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Mother Saves 5 Children in East Baltimore Blaze

Trapped on the second-floor of her Lamont Avenue home when fire broke out, Mrs. Katherine Young tossed five children, including a two-weeks-old baby, out of the window, then leaped to safety herself.

Three of the children saved Wednesday morning by Mrs. Young's quick thinking were her own, the other two belong to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Young who also jumped from the window.

Passerby Catches Infant

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Katherine Young. She ran upstairs and tossed Greta, wo-week-old, out of the front window to Otis Gray of 1014 Lamont Avenue.

Mrs. Young then threw a matress out of the window and dropped the other children on it. All of the Youngs were aken to Johns Hopkins Hospital but were released after treatment for shock and minor bruises.

In addition to the infant, other children saved were Brenda, 3, Margaret 4, Dorothy 3, and William 4. The latter two are Mrs. Margaret Young's children.

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Social Security Benefits Aired

Most self-employed people are now working under social security and are entitled to the same benefits and protection being given salaried persons, William M. onlin, manager of the local Social Security office declared this week.

Mr. Donlin explained that recent changes in the social security law provided for coverage of most self-employed persons beginning January of this year. Not included in this group are farm operators, doctors, lawyers and certain other professional groups.

Must Report Income

A self-employed person willl report income for social security credit on a detachable portion of his final individual income tax return. The Collector of Internal Revenue will forward this sheet to the Social Security Administration where the income will be credited to the individual's account.

Only $3,600 of self-employment income is taxable for any one year. Persons earning less than $400 a year are not considered as self-employed and are not covered by the new law.

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Rejected Job Applicant Tells Story

Job Discrimination Bared at Crownsville Hospital

Emphasizing current complaints of residents in the vicinity of Crownsville that the institution is not properly policed, a special policeman reported this week that he was turned down when he tried to fill a vacancy on the police force of the state hospital.

Claude Coison, 33, 1200 block McCubbins Ct., took a State examination for institutional policeman in July, 1950. A war veteran, he was referred to the institution in June, 1951, by the State Emment Board.

A vacancy was caused when a white policeman resigned to take another job.

Mr. Coison was interviewed by A. Allen, personnel director at Crownsville, for the job. The applicant reports that Mr. Allen seemed to hedge on appointing him solely because of his color.

He quoted the personnel head as saying: "There are a lot of southern people down here; and we've never hired colored policemen before."

Calls Morgenstein

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, representing the labor division of the NAACP was informed of the interview by Mr. Coison. She called Dr. Jacob Morgenstein, director of Crownsville, and complained at introduction of the racial angle in the interview.

When asked about the incident, Mr. Allen denied that the man was not hired because of his race. He said Coison made a "good impression," and was on the verge of being hired.

Allen attributed failure to hire the man to the undersired "presure" initiated by Mrs. Mitchell's phone call. He said Mrs. Mitchell acused Dr. Morgenstein of practicing discrimination against colored people.

However, Mr. Allen did not explain why it was necessary to penalize Mr. Coison—by not giving him the job, for any "pressure" which was attributed to Mrs. Mitchell.

Left Position Open

Nor did the personnel chief explain why, with the recent large number of escapees from Crownsville, he left the position open, rather than hire Mr. Coison, who was firs. on the list.

The eligibility list, which contained Mr. Coison's name, was withdrawn recently and another issued. A white applicant was picked from this list to fill the police vacancy.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the NAACP, rebutted Mr. Allen's pressure claim, stating: "If Mr. Allen had hired Mr. Coison in the first place, we would have never entered the matter. However, he disregarded this war veteran, a qualified applicant referred by the State Employment office, solely because of his color.

"Reiterate Support"

"The NAACP should not, and will not, be used as an excuse to justify any prejudicial action by Dr. Morgenstein or Mr. Allen. We will back Mr. Coison to the hilt."

The NAACP also dispatched a letter to Governor McKeldin presenting the full facts in the case.

Mr. Coison has been authorized as a special policeman since 1948. He served with the 10th Calvary Regiment from 1934 to 1936. He reentered the Army in 1942 and served until 1944.

