Target date scheduled for county school

Barring unavoidable delays occasioned by work stoppages or slow materials deliveries, school officials in Baltimore county have set September 1960 as a target date for completion of the county's first one-story high school building.

To be known as the Middle River Junior High School, the 1,350-pupil facility will be erected on a 23-acre site valued at $114,000, situated northwest of the intersection of Compass and Middle River roads and deeded cost-free to the county Board of Education by the Federal government.

A construction contract has been awarded, subject to approval by county authorities, to Joseph F. Hughes and Company, Inc., whose $2,057,395 bid was low among the twelve proposals that were submitted.

FOLLOWING an analysis of the construction bids, school officials revealed that the new structure will be built at a cost approximately $400,000 under that for similar construction ago.

Principal reason for reduced costs was attributed to the adoption of a new one-story plan of prefabricated panel wall and ceiling construction which permits use of light steel roof supports, minimizes need for masonry and eliminates costly stairways.

The $400,000 savings, school officials explained, was attained despite the steep rise in construction costs which has been experienced since the now inadequate cost estimate for the project was set up more than two years ago.

FOR BETTER HEALTH — A Well Baby Clinic is in operation at the Turner Health Center, 101 Breckenridge Drive, Sollers Homes, Turner Station. A health committee was organized in April of last year has as a goal the sponsorship of a drive to build a permanent Health Center in the area. Shown here in the first picture are Dr. William Wade and Mrs. Viola Jones with her son, Nathan, five months old. The nurse is Mrs. Mary Temple. The second picture shows the waiting room. Left to right: Mrs. Ruth Williamson and Carroll Jr., 119 Barberry Ct.; Mrs. Agnes Williams, nurse in charge; Mrs. Jones again with Nathan, and another son, Walter, all of 805 Avondale Rd.; Leon Weaver with Keath Funderburk, and Mrs. V. L. Funderburk and Robbin.

Judge proves man was wrong

"The officer could be telling the truth, I don't recall, I had been drinking."

That was the testimony on Sunday of Allen R. Washington Jr., 38, 600 block W. Fayette St.

He spoke after an officer told Magistrate Howard L. Aaron the man was arrested drunk and told him, "Go ahead and lock me up, it's just $25 and costs."

But Magistrate Aaron only made it $10 and costs.

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School writers invited to enter press project

Staff members of all school newspapers in Maryland have been invited to participate in the 21st Annual School Press Project held by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

Entrants will submit papers on one of these subjects, "Can We Wipe Out Tuberculosis in Our Town?" or "Your Future in a Health Career." These subjects may be developed through news and feature stories, editorials, cartoons or other art work.

The nine outstanding entries from Maryland will be sent to the National Tuberculosis Association to be judged for Certificates of Honor engraved with the words "For upholding the highest standards of school journalism."

Last year, 124 schools received these national certificates and many more were awarded local and state honors.

MRS. MINDELLE MOON, director of health education of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced the names of the judges on the Maryland State Committee.

They are: Mrs. Gladys T. Hopkins, supervisor of curriculum, Maryland State Department of Education; Gerald W. Johnson, author; Robert B. Williams, program director, WMAR-TV and Dr. Leon H. Hetherington, chief, Bureau of Tuberculosis, Maryland State Department of Health.

Judges for the Baltimore City Panel are: Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; Dr. Edmund G. Beacham, medical director, Tuberculosis Division, Baltimore City Hospitals; Miss Charlotte Main, attorney and former magistrate of the Women's Court and Dr. Angela M. Broening, director of the Bureau of Publications, Baltimore City Department of Education.

The School Press Project is jointly sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Socking man proves costly

James Smith, 23, 600 block W. Franklin St., drew a suspended 30-day sentence Sunday for hitting a man in a bar.

The suspension and six months probation were made on condition Mr. Smith pay all medical bills for the treatment of the injured eye of John L. Gibbs, 37, 500 block Brune St.

