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Predict 70,075 Elementary Pupils By 1962

YM head refuses to reveal action on Turner Y complaint

"The resolution was ill - advised."

J. Cookman Boyd Jr., president of the board of directors of the Baltimore YMCA, on Thursday was referring to a strong resolution deploring discriminatory practices allegedly faced by delegates to a recent Y conference in Dundalk.

Mr. Boyd told the AFRO the protest — lodged by the Turner Station Y— was taken up at a board meeting Tuesday, but the president refused to divulge what action was taken.

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THE RESOLUTION, signed by Howard Flournoy, chairman of the Turner Station Y board of managers, contended that colored delegates to the Central Atlantic Area Hi-Y Conference were barred from two recreation activities.

Mr. Boyd refused Tuesday to say whether or not the recreation activities (at a bowling alley and theatre in Dundalk) were a part of the planned program of the conference, held Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.

Mr. Boyd asserted that the question of the alleged discriminatory practice was an internal matter.

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FRANK L. WATERHOUSE, a member of the board of managers of the Turner Station branch, was a representative at Tuesday's meeting.

He said he had no authority to discuss what happened.

Mr. Flournoy said Thursday afternoon that he was not aware of what went on at the meeting where the resolution was discussed.

Rudolph Wheeler, executive secretary of the Turner Station branch, said as far as he knew, speculation that the branch was strongly censured at Tuesday's meeting was unfounded.

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W. GORDON MacGREGOR, general secretary of the central office, told the AFRO two weeks ago that "we're trying to work at this thing conscientiously."

Mr. MacGregor, who was also critical of the resolution, said at that time that Mr. Boyd had called for a full report on the allegation.

The resolution, sent to Mr. Boyd shortly before Christmas, said, in part:

"As we approach this season when every professed Christian should be rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, the board of managers of the Turner Station YMCA has a problem on its heart.

"At the December meeting, after having heard a report on the recent youth conference for which the Dundalk branch was the host, this board unanimously agreed that some form of a formal protest be made to the board of directors.

"This action was the result of a breakdown in a portion of the planned program that involved recreation. The colored delegates were denied the use of two of the three facilities provided for the Saturday afternoon recreation period.

"This board is of the opinion that the YMCA was a party in this unchristian and undemocratic action in that it permitted this portion of the program without full participation of the entire delegation."

More city homes without bathtubs

Here in Baltimore, the nation's sixth largest city, lives a family in a house without a bathtub, hot water, gas or electricity.

Kerosene lamps and a wood stove for both heating and cooking are the order of things for the family of Mrs. Maryland Hemsley, 27, at 1044 Shields Place.

If a member of the family wants to take a bath, water has to be heated on the stove and then poured into a tig tub.

Such an arrangement, however, is not the exclusive property of Mrs. Hemsley.

It is duplicated in a number of homes in Baltimore, even though Health Department regulations state that every dwelling unit in the city must have a bathtub or shower and hot water.

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TO BACK up the regulation fines have been authorized.

For over two years the regulation has been in force but surveys conducted by the AFRO during the last six weeks have shown that in many instances and in many parts of the city, the regulation is not being observed.

As a result of the AFRO survey and the explanation from the Health Department that it does not have enough men to make inspection, two City Councilmen have called for stricter compliance with the measure.

Councilman Walter T. Dixon (Dem. 4th) said:

"There is sufficient existing law on the statute books of the city to bring a speedy remedy to any unsanitary conditions.

"The city cannot afford to wait for urban renewal operators to raze buildings in the slum areas in order to correct these unsanitary conditions.

Councilman Solomon Liss (Dem. 4th) said:

"I believe that the Health Department ought to issue a statement reaffirming its intention to enforce the regulation, giving a 30-day grace period and then hail every violator into court immediately after the 30-day grace period."

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IN THE latest survey of the AFRO 43 homes were visited and 21 were found to be without bathtubs and hot water.

The new survey in the Northwestern area of the city covered the 900, 1000, 1100, 1300 and 1500 blocks Shields Place, 2100 block Usher St., 1000 block Rice St., 1400 and 1600 blocks Etting St., 1100 and 1200 blocks Brewer St., 1000 block Dorn St. and 500 block Oxford St.

