Hubby Quit When Bride Asked Cash

Alleging that her husband deserted her four months after their marriage, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Parland, a file clerk, of 2250 Madison Avenue, was granted an absolute divorce Thursday in the circuit court from John H. Parland of Chicago.

She told an examiner that she married January 1, 1933, and deserted on April 15, after her husband became enraged when she asked him to contribute toward her support.

Mrs. Parland, who was represented by Willis T. Buckner, attorney, stated that her husband was excessively cruel, stayed out late at night and never helped support her.

Slipped After 18 Years

Charges that her husband, Oscar L. Baker of New York, began running around with other women and stopped supporting her after eighteen years of married life, won an absolute divorce for Mrs. Bertha F. Baker, singer, of 1631 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The singer stated that she was married August 15, 1913, and deserted August 1, 1931.

She quoted her husband as saying that he thought it best that they separate, as he would rather do that than discontinue seeing a certain young woman. She said he is now living with the other woman.

Mrs. Sarah Benson, beautician, of 1214 W. Franklin Street appeared as a witness for Mrs. Baker.

Wife Accused of Misconduct

William Davis of 1409 East Eager Street obtained an absolute divorce from Mrs. Etoi Davis of Chapel, S. C., after testifying that he surprised her in a room with a man.

Davis, who said that he was married August 10, 1918, and deserted on September 15, 1922, testified that he went home to tell his wife that he would be late for dinner and unable to get in the front door went to the side and saw his wife and the other man through a window.

J. Howard Payne represented Davis.

Says Wife Left Him Sick

Benjamin Crawxford of 1102 N. Mount Street, was granted an absolute divorce from Mrs. Rebecca Crawford of 1510 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Testifying before an examiner, the husband said he was sick at the time that his wife took all the household furniture and abandoned him.

Roy S. Bond, attorney for the husband, stated that the couple married October 25, 1923, and separated October 1, 1933. Mrs. Annie E. Johnson testified that the man's wife attempted to have him confined to an institution when he suffered a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Pettigrew Files

Mrs. Marthetta Pettigrew filed suit in the circuit court against Theodore Pettigrew of Saybrook, Conn., for an absolute divorce.

Mrs. Charles G. Bailey Has New Year's Day Interment at Arbutus Memorial Park

Mrs. Charles G. Bailey, one of Baltimore's most distinguished undertakers, had the interment of Rowena Curtis, sister of Mrs. Alma Curtis Brown and dear friend of Miss Mary R. Johnson, at Arbutus Memorial Park, New Year's Day.

Mrs. Bailey is head of one of the oldest undertaking establishments in the city and is known widely for her conscientious and devoted attention to the minutest detail of her business.

Other Man Tells, but Wife Wins

William H. Carroll, of Howard County, was denied a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Ethel L. Carroll, of 1103 N. Mount Street, although one of Carroll's witnesses, Albert Hall, testified that he had had intimate relations with Mrs. Carroll, in the circuit court at Ellicott City, Monday.

In refusing the divorce petition, Judge William H. Forsythe, who heard the case, said that it was the opinion of the court that Hall lacked every characteristic of a convincing witness, and that his testimony did not furnish sufficient grounds for a divorce.

Beat Wife

Carroll's admission on direct questioning by Roy S. Bond, attorney for Mrs. Carroll, that he had beaten his wife with his fists, was also a deciding element against him, the judge said.

In his petition for divorce, Carroll accused Hall and one McKinley Douglass of having intimate relations with Mrs. Carroll during the period from March 1 to October 12, 1936.

Cited Intimacies

In his testimony, Hall said that he had been intimate with Mrs. Carroll in April while she was intoxicated following a party.

He also said that on another occasion in April, he had declined to have intimacies with Mrs. Carroll while they were in a room at his sister's home, but that a few hours later, while he was accompanying her to her home nearby, they stopped on a road near some houses.

Refuted

Mrs. Carroll, in refuting the story, said that she never took intoxicating drinks of any kind. She also sought to show that any such occurrence as testified to by Hall would have been impossible on a road because of the wet and muddy ground in April.

She flatly denied that she had had any relations of an intimate nature with Hall.

Divorced Two Wives

Carroll said that he was married on April 2, 1931, and that he lived with his wife until May 11, 1936. On cross examination he admitted that he had divorced two former wives, and said that he beat his wife when he learned of her infidelities.

Mrs. Carroll charged that Hall was a friend of her husband's and that he was fradulently testifying in order to aid her husband in getting the custody of their children, William H., Jr., 5, and Willard B., 3.

Wife Gets Children

Judge Forsythe held that Carroll had failed to prove any marital offense, and that the testimony of Carroll and his witness was unconvincing.

