Trouble Piles Up as 4 Boys Return to Scene of Crime

One of the unwritten laws followed by hardened criminals—a thief never, or seldom, returns to the scene of a crime—was violated by four errant juvenile boys, it was learned this week.

Consequently, when they were taken to Juvenile Court they faced two charges. One, that of breaking and entering Stowe School No. 118 in the 1200 block of Argyle Ave., and the other, setting it afire 10 months ago.

From 8 to 11 Years Old

The four, ranging in age from 8 to 11 years, were taken into custody by Mrs. Violet H. Whyte for questioning in connection with the recent forced entry of the school.

This latest incident, the report of which was kept very much under cover, disclosed that the damage wrought was very slight and less than $1 in cash was taken by the intruders.

Questioned closely, one of the boys told, Policewoman Whyte that they started the fire in the building last March. At that time, a two-alarm blaze destroyed the interior of the rear rooms of the two-story structure.

That the fire was attributed to vandals was based on an investigation which disclosed that crackers and soda water bottles were found in a second-floor room; all the desks in the 12-room building had been ransacked, and their contents strewn about the building.

While the school was being completely renovated, the 652 pupils were compelled to share the facilities of the Davis School at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St.

Young Matron Trips as She Steps From Car

While alighting from a No. 26 streetcar at Fayette and Liberty Sts., Tuesday morning, Mrs. George Whaley, 34, of 300 Colfax Way, Turner Station, tripped and fell to the sidewalk.

At Mercy Hospital where she was treated for a bruised chest, Mrs. Whaley told police she caught her foot in the step of the streetcar.

Divorce Granted Editor's Wife

Two Other Couples Get Court Decrees

A divorce, based on grounds of desertion, was granted to Mrs. Vivian Tubbs, 2510 Madison Ave., from Vincent Tubbs, city editor of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, here, Tuesday.

Testifying before an examiner of Circuit Court 2, Mrs. Tubbs said that her husband decided he was not in love with her, didn't want to live with her any longer, and wanted to leave; so she let him go. She gave him no cause for such action, she said.

Maiden Name Restored

Upon her request the court restored her maiden name, Garnett.

Serving as her witness was her aunt, Mrs. Sedalia Anderson, who blamed wreckage of the marriage to Mr. Tubbs's desire to be single.

According to the testimony the Tubbses were married Sept. 7, 1944, immediately upon his return from overseas where he served as a war correspondent. They were separated on May 7, two years later, according to the wife.

The five-day marriage of Mrs. Mildred Stewart of 1516 E. Preston St. and William H. Stewart was officially ended this week when she obtained a divorce on grounds of desertion.

Married on Feb. 26, 1946, and separated on Mar. 3, following, the wife said that Stewart told her he had found their marriage a mistake.

She will resume her maiden name, Williams. U. Theodore Hayes was attorney for Mrs. Stewart.

Also granted a divorce was Foster B. McNair of 1002 N. Stricker St., who testified that Mrs. Annabelle McNair, now of New York City, deserted him after they had lived together for 22 years.

Wed in 1920 in St. Paul, N.C., McNair said that his wife left him in 1942.

Elk Sport Club Sponsors Party

Gifts were exchanged at the informal party recently given by the Sport Club of Great Southern Temple of Elks, Antlered Guard, at the Arch Social Club, 676 W. Saratoga St.

Guests included Mrs. Marie Tyler, Miss Jane Holmes, Ernest Emory, Willie Cook, Robert Harrison and Samuel Chase. Members present were:

Daughters Mamie Gibbs, commander; Mildred Jones, financial secretary; Ella Pinco, recording secretary; Viola Gross, Margaret Carver, Sarah Davis, Isabelle Taylor, Rachel Henry, Maybelle Wiggins, Sarah Wooldridge, Rosa Curtis, Ornita Goodman, Helen Bonnett, Pauline Holmes, Annie Hudgins and Chaney McLaughlin.

Baltimore Leads All Other Cities in Total Number of Small Landlords

Data Attesting to This Fact Emphasized in Plea to Give Them 15% Rent Increase

There are more small landlords in Baltimore than any other city in the country.

This fact is emphasized by the Rent Advisory Board in its supplementary statement to the deputy housing expediter in Washington defending a request for a 15% rent increase to benefit small landlords.

For Small Landlords

In recommending that rent controls be continued in this area, the board, in its original statement submitted to the Housing Expediter on Dec. 13, asked for a 15% increase over the April 1, 1941, rent ceiling for small landlords.

The supplementary statement made this increase applicable to buildings containing no more than four housing units, as the board admitted that landlords of larger properties should "have adequate records" which would help them get needed relief under the "hardship clause" of existing rent laws.

Other Proposal Modified

These recommendations are to affect rental units in Baltimore city, Anne Arundel, Cecil and Harford counties.

Modifying its proposal for housing units in Baltimore, Carroll and Howard counties, the board, in its supplementary statement, asked for a flat 15% increase.

