SIT-IN CASES HERE MAY BE DROPPED

All involve trespass in cafes

Criminal Court officials are working out plans to drop pending cases of trespassing charges against several student demontrators, the AFRO learned Thursday.

The demonstrators were arrested and indicted on trespass violations, growing out of restaurant segregation protests.

The cases were pending in Criminal Court awaiting a Supreme Court rule on test cases appealed there earlier.

However, since restaurant segregation was outlawed by passage and signing of the equal public accommodations law, the court officials were asked to drop all pending city cases.

The state could dismiss the cases, but owners who lodged the complaint would be open false arrest court suits.

It is believed that attorneys for defendants involved will be asked to sign releases, freeing owners from the prospect of court action before the cases are dismissed.

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

A prolonged, king-sized headache is about to develop for more than 3,200 families in the Northwest Baltimore area.

These affected citizens are the residents and property owners in Project One, of the Mount Royal-Fremont Urban Renewal Area.

This is the sector bounded by these streets:

Laurens on the north; Bolton and Park Ave. on the east; Dolphin and a small portion of Lanvale on the south, and McCulloh on the west.

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THE BALTIMORE Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has some elaborate plans for this area — and it is getting under way with them right now.

It is going to tear down more than half of the existing dwelling units and structures here:

To do this—it will be necessary to move more than half of the families out of the area.

So—Headache No. 1 for those people who must be relocated.

Of course, the BURHA folks have a nice looking brochure on this matter, which explains that some families will be placed in public housing, if eligible—and others in community areas where their incomes permit.

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BUT — WHERE they are going to put over 1,600 displaced families can pose a serious problem for citizens who live in some other areas.

Many of these families are in the low income bracket. Some exist on small pensions. Others are public welfare cases.

There are few places left in the city where they can afford to go — that are not already bursting at the seams with people.

There are few of these areas left — because the BURHA folks have torn them down.

They have been tearing down housing — faster than they have been building.

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SO — SOMEBODY is going to have to be awfully careful not to create another undesirable area some place else by crowding in these displaced families.

And this relocation is not just a temporary thing for these families.

BURHA plans for this area call for the construction of about 1,000 new dwelling units — but for families in the upper middle income bracket.

This means these displaced families can't come back.

Another whopper of a headache is shaping for those property owners in this urban renewal area whose properties will remain intact—but must be rehabilitated.

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BURHA FOLKS have a way of ordering people in their renewal areas to go to great expense to rehabilitate their properties—in accordance with rigid BURHA standards.

But — they have been slow in devising a workable plan to aid such people in obtaining financial help that does not, in too many cases, provoke hardships.

The Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area is an excellent example of this.

There was a lot of talk some months ago about FHA long-term financing being made available to rehabilitate properties in this area — but only three such mortgages have been placed there to date.

Property owners have just had to borrow money the best way they could to comply with BURHA's rehabilitation orders—or else face having their properties taken from them.

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BURHA'S LACK of a financial aid program has been soundly criticized before.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney and chairman of the NAACP's legal redress committee, argued this when they were setting up the Harlem Park project.

I raise it here again because it seems to me only to be in the orderly process of things—that BURHA would institute such a financial aid program before going ahead with more renewal areas.

It's amazing that more city councilmen have not insisted on this.

So—the Project One in the Mount Royal-Fremont Urban Renewal is something to bear watching.

Citizens should take an interest in BURHA's activities there—even though they may not live in this area.

BURHA has renewal areas designated throughout the city.

Sooner or later at the too fast pace in which they are moving—they are going to get to your area.

Rites Saturday for Mrs. Vera M. Cupee

Funeral services will be be held at 12 noon tomorrow Saturday at St. James Episcopal Church for Mrs. Vera Maud Matthews Cupee, 66, 1113 Edmondson Ave., who died at her home Wednesday after an extended illness and blindness.

She joined St. James when she came to this country from Kingston, Jamaica, 40 years ago.

Her husband, is Wilfred Joseph Cupee, for 38 years a tenor on the St. James choir.

The family will receive friends tonight (Friday) at the Sullivan Funeral Home, 1011 N. Arlington Ave., from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m..

Burial will be in the Carver Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Cupee is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gloria Winifred Ifill, Brooklyn, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. Sarah M. Jackson, Kingston; a niece, Mrs. Lilda M. Dorsey, Baltimore, also a nephew, Howard S. Dorsey, Baltimore; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Nicholas, Boston; two grandchildren, grandnieces and nephews.

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13-year-old still in coma after 5 days

Thirteen - year - old Gregory Golden, who was critically injured Sunday in a fall while hunting wild pigeons still lies unconscious in Lutheran Hospital.

