GROAN, FOOTSTEPS LEAD TO VICTIM

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson, a regular member of the panel of the Maryland Press Conference TV program, will be seen this Sunday over WBAL-TV at 5 p.m. This week's guest is Congressman Daniel B. Brewster, Democratic nominee for U.S. Senator. Mr. Johnson's column appears in this space every Friday.

Comes time now for another examination of that close state senate race in the city's Fourth District.

The way things are shaping — this could be a tight one.

But, it shouldn't be — if voters would just rely on a common sense approach to this election.

If they would just stop and honestly consider who can best serve the interests of the Fourth District at this time — a Democrat or a Republican.

This should be considered one of the two main issues in this district's state senate race — for it really is.

This race should not be determined on the basis of the popularity of one senatorial candidate over the other.

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THE DISTRICT'S voters just can't afford to make such a foolish mistake.

This is one which must be decided on who can best serve the people — at this time.

That is, whether Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, Democrat — or Dr. John C. Woodland, Republican, should be elected Nov. 6.

Now — let's face this thing honestly and frankly.

Gov. Tawes and his Democratic administration are surely going to be elected in November.

Mrs. Welcome is very close to the Governor and his administration members — and has already demonstrated that she can get key favors from them.

Besides — she has a legislative program they have indicated they will support.

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NOW — LET'S look at the other side of this picture.

Dr. Woodland, if elected, would be a Republican senator facing a Democratic administration — and a Senate where almost all of the members are Democrats.

He would be one of about three Republicans — facing a vast majority of 26 Democratic senators.

It's a silly waste of time to believe any Republican senator can get anything worthwhile accomplished under this state of affairs.

And the nasty way the Tawes administration thinks about Republicans — it's just too ridiculous to even consider for a moment that they are going to do anything for one.

So — the whole thing boils down to this:

CAN THE Fourth District voters afford to send a Republican senator to the state legislature at this time — knowing beforehand he won't be able to do anything for the district?

Can they really afford to let this district lag behind in progress for the next four years?

Can they actually afford electing a Republican senator at this time — just because they like him?

The answers should be obvious.

I say again — this is not a popularity contest.

This is a serious election — and should be considered as such.

Fourth District voters should want to elect to the state Senate the candidate — who will be in the best possible position to get needed things done.

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UNDER ANY logical reasoning — at this time that person should be Mrs. Welcome.

But — there is still another side of this picture.

And it's a cloudy thing that appears to be alienating many, many district voters — who would otherwise be Mrs. Welcome's wholehearted supporters.

These people are talking about her association with the Fifth District's Kovens-Goodman faction — and she should clarify this at once.

Mrs. Welcome won a House of Delegates seat four years ago as an independent Democrat bucking the district's then powerful Pollack faction.

The citizens loved her for this courageous stand.

Now, these citizens want her to campaign again as an independent and be elected as such — free of outside political entanglement of this sort.

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COLORED VOTERS are in the majority in the Fourth District.

They need neither the Pollack faction nor the Kovens-Goodman combine — to run their district.

Pollack faction members are already at work trying to get the Republicans' Dr. Woodland elected senator.

This faction is supporting Dr. Woodland rather than Mrs. Welcome — because, among other things, she has campaigned all along on an anti-Pollack platform.

So — we have the Pollack forces backing the Woodland campaign.

Should he win — he would undeniably be committed to that faction.

CITIZENS NOW want to know — to what extent, if any, the Kovens-Goodman faction is backing the Welcome campaign.

They would consider it rather frustrating — if they were caught in the vise of these opposing political factions.

I say it's high time we started standing on our own feet politically — though it's sure to be a wobbly procedure at first.

It's the height of ridiculousness that in a district where there is almost a 12,000 majority of colored voters they are unable to handle their affairs.

Maybe Mrs. Welcome and Dr. Woodland should get together — and determine who will be better able to serve the best interests of the Fourth District at Annapolis.

