Held McKee Kin

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a white woman and has two children.

Latest reports are that his representatives are making every effort to establish the colonel as a white man, although he was reportedly a former slave.

Shortly after the colonel's death, survivors who objected to the terms of the will, including Dr. Henry Minton, received cash settlements for not contesting the document.

McKee is basing his claim to the estate on the grounds that he was not aware of the settlement and had not participated in or agreed to the compromise.

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Councilman 'Explains' His Anti-Civil Rights Stand

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tion. My point is that many of these things should have been accomplished by now, but I believe that they can be effected on the State level," he declared.

Assails ADA Group

The councilman made his remarks in connection with an attack upon the local chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action and Mayor D'Alesandro, whom he labeled "a sawdust Caesar" and a "political accident."

He said he objected to people who pose as liberals and are in reality "more of the leftist type and Communists."

The ADA, last week, announced that it would support Rep. Edward Garmatz, one Mr. DiDomenico's opponents, for nomination, and the mayor's political protege.

Would Limit U.S. Scope

Mr. DiDomenico insisted that the Federal Government should not interfere in State matters, unless it involves its own domain, "say for instance the postal system."

Discussing further his opposition to Federal enforcements of anti-lynching and anti-jim crow laws, the councilman said:

"In looking back and knowing what the States have done, it isn't easy to believe that they are going to bring these changes about themselves.

"But although much is still lacking, I believe that in Baltimore and Maryland the relationship between the races has bettered."

Not a Covenant Supporter

Remarking that he thought his statement about the rights of whites to live in all-white blocks might be construed, the Congressional candidate said, "I'm not advocating covenants by any means."

He added, "Time, tolerance and understanding are the answers to the problem, not the forcible Federal intervention advocated by so-minded liberals."

Mr. DiDomenico said further, "I've always felt that the colored man should have every advantage of the white man, but I repeat that I don't like the approach on a Federal level as advocated by others.

"In every State there are conditions peculiar to that State. Things involving those States should be treated in that light."

Mr. DiDomenico served in the State Legislature from 1945-46.

Hubby Forced Her Out, Wife Charges

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charged Mrs. Stevenson with having inflicted with an ice pick.

Without Witnesses

Mr. Stevenson's case was weakened, however, because he did not produce a witness to corroborate his statements.

Judge Conwell Smith of Circuit Court granted a divorce to the wife, and ordered Stevenson to pay her $15 per week alimony, and $30 fees to her attorney, Lindwood Koger. The husband was represented by E. Everett Lane, attorney.

Husband Over Jealous

Adding charges of extreme jealousy to that of cruelty was a divorce for Mrs. Mildred McGee of 1122 Argyle Ave., from Fletcher McGee.

Mrs. McGee said that her husband not only cursed her, but threatened her life, merely because she stood outside of their home and talked to friends.

She left, she said, after he told her, "If you go to bed here tonight, you will be dead before morning."

Next day, she said, he put her clothes in her car, and followed around the streets looking for her. He had chased her out of the house once before, she said.

Mrs. McGee was represented by Mr. Lane.

8 File Petitions

Petitions for divorces were filed by eight complainants. They were:

Mrs. Marcella Rucci vs. Nicholas, Donald Frye, attorney; Mrs. Mildred Johnson vs. Timothy, Josiah Henry Jr., attorney; Ernest vs. Mrs. Hilda Sneed, Josiah Henry Jr., attorney.

Orville vs. Mrs. Margaret Neal, Josiah Henry Jr., attorney; John S. vs. Mrs. Violet Banner, Roy S. Bond, attorney; James vs. Mrs. Josephine E. Moody, Roy S. Bond, attorney;

James E. vs. Mrs. Mary Brown, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Alice Hall vs. Charles, Roy S. Bond, attorney.

Slayer's Pal Gets 7 Years

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Tuesday, admitted stealing the gun testimony, before Judge Henry Niles, which he sold to Wood and which was used to kill the policeman.

Mr. C. Weiss, assistant State's attorney, told the court that Wright first met Wood in the 1900 block of Greenmount Ave., where the youth worked in a radio shop. The former admitted he stole the gun from a shelf of the shop in December, Weiss stated.

Revealed Unreported Crimes

Through his court-appointed attorney, Dallas F. Nicholas, the youth pleaded guilty to stealing the pistol, guilty to unauthorized use of the stolen automobile in which he and Wood "worked" for 28 days, and guilty to robbery without a deadly weapon in two cases.

In his confession, Wright told police that he and Wood took several people for "rides," robbed them, then put them out of the car. These crimes were never reported to police, Mr. Weiss said.

