**TRAINING INSTITUTE**

The 3rd Annual Leadership Training Institute of the Teachers' Association of Baltimore County will be conducted May 7-9, at Camp Greentop, Thurmont, Md., according to Eldred Johnson, president.

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# Parents, teachers discuss curriculum

Over 100 teachers and parents attended the afternoon session of a Curriculum Institute held Thursday at Coppin State Teachers College under the sponsorship of the faculty of Samuel Coleridge Taylor School No. 122.

The principal feature of the session was a panel discussion on school and community relations in Baltimore, with Mrs. Lillian Parrott, special assistant to the Department of Education, serving as moderator.

The panelists were united in their viewpoint that schools could more adequately equip pupils to take their places in the community if there was closer cooperation and understanding between teachers and members of the community.

**Dr. Bard Speaks**

Dr. Harry Bard, assistant director of the Curriculum Bureau of the Department of Education illustrated this point by telling of the work performed by pupils in improving the physical appearance of the area around Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The project served to make the pupils more aware of the problems faced by the community, Dr. Bard said.

Others who appeared as panelists were:

Dr. Richard I. McKinney, head of the philosophy department at Morgan State College; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, and Dr. Ruth L. Mandl, health chairman of the Coordinating Council of the PTA.

The Institute ended on Thursday night with a banquet at which Dr. Gordon M. MacKenzie, Teachers College, Columbia University, was guest speaker.

Committee members for the Institute were:

Mesdames Alfreda J. Pinkney, Margery L. Prout, Juliet B. Carter, Elsie T. Dotson, Lelia Jennings, Mamie G. Knox, Thelma D. Jackson, and Beatrice T. Rawlings. Also Calvin M. Carrington and Dr. Lillian Dabney.

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# Douglass alumnae to attend dinner

A dinner party for members of the 1934 graduating class of Douglass High School will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m., at the Little Folks Theatre, Pennsylvania near North Ave.

A service for the class will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m. at Unity Christian Church, Edmondson Ave. and Stricker St.

# Court suit prevents sale of church

## Minister calls money complaint mere propaganda

A court injunction prevented the auction sale Tuesday of the Little Mt. Heabron Baptist Church at 10-12 S. Schroeder St.

The injunction was obtained by five church members, two of whom were among the original trustees when the church was incorporated in 1945. They also asked for an accounting of $1,016 in church funds.

Named as defendants in the case is the pastor, the Rev. Herley L. Long of 3101 C. Cherry Lane Rd., and Gilbert McGee, a deacon of 802 George St.

The complainants are George Jackson of 851 W. Lexington St., Robert Reed of 112 N. Poppleton St., the original trustees; William Matthews of 113 N. Poppleton St., the Rev. Gabriel Thomas of 806 Edmondson Ave., and the Rev. John Duffie of 3043 Ascension St.

**Revival Money**

They contend that the $1,106 raised during an anniversary revival in April 1953 had been held by the pastor and Deacon McGee without an accounting to the church.

They report too that the Rev. Mr. Long and Deacon McGee ordered the sale of the church property on May 4 without holding two publicly advertised meetings with the congregation as required by the rules. The church has about 250 members.

The Rev. Mr. Long who also operates a grocery store, has pastored the church for two years. He came to Baltimore from Washington.

**Minister Rebuts Group**

Concerning the court suit, the minister said:

"Those people are not regular members. They have been dismissed from the church rolls and now are outcasts."

About the reports that the money has not been accounted for, the pastor said "That's just a lot of propaganda."

Deacon McGee said, "They have already spent that money long ago."

They explained that they plan to sell the old church and move to larger quarters within five or six weeks.

The injunction was granted by Judge E. Paul Mason in Circuit Court. The complainants are represented by Morris Hyman, attorney.

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MOTHER'S DAY MAY 8TH

Baltimore high school pupils take over City Council chambers in the first annual legislative session of the Model Youth City Council. Mayor Calvin Parker sits at extreme right with members of his cabinet.

# Mother Who Lost Son Looks Ahead

## Recovers in hospital from fire injuries

### AFRO readers answered call to help distressed family

By SHIRLEY KYLE

It takes a lot of nerve and stamina to be a mother . . . a real mother. For, when the chips are down, she's the one who picks them up and goes on hoping and planning for the future.

That's the way it is with Mrs. Shirley McCoy, a 23-year-old mother whose sick baby burned to death in a fire last week.

Young Mrs. McCoy is recovering in St. Joseph's Hospital from head wounds and serious arm burns she suffered in the blaze. Her two-year-old son, Gary, rests in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Afflicted with the measles, the child was burned so badly that his body could not be viewed at Eastern Methodist Church, where the funeral was held last week.

