Mailman suffers $1,000 swindle

Con men do business near bank; former fireman also a victim

PHILADELPHIA

Confidence men, whose yearly take in the city amounts to about $100,000, last week, did big business right at the doors of two branches of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society.

Two smooth-tongued flimflammers, one of whom talked with a West Indian accent, tricked a mail clerk out of $1,000 he had just withdrawn to complete a business transaction.

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THREE OTHERS worked the so-called pigeon-drop game on an 80-year-old ex-city fireman to the tune of $400.

An unsuspecting housewife also found that she had traded $100 for scraps of paper with a fast-talking female.

Police, this week, were still searching for the six suspects who fleeced the $1,500 out of the three within 72 hours. The sad but wiser victims are:

Allen Jenkins, the postal employee of 1738 W. Diamond St.;

William Washington, the former fireman of 151 N. 56th St., and

Mrs. Lillian Gary, the housewife, of 5322 W. Stiles St.

Mr. Jenkins, a wounded World War 2 Army veteran, was approached Monday, by the two men who said they were strangers in town. He had just left the bank in the Pennsylvania Railroad Building, 30th and Market Sts. He works at the post office across the street.

Mr. Jenkins failed to fall for the three card monte game in which the strangers tried to draw him. Then one of them told him he was fearful the large sum of money he had on his person would be stolen.

The stranger suggested putting his money in the glove compartment of Mr. Jenkns' automobile. His intended victim agreed to put his money there, too, as a sign of good faith.

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MR. JENKINS put his money in the compartment, and the stranger pretended to do so also. Assuring him they would return in a short while, both the strangers then left on some pretense.

When they failed to appear with in a reasonable length of time, Jenkins looked into the compartment. He notified police of the 39th St. and Lancaster Ave. station after finding only pieces of paper there.

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A STRANGER walked up to Mr. Washington on Wednesday at 52nd and Ludlow Sts. He had just taken the $400 out of the the bank there.

The stranger told Mr. Washington that he had just found a large sum of money. Two other strangers approached the pair and said they had seen the find. They demanded that the first stranger share the "windfall" with the rest of them.

Mr. Washington was asked if he would put up his money as evidence of good faith. He gave his $400 to the other two, who pretended to do the same thing.

The three strangers then asked Mr. Washington to wait in an alley in the rear of the bank. They promised to return with the money in denominations which could be divided among the four.

When the others failed to return, Mr. Washington notified police of the 55th and Pine Sts. station.

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MRS. GARY lost her $100 also on Monday. A woman went to her home and offered to bless any money she had in the house.

When Mrs. Gary gave her the money, the woman appeared to put it in a handkerchief. She pretended to bless the cash and retuned the handkerchief to the housewife.

She warned Mrs. Gary not to open the handkerchief until 2 p.m., about four hours later. The victim notified police of the 50th St. and Lancaster Ave. station upon finding the paper.

SECOND TIME UP—Four ladies in the lap of the law, following last week's Federal dragnet snaring suspected dope pushers, were among the first to come up, Monday, to answer state charges. First five included Wilhelmina Porter, 28, Diamond St. near 18th; Irene B. Watson, 33, Brown St. near 51st; Elizabeth P. Massey, 35, 18th St. near Montgomery Ave.; Rita Boyd, 28, Woodstock St. near Susquehanna Ave., and Ida Corsey, 30, Montgomery Ave. near 28th.

New York roars welcome to Paul Magloire of Haiti

NEW YORK, N.Y.—With Mayor Wagner characterizing the people of Haiti as "virtually our cousins" and the Haitian President referring to New Yorkers as "our affectionate brothers," this city roared a ticker-tape welcome to President Paul Magloire of Haiti Monday at high noon.

The Haitian President and his charming wife traveled the world famous mile and a quarter up Broadway from the Battery to City Hall in a pair of specially built $16,000 apiece open Chryslers donated to the city by the Chrysler firm for such occasions.

Through a crowd that was kept down by the chilling 16-degree weather, the husky Haitian President, correctly clad in dark business suit, white shirt, blue diplomat gloves and the conventional midnight blue Homburg, warmed the hearts of the crowd who braved the cold weather to see him.

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AT ONE POINT in the parade, a tall, striking blonde, white woman dashed from the sidewalk crowd jabbering in French and rushed towards the President's car.

She stopped before secret service men stopped her, but the Haitian President gratified her by turning in his seat to speak back to her in French long after his car had passed the point where she stood.

Because of the cold weather, the usual ceremonies given to visiting heads of states on City Hall steps were moved inside to the second floor room where the New York City Council sits.

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BUT THIS WAS the only change in the red rug treatment which New York gives to its distinguished visitors and, if it served any purpose, it appeared that it only added to the warmth of the greetings which Mayor Wagner and other city officials bestowed upon him.

Having been led up Broadway by marching units of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the New York City police and fire departments, the ceremonies began inside City Hall immediately upon Mr. Magloire's arrival.

With Ambassador Richard C. Patterson, New York's official greeter, presiding, Hulan Jack, colored president of the Borough of Manhattan was immediately introduced.

