Gen. 'Ike' Thanks Dr. W. W. Allen

General Dwight Eisenhower has dispatched a letter of gratitude to Dr. Willard W. Allen, prominent political and fraternal leader, for his support during the recent Republican convention.

Written from Eisenhower's suite in the Brown Palace hotel, Denver, Colo., the letter bearing his signature reads:

"Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in sincerest thanks for your heartwarming message received during the Convention in Chicago last week.

"It was certainly kind of you to wire me as you did, and I am looking forward to working closely with you and the National Citizens Committee for Eisenhower in Maryland during our vigorous campaign to insure victory next November."

Dr. Allen is both founder and sponsor of the pro-Eisenhower organization mentioned in the letter.

The AFRO Goes To Visit The Wharves

DEAR BOSS:

I am not the sea-faring type. I get sea-sick just looking at a pitcher of water.

The salt and spray of mighty oceans does not move me.

So it was with considerable misgiving that I went down to the sea to see the ships. The ships I wanted to see, incidentally, were the watermelon boats that slip into Baltimore from Dixie bringing what one Southerner I know persists in calling "Georgia hams."

Little of the old Baltimore waterfront remains or I should say little of the former glory surrounding the Pratt St. wharves still lingers.

A few boats nestle at the foot of the Pratt St. piers. On the day I watched, only one of these, a huge vessel called the Aroca amounted to anything. It towered above a bright orange scow (barge to landlubbers) and two silver painted tugboats beside it.

Leisurely Pace

The atmosphere of Pratt St. around piers one and two if I recall correctly, used to be one of hustle and bustle. Now the pace is very leisurely.

I saw a few waterfront loafers gazing out toward the mah docks some miles downstream. They smoked and flipped their matches into the oily water's lapping against the dirty foot of Pratt St.

They said little except to comment on the hot sun and how good a cold beer would feel right then.

There were watermelon boats all right, but none of them manned by colored skippers or crews as had formerly been the case. These vessels are slow slung affairs, with tiny cabins. On deck, the green melons pile up high.

All Southerners

The men, all Southerners and bronzed from the sun, sat on deck or snoozed beneath the canvas canopies stretching across the bow.

If you wanted a melon, you would have had to wake someone up to sell it to you.

There was the Ella Covington, with three hands aboard. The Pride of Norfolk with freshly washed clothes hanging aft. The William J. out of Crisfield with a man smoking a pipe fore.

Six other melon boats, most of them from Virginia seatowns, hudled together along the wharf.

50 Cents A Melon

"Nice fresh melons," said a wide - awake sailor. "Fifty. 75 cents a piece. You can't beat that."

I said no thanks and headed further along Pratt.

I paused at the Old Bay Line offices. What in the world is this still doing here, I asked myself, with so many busses, trains and airplanes around?

But if I thought that the night boat to Norfolk was obsolete, R. L. Jones, traffic agent for the line, set me straight again.

"We do as much business as we ever did," said Mr. Jones. "The planes and busses have had no effect."

Asleep On A Boat

He explained that most of his passengers were steady. They liked the idea of leaving Baltimore at dusk, retiring to a stateroom and sleeping until the boat landed at Old Point Comfort next morning.

And for a little more, you could stow your car aboard.

The Old Bay Line, with its fleet, is the only inland water steamship line still operating in the U.S. Inland water routs means sailing on rivers and bays rather than on the ocean.

The Bay Line route is down through Chesapeake Bay to Virginia, ending in the Hampton Roads area.

There was little left of the Pratt St. sector reminiful of older business days. The port has grown, moved out further. The gaudy waterfront markets are gone, roistering seamen head for Baltimore St.'s "bloody row."

Sympolic of the change wrought on Pratt St. and the expansion of the harbor was a rusty excursion boat called the Dolphin that lay at anchor.

