Dr. Allen aids March of Dimes

Five hundred dollars was presented to the 1954 March of Dimes Campaign by Dr. Willard Allen, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall affiliated Masons.

The contribution was a combined gift of $200 from the Supreme Council of Scottish Rites, Prince Hall affiliation of which Mr. Allen is Grand Master, and of $300 from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

The contribution was presented on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the Emancipation held at the Bethel AME church on January 10.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, was the featured speaker. Former U. S. Senator George L. Radcliff, State and City chairman of the March of Dimes, accepted the gift from Dr. Allen, who has worked in the March of Dimes since 1933.

Faculty members Morgan speakers

J. Percy Bond, director of admissions and placements, will address the Morgan College assembly, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. in the Hurt gymnasium.

Mr. Bond will discuss Morgan's "Expanding Placement Service."

Morgan President Martin D. Jenkins will be assembly speaker on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

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TREATED AFTER FALL — Mrs. Delores Sheridan of the 600 block Carrollton ave., is holding her five-month-old son, Anthony, who was injured when she stumbled and fell while attempting to carry him from their burning home early Wednesday. The child was treated at Provident hospital and released.

Atkinson denies reports of Johnson's resignation

Rumors are still flying.

The Baltimore County Chief of Police has denied persistent reports that a Turner Station policeman who shot a man to death has been asked to resign.

Chief Hamilton Atkinson reports that he hasn't concluded investigation of Patrolman James Johnson's case.

Grand Jury Contacted

State's attorney John Raine reports that the family of Leonard Clapp, 100 block Polanski st., has written a letter to the grand jury asking them to reopen the case.

"Of course that is their privilege" reports Mr. Raine. "However the grand jury is still considering the letter and hasn't given any formal decision."

Patrolman Johnson shot and killed Clapp in front of a restaurant in the 100 block Balnew rd., last December. In a report of the shooting, he said he was called to the restaurant to quell a disturbance.

Clapp interfered, the policeman reported, and he was forced to shoot after the man slashed his coat with a switchblade knife.

Freed At Hearing

At a police court hearing in Dundalk, several days later, Patrolman Johnson was dismissed on a charge of manslaughter arising from Clapp's death.

Mr. Raine was also present at the hearing and at the time declared: "There wasn't any actual justification to substantiate a charge of manslaughter."

"On the other hand, however, a policeman shouldn't have to use a gun in an ordinary situation," the State's Attorney said.

Battle scars win matron her divorce

Silent, but effective, witnesses in the suit of Mrs. Dorothy Phillips for a divorce from John W. Phillips this week, were an array of marital battle scars.

The wife, who said that fear for her life forced her to leave Mr. Phillipps, showed the examiner scars on both her head and leg. She also told him of the beatings and blackened eyes inflicted upon her.

Mr. Phillips, she said, often threatened her life. She left on Jun 22, 1947, when he kicked her, threw a tub at her and struck her on the head, she said. She added that at one time he had stabbed her with a knife.

Mrs. Phillip's maiden name, Hamlet, was restored. Roy S. Bond was her attorney.

Father Wins Daughter

Robert L. Smith divorced Mrs. Thelma Smith, this week, and won custody of their two-year-old daughter.

The 21-year-old husband, a street car operator, said that his wife, also 21, deserted him on July 13, 1951, 20 days after they were married.

The court decreed that Mrs. Smith must be allowed to visit the child at reasonable times and be consulted on her educational development at all times.

Republican club gains members

Approximately 75 white, and colored voters braved the snow storm to attend a meeting Monday night sponsored by the Citizens Republican Club.

The voters were all from the 3rd and 5th councilmanic and legislative district. The meeting, called by Dr. Willard W. Allen and Dr. John C. Woodland, treasurer of the club, was principally to enlist members in the 16th Ward.

At least 30 voters were reported to have joined Monday night.

Pledge Support

Those attending the meeting heard speakers pledge support to white and colored candidates for the legislature once they agreed on the candidate and his platform.

Among the speakers were Mrs. Donald A. Thompson, a member of the club which originated in her home in Roland Park.

Also Mr. Paul S. Parsons, president. Mr. Parsons told the group that: "we should interest ourselves in learning the record of all candidates."

Spoke On Budget

He also spoke on the need for training and instructing the voters and on the state budget.

Others who spoke were Mrs. Samuel Thomas Brick, Joseph M. Dukert who announced his candidacy from the 3rd district Dr. Woodland and Dr. Allen.

