## Interracial Concert at YMHA Sunday Eve

The YWCA Verse Choir will be among groups presenting the "Brotherhood in Action," a public program at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday at the YMHA, 305 W. Monument St.

The program is designed to demonstrate the brotherhood of nationality, race and religion. It marks the opening of Brotherhood Week.

Others on the program include John Childs, pianist; the Beth Rfiloh Choral Group; and members of the Baltimore Norwegian Community.

Sponsors of the program which wil include folk song and dances; community singing and narratives, are:

The National Conference of Christians and Jews; the United Nations Aassociation; the Madison Ave. Branch YWCA; the YMHA; and the B'nai B'rith Council of Baltimore.

## Dr. Batipps Jr. Named to County Aid Board

PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Percy O. Batipps Jr., of 604 Summer St., Media, was named last week to the Delaware County Board of Assistance by Gov. James H. Duff.

## Bar Students at C.U. Prom

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not to go to another social event, a tea-dance at Cheverly Lodge, Md., which rounded out the prom week end.

Although students of both races at C.U. showed concern and indignation over the occurrences, it did not look as though there would be much open expression of their sentiments on the campus.

**Students Afraid to Talk**

One white student who is in a position of spokesmanship for the undergraduates told the AFRO that he did not feel he could discuss the matter because it might reflect badly on the university.

Other students were similarly close-mouthed because they feared expulsion.

It was reported on Monday that two student writers for The Tower had written an article about the incident at Wardman Park, and, as is required at C.U., were taking the article to the vice-rector for approval.

Subsequently it was said that the vice-rector had told the students to tear up what they had written.

These reports were borne out by the Monsignor's statements to the AFRO, when he was asked if the students would include an account of the happenings at the hotel in The Tower, this week.

He said, "They'll get in trouble if they do," adding the statements quoted above.

When asked if the university plans to change its policy concerning the scheduling of off-campus events the Monsignor declared:

"I don't see what we can do. We certainly don't intend to dictate to any outside organization."

He pointed out that, because of the size of the student body, the undergraduates would have no off-campus social activities if the policy were changed.

Catholic University has an enrollment of 4,600, and has had colored students in its classes since its earliest days. Its first master's degree in the social sciences was awarded in 1896 to William T. S. Jackson, a Washington school teacher.

At present a number of colored students are attending classes at the university and take part freely in all campus affairs.

The attitude is generally liberal and some have even expressed the view that when the incident at the Wardman Park occurred, all those at the dance should have withdrawn rather than bow to the discriminatory policies of the hotel.

**Up to Students**

Pursuit of this type of action in the future did not seem likely, so far as Monsignor Jordan was concerned.

"It's up to the colored students," he said when asked how embarrassing incidents might be avoided in the future.

Other university spokesmen indicated that they were not aware beforehand of the Wardman Park's discriminatory policies.

Father Galvin, assistant to the university's dean of men, arrived at the dance after the students had been turned away and talked with members of the hotel saff.

**Not in Contract**

He was asked on Tuesday whether the university had inquired into the policies of the hotel in advance and said:

"We see no reason for asking when our own policy is to make no distinctions. If you ask them in advance, they may say no, but if you don't they may admit all without question."

Miss Marie A. Corrigan, dean of women, said that she was under the impression that there was nothing about racial discrimination in the contract made between the hotel and the student social committee in charge of the dance.

Wardman Park Hotel officials admitted that there was nothing written into the contract, but contended that their policy of not renting public rooms to mixed groups is well known.

J. Tristani, who is in charge of renting the Continental ballroom where the dance took place, said that he had told the student committee about the policy and that it was up to Catholic University to inform its colored students about this.

No hotel official actually barred the colored students from the ballroom. They were given the bad news by their white classmates who said they took this course of action because they wished to avoid the notoriety which a general walkout would have caused. About 450 persons in all attended the prom.

The incident at the hotel stirred the indignation not only of white and colored students at the university, but also aroused resentment among local residents who called the AFRO offices on Monday to report what had happened.

A citizens' group was considering the possibility of entering a law suit over the affair.

It was said that mixed gatherings have taken place at the hotel and employees there declared that they had not previously witnessed such humiliation visited upon anyone.

Dressed in evening clothes and carrying reservation cards which had been sold to them by their white classmates, the young people gaily approached the hotel on Friday evening, only to learn that they could not attend the junior prom.