Smith told Magistrate Howard L. Aaron in Southwestern Police Court, that he hit Gibbs in the eye with his fist when the latter picked up the pocketbook of his date.

Mr. Gibbs denied picking up the pocketbook.

Mr. Smith was also fined $25 and costs on a disorderly conduct charge.

Frontiers hear Rev. J. Boddie

"There will be no real peace on earth until equality in every sense of the word is unagressive accepted and until the color myth is exploded."

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Boddie, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, was speaking at the annual Frontiers Club Yule party for members and friends.

The dinner meeting was held last Thursday evening at the Morgan Christian College.

Dr. Boddie said that he thinks of democracy as a "slice of cake." He added that colored Americans in their quest for equality, seek no special cake, "we just want a slice of the same cake that everybody else has."

COLORED people want the democracy that the constitution guarantees and this includes political, economic, educational, social and religious equality.

On this point, Dr. Boddie commented, "I hope the time may come when no man will worship God in any church regardless of their color.

"I am glad to meet people who understand that color is no indication of character and ability . . . there can be no peace until equality is universally accepted and no equality until brotherhood is earnestly established.

"A man is no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man. There can be no peace until peace is enthroned in the human mind."

A. JACK THOMAS, outgoing president of the Baltimore chapter, presided at the dinner meeting which heard a report from Dr. Bernard Harris, national president of the Frontiers Club who told of organization of new chapters in Ft. Wayne, St. Louis and Warren, Ohio.

He also received from the Baltimore chapter a $300 check, making the Baltimore chapter's contribution to the vitiligio foundation at Howard University a total of $1,000.

Dr. Harris also asked the Baltimore chapter to consider the formation of a women's auxiliary as authorized at the last convention.

DANIEL SPAULDING, program chairman, presented the following cash gifts realized from the recent wrestling match program.

Three $100 scholarships to Dr. Saul Perdue for Godfrey Moore, a Carver grad now at Winston-Salem Teachers; Bob Barrett, Douglass senior now at Hopkins; and Rufus McCray, a Dunbar student now at Morgan.

$147.37 to Theodore Perkins, superintendent of Provident Hospital, same amount to the Coordinational Council PTA for a hearing aid for a deserving child; and a similar amount to the infirmary fund of Camp Druid Hill.

Music for the dinner was by a Rivers Chambers Orchestra quartet, Dr. Robert J. Hill has been nominated to head the club in 1958.

Tip on year's first baby tops AFRO list

Resolving to continue on the alert in 1958, AFRO news-tipsters started the New Year by calling in information on stories of interest to our readers.

The tip on a blessed event, the first baby born in Baltimore on New Year's Day earned for the tipster the tip award for the week and a check for $5.

The second highest prize was a news photo award which brought an alert photographer a $4 check for a picture of a parked car shortly after it had been damaged by a motorist.

A CHECK for $2 went to the tipster who first reported the fire on W. Lexington St., in which a 3-year-old child was practically burned.

A dozen AFRO news-tipsters received checks for one dollar each following selection of their names to share in this category.

Winners in this category were for tips on the following:

The promotion of the first nurse to graduate from the University of Maryland; a disturbance which brought police to a St. George's St. residence; the second baby born on New Year's Day;

The 55th wedding anniversary of a local couple; a man found dead at his Rayner Ave. home; additional information on a burned child, and six accidents.

CHECKS ARE sent out every week for news tips and it is simple to earn cash this way. Call MU-5-4015, 4016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA-3-3024.

A sum of $20 is set aside each week for NEWS TIPS and NEWS PHOTOS and there are winners every week.

Winners are selected on the basis of the newsworthiness of the tips called in, and in case of more than one tip on a single incident the first person to telephone this office gets profit.

The decisions of the judges are final.

'He bled like a stuck pig'

"He bled like a stuck pig." That's what witnesses to a slaying in the 1600 block of Aisquith St., said Wednesday after a 24-year-old man was stabbed to death with a butcher knife.

