Prince Hall Masons meet here in August

The 109th annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.A. and A.M. will meet in Baltimore Aug. 19 - 23.

Dr. Willard Allen, Grand Master, will preside. He is president of the Southern Life Insurance Company and a Morgan State College trustee.

The communication will open Aug. 19 with a Memorial Service at Douglas Memorial Community Church. The Rev. Marion Bascom will deliver the main address.

On the evening of Monday, Aug. 11, the public will be invited to a reception at Masonic Temple, 1431 McCulloh St.

DR. CARL MURPHY, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and a representative of Gov. McKeldin will give welcome addresses.

Isaiah Smith, past senior Grand Warden of the state Grand Lodge, will respond to the greetings.

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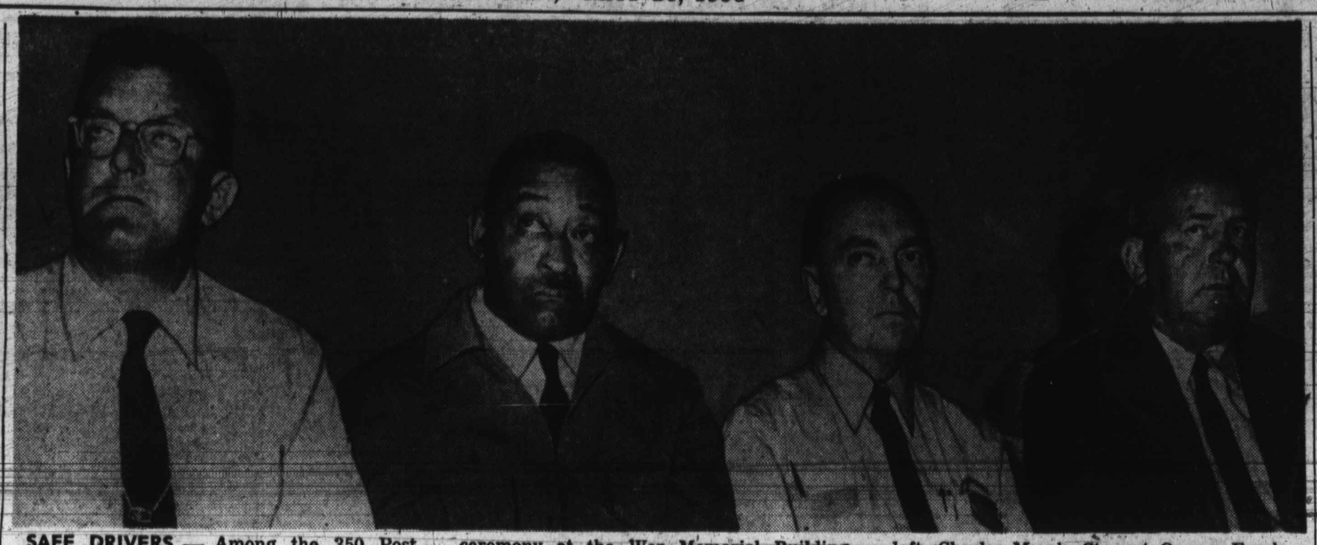
DR. ALLEN will deliver the Grand Master's Address Monday morning preceding business and report sessions. Although registration is incomplete, over 300 delegates are expected to attend.

Among visitors present will be John G. Lewis, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana.



SAFE DRIVERS — Among the 350 Post Office department employees presented Safe Driving Awards, Thursday night, in a ceremony at the War Memorial Building were these four men. They are, from the left, Charles Masek, Stewart Owens, Frank Trompeter and Ira F. Chester.

Policemen here can be shorter

New policemen can be ¾ inches shorter, Police Commissioner Hepbron said.

The new height at which police recruits will be accepted in the Baltimore force will be 5 feet 7¼ inches to 6 feet 4 inches.

Fewer policemen will be excluded also for poor eyesight provided that, in the case of good men, glasses can correct the sight to a 20 - 20 vision.

Furthermore, the men must have adequate vision without glasses as determined by police physicians to meet the requirements. If a person cannot see without glasses, he should be rejected, Thomas Miller, personnel director of the Police Department, said.

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THERT ARE fewer than 100 vacancies now in the police department and to bring the department up to strength, training is being expedited.

In the present class, there are 128 men and six women.

Turner's Armory is now being used, so that there are two classes going at the same time.

The commissioner is being urged to increase the size of his force. He said, recently, that there is no need to ask for new men until he has recruited up to strength.