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MR. JACK, who, since his election, has become notorious for making the same speech, no matter what the occasions, delivered his speciality with an added zest.

He told the audience which crowded the City Council room that this nation should grant every material assistance to countries like Haiti for the Latin American Countries must remain united to preserve the essentials of a free world.

"There can never be," Mr. Jack said, "co-existence with any nation behind the Iron Curtain which seeks to destroy the very peace and freedom we are trying to retain for the human race everywhere."

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MAYOR WAGNER then came to the fore. He paralleled the fight for freedom of Haiti with that of the United States and he noted that Haiti was the second republic in the North American continent to win its freedom.

After drawing further parallels between the U.S. and Haiti, Mayor Wagner told the Haitian president that, "We are vitrually cousins", and that "nowhere will you be more welcome, nowhere will you find more friends, than here in New York.

Then on a personal note the mayor briefly recalled that his father, the late Senator Wagner of New York, had played a great part in American History and he said that when he noted that the family of the Haitian President had a similiar background, he said "You and I have the same obligation to fulfill."

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THE MAYOR then presented President Magloire with New York's medal of honor and a scroll which cited him as the first head of state in the new world to be elected by the secret ballot of his people. Former Haitian presidents were elected by th Assembly.

Responding to these honors, President Magloire said he was pleased to be in New York which symbolized so well the genius of the American people.

"If I appreciate so well this formal honor," he said, "I am not less sensitive to the warmth of the welcome and to the cordiality of the reception which I have received from New Yorkers."

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HE THEN went on to hope that many New Yorkers would visit Haiti and he said they would find there the "manifestations of friendship to which such affectionate brothers are entitled"

New York's "finest" then whisked the Mayor and the President off to a stag luncheon in the Empire State Building and Mrs. Magloire and the women in the Haitian party were taken to the Mayor's residence, Gracie Mansion, where they were entertained by Mrs. Wagner, wife of the Mayor.

The Empire State luncheon was a top drawer affair, with about 80 of the top leaders of business and industry in New York attending.

AMONG THOSE were Nathan Strauss, head of the Atomic Energy Commission for the U.S.; Cardinal Spellman, ex-heavyweight champion Gene Tunney, now a Wall St. financial power; Spruille Braden, H. Hamilton Webber, Executive vice president of the Empire State, Congressman Adam C. Powell, Dr. P. M. Savory, Mr. Jack and others.

The official party first went to the 80th floor of the Empire State Building, where they had a drink in the exclusive Empire State Club lounge and then came back to the 21st floor where the luncheon of squab on toast was held in the Empire State Club rooms.

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AT THE luncheon, Mr. Webber, on behalf of Colonel Crow, sole owner of the Empire State Building, presented the president with a silver minature replica of the building.

The President and his party were then whisked away to an even more exclusive financial meeting at No. 1 Wall Street where he was guest of the Calvin Bullock Forum, a group of 80 millionaires.

Women involved in dope cases

PHILADELPHIA

Eighty-six of the 101 dope peddler suspects, snared in last week's Federal dragnet, were given hearings on state charges, this Monday and Tuesday, at special sessions.

The alleged pushers appeared before Magistrate James W. McBride in central police court, City Hall. The Federal hearings took place in the Ninth and Market Sts. offices of U.S. Commissioner Henry P. Carr.

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ONE OF the 15 given hearings by both sets of authorities, last week, was Roy Cousins, 48, of 18th St near Columbia Ave. He was held in $10,000 bail at both the Federal and state hearings.

In addition to the $20,000 bail, Cousins was sentenced to 12½ to 25 years in Eastern State Penitentiary by Judge Theodore L. Reimel in Room 653, City Hall, last Thursday. He was convicted on city charges of possession, sale and use of narcotics.

Eugene Jetters, 41, of 16th St. near Susquehanna Ave., was held in $10,000 and $5,000 bail on the Federal and state charges respectively

He was described by Detective Pete Cardella as one of the kingpins operating a dope ring between Philadelphia and New York.

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DET. CARDELLA arrested his brother Flemming Jetter, 37, in New York City, on last Wednesday. He was held in $25,000 bail by the U.S. Commissioner there.

Also held in $20,000 bail—$10,000 Federal and $10,000 state—were Arthur (King Arthur) Howerton Jr., 27, Camac St. near Berks and Richard (Monk) Murray, 28, Kater St. near 21st.

Both Howerton and Murray, second offenders on Federal charges, face five years in prison. In addition, Murray is held in $1,000 bail on a city charge of possession of drugs.

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SIX HELD in $10,000 bail on Federal and $5,000 bail on state charges were:

George Dizzley, 47, Kater St. near 11th; Raymond Berry, 27, South St. near 13th; Samuel Nance, 25, 27th St. near Berks; Melvin Sykes, 25, Naudain St. near 22nd; Edward Garnett, 24, Tioga St. near 17th, and Oceola Wesley, 27, 12th St. near Poplar.

