Union Bars Carpenter from Poe Housing Job

AFL Carpenters and Joiners Deny Work Permit to Mr. Dyes

Officials of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, an AF of L union at 715 N. Eutaw Street, flatly refused, this week, to issue a work permit to Cecil Dyes, carpenter, thereby preventing him from being hired on the Edgar Allan Poe Housing Project at Lexington Street and Fremont Avenue.

Only last December, Edward S. Lewis, working in the interest of the Baltimore Trades' Association, was successful in lowering the color bars of the bricklayers' union here and having two brick-layers placed on the project, and last week, he was instrumental in getting a plasterer admitted to membership in an heretofore all-white union.

Says Rank. Fils Opposed

Following a conference with Nelson Ford, white, financial secretary for the union, a committee representing the Baltimore Building Trades' Association was told that the rank and file of that union was against the acceptance of colored members.

The committee was composed of the following:

Miss Edith Lauer, white, director of the family and children's department of Associated Jewish Charities; George B. Murphy, Sr., member of the housing board; Daniel Elliott, white, Republican city councilman, and Mr. Lewis.

H. W. Blumenberg, white, international representative of the union, who came from Washington to sit in at the conference, stated that while other locals of the union in some Northern cities have accepted non-white members, officials of the various locals seldom went against the wishes of the rank and file of their body.

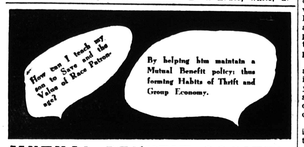
Union Is Sole Bar to Job

On December 9, Mr. Lewis obtained a written statement from P. O. Redeling, project engineer on the Poe housing project, in which it was stated that Mr. Redeling would give Cecil Dyes a job on the project as a carpenter, providing he could obtain a work permit from the carpenters' union.

Since then, Mr. Dyes, who lives at 505 N. Carrollton Avenue, and is a carpenter with twenty-seven years experience, has made several unsuccessful attempts to obtain a work permit from the carpenters' union.

Fresh from his victories of having obtained work permits from the bricklayers' and plasterers' unions here, Mr. Lewis stated that the Building Trades' Association would continue its efforts to open the doors of the carpenters' union.

He hinted that they are considering a plan which is almost certain to produce satisfactory results.



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Though no formal application blanks have been issued by the city housing authority, persons desiring to become tenants in the new homes may register with the housing authority at 37 Commerce Street by letter only.

The letter must contain the following information:

Full name of the head of the family
Race
Present address
Number of persons in the family
Number of rooms that the family now occupies
Rent the family now pays
Yearly income of the family
Employment of the head of the family for the past three years.

Ready in May

The Edgar Allan Poe Homes, now under construction within the boundaries of Fremont Avenue, Lexington, Amity, and Saratoga Streets, are expected to be ready by May.

The amounts for which the new homes will be rented have not been announced by the housing authority as yet, but it is expected that the rate will be about $4 per room per month.

Bryant Contempt Hearing Postponed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Hearing on contempt charges against Ira T. Bryant, secretary-treasurer of the AME Sunday School Union, was postponed, Thursday, until the next term of the United States District Court.

The charges are the outgrowth of alleged disbursement of funds of the Sunday school union which Bryant is accused of making after a receivership had been declared.

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Labor Dispute Brings Trouble to Union Prexy

Head of Pin Boys' Local Found Guilty on Robbery Count

An alleged fight growing out of a labor dispute between striking members of the United Recreation Workers, a local CIO bowling alley pin boys' union, and a non-striking pin boy, has created a bit of inconvenience for Edward Crocken, president of the union.

In criminal court, Tuesday, Crocken, who recently came to this city and lives at 408 Dolphin Street, was found guilty of a charge of robbery, placed against him by William Paul, 559 W. Biddle Street.

New Trial Requested

Following the rendering of the verdict by Judge Edwin T. Dickerson, Josiah F. Henry, Jr., attorney for Crocken, immediately requested that the pronouncement of the sentence be withheld in consideration of the defense motion for a new trial.

