# Garrison youth shoots himself

The 16-year - old Garrison Junior High School student who was shot in the abdomen as school was letting out Wednesday inflicted the wound on himself, Northwestern District police said yesterday.

The student, George Palmer, 4100 block Westchester Rd., was found by police lying on the floor of a first - floor locker area at the school about 3 p.m.

A foreign - make automatic pistol was found in the trash can of a nearby classroom.

**At first the victim told police he was shot by two youths whom he could not identify, but yesterday he admitted the wound was accidentally self-inflicted, according to Lt. Fred Koening.**

Lt. Koening said the youth revealed that he had been unfamiliar with the gun and shot himself in the side while he was attempting to place the clip in the gun after school.

Police stated a friend of the victim carried the weapon to the trash can and then disappeared before others arrived on the scene.

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LT. KOENING said charges may be brought against the youth depending on where the gun came from and further investigation of the case.

Palmer, who was listed in satisfactory condition at Sinai Hospital after surgery to remove the bullet, had previously given police this account of the shooting:

Palmer reported he went to the locker area prior to going to his detention room, after his regular class was dismissed.

He said in the locker alcove he observed two youths standing in a corner with their backs toward him apparently looking at something.

Palmer stated he did not pay attention to them and proceeded to open his locker.

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AS HE WAS opening his locker, he said, one of the youths, for no apparent reason, shot him, inflicting a wound in his right side.

Palmer said he fell to the floor and the next thing he remembered was the school nurse, Mrs. Bertha Tuttelman, leaning over him administering first aid.

Taken by ambulance to Sinai Hospital, Palmer told police from his hospital bed that he did not recognize his assailants as being students at the school.

The victim further stated that no words passed between them during the incident and he had no idea why they shot him.

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NEAR THE scene of the shooting police found a 7.65 cal. automatic pistol, a Bohmischo-Waffen fabrik, in a metal waste can. The classroom in which it was found is 25 feet from the locker room.

First noticed by teacher Ronald Peterson, the gun was seen lying on top of paper in the can along with one .32 cal. bullet when he returned to his room after the excitement.

A search by police failed to turn up the spent shell.

Police interviews with the victim's foster father, John Spearman, who said the youth has lived with him since September of this year, also failed to turn up any possible motive.

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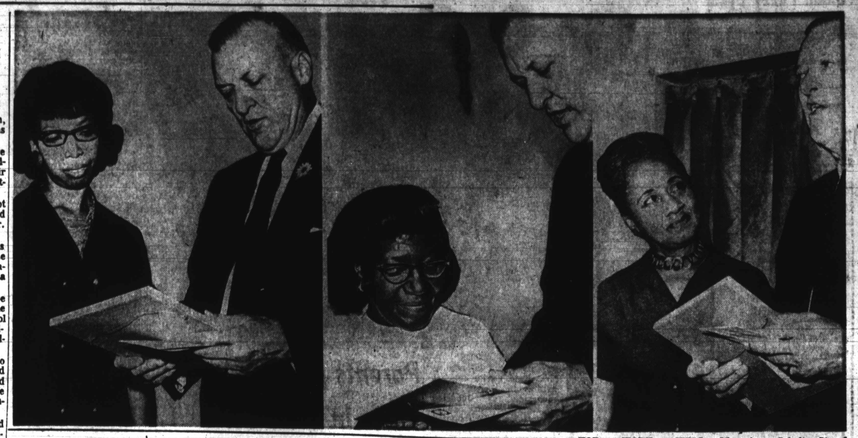
AT THE time of the shooting, Northwestern District police reported that Sgt. Emil Kozloswi was at the school to investigate an unrelated beating of a Garrison pupil over the weekend.

The beating sustained by the pupil, in which he lost two teeth, was reported to have been the result of a weeklong grudge begun during an earlier altercation at a roller rink.

When police, including radio car patrolmen John Mandish and Steiman Smith, arrived in the first floor locker area, young Palmer was found lying on the floor with the wound in his abdomen.



# Slain youth gets burial rites today

Sylvester Parker, 14, 730 Mura St., who was shot to death Saturday, nine days after the death of his mother, Mrs. Ora Parker, was buried today (Friday).

Funeral services were held at the Elroy O. Wilson Funeral Home and burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Sylvester was an eighth grade student at Samuel Gompers Junior - Senior High School No. 298. He was a native of Baltimore and his father, William Parker, survives.

He is also survived by two brothers and six sisters. They are William, 9; Fernell, 4; Mary, 19; Martha, 17; Levonne, 15; Audrey, 11; Barbara, 6; and Bardot, 2.

A grandfather, Nathaniel Bull and a grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Bull, both of Darlington, S.C., also survive.

