Golden State. . . . Gloria Smyth, the former-headliner jazz singer, is now a first-class big band leader. . . . Sol White, the prominent SLA baby specialist, can usually be found on his off days, sitting in at a jam session playing a cool trumpet. . . . He says it relaxes him. Sol is a native of Beaumont, Texas. . . . Pipp

or Alvarez, the lovely former "Miss World" beauty contestant leads the line in Larry Steele's "Smart Affairs" this year. . . . Charity Wylie, fashion model, is doing an excellent job as a coordinator and consultant for the L. A. Board of Education.

PEOPLE . . . PLACES . . . THINGS
THE TWIST . . . Intellectuals have always contended that various forms of "art" always reflect something of the national mood of the country which produces it. That "Twist" was invented in this country in 1961 fits easily into this general philosophy. It is a dance in which the lower and upper ends of the body go in one direction as the middle veers, violently in the other and in reversing the shifts, the ends meet the middle only in passing each other. . . . This differs little from some of our governmental policies. Or should we say gyrations?

GOOD BOOK . . . Dr. Thomas Roy Peyton, the famed L. A. Proctologist, has written an excellent book titled "Quest For Dignity." It deals with the era during Marcus Garvey movement and about his experience as a hair stylist here and in Europe where he played before Kings and Queens to earn enough money to complete his medical training. I assure you, it's interesting reading.

MERVYN DYMALLY . . . The dynamic young State Assemblyman and his wife are reported expecting a new addition to their family. The handsome couple have two children now. . . . **VERNETT ALLEN . . .** The gifted Angel City artist has been signed to a long-term contract by a major film company. Vern, a product of Southern University has gained fame throughout the country for his artistic paintings. . . . **DON ALFORD . . .** The personable San Diego businessman is the current business manager for the Archie Moore Milk Company. . . . **JOE LOUIS . . .** and his Attorney wife, Martha, have their beautiful Wellington Road manse for sale, now that they plan to move to Denver, and according to my girl Friday, they are to help Sonny Liston make and save his money. Somebody must be kidding. . . . **GILBERT LINDSAY . . .** the first Negro seated in the Los Angeles City Council will now represent downtown Los Angeles due to the recent redistricting of Council Districts under the new Supreme Court "one man one vote" theory. . . . **EVERS AVENUE . . .** the L. A. City Council changed the name of Alabama Street to Evers Avenue in memory of the slain civil rights leader, Medgar Evers. Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr., said the action was taken to pay Negro groups affiliated with CORE who picketed his Wats office several times. He will never learn. . . . **NEWLYWEDS . . .** Attractive Billie Woolridge, the former Billie Denman and new hubby, Charles Woolridge were honored at a colorful wedding reception on Saturday. They spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas. . . . **CHARITY BALL . . .** The Negro General Welfare Fund held its Charity Ball and Banquet in the International Ballroom of the La-Fayette Hotel in Long Beach. Principal speakers were, Dr. David Kagan of UCLA and Mayor Chester Grain of Compton. The event was held to raise funds for scholarships and educational assistance to Negroes. . . . **POLL MONEY . . .** The Democrat and Republican party is slated to spend more than 10 million dollars on polls this year. Such waste! Do you recall the Landon polls had beaten TD'R? Then there's the Gallup polls 1948 election of Tom Dewey. . . . **CHURCH MUSICAL . . .** The New Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church held its first Annual Musical Sunday. The event was highlighted by the appearance of the Taylor Family Singers, Bishop M. C. Chambers, principal speaker. Dixie Williams gave the welcoming address. Rev. L. V. Clark, is the dynamic pastor of the Church. . . . **BRITTON ARMSEAD . . .** THE Angel City's perennial bachelor finally succumbed to a pretty airline hostess and middle-aged to the alter. Britt, a native of San Antonio, Texas, is employed in the L. A. School System. . . . **PONCHITTA PIERCE . . .** The pretty USC Journalism grad is presently vacationing in New York and other eastern cities.

Bullet Plows Into Head Of Robert West

NEW YORK — Robert West, 52-year-old Detroit theatre manager and promoter, is now confined to Roosevelt Hospital in critical condition after suffering a gunshot wound of the head.

West was shot, according to police, while struggling for the possession of a .38 caliber revolver with Herman Griffin, a singer and former husband of Mary Wells, 21, top-ranking rhythm and blues singer.