According to the testimony given by Paul, early on the morning of January 8, Crocken and several other members of the pin boys' union called him out of a lunchroom on Biddle Street near Druid Hill Avenue and beat him severely. During the course of this fight, he said he lost a pocketbook containing $2.50.

Decided to Return to Work

On cross examination, Paul admitted that he had decided to return to work at the Recreation Bowling Alleys, 600 block N. Howard Street, where the pin boys' union now has a strike in progress.

In his own defense, Crocken testified that he had remained in the lunchroom during the time Paul was being beaten, and did not see the fight at all.

Although he stated that Paul had carried about fifty pin boys in to jobs at the Recreation Bowling Alleys since the union had been carrying on its strike there, Crocken denied that he had accosted Paul on the morning in question concerning his non-striking tactics. Crocken was released on $500 bail.

Poe Homes Will Aid Entire Area

Benefits of the community welfare facilities designed for the Edgar Allan Poe Homes will be available to residents of the surrounding area as well as to tenants of the project, according to Yewell W. Dillehunt, white, executive director of the Baltimore Housing Authority.

These facilities will include supervised play areas, social rooms and a community building with an assembly room for lectures, motion pictures and other amusements.

Mr. Dillehunt, in a statement to the AFRO, predicted that the activities thus provided would remove the chief causes of crime, disease and delinquency throughout that section of the city.

The project is bounded by Fremont Avenue, Lexington, Amity and Saratoga Streets, and will be ready for occupancy within the next six months.

How Rep. Mitchell Voted Last Week

WASHINGTON.

The votes of Representative Arthur W. Mitchell (Dem., Ill.), on important roll-calls in the House during the period of January 20 to 26 were as follows:

On the resolution to continue the Dies Committee investigation of Un-American activities for another year, adopted, 344 to 21: Nay.

On passing over President Roosevelt's veto of the Jenkins bill to reimburse Ohio for Social Security payments for October, 1936, which were made by the State administration after the Federal Social Security Board had withheld funds on the ground that the State had failed to comply with the Social Security Act, defeated, 171 to 153 (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof): Nay.

Baltimore NAACP to Meet on Tuesday

The monthly meeting of the local branch of the NAACP will be held on Tuesday at 4:45 p.m., at the office of the City-Wide Young People's Forum, 1627 Druid Hill Avenue, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president.

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DR. JOHN M. GANDY, 69, whose twenty-fifth year as president of Virginia State College was celebrated at the school's Founder's Day program, last week.

Va. Insurance Company Faces Suit for $139

Mrs. Annie Stridham of Cambridge, Md., filed suit in the court of common pleas, Saturday, for the recovery of $136, which she said the Home Beneficial Association of Richmond, Va., has failed to pay for the death of Mrs. Emma Cornish, one of its policyholders.

Mrs. Stridham's petition states that, since Mrs. Cornish took out the policy in 1937, it had been kept in full force and effect, in accordance with the terms, until her death in January, 1939.

Says Claim Ignored

Mrs. Stridham also contends that, even though she has established proof of Mrs. Cornish's death according to the requirements of the policy, the insurance company has failed to pay the money which is due her.

On December 7, 1939, George W. McMeechen, attorney, was appointed by the Orphans' Court as administrator of Mrs. Cornish's estate. He and Dallas F. Nicholas, attorney, are representing Mrs. Stridham in her case against the insurance concern.

Husband Quits after 96 Days; Wife Freed

Beautician Wins Divorce; 4 Others File Petitions

Testimony that her husband tired of marriage after ninety-six days, packed his clothes and walked out on her won a decree for Mrs. Nicy Goode, of 1014 Leadenhal Street, from Thomas H. Goode, Tuesday.

Mrs. Goode said that she and Mr. Goode were married on March 31, 1923, and that he left her on July 5. When she last heard of him he was in Buffalo, N.Y.

The court restored her maiden name, Nicey J. Thomas.

Abused Beautician

Also charging that her husband deserted her and that he struck her and used abusive language, Mrs. Annie Holmes, beautician, of 628 Gold Street, won a decree, this week.

