Movie censorship arguments heard

Legislative Council holds hearings; majority in favor

(See Editorial Page 4)

The Legislative Council was urged Tuesday night to retain the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors and to strengthen its present powers.

At least six groups had representatives present who were in favor of retention of motion picture censorship in this state.

A representative of the Motion Picture Association of America and an individual citizen were the only opponents opposing censorship. Approximately 80 persons attended the hearing.

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GERALD M. Cahill, representing the Motion Picture Association of America, spoke against the retention of censorship.

"Censorship of motion pictures is censorship of personal liberty, a curtailment of an individual's choice," he argued.

"It is an insult to the intelligence of the movie goer."

Mr. Cahill recommended that the police power be used to enforce censorship of pictures that adversely affect the welfare of the community.

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H. J. ANSLINGER, U.S. Commissioner of Narcotics, told the Legislative Council that the censor's ban of pictures in Maryland that demonstrate the use of narcotics has been a tremendous benefit in this state.

Mr. Anslinger said the board's chairman, Sidney Traub, has been "a strong force" in this state in cutting down the use of narcotics by motion picture censorship.

James W. Curran, speaking for the Knights of Columbus, said that censorship is needed and should be retained.

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S. EDWARD SMITH, AFRO personnel director, said that obscene scenes, language and epithets applied to colored people, Jews, Catholics, Italians, Hungarians or any racial or religious group should be banned.

Mr. Smith also stated that scenes and language designed to incite the civilian population to violence and hate against any racial group or open defiance to the laws of the United States, or espousal of communism should be eliminated.

Mr. Smith further praised Mr. Traub and his associates as an effective force for the good of the state and stated that the State Legislature should back it up with appropriate legislation.

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MR. TRAUB read a letter from a motion picture distributor stating parts of a foreign film that had been "cut" before submitting to the Maryland Board of Motion Picture Censures.

He told of a Swedish film where there were scenes of a 19 - year - old boy fondling the breasts of a 14-year-old girl. All such scenes were deleted, said Mr. Traub and the film went on.

"That is what it means to have censorship of films," he said. "If Maryland had no such censorship, that film would have been shown to our public in its original form."

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SPEAKERS from the following groups were heard in the hour-long proceedings:

Grand Jurors Association, the Holy Name Society, Catholic War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic Daughters of America, and the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, all supporting the retention of motion picture censorship.

The lone opponent of censorship supporting Mr. Cahill was Clifford S. O'Hearne, speaking as an individual.

Two hundred and twenty-five cities in America have boards of motion picture censors. Such cities as New York, Chicago, Providence, R.I., Salt Lake City, Detroit, Jersey City and Baltimore. Seven states have no such boards.

Baltimore is the only city that must take cases of dispute on censorship to its City Courts. All other cities and states take their cases to the Court of Appeals or the highest court in the state.

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Youth held in slaying

Named in girl's death

An 18-year-old youth has been ordered held for a hearing on a murder charge in the death of Geraldine Carter, the 13-year-old girl who died as the result of a brutal beating on Oct. 31.

The youth was identified as Henry G. Green of the 1100 block W. Saratoga St. He will receive a hearing at a date to be set by the state's attorney. He is being held without bail.

Also under arrest in the case is Sterling C. Harvey, 17, of the 1100 block W. Saratoga St., who is being held as a state's witness in $500 bail.

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THE GIRL'S body was discovered on the night of Oct. 17 in an alley in the rear of the 200 block N. Arlington Ave., just a short distance from her home in the 300 block Schroeder St.

The child had been badly beaten and was taken to Franklin Square Hospital where she died without regaining consciousness.

Arresting officers did not disclose the suspected motive in the case but confirmed reports that the child had not been criminally assaulted.

Man, 67, convicted of murder

A 67-year-old man who climaxed a feud by fatally shooting his neighbor, Sept. 5, was sentenced to 12 years in the state penitentiary, Monday, in Criminal Court by Judge Michael J. Manly.

Jerod Jasper of the first block N. Castle St., killed William Tiggle, 76, who lived in the same block, as result of a two-day argument in which Jasper insisted one of Mr. Tiggle's daughters robbed him of $175.

