SEEK HOMES HERE—Photo taken at Hauser and Russell Sts., in South Baltimore, in close proximity to new million dollar Diggs School 162. Residents are asking that the Housing Authority consider housing development here to replace dilapidated homes. In photo are Mrs. Salvina Avrett and granddaughter, Cornelia Hinton; George Hill and Mrs. Lillian Moore.

Grant's opens lunch counter

Sit-down service available to all

Lunch counter sit-down service is now available to all patrons of Grant's Department Store, 216 W. Lexington St. The new policy took effect this week.

The change followed a meeting of Grant company stockholders in NYC last week when they were advised about the Baltimore situation by members of the Committee of Racial Equality (CORE).

At that time, Louis C. Lustenberger, executive vice-president promised to investigate the situation.

On Saturday, Ben Everinghim, Baltimore chairman of CORE received a letter from Mr. Lustenberger reporting that the company has not been aware of all aspects of the situation.

New York Store Suffers

In the meantime, circulars urging the company to end discrimination at its Baltimore store were circulated in New York where a boycott of Grant's Harlem store was also effected.

CORE began negotiations to change the food service policy at Grant's on April 6, 1953. On 29 occasions since then, parties representing CORE and 18 supporting organizations visited the store, but were refused service. The latest occasion was on April 29.

On each of these occasions, protesting groups paraded in front of the store.

New Campaign On

Expressing pleasure at the policy change, Mr. Everinghim said Thursday that his organization will now turn its attention to two other stores in the downtown shopping district.

Other stores which serve all customers alike are Woolworth's, Kresge's, McCrory's, Schulte's, and Green's.

Turn down old site for new Lafayette Market

The City Planning Commission on Wednesday turned down a suggestion that the Lafayette Market be rebuilt on its old site on Pennsylvania Ave. between Laurens and Sewell Sts.

Further, the commission expanded the plan for a new site to include three additional properties on Pennsylvania Ave.

The commission was told by its staff director that the new building, with 228 market stalls would not cost more than $250,000. The money will have to be provided by the Board of Estimates.

The suggestion the commission turned down was offered by Deputy City Comptroller Allen L. Dell. He took exception to the city's plans to rebuild on an expanded site and suggested the plans be changed in favor of rebuilding on the old site.

Sees $500,000 Cost

Mr. Dell said the proposed building on the new site would hold less than 204 stalls and that the cost would be in the neighborhood of $500,000.

In the city's plans for the new site, an off-street parking lot will be provided on the old site.

Mr. Dell as deputy comptroller, directs the city's real estate transactions.

The Lafayette market was destroyed in May 1953, in a $2,000,000 fire.

The City Council has approved plans to rebuild on a site slightly southeast of the former location.

Services held for slain girl

Minister's daughter found dead in home

Brief funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for 21-year-old Mrs. Audrey Coleman, daughter of the Rev. Mrs. Esther Coleman, pastor of St. John's Spiritual Tabernacle in the 700 block Franklin St.

The young woman was found Friday dead in her apartment located in the 100 block N. Mount St., her throat, slashed from ear to ear," according to the police report.

Seek Suspect

Southwestern police are seeking a 30-year-old chemical worker for questioning in connection with her death.

The services were held at the home of the dead girl's mother, 2518 Lauretta Ave., with three ministers of the Gospel Peace Association participating.

The Rev. I. S. Riley read the scripture. The Rev. James Mi. nor said the prayers. In his eulogy, the Rev. Howard Brown, advised relatives and friends: "Don't go around expressing what you don't know. It's in God's hands, leave it there. We've all sinned at some time. The important thing is how we live."

"There were amens from the 85 mourners who crowded into the living room and dining rooms of the neat two-story house.

The Rev. Mr. Brown said further: "The trouble with some of us is that we will make judgment on someone else. We must remember that all of us will receive due reward for our deeds. If you are not 100 per cent with God, you must be born again."

Relatives and friends occupied 12 cars for the trip to Mt. Auburn Cemetery for burial. Earl Felmore was undertaker.

A native of Baltimore, the deceased attended local schools. Besides her mother, she is survived by three sisters, two brothers and a four-year-old son.