Wright was traced through a watch taken from a young woman on Jan. 20.

Wood said that he climbed into the front seat of a car in which a couple was sitting, and pointed the pistol, while Wright stripped them of their jewelry from his spot on the back seat.

Car Twice Escaped Police

The watch was located in a pawn shop. Wright was arrested Feb. 16, after the stolen car in which he and Wood operated twice escaped police, who caught sight of it in different sections of the city.

Mr. Nicholas argued that society was partly to blame for the actions of Wright, as he told how the boy was the lone provider for a partially-blind mother, a disabled stepfather and seven younger sisters and brothers.

The attorney for the defense pointed out that no member of the family attended school beyond the 10th grade. Wright reached the third. The family of 11 persons lives in a five-room house at 413 Hewes St., which rents for $3.50 a week, Mr. Nicholas went on.

Did Not Testify

He argued that Wright thought the gun was of no use since the hammer was broken, and it was unloaded.

Mr. Nicholas stressed the fact that the gun was never reported stolen until Wood was arrested in connection with the officer's slaying.

Wright did not take the witness stand in his own behalf, although during Wood's trial two weeks ago, he turned State's evidence, and testified that he sold the man the gun for $20.

AUTOIST HITS PEDESTRIAN CITED FOR RECKLESSNESS

Earl Tuesday, Leroy Sampson, 54, 713 Harlem Ave., was cited for reckless driving after the truck he was operating struck a white pedestrian at Calvert and Water Sts. The pedestrian was treated for minor injuries at Mercy Hospital.

Southern Life Co. Reports $317,487 Holdings for '47

Now in its 41st year of operation, the Southern Life Insurance Company at its stockholder's meeting, Friday, reported gross holding of $317,487.39 for 1947, an increase of $38,381.11 over $279,156.27 in 1946.

The 1947 surplus funds totaled $53,778.14 as compared with $43,786.14 in the previous year. There were 16,687 policies in force, valued at $2,169,829.45 during 1947.

Board, Officers Elected

Elected to the board of directors were Willard W. Allen, W. Emerson Brown and the Rev. Simon Williamson, who were in turn re-elected president, executive vice-president-secretary; and vice-president-treasurer, of the company respectively.

Other vice-presidents are William E. Fletcher, the Rev. George J. Garnett, and James A. Jackson; and assistant secretaries, Joseph A. Bush and Mrs. Ida W. Hayes.

Also on the board are Alvin S. Stanley, and Dallas S. Nicholas.

Goals of Company

The company was founded and headed in 1906 by the late Rev. William M. Alexander, with $300 holdings, $5,000 insurance in force and six employees. At present goals are:

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'Strange Fruit' Romance Denied

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the court to dismiss Mrs. Carpenter's action.

The white man admits through his attorney that he met Mrs. Carpenter in September, 1945. He denies, however, that he visited her freely in her quarters in the Dunbar Hotel, until ordered by the management to cease his calls.

Mrs. Carpenter, through her attorney, DeLong Harris, had charged that she and Abrams spent numerous nights together in other hotels, and tourist homes, but Abrams denies this.

Abrams says Mrs. Carpenter is in error when she says he "fraudulently" promised to buy her the place as a home in consideration of their intimate friendship, and the further consideration of her devoting "full time, energy, skill, and labor" to the management of a club in the basement.

Denies $400 "Take"

Mrs. Carpenter, a Government worker, had stated that the club's intake averaged $300 to $400 per week, and that after Abrams made the initial $2,000 payment on the home, he took $75 a month from the common funds to pay off the indebtedness.

That is also denied by Abrams.

The white man makes two other admissions—that he was married to another last September and that he sold the home to Mrs. Vines.

In her motion to dismiss the suit, Mrs. Vines claims that she had no part of the alleged fraud. In opposing it, Mr. Harris contends that all parties connected with such a proceeding must necessarily be involved.

LENT SEASON OF SACRIFICES?

Probe Reveals Church Folks Give Up Little

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"The Sanctuary," containing daily devotional readings and prayers, "Factors in the Lenten Scene," a similar publication by the Rev. C. Baker Pearie, AME minister, will be used by others.

The formal Lenten observances of the Episcopal and Catholic churches began on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 11) and continue, with numerous special services and communions, until Easter Sunday.

Both groups observe weekly, the Stations of the Cross, a service designed to carry the thoughts of the Christian with Christ from the Cross to Calvary.

