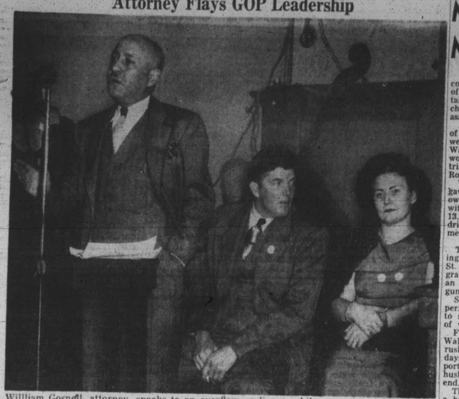
Attorney Flays GOP Leadership



William Gosnell, attorney, speaks to an overflow audience while governatorial candidate Tim Bright and his wife look on from the platform at a unity meeting staged, Tuesday night, by the Metropolitan Republican Club.

Both Parties Attacked at GOP Kick-Off Session

Pre-campaign guns were leveled on Republicans and Democrats alike in a GOP kick-off meeting Tuesday night, at the Pythian Castle.

The Metropolitan Republican Club, which had advertised the "largest meeting in recent years," lived up to advance notice.

An overflow interracial audience cheered a group of speakers—a cross-section of the party in Maryland—who attacked "miserable" GOP leadership and Democratic civil rights "failures."

In addition, the audience heard Charles H. Dorsey proposed as successor to Morse Callaway in the Fourth District; Dr. Henry Davis endorsed as district GOP candidate and Tim Bright, whose name was overlooked by the GOP State central committee last week, boomed as "Maryland's next governor."

Young Chairman Talks

Aside from Mr. Bright, potential gubernatorial prospects present included Royden A. Blunt, president of the Buck Glass Company, and State Senator Roy T. Davis. Montgomery County Chairman Stanley Scherr, State chairman of the Maryland Federation of Young Republicans, also spoke.

Among the other speakers were Linwood Koger and William Gosnell, attorneys who competed in the 1946 race for State senator from the Fourth District.

Introduced as a man with "the new idea," Mr. Koger, former assistant City Solicitor, urged "positive doing instead of negative criticism by Republicans in Washington."

Slow Progress

He also referred to the local scene, saying:

"Here in Maryland we are not progressing fast enough in giving colored Republicans their rightful place. I'd like to see some of my white fellow-Republicans extend their criticism of jim crow to our city where, for example, I can't even go downtown and eat in a big-colored Democrats was seeking people to take the census for the Federal Government. And everyone of them had to pay $5. For what?"

Edgar Douglass, who stressed he was Baltimore's only colored candidate for the City Council, chided colored voters "who failed me," and praised whites who voted for him.

Samuel Turner sounded the meeting keynote. "The old moss-back leadership of the Republican party must go. Forget the past, look to the future and work for a really liberal Republican party," declared the Metropolitan Club's vice president.

A warning word was sounded by the Rev. William H. Jones, Baltimore minister, who advised, "God wants brave souls, we are too easily bought with a price."

lunch room."

Mr. Gosnell told the group that the GOP was failing in its cause because "we have not been as vigilant as the Democrats in adding colored voters to the registration list."

Calling for a house cleaning, Mr. Gosnell asserted, "our leadership has failed us miserably. If we continue with the same leaders, the Republican party is doomed."

As an example of "corruption" in the Democratic party, Mr. Gosnell alleged:

Just a few days ago one of the

Mother-to-Be's Attacker May Pray for New Trial

Samuel J. Walker, 29, was convicted on Tuesday on charges of criminally attacking an expectant mother. The woman's sixth child was born shortly after the assault.

Pointing to the serious nature of the conviction, Judge W. Conwell Smith withheld sentence for Walker, and said the State would pay the expenses of a new trial motion to be filed by Earl Rosenthal, attorney.

Walker, whose wife recently gave birth to a child of their own, admitted that he had been with the other matron on Nov. 13, but contended he had been drinking so heavily that he remembered little about it.

Three-Hour Ordeal

The victim said she was walking along North Ave. near Etting St. about 11 p.m., when Walker grabbed her and forced her into an alley, where he brandished a gun.