**Father Still Grieves**

The father, Theodore McCoy still grieves over the loss of his son and his home at 1529 N. Eden St. He had just bought new furniture and after five years of marriage, could begin to see his way clear to make a down payment on a new home next year.

The fire destroyed his plans. But, despite his worry, he has forced himself to return to his job as a chauffer.

Deep down inside, Shirley worries too. But she doesn't show it. She's a mother and she still has a four-year-old youngster, Evan, to look after.

"It's not going to do me any good to keep upset. It won't bring the baby back," she told me seriously when I visited her at the hospital, Wednesday.

When I first entered St. Elizabeth's Ward, where she is confined, one thought worried me. How do you approach a young mother who has had more than her share of tragedy? What can you say to her?

**Had Bright Smile**

But when we met, her bright smile put me at ease. She sat on the edge of her bed, I sat in a chair.

I couldn't help looking at the raw marks on her left arm from the burns, and shaven spot in her head. She suffered that injury when she leaped from the second story window to escape the fire.

And despite all of this, she was in a gay mood. In a matter of seconds, we were talking about the fire just as if it had happened to a friend of ours.

Here's a real mother, I thought several times to myself as I talked with her. When she spoke, her voice was constantly full of hope and encouragement.

**Be Home Saturday**

"I'm going home, Saturday, and if the doctor doesn't make me stay in bed, I'm going right back into housekeeping, as soon as we find a place to live. I still have Evan, you know," she said.

'Home' for the present will be with her mother, Mrs. Mary Thomas, 5340 Denmore Ave., Pimlico.

"We'll have to start from scratch, but we'll make it," she said cheerfully.

A graduate of Douglass High School and Carter Peter's Business School, Shirley has already been offered a typing job in Towson. As soon as she's able, she plans to look into the position.

**AFRO Readers Help**

Right now, she has been getting help from AFRO readers who immediately answered the call of help last week after seeing the story in the April 27 edition.

"I want to thank all of those who have been so kind to us. Some of them I don't even know, but they've sent us money, sympathy and get-well cards. They were kind to think of us in this time of need," she said.

Looking back on the fire, she doesn't believe the officials who said Evan started the blaze by playing with matches.

"If he had set the fire, he would have called us," she asserted. "Anyway, there was too much damage to have been done only from matches."

The blaze gutted the entire front section of the two-story dwelling.

She indicated the fire could have started from the bad wiring in the house.

Shirley doesn't remember anything after she leaped from the window.

"I recall opening the window to call for help. I didn't see anyone and when I turned around to get the bay, all I could see was flames.

"I don't even know whether I jumped or fell."

**Irony In Fire**

An ironical fact about the blaze is that just a week, earlier the McCoys had decided to take out fire insurance to protect their few furnishings.

They made one payment and in two weeks they were to have received their policy. The fire occurred only five days before the transaction would have been completed.

But worse than that, two days after the blaze, someone broke into the house and stole Shirley's new table model sewing machine, which she had purchased in September.

Taking sewing lessons at Dunbar Night School, she had learned to make clothes for herself, drapes and curtains.

The machine wasn't even paid for, she said.

She is also concerned about the television set which was destroyed and again she will have to buy furniture for the living room, dining room and bedroom.

But she isn't worried about this. "God will help us," she says hopefully. "We'll make it."

Those are the confident words of a real mother.

MISS JACQUELINE NUNNELLY MRS. SHIRLEY McCOY MRS. PAULINE COLLINS

*Convalescent mother faces hardships with a smile*

# Pilgrimage planned by 1,000 children

On Saturday, 1,000 children will make a Marian Year Pilgrimage to the Baltimore Cathedral.

Monsignor John J. Duggan will celebrate the 9 a.m. mass which will be sung by children from St. Pius, St. Peter Claver, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Mary, Star of the Sea parishes. The Pilgrimage is under the direction of Norman L. Sydnor Jr.

# Third measles death listed in Baltimore

The third measles death in Baltimore since Jan. 1 was reported last week. The victim was an eight-year old child. The diseases was complicated by encephalitis, a very severe and often fatal complication of measles.

# —AME conference

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over the state in attendance.

The churches most frequently named as those which may receive new pastors are Bethel, Trinity and St. John's.

It is known that the members of Bethel are strongly in favor of keeping their present pastor, the Rev. Harrison Bryant, who has been at the church for five years.

Their feelings on the matter are so strong that trustees, stewards, and stewardesses recently sent a letter to Bishop Hemingway asking that the Rev. Mr. Bryant be allowed to remain at the church.