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DEATHS, resignations and additional allotments have been the cause of the vacancies in the department, Mr. Miller said.

He pointed out that Commissioner Hepbron inherited a backlog of vacancies from the late Commissioner Beverly Ober who hired only 200 men a year. The department was supposed to increase by this number, but the former police head did not compensate for those who vacated the department, he pointed out.

According to Mr. Miller, all of the vacancies will be cleared up by the end of this year. Commissioner Hepbron is expected to hire at least 300 new policemen during 1956.

Commissioner Hepbron said that it is important to have additional policemen in certain areas.

Triplets' family still needs help

"My church gave us two large cribs and a small one but we still need food, clothing and money," said Mrs. Saul Johnson, 113 N. Monroe St.

Mrs. Johnson is the mother of Maxine, Clementine and Darline, triplets born at Johns Hopkins Hospital in April.

Maxine, the smallest, is still in the "premies" ward at the hospital—the others are at home. Maxine weighed four pounds and 14 ounces Monday — her mother expects the hospital to release her Sunday.

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MRS. JOHNSON said that she is a member of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, the Rev. C. I. church learned of her problem, Whitfield, pastor. When the church learned of her problem, she said, they alone came forward to give her aid.

The Johnsons have three other daughters: Bettie, 13; Carrie, 12, and Sheila, 11 months.

350 postal drivers get safety awards

"It is the nation's highest award for safe driving."

M. R. Clarke, director of the Washington post office region, made this statement to relatives and friends of 350 Baltimore postal employees before passing out Safe Driver Awards to the postal drivers in a ceremony at the War Memorial building Tuesday night.

Postmaster Neal A. Sibley said the honorees have compiled a record of 2500 years of safe driving, covering 25 million miles, without an accident.

"Tonight we are honoring a group of postal drivers who have demonstrated they have the skill, ability and knowhow to safely operate postal vehicles," Mr. Clarke said. "More that 25,000 postal drivers throughout the nation have earned these awards."

Referring to the national safe driving campaign, Mr. Clarke told the audience, "If we can reduce traffic accidents one day of the year we can do it every day by making every day safe driving day."

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AFTER COMMENDING the men receiving the awards, Henry A. Barnes, director of traffic, called on them to feel free to offer suggestions to his office concerning the city's acute traffic problem.

"Three years ago I could tell you just about everywhere an accident would occur," Mr. Barnes said. "Today I can't do that."

Postmaster Sibley said two of the honored drivers, Stewart E. Owens and Bartow A. Morman, have driven approximately 1,500,000 accident free miles over a period of 37 years or more.

As a special tribute to the outstanding record of Mr. Owens and Mr. Morman, Postmaster Sibley stationed them on each end of the massive stage in the War Memorial building as the other honorees marched up to receive their awards.

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THE DRIVERS, a large percentage of them colored, received lapel pins and wallet cards as an indication of appreciation from the Post Office department.

In commenting on the record of the 350 drivers, Postmaster Sibley said he thought it was very remarkable considering the fact that more than one half of the total 582 employees who drive 375 vehicles daily operate around the clock.

'I was victim of profanity by a traffic police officer'

"Had I broken any laws, the officer was supposed to give me a summons and not curse at me as he did. I was the victim of unnecessary profanity by one of the traffic policemen for no reason at all . . ."

This is the complaint Robert Bailey, 500 block N. Arlington Ave., has filed with Commissioner James M. Hepbron against a traffic police officer.

The commissioners told the AFRO this week, that he is investigating the situation and is awaiting a report from Inspector Bernard Schmidt of the Traffic Division.

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IN HIS letter to the commissioner, Mr. Bailey said that on May 15 he had stopped his car at the corner of Calvert and Saratoga St. when the officer approached him and asked:

"What the h— is the matter. Are you in a hurry or something?"

