'Don't Want To Go Through Experience Again'

Lady cops wanted but...

MISS MARJORIE AUSTIN

"She asked me why I wanted to be a policewoman. . . then she said '. . .You aren't qualified because you haven't been dealing with people long enough.'"

Miss Marjorie Austin, 2317 Whittier Ave., has given this account of an interview held recently with Miss Enid Sandler of the Maryland State Department of Employment Security.

At the time of the interview, Miss Austin said she was interested in obtaining a job as a policewoman but the interview with Miss Sandler marked an end to her plans.

A spokesman at the Department later confirmed that Miss Austin had been rejected but refused to divulge the reason.

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THE SPOKESMAN also admitted that:

"The Police Department has told us that it would be happy to have this department send more qualified colored women for appointment as police."

However, the last two colored policewomen were hired in September, 1956.

In addition the spokesman also revealed that the Police Department had assigned to the Department of Employment Security the responsibility for the preliminary screening of applicants for appointment as policewomen and this was being handled by Miss Sandler, an interviewer.

Thomas L. Miller, director of personnel for the Police Department, confirmed that this arrangement is being used to select policewomen and that candidates have to pass through the Department of Employment Security before being considered for appointment.

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ACCORDING to a circular issued by the Police Department, these are the requirements for policewomen:

"Candidates must be female, at least 21 years old, and must not have reached their 36th birthday by the date of filing application.

". . .**Appointee's character and reputation must be above reproach. A high school diploma or its equivalent as certified by the Department of Education is required and the completion of courses at college level is desirable.**

"Candidates should have a general knowledge of the community, its government and institutions."

Under the heading of "other desirable qualifications" the circular noted:

"Experience, adaptability, tolerance, understanding, and skill in human relations, which may be evidenced by previous work experience in dealing with people."

MISS AUSTIN, in addition to being a clerk - typist at the Department of Internal Revenue is also a part - time teacher at the Cortez Peters Business School.

She attended Morgan State College for three years and majored in sociology.

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AT PRESENT, including Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte, there are six colored policewomen in the department out of a total of 36.

The police personnel head, Mr. Miller, said:

"I also know that we are trying to get more policewomen and I understand that we have assignments where we can use colored women, but we want women whom we — well, women like (Policewoman Carolyn) Robinson and (Sgt. Whyte, both veterans on the force).

"We are carrying some vacancies where we could use qualified women. When I say qualified I mean — well, this job carries up to $5,000 a year."

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MR. MILLER also said there is no law which states that prospective policewomen should be tested by the Maryland State Department of Employment Security.

He added, "They (the Department) indicated that they have tested some five or six hundred women."

Bad checks for $89 bring 18 months

Paul A. Lowe Jr., 32, of the 2100 block McCulloh St., pleaded guilty in Criminal Court Wednesday to charges of passing four forged checks for a total of $89, and was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction.

Judge John T. Tucker was told that the checks were in the amounts of $2, $17, $20 and $50, and were passed on stores and a tavern in the 2700 block Pennsylvania Ave. in October and November.

Center attacked at hearing

"There is no question but that the erection of a civic center would very definitely have an adverse influence on the value of surrounding property."

Carl Heinmuller Jr., former president of the Real Estate Board, gave this opinion Monday in a hearing before Judge Reubin Oppenheimer in Circuit Court on the legality of placing the proposed civic center in Druid Hill Park.

Mr. Heinmuller was one of four witnesses called by attorneys for some 100 or more taxpayers seeking to block the proposed six million dollar center.

A hearing is being resumed today (Friday). This is expected to be the last day of the hearing, but a decision is unlikely at this conclusion because written briefs have been requested by Judge Oppenheimer.

PREVIOUSLY, R. Brooke Maxwell, director of the Bureau of Recreation and Parks, said the center would lessen the use of the swimming pool and park facilities in the area.

James C. Anderson, Park Board president, testified earlier that the Park Board would cooperate with the civic center commission thoroughly if the courts decided that the city had a legal right to use park property.

However, Mr. Anderson said he was personally objecting to the park site being used for this purpose.

Mayor D'Alesandro and his administration sponsoring the park site for the location of the civic center has contended that the property was under control of the Water Department rather than the Park Board.

