Baltimore Bullets to Try Four Tan Players

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All Police Calls

The central police communications system will go into effect Sunday, and persons awaiting police services after that time are to call SAratoga 1200 for emergency matters and complaints.

Judge Demands Probe of 'WILD WEST' SHOOTING

One Wounded in 2 Clashes

Police Say They Had No Report of Gunplay

VICTIM SQUEALS

Bares Hospital Care When Shot in March

Judge Joseph Sherbow on Thursday, set off a full-scale inquiry into circumstances of a shooting which police said they knew nothing about until the victim, James Ellis, was arrested in another case, two months later.

"I'm going to get to the bottom of it," the jurist declared, as he pointed to a "Wild West" situation in which "a man can be shot, treated at a hospital and the police know nothing about it."

He set a hearing for Tuesday at 10 a.m., and ordered summonses issued for all persons on duty in the accident room of Provident Hospital on March 11, the night of the shooting.

Among those ordered to appear are the physician, said to have given the injured man first aid, and "everybody else who knows anything about it."

Tardy Arrest Also Flayad

Judge Sherbow further hit at the fact that it took police a month to arrest the man in question on a warrant issued April 12.

Lt. Frank Deems of Northwestern testified. that police knew nothing of the Ellis shooting until April 12, when Mrs. Dorothy Taylor complained that the man had shot at her.

The woman, he said, was advised to get a warrant, but because of a confusion in addresses, Ellis was not located until May 10, a month later, the lieutenant said.

He added that after his arrest, Ellis reported having been shot in the leg ten months previously on March 11 by James Taylor, who is related to the woman.

Hospital Put "on Spot"

Although a hospital record was produced, Lieutenant Deems said Provident officials had not told police that Ellis had been treated there. It was explained that hospitals and physicians must report all gunshot wounds to police.

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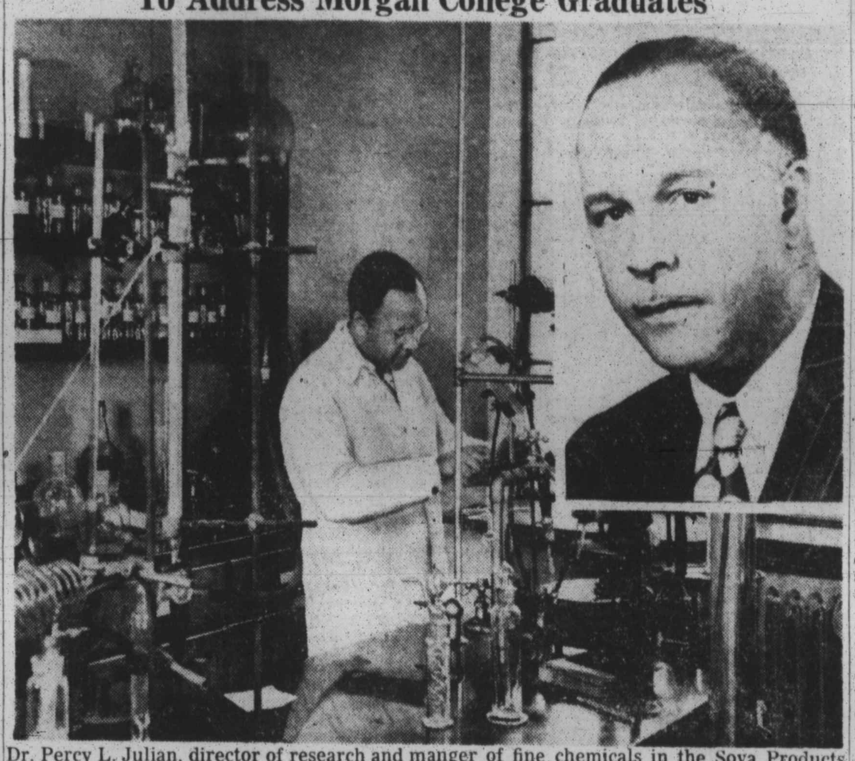
To Address Morgan College Graduates



Dr. Percy L. Julian, director of research and manger of fine chemicals in the Soya Products Division, the Glidden Company, Chicago will addres the graduating class of Morgan State College at commencement exercises on Monday evening. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Julian of Baltimore.

DR. JULIAN HONORED GUEST:

Morgan to Award 231 Seniors Their Degrees

Some 231 graduates of Morgan State College, including 129 men and 102 women, will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises at 6 p.m., Monday, in the Hughes Memorial Stadium.