Claude Coison, seated at right, tells the story of his vain attempts to secure employment at Crownsville State Hospital to Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, labor representative of the NAACP, and Buddy Lonesome, AFRO reporter. Although he is a war veteran and, as a special policeman, has a thorough knowledge of police methods and procedures, Mr. Coison was denied opportunity to fill a recent vacancy at Crownsville as an institutional policeman.

Army Releases 265 Reservists

Approximately 265 enlisted reservists now serving at Fort Meade will be released from active duty by Dec. 20, the Public Information Office announced this week.

Priority is given to World War II veterans, men with prior service and hardship cases, providing their release does not materially affect the efficiency of the unit. Since Jan. 1 a total of 1,047 reservists have been released at Meade.

The plans pertain only to men involuntarily ordered to active duty as individuals. Present Army plans call for reserve and Nation Guard units to serve 24 months.

Jewish Chapel Flag Flies at Fort Meade

FORT MEADE — For the first time since the end of World War II, the Jewish Chapel Flag is again flying at Fort Meade.

The banner, which incorporates a design featruing the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments and the Star of David in white on a blue background, was dedicated at ceremonies at the Eighth Street Chapel recently.

The dedication is in keeping with an army custom of having the flag fly at the office of the Jewish chaplain.

Meade Athletic Staff Adds an Assistant

FORT MEADE — Second Lieut. James D. VanderWaal, of Prairie City, Iowa, has assumed his duties as assistant post athletic director here.

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YWCA Electors to Discuss Program

The Electors of the Madison Ave. YWCA will meet on Monday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. to discuss the activities program for 1952 and 1953.

Workshop groups will precede the general meeting on the various aspects of the YWCA. program with the following chairmen: Teen-Age, Miss V. Fentress White; Young Adult, Mrs. Thelma Ashe; Health Education, Mrs. William Matthews; Service, Mrs. Louis Harmon and Mrs. George Page; Membership, Mrs. Ethel J. Day;

Public Affairs, Mrs. Julius S. White; Religious Emphasis, Miss Doris Shamleffer; World Fellowship, Mrs. David Glenn; Publicity, Mrs. Lillian Parrott.

Workshop Recorders

Recorders for the workshops will include Mesdames Lois Carter, Ada Spurlock, Beulah Wescott, Louise Boyd, Beatrice Hall; Misses Lucille Burns, Beatrice Faulkner, Lillian Wheeler, Camilla Jordon.

Mrs. W. Winston Hunt, chairman of the Branch Program Planning Committee will outline the procedure in the general meeting and Miss Doris Shamleffer will conduct the closing service of worship.

Mrs. Victor Gray, chairman of the Committee of Management will preside.

Teachers' Class Opens at Webb's

For the first time in the two-year history of the Chick Webb Recreation Center Pool a Red Cross Life Safety and Water Safety Instructors Class is now in progress.

The class began on Wednesday, Oct. 31, and meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.

Already enrolled in the class are: Mrs. Elaine Brown of Coppins State Teachers College; Alvin Brown and Fred Middleton, of the Morgan State College physical education staff, and Haywood Mayo a Morgan student.

Mr. Middleton is taking a refresher course since he has already completed the course at West Virginia State College.

Interested persons should call or contact the center on or before Tuesday Nov. 13, at 623 N. Eden St. or call Dickens 3660. T. Madison Garrison is the instructor.

Post Office Schedule for Armistice Day

Monday, November 12, 1951, will be observed as a National Holiday (Armistice Day). The usual Saturday schedule will be operative. All stations will close at 12 noon. Regular window service will be available at the Main Post Office until 6 p.m.

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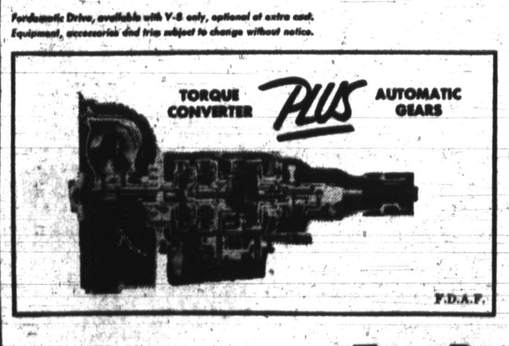

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