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ACCORDING TO testimony, at the outset of the argument, Sept. 3, the Tiggle family remained indoors. However, on Sept. 5, Mr. Tiggle went outside "for a breath of air."

Witnesses said he was shot as he walked out on his top step.

Testifying in his own defense, Jasper insisted that he shot in self-defense, because Tiggle came at him in a threatening manner.

Suspect caught making 'delivery'

Arrested as he was allegedly on his way to "fill an order," Clarence Mackel Jr., 27, of the 1000 block Ruxton Ave., has been ordered held in $3,000 bail for the grand jury on a charge of possession of heroin.

Officer Clarence Roy of the Narcotics Squad testified on Monday in Northwestern police court that Mackel was arrested Saturday at Presbury and Warwick Ave. and was found to be carrying four decks of heroin in the waistband of his trousers.

(A deck of heroin is a quantity of the loose drug that has been packaged in a glassine envelope. It usually contains enough heroin to fill five capsules, retailing up to $3.)

Lt. Joseph Carroll, head of the squad, said the arrest of Mackel came after police had heard a man order the drug from Mackel and had set a trap at the place where the transaction was to be completed.

Change in statements brings near perjury rap

A conflict between a statement he reportedly gave police and his testimony in Northwestern police court on Tuesday almost resulted in the arrest of Charles Williams, 32, of the 1400 block of N. Bond St., on a perjury charge.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane threatened the action when Williams denied making certain statements contained in a police report dealing with an assault case early Sunday.

However, Magistrate Lane dropped the threatened action when police said that Williams had not sworn to the statement and for that reason there could be no perjury charge.

THE CASE in question involved an altercation between Williams and Nolan Clark, 42 of the 2100 block Bryant Ave., at the home of Miss Kate Moore, 30, a barmaid of the 1900 block Walbrook Ave.

Williams testified in court that he and Clark became engaged in an argument at Miss Moore's home and that Clark left to return with "some object" that he "stuck through the door."

Williams said he and Clark became involved in a fight during which he was injured on the top of his head, possibly "when my head hit the door."

Magistrate Lane expressed doubts that Williams could have injured his head in such a manner and a portion of a statement which Williams allegedly gave police was read.

The statement said in part that Williams had been struck on the head by Clark. Williams denied this and it was at this point that Magistrate Lane threatened the perjury action.

Clark was convicted on an assault count and fined $25 and costs.

Two seized for lottery

House called unit of ring

Two persons arrested in a vice squad raid on a home in the 600 block N. Appleton St. were ordered held in $2,500 bail for action of the grand jury on lottery charges on Monday in Northwestern police court.

They were:

Phillip Taylor, 36, of the Appleton St. address.

Mrs. Annie E. Baker, 56, of the 100 block of N. Castle St.

Sgt. Arthur McGee said the house served as a "turn-in station" for a lottery ring and that when the raiders entered the building on Friday, they found Taylor at a table in the dining room.

On the table were 89 slips containing 1,384 numbers, and a search of Taylor turned up 31 more slips containing 1,082 numbers, the officer said.

POLICE SAID they found Mrs. Baker in the basement stuffing a paper bag under the cellar stairs. In the bag, they said they found $72 in small bills and change which Mrs. Baker testified did not belong to her.

A numbers slip was found in the woman's purse, Sergeant McGee said, but Mrs. Baker said she had found the slip when she got off a streetcar at Edmondson Ave. and Gilmor St.

She said she had gone to the house to have her hair set by Mrs. Taylor, who operates a beauty shop in the basement.

Bird lover ruffled over 60-day term

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and the bushes is where Preston Hall Jr., of the 1000 lock Harford Ave., landed Tuesday after nine noisy pigeons were snatched from their roost in the steeple of a Baptist Church.

Caught while slipping out of the Nazarene Baptist Church in the 1200 block Harford Ave. with the pigeons in a bag, Hall, when questioned by police, stated: "A fellow gave them to me."

At a hearing before Magistrate Samuel Gaboff Wednesday in Northeastern District Court, he revised his story and said: "I got them out of a cemetery on Greemount Ave."