Among the families visited was one at 1106 Shields Place. The family said they had lived here 22 years and had used a tin tub for bathing purposes.

OTHER HOMES without bathtubs, the landlords where available in city records and the weekly rents, tenants said they paid were:

1104 Shields Place, landlord listed as Harry Ressin; 1331 Shields Place, $7, and landlord listed as Robert L. Gressit; 1929 Shields Place, $7, landlord listed as Yetta Grossman, 3836 Dolfield Ave.

Shields Place, landlord listed as Yetta Grossman, 3836 Dolfield Ave.; 1334 Shields Place, $6, landlord listed as Mrs. Bertha Strasburger, 1701 Eutaw Place.

1600 Etting St., owns home, 1622 Etting St., $10, landlord listed as Public Realty Co., 1 Wabash Ave.; 1406 Etting St., 1135 Brewer St., $5, landlord listed as William P. Mylander.

1130 Brewer St., $9.75, landlord listed as Harold Kropman, 2517 White Chapel Rd.; 1128 Brewer St., landlord listed as Harold Kropman, 2517 White Chapel Rd.

558 Oxford St., $8.50, landlord listed as Milton H. Saul, 2439 Callow Ave., 566 Oxford St., $5.50 per week, landlord listed as Milton Saul, 564½ Oxford St. 564 Oxford St., $5.82 landlord listed as Milton Saul, 527 Oxford St., $7, landlord listed as Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.; 505 Oxford St.; the family owns the home.

Civil Rights

A public hearing on City Councilman Walter T. Dixon's Civil Rights Ordinance has been set for 1 p.m. March 1, before the Council's Public Relations Committee, headed by Councilman Thomas P. Fallon, Sixth District.

"WHAT'S THE USE of having a bathtub but no hot water?" asks Larry Hall, 60, 729 N. Spring St., in the kitchen where he and his wife take baths in the winter. They have a tub upstairs but no heat. The law says that all bathtubs shall be connected with hot water lines.

ACCUSED ATTORNEYS — Leaving the Court House after entering not guilty pleas in arraignment Tuesday morning to a subornation of perjury charges are Thomas G. White, left, Washington attorney, and James H. Taylor, third from left, an attorney who lives in Elkridge. Dallas F. Nicholas, second from left, is attorney for Mr. White in the case. Frank Bourne, another Washington attorney, is at extreme right. Traffic Court Magistrate Robert B. Watts, is not shown here, is attorney for Mr. Taylor.

2 persons under bail for homicide

A housewife who allegedly stabbed her husband to death Christmas Day, and a construction worker who according to police killed a pal over one dollar, were held without bail for action of the Grand Jury Tuesday.

In Central Homicide Court, Mrs. Lucy C. Jordan, 48, of the 100 block Colvin St., pleaded not guilty, to stabbing her husband, Henry J. Jordan, 47.

James Edward (Mike) Johnson, 31, of the 700 block Lennox Ave., pleaded not guilty to stabbing Leo Gardner, 52, following a dispute in a restaurant last Nov. 17.

IN A SIGNED statement read before Magistrate James Fan Mrs. Jordan stated that her husband was killed accidently when he fell on a parting knife during a struggle in their Lafayette Court apartment.

Mrs. Jordan stated that she was preparing to go to church when her husband tried to force her to take a drink of wine.

Witnesses testified that when they were called to the Jordans' apartment, they found the accused woman with scratches on her face and arms, and Mr. Jordan slumped against the refrigerator.

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IN THE JOHNSON case, police testified that Mr. Gardner was stabbed with an ice pick and died two days later at Provident Hospital.

In a signed statement read by police, the court was told that Mr. Johnson said that he and Gardner got into an argument after he gave him money to buy liquor.

He said later when he entered the lunchroom, Gardner had no money and no liquor and attacked him first.

Laukaitis set as NAPE guest

William F. Laukaitis, acting postmaster of the Baltimore Post Office, will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Baltimore Branch, National Alliance of Postal Employees Sunday, Jan. 19.

The meeting will be held at the Ship Builder's Union Hall, 506 Light St., at 4 p.m.

This will be the first time Mr. Laukaitis has attended a meeting of this organization and also the first time in many years a postmaster has attended a meeting of the NAPE.