She said during a three-hour period, he forced her to submit to several sexual advances, some of which were perverted.

Finally, the woman went on, Walker allowed her to leave. She rushed home, but waited two days, however, before she reported the incident, because her husband was away for the week end.

The matron then was expecting a baby within two months.

Walker, of the 1600 block Bruce Ct., was traced through his hat and coat, left in the alley, and a Government check he had shown the matron. He was arrested by Det. Lt. Clarence German and Det. Lloyd Johnson.

The pistol was found at his home under a pillow on the parlor sofa where his wife had placed it after he returned home on the morning of the attack.

Mrs. Walker maintained, however, that he took the gun from a drawer after he came in.

There was an attempt on the part of the defense to show that a streak of insanity runs in Walker's family. He and his sister, Mrs. Alice Bush, said at least two of their relatives died insane.

Mr. Rosenthal argued that heavy drinking on Walker's part tended to aggravate his mental condition. Judge Smith replied that "intoxication is not a defense." J. Harold Grady prosecuted.

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Suicide Attempter Indicted for Arson

The grand jury, Tuesday, indicted Mrs. Rosa Brown on arson charges brought by police after her suicide attempt backfired.

The 50-year-old matron was found unconscious in her home in the 1000 block Ridgely St., on Jan. 5.

Despondent Over Illness

Gas burners on all three floors were wide open. Later, police said the woman admitted pouring coal oil on clothing and setting them afire. It was then that she was charged with arson.

Treated at South Baltimore General Hospital for smoke and gas poisoning, Mrs. Brown was quoted as having said she wanted to "end it all" because of her suffering from high blood pressure.

Traffic Victim Award $35,000



Mrs. Bernice Lewis, of 54 M St., N.W., won a $35,000 judgment awarded by a District Court jury last week, against the John F. Agnew Coal Co. and Alexander Bethune. Mr. Lewis, mother of two small girls, sued the coal company and Mr. Bethune for injuries sustained in an automobile accident two years ago.

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3 MEN, 2 BOYS CHARGED:

Wholesale Corruption of Youth Hinted Here

Wholesale corruption of local teen-agers by homosexuals was hinted this week as Northwestern district police arrested and charged five persons for alleged crimes against nature.

Police reported they had been spurred into action by "complaints too numerous to mention," Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, police women, led the investigation.

Reluctant to divulge complete information investigators, nevertheless, indicated that the first group of arrests is only the beginning of an expose which may rock some evangelistic circles.

One said, "We're treading lightly. These cases are still in the early stages. There's a chance that this business may involve a possible triangle of three men, one of whom has already skipped town."

Two Boys, 16, Involved

In Northwestern police court, Wednesday, an evangelical minister, 61-year-old janitor, a 23-year-old laborer and two 16-year-old pupils were given hearings and later held for action of the grand jury.

Those charged were identified as:

The Rev. Howard Wilson, 27, pastor of the Church of Deliverance on Madison Ave., held on three sodomy counts involving alleged relationship with the pupils.

Clarence Carberry, 61, of the 1100 block of Whitelock St., one charge, and Ralph Goyns, 23, of the 1700 block N. Carey St., held for grand jury on four charges. The teen-agers were each held on one charge.

Both the Rev. Mr. Wilson and Carberry entered not guilty pleas through their attorneys. Fred Kolodner represents the minister. William Murphy is defense counsel for Carberry.

Each of the youths and the 23-year-old laborer pleaded guilty.

According to testimony, the arrests followed complaints by parents and questioning of the 16-year-old boys.

At the hearing, none of the defendants testified. However, defense counsel challenged the legality of "vague" (as to dates) charges against the minister. Mrs. Wilson, escorted by sobbing wife could have placed daily charges against the defendants in some cases.

"These men would be in deeper than they are now if I had done that," said Mrs. Whyte.

Counsel also questioned evidence, arguing that if the boys were charged with similar offenses they were accomplices and no prima facie case—necessary to send defendants before the grand jury—could be established.

Messrs Kolodner and Murphy withdrew this objection.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson and Goyns were held in $4,000 bail each; Carberry's bail was set at $1,000 and the two youths were released in $250 bail.

