–Douglass High

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er sts. and annoy the girl pupils.

Prior Visit Made

On a visit made to the school several weeks ago, the reporter found that he could enter three of the entrances and walk freely about the corridors without being questioned.

(Complaints had been made that hoodlums took advantage of the open doors to enter the school where they could rob lockers, roam the halls or interfere with the pupils.)

On Thursday, however, the reporter found that the only way he could enter the building was through the entrance nearest to the office. The other doors had been fastened with "panic locks."

Outsiders Kept Out

When in use the "panic locks" make it impossible for an outsider to enter the school. The doors can only be opened from the inside.

When asked about the use of the locks, Mr. Reckling, said that it has always been the policy of the school to use the locks to keep out trespassers.

He said that if they had not been in use at a particular time it was because they were either out of order or else someone had jammed them so they could be opened from the outside.

To Protect Pupils

According to Mr. Reckling, the safeguards uncovered by the reporter are not "new" but have always been an important part of the school's program for the welfare of its pupils.

He was strong in his denial of any knowledge of a report that a history teacher had told her class not to use the AFRO in the study of current events.

"If any such statement was made you can be sure that it did not reflect the philosophy of this office. I will look into the matter but you can be sure that such a statement does not have the support of this office."

Mr. Reckling admitted that there had been a fight in the cafeteria after the recent farewell assembly.

"The assembly threw us off schedule and as a result the cafeteria was more crowded than usual. There was some shoving and pushing and then more shoving and a fight did start, but it was quickly brought under control by the teachers," he said.

Mr. Reckling said that he had heard no reports of weapons being displayed. (Two pupils were later quizzed by the reporter and seven of them said they had heard of the fight but knew nothing about any type of weapon.)

Following the interview with Mr. Reckling the reporter went outside the school where he questioned several pupils about "Donald Duck," who is reported to be the leader of a gang that hangs on the northwest corner of Carey and Baker sts. and hurl off-color remarks at the girl pupils.

The pupils readily admitted their knowledge of "Donald Duck" and described him as a short man in his late 20's, who visits the school with a group of other young men.

"Donald Duck" is regarded as a "tough character," by the students.

Several teachers were questioned about "Donald Duck" but all of them said that their activities had never come to their attention, and that he apparently confined his activities to the area outside the school.

From the interview gained through the visit and the interviews it is apparent that school officials have increased their vigilance and are making a real attempt to correct the situation described in the earlier articles.

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–FBI catch

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time a "10-Most Wanted" fugitive had been arrested in Maryland since the FBI inaugurated the infamous list several years ago.

AFRO Aids Capture

Chapman was arrested shortly after a Washington grocer saw his picture in Tuesday's edition of the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN.

The 45-year-old fugitive had shaved off his mustache. When the grocer saw the AFRO picture, however, he recognized it as being one of his customers—a James Walker, living at 1537 "A" st., se.

The grocer, whose name has been withheld, notified the Washington office of the FBI. When agents went to the "A" st. address, Walker, alias Chapman, wasn't home.

They learned he worked as a cement finisher at a construction project on Belvedere Boulevard in Silver Spring.

This information was flashed to Federal agents in Baltimore. A squad of FBI agents, led by S. E. Alden, sped to the construction project.

Surround Area

Using extreme caution because Chapman had been described as "extremely dangerous and a cop - hater," the agents quietly surrounded the area.

When Mr. Alden accosted the man, Chapman offered no resistance and readily admitted his true identity. He refused to discuss the murder charge but admitted knowing the FBI was after him.

When searched agent found nothing on him except a small pen - knife.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, said that Chapman was added to the 10 most wanted fugitive list on Feb. 3, 1954. He was arrested Feb. 10, just one day after his pictured appeared in the AFRO.

"An Excellent Job"

Mr. Alden hailed publication of the picture as "one of the excellent ways in which a newspaper can aid law enforcement. The AFRO did an excellent job."

Chapman has been sought since he killed his wife and another woman, and shot two more persons, in Cleveland on Feb. 8, 1952.

He and his wife became involved in an argument and Chapman suddenly left the party. A short time later he returned and sprayed the partygoers with a deadly fusillade of shots.

He made good his escape and was not heard of again until November 21, 1953, when Norfolk police charged he robbed a grocery store there of $1,386.

He is also wanted for participation in an $11,000 payroll holdup in Philadelphia in November, 1949.