SET HOSPITAL DAY

The Fort Howard Veterans Administration hospital will celebrate Hospital Day on Wednesday, May 12. "Open House" will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Motorist held in death of 3

Accused of causing the death of three passengers in his automobile as the result of a traffic accident, George Thompson of Philadelphia, was ordered held in $6,000 bail for the grand jury on Tuesday.

Police said that Thompson was at the wheel of his automobile early on the morning of April when it crashed into the rear of a tractor-trailer parked on the Pulaski Highway near Kresson St.

Lein Harris, 23, o the 1100 block E. Pratt St., and two men from Philadelphia were killed instantly. The car went under the rear of the trailer so far that it took police and firemen an hour to remove the vehicle.

In a statement given to police, Mr. Thompson reportedly said he did not see the truck until it was too late, because he was switching stations on his car radio and at the same time, was turning on the heater.

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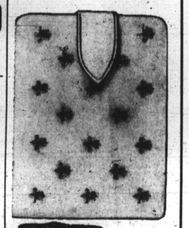

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Raid Million $$ Numbers Station

Aberdeen Soldier Faces Death In Camp Slaying

FLASH

State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro announced this afternoon (Friday) that his office has dropped numbers conspiracy charges against William (Little Willie) Adams.

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Ave. bar owner in numbers raid

Crowd of 200 sees arrest of 6; called million $ station

The alleged pick up station of a numbers ring doing an estimated annual business of over $1,000,000 was raided early Wednesday afternoon.

Ten members of the vice squad staged the raid on the Alhambra Tavern in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. where they arrested the tavern owner and four other men and a woman.

The suspects received a preliminary hearing later the same afternoon on lottery charges in Northwestern police court. They were released in $2,500 bail each for a further hearing on May 19 after entering not guilty pleas.

Asked For Delay

Lt. Joseph Byrnes of the vice squad, asked for the delay in order to have time in which to tabulate the evidence seized in the raid.

The persons arrested and the addresses they gave police were:

Maurice S. (Moe) Lipman, tavern owner, 2200 block Park.

Miss Nathalia Jessup, beautician, 1300 block Riggs Ave.

Norman Bowers, 44, kitchen manager at the tavern, 1800 block Division St.

Leroy Wood, 42, 2700 block Riggs Ave.

Julius Askins, 45, tavern manager, 2900 block Key Worth Ave. and

Melvin Wood, 1200 block Madison Ave.

The raid was staged a few minutes before 2 p.m. on Wednesday, when members of the vice squad entered the tavern by the front door on Pennsylvania Ave., and the side door on Smithson St.

Found Lottery Tape

Sgt. Arthur McGee said the raiders found Mr. Lipman, Mr. Bowers and Mr. Askins, in a small room between the kitchen and the dining room of the tavern. On the floor was a lottery tape indicating a daily business of between $3,000 and $4,000, the officer said.

Melvin Wood and Miss Jessup were arrested when officers found a numbers slip lying near the booth in which they were seated in the tavern proper, according to Sergeant McGee.

Sergeant McGee said he was standing inside the tavern at the front door when he was approached by Leroy Wood who demanded he be searched so that he could leave.

The officer said he searched Mr. Wood, found two lottery slips, and then placed him under arrest.

The raid on the tavern, one of the most popular on Pennsylvania Ave., attracted a crowd of almost 200 persons, who watched the officers as they placed the suspects in automobiles for the trip to the Northwestern police station.

Called 'Hotbed'

According to Sergeant McGee, the area around the club has been a "hotbed of numbers writers" and the raid was expected to help clean up the neighborhood of lottery operators.

The sergeant said the tavern had been under observation for a month, following the receipt of several complaints.

'Mr. Big' of numbers goes unidentified

FBI Agent refers to him in trial of Depot workers

Who is the "Mr. Big" who is said to be the operator of a large numbers ring in Baltimore?

That's the question which remained unanswered this week in Federal Court where four men were tried for lottery operations at the Baltimore Signal Depot.

Three Convicted

Three of the accused were convicted, the other acquitted. James Turnipseed, 44, 2501 Druid Hill Ave., was given an 8-month sentence. Roy C. Wilson, 41, 2887 W. Mulberry St., was sentenced to six months.

William Giles, 29, 1409 N. Carey St., was placed on 18-month probation for pleading guilty and turning state's evidence.

