Drive Nears Goal Of 100,000 Local Voters

'Rights are personal' so Joan goes to school

"But constitutional rights are personal, and if Joan Elaine Groves does not receive a desegregated education at this time, she never will.

"Her rights and her needs cannot properly be postponed simply because certain members of the community think it would be wiser to delay integration of the three highest grades."

These were the words Tuesday of Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen when he ordered that the St. Marys County school board admit Joan Groves, 16, to Great Mills High School.

His decision climaxed a case which began when, in May, 1957 four colored children applied for admittance to 'white' elementary schools and three to high school.

Because the elementary children were in grades covered by the county's gradual desegregation plan, they were admitted.

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ONE OF the four children moved out of town and another withdrew the transfer request. Remaining were Thomas C. Groves, seeking admission to the ninth grade, and Joan E. Groves, to the 11th grade.

In February, this year, the State Board of Education heard their case and dismissed it on the grounds that the question involved was a legal one, that it could not rule on.

On April 11, suit was filed in federal court asking that the two Groves children be admitted to the Great Mills High School.

Eleven days later, the county school board voluntarily stepped up its gradual desegregation process to allow Thomas, but not Joan Groves, to enter in September.

In the remaining case (of Joan Groves), it was submitted to the court that:

THEIR FATHER, William Groves, is a self-employed, taxpayer of the county who was dissatisfied with the limited curriculum of the Jarboesville School for colored children of all grades.

He cited that the Jarboesville School was unsatisfactory in both curriculum and facilities.

He also cited that the stenographic course available in the Great Mills School was not available at Jarboesville—and that this was the course his daughter was interested in.

To escape the inferior facilities of Jarboesville School, he sent his daughter to New York to study and also to a Catholic parochial school in the county—for which he had to pay tuition.

In ruling in favor of the plaintiff Judge Thomsen said this of St. Mary's gradual desegregation plan:

"**THE PLAN** of desegregation which it (St. Marys County) had adopted appears to proceed with more than 'deliberate' speed. But such a plan cannot be considered in the abstract, apart from the particular facts of the case.

"A delay which might be necessary to permit the solution of administrative problems created by the transfer of a considerable number of students is not justified in this case where only two Negro students are applying for admission to a white school, where one has been accepted into a grade which has already been desegregated, and it is hoped to desegregate the remaining grades next year."

He added: "I do not question the good faith of the defendant (St. Marys school board) in adopting the plan of desegregation nor their sincere belief that a further delay in complete desegregation of the high schools is desirable."

It was at this point in his opinion that Judge Thomsen declared: "But constitutional rights are personal."

No word yet from two missing girls

No word has been received from Romaine Johnson, 13, and Gloria Lee, 16, the two girls who have been missing since May 20.

As the 81st day rolled around, mysterious messages and telephone calls came to the teenagers' parents.

Last week Mrs. Doris Lee, Gloria's mother, who resides at 423 E. Preston St., told the AFRO that she had received telephone calls.

MRS. CECELIA JOHNSON and her husband, James Johnson, a taxicab driver who reside at 1124 Forrest St., are Romaine's parents.

Mrs. Johnson told the AFRO that messages had come but none of them told the whereabouts of the two girls.

However, on Wednesday Mr. Johnson stated that he had received a telegram from a woman who asked that he and his wife come to her home in the 1600 block of Mulberry St. to identify a young girl who may have been either Romaine or Gloria.

The unidentified teenage girl had come to her home from the Eastern Shore, she revealed.

When Mr. Johnson arrived at the Mulberry St. address, he discovered that the girl was not his daughter nor was she Gloria Lee.

Mr. Johnson added: "All our hopes have been shattered. When we follow down the leads, we only discover that we have not found Gloria and Romaine."

However, many AFRO readers have been kind and thoughtful, Mr. Johnson stated.

PRAYERS HAVE been offered for the safety of the two girls by friends and neighbors, he said.

Romaine, although only 13, is large for her age, Mr. Johnson states and she has a pleasing personality.

Gloria, 16, is tall, weighs about 135 pounds. When last seen, she was wearing red plaid slacks and a red blouse.

Mrs. Lee, Gloria's mother has been ill since the child disappeared and under the care of physicians.

Police report that they have received no trace of Gloria and Romaine although they have been searching and following clues since the parents reported them missing.

