Turners Station Residents Launch $10,000 Drive for Recreation Center

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Tots Witness Slaying of Mother

Drive for $10,000 Center Under Way

Turners Station Residents to Buy Nursery Building for Community Use

The largest civic undertaking in Turners Station history—a campaign to raise $10,000 for a community center building—will be formally launched at 4 p.m. Sunday with a kick-off mass meeting at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president of Morgan State College, heads the list of well-known personalities scheduled to appear at the church which is located on East Ave. in Turners Station.

Other speakers include Ian Ross MacFarlane, internationally-known news commentator and lecturer, Furman Templeton, vice chairman of the Baltimore Housing Authority, and Spencer Huffman, prominent Towson businessman.

Mr. Templeton

The residents plan to buy the building that formerly housed the Ernest Lyons Nursery School. The drive is organized under the title of "United Campaign for a Truners Station Community Building."

The idea to purchase the property was initiated by the Turners Station Progressive Association.

The drive was planned by a sponsoring committee working under Dr. Arthur L. Johnson, chairman of the campaign. Actual solicitation is being done by the residents.

Two Choirs to Sing

Other persons to appear on Sunday's program are Dr. Joseph Thomas, the Rev. David B. Banks, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold Nixon.

Choirs from New Shiloh and the Apostolic Faith Church will furnish music. Mrs. Margaret Blake and Miss Anita Edwards will sing solos. The 200 volunteer workers who have been soliciting from door to door since last Monday will make their first reports.

100 New Workers

On Monday, an additional 100 workers will join those already in the field. All authorized solicitors carry blue identification cards signed by Dr. Johnson, campaign chairman, and issue signed receipts to persons making donations.

The names of donors giving $5

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Oust Garrett, Mayor Urged

Progressive Party Fans Political Flames

ACTION DEMANDED

Petition Follows Call by Democratic Group

Maryland's Progressive Party fanned political flames under Mayor D'Alesandro, Thursday, by demanding that he remove Robert Garrett from the chairmanship of the Board of Recreation and Parks.

The "heat" was first applied to the mayor last week, when a group of colored Democrats led by Lloyal Randolph, marched into the executive's office and charged that his appointments of assistant city solicitors were dictated by James (Jack) Pollack, Fourth District political leader.

"Violated Agreement"

Maintaining that its objection was not to Calvin Douglass as one of the appointed, the group accused the mayor of violating a "gentlemen's agreement" by which he was to consult the Randolph faction before making such appointments.

Sparked by Dr. J. E. T. Camper, its vice chairman and candidate for Congress from the Fourth Dis-

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Jackie Robinson Arrives in Camp

By SAM LACY

CIUDAD TRUJILLO — Jackie Robinson arrived by plane at the Brooklyn Dodgers training camp yesterday (Thursday) at 8:20 a.m.

Robinson, who was given permission to report late, was bereaved over the death of a close friend, the Rev. Karl E. Downs, president of Sam Houston College, who died last Thursday in Austin, Texas.

Jackie formerly coached at the Texas college.

Robinson was assigned Room 203 at the fashionable Jaragua Hotel. The 1947 rookie of the year prepared immediately to get into action, reporting to the practice field two hours after his arrival.

March Comes in Like Lion, but Tempestuous Weather Is to Abate

Though March came in in the proverbial manner, like a lion, followed by a mild mid-week, the week end is scheduled to be fair, although slightly cooler.

Temperatures are expected to average slightly above the early March normal, with slight precipitation, probably a light rain.

COMPARE FOR YOURSELF:

Headlines Misleading, Prices Really at Peak

By TOM RAWLS

Headlines that screamed of price drops a few days ago weren't quite accurate and the Government's announcement that it is again in the market for wheat has brought the costs of living outlook back to what it has been ever since V-J Day—not good!

On Thursday when Uncle Sam notified grain dealers that he is again interested in wheat, the price went up 10 cents a bushel. This means the few items on the grocers' shelves that went down two weeks ago are going up again.

When the stock market slipped a few weeks ago and grain futures went down, a few commodities skidded too. But by now economists have agreed this reaction was not an indication of a break in the inflationary trend.

Clothing Prices Rise

While some chain stores were quick to mark down selected items

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HAVE YOU MET BREEZY?

