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# YOUNGSTER'S BODY FISHED FROM JONES FALLS

## Sheriff fires blast over conditions at county jail

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

ANNAPOLIS — A charge that efforts to remedy the conditions at Anne Arundel County Jail were met by the lack of cooperation of Ralph L. Lowman, president of the Board of County Commissioners, was made last week by Sheriff Joseph W. Alton Jr.

Sheriff Alton said that on more than once occasion since he took office in 1951, his recommendations for better facilities of the jail were turned down by the board.

**"This jail problem has been frustrating to me for the past eight years, and I believe at this late date it would be futile for me to expect any cooperation from the present president of the Board of County Commissioners.**

"I have personally escorted Mr. Lowman to the jail as far back as 1951, and pointed out the inexcusable conditions under which many of the inmates are confined.

"As a matter of fact, I showed him where 25 or 30 men were confined in the cellar next to a fire room under conditions that would remind one of the Black Hole of Calcutta.

"In the cellar these men are cramped up to the extent there is no room for a chair, table, or place to hang a piece of clothing.

"Most of these men come to the jail with nothing but the clothes on their backs. I do not know how to describe the conditions that exist when these inmates are returned at night from a day's work on the roads and farms, with no place to go except back into the cramped cellar," Alston said.

**THE SHERIFF POINTED** out that Anne Arundel County had a population of approximately 50,000 when the jail was built, but the present county population is nearly 200,000.

Back in September, 1953, Sheriff Alton wrote a letter to Carroll T. Worthington, then foreman of the Grand Jury, and among other recommendations, suggested delocation of the county jail on a small farm in the vicinity of Annapolis.

In reiterating this recommendation, Alton said:

**"Naturally it would cost more to provide the necessary facilities for our present daily needs, but if a small prison farm was established, the jail population would be almost self - sustaining insofar as meats, produce and dairy products are concerned.**

"This plan is now in successful operations in many of the more progressive counties throughout the country.

"If there is any citizen or organization who is confused by the contradictory statements that have appeared in the press from time to time," Alton continued, "I would be pleased to personally conduct them throughout the jail in order that they might judge for themselves."

**IN ITS REPORT** to the County Circuit Court, the Grand Jury had this to say concerning the county jail:

**"It is gross negligence on the past of the county commissioners to allow such conditions to exist, especially when they have the authority to provide new quarters for the Anne Arundel County Jail as authorized in October, 1957 legislature.**

The Grand Jury's report also stated that:

"The place is overrun with vermin, and those confined, in many cases, have venereal diseases; the cots are filthy and there is no chance for any privacy which leads to conditions that are beyond explaining, in this report."

In answer to the criticism by the Grand Jury, Lowman is reported to have said:

"If there ever was a political report made by a county grand jury, this is one."

"If, as says to me that a portion of the Grand Jury's report is not only gratuitous, but improper, especially when, I understand that they did not call upon the members of this board to testify."

**THE STATEMENTS** of Sheriff Alton came after a vigorous attack, last week, by Lowman during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing.

**It is reputed that Lowman, refraining from calling Alton by name, said that the sheriff "was too busy selling insurance or too interested in rigging-up a political set-up to sell even more insurance."**

He is further quoted as saying that Sheriff Alton "didn't have time to supervise the management of the county jail, which is strictly his responsibility."

Sheriff Alton stated that he believed by now all county citizens realize Mr. Lowman has continually fought to withhold funds from the sheriff's office for one reason and one reason only:

"Namely, that the sheriff is a Republican and political adversary. The fact that prisoners (and some completely innocent men only being detained for trial) are subjected to an atmosphere, which is a disgrace and nightmare for any human being, has no human effect whatsoever upon Mr. Lowman and the political friends he leads.

"To them it's politics, politics, politics," the sheriff declared.

## Call police and ambulance to home on Reisterstown Rd.

Mrs. Theresa Johnson, 28, 8415 Reisterstown Rd., was treated at Provident Hospital late Wednesday after police and an ambulance answered a call to the address.

