Transit Company Asks Fare Increase Despite Same Old Service

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Deadline for Police Applicants May 17

Applications may be filed with the City Service Commission until May 17 for positions on the police force.

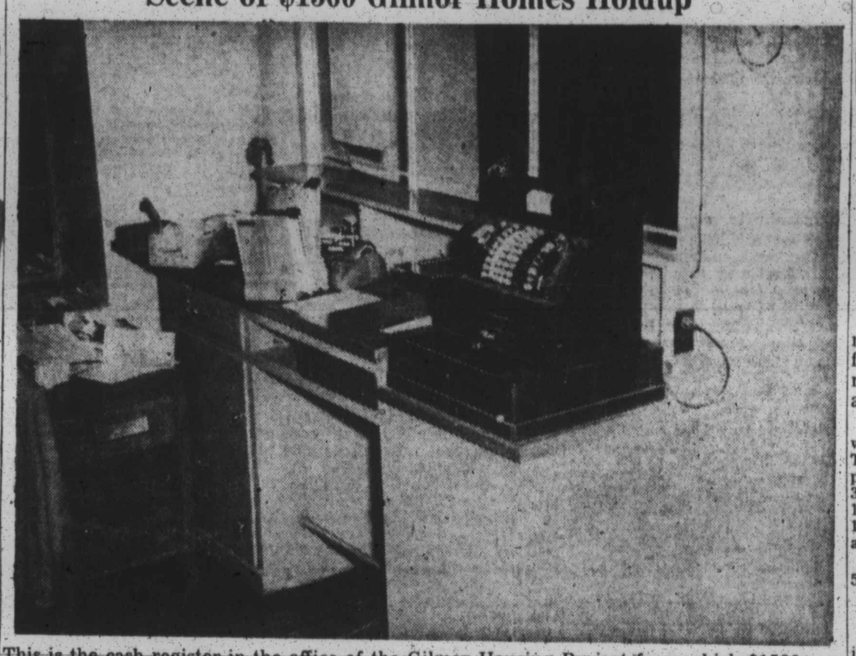
The Comission is located in Room 107 at City Hall. Applicants must be between 21 and 30 years old, and at least 5 feet 8 inches tall. Also they must be residents of Maryland, and must have had 10 years of schooling.

School Principal Hospitalized:

Takes Overdose of Pills

4 Women, 29 Men Listed on Afro's 1950 Honor Roll

Scene of $1500 Gilmor Homes Holdup



This is the cash register in the office of the Gilmor Housing Project from which $1500 was taken Thursday afternoon, in a daylight robbery by two bandits who herded five office employees into a vault. Two suspects were arrested early this morning.

Rob Gilmor Project of $1500 in Cash

Two Suspects Being Quizzed

5 Forced Into Vault in Broad Daylight

Two young men were arrested by Northwestern district police early this morning (Friday) for questioning about the $1500 daylight holdup of Gilmor Homes project office Thursday afternoon.

One of the suspects, who is 22, lives directly across the street from the housing project. The other, 23, gave a home address in another public housing project here.

Both will be viewed by witnesses to the robbery in line-ups at police headquarters late today.

The daring robbery was staged by two young men, both armed with pistols, about 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The bandits escaped on foot after herding five office employees in a vault, and making an unsuccessful effort to open a safe which contained nearly $3,000.

Was Suspicious From First

Mrs. Ruth Morton, office cashier, said the men came in to "case" the office shortly after noon Thursday.

They returned three hours later and asked for the project manager and left after being told he was not in.

While in the office the men looked around suspiciously, Mrs. Morton said, and when they left she remarked to co-workers, "They look like gangsters."

As a precautionary measure, Mrs. Morton said, she locked the front door and was going towards the rear door which leads to a maintenance shop to lock it when one of the gunmen entered.

In a gruff voice the holdup man said, "Get back there, shut up and keep quiet."

Employees Held at Bay

He then ushered Mrs. Morton to the cash register saying, "Give me the money."

Seconds later the second gun-

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ADDING INSULT TO INJURY:

BTC Asks Fare Raise Despite Poor Service

By Staff Correspondent

Less than two years ago, the Baltimore Transit Company asked for a fare increase.

At that time the BTC service schedules were faulty, would-be passengers were left stranded on corners, riders were insulted by drivers and a person took his life into his hands every time he boarded on of those "jet propelled" trackless trolleys.

The fare, however, was increased from 10 cents to 13 cents or two tokens for a quarter.

Schedules remained faulty, would-be passengers still were left stranded on corners, riders continued to be insulted by drivers and a person took his life into his hands every time he boarded one of those "jet propelled" trackless trolleys.