State Senator Harry Cole will also be present.

All members and their wives are invited to attend.

Gas and Electric Co. seeks increased rates

"It can't possibly go into effect in 30 days because I have requested a 120-day delay" ... public service counsel."

Wilfred T. McQuaid, of the Public Service Commission was speaking Thursday of the increased rates requested by the Gas and Electric Company.

The president of the utility, J. Theodore Wolfe, requested the increased rates within 30 days pointing out that the company is "to the point where we must charge more for our services... if we are to maintain a high standard..."

HOWEVER, MR. McQuaid, the public service counsel, said the increase must be delayed to give him time to investigate it and set a date for a hearing at which the public will be represented.

The increased rates would add 90 cents a month to a $12.16 electric bill and 33 cents a month to a gas bill of $3.73. These statistics are cited as "average," by the Gas and Electric Company.

Where gas is used for heating, the average home uses approximately $102 worth. The increase would bring this to $108.80.

The Gas and Electric Company, in its rate increase announcement said: "The plain fact is that earnings from our utility business have been shrinking for more than a year and are already well below the minimum level..."

2 lawyers deny guilt in false statement charge

Two attorneys, one from Washington, were arraigned before Judge Anselm Sodaro in Criminal Court Wednesday morning on a subornation of perjury charge, alleging that they induced a witness to give a false statement concerning residence in a divorce hearing.

The accused men are James H. Taylor, 5500 block Race Rd., Elkridge, who entered a not guilty plea through Traffic Court Magistrate Robert B. Watts, his attorney, and Thomas G. White, 3400 block 18th St., SE, Washington, who entered a similar plea through his attorney, Dallas F. Nicholas.

Both men were released on their own recognizance, pending a possible trial date of which was not set.

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THE INDICTMENT against the two attorneys charges that:

"James H. Taylor and Thomas G. White, unlawfully, knowingly, maliciously, wilfully and corruptly, did procure, suborn, solicit and instigate Marie W. Hodge to testify, unlawfully, wilfully and maliciously, knowingly and corruptly to make a false statement, oath and affirmation and to commit the crime of perjury on the 30th day of September in 1957, in Baltimore.

"On the examination of the said Marie W. Hodge as a witness duly sworn to testify in the hearing before Walter V. Harrison, Examiner of the Circuit Court No. 2, Baltimore, in divorce proceedings entitled Marion Moore vs. Morgan Moore Jr.

"In that Marion Moore was plaintiff and had been for at least a year prior to April 23, 1957, date of filing the said proceedings, a resident of this City and State."

The State alleges that Mrs. Moore was not a resident a year prior to the date the divorce was filed.

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THE INDICTMENT gives the address of Mrs. Hodge as the 1000 block Brentwood Ave.

Thomas E. Hodge, of the same address, is listed on the indictment as a witness.

Mrs. Moore, in her divorce petition, charged that she and Mr. Moore were married on October 1, 1949, in Nashville, Tenn., and that he deserted her on April 10, 1955.

She stated that she was a Washington (D.C.) department store employee, and her husband was a resident of Nashville.

Mrs. Moore listed the 1000 block of Brentwood Ave. address of Mr. and Mrs. Hodge as her place of residence since May, 1955.

Mrs. Hodge was identified as her cousin.

Mr. Moore, in an August 6 cross-bill, charged adultery that he had deserted Mrs. Moore in April, 1955.

Mother cites agents in death of daughter

A visit by two FBI agents has been cited by a mother as the indirect cause of the death of her three-year-old child.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Christine Hall, 22, 2233 W. Baltimore St., explained the circumstances of her daughter's death.

The child, Lorraine, died Monday at Franklin Square Hospital, a short time after she was struck by a truck near her home.

After speaking calmly of the tragedy Wednesday, Mrs. Hall collapsed in a seizure of tears.

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LATER, she gave this account of the incidents preceding the accident:

"My sister came in and told me that two FBI men were over to her house looking for my husband. I took Lorraine and Esther (another daughter, four-year-old) over to my sister's house.

"When I got there, one of them (the visitors) said, 'We understand your husband is a member of a nation that is trying to overthrow our government and we would like to talk to him ...

"I believe they call it the nation of Islam.