Most of them were met on the steps outside the hotel, where white students expressed their regrets and told them that they would be embarrassed if they entered.

**13 Persons Barred**

Some of the feminine members of the group were reported to have wept at the embarrassment of being turned away. The male members of the party grimly counted the cost of tuxedos and other items, including their reservations at four dollars per.

Miss Carrigan said that six students, including three members of the junior class, were among those barred from the hotel. The entire group, including the guests of the students, numbered 13 young people in all.

They were Miss Martha Evans, Murphy, Miss Delores Williams, Miss Jane Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent, Miss Florence Davis, Miss Dorothy Emmanuel, Fenton Harris, Miss Frances Arnold, Harry Thompson, Edward Rucker and Miss Shirley Brown.

## Douglass Grad Receives Diploma

One of 257 midterm graduates of Douglass High School, James E. Hodges receives his diploma from Mayor D'Alesandro at commencement exercises last Friday. In Tuesday's AFRO, this picture appeared with Donald O. W. Hughes identified as the pupil. The AFRO regrets the error.

## 'Stool Pigeon' Flies Coop, Police Report

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been star witness for the police in at least eight vice squad raids during the past two months.

He has worked with Capt. Alexander Emerson, Sgt. Joseph Koenig and their vice squads.

**Used Marked Money**

Most important of the cases in which he was involved were the "milk bar" raid, early in January, at the Fulton Ave. home of Mrs. Alma Foster, and the more recent Crickett Association raid.

In each instance, Huggins was armed with marked money and planted to trap alleged liquor law violators.

In the milk bar case, he entered Mrs. Foster's home at 1542 N. Fulton Ave. and, according to testimony, was sold beer and soft drinks.

**Milk Bar Case Backfired**

However, the case backfired on Captain Emerson when it was learned that the marked money Huggins was supposed to have used was never recovered, and that Captain Emerson entered and searched the house before getting evidence of an actual law violation.

When defense counsel asked Huggins if he was a member of the Police Department, he replied: "I'm participating to a certain extent."

In the Crickett Association raid, Sunday, the police is decoy again was used to lure alleged violators into Captain Emerson's arms.

**Denies Being Paid**

Huggins testified in court he had purchased a bottle of beer, early Sunday morning, although the club's license allowed the sale of alchoholic beverages only to members and their guests.

In answer to cross-examination, Huggins explained he drew Social Security checks, but received no pay for working with the vice squad.

He further said he was a private detective, having taken a course from a New York agency.

**Methods Questionable**

Huggins also set the stage for raids on alleged disorderly houses.

In one such case, his tactics and those of Sgt. Joseph Kocing were such that Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick observed to a defendant; "It seems that there's a good possibility that you've been framed."

Explaining marked money found in her home, the defendant said Huggins placed the money on her bureau after gaining entrance on the ruse that he was sick and needed a drink of water.

**Partook of Illegal Pleasure**

In other disorderly house cases, according to testimony, Huggins visited the marked dwelling several times "for pleasure" before informing the vice squad of reputed violations.

The last police "stool pigeon" resembling Huggins was used several years ago. His assistance ended when he was convicted of a criminal charge.

### EVANGELIST, SINGERS TO BE HEARD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Luther Hunter, evangelist, and the Silver Leaf Gospel Singers of Washington will present a program at the First Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1142 N. Fulton Ave. at 9 p.m. Sunday.

## Boy Arrested in Fire Probe

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side a desk drawers in the principals office.

**Neighbor Gives Alarm**

When Miss Katherine Brown, lives opposite the school, saw the blaze, about 8 p.m., she summoned her brother, Harry. In turn, he sounded the alarm. Two ladder trucks and six engine companies responded.

Six rooms, four classrooms, a game room and the office of the principal, Reginald Watts, were damaged by smoke, flames and water.

Radio announcements notified pupils to report at 1 p.m., Wednesday, but requested teachers to attend at the regular morning hour.

**Creates Temporary Problem**

The afternoon session was held at nearby School No. 116, Orleans and Aisquith Sts. On Thursday, the 200 pupils were put on a part-time schedule at the East St., building.

The daily shifts now are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visiting the school on Wednesday, Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of schools, commended the pupils for the orderly manner in which they had adjusted themselves to the temporary arrangement.