Its once bright paint was peeled the huge clown's face painted on its prow had faded and the deck was coated with grime. It reminded me, in spirit, of the old Steamer Avalon, captained by the late-George Brown, who ferried thousands of Baltimoreans down to his famous Brown's Grove summer after summer since 1906.

But that too has passed.

YOUR MAN,
RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Civil Defense First Aid Class

Shown here are members of the Civil Defense first aid class which the American Red Cross is directing at Provident Hospital. The graduates will teach first aid classes throughout the city in connection with the Civil Defense program. Shown in front row bending over their "victim," Miss Rosa B. Jones, are left to right, Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, Mrs. Marian Lewis and Mrs. Ruth Tibbs. In the back row, standing is Mrs. Dorothy Johns and seated is Mrs. Ethel Kindle, also seated is LeRoy Cooper and standing is instructor C. C. Jackson. Mrs. Lavinia Jones is next as she works on Miss Essie Robinson.

$250,000 Modernization Plan Begins At Provident

Provident hospital's $250,000 improvement program is rolling into high gear.

Funds from last year's successful financial campaign have given the program its initial shove, John L. Procope, hospital administrator announced this week.

The program calls for a new sprinkler system, fireproof stairway, a new hospital type elevator and renovation of the old one, air-conditioning of the nursery, operating and delivery rooms, more medical equipment and additional renovation and new refrigeration.

New Refrigeration In

A 1,000-cubic foot reach-in type deep freeze and three walk-in boxes have been installed at the hospital to meet refrigeration needs, Mr. Procope said, and a contract has been let on the sprinkler system.

The sprinkler system, which will drastically reduce insurance rates, is to have 700 outlets covering the entire hospital and will go into action immediately in case of fire.

Modernization of the kitchen and x-ray department are also planned, along with renovation, modernization and air-conditioning of the operating room suite.

Package Deal

Part of the improvement program is in a package deal for which the federal government is expected to finance one-third of the cost, Mr. Procope said.

This would include the new elevator and stairway, space for 12 additional beds, a laundry and modernization of the x-ray department.

Mr. Procope revealed that the government funds could be made available under the Hill-Burton act which provides for federal grants to hospitals through states.

In the case of Provident's package deal, Mr. Procope said, the government's share might be as much as $70,000.

The hospital administrator added that of the $70,000 in unpaid pledges at the end of last year's campaign, some $25,000 has been paid. The remaining $45,000, he admitted, would come in mighty handy about now.

Mystery Shrouds Man's Bashed Head

PHILADELPHIA

Chester - Walter Broadnax, 26, 106 E. 13th St., was found in a ditch with a fractured skull last Friday afternoon. He was unconscious and Upper Darby Police say they are mystified by the circumstances.

430th Port Company Among Finest In U. S. Army Reserve

The U.S. Army Reserve offers valuable training in many branches of the service. One of these is in the field of transportation, which plays a very important and vital part in military operations, all the more so during periods of national emergencies.

Here in Baltimore there are quite a number of Reserve units in the field of transportation, each of which has a mission to perform in which they are trained to be prepared, if and when needed. They are ready at a moment's notice to step in and relieve or augment the Regulars in event expanding operations require their service.

Typical of these units functioning in a specialized field is the 430th Port Company of the U.S. Army Reserve, a Baltimore unit.

Lt. JAMES PINKNEY

Lt. Pinkney Commands

Its recently appointed commanding officer is 1st Lt. James H. Pinkney, who lives at 2230 W. Saratoga St. In civilian life, Lt. Pinkney is an employee of the main Baltimore post office.

The primary mission of this unit is to load, unload, and handle the stowage of materials on on a ship, usually of the freighter type which carry the vital materials of defense.

The company meets at its training headquarters in the Maryland military district's Fallsway armory, just a short distance north from Lexington St. on the Falls-exercises for a period of two weeks — this year at Fort Eustis, Va. from August 17 to 31. During this period the men receive full pay and allowances that are the same allowed to Regular Army personnel.