However, Joseph J. King, executive secretary of the Park Board, another witness, said the Water Department had not expended any funds for the maintenance or management of that sector of the park property proposed for use by the center.

Vigil kept at home of family in new area

"They haven't bothered us lately.

"They pass and say that's where he lives and keep going.

That was the comment Tuesday of Bryant Perry after Northwestern District police had kept an all night vigil around his home at 616 Denison St.

As the first colored person to move into the previously all-white community near Edmondson Ave. and Hilton St., Mr. Perry and his family have been subjected to taunts by his new neighbors.

In addition, vandals have broken a storm window and a glass door in the kitchen of his home and set fire to paper in his yard.

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THE SIX-FOOT-SIX bar manager moved into the two-story hilltop home on Jan. 2.

The first act of vandalism was reported to police three days later.

Mr. Perry said that his wife's attention was attracted to a small fire in the back yard after a brick was hurled through their kitchen window.

Since then, police have been patrolling the area in an attempt to apprehend the vandals.

Mr. Perry and his wife and small son formerly resided at 805 Dukeland St.

Zoning Board okeys North Ave. housing

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on Tuesday approved requests to house three families in dwellings at 2325 and 2347 N. North Ave.

The Zoning Board denied a request to house four families and one roamer at 513 Ensor St but granted a request to house five families and a night club at 521-23 Ensor St.

Hearing on a request to house three families at 1507 E. Chase St. was postponed until January 28. Also postponed for reposting on a public notice was a request to open a basement grocery store at 2004 Poplar Grove St.

ON TUESDAY, the Zoning Board will consider a request to house four families at 712 N. Carey St., and a rug cleaning establishment and office at 2330 Warwick Ave.

Also scheduled for hearings Tuesday are requests to house three families in dwellings at 1801 N. Broadway; 1111 N. Central Ave.; 1443 E. Eager St.; 417 E. Biddle St., and 410 Orchard St.

Probation in theft

Coleman D. Grant, 49, of the 1800 block Brunt St., was given a one-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years in Criminal Court Tuesday for the theft of some $1,200 worth of articles from a downtown department store where he was employed between December, 1956, and February, 1957.

PLACE OF 'HUMILIATION'—This is South Baltimore General Hospital where Mrs. Essie G. Hood (insert) reported that she was told she could not eat in a cafetera because it was reserved for white employees. Mrs. Hood, a practical nurse, later quit her job at the hospital.

'Upset' nurse quits hospital

"I'm just beginning to get myself together. I didn't want to work under tension and pressure . . . I didn't want to go through that experience again."

Mrs. Essie G. Hood, 315 N. Calhoun St., was explaining Wednesday the steps which prompted her to resign from South Baltimore General Hospital, where she was employed as a licensed practical nurse.

She charged that last Friday, a day after going on general duty, she became "upset and humiliated" when she was refused service in the hospital's "white only" cafeteria.

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MRS. HOOD, who said she was unaware of the hospital's discriminatory policy, related that she has accepted a job at Spring Grove State Hospital, effective on Monday.

Mrs. Hood told the AFRO that when she went for the interview for the new position she was assured that she would not be subject to similar humiliations.

"That was the first thing I asked when I went into the personnel office," Mrs. Hood said.

She also related that the new position pays "quite a bit more" money than her former job.

Mrs. Hood asserted that when she went to the cafeteria at South Baltimore General Hospital last Friday at about 5:30 p.m. she was told she would have to eat in the kitchen.

She said a separate cafeteria is maintained for colored employees.

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THIS WAS confirmed Monday by Donald T. Mills, director of the hospital, who told the AFRO:

"We have alloted a space for them (the colored employees) in the cafeteria.

"I don't think it is out of order."

The hospital, located at 1213 Light St., has received approximately $270,000 in State appropriations since 1954. The hospital is asking the state for $79,555 for 1958.

"I have suffered severe nervous strain because of that order," said Mrs. Hood in recounting the discriminatory snob.

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FOLLOWING the refusal to serve her in the cafeteria Mrs. Hood said she became "so upset and humiliated" that she had to give herself a sedative to continue to work.

