Urban League Anniversary Program Speakers

Speakers at the Urban League anniversary meeting at Cenral Pratt Library, Wednesday, were: left to right, Belford V. Lawson Jr., Washington attorney; R. Maurice Moss, former League executive secretary, and Joseph J. Morrow, personnel manage, Pitney-Bowes, Inc., Stamford, Conn.

Lawson, Morrow Assail Bias in League Speeches

The winning of civil rights, peace and brotherhood will take more than lip-service, declared Belford V. Lawson, civil rights attorney and president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, at a Silver Anniversary meeting of the Baltimore Urban League, Wednesday.

Mr. Lawson was one of two principal speakers who addressed the enthusiastic audience in the auditorium of Enoch Pratt Library.

J. J. Morrow, director of personnel relations for Pitney-Bowes Inc., Stamford, Conn., emphasized that job discrimination robs not only colored workers but our entire economy.

In a stinging address that frequently took pokes at the failures of Washington legislators, Mr. Lawson noted:

"The pillars of the earth are rooted in justice and equality toward which we are moving. Democracy is not a process, it is a conclusion. Only thus can we tap the springs of brotherhood rooted in our Bill of Rights. "But remember," he cautioned, "democracy cannot live and grow in soil and weeds cursed by jim crow."

Hits Voteless D.C.

Urging Baltimoreans to take advantage of their vote, Mr. Lawson assailed the nation's voteless capital:

"Jim crow hovers over Washington like a giant eagle in the sky. It is always there as a muted melancholy memorial to tragic memories of the past."

Mr. Lawson cited the link between Bill of Rights Day (Wednesday) and the work being carried on by the Urban League and similar agencies.

"It is a good thing," he asserted, "to remember that the vitality of the Bill of Rights is not in the history books, but in the courts, voting lists, business and industry." He continued:

"Americans and Russians, black men and white can live together in this world if we re-invigorate our cultural and spiritual life. But first we must change Washington and Mississippi.

"Call it what you will, great thinkers of the world have emphasized the need for equality and the distribution of wealth since the 17th century. Ralph Bunche, Mordecai Johnson and Paul Robeson are not all wrong when they speak out against oppression."

Tragic Self-Punishment

Mr. Morrow called employment discrimination the "most tragic form of economic self-punishment for the people of the United States."

The postage meter company executive said, that to believe such discrimination is necessary in order to maintain a high standard of living for whites is equally foolish.

While "there isn't any magic which will suddenly dispel prejudice," the Connecticut executive said, the task of "educating Americans out of their prejudices and providing leadership for the execution of actual projects can and should be important jobs for groups within our communities."

Dr. Holmes Presides

Mr. Morrow was introduced by R. Maurice Moss, former Baltimore Urban League head, who is now associate director of the National Urban League.

William Boucher 3rd, president of the Baltimore Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, introduced Mr. Lawson.

Dr. D. O. W Holmes, president-emeritus of Morgan State College, presided. Musical selections were provided by the Fellowship Choir, and the program closed with a dramatic sketch by the YWCA Modern Dance Group. Choreography was by Mrs. Vera Cole.

25 St. GOP Unit Holds 1st Session

Backs Temus Bright in Gubernatorial Race

The recently-organized 25th St. Republican Club held its first meeting, Saturday, according to an announcement from John Blair, president.

The club was formed to mobilize workers from all wards in the North Central section of the city and, Mr. Blair asserts, "It hopes through mutual co-operation to select progressive candidates with other GOP groups."

At its first meeting, the club considered several potential Republican nominees for Governor and decided to back Temus Bright, used car dealer, who has been indorsed by the Metropolitan Club.

Represents "Little People"

Announcing the selection, Blair asserted, "We think we have chosen a candidate who believes in the party's little people when we picked Mr. Bright."

Edward Thompson, the group's vice-president, criticized what he termed the "Democratic tactics" of Eric Fredericks, South Baltimore leader, and hinted that Fredericks was the sponsor of Paul Robertson, claimant to chairmanship of the GOP City Committee.