Highlighting the training at their headquarters on the Fallsway is a scale model of the deck of a freighter which is used as a visual and manual training aid to indoctrinate the members of the 430th in the operations of loading and unloading a ship at dockside. This model is complete with booms, rigging, pulleys, winches, catches, pallet, and other allied equipment.

Two of the usual four hatches are also incorporated, since two will suffice for training purposes. The model is fully operative and clearly demonstrates all operating procedures so that the men become familiar with all phases of operations even before they actually see a real deck.

Real Ships Used

At Port Eustis they will hold training exercises on a full scale model instead of the smaller visual - manual training aid. Later they will climax their training on the decks of two real ships. These, two in number, were salvaged from the famous "ghost fleet" that lay idle at anchor on the James River in Virginia at the cessation of hostilities following World War I.

Both vessels are fully equipped with all the equipment that the members of the 430th will learn to handle and soon become adept in their operating procedures.

The 430th has a number of attractive vacancies at the present time. Those interested should contact the Unit Instructor, Lt. Col. A. L. Beason, whose office is on the third floor of the Fallsway Armory between 9 a.m. and 4:40 p.m., Monday through Friday of any week.

Men qualified to join the unit at this time are eligible to participate in this year's training exercises at Ft. Eustis.

Things Getting Back To Normal At Sparrows Point

By CARROLLTON SHEPPARD

Visible traces of the longest steel strike in history are slowly fading from the world's second largest steel plant located at Sparrows Point, Md.

A smoky haze is returning to the skies over "The Point" and rust is disappearing from the vast network of railroad tracks used to transport steel and raw materials from place to place in the huge plant.

The blast furnace trestle, which links the eight blast furnaces together is alive with activity, leading to the resumption of production. Locomotive cranes that load, unload and store scrap metals and raw materials have already been returned to operation. The rigging department is capably assisting in making plant repairs that are usually needed after prolonged periods of inactivity.

The task of reviving the slumbering giant was officially begun Saturday evening. Operation "revival" was well under way at noon Tuesday. Officials have stated that it takes between eight and ten days to return to normal operations.

Glad Strike Over

Some of the returning workers were interviewed early this week at the company's No. 1 steelside clock - house. Many were pleased with the settlement, most of them favored a union shop and all of those interviewed stated that they were glad the strike was over.

With lunches, work clothes and in many cases with broad grins they talked freely about their payless vacation that lasted nearly two months.

For some however, like Amos Thompson and Charles Shelton, the fifty-five day strike was not payless, nor was it a vacation. Thompson who gave his address as 708 E. Chase Street disclosed that he found strike employment on a farm near Baltimore, where he aided in harvesting a summer bean crop.

Charles Shelton a relative of James Shelton, owner of the Shelton Cab Co. at Turner Station spent the better part of the time driving a cab.

Charles Wilkins who resides at 1614 E. Lafayette Ave., was employed before the strike as a part-time barber. When the strike started Pinkney Howell, owner of the shop where Wilkins was working discovered that he had another full time barber. Howell's shop is located at 1718 E. Chase St.

He Got Fat

J. W. Robinson who operates a larry car at the plant's largest blast furnace summed up his strike activity in a few words. "I walked around, ate plenty and got fat," he quipped. His opinion of the settlement and union shop however, took longer to explain.

"I'm for the union shop," he explained, "Union members pay to keep the union going while nonunion men get the same benefits. They should help foot the bill" he said.

Louis Thomas another first - nighter, shares Robinson's views of the union shop. He feels that all should help carry the load. He also stated that "The settlement of the strike was a victory for both the companies and the union, the companies got an increase in the price of steel and the workers got a raise and fringe benefits. Both parties should be satisfied" he said.

J. Thomas sells real estate in his spare time. He devoted most of his time during the strike to selling homes and lots.

The provisions of the new contract between the steel companies and the United Steelworkers of America include; a 16 cent an hour wage increase, double time pay for holidays and a three week vacation (with pay) after 15 years of service.

