5 Held in Theft of Refrigerators

A simple disturbance between two women said to have been based on jealousy, exploded in police court, Tuesday, as five persons were cited in connection with the theft and sale of two refrigerators.

Four of the five were held under $2,500 bail to await grand jury action. They were:

Mrs. Bertha Robinson, 35, of 1101½ Myrtle Ave., her husband, William, 39, same address; Charles Johnson, 23, of 1206 Collett St., and Miss Gertrude Gordon, 23, also of 1101½ Myrtle Ave.

The Robinson couple was charged with buying a stolen refrigerator; Johnson charged with the theft of the box, and Miss Gordon cited as a State's witness.

Lee White of 2627 Ridgley St., in whose home another refrigerator was found was released on his own recognizance.

Other Charges Dismissed

Moral charges involving the Robinson couple and Miss Gordon were dismissed for lack of evidence.

According to Sgt. Howard Connolly, the two women became engaged in an argument which attracted police officers.

During the subsequent investigation, Miss Gordon was said to have divulged information concerning the theft of two refrigerators valued at $400 each, from a warehouse and their sale.

Accused of Theft

Late Tuesday, Attorney Michael Freedman surrendered Roscoe McCrary, 28, of 1206 H'Ct., who was released under $1000 bail for grand jury action in connection with the theft of the refrigerators.

The other persons involved in the case were represented by Joseph Rosenthal, Paul Moles and Anthony Federico.

West Coast Friends Host to 3 Alabamans

LOS ANGELES (NPB)—Robert Stephenson, Robert Simmons and Eddie Williams of Birmingham, are visiting Hubert H. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Crowder, former Alabamans, now living here. Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Pres.

Beauty and Barbering Graduates

The interest that men are taking in the beauty profession is shown by the fact that there were 10 men in the Apex Beauty College here in Baltimore as shown in the above picture. The sight of a male beauty shop operator is becoming more frequent. Below are graduates of the Apex Barber College, which includes two women. The course included the study of anatomy, hygiene, sanitation. Commencement exercises were held here at the Sharon Baptist Church.

2 Men Get Jail Term for Robbery

Convicted of robbing a sleeping man who claimed he was carrying $200, James McLeod, 23, and Lloyd Wilson, 40, were each sentenced, Tuesday, to two years in the penitentiary.

Michael Phillips of 1644 Thomas Ave. told Judge Joseph Sherbow that he did not remember much of what happened the night of June 20, but that he did know $700 was missing from his pocket when he awoke after falling asleep on the steps of a house in the 300 block N. Paca St.

Neighbor Aids in Arrest

Testifying that he watched three men rifle the pockets of Phillips, Malcom Blank of 211 N. Paca St. said he trailed the trio to a house, and then followed two of them who came from the house and went in to an alley to count their money.

Signaling a cruising police car, Blank joined Officer Charles Faulkner in a chase of the men, and Wilson was caught when his leg was snagged on a picket fence, it was revealed. McLeod was arrested a short time later.

Numbers Alibi Ignored

Officer Faulkner said Wilson had $145.22 in his pocket, and McLeod had $155 in a roll of bills he had tucked in the lining of his pants.

Both men denied stealing the money, although they admitted being in the neighborhood. They claimed that a "numbers hit" accounted for the money they were carrying.

3 Detroiters Accused in $10,000 Check Fraud

DETROIT—Three men were arrested last week for allegedly passing worthless checks. Police said checks cashed by the trio amounted to $10,000.

The men arrested and held under $10,000 bail are James Taylor, 1515 McDougall Ave.; Joseph Brown, 503 Adelaide St., and Andrzey Hall, 13630 14th Ave.

All pleaded innocent Monday when arraigned before Recorder's Judge George Murphy. Examination was set for July 29.

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City Food Prices Reach New High

Retail food prices in Baltimore rose 1.7% in a new peak in June, due mainly to sharply higher prices for eggs and meat, it was announced today by Robert B. Behlow, regional director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

This increase compares closely with those found in Buffalo, Rochester, Scranton and New York City for the same period. It was estimated by the bureau that retail food prices in Baltimore at mid-June were 11.4% higher than a year ago, 47.8% above June, 1946, and 125.7% more than the computed normal period of 1935-1939.