Mrs. Johnson identified herself as the wife of Charles H. Johnson, a dentist.

At Provident, she was attended by Dr. S. R. Owings, staff physician, who gave emergency treatment and recommended further medical care.

Radio Car No. 51 reported it answered the call to the Reisterstown Rd. address at 9:50 p.m., and called for city ambulance No. 4 which carried Mrs. Johnson to the Hospital at 10:15 p.m.

Records of the hospital show she was released in the evening after undergoing X-rays.

Northwestern District police said they were not requested to file charges.

**CERAMIC EXHIBIT**

WASHINGTON

An exhibit of ceramic sculptures, pottery and enamels by the Kiln Club of Washington entitled "Ceramics in the Home" will open Tuesday at the National Housing Center and run until June 1.

**COLONEL EUGENE G. BENNETT,** deputy post commander, left, presents the Commendation Ribbon Pendant to Chief Warrant Officer Henry Foster upon the eve of his retirement from the Army, at Army Chemical Center, Md., after completing more than 30 years of active duty.

## Why did he go down there?

"Nathaniel's mother can't talk much now. She cries all the time.

"She keeps asking, 'Why did he go down there?' "

**Mrs. Bertha Holley of 2001 Madison Ave., spoke those words Thursday about her daughter-in-law Mrs. Ruth Holley who went into mourning Wednesday morning after the body of her son was fished from the waters of Jones Falls.**

Nathaniel Christopher Holley 7, who had been missing from his home from more than 15 hours was found wedged between the scaffolding of the St. Paul St. Bridge around 7:40 a.m.

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**CENTRAL** District police disclosed that the youth drowned accidentally while playing with a friend.

According to the Holley family, the boy had hooked school on the day of the accident. He was a second grade pupil at John Hurst School No. 120.

**Police first learned of the drowning from Douglas Mayer, 14, of the 500 block S. Fulton Ave.**

He reported that while walking down Howard St., Tuesday afternoon he saw a girl and a boy playing near Jones Falls.

Mayer said the youth slipped and fell into the water while attempting to walk across to the opposite bank, and was carried away by the swift current.

While police searched the area, the Fire Department rescue squad made an unsuccessful attempt to recover the boy's body.

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**HARRY SHEARER,** an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad, later told police that when he arrived on the scene he met a small girl who told him she was going home to tell her mother about what had happened.

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**AROUND** 3 a.m. the missing boy's father, James R. Holley, appeared at Central and reported that another son, James Holley had been told by a small girl that Nathaniel had drowned.

**Sgt. Bernard Garrity, was able to locate the girl, a ten-year-old, whom police said told them that Nathaniel fell in the water while they were playing along the bank.**

The boy's father told the AFRO:

"I don't think he had ever been down that far to play before."

Nathaniel is also survived by two sisters, Lenetta, 11, and Bernettie Holley, 10.

## Ethel Ennis off to Europe

Benny Goodman and his orchestra are flying to Europe for a tour which opens Monday, May 5.

**With the Goodman group is Baltimore's Ethel Ennis, a brilliant young singer who was selected for the trip by Goodman from a rather extensive field of likely candidates.**

The male side of the vocal department will be handled by blues veteran Jimmy Rushing whose records, such as "Sent For You Yesterday" and "Goin' To Chicago," have become collector items.

The European tour will be climaxed the week of May 25 at at the Brussels World's Fair when the Goodman group gives the first live presentation in the American Performing Arts Program.

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**AN HALF** hour video show will be made at Brussels and is scheduled to be aired locally over WJZ-TV.

**As the girl vocalist with the group, the young Miss Ennis will have a chance to show European jazz buffs what American music is all about.**

Miss Ennis has been singing professionally since she was 15.

In Baltimore she has appeared at the Red Fox Lounge and in addition has made a number of out-of-town appearances in smart-supper clubs.