Well, you'd better get acquainted. Breezy is just one of the lovable characters in the AFRO's new 4-page comic section appearing in the Five-Star (Tuesday) Magazine and there are lots of other features too. Take out reader insurance by getting the AFRO by mail for six whole months by sending $3.00 to the

AFRO Subscription Dept.
628 N. Eutaw St. Balto., 3, Md.

Roy Bond Recuperating From Minor Operation

Surrounded by flowers, telegrams and letters of goodwill, Roy S. Bond, attorney, is recuperating at his Druid Hill Ave. home from a minor operation performed at Johns Hopkins Hospital during an eight-day stay.

Known in court circles as "the divorce king," Mr. Bond reports that he is "dictating letters right and left," and begging his physician, Dr. Ralph Young, to allow him to return to his law office on Monday.

Owners Must Act As Servants

County Covenant Upheld

They Saw Their Mother Slain on This Spot

Two sad-eyed youngsters, Clarence and Vonzella Taylor, point to the spot where they saw their mother, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 41, fall under a hail of bullets Wednesday afternoon. The mother was dead when taken to a local hospital. Note woman's hair fastener near puddle of blood on the rug. Clarence is 4 years old and Vonzella, 3 The dead woman's son-in-law, David Smith, of 1316 E. Monument St., has been charged with the slaying.

Pastor, Doctor Hit by Suits

Judge Cites Courts in Approving Pacts

APPEAL PLANNED

Purchasers Spent $35,000 on Homes

The Rev. Hiram Smith and Dr. Frank A. Saunders, owners of homes in Pasadena, Md., valued at $35,000 may occupy the property only if they do so as servants, the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County has ruled.

The decision was handed down by Judge William McWilliams on Friday, three days before he retired from the bench.

The restrictive covenant, covering a 100-acre area provides that it cannot be sold to "Negroes, Chinese or their descendants for occupancy as owners," but that they may live there ONLY as servants.

Case Begun in 1946

The 18-page decision brought to a close the first legal step of the fight which was begun in August 1943.

The ruling covers specifically the property the Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, and Dr. Saunders, a Baltimore physician, purchased as homes. It does not involve Beechwood Park, operated by the minister.

The first action was an injunction filed by attorneys for Edward H. Phillips to prevent the families from living in the homes they repaired and improved at great expense.

Arbitrary Ruling Cited

Three hearings were held in the small courtroom in Annapolis, during which attorneys for the Rev. Mr. Smith were technically confounding, when they defied opposing lawyers to prove Mr. Smith was "a Negro." The minister is a native American Indian.

On the racial angle, the judge ruled that Dr. and Mrs. Saunders admitted they were colored and

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Son-in-Law Held as Murder Suspect

Niece, 9, Tells How Man, 48, Accused Woman of 'Running'

While her two young children looked on helplessly, a 41-year-old mother was shot to death in her home at 1516 E. Monument St., Wednesday afternoon by a gunman who fled out of the back door.

Five bullets riddled the body of the victim, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, who was pronounced dead when taken to Hopkins Hospital.

A few hours later police arrested the woman's 48-year-old son-in-law, David Smith, and charged him with the fatal shooting.

Smith, who is married to the dead woman's 18-year-old daughter, Ethel May, was held without bail when arraigned at Northeastern police court, Thursday afternoon.

He will be given a preliminary hearing at the police court on a date to be set by the State's attorney's office.

Accused Her of "Running"

This graphic eyewitness account of the shooting was given by nine-year-old Margaret Taylor, a niece of the dead woman:

"I had come home from school for lunch, and Mrs. Taylor had fixed lunch for me and her two children (Vonzella, 3, and Clarence, 4).

"We were eating sandwiches in the kitchen, and Mrs. Taylor was ironing in the dining room when David Smith came in and said: 'I told you if I caught you running around I'd kill you.' Then he pulled out a gun and started shooting.

"I ran into the dining room and saw Mrs. Taylor lying on the floor. While she was there, he shot at her some more, then brushed past

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Money Authorized for Plans for New City Hospitals Ward

Mayor D'Alesandro this, morning (Friday) signed an ordinance providing $150,000 for the drawing and specifications of a new building to replace the delapidated section of City Hospitals assigned to colored tuberculosis patients.

Erection of the new structure will depend on successful passage of an $8,000,000 bond issue for buildings to appear on the ballot in the November elections.

Calling the existing building a fire trap and disgrace to the city, the mayor said the new facilities will provide beds for 300 patients. He also expressed hope that the State Legislature will authorize appropriations for additional beds for patients cared for by the State health department.

