Democratic Women Woo Votes of Club Employees

Preparing for the coming Presidential election campaign, members of the Women' Division of the Citizens' Democratic Committee held a matinee meeting at the Club Casino, Thursday, in an effort to interest female night club workers in politics.

"One sure way to advance the group," said Mrs. Victorine Adams, chairman of the Division, "is through the use of the ballot on election day.

"True, we want to swell the ranks of the Democratic party, but we are also interested in seeing to it that Baltimoreans, by the thousands, register and become affiliated with some party."

Organized 16th Ward

Recently, with the sanction of the parent body, the members of the division, organized female voters in the 16th Ward under Mrs. Vivian Alleyne. Precinct leaders will be assigned as soon there will be block captains.

The same procedure is to be carried out in various other predominantly colored wards, Mrs. Adams revealed.

At present, the official organization of the 16th Ward includes:

Mrs. Alleyne; Mrs. Phylla Walton, chairman; Mrs. Beatrice Pitts, treasurer; Mrs. Rebecca Campbell, chaplain; Mrs. Valerie Butler, publicity; Miss Rosetta Davis, secretary.

Workers are: Mesdames Mary Johnson, Edith Bailey, Mary Johns, Edith Bailey and Clarence Williams.

Precinct Leaders

Other precinct leaders are:

25th — Miss Jeanette Boston, chairman; Mrs. Verda Welcome, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Hill and Mrs. Alice Armstrong, workers.

22nd—Mrs. Alma Spruill, chairman, Mrs. Cora Dawson, secretary.

23rd—Mrs. Bessie Lewis, chairman.

24th—Mrs. Julia Johnson, chairman.

21st — Mrs. Clarence Williams, chairman, and Mrs. Ella Johnson, secretary.

20th—Mrs. Hensel Gunther, chairman.

3rd—Mr. Elizabeth Wood, chairman.

4th—Mrs. Emily Bailey, chairman.

5th—Mrs. Beatrice Pitts, chairman, and Mrs. Ella Johnson, secretary.

Youth's Sentence Stayed for Report

Looking more like a college student than the man who sent a bullet through a young woman's heart, 22-year-old Theodore Colson pleaded guilty to manslaughter this week, in the death of Miss Anna Belle Smith, 26.

Sentence for the youth was withheld by Judge Herman Moser pending a probation department report.

Shot In Fight

John C. Weiss, assistant State's attorney, related that Miss Smith was struck by the fatal bullet when she attempted to separate Colson and Howard Laurens who had interrupted a wine drinking party in the 1400 block Barnes St., on Jan. 18.

Anthony Federico, attorney for Colson, said the youth was defending himself against Laurens and another man who has since been sentenced to jail for four months.

Mass to Be Sung for Arthur Stevens

Requiem high mass for Arthur L. Stevens of 7307 Linden Ave., will be held at 8:15 a.m. on Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial following in Putty Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Stevens who was 65 years old died on Thursday. His body will lie at his home after 9 a.m. Monday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Johnson Stevens.

Grocery Theft Laid to Need for Cash

"I have been out of work for two months and needed money to have my ailing leg treated. I needed rent money and money for my insurance. I didn't take much stuff."

Thus did James Watkins, 23, of 302 N. Mount St., support his guilty plea to burglarizing a Saratoga St. grocery store of $23 worth of foodstuffs on Feb. 12. An improvised hatchet was used in forcing a rear door at the grocery, an officer testified.

Walker said he had been employed as a ship repair laborer, earning $1.10 per hour, but that he was out of work.

The loot, found in his room, was to be sold for badly needed cash for pressing bills. Judge Emory Niles suspended sentence pending an investigation by the probation department.

Official Explains Probation Work

How recent changes in the setup of the juvenile court has enabled it to do more for children committed to its care was told the Frontiers Club on Tuesday by Charles J. King, probation officer.

The Circuit Court of Baltimore, Division of Juvenile Causes, was so named after a legislative act of 1943 which also revised the law. Accordingly, a petition must be filed against a child as a delinquent, dependent or neglected minor, before the court can take action, Mr. King said.

He pointed out the greatest needs in caring for these children as a detention and study home similar to those provided for whites; and adequate facilities for training the feeble-minded at Crownsville.

Truman Visits Islands

President Harry S. Truman and Gov. William Hastie of the Virgin Islands inspect the plaque which the President unveiled in Emancipation Park, Charlotte Amalie, V.I., during his visit to the capitol city on Sunday. The plaque marks the 100th anniversary of emancipation in the Virgin Islands. (For more photos see Page 26)

Winner's School Eligible for Award in Essay Contest

The NAACP has arranged an addition-award in its "Why Vote" essay contest, sponsored by the Youth Council. The school, which the winner of the first prize attends, will be given an oil painting of the person for whom the school is named.

