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Reckord Keeps Promise To Keep Guard Jim Crow

MISS THERESA GREEN
Miss Anderson Her Idol

Anderson Award winner will miss Balto. concert

By JESSE H. WALKER

When Marian Anderson opens her mouth for her first number at 8:30 p.m. next Friday night on the stage of the Lyric Theatre, a young Baltimore soprano who would "just love" to hear the eminent contralto won't be able to make it.

For Theresa Green, 1945 Marian Anderson Award winner when she was a Douglass High pupil, will be in the midst of her own 60-engagement tour which will last until May, 1954.

Last week Miss Green was visiting Baltimore, her mother, Mrs. Goldie Green at 2413 Arunah ave., and her family for the holidays.

This week she left to continue her tour, beginning in South Carolina and later taking in the New England states, Canada and Newfoundland.

Singing Since Five

A long way for a young woman who although singing since she was five years old, turned professional in 1946.

And the highly attractive Miss Green will be one of the first to admit that winning the Marian Anderson Award was one of the high points in her career.

Since then, she has won other awards, but this round-eyed native artist says she has always placed Miss Anderson "way up on a pedestal."

"She gave me a great deal of encouragement," Miss Green smiled as she told how Miss Anderson's career also had inspired in her a "great desire to push."

Captivates Critics

A young woman of much poise, charm and possessing that certain, rare dignity that surrounds just such women as her idol, Miss Anderson, Miss Green's has completely captivated the critics in her first major tour.

"A voice of real beauty," is how the staid New York Times described her.

"A gifted young singer with an appealing presence and a delicacy of temperament," was the opinion of the New York Herald Tribune's critic.

"A soprano of fine voice and deportment," reported the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Others Would Like Same

None of these are quotes to be

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Jan. 5 date set for Cooper trial

Jan. 5 has been set for the criminal court trial of Leroy Cooper, attorney and civil defense official on charges of subornation of perjury.

Mr. Cooper is accused of advising a client, Winfred Harrell of Brooklyn, N. Y. to give false testimony as to his Baltimore residence when applying for a Baltimore divorce from his wife, Mrs. Florence Harrell.

Judge James K. Cullen will hear the case.

$77,500 bail for 'Holiday Gang' trio

Two teen-agers members of group police long sought

The grim war between the police and the "Holiday Gang" appeared to be at an end on Wednesday, as three suspected members of the young bandit group were ordered held for action of the grand jury under a total bail of $77,500.

The suspects were identified as:

Clemen Ellsworth Banks, 18, of the 600 block W. Mosher st., $35,000 bail; Charles Selby, 18, of the 400 block Oxford st., $20,000 bail; Willie Taylor, 21 of the 500 block W. Lafayette ave., $22,500 bail.

For almost a month police have been attempting to break up the "Holiday Gang," which terrorized merchants in Northwest Baltimore by chalking up almost a score of armed robberies.

Extra Push Given

An extra push to the search was provided by the widely held belief of police that unless the gang was put out of action, it might eventually add murder to its other crimes.

This belief was based on the fact that in several of the robberies the bandits fired shots at their victims, and it was only through their bad aim or intentional design that they missed wounding or killing someone, police said.

When the three suspects appeared in Northwestern police court on Wednesday they wore wide smiles and seemed unconcerned about their plight as witness after witness identified them as members of the gang.

The only time they lost their smiles was when they looked at police officers and then their faces turned into sullen masks.

Witness Testifies

The first witness to appear against the men was Miss Asneel Frame of the 1900 block W. Franklin st., who testified that

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19 babies born on Christmas day

The stork kept 19 Christmas day appointments at the local hospitals, leaving gift packages of ten baby girls and nine boys.