"I told him I was a member also," said Mrs. Hall.

(Mr. and Mrs. Hall are both members of the Islam faith and according to Mrs. Hall, the visitors wanted to know what the husband would do in the event Russia and the United States became involved in a war.)

Because she was upset by the visit Mrs. Hall said she decided to spend the rest of the day in her sister's home and she attempted to leave Lorraine and Esther in the house while she returned to her own home for her youngest child, seven-month-old Ahmad.

However, Lorraine protested and followed her mother out of the house but Mrs. Hall was already on the other side of the street.

"I was standing on the other side of the street waiting for a car to pass so I could get to her.

Mrs. Hall said the child was struck as she was attempting to cross the street to join her (Mrs. Hall).

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HOWEVER, James J. Kelly, agent in charge of the local FBI office, said that while the agents did visit Mrs. Hall, they left several hours before the accident.

Describing the child's death as "regrettable," Mr. Kelly pointed out that following the usual FBI policy the agents had frasted Mrs. Hall "as a lady" and had been courteous in their approach.

In connection with the accident, police have charged William Spencer, 27, 500 block N. Fulton Ave. with manslaughter and reckless driving.

Funeral services for Lorraine will be held 11:30 today (Saturday) at a N. Schroeder St. funeral home.

Isaiah Karine, minister of Mohammed's Temple of Islam, will officiate at the services.

Matron, two men jailed on dope charges

"These are serious cases, the evidence is clear they have been using heroin for six months, and the organization ought to be broken up."

Judge Anselem Sodaro gave his comment in Criminal Court Tuesday, prior to sentencing a young matron and two men to five-year prison terms for violations of the narcotics laws.

Mrs. Elizabeth O. Dawson, 23, of the 1000 block N. Carrollton Ave., was sent to the Reformatory for Women; Charles Armwood, 24, of the 1700 block N. Appleton St., was sent to the Reformatory for Males, and Robert L. Johnson, 28, of the 700 block Edmondson Ave., was ordered to the House of Correction.

Assistant State's Attorneys James Murphy and Preston A. Pairo Jr., produced testimony which disclosed that the three were arrested about 8 p.m. December 8 in Mrs. Dawson's apartment.

Capt. Joseph Carroll, of the Narcotics Division, said Officers Daniel Davis and Allen Banks had found three unprovised hypodermic syringes and two needles in a room with the three, a spoon giving evidence that heroin had been cooked in it, recently, and fresh needle marks on the arms of the three persons.

Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Armwood pleaded guilty. Mr. Johnson contended that he did not have the syringes or needles in his possession.

'He was honest as he could be'

"That's what I call a gentleman," said Chief Magistrate Meyer Cardin in Traffic Court Tuesday.

He was speaking of Llewelyn Woolford, 2319 Ivy Ave., attorney.

Charged with going through an automatic signal, Mr. Woolford answered truthfully, "I guess I wasn't paying as much attention as I should have."

The magistrate dism(ssed the charge saying, "He was as honest as he could be."

Our pupils will outnumber white

Figures released on Thursday by the Department of Education indicate that this year by Oct. 31 there will be more colored pupils enrolled in the city's elementary schools than there are white.

The estimated figure is 55,111 for colored and 52,720 for white.

By 1962 the difference is expected to be even greater with 70,075 colored children enrolled in elementary schools as compared to 49,148 white pupils enrolled.

However, white pupils are still expected to outnumber colored pupils in the secondary and vocational schools.

The figure for Oct. 31, 1958 is 36,108 for white children compared to 22,410 for colored pupils.

By 1962 the project figures show 36,375 white pupils and 32,227 colored pupils enrolled in the secondary and vocational schools.

To take care of the rise it is estimated that 444 new classrooms costing $38.5 million will be needed during the 1958-62 period.

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DR. LORNE WOOLLATT, director of research released the school population figures at the Thursday meeting of the board of School Commissioners.

Dr. Woollatt said the change in the pupil population make-up is being caused in part by migration into the city and public school enrollment of higher percentage of children.

As far as the dip in the number of white children is concerned, Dr. Woollatt cited attendance at private and parochial schools and migration out of the city.