Maybe there should be some sort of understanding — so that 12,000 majority vote won't be lost in a silly squabble.

I do know this.

This is not time to send a Republican senator to Annapolis.

FRIENDSHIP MEETING—A group of Westinghouse employees, who are also Lenny Moore fans, first, last and always, got together for this picture during the Colts' star's visit to the Westinghouse plant cafeteria at the company's Defense Center at Friendship Airport on Monday.

Unseen assailant flees death room

A moan, a loud thud and footsteps running down the stairs from a second floor apartment is all Western District Police have to work with in the mysterious stabbing of a Northwest man Monday evening.

The noises aroused tenants on the third floor of the apartment in the 400 block of Greene St. They entered the room to find Elmer W. Brooks, 45, lying on the floor.

Western District Police said when they arrived, Mr. Brooks was dead from a knife wound in the chest.

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"I KNEW there was something terrible happening when I heard that awful noise — it wasn't a scream — just a noise like a loud moan," Mrs. Annie Lampkin, 54, who rents the apartment on the third floor told the AFRO.

"By the time I could get the door opened somebody was running down the stairs. When I got to the landing, he was gone out the door. It was dark and I couldn't see a thing," she added.

Mrs. Lampkin said she and a guest, Garfield McNair, of the 200 block of Myrtle Ave., went down the stairs, peered into the opened door of the second floor apartment, and saw Brooks, whom they did not know, lying on the floor.

"We asked him what was the matter — we didn't see any blood — he tried to get up, and moaned again, then fell back down," Mrs. Lampkin stated.

Mrs. Lampkin said she ran to the first floor apartment and aroused Mrs. Vernell Hemingway, and the two called police from a nearby store.

The tenants knew Brooks only as a friend of the man who rents the 2nd floor apartment, Walter Gramanstein. The latter is in Mercy Hospital recuperating from a week-old operation.

Advisory unit named for schools

The School Board approved the 25-member Citizens' School Advisory Committee at its Thursday meeting. It will survey school needs and study educational opportunities and services the Board should plan to provide all children.

The board announced the committee chairman would be announced at a later date.

Committee members are: Herbert Armstrong, businessman; Very Rev. Vincent F. Beaty, president of Loyola College; J. Cookman Boyd Jr., attorney; Frederick Buck, real estate; Mrs. Vivian Cook, former school principal; John Donahue, insurance; Mrs. Maurice Freedlander, housewife; Mrs. Bernice Hampson, housewife;

Clark Hobbs, retired newsman; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College; Sidney King, newsman; Dr. Otto Kraushaar, president of Goucher State Teachers College; Dr. John Krantz Jr., professor, University of Maryland.

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RABBI MORRIS Liberman; Philip Macht, attorney; Dr. Parlett M. Moore, president of Coppin State Teachers College; Robert Mover, businessman; Mrs. William H. Murphy, social worker; Herbert Myerberg, attorney; Wilson Sahaffer, dean of Johns Hopkins University;

Dr. Martin Singevald, medical doctor; Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Urban League; Mrs. Carl Wheelock, housewife; Dr. Albert Whiting, dean of Morgan State College, and Mrs. Wilson Wing, housewife.

The advisory board represents the culmination of an idea by Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent of education, who outlined the plan two years ago when he arrived in Baltimore.

The members received the endorsement of the entire board after they had been recommended by a sub-committee of which Mrs. M Richmond Faring was chairman. Members were Dr. Percy Bond, John Sherwood, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips.

Here is where you may mail, send NAACP memberships

MEMBERSHIP secretary of the Baltimore NAACP is 25-year-old Allen Shoemaker, who urges his fellow citizens to contribute to the annual membership drive now. Mr. Shoemaker, born and reared in Baltimore, is a 1961 graduate of Howard University. Story in this edition tells where you may mail or send your contributions to Mr. Shoemaker.