Under contract to Capitol Records, she recently released an album, "Change of Scenery."

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**RUSHING** is the vocalist who helped put the rock in the Basie outfit of the 30s and 40s. He is regarded as one of the leading exponents of the blues.

Other performers in Goodman's talent-studded band include: Leroy Burns, drums; Gene Allen, sax; Arvel Shore, bass; Billy Bauer, guitar; Roland Hanna, piano; Vernon Brown, trombone; Rex Peer, trombone; William. Dennis, trombone; E. V. Perry, trumpet; Billy Hodges, trumpet; Taft Jordan, trumpet; John Frosk, trumpet; John Mosca, sax; Sims, sax; Selden Powell, sax; Al Block, sax; Ernie Mauro, sax.

## Famed civil rights lawyer to speak here

One of the nation's foremost civil liberties lawyers, Edward Bennett Williams of Washington, will be the principal speaker Tuesday, May 6, during a noon-day luncheon at the Central YWCA on Franklin St.

Mr. Williams is appearing under the sponsorship of the committee on Equal Rights and Privileges in Public Places which is interested in the passage of Ordinance 1603, a public accommodations bill introduced in the city council last October by Councilman Walter T. Dixon of the Fourth District.

Herbert Fedders, attorney, is chairman of the committee and David Glenn of the Baltimore Urban League is secretary. Reservations for the luncheon can be obtained from Mr. Glenn at $1.50 each.

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**THE IMPORTANT** measure was explained in detail Tuesday night by Mrs. Mildred Atkinson during a membership meeting of the Baltimore chapter, Americans for Democratic Action.

Mrs. Atkinson, who is director of social relations for the Maryland - Delaware Council of Churches, revealed that a fact sheet answering "objections" to the measure is being prepared by Mr. Fedders committee.

Six councilmen are on record favoring the bill, she said. Eleven votes are needed for passage. She urged ADA members to help stimulate interest in the bill and appear in large numbers at the public hearing on May 28.

**DECLARING THAT** experience has shown that "laws without teeth simply won't work," Philip Campoeschi, executive secretary of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, cited the dire need of enforcement powers in the Baltimore FEPC ordinance.

He urged ADA members to work for amendment of the law making it possible for the commission to have courts enforce its "cease and desist" orders; to subpoena persons and to compel city agencies to insert non - discrimination clauses in all contracts.

As the law stands now, he said, employers are given a choice of obeying the law or not and in too many instances they chose not to obey.

Howard W. Murphy, who is president of the local ADA chapter, presided at the meeting held in the lecture room of the Walbrook branch library.

## Taxi boycott mapped by drivers' group

A passenger boycott of local cab companies which do not hire colored drivers is being planned by the Cab Drivers' Improvement Committee.

**Theodore J. Carver, committee chairman, disclosed this week that details and the date of the boycott will be announced.**

He said churches and other groups would be asked to participate in the boycott of certain cab companies in the hopes it will help break down the hiring bars.

The committee was formed a few months ago when colored drivers of the now dissolved Fleetway Cab Company became concerned that they would lose their jobs when some of Fleetway's cars went into the Diamond Cab Association.

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**PRIOR TO** the dissolution, Albert Weinstein, president of the Diamond Association, told the AFRO:

**"The association is not against hiring colored drivers. The association will hire anyone they (the cab owners) bring in."**

He admitted they had not used colored drivers in the association's 26 years.

**A FEW** days before a dissolution hearing before the Public Service Commission on March 19, William Rothman, one of the owners of Fleetway, gave this reply when asked what would happen to his colored drivers when he joined Diamond:

**"I expect they will be accepted. I don't think there is anything to really be concerned about."**

Many of Fleetway's 144 cabs are now part of the Diamond setup but none of the colored drivers made the change.

Now, it is reported that Mr. Rothman is what the Diamond firm considers a subscribing member and his driver hiring policy must meet the approval of the other association members.