Another Fare Boost Asked

But now the transit company has come back and petitioned the Public Service Commission for another increase. This time it wants a straight 15-cent fare.

Is the company trying to make us believe that another increase will give passengers on the No. 21 line a smoother or safer ride?

Will another increase in fares make the No. 2 trolley stop leaving transfer passengers on the corner of Carey St. and Edmondson Ave.?

Will it send one No. 5 line bus up Orchard St. at the same time five others travel in a neat line down Druid Hill Ave. in the opposite direction?

Will 1500 fares at Morgan State College still be ignored so that unprofitable suburban areas can be serviced?

Previous Raises Ineffectual

Previous fare increases did none of these things. Neither did they stop transit company drivers from calling men "boys" and women "girls."

Nor did they eliminate the gas fumes or widen the narrow aisles on the buses.

And the drivers still have that nasty little habit of speeding by a waiting person and waving back toward an imginary bus that is nowhere in sight.

Unfair Job Policy Hit

In addition, it is awfully hard to forget the BTC's refusal to hire colored operators, even during the war years when it preferred using white women drivers.

Yet, the company has the nerve to ask for another increase in fare. It wants to break the public's pocketbook as well as the public's back!

Grand Jurors

Clarence E. Roy

John T. Christian

Selected to begin service Monday on the May term grand jury are John T. Christian, musician, of 519 W. Lafayette Ave.; and Clarence E. Roy, captain of porters at Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and who lives at 1137 N. Carey St.

Push Down Shaft Injures Boy, 11

An 11-year-old boy who said he was hurt when a white youth shoved him down an open elevator shaft in the rear of the 300 block W. Baltimore St., is reported to be in a "good condition," at University Hospital.

His lips puffed and bruised, the skin torn from his arms and neck, James Worell, of the 1100 block N. Carey St., who was taken to the hospital in a dazed condition, wanted to know, "When are they going to let me go home?"

According to James, he and a lad named "Skippy," were gathering cardboard boxes from Baltimore St. merchants, around 4 p.m., Tuesday, when the incident occurred.

Found on Sidewalk

The boy said he was waiting in the alleyway for Skippy, who had gone up the alley to find more boxes and at this time a young white man said to him, "come here, boy."

When he didn't go, the man walked toward him and shoved him, causing him to fall into the elevator shaft, he reported.

The elevator shaft is on the

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Cupid's Progress

Marriage licenses went to 10 non-resident and 20 local couples here, this week.

The out-of towners were:

Mack Scott, 40, and Miss Marilda Threet, 29, both Newark, N.J.; Cecil E. Hazell, 57, and Mrs. Ivy M. Eversby, 47, divorced, both

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J-C ISSUE SPLITS BOARD:

2 Lincoln University Trustees Quit in Huff

OXFORD, Pa.—Action of Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president; John A. Davis, political science professor; and two students to reopen the question of discrimination here is believed directly responsible for the resignations of two trustees, this week.

Although Dr. Bond and Lewis M. Stevens, board president, said they were offered no reason for the resignations, it is fairly evident that the action of the president was what motivated the decisions.

2 Tied Up With Racists

One of the trustees, Dr. Guy Holcombe, is chief burgess of the town, and had fined one of the students involved in the original discrimination dispute for taking a picture of the event.

The other, John H. Ware 3rd, a public utilities executive and newspaper publisher, owns the Met Theatre in Oxford, and was therefore not expected to be sympathetic in the anti-discrimination fight.

Targets of Students' Suit

The two businessmen are the same against whom an indictment was sought, last December, by several students who were also refused service and non-segregated seating in the two establishments.

At that time, Commonwealth Atty. Gen. T. McKeen Chidsey pledged the intervention of his office in the enforcement of the Pennsylvania Civil Rights law if any further violations were brought to his attention.

As a result, the four forwarded an affidavit to his office, last week, and their attorney, James K. Baker of Philadelphia, with Jacob S. Richman, American Jewish Congress counsel, prepared a redraft of the original Federal complaint.

Trustees Okey Administration

In its regular session on the campus on Friday, the trustee board had, among other things, approved the stand of the univer-

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Divine in 'His Glory' Marks Fourth Wedding Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA

"Father Divine is in His Glory Now — He and His Beautiful Bride."

Lustily singing this theme, hundreds of followers from all over the United States opened the two-day fourth anniversary celebration of the marriage feast of Father Divine and his "spotless virgin bride," Saturday morning.

Not only in Philadelphia, described by followers as "the county seat of the world" because their god is here, but in all the foreign missions, including those in Australia, Africa, Central America, Canada, England, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and New Zealand, Saturday was a day of great rejoicing.