The bureau's estimates are based on average retail prices of 50 foods comprising the Baltimore index of food costs.

Rise Highest in Recent Months

The rise in average retail food prices from mid-May to Mid-June was one of the sharpest in recent months. The average price of eggs rose 6.3% from 65.1 cents per dozen in May to over 69 cents in June, while round steak rose from 98.6 cents a pound in May to $1.01 a pound in June with some sales in June reported as high as $1.15 per pound.

Slightly higher prices were reported for cereals and bakery products as well as dairy products, but fruits and vegetables were down 0.8%, while beverages and the sugar and sweets group remained unchanged.

Robeson Named Co-Chairman

WASHINGTON

Paul Robeson was elected co-chairman of the Progressive Party Sunday at the closing session of the founding convention.

The report of the nominating committee was submitted by Rockoe Dunjee, Oklahoma publisher, who served as chairman.

Elected as vice chairman was Alvin Jones, of New Orleans, former labor official. Elmer A. Benson was named chairman of the party.

Committee Members

Members of the new party's national committee include:

Mrs. Charlotta Bass, California; Mrs. Larkin Marshall, Georgia; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Illinois; Charles P. Howard, Iowa; Mrs. Paul A. Blanchard, Louisiana; Dr. John E. T. Camper, Maryland; J. L. Henderson, Mississippi.

Dr. Ulysses Campbell, New Jersey; Ada S. Jackson and Charles Collins, New York; Mrs. Minnie Golden, Ohio; Mrs. Goldie Watson, Pennsylvania; Dr. L. F. Palmer, Virginia; Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, District of Columbia.

Casualty of War

Graveside rites for 28-year-old Pfc. John W. Anderson of 1904 N. Arisquith St., who was killed in action at Anzio on Jan. 28, 1944, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Baltimore National Cemetery, with burial following.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson Sr., three brothers and five sisters. Memorial services for the deceased soldier, a former Dunbar Junior High School pupil, were held several months ago at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Turnabout in Virginia: Senator Backs Truman

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Sen. A. Willis Robertson, of Virginia, a member of the Virginia delegation which opposed President Truman's nomination and fought for a States' rights plank in the Democratic platform at the Democratic national convention, announced last Thursday that he will vote for President Truman in November.

RECREATION NEWS

The Live Wires, a teen-age organization of Cherry Hill Homes community, held their first garden party and dance at the center last Thursday afternoon.

The affairs were supervised by Christo L. Waller, Hazel F. Duvall and Virginia Sykes of the recreation department.

Music was by records with Harold Wilson, Robert Keys, and Luther Peals acting as disc jockeys.

Winners in Contests

Winners in the Apple-Jack contest were Robert Keys, John Johnson, Luther Peais, Christine Jackson, Fay Richardson, and Audrey Battle.

Top honors in the pinochle contest went to George Johnson, Harold Wilson, Shirley Lane and Curtis Cavanaugh.

Another Cherry Hill recreation group, the WaKeegan Travelers, children between the ages of seven and 12, enjoyed a picnic in Druid Hill Park last Wednesday.

Their summer program centers around Indian crafts, camping, dances and musical affairs. They will sponsor a Parent's Day Program on Aug. 13.

Webb Group Honors Lee

Some 150 members of the Chick Webb Center playground participated in a program recently honoring Joseph Lee, father of the playground movement. Special events were conducted for all age groups with prizes being awarded the winners and lollypops given to all participants.

The featured event was the Turtle Derby which was won by Big Nick, an entry of the Webb Center, and a 4 to 5 favorite at post time. Esquire was second, finishing three lengths behind the winner.

The program was held at School No. 133 playground under the direction of Miss Margaret Long. Miss Naomi Cannon and Miles Harrison.

Winners in other events were:

Kangaroo race: Wayman Scott, George Robinson and William Webb. Girls Hat and Shoe Relay: Ella Boston, Christine Smith, Louise Garnett.

Boys Undress Relay: William Hopkins and Lester Coles.

Pony Express Race: Clarence McDonald, James Tucker and Roland Packsh.

Baltimore Crab Relay: Donald Howe, James Mosley, and Charles Mathews. Balloon Race: Elaine Smith, Consuella Poindexter, Annie Holt.