Tables were displayed including one showing that the number of births per 1,000 residents has remained around 20 to 21 since 1950 for white children while the figure for colored births has increased from 31.8 in 1950 to an estimated 36.9 in 1957.

On the basis of a current enrollment of 159,727 pupils, the school population has increased 52% per cent; or nearly 55,000 pupils in the post-war years since 1945, at which time public school enrollment amounted to 105,612 children.

From 1945 to 1957 the increase in white elementary pupils amounted to 7,820 pupils; an increase of 27,000 colored pupils was observed for this same period.

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 Fallsway 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, 1674 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern 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 by 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. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leeden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956—Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School shot and killed by Northwestern Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out 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 Bosse 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 R. Manns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Bowling. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. 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, 231 N. Exeter when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isaiah Freasey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Freasey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

'Then he went and spent it'

"I asked him if he paid the bills and he said 'No but I got it,' and he slapped me across the face with the money.

"Then he went out and spent it."

Mrs. Margaret Harrison, 1700 block Brunt St., gave that testimony against her husband, Roosevelt James Harrison, 37, in Northwestern Police Court on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harrison said her husband, out of work since before Christmas, had spent his unemployment check that was to go for gas and electric bill.

In his defense Mr. Harrison said:

"All I was doing was playing with her. I didn't spend it all. I gave her $10 out of $23."

He was dismissed of striking Mrs. Harrison.

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ACCUSED BOYFRIEND AND SLAIN TEENAGER 'GREW UP TOGETHER'
(Story in Column 1)

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'I Can't Bury Her'

Accused, slain teen 'grew up together..'

"I'm going to leave everything in the hands of God.

"Only two people know what happened, that's Melvin and the girl.

"They grew up together. Whatever is said now will not bring her back."

That was the comment Wednesday of a mother whose

See funeral photos Page 27.

son is awaiting a hearing in connection with the fatal shooting of his teenage girlfriend a week ago.

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AT HER home in the 1000 block of N. Gay St., Mrs. Clara Walker was speaking about her 20-year-old son, Melvin Leroy Walker.

Mr. Walker surrendered himself to police at Northeastern last Wednesday, approximately 20 hours after Miss Pearl Julia Starkey, 18, of 941 N. Broadway was found slumped against a curbstone at Regester and McCubbin—dying from a gunshot wound of the head.

In homicide court last Thursday Walker entered a plea of not guilty and is being held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's attorney's office.

According to police, it is believed that five shots were fired at Miss Starkey before she was shoved from the front seat of an automobile in the 1700 block of McCubbin St.

More than 700 persons attended the funeral services for the attractive teenager last Sunday.

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IN COMMENTING on her son's arrest Mrs. Walker said:

"He (Melvin) never said a word to me about what happened. Nobody else knows what happened up there on the hill.

"They took me down to see him after his arrest but he didn't tell me anything. I haven't been able to see him since then.

"Over at the City Jail they told me it would be about 27 days before I can see him."

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IN CONNECTION with a statement that Miss Starkey and Mr. Walker had known each other for almost three years, Mrs. Walker declared:

"That's not so, her family knew Melvin when he was a baby. He grew up with the girl.

"I don't want to talk about it because everything is so mixed up.

"Everything is better left unsaid now," Mrs. Walker explained.

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When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 12.
If I have already registered, do I have to register again? — Ans. — No, not unless you have changed your address.
When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?—Ans. April 19, 1958 and don't wait until the last minute! Show your voting card in your church Sunday.

RICKY'S MOTHER

'My prayers answered..'

"God always answers prayers," said Mrs. Lillian Benefield from her home in Chattanooga, Tenn. on Wednesday.

She was speaking of a court decision in New Jersey that granted a new trial to her son, Richard (Ricky) Hunt.

He was convicted early last year of first degree murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair in the fatal shooting of his estranged wife in New Brunswick, N.J.

Mrs. Benefield sat through

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out the trial and went as she heard her son testify.

"I really don't know how I feel.

"I don't like to think of anyone dying regardless of who they are.

"I heard about it when his lawyer called me Saturday.

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Dundalk-Turner Y's to integrate?

"We have many activities here where young people and adults are joined in friendly activities and skill with all people regardless of race, religion or color.

"The only thing we haven't done is open the individual memberships to all."