The Holmeses were married on November 25, 1926, and lived together until June 19, 1927.

Four File Petitions

Four others filed petitions for divorces during the week.

Mrs. Mignon Delk asked for a divorce from James Delk, to whom she was married on April 16, 1932, and whom she charges with having deserted her on May 12, 1933.

James H. Clyburn and Ernest F. Howard both charged that their wives have deserted them. Mr. Clyburn's petition recited his and Mrs. Jessie Clyburn's marriage on April 22, 1927, and stated that they separated on June 23, 1935.

The Howards were married on November 15, 1928, and lived together until September 13, 1936.

Seeks Child

Mrs. Zelma Young, who asked for a divorce from Callow Young, also asked that the custody of their six-year-old son, Callow R., be given her. She also seeks support for herself and child. The Youngs were married in October 1, 1932, and lived together until September 1, 1935.

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Congress Gets Alliance Plans

The Workers' Alliance of Baltimore, 429 N. Eutaw Street, announced, this week, that it has received answers from three congressmen and a senator of the State, on its proposals to be acted upon in the present session at the Congress on the WPA and Social Security problems.

The letter sent by the alliance outlined the following points:

1. Expand the works project to three million persons, as long as they may need and want such jobs;
2. Repeal the eighteen-month clause which requires arbitrary discharge of needy workers and leaves their families utterly unprovided for;

Wage Boosts Sought

3. Rescind all reductions in monthly earnings of WPA workers and provide for wage increases to meet the rise in living costs;
4. Restore the prevailing hourly wage rate on WPA;
5. Extend the food stamp plan of the Department of Agriculture into all sections of the State;
6. Shorter hours and higher pay to create more employment in private industry.

According to officials of the alliance, the points embodied in the letters to the Maryland Congressional delegation are being supported nationally by the Workers' Alliance of America and other liberal groups.

Petition Drive on

In addition to these letters, the alliance is also conducting a petition campaign, attempting to get as many signatures as possible in favor of the six-point program.

According to the official release, Congressman Ambrose J. Kennedy of the Fourth Congressional District has stated that he is definitely in favor of items 2, 3, 4, and 6, as outlined in the proposals, and asked that he be given more time to study points 1 and 5.

Favorable replies have also been received from Senator George L. Radcliffe, Thomas D'Alesandro of the Third District, and William D. Bryson of the Sixth, the release stated.

Do You Want a Census Job? Better Hurry!

NEW YORK. — The National Urban League has been reliably informed that census offices all over the country began to accept applications for jobs as enumerators and clerks on Thursday morning, February 1.

It is imperative that all persons who plan to make application do so at once.

Because of the acknowledged influence of politics in the appointment of persons to these positions, one should not stop at merely filling out a written application form, but should seek to get as many endorsements as possible sent to the district supervisor in each city.

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AFRO cameraman catches James H. L. Peck, author of "Armies with Wings," at work and play.

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READ LETTERS from readers on Editorial Page protesting conditions at Morgan basketball games.

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TWO FULL PAGES of news about graduates and schools. Be sure to read about the boy who said, "It can be done."

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Coming! NEXT WEEK

FULL PAGE picture of Henry Craft, executive secretary of the 135th Street branch YMCA, New York City, largest in America.

City Set for Chick Webb Memorial Benefit

SENATE TOLD OF MOB RULE

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Another Dope Seller Sentenced

SMITH ESTATE IS SETTLED

Solons Told of Mob Rule

Seven Witnesses Draw Wrath of Sen. Connally

WASHINGTON.

Browbeating and lengthy cross-examination of witnesses by florid Tom Connally of Texas marked the opening of the Senate hearing on the Gavagan-Fish Antilynching Bill in the Senate caucus room on Tuesday afternoon.

Nearly two hundred persons of both races were present for the opening of the hearing, which was conducted by Senator Van Nuys of Indiana, who acted as chairman of the sub-committee which is studying the bill.

Prober Talks

Dr. Arthur Raeford, white, was the first person called to the stand.