Mrs. Carroll was granted custody of the two children, counsel fees, and maintenance.

$26 Check Bounces; Giver Detained

Charged with obtaining $26 on a bogus check with intent to defraud, James Wilson, 54, waiter, of 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue, was ordered held in the Northwestern police court, Thursday, for a future hearing.

Frank Kardash of 641 W. Hoffman Street, stated that Wilson gave him the check after purchasing merchandise. It later was disclosed that the check was worthless and is believed to have been forged, Kardish declared.

Keg Rollers Held for Beer Theft

Ernest Weems of 1129 Division Street and Henry Martin of 1021 N. Calhoun Street, both under 20, were held for the grand jury when arraigned in the Northwestern police court, Saturday, on charges of theft.

The youths, police stated, stole a half barrel of beer and a horse-hide coat from the auto of Ernest Bell. It was stated that they were arrested when seen rolling the beer near the Calhoun Street address.

Youth, 14, Is Insane

John Cole, 14, 921 Hubbard Alley, was committed to the State Hospital for the Insane, when Drs. Frank Ogden and Hubert Knatt declared him insane, this week.

His condition was reported by Theodore Cole, his father.

Woman Accused of Auto Theft

Three men and a woman charged with larceny of autos were haled into police courts, this week.

William T. Walker, 32, of 415 N. Dallas Street, charged with taking a car valued at $640, was held for criminal court action under $500 bail.

Alfred Jenkins, 1839 N. Spring Street; William Wells, 17, of 425 Merriman Lane, and Edith Jackson, 904 Abraham Street, were arrested in the Northeastern police district and turned over to the Central district on a similar accusation.

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DRUID LAUNDRY

Police Exam Set for March 2nd

An examination, to be held March 2, to secure persons eligible for appointment to the police department as probationary officers, was announced, Thursday, by the board of police examiners.

Persons wishing to take the examination may secure application forms at Room 506, Police Headquarters, Lexington and Fayette Streets, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., January 11 to February 6, inclusive.

Requirements

Prospective applicants must appear in person for interview and physical examination. They must be registered voters of Maryland, between 25 and 37 years of age, at least 5 feet 10 inches tall, in stocking feet, and weight not less than 150 pounds.

Under the State law, the existing eligible list for appointment to the force remains in effect only until April 1. Last year, six persons, including former Morgan College and Lincoln University football players took the test.

Numbers Bond $5,000

With six lottery slips as evidence, Terrance Blaney, 44, of 746 W. Stratoga Street, was held for the grand jury under $5,000 bond, Thursday, after a hearing in the Western police court.

Blaney was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct when according to witnesses he attempted to attack an officer who served a juvenile summoned at his home. Police who searched him at the station said they found the numbers slips.

Also presented at the hearing was a piece of wrapping paper bearing numbers and names. Police testified that Blaney admitted they were plays for several of his friends.

Rum Cache

Two Who Attempted to Sell Stolen Liquor Face Hearing.

Accused of stealing two cases of whiskey from a delivery truck, Monday, James Matthews, 34, of 1408 Gilmor Street, was held for the grand jury following a hearing in the Northwestern police court, Thursday.

Matthews was arrested after police located the whiskey in a house in the 1300 Block of Woodyear Street. On a tip given them by neighbors, police arrested Matthews and William Carter of 627 Sewell Street.

Tried to Make Sale

It was stated that the liquor was stolen from a truck at Pennsylvania Avenue near Laurens Street. Later, Matthews and Carter tried to sell the two cases to several tavern keepers. Unable to sell the liquor, the men took it to the Woodyear Street house, police stated.

Carter was ordered held pending a future hearing when witnesses who saw him with Matthews after the theft failed to appear. Misses Ellen and Bessie Brown of 1391 Woodyear Street, testified against Matthews.

CARRIED RAZOR, FINED $5

Because a razor was found in his possession when he was arrested with three companions, Alton Jackson, 18, of 116 N. Poppleton Street, was fined $5 and costs, Thursday in the Western police court.

INJURED BY AUTO

Struck by an automobile at Franklin and Pearl Streets, Monday, George Wilkins of 500 St. Mary Street, received injuries of the ankle and cuts of the body.

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2 MEN COMMIT SUICIDE

CHELTENHAM BILL GAINS SUPPORT IN LEGISLATURE

Advantage of State Control Realized

GROUPS TO DROP FIGHT

By WILLIAM N. JONES

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – THE NEW BILL THROUGH WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER THE PRESENT HOUSE OF REFORMATION TO STATE CONTROL WILL HAVE THE BACKING OF BOTH BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY DELEGATES, IT WAS INDICATED HERE THIS WEEK.