L. D. Swift, executive secretary of the Dundalk YMCA was telling about what steps his board had taken to follow the National YMCA policy which calls for integration.

An AFRO survey shows that of the 10 branches in the Baltimore area five open their membership rolls to all. They

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are Druid Hill, Turner Station, Johns Hopkins, North Baltimore, and Community Extension.

Mr. Swift spoke of a forthcoming meeting between the Board of Managers of the Dundalk and Turner station YMCAs. This committee is to discuss the question of integration.

He revealed that committee members are being appointed by Dr. J. Carey Taylor of the Metropolitan Committee.

The Turner Station Y Board in a resolution asked for such a meeting after some delegates to a Y conference were excluded participation in two recreation activities. These activities were held outside the Dundalk Y building.

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BURTON VAN DEUSEN, executive secretary of the North Baltimore branch, said the board voted last week "unanimously to accept all who apply for memberships."

D. Dearle Wyatt, executive secretary of the Northeast branch, told the AFRO his board has not taken formal action and that so far, there

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Eastern extension Y program opens membership to all

"One of the conditions of organizing was that it be an integrated program."

Robert Esty, director of the YMCA Eastern extension program at 828 Eastern Ave., stated his branch is accepting memberships from all.

This Y has only an office but uses the community facilities.

"Any group that shows an interest or requests a program we work with, we offer the leadership and the know how," Mr. Esty said.

THE UNEMPLOYED:

Many in line wait..

By MOSES NEWSON

How far an unemployment benefit check will go sometimes takes a backseat to whether or not there will be a check.

The AFRO learned that Wednesday in talking to some of the jobless persons in the line at the Employment Security Office at 39 Hopkins Pl.

One man had been marc

See: Unemployed here rise to 30,000 and additional stories on Page 2.

ing in the line for eight weeks without a check.

He was back in Wednesday's rain, hoping that would be the day.

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ANOTHER man said he'd had a hearing on why he got the job he held before he took the last one he held.

He waited hopefully Wednesday, not knowing if there would

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Mother of fire victim is destitute; seeks help

"Please help me bury my daughter.

"Her body is still lying in the undertaker's parlor and I want to get her in the ground.

"The insurance company refused to pay me. Without the insurance money I can't bury her.

"I believe God will touch somebody's heart to give me enough to bury her."

This plea for help in burying her daughter came Wednesday night from Mrs. Dorothy Fletcher, 3036 Southland Ave.

The daughter, Miss Hattie Mae Banks, 28, lost her life in a fire early Tuesday morning at 918 Wilmer Ct.

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MISS BANKS was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital at 2:20 Tuesday morning and her body remained unidentified until that night.

A story in the AFRO led Mrs. Fletcher to the morgue for the identification.

Northwestern District police

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

High School Basketball
Friday
Dunbar at Southern, 3:30 p.m.
Douglass at Carver, 3:30 p.m.
Carver JV at Douglass JV, 2:30
High School Swimming
Friday
Carver at McDonogh, 3:30 p.m.
Douglass at Poly, 3:30 p.m.
Monday
Forest Park at Douglass, 3:30
College Basketball
Saturday
Md. State at Morgan, 8 p.m.
MIDWEEK RESULTS
High School Basketball
Dunbar 43, Carver 40
City 52, Douglass 39
Poly 55, Marco 42
Southern 58, Pennsbury 37
High School Swimming
Marco 33, Carver 29
Dunbar 52, Douglass 23

Salute Willie the Rooter

One of the most avid fans of the Baltimore Colts football team was William (Willie the Rooter) Andrews who, until his death on Dec. 28, had added many a spark to the contests played in Memorial Stadium.

Willie the Rooter, an automobile painter who earned the title of No. 1 Colt fan, died shortly after his favorite team lost its bid for a championship.

Members of the Colts Full Backers, a group of football fans, remembered Willie the Rooter Monday night and showed their appreciation by raising $1,000 at a benefit for his widow and two young sons, ages 10 and 11.

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THE BENEFIT, held at Club Casino, 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave., attracted over 500 persons, including some of Willie the Rooter's favorite Colt football players as well as representatives from the Colt front office.

Also present were members of Colt Corrals Nos. 1 and 2.