For the death of Luther Taylor, 28, of the 1100 block E. Federal St., Jesse Shelton, 29, a dockworker of th. 2400 block Barclay St., was charged with homicide Thursday afternoon at Central.

Shelton was held without bail pending a charge to be set by the State's Attorney's office.

He was arrested near his home by Northwestern District police six hours after Taylor was found lying near the curb in the 600 block of Aisquith St., bleeding from a stab wound in the neck.

Near the body police found a knife and a hammer. Police blamed the slaying on a dispute over whiskey.

MR. TAYLOR FOUGHT for his life for more than two hours before he died at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Witnesses reported that the stabbing took place after Taylor and Shelton left a house on Aisquith St. together—and started fighting in the street.

ANOTHER VIEW of the Well Baby Clinic in Turner Station is this one from the desk of Mrs. Doris Waddell, secretary. She is shown with Mrs. Mary Gwaltney and James, six weeks old. Other health committee members in addition to Mrs. Waddell, are: Robert Abbott, chairman; Preston Payne, co-chairman; Mrs. Mervin Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. Naomi Jenkins, corresponding secretary. The clinic is held every second, third and fourth Friday in the month. A polio clinic is held every fourth Tuesday in each month. Mrs. Agnes Williams is in charge of the clinic and she is assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Moran.

'Six-finger Joe' theft suspect

A man called "Six-finger Joe" was being sought by police for questioning in a larceny case. Northeastern police reported that a radio was taken from a truck driven by Sherwood Roberts, 1005 Aisquith St.

A woman who allegedly witnessed the theft told the police the suspect as "Six - Finger Joe."

The radio was taken from the truck while it was parked in front of the 1200 block E. Eager St. on Saturday afternoon.

Reneges on deal when money's gone

"I don't guess I'm going to deal with jewelers."

Thus testified Harvey Rainey, 800 block W. Saratoga St., as the decision made by a man he had already given $1.70 on some dress.

Mr. Rainey told Magistrate Howard L. Aaron in Southwestern Police Court that Edward Burton, no home address, changed his mind after spending the money for drinks. He said the defendant showed him a car in an alley and said he wanted to sell the tires.

Mr. Rainey said he gave Burton the money when the man said he only had a $20 bill and didn't wish to break it to buy a drink.

Before being fined $25 and costs, Burton stated, "I'm guilty of asking for the money."

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$105,000 suits filed in fatal fire

Suits totaling $105,000 have been filed in Superior Court against Try, Inc., 500 block St. Paul St., on behalf of two persons killed and two injured in the August, 1956, fire in a home at 551 Laurens St., which claimed four lives.

Amos I. Meyers, attorney, filed the suits for Mrs. Catherine Peterson, named administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Leola Hennegan, 35, deceased; Stanley Smith, 6, her son, deceased; Gregory Smith, 8, another son, injured, and Mrs. Beulah Barksdale, 1100 block Parrish St., also injured.

Mr. Meyers said the claimants charge that the company in charge of the premises failed to comply with Building Code and Fire Prevention regulations in protecting the Laurens St. home.

They contend that this alleged negligence caused the fire that broke out on a lower floor of the home about 1 a.m., August 26.

Mrs. Hennegan jumped from a third floor window and died shortly afterwards. Her sons jumped with her.

Others who died following the fire were, Ralph Bailey, 45, and Elmer Hughes, 44, a visitor at the house.

Among these were: William H. Miller, 68, a patient brought to court in a wheel chair; Mrs. Ruth Downes, of Newark, N. J., whose father was a patient at the hospitals;

Miss Constance Carr, 1800 block Park Ave., a former ward clerk there; Miss Betty Bigby, 1600 block Division St., ward clerk, and Edward Washington, 1300 block N. Carey St., whose father died at the hospital.

City hospital cashier guilty in fund theft

Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court Monday convicted a blonde former cashier at the City Hospitals for stealing $5,879 from the funds of aged and feeble patients entrusted to her.

Sentence for the matron, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Sands, 53, of the 7700 block Eastdale Rd., was withheld pending a medical examiner's report.