Berry and Sykes are second offenders on the Federal charges. Dizzley and Sykes were serving a year in County Prison on city narcotics charges. Garnett and Wesley have cases pending on similar counts.

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THREE HELD in $10,000 bail on state and $5,000 on Federal charges are:

Cash Sutton Jr., 30, of 11th St. near Montgomery Ave. and a husband and wife team, Charles Ward, 41, and Vernetta, 27, of Gratz St. near Susquehanna Ave. Sutton was serving a three-year sentence on city charges. The Wards have three cases pending with the city.

AFFECTED BY CURFEW law which went into effect Monday, these youngsters get the law explained to them by Officer Millard Hall, 17th District, 20th and Federal Sts. With Mrs. Clara Smith of 1316 Brown St. are Ruby Jr., 9; Gloria, 8; and Thomas, 7. The law provides that youngsters under 17 must be off the streets and out of public places between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays. On weekends, they may be allowed out until midnight.

Citizens, Southern Bank anxious to lend $200,000

4 new directors elected; Bishop Wright president

PHILADELPHIA

Citing the successful financial condition of Citizens and Southern Bank, Bishop R. R. Wright Jr., president, told stockholders recently that the bank is anxious to make $200,000 worth of loans.

The stockholders' meeting was the largest of recent years. Out of 1,250 shares, 985 were present by proxy.

Four new directors were elected:

They are Mrs. Virene Ward, Leroy Humbert, attorney; John B. Deans, general manager of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and Lewis Tanner Moore, attorney.

Other directors elected were: R. R. Wright Jr.; Dorothy B. Wright, Harriet Wright Lemon Hines, Lewis Michaux, Ralph W. E. Irwin, G. W. Allen, J. Robert Saxon, William A. Harris, Catherine Thornton, Walter C. Beckett, N. S. Duff, S. E. Robertson and Earl F. Dales.

Because of the Cumulative voting, it took 641 votes to be elected. Bishop Wright was elected by the highest vote, 969.

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IN HIS annual report address to the board, Bishop Wright, acting president at the time, stated that "We have had the best year of the bank for many year.

"The report shows our resources $2,573,902.20; the treasurer reports our earnings over $10,000; and I am confident that at the speed we are making it will be double that amount next year."

"Strange as it may seem," the Bishop continued: "the largest problem we have in the bank is to lend the money that is entrusted to us.

"Today we have over $200,000 we can lend. Yesterday we bought $100,000 worth of government bonds, and during the next two months we want to lend at least 50 people from $2,000 to $10,000 to help them purchase homes, improve their businesses, get an education, travel, etc.

"I am asking the stockholders not only to help us get deposits, but to help us to get people who are safe borrowers."

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THE OFFICERS elected were;

President, R. R. Wright Jr.; vice president, Walter C. Beckett and Harriet W. Hines; secretary, G. W. Allen; treasurer, Louis C. Tolliver; assistant treasurer, Charles A. Ealy.

Mr. Moore was retained as attorney, Dr. Samuel E. Robertson, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Remarks pledging cooperation in making the bank even more successful were made by many stockholders including:

Dr. W. C. Williamson, former president; John B. Deans, J. Robert Saxon, Union Mutual Insurance company;

Dr. William H. Gray Jr., pastor, Bright Hope Baptist Church; Samuel Flomen, insurance executive; Mrs. John H. Dwelle, Mrs. Virene Ward and others.

Election judges were D. G. Sims, chairman; Wilbur Brown and Mrs. Ward.

ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	$ 662,176.98
U.S. Government Bonds	99,193.00
Other bonds	202,379.34
Stocks	2,280.00
Loans and discounts	664,980.88
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	24,582.63
Other real estate	23,183.49
Other resources	1,125.88
	$2,573,902.20
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	$ 2,371,533.43
Other liabilities	13,078.83
Deferred income	15,200.01
Capital stock	125,000.00
Suprius	26,000.00
Undivided profits	15,034.54
Reserve for contingencies	8,055.39
	$2,573,902.20

CITED FOR SERVICE—Julian E. Goldberg (second from left) and James K. Baker (second from right), attorneys, presented 1954 Fellowship Commission Awards, last Wednesday night, at annual meeting of Philadelphia Fellowship Commission. Others (left to right) John W. Davis, NAACP director, guest speaker; Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey, retiring vice president, and Clarence E. Pickett, president.

Seized in club on liquor count

Unruffled, H. L. Potts fights back; blames political bout

PHILADELPHIA

"What the police say is not true, and we are not at all alarmed about it."

That's the confident attitude of H. Labarre Potts, secretary of the State Athletic Commission, who, as president of the Southwestern Republican Club, 4634 Woodland Ave. was arrested early Sunday for violating the State Liquor Control Act.

Mr. Potts and three club bartenders submitted to a warrant issued on complaint of two police officers that they entered the private club and bought drinks without having membership cards.

The four defendants were each placed under $400 bail for grand jury action during a hearing Sunday morning before Magistrate William A. Cibotti at the 55th and Pine St. station.