Hospital sources reported at AFRO presstime that the youngster's condition has been the same since he was taken to the hospital Sunday morning. It is still listed as critical.

The boy fell from the top of a 20-foot ladder when he and two companions attempted to raid a wild pigeon roost under the Western Maryland Railroad bridge on Poplar Grove St.

Hospital authorities reported that the youth suffered brain damages.

He is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Golden, 2700 block Ellicott Dr.

Dad's Day Isn't Like Mother's At All

Poor father.

All year long he works hard as the chief breadwinner, pays the bills, and does the heavy work around the house.

But when the songwriters and poets take pen in hand—whom do they honor?

Mother, not dad.

Poor dad...most of the time he's the original forgotten man...One playwrite is currently represented on Broadway with a play entitled:

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In The Closet And I'm Feeling So Sad."

Now let's face it they would never do that to mother.

All these facts form a prelude to announcing that on Sunday, Dad will be king (temporarily) for Sunday is Father's Day.

To find out how father rates, we visited several local card shops this week and learned some rather disturbing facts.

Mother's Day cards outsell Father's Day cards at least two to one.

To rub salt into the wound, more money is spent for the average Mother's Day card than for one to honor the man of the house.

One card shop manager said that many Mother's Day cards are sold in the $2 to $2.50 range. But for Dad, the top is $1.

Another card shop owner said the average price paid for dad's card is 15 cents.

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AFTER THESE shaking revalations, we decided to talk to some fathers to see what they think about Father's Day.

"Fathers are due their day, regardless," said McKinley Parham, 544 E. 22nd St.

"After all," says Melvin Spence, 42, 2014 W. Lexington St., who favors the day "he is the main support of the family, although these days mother works, too."

However, some fathers are not too happy with their day.

"Enough people do not realize what Father's Day mean," says Sammy Scharfer, 2602 Garrison Blvd.

"It means the same as Mother's Day, but nobody wants to give father anything."

A brief glance into the background of Father's Day seems to give some body to Mr. Scharfer's observations.

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MRS. JOHN Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., is given credit for establishing Father's Day.

It occurred to her that a tribute should be given to her own father who raised his children after his wife's death.

Mrs. Dodd wrote to the Rev. Conrad Blum, president of the Spokane Ministerial Association, and proposed that the third Sunday in June be celebrated as Father's Day.

Approved, Father's Day was first celebrated in Spokane in June, 1910.

But it was not until June 16, 1946, that Father's Day was observed nationally.

By contrast, Mother's Day was first proposed in 1907 and by 1911, every State and parts of Canada, Mexico, Latin America, China, and Japan observed it.

On May 9, 1914 Congress unanimously designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Poor pop. He is still waiting. His day has never been proclaimed with unanimous pronouncements and resolutions.

Even the flowers snub him.

Flowers initially suggested for Mother's Day were roses and lilies. But for pop, it was the dandelion.

The dandelion was wryly chosen because it is said, "the more it is trampled on, the faster it grows."

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IN THE course of our research work into why Father's Day is not as popular as Mother's Day, we talked to several ladies, and this is what they had to say.

MRS. AMELIA ROGERS, 732 Whitmore Ave.—"I think mother plays a bigger role in the children's life. Father doesn't have this close contact with a child.