The fight took place at the Savoy Plaza Hotel on Fifth Avenue in Miss Wells' fifth-floor suite at about 3 a. m. Wednesday. The bullet plowed into West's head just above the left eye.

Physicians, struggling to save West's life, have performed several operations, one of which resulted in the removal of his left eye.

Police said the argument flared when Griffin objected to remarks made to Miss Wells. It is known that both Griffin and West were involved in negotiations, to obtain the rights to represent Miss Wells, who recently attempted to cancel a contract she held with Hitville, U. S. A., a Detroit-based organization headed by Berry Gordy.

It is under the guidance of the Gordy organization that Miss Wells attained top record rating. During what she considered an interim between contracts, she appeared in several one-night promotions for West in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

It is also known Miss Wells was negotiating with several recording companies in New York. Both West and Griffin are alleged to have sought the right to represent her as personal manager.

Police said there had been considerable drinking before the shooting. The police, summoned after the shooting, found the door to the suite locked and forced it open.

They said Griffin was standing over the wounded man with the gun in his hand. Police knocked it to the floor. The revolver was found to be owned by West.

In the room with the two men were Miss Wells and Miss Maye Hamilton, 23, Miss Wells' secretary and road manager. All parties involved are from Detroit.

SCANNING THE DISCS

BY BOB SMITH
CHICAGO (NPD) — This is the first of a weekly column of record reviews, designed to keep our readers abreast of what the recording stars are doing spinwise, which the Negro Press International is providing as part of its feature service.

The column deals with data and commentary on the performance of the artists, as well as the regular critics appraisal of the LPs and singles on which they are featured. We feel this column will be a time saver to disc fans who, like other normal mortals, find their time considerably limited by the rush of everyday living. Yours Truly will do the time-saving, advance spinning for you.

With our "Scanning the Disc" column, the reader can relax and feel confident in the judgment of one who has written extensively in the field.

Meanwhile, we expect and even welcome honest disagreement, and "Letters to the Editor," based on content of the column, will be published weekly. By and large, however, we hope to satisfy even the most discriminating record fan. . . . a special treat to the teen set, we will also feature, in this column, a special "Teen Corner" section spotlighting the views of Stephen Randall, 13, the youngest member of our news staff. We'll see you in print.

Meantime, I am starting the platter whirl by reviewing three top modern jazz waxings which have just been released. Beginning with a soul offering by Red Garland, here is the fare:

"SOUL BURNING" — Prestige LP (7307) featuring the Garland quintet. Personnel: Garland, piano; Richard Williams, trumpet; Oliver Nelson, tenor and alto saxophones; Peck Morrison or Sam Jones, Taylor, drums. Tunes: "Green Dolphin Street"; "If You Could See Me Now"; "Rocks in My Bed"; "Soul Burnin'"; "Blues in the Night."

This LP is actually a collaboration of Garland and Nelson (on the top side) and Red and the rest (on the flip side). It is good, modern jazz music, played with vigor (by Nelson) and imagination by Garland and the group. The top tune is Dolphy, on which Red is forceful and Nelson plays a lyrical, muted solo. . . . A FIND LP.

"ERIC DOLPHY IN EUROPE: VOL. 1" — Prestige LP (7304) featuring the Dolphy quartet. Personnel: Dolphy, flute, bass clarinet; Bent Axen, piano; Chuck Israels or Erik Morse-

August 27th. The celebration will follow the Democratic convention being held in that resort city starting on August 24th.

holm, bass; John Elmf, drums. Tunes: "Hi-Fly"; "Glad to Be Unhappy"; "God Bless the Child"; "Odee."

Variety is the essence of this LP, recorded in 1961 before a live audience in Copenhagen, Denmark. The set includes some good solos, a lively dance entry (Glad to Be), and a jam session piece (Odee), but as a whole the LP is not as outstanding as the potent Dolphy is administering these days. . . . He plays here with Chuck Isaels, a fine bassist, and three Danish players, whose style and approach are different from that of American modern jazz exponents. . . . Still the music the group provides is plausible. . . . The top tune is Hi-Fly, which is fastpaced. . . . SOME FANS MAY LIKE THIS DISH.

