# 144 missing checks found in home of city worker

A city worker's fear of a lie detector test, aided police Tuesday in locating the whereabouts of 144 stolen payroll checks totaling $5,000.

Questioned after a laboratory report indicated that his handwriting matched that of a signature found on one of the checks, the 27-year-old man broke down and confessed.

In a hearing in the Eastern District Police court Thursday, Thomas Powell of the 1900 block W. Lanvale st., was ordered held in bail of $5,000.

**Arrested On Job**

An employee of the city for more than a year, Mr. Powell was arrested on his job while trimming trees in Herring Run Park.

The 144 checks were reported stolen from the Matricciano and Sons Construction co. at 406 S. Caroline sts., Jan. 11.

On the same day police sent out an alert asking all stores to be on the lookout for checks bearing the company's name.

**Tried To Buy Gin**

On Jan. 12 a liquor store owner reported that a man had tried to buy a half pint of gin with one of the checks.

The proprietor said he recognized the check immediately after it was handed to him in his S. Fremont st. store.

Along with the check the man offered an identification card. When asked to wait however, he ran from the store.

**Shattered Glass Panes**

In his haste to escape he slammed the door so hard that glass panes in the door were shattered. He also left behind his identification card and wallet.

After taking the handwriting test, Mr. Powell denied having anything to do with the missing checks, police said.

But when police mentioned that he should take a lie detector test he allegedly changed his mind.

Police said Mr. Powell claimed he found the checks at the intersection of Fayette and Aisquith sts., and that Mr. Powell admitted taking the checks home where he made certain changes with a typewriter.

Asked why he had typed in the name of one of the company officials, the Mr. Powell reportedly said he had an uncle working at the company who mentioned the official's name often.

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# 'Mystery man' sought by police

DOWN AND OUT—Found lying in the doorway of an apartment in the 600 block Hoffman st., Bernard Oliver of the 900 block Etting st., had to be helped into a wheel chair when police brought him to Provident Hospital last Saturday midnight. A veteran of World I and an asthma patient, Mr. Oliver finally came around and admitted that he was out because "I've been drinking everything." Pt. Robert Norwood, hospital attendant Alex Bradford, and Officer Julian Robinson agreed.

Shot in the left arm by an unidentified assailant as he stepped from a liquor store, James Hagnies, 30, of the 600 block Carrollton ave., was reported in a "good" condition at Franklin Square hospital on Thursday.

Police reported that Mr. Hagnies was wounded Monday night as he walked out of the liquor store in the 1200 block of Edmondson ave. He was taken to the hospital where an operation was performed when it was discovered that the bullet severed an artery in his arm.

The wounded man was questioned by police who quoted him as saying that he heard the sound of a shot and then felt a stinging sensation on his arm. They said that he was unable to offer any clue as to the identity of his assailant.

# Jury Convicts man of murder

John E. Mitchell, 24, of the 200 block Bethel ct., involved in the slaying of an East Baltimore grocer, Oct. 6, 1953, was convicted by a jury of first degree murder without capital punishment, in criminal court, Thursday.

Defense counsel Joseph Rosenthal said he would consider filing for a new trial at a later date.

Mitchell's accomplice, James E. Robinson, 22, of the 2200 block E. North ave., was also convicted of first degree murder in December by an all-male jury. The jurors, however, made no recommendation for mercy for him.

Robinson's attorney, Linwood Koger Jr. is also expected to file a motion for a new trial.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

A trustee's sale of a two-story brick row house at 2414 Harlem ave., will be held at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 17. The building is subject to an annual ground rent of $120. A cash deposit of $500 will be required at time of sale.

# Lawyer appeals jail terms for Boys Village inmates

UPPER MARLBORO, Md.—Six youths now in prison may be released.

A lawyer for six teen-agers sentenced to prison terms for running away from Boys' Village has appealed their case.