Mrs. Vivian C. Alleyne, a leading Democrat, also present and spoke briefly. Both Democrats and Republicans were invited to the meeting.

All the speakers from Roland Park agreed to lend their support to colored candidates for the legislature.

Among Those Present

Among those present were Harry O. Levin, Albert Sugar, Saul Rogers, Henry Rogers, Father Cedric Mills, Dr. Bruce Alleyne, Mrs. Annie Williams, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, and Mrs. Charles Woodland.

After the meeting refreshments were served through Bailey Conway, local caterer.

The meeting was held at 824 N. Carrollton ave.

McKeldin names five magistrates

LEONARDTOWN, Md. — Five magistrates were recently appointed by Governor McKeldin to serve in the various districts in the St. Mary's County area. They are:

Leo Young, Leonardtown; Clem Dyson, Beachville and the First District Area; J. Bradley Bankins, Hollywood area; William O. Baldwin, Lexington Park and Carver Heights area; Frederick A. Moreland, Mechanicsville, Charlotte Hall, Budd's Creek and Chaptico areas.

Ga. relatives share 9G estate

Five sisters and brothers, all residents of Geogia, received the $9,061.80 estate of Mrs. Lula Kelly, who died, here, last May.

The estate, administered by William I. Gosnell, attorney, consisted of $4,789.30 in cash, and three pieces of property in East Baltimore.

Beneficiaries are Mrs. Lula M. Brown of Caldosta, Ga., Mrs. Sallie Bailey, Miss Bessie Royal and Boyd and Spelman Royal of Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Bond Administrator

Roy S. Bond, attorney, was administrator for the estate of W. Herbert Knox, postal clerk and former grand keeper of records and seal for the Knights of Pythias.

The portion of the estate left by Mr. Knox which required administration action amounted to $1,867.69 cash, which was divided equally between his widow, Mrs. Maud M. Knox; and sons, Herbert and Toussaint.

The $2,053.88 estate of James A. Horsey, war veteran, has been given to his mother, Mrs. Jannie Horsey of 1816 Lorman st.

Records of the orphans court show that the amount was the funds on deposit with the Veterans Administration. Mr. Horsey died on May 23, 1953. He was also survived by a sister, Mrs. Eva Sinkler, of the Lorman st. address.

George Kelson was administrator.

Wife To Administer

Mrs. M. Esther Johnson of 1935 Madison ave. has been appointed to administer the estate of her husband, Addison E. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson, a real estate dealer, died on Oct. 3, 1953. He was also survived by his mother, Mrs. Grace A. Patterson of 1908 Madison ave.

Also named executrix was Mrs. Lillie B. Pace, 1820 N. Bentalou st., who will administer the estate of her sister, Miss Janie E. Wilson, who died on Dec. 27, 1953.

Named by Mrs. Mary T. Gittings, as sole heir of her estate is her step-son, Howard J. Gittings of 1005 Rosedale st.

Mrs. Gittings, who lived at 3100 Barclay st., left personal property estimated at $5,000. Magistrate E. Everett Lane is administrator.

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Mother Of 3 Teachers Killed In 2-Story Fall

Admits Killing Sweetheart

Baltimore, USA

By JIMMY WILLIAMS

Take a good look at your keys, Mister.

Have you ever wondered what you would do if they were misplaced, lost or stolen?

This is the story of a set of lost keys, the inconvenience and expense suffered by the owner—and at last a happy ending.

About a month ago, Benjamin Claiborne, 38, of the 1400 block Pennsylvania ave., a photographer, paid a visit to the AFRO office.

With his business completed, he walked out of the building leaving his keys in the advertising department.

Found By Employee

A few moments later the keys were discovered by an AFRO employee who turned them over to the personnel office.

The seven keys were on a chain that also included a miniature, license plate, supplied to motorists all over the country by the Disabled American Veterans.

The keys were placed near the AFRO time clock where they might be easily reclaimed by their rightful owner.

Meanwhile, Mr. Claiborne was having more than his share of trouble.

Discovers Loss

He discovered his loss shortly after he left the AFRO office, but he was unable to recall where he left the precious keys.

On the chain were keys to his automobile, the front and back doors of his studio, a locker, a stock room and a juke box, all in his studio.

The automobile and the front door posed no problem for the simple reason that Mr. Claiborne had duplicate keys.

However trouble started when Mr. Claiborne wanted to enter his locker and found that his only key was on the missing chain.

There was only one thing to do— and Mr. Claiborne did it.

He broke the lock. Cost—$7 for a new one.