ALLEN SHOEMAKER

Allen Shoemaker, membership secretary, announced on Wednesday that membership payments are being accepted at nine neighborhood stations, as well as at the NAACP office, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

Mr. Shoemaker said additional stations are needed. For further information, call him at the NAACP office, LAfayette 3-8503-04.

The nine membership stations now open are located at:

Mt. Winans Methodist Church, Mrs. Mary Wise, 1-2 p.m. daily;

1625 E Eager Street, Miss Clara Hill solicitor;

The Dallas Pleasure Club, 956 N. Gay St.;

The Stevedore Inn, 900 Caroline St.;

Boone Appliances Co., Baker and Pulaski Sts.;

E and F Diner (formerly Jimmie's Diner) 1062 N. Fulton Ave.;

Also at 2907 Belmont Ave. 2706 Winchester St., and 1010 W. 43rd St.

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MEMBERSHIP'S are as follows: Minimum: $2; with Crisis Magazine $3.50; Blue Certificate $5; Gold Certificate $10; Contributing $25; Youth (under 17) .50; Youth (17 to 21) $1.; Junior Life Membership (to age 13) $100, and Senior Life Membership $500.

20,000 expected at convention

Approximately 20,000 Maryland teachers will convene in Baltimore on Oct. 18 19, and 20 for the Ninety-fifth Annual Convention of the Maryland State Teachers' Association.

Maryland educators will attend general sessions and departmental meetings, will hold their annual business meetings, and will view the 259 exhibits at the teachers' convention, which is one of the largest education meetings in the country.

Max Lerner, Professor of American Civilization and World Politics at Brandeis University, will be the featured speaker at the opening general session, which will be held at Baltimore's Fifth Regiment Armory on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. "Education and the Image of Man" will be the topic of Dr. Lerner's address.

Governor J. Millard Tawes and Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., State Superintendent of Schools, will greet Maryland teachers at this session.

The All-Maryland High School Band, which is composed of outstanding representatives of school bands from across the state, will present a concert prior to the address by Dr. Lerner. The band will be conducted by Nilo Hovey, president of the Music Industry Council, an affiliate of the Music Educators National Conference.

John P. Carmichael, sports editor of the Chicago Daily News, will be the speaker at the annual MSTA banquet, which is scheduled for the opening evening of the convention.

Queen elected

Wayne E. Queen is chairman of the Towanda Grantley Association for 1962-63.

Other members are Melvin Goff and Mesdames Lucinda Queen, Mary Lennard, Thelma Turner, Helen Paysor, Mabel Howell, Elmira Washington, Elnor Brady, Tina Davis and Adelaide Taylor.

School promotions, transfers, appointments approved by board

The School Board approved the appointment of Herbert J. Stern as director of Guidance and Placement, and 62 other changes at its Thursday meeting.

Mr. Stern, now a special assistant in guidance, replaces Miss Leona C. Buchwalk, who retired this year.

These actions also were approved:

Principal changed: Thomas J. Wheaden Jr., now principal of Harriet Tubman Elementary No. 114, appointed principal of Elementary No. 140.

Principal appointed: Wilfred Seaborne, now vice principal of Robert W. Coleman Elementary No. 142, appointed principal of Elementary No. 114.

Transferred vice principal: Vernice Matthews, now vice principal of John Murphy Elementary No. 119; transferred as vice principal of Robert W. Coleman Elementary No. 142.

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APPOINTED VICE principal: Jessie O. Hollenberry, now special assistant at William S. Baer Elementary and Junior High No. 301, appointed vice principal of Frankfort Elementary No. 216.

Appointed teacher - in-charge: Mrs. Marjorie Playhart, appointed teacher in charge at Mildred S. Grimes No. 305.

Appointed coordinator: Vernon H. Byus, now assistant supervisor of vocational education, appointed coordinator of the Manpower Development Training program.

Appointed senior social worker: Mrs. Anne Dashiell, school social worker, appointed senior social worker.