None of the other members have ever hired colored drivers for the association.

This way, subscribing members can say their hands are tied in the matters, and officials of Diamond can hold that they would admit colored if either of the senior owners brought them in.

But the colored drivers feel this is no less discriminatory and want to do something about it.

Mr. Carver says the boycott can be a success even if only colored passengers refrain from patronizing cab companies which refuse to hire colored drivers.

**BISHOP SHAW HERE**

Bishop A. P. Shaw, formerly of the Baltimore area, will conduct a preaching mission at Orchard St. Methodist Church Tuesday, May 6, to Sunday, May 11.

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### Police killings in Baltimore area

**APRIL 19, 1956**—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

**JUNE 25, 1956**—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northwestern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

**JULY 7, 1956**—Robert O. Harper, 24, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr. who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1956**—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Hillcott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden. Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

**OCTOBER 15, 1956** — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he didn't know was loaded. Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

**NOVEMBER 7, 1956**—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**NOVEMBER 24, 1956** — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeMatteis was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Herold. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict Officer DeMatteis. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

**JANUARY 21, 1957** — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Myer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occured in the line of duty and was accidental.

**AUGUST 4, 1957** — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exeter, when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isaiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

## Consumer prices up 0.7 percent for 2-month period

Consumer prices in United States cities rose 0.7 per cent between February and March, led chiefly by higher food costs, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

This, the largest monthly advance since July, 1956, brought the March Consumer Price Index to a new high: 123.3 per cent of the 1947-49 average and 3.7 per cent above March, 1957.

The prices increases were listed as: food, 1.8; housing, 0.2; household operation, 0.6; apparel, unchanged; recreation, 0.3; medical care, 0.3.

The drop in buying power is listed as 5 per cent.

## Dope addicts get total of 15 years

Robert A. Cox, 25, of the 1700 block Moreland Ave., who has been convicted twice previously for narcotics offenses, was sentenced to ten years in the Maryland Penitentiary by Judge Anselm Sodaro in Criminal Court Thursday.

**A second narcotics violator; Bernard Webster, 26, of the 300 block N. Pearl St., was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary by Judge Sodaro.**

Both defendants were described as dope addicts.

## 2 hurt in midnight ride; 4 cars, 2 homes damaged

Two persons were injured and two homes, including that of Dr. Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland Masons, were damaged early Monday following a collision involving four cars at Carrollton and Lafayette Aves.

**The injured were: Oscar Murray, 38, of 2708 Prospect St., who suffered cuts about the head, neck and face; and Leroy James, 42, of 1519 McKean Ave., who was treated at Provident Hospital for a knee injury.**

Mr. James was a passenger in the Murray car at the time of the 12:10 a.m. accident, police said.

**POLICE REPORTED** that Mr. Murray was charged with reckless driving and speeding.

They said that while, westbound on Lafayette Ave., Mr. Murray struck an automobile owned by William B. Meade of 1239 W. Lafayette Ave., causing it to smash into another car owned by Eugene Ranson of 1804 McCulloh St.

A third parked car owned by James C. Askew of 1219 W. Lafayette Ave., was struck and pushed into the steps of the Allen home at 1223 W. Lafayette Ave., and the home of Mrs. Lettie M. Morris of 1221, police said.

## 48,718 draw checks as aid stops for 712

Both the number and the dollar amount of benefit checks paid under the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law last week (week ending April 26, 1958) increased over those paid the previous week, announces Robert B. Kimble, executive director of the Department of Employment Security.

**The number of initial claims for benefits, which reflect the amount of new unemployment, dropped for the state as a whole, while rising slightly in Baltimore City.**

Unemployed persons were paid 47,718 benefit checks over the state last week, an increase of 1,361 over the 47,357 checks of the previous week. The checks disbursed last week totaled $1,457,526, an increase of $50,345 over the $1,407,181 of the previous week.

