19,000 MEN WITH 19,000 BALLOTS IN THEIR HANDS HAVE MORE POWER THAN 19,000 SOLDIERS ARMED WITH 19,000 MACHINE GUNS

Mason's Union Gets Final Plea

Urban League Head May Map New Color Bar Attack

A final appeal to officials of the A. F. of L's all-white Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, Local No. 1, of 201 N. Gay Street, to accept the memberships of qualifying skilled tradesmen of his race, was made recently by Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League.

Mr. Lewis revealed that for a period of more than two years, negotiators with this union's officials to have them drop their color bar have been unsuccessful.

He stated further that, should the applications of his skilled tradesmen still be ignored by this union, he would follow another course of action.

Indifference Charged

It was also pointed out, however, that so many of the local bricklayers and masons are displaying such indifference toward securing memberships with this union, or even unionizing their own forces, that the problem has assumed added difficulties.

Working in the interest of the Baltimore Building Trades' Association, Mr. Lewis was successful in securing work permits, last December, from officials of this union for Arthur Amos and Henry Lifsey, both of 1017 Brantley Avenue, for them to obtain jobs on the Edgar Allan Poe Housing Project.

Both were recently from Virginia, where they held membership in a local of the A. F. of L's bricklayers' union.

Bureau to Hear 2 Liquor Permit Pleas August 13

NAACP to Push Fight on Druggist and Tavern Owner

"We demand respect for our churches and homes and will fight for that respect of the land," Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson stated on Tuesday, while conferring with advisors on their case against the granting of a permit to sell intoxicants in the drugstore at Druid Hill Avenue and McMechen Street.

No Fight on Individuals

The militant civic leader explained that she wasn't fighting individuals, but the principle of allowing any merchant to sell intoxicants in close proximity to churches, schools, character-building institutions or private homes.

The battle against the druggist has been waged since last spring by members of the Northwest Residential Protective Association, headed by Mrs. Florence Snowden, and similar groups opposed to commercial residential neighborhoods with the dangers accompanying taverns and package goods stores.

To Hear Two Cases

On Wednesday, the AFRO learned that this case has been scheduled for another hearing on Tuesday, August 13, Room 103, City Hall, at 10:30. The State License Bureau will hear the case.

Also scheduled for a fourth hearing is the case of Mrs. Jennie Prager, white, who is seeking a permit to operate a tavern on the Northwest corner of Druid Hill Avenue and Biddle Street. This case is to be heard the same morning.

Appointed

SHELDON B. HOSKINS, who was appointed supervisor at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Junior High School, McElderry and Caroline Streets, effective August 8.

Not Opposed to Thompkins Rule —Henry, Jones

Both Personal Friends of the D.C. Recorder of Deeds

Josiah F. Henry, Jr., and J. Alvin (Mickey) Jones denied, Thursday, that they were opposed to the policies of Dr. William J. Thompkins and the National Colored Democratic Association as was stated in a release, earlier this week.

Mr. Henry, though he would not comment at length on the subject, stated that he has long been a friend of the Washington recorder of deeds, and is a staunch supporter of the latter's policies and those of the association.

Mr. Jones stated that he was a personal friend of Dr. Thompkins and that he, too, was definitely in favor of the recorder's policies.

It was said, earlier this week, that one faction of the split national group of colored Democrats, the faction headed by Herbert L. Bruce of New York, had sent telegrams to James A. Farley and Edward J. Flynn, branding the National Colored Democratic Association as a one-man set-up designed to perpetuate Dr. Thompkins in his job as recorder of deeds.

The wire stated that the representatives of six States were opposed to the policies of Dr. Thompkins and of the association. Henry and Jones, representing Maryland, were named among these representatives.

Andrew King Enters Provident Hospital

Andrew King of 705 Asquith Street was admitted to Provident Hospital, Wednesday, following treatment for a dislocation of his spinal bone at the base, received when he fell from a swing in the yard of a playmate.

U.S. Heeds Requests of Defense Committee

in South; States Get Requests Equal Funds Asked for Schools

Everything possible will be done to put into effect the specific requests of the Committee on Participation of Colored Americans in the National Defense Program, Dr. John W. Studebaker, commissioner of education, has advised Dr. Rayford W. Logan, the committee's chairman.