Promises to behave until after holidays

On Christmas Day, Charles H. Brent, 60, will be a free man for the first time in years—unless he breaks a promise made on Wednesday and winds up in the embraces of the law again.

Mr. Brent made his promise to walk the "straight and narrow" in Northwestern Police Court, where he apeared before Magistrate E. Everett Lane to answer charges of being a vagrant and being drunk on the public streets.

At the first sight of Brent, a flash of recognition swept across the magistrate's face as he asked: "Haven't I seen you before?"

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"WHY SURE judge, I've been here a number of time," Brent replied with a cheerful smile. He kept the same smile as police testified they had found him lying in the street in an intoxicated condition on Tuesday, and later learned that he had no permanent home.

Still smiling Brent insisted that (1) he had not been drinking and (2) his homes were a "flop house" where he paid 50 cents a night for a "flop" and "Sister Lillie's" where he "flopped" for free. He did not explain "Sister Lillie."

Brent was so vigorous in his denial of wrong doing that Magistrate Lane remarked:

"You plead a good case."

"Yes but the important thing is am I winning?"

"I think I will send you away this time until after Christmas," Magistrate Lane answered.

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THIS BROUGHT the first frown to the face of Brent.

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Please your honor may I stay out for Christmas. It has been so long since I have been on the streets for a Christmas that I would like to make it just this one. I promise you I won't get in any more trouble before Christmas."

"Well if you promise, I am going to give you a break. I'll dismiss the drunk charge and place you on probation without a verdict on the vagrant charge, and don't come back before Christmas."

"Your honor, that is a promise," and with those words, Mr. Brent left the courtroom with a smile.

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Million $$ Fire! "Worst I've ever seen," says S. Baltimore housewife of million dollar blaze. (See photos, stories on Page 9)

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Did Gambling Losses Anger Bathroom Slayer?

Garage Lovers Die

GAMBLING

Was Tyson angered by losses?

Bathroom slayer seen in game Saturday night

Slain teacher's suitor to have hearing Nov. 26

Is there a connection between the reported gambling losses suffered by her suitor, Lucien M. (Lou) Tyson, and the death of Mrs. Mildred Grinage Nicholson?

This is one of the questions being asked this week as the initial shock at the slaying of the pretty kindergarten teacher and the subsequent arrest of her younger suitor, begin to fade.

Meanwhile, the office of the state's attorney set a hearing for Tyson on November 26 at 3 p.m. in Central police court before Chief Magistrate William F. Laukaitis. He is represented by Joseph Rosenthal, who has indicated he will ask phychiatric tests for Tyson and make an insanity plea.

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TYSON HAS been held without bail on a homicide charge since he was arrested shortly before 5 a.m. on Nov. 7, when police entered the bathroom of Mrs. Nicholson's home at 1912 Ruxton Ave., and found her battered body on the floor and Tyson standing near the wash basin, bleeding from a cut over his eye.

The medical examiner has attributed her death to the beating and said she died of fractured cheekbone and nose hemorrhage inside the head. According to Tyson's niece, Mrs. Mae Faulkner of the 1600 block Dukeland St., Tyson is unable to remember any details leading up to the death of Mrs. Nicholson, past the point when an argument began and she al-

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DAVID T. MASON

He wins frisking suit Md.'s High Court rules police search of citizens is equal to assault and false imprisonment.

FRISKING RULED OUT

- Md. Court says police search illegal
- Overrules decision in Tijuana case

Without proper cause, police frisking is illegal.

This, in effect, is the ruling of the Maryland Court of Appeals which, on Tuesday, awarded a one-cent monetary judgment to David T. Mason, attorney, for the humiliation of being publicly frisked by a police officer in a popular night club.

In an opinion written by Chief Judge Frederick Brune, the Appeals Court upheld Mr. Mason's complaint against Sgt. Charles Wrightson.

In addition to the one-cent award, the sergeant must also pay court costs approximating $500.

THE CASE grew out of the "crime wave" scare of early 1953 when squads of policemen visited 129 taverns in the Northwestern district, searching male patrons for deadly weapons.