Object Pass Relay: Essie Kilpatrick, Ruth McIntosh, Gracie Coles, Delores Smith, Shirley Tuckler, Mabel Dixon, Peggy Smith, Clifton McDonald, Carl Smith, and Robert Green.

Other Contestants

Bolo Endurance contest: Delores Smith and Louise Garnett. Fancy bolo contest: Delores Smith; Roller Skate race: Clarence McDonald and Henry Jackson. Bubble gum contest: Louise Garnett, Rita Smith and Bessie Suber.

Paddle tennis tournament: Louis Edmonds, Joseph Johnson, Hampton Cloud; Horse shoe tournament: Ralph Shannon, Edward Smith, David King.

Tours Under Way

Carrying out the summer playground theme—"Know Your Baltimore"—a large group of children from Webb Center recently visited Fort McHenry under the direction of Misses Margaret Long and Naomi Cannon.

Other groups from the center are scheduled to visit the city markets, museums and major industrial plants to learn more about the city.

A group of girls between the ages of seven and 13 recently visited the Walters Art Gallery, accompanied by Mrs. Helen C. Carroll of the recreation bureau.

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Attic, Basement Stories at Crownsville Converted to Relieve Overcrowding

This dormitory was formerly an attic, but was pressed into service to accommodate 40 women patients. The beds, though clean and comfortable, are less than 10 inches apart. Overcrowding is an obstacle in the recovery of a mentally ill patient.

Farm workers at the Crownsville State Hospital for the insane, sleep in this basement room, which was formerly used for storage. Some patients are still forced to sleep on mattresses in the corridors because of the lack of space.

This is a picture of the dormitory in the new $15,000 unit for senile patients which was opened last year after sufficient personnel was found to care for the patients. Note that each bed has a night table beside it for the patients' belongings. Built to accommodate 164, it now houses 175 patients.

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Overcrowding Explosive Problem at Crownsville

1500 Patients Now Sleep on Mattresses in Corridor; Priority on Patients Set

By LOUISE K. HINES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles on conditions at Crownsville Hospital for the Insane.)

Although conditions at Crownsville have been substantially and commendably improved, this State hospital "for the mentally ill is still so overcrowded that several hundreds of its 1548 patients sleep on mattresses on the corridor floors.

Equally pathetic and distressing is the sight of dormitories containing from 40 to 65 beds, less than 10 inches apart; and dormitories into which 100 to 150 persons in varying stages of mental illness are crowded!

Dining rooms are so cramped for space that patients' elbows dig into each other's ribs as they are seated at the tables.

Basement and Attic Used

The urgency of finding more space for the hospital's growing patient load, led the new superintendent, Dr. Jacob Morgenstern, to convert attic and basement storerooms into dormitories, which still does not meet the need.

The institution must care for the criminally insane, alcoholics, epileptics, and feeble-minded children; as well as the senile and chronically ill.

The new $15,000 unit which was left unused several years for lack of personnel, was opened in Feb. 1947, and has already exceeded its capacity of 164 patients, to accomodate 175 persons.

Patient Load Jumps

The total hospital population rose from 1346 patients on Jan. 1, 1945, to 1548 on July, 1948.

Thus overcrowding is one of the most serious problems at the institution and a tremendous obstacle in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients.

Crowding Retards Program

It endangers their physical health because overcrowding increases the incidence of common colds, sore throats and similar communicable diseases; it also causes emotional conflicts, and ultimately retards the rate of recovery and decreases the number of patients held.

Seeking the aid of Gov. W. Preston Lane, Dr. Morgenstern recently requested funds for the immediate construction of a new temporary building to house 200 beds which will be converted later into a central storehouse.

He was granted permission to transfer $10,000 unexpended last year for salaries to the institution's construction fund.

Action is pending on the temporary building before the State Department of Public Improvement, and the State Department of Budget and Fiscal Control.

Priority on Patients Listed

Dr. George Preston, commissioner of mental health, recently directed Dr. Morgenstern to limit admissions to emergency patients only. To comply with this ruling, Dr. Morgenstern said that Crownsville will accept only cases in dire need of hospitalization.

Priority will be given to:

Patients who are both physically and mentally ill.