Appointed specialist: Mrs Carrie O. Staten, teacher, appointed elementary education specialist.

Appointed elementary teachers: Mesdames Luste Garvin, Catherine Hill, Lelia Lee, Ina Legum, Phyllis Rubin, Sarah Polley, Deborah Sinsky, Josephine Spriggs and Saranu Selsburg.

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APPOINTED elementary opportunity class teachers: Mesdames Mattie Little and Leah A. Silin.

Appointed secondary teachers: Joseph Brune, Manuel Carcaliho, Herbert Findeism, Wenner L. Jordan, Joseph Salvaggio, Walter Robinson, Albert Dixon, Milton Weaver; Mesdames Barbara Elder, Joan Gray, Lois Willis, Leoda Taylor, Wynola Woody.

Appointed library assistant: Mrs. Gloria Ruff.

Relieved as English Department Head at Edmondson High: Mrs. Gladys Heffner.

Approved leaves of absence for: Mesdames Dorothy Wood, O. Jane Bowman, Emily Roberts, Mary Trounce, Emily Lee, Tess Malamatis, Selma Schoenfield.

Accepted resignations from Mesdames Elizabeth Brustad, Elizabeth Chalfant, Peal Greenblum, Barbara Hertzbach, Gwenddyn Mulvin, Ida Robinson, Nadine Williams, Beverly Vincent, Angela Diakoulas, Betty Hallman;

Sarah Sullivan, Martha Ulmer, Judith Bryan, Marita Dean, Pamela Schloti; Donald Keyser, Robert Buchman, Christopher Franz, Charlie Harvey, William Makinson, and Lawrence Sears.

Brazil shares mat bill with Texan

Wrestling returns to the Baltimore Coliseum on Monday (Oct. 22) with a card of 5 all-star bouts.

Promoter Harry Smyth has signed two of America's top tan matmen to appear against well known opponents.

Bobo Brazil will return to battle "Killer" Kowalski, a known murder. And Dory Dixon is coming here from Texas where he gained an enviable reputation. Dixon is matched with Angelo Savoldi, the New Jersey veteran.

Mississippi NAACP leader to address Sunday meeting

Medgar Evers, NAACP field secretary for Mississippi, will be guest speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Baltimore Branch NAACP on Sunday, at 3 p.m. at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Mr. Evers will give a report of the Mississippi riot and other incidents which led to the enrollment of James H. Meredith in the University of Mississippi.

Mr. Evers was born in Decatur, Miss., July 2, 1925. He attended college at Alcorn A and M College, Lorman, Miss., and received a B.S. degree in business administration. In 1954, he became Field Secretary in Mississippi.

MEDGAR EVERS

This courageous young man is married to the former Myrlie Louise Beazley of Vicksburg, Miss. and they have two children, Darrell and Denise.

The Baltimore Branch' Fall Membership Campaign is now in progress. Workers are asked by branch officials to report at Sunday's mass meeting.

35 arrested in Turner Station

Led by Cpl. Armond Elliott of the Baltimore County Police, a group of officers arrested 35 persons in a raid in the 100 block King Ct., Sunday.

All those arrested were charged with disorderly conduct, except Raymond (Porkchop) Lang, 39, who was ordered held in $2,000 bail on charges of operating a disorderly house and selling alcoholic beverages without a license.

Playing an important role in the arrests was Officer Walter Meyers who reportedly had the house under surveillence for some time. Also taking part in the raid was Officer Lester Bey.

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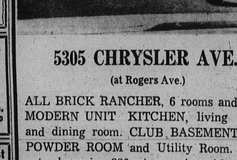
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WEATHER

Barring the unexpected arrival of Hurricane Ella, weekend weather in the Baltimore vicinity, should be fair. Temperatures will be seasonable, in the 60's during daytime, dropping to the upper 30's at night. Saturday will be clear but there is possibility of showers on Sun.