Marian Anderson Gets Doctorate In Music Field

URBANA, Ill. (NPD) — Marian Anderson, world famous, contralto, was one of three prominent Americans cited by the University of Illinois recently with honorary doctorate degrees for outstanding contributions in their respective fields. Miss Anderson received the degree of doctor of music during commencement exercises before an assembly of distinguished educators, students and guests. Honored along with Miss Anderson were Ludwig Mies van der

Hampton Grad-Tutor Awarded Fulbright Grant To England

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — July 22, 1964, Kennel Jackson, instructor in the Summer Session and a graduate of the college, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for the academic year, 1964-65, to Cambridge University, England. At Cambridge, he will do research in the theory of history and social anthropology.

After receiving a degree in biology from Hampton, Mr. Jackson studied history for a year at the University of California at Los Angeles under a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Upon completion of the year in Calif., Mr. Jackson went to the University of Ghana, Africa, to study social anthropology under a John Hays Whitney Fellowship.

While a student at Hampton Mr. Jackson spent three months in Dahomey, Africa, with Operations Rohn, retired, director, School of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, who received the doctor of fine arts degree, and Prof. W. Albert Noyes, Jr., chemist, University of Texas, who was the commencement speaker. Prof. Noyes received the doctor of science degree.

The three honorees received their degrees from Dr. David D. Henry, University of Illinois president.

Crossroad in a work camp study project.

Anderson's Bust Going To Met Opera

NEW YORK (NPD) — A bust of internationally famous concert singer Marian Anderson, which has been exhibited at major museums in the United States and Europe, will be presented to the Metropolitan Opera Association at a reception in honor of Miss Anderson soon. It was announced last week.

The bust, created by sculptor Nicholas Koni in 1955 before Miss Anderson became world renowned is being donated by former ballerina and radio personality, Mrs. Herman Muehlen.

It will be presented to Met president Anthony A. Bliss and will be on display at the Opera House next season.

Miss Anderson was the first Negro to sing at the Met.

MISS DEB

... answers questions about Junior Miss etiquette, grooming and interests.



Q. Several months ago I promised Mom I'd take care of my own clothes. But everything's a mess. My closet is chaos. I never have the right thing clean and ready to wear at the right time. Help!

A. Organize, friend, to end closet clutter. First, inventory your entire wardrobe. Out with all the too-small, never-worn dresses, shorts, blouses, slips. They just take up valuable space. Cast a critical eye over all your clothes, including lingerie. Then get busy with sewing basket and iron. From then on, it means investing only a few minutes a day for the flawless fashion look that means a prettier you. Hang up all your clothes as soon as you take them off. Don't cheat by draping them on the backs of chairs or closet hooks. You're the only loser! Do your repair work as soon as you spot a missing button or a ripped seam. It'll take a little time and energy, but the gal who rates as Miss Fashion plate is Miss Fixed-it, not Miss Pinned-up!

Q. Is there any way to make big feet look smaller? I mark out the size inside my shoes so no one will know what size I wear. What else can I do?

A. You're way behind the times. In grandmother's day, tiny feet were considered essential to lady-like beauty. But this is the space age. People are bigger and so are feet. Choose sleek, uncluttered styles, and always buy the right size, no matter what it is. Cheating

Q. According to the charts, I'm the right weight for my height — 5-foot-9 and 115 pounds. Still my figure is far from terrific. No matter what the scales read, I'm sure I'd look better if my waist were smaller. Is there any way I can pin-point my figure faults?

A. Sounds like you have a distribution problem. But your wrist measurement can give you the answers. Most other measurements are based on it, since it's a good indication of your type of bone structure. Here's the rule: Your ankle should be 1/4 times the size of your wrist; your calf should be 2/4 times the wrist measure; thighs should be 3/2 times the wrist; hips six times the wrist, and waist 4/4 times your wrist. If your measurements are off, get started on a routine of spot exercises to shape them up.

(For more answers to your questions on feminine grooming and hygiene, write for the free booklet, "Very Personally Yours." Send your name and address to Miss Deb, Box 551-P, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis.)