Stock Room Open

The stock room door was already open, so Mr. Claiborne left it open.

Mr. Claiborne had a duplicate key to the front door of his studio. The rear door was rarely used so that the loss of the only key offered no real problem.

But the juke box was a different matter.

Mr. Claiborne usually empties the machine's coin box once a week, but without a key the only way he could make a collection was to break into the box.

After two weeks and still no sight of his keys, Mr. Claiborne was almost ready to resort to desperate measures. But he curbed his impatience knowing that it would cost a tidy sum to repair the machine.

He was also hoping that the keys would be returned to him by the finder.

Weeks Pass

As the weeks passed and the coins kept flowing into the juke box, Mr. Claiborne's patience grew shorter and shorter.

Finally this week Mr. Claiborne received a letter from S. Edward Smith, AFRO personnel manager, telling him that his keys had been found.

Mr. Smith had traced Mr. Claiborne by contacting the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and having them trace the license number of the miniature plate.

Quite naturally, Mr. Claiborne was delighted to receive his keys and his first act was to have duplicates made for every key on the chain.

The moral of this true story is:

"Take care with your keys, Mister. Always remember that it isn't as expensive to have duplicates made as it may be when you lose the only ones you have."

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SECOND JIM-CROW GUARD UNIT—Sworn into the National Guard Tuesday night at Edmondson ave. armory, these men are now members of the 726th Truck co., the second segregated unit formed in Maryland within the past three months. 1st Lt. James F. Norton, front, will command the unit. New outfits were formed by Maj. General Milton A. Reckord after officers of former 231st Truck Bn. which served in Korea in an integrated unit, refused to reactivate a jim-crow unit. 147th Truck co. was activated, on Dec. 16, 1953. See editorial on Page 17).

Mother of 3 teachers in fatal tumble

Mrs. Grace Bowers killed, funeral to be held Monday

Mrs. Grace Bowers, 73, the mother of three Baltimore school teachers, was killed early Wednesday in a fall from the second-story porch of her home.

A Requiem Mass will be sung at St. Peter Claver Church, Monday, 9 a.m. The Rev. Edward Casserly will officiate.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

The body will be on view from Friday afternoon until Sunday night at 1800 Freestman st., the home of Mrs. Edna M. Williams, a daughter.

Fell From Porch

The fatal fall occurred shortly after 10 a.m., Wednesday, when Mrs. Bowers went to the wooden porch of her apartment at 1900 Madison ave. for fresh air.

Mrs. Bowers fell to the street when she leaned against the second floor railing and the structure collapsed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Manakey, a tenant on the first floor, told police that she heard a noise in the rear of the house.

When she looked out of a window she saw Mrs. Bowers' body strike a high stone wall bordering the back yard, and then fall into the street, police said.

Mrs. Bowers was taken in an ambulance to Provident hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Born In Virginia

Mrs. Bowers was born in Bowdon, Va., and came to Baltimore at the age of 16. She entered Morgan College but left the school when she married Albert K. Bowers, now deceased.

She devoted the bulk of her life to the rearing and education of her children. She was a member of the Sodality at St. Peter Claver.

Survivors include: three daughters, Mesdames Edna M. Williams, Olga Parker and Miss Anna Bowers; three sons, Edward, Roland and Albert Bowers; four grandsons; a sister, Mrs. Mamie Williams of Bridgeport, Conn., and other relatives.

Mrs. Williams is an English teacher at Booker Washington Junior High School No. 130, while Mrs. Parker is a physical education teacher at the same school. Miss Bowers is principal of Banneker School No. 113.

16 sworn in JC Guard unit

Second separate group in 3 months

Fourteen men and two officers were sworn in Tuesday night into the second segregated National Guard unit organized in Maryland within the past three months.

The new unit is known as the 726th Transportation Co. It is commanded by 1st. Lt. James F. Norton, a former Morgan ROTC cadet.

Its headquarters are in the jim-crow armory located at 2237 Edmondson ave.

This is the second segregated unit formed in the Maryland National Guard since senior officers in the 231st Truck Bn. refused to reactivate a jim-crow unit.

First in December

On Dec. 16, 1953, four officers and 43 enlisted men were inducted into the 147th Truck co. Second Lieut. Theodore Scott has been serving as company commander of this unit. Others

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NAACP birthday speaker, Nabrit

Dr. James M. Nabrit, who speaks here Sunday at the NAACP Founders' Day Tea, made one of the strongest arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the school segregation cases.