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THE BARTENDERS are James Clay, 48, of 46th St., near Paschall Ave.; David R. Coston, 51, Upland St. near 47th; and Charles A. Finney, 36, of Markoe St. near Woodland Ave.

Emphasizing that he will not resign his $5,058-per-year job as secretary of the athletic commission, Mr. Potts suggested that his arrest was a strike at him by the new Democratic regime.

"We are a Republican club," he pointed out, "and we've never had a raid here before. We've been established since 1936 and the club's only got one citation during all that time."

A 30-year Republican and a committeeman, Mr. Potts has been president of the club since 1942. He was associated with the sheriff's office for a long while and has been on the athletic commission for 11 years.

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THE STATE Athletic Commission has been under fire recently, with the State Assembly demanding an investigation of the conduct of a number of local prize fights.

Governor Leader has promised his cooperation in the investigation. He is expected momentarily to appoint new members to the commission, top bidders for the post being Jack Saunders, a newspaperman, and Isaiah Crippins, racket-busting assistant district attorney.

H. LABARRE POTTS

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THE ARRESTING officers, members of Police Commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons' special squad, testified that they visited the club twice, once on Dec. 5 and again on Dec. 12.

On the first visit, they said, the doorman referred them to Mr. Potts who issued them 25-cent blue "B membership" cards before they were permitted to buy drinks.

On the second visit, nobody was on the door, so they walked on in and again bought drinks at each of the three bars in the club.

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WARMING UP on this point Mr. Potts said "They certainly had no business to arrest the bartenders. We are not a public saloon. We have a private club and the bartenders assume that anyone who reaches the bar has a membership card. They don't have to ask to see it.

"If there was any fault, it was with the doorman, not with the bartender. I was on the desk because he young lady who handles that work was sick and if the officers got a card, they didn't pay any 25 cents for it.

"None of what they say is ture. But they had just made up their minds to hold us, that's all."

Det. Peterson resigns after 26 years service

PHILADELPHIA

After 26 years of commendable service in the police department, Det. William I. F. Peterson, 57, resigned on Jan. 21, and is planning to take a job with the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

At the time of his resignation Det. Peterson was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Headquarters working with the night squad commanded by Det. Sgt. David Litvin of City Hall.

Det. Peterson has had a colorful career in the department since he began work on March 16, 1929 in the 35th District, York Rd. and Champlest St.

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IN 1937, he was commended for the capture of a North Philadelphia dentist, Dr. John Sargies who used a meat cleaver to kill his mother and sister and badly wounded a brother while they were asleep.

In March 1943, he was commended for the arrest of two notorious burglars while working with Sgt. Dick Anderson's special squad. In 1947, he was promoted to acting detective. Two years later, he attained an average of 97.51 in the detective's examination, placing No. 14 on the eligible list.

Together with Dets. Earl Barnes and Milton Smith, he was commended in 1949 by Samuel Rosenberg, then director of public safety for the capture of another hold-up man who admitted a series of robberies including that of a South St. state store in which two employees were killed and a third seriously wounded.

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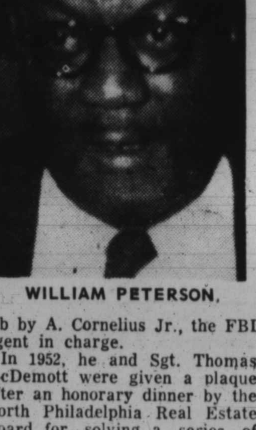
THE DETECTIVES received also the Inquirer Award, the South St. Business Men's Association Award and other heroic medals, and Mr. Peterson was then promoted to full detective.

In March 1951, he completed the FBI special training school course, and in October was commended for a special assignment job by A. Cornelius Jr., the FBI agent in charge.



WILLIAM PETERSON.

In 1952, he and Sgt. Thomas McDemott were given a plaque after an honorary dinner by the North Philadelphia Real Estate Board for solving a series of holdups in neighborhood real estate offices.

The plaque now hangs in the North Central C.I.D. office at 19th and Oxford Sts.

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SINCE assignment to Sgt. Litvin's night squad in July 1954, Det. Peterson and associated officers received cash awards and commendarions in the mayor's office from officials of the American Stores Company for solving another series of holdups.

Upon his resignation, Det. Peterson was paid high tribute by police Chief John Kelly for his years of service.

He lives with his wife, Mrs. Helen L. Peterson at 1919 W. Fontain St.

Their children are Hettie, a city stenographer; William, an engineer division employee at Budds Manufacturing Plant; and Julia, attached to the Women's Division, Juvenile Aid Bureau.

Thurgood Marshall tells Elks of need for funds

PHILADELPHIA

Some 200 Elks heard Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the NAACP, make stirring plea for increased organizational support in the fight to end racial segregation on all fronts.

The meeting was held on Jan. 27 at the O. V. Catto Lodge No. 20, 16th and Fitzwaters St.

Speaking for the Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson and Civil Liberties Director Hobson R. Reynolds of this city, pledged that Elkdom would continue to give of its resources to end "second-class" citizenship.