He stated that he was a former resident of Georgia and that he had served for several years as investigator for a society for the prevention of lynching.

He declared he had come into contact with nearly a hundred lynchings while so employed, and voiced the opinion that Federal legislation would be more effective in combating the practice than would local.

He was taken to task for this by Senator Connally. He then stated that lynchings took place only when the fear of lynching was not operative in a particular community.

Connally Surprised

He again drew the Texan's ire. "I am surprised," said Connally, "that any white man who has ever been in the South should come here and make such a statement."

Dr. Raeford replied with some heat that public official in a Mississippi county had made the statement to him.

"He told me," said Raeford, "that he guessed that it was about time for another lynching. When I asked him what he meant, he said that when ever they (colored people) got so that they were not afraid of being lynched, that it was time to lynch another."

Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, after prefacing his question with the statement that he was seeking information toward his later action on the bill,

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TO SPEAK

WALTER WHITE, of New York, national executive secretary of the NAACP, who will speak at the Baltimore Open Forum on Sunday at 3 p.m., at Lehmann Hall, 848 N. Howard Street. Miss Elizabeth Gilman, white, sponsor of the forum, will preside. The public is invited.

Sentence Near in Smith Killing

Dr. Mansfred S. Guttmacher, white, court physician, told the AFRO, late Thursday, that he had just completed the court-ordered examination of William T. Sorrell, white, charged with murder, and was recently convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying of Wallace Smith.

While he refused to give any inkling as to the nature of his findings, Dr. Guttmacher stated that his report is now being prepared by his stenographer and will be presented to Judge Edwin T. Dickerson either late Friday

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5-Year Fight for $15,000 Estate Ends

Following nearly five years of court litigations, during which two administrators and several of the direct heirs have died, the $15,000 estate of Mrs. Mary F. Smith was settled in orphans' and circuit courts, this week.

Mrs. Smith died on May 15, 1935, leaving a will which she thought carefully distributed her real estate and personal belongings to her children and grandchildren and which she had hoped to have carried out according to her wishes by decreeing that if any one of the beneficiaries objected to the probation or contested the will, then he or she should be barred and cut off from any share in the estate.

But the will evidently was not so ironclad as the astute woman had thought, for, four years later, an administrator had to appeal to the circuit court to have certain paragraphs interpreted in order to deliver the inheritances.

Three Wed

Married three times, Mrs. Smith, whose mark on the will indicated she could not write her name, took a moderate inheritance from her second husband

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5 Years for Dope Seller

12th in Heroin Gang Sent to Farm and Fined $100

Edward (Flash) Bryant, 22, 1501 Orleans Street, the twelfth of a group of heroin peddlers believed responsible for the flow of the drug in Northwest Baltimore, was given five years in the Lexington, Ky., Health Farm and fined $100 by Federal Judge William C. Coleman, Tuesday.

Bryant, who pleaded guilty to four sales involving eleven heroin capsules, was in partnership with Willie (Goat) Stokes and operated from 609 N. Eden Street, Boyd M. Martin, white, chief of the Federal Narcotic Bureau for this area, testified. Agent J. L. Taylor stated that he had made all of his purchases from Bryant at the Eden Street address.

Sought Since December 12

Sought since December 12, when Federal agents staged a series of raids arresting most of the twelve suspects, Bryant was taken into custody on Pennsylvania Avenue, Friday, by Lieutenant Oscar Koch. He had grown a goatee since first sought. He had already been indicted by the Federal grand jury.

The youth admitted that he was an addict, but stated that he had only used the drug every two or three days for three months. As to his employment, Bryant said he helped his mother in her lunchroom at Orleans and Caroline Streets.

Bryant's trial on Tuesday was the least impressive of any of the convicted peddlers. The only persons in the courtroom beside the accused were court officials, narcotic agents, and the mother and sister of Bryant.

Mother Battles Tears

Striving desperately to hold back tears but in a choking voice, Bryant's mother said she didn't know her son had been implicated in any such racket.