Judge Warnken ordered the report after stating that he was amazed at the accused woman's nonchalant attitude and apparent lack of regret in the matter.

ASSISTANT STATE'S Attorney John A. O'Connor Jr., brought several of the aged and feeble patients among other witnesses to the stand who testified that they knew nothing about signatures to various withdrawal slips bearing their names.

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Provident resident staff begins heart surgery study

Dr. Marcus W. Moore Sr., associate chief of surgery of Provident Hospital, recently announced the participation of the Surgical Resident Staff of Provident Hospital in heart surgery research at University of Maryland Medical School.

"Dr. Moore will be associated with Dr. Edgar Berman, Baltimore's internationally famous surgeon, who is studying the surgical transfer of the heart in the laboratory.

Dr. Edgar Berman became internationally famous in 1953 when he introduced the use of a plastic tube after the removal of a cancer of the esophagus.

The basic understanding of the success of the operations were proven over and over again in the experimental surgery laboratory before the use in humans.

Dr. Berman has again devised a new concept in heart surgery, and has accepted Dr. Marcus Moore as his associate with these operations.

THE SURGICAL resident staff of Provident Hospital will act as the official surgical team during these heart surgery operations.

The members of the resident staff will rotate on these surgical procedures giving invaluable experience.

These new directions in the teaching program at Provident Hospital were introduced by Dr. Moore, who was recently appointed associate chief of surgery.

It is felt that the modern concepts of surgery must be introduced to the young surgeon in training in order that he will be well qualified.

The surgical resident staff participating will be made up of Drs. Benigano Lazaro; James Parkins, Roveston Scott, Samuel Mitchell, Sydney Barnwell, Samuel Owens and Feodore Caguin.

THE ENTIRE experimental heart research team will be composed of approximately four divisions totaling ten to fifteen individuals.

Each division pays an important part in the success of the entire operation.

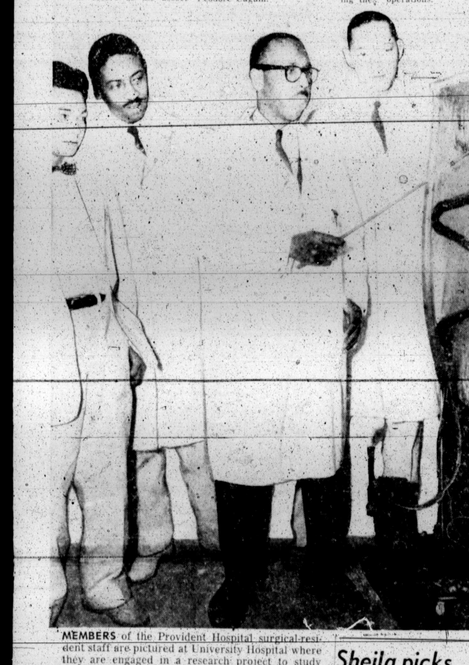
Dr. Berman and Dr. Moore will be alternating heart surgeons and the Provident surgical resident staff will make up the entire surgical team.

There is a cardiologist and his team who study the electrical tracings of the heart during the operations.

The heart and lung machines are connected to the dogs and maintain the blood circulation as the hearts are surgically transferred between the dogs.

The heart and lung machine is managed by a separate team which observes continuous studies.

Several other physiological studies are being tabulated during the operations.



MEMBERS of the Provident Hospital surgical-resident staff are pictured at University Hospital where they are engaged in a research project to study the workings of a heart-lung machine. Shown above are Dr. Feodor Caguin, Dr. Royeston Scott, Dr. Marcus Moore, the demonstrator, and Dr. Samuel Mitchell. Dr. Moore is associate chief of the surgical staff.

Job loss heads list of Oliver

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Whether the story represents handwriting on the wall or the size of a fate narrowly escaped, the AFRO's article "Hold On to the job you have" is the most important story of the year.

In November the AFRO reported that unemployment had witnessed a moderate rise since August.