Dr. Studebaker also has advised Dr. Logan that he has brought to the attention of State school officials a resolution passed by the committee and sent to the United States Office of Education.

The resolution pledged support to the national defense program and asked for the complete integration of all Americans into the national defense vocational training program.

Partial Compliance

The action of Dr. Studebaker in this regard was interpreted as a partial compliance to the request of the committee for the issuance of regulations by the Office of Education to assure to schools in Southern States an equitable division of Federal funds for the education of national defense workers.

Dr. Ambrose Caliver, education specialist in the Office of Education, with whom Dr. Studebaker directed Dr. Logan to keep in close touch, described the action of the Commissioner of Education as "a significant step."

The committee has made the following suggestions to the Office of Education:

1. Representation on advisory committees co-operating with the Office of Education.
2. Regulations promulgated by the Office of Education to assure to colored schools in Southern States an equitable division of Federal funds for vocational education of national defense workers.
3. Colored personnel added to the staff of the Vocational Division of the Office of Education.
4. Colored educators consulted with all planning committees connected with the Office of Education.

Traffic Signs Won by Youth Federation

The Baltimore Youth Federation, with the co-operation of the Baltimore police department, has been successful in having traffic signs placed at three hazardous street intersections in Northwest Baltimore, the AFRO learned, this week.

The new traffic signals are stop signs and have been placed at the following locations:

Two at Pennsylvania Avenue and Mosher Street; one at Arlington and Riggs Avenues, and one at Pitcher Street and Fremont Avenue.

Follows Traffic Study

Following a study of traffic conditions at these street intersections by a committee of federation members headed by Roland Fallin, a communication was sent to Police Commissioner Robert F. Stanton advising him of their findings and requesting some traffic regulations.

Commissioner Stanton is said to have readily agreed to having traffic signals placed at the designated spots.

Recently, the federation was successful in having waste paper containers placed along certain well-traveled streets in Northwest Baltimore.

$25,000 Fire at St. Paul Normal

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. — A fire which raged through Maurice Hall at St. Paul Normal and Industrial School here for two hours, Tuesday afternoon, caused damage estimated at $25,000.

A. H. Turner, business manager of the school, said the damage, $5,000 of which was to equipment, was partially covered by insurance. He noticed smoke emitting from the metal roof about an hour after he had conducted a group of visitors on a tour of the building.

Maurice Hall is a five-story structure containing the dining hall, kitchen, gymnasium and guest room. The summer session, attended by 300 students, had closed at the time of the fire.

Auto Strikes Hole in Street; Woman Hurt

Mrs. Lucille Newkirk, 24, of 1509 W. Franklin Street, suffered strained muscles of the back, Tuesday night, when an automobile reported to have been driven by her husband, Willie, struck a hole in the street at Edmondson and Warwick Avenues.

The hole was said to have been opened by employees of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and, upon being filled, had sunk about a foot. Mrs. Newkirk was treated at the Baltimore General Hospital and later released.

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Sergeant Creigler Is Given Military Rites

A military funeral with final rites in National Cemetery were held, Thursday, for Sergeant Clarence Creighler, veteran soldier, of 314 N. Calhoun Street, who succumbed in Marine Hospital to pneumonia after an illness of three weeks.

Sergeant Cregler died two days after the First Separate Company, Maryland National Guard, of which he was a sergeant, had returned from an annual field training period at Camp Ritchie. Members of the Federal American Legion Post, to which he belonged, served as active pallbearers, while honorary pallbearers were national guardsmen.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Margaret Creigler; father, the Rev. D. K. Creiglar; sister, Mrs. Kathleen Bundy, and brother, Captain William Creigler of the national guard.

NAACP Membership Drive to Open Oct. 1

The executive committee of the local NAACP, at its meeting, Tuesday, formulated plans for the annual fall membership campaign to be conducted from October 1 to 10.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president, announced that a skeleton crew of workers has been selected to conduct their drive toward a goal of 3,000 members. Directly assisting Mrs. Jackson will be the following generals: Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, Mrs. Florence Snowden, Mrs. Geneva Woods, William Proctor, Raymond Young and Joshua Maxwell.