"He's the only son I have and has helped me in my business since my husband died," the mother said, as she pleaded for mercy for her son. Bryant's sister, who has worked as a waitress in several of Pennsylvania Avenue's night clubs and restaurants, had nothing to say.

The conviction of Bryant closes, with one exception, the cases against the group whose arrest followed a three-month investigation by Agent Taylor, who was brought here from

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Colored Juror Refused for Housing Sculptures

John H. Scarff Tells AFRO Beauty Is More Important Than Race or Moral Considerations

John H. Scarff, white, architect for the low-cost housing Project K, to be known as the Frederick Douglass Homes, declined to name a colored person on the jury which will select a sculptor to design panels for the project, he advised the AFRO, this week.

When the rules of the competitive contest were made public, the AFRO suggested two changes to Mr. Scarff:

Changes Suggested

1. That a jury of awards be composed of Leslie Cheek, Jr., director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, who is an architect and sculptor; John H. Scarff, one of the architects on the project, who will be able to judge the fitness of any design to go into the building, and, instead of an out-of-State white sculptor to be chosen by these two, have the jury include a colored person who will serve as an authority on its fitness from the point of view of the colored community.

The AFRO based this suggestion on the fact that the WPA has had difficulties with its murals in post office buildings in several sections of the country, and stated that they could have been avoided had the jury been representative of the community.

Suggestion No. 2

2. Inasmuch as the announcement of the contest states that the competitors themselves will choose the subject of the panels, the AFRO stated, "we would like to suggest that a memorandum be mailed to each of the persons who is supplied with the program, which will suggest subjects for the panels.

"This suggestion is based on the fact that, usually, murals and sculptures done by white people on colored subjects, deal with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, with stevedores loading a Mississippi River boat, or colored people picking cotton.

"None of these would be appropriate in this case; first because there is no Mississippi River or cotton in Maryland, and second, because the Maryland Legislature, by enactment, freed the slaves of this State.

"Few sculptors would undertake a research to learn that on the Ark and the Dove, when it arrived in St. Marys County in 1634, were two colored people, one of them a slave, John Price, and the other a mulatto, Mathias Sousa, navigator-skipper. This would be an important subject for a panel."

Cites Common Error

"The leading figure produced by the colored race was not

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HE WAS LYNCHED

DR. G. M. PORTER, president of the Dallas, Texas, extension of Wiley College, who testified at the Senate hearing on the Gavagan-Fish Antilynching Bill, which was held in Washington on Tuesday. Dr. Porter threw the hearing into an uproar when he opened his testimony with the statement, "I was lynched." Later he explained that the term "lynching" covered any mob action which resulted in the death, injury, or maiming of the victim.

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Sleeps Beside Victim's Body

Charles Campher, 48, clubbed his companion, Miss Elizabeth Smith, 37, to death with an iron pipe, Saturday night, and then slept for several hours beside her lifeless body before police were notified, it was testified, on Tuesday, as he was held for the grand jury.

Seven residents in the 300 block S. Spring Street gave testimony indicating that, during the two years the couple had been living in their three-story, seven-room house at 304, Campher, a poultry store worker, had repeatedly beaten his companion.

Prison Term Recalled

It was said that at one time he served a six-month prison term for cutting her, and that on numerous other occasions, he had threatened to kill her.

Sergeant Otto Markham of the Eastern district station testified that, upon being called into the case, he was met at the front door of the Spring Street house by Campher, who took him to their front bedroom.

The woman, with a deep gash over her right eye and blood smeared over her head and clothes, lay lifeless on the bed. Summoned to the house, a medical examiner pronounced the

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ADOPTS TWIN BOYS

Mrs. Stephen Mathis and her adopted twin sons, Ronald and Donald.

Childless Pair, Desiring a Son, Adopts Twins

There is no story to the adoption of Ronald and Ronald, Mrs. W. S. Mathis of 518 W. Cross Street, will tell you, but she wanted a son, heard of one to be adopted, went to see the mother, found two babies, and just couldn't bear to separate the twins, so she took them both.