Simultaneously the nation's econominists were noting economic trouble spots appearing on the scene in every state in the union.

IT WAS reported that Christmas shopping was "sluggish" and layoff figures increasing despite the approaching holiday season.

While the AFRO reported some 10,000 jobless in this area, economists totaled 4.5 million out of work in the U.S. and predict that the total will rise to 5 million by February.

(They lumped the figures into a sum of 230,000 persons laid off in manufacturing, construction, mining and utilities.

Recommended was increased military spending and fixed-up jobs provided by the government.

Also forecast was no indication that the mild recession would snowball into a depression.

Meanwhile a local business establishment celebrated 91 years of progress and showed a good solid foundation.

Withessing no sign of coming economic disaster as the Southern Life Insurance Company which has been guided and directed by Dr. Willard W. Allen for all his 32 years as president.

Today as one of the foremost Maryland institutions the insurance company has injected new lifeblood in its veins.

The new staff includes 28-year-old vice president George Russel who is also a newly appointed magistrate at-large.

Joseph Bush is secretary. Alvan S. Stanley is treasurer; members of the new board of directors are Miss Madelyn Roseland Allen and Ross Sye.

3. Home buying in 1957 represented a swing upward as more than 10,000 families spread into suburban areas spending more than $1 million for property.

The AFRO carried a series of stories on the new look in Baltimore's housing.

An example is the William Russell's Powhattan St., home which the family built from savings of many years.

4. The new Lafayette Market opened in October after four years wait.

A May, 1953 fire devastated the 21 year old Pennsylvania Ave. landmark.

Despite delays over a period of 54 months owners of the 229 stalls in the $500,000 new concrete and steel market report business is "good."

Businesses scrambled forth into new fields of employment and were appointed to new positions.

5. The first lobed judge South of the Mason Dixon Line is Judge E. Everett Lane who was appointed to the Probate Court by Governor Theodore McKeldin, Magistrate Robert R. Watts was named to succeed Judge Lane in the Traffic Court.

The NAACP sponsored Vote — Register campaign directed by the Rev. John Tillery piloted a record number of new voters on the books to make a top - ranking story of the 1957 year.

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FAMILY OF Mr. and Mrs. William F. Paul, seated center, gathered at their Calhoun St. home in Baltimore on New Year's Day to help them mark their 55th wedding anniversary. Seated on either side of them are Nathaniel and Lucille Paul, children of their son, James. Standing, left to right, Mrs. James W. Paul holding daughter, Cecelia, 7 months; Mrs. James L. Paul holding granddaughter Antoinette 21 months; James W. Paul Jr., and his father, James, Mr. and Mrs. William Paul, and their son, William of Magnolia, N.J.

55 years of marriage with never a serious argument

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Fifty-five years of happy marriage with never a serious argument is the record of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Paul, 1363 N. Calhoun St.

They have been able to achieve this enviable record because "we learned to agree with one another on what we were going to do ahead of time, said Mrs. Paul. And Mr. Paul added, "and the happiest thing is that we have enjoyed living together."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul — she calls him Will," and he calls her "Nel" observed their anniversary on New Year's Day with 15 members of their family gathered for dinner and a day of fellowship.

There were four Paul boys two of whom are still living, James L., of Baltimore and William C., of Magnolia, N.J.

There are also nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

MR. PAUL and the former Nellie Jones were married in the home of his cousin, the Rev. William Swann. She was 17 and he was 18.

They had met a couple of years before because both family lived in East Baltimore.

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and also in their church and fraternal groups.

BOTH MR. and Mrs. Paul belong to Payne AME Church where they have held membership for over 35 years. Mr. Paul has been a steward for 12 years, and Mrs. Paul belongs to a number of organizations in the church.

Since 1921, Mrs. Paul has been active in the Order of Eastern Star, PHA, of which she is past grand matron. She belongs to Queen of Sheba chapter.