Cab Drivers' Terror Abates

Brothers Confess Killing 2 Hackers

POLICE GET TIP

One Victim's Plea for Life Recalled

WASHINGTON

The five-day reign of terror, during which two local cab drivers were viciously murdered, ended on Wednesday, police said when they announced they had obtained signed confessions of the crimes from two brothers.

The two homeless vagrants, who are said to have terrorized taxi drivers by two brutal slayings, were identified by police as George Alfred Garner, 25, alias "Dead Man," and Lawrence Joseph Garner, 23.

Victims Brutally Slain

The two hackers slain Saturday night were Howard Jones, 37, of 417 Irving St., N.W., whose body was discovered at the rear of 804 First St., S.E., and James Hardy, 32, of 647 G St., N.E., found fatally wounded at the foot of a railway embankment at New Jersey Ave. and I St., N.W.

Both had been robbed before they were shot; and one of them, Jones, had been brutally beaten and cut about the face as though with a piece of broken glass.

The desperado suspects signed confessions after an all-night grilling at police headquarters. They were booked and charged with

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X-ray Unit Goes to Poe Project

Closing this week at the Gilmor Homes, the mass chest X-ray survey being made available to the public will move on Monday to the Poe Project.

Citizens, tenant councils and civic organizations have joined in the health campaign against tuberculosis. Students of Coppin Teachers College rang doorbells in urging people in the neighborhood to take advantage of the survey at the Gilmor Homes.

Joint Sponsorship

The project, open from 4 to 9 p.m. daily, is sponsored by the Health Department with the cooperation of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

During Negro Health Week which opens April 4, the survey will operate in South Baltimore. It already has been operated in East Baltimore and the Cherry Hill sections.

Trial Marriage Ends in Divorce

14 Days Long Enough, Both Parties Agree

A 14-day trial marriage, which voluntarily ended when both parties found themselves incompatible, was legally terminated here Monday in Circuit Court.

The divorce decree went to Mrs. Gladys Boston of 1644 Milliman St., after she testified that she and Musician Milton Boston of New York City, pianist for Bill Robinson, the tap dancer, agreed to call their marriage off when their two-week honeymoon soured.

She will resume her maiden name, Jones. Roy S. Bond was attorney for the wife.

"Divorce King" Hospitalized

The fact that he was hospitalized did not deter the divorce business carried on by Mr. Bond, who spent the week at Johns Hopkins.

With a battery of secretaries, the "Divorce King" carried on, obtaining decrees for seven other clients.

Locked Out of Apartment

Robert Blackwell of 2015 Druid Hill Ave., one of his clients, told the court that Mrs. Ruth Blackwell, of the Bellevue-Manchester Apartments, changed the lock on

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$2.60 or Ear; So 'Butcher' Goes to Jail

The price of meat went up to $2.60 at Criminal Court, Wednesday, where one man said another sliced off part of his ear because he owed him that amount.

"That ain't why I cut him, your honor, cause he's been owing me that money since Christmas," protested James Bennett to Judge Herman Moser.

"Yes, that is the reason," insisted Chester McDonald, the remains of his ear swathed in bandages.

At any rate, Bennett admitted that he cut his friend, and was subsequently sentenced to six months in jail.

Bennett contended, however, that McDonald drew a knife against him before he brandished his own.

TIME FOR CLEAN CITY BROADCAST CHANGED

The time for the Bureau of Sanitation's Clean City Campaign broadcast, which has been heard over Station WBAL on Saturday afternoons at 5:15 to 5:30 p.m., will be changed beginning March 6 from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Nurse Saves Tot From Fiery Death

Smothers Flaming Clothes With Coat

A public health nurse established herself as a heroine Wednesday, when she saved the life of a 4-year-old child who, with her clothing afire from head to foot, ran about desperately, shrieking for aid.

The nurse was Mrs. Ella Hughes of 604 N. Fulton Ave., who was graduated from Provident Hospital in 1935.

Smothered Flames With Coat

Her story follows:

"I was walking through the 300 block of N. Gilmor St., when I happened to look across the street and see a small child running down the hallway of a house at 325.

"She was a mass of flames from head to foot and screaming for all she was worth. Dropping my kit on a nearby doorstep, I dodged between automobiles in crossing the street, at the same time pulling my coat off."