Attorney John W. Mitchell, appointed by the Court to represent the youths, will ask the Court of Appeals to rule that escape from Boys' Village is not a crime.

Because, he contends, the State farm is not a place of confinement within the meaning of the law.

**Given 3-Year Terms**

The boys, aged 14 to 16 years, fled from Boys' Village on Jan. 18. They were recaptured and last Thursday were sentenced to indeterminate terms, not to exceed three years, in the State Reformatory.

At the trial before Circuit Judge Charles C. Marbury, Attorney Mitchell raised the issue concerning the designation of Boys' Village.

Judge Marbury, however, ruled that Boys' Village, while a training school for delinquent youths, is nevertheless a place of confinement. He declared that escape from it is just as illegal as that from any penal institution.

# Dual education up for discussion

"The Effect of Segregation and Discrimination on Children" will be the subject of a panel discussion next Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at 408 N. Charles st., the Archbishop's House.

Sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council of Baltimore, the principal discussants will be Dr. Regina M. Goff, professor of education at Morgan college; and Dr. William Rinn, psychiatrist, associated with the Child Guidance Clinic, Catholic charities, and consultant at Seton Institute.

Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy of Notre Dame college will be the moderator.

Mrs. Agnes Beyer, president of the Catholic Interracial Council has announced that the meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

# Invitation to use hotel facilities sent 'in error'

Invitations to colored businessmen to avail themselves of facilities of Nates and Leons Pimlico Restaurant and Hotel were sent in error, Leon Shavitz said this week.

Mr. Shavitz, one of the operators of the restaurant, placed the blame for the issuance of invitations and credit cards on the Merral Fox Advertising Agency.

He said the agency was authorized to invite manufacturers only, and that there had been no change in the hotel's white only policy. The hotel is located at 5301 Park Heights ave.

Among those receiving the invitations were Carl Murphy, AFRO president; and Howard Murphy, AFRO business manager. Their invitations which included credit cards, were dated Jan. 20, 1954, and read:

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# Third suspect in swindle case refuses to talk

While a city-wide search for two men who tried to swindle a 30-year-old man out of his savings continues, a third suspect remains mum in his cell at Central District police headquarters.

Arrested on Wednesday when an Eastern District patrolman ordered him from behind the wheel of a 1950 Cadillac, the suspect according to one officer, has "told us nothing."

Although the suspect was arrested at gun point, a second man escaped on foot and a third made good his escape in the automobile.

**Car Found Thursday**

The car, bearing Illinois tags was found abandoned Thursday in the 900 block N. Castle st.

Three shots were fired at the driver after an unsuccessful attempt was made to "film flam" Hubert Linden of the first block N. Spring st., out of $2,000.

Mr. Linden, a Jamaican by birth, told police he met two men who persuaded him that they could double his $2,000 in "quick time."

**Had "$8,000"**

To back up their statement, they told Mr. Linden they had $8,000 in cash, to put with the $2,000 bankroll.

Together the two men went with Mr. Linden to the Provident Savings Bank on Broadway st., to get the money.

Once before the bank teller's window, however, Mr. Linden became skeptical and began shaking his head.

**Teller Suspicious**

The teller, already suspicious, signaled the bank's manager.

It is the custom of the bank to exercise caution in turning over large sums of money to customers.

As the managerr started in the direction of the two men Patrolman Raymond Brill of the Eastern district entered the bank for a routine checkup.

When the men saw the officer they ran from the building with Officer Brill in pursuit.

On Bethel st., they ran to a parked car where a third man was sitting at the wheel.

**Ordered Out Of Car**

One of the men was about to jump in the rear seat when Officer Brill called for him to halt.

As the driverr of the car started to pull away, the officer fired three shots. Officer Brill said he was afraid to fire more due to heavy traffic.

Before pulling completely away from the curb the driver jumped from the car and surrendered.

The man who tried to jump in the back seat ran up Bethel st.