Patients unable to take fluids and who without hospitalization, would die of dehydration;

Patients who refuse to eat, and those with suicidal or homicidal tendencies.

As a physician, Dr. Morgenstern said he "could not conscientiously refuse hospitalization to any patient," and up until last week it had not been necessary to do so.

Emergencies To Be Met

To comply further with Dr. Preston's directive, Dr. Morgenstern has placed on the waiting lists all persons over 65 years old, and limited the admission of criminally insane patients to 60, the latter arrangement often necessitating the exchange of a patient with the State penal institutions.

Should any patient undergo any radical change which would necessitate his immediate hospitalization, Crownsville stands ready to give 24-hour service in such emergencies, Dr. Morgenstern said.

Street Brawl Ends in Court

A street brawl between a young man accused of beating his pregnant wife and a retired postal employee resulted in both men being fined in Northwestern police court, Tuesday.

The pair, George Davis, 27, of 530 W. Hoffman St., and Charles Fellman, 57, 1101 Division St., were fined $25 and costs, each on disorderly conduct charges.

Officer Marcus Cowcran testified that when he answered a call to investigate a shooting at Division and Hoffman Sts., he found a crowd of 500 spectators.

In the center of the mob were two men battling each other, the officer said. Further testimony indicated that the pair started fighting when the older man remonstrated with the other for striking his wife who is expecting a baby.

Charges Dismissed

Both men were treated for cuts and bruises, Davis for a bite on the forehead and Fellman for slashes across the fingers.

Magistrate Fitzpatrick felt both men suffered sufficient personal injury and dismissed the assault charges.

Turners Station in Fight on TB

Residents of the Turners Station area are responding in large numbers to free chest X-raying in an effort to discover tuberculosis cases, according to Dr. William H. F. Warthen, health officer of Baltimore County.

People really are interested in knowing that they have a healthy chest and are proving it. There are several important factors to be stressed in tuberculosis control, Dr. Warthen states; such as:

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Elk Temple Unit in Report Rally

The Grand Temple Good Will Circle of Elks held its closing meeting of the summer season, Sunday, in the home of Mrs. Martha Gross in Annapolis.

A report of the year's work covering gifts of baskets to needy families, and the observance of Good Will Day, was made by the president, Mrs. Laura Fellman.

Gift for Mrs. Taylor

A gift was also presented to Mrs. Margaret Taylor, president of the Tri-State Association, for her work during the year.

Hosts for the meeting were Mesdames Martha Gross and Hattie McPherson. Those present were:

Daughters Florence Snowden, Hattie Adams, Rachel Dodd, Anna Douglass, Rachel Cooper, Corine Gaskins, Georgianna Boston, Amy Warden, Frances Cole, Frances Fye, Veletta Scott, Ida Harris, Margaret Taylor, Evelyn Perry, Sarah Johnson, Hattie McPherson, and Martha Gross.

Joining the unit were Daughters Alverta Thomas and Anna Gross.

Defendant Loses When Judge Talks

Judge Joseph Sherbow testified for a defendant, Wednesday—but society rather than the defendant.

Although the jurist did not testify as sworn witnesses usually do, it constituted the same thing when 22-year-old Walter Watkins started to explain where he had obtained a gun, and the guardian of the law took it up.

"Yes I Know," the judge interrupted, "you were walking down the street and a man walked up to you and asked you if you wanted to buy a gun and you said 'too' but he said he'd let you have it for a cheap price, and you bought it."

"I've heard that story a million times. Was that what you were going to say?"

Watkins meekly answered, "Yes sir."

Saved by Family

Judge Sherbow then declared, "I also hear the same story when somebody gets killed."

Repeating his frequent warning that he will punish severely anyone convicted of carrying a deadly weapon, Judge Sherbow sustained a 90-day jail sentence which Watkins had appealed from a lower court.

He pointed out that the fact that Watkins has a wife and seven children saved him from receiving a sentence of six months.

Youth, 22, Convicted on Nurse's Complaint

Twenty-year-old Louis Taylor was convicted in Criminal Court, Wednesday, of assaulting a University Hospital nurse in an attempt to snatch her purse.

Sentence for Taylor, who lives at 209 N. Mount St., was withheld by Judge Joseph Sherbow pending a report on the youth by Probation Officer George Rosedom.

