Schools Undergo Mid-Year Re-organization

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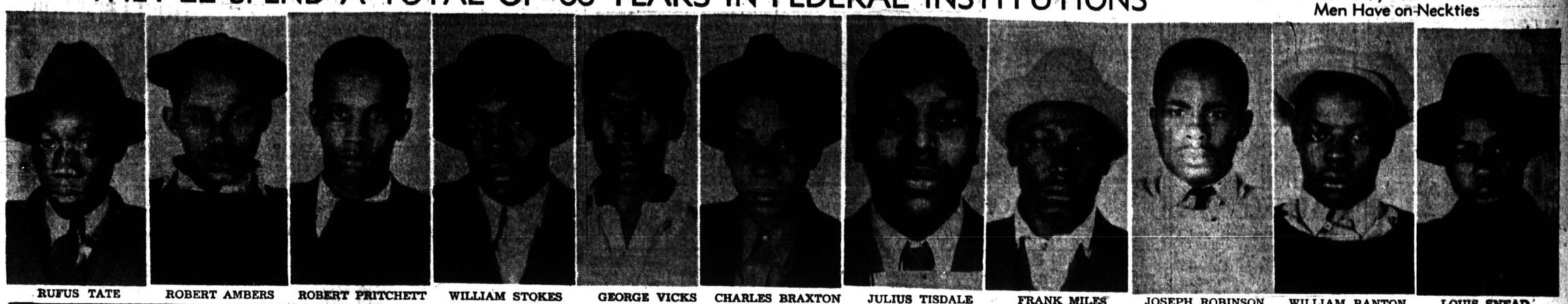
TWO MORE DOPE PEDDLERS SENTENCED

THEY'LL SPEND A TOTAL OF 66 YEARS IN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS

Note That Only Four of the Eleven Men Have on Neckties



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Hampton May Let 10 Teachers Go

By OBIE S. McCOLLUM

HAMPTON, Va.—In an atmosphere tense with reports of dismissals, retrenchment, and re-organization presaging revolutionary changes, the Hampton Institute board of trustees held its annual meeting on the campus on Saturday and Sunday.

J. Henry Scattergood, white, of Philadelphia, chairman of the board, and administrative officers maintained a discreet silence to all inquiries except those about the trustees present and the election of three new board members.

While official confirmation was impossible, the AFRO was informed- that Hampton is giving serious consideration to the following:

Dismissing of ten or twelve faculty members in June at the end of the term;

Centering largely upon training of elementary teachers;

Merging the business and home economics schools and perhaps other divisions into an enlarged school of education;

Turning over administration of the library to a committee.

Among those said to be slated for termination of services at the close of the term are:

Charles R. Flack, white, libra-

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Report 5 Robberies Here

13 Teachers Promoted in Annual Shift

The mid-year re-organization of schools resulted in the promotion of seven teachers to high school status the appointment of six to junior high school posts, and the election of four elementary teachers when the board of school commissioners met, Thursday.

Lee A. Davis, graduate of Douglass High School, Coppin Teachers' College and Morgan College, and teacher of industrial arts at Dunbar Senior-Junior High School No. 133, was promoted to high rank.

Others Promoted

Others to receive the same promotion were:

James R. Howard of the Dunbar faculty, graduate of Douglass, and Howard University and who has taken additional courses at the University of Pennsylvania and Morgan;

Luther Mitchell, Dunbar faculty, graduate of Douglass, and Howard University with additional courses at Morgan College;

Miss Hermione Wharton of the Dunbar faculty, graduate of Douglass, Coppin, and Morgan College;

Mrs. Constantia W. Jackson of

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Pastor Among Theft Victims

Two Teachers and School Building Also Robbed

The homes of a minister, two school teachers, a school building, and a dry cleaning establishment were among the places looted of valuables estimated at more than $600, police reported on Thursday.

The timely arrival at her home of Miss Elizabeth Tyler, who lives in the home of the Rev. George A. Crawley at 1418 E. Biddle Street, prevented burglars from taking more than they did, Monday evening.