Rivaled Relay Crowd

On the local scene, the mass attendance which waited 24 hours a day on the appearance of Father Divine and his bride was rivaled in number only by the attendance at the Penn Relays.

As in most other religious organizations, women make up the major membership of the Divine movement. But the secret of his success may lie in the fact that, unlike most other religious organizations, women are constantly in the forefront, holding top administrative posts and, in general, running the show.

For the Saturday feasts, Mrs. Divine chose a light pink gown, a mink coat and an orchid corsage. Divine chose a blue suit, white shirt, red tie and a rose.

Ex-Bishop Sims Guest

Many Philadelphians, either out of curiosity or genuine interest, looked in on the gatherings, but one who lingered long enough to be seated at the head table for the banquet on Sunday evening was the Rev. David H. Sims, a former bishop of the AME Church.

Meals on Saturday were served at the Divine Lorraine Hotel, the Unity Mission Church, 1530 N. 16th St.; Nazareth Mission, 1600-

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Carver P-TA Urges Group Support for New School Site

The P-TA of Carver Vocational School is urging citizens to attend the night hearing before City Council on the ordinance approving the Bentalou-Presstman Sts. site for the new Carver School.

Supporters of this site will speak before the Council on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Opponents, however, will appear the following Thursday, May 18, at the same hour.

Coming Events

FRIDAY

Second annual Music Festival presented by Baltimore Public Schools in the Douglass High School auditorium, Calhoun and Baker Sts., 8 p.m.

Formal dance of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the

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Welfare Worker Loses Wife, Suit

Joseph Cross, Philadelphia Department of Welfare worker, lost both his attempt to remain married to Mrs. Rose Kenny Cross and to obtain a divorce from her on grounds of desertion, here, this week.

The latter attempt, a cross-bill charging that she deserted him, in answer to her charges of desertion, was dismissed by the court.

Mrs. Cross, a teacher of history at the Druid Junior High School here and a student for a doctor of philosophy degree in human relations at New York University, testified that she and Mr. Cross were married in June, 1947, and separated eight months later.

Charges Beating, Threats

She charged that at the time they had an argument, that he beat her, threatened to throw her out of a window, said that he would kill her, and thereafter pestered her with telephone calls threatening unpleasant publicity.

She said that it was necessary, upon several occasions, for her to request police protection.

She said that the beating he gave her was so severe she had to be given medical attention and that she suspected that a present need for an operation resulted from that incident.

Friend, Sister Verify Story

Miss Inez Kent of 434 N. Calhoun St., a fellow teacher of Mrs. Cross, said that after the incident she visited Mrs. Cross and found her in such a condition that she

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Coppin Frosh Still in Dark

Pullen to Notify Them Where to Go

By June 10, all persons who have applied for admission to the Freshman Class of Coppin Teachers College will be notified where they will attend school, Dr. Thomas J. Pullen, State superi ntendent of education, said on Thursday.

Currently, Dr. Pullen stated that he is engaged in a study of figures concerning various phases of Coppin, in accordance with one of the recommendations made by Governor Lane on receipt of the report of his Commission on Higher Education.

After he has completed the study, Dr. Pullen said, he will make recommendations.

Odds Even at Present

At the present, odds for the establishment of a new city teachers' training school in Baltimore, are "about even," he declared.

No recommendations will be made, he stated, until the figures have also been studied by the State Board of Education. If they see the need for the erection of the school, then they will let it be known, Dr. Pullen said.

Even if a new school is recommended, freshmen will only be accepted in limited numbers. Otherwise, the applications will be held up, it was pointed out.

Next week, Dr. Pullen said, he will meet with a group of citizens to discuss the figures which, he added, will determine the need of the school.

Pullen Tracing 'Patterns'

Dr. Pullen has collected figures on the number of Coppin graduates for each year, dating back to 1930, and the number of Baltimore City teachers employed, as

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To Be Given Merit Plaques

Honorees Come From 13 States and District

ONE NIGERIAN

8 Whites in Group, Only 1 Athlete

The AFRO's annual honor roll, announced this week, lists four women and 29 men, representing a wide variety of activity.

Eight of the persons selected are white, 4 of them Federal judges. The list also includes 4 college presidents, 5 newspaper publishers, 3 clergymen, 1 city councilman and 1 athlete. The honorees come from 13 States, the District of Columbia and Africa.

The District of Columbia, with 5, heads the list.

Judge's Wife Selected

The women chosen are:

Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee of Washington, president of the National Council of Negro Women; Miss Shirley Graham of New York City, biographer and winner of the AFRO award as "Woman of the Year"; Mrs. Lillie Jackson of Baltimore, president of the Baltimore branch NAACP, largest in the nation; and

Mrs. J. Waties Waring of Charleston, S.C., wife of the United States District Judge, whose decisions bringing full suffrage again to South Carolina also won for him a place high on the list.