Other Special Observances

During Holy Week, Episcopalians observe Maundy Thursday, the day of "The Last Supper," with communion rites and a "Quiet Day" and talks for women. A three-hour Good Friday service beginning at noon is held.

On Easter Eve there are baptisms and lighting of the Paschal Candle, which burns through the Easter season, followed on the Day of the Resurrection with a series of services beginning at 5 a.m.

Catholics observe Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Pre-sanctified on Good Friday, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle and the New Fire on Saturday, and the regular masses on Sunday.

Other Denominational Rites

Methodist in some churches attended noon services on Thursday and Friday, and joined thousands of Christians in fasting until 3 p.m. on the latter day, the hour when Christ was said to have been taken from the cross.

Self-denial folders for a Lenten offering were distributed to members of some churches. Generally speaking, the observance is left to the discretion of the several ministers.

Many AME churches will hold services Friday night. Lenten offerings will be divided between foreign missions and the denominational publishing concern.

Baptists Services Informal

The Baptists will hold similar services, some including the presentation of the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by DuBois. Sacrificial offerings will be designated for missions.

The Lenten observance is primarily an individual matter in most Presbyterian churches. If donations are made, money saved is to be given to the church.

After 29 Years BTC Says 'Wait'

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that line were re-routed to service Morgan students only twice a day.

He insisted that the company had not received the assurance that it would "pay" on a financial basis to run a bus to Morgan, but when informed that 1000 fares are certainly worth servicing, Mr. Tompkins began to explain how experienced bus drivers are paid $1.30 an hour.

"We can't just pluck buses out of a line. The people won't have anything to ride on," he said.

Says No Buses Ready

Reminded that Morgan students now have nothing to ride upon unless they walk a half mile, the BTC official said he realized that, but the company must first meet its obligation to convert fixed wheel lines to buses.

He stated that in connection with that plan, which has already lagged along since 1945, every available bus is earmarked for use, and Morgan will have to wait.

It was Mr. Tompkins who declared, "Heaven only knows," when asked how much longer this reconversion plan would take for completion.

Suffer In Bad Weather

Meanwhile, Morgan students and teachers must plod along that dirt road through all types of weather. Even if one bus were to run to the college on rainy or snowy days, the young women students would be protected from the inclement weather.

At present, the bus turns around in the Cold Spring Lane area. It could just as well go the half mile to Morgan.

Mr. Tompkins stated that "I feel sure the time will come when we can give direct bus service to Morgan."

The time may also come when it will snow on the Fourth of July, but no one expects to see it within the next 100 years.

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Thugs Used Key to Enter

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robbery occurred shortly after 3 a.m.

Vegg's Faces Masked

The two porters had just stepped from behind a screen on the stage of the theatre when they faced three men with their faces partly covered with handkerchiefs.

Flashing automatic revolvers, the bandits tied the arms of the porters behind them, then made them lie face downward on the floor.

During this time the three thugs were holding a conversation with an accomplice in the theatre's office, whom they later joined.

After the thugs had fled, the porters managed to wriggle free of their bonds and phone police.

An investigation by officers re-vealed that entrances had been gained through a front door. A key was found in the lock where it had been left by the robbers.

The safe was gone. Police said it contained approximately $6,800 in cash and an undermined amount in signed checks.

Amount of Loss Unknown

Sam Ward, the manager of the theatre, told the AFRO that he was unable to estimate the amount of loot taken, as the safe contained personal and business papers of an undetermined value.

The limited description the victims were able to give police of the holdup men included the facts that they were tall and wore nondescript Army clothing.

Church Women Call Meeting on Nursery

Working on a campaign to spur enrollment at the nursery school at 510 Orchard St., the Interdenominational Council of Church Women, sponsor, will hold a call meeting at 1 p.m. Monday.

Mrs. Edna Redmond is supervisor of the school and Mrs. Eva B. White, chairman of the committee.

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Truman Will Let 'Em Take 2 Walks

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turbed at what was referred to as the "rising revolt" against his nomination at the Democratic National Convention this summer, because of his civil rights program.

In addition to that, the President flatly predicted a Democratic victory in the November elections, telling the reporters that it was no hunch, but a prophecy.

Dentists to Discuss Federal Influence

NORFOLK, Va.—A discussion on Federalized dentistry, special clinics, visiting exhibits and a forum will feature the annual meeting of the Old Dominion Dental Society here March 19-20. Sessions will be held at Eureka Lodge Home and the Community Hospital.

Dr. Bishop Merritt of Danville is president of the society, and Mrs. Ofelia L. Jackson is president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Visiting delegates are expected from Illinois, Georgia and other States.