Mrs. Hughes wrapped the tot in this improvised blanket, hailed a passing car and accompanied the

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OUSTER NOT UNANIMOUS:

3 Cheltenham Board Members Favored Kiah

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The AFRO learned this week that at least three members of the "lame duck" Cheltenham board which dismissed Calvin L. Kiah were opposed to the move.

It has also been learned that there is some community opinion that the new board is not the best that Governor Lane might have selected.

In a signed statement to the AFRO, issued after the three members of the board who favored Mr. Kiah's retention had met, Dr. Robert L. Jackson declared that Mr. Kiah had not been given an opportunity to demonstrate his ability to run the institution.

Interference Criticized

"He was accepted reluctantly, interferred with continually and finally dismissed," Dr. Jackson asserted in his letter.

"While the board's action in the dismissal of Mr. Kiah may have been unanimous in regard to the six members present, one member

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CUPID'S Progress

8 VISITORS IN GROUP OF 25 TO WED HERE

Baltimore served as a Gretna Green, this week for the following four out-of-town couples:

James E. Davis, 36, and Miss Beatrice Brown, 32, both of Richmond; Preston Morris, 42, and Miss Fannie Mears, 45, both of Camden, N.J.;

John Ross, 44, New York City, and Miss Mary Moore, 30, Louisburg, N.C.; and Armister Lewis, 40, and Mrs. Mary Chappell, 42, widow, both of New York City.

Sexagenarians Wed

Heading the list of 4 Baltimoreans who obtained marriage licenses, here, were 61-year-old James Brown, widower, and Mrs Ellen Johnson, 65, widow, of 1131 Briscoe St.

Also obtaining permits were:

SCOTT-BUTTS — Lion, 28, 1327 Edmondson Ave.; Marie, 21.
WILLIAMS-JACKSON — Spencer W., 25; Bertha, 30, divorced, 1137 N. Carrollton Ave.
WAYMAN-STURDIVANT—George G., 31, divorced, 414 Mott St.; Esther, 33, divorced.
GORDON-SEALY—Norman J., 50, divorced; Helen, 31, 1725 N. Calhoun Street.
KINDALL-ROGERS—Lee T., 31, 538 W. Biddle St.; Mary L., 29, divorced.
BROWN-GARY — Jesse, 51, 128 N. Madeira St.; Annie, 41.
WHITNER-WILLIAMS—Raymond, 22, 1826 Laurens St.; Mary, 19.

Story of AFRO Founder to Be Broadcast Sunday

Program One of Two to Be Aired by Company as Part of Observance of Newspaper Week

Two radio programs will be presented by the AFRO-AMERICAN Publishing Company on local stations next week as a part of the 121st observance of National Negro Newspaper Week March 7 to 13

A 15-minute broadcast of highlights from the life of John H. Murphy Sr., AFRO founder, will be heard on Sunday, March 7, from 9:15 to 9:30 p.m. over Station WITH.

On Saturday, March 13, a 15-minute roundtable discussion will be heard from 4:15 to 4:30 p.m. over Station WCAO.

The first of these programs, which will open a nationwide observance, was written by Ralph Matthews, editor of the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN.

It will feature as cast in the presentation members of the New Faces Guild, amateur dramatic group, which Mr. Matthews directs.

Round Participants Named

Participants on the WACO Roundtable, who will discuss "The Role of Colored Newspapers in American Life," will be:

Alexander J. Allen, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League; Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, director of the Citizens' Committee for Justice;

William S. Taylor, co-ordinator of the Eastside Community Committee, and William I. Gibson, editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Other Broadcasts Slated

In addition, there will be three coast-to-coast broadcasts during

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Douglass High Auditorium has needed paint for

1198 WEEKS

Pupils, parents and teachers are urged to report dirty schools and classrooms to—
School Cleanup Reporter
Mulberry 6015
Baltimore AFRO

School Buildings' Looks Neglected

Douglass High School is not alone in having been sadly neglected by the Department of Education's maintenance bureau.

However, improvements were anticipated by the fact that John W. Lewis, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of business management, on Thursday told the School Board that he will soon submit a $275,300 program for painting schools.

The subject at the School Board meeting was brought up by George W. F. McMechen who pointed out how badly the

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Pile Hair High for Chic

Taking part in the Master Beauticians' Association's "Who's Who" popularity contest in Baltimore, Miss Amelia Harris of 704 N. Calhoun St. models the "Up-With-It-All" coiffure, a fingerwave, swerved to the side with chignon knot on top.