John R. Lewis, business manager of public schools, estimated that between $5,000 and $6,000 worth of damages had been done to the 76-year-old building.

He was unable to approximate the cost of equipment damage. Mr. Lewis stated that it will take from two or three months to complete repairs to the building. Meanwhile police and fire department officials are continuing their investigation.

**Heated by Coal Stoves**

The school had been recently painted and refurnished with modern moveable desks.

Over-age and mentally retarded pupils attend School No. 105, which in 1920, the Strayer School report described as "a nest of rooms."

It is still heated by shoulder-high coal stoves.

Had the fire occurred during school hours, many pupils' lives would have been endangered, despite their practice in fire drills.

The second-floor corridors are less than five feet wide. Passage is completely blocked off when the doors of two classrooms are opened at a 90-degree angle.

An even graver danger is caused by pupils hanging coats on hooks in the corridor. The school has no cloak rooms.

## Hunter Guilty of Shooting Pal

HALIFAX, N. C.—Arthur Mutts Jr., of Hobgood recently was sentenced to a prison term of from six to nine years after being found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the death of his hunting companion, Paul Ridley.

Mutts told a Coroner's jury the day after the shooting that Ridley's death was the result of an accident. However, the jury returned an open verdict and later a murder warrant was issued for Mutts's arrest.

Coroner Rufus Britton said Ridley was killed by a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun which struck him in the chest.

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### New Canteen to Open at Morgan on Sunday

A new canteen will open officially at Morgan State College on Sunday, Feb. 19. Open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Robert Blackburn is manager of the canteen.

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## Army Launches New Drive With Uptown Recruiting Station

Opening its doors to all qualified men, the Army is welcomed to Pennsylvania Ave. by James Hart, special officer and veteran of the Spanish-American War. On the receiving end is Sgt. Thomas Hendrick.

M/Sgt. R. S. Crutchman interviews three potential recruits in the first uptown Army-Air Force Recruiting Office at 748 Pennsylvania Ave. Others pictured (left to right) are Thaddeus Townsend, Samuel Travis and James Kidwell.

VALIDITY AN ISSUE:

## Vets Bonus Bill Given Good Chance to Pass

By RUFUS WELLS

ANNAPOLIS—The veterans' bonus bill has a better chance for passage this year than it had in 1949, Delegate Bernard S. Melnicove, of Baltimore's Fourth District, declared, Wednesday, as State legislators continued efforts to have a bonus bill approved within the next 15 days.

Mr. Melnicove, an attorney and member of the House since 1939, expressed a belief that one of two bonus bills now under consideration would be made into law before the Legislature adjourns on Feb. 28.

As the election-conscious solons rushed work on the bonus proposals, Wednesday, Hall Hammond, attorney general, issued a word of warning.

Hammond reminded the legislators of a constitutional provision which prohibits passage of any appropriation measure until the budget bill has been disposed of.

He gave the advice at the request of Sen. Louis L. Goldstein, Democrat of Calvert County, who with Sen Harry Phoebus, Republican of Somerset County, co-sponsored one of the veteran bills.

The Phoebus-Goldshein bonus bill calls for the issuance of $89,998,300 in bonus bonds to be financed by all sales tax revenue in excess of $20,000,000 a year, and from proceeds of the real estate tax, if necessary.

The attorney general challenged the senators' plan to push the bonus bills through and argue legal points later. He asserted:

"This would be holding out an illusory benefit to Maryland veterans which might be snatched from them by the invalidity of the bill."

**Heed Danger Warnings**

He continued:

"It seems to me, that this is a situation in which an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure. When the danger signals are called to your attention, it is wise to heed the warning.

"There should be no occasion for this office, or the Governor, or the Courts to be called upon to consider whether the constitutional prohibition has been violated and thus a veterans' bonus bill rendered invalid."

Mr. Hammond backed up his argument, by citing a ruling of the Court of Appeals which said in part: "Neither house shall consider other appropriations until the budget bill has been acted on by both houses."

**Pointed Out in AFRO**

This ruling and the constitutional provision was pointed out in an AFRO story last Tuesday, in which passage of a veterans' bonus bill was termed "doubtful."

The story pointed out that the Governor's record-breaking budget bill would in all probability be passed late in the 30-day session and there would hardly be enough time left to argue and approve the bonus proposals.