She said she worked Saturday, Sunday and Monday, carrying her own lunch to avoid a similar situation.

Her decision to tender her resignation came on her second off day, Wednesday.

In a reflective mood, Mrs. Hood said, "I was very happy with the little job."

Although she started general duty at the hospital last Thursday, she has served on private duty since October.

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A FORMAL letter of protest to the discriminatory practices was sent Mr. Mills on Monday by the NAACP.

The letter, signed by Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, secretary of the legal redress committee, said:

"A complaint has been made to our Association by Mrs. Essie G. Hood, a nurse employed at your institution of racial discrimination and segregation practiced by your hospital in the cafeteria.

"According to Mrs. Hood, on Jan. 3 about 5:30 p.m. when she went down to the cafeteria to get something to eat, she was told that she would have to take her tray and eat in the kitchen, because the colored cafeteria was closed and colored employees could not eat in the white cafeteria.

"Mrs. Hood tells us that she has worked in the Johns Hopkins, Sinai, Lutheran, and Maryland General Hospitals, and she has not encountered such discrimination in either of them.

"I would appreciate your personal investigation of this matter, and a reply at your earliest convenience."

YOUTH KILLED IN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

NEW ORLEANS (ANP). — Fourteen-year-old Tyrone Morrison was shot to death here last week when his 17-year-old brother, Stanley, accidentally pulled the trigger of his father's gun as he played with it.

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fajlsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by housewatchers Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leden. Leeden said he shot the man "in defense of my life", in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leeden was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, was shot by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weas said the State could not prove a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Rosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956—Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeMandes was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeMandes. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exeter, when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isaiah Presley when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Presley was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

Rites today for Mrs. Anna J. Gibson, Provident nurse superintendent

"She was a dedicated person to both her profession and the hospital."

Theodore Perkins, Provident Hospital superintendent was speaking of Mrs. Anna Johnson Gibson, a supervisor of nurses at the hospital who died on Tuesday at the age of 60.

Mrs. Gibson had been ailing since May of 1957, first at her home, at 1824 Presstman St., and later at Provident Hospital.

She was there from May to June 4, when she returned to her home.

She was stricken again on January 4, and entered the hospital where she died.

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MRS. GIBSON'S death makes two on the Provident staff in two weeks.

On December 21, Mrs. Edith Fields longtime medical records librarian died.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gibson are being held today (Friday) at noon at the Union Baptist Church where she was a member for 29 years.

The Earl Gilmore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Burial will follow in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Her husband, John H. Gibson was a veteran of World War I. He died in 1947.

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A NATIVE of Whites, Va., Mrs. Gibson was the daughter of Adolphus and Florence Johnson.

She was graduated from Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in Washington in 1921.

On October 15, 1928, she joined the Provident staff as assistant superintendent of nursing and served in that post until 1941 when she took leave.

While there, in addition to her post as assistant superintendent of nursing, she acted as superintendent of the hospital from 1940-41.

SHE RETURNED to the hospital in 1949 in her former post as assistant superintendent of nursing, and was later promoted to the evening supervisor of nursing, the post she held at the time of her death.

Mrs. Gibson was a member of the National League of Nursing.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Virginia Jones of Washington; two brothers, Gustavus and Eustace Johnson of Whites, Va.

Teenagers jailed in $20 theft

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles in Criminal Court Thursday sentenced two teenaged youths to six and eight years in the Maryland State Reformatory for Males for the $20 robbery of a newsman.

James (Jim) Worrell, 18; of the 2000 block W. Saratoga St., received a six-year sentence, and Robert (Ben) Parker, 17, of the 3300 block Piedmont Ave. received an eight-year sentence.

Clarence E. Murray of the 1800 block W. Lexington St., charged that the pair attacked him on Nov. 30 at Penrose and Pulaski St. while he was collecting on his news route.

Parker, told Judge Niles that he committed the robbery to get money to pay court costs on still another burglary for which he has been placed on probation. Worrell also admitted the robbery.

'Have I done a good job or not?'—Beall

"Have I done a good job or not?"