MAN FINED $25 For STRIKING HIS WIFE

James E. Dorsey, a 35-year-old bricklayer of the 1300 block Gilmor st., was fined $25 and costs in Northwestern police court Monday on charges of striking his wife, Mrs. Mary Dorsey.

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Stout Heart Didn't Win Fair Lady

Legion Installs New Officers

New officers for the Walter Green American Legion Post No. 14 were installed Sunday at post headquarters, 1368 McCulloh St.

William F. Jones, post commander - at - large of Maryland, conducted the services.

The following officers were installed.

Edgar M. Williams, commander; Lowell Lawson, senior vice-commander; Melvin Peters, junior, vicecommander; James T. Johnson, adjutant; Edward Marshall, finance officer;

Andrew Hodeden, service officer; William Kindle, judge advocate; Robert Brown, historian; Sumler Parran, chaplain; and Samuel Watkins, sergeant - at - arms.

Among the visitors attending the services, were Commander Edwards of Rockville, Md. Post; Royal Post No. 19; and William William Kelly, adjutant of Federal Post No. 19; and William Conyers, assistant - sergeant - at-arms of the state department. Auxiliary members were also present.

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Air Of Festivity Reigns At Dedication Of Maryland's 45 Million-Dollar Dream Bridge

Under an air of festivity reminiscent of a holiday, Maylanders turned out in force Wednesday, to witness the opening of the $45,000,000 Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The opening of the 4.35 mile span, was witnessed by 10,000 persons including in panel One Josiah F. Henry Jr., and Harry Cole, attorneys; John Vaughn, James Robinson, and Joseph E. Robinson. In the second photo are residents of the Annapolis area; left to right Mrs. C. Y. Ruddock, and daughter, and the Rev. David Croll, pastor of St. Phillips P. E. church. A former instructor at Bates High School, Mrs. Ruddock expressed disappointment over the fact that colored representation on the speaker's platform was lacking. In the third photo, interest in the presentation is taken by Mrs. Yvonne Phelps of Annapolis, and her daughter, 4-year-old Towana Phelps. In the last photo are Capt. John F. Lewis W. Bay, Mrs. Pearl Hampton, and Dr. Willard W. Allen. The above scene took place in the Sandy Point area. Minutes later, and under similar circumstances, the scene was repeated on the Eastern shore.

Bay Bridge Ceremony Highlights

The road leading to the speaker's platform at the dedication ceremony of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge was lined with flimsy, makeshift booths dispensing hot dogs, soft drinks, sun hats, state pennants, and other souvenirs.

The vendors loudly hawking their wares, and the perspiring, shirtsleeved crowd lent a country fair air to the elaborately planned dedication ceremony of the multi-million dollar bridge.

The general topic of the noisy crowd's conversation, however, seemed not to be the bridge, but politics and the hot, sticky weather. With all the State's political brass on the scene, it wat inevitable that a great deal of politicking would be done.

Dr. Willard Allen Present

Dr. Willard W. Allen, Republican political leader, and grand master of Maryland Masons, exchanged views with Mrs. Pearl Hampton, Prince Georges county political leader, Louis W. Roy and Capt. John E. Smith, Mason officials. Their subject—Eisenhower.

On the other side of the speaker's platform, Josiah F. Henry Jr. and Harry Cole, prominent lawyer-politicos, were buttonholed with James Robinson, state tax investigator, his brother, Joseph, and James Vaughn, local artist. Their subject—the weather.

In the shade of the ticket booths, a father was having a short heated discussion with his two sons. Their subject—balloons

Confused Loyalties

Out on the "Midway," a teen aged youth steeped in Maryland tradition was sporting a shiny Confederate cap, waving a snazzy Maryland flag and had a small flag of the United States—stuck in his hip pocket.

The father of one of the VIP's assigned a special GUEST badge, rode in the assigned parking place in a 1952 Cadillac convertible. It was almost a half a mile walk from the parking lot to the speaker's platform, however, and Pop couldn't stand it.