Paul Robeson, actor-singer and political figure of New York; Arthur Godfrey, radio and television star; and Paul Whiteman, orchestra leader and director of the TV Teen Club, are the representatives from the entertainment world.

U.S. Solicitor General Philip Perlman was chosen because of his

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Police Called by Husband

In Semi-Conscious State for 2 Hours

MUCH IMPROVED

Suicide Attempt in 1947 Recalled

Having attempted suicide, three years ago, Mrs. Graycie M. Hazzard, school principal, was returned to Provident Hospital in a critical condition Saturday night, the victim of an overdose of sleeping pills.

While confined to the hospital, she is reported to have been found in a dazed condition at a window in her second-floor room.

Mrs. Hazzard, 41, is the principal of Elementary School No. 136, Howard and 24th Sts. She lives at 2025 Rupp St., with her husband, John Hazzard, assistant manager at the Cherry Hill Housing Project.

Police Called to Home

When police were called to the Rupp St. home, Saturday, Mr. Hazzard told them his wife had taken the pills herself, several of them at 11 a.m. and more, three hours later.

Mrs. Graycie Hazzard

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REBUFFED BY U. S. COURT:

Thompson Suit Against AFRO Is Dismissed

Suit of Noah Thompson to recover 40 shares of stock in the AFRO-AMERICAN, which he sold to the company 20 years ago was dismissed in United States District Court on Wednesday. The trial lasted four days.

Mr. Thompson, a grandson of the late John H. Murphy, argued that despite a written contract of sale exhibited at the trial and nine other written communications in which he urged the sale that:

1. The transaction was a loan.
2. If it was a sale, the $30 per share he received was not adequate.

2 Other Reasons for Dismissal

Federal Judge William C. Coleman, in rendering his verdict, said he could have dismissed the case on two grounds, that:

a. There was a question whether Mr. Thompson is a citizen of New York (his home is with his wife in Baltimore; he works in New York); and

b. Whether his rights in the case had been primarily settled when he filed a suit in Circuit Court No. 2 in Baltimore in 1946.

The verdict, Wednesday, did not rest on either of these points.

Case Twice Before in Courts

Mr. Thompson, in 1946, was denied permission by Circuit Court No. 2 to intervene in a friendly suit of Trustees Arnett and John Murphy Jr., his uncles, to construe the John H. Murphy will, and was given 30 days to file an original action in a local court to set aside the agreement.

Instead of doing so, Mr. Thompson filed similar proceedings in New York, which were dismissed there for lack of jurisdiction in 1947. No appeal was taken from the New York decision.

Subsequently, Mr. Thompson filed the suit in the Federal Court here.

Transaction Not a Loan

Judge Coleman found that

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Fired Math Prof Says You Can't Tolerate Bias

By JULIA B. ENGLISH

"It is impossible to tolerate discrimination without being a part of it." This is the code by which Dr. Lee Lorch, brilliant mathematician, lives.

This is also the code which is indirectly responsible for his having lost his post as instructor at City College of New York and which is threatening his post as an assistant instructor at Pennsylvania State College.

The real issue, Dr. Lorch says, is the fact that he has taken the lead in the fight to have Stuyvesant Town, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's lily-white housing project, opened to all races.

In connection with that fight, Dr. Lorch invited a couple named Hendrix to share his apartment in Stuyvesant Town while he was in New York City. Upon going to Penn State, he sublet it to them.

Housing Fight Responsible

The fact that his Stuyesant Town fight is responsible for the loss of both jobs is evidenced by the fact that the native-born New Yorker was recommended for a promotion at City College in Dec., 1948, just two months before he was notified

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Numbers Score

Arrested in numbers cases in Baltimore police court since Jan. 1, 1950:

Colored	335
White	72
Total	407

Arrests since last issue:

Colored	32
White	3
Total	35

Blind Musicians in Spring Concert

Members of the Colored Blind Association will be presented, in vocal and instrumental numbers during the seventh annual Spring Concert to be held at 5 p.m. on May 21 at the YWCA.

Another entertainment offering will be a "Dressmaker"s Review" with Mrs. Naomi Miller serving as model.

Proceeds from the concert will be used to boost the general fund of the seven-year-old organization. More than half of the 19 members are employed in the Maryland Workshop for the Blind at 601 N. Fulton Ave. Men work in the canning and broom departments, while the women make Army and Navy mail bags.

The association meets monthly a members' homes. Officers are Frank I. Lobes, president; Augus-

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