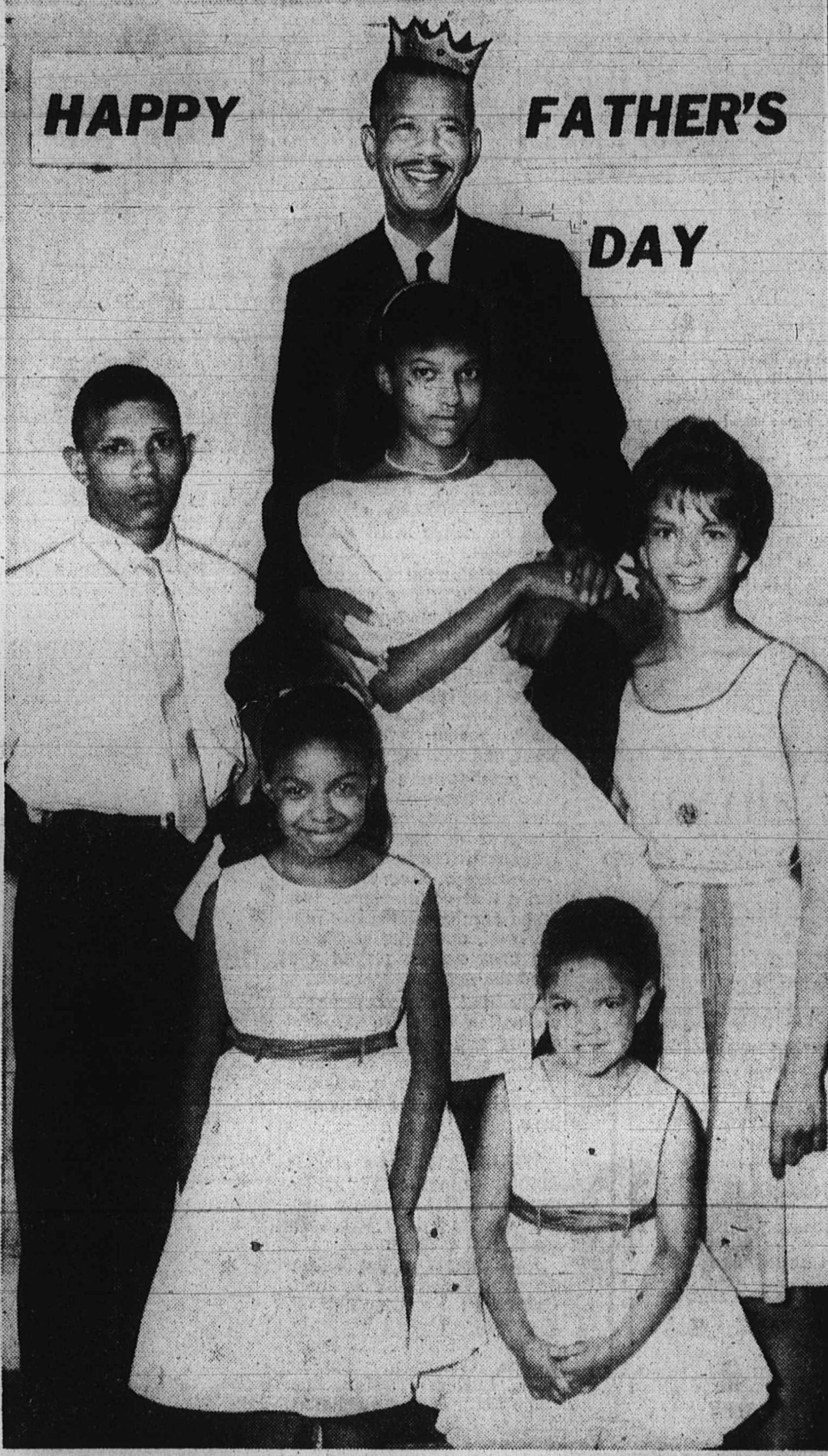
"He's something like the backdrop of a play — you know that he is there."

MRS. RUTH THOMAS, 2109 W. Saratoga St. — "He is not as important as mother. Mother carries more weight, Mother is more popular. The solution is to SAY that father is king."

So there you have the story of why Father's Day doesn't get the attention of Mother's Day.

You understand of course, that we agree Mother deserves all the attention she gets.

But poor dad—maybe we should give him TWO days a year.



THE MAN OF THE HOUSE — Sunday for Vernon C. Press (he's at the top) will be his special day, since Sunday is Father's Day. He's our selection to represent the other dads who will be King for a Day. In front are daughters, Linda, 9, and Carrole, 3. On the second row are Michael. 18; Janice, 12, and Kathleen, 14. Not shown is daughter, Mrs. Patricia Preston, a school teacher. Michael graduated this year from Douglass Senior High and Kathleen from Lemmel Junior High. The family lives at 2403 Mosher St. Mother is Mrs. Dorothy Press.

Custodian dies in fall at school

A custodian, who lost his footing while changing light bulbs in the ceiling of the auditorium at the Samuel Gompers Junior High School, North Ave. and Broadway, fell to his death Thursday morning.

The dead man is Pheodious Clark, 49, of 729 E. 22nd St.

Bernard J. Stinnitt, the school principal, told Sgt. Carl Camerelli, Eastern District policeman, the mishap occurred at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Stinnitt said Mr. Clark was moving at the time in a crawl space between the glass ceiling and the roof in the auditorium, changing light bulbs.

The custodian fell through the glass ceiling 50 feet to the auditorium floor. He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Josephs Hospital.

Divorce Court

Charging that her husband, James L. Harris was "very abusive," Mrs. Mary L. Harris of 2704 Baker St., divorced him, recently.

The couple are parents of daughter, 3, and a son, 2. The daughter is to live with the mother and the son with the father.

Mrs. Harris told the court that at the time she left her husband she was in fear for her personal safety. She had her maiden name, Mary L. Howell, restored.

