BALTIMORE SYMPHONY

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under the direction of its music director and conductor, Massimo Freccia, will start a two week tour of the Northern part of the United States on Nov. 29. This will be the longest tour the orchestra has undertaken in the past few years.

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Suicide victim buried Wed.

200 attend rites for army veteran

Wallace Royster, the World War II veteran who took his own life because he was unable to care for his family, was buried with military honors Wednesday.

Following brief services at the Elroy Wilson Funeral Parlor in the 2000 block Orleans St., the 30-year-old steel worker who failed in suicide attempts on two occasions was buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

About 200 persons filled the small chapel to hear the eulogy delivered by the Rev. J. R. Butler, pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Mr. Royster's family sat near the head of the flag-draped casket during the 45-minute ceremony. Over 15 cars made up the funeral procession to the cemetery.

The body of Mr. Royster was found by his wife Florence last Friday when she went into the basement of their home in the 1400 block E. Lafayette St., to wash some baby clothing.

She found him suspended from an overhead water pipe with a clothes line around his neck.

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ON AUG. 28, a day before his 3-month-old son, Thomas, was born, Mr. Royster stuck his head in a kitchen oven and turned on the gas.

He escaped death on that occasion because a kitchen window was left open.

A month later, Mr. Royster ate a tomato saturated with rat poison but suffered nothing more than a violent headache and an upset stomach.

The day he took his life, his wife thought that he had gone to work. She said he got out of bed around 5 a.m. and was not seen again until she found his body at 9 a.m.

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MRS. ROYSER said her husband became despondent because he was unable to care for his family on an $80 a week salary and at the same time keep up his outside interests.

He was in the Army for six years and started working at Sparrows Point about five years ago. Once he told his family that he was no good for them and was tired of "working all the time and gaining nothing."

An avid reader of mystery stories, he read a novel entitled "Sleep My Loove," before he took his life.

A native of Oxford, N.C., Mr. Royster is survived by his wife and two sons, ages three years and three months; a brother, John Henry Royster; and two sisters, Mrs. Vera Bell Wiggerson and Mrs. Margeret Henry of Oxford, N.C.

SUICIDE VICTIM'S FAMILY—Mrs. Wallace Royster of the 1400 block E. Lafayette Ave., whose steelworker husband hanged himself in the basement of thier home, finds comfort with her two children, Larry, 3; and Steve, 3 months. The husband, a war veteran, had made two previous attempts to take his life. He worried about taking care of his family on an $80-per-week salary.

Crownsville tag reports due Dec. 3

Members of the Crownsville State Hospital Auxiliary observed tag sadsy at the institution on Sunday afternoon. Workers reported $800 received from sale of five-cent tags.

Final tag reports are due by Friday, Dec. 3 when the auxiliary hopes to have realized $1,500. The money will be used to pay for the equipment in the hospital's new canteen which was opened for patients last June.

Persons still holding tags are urged to report for them immediately. Money may be paid to any member of the auxiliary or left at the registration desk at the Madison Ave. YWCA or at the City Desk, AFRO-AMERICAN.

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THE CANTEEN at present is open three days a week—Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Lydia Mussenden, who is in charge of the canteen, said this week she hopes the auxiliary will soon have enough volunteer workers so that the canteen may be open daily.

Officers and members of the auxiliary present on Sunday afternoon, included:

Mrs. Vashti Murphy, president; Mrs. Jaqueline Fassett, secretary; Mrs. Albert LaForest, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Simon Carter, membership chairman; Mrs. Mary France, treasurer; and Mrs. Roy Hamilton, publicity chairman;

Also, Mesdames Mary Rogers, Helen Tingley, Martin Jenkins, Gwendolyn Lee, Ivy Harris, Olivia Dixon, Loyall Randolph, Cleota Brayboy, Odell Payne, Vivian Cooke, Vivian Pendleton, Ella Edemy, Miss Moss, Mary Moore, Mrs. Cora Johnson, Mrs. Nettie Brooks;

Also Mesdames Salivia Brooks, Ruby Sykes, Mary Anthony, Mamie McCoy, Margaret Davis, Armetta Lottie, Geraldine Quarles, Harriett White Jones, Charles James, Della Meyers, Bertha Winston, Alma Gray, Edith Holmes, Elaine Wright, Susie Hilburn, Mary Burns;

And, Mesdames Margaret Ritchie, Ida Chappell, Mary Wynn, Palestine Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Mollie Reddick, Mamie Paschell, Dorothy Morganstern, Marie Newton, Elizabeth Hall, John Pards, Joseph Massell, Marie Murphy, Muriel Davis, Johnie Golston, Mary Jane Brown, Alice Tucker, Sarah O. Henry.

Hotel policy not changed

Matter discussed at last meeting

The possibility of mixed hotel patronage was "touched on lightly" at a recent meeting of the Hotel Association of Baltimore City.

But, according to H. Nelson Busick, president, "No change has been made. The policy remains the same."