The holiday parents and their offspring are:

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL—Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Parker, 1123 N. Monroe st., a son, Guy; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Brown Sr., 1310 W. Lanvale st., son, Lewis Jr.;

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington, 2729 Ellicott driveway, son, Graylin H.; Mr. and Mrs. Genesis Gale, 505 Greenwillow st., daughter, Constance; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harrid, 1115 Long-

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CHRISTMAS MIRACLE—Lady Luck played an important role in this accident on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m., in which the driver of the overturned car escaped injury. The automobile, driven by James C. McCoy, 26, of 611 Claymont ave., was struck and overturned as it was crossing Westwood ave. on Bentalou. The driver of the second car was Howard Ruffin, 1602 Vincent ct. A parked auto, owned by Willie R. Williams, 1801 Bentalou, was also damaged in the accident.

Hole in chest, he walk out of hospital

A 44-year-old Sparrows Point worker who refused medical attention, is walking around Baltimore with a gaping bullet wound in the chest.

Police are looking for Joshua Daniels, 703½ W. Saratoga st.

On Christmas Eve, Daniels was rushed to University hospital after he shot himself in the chest, while in a Pine st. tavern. Police did not say how or why.

After emergency treatment he was still in a serious condition and admitted to the hospital.

At 3 o'clock, Christmas morning, Daniels walked out of the hospital.

Alarmed at the seriousness of his wound, and concerned over the man's mental condition, hospital authorities asked police to pick Daniels up.

Inez' brother misses funeral

Funeral services for Miss Inez Jefferson, the 19-year-old Douglass high school graduate whose body was recovered from the Druid Hill Park lake on Dec. 20, were held Saturday at Douglass Memorial church.

The family had originally planned to postpone the service until the arrival from Alaska of one of the dead girl's brothers, Pvt. Thomas Jefferson.

However, Private Jefferson did not arrive in Baltimore until early Monday morning, too late to witness the funeral services and the burial of his sister in Mt. Auburn cemetery.

Attended By Friends

The services were attended by a number of Miss Jefferson's former classmates and friends. The Rev. Marion Bascom was the officiating minister.

The fully clothed body of Miss Jefferson, an apparent suicide, was recovered late on the afternoon of Dec. 20 after a woman motorist saw her climb the fence surrounding the lake.

Houdini Jr., escape artist, gone again

Houdini Jr. has done it again.

The 14-year-old inmate of Boys' Village who astounded police officers several months ago by escaping from the Pine st. station, has once again staged a vanishing act.

This time, Houdini Jr. took "French leave" from Boys' Village on the night of Dec. 21, and since that time the elusive fugitive has been among the missing.

Local police have been alerted to keep a weather eye out for the pint-sized escape artist, but they reported that they have uncovered no leads as to his whereabouts.

Second Time Around

Houdini Jr. has been at the school for several months on a robbery charge, his second confinement to the institution.

Since the start of his second term, Lawson J. Veney, superintendent, said the boy has used most of his time hatching escape plots and talking other boys into joining him in a dash for freedom.

On at least eight occasions, Mr. Veney said, the boy made futile escape attempts, but on the night of Dec. 21 his luck changed.

To get things rolling, Houdini Jr. talked three other boys into joining him, and with their help he crossed the wires of a brand new car belonging to a staff member, and off they drove from Boys' Village.

The boys headed the car down Route 301 and things were moving smoothly until the car stopped running. Police later found out that the boys had been driving the car in low gear and after five miles the gears froze.

Minus a car, the boys began to walk down the highway and were spotted by police, who ordered them to halt. The three boys obeyed the command but Houdini Jr. took off in the direction of the woods and kept running until police fired three shots in his direction.

Once back at Boys' Village, the four boys were searched and placed in the administration building. The other boys were already to call it a night, but Houdini Jr. had other plans.

As soon as the guards left, so

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Firemen rescue man trapped in elevator

Trapped between the seventh and eighth floors of the Carrollton Springs Pure Rye Distillery building at 1205 Bank st., when an elevator switch was turned off Wednesday, Andrew Parker of the 700 block W. Franklin st. had to be rescued by firemen.