Charged in his death is a 48 - year - old man of the 1200 block of Brentwood Ave.

# Druid Hill office faces zoning ruling

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals will be asked to rule Tuesday whether to allow the first floor at 1737 Druid Hill Ave. to be continually used as a stenographic office.

Mrs. Ethel P. Rich, who resides there, has conducted an office there for years, and Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr.

The cast is among those scheduled to be heard, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231, City Hall.

# Probation given in $125 theft

A 22 - year - old mother of three was given a three - month suspended sentence and put on probation for six months by Judge Anselm Sodaro sitting in Criminal Court Wednesday for having in her possession a stolen, gold - sequined silk blouse which retails for $125.

The blouse was part of the $3,200 worth of goods stolen from a fashionable North Ave. salon and boutique.

**Testimony at the trial of Shirley Meekins of the 100 block Albermarle St., revealed that clothes valued at $2,000 and $1,200 worth of wigs had been taken from Andre's during the Good Friday burglary this past April.**

A police sergeant who handled the investigation of the burglary, told the court that an information received he had gone to Mrs. Meekins' apartment and there found the blouse with the price tags still attached.

When the police made their first visit to the apartment, they found there Ronald Pinkney, whom they took to the station with them. During the interrogation which followed, the 17 - year - old Pinkney admitted to the theft.

He was subsequently tried before Judge Albert S. Sklar and is now in City Jail, awaiting sentence.

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MRS. MEEKINS had told police that she had found the blouse in a hallway. At her trial, she explained her statement by saying that she had made this statement in an attempt to protect Pinkney whom she realized, because of the police visit, was "in trouble."

The attractive defendant denied having any knowledge that the blouse, an import from Hong Kong, had been stolen.

She stuck to her story during the cross examination which indicated that Pinkney had held no job better than that of a baby-sitter for Mrs. Meekins.

**"I liked the jacket and I didn't ask him where he got it," Mrs. Meekins told the court.**

Judge Sodaro, asked the defendant a series of questions to determine whether she had worn the blouse and when she denied doing so, he commented "There was not a social function which called for you to wear the jacket, was there?"

After the judge found her guilty, saying that the defendant "either knew or had reason to know" that she was given a stolen item, he called back the police sergeant who had testified and and asked of him the facts pertaining to the burglary.

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THE SERGEANT, who had testified that Mrs. Meekins had been cooperative, said that Pinkney has given the police a statement in which he exonerated Mrs. Meekins of any guilt in the burglary. The statement also said Mrs. Meekins had no knowledge that the blouse had been stolen.

With the exception of the blouse, nothing else has been recovered from the burglary.

Initially, the police did not arrest Mrs. Meekins so that she could help them track down the loot.

But during the time allowed her, she was of no aid to the investigation and so was arrested on a warrant Sept. 21, 13 days after the police had found the stolen property in her possession.

# State's Attorney Moylan is effective, ambitious

By RAY ABRAMS

Politicians love photographs, especially the ones which are snapped of them in the company of the right people, or at the right places — like looking over the Berlin wall.

Well, Charles E. Moylan Jr., the second youngest State's Attorney in the history of Baltimore, a man on his way up the political ladder, is no exception.

The walls of his neat office at the Court House are covered with rows of framed glossies of all the right people and some of the right places — like one in color of Mr. Moylan at the Berlin wall.

Some of the photographs date way back, like the one with former President Harry S. Truman. At the time, Mr. Moylan had been elected Boy Governor of Maryland. That was in 1940 when he was 16 and a senior at City College.

Most of the top state Democrats, the old guard and the new, and some of the known Republicans, like Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, have had their pictures taken with the present State's Attorney.

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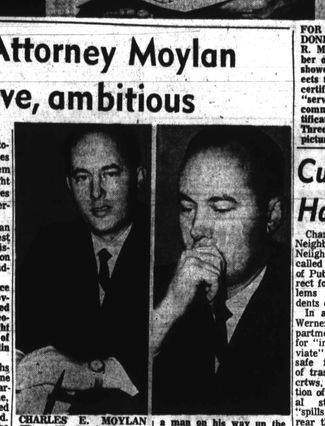
THERE IS one of President Lyndon B. Johnson, one of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey — both with Mr. Moylan.

Only one picture is missing, the one with the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

**"I never had one taken," Mr. Moylan said during an interview Wednesday, "but I wish I had one like that."**

On one of the walls, there is a clipping which dates back to Nov. 18, 1942 — a picture of some boys and girls from the Guilford Public School pouring the keys they had collected to help the defense effort. The caption: "Pouring Keys for Victory."

Mr. Moylan is in the picture, a boy about to be 12, already serving the public interest. And it was at the Guilford Public School where the political bug bit him.