The original recommendation was for a 15% increase in rents frozen in April, 1941 at $30.01 or more; and a 25% increase in rents frozen at $30 or less.

More Data Requested

These requests were considered "not sufficiently substantiated" by the deputy housing expediter, Tighe E. Woods, who announced on Jan. 13 that action on the report from the local Rent Advisory Board was being held up.

Defending the work it had done in determing the local rent situation on which the recommendations were based, the board pointed out that it had held public hearings and made adequate surveys in accord with instructions of the authorized handbook.

Justifying its requests for rent increases, the board maintained that these "small landlords are in reality home owners. They are not professional landlords.

"Most of these apartments are the second and third floors of converted homes, with the owner living on the first floor."

The board further held that "it is very significant that all public hearings, tenants living in small landlord properties expressed a positive approval of a rent increase for their landlords along with their plea for extension of rent control."

Jerome D. Grant is chairman of the board of which Dr. Willard W. Allen is a member.

Green Post Asks Mixed Training

The Walter Green American Legion Post is definitely opposed to universal military training as long as the U.S. Government continues its policy of segregation in the armed forces.

This action was taken in the form of a resolution passed during a recent meeting of the group in the War Memorial Building.

"If and when this evil (segregation based on color, race, religion or national origin) is eliminated, then this post will favor compulsory military training of our youth," the resolution stated.

The Walter Green Post No. 14 has a membership of more than 400 veterans who served in either or both World Wars. A. B. Koger is the commander and U. Theodore Hayes, adjutant.

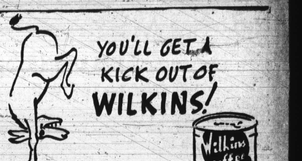
S.C. Murder Suspect Caught in Baltimore

Suspected of having committed his second murder, Leon Dublin, 26, of Columbia, S.C., was returned to that city by detectives, Tuesday.

Dublin was nabbed by local officers on a warrant issued by South Carolina authorities. They said the young man served three years in connection with the death of one woman and while on probation allegedly killed another.

HOWARD DEDUCATION

JACKSON, Miss.—(ANP)—Perry W. Howard, national Republican committee man for Mississippi, will deliver the principal address during the dedication of the new Green building at Campbell College here on Feb. 11.



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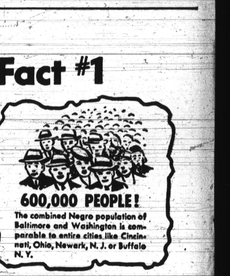

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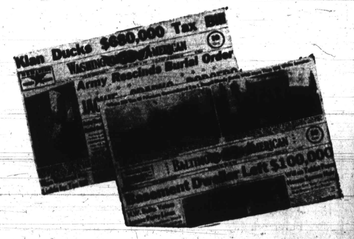

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OPINION

Attention is the best provision for all age.—ANONYMOUS

An Orchid for Governor Lane

Governor Lane told the AFRO in an interview some weeks ago that he proposed, whenever the opportunity arrived, to do what he can about the Baltimore City Jail situation. That seemed to be a program which would take more time than the few short years he is to be at Annapolis. At most, in many and long Legislatures, there are only two vacancies within a year, and the Constitution, there are only two vacancies within a year, and the Constitution limits the number of appointments which can be made by any one governor to a fearfully stated number of board members from then on.

But suddenly we have an emergency at Cheltenham. One answer, office finds that for the good of the institution there should be an entirely new board for several reason:

1. If you are going to have segregated institutions, they should be in fact, not just on paper, equal.
2. If you are going to have segregated institutions, they should be given each opportunity for admirative work, they must be given such opportunity in their own institutions.
3. Colored institutions should not be given charge of colored institutions they have done magnificent jobs.

The same situation faced Governor Nice some years ago when he appointed an all-colored board. The result has endured and been most satisfactory. There was no precedent in this case, but the institution has been clean, efficient and capable in its material records are among the best in the State.

That same kind of efficiency was achieved by the single colored prison board that operated during the war, under Governor Lane's predecessor, Governor O'Conor, who continued to add colored members to the boards of State Institutions where need arose.

And now Governor Lane is carrying the ball.

It is the AFRO's judgment that the Governor has taken a wise and statesmanlike step. Cheltenham's trouble will be over immediately, but the solution of the problem is around the corner. The Governor has taken the first step to solve the major difficulties of that institution.

Yet, many specialized jobs such as the Cheltenham job, cost money. Cheltenham has to be rebuilt and equipped. Money must be found to try to drive the Democratic money, citizens have to be ready to pay taxes which will not accept colored institutions. Consequently, when she returned to the Maryland Legislature this year, Governor Lane will be called upon to make a special appeal for funds to an institution which the State has neglected for years.

This condition can be remedied only by the hard, windy rather unpleasant work of educating politicians.

Admittedly, the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, South, has been a problem. The union of these three great branches of Methodism in 1939 created a Central Jurisdiction to which Negroes were assigned. Some