

SUSPEND 3 AT HOWARD U. FOR 'FUN MARRIAGE'

Too Young To Be Wedded In First Place—Court

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24—Justice Oscar R. Lurhing in United States court last Tuesday signed decrees annulling the marriages of Miss Doris Mae Carter to John R. Risher and of Miss Caroline Ellen Harris to William Grayer Williams on September 1, 1935.

Judge Lurhing found that neither of the two young couples had arrived at the age of legal consent to the contract of marriage at the time the marriages were purported to have been consummated and that that had been no cohabitation in consummation of the purported marriage contracts.

"Frivolity and Jest"

He also found that the marriage contracts were entered into "in frivolity and jest."

The two couples were married in Annapolis, Md., September 1, 1935. At the time, Miss Carter was 19 years old, Risher 20, Miss Harris 19, and Williams 19.

They motored from Highland Beach, a summer colony, to Annapolis to go through the ceremonies after Williams and Risher had agreed that if Risher married Miss Carter Williams would marry Miss Harris. Risher had first offered to bet \$10 that Williams would not marry Miss Harris. Williams made the counter proposition, which was agreed to.

Returned to D. C.

After the marriages the couples returned to Washington and went to their separate homes. They did not see each other until a month later when the report got out they were married.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer M. Harris. Miss Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Carter. Mr. Risher is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John T. Risher. Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grayer Williams.

Miss Harris, Miss Carter and Williams were suspended from Howard university for one year following the disclosure of their marriages for violation of the rule against students marrying while in school.