Maryland's U.S. Senator J. Glenn Beall, Republican, posed this question to the State's citizens on Wednesday with an announcement that he had filed as a candidate for re-election.

"During the 15 years I have already served in the Congress," Senator Beall stated, "it has been my good fortune and privilege to gain wide experience in government, a thorough insight into national and international affairs, valuable seniority on Capitol Hill and many close friends in both major political parties."

Senator Beall represented Maryland's Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representative for five terms before election to the Senate in 1952.

He is 63 years old, a veteran of World War One, an Episcopalian, married and has three sons, and has an insurance and real estate business in his native town of Frostburg, Md.

Bar group names 4 to committee

Four attorneys, who were just admitted to membership some six months ago in the Baltimore Bar Association when racial restrictions were lifted, have been named to three of the organization's 43 newly reorganized committees for the 1958 fiscal year.

They are State Senator Harry A. Cole, Deputy U.S. Attorney John R. Hargrove, Traffic Court Magistrate Robert B. Watts, and Dallas F. Nicholas, former president of the Monumental Bar Association.

Senator Cole and Mr. Hargrove are on the membership committee; Magistrate Watts is on the committee on liaison with City of Baltimore administrative boards, and Mr. Nicholas is a member of the committee on admissions.

Francis A. Michel is president of the Baltimore Bar Association; Morton H. Rosen, and E. Paul Mason, vice presidents; Charles D. Harris is secretary, and F. Edward Wheeler is treasurer.

NAACP program

The NAACP will sponsor its annual Youth Talent Program on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Sts.

Contestants will participate in voice, oratory and piano.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each classification.

Schools to be represented included Carver, Douglass, Parkway Johnson, and Dunbar.

Suit filed on zoning law

A suit has been filed in Circuit Court seeking to halt the erection of a mattress factory at 511-519 Wilson St.

The suit alleges that the City Council ordinance which changed the property from residential to commercial use is "invalid, illegal, unconstitutional and void."

The suit was filed by the NAACP, Northwest Residential Protective Association, Mrs. Elle S. Henson, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Mrs. Alease T. Gardner, Mrs. Hunter L. Tompkins, Ulysses G. Figby, and Mrs. Genevieve Lee.

In further allegations the suit said:

The zoning change benefits one property and the mattress firm, it (the change) is not in the public interest and is arbitrary, unreasonable and discriminatory.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, Linwood G. Koger Jr., and Charles J. Josey are attorneys for the complainants.

SCENE OF VANDALISM— Through this storm door in the kitchen of his home at 616 Denison St., vandals hurled bricks Monday in an effort to terrorize Bryant Perry and his family. They moved into this house located in a previously all white neighborhood near Edmondson Ave., and Hilton St., a week ago. Police have been patroling the area since the day a fire was started in the couple's back yard.

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FIND 'LADY IN GOLD' IS MISSING MOTHER OF 5
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Girl ,18, Slain In Car

Find 'lady in gold' is mother of 5

A 38-year-old jazz musician who played a "cool" bass fiddle in a Druid Hill Ave. bistro while police sought the identity of the "Lady in Gold" has been charged with homicide in connection with the death of the 23-year-old mother of five children.

The body of "The Lady in Gold" was discovered Saturday afternoon in a field on Broening Highway near Dundalk Ave., with two bullet wounds of the chest.

When two youths came across the lifeless form, they found the woman dressed in a V-neck gold and silver cocktail dress.

She remained nameless in the City Morgue for 48 hours until relatives finally identified her late Monday as Mrs. Carrie (Piney) Sheldon of 1819 Guilford Ave.

The arrest of the bass player, Henry Veney of the 1700 block John St., followed a few hours later when he went to the dead woman's home to inquire of her whereabouts.

He surrendered without a struggle, police said.

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RELATIVES told the AFRO that while Baltimore County and city police were probing for a lead in the death of Mrs. Sheldon, the suspect calmly ate Sunday dinner with her family.

County police were conducting an investigation of the case until they learned that the woman had been killed in the city limits and her body dumped in the county.

The case was then turned over to city police.

The mode of dress had led police to surmise that Mrs. Sheldon had either attended a party or had visited a night club prior to her death.

She had been reported missing a little girl, now six years of age.