Newly unemployed persons filed 5,494 initial claims for benefits at the Department's offices around the state last week, 1,771 less than the 7,265 the week before last.

**ANOTHER 713** Maryland claimants last week exhausted the full 26 weeks of benefits to which they were entitled, bringing the April 1 to April 26 total to 2,936, and the cumulative total since last October 1—when it was first possible to exhaust under the amended Maryland U.I. Law—to 14,460.

**This rate of exhaustion, which is the ratio of the number of exhaustions to the number of persons receiving at least one check in the previous 12 months, reached 11.6 per cent on April 26, up from the 11.9 per cent of April 19.**

In Baltimore City last week, 28,115 benefit checks, totaling $872,588 were paid the jobless, as compared with 26,110 checks totaling $812,779 the previous week. Last week's payments thus represent rises of 2,005 in the number of checks and $59,809 in the dollar amount.

Newly unemployed persons in Baltimore City filed 3,154 initial claims last week, a hike of 138 over the 3,016 of the previous week.

## Crownsville will dedicate new building

Crownsville State Hospital will observe "National Mental Health Week" with the dedication of a new Medical-Surgical Building.

An Open House is planned for Sunday, May 4, at which time Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin will be the principal speaker.

**At 12 noon, preceding the Governor's address, there will be registration of the guests in the new Medical-Surgical Building, followed by tours of selected areas of the hospital.**

**At 2 p.m. the program of dedication will begin with the invocation by the Rev. S. J. Mack, hospital chaplain.**

James T. O'Donnell, director of the Department of Public Improvements, will formally present this new facility to Dr. Clifton T. Perkins, commissioner of Mental Hygine.

Following acceptance Dr. Perkins will introduce Governor McKeldin.

Dr. Charles S. Ward, superintendent of Crownsville, will then present awards to outstanding psychiatric aides of the hospital.

Recognition of persons from the community who, through the foster care program, have helped patients return again to the community, will be given by the presentation of Certificates of Award.

## Passes Md. bar

Paul J. Cockrell, 1402 N. Montford Ave., a 1957 graduate of the University of Maryland Law School, received notice Thursday that he had passed the state bar exam.

Mr. Cockrell, a 1953 Morgan State College graduate, said he plans to join the law offices of Tucker Dearing and William Toadvine after he is admitted to practice.

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## Police express shame following arrest of 2 cops

"After today I'll be ashamed to go out on the street in uniform.

**That was the comment Thursday morning of a veteran police sergeant shortly after three fellow Northern District officers were charged with burglary involving more than $7,000 in cash and merchandise.**

The three patrolmen were accused of committing nine robberies while on patrol duty in the Waverly and Govans area on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

Total bail for Patrolmen Marvin Bridgeman, 28, of the 4700 block Reisterstown Rd.; Herbert W. Brown Jr., 24, of the 3000 block California Ave., and Michael Molloy, 33, of the 4700 block Homestead St., was set at $45,000 by Magistrate James F. Fansteen.

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**IN SETTING** bail for the men Magistrate Fansteen commented:

"You are a disgrace to your families, to the community in which you live and more important to the uniform of the Baltimore City Police Department.

The officers were placed under arrest Wednesday night by Lt. Frank T. Schmidt and other Northern District men after a large quantity of stolen goods was found in their homes, according to police.

The thefts involved the loss of Hi-Fi equipment, house paints, women's clothing and electric trains.

## Science awards

School officials in Baltimore county have revealed that 23 county public high school teachers of science and mathematics have been awarded advanced study fellowships at active colleges and universities.

Of this number, 21 county teachers will pursue advanced study under a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

**$50** is the total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6015; 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

**CURB SERVICE**—This was the scene at the home of Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland Masons Monday morning, an automobile plowed into the steps of his home and that of a neighbor in the 1200 block of W. Lafayette Ave. Police charged the driver, Oscar Murray of the 2700 block Prospect Ave., with reckless driving and speeding.