While ascending to the tenth floor of the building, Mr. Parker found himself marooned when an employee, unware that anyone was aboard the elevator, cut off the main switch.

Evicted couple short of $23

Mrs. Sarah Grant and Miss Lucy Gresham, the two elderly women who were evicted from their home at 1049 Vine st., on Dec. 22, were still short of enough money Tuesday to move into a new apartment.

Quartered temporarily at City Hospitals, the two women, both in their early seventies need $23 to move into one of two apartments found for them by the Rev. R. J. Parker.

Mrs. Grant and Miss Gresham were evicted from their home for failing to pay $33 back rent. Prior to their eviction, rent on their three room apartment had been paid by a friend who died three weeks ago.

While at City Hospitals their expenses are being shared equally between the city and the hospital.

Funds for the two needy women may be sent to the Rev. R. J. Parker at 1048 Vine st. Phone calls on their behalf are being accepted at EDmondson 6-5936-W.

New unit formed; old officers quit

4 officers, 43 enlisted men join segregated unit

By BUDDY LONESOME

Maj. Gen. Milton Reckord has finally activated his jim-crow National Guard unit.

On December 16, four officers and 43 enlisted men were inducted into the newly activated 147th Transportation Co.

The State Adjutant General has been trying to re-activate the 231st Truck Bn. since September.

But the officers and enlisted men of the 231st had served honorably in the army in Korean war service as members of fully integrated units.

They wanted no part of a segregated National Guard unit and flatly told the General that.

Made Boast Good

When convinced that the officers meant business, General Reckord boasted that he would find some men who would serve in a separate trucking unit and not pay any attention to jim-crow.

Two weeks ago in a building at 2237 Edmondson ave., which has been designated as their separate armory, the new Guard unit received official Federal recognition from Lieut. Col. J. Wright, a regular army officer.

Although only at company strength now, Guard officers hope enlistments will swell the outfit to its former battalion strength—when it will again be known as the 231st.

Commissioned as officers in the new unit were Warrant Officer (jg) Jesse Peaker, and 2nd Lts. Theodore Scott, Cosco Williams, and Lloyd G. Henderson, Jr.

Lt. Scott, son of a local policeman, has been designated the company commander. He joined the 231st before the outfit went on active duty in 1948, and served as an enlisted man.

Lt. Henderson, platoon leader, was formerly a sergeant major at the Edgewood Chemical Center.

Morgan Student

Lt. Williams, a Morgan College student, joined the outfit in 1949 just before the group went on active duty.

Warrant Officer Peaker, who works in the comptroller's office at Morgan, is handling most of the administrative duties attached to the re-activation.

Mr. Peaker who has served with the 231st as a sergeant major, is well aware of the conflict between General Reck-

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ACTIVATING GUARD— Warrant Officer (jg) Jesse Peaker is handling the adminstrative details of the reactivation of the 741st Truck Co., a segregated National Guard outfit.

HENRY HORNSTEIN ILL

Henry Hornstein, owner of the Regent and Carver theatres is critically ill in his home, 3213 Dorchester rd., where he has been under an oxygen tent since Dec. 24.

Dr. Byrd talks to two clubs

Candidate for Gov. is dinner host

Members of Monumental and Citizens Democratic Clubs were recently entertained by Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd at a University of Maryland dinner.

Their verdict: "He's a reasonable man."

Curly Byrd, outgoing president of the University of Maryland, filed as a candidate for Governor two weeks ago. He announced that he was in the race to stay.

The steak dinner was held in the dining hall of the state university at College Park at 6 o'clock and lasted more than an hour.

The political clubs invited Dr. Byrd three weeks ago to speak at a dinner where he could announce his stand on issues vital to the colored voters.

Instead of accepting the invi-

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Officer Scott ranks third on police sergeant's exam

A member of the police department for 15 years, Officer Harry S. Scott came out in third place among the patrolmen who took the sergeant's examinaation on Oct. 17.