"He's the backbone of the Robertson movement," said Thompson, "and I think they're using him as a Trojan Horse, a sort of Democratic effort to undermine the Republican Party."

The club's officers also contended that the State's voters were:

"Appeased into voting for appropriations in the past Gubernatorial election, believing the money would be used for plans which had been aired.

"Instead, ward heelers have been put on the payroll with money appropriated for welfare measures," they declared in a statement.

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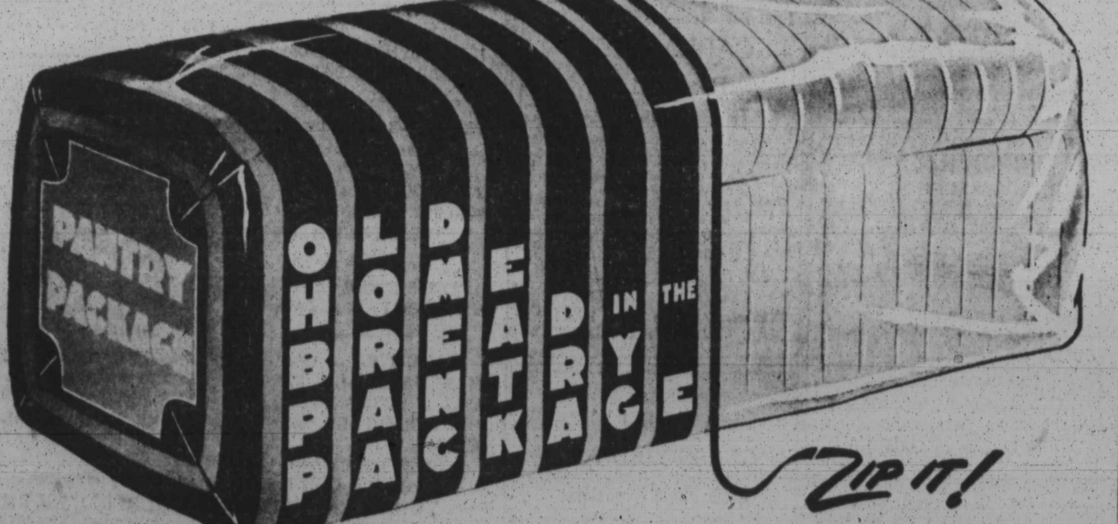

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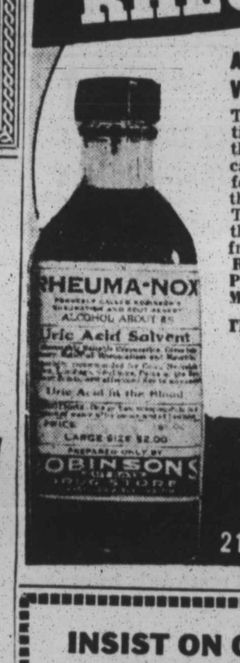

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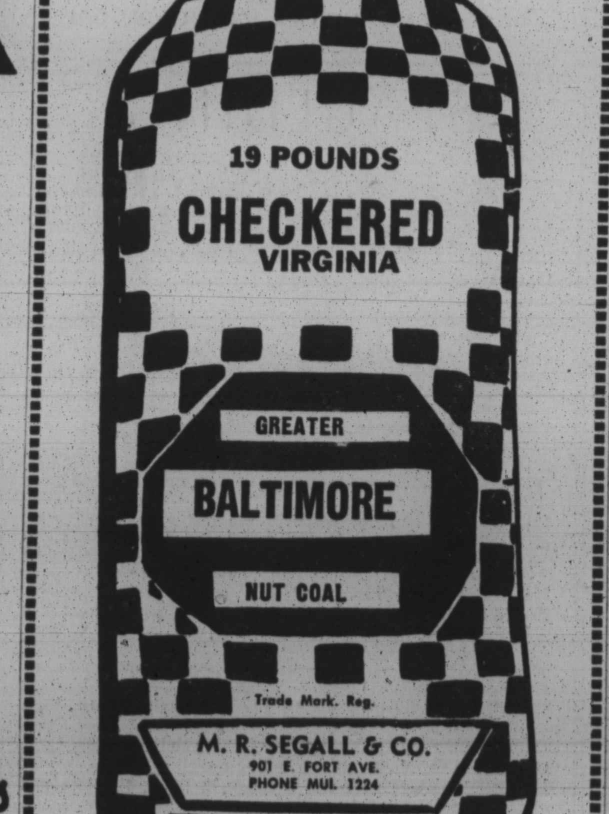