School bus case 'moot;' dismissed

Federal District Judge Roszel C. Thomsen dismissed Tuesday as "moot" the Charles County School bus integration case.

The case involves Gilbert G. Hart who attends Indian Head Elementary School under the county's "grade-a-year desegregation plan.

Young Hart is one of three colored children who will be enrolled at the school this fall. The other two live within a block of the school.

When Gilbert, a first grader, first entered the school in September, 1956, he was still transported to the school by a school bus serving colored children. Last July, his parents asked that he be furnished transportation on a bus carrying children to the school he was attending.

The school superintendent refused the request and the state board of education refused to rule on it.

Less than three weeks after the case was filed in federal court, however, the school board announced a change of policy and agreed to take him to school along with his white schoolmates.

They asked then that the case be dismissed as "moot"—there being no basis for action.

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ATTORNEYS FOR the child and his parents, however, noted that the suit was filed as a class action—for Gilbert and for all other colored children in the county.

In dismissing the case, Judge Thomsen noted that Gilbert was, actually, the only child in his particualr circumstance and that the school board had already furnished him integrated transportation.

To the attorney's statement that some colored child in the future—or even Gilbert himself—might be discriminated against in the absence of a clear-cut ruling, the judge said:

"It would be most unwise for this court to lay down general rules to govern hypothetical cases which may — may not arise in the future."

New site, name for blind home

The Annie Mae Hunter Ideal Home For the Blind will be getting a new home and a new name today (Friday).

The home will be moved from 2115 Allandale Road, to 1321 Eutaw Place.

It's name will be changed to the Annie Mae Hunter Foundation Inc.

The new building, a three-story brick structure, will cost the organization some $24,500, according to Mrs. Hunter.

It will be able to house from 20 to 25 persons in its 20 rooms.

The old building, a three-story frame structure, was able to house only ten tenants, in its seven bedrooms.

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THE MOVE culminates some 13 months of effort on the part of friends and sponsors of the organization to find a suitable location.

The old building had been condemned by the building inspectors as a fire hazard.

Mrs. Hunter had received three notices of eviction since June of 1958.

The last notice came in June 1958, and gave the tenants until August 18 to find new homes.

The new building, according to Mrs. Hunter, has most of the required safety facilities.

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SINCE THE new building is much more spacious than the old one, the tenants are experiencing a lack of furniture.

"We will be grateful for any donations, monetary or otherwise," Mrs. Hunter stated.

Matron arraigned in roomer's death

Mrs. Alma Inez Miller, 40, 1500 block W. Lexington St., entered a not guilty plea Tuesday when arraigned in Criminal Court on a charge of fatally shooting Freddie Johnson, 41, a tenant in her home, on July 13.

She was not represented by counsel. Judge Anselm Sodaro

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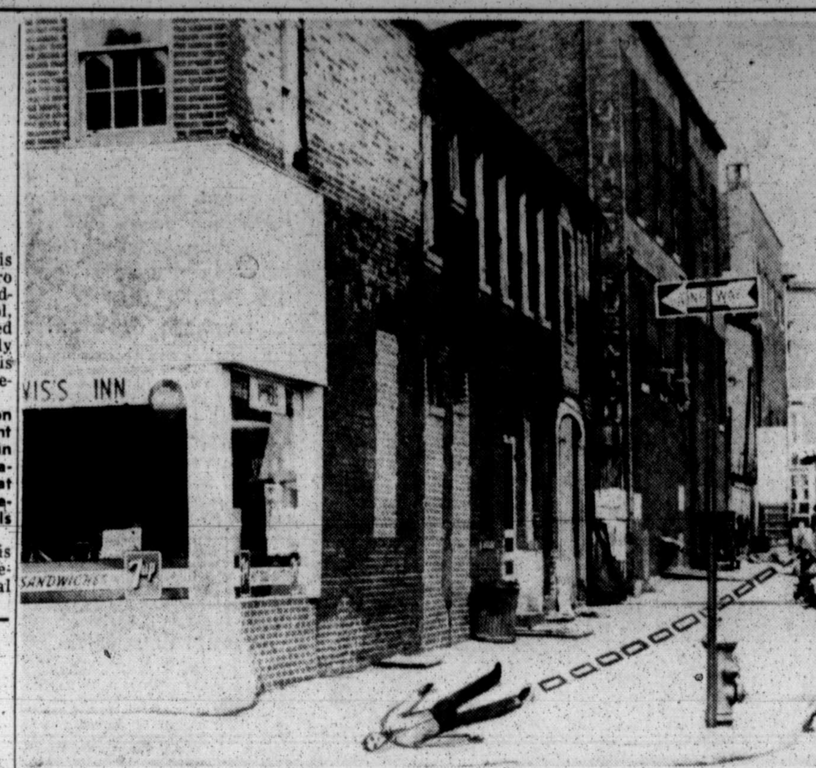