Clinic lectures will include Drs. Joseph L. Henry and M. R. Williams of Washington. Dr. William S. Hart of Hampton will conduct the forum.

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Like the Famous Walls of Jericho, Cherry Hill Homes Came Tumbling Down!

Shaky floors, shrunken doors and posts, flooded cellars and caved in walkways characterize a majority of 300 homes constructed at Cherry Hill by private building companies scarcely three years ago. The puddle of water, which reaches half way up the door of the woman in the picture at the left, has stood in the cellar entrance of one home for nearly three years. It was formed from rain water, which seeped through the ground and flooded the entire cellar. In the center picture, Alexander Brown, president of the Cherry Hill Protective Association, points to one of the many porch posts which have shrunken. Note bricks supporting the posts and cracked cement along cellar entrances. The picture at right shows the driveway along the rear of homes which caved in completely when a truck parked there. Many sections of the floors in the homes are unsupported by joists, and several persons have fallen through. The tenants are contemplating civil action against the builders.

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Dr. Camper Scores Md. Congressmen

Negative Vote Against Equality Fund Cited

Maryland Congressmen's apparent lack of interest in minority group problems was scored this week by Dr. J. E. T. Camper, 4th District Congressional candidate on the Progressive Party ticket.

He asked where were they hiding when a clause which would have prohibited the use of Federal funds for State and educational institutions practicing racial discrimination was proposed by Vito Marcantonio, a Congressman from New York.

Dr. Camper was referring to the fact that on March 8, Southern Democrats joined Northern Republicans in killing Marcantonio's attempt to restore to a monetary bill an anti-discrimination clause eliminated by the Appropriations Committee.

Opportunity Ignored

"Here was an opportunity," Dr. Camper said "for the Truman Democrats of our State and particularly Fallon of the 4th District to show that they are really interested in minority problems.

"The clause proposed by Marcantonio spelled jobs. That is what minority people want and need, economic opportunity on the basis of ability."

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630 Sugar Workers Out on Strike

Bargaining Rights, Wage Boosts Wanted

Some 900 workers, 630 of whom are colored, went on strike at 2:30 p.m. today (Friday) at the American Sugar Refinery Company.

The strike was called after a breakdown in negotiations for wage increases and industry-wide bargaining rights.

The 2:30 deadline was set at a special pre-strike meeting Thursday night by Local 392 of the Sugar and Allied Products Division of the United Packing House Workers of America (CIO).

In a last minute statement both William W. Williamson, president of the Local, and August Merker, manager of the plant, expressed a willingness to "sit down and talk things over." The meeting never materialized.

Picket Line on Monday

At Thursday night's special meeting, plans were made to set up picket lines at the plant on Monday.

The strike was preceded by heavy purchases of sugar by wholesalers who anticipated the work stoppage. Some employees worked late Thursday night loading trucks with sugar to fill the eleventh hour demands.

The entire plant was cleaned up and prepared for the strike at the close of business on Thursday.

$6,000 Homes Falling Apart

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his foot into the unsupported planks.

Not to be confused with the adjoining array of apartment houses constructed by the Federal Government and supervised by the Baltimore Housing Authority, these faulty homes, consisting of some 300 units, were finished early in 1945 by two main construction companies.

Since the Cherry Hill Protective Association was organized in April, 1945, the people have complained. Their answer has been the levelling off of more lots for more homes, almost completely covering the Cherry Hill area.

May Take Court Action

At present, the citizens, with the legal assistance of William H. Murphy, attorney, are contemplating civil action. They have already met with representatives of the City Solicitor's office in connection with the current grand jury probe into faulty housing for veterans.

Several officials of one construction company involved here already have been presented by the grand jury on charges in connection with the probe in another section of the city.

When the two-story, four room houses were first made ready for occupancy, the yield for $5,750 for corner homes, and $5,250 for inside homes. At that time, 60% were available for rental.

Prices Jumped After War

After V-J Day when the veterans returned, prices of the homes jumped to $5,900 to $6,300. Result was 98% of the people who were renting were forced either to move or buy.

One veteran revealed that he in purchasing his home for $5,900, and the house is a "flat top" structure with no cellar. This is one of the houses with an unsupported floor.

Due to numerous complaints, only eight houses have since been equipped with sub-flooring.

A matron who fell through a plank when cleaning declared that she "cries when it rains," because of the way her cellar is flooded.

Although the roofs seem to be in good order, it appears that the water seeps into the cellars because they are built low to the ground, without the benefit of any subterranean drainage.