The Howard university law professor was counsel for the plaintiffs in the Washington, D.C. case. He has appeared as an NAACP counsel in many court fights against segregation.

He will speak here on "Segregation in the Public Schools."

The local NAACP branch will celebrate its 45th birthday at 3 p.m. at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist church. Following Dr.

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Investigate firing of three girls

A complete investigation into the abrupt firing of three colored employes at the Greyhound bus station restaurant was promised on Wednesday.

J. Edwards, president of the Greyhound Post Houses Co., told the AFRO that he intends to probe charges that the only reason the three young girls lost their jobs was because they are colored.

The local branch of NAACP has also asked its national office to investigate the firings.

The firings were ordered by U. L. Mullens, regional manager of the Greyhound Post Houses Co., which operates restaurants in the Greyhound stations.

Admits Order

Mr. Mullens frankly admitted on Wednesday that he was responsible for the firings and that they had been done "to even things up" between white and colored workers.

He explained that he "felt like we should work a few white girls" and that he wanted to reduce the percentage of colored persons employed in the restaurant.

Before the firing of the three girls on Monday, 18 out of the restaurant's 24 employees were colored.

With the three firings, one resignation, and the employment of two additional white

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Morgan Pk. fire brings in police

Police are investigating a fire that did extensive damage to a one-story ranch type home in Morgan Park shortly before noon, Thursday.

The home at 2325 Montebello Terrace is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Johnson.

Preliminary reports indicate that extensive damage was done to the interior of the home and that almost all the furnishings were either destroyed or damaged.

Police interest in the fire was traced to a report that the doors and windows of the house had been broken, indicating that the fire might be of an incendiary nature.

Away From Home

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were away from home when the fire was discovered by an unidentified neighbor. The only casualty in the fire was the Johnson's dog who was overcome by smoke.

The fire was the first in the Morgan Park area, although the home of an elderly hermit who lived near Morgan College, was recently destroyed in a blaze.

Porter tells police he killed sweetheart

A porter who walked into Northwestern police station early Thursday morning and reportedly admitted 'that he had strangled his "sweetheart," will receive a hearing Day (Friday) in Central police court.

Following the alleged confession of William Wells, 33, of the 800 block Fulton ave., police went to his second-floor apartment where they found the body of Mrs. Margaret Whitbeck, 29, of the same address.

Mr. Wells was immediately booked on a homicide charge.

According to police Mrs. Whitbeck had been strangled sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, and her body left on the bed in the apartment she shared with Mr. Wells.

Slaying Undiscovered

The slaying remained undiscovered until 1:50 a.m. on Thursday when police entered the apartment. They reported that Mrs. Whitbeck was clothed in a house coat and slip and that a bed spread had been pulled up over her face.

The apartment bore no signs of a struggle and police said that none of the other tenants in the house had heard any noise during the period when the slaying is believed to have taken place.

Police also reported that Mr. Wells left town sometime early Wednesday and did not return until early Thursday morning when he went to the station house and allegedly confessed to the slaying.

Last Seen Alive

The last person to see Mrs.

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HEROIC 13

Here are the names of the senior National Guard officers, members of the 231st Truck Bn., who refused to serve in a segregated unit after their return from Korea.

Lt. Col. Vernon Greene, commanding.

Major Melvin H. Cade

Major C. Donald Parker

Capt. James C. Gilliam

Capt. Lester Hudgins

Capt. Bedford Bentley

Capt. George Brooks

Capt. Anthony Porter

1st Lt. William (Boxy) Harris

1st Lt. Herman Briscoe

Lt. Joseph Bracy

Warrant Officer Joseph Armstead

Warrant Officer (jg) Earl Jackson

These men, who fought in an integrated army, are now on inactive status, simply because they would not reactivate a jim-guard unit unit.

MORGAN ALUMNI TO MEET

The Morgan State college alumni executive committee will meet at the YMCA, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Dr. Eugene Byrd, president, has announced.

2 resignations at Morgan

The resignations of Mrs. Hilda B. Clark, assistant librarian and Mrs. Margaret E. Brown, senior stenographer, were recommended Thursday to the Morgan College Board of Trustees.

They were among the 13 recommendations made by President Martin Jenkins.

Mrs. Clark resigned to accept a post at Coppin College. Mrs. Brown resigned for personal reasons.

Other Changes

Other changes included the following:

Mrs. Josephine C. Baker discontinued in a temporary appointment as junior stenographer.

Matthew Lawson re-employed as kitchen helper to fill a vacancy by the illness and death of Thomas D. Jones.