REYNOLDS SAID the Elks have contributed a total $39,000 to the NAACP over a period and would continue such support "until every vestige of discrimination is removed from the American scene."

Marshall, who marshalled the forces responsible for the May 17 U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public education, said that despite victories already gained:

"On this fight ahead on segregation, the opposition, while getting smaller, is neverteless getting tighter," therefore, we must redouble our efforts in getting more individual and collective support in securing funds to prosecute the civil rights fight.

Marshall said he looked with favor on such organizational support as has been given the NAACP by the Elks, Prince Hall Masons and the Links.

WEATHER
A 2-M weekend: mostly misty. Friday cloudy and mild, probable showers. Saturday cloudy and colder. Sunday uncertain.

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Ex-Residents Still On 4th District Voters' List

Trio Gets 80 Years

DR. CHARLES BAKER
Named father of her child

MRS. ELINOR OHMS
Her affair cause for divorce

Coles' Civil Rights Bills Up To Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — Civil Rights bills designed to open the doors to public employment, accomodations, and resorts or amusement places for everyone, regardless of race, color or creed, were introduced to both houses of the General Assembly, Wednesday afternoon.

Sen. Harry Cole (R-4th) authored the legislation for the Senate and Delegate Emory Cole (R-4th) handled the bill for the House of Delegates.

Both measures which are identical, have been referred to the Judiciary Committee of each house. If passed, they would take effect June 1.

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PENALTIES set up by the bills for violators include the following:

1. A $100 fine shall be imposed on any official in a state or city agency who practices discrimination in giving employment on public jobs, awarding public contracts or granting public welfare and benefits.

2. Businessmen and proprietors who practice discrimination in public accommodations, resorts or amusement places shall face both criminal and civil action.

In the Criminal Court, the violator would be subject to a fine of not more than $500 and or imprisonment of 90 days, and the suspension of his business license for 30 days.

In the Civil Court, the violator may be sued for damages ranging from $100 to $500.

The Civil Rights acts are patterned after those passed in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. One section, however, concerning the penalty of suspending business licenses for 30 days, is taken from a Washington, D.C. bill.

Should the General Assembly pass this legislation, it will become a new article, No. 16A to the 1951 Annotated Code of Maryland entitled, "Civil Rights."

4th District

- Voters' list still names old residents
- Mixed groups registered at same place

(See Editorial on Page 4)

The Fourth District voters' registration list as of Nov. 2, 1954 shows white and colored families registered from the same house.

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A SPOT-CHECK of the 33rd precinct, 15th Ward shows eight examples where colored families have moved in, registered to vote and the white residents who have left are still listed on the books.

Samuel Rogers, 1917 N. Bentalou St., told the AFRO that he purchased his private home six years ago and that he did not know Morris Chodak and Max Finstein, who, according to the voters' lists, are still registered at the house.

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IT'S THE same story at 2029 N. Bentalou where William McClure and Mrs. Mary Nance have occupied the duplex for the past three years.

The voters' list shows that Albert and Mary Greenberg are registered there, but, according to Mr. Williams, the white couple were the owners of the duplex and moved out after they sold it to Mrs. Nance.

Mrs. Mary E. Odom, 2031 N. Bentalou, who has lived in an apartment there for the past five years told the AFRO that Raymond Levinsohn, who is registered at the address, moved out some years ago.

At 2051 N. Bentalou, where Mr. and Mrs. James Denkins reside, the list shows an Abe Alpert registered. According to the Denkinses, they purchased the

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BATHROOM

- Victim left $17Gs estate

An inventory of the possessions of Mrs. Mildred G. Nicholson, victim in the "Bathroom Murder Case," has revealed that the school teacher left an estate valued at $17,345.85.

The list filed in Orphans Court last week by her daughter and administrator, Miss Bettye P. Harris, included three pieces of property but showed only $62.85 in cash.

The pretty teacher was slain on November 7 in the bathroom of her home, as the result of a brutal beating allegedly administered by her sweetheart, Lucien M. (Lou) Tyson.

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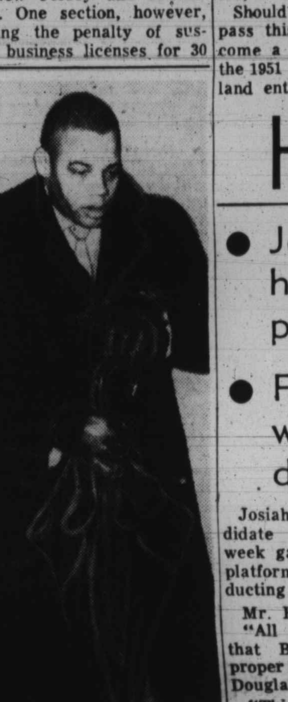
TYSON WAS arrested in the teacher's death and last week after a two-day trial was convicted by a jury of second degree murder.

A motion for a new trial has been filed by Tyson's attorney, Joseph Rosenthal, and the passage of sentence will be delayed until the motion is heard by the Supreme Bench, in either March or April.