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CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

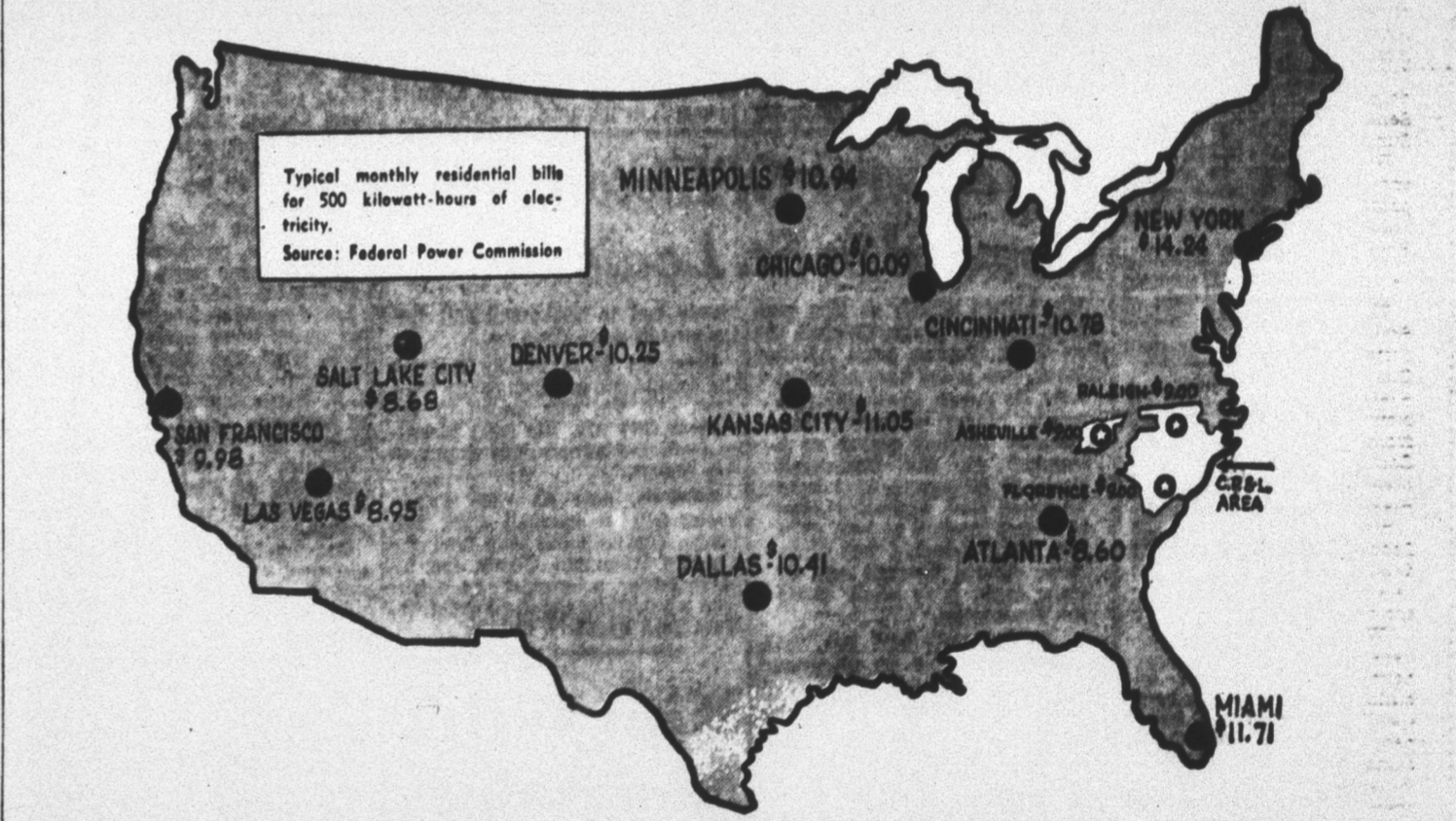
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 - Meadow
 - Parent
 - Newspaperman
 - Employment of crew by
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 - Roman 1100
 - Loose-fitting garment
 - Far East
 - Preposition
 - Cooking vessel
 - Large container for liquids
 - Sloth
 - American Indian
 - Color
 - Old's nickname
 - Male title of respect (plural)
 - Male known
 - Domestic animal
 - To void
 - Figured dials
 - Eight-sided
 - Put into form of a play
 - Sign of a theatrical house
 - New Zealand parrot
 - Anchor position
 - Acknowledged
 - Electrically charged atom
 - To freeze
 - Join
 - Toothed gear
 - Rock layer
 - Evangelist
 - Spot
 - Woodfastness
 - Transfer
 - This or that (abbr.)
 - To soothe
 - Day, of wine
 - Sleep talk
 - Thoroughfare (abbr.)
 - Preposition

To Sing Salute To LBJ

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Tan Topics



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