Meets Burglars on Steps

Miss Tyler reported to Northeastern district police that she arrived home just as four young men were coming down the steps from the second floor of the home. The intruders rushed out of a side door, however, and were soon out of sight, taking with them a suitcase packed with clothing and other property of the household.

Conducting a search of the neighborhood, officers found the suitcase intact on a lot at Eden and Hoffman Streets. The Rev. Mr. Crawley, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, reported that a preliminary checkup indicated that $10 worth of possessions were missing.

Miss Tyler supplied police with a description of the intruders. Entrance to the home had been gained through the use of a du-

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Asks Clemency for Ax Rosie

The Methodist Ministers' meeting agreed on Wednesday to send a petition to Governor Herbert O'Conor, asking that he commute the death sentence of Mrs. Martha (Ax Rosie) Rose, whose conviction for the ax slaying of her husband, Daniel, last October, was upheld last month by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The matter was referred to the civic committee of the group for definite action.

Man's Civic Pride Led to Drug Expose

By PEYTON GRAY

The civic interest of Wesley Brown, Douglass High School graduate who feared that dope would get a death-like grip on Baltimore youth, led to the conviction, Wednesday, of two more heroin peddlers, said to have been members of a gang selling dope along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Testimony given in Federal Court, Monday, as nine other peddlers were convicted, indicated that not only were high school pupils in the shadow of this dreaded menace, but its long tenacles had stretched to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and clutched Calvin Paige, who was sent to a Federal health farm for cure, last year.

Two Sentenced

The testimony of a convicted chum, Robert (Montana) Ambers, who attempted to "take the rap," failed to save Robert (Boogie) Pritchett, 24, of 1503 Druid Hill Avenue, Wednesday, when he and Joseph L. Robinson, 19, 937 Madison Avenue, two of the gang, were sentenced.

U. S. District Judge William C. Coleman sentenced Pritchett, a former Douglass High School student, to five years in some Federal institution and imposed a fine of $100 after a four-hour trial.

Robinson was given four years in the Lewisburg Federal penitentiary, plus a $100 fine as a peddler.

With the convictions of Robinson and Pritchett, two days after the nine other heroin peddlers were sentenced, Federal narcotic authorities believe they have checked the sale of the drug here. The nine were arrested in a series of raids, conducted by narcotic agents and city police, last month.

Aided by Sepia G-Man

The cases against the eleven were presented by Boyd M. Martin, white, Federal narcotic supervisor of this area; G. Warren Colgan, white, assistant U.S. attorney, and J. L. Taylor, narcotic agent from Chicago, who was brought here last October to make an investigation of conditions in Northwest Baltimore.

One of the focal witnesses in the government's case was Wesley Brown, of the 1300 block of Myrtle Avenue, who, along with several other reputable residents of the Pennsylvania Avenue sector, lodged complaints with Mr. Martin.

On the stand for approximate-

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Another Youth Arrested for Dope

Edward (Flash) Bryant, 22, of 1501 Orleans Street, sought by Federal narcotic agents as an alleged dope peddler, was arrested early this (Friday) morning by Lieut. Oscar Koch of Northwestern district. Bryant, who was indicted by the Federal grand jury on January 9, was turned over to Narcotic Agent Percy Clark.

CRUSADED AGAINST DOPE

Wesley Brown, Douglass High School graduate, class of 1934, tells Peyton Gray, AFRO reporter, how he, as a volunteer Government informer, aided Federal narcotic agents in ridding Northwest Baltimore of a group of young heroin peddlers. Eleven of the fifteen youths arrested were convicted in Federal court, this week, and four others were dismissed after an early hearing.

D.H.S. Senior Held in Theft

Arrest Draws Attention to Graduation Costs

Julius Smith, a 19-year-old member of the February graduating class at Douglass High School, was released under $500 bail pending action of the grand jury today (Friday), following his arrest on Tuesday on a larceny charge.

Young Smith, who gave his address as 1830 Madison Avenue, pleaded guilty in Central Police District court to the charge of taking an overcoat and gloves valued at $11 belonging to Ward Williams of 928 N. Carrollton Avenue, while the latter was in an Oliver Street tavern.