Mrs. Ella B. Edemy and Mrs. Bernice Monroe appointed as junior typists in the business manager's office.

Mrs. Blanche W. Malone appointed senior stenographer.

The following part-time appointments were recommended:

Henry Etheridge, physical education; Melvin Cade, physical education; Mrs. Beryle W. Williams, English and mathematics; Milton H. Oldham, economics; Raymond Haysberg, economics; Celine M. Tadary, art.

Haiti's First Lady at Hopkins

Madame Yolette Magloire, wife of President Paul Magloire of Haiti is expected to leave Johns Hopkins hospital within the next few days.

Haiti's First Lady has been in the Marburg private hospital since Feb. 8 under examination. Hospital authorities state she has received a number of medical studies.

Mme. Magloire arrived recently in New York on the steamer Cristobal for a month's visit in the United States.

In her party when she arrived were her sister, Capucine Caphrin, Capt. Guillaume Pean, chief of the president's military cabinet, and Lt. Maurice Phophete, presidential military adjutant.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 19

Ida Aldridge Players of Morgan State present "The Curious Savage," Booker T. Washington junior high school, 8:15 p.m.

Town Choir in recital at Metropolitan Methodist church, 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

NAACP Founders' Day Tea, Sharp St. M. church; Dr. James Nabrit of Howard university, guest speaker, 3 p.m.

Meeting of Baltimore Branch of National Alliance of Postal Employees, Druid Hill YMCA; Miss Minnie Young, guest speaker, 4 p.m.

Public meeting, sponsored by Morgan State Faculty Wives, Morgan Christian Center; Father Gustave Weigel, Woodstock College, Md., guest speaker, 5:30 p.m.

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Weather

A 2-week end: MILD but MURKY

Friday, partly cloudy Saturday, cloudy and milder Sunday, cloudy and colder

Joe Harris Fund has $247; needs $113 more

A total of $32 was collected this week for the "Joe Harris Fund."

But the goal of $360 to buy books to replace the missing hands of the smiling ex-bartender is still far away.

The total collected so far in the fund is only $247.

This means that $113 more still needs to be donated by AFRO readers before Joe Harris can obtain something to replace his missing limbs.

Where To Send Money

Donations can be sent to the JOE HARRIS FUND, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md.

Joe Harris' story first appeared in the AFRO-AMERICAN in a magazine article written by Editor Cliff Mackay. He told how the Druid Hill Club, 1017 barroom, suffered the loss of both hands and legs after a calloused foot developed gangrene.

Since he first went for treatment of his foot in 1949, Joe Harris has undergone 25 operations.

That's why the AFRO started the fund to help him get some artificial hands.

Anonymous Donor

The first $100 came from an anonymous donor. This was followed by $100 from the AFRO-AMERICAN. Readers have since sent in $43.

This week from Richmond, Va., a letter arrived from Miss Susie B. Crimps of 304 E. Leigh st. "Please find enclosed $1 for the Joe Harris Fund," she wrote. "May God bless your efforts in his behalf abundantly."

Another $1 gift arrived from James A. Wilson of Millington, Md.

Twenty-Five Dollars

And a $25 check was recorded earlier this week from Dr. Thomas J. Woolridge Jr. of 793 W. Lafayette ave.

Others who have donated include:

Jay G. McRae, 1136 Druid Hill ave., $5; Mrs. Doris W. Gambrell, 817 N. Payson, $5; Charles Fish and Sons, 429-453 N. Eutaw, $5;

Richard A. Saunders, Youngstown, Ohio, $3;

Miss Ellen Hunter, 1613 Gwynns Falls pkwy., $2.

How about sending in your contribution today?

967 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January, 1953, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State institution.

COMING TUESDAY

In Your AFRO Magazine Section

"HOW I ESCAPED FROM THE MARYLAND PENITENTIARY"

Tunnel Joe's own story told for the first time to the AFRO.

One of the most sensational prison breaks in history which involved digging a 70 foot tunnel, using an electric drill and electric pump to empty a pool of water 15 feet deep, dozens of cloth bags to carry away the dirt and flush it down the toilet.

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What happened when Joe reached quicksand and the 10-foot thick outer walls?

Why the sound of drilling and pumping never reached the ears of the prison guards?

What happened when the electric drill broke and needed repairs?

How he kept himself and cell neat and clean after working all night in mud?

This is Tunnel Joe's own story told for the first time.

Starts TUESDAY IN The AFRO Magazine Section

INSIDE GODFREY

Begins in Tuesday's AFRO Magazine Section