Meanwhile, the third man slipped into the driver's seat and drove off while Officer Brill held one man at gunpoint.

After searching through a number of reports from police departments over the country, officers here discovered that the suspect they captured has a swindle record "as long as your arm."


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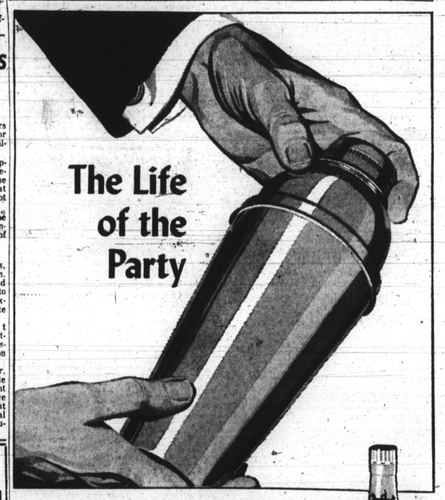

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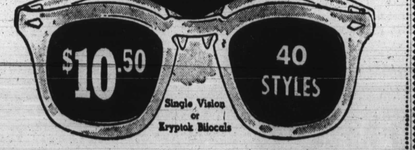

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WITH SPIRITED STEP—Miss Etta Murray of 1630 E. Oliver st. heads for the Home Center at 1424 Pennsylvania ave. where she is employed as credit manager. Reason for the spiritely step: she was a little late that day.

TIME FOR CONFERENCE—Important matters concerning the administration of the Baltimore Urban League at 2404 Pennsylvania ave., were under discussion at this conference of Urban League personnel. Left to right: Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director; Miss Gloria Fisher, office manager; and Fred Z. Nichols Jr., director of industrial relations. Dr. Templeton has been invited by Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks to attend a White House conference on highway safety, Feb. 17-19 in Washington's Constitution Hall.

FATHER AND SON TEAM—A professional tradesman for nine years, James B. Smith, left, of 1404 Harford ave., and his son Reynolds, 18, work together in repairing a two-story building at Ashland ave. and Bond st. Mr. Smith taught his son the trade two years ago. They've been working together as a team since then. They completed this job in two days.

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Mesdames Jessie Bailey, Pearl Allen, Louise Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, Beatrice Carroll, Martinia Carey, Dorothy Coles;

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Misses Juanita Fields, Lucille Naylor, Doris Pollard, Anna May Robinson.

**Guests Listed**

Mrs. Lena Johnson is club adviser.

Among the guests attending the dance were:

Lucille Naylor, Doris Pollard, Randolph J. Dent, Miss Beatrice Nelson, Mrs. Gloria Nick, Miss Alice Williaimson, Marvin Johnson, William P. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Wongoner;

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OFF ON RED CROSS OUTING—Mrs. Willa Valentine, service chairman of the Red Cross motor service unit at Provident hospital takes a group of youngsters on an outing. The girls, left to right, are Reba Walker, Betty Gillis, Eleanor Brathway and Lillian Barkley. Mrs. Valentine is a popular beautician, and active church worker.

LOOKING FOR A JOB—Mrs. Gertrude C. Norris, right, of 2416 Pennsylvania ave., a clerk at Day's Employment Agency, 406 Dolphin st., interviews Mrs. Emma Lawson of 214 E. Preston st., for a possible job with one of the firm's clients. Mrs. Norris has been employed at the agency since 1947. She estimates that an interview takes anywhere from two to five minutes. She is a graduate of the Cortez Peters Business school.


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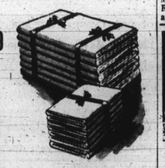

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NEW CHAPEL EQUIPMENT—The Rev. Daniel L. Ridout delivered the dedication sermon for the new Faith Chapel in the Sharp St. Methodist church community house. It is open daily for meditation. New installations were presented by the Midweek Prayer group headed by Mrs. Celey McIntyre.