Perjury Charges Strike Bondsman

Caught up in the local bail bond investigation, Robert L. Foote, bondsman of 700 George St., was charged by the grand jury, Thursday, in five cases of bail perjury.

Mr. Foote is the first colored bondsman to be involved in the investigation which was conducted by the Criminal Justice Commission at the request of the Supreme Bench. Several white bondsmen have been charged.

A similar investigation some five years ago led to the conviction of William B. Dixon, real estate broker, on similar charges.

False Information Cited

Mr. Foote is accused of giving false property information under oath in posting bail bonds on five different dates, both at Northwestern police station and at the Criminal Court clerk's office.

When posting bails, bondsmen are asked to state whether properties have any liens or mortgages, whether they have ground rents or are in fee simple, and other routine questions regarding the real estate being posted as security for persons charged in criminal offenses.

Mr. Foote is charged with giving false information regarding property at 524 W. Biddle St. on July 23 at the Criminal Court office; regarding an unnamed property on March 20 at Northwestern police station;

Own Home Involved

Property at 700 George St. on Oct. 4 at the clerk's office; property at 202 N. Arlington Ave. on Oct. 20 at Northwestern; and 702 George St. on June 27 at the Clerk's office.

Adams, Rouse Ask New Trial

Sentences On Digit Conviction Pending

New trial motions were filed, Wednesday, for William (Little Willie) Adams and Walter Rouse, Baltimore business men convicted last week of numbers conspiracy.

If the Supreme Bench should deny them new trials, the two defendants will be sentenced by Judge Joseph Sherbow. The convictions then may be carried to the Court of Appeals, and if necessary, to the Supreme Court.

Investigated By Jury

Mr. Adams, real estate broker and owner of several other business places, was charged as a result of a special grand jury investigation growing out of his testimony last summer before the Senate Crime Committee.

He had told the committee that he backed numbers up until the spring of 1950, averaging $1,000 a day.

In prosecuting the conspiracy case, the State's attorney used the Washington testimony, along with that of Maurice Jones, Turner Station resident, who said Mr. Adams set him up in the numbers business in 1947.

Raid Revived

The State also revived a 1949 numbers raid in which Mr. Adams was acquitted, and in which Mr. Rouse claimed to be the "baeker." Mr. Rouse also is a realtor.

Neither took the stand, in his own defense when the case was tried before an all-white jury for two days last week.

Defense counsel sought, rather, to discredit Jones's testimony, and tried unsuccessfully to prevent the use on the Senate Committee testimony and the introduction of Adams's State income tax records. These showed large amounts from the source of "speculations."

Outstanding Insurance Agent Cited

Archibald S. Lewis, left, winner of a recent business increase contest among agents of the Progressive Life Insurance Company receives his prize certificate for a $50 suit from Sidney H. Brown, manager. Staff superintendent Charles H. Nelson looks on.

One Son Too Many Wins GI's Divorce

Charging that when he returned from Germany, where he had served 35 months with the Army, he counted noses and found one too many, John H. White divorced Mrs. Mildred M. White, this week.

The former soldier told the court that he left one son home and found two when he came back, the latter being only a couple of weeks old.

His wife, he said, made no secret of the fact that the child's father was one Eugene Watson, another serviceman. In fact, according to Mr. White, she had given the child's name as Eugene Watson Jr. on the birth certificate.

It also seemed a matter of too many children that wrecked the union of Robert E. Lee, 1703 N. Spring St., and Mrs. Emma A. Lee of 1316 Aisquith St.

The couple, married in 1930, are parents of 10 children. When the last baby arrived in 1946, Mrs. Lee told her husband that she wanted neither him nor the children, and left, he testified.

The husband was represented by J. Howard Payne, attorney.

Two husbands, now serving

Two in Prison

terms in the Maryland House of Correction, were divorced by their wives.