The heat got him midway of the long hike, and the old fellow returned home in a shiny, 1952 state trooper's ambulance.

At one time during his address, Ex-Governor Lane alluded to a desire that the bridge be named in memory of the state's war veterans. A wag, disturbed over the narrow width of he span offered another name for the name. The Bay Needle.

Few Colored Spectators

There weren't more than 100 colored spectators on the Sandy Point end of the bridge. Those who were there, however, were well sprinkled among the thousands of other spectators present.

That is, everywhere but on the speaker's platform.

Less than a month ago, Governor McKeldin visited the same general area of the bridge, and dedicated the Sandy Point state park. That time, colored citizens got the shoddy end of the stick.

While listening to McKeldin's rich oratory anent Pres Lane's dream, the absence of any colored faces on the platform was very conspicuous— and significant.

Boycott Rumored

Uncomfirmed reports indicates that colored citizens on the Eastern Shore purposely boycotted the dedicatory ceremony to signify their disapproval of Teddy's major fiasco—the Sandy Point segregated park.

Former Senator George L. Radcliffe repeatedly asked the parents who left their child in a car on the parking lot to return to the youngster—but to no avail.

Like Maryland's colored citizens pleading for full citizenship—their birthright—the baby was left crying in the wilderness—lonesome.

—Few Attend Opening

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Program participants included the 60 voice glee club of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; the Second Army Band of Fort Meade; and the U. S. Marine Corps Ceremonial Company, Marine Barracks, Washington.

Also, the U. S. Navy Band, **Naval Training Center, Bainbridge,** Md.; U. S. Air Force Band, **Andrews AFB, Md.; Air Force Ceremonial Squadron,** Bolling Field, Washington; and the U. S. Coast Guard unit from Cape May, N.J.

Free Transportation

The singing of "Maryland, My Maryland," and pronouncement of the benediction concluded the official program. Afternoon bus service was provided for persons wishing to cross the bridge free.

A similar program was repeated on the opening and of the structure on Kent Island.

With three bands playing, and hunting of all colors decking the entrance, spectators began jamming the area two hours before the program got under way.

Souvenir hawkers, hot dog stands, and VFW booths were scattered along the thoroughfare. Outside of the American and State flag, the one other most frequently seen was the stars and bars.

Featured along with Confederate gray caps, the two articles were sold at a brisk pace.

Through it all the colored citizenry of the state, stoplled throughout the area commenting here and there on the weather, the ceremony, and the fact that colored representation was missing on the speaker's stand.

Few Comment

Comments on the situation were given by the following:

According to I. L. Smith of Annapolis, "Everything has been conducted in rather an official manner, and up to a certain point is pleasing. However colored representation is missing."

He said further, "We pay taxes just as much as anyone else here, I see no reason why we shouldn't share in its profits."

The Rev. David Cress

The Rev. David Croll, pastor of St. Phillips P. E. Church, Annapolis, expressed extreme pleasure over seeing mixed units in the military groups.

"It shows" he stated, "that integration appears to be working in the armed forces."

One of the most disagreeable things the Rev. Mr. Croll noted **was that, "The nearby beach situation is disgraceful."**

"Our Own Fault"

As far as representation here is concerned" he said, "It's our own fault. Someone should have insisted beforehand that a colored group be placed on this program.

We need a leader to guide us in such matters," he declared.

Mrs. C. Y. Ruddock of Annapolis, expressed the opinion that, "We are entirely obsolete as far as this ceremony is concerned. After all, colored took part in the construction of this bridge."

Usety Thornton, 300 Marshall Ave., Brooklyn, stated, "Our money'ill be used in the upkeep of this bridge, so, why can't we derive some benefit from it?"

Western Ideas

On the Western side of the span, the consensus of opinion was that the colored man had been "left out in the cold."