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Police killings in Baltimore area

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 Northeastern 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, 34, 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 who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

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

jamin 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 DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict Officer DeManns. 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 occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exe-

DEATH TRAIL — This was the path taken to Monument St., and Central Ave., Tuesday morning by Emmitt Harrison before he collapsed and died from multiple stab wounds. Police recovered a broken water jug from the 700 block of Hemple Ct., which they believe was used in the slaying.

35 cents in dice game brings death

A dispute over 35 cents in a dice game cost Emmitt Harrison, 46, of the 1600 block Abbott St., his life Tuesday, police have reported.

Harrison collapsed and died from stab wounds of the face, neck and body after walking from the 700 block Hemple Ct., to Central Ave. and Monument St.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital at 9:52 a.m.

Northeastern District police said that Harrison had been attacked with a broken water jug which was found in the back yard of a Hemple Court home.

From the house, police also recovered a pen knife covered with bloodstains.

In connection with the death of Harrison, four persons were taken into custody for questioning by Monday afternoon. Two were released early Wednesday.

$15,000 bail for boys charged in burglaries

Four teenaged boys were held for grand jury action on burglary charges in a total of $15,000 bail on Thursday in Northwestern Police Court.

At the same time, Magistrate Linwood B. Koger released a fifth youth as a state's witness.

The young defendants, all of whom entered not guilty pleas, were:

Ernest Garrison, 17, and Vernon Garrison, 16, of the 1000 block Whatcoat St.; Luther J. Carter, 17, 1500 block Myrtle Ave., and Charles E. Turner, 17, 1400 block N. Parrish St.

The youngster listed as a state's witness was Harry McNeal, 19, 1400 block Whatcoat St.

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SGT. Earl Dyson said signed statements had been taken from the boys.

Ernest Garrison, Turner and Carter are charged with taking $440.02 worth of shoes and other things from a shoe store in the 1100 block Laurens St. on August 2.

Ernest Garrison and Carter are charged with getting cigars, cigarettes, coffee and earrings worth $51.02 from a store in the 1100 block W. Gilmor St. on July 31.

The Garrison youths are charged with getting cigarettes and money totaling $38 from an establishment in the 1400 block Laurens St. on August 4.

It's time to register new school children

City schools will be opened next Thursday and Friday (Aug. 28, 29) to register new students and transfers. Classes begin for all students Sept. 4.

Registration is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Parents should register their children at the schools they plan for them to attend.

They should bring birth and smallpox certificates with them. Parents of children transferring from other systems should also bring school records showing the last grade the child successfully completed.

DR. WOODROW HEMPHILL, director of the city health department's school health bureau, said that children entering school for the first time in Baltimore should have had a complete physical examination.

If the family cannot afford a family physician's checkup, then a health department school physician will be made available.

Birth certificates for children born in Baltimore can be obtained from the Bureau of Vital Records of the Baltimore Health Department, first floor, Municipal Office Building, Holiday and Lexington Sts.

Certificates for children born in the counties of Maryland can be gotten from the Maryland State Department of Health, 2411 N. Charles St.

Petition urges mixing of four reform schools

Leading citizens are sponsoring a petition under the NAACP, urging the State Board of Public Welfare to integrate without delay Boys Village, Maryland Training School, Montrose School, and Barrett School.

All four reform schools are at present segregated.

The petitioners ask permission to appear before the board of Welfare with their counsel.

Up to now the Board has been restrained from integrating reform schools by an opinion of Attorney General Sybert.

Petition recites that state segregation in reform schools is contrary to decisions of the Supreme Court.

THERE'S A LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.

Attack for numbers hit nets man 8-year term

"There is no excuse for this attack, even if you did have a numbers hit and received no payment."