Chapman was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Greenwood county, S.C. He is five feet, seven inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, and bears scars on his nose and chin.

Spokesman for the FBI stated that many local papers carried stories of the "Ten Most Wanted Men" on Feb. 2, but credited the AFRO picture on Feb. 9 for the discovery.

Jury hears 13 in Thomas case

Twelve witnesses and Capt. Millard B. Horton of Northwestern police district appeared before the grand jury which indicted William C. Thomas in the slaying of Mrs. Della Honeyman.

Those who went before the jury Thursday morning were:

Mrs. Ruth Thomas Scott, 2413 N. Stockton st.

Mrs. Mabel Thomas, same address.

Miss Doris Thomas, same address.

Mrs. Martina Madden, 1530 N. Stricker st.

Benjamin Madden, same address.

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SOUGHT FOR BRUTAL SLAYINGS:

2 among 10 on FBI 'most wanted' list

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Two colored men are listed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation among the ten most wanted fugitives.

One of the men, Apee Hamp Chapman, alias Joe White "Lucky," and William L. Andrews, is wanted on Cleveland for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder.

Known as a "cop hater," Chapman is accused of murdering his wife and another woman with a gun during a party in Cleveland, Feb. 8, 1952.

Payroll Holdup

He reportedly escaped to Pittsburgh, then Philadelphia, where he allegedly took part in a daring $11,000 payroll holdup, Nov. 22, 1949.

On Nov. 1, 1953, he is believed to have robbed a bordello, Vicksburg, of $3,300, at gunpoint. Chapman was convicted of murder in 1938 when he was caught and sentenced for burglary.

He was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Greenwood county, S.C. He is five feet, seven inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, of medium build, bears scars on his nose and chin and is considered highly dangerous.

Triple Slaying

The second man is James E. Diggs, alias Dick Diggs and "Smitty," who, on May 30, 1948, reportedly shot and killed his wife and two sons, James Jr., 4, and Alfonso 4, in Norfolk, Va.

Using a 32 caliber revolver, he allegedly shot his wife twice and each of the children three times. He is wanted for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder.

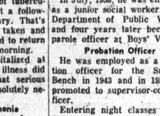
No motive was determined in the triple slaying. Early on May 30, 1948, Diggs, in the company of two other men, reportedly shot an officer through the mouth when the officer dropped their car to question them.

Gunrelated Wife Wife

Neighbors told police that for several years prior to the murders, Diggs and his wife often quarreled violently and were separated for a short time in 1947.

He has poor eyesight, wears glasses, is six feet, one inch in height, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, is of slender build, has a gold upper tooth and is considered extremely dangerous.

Persons who may furnish information leading to the arrest of either man, Diggs or Chapman, are asked to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, or the office nearest them.


CHAPMAN DIGGS

GIVEN MORE POWER

LAGOS, Nigeria (ANP) — increased administrative power was given to the three regions of Nigeria at a constitutional conference which closed here last week. The regions have been granted self government by 1956.

This is the story and pictures which enabled grocer to identify Chapman.

–Honeyman case

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Thomas who was known to be a regular customer at the place.

Pleads Guilty

On Monday Thomas pleaded guilty to charges of assault and robbery. The grand jury indicted him Thursday for burglary, robbery, rape and murder.

Behind the arrest of the suspect lies 22 days of intensive police work in which Officer Walker, Lieutenant Deinlein and Sergeant Davey played leading roles.

They received the cooperation and assistance of their fellow officers and Capt. Millard Horton, head of the Northwestern district.

It was Officer Walker whose keen sense of suspicion gave police their first real break in the case. It was Sergeant Davey, whose skill at questioning gave police the name of the suspect, and it was Lieutenant Deinlein who tied the case together.

The story of the Honeyman murder began early on Sunday morning, Jan. 17, when a customer went to the small confectionary store that Miss Honeyman had operated in the 1500 block of Gilmor st. for over 15 years.

Finding the store closed and knowing that the 67-year-old woman usually opened early to serve people on their way to church, he called police.

Found Body

When they entered the store they found the crumpled body of the woman behind the counter. Overturned furniture, a ripped curtain and canned goods scattered about the place indicated that Miss Honeyman had put up a struggle before she was killed.

A medical examination showed that Miss Honeyman had been strangled and criminally assaulted.