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Receiving Ash Wednesday Blessing

As Ash Wednesday ushered in the first day of Lent, Sonia Peck received a blessing of ashes on the forehead by Father Michael Lloyd at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. The Lenten season ends on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Ash Wednesday Services Mark Beginning of Lent

Many Crowd Catholic, Episcopal Churches to Participate in Pre-Easter Observance

Ash Wednesday services in Episcopal and Catholic Churches drew large crowds to participate in the ritual which marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten period.

"Remember man that thou are dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

With these words, brows of the worshipers were marked with ashes, formed from the burning of palm, left from Palm Sunday.

The marking is a sign of the cross, made by the presiding priest.

1400 at St. Peter Claver's

Largest crowds were reported at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, where Father Edward Casserly said some 1400 persons attended the four services. Father Blassius, at St. Pius Catholic Church, reported 1000 persons; and St. Francis Xavier, 700.

At St. James Episcopal Church there were 387; at St. Mary's, 200; and St. Katherine's, 84.

In order that Christians may reflect on the 40 days Jesus spent praying in the wilderness, many churches hold special services during this period.

St. James' Presents Rev. Mount

St. James' begins the first of its Wednesday meetings of outstanding guest speakers by presenting, next week, the Rev. John K. Mount, rector of the Severn Parish in Crownsville, Md.

Both Episcopal and Catholic churches will hold the intercessions on Wednesdays and Stations of the Cross services on Fridays.

Easter Sunday on April 9 will mark the end of the Lenten period.

Report on Coppin Disposition Made

A report on the disposition of Coppin Teachers College has been submitted to Governor Lane by the State Commission on Higher Education, which he appointed in September.

This statement, in effect, made no specific recommendation for State operation of the college, pending a subsequent report by the commission dealing with all the State institutions of higher education and their related programs.

Members of the commission declined to reveal the exact contents of the statement, pending its release by the Governor.

Different Plans Advanced

The city school administration will discontinue operation of Coppin College in June. This means the State will have to take over the program of training Baltimore school teachers.

The State operates a training school for white city teachers at Towson and a school for colored county teachers at Bowie.

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State superintendent of education, has recommended that the Coppin program be transferred to Bowie, but educational and civic organizations advocate instead that this work be undertaken at Morgan State College, inasmuch as the majority of Coppin students live in Baltimore.

Hearings Still Granted

Still granting audiences to educational leaders and groups interested in the problem of providing educational facilities for Mary-

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Balto. Elites Sell 2 Players to Cubs

CHICAGO—The Chicago Cubs on Wednesday announced that they had purchased two players from the Baltimore Elite Giants for use on their Springfield farm club of the International League. The two—infielder James (Junior) Gilliam and pitcher Leroy Ferrell—will report to Haines City, Fla., on March 10. (More complete story on sports page.)

Man, 51, Kills Self With Own Rifle

Had Separated From Wife

Was Unpacking Things in New Apartment

SISTER NEAR

Hears Shot, Finds Brother on Sofa

Separated from his wife, a 51-year-old man was killed accidentally, Wednesday, while unpacking his belongings in the midst of re-arranging his newly-acquired apartment.

Northwestern police report they were called to a house in the 1100 block Harlem Ave., where they found Thaddeus Wimberly, slumped on a sofa in the basement with a bullet in his chest.

Taken to the Franklin Square Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Moved In Previous Day

Police say Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, 60, 300 block Carey St., sister of the dead man, told them that Mr. Wimberly had moved to the Harlem Ave. address on Tuesday, after separating from his wife, Mrs. Annie D. Wimberly.