Light bond was agreed on for the boys when Mrs. Whyte told Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick of hardships facing their parents

Jail Tailoring Student for Stabbing Girl

A student of a GI tailoring school was given 30 days in the city jail, Monday for stabbing his girl friend and hitting her stepfather with a brick.

The student, Earl Gibson, 29, 600 block of W. Mulberry St., denied stabbing Miss Nanie Witt of the 300 block of Pine St.

He told Magistrate Julius A. Romano of the Western police court, that he had hit the stepfather, Luther Bobo, after he accused him of cutting Miss Witt.

According to testimony, Miss Witt, her mother and Gibson were drinking together, Sunday, in the mother's Pine St. home. She refused to go home with Gibson, Miss Witt said, and when she laid down on the bed, he stabbed her. Mr. Bobo was struck when he took up the dispute with Gibson.

Sociology Students to Tour Slum Areas

Sociology students from Morgan State College will take a slum tour sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Feb. 16 at 11:30 p.m.

Tours are designed to impress on citizens the need for housing law enforcement and the improvement of health and sanitary conditions throughout the city.

Officers Harry Croghan and Walter Welsh, Western police station, will serve as guides for the college group.

ONLY DAD SURVIVES:

8 Die as Flames Sweep N. J. Home

By Staff Correspondent

JERSEY CITY — Thousands of persons, solemn-faced and tense, were in attendance Tuesday afternoon at the four-hour funeral services and mass burial of eight persons burned fatally last Friday morning in a tragic fire which swept a three-story frame building at 235 Varick St.

The huge crowd, composed of persons of both races, jammed the Bethel Baptist Church and then followed the eight white caskets to New York Bay Cemetery where all bodies were lowered into a single grave under the white glare of flood lights set up by police.

The victims of the fire, which has been described as one of the worst in the history of the State, were the mother, wife and four children of Nathaniel Holmes, the only member of the family who survived the holocaust, and two other children, ages 13 and 16.

Dead are: Mrs. Susie Holmes, the grandmother; Mrs. Anna Holmes, the mother; Madeline Holmes, 15; Lorraine Holmes, 13; Nathaniel Holmes Jr., 12; Dennis Holmes, 13 month; Irene Stewart, 13, and Gloria Perry, 16.

The Stewart girl was the child of deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart.

2 Saved by Leap

Also seriously injured in the fire were Mrs. Anna Henry, 32, who saved herself and her eight month-old son, Joseph, by leaping from a second-story window of the dry frame building which burned with the rapidity of fat pine.

Mrs. Henry suffered serious head and leg wounds, and the child was painfully burned about the face.

Additional possible death was prevented by the heroic action of Thomas Perry, 19, who lived on the first floor of the building, and Fire Chaplain LeRoy McWilliams.

Rescued Seven

Perry led seven persons to safety and then attempted to rescue victims of the Holmes family. But the blaze beat him back.

In describing the tragedy, young Perry declared:

"I heard people screaming, but I couldn't get back. The fire stopped me from going back in."

Chaplain McWilliams went through portions of the flames to administer final rites to the victims.

The cause of the fire was attributed to an overturned oil stove. But in explaining the condition of the building, Fire Chief Ertle said:

"It (the fire) spread so fast through the flimsy building that persons on the second floor had no time to get out by the stairs or fire escapes."

They had to jump, he declared. There were 26 tenants in the buildings.

Two Clerics Officiated

The Revs. W. M. Williams, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist, and James Dublin, Central Baptist Church, officiated at the services. They were pastors of the families of the victims.

Other members of the clergy, who spoke were the Rev. C. L. Hall and the Rev. C. H. Gross, pastor of New Bethel.

Lay speakers included Assistant Corporation Counsel Louis Sanders, who represented the Mayor, and who promised that the City Administration is taking steps to see that such a tragedy does not occur again; Howard E. Dalley, principal of Public School No. 3, and Dr. Marcus Carpenter.

A detail of policemen was on hand to handle the crowd with nurses and doctors present. Several persons in the huge throng required medical aid, among them several women who fainted. One of these was Mrs. Esther Johnson, a close friend of the Holmes family.

There were 11 ministers present upon the rostrum. The Rev. Paige M. Beverly, of Newark, described the funeral as one of the largest and most tragic he had ever witnessed.

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