Making the keynote speech will be Dr. Percy L. Julian, director of research and manager of fine chemicals, Soya Products Division, the Glidden Company, Chicago.

The honorary degree of doctor of science will be conferred on Dr. Julian; and that of doctor of laws, upon Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of public schools.

Loyola's President to Preach

Morgan's baccalaureate program will be held at 6 p.m., Sunday, at which the Rt. Rev. Francis X. Talbert, president of Loyola College, Baltimore, will deliver the sermon.

The invocation will be offered by the Rev. John T. Colbert, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church; and prayer and benediction, by the Rev. David H. Croll, rector of St. Phillips PE Church, Annapolis.

Music will be presented by the college choir and band.

Calloway to Get Citation

Also at the commencement exercises, a special citation will be

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Bullets to Try 4 Tan Players

Follows Pattern of Integration

REPORT IN FALL

Minor, Hatchet Among Candidates

The Baltimore Bullets announced late Tuesday that four colored players will be candidates for their professional basketball team for the 1950-51 season.

The four are: Davage Minor, formery of UCLA and now a member of the Oakland Bittners, West Coast pro five; Bucky Hatchett, high-scoring, star of the Rutgers University quint the past two years; Benny Rhodes, of Toledo University, and Ben Bluitt, outstanding Loyola of Chicago floorman.

The Bullets, through business manager Bob Elder, stated that the players will report in September with the rest of the squad. Two of them—Hatchett and Rhodes—have already notified the club they will be on hand.

Minor Good Prospect

Minor and Hatchett are probably the best prospects of the lot, particularly the former. Davage was a teammate of Don Barksdale, the first and only tan player ever to represent the United States in basketball in the Olympic Games. Since his graduation from UCLA, Minor has been playing professionally in Oakland, Cal.

An excellent ball-handler and play-maker, there are few performers in the National Basketball Association who rank with him as a floorman. He also shoots well, though not nearly as deadly as Barksdale.

BUCKY HATCHETT

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ROTC Picks Honorary Colonel

ROTC Cadet Colonel Edna Buster of Columbus, Ohio, at the ROTC Day exercises held on the Howard University athletic field before a group of dignitaries from the school and the War Department.—A Kay Dee Photo

AFRO'S 16TH CAMPAIGN:

$100 Check Starts Off Clean Block Drive

A check for $100 from the Lasting Products Paint Company has started things rolling in the AFRO's 16th annual Clean Block Campaign, as Baltimoreans realize that the July 1 official opening of this year's campaign is right around the corner.

The Lasting Products' donation is first of many expected donations of money and other gifts from civic-minded individuals and organizations, which should make up a prize fund of $1500 before the campaign ends on Sept. 1.

Shares in this prize fund will be a strong incentive for some 10,000 children in competing blocks to beautify their neighborhoods.

Color Slides to Be Shown

Interested parties may see the results of past campaigns in a program of color slides to be shown at the Gilmor Project auditorium Monday, June 5, at 4.30 p.m.

In addition, to enjoying the satisfaction of having cleaner and more beautiful blocks, Clean Blockers also enjoy a movie party usually given for them by a large theater corporation, weekly informal captains' meetings, and occasional treats from appreciative neighbors.

Each week flags are awarded to the best blocks of the week. Pictures of good-looking blocks will appear in each issue of the AFRO.

Application Attached

Any child may become a Clean Block captain by filling out the application blank on this page and sending it, together with the names of 10 children who will help him, to the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore-1, Md.

An adult should be selected to act as advisor in each block. Also, a secretary and treasurer should be included in each group's staff of officers.

Usually only one captain is permitted in a block. In exceptional cases, the Clean Block staff of the AFRO must be consulted.

Rights Cases Decision Near

High Court May Blast Separate-Equal Idea

WASHINGTON

The United States Supreme Court is scheduled to adjourn Monday, June 5, and is expected to hand down decisions on three important cases involving the separate-but-equal theory.

News sources in the Supreme Court say that the judges will adjourn Monday if they have completed their work but it may be the following Monday, June 12, before they can quit. "Before they quit, it is reasonably certain they will do something on the segregation cases," a press spokesman in the Supreme Court told the AFRO Thursday.

Before the court is the case of Elmer Henderson versus the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Southern Railroad Company in which Mr. Henderson charged he was discriminated against when forced to eat behind a curtain while traveling interstate, which is contrary to the Constitution of the United States and contrary to previous court rulings.