The sister said she went to the apartment, Wednesday, to help her brother clean up and arrange things, and while in the bathroom, she heard a shot and then heard Mr. Wimberly moan, "Uh, oh, my rifle!"

She dashed from the bathroom.

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FEPC Bill Without Teeth Passes House

240-177 Vote Sends Measure to Senate; Coalition Wins Again

WASHINGTON

A fair employment practices bill, acceptable to no one in favor of FEPC, was passed by the House of Representatives at 1:25 Thursday afternoon by a vote of 240 to 177.

The bill was not the strong one backed by the Administration. The bill which now goes to the Senate is the weak McConnell measure which provides for an FEPC without teeth.

The Administration bill sponsored by Rep. Adam C. Powell, New York Democrat, would have empowered a five-member commission to issue cease and desist orders in cases where it found race or religious discrimination practiced in employment.

It would also have enabled the commission to apply to the courts for enforcement of its orders. It provided jail sentences for failure to obey a court order to end discrimination.

The bill which was accepted as a substitute was that sponsored by Rep. Samuel K. McConnell (Rep., Pa.).

The House-approved bill authorizes a five-member commission to investigate complaints of discrimination and suggest to the interested parties ways and means of eliminating such discrimination.

While the commission would have authority to hold hearings, it would not be empowered to sue any others or to apply to the courts for enforcement of any of its recommendations.

The dropping of the Powell bill, which had been endorsed fully by the President, represented a serious blow to Administration forces. However, the calling up of the bill itself on Wednesday, was a distinct victory.

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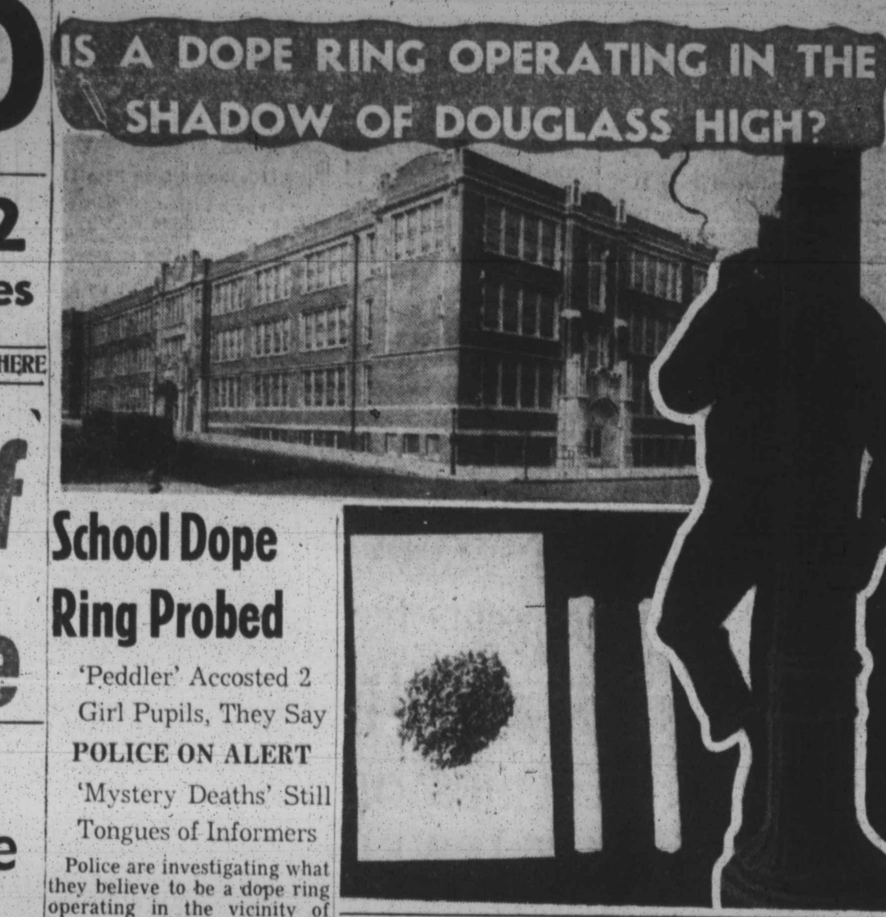
All Md. Congressmen but W. P. Bolton Vote for Weak FEPC Bill

Here's how U.S. Representatives from Maryland voted, Wednesday, during the fight in the House over legislation outlawing discrimination in employment:

FOR BILL — Edward T. Miller, Rep.; Edward A. Garmatz, Dem.; George H. Fallon, Dem.; Lansdale G. Sasscer, Dem.; J. Glenn Beall, Rep.