However, legislators, spurred by thousands of telegrams from veterans throughout the State, are determined to get a bonus bill passed.

The other bonus bill was introduced in the House by Delegate McNulty, Democrat of Anne Arundel County and his cosponsors. This proposal tops the senate bill by $11,000,000.

**Borrowing Suggested**

The McNulty bill calls for the borrowing of $100,000,000 and the financing of the bonds through the sales and property tax.

It would give each Maryland veteran a lump sum payment up to $500 consisting of $15 for every month spent overseas and $10 cor each month of service in this country.

It has the backing of the American Legion and other veterans' organizations.

### Scoutmaster

Among Baltimore's most energetic scoutmasters is Dewey E. Currie of 1917 W. Lanvale St., who heads Troop 275 of Sharon Baptist Church. A scoutmaster for three years, Mr. Currie, an employee of Camp Holabird, is also a member of the church brotherhood and usher board.

## Marylanders in the Service

There are many men from Maryland serving with the Eighth Army in Japan. Among them are:

Pvt. Leroy Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, 1813 Lauretta Ave., who is a member of the 77th Engineer Combat Company, now stationed at Gifu;

Pfc. Emanuel Curry, son of Mrs. Jessie Curry of 726 N. Wolfe St., who is also stationed at Gifu;

Pfc. William E. Webster, son of Mr. Thomas R. Webster, 1313 Woodyear St., who is a member of the 24th Infantry Regiment at Gifu. Pfc. Webster is a rifleman in Company E and recently returned to Camp Gifu from winter manuvers which were held at the base of Mount Fuji, Japan's most famous mountain.

With the Eighth Army in Japan are many men from Maryland. Among them are:

Cpl. Herbert W. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watson;

Pfc. Robert Ennis Jr., son of Mrs. Robert Ennis, 1444 Mount St., who has been in the service seven years;

Pvts. William Taylor, Richard Armstrong, Joseph E. Thompson, Robert H. Bolden and Albery Anthony, all stationed in Gifu;

**Others Stationed Elsewhere**

Pfcs. James Mason, Robert McCormick, Edward Brown, Herman W. Rose and Edward Fenton, all with the Eighth Army in Nara;

Pfc. Thomas W. Taylor, who is with an ammunition company stationed near Kyoto; and

Cpl. David N. Wilson, son of Mr. Kenny G. Wilson, 1226 Division St., who was promoted to his present rank last month. He is stationed in Kobe.

## Woman Held After Hearing

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pocket, but a few minutes later, his mother discovered that the money in her pocketbook was missing.

She asked Mr. Gibbs if he had the money and he said "yes," and started towards her, the lad said.

**Tells of Fatal Thrust**

His mother backed toward the bureau as her boy friend approached her. As he got closer, the boy related, she grabbed a knife from the bureau and plunged it into his chest.

The lad cast a questioning glance at his mother as he finished his story. Mrs. Henson stood erect, her countenance unchanged.

After hearing Eddie's version, Mr. O'Donnell asked the mother if there were any questions she wanted to ask her son.

**Punctures Mother's Defense**

At this Mrs. Henson asked her boy, "who threw the pitcher?"

"I didn't see no pitcher," Eddie replied.

Police said Mrs. Henson told them Mr. Gibbs had thrown a pitcher at her during their argument.

Mrs. Henson told them she and the man had lived together off and on for seven years, police said.

Magistrate Fitzpatrick held the mother without bail for action of the grand jury.

## Card Game Check Debated in Court

When payment is deliberately stopped on a check, is the canceled obligation a debt or a loan?

This was the question before Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick in Northwestern police court last week and the matter was referred to the State's Attorney's office.

Principals in the case were Dr. B. M. Rhetta Jr., 1200 block Madison Ave., who was summoned to court by Reginald Young, 2100 block N. Smallwood St., who said the physician stopped payment on a check tendered in a Thanksgiving Eve card game.

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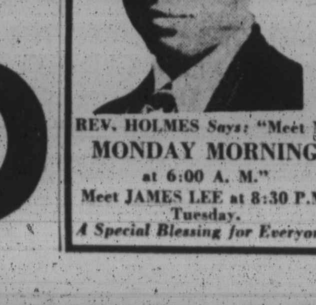

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