The child is in her custody.

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MR. BRANCH, she says, deserted her and has declared his intentions to not live with her any longer.

He earns $600 per month as a seaman, fireman and watertender, she says, and asks support for herself and the child, along with attorney fees.

W. Emerson Brown and Brown, Allen and Watts are attorneys for the wife.

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IN COMMENTING on her husband's suit, Mrs. Branch told the AFRO on Tuesday that it was "a most upsetting thing."

A warm, friendly person, Mrs. Branch spoke freely with a reporter, explaining that she has worked hard at the Club Paree which she manages and owns. The club is located at 2714 Pennsylvania Ave.

Mrs. Branch added that contrary to what her husband stated in his divorce petition, she is the sole owner of the club.

She said that before getting her own place she was manager and barmaid at Club 909 for four years and for fifteen years was barmaid at the Savoy Grill.

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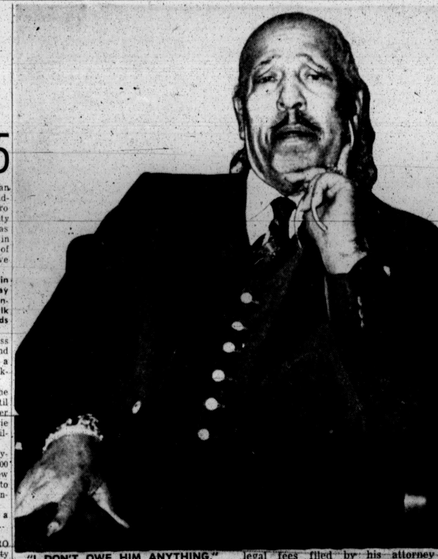
A NATIVE of Farmville, Va., Mrs. Branch has resided in Baltimore since 1936. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones (Mary), 404 E. Biddle St.

Although she has reared two other children, Mrs. Branch has one daughter, six-year-old Retiana L. Branch, by a former marriage. Mr. Branch legally adopted the child.

"My greatest ambition in life," she says, "is to see my little girl grow up. I want to see what kind of life she chooses because I can't choose it for her.

"I'm hoping that she will go to school—she's very smart."

Mrs. Branch and her daughter have been members of St. Francis Catholic Church for six years.



"I DON'T OWE HIM ANYTHING," is the way Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace reacted to the $50,000 suit for legal fees filed by his attorney Wednesday after the Bishop had been acquitted after a 12-day trial.

Daddy Grace freed

WASHINGTON

"I told his business representative that if Bishop Grace didn't sit down and have a man to man talk with me about my fee, I would haul him right back down to court," said Franklyn Yasmar, attorney.

"I don't owe him anything," asserted Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace, leader of the House of Prayer For All People.

"Don't get me 'wrong,'" explained Mr. Yasmar. "I'm very fond of the bishop."

"He's just like the other people on the other side," scoffed Bishop Grace.

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THE "OTHER PEOPLE" referred to by Bishop Grace was Mrs. Louvenia Royster, a schoolteacher who lost a suit against him. She had sought to establish she was his wife.

Mr. Yasmar, who represented the cult leader in the case, filed a $50,000 suit for legal fees against his client, Wednesday, the day following conclusion of the maintenance case.

The attorney in his suit, stated he has been practicing his profession since 1928.

He says that in October, 1955, he was engaged by the Bishop to represent him in the Royster suit.

IN CONNECTION with the action, he performed legal services at various intervals from 1955 until January, 1958, Mr. Yasmar said.

He pointed out in the petition that he defended Bishop Grace and was engaged in trial for 12 days.

"The case was brought to a successful conclusion," he added.

The suit was filed on behalf of Mr. Yasmar by Stanley A. First, his law partner. A jury trial has been requested.

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AFTER FILING of the suit, both Bishop Grace and Mr. Yasmar explained their positions in the matter during separate interviews.

Mr. Yasmar disclosed that he had been paid $1,000 by the

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'Not unfair in love'

MRS. ROSA BRANCH
Files answer to hubby's divorce suit

Mrs. Rosa L. Branch, 41, manager-owner of Club Paree, fighting her husband's suit for divorce, denied the charges that she has been unfair in love or business, this week.