AGAINST BILL — William P. Bolton, Dem.

IS A DOPE RING OPERATING IN THE SHADOW OF DOUGLASS HIGH?



School Dope Ring Probed

'Peddler' Accosted 2 Girl Pupils, They Say

POLICE ON ALERT

'Mystery Deaths' Still Tongues of Informers

Police are investigating what they believe to be a dope ring operating in the vicinity of Douglass High School, the AFRO learned from an authoritative source, this week.

The investigation was launched shortly after two teen-age girls who attend the school told of being accosted by a "peddler" who offered to give them a sample marijuana cigarette.

Signs of Effects Studied

The probe is being conducted by plainclothes officers, who are studying the sudden personality changes of some of the pupils.

The investigators have been told that some male pupils are quiet and well mannered one day, and the next day are noisy and aggressive.

Police believe this is indicative of a "hopped-up" personality.

At least one store-front business establishment in the school area is being kept under observation by police, who suspect it is a headquarters for teen-agers and the dope peddlers.

Stronger Drugs' Sale Hinted

Evidence that the ring may be peddling drugs other than reefers was produced this week, by a Northwest Baltimore drug store clerk who said a stranger asked him for a quantity of cocaine capsules.

The clerk explained that a prescription would be necessary and the stranger declared: "Listen man, we could make money. I

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County Faces Legal Suit Over Cash Bond Issue

Congressman Threatens to Sue; Refused to Hire Bondsman; AFRO Fought Racket

Because a justice of the peace in Maryland refused, through ignorance of the law, to accept his cash bond, a Congressman has threatened to sue county authorities for "unlawful detention."

The law authorizing use of cash bail bond in Maryland was passed by the Legislature in April, 1949. It gave state-wide application to and earlier Supreme Bench rule in 1946, authorizing use of cash bail in criminal cases.

Such a law put to an end the bail bond racket by which bondsmen could charge poor persons a minimum of $25 for posting a $100 bond. The AFRO had urged passage of such legislation for many years.

Stayed in Jail

Rep. Frederick L. Crawford (Rep., Mich.), raised the issue in Prince Georges County this week. Arrested on an assault charge, he stayed in jail until the hearing because Justice of the Peace Irving Traband refused to accept a cash bond.

Later when the officials learned of the 1949 law, they offered to release the Congressman, but he remained in jail as a "matter of principle."

Representative Crawford had refused to use the service of a professional bondsman or to place any kind of bail but cash or war bonds.

He had offered to put up $50,000 worth of bonds. The Congressman declared:

"A person ought to be able to put up legal tender for a bond and get it. To say you must go to a professional bondsman or holder of real estate is wrong."

Fined $25 on Charge

He added that he did not think a man ought to have to pay a bondsman's fee if he has the money to "pay his own bills."

At the subsequent hearing, the Congressman was fined $25 and costs on the assault charge.

The 1949 law by the Legislature reads, "Any person having power to admit to bail . . . may accept the accused as his own recognizer, upon cash or other property owned by him." The law took effect June 1 of last year.

In 1946, the Baltimore Supreme Bench adopted a rule to the effect that, "Any traverser or representative on his behalf may in lieu of property bond, make a deposit of cash, certified check or a properly assigned bank book in the amount of the specified bail bond."

AFRO Hit Racket in 1944

These rulings proved the answer to efforts, spearheaded by the AFRO as late as 1944, to put an end to the bail bond racket which, citizens held, preyed upon those people least able to afford it.

The AFRO found that there was no law governing the amount that a bondsman could charge, and that a defendant could not put up cash of his own.