YOUTHS SEE PAL DROWN, KEEP SILENT FOUR DAYS

Teacher faced soliciting rap

A city school teacher, under indictment for soliciting and undergoing psychiatric treatment, shot himself to death in the basement of his sister's home in Mt. Winans, Thursday, Southwestern District police have reported.

John Danzel Cook, 33, 2600 Ridgely St., was dead on arrival at University Hospital 12:30 p.m. Cause of death was listed as a .22 caliber bullet wound through the chest by the medical examiners' office.

Mr. Cook has been teaching in city schools since September 1955 and was assigned to School No. 76 at Fort Ave. and Decatur St.

Sgt. Walter Jasper said a radio car, bearing Officers Thomas Neenan and Allen Christian, answered a call to 2620 Ridgely St. at 11:40 a.m. Officers met by Clifton Mullins, 44, brother - in-law of the victim, who told them he had returned from work about 11:10 and found Mr. Cook dead in the basement when he went to his workshop an half hour later.

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OFFICERS CHRISTIAN and Neenan said they found Mr. Cook lying on the floor of the basement with Mr. Mullins' .22 caliber rifle at his side.

Sgt. Walter Jasper said a teacher was removed to the hospital by ambulance and Dr. Carozza of the staff pronounced him dead.

During their investigation police said Mrs. Thelma Mullins, Mr. Cook's sister, said she is suffering with an in-

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Civic Center integration at broom level?

If the staff of the Baltimore Civic Center is to be integrated, it wasn't apparent Monday when the facility hired its first colored persons.

There are no colored employees on the Civic Center's five - member executive office force nor in the municipal auditorium's key building supervisory posts.

If integration is to be effected it they will be in lower-echelon positions.

"Any person who is qualified for a particular position will be considered," said Benjamin Moore, executive director of the Civic Center, as staff selection began this week.

All Civic Center employees are hired through Baltimore's Civil Service Commission which by ordinance requires that workers be hired on merit without prejudice.

There are 30 positions to be filled. They include 12 custodial workers, a 3-man maintenance crew and clerical workers.

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PART - TIME workers to fill positions as ticket - takers, ushers, doormen" and special watchmen are also secured by the Center through Civil Service.

Charles Leiberman, head usher and responsible for much of this personnel, said he was screening applicants sent to him very carefully.

"I'm going strictly on ability, there will be no thought of discrimination in the selection of these workers.

"These are on - call workers all subject to a

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UNPRECEDENTED luncheon on Wednesday saw 500 leading Baltimore citizens of all races and creeds present as Exodus Lodge of B'nai B'rith presented Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts, center. Its first annual Brotherhood Plaque. Left, Theodore Edlow, president of the Lodge; Right, Irv Noren, luncheon chairman. B'nai B'rith, is Hebrew meaning sons of the covenant. The organization, oldest (119 years) service group in the U.S. preaches brotherly love, benevolence and harmony. (See other luncheon photos inside).

Judge Watts weaves spell as 500 pay him tribute

"If you discriminate against me because I'm unclean, I can clean up.

"If you do it because I'm uneducated, I can become educated.

"But if you discriminate against me because I'm colored, there is nothing I can do but seek refuge in bitterness and cynicism."

The audience of 500 persons, mostly white, sat in rapt attention at a downtown hotel Wednesday while these words flowed from the lecturer.

The speaker was one of the city's most popular and respected citizens — Muncipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts.

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THE OCCASION was the first annual Brotherhood award banquet of the Exodus Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

Judge Watts was selected as the first recipient in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of brotherhood and the community at large. Theodore Edlow, lodge president, said.

In his acceptance speech, the guest of honor, who a few minutes earlier heard lavish praise heaped on him, held the audience spellbounded with an eloquent, moving and at times humorous plea for brotherhood.