A decree was signed freeing Mrs. Marie Nicholson, 1639 Ashland Ave., from Clifton Nicholson, who was convicted of non-support as well as robbery. They were married on March 28, 1946 and separated in June of the same year.

A divorce also went to Mrs. Dorothy Watkins of 1023 N. Mount St., from Albert Watkins, a prisoner.

Mrs. Lucy Cheeks of 1008 Brantley Ave., divorced Melvin Cheeks, who, she said, deserted her when he fell in love with another woman.

The couple, married in 1926, lived together until 1947.

Mrs. Frances Dorsey of Bayonne, N.J., who divorced Robert Dorsey of 1228 N. Stricker Street, here, will resume her maiden name, Thomas.

The wife said that she and her husband voluntarily separated in 1944 after seven months of marriage. She was represented by Roy S. Bond, attorney.

Mr. Bond also represented Mrs. Susie Mae Gregory, 1337 N. Stricker St., who testified that she and James H. Gregory voluntarily parted in 1942. They were married in 1935.

New Social Worker At Chest Clinic

Miss Mary B. Greene, recently appointed as a medical social worker with the Maryland Tuberculosis Association has begun service in the Chest Clinic of the Druid Health Center.

Miss Greene resumes the social work in this clinic which was interrupted by the resignation of Miss Harriett Peat last February.

Officer Freed In Shooting Of Morgan College Student

The grand jury, Wednesday, dismissed assault charges against a Northwestern district patrolman who shot a Morgan State College student during a holdup investigation in which the youth was not involved.

Magistrate John L. Berry of Northwestern had issued a warrant against Officer Joseph Tomshack on the request of I. Duke Avnet, attorney for the inned sophomore, Murl E. Coplin, 21, of the 500 block Pulaski St.

Officer Called "Culprit"

Mr. Avnet decared that the police officer exceeded his authority," and became the culprit instead of a guardian of the law." Coplin was shot in the leg, and hospitalized over two months.

The grand jury began its study of the case two weeks ago. Ansel Sodaro, State's Attorney, said Thursday that he had asked Mr. Avnet to present his full side of the case to the jury because he wanted a full picture of the incident carried there.

The grand jury hears only the State's side of a case, and not any defense.

Boys Ran From Police

Coplin was standing with other young men at Harlem and Fremont Aves. when Tomshack, investigating a drug store holdup at Myrtle Ave. and Hoffman St., fired into the group when it dispersed and started to run after a call to "halt."

It was shown that young Coplin in no way fitted the description of one of the holdup men.

8 Babies Born At Hospitals On Christmas

Santa Claus delivered eight Christmas Day "bundles from heaven," five boys and three girls, at the local hospitals.

At Provident Hospital, where three of the children were born, the first arrived at 12:01 o'clock Christmas morning. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Benson Jr. of 1408 Division St.

The others are a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Pealey Williams of 1707 Barnes St.; and a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Buckson of 1115 McElderry St.

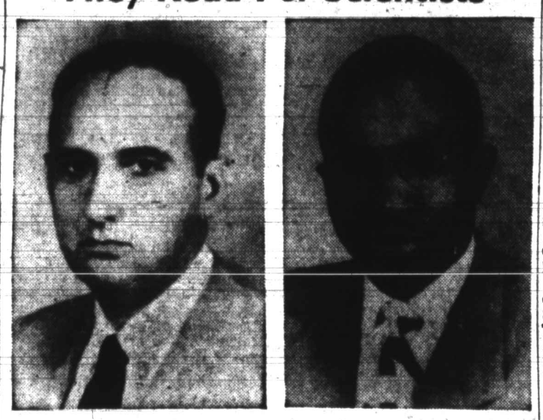
Boy At Hopkins

At Johns Hopkins Hospital, a son was born to Mrs. Lillian Reddick of 2103 Walbrook Ave.

Four Christmas Day babies put in their appearances at University Hospital.

They included a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson of 4417 Ivanhoe Ave.; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black of RFD 1, Union Bridge, Md.; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lee of 2129 Division St.; and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Covington Morgan of 2108 Rupert St.