Mr. Paul is past master of Zion Lodge of Masons, PHA, which he also serves as treasurer. He is also a member of the Golden Leaguer Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 16 of Masons.

IN ADDITION to the son, James, who is a chef at a downtown cafeteria, and William who is a biology teacher in Magnolia, N.J., other members of the family here for the anniversary celebration were William's wife, Lucille, their mother, Mrs. Gertrude N. Walton, and their son, William C., Jr.

James's wife, Ella; their son, James, his wife, Margaret, their two children, Antoinette, 21 months; and Cecelia Denice, 7 months; and James's daughter, Lucille and another son, Nathaniel.

Other grandchildren are: Waller's children, Dorothy E. Wiltshire, N.Y.; Pvt. Vincent B. Paul, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Sandra Paul, N.Y.

The great-grandchildren include: Michelle, Sharon and Donna Lynn Wiltshire of New York.

Edward Paul of N.Y. and Raymond Paul with the Army in England, other children of James, Edward and Raymond reach have a small child.

Police probe picked No. 1 by Duncan

By STEVE DUNCAN

This has certainly been a year filled to the hilt with local stories of keen interest to all Baltimoreans.

Many people possibly will remember 1957 as the year of probe. But, there have been scores of other stories containing the ingredients necessary to give them status as important news items.

So at the risk of exposing my Achilles heel, here are my selections as the Big Ten on the local scene.

1. THE POLICE probe, which started out to be an investigation into alleged irregularities in traffic tickets, is the biggest story of the year.

The probe led to grand jury indictments against two high ranking Rackets Division officers, suspension of other officers in this division, reassignments throughout the Department, and the release from prison of Charles Burns, convicted for lottery.

2. The register and vote campaign, which had the blessing of the NAACP, signed up colored voters here to 84,022, and the drive is still in operation.

3. The elevation of Traffic Court Magistrate E. Everett Lane to judge of People's Court, marking the first time in Maryland's history that a member of his race has been named to a court of record.

4. The sentencing of 17-year-old Alvin (Butch) Braxton to the gas chamber for the slaying of a rookie patrolman.

5. THE RULING last July by Fugo A. Ricciuti, acting city solicitor, which held unconstitutional a plan by Harold Cashwhill, superintendent of recreation, for the AFRO association to by-pass colored eligibles to fill certain positions in the Bureau of Recreation.

6. The House UnAmerican Activities Committee investigation which paraded a number of witnesses before television screens, catusing some of them to leave the City Council.

7. The scuttling by the Bar Association of Baltimore of a gentlemen's agreement which barred women and colored attorneys from membership.

8. The probe of the City Council administration's advertising and manufacturer's jingle, taxes which critics have branded as unjust.

9. The opinion of Chief Judge Emory Niles holding unconstitutional a 250-year-old Maryland fornication law making it illegal for a white woman to bear a child fathered by a colored man.

10. The performance of the Baltimore Colts as they stayed in contention as football champs till the eleventh hour, thereby befuddling the pre-season prognosticators who'd picked them for the cellar.

IF I were to pick a baker's dozen I would have to include these also:

11. The ruling by the attorney general to the effect that prisoners have a right to counsel when they are taken into custody by police.

12. The hassle over locating the Hotel Association's convention in Druid Hill Park.

And the flop of the Baltimore Hotel Association's decision to refuse to house colored guests on an equal basis.

Since I'm restricted to ten selections, please disregard the last three.

Sheila picks police probe as top story

By SHELIA SHIELDS

Of course, it would be just a little too presumptious for an individual to think he could sit down and call off the ten best stories of the year.

Different stories appeal to different persons for different reasons.

However, in my opinion, these stories could be listed somewhere among the top ten.

1. THE POLICE shake-up. This story hit the community with their "protection" turned out to be some of the very ones we had to be protected against.

2. THE BRAXTON case. Will George McKeldin's action, in connection with capital punishment be as strong in the Alvin Braxton case as it was at the time of the Kelly Briles case, accused of slaying Jesse Mills, 36. Briley's death sentence was commuted.