James Cox, 33, 1100 block Division St., drew this comment and an eight-year penitentiary sentence from Judge Anselm Sodaro in Criminal Court Wednesday on an assault to maim conviction.

He was accused of cutting off most of the right ear of Charles Strickland, 100 block N. Dallas St., whom he charged with failing to pay him $1,400 due on a numbers hit.

Judge Sodaro was told the attack on Mr. Strickland occurred at Caroline and Fayette Sts. on the morning of July 1, while two policemen were a short distance away.

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POLICE TESTIMONY revealed that Mr. Strickland was also cut so deeply on his left arm a hastily applied tourniquet was necessary to stop him from bleeding to death through a severed artery.

Mr. Strickland denied the numbers charge, and contended the attack was unprovoked.

Mr. Cox charged, however, that he had been playing numbers with the victim for three years, and that Mr. Strickland attacked him when he inquired about the numbers hit.

Child burned in 'mystery fire'

A ten-year-old Cherry Hill girl who was burned about the hip and side after complaining, "someone threw fire at me," was admitted to South Baltimore General Hospital Wednesday.

According to Southern District Police, the child, Ernestine Matthews of 3445 Soellmer Rd., ran screaming into the arms of her mother, Mrs. Marlena Matthews after noises were heard in a bedroom.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Dentist involved in auto mishap

A 62-year-old dentist who lost control of his automobile while

Has anyone seen a cocker spaniel whose name's Poochie

Has anyone seen a black male cocker spaniel in the vicinity of Druid Hill Park?

If so, Mrs. Reba Fox of the Red Fox Lounge, Fulton and Pennsylvania Aves., would like to know.

The dog belongs to her and was lost in the Park Saturday night when a group of youngsters cut the animal's leash as he was being walked by a friend of Mrs. Fox.

"Poochie," that's the dog's name, just came back from

Three hurt in two accidents

Accidents at Gilmor and Lanvale Sts., and Madison Ave., and Mosher St., sent three persons to the hospital Sunday.

At Franklin Square Hospital, Mrs. Rosa Lee Hodge, 39, of 1655 Bentalou St., was treated for a knee injury, and Reginald Hodge, 38, for a nose bleed following the Gilmor St., accident.

The driver of the second car, Edward Lee Jr., 28, of 2831 E. Federal St., escaped injury. Mr. Hodge was charged with reckless driving.

Jerome Jones, 6, of 1509 Madison Ave., suffered an eye injury in an auto mishap at Mosher and Madison.

The driver, William Horne, 40, of 1037 Edmondson Ave., was charged with reckless driving.

Cambridge driver rides to death on expressway

"It was a mess out there".

That was the comment Thursday of a traffic officer after a 46-year-old Cambridge motorist was killed on the Baltimore - Washington Expressway.

city line when the accident occurred.

Witnesses reported that his car careened across a grass plot, and struck an automobile driven by Joseph S. Lee, 62, of the first block Linden Ter-

66 sign Monday, total now 95,210

Monday is always the biggest registration day at the Supervisors of Election Office, Fayette and Gay Streets.

66 colored persons registered Monday of this week, the largest single day registration this summer.

52 registered Monday of last week. Total registration for the week ending August 11th was 214 and the week ending August 18th, 218.

New registrations these past two weeks are still 3 to 1 Democrat. The total shows 316 Democrats registered, 107 Republicans, and 9 Declined.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF colored voters now on the books is 56,660 Democrats, 36,948 Republicans, 1,902 Declined. Total, 95,210.

Colored registered voters constitute 23 per cent of all voters registered in Baltimore City. The number of unregistered colored voters is 49,033.

The goal of the register and vote campaign is 100,000. With 25 more days to go, the committee needs only 4,000 more registrations to go over top.

Week Ending Aug. 18	Rep.	Dem.	Decl.	Total
Tuesday	10	26	0	36
Wednesday	6	25	1	32
Thursday	7	25	0	32
Friday	3	21	0	24
Saturday	8	20	0	28
Monday	20	48	3	66
Total	54	160	4	218
Registration To Date	36,948	56,360	1,902	95,210

Prospective registrants who enter the Fayette and Gay Streets entrance of the People's Court Buiding to go to the office of the Supervisors of Election will find outside a Register and Vote Committee representative who answers questions.

