WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Maryland General still minus tubs

"There has been no change. The tin tubs are still there and the restroom is still cold."

Nathan Cook, 39, 413 Thompkins Ct., Turner Station, a patient at Maryland General Hospital, made that comment on Tuesday.

Mr. Cook was one of the hospital patients who last week complained that:

Colored patients have no place to take regular baths, had to use galvanized tin tubs for sitz baths, (taken in a sitting position) and that the was unheated.

In an interview with the AFRO last Wednesday, Stewart Crawford, general superintendent, stated that nothing would be done about the bathing condition until a $100,000 rehabilitation program could be completed.

He said he had ordered regulation - type sitz baths and would take care of the heating complaint.

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ASKED ON Tuesday what progress had been made, Mr. Crawford said:

"The order (to provide heating) has been given and that's as much information as I can give on it."

He said the sitz baths had been ordered but had not come in.

"We had hoped we could do all this in one package," Mr. Crawford said of the changes being made.

Now, as a result of the story (in Friday's AFRO) and the Union (Steelworkers Local 2609) it is going to be necessary for us to eliminate a bed room when a patient is moved to enlarge the restroom. This may not be next week or next month."

Mr. Crawford said representatives of the union were "coming to discuss the situation" one day this week.

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"**IF THE** situation becomes untendable," he pointed out, "it will be necessary for us to close that section (for colored) until we can get it into the shape I would like to have it."

Asked if a few complaints of the patients, the lack of lounging facilities, was a temporary thing, that would be corrected, Mr. Crawford said it "is not temporary."

His answer to a query as to when lounging facilities would be provided for colored patient was:

"Not in the foreseeable future."

Many of the colored patients at Maryland General Hospital are from the Bethlehem Steel Co. and are members of Local 2609, United Steel Workers of America.

His answer to a query as to when lounging facilities would be provided for colored patients was:

To investigate the complaints the union sent John Karl, chairman of the local's Civil Rights Committee, and Robert Gholson, committee secretary.

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MRS. EFFIE WATKINS, 2649 W. Lafayette Ave., whose husband, Vance, is a patient at the hospital, was one of the first complainants.

She told the AFRO Tuesday:

I was there Monday night. It's the same thing. In the ladies restroom it's like an ice house.

"It was too cold for unheated anything, and with sick people, I just don't understand it."

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ONE PATIENT, Otha Bydume, 1700 block E. Preston St., commented: "When my wife visits me and gets ready to go to the rest room she grabs her coat just like she was going outside."

"As to the lounging situation, Mr. Cook said, "If we want to play cards or anything we have to go from room to room for the games."

Seventy - five percent of the hospital's board of directors are Methodists but the institution receives support from city, state and federal funds.

Recently the hospital received $250,000 from the U.S. government for its capital improvement program.

Colored patients are restricted to a second - floor 16-bed section in the Linden Ave. end of the hospital which is currently being rehabilitated.

Mrs. Mamie Knox dies, funeral set Saturday

Mrs. Mamie Gramby Knox, 65, 624 S. Paca St., retired school teacher and civic worker, died Monday at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 9:30 a.m. at St. James P.E. Church, where she was a member for 23 years.

A teacher for 40 years, Mrs. Knox was assigned to Samuel Coleridge Taylor School No. 122 when she retired in January.

At St. James Church, she was a member of the Ladies Guild, the Flower Guild and also taught Sunday School for several years.

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SHE WAS a member of the Spirit of Chesapeake Temple of the Elks, past daughter ruler of Peace and Harmony of the Elks, the Ladies' Guild of Provident Hospital, the National Ideal Benefit Society, Maryland State Teachers' Association, the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority and the Excelsior chapter No. 8 Order of the Eastern Star.

A NATIVE Baltimorean, she was the daughter of the late Emmanuel and Anna Gramby.

She was educated in the Baltimore city schools and was a graduate of Morgan State College and Columbia University.

Survivors include her husband, Augustus E. Knox, liquor board inspector and South Baltimore Republican leader; a sister, Mrs. Elaine Roberts, and a brother, Theodore Watkins, both of Baltimore.