Immediately after the discovery of the body, Northwestern station became a buzzing hive of activity as homicide detectives and police settled down to the task of finding suspects.

What appeared to be a break in the case came when police learned that two men had been seen running away from the scene of the murder early Sunday morning. Six suspects were quickly rounded up but after questioning them and examining their clothes for blood stains police released them.

Cash Turns Up

A further search of the murder house turned up more than $1,800 in cash and $900 in defense bonds. Most of the money was in $20 bills and was tucked in crockery, stoves, ash trays and "every conceivable place."

Police advanced the theory that the killer or killers found some money and assumed that was all there was, or else they did not have time for a detailed search.

The murder of Miss Honeyman aroused the blazing anger of her neighbors who were united in the opinion that she had been a good neighbor and that her death was an act of viciousness.

Break Develops

The case was prominently displayed in the daily papers for a week and then it disappeared from print.

On February 3 the first real break in the case developed. Officer Walker arrested a man on his post in connection with a matter not related to the Honeyman case.

After questioning the suspect, Walker became suspicious and began to suspect that the man knew something of the Honeyman case. He turned the suspect over to Sergeant Davey for further questioning.

After several question sessions directed by Sergeant Davey, the suspect admitted that he knew something about the case and gave the police the nickname of a man.

Off On New Hunt

This information sent police off on a new hunt that covered dozens of homes and involved scores of people.

Finally they learned that the suspect was out of town but would be back during the weekend. A trap was set at the Pennsylvania ave. club and when Thomas entered he was arrested.

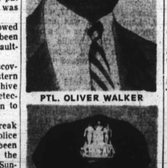
Officers Moody and Cheeks are plainclothesmen while Officer Walker is a street patrolman.

Officer Walker is 30. He lives with his wife and two daughters at 3034 Poplar terrace. He has been on the force since March 11, 1948 and has served the entire time at Northwestern.

Sergeant Davey, 55, has been on the force since Oct. 25, 1920 and sergeant since 1928. He holds more than 16 commendations, a bronze star and a high commendation.

Lt. Deinlein, 46, has been on the force since 1937. He came to Northwestern in April, 1952. He holds three commendations for earlier police work.

PTL. OLIVER WALKER


SGT. JOSEPH DAVEY

LT. BERNARD DEINLEIN

–Hurt in fire

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Delores Sheridan heard of the fire came when her mother, Mrs. Carrie Sheridan, shouted a warning when she saw smoke in the hallway outside their third-floor apartment.

The younger Mrs. Sheridan grabbed the child and followed her mother down the steps. As she started down the flight of steps leading to the first floor Mrs. Delores Sheridan said that she stumbled and dropped the child.

The younger woman fell against her mother who was in turn thrown to the floor.

The cause of the fire was being investigated by firemen.

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–Man dies

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showed that he was suffering from a heavy cold, shortness of breath, heavy alcoholism, and a solidation in the lower left lung.

"This could have indicated either pneumonia or tuberculosis. That's why the x-rays were taken.

Given Penicillin

"He was given penicillin and enough aureomycin to last him for five days. Mr. Dixon was told that he could either come back to our clinic in the morning or he could see a private physician.

"He said he wanted to see his own doctor. We told him that in that case, we would give his physician a copy of the x-ray report.

"Since the examination showed a possibility of tuberculosis, we realized that a follow-up would be necessary. That's why the x-rays were taken and Mr. Dixon was advised to return to the clinic in the morning.

"He was not hospitalized at the time because his illness did not appear to be that serious and it didn't seem absolutely necessary."

Dies Of Pneumonia

Called to the Dixon home, Wednesday morning, Dr. M. L. Barksdale pronounced the man dead of lobar pneumonia. He had not been a regular patient, but had visited the physician's office on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Dixon came to Baltimore three years ago from South Carolina. He was unmarried. Besides the Brocks, he is survived by another sister, Mrs. Eloise Briggs.

–Rosedom

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was graduated from Douglass High school in June, 1931 with a scholarship to Morgan State college. Fond of athletics, he served as a varsity member on three championship football teams.

He was graduated in June, 1935 with a BS degree in chemistry.

In July, 1938, he was employed as a junior social worker at the Department of Public Welfare and four years later became a parole officer at Boys' Village.

Probation Officer

He was employed as a probation officer for the Supreme Bench in 1943 and in 1952 was promoted to supervisor-court officer.