In some areas of the Eastern shore, a few people didn't care one way or another. One commented that "the bridge will not affect my life in any way."

Financed by a 45 million dollar bond issue, the Chesapeake bay bridge will sustain itself on a toll charge of $1.40 per automobile; and 25 cents extra for each passenger.

Ever mindful of old man winter, bridge officials have already found it feasible to maintain a snow plow, a sanding rig, and a patrol boat.

177th Year Of Army Chaplaincy Marked

Special services commemorating the 177th anniversary of the founding of the Army Chaplaincy were held at U.S. Army post throughout the country on Sunday, July 27.

Order Of Eastern Star Delegates

Among the 839 registered delegates attending the five-day session of the 66th biennial session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites of Freemasonry, Southern and Western Masons, meeting this week in Baltimore is Mrs. Ella Wells. Mrs. Wells, a past most ancient matron of New York, is shown here in colorful costume.

Scottish Rite Masons Ending 5-Day Session

Hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons are now in Baltimore attending the 66th biennial session of their Supreme Council which concludes tonight (Friday).

On Tuesday, the AFRO talked to representatives from several of the 23 states which sent 839 official delegates.

Wiley J. Oates, newly-elected supreme royal grand patron of the supreme grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was one of the interviewees.

A Civic Leader

Mr. Oates, former secretary general of the Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters, is a civic leader in his home town of Natchez, Mississippi. A retired tailor, he is president of the Natchez Chamber of Commerce.

As grand master of the Scottish Rite Masons in Mississippi, he is leader of some 10,000 members.

He served as secretarygeneral of the grand masonic congress for 22 years, and has been grand master in his native state for three years.

Texas, Largest Order

The largest jurisdiction is Tex as, presided over by H. B. Turner of Houston. Mr. Turner is grand master of 800 lodges boasting a total of 45,000 members. Fifty-three of his members were convention delegates.

Other delegates found at the sessions were:

Louis Penn, a restaurant owner of 1454 5th Ave., New York City, whose daughter Hortense is a social science major at CCNY.

Mrs. Gladys Ennis, chairman of the arts and crafts department of New York City's Heroines of Jericho; Mrs. Dorothe Columbis, New Orleans.

P. C. Copeland, Kansas grand master, from Dodd City; Lester A. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.

Mesdames Lillian Reed, grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Boston; E. M. Pies, grand OES matron of Kansas from Kansas City;

Mesdames Lillian Davis, associate grand matron Diana Fowler of Savanah Homes, all of Kansas City;

E. D. Mack, Michigan grand master, David Murdock, lodge treasurer; Mrs. Lavonia Mack; S. J. Grimn, lodge secretary; B. V. Jackson, department grand master, all from Nibo Grand Lodge of Detroit.

Mesdames Erma Hurd, and Blance D. Brown of Flint, Mich.

Arthur H. Townes, Newark; James B. Griffin, New York City; J. R. Fitzroy, Newark; and St. Clair Kirton, Boston.

Mr. Kirton is Massachusetts Grand Master, and a member of the Grand Lodge in Boston. A real estate man by profession, he is the author of several poems. His son, Shandley, is musical department professor at Bethune Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Affiliated most worshipful grand lodges, AF and AM represented were:

King David, W. J. Oates, Natch ez; Ngbo, E. D. Mack, Detroit; Hiram, St. Clair Kirton, Boston; Hiram, C. Wycoff, Baltimore; King Solomon, Jesse M. William, New York City;

Oriental, Chas. E. Hall, Woodbridge, N.J.; Hiram, Floyd Clark, Irvington, Va.; Keystone, John H. Foster, Philadelphia; St. John, Lence Richardson, Cleveland; St. John, A. R. Turner, New Orleans; King David, J. H. Williams, Chicago;

Sons of Light, J. S. Pough, San Francisco; King Solomon, Hebert Williams, Mobile; Scottish Rite, H. B. Turner, Houston; St. John, P. C. Copeland, Dodge City; Ivanhoe, Clayton L. Grosner, Englewood, Colo.;

St. Mark, A. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; Omega, R. J. Nickens, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Orient, Edward D. Bell, Wilmington, Del.