NAACP sets Sunday meet

The annual Founder's Day of the NAACP will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Sharp St., Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. John L. Tilley, who will give the history of the NAACP and its 49 years of fighting for civil rights.

Music will be provided by the 40 voice male chorus of Perkins Square Baptist Church and the Rose of Sharon group from Emmanuel Christian Community Church and the music will be provided by the Holiman Student Orchestra.

Judge sends two attorneys back to law books

"There seems to be very little preparation on points of law in this court. I think you should brush up on the law.

"It will give us all a chance to learn a little about the law in conspiracy."

Judge Michael J. Manley, with this order in Youth Court Tuesday, sent two opposing attorneys back to their law books.

The two, Assistant State's Attorney George H. Rosedom and Michael F. Freiler, were unable to argue to the satisfaction of Judge Manley the question of a conspiracy charge in an assault to rob indictment.

Mr. Freedman argued for an acquittal of two defendants, because they decided not to be the driver of a taxi after getting in his taxi for that purpose.

They were arrested when the driver became suspicious and called police. One of the pair was said to have been carrying a gun.

Thomas S. Cox shows improvement

Thomas S. Cox, 1911 McCulloh St., is still on the critical list at Provident Hospital, but his condition has improved greatly, according to hospital officials.

He is the brother of Louis Cox, press supervisor at the AFRO.

Mr. Cox has not been informed about the death of his brother, Francis Cox, 37, who was buried Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Hasty

Mrs. Martha Hasty, 54, 218 E. 22n d St., a member of Bethel AME Church for 30 years, died Monday morning.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at Bethel. The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant will officiate. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Louise Money, Boston; a son, Edward Hasty, of Baltimore; two sisters, Mrs. Georgeanna Campbell, Cheraw, S.C. and Mrs. Marian Johnson of Baltimore; two brothers, Haywood Little, Cheraw and Willie Little of Baltimore.

Home burglarized

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bell, 600 block W. Saratoga St., reported Tuesday that someone broke into their home and stole an estimated $30 in dimes from a bank and a $35 radio.

STUDENT singer John Hite, 19, 2710 Roslyn Ave., recently toured four foreign cities and one island. He was one of 29 University of Maryland students who entertained troops overseas during the holiday season.

WALTER BLACK — Morgan State College senior, is recipient of a scholarship sponsored by Southern Life Insurance Company. He is a member of "Who's Who in American Colleges and president of the senior class. He is from Easton, Md. In Tuesday's AFRO. Mr. Block was incorrectly identified as a University of Maryland student.

Welcome wins civic center suit

"Nowhere in the present charter is there a provision giving the Mayor and City Council the right to transfer functions of any board, commission or department to any other municipal agency.

"A transfer of the powers to control and manage an integral area of the city's largest park from the jurisdiction of the Park Board to another agency, without the Board's consent, would entail a transfer of the Board's present function of control and management of the Park."

This, in part, is the opinion of Judge Reuben Oppenheimer rendered on Thursday, banning the use of a proposed site in Druid Hill Park for the erection of a Civic Center.

THE OPINION represented a victory for Mr. Verda Welcome, prominent civic personality, and Hyman Pressman, attorney, who had filed suits in Circuit Court representing hundreds of interested citizens against the Mayor and City Council on the issue.

Judge Oppenheimer took note of Mrs. Welcome's position with these statements:

"One of the plaintiff's, Mrs. Verda Welcome, lives at 2101 Liberty Heights Ave., a block from Druid Hill Park, and other plaintiffs live on Lake Drive, facing Druid Lake, immediately opposite the proposed center site.

"I find that the proposed transfer or jurisdiction may injuriously affect the property of some of the plaintiffs, who own residences adjacent to or near by the area, and therefore that they have an interest apart from that of the general public in the question of the legality of the transfer."

EEOC wants powers to protect aged

A suggestion that Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission be empowered to cover discrimination because of age was adopted by that body Tuesday and given Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro.

EEOC suggested, however, that any action to amend Ordinance 379, which established the commission, be postponed for at least a year.

In a report submitted by Murray Hausman, EEOC staff member, it was further suggested that the commission should not presently concern itself with discrimination because of handicap or sex.

The commission agreed to seek authority and funds, however, to employ a consultant to study the problem of discrimination because of age, handicap and sex.