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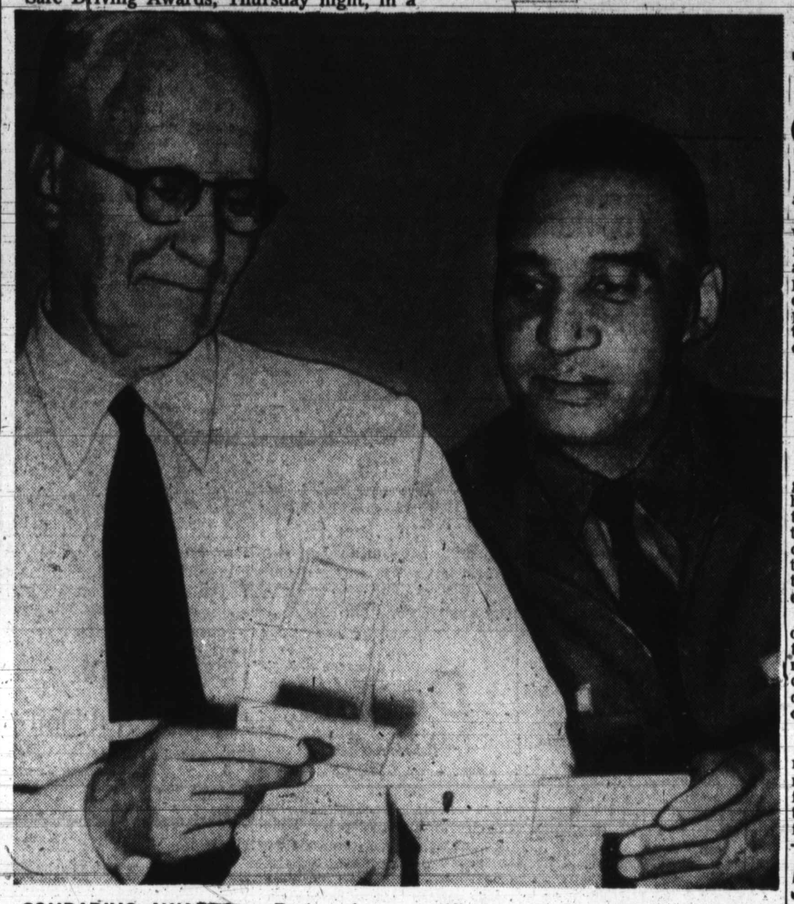
When Mr. Bailey asked what he had done wrong, he said the officer "began to curse me out. One of the things he said to me was 'You are a d— liar. I am not blind.' "

The driver accused the officer of acting "like a mad man." In his communication, Mr. Bailey surmised, "I thought the day of Hitler was behind us but apparently not."



COMPARING AWARDS — Bartow A. Morman, right, who has a record 36 years of accident-free driving as a postal employer, compares Safe Driving certificates with Conrad Hamp, himself a veteran of 31 years driving without a major mishap.

Herbert Frisby speaker at Kane school

Herbert M. Frisby, head of the science department of Douglass High School, and Arctic correspondent for AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, was among the guest speakers at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Elisha Kent Kane Public School, Philadelphia, last week.

This school was named in ho of Elisha K. Kane, a prominent Philadelphian and Arctic explorer. Kane distinguished himself in two attempts to rescue the Franklin Arctic Expedition in 1850, which was lost in attempts negotiate a Northwest Passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean through the Arctic ice.

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THE CELEBRATION included two meetings. The first one was a luncheon meeting, attended by school officials including school board members, superintendents; directors, supervisors and principals. The public was invited to the sconed meeting.

Other speakers were Dr. Allen Wetter, superintendent of Public Schools, of Philadelphia; Miss Gertrude Golden, member of School Board; Dr. Tanner Duckery, superintendent District No. 2; Mrs. Verona E. Beckett, principal of Kane School and Mrs. Elizabeth T. McCabe, teacher of social studies, the same school.

Musical numbers were rendered by the school's Glee Club.

Burns fatal to father of five

Critically burned in an explosion last Tuesday while working for a roofing concern on Hilton Ave., a 37-year-old father of five children died without regaining consciousness Thursday at Lutheran Hospital.

John Alfred Makel of 1007 Sarah Ann St., received third degree burns over his entire body when a spray gun he had cleaned with gasoline exploed.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Makel had not been completed at press time.

MR. MAKEL is surved by his wife, Mrs. Estella Makel; four daughters, Delores, 13, Sandra, 12, Barbara, 10, and Joyce Makel 8, and a son, John Jr., 4 months.

Also five sisters, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Beatrice Williams, Miss Ann Makel, Mrs. Marie Turcker, and Mrs. Fannie Smallwood all of Baltimore.

'Don't involve Gladys' plea wins divorce for teacher

"Don't involve Gladys. Keep her out of this!"

Thus quoting her husband, Milton, Mrs. Byrdie Kellum, of 3219 Piedmont Ave., city school teacher, charged him with being more concerned about shielding his woman friend than with the fact that she had discovered his infidelity.

Mrs. Kellum was divorced from Mr. Kellum, Social Security worker, Monday, after she and a detective gave graphic descriptions of how they trailed him from his place of employment to a Pitcher St. address.