Garland Smith, 35, 1808 Riggs Ave., was acquitted due to lack of sufficient evidence.

The case, the first of its kind to be heard in Federal Court, was marked by reference to "Mr. Big" by FBI Agent John C. Bonner.

Agent Bonner told Federal Judge William C. Coleman:

"When I questioned Turnipseed, Nov. 5, 1953, he first denied he was connected with the ring. Then, when confronted with Giles, he admitted it.

Another Outside Man

"He told me, however, that he was not the head of the ring, but that there was another outside man. He said he turned the money and tickets over to "Cargo" who acted as pickup man for a 'Mr. Big.'

"Before he left, Turnipseed promised to learn the identity of 'Cargo' and to tell me the next morning. But late that night, he called me and told me that when he returned home he was met by a representative of 'Mr. Big' who told him not to say anything.

"The representative told him to call a phone number, MA. 3-9893, and to ask for Pat or Green who would in turn contact 'C.'

"The next morning, Turnipseed denied his statement."

McKeldin Hails Afro's Ideal Mother

Ober asks six new police stations now

Northwestern to new site; N'eastern to be near Morgan

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober has asked the City Planning Commission's approval of sites for six new police stations.

One of the sites asked for is in the Morgan State College area and another on Lafayette Ave.

The Northwestern Station would be moved from Pennsylvania Ave. to Garrison Blvd.

Three Sites For Northeast

Colonel Ober suggested one of the three following sites for a new Northeastern Police Station to be erected in the vicinity of Perring Parkway and Cold Spring Lane, near the Morgan campus.

The suggested sites are:

1.—1.5 acres north side of Argonne Dr., east of proposed Civil Defense Building. City owned property undeveloped part of playground — zoned residential.

2.—1.5 acres southeast corner of Hillen Rd. and Argonne Dr., —approximately one acre of City owned property—National Guard Armory and proposed Civil Defense Building on northeast corner—zoned residential.

3.—1.5 acres southeast side of Perring Parkway opposite Winford Rd. city owned park—zoned residential.

Western District

Suggested change in boundary line between Western and Northwestern Districts to follow Hilton Street and Gwynns Falls Pkwy., rather than North Ave., in order to include a larger segment of the predominately negro area. (Negro is spelled with a small "n")

New police station to be constructed in the vicinity of Lafayette Ave. and Pulaski St.

Suggested site:

1.—1.5 acres bounded by Lafayette Ave., Mosher St., Price St. and Pennsylvania Railroad, owned by Benjamin Kolbar. Assessment land $5,240 Improve-

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Dr. Heber Wharton's family at bedside

The family of Dr. Heber Wharton rushed this week to his bedside in Erie, Pa., where the physician is in an oxygen tent in a hospital feared to be suffering from pneumonia.

Dr. Wharton is the son of Mrs. Pauline L. Wharton of Baltimore and the brother of Mrs. Constantia Jackson, wife of Dr. Roulon L. Jackson; Miss Hermione Wharton, vice-principal of Douglass High School and Mrs. Eugene McGuinn, counselor at School No. 137.

Dr. Wharton's wife, the former Miss Emily Johnson, taught in the Baltimore City Schools for many years.

MRS. INEZ EASLEY Daughter — MRS. LULA JONES GARRETT AFRO women's editor — MRS. JULIA M. FERGUSON Ideal Mother

AFRO's Ideal Mother here; still can't believe she won

BULLETIN

Mrs. Julia M. Ferguson, AFO Ideal Mother of 1954, was gracious ly received this morning by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin at the State House in Annapolis.

The Governor presented Mrs. Ferguson with two copies of his book, "The Art of Eloquence," one for her personal files and one to be placed in the Hood Library in Fayetteville.

After the presentations, the entire party, which included Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, along with Mrs. Inez Easley daughter of Mrs. Ferguson, retired to the Governor's mansion where they were served coffee by Mrs. McKeldin.

"I just can't beleive this is happening to me!"

Charming, soft-spoken Mrs. Julia Mae Ferguson, the AFRO's Ideal Mother of 1954, still had stars in her eyes when she stepped from a plane, here, Wednesday night.