These generals are each to select ten captains, who in turn are to select ten workers. This entire corps of workers will comb the city in an effort to attain their goal. In the meantime, the members of the executive committee are endeavoring to secure an outstanding figure, whose name was not disclosed, to direct the drive.

Preaches First Sermon

The REV. CEDRIC MILLS, new rector of St. James PE Church, preached his first sermon Sunday. He will be in residence October 6.

BHA Employs 5 Carpenters

Five carpenters, all members of Local 544 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, have recently been hired on Federal housing projects about the city, and another is expected to be given employment on Monday, Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, revealed this week.

The men and the projects on which they are working are:

Pedro Cherry, 604 Mosher Street, McCulloh housing project; James Martin, 2414 Puget Street, and Refes Buhre, 1711 Woodyear Street, Armistead Gardens housing project, on the Philadelphia Road; Henry Faulcon, 1614 Greenmount Avenue, and Cussie Faulcon, 612 Arlington Avenue Ferdinand Latrobe housing project, on Aisquith Street.

2 of 4 Hired Lose Jobs

It was further stated that, while four carpenters had actually been hired on the Armistead Gardens housing project, two of the men had been dismissed shortly afterwards, because of their inability to satisfy the officials in charge.

Despite the fact that a clause in the government's construction laws for the various housing projects states that colored skilled tradesmen must be hired whenever available, this marks the first occasion here in which a number of carpenters have been employed by project engineers.

Local 544 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners is affiliated with the A.F. of L., and was organized in March, of this year, after efforts to obtain memberships in a similar all-white union at 715 N. Eutaw had met with no success.

Cecil Dias, 505 N. Carrollton Avenue, is president of the union, and Mr. Lewis, who is credited with bringing the organization into being, serves as advisor.

4 Civil Service Exams Set; Pay $1620-$2000

United States Civil Service examinations for the positions of radio operator at $1620 a year; junior graduate nurse at $1620; junior engineer at $2,000; junior engineer at $1620; stenographer at $1620, were among those announced, this week, by civil service officials, here.

August 15 is the closing date for receipt of applications for the position of senior stenographer, which is for appointment in Washington and is open to both men and women between the ages of 18 and 53.

Other Tests Pending

Under the same designations, tests are also pending for junior stenographer at $1620 a year; senior typist at $1440, and junior typist at $1260 a year.

No closing date has been set for the receipt of applications for the positions of radio operator, junior graduate nurse, junior nurse and junior engineer.

Senior medical officer at $4,600 a year; medical officer at $3,800, and associate medical officer at $3,200, are also tests for which no closing date has yet been announced.

Bookbinders' Exam

August 12 is the closing date for receipt of applications for the position of bookbinder, at $1.20 an hour, with a 40-hour week.

Other announced pending examinations are:

Senior laboratory mechanic (glassblower) $2,000 a year; senior engineer, $4,600; engineer, $3,800; associate engineer, $3,200; assistant engineer, $2,600; Apprentice copper plate map engraver, $1,800; apprentice artistic lithographer, $1,800; assistant cartographic reproduction (wood bulls), $2,600; inspector (hull construction (wood hulls), $3,200; engineering craftsman (aeronautical), $1800; Principal explosives engineer, $5,600; assistant explosives engineer, $2,600; senior illustrator (air brush), $2,300; junior illustrator (air brush), $1620; metallurgical engineer, $3,800 a year.

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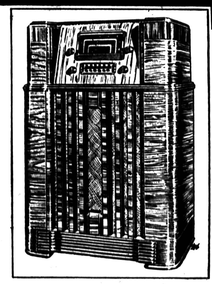

Scouters' Roundtable Is Set for August 15

Troop 277, Balnew Post, American Legion, Sparrows Point, Harry Torrence, scoutmaster, will be the host for the monthly scouters' roundtable, Thursday, August 15, at 8 p.m., and scouters desiring to make the trip are urged to be at the Druid Hill YMCA at 7 p.m.

Reports of the summer scouting events will be given and plans outlined for the attendance of 125 scouts at the Linstead Scout Camp, Severna Park, Md., from August 24-31. Visitors' Day at the camp will be on Sunday, August 25, from 2 to 8 p.m.

The first two applicants are Eagle Scouts Robert Coleman and William Jones, both of Troop 280, Perkins Square Baptist Church. Herbert D. Imes, Sr., is scoutmaster. The deadline for applications at the scout office is August 21.