CHARLES E. MOYLAN JR. — He is the second youngest State's Attorney in the history of Baltimore,



a man on his way up the political ladder in search of elective office.

AS HE explains it: "I guess in a sense I have been thinking about politics since I ran for Captain of the Safety Patrol in the fourth grade."

His career, with the exception of time out for army service and the hectic years at Johns Hopkins University (he graduated in three years, was president of the debating society and the winner of several national first place debating awards), bears witness to one consuming interest — politics.

**There are those who say that the 34-year-old prosecutor is an ambitious man. Mr. Moylan does not deny it.**

"I think that the word ambitious is a fair description," he agreed. Intenating (though not saying it) that most men are.

If things fall his way, he will be quick to pick up the Attorney General's banner on a winning Democratic ticket. If not, he will run for State's Attorney.

Whatever he does, it will be the first time that his name has appeared on an election day ballot. The position he now holds, he got by way of appointment when his predecessor in office was elevated to the Supreme Bench.

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MR. MOYLAN'S term of office runs out Dec. 31, 1966, but he has only a fraction of that time in which to decide what to do with his political future.

At the moment, he admitted, the odds are four to one in favor of his running for the position he now holds. That, he said, would be the safe thing to do. He has yet to see any competition for

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FOR WORK WELL DONE — Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, with a number of $50 checks in hand, showed up at four city projects this week to hand out certificates of merit for "service done to the project community." With the certificate, came a $50 award. Three of the winners are pictured above. The fourth, Mrs. Anna Schultz, 71, of the Clarence Perkins Homes, was ill at the time of the presentations. Shown left to right are: Mrs. Mildred V. Armstead, 31, of Lafayette Cts.; Miss. Louisa Reeves, 72, of the Douglass Houses; and Mrs. Mable Brooks, 50, of the Gilmor Homes.

# Curtis urges action on Harlem Park problems

Charles R. Curtis St., president Neighborhood Council, has Neighborhood Council, has called upon the department of Public Works to help correct four "very serious problems confronting the residents of Harlem Park.

In a letter to Bernard L. Werner, director of the department, Mr. Curtis asked for "immediate steps to alleviate" these problems: unsafe footways, mishandling of trash cans by collection crews, inadequacy of inspection of cans and a mechanical street sweeper which "spills more trash from the rear than there is generally trash on the street."

Mr. Curtis wrote that even "a cursory investigation of the footways in the Harlem Park area will reveal broken unsafe and cracked and unsightly front footways," along with many finished in unsightly black tar."

ON THE problem of trash cans, Mr. Curtis said that many of them are mishandled by the Sanitation Department often rendering them unfit for reuse, spilled trash is left to blow on the footways and tops are not replaced.

On the other hand, he said,

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# Mello inspects patrol at School 144 program

(PHOTO PAGE A-6)

Adding his forces to American Education Week, being celebrated Nov. 7 - 13, Western District Police Captain Dennis P. Mello appeared at James Mosher Elementary School No. 144 Wednesday to stress the importance of education for the children.

As befits his office, prior to his talk for the school's assembly, Captin Mello inspected the collected force of the school's safety patrol and was himself granted another honor.

After the patrol passed his inspection, the school's captain, sixth grader Eunice Austin stepped frward to hand Captain Mello a special badge "making you honorary captain of our patrol."

Principal Miss Anne R. Bowers told the assembly that she had taught the captain at East Street School, that he had been a fine youngster and was a member of the safety patrol.

LATER, THE captain encouraged the youngsters to complete school, saying that "some listen and some don't" to this advice and that the results are always obvious in later life.

During his talk, he mentioned some interesting facts to the youngsters about the district he heads: that it is the largest police district in the U.S. and that it has more crime than any.

The patrol's portion of the program Wednesday was directed by its faculty sponsors, Edward Smith and John Gibson.


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# Coin telephone booths are busy all over city

Where is the busiest pay phone booth in the city?

That's what the AFRO wanted to know, so the best bloodhound available was sent out to track down some of the busier ones.

A check with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company revealed that of the more than 20,000 telephone booths in the State, the busiest ones are Number 18 and 19 at the ways Bus Terminal in Baltimore.

**More then 200 people use those phones daily which average 6,000 calls a month each. This means that the coin boxes which fill up every day have to be emptied just as often.**

Other phone booths in the city are kept pretty busy.

The one in front of the bus stop at 843 N. Woodington Rd. near Colborne Ave. Through June, 1965, it average 1,350 local calls, per month. At that time, a second booth was installed to meet the demands of the community. Now they are each averaging 850 monthly.

In the Edmondson Village area the booth in the passageway between the front and rear parking lots is used over 1,000 times monthly for local calls.