She had flown from her home in Fayetteville, N.C. It was her first plane trip, although she is accustomed to junketing about her area in her son-in-law's small plane.

Since the announcement of her being selected as the AFRO's Ideal Mother of 1954, Mrs. Ferguson says she has been bombarded with gifts, flowers and telegrams from her neighbors, from the city and community in which she lives and from far away as this city.

Traveling with Mrs. Ferguson is her daughter, Mrs. Inez Easley, a teacher in the E. E. Smith High school in Fayetteville.

At City Hall

Mrs. Ferguson, upon arrival, wore a smart black suit, a close-fitting hat with bow at the front, patent leather accessories and orchids from Mr. Easley.

She received other orchids from the AFRO-AMERICAN when she landed.

From the airport she went to the home of her Baltimore hostess, Mrs. Mary Jane Brown, 1804 W. North Avenue.

On Thursday morning Mesdames Ferguson and Easley had breakfast with Robert W. Matthews, the contest director, and Mrs. B. M. Phillips, assistant to the president of the company.

At 1 p.m., on Thursday, Mrs. Ferguson was whisked off to Television Hill, where WAAM-TV has its studios, to be briefed for her appearance on Mack Edwards' "Everybody Wins" show.

She confessed having "mike fright" and a severe case of the jitters, but Tom Hawkins who was to conduct the interview, did an admirable job of soothing her.

For when the show went on, Mrs. Ferguson acted just as though appearing on television was something she did every day.

Grace and Modesty

She was a picture of grace and modesty as she recounted how the death of one of her children and her resulting nervous break-

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Expect decision at court-martial

Ala. soldier fights for life in 1st degree murder trial

By SHIRLEY KYLE

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD.—Declining to testify in his own defense before an army court-martial here this week, a 22-year-old serviceman sits calmly as he awaits a decision on murder charges against him.

The defendant, Pvt. Walter Thomas of Birmingham, Ala., is accused of shooting Pvt. Ben Terry Jr., 24, of Columbus, Ga. last January 12 on the post grounds.

Trial in Fifth Day

The court-martial is now in its fifth day. With direct testimony completed, arguments for both sides will be heard, and a decision is expected today (Friday). If convicted, Pvt. Thomas faces death or life imprisonment.

The 11-man court - martial board includes four colored officers. They are Lt. Col. Stanford Hicks, Maj. William Holmes, Capt. Wilbur Edwards and Capt. Clifford Russell.

BULLETIN

Arguments End

Attorneys' arguments, with each side taking about 40 minutes, were concluded this morning. (Friday) The board is expected to sit in closed session all afternoon to determine a verdict.

Neither of two eye witnesses could identify Private Thomas positively as the man who shot Private Terry. They pointed out, however, that Terry and Thomas had engaged in a fist fight in front of the Service Club No. 2 earlier in the evening.

The shooting occurred sometime later about a quarter of a mile away from the service club.

Admits Firing Gun

A written statement taken from Private Thomas admitted that he had had a fight with

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To reorganize elementary schools here

No change in authority of Dr. Jackson

Dr. Houston R. Jackson has denied reports that a proposed reorganization of elementary school system would reduce the powers he now holds as assistant superintendent of schools.

The reorganization plan was unveiled last Tuesday at a meeting of principals and supervisors in the William S. Baer School. They were asked to consider it and forward their opinion to the Board of Education.

Immediately after the meeting reports began to circulate that the plan would reduce Dr. Jackson's authority and limit his activities to dealing with the "problems of colored children."

To Reduce Work

Dr. Jackson said the plan's sole intent was to provide for the improved administration of schools, by reducing the work load now carried by top personnel in the school system.

This is the way Dr. Jackson outlined the plan:

1. Dr. Jackson, Miss Mary A. Adams, assistant superintendent of elementary education; Miss Edith V. Walker, director of intermediate education, would be on the same level of authority.

Dr. Jackson would work "closely" with Misses Adams and Walker on matters affect-

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Flash

4 more clubs endorse Byrd

Four more important Democratic Clubs, Thursday night endorsed Dr. H. C. Byrd, Democratic candidate for governor. The total of city clubs now in the Byrd Club comes to 12.

The meeting was attended by more than 75 persons at Cherry Hill.