They Read For Scientists



Drs. Thomas P. Fraser, head of the science education department and John W. King, professor of biology at Morgan State College, who read a paper, "A Study of Convictions of Students and Faculty on College General Education Science," before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Philadelphia, on Dec. 28.

Scarlett Asks For New Trial

Country Club Owner Fights Numbers Rap

Austine Scarlett, country club operator convicted of numbers consiracy on the testimony of a confessed numbers writer, filed a motion for a new trial on Friday.

The prisoner, Horace B. Cann, was freed from the balance of his sentence because he turned State's evidence against Scarlett, and pointed him out as his "backer."

Serving Out Fine

Cann had completed a six months lottery sentence, and was in the process of serving out a $750 fine.

The new trial motion also was filed on behalf of Harry Gross, stable worker, who was convicted with Scarlett on the numbers conspiracy charge. Cann testified that he turned in his numbers to Gross who in turn gave them over to Scarlett.

Mr. Scarlett operates a fashionable country club in Westminster, Md. He was convicted by a jury last Wednesday.

Decided to "Talk"

Cann told the jury that he was "talking" on Scarlett because the "backer" did not live up to his promise to pay Mrs. Cann $40 a week while he (the husband) was serving the numbers sentence.

He said when the money was not delivered to his wife as Scarlett had promised, he wrote a letter to the State's attorney's office, stating that he was ready to "talk."

Cpl. Baynham Hopes To Come Home Soon

Looking forward to coming home within a few months was the anticipation expressed by Cpl. George F. Baynham, 20, in a holiday letter from Korea to his father, D. Lindsay Baynham, attorney.

He said that his unit expected to leave for Japan sometime this month, and return to the States soon. Cpl. Baynham has been in the service since September 1950, and overseas since May. He attended Baltimore schools and Trinity Baptist Church.

Mayor's Eye Reported On The Governorship

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro's ambition to become the next governor of Maryland is highlighted in a feature story on the mayor currently appearing in Collier's Magazine.

The mayor's personal preference is to go to Washington as a U.S. Senator, but since his party leaders are already assuring him "You'll be the next governor," the article points out "He has made up his mind that the detour to Annapolis, the State capital, must be made."

Record Reviewed

In reviewing his accomplishments as mayor of Baltimore, the article cites his street-improvement program, port development, streamlined garbage collection system, the reduction of the real estate tax rate, and the $30,000,000 public school program.

It points out that as the father of six children, the mayor is keenly aware of the problems of youth. Concerned about the post-war increase in the use of dope, particularly by juveniles, he inaugurated a special investigation by the State's Attorney's office.

Then he established the Youth Emergency Council which included representatives from various civic organizations and the local schools and colleges.

The mayor was relieved that the teachers and students found no indication of drug users in any of the schools, a report which was confirmed by the police investigation and the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

The article refers to Mayor D'Alesandro as "Baltimore's favorite son" and maintains that there is no doubt in his mind that he can be elected Maryland's governor in 1954.

225 Children Attend Christmas Party

Some 225 East Baltimore children were guests Christmas Day at a party sponsored by the Hollywood Tavern and held in the Church Temple For All People at 1115 E. Lexington St.

John Schonhoff, proprietor of the tavern, said the Yule party was a "great success" and that he plans to make it an annual affair.

The party planning committee included Mr. Schonhoff, John Jackson, James Butler, Mrs. Ruby Fortune, Mrs. Florence Thomas, Mrs. Mamie Anderson, Clarence Washington and John Watkins.

CLUB GIVES FAMILY $30

The Bertha Johnson Neighborhood Club gave $30 to the Wilkes family which lost all of its clothing in a fire.

NOTICE

WOULD VIRGINIA GARRETT GREENE, daughter of Calvin and Rosa Garrett or Rosa Garrett, formerly 1800 blk. Etting Street, contact Mrs. Jessie Valentine, 1019 Edmondson Avenue immediately. Very Urgent.