Local Peace Committee to Sponsor Mass Meet

The People's Peace Committee will sponsor a mass meeting on August 22 at 8 p.m. in Rolph Hall, Cathedral and Saratoga Streets, with "Howard MacKenzie, national organizer of the National Maritime Union, and Louis Burnham, youth chairman of the National Negro Congress as featured speakers.

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STAR REPORTER, TRAVELING IN AUTO THROUGH FIVE FEET OF WATER, SAYS HURRICANE WORSE THAN HITLER BLITZKRIEG—(SEE MORE STORIES ON PAGE 17)

Expectant Young Mother Accuses Waiter at Swanky Virginia Hotel

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PHOTOS of AFRO newsies from four cities who earned free three-day trip to New York
PHOTOS AND STORIES of Eastern Open Golf Championships for women and team matches for men held in Philadelphia.

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A STORY in pictures of a nine-year-old child prodigy who has composed 64 pieces of original music.

He's Colored, She's White

Their Love Affairs Are Said to Have Spanned Four Seasons at the Biggest Virginia Beach Hotels

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—The Princess Anne grand jury which meets September 11, before Judge Gresham will hear the case of Catherine Anderson, 23, white, plaintiff, versus James Cooper, 32, defendant, in which the defendant has been charged with maliciously beating and injuring the plaintiff, who is soon to become a mother.

Both face charges of illicit relations which will be heard at the same time.

In the night court of Virginia Beach town hall, Catherine allegedly charged that Cooper is the father of a child by her who is now living with her parents in Ohio, and the father of her expected unborn child.

It was stated that the young woman is the daughter of a family in rural Ohio.

Met in Norfolk

Miss Anderson said she met young Cooper while she was staying at a prominent white Norfolk hotel where Cooper was employed as a waiter in 1936.

Cooper, at the time of his arrest, was employed at the Cavalier Hotel, but was released on $1,000 bail furnished by M. Edenton, the hotel's manager, to appear at night court. The night court refused bond for the defendant until the grand jury acts.

Miss Anderson was said to be living at a prominent beach front hotel at Virginia Beach.

Cooper from N.C

Young Cooper, a good looking boy from a North Carolina family, is from Winton, and is well known at Virginia Beach, where he has come every year for several seasons.

Cooper, who is charged with kicking the girl in the stomach, is reported to have engaged F. E. Trost, 41-year-old chauffeur and handy man, was scheduled to be hanged at 9 p.m., Monday, for an alleged criminal attack on a white school teacher at Keyser on June 2.

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Md. First Separate Is Made Service Co.

In accordance with an order from the office of the secretary of war, in Washington, the First Separate Company, Maryland National Guards, has been redesignated as a Service Company of the 372nd Infantry, Major General Milton A. Reckford announced on Wednesday.

This change is part of a movement to redesignate the entire 372nd Infantry which is composed of all of the colored national guards units in Boston, New Jersey, here, and in Washington. Captain William Creigler is commanding officer of the Maryland unit.

Afro Reporter Tells Story of Flood Damage

60 Known Dead in Beaufort, S.C.; Writer Drives Car Through 2 Lakes; Says Hurricane Worse Than Blitzkrieg

By DAVIS LEE
(Staff Correspondent)

SAVANNAH, Ga.—After observing the extensive damage done here and in adjacent communities by Sunday's 86-mile-an-hour hurricane, and after hearing so many stories about the havoc wrought by the same gale in Charleston, S. C., we headed for that historic spot.

While we had to drive around trees, telephone poles, and over fallen electric wires, our first real interruption bobbed up at Ridgeland, S.C., on Route 17, about 35 miles out of Savannah.

Truck Under Water

For several miles ahead the highway was covered with about five feet of water. The top of a large truck could be seen sticking up. The State highway man told

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PREMATURE DEATH STORIES KILLED GARVEY, SAYS WIDOW

Rev. Hodges Is New Bible Society Sec.

The Rev. V. C. Hodges, pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Church here, has been elected divisional secretary of the American Bible Society, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, it was announced this week.

The Rev. Mr. Hodges, who will assume his new duties on September 1, succeeds the Rev. A. J. Allen who was elected to the bishopric, at the AME General Conference in Detroit last May.