Among the local entertainers who donated their services for the benefit were The Jolly Jax, singer Flink Johnson, Pete (Crazy Horse) Martin and his Ponies, singer Earl Omaro and the Mad Man Baitch Combo.

Radio personalities present were Maurice (Hot Rod) Hubbert, Bailey Goss, Chuck Richards, Claude (Buddy) Young and Mary Dee.

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ADDED to the fund raised on the door by the Colts Full Backers, Monday were donations of $50 from the Sphinx Club; $88 from Gatewood's Red Rooster; $10 from Club Paree, and $10 from the Pace Setters.

A fund for Willie the Rooter was started by the Colt organization with a donation of $1,000. This was augmented by contributions of $100 and $75 from

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NEW POLICEMAN — Patrolman Nathaniel Ponder, his wife, Delores, and their two sons, Michael, 6, and Donald, 9, leave Mergenthaler Vocational Technical School following graduation exercises of the Baltimore Police Department. Officer Ponder was one of sixty rookies graduated from the Police Academy

5 CHILDREN OF 'LADY IN GOLD' STILL WAIT FOR HER

"When I saw the children waiting for their mother and I knew she couldn't come back, my heart felt like it was dripping blood.

"They did miss her but when the oldest asked me where she was, I explained that Jesus came and got her.

"I told them all just how through a tragedy. They were made into the AFRO on Thursday by Mrs. Cherry Wilkins, 1819 Guilford Ave., who is the mother of Mrs. Carrie (Piney) Shelton, 23, the slain 'Lady in Gold.'

SHE ADDED that such an answer to the children's questions was necessary as the children are too young to understand what really happened.

Mrs. Wilkins' only daughter, the 'Lady in the gold party dress,' was slain on Friday, Jan. 10.

Her body was discovered the following Monday in a field on Broening highway near Dundalk Ave.

Two youths came across her lifeless form which had two bullet wounds in the chest.

Following the discovery the young mother's body lay nameless in the city morgue until relatives identified her.

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A 38-YEAR-OLD jazz musician, Henry Veney, 1700 block of John St., was arrested and charged with homicide in connection with the death of Mrs. Shelton.

Now the grandmother, Mrs. Wilkins, hopes she may be able to care for them in her home.

She told the AFRO:

"I have always been like a mother to them. They will not miss their mother so much if they can stay with me."

As the bereaved Mrs. Wilkins sat in her modest living room she held the youngest child in her arms.

The infant is named Cynthia Shelton. She is 4 months old.

She needs a crib to sleep in in the grandmother said.

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AT THE TIME of her death Mrs. Shelton was receiving Welfare aid since her husband, Roy Lee Shelton had left in 1951 when the daughter Gwendolyn, now 2, was but two months old.

Clementine, 6, the oldest child, has just started kindergarten.

The boys are Maurice, 5, and Roy Jr., 4.

Mrs. Shelton was one of two children. Her brother is Myers Wilkins, 21.

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SHE AND MR. SHELTON were married in 1950 by the Rev. W. N. Stokes, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church here.

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'LADY IN GOLD,' Mrs. Carrie (Piney) Shelton, at her tragic death, left behind the five children shown above, and her mother (center) Mrs. Cherry Wilkins. Mrs. Wilkins hopes she will be able to keep the children, although they are in great need of shoes, clothes, and the infant has no crib. The motherless children are left to right: Clementine, 6; Gwendolyn, 2; Cynthia, 4 months; Roy, 4; and Maurice, 5.

Trouble ahead for Dunbar 5

Dunbar High School is riding high in the Maryland Scholastic Association basketball race, holding the undisputed lead and a 7-0 record. But the two chief rivals of the Poets — second place Southern and third place Carver — see trouble ahead.

"Baltimore Beat," the new sports column to be found inside, quotes Carver coach Sodie White and Southern coach Stan Fieldman as promising rough sledding for coach Sugar Cain's youngsters, beginning today (Friday) when Dunbar and Southern meet at Southern.

• THE WEATHER •

For Baltimore and vicinity—Friday cloudy, not so warm with rain or snow likely in the afternoon or at night. Highest temperature about 45. Saturday, cloudy with rain likely. Sunday unsettled.

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