Result was that poor people were charged as much as $25 to $35 for a $100 bond, and it was necessary to put up a $2,000 house for a $100 bond. Bondsmen in turn had an agreement among themselves to charge the $25 minimum fee for a $100 bond.

Barbara Tapp Wins City-Wide Safety Slogan Contest

Eleven-year-old Barbara Tapp of Banneker School No. 113, winner of the city-wide safety slogan contest of the Junior Association of Commerce, is being congratulated by its public relations director, Nelson White. From left on the picture are Miss Augusta Holsey, sponsor of the school safety council; Mrs. Edna Johnson, principal; and Oberlin Perry, teacher of Barbara's sixth grade class. The award was a $50 U.S. Savings Bond and $100 worth of books for the school.

Pool Remodeling Project Delayed

Remodeling of the swimming pool for colored persons in Druid Hill Park has been postponed until September.

The Park Board, at its February meeting, voted to speed up the remodeling job, even though it meant that the pool would not be opened until August.

On Tuesday, however, the Board of Estimates was informed that the work could not be completed before September, and so that the entire swimming season would not be lost, the beginning of the work was postponed until that time.

The Board of Estimates, in turn, allowed the parks department to withdraw its application for opening bids on the project.

Some $150,000 is planned for the remodeling job. Originally, $32,000 was to be spent, but the amount was increased so that the pool may be equipped with an additional tank. There now are two tanks.

One million dollars is being spent on the six pools maintained for white persons. That in Druid Hill is the only outdoor swimming facility operated by the city for colored persons.

Irked Arsonist Gets Off Lightly

Miss Doris Janey, who set fire to the bed when her boy friend brought home another woman, won a suspended sentence, this week, when she pleaded guilty to arson charges before Judge Joseph Sherbow.

The case of the 27-year-old woman was submitted on a simple statement of facts to the court by Alan Murrell, prosecutor.

He quoted the woman's declaration of "No one else is going to sleep in my bed," after Collins Miller brought another woman to their apartment in the 700 block W. Lexington St., and asked Miss Janey to leave.

Made Certain of Pledge

It was said that Miss Janey and Miller had lived together some three weeks.

Mr. Murrell described the tussle that followed the "other woman's" intrusion, and said as the man and his companion were ready to leave, Miss Janey grabbed a box of matches from the bureau and set fire to the mattress.

She was arrested several hours later after a tip had been relayed from the incendiary bureau. Judge Sherbow suspended a three-month jail term.

Scientist Develops Drug That May Conquer Polio

CHICAGO (ANP)—Charles D. Proctor, 27-year-old scientist, captured the attention of the medical research world here, last week, as he unfolded results of his experiments with mice that may lead to the cure of infantile paralysis in human beings.

The research assistant in physiology at Loyola University Medical School, told of his experiments with a new sulfa compound during an address before the Sigma Xi Honorary Science Fraternity at the University of Illinois.

Like most true scientists, Proctor declined to make generous predictions as to the success of his drug on human beings, but results of laboratory work with 180 mice gave encouragement to research men and new hope for sufferers of polio.

Drug Saved 71 of 90

Working with a sulfa compound known as phenol sulfadiazine, Proctor and his associate, C. L. Byrd, 32, infected 90 mice with the deadly "Lansing strain" polio. Seventy-one of these animals survived after treatment with the Proctor compound.

Only one of the other 90 mice infected with the same strain and not treated by his compound survived. Experiments are under way now with monkeys, who respond to polio in a manner similar to men, Proctor disclosed.

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Safety Slogan Wins $50 for Barbara Tapp

Adding new laurels to the achievements of Banneker School No. 113, Barbara Tapp, 11, this week, won a city-wide safety slogan contest sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce.

The well-chosen words which earned her a $50 U.S. Savings Bond, were "Safety — Your Job and Mine." The slogan will be displayed on the rear of commercial vehicles as a constant safety reminder to drivers.

During a program Thursday shown over WBAL-TV, Barbara received her award. In addition, $100 worth of books was presented to her school located at Greenmount Ave. and Federal St.