In an answer filed to a complaint by Allen H. Branch, the wife branded as untrue practically all of the charges he made in the suit he filed in Circuit Court last week.

She denies that he was a chaste and affectionate husband.

She denies that she left him for another man.

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MRS. BRANCH also denies that she removed the furniture from their home;

That she used his funds to buy the night club and bar, but says the funds used were her own.

She says that all sums now on deposit in individual checking accounts in the Union Trust Co. of Maryland and the Fidelity-Baltimore National Bank are her own.

She also denies that she is attempting to withdraw the money on deposit for any purpose other than to pay legitimate bills and expenses in operation of the business.

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AND SHE denies that she wants to leave the city and state with proceeds of the business.

On the contrary, says the wife, she is attempting to maintain and operate the club as heretofore.

Mrs. Branch says that operation of the business is being hindered and obstructed by "false allegations" in her husband's bill of complaint.

She asked that his bill in Circuit Court be dismissed.

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AT THE same time she filed an answer, Mrs. Branch filed a petition for a decree of divorce.

She said that while no children were born to their marriage, they have legally adopted

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Braxton off death row; back in cell

By STEVE DUNCAN

"He said when he first heard the good news this morning he fell down on his knees and prayed.

"I knew that's what he would do."

There was a steady, bone-chilling downpour Tuesday afternoon as Mrs. Bessie Braxton, McCloud, 683 Pierce St., spoke these words.

However, as Mrs. McCloud talked the listener could detect a bright ray of sunshine in her voice.

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SHE HAD just spent her first hour with her son, Alvin H. (Butch) Braxton, since his reprieve from death row at the Penitentiary through executive clemency.

The 18-year-old youth's life was spared by Gov. Theodore McKeldin who issued an order Monday commuting his sentence to life imprisonment for the Sept. 29, 1956, slaying of a rookie policeman.

Earlier Monday authorities at the Penitentiary fixed Braxton's execution time at 10 p.m. Friday.

All I could do was sit there and look at my son," said Mrs. McCloud following her visit behind the dreary looking gray walls of the prison with her two daughters and a grandson.

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ACCOMPANYING Mrs. McCloud to the Penitentiary were her daughters, Mrs. Hazel Singletary and Mrs. Mildred Thomas, and her grandson, George Thomas.

"We were so glad to see him we couldn't get ourselves together," Mrs. Thomas said.

Braxton, known as the "Kid" on death row where he was the youngest inmate, learned his sentence had been commuted from an assistant warden and prison chaplain, his relatives said.

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JUDGE JAMES K. CULLEN imposed the death penalty on the youth a year ago after a Youth Court jury found him guilty of first-degree murder without a recommendation for mercy.

The Court of Appeals which has no authority to change a sentence — affirmed the Braxton conviction in October.

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Jobless up to 28,000

By MOSES NEWSON

Unemployment in Baltimore took another jump last week.

The 23,455 persons who drew unemployment benefit checks for the week ended Jan. 12, pushed estimates of the overall jobless to at least 28,000.

A recent estimate placed the figure at 20,000.

At the same time, employers declined to forecast when laid-off workers might be recalled.

The only ray of sunlight in

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86,187

Latest figures released by the Supervisor of Elections show that a total of 86,187 colored voters are now registered in Baltimore City.

This represents a 2,155 gain in voters since Nov. 13.

Since the citywide Register and Vote Campaign began April 1 of last year, 8,813 voters have been added to the books.

Of the total number registered, 34,873 are listed as Republicans, 49,542 as Democrats, and 1,770 as independents.

Teenager is shot, pushed from auto

"Pearl was a good kid, but her boyfriend was the jealous type and she was afraid of him.

"It had barred him from my home."

That was the tearful comment Wednesday of a woman who was about to make funeral arrangements for her teenage sister who was reportedly shot to death Tuesday night while sitting in a parked car at Regester and McCubbin Sts.

In connection with the death of Miss Pearl Julia Starkes, 18, of 941 N. Broadway, a 20-year-old youth surrendered to Northeastern District police Wednesday afternoon.

The youth was accompanied to the station house by his attorney and was held for investigation.