This painting will be done by William H. Smith, who was winner of the first prize for poster designs at the New York World's Fair, and a graduate of the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Arts.

He is a former teacher of art at Douglass High School and is now director of the Baltimore. Art Center, connected with the Interracial Fellowship House. The NAACP hopes that this will be an added incentive to the schools to lend their co-operation.

Open to Students

The contest is open to junior and senior high school students, who may apply by letter to Mrs. Charlotte Mebane, director of the Youth Council, 402 Dolphin St. 17.

The following pupils already have enrolled in the contest:

Dunbar High School—Mary Williams, Ethel Moore, Gloria Parker, Martin Dyar, Jean Martin, Lydia Price, Delores Bacote, Joan Sherard, Clingr Kelly, Shirley Ball, Hattie Greenhill, Dorothy Crews, Lillian Glascoe, Zelma Woodfolk, Jessie Martin, Mary Edwards, Regina Small, Theodore Eaton, John Mebane.

Harvey Johnson Junior High—Florence Giles and Lillie Broovs. Individual entries are Eloise Larkins, Emmaleon McFarland, Emma Grimes, Evelyn Trent, Louise Stokes, Walter Fredericks and Thereka Stinyard.

Governor Asked To Save Worker

A fight being waged to save the life of an Eastern Shore handiman facing hanging for a 3-year-old slaying was carried to Gov. W. Preston Lane Jr., Thursday.

In a two-hour hearing before the State Executive, Julius P. Robinson, Baltimore attorney who volunteered his service, asked for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment.

The doomed man is Henry T. Jackson, an illiterate native of Virginia, who, while working near Stow Hill on Sept. 6, 1944, fatally shot the operator of a liquor store.

Recognized by Sheriff

Claiming self-defense but fearing the consequences of arrest, Jackson fled to Florida where he was arrested early last fall by a sheriff who recognized a picture of the wanted fugitive.

In a 10-page brief replete with legal references, Mr. Robinson argued that Jackson affixed "X" marks to papers signed him by Florida authorities not knowing what they were.

He knew nothing of extradition procedures nor was the decision of the Eastern Shore Circuit Court judiciary appealed, the attorney argued before the Governor.

Witness Died

Although a woman with whom the liquor dealer lived, witnessed the fatal fight, she died before a statement could be obtained to be used by the prosecution.

At the conclusion of the clemency hearing, Governor Lane promised to thoroughly digest the facts on the case before signing the death warrant for the handiman now facing life in a cell on Death Row in the Maryland Penitentiary.

Five Lottery Suspects Arrested in Two Raids

Sgt. Thomas L. Joyce's lottery squad staged two numbers raids in Northwest Baltimore last week, arresting five suspects who were placed under bail to await grand jury action.

They were docketed as Mrs. Cora Webb, 40, of 707 N. Gilmor St.; James Scott, 42, of 614 Biddle St.; Harry Wilson, 44, of 219 Barnabas Ct.; Isaiah Walker, 65, of 811 Tessier St.; and Jordan Wright, 44, of 606 Biddle St.

Driver in Stolen Car Runs Down Matron

Alighting from a streetcar at North Ave. and Carey St., Monday evening, Mrs. Sara Dotson, 65, resident of the Methodist N.M. Carroll Home for the Aged at 822 Carrollton Ave., was struck by a hit-run driver.

Taken to Provident Hospital, Mrs. Dotson was treated for a fractured left leg and released on Wednesday.

Stolen Car Involved

Meanwhile police instituted a futile city-wide search for the driver of the car, which was found abandoned a short distance from the scene of the accident.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen late Saturday by a resident of the 1100 block of Linden Ave.

MOROCCO ASKS UN TO HELP FREE HER FROM TYRANNY

LAKE-SUCCESS, N.Y. (ANP)—The United Nations last week was asked by Morocco for assistance in her fight against tyranny at the hands of France and Spain.

Md. Commission to Set Up Housing Directory for Vets

The Maryland Veterans' Housing Commission, authorized by the 1947 Legislature, is endeavoring to set up a Veterans' Housing Directory.

An effort is being made to contact real estate agencies so that any available homes or apartments for sale or rent may be listed in order to give veterans priority.