The other two are school cases—McLaurin versus the University of Oklahoma and Herman Sweatt versus the University of Texas. All of the cases attack the so-called separate-but-equal theory.

Court Unpredictable

A favorable decision would upset the Plessy versus Ferguson decision handed down by the Supreme Court the early part of the century, which in effect upheld the separate-but-equal theory.

It is unpredictable as to what the present Supreme Court judges will do. There are those who contend that if a favorable decision overruling the Plessy versus Ferguson case is not granted by the present court, it will be many years before attorneys will be

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Mayor Signs Ordinance Approving Carver Site

Acting swiftly behind the City Council's approval, two days earlier, Mayor D'Alesandro, Wednesday, signed into law the Carver School site ordinance.

The mayor pointed out in signing the ordinance that no persons had requested a hearing on the matter.

Councilman John Reed, 5th District opponent to the site at Bentalon and Presstman Sts., had promised to flood the mayor's office with other white opponents. He said 4,000 persons living in that area are against the school's location there.

Site in 4th District

Actually the school site is in the 4th Councilmanic District, but the protests came from white persons living further south and west in the 5th.

The School Board has been seeking to build the new Carver Vocational High School for longer than 10 years.

At least three other sites were turned down on the basis of mass protests.

Alternate Location Flayed

Council Reed and other opponents to the site of some 13 acres at Bentalou and Presstman suggested an alternate location on St. Mary's Seminary property.

This suggestion was denounced by the School Board and hundreds of colored citizens, who pointed out that it would place the school in an undesirable neighborhood, hemmed in by traffic, vice and slums.

After a number of hearings and conferences on the matter, the Council passed the Presstman-Bentalou site ordinance, Monday night, by a vote over Reed of 20 to 1.

State Okeys 65 Schools

28 Built; 11 Going Up; 26 Set for '51

To cost $21,964,231, a total of 65 new schools for colored pupils is included in the recent status report of the Maryland public school construction program.

Twenty-eight of the schools have been constructed since January, 1947. Eleven others are under construction, and 26 more will be under way by this time next year.

The report shows that those already constructed cost the State $4,723,641. Those under construction will cost $8,088,890. Those to be constructed will cost $9,151,700.

Prince Georges Gets 10

Ten of the new structures already completed are located in Prince Georges County. Majority (three) of the schools now being built are in Anne Arundel County.

Five of those to be begun next year are slated for Baltimore City; and four, for Howard County.

Specific Details Given

The complete report follows:

New construction since January, 1947:

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY—Conway School, $181,697;

BALTIMORE County — Banneker Elementary-High, Catonsville, $178,000, an addition; Sollers Pt. Junior-Senior High, Dundalk, $1,086,000; Carver Senior-Junior High; Towson, $934,000;

CALVERT COUNTY — Appeal Elementary, $54,000; Island Creek Elementary, $51,000; Plum Point Elementary at Parran, $8,400, an addition;

CAROLINE COUNTY—Lockerman Elementary-High at Denton, $69,864, an addition;

CARROLL COUNTY — Robert

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School-Civic Conclave Scheduled at Dunbar

Dunbar Senior-Junior High School is conducting a School-Community Conference from 12:30 to 5 p.m., Thursday June 8, to discuss the building, vocational, curricula and recreational needs in the East Baltimore area.

According to a letter sent to citizens by Houston R. Jackson, principal,

"Purpose of this conference is to bring together parents, friends, pupils and teachers to investigate and recommend to the Superintendent of Public Instruction what the school and community think are the educational needs of the boys and girls of secondary school age in the school community."

Conference Plan Mapped

At a meeting of all East Baltimore clergy Wednesday, at First Baptist Church, the ministers went on record urging the citizens to support the conference.

The plan for the conference is as follows:

A. 12:30 p.m.—Assembly in the

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2 Short-Term Marriages Dissolved in Court Here

Two complainants, one, who charged that her marriage ended three days after the ceremony, and another who testified that her union lasted a mere 30 days, received divorces and restoration of their maiden names, here, this week.

They were Mrs. Robert Harris, the former Clara Tyler; and Mrs. Eugene Squirrel, nee Annabelle Gray of 1426 Aisquith St.

Mrs. Harris, who lives at 1212 Pennsylvania Ave., told the court that she and Robert Harris of 515 N. Paca St., were married on Feb. 5, 1948, and that he left her on Feb. 8, after telling her that it was not she but another woman that he loved.