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BORROWING the above quote from a student sit-downer to point up the irony of segregation and discrimination, Judge Watts also used a favorite line of the late F. D. R. to plead the cause of integration:

"This community is ready **for complete integration," he declared. "And the only thing that prevents it is fear and fear itself.**

"When we asked for colored policemen, we were told that this could never happen 'Why there'd be race riots and violence every where,' many said.

"The same was true in the case of colored transit and taxi drivers. Some owners said they were afraid of losing money because people would not ride their cabs.

"But each move benefitted the community. In fact we have never done anything that didn't turn out to the best advantage of all," the judge declared, adding.

"It is only fear that stops

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Lunch on Tuesday at Fellowship House with Director Ruth Fegley, gave this reporter an opportunity to know better one of our town's more dedicated women.

And, also to learn that she is a good cook. She loves to bake. Pies are her specialty. For Tuesday lunch, she served apple pie.

Fellowship's director is deep in the middle of an exciting fall program. Her plans aim to provide our community with many cultural and civic activities.

It's amazing what one woman can do if she has the talent and devotion!

Pity is that there are still not yet sufficient funds from the community she serves to enable her to work without financial worries.

Have you given to Fellowship House yet? Do it now. Send check or money order to Miss Fegley at 3200 N. Hilton St.

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By the way, in the lobby of Fellowship House's main parlor is an excellent likeness of Mrs. Sarah Collins Fernandis, (1863-1951), for five decades one of Baltimore's most distinguished women.

Nonetheless, no inscription or other identification accompanies the portrait. Only those of us who remember Fed this grand lady would know her.

Might not a light and brief biography - inscription on the picture be a suitable memorial for this Hampton Institute alumna?

Remember, it was Mrs. Fernandis who wrote Hampton's beautiful Alma Mater!

Or, perhaps the Cooperative Women's Civic League, which she organized in 1912, and which she served as president for 29 years, might supply such a memorial?

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In any event, such a beautiful portrait of one of Baltimore's great 'i ladies — a poet, pioneer and worker, teacher, health department investigator — clubwoman, good citizen — should not remain unmarked.

Remember Mrs. Fernandis at the Civic League's annual flower mart and luncheon?

Can't you see her now — a stately, dignified, cultured

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I need Mrs. Welcome in the Senate — Tawes

"I need Mrs. Welcome in the state Senate.

"I need her intelligence and wisdom in Annapolis."

Gov. J. Millard Tawes said this Monday evening, at the Fourth District Democratic Council's dinner honoring Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, the district's state senatorial nominee.

Gov. Tawes was the featured speaker at this affair, attended by over 400 guests.

Here is the text of the Governor's address:

It is a pleasure for me to be here this evening to join with you in a tribute to a great Democrat and the next Senator from the Fourth District of Baltimore City — the Honorable Verda Welcome, presently a member of the House of Delegates.

There is no one in Mary-

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Police finally find his body

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

While parents and police searched frantically for an 11-year-old boy, the secret of his whereabouts was sealed behind the lips of his five youthful buddies.

The youngster, Princess Downes of the 700 block W. Saratoga St., in the Lexington Terrace Housing Project, was reposing in a watery grave in the Baltimore Harbor near Sam Smith Park.

He had been there, across the street from where his father, Prince Downes, works as a chauffeur for the State Department of Budget and Procurement- 318 S. Light St. for four days.

His buddies knew he was in there because they saw him fall in, but they weren't telling.

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"We were afraid that we would go to jail," said a ten-year-old-youth, who was one of the older boys in the group of eyewitnesses.

"They told me not to tell. And if I did they would beat me up," he said.

A seven-year - old witness told this reporter.

"I wasn't going to make them beat me up," he said when asked why he didn't tell his parents.

Interviewing of all the eyewitnesses, brought this account of the tragedy—

The boys without the knowledge of their parents, went to the harbor to catch crabs late Friday afternoon.

As they were about to leave young Downes dropped his hook, (made of a coat hanger and string), in the water. When he tried to get it he fell in

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"I REACHED for his hand but couldn't get it," said one of his companions.