J. A. B. Callis YMCA Chairman

At the closing meeting of the year, the newly elected members of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA Board of Managers took their seats and elected the following officers for 1952:

J. A. B. Callis, chairman; Miles W. Connor, vice-chairman; Harold A. Seaborne, secretary.

Truly Hatchett was re-elected as representative to the Metropolitan Board of Directors.

William Stahl, Associate General Secretary of the Metropolitan Staff, conducted the induction ceremonies.

Members serving on the board of Managers for the first time are Dr. Louis E. Harmon, Henry G. Parks Jr., and the Rev. V. T. Williams.

Two Presentations

Two appropriate presentations were made to the Board. Alphonso L. Roberts, a member of the Religious Emphasis Committee, presented a large reproduction of Warner Sallman's bust of Christ, to be placed in the "Y" lobby.

Edward Boston, on behalf of the Craft Club of the Boys' Department, presented to each board member a miniature Santa Claus made by the boys under his leadership. Boston is a senior at Douglass High School and has been a volunteer worker in the Boys' Department for four years. He is now serving as Craft Instructor at Druid Hill.

Berry Holds Xmas Eve Night Court

For one of the few times in Baltimore's history, Magistrate John L. Berry held a night session at Northwestern Police Court, on Christmas Eve.

Magistrate Berry heard only eight cases at the night session, which started at 11:30 p.m. and continued until 12:20 a.m.

The most serious offense concerned a Marine, Douglass Dandridge, 22, 1100 block Stricker St., charged with assault by pointing a pistol, carrying a deadly weapon, and disorderly conduct.

Testimony revealed that the Marine bumped into a passer-by and then cursed the man, after pulling a loaded German Luger from his belt.

Patrolman Aubrey Lowman was in the vicinity and disarmed the service man before arresting him.

GVETS Jail Term

Magistrate Berry imposed a sentence of 60 days in jail on the assault charge, 30 days on the deadly weapon charge, and a fine of $25 and costs on the charge of disorderly conduct.

In explaining the unusual night session, Magistrate Berry said it was done to benefit policemen working the 4 to 12 shift.

Ordinarily the officers would have to interrupt their holiday to appear in court on Christmas morning.

Magistrate Berry Halts Man's Business Career

Unworried by increasing prices, a slight, 24-year-old chauffeur had devised a unique method of conducting a full scale retail coal business.

Edward Morrison, 600 block N. Mount St., finally fell into the clutches of John Law this week, and his business plans were temporarily—at least—snafued.

It seems Morrison would hire as a chauffeur to large coal companies in the city, and after delivering loads of coal to a customer, would forget to come back with the money collected.

While working for the Von Heine Coal Co., he collected $89.76 for four tons of coal.

Not only did the admitted thief fail to return the money, but the coal truck was not found until two days later, parked on Kirby Lane near Edmondson Ave.

Charged in 2nd Theft

Morrison was also charged with larceny of $63.83 from the Blue Ridge Coal Co., which was paid for four tons of coal.

In that instance, though, the enterprising young man managed to sneak the coal truck back inside the coal yard without being detected.

Magistrate John L. Berry held the man in $500 bail on each charge.

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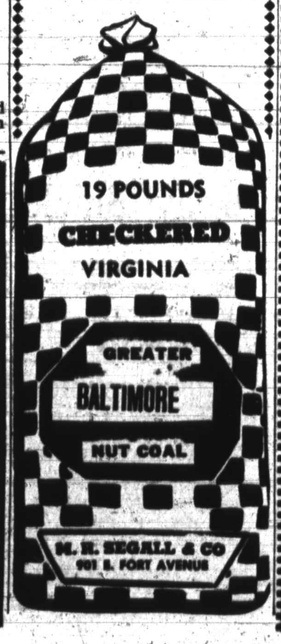

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