3. BALTIMORE'S HOTEL situation. Members of the local hotel association decide under what limited circumstances they will accept colored guests.

4. COMPLETION OF THE Baltimore Harbor Tunnel. Largest mass improvement to the city's traffic situation.

5. DESEGREGATION of Baltimore schools. In spite of a few mild displays of disapproval, the claim to desegregate went along rather smoothly and gracefully.

6. THE DEATH of Mrs. Vivian Alleyne. Wife of Dr. Bruce Alleyne, she took a lead in civic affairs, and was a member of the city's Board of Welfare.

7. A 57-YEAR-OLD Methodist minister, the Rev. Daniel Rupert, taken as his bride, 22 year-old Miss Frances Jefferson of Philadelphia. She was his secretary.

8. THE FIRE burning up fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett, 2135 McHenry St., in which the parents of three other children lost two in the fire.

9. THE FORMER Miss Doris Freeland, a city school teacher walks off to the altar with a prize catch. State Senator Harry Cole.

10. LARRY DOBY, gained by the Baltimore Orioles in trade with the Chicago White Sox.

Williams picks ten top stories

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The 365 days that together formed the year of Our Lord 1957 had their share of laughter, tears, happiness and heartbreak.

1. The top story of the year had very little glamour or sensationalism but rather it was filled with patience and determination.

This was the Register and Vote Campaign in which a dozen number of qualified voters increased to over 84,000.

2. The number two spot is occupied by the police probe which revealed some mighty mighty shenanigans going on the part of some of our guardians of law and order.

Baltimore hasn't been so shook up since Lee decided to call it quits.

Whether the probe actually accomplished anything except to cause the shuffling of a few faces and a few singed fingers is something that also remains to be seen.

At least it showed that our police department is not the paragon of virtue it has been painted.

—Boy, what a great big surprise.

3. The probe also produced the number three story, the freeing from incarceration of Charlie Burns.

Mr. Burns was thrown in the big on evidence that was allegedly as shoddy as a seven dollar bill, and that is just about as good as one can get.

The Burns case was one more rock thrown at an already rocky police department which is still insisting that all those nasty limits of national magnitude which have been thrown at them are not true a bit.

4. NATURALLY MURDER had its place in the scheme of things and possibly the biggest homicide of them all was the slaying of bar manager, Mrs. Eva Wilkins.

She was slain in a parked car and a man identified as her boyfriend was later convicted of the crime.

5. The fifth spot is a toss up between the way Dunbar marched to the basketball championship in its first year of competition in the integrated league, and the way the Colts gave us all the thrill in their bid for pro football glory.

6. Now here we have a hangier — the Civic Center imbroglio in which nobody wanted the Center in Druid Hill Park.

That is nobody except the Mayor and his friendly City Council.

One guess who won — pay that man five wooden nickles.

It was the Mayor and the Council, natch.

We might as well, throw in the ad tax while we are at it.

Once again nobody wanted the blamed thing except the Mayor and the City Council, and once again, guess who won?

You know things like this can get awful monotonous.

7. THE TRAGIC death of Mrs. Vivian Alleyne, one of our most dynamic and useful citizens.

8. The appointment of E. Everett Lane as the first member of his race to sit as a judge in a court of record south of the Border — Mason-Dixon border that is.

9. The sad, sad story of the sad sad EEOC which didn't do much of anything except meet. Of course, it did manage to get itself involved in petty politics over the selection of a second in command, so the record was not completely blank.

10. Last on the list is the case of Alvin (Butch) Braxton, the 17-year-old youth who was recently sentenced to death for fatally shooting a rookie policeman.

Should Braxton go to the gas chamber, he will be the youngest ever to do so in Maryland.

For winning the MSA championship on their first try, the Dunbar High School basketball team story also ranks among the top ten.

More than 2,200 fans saw the Poets defeat Loyola 66 to 62 last March for the title.

The performance of the Colts football team, had fans in a dither up until the final gun was sounded in San Francisco on the Sunday before Christmas.