Postal meeting

Warren Bloomburg, personnel director of the Baltimore Post Office will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Baltimore Branch National Alliance of Postal Employees Sunday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. at the Shipbuilders Hall, 306 Light St. at 4 p.m.

Nine High School Coaches Select Their 'Dream' Basketball Team

Irv Blosi Patterson · Sodie White Carver · Nate Kantor Mervo · Sugar Cain Dunbar · Andy Anderson Forest · Macw Payne Douglass · Phil Aaronson Poly · Stan Fieldman Southern · Andy Defassio City

"From the tiniest of acorns, the mightiest oak will grow."

You'll pardon the corn, but that's one way of saying that the great professional basketball players and the college All-Americans you've read about here in recent weeks, as likely as not, came from small high schools in small cities throughout the land.

The fabulous Bill Russell of the world champion Boston Celtics, first tried on a basketball for size at hitherto unknown McClymonds High School in Oakland, Cal.

Earl Lloyd of the Syracuse Nats, Woody Sauldsberry of the Philadelphia Warriors, and others with the all - round ability to play for pay, had their start in the schoolboy ranks.

There could be no All-America College team this year were it not for the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor, et al.

Chamberlain cut his cage teeth at Overbrook High in Philadelphia, Baylor at Spingarn High in Washington, D.C.

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SEVERAL OF the finest players in the CIAA over the past few years, have been youngsters who were produced by the high schools of Baltimore.

Ed Amos, who was the conference's leading scorer last season, was a Douglass High School star before enrolling at Hampton, for example.

And Charley Brightful, currently a sensation at Morgan State College, also had his basketball baptism at the Grynns Falls Parkway school.

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BALTIMORE, like other progressive cities of the nation, boasts a healthy program of sports integration.

Now in its second year of unrestricted participation, the town is producing a full picture of its talented high school athletes.

From it may come an All-American or a pro great of tomorrow.

He may be one of a group selected by the city's schoolboy coaches as "best in the Baltimore area."

Or he may come from a group of five "alternates" named by the coaches.

Then again, it may be a player who at the moment is not impressing the local tutors, but may blossom into a star later in life.

According to the Baltimore coaches, however, the top scholastic prospects for cage greatness are:

Cliff Johnson, of Dunbar;

Rodie Brogdon, of Southern;

Joe Parker, of Carver;

George Holland, of Patterson Park, and

Joel Sherman, who completed his work at Forest Park mid-term.

Close behind this "best" five in the judgment of the Baltimore schoolboy mentors are:

Joe Pulliam, who graduated Dunbar at midyear;

Eddie Worden, of Loyola;

Wayne Cole, of Poly;

Maceo Williams, of City, and Bob Litchfield, of Mervo.

Jaan Sulg, of Poly, and Griff Bengie, of Towson Catholic, also were given good ratings by the coaches, both barely missed the select ten.

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THE 17-year-old Johnson, a senior with Coach Sugar Cain's Dunbar quint, was an unanimous choice.

Called the city's "best all-round player" by Cain and coach Andy DeFassio of City, Johnson was picked on all nine ballots — eight time in the first five and once as the No. 6 man.

"This boy," declares De Fassio, "does everything and does it better than anybody else in the league."

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BROGDON is one of the chief reasons Southern has remained in the hot fight for the MSA lead. He and Joe Parker of Carver, were right on the heels of Johnson in coach support.

Both were named by eight of the nine coaches.

Brogdon, 16, and a junior at Southern, "you'd have to take" says Mack Payne, the Douglass High mentor.

And Carver's coach Sodie White and Mervo's Nate Kantor agree: "There's no better man in the city for under-the-boards play," they say in effect.

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WHITE of course, likes his 17-year-old rebound and scoring ace, Parker. And he's not alone.

Stan Fieldman, Southern's coach, made the Trainer star his second pick. "There were very few times I'd ever ask, 'Who do I rebound?' I'd ask the Bulldog tor, "that the opposition stopped Parker." He's a real gem for backboard work and the kind of kid you have to watch outside as well as inside."

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IN PATTERSON'S Holland, De Fassio sees a youngster who is "a good leader, an aggressive player who knows how to keep the other kids going."