Asked if the policy may be changed in the near future, Mr. Busick said "Well, that's hard to say."

The Maryland Hotel Association, headed by W. F. Conley Jr., has not broached the subject recently. He said that this group meets only about twice a year. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February.

AFRO readers aid fire victims

Several offers to help with food and clothing have been extended to the Nathan Banks family of fire victims, as the result of a story on their plight in Friday's AFRO.

The family, which includes five young children with a sixth expected in May, lost everything in a fire which destroyed their home on Nov. 17. Still in need, the Bankses are being sheltered by her mother at 646 Greenwillow St.

Prisoner summons taxi to pawn coat for fine

A taxicab driver walked into the Northwestern police station Wednesday morning and asked: "Who called a cab?"

Police looked in the courtroom and through the station house but were unable to find the caller until someone suggested looking in the cell block, where prisoners have the right to use the telephone.

Sure enough—they found that George Salters, 42, of the 3000 block Belmont Ave., had called the vehicle.

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THE DRIVER spent a few minutes talking to Walters and then walked out of the station house with a disgusted look on his face.

"He wanted me to pawn his overcoat so he could pay his fine," was his parting remark.

The fine he referred to was a $15 fine that had been imposed a few minutes earlier by Magistrate E. Everett Lane on a disorderly conduct charge. Police testified that Walters had been creating a disturbance at Dolphin and Madison Ave. on Tuesday night.

At last report Walters was still in the cell block, and Northwestern police were trying to remember if any other prisoner had ever used such a novel approach in an attempt to pay his fine.

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FASCINATING EXHIBIT of novelty dolls in show case at Coppin State Teachers College, attracts attention of Miss Sylvia Tilghman.

CONTEST WINNERS—Paulette and Claudette Smith, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Smith of 128 N. Payson St., won second prize in the twins' contest which was a feature of the recent Food Show at the 5th Regiment Armory.

REGISTRATION DESK was kept busy during the recent annual meeting of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Left to right, are: Mrs. Elizabeth Rawlings, past matron; Mrs. Hilda Ringgold, past grand matron, both of Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 2; and Mrs. Viola Gundy, chairman of registration, Calvary Chapter No. 32.

SEEING DOUBLE—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Brooks of 1404 E. Chase St., became grandparents of two sets of twins this year. Rodney and Ronald Brooks, left, are nine-month-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brooks of 2317 Wheeler Ave. Their cousins are Kevin and Kenneth Scott, six-months-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, 1737 E. Oliver St.

BOTH ATTRACTIVE FURNITURE and attractive secretary, Miss Doris Shorter of 18 S. Stockton St., are found at the Stewart Appliance Company, 901 N. Benalou St. The store which features refrigerators and television sets primarily, is operated by Aaron R. Stewart, who has been in business almost four years.

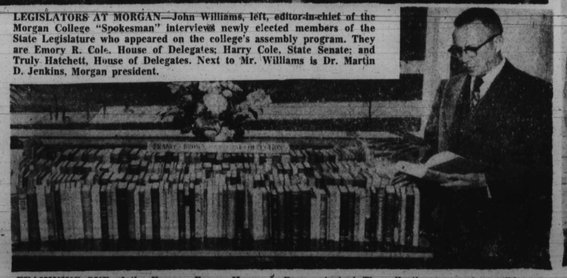
'HAZEL' BRINGS PROFIT TO EMPLOYEES—Victor Frenkil, president of Baltimore Contractors, Inc., presented a $100 stock certificate to each employee who helped prepare for the hurricane, which whizzed through Baltimore last month.

LEGISLATORS AT MORGAN—John Williams, left, editor-in-chief of the Morgan College "Spokesman" interviews newly elected members of the State Legislature who appeared on the college's assembly program. They are Emory R. Cole, House of Delegates; Harry Cole, State Senate; and Truly Hatchett, House of Delegates. Next to Mr. Williams is Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president.

PVT. CHARLES H. NELSON, son of Mrs. Lucy P. Nelson of 4502 the Alemeda, has returned to Paris Island, S.C. after a 21-day furlough in Baltimore.

A/2C SHERMAN S. STANLEY, son of Mrs. Grace W. Stanley of 6 W. Lee St. and husband of Mrs. Lorine Stanley is on duty in the Far East.

CLOSE AROUND THE EARS—The young man with the nonchalent air is Antonio Greene, who is all of 21 months old. Behind him stands his favorite barber, Stanley Stevenson, who operates a shop in the 2100 block of W. North Ave. Antonio is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Greene of 2218 W. North Ave. Daddy is employed at the Enoch Pratt Library.



EXAMINING ONE of the Frances Brown Memorial Collection of history books at the Havre de Grace, Md. Consolidated High School is Leon S. Roye, principal. The collection was made possible by the will of Mrs. Brown, a lifelong citizen of Havre de Grace.

WED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jenson of 124 Winters Lane, Catonsville celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 17. They are parents of five children and grandparents of five.