Mrs. Squirrel, wed on April 30, 1948, said that she left on May 30 after two beatings which

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Numbers Score

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

Colored	384
White	86
Total	470

Arrested since last issue:

Colored	14
White	0
Total	14

It has been called to the attention of Colonel Ober and Governor Lane that the exclusive attention to colored neighborhoods is believed to be an indication of the fact that an attempt is being made to run the colored number writers out of the city so that the business can be taken over by the white barons who are writing numbers in the white section.

Cupid's Corner

Selecting Baltimore as their marriage sites, five non-resident couples obtained permits here for holiday unions.

They were:

Sam Rice, 41, and Miss Ruby Calloway, 35, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry T. Ingram, 25, Laurel, Del., and Miss Muriel D. Martin, 27, Elizabeth, N.J.; William Henry, 33, and Miss Margaret Green, 35, both Trenton, N.J.; George Dickerson, '40, widower, and Miss Edith H. Holland, 43, both Atlantic City.

Baltimoreans given licenses were:

PROPHET WHITICORE — Edward, 43, divorced, 534 Cross St.; Lauretta R., 27.

PRICE-PORTER—James, 19, 1029

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Coming Events

FRIDAY

Eastside Talent Parade by the Baltimore Music Guild, NAAM, 8 p.m.,— Centennial Methodist Church.

St. James PE Church School carnival 5-11 p.m.

Faculty reception at Carver Vocational High School, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girl Scout song fest and flag ceremony, 6:30 p.m., the Dell, Charles and 31st Sts.

Queen Mary's carpet exhibit—Baltimore Museum of Art.

SUNDAY

Ralph Matthews Sr., editor of the Washington AFRO, speaks on "Civil Rights and the Cold War," 3:30 p.m., Morgan Hall, Pennsyl-

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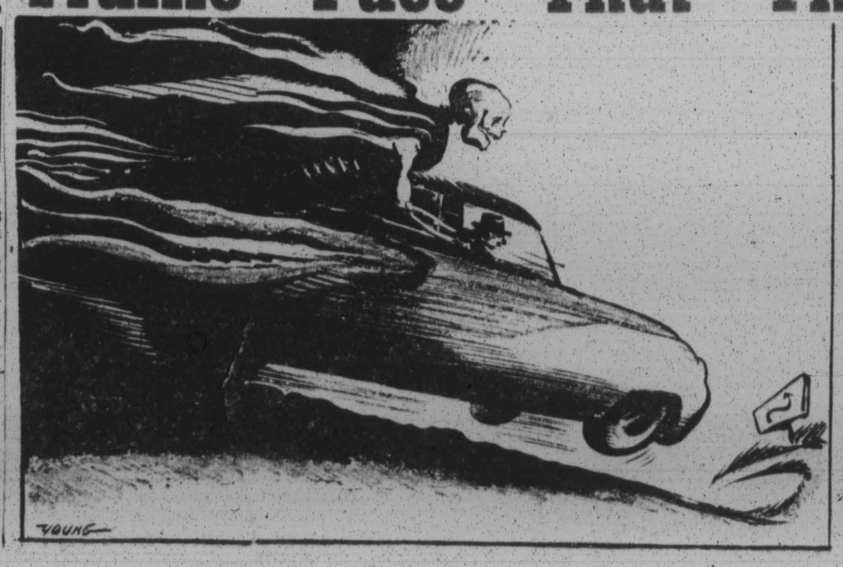
Traffic Pace That Thrills Also Kills



DEATH ONLY VICTOR:

Battle of Highways Begins as Reckless Drivers Speed

"Here lies the body of William Jay,
Who died maintaining his right of way;
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,
But he's just as dead as tho' he'd been wrong."
— ANONYMOUS

By RUFUS WELLS

This verse might be used to decorate the tombstone of many of the 32,000 persons killed each year by traffic accidents in the United States.

It refers to the "know-it-all" driver who thinks having the right of way entitles him to drive as fast and recklessly as he can.

But this is just one of the types of drivers who give Americans the dubious distinction of killing one of their fellow citizens with a motor vehicle every 15 minutes.

Another type is the "jitter bug" driver. He weaves in and out of traffic lanes, deaf to the sound of blaring horns and screeching brakes, as more cautious motorists seek to avoid a collision.

He smiles as he dangerously wends his way to the head of the pack. This type is largely to

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