They were acting on orders of Commissioner Beverly Ober and Captain Millard Horton, district commander.

On Feb. 15, 1953, Mr. Mason with four friends, two men and two women, were seated at a table at Club Tijuana when the police officers entered at about 1:30 a.m.

After announcing their intention to the club manager, the

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LOVERS DIED HERE—In top panel, view of garage on an estate in Frederick, Md., where Mrs. Elinor (Peggy) Lee and Paul C. Duckett, were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in the back seat of a convertible. Bottom panel, AFRO artist, removes top of auto to illustrate position in which scantily clad bodies of the two lovers were found. It is estimated they had been dead nine hours.

Secret romance bared by deaths

Carbon monoxide kills civic leaders found in back of car

By SHIRLEY KYLE

FREDERICK, Md. — A clandestine romance, centering around a multi-millionaire's abandoned estate, was exposed when two lovers, both married, were found dead in the back seat of a convertible last week.

Residents of the closely-knit community of the lower southwest end of Frederick where the popular pair lived, were dumbfounded to learn that two of their civic leaders had been involved in a love affair for the past four years.

But the carefully kept secret came to light Friday when the partially nude bodies of Mrs. Elinore Lee, 28, Lincoln Apartments and Paul C. Duckett, 41, 44 S. Bentz St., a block away, were discovered.

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THE PAIR, found slumped in the back seat of the convertible which belonged to Mr. Duckett's wealthy employer, Joseph Himes, died of carbon monoxide poisoning. They had apparently been dead nine hours.

The car was parked in the well constructed gray garage on Mr. Himes's estate.

John E. Davis, caretaker since 1926, found the couple when he entered the garage to get shells to go rabbit hunting.

"I saw them in the back seat sitting side by side. All she had on was a pink bra and panties. He was wearing only socks and shoes," the caretaker said, adding that the rest of their clothing was on the front seat of the car.

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"PAUL WAS leaning against the back of the seat," he continued. "Mrs. Lee had slumped to her knees on the floor.

"I was shocked when I saw them there. I thought Paul had gone home to his family in Frederick," he said.

This was the first time he had seen the pair together. He said he did not know Mrs. Lee too well.

What startled the caretaker as he unlocked the garage door was the motor of the car which was still running.

"First I thought Paul had forgotten to turn the motor off and then I saw her blouse hanging out the front vent window which was slightly opened.

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"I COULD NOT understand what was going on until I saw them. "I called the police and then notified Mr. Himes who had gone to New York."

He said that all of the other windows in the car, including those of the garage were closed tight.

Mr. Davis concluded that most of the carbon monoxide gas had seeped through an opening between the convertible top and the back window.

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STATE POLICE told the AFRO on Thursday that the deaths were accidental, caused by carbon monoxide poisoning, and that no further investigation is planned.

They reported that there was evidence that the couple had

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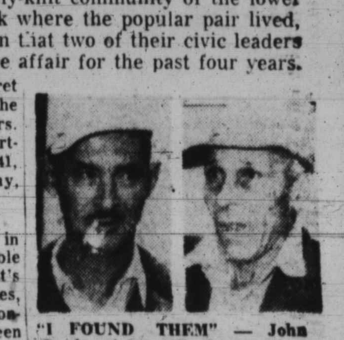

"I FOUND THEM" — John Davis, right, tells his son-in-law, Bertron Hill, how he found lovers' bodies in parked car locked in garage on Frederick, Md. estate where he is caretaker.

408 entered in Baby Contest

Judges now busy screening entries

The burning of the midnight oil is more than a figure of speech to the four judges who are now devoting full time to screening all entries in the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN - Carnation Milk First Annual Hometown "Healthy Baby Contest."

A total of 408 entries were received by midnight, November 17, when the official deadline for the close of this contest was reached.

Dr. George P. Brown, prominent local pediatrician and a member of the panel of judges, says, "Everyone loves a baby and there have been so many cute baby pictures entered in this contest that selecting a winner is a momumental task."