Despite the fact that it does not measure up wholly to what many leaders, including the retiring grand jury, think it should, there will be no open opposition to the measure, it was also learned.

The bill would have the State accept a deed to the property at Cheltenham and to change the name of the House of Reformation for Colored Boys to "Cheltenham School for Boys." Under this name it would be raised in spirit from a penal institution to a training school. Boys taken there would bear no criminal stigma.

Fight Dropped

Several weeks ago the NAACP started to launch a fight against certain provisions of the measure and appointed a committee to this effect.

Conferences following this, however, resulted in a general decision that placing the institution under State control will constitute such a great advance that some of the minor defects may be overlooked at this time. Mrs. Lillian Jackson, president of the organization, has acquiesced in this viewpoint, it is said.

Retain Corporate Body

The House of Reformation would be kept intact as a corporate body for a period of ten years during which it would retain control of a $30,000 fund, including cash on hand and certain moneys receivable up to October 1, 1937, which will be used for the benefit of the present employees of the institution or for the benefit of the boys in the institution.

The main object of this fund, it is believed, is to provide a pension fund for any of the present staff who might be dispensed with by incoming boards during this ten-year period.

The present board of management would retain its functions acting as the House of Reformation while a new board, comprising practically the same members to start with would conduct the affairs of the State controlled institution.

Bill Names Board

Under the bill the board at present would consist of: the Governor ex-officio, Willard W. Allen, Joseph C. Briscoe, the Rev. Frederick Douglass, Dr. George McDonald, and Dr. John O. Spenser; as one year period members.

The two-year period members would be Enoch Harlan, Howard C. Hill, John E. McCormick, Blossie R. Miller and James K. Steuart, while the three-year period members would be Joseph H. Blandford, Hal B. Clagett, J.

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Deacons Bouncers

After statements of two deacons that he smacked Paul Kelly, 15, of 864 Vine Street and interrupted religious services at the House of Prayer for All People headed by Bishop Charles Manuel (Daddy) Grace, Lawrence Floyd, 17, of 918 W. Saratoga Street, was fined $1, Tuesday, in the Northwestern police court.

Kelly, a member of the church at 819 Pennsylvania Avenue testified that he was getting a drink of water when he saw Floyd and questioned him about not attending service since Christmas. Floyd became enraged and slapped him several times, Kelly said.

The deacons stated that Floyd's action caused a commotion and made it necessary to suspend service and have him taken from the church. It required two men to eject the youth, the church officials said.

The youth's sister, Miss Geneva Floyd, 18, who attempted to stop the ejection and later sought to prevent police from arresting him, was dismissed on disorderly conduct charges.

Floyd testified that he attended services every night for three months and resented Kelly's saying that he had not been there since Christmas.

BOY, 15, BEATEN with Hose, CHARGE

Reports that a 15-year-old feeble-minded inmate of Cheltenham had been severely beaten with a rubber hose for an "attempted escape" were neither affirmed nor denied by B. B. Sutherland, white, acting superintendent, in a long-distance conversation, Thursday.

The accusations were made by Mrs. Maud P. Bell of the Abolish Cheltenham Committee. Mr. Sutherland insisted that the punishment meted out to Rodney Hearn, the youth in question, was "the regular form." No explanation was given as to what constitutes the regular form.

Mrs. Bell, in a written statement, declared that Rodney had attempted to run away along with some other boys but was caught hiding under the embankment of a stream on the Craig Highway.

Beaten with Hose, Claim

The boys, she said, were made to strip to the waist and bend in a stooping position. They were then beaten on the bare backs with a rubber hose, the statement asserts. And later placed in cells.

When Mrs. Ida Hearn, 1504 Madison Avenue, mother of Rodney, and a friend visited him on Sunday, she is said to have found him suffering injuries to the extremities and to his kidneys.

"We don't beat the boys," said Mr. Sutherland, when asked direct questions about

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Youth Not Gang Victim, He Says

While practicing gymnastic stunts in a cloak room at the Washington Junior High School, McCulloh Street and Lafayette Avenue, Tuesday James Fowler, 12, 337 Dolphin Street, fell and broke his arm in two places.

The boy, along with several classmates, was practicing during the luncheon period for a demonstration which is scheduled to be given at the school tonight (Friday), according to William Anderson, principal of the school.

Fall From Boy's Shoulder

Fowler fell to the floor from the shoulder of another boy, it was said, and was given first aid by Bernard Webb, a teacher at the school, and later was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Reports that the youth was found locked in a cloak room, which started rumors of violence at the hands of a gang of young hoodlums, were denied by both Mr. Anderson and Fowler as well as by his parents.