"When he fell in we called two men, but they wouldn't do anything. One said he was not going in that water, and the other one didn't pay us any attention," the youngster recalled.

When Downes disappeared beneath the oil slick water, the boys, fear-stricken, entered the secret pact, swearing not to tell a soul.

Asked why, the youth answered:

"We were scared to tell anybody because we thought we would go to jail."

The older of the boys, however denied he dared the smaller boys to tell of the drowning.

According to the father of one of the boys, the frightened youngsters did not return home until after 7 p.m. on the night of the drowning.

All queries as to where they had been, where was the other youngster were met with "I don't know," or muted silence.

The father said he beat his son for staying out too late, but he still failed to mention the drowning.

The mother of one of the boys, who was in the group, said her son told her he was ordered not to tell.

"The bigger boys told him not to tell anybody so I sup-

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NAACP again asks police investigation

Gov. J. Millard Tawes this week formally rejected NAACP requests for a blue ribbon commission to study charges of police brutality and laxity.

The NAACP immediately renewed its requests for the commission in a letter to Gov. Tawes which expressed dissatisfaction with his decision and the manner in which the complaints were handled.

"If the investigation of complaints is to be shrouded in secrecy, it is impossible to know whether there is full consideration of all the facts," the NAACP replied in its letter signed by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, legal redress committee secretary.

Gov. Tawes wrote the NAACP saying he and his staff had discussed the complaints with Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt and "I do not believe the facts at this time warrant the appointment of a special committee."

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IN A letter to Commissioner Schmidt, Gov. Tawes thanked him for a full report on "recent incidents occurring at the Riverside Swimming Pool and elsewhere in Baltimore."

The governor said he was disturbed about the charges of brutality in some cases and that of insufficient efforts being taken at Riverside Pool to quell a mob outbreak.

"As you well know," Gov. Tawes told Commissioner Schmidt, "you cannot tolerate angry mobs, either threatening or actually committing acts of violence to citizens . . . .

"I will require that you take every step that is necessary to prevent mob outbreaks in the future . . .

"If it is a fact that your men are using excessive force in making arrests, you should see that such practice is stopped . . .

"It seems to me that it might be well that you reissue these orders (that only the amount of force that is

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5,072 voters face purge in Fourth

The Board of Supervisors of Elections will start hearings at 9 a.m. Tuesday on challenges of the right of 5,072 citizens in the Fourth District to vote in the Nov. 6 general election.

Plans are to conduct the hearings simultaneously in two court chambers of the People's Court building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, state senator nominee, and Hyman A. Pressman, attorney, came to the Supervisors of Elections office the past Tuesday with 162 challenges.

These covered registered voters in the 18th, 35th, 40th and 42nd precincts of the 15th Ward, alleged to be improperly registered.

Later the same day, James H. (Jack) Pollack, Fourth District political leader, and Alan H. Murrell, his attorney, brought in 4,886 challenges against registered voters in that district.

These challenges were directed with few exceptions to Democratic voters in the lower sectors of the district.

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FOLLOWING THIS, another set of 24 challenges was brought in by a John F. Nee directed against voters in the 12th precinct of the

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Major Parker dies of heart attack in France

Maj. Norman Parker, 45, U.S. Army quartermaster corps officer, died suddenly on Sunday near Dangy, France. Death was due to a heart attack.

Major Parker who was stationed in Baltimore prior to his European assignment will be given military rites here.

His widow, the former Eugenia Hardy, one-time local teacher, will fly home tonight (Friday) with their two children, Norma Jean, 8, and Norman Jr., 6.

The career army officer was a native of Portsmouth, Ohio and a graduate of Ala. State College. He was commissioned a captain during World War II. After the war he taught high school in Alabama. In 1951 during the Korean conflict he was recalled to active duty. He was promoted to the rank of major in 1961.

THIS WAS Major Parker's

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