Entering night classes at the University of Maryland law school in 1948, he was graduated in 1948. He passed the state bar the following year.

He is a member of the board of trustees at Provident hospital and also a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Brother In Navy

His brother, Paul, is now serving with the navy in Japan. He has two sisters, Mesdames Alice R. Danbby and Bertha R. Haskins.

Mr. Rosedom, 40, lives with his wife, the former Miss Ruth V. Tignor of Northumberland county, Va., at 1514 E. Preston st.

Mrs. Rosedom, a graduate of West Virginia State college, teaches home economics at Coleridge-Taylor School No. 122.

–Appoint 3

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ed three years with the Police Boys Club.

Full Pledged Officers

When the new assignment was made, Detectives Burke and Cousins, both 28-years-old, had just completed their two-year terms in the police force, Jan. 17, which made them full-fledged officers.

Detective Burke did his training at Northwestern while Detective Cousins was assigned to Northeastern.

For the present, Detective Gardner is serving with the homicide squad; Burke, assault and robbery detail and Cousins, the detective squad at Northeastern.

—Coming Events

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Nabrit of Howard University, guest speaker, 3 p.m.

"WANN Night" at Gillis Memorial Community church, Calhoun and Mulberry sts. Ward Gospel Singers, WANN staff members to be present, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26

Capping of Provident hospital nurses, Unity Christian church, Edmondson ave. and Stricker st., 8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

Dr. Margaret Butcher speaks at Women's Day services, Madison ave. Presbyterian church, 11 a.m.

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This affair is given annually to raise funds for a scholarship to a Maryland high school graduate for study at the Provident Hospital school of nursing. The 1953 recipient was Miss Lucille Griffin.

Detailed Report

Mrs. Mae C. Barnes, the general chairman of the sale, made the following report:

The bake table, Mrs. Blanche Smith, chairman, $84; Mrs. Maggie Flack, chairman, $230; White elephant table, Mrs. Virginia Brown, chairman and Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, co - chairman, $47.53;

Aprons, Mrs. Mae C. Barnes, chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Moore, co-chairman, $91; the gold rod of cash donations, Mrs. Louise Brown, chairman, $78.

PARIS AT ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Pfc. Robert B. Paris, son of Mrs. Beulah Paris, 1134 N. Calhoun st., Baltimore, has arrived at the Ordnance Replacement Training Center here, where he will undergo eight weeks of basic military training.

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Annapolis Council denies liquor license to hotel

ANNAPOLIS — The City Council here has denied a request for a hotel liquor license by the New Washington Hotel.

The application of George W. Belt, Naval Academy employee, was rejected by a vote of six to three.

The city's two colored aldermen, T. Norwood Brown and Roscoe Parker were among the councilmen voting against issuance of the license.

Mr. Belt, who works in the commissioned officers' mess at the Academy, filed a petition with names of about 200 persons purportedly in favor of the license.

J. Franklin Bourne served as lawyer for persons protesting the license and filed a petition with 96 names opposing the move.

Opposed By Cleric

The Rev. Leroy Bowman, pastor of the First Baptist church, 41 W. Washington st., read a statement in which he stated there was an "over - abundance" of licenses with, at present, six establishments in "our short block."

Rev. Bowman also cited the possibility of "our citizens being involved by outsiders." This referred to out - of - towners using the hotel.

Milton Thomas filed a statement signed by 26 persons. Citing an honest desire to make the community a "better place in which to live," Mr. Thomas' statement declared there were already 16 liquor stores within a four block radius.

All persons opposing the measure declared they had nothing against Mr. Bell personally. Mr. Bell said he would soon be forced to leave the Naval Academy because of a reduction in force.

There are two colored hotels in Annapolis, the Dixie Hotel and the Washington, which was recently re-opened after a fire in 1946.

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Three men freed in robbery case

LEONARDTOWN, Md.—Three suspects arrested on armed robbery and assault charges were freed here on Monday after a lengthy hearing in police court.

Magistrate Willson Knight dismissed the men for lack of evidence. They were identified as Joseph Herbert, 28, and Walter Chesley, 21, both of Bushwood, and James Young, 27, of Mechanicsville.

The men were accused of robbing and assaulting Herman Millison, 50, owner of a combination store, bar and gas station.