A month ago, Mrs. Mathis and her husband, Willie Stephen Mathis, went into Circuit Court, had the eleven-month-old boys made legally theirs, and their names changed from Payne (that of their mother) to Mathis. They were the first couple in the past twenty-nine years to adopt twins

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City All Set for Webb Benefit

7,000 Expected to Greet Joe, Ella and Other Bright Stars

As the sale of tickets moved along satisfactorily, Thursday, Dr. Ralph Young told the AFRO that he expects to have at least 7,000 persons in the Fifth Regiment Armory on Monday as stage and radio stars contribute their services in a Chick Webb Memorial Benefit show.

Although the box office at the Preston Street entrance will be open at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, Dr. Young, who heads the committee on arrangements, suggested that tickets be purchased from the various authorized agents before Monday so as to avoid a last-minute rush. The doors to the armory will be opened to the public at 6 p.m.

Can't Use Main Drill Floor

For several weeks the committee has dickered with Maj.-Gen. Milton A. Reckord of the Maryland National Guard for the use of the main drill floor. This floor will accommodate approximately 15,000. But for some undisclosed reason, however, the general refused to budge and agreed only to the use of the exhibition hall.

The weekly and daily press and a sound truck announcing the benefit have been pressed into service as the committee speeded ahead with plans to make the show one of the largest ever held in Baltimore.

The monies cleared from the performance will be placed in a fund to be used in building a Chick Webb Community Center in East Baltimore. The committee hopes to have a center similar to the Florence Mills Memorial Center in New York.

Louis Features Bill

The bill of attractions will be centered around the personal appearance of Joe Louis, Ella Fitzgerald and her band, Duke Ellington, his son, Mercer, and Bill

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Odds Favor Louis, 7-1

(By Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK. — A capacity crowd of 19,000 fans is expected to turn out tonight (Friday) for the first 1940 heavyweight title defense of Champion Joe Louis against Arturo Godoy in Madison Square Garden.

Louis was an overwhelming favorite and odds were as high as 7-1 over his rough and tumble opponent from Chile as the two fighters broke camp and prepared to report at the Garden for the weighing-in ceremony.

Odds of 2-1 were being offered that Louis wins by a knockout. Godoy, who has never been kayoed, is a weaving and bobbing fighter and many think that he will puzzle Joe for a while, but the wise money was going overboard on bets that Godoy fails to answer the bell for the sixth round.

Joe expects to tip the scales around 202 pounds. In a last minute statement, the champion said: "I'll try to get it over quickly, but you can bet it won't go longer than 15 rounds."

After the fight, Louis will go to Baltimore for a benefit show for a Chick Webb Memorial Center on Monday.

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1940 DHS Grad Freed in Theft

Facing charges of larceny, Julius Smith, 19, member of the February graduating class of Douglass High School, won his freedom in criminal court, Thursday, when Judge Edwin T. Dickerson placed him on probation without offering a verdict in the case.

Roy S. Bond, attorney for Smith, while admitting that his client had taken part in taking an overcoat belonging to Ward Williams, 928 N. Carrollton Avenue, from a nightclub on January 27, entered a technical plea of not guilty for Smith, in order that he might ask that the verdict be withheld.

Clean Record Frees Him

In a brief but eloquent plea for young Smith, Mr. Bond told the court that his client had suffered sufficient punishment for his crime, in that he was not allowed to receive his diploma or even be on the stage with the other members of his class at the

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Plan for Police School Closing

A committee headed by Lloyd Johnson, class president, has been appointed to plan for the closing of the third annual Baltimore Police Training School, it was learned on Thursday.

Although the place in which the services will be held has not as yet been announced, the date has been set for Thursday, February 22. These commencement exercises will terminate a six-week course of study, during which approximately fifty men and women have been trained in the subjects helpful in aiding applicants pass the Civil Service examinations for the police department.

Final Lecture, Tuesday

On Tuesday, the director, John W. Woodhouse, and Edward S. Lewis will give their final lectures. Two nights later, all the work given during the period will

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