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SURPRISINGLY two of the next three busiest phone booths are located inside safe from the hot sun and the cold winds.

Nates and Leon's, 850 W. W. North Ave., has a plastic indoor shelf phone which averages over 900 calls per month, equalled only by the Arundel Ice Cream Store (outside) Edmondson Ave. and Poplar Grove St., and the Sphinx Club, 2107 N. Pennsylvania. They average close to 900 calls in the same period.

Another properietor, at Mount and Mosher Sts., Phil's Cocktail Lounge, has one of the best kept pay booths in use. The phone there gets daily attention.

**With so many people using the 29,869 coin telephones in Maryland, of which 10,353 are kept pretty busy.**

To get an estimate of terrytory covered, a quick look at 1964 records will give a clear picture. Last year coin collectors drove over a million miles and that's equivalent to 20 trips around the world.

And the distance is well worth it. Coin telephones accounted for almost 10 per cent ($1 million) of the total telephone revenue in Maryland for 1964.

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THERE IS no question as to the reason for the 50 per cent increase in total coin telephones. The answer is increased population and the largest growth area in the State is the suburban-Washington area.

**The next time you use or pass a coin operated telephone booth, remember, if it had not been for Thomas Watson 82 years ago there might not be such athing as a booth. For the world's first phone booth was actually "invited" by him.**

Supposedly, it was improvised when Watson's landlady objected to being roused from her sleep by shouts from his apartment. He was yelling, by means of an early instrument, to Alexander Graham Bell in a distant part of the city.

The landlady banged on the ceiling, and to keep peace Watson took the covers from his bed and wrapped his equipment and himself up in them. This soundproofing from the makeshift tent stimulated Watson to go ahead and develop a real booth to provide telephone privacy.

Booths today offer better convenience than a blanket. Agreed?

# Funds urged to fill crossing positions

An appeal to the Board of Estimates for funds to fill 35 school crossing guard vacancies and to establish one at Warwick and Windsor Aves. has been made by Sen. Verda T. Welcome.

In a letter to Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, president of the board, Sen. Welcome especially stressed the need of a crossing guard at the Warwick Ave. intersection.

**She pointed out that there are 207 children ages 5 to 12 enrolled in grades 1 to 6 at the Frances L. Murphy Laboratory school there, and the traffic is exceedingly heavy at various periods of the day.**

The board has not acted on her recommendations.

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SEN. WELCOME wrote in part:

"I have been informed that there are 35 crossing guard vacancies which are now being filled by policemen. It occurs to me since there is a serious shortage of foot patrolmen, these men should be relieved of this duty and replaced by crossing guards.

"It would be much more economical, the city would be better policed and small children at dangerous points can be protected just as well.

**"My feeling is that waiting until another budget year is too long. Warwick and Windsor Aves., crossing needs attention now.**

"The other points, now being covered by policemen, are too expensive in the long view.

"I hope funds from some source can be found at the earliest date to take care of these positions which I consider in the category of an emergency, especially the unprotected crossing mentioned above."

## Action group to hear race's political role

The "Political Future of the Colored Citizen" will be discussed by Marshall W. Jones Jr., Elections Board member and East Baltimore Republican leader, at the Tuesday, Nov. 16 meeting of the Neighborhood Center, 1809 Ashland Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

The NAC is organized by the Community Action Agency's Area' staff and is working to improve housing, sanitation, traffic and securing a recreation center in the area.

The meeting is open to the public and will focus on Council efforts to have the City study hazardous traffic conditions, and the progress of a committee set up to fight for Rent Control and lower rents.

Mr. Jones has served on the Equal Opportunity Commission and Park Board of Baltimore.


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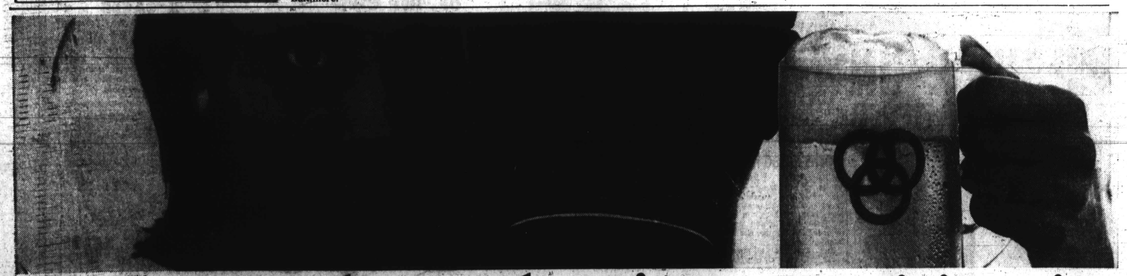

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