City to protest plan to cut transit service

City attorneys started mustering their forces this week to jump into the city transit service fray.

On orders from Mayor D'Alesandro, they are drawing a petition to intervene in current hearings before the Public Service Commission.

Under protest will be the upcoming combination of a proposed decrease of transit service and a probable increase transit fares.

THE FUROR erupted after the transit company submitted to the PSC a proposal to reduce daily transit mileage by 2,520 miles. The new schedules would be effective in the fall.

Dale W. Barratt, transit company president, said that the new schedules were developed from studies of actual usage of city buses.

He said that the proposed reduction in service still does not approach the reduction in patronage. He claimed that bus patronage has decreased six per cent in the past year — the proposed service decrease, he said, is only 3.5 per cent.

Actually, a double fare increase may be in the making. The company has already requested the PSC to grant a five cent raise in the fare.

This week, after the fare increase request was made, the company and transit workers' union representatives agreed to a 17-cent hourly wage raise in the coming months.

Mr. Barratt said that the cost of this wage raise will have to be borne by transit patrons—thus necessitating a new fare hike on top of the already-proposed five - cent one.

IN THE MEANTIME, traffic commissioner Henry Barnes proposed cutting the consolidation of bus routes—making a total of 19 bus routes out of the present 35.

Mayor D'Alesandro has attacked the company for a "vicious cycle" of reduced service and higher fares.

Pastor's son faces new robbery rap

A new robbery charge caused a postponement Tuesday of the scheduled Criminal Court trial of Eugene T. Grove Jr., 22, son of the Rev. Eugene Grove Sr. on a robbery charge.

Mr. Grove, who lives in the 5000 block Midwood Ave., was charged in Northeastern Police Court with assaulting and robbing Lee D. Babb, 2700 block E. Hoffman St., of $46 on August 13.

He entered a not guilty plea, and bail was set at $5,000. He was out under $3,000 bail.

Mr. Grove was scheduled to face trial Tuesday in Criminal Court before Judge Joseph Allen on a charge of assaulting and robbing Mrs. Irene Vicky Fowlkes, 700 block Sterling St., of her pocketbook and $42.63 on July 18.

Charged with him in this case is John Chisholm, 20, 400 block Aisquith St.

Jail term halted in dog theft case

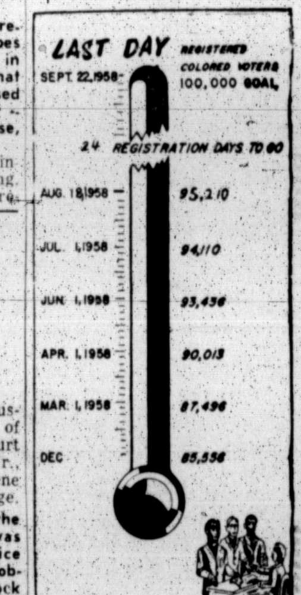
"Your Honor, this man has a clean record and he is a long time employee of the Sparrows Point steel plants.

"Certainly, the magistrate's sentence is much too severe for a case of this sort, where only the police placed a value on the dog."

This plea in Criminal Court Tuesday by Michael F. Freedman, attorney, brought a release from a 30-day jail sentence for Lee Hawkins, 35, 2700 block W. North Ave., on a dog theft conviction.

Mr. Hawkins had been given the sentence by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., for the theft of a dog belonging to Mrs. Creamer Graves, 2400 block Edmondson Ave.

Judge Joseph Allen, in response to Mr. Freedman's plea, gave Mr. Hawkins a suspended six-month House of Correction sentence, and fined him $100 and costs, in the appeal case.



YOU REGISTER NOW SO YOU CAN VOTE

A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Here are the facts in Baltimore:

Colored persons over 21 — 144,216; registered, 95,210 Not Registered, 49,006, Registered from April 1, 1957 to July 9, 1958, 20,240.

Sept. 22, 1958 is the last day you can register to vote in the November election.

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home and has not registered to vote before.

Any resident who has turned 21 since the last election or who will become 21 before the November election.

Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southwest corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 12.

If I have already registered, do I have to register again? —Answer — No, not unless you have changed your address or failed to vote in the past five years.

When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?—Answer—Sept. 22, 1958, and don't wait until the last minute!

Show your voting card in church on Sunday.