☆ Her Voice Is Her Fortune

Moton Quits N. Y. but Not for Fear

NEW YORK—Allen Moton, whose capers have kept Broadway and Harlem on edge for the past four weeks packed suddenly and shook the dust of Manhattan from his heels early Saturday morning.

Moton, whose life was believed in danger last week because of his escapades at a number of Harlem and Greenwich Village night clubs which brought him into conflict with alleged gangsters, told the AFRO that he had no fear of his life.

Would Not Be Seen

He refused to see reporters who sought to interview him at the Broadway Central Hotel, where he was last quartered.

"I am packing up and do not wish to be disturbed," he declared.

He informed confidantes that he was on route to Chicago, where he would do considerable flying under the sponsorship of a millionaire friend.

He has not yet abandoned his plans to make a trans-Atlantic

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NEW YORK—Like a chapter from a work of fiction reads the life-story of radio's new star, nineteen-year-old Midge Williams, diminutive vocalist, and the National Brodcasting Company's newest personality singer.

Midge's most important "Christmas gift" was a contract to appear in a series of broadcasts with Richard Himber at his Champions each Mond at 9:30 p.m., EST, over the NBC red network.

She is heard each Wednesday and Friday on the blue network at 6:15 p.m., EST.

In addition, a few weeks ago, one of radio's most important tributes was bestowed upon her when she appeared as a guest artist on NBC's famous Magic Key program.

Career Began in 1925

In Midge's brief years has been crowded a wealth of experience.

In 1925, with her three brothers, Louis, Charley, and

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BORROWS Shotgun to Kill Self

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. – Local authorities and State police are conducting an investigation in an effort to learn the true identity of a man known as Robert Brown, who committed suicide on the farm of James F. (Marble) Hall, marble worker, on the Washington Boulevard, Saturday.

Brown's body was found in a woods on the farm with a bullet through the head. A shotgun taken from the Hall home, where he had been employed for the past three weeks, was found nearby.

Brown, it was stated, became nervous during a discussion of the Mattson kidnaping case following dinner on Friday. When told that Brown became restless on being informed that U.S. Department of Justice agents always get their man, police ordered the man's body photographed and fingerprinted.

In a statement to the AFRO, Mr. Hall said the man, allegedly hoboing from his home in Central, Ill., came to his farm three weeks ago and sought work. He was given a job helping to clear several acres of stump land.

Last week, Mr. Hall stated, Brown was loaned to assist in building a garage. When he was missed on Saturday morning, it

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Dad of 6 Hangs Self in Basement

Believed by police physicians to have been despondent or temporarily deranged as a result of ill health, Thomas Jones, 36, former Hampton Institute student, of 131 N. Exeter Street, committed suicide, Wednesday, by hanging himself in the cellar of his home.

Jones, who was the father of six children, was found hanging from a joist by his 11-year-old son, Ollie.

A physician at the Mercy Hospital said he had been dead several hours.

The widow, Mrs. Lucille Jones, 33, stated that at about 1 a.m., her husband, who has been ill, went down to the kitchen, and she, believing he was on the first floor reading, went back to sleep.

About 8 a.m., Ollie, missing a stool which he used when eating, went to the cellar in search of it and found that his father had stood on it to adjust the rope. The body was cut down by Patrolman August Troupe.

Nervousness Recalled

Mrs. Jones said her husband was of a highly nervous disposition and oftimes would leave the house at early hours to take walks, or sit downstairs and read.

Jones has been employed by a local sugar refinery for more than nine years. His wife thought he had gone to work when she got up to prepare breakfast and missed him.

A native of Virginia, Jones came here shortly after leaving Hampton, more than fifteen years ago. She said that earlier in the evening, he had gone to a doctor, but did not tell her the result of his examination. Other children are Kenneth, 9; Estelle, 6; Lucille, 4; Gertrude, 3; and Thomas, 9 months.

Youth 20, Held for Grand Jury

Accused by police of being a member of the youthful gang which stole an auto, radio, and later injured a pedestrian, Frank Washington, 20, of 320 Stricker Street, was held for the grand jury on theft charges, Tuesday.

While driving the vehicle on Fremont Avenue one of the youths struck a woman, breaking her leg.

Woman Hit by Chair During Altercation

During a dispute with another patron of a tavern, Richard Fisher, 43, of 1121 South Ann Street, allegedly struck Miss Georgianna Jackson of 918 Monroe Street with a chair supposedly intended for his opponent, according to police.

He was sentenced to three months in the house of correction, Monday.

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