Healthy appearance, sunny disposition, and cute personality

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RAILROADS

ICC recommends end of jim crow in South; new order hits Atlantic Coast and Seaboard colored waiting rooms must go on 17 lines

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Interstate Commerce Commission was advised Tuesday to order 12 railroads linking the South with the rest of the nation to end racial segregation of interstate passengers.

Howard Hosmer, an examiner for the commission, in a proposed report, recommended that the commission find that the practices of the 12 railroads in assigning or directing colored interstate passengers to coaches or portions of coaches set aside for their exclusive use, and in maintaining waiting rooms in their stations for the exclusive use of such passengers, subject colored passengers to "unreasonable disadvantage" in violation of the Interstate Commerce Act.

If the commission approves the propose report, a cease-and-desist order will be issued to the railroads involved, whose transportation systems run from New York to Florida, from Illinois to Louisiana and from Georgia to California.

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THE COMPLAINT attacking the practices of the railroads was filed by the NAACP and 17 individuals, one of whom is white.

The defendant railroads are the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, Louisville

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Daughter posts $5,000 bond to handle estate of slain schoolteacher

Miss Bettye P. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Mildred G. Nicholson, who was slain at her home, 1912 Ruxton Ave. on Nov. 7 has been named executor of the estate of her mother.

Miss Harris, a child of a first marriage of Mrs. Nicholson, also listed the present husband, Charles B. Nicholson, as a survivor. Mr. Nicholson is now in the Army, according to papers filed by the daughter.

While Miss Harris posted bond of $5,000 to administer the estate, no estimate was given of its value. It is believed Mrs. Nicholson owned several pieces of property.

Husband once Red, wife loses her job

WASHINGTON

Should a wife be held responsible for the repudiated ideologies of her husband?

That appears to be the chief issue in the security proceedings against Mrs. Carol Williston, wife of Dr. Thomas A. Williston, a physician.

Mrs. Williston, the director of the medical social service at Freedmen's Hospital, was suspended from her job on Sept. 13. Notice of her suspension and the charges upon which it was based was given her by Nelson A. Rockefeller, under secretary of the Department of Health, Edu-

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Seize youth in big fire

Ex-Crownsville inmate charged

(See Earlier Stories, Photos inside on Page 9.)

A 19-year-old youth who was sent to Crownsville at 15 for setting fires, was charged Thursday night as the person who set the million-dollar lumber yard fire in South Baltimore.

The boy, Alexander Partlow, of the 1000 block Race St., was charged with arson and maliciously setting a fire in Southern Police Court following a hearing in which both police and members of the Fire Department Arson Squad testified.

Magistrate Simon Schonfield

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NILES SWORN IN

(See later story on Page 2.)

Judge Emory H. Niles was sworn in as chief judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore this morning (Friday) at formal proceedings in the main court room building of Superior Court.

'I'll stand by him,' says Mrs. Dorsey

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Millard A. Dorsey, whose husband was arrested Saturday for allegedly operating a whiskey still, told the AFRO on Tuesday night, "I will stand behind my husband."

Mr. Dorsey

Dorsey, who is free under $2,500 bond, has already tendered his resignation at the Bell Elementary School, where he was a teacher. He had been in the District public school system for five years.

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IN A COLD, drizzling rain outside their home at 729 Fifth St., SE, Mrs. Dorsey told a reporter:

"I will stand behind him, although it is a heartbreaking thing."

The slender matron declined to answer further questions stating that she had been so-advised by her husband's attorney.

"I know I can say nothing to incriminate him," she said, "because I know nothing about the incident. But I have been advised to refer all reporters to our attorney."

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DRESSED IN a white blouse and dark skirt, Mrs. Dorsey had stood silhouetted against the window in the living room, peering into the rain before she answered

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Use me as an example, says Dorsey

By AL SWEENEY

It's very tough to write about a person whom you have known after he has gotten into trouble.

That was the problem facing me Sunday when I tried to handle the story of Millard A. Dorsey, a fellow whom I had known for several years.

When I tried to interview him Sunday, it seemed that, unlike a good newspaperman, my emotions got mixed up with my job.

"Look fellow," Dorsey said, realizing my plight, "you've got a job to do.

"I don't deserve any sympathy, I was wrong," he continued.