Sodie White refers to the 18-year-old Patterson jumper as "a tremendous pressure man — good inside and better outside."

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FIFTH MAN of the select group is Joel Sherman, the February grad from Forest Park.

According to Cain, Joel "looks like anything but a basketball player, but he certainly gets that ball in the hole." DeFassio and Poly's coach Phil Aaronson agree with the Cain viewpoint when they say: "Sherman shoots better."

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PULLIAM, backed by all the coaches as the loop's best player last year when Dunbar was unbeaten, got lost in support this time. However, he missed by a narrow margin breaking into the select five.

The fact that he seemed to fall off in his final outings be-

GEORGE HOLLAND Patterson · CLIFF JOHNSON Dunbar

JOEL SHERMAN Forest Park · JOE PARKER Carver

RODIE BROGDON Southern

fore graduating, may have influenced the coaches.

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EDDIE WORDEN of Loyola is evidently a brilliant performer. Those who saw him were unstinted in their praise of the Greyhound ace.

But not enough of the MSA teams played Loyola this season to grant Worden the showcase he needed.

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COLE, the co - captain of an in-and-out Poly team, and Williams, co - captain of a mediocre City five, were rated highly by people in the voting coaches opined that both might have fared better if they had been on stronger clubs.

MERVO'S Litchfield suffered a similar fate, all the city mentors agreeing that, with help, he could have been a much more effective competitor.

Baptist ministers favor Harlem Park

In a letter sent to the Mayor and City Councilmen from the Fifth District the Baptist Ministers Conference has gone on record as favoring the use of the Harlem Park site for a new elementary and junior high school.

The site has been the center of a controversy for several weeks.

It is opposed by the Harlem Park Home Owners Association and the NAACP.

It is favored by the Urban Renewal and Housing Authority, the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council and several other groups.

The ordinance condemning property in the area is scheduled for action Monday in the City Council.

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IN THEIR letter the Baptist ministers said:

"Objections to the proposed site are without foundation.

"Condescension to the wishes of the few will irreparably damage the total community welfare."

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ON SUNDAY night at a meeting in Gillis Memorial Church held by opponents of the Harlem Park location, Morris Kramer, drug store proprietor, denied that large bribes had been paid by the protestants.

"Contrary to all rumors the only money Mrs. (Juanita) Mitchell, attorney, has received is $100," he said.

Mr. Kramer's drug store is in the Harlem Park area.

PRESENT WERE Councilmen Jacob Edelman, Leon Rubenstein and William D. Schaefer.

Mr. Kramer also told them, "What the school board is trying to do is put other people up to work for them as their front . . . I'm an effort to acquire the Harlem Park site they selected for the new school.

Mr. Kramer said those who are associated with the School Board "should have stayed out of this."

At the meeting, Councilmen Edelman and Rubenstein said they had opposed the site because they wanted to do what was right.

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COUNCILMAN Rubenstein declared that "I have spent some sleepless nights" over the issue and wanted to do "what my conscience tells me is right.

"Whatever I do," he said, "I hope it is for the good of the greatest number of people.

"Whichever way this is going to be solved, there is going to be some disappointment," said Mr. Edelman. "I hope the disappointment is not on this side."

Councilman D. Schaefer greeted with applause from the protestors, present, said:

"If people come down to say you want it (the school), I will vote for it — if they do not, I will continue to vote against it as I have done."

Jobless get checks in three weeks unless

How come some of Baltimore's jobless persons have to stand in the line for checks week after week, without a check?

Robert B. Kimble, executive director of the Department of Employment Security, says these persons are ones who have special problems.

The average eligible applicant gets his check in 30 minutes of the time he is requested to report on his third trip to the offices, Mr. Kimble said.

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WHAT ARE some of the special problems which result in delays?

One man who stood in line for three weeks without knowing if he'd get a check didn't.

His claim was against the State of North Carolina and he was found ineligible due to insufficient earnings.

One man was found ineligible when he first filed but when a recheck was made it was found he could draw $26 weekly.

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ANOTHER case, more complicated with an eight-week delay followed this pattern:

The applicant, here called Johnny, applied on Dec. 4 and was found ineligible because of no earnings reported on covered work.