It is hoped that any information pertaining to the construction of new homes which may be requested by a veteran can be supplied by the Commission, the members of which were appointed by the Governor.

To Give Out Information

It is the purpose of the commission to disseminate this information through veterans' organizations and every other source of advertising possible in order to alleviate the critical housing shortage.

The commission, with offices at 202 Gilford Ave., will appreciate any information which can be supplied so that the Veterans Housing Directory may begin to function.

Stevedore's $13,000 Estate Awarded to His Daughter

The $13,354.52 estate of Lloyd H. Rodgers has been awarded to his daughter, Miss Ines Rodgers of New York City, an account filed in Orphans Court by Miss Rodgers and her attorney, Roy S. Bond, shows.

Rodgers, a former stevedore, died at his home, 1027 McDonough St., last year. At the time of his death he owned properties at 1617 Barnes St., 1012 McDonough St., 814, 816 and 818 N. Dallas St., 1808 E. Biddle St. and 1027 McDonough St.

Drive for Turners Station $10,000 Community Center Opens on March 7

Suggestion by Progressive Association Spurs Action; Dr. Johnson Heads Campaign

With all committees up to full strength, the united campaign for a Turners Station Community Building completed its organization, Sunday, during a meeting at the Ernest Lyons Recreation Center.

After a meeting for the mobilization of workers on Sunday Feb. 29, the working committees will begin the task of raising $10,000. The idea to raise the money and buy a community center was initiated by the Turners Station Progressive Association. However, actual solicitation will be done by volunteer workers from the community.

Appeals Begin March 7

These workers, organized under the name of "United Campaign for a Turners Station Community Building," plan to purchase the building which formerly housed the Ernest Lyons Nursery School.

Solicitation will begin Sunday March 7 and continue through March 27. Al solicitors will carry identification cards and kits, and will issue signed receipts and "we have" stickers to donors.

Campaign Leaders

With Dr. Arthur L. Johnson as campaign chairman and Yancy L. Whittaker and Alexander J. Allen, as co-chairmen, the drive is organized under the following division chairmen:

House to house division, Mrs. Katherine Pounds, chairman, and Mack Overby; business and professional division, Herman Mitchell and Miss Pauline Jackson; clubs and organizations division, Mrs. Inetta Allen and Hilton Randall;

Churches and Ministers division, the Revs. Dockery Thomas and Rufus T. Banks; schools and teachers, Mrs. E. S. McDaniel and Charles Fletcher; speakers bureau division, Mrs. Marie Johnson and Gilbert Webb; Publicity division, Dr. Eugene Byrd and Rufus Wells;

Speakers bureau, the Rev. Harold Nixon and Mrs. Helen Whittaker; auditing committee, Moses Pounds and Avon B. Collins; and the Benefit Show committee under Miss Anita Edwards and Mrs. Dorothea Battle.

Archbishop Yarn Melts Magistrate

The long shot, stab-in-the-dark bit of testimony by a man who on Tuesday worked the theme of the installation of the Most Rev. Francis X. Keough as Archbishop of Baltimore into his defense probably spared him a jail term.

The defendant was Jacob A. Hicks, 45, of 2104 N. Howard St., who was arrested by a special officers on the charge of creating a disturbance in a lower Pennsylvania Ave. movie heatre the night before.

Just Like George Washington

"I was only laughing at the movie, Judge; I'm a Catholic and can't tell a lie," he said, "especially on the day a new Archbishop is born."

Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick, through questioning, realized Hicks was not too familiar with all the facts of the installation being held that same morning, but was struck by the accused man's timely thinking and imposed a $1 suspended fine.

...nl an, impressive, solemn ritual before a select congregation, Archbishop Keough was installed Tuesday as the 11th Archbishop of Baltimore in the Cathedral of the Assumption.

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6 MONTHS AT CHELTENHAM

Report on Cheltenham

by C. L. KIAH

Cheltenham Must Not Be a Penal Farm

C. L. Kiah, former Superintendent of Cheltenham School for Boys, stated today that I took what the press described as an impossible job and was able to achieve some major reforms. After six months at Cheltenham, I have become aware of the underlying causes of the lack of progress there.

Under great obstacles and handicaps, I was able to make those improvements by dint of great personal sacrifice and untiring effort.

I am aware that my predecessor, a man of many years of institutional experience, was in his 15 years' administrative experience in the educational system of our State, I believe in the possibilities within our boys and am convinced that with the proper philosophy governing the board, staff, and community, Cheltenham can be a leading institution for the redirection and reclamation of the boys in our State who have never had a chance. CHELTENHAM MUST NOT BE A PENAL WORK FARM, BUT A TRAINING SCHOOL.