The apparel was traced to a pawn shop and police later arrested Smith and two other high school pupils, Joseph Ford, 1014 N. Calhoun Street, and John E. Carpenter of 1309 Winchester Street, who were charged with receiving stolen goods. They pleaded not guilty and were dismissed.

Sought Graduation Money

The reason advanced for the alleged theft is that young Smith wanted to get money to cover his commencement expenses . As a result of this case, discussion arose at the high school as to whether or not the graduate's fees should be lowered.

Harry T. Pratt, principal of the school, told the AFRO that although there were no fees connected with graduation there was a small amount which graduates themselves agree to pay for their own entertainment.

He admitted that this amount had been reduced, but stated that it was not an outgrowth of the Smith case, as the action had taken place before the theft incident Bail was posted by Charles J. Lane, 1507 Druid Hill Avenue.

Pee Wee Doesn't Want Mason and Dixon Line Moved

That famous line between Maryland and Pennsylvania, surveyed by Chollie Mason and Jerry Dixon between 1763 and 1767, is popularly supposed to divide the North from the South.

But what is North or South to Pee Wee, whose favorite newspaper speaks out as strong in Richmond as it does in Philadelphia?

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Read the AFRO and be SURE.

BEST IN 187

MISS H. ELIZABETH HAWKINS, valedictorian of the February graduating class at the Douglass High School, which will hold commencement exercises on Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. Miss Hawkins majored in Latin. Miss Henrietta Henley who majored in shorthand is salutatorian.

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2nd $100,000 Building Proposed for Morgan

Old Trustee Board Gets Plans for Student Center; Lack of Quorum Prevents a Vote

Architect's drawings and specifications for a $100,000 students' center building to be erected on the Naylor property adjoining Morgan campus were discussed by the trustees of the old Morgan College in session, last week.

No action was taken because of a lack of quorum. According to Judge Morris Soper, chairman, the project will be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

A center for students is listed as one of the college's pressing needs.

Since the sale of the college to the State for $225,000, trustees of the old board have this sum and an endowment of $80,000 to administer, and must decide what use is to be made of it.

Legally, a trustee committee declared, the funds must be used for the purpozes for which they were contributed and may not be returned to the donors or diverted to any other purpose except education and the welfare of Morgan College.

For this reason, the Naylor property adjoining the campus was purchased so that a student service institution might be erected out of a portion of the funds and that the balance might be kept as an endowment fund to maintain it and hire a director to manage it.

Cassell Architect

Albert I. Cassell, architect, asked to make a study of a building for the religious and social needs of the college, presented to the old board a proposal for a one-story and basement building.

Small Chapel

The first floor would contain a small chapel, seating 230 persons, excluding twenty choir members. Chapel seating may be increased to 400 by extending seating by metal folding chairs, into adjoining social room.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK

READ "How a Modern Air Force Operates," as told by James Peck, who served with the Spanish Republican Army.

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FULL PAGE of pictures on the sensational Armstrong - Montanez title fight in Madison Square Garden.

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TWO FULL PAGES of news and pictures of graduates from city's schools.

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Coming! NEXT WEEK

A STARTLING expose of the part played by our enlisted men in the U.S. Army during peace time, written by one of them.

Smith Killers Await Sentence

At press time today (Friday), no report of the mental examination of William T. Sorrell, convicted slayer of Wallace Smith, had been filed with the State's attorney's office, the AFRO learned.

Linwood Koger, who along with D. Lindsay Baynham, was defense counsel for Sorrell and Otis Harrell, stated that he had received no report from court officials concerning the case, other than the information that Dr. Mansfred S. Guttmacher, the court physician, had been out of his office for a few days.

Mr. Smith, brother of the late Thomas R. Smith, political boss, was shot to death December 16, in what witnesses said was a holdup of a race horse bookie at 1010 Druid Hill Avenue.

Correction

In connection with the AFRO's 1939 Honor Roll carried last week:

Jefferson Davis was 1939 president of International Longshoremen's Association, Local 858. The Atlantic Coast District Convention elected him as district vice president of the International Longshoremen's Association; he is official organizer for the association.

Mr. Davis, a native of Wilmington, N.C., is married to the former Miss Dorothy Wayts of Charlottesville, Va., and has two children by a former marriage.

The AFRO regrets the error.