**Tells Of Notice**

There has been no official indication as to what effect the letter has had, but one church official at Bethel said he had been reliably informed that the Rev. Mr. Bryant had already received notice he would be transferred.

In answer to a question concerning the possibility that he might be moved as pastor of Trinity, the Rev. A. R. Powell said he had been given no information that would indicate such a move was being considered.

**Bishop Absent Wednesday**

The Baltimore sessions of the conference opened at Bethel at 8 p.m., Wednesday. This was the meeting where civic leaders and city officials welcomed the convention, but Bishop Hemingway was absent.

Mrs. Hemingway told the AFRO she did not know why the bishop was not present to welcome the guests.

The Rev. J. M. Cox, presiding elder of the conference, presided. Greetings from the city were given by Acting Mayor Arthur B. Price; from the church by Miss Mayme Tilghman; from education by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College; from Linwood G. Koger for the lawyers.

Other speakers included the Revs. Baxter L. Matthews of Union Baptist Church; Frank L. Williams, Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church; Marion Bascom, Douglas Community Church; W. B. Nash, Waters AME Church.

Appearing in the place of Dr. Willard W. Allen, grand master of Md. Masons, Henry Ayers welcomed the conference on behalf of the city's fraternal orders.

**Aims Are One**

"Our aims are one. We are brothers and we are our brothers' keepers. What affects one affects all," the Rev. Mr. Matthews said.

"Our world is trying to find the right answer. It knows that it can not afford another wrong answer. The right answer is God," the Rev. Mr. Williams said.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards delivered the shortest address: "May God bless you."

"I have come to welcome the AME conference. These are the times that call for the best that is in us. We stand at the crossroads of a new era, at the edge of a new dark age, unless there is a new witness of faith that must exude from the church," the Rev. Mr. Bascom said.

Music was supplied by the choruses from Bethel, Trinity, Hemingway Temple, and Saint Stevens AME Church of Middle River.

An educational address will be delivered tonight (Friday) at 8, by Dr. R. W. Wisner. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Bishop Hemingway will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at the church on Sunday.

The final meeting will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at which time appointments will be read.

# Baltimore, USA

## The Window Shield Mystery

By JIMMY WILLIAMS

Strange things are happening in Baltimore.

Take the case of Kellon Ingram, 28, of the 1800 block E. Lafayette ave., a motorman for the Baltimore Transit Company.

On Sunday evening, Mr. Ingram parked his 1949 Chevrolet in the 1400 block of Oliver st., while he and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Ingram, went to the Apollo Theatre. The show ended and Mr. and Mrs. Ingram headed back for their car. Now the plot thickens.

They entered the automobile, and as Mr. Ingram closed the door on the driver's side, "pow" went the glass in the rear window. At least "pow" is the word Mr. Ingram uses to describe the sound the glass made.

**Like Huge Webb**

The glass contained so many cracks that it looked like a huge spider web, and in the center was a hole large enough for a man to stick his fist through. Around the edges of the hole the glass was so brittle that it could be broken off without any danger of a cut finger, Mr. Ingram said.

At first Mr. Ingram thought someone had thrown a stone though the window, but he gave up this theory when he searched the car and the immediate area and failed to find anything that could have made such a hole.

Mr. Ingram admits that he doesn't know what caused the damage to the glass, but he has been reading stories from the western part of the United States which tell of motorists who have found their windshields marred by the holes. Efforts to find out how the holes got into the windshields have proven futile.

**'Could Be'**

Now he wonders if his window might have been cracked by the same mysterious force which put holes in hundreds of windshields on the West Coast.

Mr. Ingram is a puzzled man and his friends who have seen the window have come up with no logical explanation, he says.

That's the mystery. What happened to the window? Anybody know?

# Mrs. Katie Brown, widow of Balto. dentist, dies

Mrs. Katie Brown, widow of Dr. Daniel C. Brown, Baltimore dentist, died Thursday morning at her home, 416 Mosher St. following a long illness.

Mrs. Brown would have observed her 75th birthday on June 15.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church where Mrs. Brown had been a member for many years.

The Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of the church, will conduct the services. Burial will take place in Arbutus Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of a prominent Baltimore physician, the late Dr. R. M. Hall. She was educated in the elementary and high school in this city.

Her husband who died in 1945 also was prominent in the dental profession here.

Mrs. Brown is survived by one daughter, Miss Edna Brown, a teacher at Dunbar High School and her only immediate survivor.

# —Student mayor

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bers to be sworn in. These escorts included Hal Solomon of Polytechnic Institute, the council sergeant at arms; Councilmen Connie McCoy of Carver, Francis Reese of Patterson, and Stanley Fischer of Southern.