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MRS. AUDREY FRANKLIN, 1834 Westwood Ave., who divorced Eustice Franklin, said that Mr. Franklin refused to work, and that she was not living in the manner to which she was accustomed. So, said the wife, she went home to her mother, which was all right with him.

The decree was granted on ground of voluntary separation.

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MRS. DELORES BENNET of 2711 Winchester St., testified that her husband, Nathaniel Bennett deserted her 13 months after their marriage on August 23, 1952.

Mr. Bennett, she said left while she was away from home. She said that he left $10, but took the television set and his clothes.

Mrs. Anita May Watson of 611 Ashburton St. divorced Alex Watson on grounds of voluntary separation. She is to have custody of their son, Rodney, and he is to pay $12 per week for the child's support.

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WILLIAM WATTS of 17 E. Saratoga St. divorced Mrs. Lucy Watts of Tampa, Fla., also on grounds of voluntary separation.

A divorce went to Edward Jackson of 513 McMechen St. from Mrs. Thelma Jackson. This decree was also granted on grounds of voluntary separation.

JUNE 17

Annual Benefit Musical Tea sponsored by the Annie Anderson Association for the Aged and Handicapped at 1219 Druid Hill Ave., 1-7 p.m.

Youth, 14, charged with man's death

"Can I stay home with my mother and father? I'm not going anywhere."

A 14 - year - old youth made this request of Judge Robert Hammerman in Central Municipal Court Tuesday afternoon, as he was arraigned on a charge of striking a man with a bottle and causing his death.

Judge Hammerman denied the youth's request, and ordered him held without bail, pending an unscheduled Homicide Court hearing.

The youth is accused in the death of David Carter, 42, 1600 block Brunt St., who was found bleeding from a neck wound in the second floor of his home Monday night and was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

Police report Mr. Carter, sitting on the steps of his home earlier in the evening, had approached two youths when he was struck by a stone thrown by one of them.

As he left them to go into his home, according to police, he was struck on the neck by a broken wine bottle thrown by one of the youths.

Vagrants may get break if jail experiment works

Persons arrested on vagrancy charges may find recourses other than jail, if an experiment of the Baltimore Jail Board proves successful.

In conjunction with the Welfare Department, the Board is conducting a pilot project through which indigent persons who are not alcoholics and have been arrested for vagrancy are referred to the welfare department for aid. The traditional procedure has involved a jail sentence.

"They need help and its inhuman to send them to jail," said Harry Kaufman, chairman of the Board at its meeting Wednesday.

"One judge told me that it hurts his conscience to have to send that kind of person to jail, but what else can he do?" Mr. Kaufman said.

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DAVID MASON, chairman of the project, reported that a 72-year-old man and a 17-year-old youth had been helped in the first 30 days of the experiment which concentrated on Central Police District.

The elderly man was sent to City Hospitals and the youth was given a sum of money.

The project has been extended another 30 days and will involve all seven police districts. Judges have been requested to contact a sociology student attached to the Welfare Department, he reported.

"It is hoped that we can establish something on a permanent basis along these lines," Mr. Kaufman said.

Warden Hiram Schoonfield reported that 25 vagrants were sent to Baltimore City Jail during the past month.

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A WARM DISCUSSION evolved around the necessity of additional guards for the jail.

The Board of Estimates recently turned down a request for 21 additional guards because of lack of funds. Chairman Kaufman had voted against the request.

Wednesday's discussion involved the inclusion of the request in the upcoming budget to be submitted to the City Council.

"I think he (the warden) should have all the guards he needs for the security and comfort of the prisoners. If something happens we will be responsible and possible liable to suit," one board member maintained.

Kaufman agreed that sufficient precautions should be taken but added that with the new annex to the jail he did not believe 21 additional guards were necessary.

He admitted that his negative vote had been based on the average number of prisoners last year. This year the average has increased by 200.

A Budget committee was appointed and instructed to submit a budget in time for the July 1 deadline.

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IN OTHER business the board approved a suggestion by Thomas P. McCarthy, master in chancery, that warrants in non - support cases will not be served prisoners doing time on other charges, until they are to be released.

Under the past policy, a prisoner served a warrant in a non-support case had to be taken off work details while he served his time on the charge on which he was jailed. This was because bench warrant cases are not supposed to be assigned work.

Morgan prof resigns from anti-bias unit

Dr. G. James Fleming, Morgan State College Political Science professor told the AFRO this week that he resigned from the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission in order to better budget his time.

The 58 - year - old professor had been a member of the nine - member board since it was established in 1956. In a letter to Mayor J. Harold Grady, he said that he felt now to be "an appropriate time" to tender his resignation since the anti-bias law has been passed and EEOC will probably "be reorganized."