Pfc. Olonda Gibson Laying Pipes on Guam

Pfc. Olando B. Gibson, of 1712 N. Dallas St., is currently serving as a pipe fitter in the 231st Engineer Aviation Company stationed on the island of Guam.

Pfc. Gibson works on pipe laying and drainage on the base. He entered the service on Nov. 1, 1947.

Bathroom Intruder Held on $1000 Bail

Charged with forcing his way into the bathroom of an Eastside home, Connie Kennon, 35, of 1417 Mullikin Ct., was held in $1000 bail for grand jury action, Sunday, following a preliminary hearing in Northeastern police court.

Kennon was accused of breaking into the home of Erashmau Delostch, 1200 Mcsherry Ct., late Saturday night. Delostch said he was taking a bath when a man broke the door in and knocked him down.

Delostch managed to leave the house and call a policman who arrested Kennon. The defendant said he had been drinking and couldn't remember the alleged incident.

Masons Plan 101st Communication

Willard W. Allen, grand master, has announced the 101st annual communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masons which will be held at Waters Chapel Methodist Church in Cambridge, Md., Aug. 15 through 17.

Memorial services for deceased members will be held at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15, with the sermon delivered by the Rev. W. J. Winston, Dr. C. E. Lawrence, grand chaplain, will preside.

Dorsey B. Davis, mayor of Cambridge has been invited to extend greetings. The response will be by Josiah H. Henry Jr., past master of the Pride of Cambridge Lodge.

DR. CURL TO BE BURIED

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Frank Curl, who died here Saturday, is to be buried on Wednesday. His widow is the former Etta Smith of Baltimore.

Rec Board Asked for Firm Stand on Interracial Teams

The Easterwood Progressive Party Club announced its intention of forming an interracial basketball team to compete in recreation league games and demanded that the Bureau of Recreation take a firm stand on the matter.

Last year this club, then called the Fulton Club of the Progressive Citizens of America, sponsored a mixed team and entered it in recreation league competition.

The team played against the Cahill Center quint at Public School No. 42 without incident, but later the Recreation Board ruled that such games would not be allowed in the future.

While the board was making this decision, however, the Fulton PCA team was suspended from league games and unable to play other scheduled games.

Don't Want Repetition

To avoid a repetition of this the Easterwood Club asked for an early ruling on the availability of facilities.

The letter, addressed to Robert Garrett, chairman of the Bureau of Recreation and Parks, said in part:

"In view of the experience of the Fulton PCA basketball team of last year in dealing with your department, we are herewith formally requesting a decision from your department within the next 15 days from the date of this letter as to whether or not facilities and the leagues will be available to the Easterwood Progressive Party basketball team."

A hint of possible court action was evident in the next paragraph which read:

"Unless we receive an affirmative answer at the end of the 15-day period, we will take such further steps as may be necessary."

Galaxy of Lawyers Jam Northwestern

The heavy guns in local criminal law circles could have held an impromptu bar association meeting, Tuesday, as nine of them accidentally met in Northwestern police court.

The cases involving their clients ranged from petty domestic spats to the more serious charges of receiving stolen goods and larceny.

So few lawyers had been seen in the Pennsylvania Ave. court in recent weeks that reporters, courthanders-on and police officials were deeply concerned with the sudden array of legal talent.

Fellowship Institute

The 28th Youth Fellowship Institute of the Washington Annual Conference will be held on Aug. 9 to 15 at the Morgan State College, offering leadership education courses in Christian education.

The Rev. Kelly L. Jackson is dean of the institute which is being sponsored by Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, resident bishop of the Baltimore area, and the local Methodist Board of Education, the Rev. C. S. Harper, president, and the Rev. J. H. Jenkins, executive secretary.

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MELROSE Straight Whiskey Fifth $4.99
100 PROOF KENTUCKY Bourbon $2.99 No Spirits Fifth
JOHNNY WALKER OR VAT 69 SCOTCH Fifth $4.99
ORANGE GIN 90 Proof $2.29 Fifth
100% AMERICAN WINE $1.95 Sherry - Port Muscatel Full gallon
SLOE GIN $1.99 Fifth
OLD HICKORY Straight Bourbon $3.99 Fifth
All Local BEER $2.25 CASE plus deposit
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