The audience stood and applauded as the group went up to the rostrum. In a loud, clear voice, young Parker took the oath administered by Richard Lidinsky, executive secretary in the mayor's office. This, too, was followed by applause.

During a 15-minute recess, he returned to the mayor's office where he was presented a 2-by-3 foot copy of the Declaration of Independence by Tom Hawkins, representing the Coca-Cola Co. William Nugent, sales manager of the company was also in attendance.

**Misplaced Notes**

After the recess, Parker returned to the council chambers where reports were made to the assembled councilmen, youth citizens and guests by the various city commissioners. In each case, he was addressed as "Mr. Mayor."

Then he made an informal one-minute speech. He had had some notes, but since he had misplaced one of the three cards, he spoke without notes.

He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, we are indebted to the city fathers, the school officials and others who sponsored this program.

"This practical experience will give us all a greater understanding of how our government operates. I am deeply grateful to you for electing me to lead you in this very worthy project."

**Students Congratulated**

He took a seat at the cabinet table while Mrs. Anna Arthur, only woman member of the official City Council congratulated the students on their efficiency of operation.

She said, "We adult councilmen could take a lesson from you. Our operation may be criticized by comparison. The entire city is waiting for the outcome of your action on these very vital bills."

With the entire audience again applauding, young Parker stood and announced as Howard Rockman of City College was escorted to the rostrum to take the oath as president of the City Council.

The oath this time was administered by the true president of the City Council and now acting mayor, Arthur B. Price.

**Swears In City Council**

Following a short congratulatory address by Mr. Price, young Parker mounted the rostrum and administered the oath of office to the City Council members. He returned to his cabinet table seat while young Rockman delivered his address.

At noontime, young Parker made the trip back down to the mayor's office to get his lunch brought from home. It included two "Hollywood loaf" (lunch meat) sandwiches which he ate with a coke.

He sat with his faculty advisor, G. L. Washington. The other faculty advisor, Mrs. Irma Reye, also attended the sessions.

**Parents To Observe**

Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parker Sr. of 2423 W. Lafayette Ave. are expected to see their son in action on Friday. Mr. Parker is a postal clerk.

Miss Barbara Hudson of Eastern High School, presided as chief clerk at Thursday's council meeting.

The day began with an informal talk to the students by Dr. Harry Bard, assistant director of the school curriculum bureau and chairman of the policy committee for the Model Youth City Council.

He told the students, "You are to be complimented on the excellent group of ordinances which you have submitted.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the action you take influences the members of the regular City Council because many of these same issues, such as the FEPC bill, are pending before them.

"You are dealing with real, live vital ideas which are critical to the growth of our city," he said.

**Committee Meetings**

Thursday afternoon's session was devoted to committee discussions of the various bills. They will be discussed and finally acted upon by the council members on Friday.

Among Friday's speakers are Miss Helen M. Stegman, administrative assistant; and Dr. J. Carey Taylor, assistant superintendent, Department of Education.

# COMING EVENTS

**MAY 5-9**
Baltimore Conference AME Church, Bethel Church, Druid Hill Ave., Lanvale St.

**MAY 7**
Douglass High School Music Department's spring concert, 8:15 p.m.

Cotton Jamboree, sponsored by Baltimore Junior Council of National Council of Negro Women, Moulin Rouge Ballroom, 529 Gold St., 9:30 p.m.

**MAY 9**
Second in educational series sponsored by Baltimore Fellowship at 21 W. Preston St. Foreign students to discuss "How We Look To Others," 3 p.m.

**MAY 10-14**
Coppin Week: Understanding Our World, Coppin State Teachers College, 2500 W. North Ave.

**MAY 12-16**
Washington Conference AME Church, Allen Church, 1200 block Lexington St.

**MAY 13**
Sixth annual ROTC Day, Morgan State College, Hughes Memorial Stadium.

Theresa Green convert, Baltimore Museum of Art, 8:30 p.m.

**MAY 14**
Concert by Baltimore City Orchestra and Baltimore City Chorus, sponsored by Bureau of Music, Douglass High School auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

**MAY 16**
"Human Dolls On Parade," annual NAACP baby contest, Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

**MAY 16-20**
United Baptist Convention, Shiloh Baptist Church.

AT AME CONFERENCE—Attending the AME sessions at Bethel Church, Baltimore, are left to right, Mrs. Agatha Chester of Cambridge, Md.; the Rev. John M. Gibson, secretary of the judicial council and pastor of Mt. Moriah Church in Annapolis; Mrs. Ida M. Macer of Cambridge; and Mrs. Ida Jarman of Selbyville, Del.