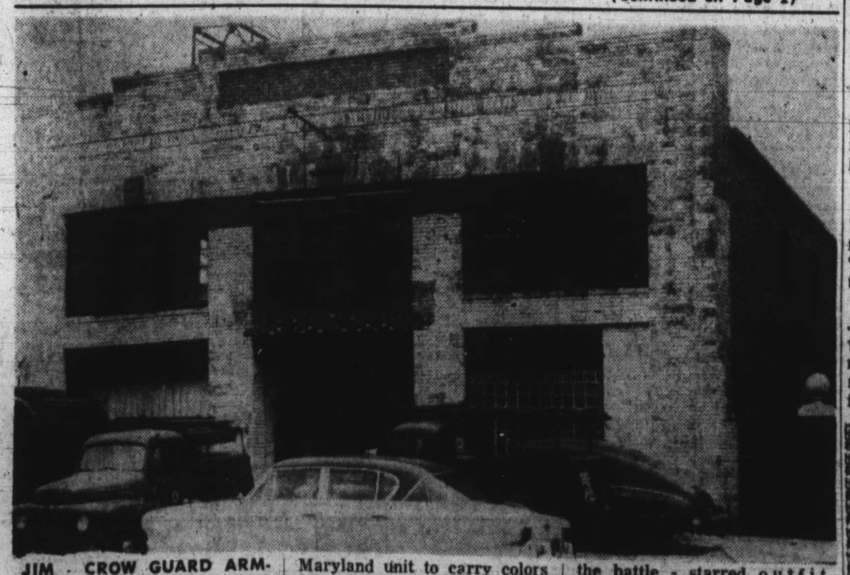
The men who head this list will be considered next year for promotion to fill existing vacancies.

The officers promoted to sergeant this year were among the top group who took the examination last year when Officer Scott rated No. 28 on the list.

Among The First

Officer Scott, 49, was among the first three colored policemen appointed on July 28, 1938. He worked out of Northwestern police station until May 28, 1946 when he was assigned to the Northwestern police boys' club on Gold st.

In March, 1952, he was transferred to the Pine st. station where he is now serving. He lives at 1602 W. Lafayette ave.



JIM - CROW GUARD ARMORY — This building at 2237 Edmondson ave., has been designated the armory of the 231st National Guard Bn., which was reactivated December 16 as a jim-crow outfit. The 231st, which was the first Maryland unit to carry colors into the Korean war, was not reactivated as a battalion but only as the 741st Truck Co. —with four officers, three second lieutenants and a warrant officer, and only 43 enlisted men. The original officers of the battle - starred outfit served with distinction in an integrated United States Army and on their return home flatly refused to serve in a jim-crow outfit, as suggested by Maj. Gen. Milton Reckord, Adjutant General for Maryland.

Unemployed jam streets following holiday layoffs

A long line of unemployed workers—three deep, massed in front of the Unemployment Compensation office, 39 Hopkins Place, extended around the corner through the entire 100 block of W. Lombard st., Monday morning.

The vast majority of the persons in line were workers from local industries who had been laid off from their jobs because of a temporary work stoppage.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ordered indefinite furloughs for about eleven per cent of its working force the same day because of a recent decline in business and a dim outlook for 1954.

There was such a dense mass of people in the two blocks, that persons, hurrying to work, were forced to cross the streets in order to evade the crowd.

The line Monday began forming shortly after 7:30 a.m., when the office was still closed. As more workers arrived they over-flowed into the street and blocked vehicular traffic on busy Lombard st.—a one-way boulevard.

One clerk reported that when

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The Weather

GLOOMY NEW YEAR'S DAY

A gloomy outlook was forecast by the weather man for the advent of the New Year.

It will be cloudy and cold Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with the temperatures in the 50's each day and in the 30's each night.

918 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

Happy New Year To All Our Readers