Heads Courtesy Unit

Barbara is in the 6A class which recently elected her chairman of its courtesy committee. With two other pupils which she has selected, this group helps school visitors, and encourages good

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Minnesota U. Hit for Ban on Boxer

MINNEAPOLIS—University of Minnesota President James L. Morrill was being severely criticized this week for taking what many persons call a "compromising position" in the dispute over the banning of a colored student from a dual boxing meet with Miami University at Miami.

President Morrill on Wednesday issued a public apology to the student, William McMoore, and gave assurances that there would be no repetition of the incident. But he said he would not cancel the meet.

It was because of this latter decision that the school president was criticized. Consensus of opinion seemed to be that "the proper time to spike racial bigotry is now, not next time."

McMoore was left at home when the Minnesota boxing team left for Miami on Tuesday night. A white substitute, Bill Steverмer, of Easton, Minn., was taken in his place. McMoore is a 175-pound contestant.

Advised that McMoore had been left off the trip, President Mor-

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'Informer' Here, Brags 'The Mauler'

Reports to the contrary, Lee Huggins, the vice squad's "private detective," is still in town and "available," Capt. Alexander Emerson said Tuesday.

The vice squad head declared that Huggins had not "flown the coop" after the AFRO snapped his picture last week.

This belief was prevalent when Huggins failed to appear in a court case after the picture was taken. He lives at 810 W. Ostend St.

Called "Good Boy"

Captain Emerson mused that Huggins "is a good boy" and "wouldn't frame anybody." He added:

"Listen, when Huggins brought evidence to me, you can bet the parties were guilty.

"I know the difference between good evidence and inducement. Inducement means force some-

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Auto Crash Kills Howard Student

WASHINGTON

John Barber, 29-year-old Howard University student, was instantly killed, early Wednesday morning, in an automobile accident on Bladensburg Rd., near Peace Crossing, Md.

Two unidentified women passengers in the car, which was completely demolished, were in-

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Coming Events

Friday

Concert by the Westinghouse Male Chorus at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts. — 8 p.m.

"A Night in Hollywood," sponsored by the senior choir at New Eastern Methodist Church, Eden and E. Hoffman Sts. — 8 p.m.

Jubilee mass meeting at Grace

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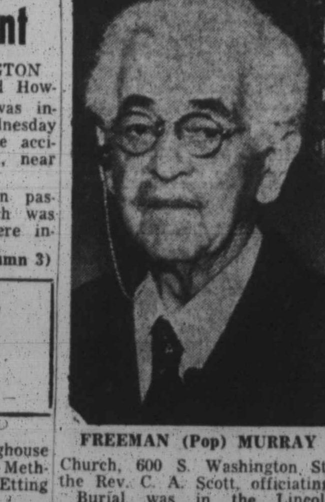
Last Rites Held for Pop Murray

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—Funeral services for Freeman H. M. (Pop) Murray, 90, of 813 Princess St., were held at 11 a.m., Friday (today), at the Roberts Mehodist Church, 600 S. Washington St., the Rev. C. A. Scott, officiating.



FREEMAN (Pop) MURRAY

Burial was in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Washington.

Mr. Murray, retired head of the AFRO-AMERICAN proofreading department, died on Monday of injuries suffered when he was hit by an automobile about

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Cupid's Corner

The following 13 couples obtained marriage licenses here, this week:

NORTON-JOHNSON— Chester E., 35, divorced, 1207 W. Franklin St.; Violet, 24.

NELSON-ADAMS—Irvin, 25, 3219 Tate St.; Helen V., 24.

PIGOTT-CRAWFORD—George, 18, 204 N. Monroe St.; Ethel, 19.

MARSHALL-WINSTON — Willie, 213 Fleming Dr.; Ovtovia, 24.

CEPHAS-WOOLRIDGE—John H., 22, 601 Cheraton Rd.; Delores, 18.

DRUMWRIGHT-RICE—Joseph, 27, 1525 N. Pulaski St.; Julia, 35.

WHITE-JONES—James, 35, 1951

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