The divorce ended a marriage that lasted less than two months. The Kellums were married on Dec. 31, 1955, and separated on Feb. 20, 1956, according to her testimony.

The detective, Ralph Amrein, identified Mr. Kellum's com- Monroe St.

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"I HAD been suspecting my husband of misconduct and employed a detective to make an investigation," Mrs. Kellum said.

Twice, she said, she waited, with the detective, outside of the Paca-Pratt Building until Mr. Kellum came out from his midnight shift.

They followed him to a club at Mount and Mosher St., where he picked up his feminine companion, and took a taxi.

The first time, she said, they lost the couple in the traffic. But the second time they kept track of them to the Pitcher St. house.

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REPEATING how they picked the couple up, and how they watched the house, back and front, for a time after the couple went in and all the lights were out, Mr. Amrein said:

"It was 2 a.m. when I knocked on the door at 637 Pitcher St., which is occupied by a woman I know to be Gussie Cosby.

"She looked out from the second story window. I asked her to come to the door.

"Five minutes later she came to the door but wouldn't open it.

"I identified myself to her and she then opened the door. Mrs. Kellum and I entered.

"I showed Mrs. Cosby my credentials and asked her where the last people were who had come into the house.

"SHE CALLED upstairs 'Gladys.' Milton Kellum and the woman came down the steps from the second floor to the first floor.

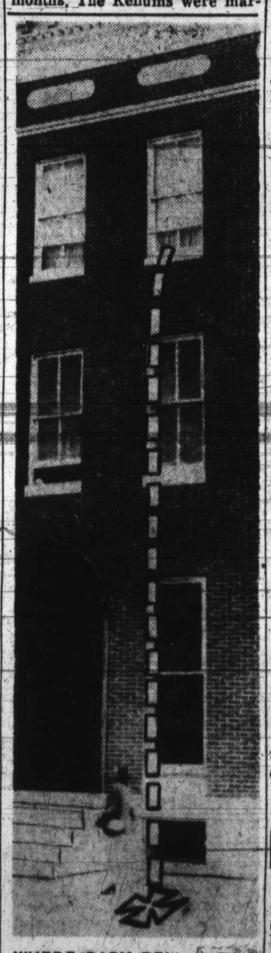
"I identified myself to Milton Kellum and told him my purpose for being there.

"I asked his female companion her name and she told me her name was Gladys Parker of 1637 Monroe St.

"In the presence of both Mr. and Mrs. Kellum and the other woman I asked Gussie Cosby if she ran a rooming house.

"She said 'My friends come here sometime.' I said 'Isn't this a bed house.' She said 'I wouldn't say that.'

"Mr. Kellum kept talking to his wife, asking her to leave cluded in his testimony.



WHERE BABY FELL — Dotted lines show where three-year-old Nathaniel Anderson toppled from third floor window at 1723 Madsion Ave., and escaped injury. "It's a miracle he wasn't killed," said his grandmother.

LEAVES COURT—Miss Beverly Burley, 3300 block Piedmont Ave., leaves Northwestern District Police Court after testifying in the case of a street fight, started after a man allegedly annoyed her. Five men who took part in the altercation were fined a total of $300.

5 men fined $300 after altercation

"We had stopped for the red light and 'Whitey' jumped out of his car and cut (Robert) Walls."

Miss Beverly Burley, 3300 block Piedmont Ave., testifying in Northwestern District Police Court Wednesday morning, was referring to incidents surrounding a street fight Tuesday night in which three men were cut after Mathan (Whitey) White, 38, 1000 block W. Fayette St., allegedly molested her in a cafe.

Miss Burley said she and Mrs. Robert Walls were leaving a North Ave. cafe when Mr. White, a former friend, asked her where she was going. When she attempted to leave the place, Miss Burley said, Mr. White pushed here against a partition.

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"MRS. WALLS, my brother's wife, came out and said someone was molesting Miss Burley and we went inside," said Arthur Walls, 34, 1600 block Bruce St., who was cut on the head, face and hand during the melee.

Mr. White, also cut on the face, head and hand, denied being the aggressor in the fight and said, "He (Arthur) hit me right side the head and that's when the fight started."

Robert Walls, 30-year-old sailor, 1900 block W. Mosher St., said Mr. White and a companion, Jasper McNeil, 27, 900 block N. Wolfe St., trailed them to Presbury and Bloomingdale Sts. after they left the scene of the first encounter.