For further information call NAACP Register and Vote Committee 402 Dolphin St. LA. 3-8503 Between hours of

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'WALKER TOWN' HARDEST HIT IN FEDERALSBURG FLOOD

(See Story Column 1)

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'I Wish I Knew...'

Area hit hard by flood

By MOSES NEWSON

FEDERALSBURG, Md.—As the rain-swollen Marshyhope Creek slowly receded on Wednesday evening, a group of sad-eyed people who were forced from their homes by the high water on Monday night, were setting up emergency cots for the night.

All the town were agreed that this time the flood had been nothing like the $1 million catastrophe that struck the town of 2,200 back in 1935.

But for these residents of the "Walker Town," or "The Valley" area of the town's lower sections, it had been just as bad.

Most of the people who had to leave their homes lived right here in this area. Many of them got out with only what they were wearing.

This hardest hit section comprises a group of homes on and near Denton St. just behind the town's Main St., which also had water on it during the height of the flood.

Mrs. Geneva Bolden, a young housewife and mother of a two-year-old daughter, Anita, recalled for the AFRO on Wednesday how the flood drove them from their home:

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"IT WAS about a quarter of 11. I went into the kitchen which is the lowest part of the house and I stepped into water.

"I went and opened the

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THIS WAS WALKER TOWN in Federalsburg on Wednesday evening, an area in which colored families lived. This area was the most severely damaged residential section and most of the people were forced out, carrying only what they were wearing.

Find child dead in carriage

"I don't know what happened to my baby, I wish I knew."

"I went to wake her up in the carriage and she was dead."

"There was a little spot of blood there."

That was the comment Thursday afternoon of Mrs. Delores Buchanan of 130 Aisquith St. after the funeral arrangements had been made for her six-weeks-old daughter, Denice.

The infant was found dead in her parent's Lafayette Courts apartment Wednesday morning.

The cause of death has not been determined.

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THE YOUNG mother whose husband, Ronald, is on naval duty aboard the USS Fremont in Lebanon stated:

"It will be eight to ten days before they can tell me what happened. I'm waiting for a report from the medical examiner."

Central District police were called to Apt. 7-F by Mrs. Buchanan around 11 a.m. Wednesday to take a look at her child. The infant died before an ambulance could be summoned.

Mrs. Buchanan, according to police, reported that her child suffered a minor injury three weeks ago in a fall from a bed.

The mother speculated that the child may have suffered a head injury as a result of her fall.

"I took her to the hospital where she was examined but no X-rays were taken," Mrs. Buchanan explained.

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SHE ADDED, "I got up around 1:30 a.m. to give the baby her bottle. I fed her and burped her and she went to

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Who Will Rule—The Mob Or The U. S.?

Thurgood tells court Arkansas defies the whole United States

By LOUIS LAUTIER (For NNPA)

WASHINGTON

Asked to rule Thursday whether the seven Little Rock children could go back to Central High School in September, the U.S. Supreme Court has set Sept. 11 as the date to hear final arguments.

The High Court met in an extraordinary session at noon Thursday to listen to arguments of the NAACP's Thurgood Marshall and Little Rock's Richard P. Butler, attorneys, and U.S. Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, for the government.

Chief Justice Earl Warren presided.

The Justices recessed for lunch from 2:00 to 2:30 and returned to hear additional arguments until 3:25 p.m. when they recessed again to return at 4:30.

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THEY RETURNED at 5:10 p.m. and agreed, in effect, to narrow the question to this:

Whether the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Mo., was right in its ruling that the Little Rock colored students return to Central High School immediately.

Federal District Judge Harry J. Lemley had ruled the children out of school for 2½ years,

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THURGOOD MARSHALL
"Arkansas is defying the whole 'United States"

ORVAL E. FAUBUS
Arkansas Governor
"I have 12 new laws to keep Central High white or close it"

Justice Dept. Joins NAACP in Fight to Maintain Order

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department Thursday morning joined the NAACP in urging the Supreme Court to vacate lower federal court orders which bar the return of seven colored children to Central High School in Little Rock this fall.

In a brief filed for the United States as a friend of the court, the Justice Department said: Since the decision of the eighth United States Circuit Court of Appeals "is clearly correct" and there is no likelihood that the Little Rock School Board "can prevail on the merits, the relief sought by petitioners (NAACP) should be granted."