PROBLEMS— WHEN MR. KIAH ACCEPTED OFFICE:

When I took over my duties as Superintendent of Cheltenham September 1, 1947, there were five main problems which the Board asked me to remedy:

1. LARGE NUMBER OF RUNAWAYS which reached a peak of 65 in one month, an indication of extremely low morale and poor supervision.
2. UNSANITARY condition of the kitchen and cottages, and general unsightly appearance of the premises with hail of the grounds overgrown in weeds.
3. POORLY PREPARED AND INADEQUATE FOOD.
4. LACK OF THE INTEREST of the citizens of Baltimore and the State in the welfare of the institution.
5. INEFFICIENCY and lack of qualifications of the staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS—AFTER ONE TO SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE:

Runaways Reduced

The number of runaways has been reduced from a peak of 65 in March of last year, before I went to Cheltenham, to a low of 1 in February of this month, with 6 as the highest number of runaways for any month that I have served.

Higher Morale

"The morale of the boys has so greatly improved, that for the first time in the history of the institution, 47 boys were allowed to go home for Thanksgiving. ALL OF THEM RETURNED ON THE APPOINTED DAY, NINE OF THEM WITHOUT CHAPERONAGE.

Food

To solve the food problem, I hired one of the outstanding dietary experts in the country, Robert L. Clemmons, A.B. degree, with two years of graduate study in foods and nutrition at the University of Illinois, and 25 years experience in Institutional Cooking and Dietetics. Today the food is wholesome, well balanced, attractively prepared.

As a result, of the $54,700 food budget for this fiscal year, there is a balance of $20,700.96 as of Feb. 1, 1948, which with proper purchasing and with the farm supplies, should meet the needs for this year, without necessity of asking for an additional food appropriation as was done last year.

Educational Program

A survey was started in November by the State Department of Education, arranged for by the Department of Public Welfare to ascertain the status of the present educational system at Cheltenham and to determine the need for reorganization. This report is in the process of completion. Pending its completion, my recommendation is that our boys should be trained in skills that will be useful when they return to their home environment. CHELTENHAM IS A TRAINING SCHOOL NOT A PENAL FARM.

Sanitation

The kitchen and dining hall have been transformed into a sanitary culinary unit. The cottages are undergoing a program of renovation made possible by an emergency appropriation of $128,000 by the Board of Public Works after my first month's report to them.

W. P. Brown

W. P. Brown of the Rose Exterminating Company stated on January 14, 1948:

"Conditions are a lot better here. The Engineering Department and Mr. Walker are co-operating. Situation is much cleaner and with the continued co-operation of the school and superintendent, we shall be able to keep rats and roaches under control."

Public Relations

To combat the lack of interest of the general public and to develop a closer tie between the school and the community resources, I established a Public Relations program. As a result there has been 100% increase in the number of religious, fraternal and social organizations and community leaders from Baltimore and the State to visit the school. Numerous organizations and individuals have sent an abundance of magazines, books and reading material. Donations include robes for the school choir and three pianos.

We have had 900 visitors besides parents, 37 individuals and organizations contributed 1,000 gifts plus $ 57.00 toward Christmas cheer for the boys.

Boys' Life Program

Have established a merit system, both in the school and security units. This is a system of grading and rewards for achievement according to excellence of performance, with the ultimate reward of parole from the institution. As a result there is increased boy interest and participation in the activities of the school.

Frontiers Club, at their Annual Christmas Banquet, honored five of the boys selected for meritorious achievement.

Fifty merit system boys were guests of Jackie Robinson in Washington at one of his recent personal appearances.

Other meritorious boys have been guests of Morgan State College at football games and of Clark Griffith of Washington Senators Baseball interests.

School paper edited by the boys is now appearing regularly.

The Boy Scouts have increased from eight to thirty-five in the last six months.

Physical Improvements

During the first month, the program of the physical improvement of the grounds was started, with the cutting of weeds, filling in of mud holes and stagnant pools. Unused and unsightly structures have been torn down. Today the grounds present an orderly and neat appearance.

Staff Efficiency

The general efficiency of the staff has been increased. Today, there are 41 staff members with A.B. or B.S. degrees, 1 with a Master's degree, and 1 a candidate for the Ph.D. degree. Eleven staff members have had one to three years of college training, all of which in each case are far in excess of the State requirements for the jobs to be performed.