"I have been thinking about it for some time. I felt it was better to do it now since the commission will probably be reorganized for its new role. A new man will be able to start on the ground floor," he told the AFRO.

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"THERE COMES a time when a person has to re-distribute and budget his time in terms of his family, a full-time job, and other obligations and demands," he said.

He said that he had accepted obligations in other phases of community work and added: "You can't keep adding unless you subtract."

The director of Morgan's Institute for Political Education, he was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees for Provident Hospital.

Dr. Fleming's resignation leaves only one colored person on the board — Judge Robert Watts. It is expected that the vacancy will be filled by a colored citizen.

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2 MASONIC GROUPS STUDY PLANS TO JOIN HANDS

Prince Hall, Hiram may merge

The groundwork has been laid for two of Maryland's strongest Masonic groups to merge, an event which officials of both fraternal bodies say they hope is in the immediate future.

The lodges are, the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and the Hiram Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland.

Both groups admit "we are in the talking stage" although no format for the blending of the lodges has been fashioned.

Spokesmen say effective welding of lodges could take months and might prove costly, involving property, re-elections, re-scheduling of subordinate lodges.

Extensive study of the problems coming from the merger could take more than a year.

However, many members feel the merging of the two groups, both of them progressive and highly respected in the community, "must come soon as a step toward the day when the entire Masonic lodge will become integrated."

They say further, "a seggregated organization in today's world of integrated churches, schools, college fraternities and nearly all facets of life is frowned upon."

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THE PRINCE Hall Masons' headquarters is the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place. Samuel T. Daniels is grand master.

The larger of the two lodges, the Prince Hall Masons has 3,500 members in 65 subordinate lodges throughout the state of Maryland and one lodge in Germany.

Founded 115 years ago, it grew out of the merger of two other grand lodges and took the name Prince Hall in 1946.

Clarence Wycoff is grand master of the Hiram Grand Lodge which has its temple headquarters at 1203 Eutaw place.

More than 1,500 members are enrolled in the 26 subordinate lodges throughout Maryland.

Founded in 1921, the lodge charter was issued from the Oriental Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

THE AFRO talked with both grand masters on Wednesday following an unprecedented step taken by both lodges on June 10.

At that time, the Hiram Grand Lodge broke with tradition to extend to the Prince Hall Masons an invitation to attend its Flag Day ceremonies.

The Prince Hall group ac-

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CHARLEY SIFFORD carded a 70 in the opening round of the Eastern Open Golf Tournament at Mt. Pleasant Thursday. The brilliant 34-36 put him in a tie for second, one stroke behind pace-setting Doug Ford, former Masters and PGA champion.

Rev. Martin Luther King
Speaks here on Sunday

Rev. King to speak here Sun.

Every seat in the new Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place, is expected to be occupied Sunday at 2:30 when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the nation's No. 1 freedom fighter, begins speaking.

The occasion is the annual observance of St. John's Day by the Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge of Maryland, Samuel T. Daniels, grand master.

An unusual large audience is anticipated because not only will Prince Hall Masons attend in fraternal dress, but members of Hiram Grand Lodge have been invited to attend.

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THE INVITATION to Hiram Grand Lodge was extended by Grand Master Daniels as a friendly overture both organizations are hoping may lead to a merger.

Dr. King, who during the Montgomery bus boycott proved himself to be the master of passive resistance, was born in Atlanta in the prodigy of a long line of ministers on both sides of his family.

When he was six years old, his father, the Rev. Michael Luther King, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, in a

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REGISTER NOW
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Eligible citizens, who have not yet registered as voters, may now do so and be able to vote in the Nov. 6 general election. Registration will continue through Sept. 24.

A good citizen is registered so he can vote. Who must register:

Any new resident who is 21 years or over, who has not registered.

Any such resident who will be 21 by Nov. 6, 1962.

Any registered voten who has had a change of address since the last election.

Where to register: Basement, People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Saturdays.

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Q — IF I have already registered, do I have to register again?

Ans.—No, not unless you have changed your address, and failed to notify the Supervisors of Elections. Then, you must fill out a change of address card.

Q—When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?

Ans.—Sept. 24, 1962.

Next election — General, Nov. 6, 1962.

'Eager Ernie' Still Eludes Police Net

"Poor Ernie is the victim of circumstances."

So said Mrs. Christine Stovall, 1322 N. Carey St., Wednesday, while commenting on Ernest Junior Ball, 27, target of a citywide manhunt since he sailed over the 35-foot wall at City Jail Sunday.

Mrs. Stovall, in whose custody "Eager Ernie" was paroled after serving five and one-half years of a 12-year House of Correction term, talked to a reporter, who was searching for his relatives.