Johnny kept coming back and on Dec. 26 was interviewed by a Claims Specialist (CS) who marked his card for four weeks of claims.

But when Johnny showed his W-2 Form on earnings for 1956, the Social Security number was different from the one in his history card.

$50 Is the Total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, 54, 1 Ashland Ave., a member of Bethel AME Church for 30 years, died Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Bethel. The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant will officiate. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Bell, and a brother, Thomas Bell, all of Baltimore.

Lawyer's plea wins injured man $1,250

"Industry ought to take care of its people who are hurt on their jobs . . . this burden should not be placed on the taxpayers and public."

This argument by Amos I. Meyers, attorney, before a City Court jury last Friday won increased personal injury benefits of $1,250 for Fred Marvin, 37, 100 block N. Castle St.

The State Industrial Accident Commission had previously awarded Mr. Marvin a 25 percent disability, amounting to $3,125.

Mr. Marvin, a mason's tender and army veteran, claimed a back injury as a result of an accident on a make-shift elevator, during the erection of a building on Calvert St. near Lexington on June 29, 1956.

Gooch given 18 years for slaying wife

"I didn't intend to hit her to start with, but she made me mad and I lost my head . . . I can't figure it out . . . I don't know how many times I hit her."

This confession in Criminal Court Tuesday by Nathaniel Gooch, 41, crane operator, 1800 block W. Mosher St., netted him an 18-year penitentiary sentence for the crowbar slaying of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Gooch, last June 7.

Judge Anselm Sodaro found him guilty of second degree murder and imposed the maximum sentence.

MRS. GOOCH, 38, mother of three children, was beaten to death in her home. Judge Sodaro was told, after she and Mr. Gooch had argued over money problems.

An autopsy report showed she had suffered multiple fractures of her skull, jaw and that both arms had been broken.

Mr. Gooch was arrested in New York several weeks afterwards. His record revealed a previous conviction for second degree murder in Raleigh, N.C. in 1936, for which he served 12 years.

Cherry Hill murder suspect not himself

"Lester was not himself. "He always acts up when he drinks.

"This would never have happened if he hadn't taken a drink. He must have been flying high."

Those comments were made Wednesday by a relative of one of the two suspects held in connection with the Cherry Hill murder of a young church deacon.

At the beginning of a brief talk with an AFRO reporter, relatives were reluctant to talk about Lester Rory, the 20-year-old unemployed laborer who is accused of murder, assault and robbery.

Along with John R. Banks, 24, of the 1300 block N. Fulton Ave., Rory, a resident of the 2100 block N. Pulaski St., was charged in Homicide Court Saturday with the murder of Joe N. McEleven of 646 W. Franklin St., a deacon at New Hope Baptist Church.

Mr. McEleven was the father of six small children.

Services were held Tuesday night at New Hope.

The lifeless body of Mr. McEleven was found in a gravel pit in the 1600 block of Cherry Hill Rd. last Thursday.

He had been shot in the back and head with a sawed off shotgun.

YOU REGISTER Now So You Can Vote

Here are the facts in Baltimore:

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The Rev. John L. Tilley, chairman.

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FIND BODY UNDER BED IN BLAZING HOME
(Story in Column 1)

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Pretty Coed Slain

Fire ruins yield body of child

"I went all to pieces when I saw the fire was at my house. **"When I got there, every body thought Johnny had got 'Bunny.'**

"Then a policeman told me they had found the one we were looking for in the fire."

Mrs. Corine Branch, 37, was relating how she came home from visiting a friend early Wednesday morning to find her home at 918 W. Pierce St. wrapped in flames that claimed the life of a son, Charles Branch Jr., 5.

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FIREMEN found the child's burned body under a bed in a backroom of the fireguitted apartment's second floor about 5:30 a.m., about two hours after the fire was discovered.

Three others were hospitalized by the four - alarm fire that also destroyed the adjoining three - story brick rowhouse at 916 W. Pierce St.

Five of the 15 persons who escaped from the two houses, mostly in night clothes, had to jump from third floor windows.