The brief was signed by J. Lee Rankin, Solicitor General; Oscar H. Davis, Philip Elman, Ralph S. Spritzer, assistants to the solicitor general, and Seymour Farber, attorney.

"There is no evidence in the record to indicate that determined local authorities cannot handle, if necessary, any future disturbance occurring in or around Central High School," the brief stated, adding:

"There was no showing that, prior to coming into court, respondents (Little Rock School Board) had even consulted with local law enforcement agencies."

"Nor was there any showing that they sought to enlist the aid of the Mayor of Little Rock, the city manager, or any other official of the state."

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THE BRIEF asserts that the primary responsibility for maintaining order and taking all other necessary measures

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THERE is still time to register so you can vote in the important Nov. 1958 elections. The Office of the Supervisors of Election in the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. If you're not already registered, do so today.

Over $1,250 for Clean Blockers

Big golden trophies, three $25 U.S. Savings Bonds, plaques, and more than $1,250 in cash prizes will be distributed to the winners of the 24th annual AFRO Clean Block program Sunday.

The closing Awards Program begins at 3 o'clock at the Knox Presbyterian Church, Broadway and Gay Sts., the Rev. Octavus Graham, pastor.

From all indications the church will be filled with expectant AFRO Clean Blockers anxious to learn what block has won and how they fared at the hands of the judges.

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THE COMMITTEE of Judges, comprised of Mrs. Miriam Winbourne, of the Social Security division, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Mrs. Elaine Wright, a Government employee, and Miss Thelma Anderson, a school teacher, completed its selection of the winners last Sunday after a gruelling 130-mile tour.

After completion of the seven-hour trip through East Baltimore, North Baltimore, South Baltimore, Northwest Baltimore and Turner Stations streets, the judges returned to the Clean Block office where they began tallying their score sheets on each block visited.

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WHAT WAS the result has been one of the best kept secrets since World War II.

A husband of one of the judges jokingly remarked that he wouldn't have believed his wife could keep something concealed that long.

But the secret will no longer be a secret after 3 o'clock Sunday.

The winners of first, second, third, fourth and fifth place prizes will be made public and the proud captains called to the platform and presented by Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay.

THE JUDGES' task did not end with selection of the top winners.

Each block was scored for beauty, greatest improvement, overall cleanliness, flowers and deportment and appearance of residents. So many points were tallied in each of these categories.

The points were added up

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Dr. Jackson's re-election is ruled as legal

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Rev. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago is the legally elected president of the National Baptist Convention, Judge Nathan Cayton, special master in the suit to oust Dr. Jackson, has found.

In a report filed in the District Court here Tuesday, Judge Cayton recommended that the court decide:

1. That the 1952 constitutional tenure amendment was adopted in violation of the constitution and was null and void.

2. That the amendment acquired no validity either by passage of time or action or inaction of the convention or its officials.

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3. THAT THERE was no constitutional bar to the re-election of Dr. Jackson at the 1957 convention held in Louisville, Ky., last September.

4. That Dr. Jackson was duly re-elected president on Sept. 4, 1957, and was entitled to hold that office under the convention constitution.

5. That there be a judgment or decree in favor of Dr. Jackson and denying the relief sought by the 10 ministers who brought the suit.

The 10 ministers challenged

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St. Marys must admit Joan Groves

Federal Court Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen has in effect ordered the St. Marys County Board of Education to admit a colored student to the Great Mills High School without further delay.

The action came Thursday when Judge Thomsen denied a motion by the county board of education to delay admission of Joan Elaine Groves to the school pending an appeal on a court order to admit her.

The NAACP, through Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and Tucker R. Dearing, attorneys, argued that Miss Groves has already lost one year at the school because of her race and granting of the motion would mean she would lose another year at

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Robert Johnson, top Elk officers, returned to office

The Johnson forces, in the three-hour opening session of the 59th annual Elks grandlodge, pushed through the reelection of the three top officials.

Rules were suspended and Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia was re-elected grand exalted ruler, William C. Hueston of Washington, grand secretary, and Judge Perry B. Jackson of Cleveland, grand treasurer.

With T. Gillis Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., presiding, Johnson read his annual report. As soon as the reading was completed, Nutter recognized J. Luther Sylvan of Syracuse, N.Y.