FLOATING HAT IS ONLY CLUE TO DISAPPEARANCE

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# Jury Indicts Powell

## Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day

**MOTHER'S DAY COMES EVERY DAY** to Mrs. Edith Hopkins, 39, who is shown with her husband, John and their 14 children. Seated are Mr. Hopkins and Mary, 8; Mrs. Hopkins and Virgilia, 2. Next to father are Michael, 6; Arnold, 9; Ellis, 10, and Jacquelin, 4. Standing, left to right, are Donald, 22; Everett, 20; Dorothy, 19; Larry, 18; Jean, 16; Barbara, 15; Frances, 13, and Linda, 11.

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## Her Honor, The Mayor

**An Editorial**

Seventeen-year-old Carolyn Ford, a senior at Douglass High School, is the acting Mayor of Baltimore today.

She was elected by popular vote of students from the city's seven senior high schools last February.

She took over management of the highest elected municipal office in ceremonies at City Hall yesterday (Thursday) and will remain in office today (Friday).

The election of the brown-skinned mayor is in connection with the annual Model Youth City Council inaugurated five years ago by the schools and city officials.

The aim is to increase knowledge of and interest in city government.

The fact that the acting Mayor of Baltimore today is a colored American is significant.

It points out that in a democratic election, people pick the best candidate. Carolyn was selected because she had the best knowledge of current municipal problems and a solution for them.

Three decades ago, it would have been inconceivable that the Mayor of Baltimore would be an Italian-American, but he is and Tommy D'Alesandro has been a good Mayor.

If high school seniors of today are our voters of tomorrow, it is not unthinkable that they will select the best candidate regardless of race or color, just as they have done in this mock election.

## Faces fine of $30,000 or 15 years

NEW YORK — A Federal grand jury late Thursday afternoon, returned a three-count indictment against Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

The grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging that Powell misrepresented the income of himself and his wife, Hazel Scott, the famous pianist, in 1950, 1951, and 1952.

They claimed that he evaded a total of $3,063 in taxes.

The penalty he faces if convicted is 15 years in prison and, $30,000 in fines.

Returned at 4:30 p.m., the indictment climaxed a prolonged grand jury probe of Powell's tax returns and other financial activities.

The jury was originally convened in December, 1956. In the following three months it heard testimony from more than 100 persons, including Powell's famous wife.

In mid - February, 1957, the jury was recessed.

**In December, 1957, Thomas A. Bolan, a former U.S. attorney who handled early prosecution of the Powell case, charged that he had been forced to drop the case, "on orders from Washington."**

**The charge, published in the National Review,** a conservative - wing weekly journal, was brought to the attention of the dormant jury.

The jurors wrote to the office of the U.S. Attorney inquiring about the status of the Powell case and why it was not continuing.

**IN THE PANEL'S** latest letter, the Government was informed that it did not con-

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## Hat only clue to lost man

A missing man's hat, found floating in shallow water near the Westport Gas and Electric Co., started police to dragging the area Wednesday on a round-the-clock basis.

**By AFRO presstime, a mile square area of the Patapsco River in the vicinity where the hat was found, had been dragged with no success.**

Object of the search was William Patterson, 58, of 1536 Woodyear St., an employee of the company for about 35 years.

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**MR. PATTERSON** was last seen by his fellow workers about 3:20 p.m. Wednesday.

His hat was found floating in shallow water near a pier behind the gas-electric company about 3:30 p.m.

**Concern over the man's whereabouts increased after he did not show up at 4:30 when a son-in-law, Frederick Brooks, of 1719 Poplar Grove, called to pick him up as he did daily.**

The Police Boat was notified and the search in the area began at 5:33 p.m., reports Sgt. James Walker.

Sgt. Walker told the AFRO Thursday evening the crew had covered a square mile area without results.

"We don't have any definite area to drag," Sgt. Walker said. "All they know is where the hat was found."

He said the river search would continue until the man was found.