Millison Testifies

According to Mr. Millison, the men entered his store on Jan. 31 to pay a bill. He testified that one of the men knocked him to the floor without any warning and placed a pistol against his body.

He also testified that his wallet containing $500 was taken from his pocket and that Mr. Young had pointed a gun at Flecker Thomas, a customer in the store.

However, Mr. Thomas denied that he had seen any gun and added that he had been intoxicated at the time and could not remember all the details of the alleged incident.

Another witness, Howard Herbert, 30, said that he was in the store when the men entered but he left the premises before the alleged robbery took place.

No further testimony against the men was presented and Magistrate Knight granted a motion made by Billy Locker Jr., defense attorney, that the case be dropped for lack of prosecution.

Four treated for accident injuries

Four persons were treated at Provident Hospital Wednesday for injuries received in a series of accidents.

Mrs. Sylvia Winder, 36, of the 500 block Pearl st., was treated for injuries to the forehead, received in an automobile accident at Mosher and Calhoun sts.

John Robinson, 38, of the 400 block Moore st., was treated for laceration of the left eye, suffered in the same accident.

Floyd Wilson, 7, of 1024 Carrollton ave., was treated for injuries of the forehead suffered when he was struck by an automobile at Carrollton and Riggs ave.

Percy Griffins, 32, of the 2300 block Catherine Heights, was treated for minor abrasions, suffered in an accident at Pennsylvania and Dolphin sts.

CORE points to amity month

February is Brotherhood Month.

The Baltimore chapter of the Committee of Racial Equality asks local residents to pledge themselves to begin the fight against discrimination this month.

The local CORE does not recommend that facilities which do discriminate should be boycotted. Instead, it declares, special effort should be made to patronize establishments that don't.

It also asks that discrimination in all forms be protested, introduce brotherhood into working and living conditions and help the Church to eliminate segregation.

Ben Everingham, is chairman, and Mrs. Edith Bryant and A. Robert Kaufman, committee members of CORE.

For information write to CORE, 1900 Barclay st., or call Plaza 2-2789, or Mohawk 4-1055.

Lawyer comments on justification of frisking

In reply to a judge's statement approving unwarranted searches by police, W. A. C. Hughes, attorney wrote a letter to the AFRO this week.

Mr. Hughes represented David T. Mason, a young lawyer, who filed a $25,000 civil suit against Sgt. Charles Wrightson who conducted a search without probable cause at a local night club last spring.

Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith dismissed the case last week, though admitting that the police had technically violated the law.

The contents of Mr. Hughes' letter follows:

"Constitutional safeguards against unreasonable searches and seizures are basic and fundamental rights. These rights are firmly established in our Federal and State Constitutions.

"It is the established law in Maryland that a police officer is only authorized to search an individual without his consent unless he has a valid search warrant or makes the search as part of, or incident, to a lawful arrest.'

Court Decision

"The court, in substance, held however, that a police officer may search an individual without his consent, without a valid search warrant and without making a lawful arrest, provided, the necessities of the situation warrants it — and that at least, such a search would only be a technical violation of the law.

"It is apparent that this decision is at variance with previously established constitutional safeguards against unreasonable searches and seizures.

"I feel that over zealous police officers will construe this decision as granting them authority to violate the constitutional rights of individuals with impunity.

'Do More Harm'

"It seems to me that this will do infinitely more harm than good in the administration of justice and it will inevitably bring the law into disrepute in the minds of the people.

"I am not unmindful of the conflicting responsibility the court has in protecting society from crime and criminals on the one hand and in protecting the individual from arbitrary and illegal search on the other hand.

"However, I feel that this conflict must of necessity be resolved in favor of the individual.

Protect Rights

"Therefore, I unqualifiedly subscribe to the view taken by a jurist, who said:

'In the exercise of their great powers, courts have no higher duty to perform than those involving the protection of the citizen in the civil rights guaranteed to him by the constitution.

"If at any time the protection of those rights should delay or even defeat the ends of justice in a particular case, it is better for the public good that this should happen than that a great constitutional mandate should be nullified."

Four firemen felled by smoke

Four firemen were overcome by smoke early Wednesday morning while fighting a fire in a tavern at 1513 Laurens st.

They were taken to Mercy hospital where three were treated and released; while the fourth, Leyton Moses of 3826 Dolfield ave., was detained for further treatment.

The cause of the fire and the extent of damage had not been determined late on Wednesday.

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