Hospitalized were:

Mrs. Josephine Watkins, 22, at Franklin Square Hospital with a possible fractured spine after a three - story leap;

Her daughter, Pandora, 5, treated at University Hospital for burns on the body, hands and face;

Harry Barnes, of the 700 block Pierce, treated at University for face, arm and hand burns.

Both Barnes and the child had to jump from the third floor, also.

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THE Charles Branch Sr. family and the mother of Mrs. Sallie Hogan, 48, of 916 W. Pierce, lost everything in the fire.

Southwestern District Policeman Joseph Graham said he observed the fire at 918 about 3:15 a.m. Wednesday.

The officer said he turned in the fire alarm after knocking on the door and yelling to the occupants to get out.

Late Wednesday Fire Chief John S. Knoerlein said after an investigation that the fire

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Dr. Jernagin dies

Dr. W. H. Jernagin, veteran Baptist minister, and chairman of the board of the Baptist Training Union, died in Miami at the age of 88. See detailed story page 25, photos page 27.

REGISTER SO YOU CAN VOTE
GOOD CITIZEN 1-B
REGISTER TO VOTE SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?
Who must register: Any new residents who plan to make Baltimore his home and has not registered to vote before.
Any resident who has turned 21 since the last election.
Any resident who failed either to register or to vote at least once in the past five years.
Any person already registered as an independent who desires to affiliate with a political party in order to vote in the May 20th primary.
Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.
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 or failed to vote in the past five years.
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 church on Sunday.

LAST CHANCE to live for three of 14 persons left homeless by fire at 918 and 916 Pierce St., was three-story jump from window, upper arrow, to street below. Two in rear third-floor room jumped to back yard. A five-year-old child died in fire which started in first floor sofa (arrow) at 918.

Elder drops dead at AME Council

BULLETIN

AME Bishops Wright and Nichols carried their dispute to Federal Court this morning. (Friday)

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

NEW ORLEANS — Union Bethel AME Church was the scene of confusion, turmoil, and death this afternoon as the winter session of the Council of Bishops began its closed session at 2:30 p.m.

A venerable presiding elder dropped dead in a chair in the dining room in the basement of the church.

Meantime, members of the church engaged in altercation and name calling just outside the room where the Bishops were meeting in the Four Freedoms Building which adjoins the church.

Dead is the Rev. R. H. Walker, presiding elder of the Lexington, Ky., area of the 13th Episcopal District.

While some 500 visitors and church members looked on, the minister slumped in his chair at about 3 p.m. He was stricken while chatting with other ministers in the dining room. His wife was present, and was near collapse as her husband was pronounced dead.

The Rev. Mr. Walker had suffered with heart trouble she disclosed.

The body was removed from the church at 4:05 p.m.

As the Rev. Mr. Walker lay dying, a crisis developed in the hallway of the second floor room where 16 bishops of the church had assembled for the closed session.

THE FRACAS came when Bishop D. Ward Nichols attempted to enter the room. Unidentified members of the church stood in front of the door, were heard by this reporter to say: "You better not go in there. They don't want you. Why don't you stay out?"

Another group of approximately 10 persons surrounded Bishop Nichols and opened the door, pushed him in the room and closed the door.

Members of the faction which sought to keep Bishop Nichols from entering the room and members of the group which saw that he did enter the room, then engaged in loud talking, name calling and cursing.

Other ministers came from various parts of the rooms and hallways. Two members of the screaming group clutched at each other after one of them objected to having the other "curse him."

Unidentified ministers and laymen separated the two, carried them away in different directions.

The news of the altercation spread throughout the crowd of approximately 1,500 persons both in the church and in the basement of the church causing further heated arguments. Many ministers and ministers' wives were seen sitting in cars to hastily flee from the scene.

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HOWEVER, more serious trouble developed.

At 3:30 p.m. Deputy U.S. Marshal W. E. Dow entered the room where the bishops were meeting to serve Federal Court papers on Bishop R. R. Wright, president of the Bish-

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Sweethearts of 50 years met at a church bazaar

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

It's certain that Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, 202 N. Fremont Ave., will be sweethearts for ever.

They were married nearly a half a century ago on Valentine Day.

Their romance predated their Feb. 14, 1912 wedding day by five years.