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**MR. BROOKS** turned in a missing person report on his father-in-law to the Northwestern Police Station at 9:30 Wednesday night.

According to this report Mr. Patterson was wearing a one

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**DR. RODRIGO SARMIENTO,** former Provident Hospital physician, is shown being booked for the murder of blonde nurse Margaret Kabak at Brooklyn's 63rd Precinct. On the right is Det. John Renner.

## Ex-Provident doc awaiting N.Y. trial

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

NEW YORK — Dr. Rodrigo Sarmiento, facing a possible murder indictment for the slaying of a blonde Brooklyn nurse, may stand without his wife, the AFRO learned Monday.

**Mrs. Estella Montilla - Sarmiento, mother of the Filipino physician's four children advised New York authorities that she will not come to New York to participate in her husband's defense.**

**"I leave the whole case to justice," Mrs. Sarmiento said. "For the sake of the children, I hope he goes free."**

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**HOWEVER** Dr. Sarmiento's legal position has taken several turns for the better.

First, the case has set off a major legal row in New York. Several top lawyers have expressed amazement over the fact that the doctor's case has been continued for two weeks despite the fact that he has not been formally charged with a specific crime.

**As of now, Dr. Sarmiento has**

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REV. ADAM C. POWELL

## Here's traditional American family—14 children at home

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Never again will Baltimoreans be able to say that the old time American family has disappeared from the modern day world.

Over in the 2300 block of Roslyn Ave. is quite the liveliest and most enchanting family group which fits the early American family pattern to a tee.

**As a Mother's Day tribute to a truly ideal mother, let's visit the 2304 Roslyn Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins.**

At home are their 14 children, ranging in age from 2 to 22 and a prettier bevy of healthy "kids" you've never seen.

They all live with mother and father in their seven bedroom frame house which looks out on wide green lawns and a tree - lined street.

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**TO MAKE THE** traditional picture complete, Mrs. Edith Jones Hopkins, the 39-year-old mother, is at home around the clock, washing, ironing and cooking good things to eat.

You may even see her sweeping the wide porch or shaking a rug.

**Not only does the Hopkins family appear to be all-American, but they actually live that way.**

Mrs. Hopkins' day begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends "when she gets through."

Mr. Hopkins goes to work at the Bethlehem Steel Company, at Sparrows Point every day, as he has done for 25 years, and comes straight home with his $100 - a - week pay check.

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**AS SOON AS** the children are old enough they get "odd jobs," allowances, go to movies, play ball, have dates, birthday parties and go to dances.

The seven girls and seven boys also have brother and sister "fussing and fighting."

**The large basement is filled with bikes, and tricycles, dolls, trains, baseball bats and some broken toys.**

They also have pets, help wash dishes and mind the younger children for mother.

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**POTATOES** are purchased in 50 pound bags, flour 20 pounds at a time and milk by the crate.

Home - made bread is baked three dozen rolls at a time, three times a week.

**Sunday dinner is a feast of three fried chickens plus a roast or a baked ham, three green vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy.**

Mrs. Hopkins collects dishes as a hobby, has as her pride and joy a large rose-designed platter which will hold a 30-pound turkey.

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**MR. HOPKINS** is a member of the John A. Holmes Masonic Lodge No. 89 and a lifelong member of Waters A.M.E. Church.

**Mrs. Hopkins is a converted Catholic. Each child was christened at the proper age at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and made First Holy Communion there. They now**

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## 2 funerals in 5 days

PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Alice Smith of 2413 N. 31st St., buried her mother, Mrs. Hattie Taylor in Baltimore last Saturday.

On wednesday May 7, she buried her 38 - year - old husband, Howard. Her mother died on April 26 in Baltimore.

**MR. SMITH** was killed on May 2 when a motorcycle he was riding struck an island as he attempted a turn on Berlin Circle, Route 73, in Berlin Township, N.J.