Affiliated grand chapters of the Order of Eastern Star represented were:

Olive Leaf, Mesdames Ella Mae Pleas, Kansas City, Kansas; Queen of Sheba, A. C. Hill, Corpus Christi, Texas; Naomi, Clara Bennis, Baltimore; Queen of Sheba, Mary Wade, Chicago; Orient, Georgianna Robinson, Orange, N.J.;

Morning Star, Annie Ritchie, Cleveland; Queen Esther, M. F. Pender, Mobile; Sojourner Truth, Blanch C. Brown, Flint, Mich.; Mt. Olive, Bessie M. Bryant, Philadelphia.

Bay State, Lillian M. Reed, Roxbury, Mass.; Oriental, Ionese H. Jefferson, New York City; Daughters of Universal, Estella Williams, Baton Rough, La.; Queen Adah, Grace Pough, San Francisco; Queen Esther, Cora Britton, Columbia, Miss.; Virginia, State, Ruth Caine, Irvington, Va.

Those elected grand officers of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Wednesday's program are as follows:

A. A. Crawford, NY, master; R. D. Lane, N.J.; deputy master; S. M. Bunn, generalissimo; Mr. Adam, Mass., captain general; Father Epps, Tex., prelate;

Mr. Robert, Mass., prelate; Will Lemon, Tex., standard bearer; George Speaches, Ohio, junior warden; R. Turner, Tex., treasurer; E. Dowrich, NY, secretary.

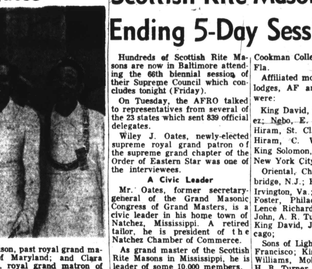
Jesse Williams, N.Y., auditor; W. J. Oates, Miss.; C. Williams, N.Y., corresponding recorder; and H. Fellaf Ohio, standard bearer.

St. Clari Williams, N.Y., captain of guards; Louise Penn, N.Y., swordbearer; Lee Harrell, Va., warden; William Ribley, sentinel; and Dr. Anderson, La., minister of health.

Progressive Life Insurance Men Donate Blood

Carrying out an idea of the Progressive Life Insurance Company's agency force, 13 company employees donated blood to the Red Cross last Thursday. Here they are outside the office before entering cars donated for this occasion by Lincoln-Mercury company. In group are James Durham, Charles Fleet, Charles H. Helms, Raymond E. Stiles, Reginald Ashby, John Carter, Esperanto Watkins, Linwood A. Frazier, Pratheasus C. Land, Benjamin Sessoms, Mackey Carpenter, Cassius Evans and Earl May.

Colorful Costume



Pictured above are members of the Maryland delegation to the Order of Eastern Star now attending the 66th biennial session of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons in Baltimore. Officers shown in the picture are Mesdames Irene Coxby, worthy matron; Nannie Murchison, past royal grand matron of Maryland; and Clara Bennis, royal grand matron of Maryland.

Scottish Rite Masons Here From 23 States

The 66th biennial session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites Free-masonry, Southern and Western Masons concluded their five-day session tonight (Friday) with the Hon. H. B. Turner, most worthy grand master of Texas and most sovereign grand commander presiding.

This meeting concludes the session which started Sunday afternoon with a colorful parade in which the delegates and high Scottish Rite officials from 23 states and Japan and Korea participated.

Scholarship Banquet

At Thursday's banquet held at the Monumental Masonic Lodge, 1538 Madison Ave., the Knights Templar presented a scholarship to Leroy Moore, Douglass High School graduate.

Z. A. Crawford, most eminent grand master of the Knights Templar and Samuel Burn, most eminent commander of Maryland, were in charge of the scholarship committee.