According to Court records, the pretty school teacher owned properties at 1906 W. North Ave., valued at $5,500; 1912 Ruxton Ave., (where she was living at the time of her death) valued at $6,200 and 1604 Thomas Ave., $5,000.

The Ruxton Ave. house contained furnishings valued at $518. Furniture in the North Ave. home was valued at $50, and that in the Thomas Ave. house at $15.

Mrs. Nicholson's heirs include Miss Harris, and Mrs. Nicholson's husband, Sgt. Charles Nicholson, now stationed with the Army in Japan.



SLAIN GIRL'S BOYFRIEND—Ernest Jackson, 30-year-old married graduate student at NYU, has been described as the boyfriend of blonde Anne Yarrow whose Greenwich Village sex slaying has been described as one of New York's most brutal. He was questioned over 30 hours by police and released. (See Story, Page 27)

FLASH

Nat Mills back in jail again

Numbers informer in for nine mos.

Nat Mills, lottery informer who 'sang' his way to freedom, came back to Criminal Court today (Friday) and was sentenced to nine months in the House of Correction for probation violation of a previous lottery conviction.

The sentence was given by Judge John T. Tucker, who on February 1, had suspended Mills' 60-day jail sentence and reduced a $1,000 fine to $250 on the grounds that Mills had cooperated with the police.

The 51-year-old Mills was arrested on January 7 and on January 21 pleaded guilty to lottery violations before Judge Tucker and asked for a chance to go straight.

In a lottery charge involving five perons that followed the Mills trial, the court was informed that the raid of a house in the 1600 Madison Ave., had resulted in the arrest of the five and was made possible through Mills.

The five, however, were all acquitted on grounds that police

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HENRY

- Josiah gives his 12-point platform
- For minimum wage law for domestics

Josiah Henry, Democratic candidate for City Council, this week gave the AFRO a 12-point platform on which he is conducting his campaign.

Mr. Henry said:

"All my life I have thought that Baltimore should pay a proper tribute to Frederick Douglass.

"This greatest citizen Maryland produced, like myself, was **born on the Eastern Shore and came to live in Baltimore.**

"There should be a public square named for him and a suitable monument erected therein for all to see.

"The city itself should sponsor the movement and if I am elected next March to the City Council, I will urge that body to undertake the project.

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"THE PLATFORM upon which I campaign for the City Council contains planks that are important to the City of Baltimore.

"If I am elected, I promise to work to bring about many changes.

"(1) I believe in a minimum wage law that will raise the pay of domestics and day workers not now covered by the federal wage and hour law.

"(2) I believe that owners and renters who are compelled to give up their homes because of redevelopment should be properly compensated for their investment, be offered suitable quarters when required to move and have the privilege of moving into any new housing erected

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Stickup gang is wiped out

Trio terrorized NW stores 49 days, cops foil escape

As policemen stood guard against a possible escape attempt, three men received a total of 80 years, in Criminal Court, Wednesday, in connection with a lightning wave of burglaries and robberies in the Northwestern area.

This was the climax of 49 hectic days of terror which reigned while police were baffled by a series of flash crimes.

Judge Herman Moser pronounced stiffest sentences against **Jack R. (Jocko) Johnson, 21, 500 block Wilson St., and Sylvester H. (Count) Lee Jr., 28, 800 block Stricker St.**

Each was ordered confined to the penitentiary for 35 years. If they serve their full terms, they will not be released until 1990.

The third defendant, 17-year-old **Thomas (Jug Head) Brown of the 2200 block Druid Hill Ave.**, received 10 years in the reformatory.

A fourth man, **Joseph N. (Shipyard) Johnson, 38, 1300 block of Gilmor St.**, was found not guilty on a charge of robbery and being an accessory.

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AS JUDGE MOSER sentenced the three defendants, ending the trial which began Tuesday, they **were surrounded by police** who led them away.

Extra policemen, some in plainclothes, had been dispatched to the courtroom, after a guard in the courthouse lockup overheard the three men, Monday night, making threats against arresting officers and plotting to escape.

As Lee was led away, he turned to Sgt. Albert Heck of the Northwestern District, one of the officers who broke the case, and snarled: "You won this one, but I'll win the next."

To this, Sergeant Heck replied: "I guess you will, because I'll be about 80 years old when it comes up."

In meting out the stiff penalties against the men, Judge Moser said that they had been a threat to the lives and safety of the community, during the period from Nov. 12 to Dec. 30, 1954 when their reign was in full swing.

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JOHNSON, WHO was charged in nine robberies, two burglaries, and a count of assault with intent to murder, wiped tears from his eyes as the jurist gave him a total of 35 years.

Just the day before, Monday, had been Johnson's 21st

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McKELDIN

- For Morgan he asks $2,500,000
- $806,000 for Princess Ann in budget

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, Wednesday, asked the legislature to appropriate $1,908,694 for current expenditures at Morgan College in 1956. This is an increase of $96,000 over the 1955 appropriation.

Appropriations asked for new college buildings or other improvements totaling $697,000, an increase of $197,000 over last year.