Riding another wheel in company with the unusual was a close friend, Nathan Dixon of the 2100 block N. 12th St., the widow told the AFRO. The two were returning home around 3 a.m.

Mr. Smith a native of Baltimore, had lived in Philadelphia nine years. He was employed at the Armour Meat Packing Co., and had served overseas in the Army during World War 2.

**Surviving in addition to the widow are four children, Howard Jr., 8; Adrianne, 9; Cheryl, 6 and Jannine, 2;**

Also two sisters, Mesdames Gladys Williams and Betty Brooks of Baltimore.

## Ike to address Summit meeting

WASHINGTON

With more than 300 of the nation's outstanding colored leaders already registered to participate, the Summit Meeting of national leaders scheduled for Raleigh Hotel here, Monday and Tuesday, May 12-13 shaps up as a meeting of "Who's Who" in Colored America.

The precedent-making high level conference, called by publishers of the nation's leading colored newspapers, will be highlighted by the appearance of President Dwight D. Eisenhower during the opening day sessions.

The President's appearance is set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, when the Chief Executive will address a luncheon for conference participants.

## Judge refuses guilty plea of suspect in Pattie's death

Charged with the strangulation - murder of 7 - year - old Patricia (Pattie) Fox on Easter Sunday, James H. Williams, 49-year-old butcher, pleaded guilty at criminal arraignment Thursday morning.

**However, because of the seriousness of the charge, Judge Anselm Sodaro refused to accept the plea and ordered court clerk James A. Cole to enter a plea of not guilty to the murder charge.**

The jurist said he would appoint counsel to represent Mr. Williams who appeared in Criminal Court without a lawyer. The AFRO learned that Mr. Louise Tutman, attorney, has been named to represent the defendant.

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**MR. WILLIAMS,** dressed in a wrinkled white dress shirt, dark blue trousers and brown shoes, looked unflinchingly at the judge and the court clerk who read the charge.

**Fourteen hours after little Pattie was found dead in a** cellarway at 653 Vine St. Mr. Williams was picked up for questioning at his home at 655 Vine.

He allegedly confessed to police that the child had visited his home with other neighborhood children the day before her lifeless body was found.

## Hubby turns tables; sues his wife for alimony

Arthur Tutman, claiming that he is unemployed, turned the tables, this week, as he filed a cross - bill for divorce against Mrs. Louise Tutman, cateret, and asked for alimony, counsel fees and court costs.

**It was the first such request filed in Circuit Court in the memory of present clerks.**

The Tutmans' fight for divorce started on April 24, when Mrs. Tutman, who gave her address as 1321 Pressman St., entered a bill charging her husband with cruelty.

She said that they were married on Nov. 2, 1956 and that she was forced to leave their home because of his "cruel and excessively vicious conduct" on March 21, 1958.

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**MRS.** Tutman said that the separation was final and without reasonable hope of reconciliation and asked for a divorce, alimony and counsel fees. She was represented by Sidney Burman, attorney.

**On Monday the husband retaliated. First his attorney, Arthur G. Murphy, filed an an-**

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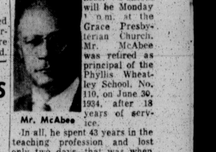
## FLASH! Rites Monday for William McAbee

William H. McAbee, retired school principal, died at Provident Hospital Thursday evening after a short illness. Funeral will be Monday p.m. at the Grace Presbyterian Church. Mr. McAbee was retired as principal of the Phyllis Wheatley School, Nov. 10, on June 30, 1934, after 18 years of service.



Mr. McAbee

In all, he spent 43 years in the teaching profession and the only two days—that was when he went to Pittsburgh to marry.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth McAbee, and a daughter, Miss Gladys O. McAbee.

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Sunday, fair and warmer.
Monday, fair.

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| Saturday, May 10 | 4:51 a.m. | 7:03 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 11 | 4:50 a.m. | 7:04 p.m. |
| Monday, May 12 | 4:49 a.m. | 7:05 p.m. |

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