Mrs. Stovall, who has made homes for several parolees, said she gave Ball more attention than any other ex-inmates taken into her home.

"He is a boy with problems," Mrs. Stovall recalled.

"I've heard him speak of a father and half brother, but they never visited him during the six months he stayed with me.

"Ernie was doing nicely until he lost his job, then he became afraid he was going back (to prison)."

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MRS. STOVALL disagreed with police, who charged Ball has committed a string of robberies, many of which he has admitted in statements to police.

"He didn't do all those things. He's just trying to be courageous and take the rap for them," she declared.

"Them," according to Mrs. Stovall, are two brothers of Ball's girlfriend, with whom he lived before becoming involved with the law.

"Ernie is shy, nervous and has a bad memory," she said, adding the native of Baltimore "blacks out" when he's drinking.

Because of this and the fact that he was a parolee, Ball was "used" by his companions, according to his benefactor.

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POINTING OUT that "Eager Ernie" was "easily influenced, big hearted and always did favors for others," Mrs. Stovall concluded:

"He is a victim of circumstances and I hope I can help him in some way."

"Eager Ernie," also dubbed the "Human Fly," by jail Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield, became the center of attraction Sunday when he bolted a lunchtime formation and sailed over the wall to freedom.

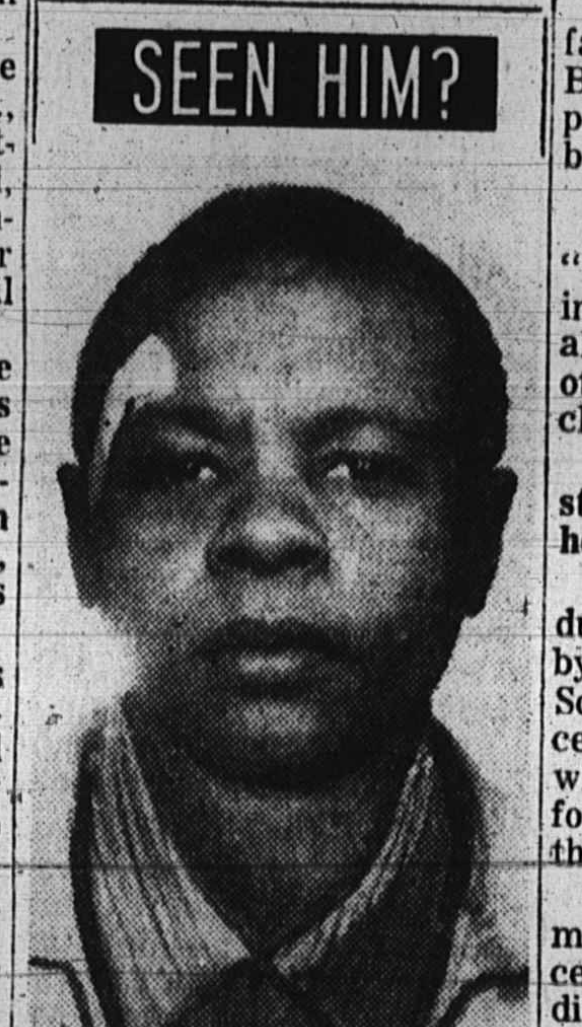
Capt. Wade Poole, commander of Western District, center of the search, said all districts have been alerted and the city's 3,000-plus police force is searching for the man who has jumped out of police custody on two other occasions.

When "Eager Ernie" fled in broad daylight Sunday right before "our eyes," Warden Schoonfield said, he was scheduled to stand trial in Criminal Court the following morning.

His court-appointed attorneys, Joseph Rosenthal and Norman Yankellow, said Thursday they have had no word of "Ernie's" whereabouts and the case is "postponed indefinitely."

The fleet-footed Ernie is still in hiding.

SEEN HIM?



ERNEST BALL JR. — Dubbed 'Eager Ernie,' after he successfully scaled a 35-foot wall to escape from City Jail on Sunday, suspect was still at large at AFRO presstime.

'EAGLE EYE' GIVES FALSE TIP—Page 14

What a difference a day can make...302 of them...

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

What a difference a day makes.

This feeling is not inspired by a song of that title, and in the interest of accuracy, it should read: "What a difference 302 days make."

And it should be said here and now that it makes a lot.

Tuesday, June 19, I had lunch at Miller Brothers Restaurant, 119 W. Fayette St.

I was not disguised.

I was not "read out."

And I was not arrested.

Instead, I was given prompt and courteous service and the meal was delicious.

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IT WAS exactly 302 days, almost to the hour since I had lunch at Miller's.