The new improvements are Soper Library addition, $291,500; campus developments, $80,000; foot bridge over Cold Spring Lane, $54,000; addition to warehouse and ship, $61,000; boiler and relocation of light, heat and water lines, $175,000.

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OF THE $1,908,000 current expenses asked for Morgan, $1,250,000 will come from the state and $658,000 will come from the students' fees.

Morgan's enrollment is given as 1,960; its per capita cost at $897, 121 teachers, 33 employed in general administration, and 85 in the classified service.

Fourteen new positions are recommended including five teachers and an associate librarian.

For Maryland State College at Princess Anne, the Governor recommends $806,000 for 1956 current expeditures which in-

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Can divorce mink stole wife

Said blonde wife admitted son's dad was L.I. medic

NEW YORK — Freddy Ohms, jazz trombonist, won the right to divorce his wife last week when the State Supreme Court reversed a lower court ruling denying him a decree a year ago on grounds that he "condoned" his wife's adultery with a colored doctor.

Pretty Mrs. Ohms was first given the label "mink stole girl" by newspapers when in April, 1953, she accused Dr. Baker of stealing her $2,300 mink stole.

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IN COURT, she decided it was all a mistake, after which the prominent Nassau County doctor, who had said he bought the fur, was freed.

At that time, her husband packed up and left the Uniondale home with his daughter, Leslie, 11, to live with his parents in Roosevelt.

He left behind the four-year-old son, Paul, whose birth he said his wife confessed was the result of an affair she was having with Dr. Baker.

Both of the children had been awarded to Mrs. Ohms the day before her husband's original divorce hearing in August, 1953.

His suit had countered one she had previously filed asking separation and alimony.

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IN THE first hearing, Meyer F. Goodman for Ohms, told Justice Cortland A. Johnson that Mrs. Ohms once told her musician husband:

"Let's face it. Dr. Baker is the father of my son. I want to leave you and take Leslie."

Ohms claimed at that time that he had not had marital relations with his wife since 1948 when he came home unexpectedly on four occasions and found her entertaining Dr. Baker.

He contended that the interracial pair had an apartment (leased in her name) at 85 Willow Ave., Hempstead, L. I.

DR. BAKER is married and resides at 377 Jerusalem Ave., Hempstead. He has two children. His practice is confined largely to white patients.

Mrs. Ohms reportedly met Dr. Baker as a patient about five years before the divorce petition was filed.

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IN REVERSING the Nassau County Court ruling that Ohms, 35, could have a bill of separation but not a divorce, the appellate court accepted a defense contention that Ohms' condoning of his wife's past activities "was based upon her future good conduct."

The county court had denied him the divorce on grounds that he had condoned his wife's conduct. Adultery is the only grounds for divorce in New York State.

Ohms, now playing with Eddie Condon's Greenwich Village orchestra, doing radio and television work as a sideline, earns approximately $15,000 a year. His wife has been appearing recently in a Long Island nitery.

Lafayette Cts. to open in 10 days

Twenty-three families who packed their belongings three weeks ago in preparation for moving into the new Lafayette Courts will be able to settle down to housekeeping within approximately 10 days.

That's the new time that has been set for the completion of three low garden type apartments in the $7,567,471 project.

The families were scheduled to move in the week of Jan. 24, but that date was postponed to give workmen time to receive and install parts of a heating unit.

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PRIOR TO the delay, work on the project which features skyscraper apartments for low income families, was preceeding

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Neglect trial set

Mrs. Peggy Daniels, 2900 block Denham Circle, Cherry Hill, is scheduled to be tried in Juvenile Court next week on a charge of neglect in connection with the death of her one-year-old daughter, Felicia.

BUSINESSMAN INDICTED

J. C. Robinson, 57-year-old wealthy president of the canned goods firm which bears his name in the 200 block E. Pleasant St., was indicted today (Friday) by the grand jury on a carnal knowledge charge involving a 15-year-old Douglass High School girl.

$25 a week for news TIPS

The person who was first to notify the AFRO about the fatal stabbing of a mother and daughter is $5 richer this week.

Phone Your News Tip
Call City Desk
MU. 5-6015

Dr. J. E. Fisher, physician, dies

Dr. J. Edward Fisher, who for 45 years had his offices at 1612 E. Monument St. and was once a staff physician at Provident Hospital, died at his home Wednesday.

Known throughout East Baltimore as an outstanding civic worker, Dr. Fisher resided at 1825 McCulloh St. He had been ill for more than two months.

A 32nd degree Mason, he was also a member of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS INTEGRATE QUIETLY

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Without any semblance of fuss or disorder, public schools in this city were integrated at the beginning of the new semester. The steps were taken to close the jim crow law school and school of journalism at Lincoln University in June.

Mrs. Sampson dies

Mrs. Alice Peck Sampson, 741 Dolphin St., died this morning (Friday) at her home. She celebrated her 102nd birthday on December 2.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Bethel AME Church where Mrs. Sampson and her parents and grandparents before her were lifetime members.