Attorney Linwood Koger, Sr., was toastmaster of the affair which included swap-singing.

Monday Elections

Officers elected Monday to the Original General Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters included the following: Floyd Clark, Virginia, president-general; Jesse Williams, New York City, secretary general; and Clarence Wycoff, Baltimore, treasurer.

Mr. Clark, who was re-elected to office, presided over the election.

At the Supreme Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star session held the same day and presided over by Mrs. Cora Moore, of Detroit, supreme royal grand matron, the following officers were chosen:

W. J. Oates, Natchez, Miss. supreme royal grand patron; Coral Moore, supreme royal grand matron; Mrs. M. L. Dockery, Houston, Tex, secretary.

Royal Arch Officers

Tuesday's session of the Royal Arch Masons under the leadership of Lence Richardson, general grand high priest and most worthy grand master of Ohio, found the following general grand officers elected:

Lence Richardson, Ohio, high priest; Arthur H. Townes, N.J., High Priest; Frank Harrell, Texas King; E. E. Columbus, New Orleans, scribe; Charles Hall, Woodbridge, N.J., treasurer; David Williams, Toledo, recorder;

J. H. Thornton, Baltimore, 1st assistant recorder; Victor Mascoll, Roxbury, Mass., charge of host; and B. D. Mayo, New York, principal sojourn.

Wednesday's Sessions

The Wednesday meetings included those of the Heroines of Jericho, and the general grand encampment of the Knights Templar under the direction of Mrs. Ada E. Crawford, supreme most ancient matron.

The Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine met Thursday under the direction of E. M. Hunter of Texas, imperial grand potentate.

The Supreme Grand Court, Daughters of Sphinx, under the leadership of Mrs. Elsie Sims, supreme most worthy grand-matron, met also on Thursday.

Besides the sessions of the Unis Supreme Council the College of the Rose of Seven Seals under the direction of Mrs. Elanor Richardson of Ohio, will also meet today (Friday).

Dirty Water Causes One-Day Shut-Down Of Druid Hill Pool

A set of old water lines unexpectedly came to life Tuesday in Druid Hill park, spewing dirt and rust into the park swimming pool, and causing it to be shut down Wednesday for draining and cleaning.

Douglas S. Tawney, senior administrative officer with the bureau of recreation, said that the city water department had, in tying in new lines for added pressure, inadvertently opened up some old mains that had been closed for many years.

Feared Disease

"The discoloration was so bad we decided to drain and clean the pool for fear that it might carry disease," Mr. Tawney said.

The pool was reopened Thursday in time for a swimming meet staged by the recreation department at 2 p.m.

BATES - SAKER MARRIAGE TOLD

The marriage of Miss Verdelle Baker, of Washington, D.C. to James Mitchell Bates, of Steadville, N.Y. is announced, this week. Mrs. Bates is now living in Harrisburg, Pa.

Gas Tax Increase Shows More Travel

Early reports of spurting gasoline consumption and mounting gas tax collections indicate summer travel this year will hit a new high in Maryland and throughout the nation, J. P. Langan, executive secretary of the Maryland Petroleum Industries committee, said this week.

He predicted that 87 out of every 100 vacationers will use their cars with the average trip covering 980 miles.

He said also the highway users will travel a total of 2,406,000,000 miles in Maryland, consume about 160,400,000 gallons of gasoline and pay $11,228,000 in State and federal gasoline taxes during the summer season.

The Royal Arch High Priests

Among those who attended the 66th biennial session of the Scottish Rite Masons are Lence Richardson, most excellent high priest (third from left), and his staff composed of (left to right) Edward E. Columbus, New Orleans; Victor C. Mascoll, Boston; Arthur Townes, deputy high priest, Newark, N.J.; Frank Harrell, Tyler, Tex.; Cubit Johnson, grand master of the 1st vail; Newark, N.J.; and T. L. Jones, Houston, Tex.