When the AFRO talked with Mrs. Butler at her home on Monday, she marveled how swiftly the time had gone by as she recalled the first time she and Mr. Butler met.

"It was at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church bazaar," she said.

"I had other beaux, but he walked me home that night.

"I lived with my parents at 936 Druid Hill Ave. The church was only a way (it has since moved) to Madison and Park Aves.

"He was a member of Sharp Street Community Church, but he happened to come to our bazaar."

Mr. Butler was then Miss Emma Powell, the daughter of

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WEATHERMAN SAYS: WARM-UP TIME

Rain and warmer, but don't put the snow shovel away

Sunny, fair and warmer weather, with temperatures about 45 degrees, is the heart-warming forecast from the Weather Bureau for today (Friday) as Baltimore begins what it hopes will be its final look at snow.

The expected 'two or three more inches' of snow predicted earlier in the week for this weekend, has been delayed, and the area is now in what the Weather Bureau calls a 'slow warming up.'

However, there will be rain late Saturday along with the warmer temperatures and Sunday and Monday are likely to be unsettled and fair and cold.

And, just in case you think you can put your snow shovel away for the year, remember you never can tell and the Weather Bureau itself is not sure there won't be snow next week.

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MEANTIME, Baltimore and nearby areas are busy cleaning up from the 16 inches of snow which left the city paralyzed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The biggest cleanup headache, five full days after the big storm, was coming from the streets and highways.

Hanover St., Patapsco Ave., and Potee St., were among the tightest tied up traffic spots Thursday.

Hundreds of bus passengers had to stand on street corners as crowded BTC vehicles passed them by.

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A FLEET of heavy - duty Army trucks joined the city in its effort to Clear the street.

They were dispatched from Fort Meade by Lt. Gen. George W. Read, 2nd Army commander, on request of Mayor D'Alesandro.

Elsewhere in the state, Gov. McKeldin pressed 200 National Guardsmen into the cleanup battle on the highways.

Twenty teams of Army and city men and equipment

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AFRO carriers on the job despite the snow storm!

The most severe snow storm in 59 years did not stop AFRO news carriers from delivering their papers on time.

Typical of those who went all out to serve their customers was 13-year-old Willie Walker of 403 Roundview Rd. Cherry Hill.

When 16 inches of snow made secondary roads impassable, the youth rounded up 19 of his fellow news carriers.

The group then assembled on the premises of a Cherry Hill Rd., filling station to await the arrival of their district supervisors with the AFRO.

You, too, can be sure of getting your AFRO every Tuesday and Friday, by calling for Home Delivery — MU. 5-6015. Your news carrier will bring your AFRO to your door.

Weatherman is back on the job

Herbert L. Alkire, chief Baltimore weather man, who was marooned at his Bellona Ave. home and unable to reach his office at Friendship Airport from Saturday until Monday, was back on the job on Tuesday morning.

He laughingly told the AFRO: "That's where I was," when advised that this newspaper had exclusively reported on Tuesday the snow had him tied up at home even though he correctly forecast the 16 inches of snow.

Mr. Alkire said the 35-minute trip from his home to office on Tuesday required 60 minutes by car "because I stopped and picked up a couple of guys on the way . . ."

Faith and Hope joined by Charity

(See photos Page 3)

There were some anxious moments in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Purdie on Tuesday, but there were Faith and Hope, and at 5:50 p.m. there was Charity.

Little Charity had picked a bad time for her arrival into the new world to join sisters Faith and Hope.

For Tuesday found the Purdie home at 3450 Spelman Rd. in Cherry Hill, cut off by heavy snow, from in or out traffic.

AS THE Stork flew into Baltimore with little Charity, the city was digging out from one of the worst snow storms in its history.

Mrs. Margaret, Purdie, 24, learned that she could not get transportation to City Hospitals where she had expected the new family addition to arrive.

Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Green, 813 Edmondson Ave., a City Hospitals attendant, had called the Police Department for help early Tuesday morning.

"They came out in a car about 1:30 p.m. They had to park about four or five blocks away on Cherry Lane Rd. He said there wasn't anything he could do because no ambulance or anything could get down here." Mrs. Green related.