The clubs are: Cherry Hill Democratic and Civic Club, James J. Williams, South Baltimore Democratic Club, Solo Gibbs, Willie Woods and Thomas Philmore; Original Women's Democratic Club of Cherry Hill, Nannie W. Gibbs and Mary Jones; 22nd Ward Democratic, Jack Jones and Margaret Jackson.

The four clubs adopted the following resolution: "We believe that we will all receive greater benefits from our State government and also pay lower taxes when Maryland has a governor who is a trained public administrator.

"We are also convinced that Dr. Byrd is a fair and kindly man who will do his utmost to help all people of every section of Baltimore and Maryland.

Mahoney's camp hits 'Bossism'

The 25 leaders of eight Democratic clubs who recently endorsed Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd were busted for succumbing to "political bossism" this week.

In addition it was revealed that they do not have the support of all the colored Democratic organizations in the city. The leaders of several are supporting George Mahoney in his gubernatorial campaign.

Robert B. Watts, local attorney and longtime Mahoney supporter, said this week that "it is difficult to find a colored citizen who has anything but opposition to Curly Byrd."

Reasons Of Their Own

"The political leaders for reasons of their own have rushed to embrace Curly Byrd," said Mr. Watts.

"But, as has been pointed out in the past, I will, and the other Democratic members in line with Mahoney will get out the vote of the people who are opposed to political bossism."

Among those who are supporting Mr. Mahoney's bid for Annapolis, Mr. Watts listed Jesse Williams, president of the Northwest Colored Democratic Club; W. C. Flippen, of the 13th Ward Democratic Club and Ernest L. Perkins, Gene Payne and George Williams of the Monumental Democratic Club.

Another he named was George King of the Catonsville Democratic Club.

Methodists from 7 States, D.C., here Wednesday

Over 400 delegates and visitors are expected, here, Wednesday, for the 81st meeting of the of the Methodist Church.

The five - day meeting will be held at Metropolitan Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale Sts., and will continue through Sunday afternoon. Bishop Edgar A. Love will preside. The Rev. Kelly Jackson is host pastor. Delegates will come from Methodist churches in Md., Va., W. Va., Pa., N.J., Del., N.C., and the District of Columbia.

Pre-Convention Meets

Conference committees and boards of the conference will hold pre-convention organization meetings on Tuesday evening. At 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, there will be a special sermon by the Rev. S. J. Mack of John Wesley Church, Glen Burnie.

His choir will sing.

The conference proper will open at 9 a.m., Wednesday, with Holy Communion administered by Bishop Love, assisted by the host pastor and the district superintendents of the conference.

The superintendents are, the Revs. J. H. Woods, Charleston (W. Va.); E. E. Williams, North Baltimore; F. J. Frye, South Baltimore; E. D. Hall, Virginia-Washington; R. H. Johnson,

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WOODLEY LAWRENCE ON NEW GRAND JURY

Woodley Lawrence, real estate broker, of 3100 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., is serving on the May Term Grand Jury which was sworn in at Criminal Court on Monday.

500 Baptists here Tuesday

Some 500 delegates throughout Maryland will convene, here, Tuesday, for the 28th session United Baptist Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland.

The delegates, representing the Women's Auxiliary and Missionary Department of the Baptist churches, will hold their five-day meeting at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Ave., and Lanvale St.

The theme of the conference is "The Christian Hope for a Hopeless World." The Rev. J. Timothy Boddie is president and host pastor.

The conference will get under way Monday evening with an introductory meeting featur-

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486 DAYS

since transfer of feeble-minded children from CROWNSVILLE to ROSEWOOD was recommended by the State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene

Heard stays with Birds

By AL SWEENEY

"It sure feels great to know that I'll remain with the Orioles," confided Jehosie Heard, the tiny southpaw hurler for the Baltimore entry in the American League.

Heard was elated over the news that when the club officials trimmed their squad to the 25-player maximum, on Wednesday, he remained with the team.

"Some of the experts have been picking us for the bottom of the second division, but from what I've seen, I think that we could finish second or third in the American League," Heard said.

Although, he has pitched only one inning and a third this season, Heard says he feels that he is in shape to chuck the ball anytime that Manager Jimmy Dykes gives the word.

Keeps In Shape

"I keep in shape by running a lot and pitching to batting

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