Magistrate Linwood Koger found all the men guilty and handed them the following fines: Arthur Walls, $50 and costs; Robert Walls, $50 and costs; Mr. White, $100 and costs; Henry Jackson, 27, 3300 block Elgin Ave., $50 and costs, and Mr. McNeil, $50 and costs.

Grand jury presents 3 in 'phony lineup' case

Presentments against three park police officers, including the captain, were made by the grand jury Thursday in connection with the "phony line-up" case.

The presentments grew out of the complaint of Mrs. Anna M. Nichols, 2001 Pulaski St., who charged that a park policeman abducted her and made indecent proposals to her last August.

Patrolman George A. Savard was accused of assault in the presentments and Capt. G. Gordon Gaeng and Sgt. Kenneth V. O'Connor were charged with malfeasance, criminal conspiracy and obstructing justice.

The presentments will be heard by the grand jury, possibly this week or next, and indictments agains the men will possibly be forthcoming.

If indicted, the men will face arraignment and then Criminal Court trial.

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THE CAST started last August 28 when Mrs. Nichols and a family friend drove through Gwyns Falls Park. Mrs. Nichols said that a park policeman took her from the ear and drove her in the squad car to a remote area of the park where he made an indecent proposal to her.

When she complained to the park police headquarters, she said, it was seven weeks before action was taken.

Then she was summoned to view a lineup of officers, but the number one suspect was left out. Capt. Gaeng allegedly admitted that he left the man out purposely.

This led to the "phoney line-up" tag that the case has been identified by ever since. The matter came to light when two park patrolmen revealed the omission from the lineup.

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STATE'S ATTORNEY Anselm Sodaro took over the investigation of the matter last Monday and the presentments were made less than two weeks afterward.

Eighteen witnesses, including Mrs. Nichols, testified before the grand jury.

Mrs. Nichols also filed charges against Patrolman Savard in Northwestern Police Station after recognizing him in a lineup staged by the state's attorney's office when it took over the case.

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Drive-in drops mixing after less than six months

"We went to the Edmondson Drive-In theater Wednesday night and the little fellow on duty said the manager told him not to let any colored people in.

"We waited and saw two more cars with colored people in them denied admission.

Three AFRO readers told how the Baltimore Pike drive-in reversed its desegregation policy less than six months after adopting it.

A man who identified himself as George Brehm, the manager of the theater, confirmed that the theater was turning away colored patrons.

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"BECAUSE OF the problems that arose—you know we were the only integrated drive-in in West Baltimore—we decided to go back to the segregation policy until the problems are ironed out.

"We don't know when it will be—how soon we will know what we're going to do.

Asked if there had been any incidents or friction, he replied:

"THERE HAVE been a few incidents . . . one lady, made a scene at the box office.

"You see, we didn't tell anybody where to park to see the movie but she said somebody had told her to go to the back and she made a scene.

"We got a terrific amount of calls from white people. They said that thre were too many colored people coming who were acting overly aggressive.

"No—we never have had anybody complaining to us about the way white people act," he said.

Mr. Brehm said that the theater was formerly for white only but that in January of this year, the restrictions were lifted and colored people were admitted because "we are right in the middle of a colored neighborhood and then when Timonium decided to integrate we thought we'd try it too."

It's no military secret where policewomen carry their guns

Policewomen are carrying guns (on dangerous assignments) these days and where they're carrying them is no military secret.

After all, designers didn't come up with the pocket book, and the dress and coat pockets for their health!

According to Capt. William Hartung, of Pine St. Police Station, the .32 revolvers were furnished to the women six weeks ago.

Up to now, the artillery has been used in only one detail in the Northeast District he added.

Testimonial for Procope Sunday

The testimonial dinner honoring John Procope, former Provident Hospital administrator, will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. at Carver High School, Bentalou and Presstman Sts.

Mr. Procope resigned in March to become superintendent of Mercy-Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia. Sunday's testimonial is being sponsored by the Provident staff.

6 months, $35 fines given in Calhoun St. accident

"What had you been drinking?"

"What had you been drinking?"

"I had a miniature and a bottle of beer at my brother's house."

Magistrate Harry Silbert, presiding in Traffic Court Thursday morning, received this answer to his question from a 35-year-old man found guilty of four traffic violations.

The defendant, Elwillie Dunn, 1100 block W. Saratoga St., was handed the following penalties:

Three months in jail for drunken driving; three months for operating a vehicle under a suspended license; a fine of $25 and costs for reckless driving, and $10 and costs for going through a stop sign.

Magistrate Silbert ordered the sentences to run consecutively.

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