And there the comparison between the two visits ends.

Tuesday, my luncheon guest was George L. Jude, national advertising representative for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper chain.

The occasion was so normal and uneventful it could easily pass as just another day.

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ON AUGUST 22, 1961, I visited Miller's for lunch and it became the most publicized luncheon in the annals of journalism.

On that event - packed day, my partners were Rufus Wells and Herbert Mangrum, AFRO assistant managing editor and fellow reporter, respectively.

The sole factor, which made a world of difference in the two visits in the equal public accommodations ordinance, signed into law June 8.

Since restaurant segregation has been outlawed, I chose to dine at Miller's because it was the most publicized restaurant throughout the two - year duration of anti - segregation protests.

It was there, too, we pulled off equally publicized hoax while posing as African diplomats.

That was the only way we could get served. Miller's before passage of Ordinance 1509, did not serve persons of color.

But that has been changed as the account of this week's visit shows.

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TUESDAY, George and I were virtually unnoticed as we entered the East Dining Room and were seated among other downtown diners, predominantly businessmen.

We were barely seated when the pleasant waiter approached our table and passed out menus.

Following a casual glance at the tremendous bill of fare, George chose imperial crab and I took lobster a la newburg.

In no time at all the waiter brought our orders.

As we leisurely ate, making small talk in the process, a glance around the dining room revealed that other diners couldn't have cared less.

There was no staring, no

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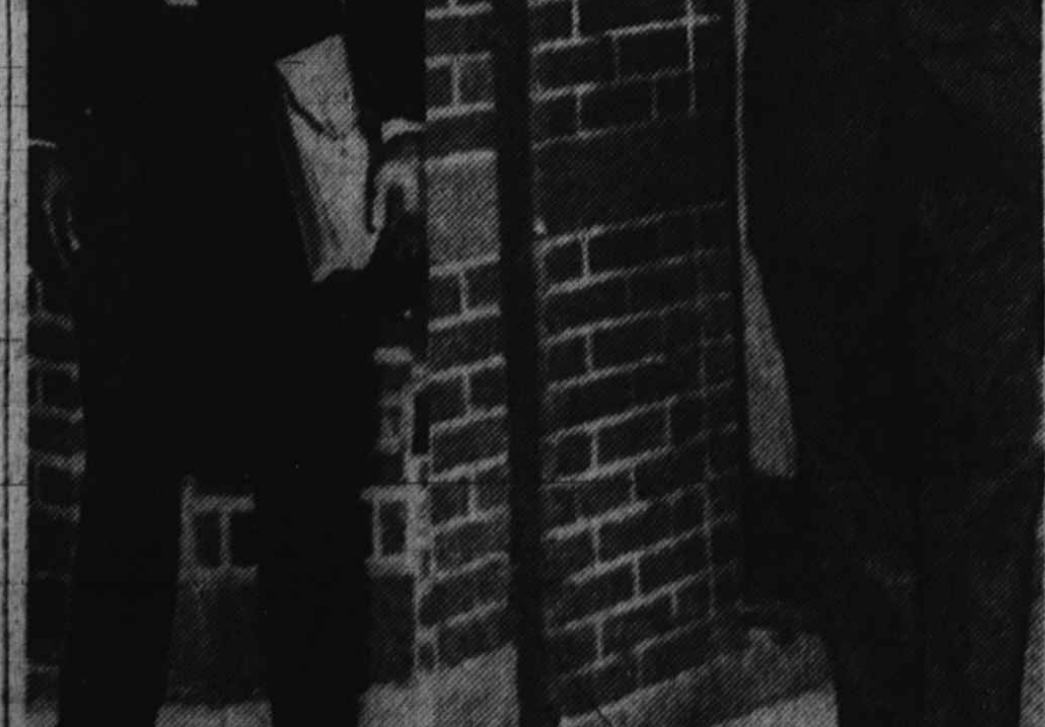
BROS
to Eat!
ETTE ST.

NO COSTUME NEEDED — In August 1961, AFRO Reporter George Collins donned diplomat's garb, left, in order to eat at a Fayette St. restaurant. This week, right, he needed no special dress. Baltimore's public restaurants are observing the recently enacted equal accommodations law.

HURAL THOMPSON
His election breaks a precedent

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HEADS STEELWORKERS

Thompson is a first at 'Point'

Hural Thompson, a 54-year-old former steelworker, made history this week.

On Monday, he was elected president of the United Steelworkers of America AFL-CIO Local No. 2610 which has more than 13,000 members of all races, employees of the Bethlehem Steel Co. Sparrows Point.

The organization has a contract with the firm to represent employees in all areas.