Farm Program

Inaugurated a scientific system of hog and cattle breeding which will insure that the young will be born at the most favorable seasons of the year, thereby decreasing the mortality rate of the newborn livestock. This program was definitely praised by Dr. H. E. Wakeley, State Supervisor of Veterinary Departments, on January 10, 1948, when he wrote "conditions are the best I have seen in the past Five Years."

School Schedule Now on Systematic Basis

The whole schedule of the school has been put on a regular systematic basis.

Meals, which were from one-half to an hour late, are now served promptly. Prior to September when I assumed my duties, reports had been three and four months late.

In September when I assumed my duties, the June Financial Reports had not been sent in. THE FEBRUARY, 1948 REPORTS WERE IN ON TIME.

Although there are still problems in this area, improved and increased personnel will eliminate such tardiness.

The laundry system, which was turning out clothes so dingy that when put on by the boys appeared as though they had not been washed, has been completely reorganized. There is much improvement in this respect.

RECOMMENDATIONS—

1. MODERN ADEQUATE FACILITIES
a. To function efficiently for the job the school is designed to do, the location of the permanent site must be decided immediately, and a building program launched at once to provide modern, adequate facilities.
2. TRAINING SCHOOL
b. Cheltenham is not a penal work farm but a training school for delinquent boys. The whole program of the school should be reorganized to achieve this goal.
3. CONSCIENTIOUS BOARD
c. The new board must be composed of conscientious citizens who are concerned not with personal honor, but with the all-important task of rehabilitating and developing good citizens out of the human beings who come to Cheltenham. I cannot over-emphasize this great need.

CHELTENHAM MUST BECOME A FIRST CLASS TRAINING SCHOOL!

Cheltenham Head Fired Thursday

(Continued From Page 1)

tenham must not be a penal work farm, but a training school.

Major Problems "Remedied"

The former Cheltenham head said that he had remedied the five main problems at the school which the board outlined when he assumed charge six months ago. They were:

The reduction of the excessive number of runaways, which reached a peak of 65 in one month;

The improvement of unsanitary conditions of the kitchen and cottages, and the general unsightly appearance of the premises;

Poorly prepared and inadequate food;

Lack of interest in the welfare of the school by citizens of the city and State;

Inefficiency and lack of qualifications of the staff.

Number of Runaways Cut

Runaways were reduced to a low of one this month, with the highest number only six for any month during a six-month period, Mr. Kiah pointed out.

All of the 47 boys allowed home visitation on an honor system during the Christmas holidays returned.

He said the kitchen and dining hall have been transformed into a sanitary culinary unit; and that cottages are undergoing a program of renovation made possible by an emergency appropriation of $128,000 by the Board of Public Works.

Dietary Expert Hired

The food situation has improved with the hiring of a dietary expert, Mr. Kiah said pointing out:

That 50% of the hogs were killed and preserved for institutional maintenance; some 85% of the corn and potato crops were reclaimed; and $20,700.96 of the $54,700 food budget remains for this fiscal year.

Through a public relations program, Mr. Kiah reported, a 100% increase in the number of religious, fraternal and social leaders from Baltimore and the State to visit the school occurred.

These visitors totaled 900. They contributed funds for the purchase of choir robes, three pianos and reading material, it was reported.

Staff Better Trained

On the staff of Cheltenham at the present, Mr. Kiah pointed out, there are 41 persons with A. B. or B.S. degrees; one with a master's degree and one candidate for the Ph.D. degree.

There are 11 staff members with from one to three years of college training, all in excess of State requirements for the jobs to be performed, he asserted.

2nd Non-White Superintendent

A native Maryland, Mr. Kiah is a graduate of Morgan State College and Columbia University. He was given a year's leave of absence from the post of principal of St. Clair High School in Cambridge, which he has held for 15 years.

He was the second colored head of the State institution for delinquent boys, the first being Royal A. B. Crump of Hanover, Va., who served one year after his appointment on Oct. 1, 1944.

$200,000 Okeyed for Webb Pool

Construction of a swimming pool in the Chick Webb recreation center was virtually assured, this week, when city officials agreed to use $125,000 already earmarked in the recreation loan, and $75,000 guaranteed the project by Mayor D'Alesandro.

At a conference of the Board of Recreation and Parks with Councilmen from the Second District, Thursday, Dr. Bernard Harris approved the agreement by which the proposed pool will be backed by $200,000.

Not for Gymnasium

This amount will not, however, provide for a gymnasium although it was estimated that only $200,000 would be needed for both the gym and pool.

With the $200,000 now agreed upon, the city will have spent $320,000 toward the memorial center.

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