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"WE HAVE LISTENED to a report that is second to none in the history of the order," Sylvan told the grand lodge.

At the close of a brief speech, Sylvan moved that the grand exalted ruler's report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Of-

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New head is named for Barrett

W. Emerson Brown, president of the Board of Managers of the Barrett Training School for Girls, announced Wednesday the resignation of the school's superintendent, Greenfeld Prior.

Mr. Brown said the board accepted the resignation with regret and that it will become effective Sept. 21.

Mr. Prior has been selected to serve as superintendent at the Ferris School for Boys in Wilmington, Del. Mr. Prior was superintendent at Barrett School for three years.

Mrs. Vyola F. Lincoln, presently serving as assistant superintendent at the school, will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Prior.

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A NATIVE of Pecin Point, Ark., Mrs. Lincoln is a graduate of LeMayne College, Tenn., the School of Social Work at Chicago University, Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and the Howard University School of Social Work.

Married to Samuel G. Lincoln, who is employed as supervisor of case workers at Boys' Village, Mrs. Lincoln began her work career as a case worker in Cook County, Chicago.

She has also worked as personnel service director for the Overseas Red Cross Unit during World War II, and as supervisor of the National Headquarters of the Red Cross in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Lincoln has been at Barrett School for three years.

• THE WEATHER •

Friday, cloudy, rather cool, chance of occasional light rain. Saturday, fair and warmer. Sunday, fair. Monday, blustery.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Fri., Aug. 29	5:24 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 30	5:25 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 31	5:26 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 1	5:27 a.m.	6:33 p.m.

Redhead held in 'Apt. 4G' death

"He's down the hall.

"I shot him and took him down by the elevator."

According to police, those were the comments of a young

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housewife after an alleged former suitor was shot and killed in her Lafayette Cts., apartment last August 9th.

In connection with the shooting which allegedly occurred in Apt. 4G, Mrs. Constance Hazel Rivers was ordered held

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'NOT UNTIL I HAVE READ MY AFRO'

To drill or not to drill?—and it appears that the patient will have to wait while the dentist catches up on all the latest news to be found in each edition of the AFRO. Take a word of advice and read

Politics: A sensible vote faces 4th Dist. citizens

By MAX JOHNSON

Every citizen eligible to cast a vote in the November 4 general election is faced with two grave and unavoidable responsibilities — if he claims good citizenship.

1. He must vote.

2. He must vote sensibly.

These responsibilities stand, regardless of party affiliation or voting district.

Fortunately, there now appears to be a little question about the necessity of voting—except, perhaps, among those eligible citizens who have not yet registered.

There does seem to be some wide - spread difference of opinion, however, as to what constitutes a sensible vote.

AN EXCELLENT illustration is currently noticeable in the city's Fourth District.

Here the paramount issue to be decided by voters on November 4 is:

1. Whether they desire to continue living under the dictates of a political machine, which has, heretofore, given them little consideration; or,

2. Whether they prefer a voice in the district's affairs, through independent legislators of their own choice.

Political freedom — or continued political slavery.

It is as simple as that for Fourth District citizens who will vote to choose a State Senator and six House of Delegates members to represent them in Maryland's General Assembly in Annapolis.

All other issues likely to be

Woman power

The Woman Power bi-partisan organization announced at its Thursday evening meeting that more than 400 women have volunteered to work in the register-and-vote campaign.

According to Mrs. Ethel Rich, executive secretary of the group, more than 50 women per day have expressed willingness to take part in the pre-election day program now be-

Riot on boat

"Someone knocked me down and kicked me, I don't remember any more."

Mrs. Ethel Fountain gave this as the reason her two sons were arrested with two other men and charged with contributing to the "riot" aboard the Bay Belle Thursday night on an excursion sponsored by St.

More voices added to complaint against mayor

More voices were added this week to the chorus of censure arising over the refusal of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro to see a group of ministers favoring passage of the Dixon Civil Rights Bill.

The clergymen, representing the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, had requested

the ministers await the completion of the public hearings on the bill.

ACTUALLY, ONE hearing has already been held, but this was only for those in favor of the measure.

Still to be held is a hearing

• $50 FOR NEWS TIPS, PHOTOS •

There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips and news photos. If you have a tip or a newsworthy photo, call AFRO City Desk, MU. 5-6015, and say "I've got a news tip." Bring your