One of the biggest sports thrills of the year was keeping alive the belief that the Colts would finish 1957 as national champions.

IN FEBRUARY, a young married couple lived through a night of terror in the cot block of W. Franklin St. When two holdup men forced their way into their bedroom.

After having assaulted the housewife and beaten her husband, one of the holdup men was shot and killed by a neighbor after the victim ran into his apartment for help.

The assailant of Mrs. Eva Wilkins in a parked car in the 1200 block of N. Central Ave., ranks No. 8 in my estimation.

For her death, Robert Lee Hall was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Following the shooting which Hall termed "accidental," the dead woman was driven to her home in the 1000 block of N. Bond St., where police found her slumped across the front seat of his car with a gun in one hand and a straight razor in the other.

THE BOLD theft of $1,752 in cash and other valuables from a safe in a Gwynns Falls Pkwy., home last March brought about the conviction of John Austin (Don Juan) Young and Joseph (The Fox) Ryles.

At their trial, stories surrounding their activities as "hot pack" men and the operation of a lottery ring were told.

The eighth most newsworthy story of the year can be attributed to the young Eastern District officer who escaped almost certain death when he was dragged more than a block by an angry taxicab driver.

BECAUSE in part, the driver was not interested in picking up colored passengers he was arrested by Patrolman William H. Young and given a stiff court fine.

The survival of Mrs. Elizabeth Burton of 1200 Ashe Ave. in a fire in which her two children died was attributed to the fact that neighbors found her half frozen to death.

In weather hovering just above the zero mark, the 37-year-old woman was found in a building in a house without heat because she was afraid of fire.

In the tenth position I would rate the story surrounding seven young children who were found starving to death in the Westwood Ave. home.

In a house without light, heat or food, police found the three girls and four boys surrounded by dirty laundry and empty liquor bottles.

One officer described the situation as the "worse case of neglect I have ever seen."

Johnson says struggle of humanity top story

By MAX JOHNSON

News stories reflect life—and life follows the basic pattern of (1) man against nature, (2) man against man, and (3) man with man.

As a veteran newspaperman who has been given the opportunity to cover practically all types of stories in many places and under various circumstances, including war correspondent coverage of phases of World War Two, I have long concluded that this pattern is of interest in the order named.

There is a keener realization of a Supreme Being, in man's battles against nature, when nature be a hurricane or growing grass.

THE LIFE promised us in the Bible is reflected in man's unending quest.

The love urged among us in the Bible comes to pass when man is in agreement with man.

Any selection of the best news stories over a given period should have, therefore, this life pattern as a guide rule.

So, let's look back over AFRO news stories in Baltimore during 1957, and remember some of the best oneswith our pattern of life in mind.

MAN AGAINST NATURE — How about AFRO stories on this growing love of man for man makes good remembrance.

So, there you are. Pick any ten AFRO stories in these categories, including the three patterns, of course, and you have the best AFRO stories for 1957 or any year, for that matter.

MAN AGAINST MAN—How about AFRO stories on school condemnation proposals for taking people's homes? The fight against the Civic Center in Druid Hill Park? The struggle against higher taxes?

Pick any of them, add a couple of murders if you wish, and you will likely find a good news story in this category.

MAN WITH MAN — How about the appointment of People's Court Judge E. Everett Lane? Transfer of Magistrate Robert B. Watts? The easing of discrimination in many downtown places?

Certainly, any AFRO stories on this growing love of man for man makes good remembrance.

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Herb Mangrum and his top ten

By HERB MANGRUM

In selecting the ten top stories of 1957, I consider the shakeup in the police department as the No. 1 news item of the year.

Morale in the department hit rock-bottom in the final three months of 1957 after one officer committed suicide and five others were suspended from duty.

In turning up the pressure of the Rackets Division, a Grimal Justice Commission report brought about the suspension of two top ranking officers.

As an after affect, one individual who had been sentenced to jail as a result of a series made by investig