"If you want to do me a favor, use my story as an object lesson to others.

"It might sound corny—but it's true that 'crime does not pay,'" was Dorsey's comment.

New Justice's granddad bitter foe of jim crow

Young Harlan can help make his 1896 segregation prophecy come true

NEW YORK — On the walls of a somber judicial chamber located high in the towering Federal court building in downtown New York hangs the picture of a stern - faced man who once said in Washington, D.C.:

"Our Constitution is color blind and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights all citizens are equal before the law. The humblest is the peer of the most powerful.

"The law regards man as man and takes no account of his surrounding, or of his color when his civil rights guaranteed by the supreme law of the land are involved."

The picture of the stern-faced man who made the above statement back in 1896 looks down from the wall on the broad shoulders of a 55-year old lawyer whose face bears a striking resemblance to the picture on the wall.

The resemblance is natural.

The picture on the wall is that of the grandfather of the man it looks down upon.

IN THE NEXT few days the 55-year-old lawyer, John M. Harlan 2nd, will carefully take down the picture of his stern-faced grandfather, John M. Harlan 1st, and carry it to Washington, D.C., where he will again carefully hang it on the wall of an office in the gleaming marble building of the United States Supreme Court.

When the picture is hung on the walls of the Supreme Court it will mark the fulfillment of one of the greatest legal prophecies in the annals of law, and bear testimony to the world of the long range vision of the stern-faced old man in the picture.

For it was the man in the picture, Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan 1st, who said back in 1896 that the "Federal Constitution must be "color blind" and that some day this nation would come to realize that this was the law of the land.

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THE FIRST Justice Harlan made his prediction on May 18, 1896, as he wrote his dissenting opinion in the case of Plessy vs. Ferguson.

In that case the Supreme Court held that a railroad could segregate colored passengers so long as it provided "separate but equal facilities" for them.

Justice Harlan stood alone against other members of the court, but he predicted that one day, the nation would see the error of its ways. Time marched on and the nation struggled on under the handicap and stigma of "separate but equal" which

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About John Marshall Harlan II

Born in Chicago in 1899, he was the pride of his grandfather, Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan I. He decided to follow law at the age of 11.

A graduate of Princeton he served as assistant U.S. attorney in New York until his appointment last month to the U. S. Court of Appeals.

Judge Francis Rivers praises him as a man who has the capacity to arrive at a "fair and just decision."

NICE INDUCTION NOV. 22

Deeley K. Nice will be sworn in as a member of the Supreme Bench on Monday noon November 22 in the Courthouse. He was appointed last week by Governor McKeldin.

Bathroom slaying recalls death of teacher in 1948

On October 8, 1948, a kindergarten teacher was slain under circumstances that bear a striking resemblance to those surrounding the death of Mrs. Mildred Grinage Nicholson on November 7, 1954.

The victim in the almost forgotten case was Mrs. Edith Browne Clarke, a teacher at the Henry Highland Garnet School No. 103, and her death was as startling and stunning as that of Mrs. Nicholson.

Like Mrs. Nicholson she had been married twice, she was a kindergarten teacher, she was a respected and admired figure in the community, and she was slain in her own home.

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THE PRINCIPALS in the case were Mrs. Clarke, who had been a teacher for 13 years, and Emmett Holt, 34, of the 1700 block N. Carey St., who had spent 34 months in the Army, most of them overseas in Africa and Sicily.

Holt, a former postal work-

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SELASSIE'S SON

The public relations office at Johns Hopkins Hospital reported on Thursday that it had no record of the admittance of Emperor Haile Selassie's son, contrary to an item published this week by a New York columnist.

Bad news, Santa: employees' Yule savings funds stolen

Looking forward to receiving their Christmas savings fund money this week employees of a local soft drink company got the heartbreaking news that the money had been stolen.

The admitted thief, according to company officials, is an office bookkeeper who also has been embezzling money from the company. The total funds displaced over a period of time is about $4,000.

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HOWEVER, instead of having the bookkeeper jailed, the company has decided to retain him and allow him to make restitution out of his salary, thus assuring the employees of getting some of their money back.

This arrangement, according

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