Later in the afternoon Mrs. Green called police and City Hospitals and again received the green light to go ahead with the delivery.

Mrs. Delores Tillman, a neighbor at 3452 Spelman Rd., assisted her.

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MRS. PURDIE TOLD the AFRO on Wednesday:

"I was afraid, but I told my mother I wasn't. I knew it had to be done."

Minutes after Charity made her debut, a sister of Mrs. Purdie's, Mrs. Bertha Jenkins, arrived with a policeman.

They were brought by one of the Pressman brothers (grocery store operators) of Cherry Hill for whom Mrs. Jenkins works. He, of course got stuck in the snow.

Mrs. Purdie said, "I was hoping it would be a boy so I wouldn't have to call her Charity, because everybody kids me about it."

She said she decided on the names Faith, Hope and Charity, in the event she ever had three girls, before I even thought of getting married."

She and her grocery clerk husband now have five children:

They are Jerome Jr., 5; Rufus, 3; Faith, 2; Hope 1; and Charity.

Charity, however, was not the only Purdie child to arrive under unusual conditions.

Jerome, the young mother said, was born in his grandfather's car as they were en route to the hospital.

AFRO writers to get awards

Three women writers for the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers have been selected to receive the 1958 honors given by the Business and Professional Women's Club. For details of these awards to Mrs. B. M. Phillips, Mrs. Lula Jones Garrett Patterson and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, see Page 12.

GLORIA ADELAIDE JORDAN
AFRO artist's conception of 18-year-old slain Howard University coed.

HENRY L. POLK JR.
Critically wounded

Holiday schedule

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, (a national holiday), the executive division, accounting division, main office windows service, office of the general superintendent of mail, inquiry-claims section, information window, and all classified and non-carrier stations and branches, except the Parcel Post Station will be closed all day.

The Parcel Post Station will be open for the acceptance of parcels and the sale of stamps from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The stamp section at the Main Post Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Funeral Sunday for G. W. E. Hill

Funeral services will be held on Sunday for George W. E. Hill, South Baltimore barber and civic leader and longtime AFRO columnist and AFRO subscription manager. See story page 26.

Freshman shot down on campus

WASHINGTON

Gloria Adelaide Jordan is dead.

Early Wednesday morning, the 18-year-old freshman coed was a blithe figure seen by neighbors on her way to Howard University where she was a student.

In the afternoon, she was a corpse. Shrouded in a blanket, she was carried across the snow-laden campus to the morgue wagon as approximately 150 fellow students watched in hushed silence.

Seriously wounded in the burst of gunfire which killed Miss Jordan was a companion, Henry L. Polk Jr., 20, 1600 block Hamlin St., NE, a sophomore at the university.

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POLICE ARE holding Henry Vinson Mobley, 21, of the 2300 block Holmead Pl., NW, a former Washington Baptist Seminary student, who was studying for the ministry, in the shootings.

Mobley, who told officers the tragedy occurred because of unrequited love, was arraigned at about 8 p.m. Wednesday before U.S. Commissioner James R. Solain.

He was ordered held without bond and a preliminary hearing continued until March 4.

Police had set no date for an inquest, Thursday, as they awaited further developments in the condition of Polk, who is confined at Freedmen's Hospital.

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MISS JORDAN, a pretty coed with bobbed hair, was shot through the breast and heart. She was felled in the basement of Douglass Hall, a liberal arts classroom building. The girl had fled to the men's locker room when she was shot.

Polk, who had also sought to escape in the basement, was shot in the neck and side. He was found lying unconscious near the girls' lockers.

Police said they recovered a .32 caliber gun, of foreign

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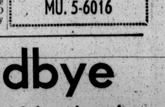

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Lil' Rock goodbye

Minnie Jean departs for N.Y. school

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — "I have not as yet conferred with our attorneys and I don't know what the next move will be.

"But getting rid of Minnie Jean has not solved the problem. We feel that school authorities have taken a firm stand in disciplining."

Mrs. Daisy Bates, M. J. Brown president of the Arkansas NAACP, was commenting on the unprecedented permanent expulsion of Minnie Jean Brown from Central High School here Monday "for talking back to a white girl."

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AT THE same time the noted NAACP leader told the AFRO that