Surviving her are five daughters, Miss Sarah Sampson; and Mesdames Agnes Thomas, Estelle Hawkins, Alice Pullett and Bessie Hicks; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

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Cashier held in $16,000 theft

WASHINGTON

A 40-year-old mother of two children was released under $2,500 bond in municipal court, Thursday, on a charge of embezzlement resulting from a shortage of $16,713 from the Washington office of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Britania E. Parmes of 19 U St., NE, was placed under arrest at police headquarters Wednesday afternoon by Lt. David A. Higgins, and Detective Sergeant George O. Burkley of the check and fraud squad.

Mrs. Parmes, the chief cashier

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WRIGHT AND MITCHELL IN A COURT BATTLE

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Two strong families, the R. R. Wrights of Philadelphia and the J. E. Mitchells of St. Louis are in a deadlock struggle for the control of one of the strongest newspapers in St. Louis, the St. Louis Argus.

The full story will be told in Tuesdays paper.

News Summary of Vital Statistics

CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS

Receiving Stolen goods—Frederick C. Green, not guilty.

Lottery—Ernest J. Wood, not guilty; Clementine W. Morris, pleaded guilty, one year in Maryland State Reformatory and fined $1,000 and tence suspended upon payment of costs; Elveter McCloud, pleaded guilty 5th count, five months in Maryland State Reformatory and fined $500 and costs; Willie M. Jannes, guilty, sentenced suspended.

Larceny — Preston Woolford, not guilty; Robert B. Yates, not guilty; Sandy G. Boyd, guilty, 18 months in House of Correction, from Jan. 16; Leon Pierson (2 cases), not guilty; Howard Scott (2 cases), guilty, two years in House of Correc-

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REALTY DEALINGS

Albert Toney and Co. to Rudolph Johnson and Co., 2720 N. Longwood St., g r $120.

S. Orrin Nixon and Co. to Dallas F. Nicholas, 2222 Druid Hill Ave., (lease

Dallas F. Nicholas to Jerome J. Blum and Co., same property g r $100

Chamar Corporation to Ulysses Jenkins and Co., 822 E. North Ave., g r $129

Charles E. Sheats to George R. Young and Co., 560 Oxford St., g r $48

Hanlon Thomas Inc., to Thelford R. Bunnington and Co., 610 Roundview Rd.

Same to Roland B. Camper and Co.

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DIVORCES GRANTED

Lillian Scott from Alonzo C. Scott; Horace L. Parks from Verla M. Parks; Frank Hardin from Sallie Hardin, Clara B. Talley from Ernest L. Talley;

Margaret Harris from Norman Harris; Virginia Smith from Charles Ward; Love Brown from Humphrey Brown; Ada Butler from Clarence Butler; Lynwood Lawrence from Lillian Lawrence; Lorraine Jones from Robert Jones;

Elizabeth T. Johnson from Edgar P. Johnson; Reginald G. Johnson from Laura Johnson, Addison Campbell from Fannie Campbell; John Henderson from Carrie Henderson; Grace Payne, infant, from Lawrence O. Payne, John G. Crist from Hazel Crist; and William Reeder from Grace Reeder,

Convict one, free one in motel raid

A 67-year-old white businessman was found not guilty, while another man was convicted on morals charges that grew out of a raid on a Washington Blvd. motel near Jessups, in which 18 young girls were arrested.

A jury sitting in the Ellicott City Courthouse took less than five minutes to return a guilty verdict against Henry Leon Stokes, proprietor of Leon's Hotel (formerly known as the Booker T. Motel), on a charge of maintaining a disorderly house.

An all-white male jury took just 18 minutes to return a not guilty verdict, Tuesday, in favor of the white businessman, Willis E. Simpson, who was charged with carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old girl.

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JUDGE JAMES MacGILL of the Circuit Court for Howard County, deferred sentencing of Stokes, whose case was heard Monday. Stokes still faces a carnal knowledge charge involving a young girl.

Damaging testimony against Stokes on the disorderly house charge, was offered by five Baltimore girls, ranging in age

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Can Morgan (Champs) do it again?

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—The crack Morgan State College mile relay team reaches the crossroads here tomorrow (Saturday) night, when it takes the floor at Madison Square Garden in the final event of the historic New York A.C. indoor track and field meet.

The Golden Bears of Eddie Hurt will be face up against what is perhaps their toughest assignment since they edged their way into the national collegiate spotlight eight years ago when they tangle with the classy Villanova College quartet.

Morganites Herm Wade, Otis Johnson, Jimmy Rogers and Josh Culbreath will be seeking their third victory in a row in the relay event. And in their last outing, they sped to a Millrose Games record of 3:18.4 in beating the Pennsylvanians.

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BUT THE BEARS are still behind in their season-long duel with the Villies. The latter, anchored by the scintillating Charley Jenkins, hold three decisions over the Hurtmen.

And therein lies the story of the acid test.

Villanova, with Jenkins running superb anchor legs, whipped Morgan in the Boston Knights of Columbus games, the Philadelphia Inquirer and Washington Evening Star

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