Several housewives have resorted to bailing out their cellars, but the two-foot pool of water mentioned earlier, has remained because the tenant's fear it is diseased. Consequently, they have not used the back entrance to the cellar for nearly three years, and the basement is practically useless because of the constant dampness.

Many persons have taken it upon themselves to fill up cracks in the floors which otherwise left an unhampered view from the first floor to the basement.

Because such conditions were apparent when numerous families moved into the homes, leaders of the citizens' group are wondering the structures met the approval of inspectors for GI housing.

But, whoever penned the ditty, "the faucet, she is dripping, and the fence is falling down," must have had these dwellings at Cherry Hill in mind.

Hayes Heads 16th Ward Democrats

The 1948 officers of the 16th Ward Democratic Club, elected during a meeting held at the Cricket Club Thursday, and installed by Mrs. Vivian Alleyne, included:

U. Theodore Hayes, president; Dr. Thomas A. Pitts, first vice-president; Leonard Hicks, second vice-president; Theophilus Hicks, third vice-president; John Lee, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Phyllis E. Walston, recording secretary;

Mrs. Beatrice G. Pitts, corresponding secretary; Dr. Robert L. Jackson, treasurer; Melvin McAdory, business manager; Daniel Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms and Mrs. Margaret Cross, chaplain.

Jackson Heads Finance Group

Dr. Jackson was named chairman of the finance committee; David Boone, chairman of the Votery committee; and Mrs. Rose G. Wallace placed in charge of publicity.

The newly-elected president explained that the purpose of the value of the ballot and to swell club is to inform citizens of the the membership of the organization.

Visitors included Mrs. M. L. Lester of San Antonio, Mrs. U. Theodore Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Williams.

Baltimorean Honor Grad at Wilberforce

Clarence C. Ferguson, of Baltimore, was graduated summa laude from Wilberforce State University after completing all requirements for his degree in history with a point average of 3.73 out of a possible 4.00.

The 23-year-old veteran received his degree within 24 months after he entered the University as a third quarter freshman.

He is the son of Mrs. G. E. Ferguson of 516 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta honorary history society, and is eligible for Phi Beta Kappa next quarter. Mr. Ferguson plans to enter the Harvard Law School.

26,000-Volt Wire Strikes Dealer Who Lives to Tell Story

A South Baltimore junkman, who was truck by a 26,000-volt electric wire Thursday night, is still alive and able to tell of his experience.

The lucky man, Joseph Blanding, 29, of 133 W. Hamburg St., is now in City Hospitals where his condition today (Friday) was described as "fair."

Blanding was treated for first and second degree burns of the arms and legs after being struck by the wire which was knocked down by the boom of a crane which was pushing Blanding's stalled junk truck.

Truck Stalled

The injured man told police that he was driving in the 2200 block of Clinton St. when his truck stalled and he asked a bystander to help him push the vehicle. The stranger offered to push it with a large mobile crane that stood nearby.

The boom of the crane swung around knocking the high-tension wire on the truck and across Blanding's arms and legs. When the accident occurred, the helpful stranger disappeared, Blanding reported.

Crane Secured for Night

Police are still looking for the man who allegedly moved the crane without proper authority. The owners of the crane said it had been secured for the night several hours before the accident.

Firemen quickly extinguished a field fire that was started when the wire fell.

Blanding is married and the father of three children. He normally worked as a laborer in a construction gang, but was selling junk recently because he was unable find work.

500 Witness Benefit Show

An enthusiastic but relatively small crowd of some 500 persons witnessed the Turner Station Community Center Benefit Show Thursday night at Dunbar High School auditorium.

The Paul Williams swing aggregation headed the star-studded program. The show featured the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts Girls Choir under Mrs. Mercedes Douglass; the YMCA Modern Dance Group directed by Mrs. Vera Cole and the Dance of the Fireflies by J. Bruce Turner.

A cuban dance number by Mrs. Dorothea Battle and a monologue by Millard Dorsey were other program highlights.

Alliance Director Praises President

WASHINGTON

The Civic National Forum which holds weekly meetings at 2226 11th St., N.W., recently heard James B. Cobb, educational director of the National Postal Alliance, highly praise President Truman's civil rights programs.

Cobb commented, "President Truman's civil rights plan is sane, right, just and in strict accord with the letter and spirit of the U.S. Constitution."

As a result of Mr. Cobb's appeal, the gathering passed a resolution voicing its approval of the program. L. C. Farrar is president of the forum and Miss M. E. Fuller secretary.

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