His new job will be to supply the scripture needs of colored people in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Dela-

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Read Press, Had Stroke

(Special to the AFRO)

JAMAICA, B.W.I.—A charge that premature newspaper reports of the death of Marcus Garvey in England contributed in large measure to his death, was made here this week by the widow of the Universal Negro Improvement Association head, Mrs. Amy Jacques Garvey.

On the eve of the UNIA conference which opens in New York next Sunday, Mrs. Garvey, who will not be able to attend, revealed that she and her two sons—Marcus, 10, and Winston, 7—have been living at her mother's home here because Garvey left them in dire circumstances.

"The stray reporter who gave the news which was flashed around the world that 'Garvey died recently in London,' is the man who actually caused his death," Mrs. Garvey declared.

Reads, Suffers Stroke

"When the clippings from the American press reached him (Garvey) he read them, gave one heart-rendering scream and lost his speech forever. He got the second stroke. 'Cardiac failure,' said the doctor. 'A broken heart,' says the layman."

Mrs. Garvey revealed that the body of her husband has been permanently embalmed and placed

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2 Are Denied Licenses for Liquor Sales

The State license bureau on Thursday denied two appeals for liquor licenses which had been refused by the local board of liquor license commissioners, after protests had been lodged by more than 100 citizens at an exciting four hour and a half hearing in City Hall on Tuesday.

The State body reiterated its previous stand when it denied a license to operate a tavern at 500 W. Biddle Street to Mrs. Prager, white, who had twice been turned down before the local board and once before the State body.

White Druggist Loses

It also refused to grant a license to sell liquor to Charles Cole, white, druggist of 1600 Druid Hill Avenue, whose renewal was denied last April by the local board.

One of the highlights of the hearings, held in a small room on the first floor of the City Hall, came as the session was nearly over, when Mrs. Alice Hession, white, famed crusader against blue-laws violations, entered the already crowded room and exclaimed in a loud voice, "I want to testify."

She Testified, Too

When refused by the board members, W. Clinton Sherry,

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A Lightning Bug Stares up to a Star?

A good, healthy lightning bug can shine for a second more brilliantly than a bright star, which is a million times larger than our earth. Pee Wee isn't fooled by lightning bugs. He knows his stars and to him they are as constant as his favorite newspaper.

'Common people of the skies'
That linger till the moon shall rise.

1,500 C.C.C. Camp Jobs Go to Whites Only

By JOHN JASPER
(Exclusive to AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers)

Because 148 out of 150 colored C.C.C. camps are staffed by a complete white personnel, the Roosevelt administration is gypping the boys out of a $3,000,000 annual payroll.

That's the charge filed by Republicans as the national campaign begins, and this is the way they argue to make it stick.

They point out that of 1,500 C.C.C. camps in the country, 10 per cent are colored. Each of these 150 col-

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Colonel Davis to War Dept?

WASHINGTON

Establishing a precedent in the department, information from sources close to the office of the chief of staff, Gen. Marshall, declares that the name of Col. B. O. Davis, now commanding officer of New York's famous 369th regiment, has been accepted to act on the general staff immediately

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Hanging Halted; No Colored Juror

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Beauty, 16, Sent by AFRO to Vie for "Miss Colored America" Title at World's Fair, Takes Second Honors

Five poses of Miss Alonzella (Billie) Burke, who was "Miss Washington" in the contest to select "Miss Colored America" at the New York World's Fair Thursday. Miss Burke was sent to New York City by the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN. In the picture above, she shows how she looked when dressed for various occasions which occupied her busy routine in New York Wednesday and Thursday. She was outfitted by Morton's Feminine Apparel Shop in Washington, and the Family Shoe Store. For the afternoon, Miss Burke wore a velvet suit of black with silver fox furs. (No. 2) A plaid sport ensemble with reversible coat to match. (No. 3) At the Lincoln Floral Shop, where she receives a bouquet, she wears a street frock. (No. 4) A red fox hip-length cape adds richness to a smartly tailored grey evening gown. (No. 5) Here Miss Burke, in a white bathing suit, reveals the tapered figure which won her the title of "Miss Washington," at Ocean Beach recently. She won second honors at the New York World's Fair.

(See story on page 13.)