On Thursday afternoon in Homicide Court at Central, Melvin Leroy Walker, of the 1000 block N. Gay St., entered a plea of not guilty and was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney's Office.

Patrolmen James Hooper and James Jones of the Northeastern District reported that when they arrived at the scene of the slaying around 9 p.m. they found the attractive teenager lying unconscious against a curbstone bleeding from a bullet wound at the base of the skull.

The girl was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital in an ambulance where she was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Richard Trembley.

FROM AN investigation conducted by Lt. Dorsey Baldwin and Sgt. Paul Wagner, authorities learned that five shots were fired before Miss Starkes was pushed from an automobile near the 1700 block of McCubbin St., it was reported.

The late model automobile in which the 1949 former Dunbar High School pupil was killed was towed to the Northe

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PEARL STARKES
Slain teenager "was a good kid . . ."

Harford Co. delay was 'deliberate'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has been asked to reverse a decision of Judge Roszel C. Thomsen that would allow Harford County until 1963 to completely desegregate its public schools.

The appeal was made on Thursday by NAACP attorneys Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and Tucker R. Dearing of Baltimore, and Jack Greenberg of New York.

It was heard by Chief Judge John J. Parker and Judges Simon E. Sobeloff and Clement F. Haynesworth Jr.

Judgement on the case has been reserved.

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NO QUESTIONS were asked

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The people in the line that keeps getting longer

A man with a family but no job, standing in line for a check that's too small—that's the story of the jobless.

You get an idea what it's all about when you read the figures that tell of 28,000 out of work.

But the human side of the story is in the long lines that inch around Lombard St. and up to the big doors at 39 Hopkins Pl., the location of the Department of Employment Security.

That's where you can read the real story in faces and hear it in the small talk or feel it in the silent stares.

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THAT'S WHERE the AFRO got this story Thursday morning as men and women shivered in the snowflakes as they inched forward to claim benefit checks.

Edward Harcum, 34, 1385 Whitcatt St., is married and has one child. He's been out of work since October, gets a $26 check.

"I don't know whether you know it or not but it puts you in a real strain. I got a $34 rent bill due today. I guess I'll send them $20," he said.

Mr Harcum was a form setter for an asphalt and tile company, making about $60 a

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'Now I have peace of mind'

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

"What good is money without peace of mind?"

"George T. Smith, 30, relaxed in his basement apartment at 1109 Clifton St., NW, and explained why he spent approximately $700 to paint the Harrison Elementary School, 13th and V Sts., NW, free of charge.

"Since I finished the job, I've been able to sleep at night for the first time in three months," he sighed.

Smith said he got the idea when he was riding past the Harrison School last October, and made a mental note to bid for the job when it became available.

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THE NEXT day, he began talking aloud to himself.

"Something said, 'why not paint it now?'

"**You mean,' Smith demanded of his other self, 'without getting paid? Nope! I'll wait until the bids come.'**

"'Yes, now,' insisted the other self, 'now, for nothing.'

"'Oh, no you don't,' said Smith, mentally slapping the other self down.

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FROM OCTOBER until December, the squabble between the two inner Sm ths continued until Mr. Smith landed in a doctor's office with an ulcer.

"Something's worrying you," the doctor said.

IF THE doctor thought Smith was worried then, he should

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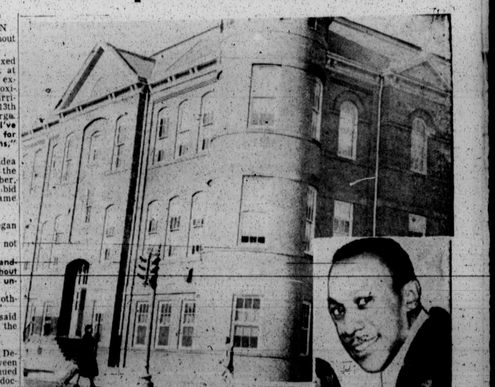

FREE $700 PAINT JOB was given this three-story Harrison Elementary School in Washington by 30-year-old George I. Smith, inset, who said its shoddy appearance worried him. He has a nine-year-old daughter who attends school.