The new president who campaigned nine months, lives at 2727 Winchester St., in Baltimore, is the first of his race to run for the influential position, and first to hold the post.

He succeeds John Klausenberg, who has been president for 18 years.

Local 2610 is the second largest in the nation. First is the Gary, Ind. Union with more than 27,000 members. Third largest is Local 2609 on the Bethlehem Steel tin ishing side.

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THE ELECTION was held Monday in the union's new $800,000 air-conditioned headquarters at 540 Dundalk Ave.

Beginning at 6 a.m., it required 14 hours for the 4,600 members, who cast their ballots, to use the vote machines.

Mr. Thompson won with 1,686 votes, and was acclaimed by jubilant supporters as "the best man for the job." The former president polled 243 votes. The other defeated candidates, all white, were; Sherwood Ray-

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Reporter's indictment protested

BULLETIN

MIAMI — U.S. Judge David W. Dyer Thursday refused to grant William Worthy, AFRO foreign correspondent, a change of venue for his trial on charges of entering the United States without a passport. He offered no explanation for the denial.

NEW YORK —Four civil rights leaders Thursday called on Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy to halt the "unconstitutional prosecution" of AFRO Foreign correspondent William Worthy.

A. Philip Randolph, International president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and James Farmer, national director of CORE, signed a joint telegram to the U.S. Attorney General, registering their "vigorus protest" over the "official discrimination against Mr. Worthy."

Percy Sutton, president of the New York City Branch NAACP, and James Foreman, executive secretary of the Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee, Atlanta, Ga., also signed the protest statement.

The leaders declared "white citizens who have come home without passports have never been prosecuted."

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WORTHY WAS indicted on April 24 by a Federal grand jury for re - entering his native land "without bearing a valid passport." The newsman has been without a passport since his "unauthorized" trip to China for the AFRO, in defiance of the State Department Travel ban.

The telegram to the Presi-

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Advance assets pass million

Advance Savings and Loan Association showed assets of $1,005,507 as of June 19, according to President W. O. Bryson Jr.

Savings accounts now total $903,000.

The increase of $73,000 last month was the largest in the history of the association, which now has 2260 savings accounts.

ROBERT KENNEDY
U.S. Attorney-General speaks here tonight

Publishers in session at Morgan

Attorney General will give keynote address to gathering

U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy will be the principal speaker tonight (Friday) in the refectory of Morgan State College at the annual banquet of the National Newspapers Publishers Association.

Mr. Kennedy will speak on civil rights. The banquet is scheduled for 8 p.m.

The Attorney General will be accompanied to Baltimore by his press officer, Edwin Guthman.

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A GROUP CALLING itself the American Right To Travel Committee has indicated its intention of picketing Mr. Kennedy tonight.

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The purpose of such action, a spokesman of the group said, is to protest a federal indictment against Mr. Worthy, who is charged with entering this country through Cuba without a passport.

Mr. Worthy entered the United States last October and the indictment was handed down in April.

Mr. Worthy, an AFRO correspondent, will provide another highlight of the meeting when he delivers an address to the publishers on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Morgan's Holmes Hall.

He will be introduced by **the AFRO's editor - in - chief Cliff Mackay.**

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THE group's first meeting Holmes Hall at 9:30 a.m. Thursday saw present the association's two women publishers, Miss Lucille Bluford of the Kansas City, Mo. Call, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell Turner of the St. Louis Argus and the wife of the owner of of the Houston, Texas Informer chain, Mrs. Carter Wesley.

Also attending are 60 other publishers, representatives of their staffs and guests from 39 states.

NNPA president E. Washington Rhodes, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune, presided.

During the business meeting, reports of the group's officers and various committees were heard. Jack Greenberg, New York, chief legal counsel of the national NAACP, reviewed the progress of civil rights litigation and gave the present status of the legal defense fund.

The day's host, Dr. Carl

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Publishers Program

• TODAY

Friday, June 22nd — 9:30 A.M.—Holmes Hall — Room 100

THIRD SESSION — Thomas Young, Presiding

Emory Jackson, Alternate

CIRCULATION:

"How we doubled our Circulation in the past three years — Chris Perry, III — Philadelphia Tribune

"How will newly proposed postal rates affect you"

James H. Murphy — Afro-American

"Developing Home Circulation"

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• TOMORROW

Saturday, June 23rd — 9:30 A.M.

FIFTH SESSION — Frank Stanley Presiding, Charles Loeb, Alternate — Holmes Hall

EDITORIAL:

PROGRAM THEME: "INFLUENCE OF YOUR NEWSPAPER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Panel:

C. Sumner Stone — Washington Afro - American

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