2,600 Pupils Get Tickets to Concert

As rewards for scoring high marks in the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Quiz Contests, 2,600 Baltimore school children will receive free tickets to the final orchestra concert at 11 a.m. March 18, at the Lyric Theatre.

They will hear Reginald Stewart conduct the orchestra in a program devoted to demonstrations and explanations of the percussion instruments, such as the snare and bass drums, triangle, xylophone, castenets and wood block.

They will also hear at the close, the Baltimore City College Drum and Bugle Corps join the orchestra in a rousing performance of a Sousa march, and take part, by singing with the orchestra a gesture song, "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree."

GARNETT—FRANCIS BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED

ROXBURY, Mass.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonello of this city have announced the engagement of their daughter, Silvia L. Francis, to Robert C. Garnett, son of Dr. Jessie Garnett, also of this city.

Adult Education Classes Visit AFRO

Members of adult education classes from Alexander School 112 and Lockerman School 100 in Baltimore are shown as they recently visited the AFRO-AMERICAN office with Miss Frances Murphy. In the group were; Mesdames Catherine Branford, Bernice Gass, Mildred Knox, Sophronia Edwards, Elizabeth Tinsley, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Garland, Della Randall, Mary L. Edges, Alverta Labon, Nelline White, Mildred Parola, Harriett M. Parker, Carrie Bagley, Elizabeth Thaxton, Dorothy Knockett, Mary Ross and Myrtle Cole. Mesdames Zaidee Koger and Viola Hill Owens are teachers.

Lawson Named Carver Teacher

The appointment of Charles G. Lawson to teach related subjects at Carver Vocational School was approved Thursday by the Board of School Commissioners. Mr. Lawson will receive $2,900 per year in this post.

The board also gave permission for the Baltimore Chapter of Hampton Alumni Association to use the auditorium of Douglass High School on Apr. 23 to present the Hampton Players. Funds from the affair will be used for scholarships.

A contract has been opened by the Board of Awards for the painting of the interior of Booker T. the auditorium of Carver Vocational School; a report from the Washington Junior High School No. 130 and for the painting of business office showed.

W.Va. Musicians Presented in Concert

INSTITUTE, W.Va.—The concert band, directed by Edward C. Lewis Jr., and Theodore D. Phillips, pianist, was presented here Sunday evening at the college by the department of music, of which both are members.

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Man Awaiting Trial on Marihuana Count

NEWARK

Grady Jones of 245 N. Clinton St., East Orange, is scheduled to be tried in Federal Court before Judge William F. Smith on charges of unlawful possession of marihuana.

On Feb. 3 he entered a plea of guilty but withdrew it when brought up for sentencing on last Friday. The trial date has not been set.

Stench Caused by 2 Dogs Brings $5 Fine to Owner

Patrolman Describes Conditions in Home of Aged Man; Others Pay in Housing Court

"The entire house reeked so strongly from the odor caused by two filthy, dirty dogs kept locked up in a rear room that it almost made me vomit."

So testified a city patrolman against Thomas Gleen, who was haled into Housing Court, Tuesday, for tolerating unsanitary conditions in his home at 1114 Orleans St.

The accused admitted a foul odor was present but explained he didn't know what it was. Before being fined $5 and costs, Gleen disclosed that one of his two dogs had died but denied that death was due to the unsanitary conditions.

Old Man Given Light Fine

A moderate fine of $2 and costs was imposed on elderly William C. Thomas for permitting generally unsanitary, unhealthy and unsafe conditions to exist in his home at 729 W. Saratoga St.

A patrolman said his attention was drawn to the house upon receipt of a complaint from an iceman who had fallen through a section of rotted flooring.

Continued the officer, "The hallways, yard and cellar were jammed with trash and ashes, plaster was falling from patches in the ceilings, the window frames and stairways were rotted, the walls leaked in rainy weather, the floors were rotted and the hopper in the the yard was defective."

Magistrate Harry Kruger took cognizance of the man's age and the fact that he had been ill for some months. He imposed the light penalty on the promise that the repairs be made as soon as possible.

Giving Order Not Enough

"I complied with the law. I gave an order for the work to a contractor," replied Joe Glass, white, when arraigned for not replacing a defective toilet in the yard of the premises at 528 N. Eden St.

"Placing an order for work is not complying with the law," Magistrate Kruger explained. "You are not following orders until all the repair work has been done," continued the magistrate. He gave the landlord 13 more days in which to make the necessary repairs.

John McCray and his wife, Vivian, were fined $2 and costs, each, for throwing ashes in an alley in the rear of an apartment house in the 1300 block of St. Paul St.

Custodians Blamed

The couple are the custodians of and live in the basement of the dwelling. Alexander Williams, janitor for another property belonging to the same people who own McCray's home, admitted the couple were wrong and should keep the alley in the rear of their apartment clean at all times.

An agent for the Dupont Realty Company was fined $12 for failing to make repairs on several properties in the 1200 block of Briscoe St.

Dallas F. Nicholas, representing William L. Fitzgerald and Cornelius Jennings, owned the apparent lack of co-operation on the part of certain city officials in handling the sanitation and clean-up campaign.

Acted Immediately

The properties involved are in the 500 block of W. Cross St. Mr. Nicholas said that when his clients received the first cleanup order, they immediately contacted the Health Department and the Captain of Southern Police District.

"We informed them, "the attorney declared, "That we would take steps immediately to correct conditions and I don't think it was at all fair to have my clients, summoned in there in view of their avowed co-operation."

"Serving the summons was unnecessary and brought my clients under embarrassment," he added. Additional time to complete the repairs was granted.

CHAPLAIN RECEIVES NEW ASSIGNMENT IN GERMANY.

KITZINGEN BASIC TRAINING CENTER, Germany.—Chaplain (Capt.) Maxwell S. Whittington of Columbia, S.C., has recently been assigned to the Kitzingen Basic Training Center here, training base for approximately 1200

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Youth Admits Sale of Murder Gun

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Boy Not Involved in Policeman's Death

'FINGERS' WOOD Courtroom Barred to Merely Curious

For a scant five minutes, Thursday, the spotlight of the highly publicized murder trial of Roy Arnold Wood for the alleged slaying of a policeman, rested upon the tall, rangy figure of a brown-skinned lad in an ill-fitting suit.

It was this youth, 18-year-old James E. Wright, of 413 Heaver St., who took the witness stand and testified that he sold to Wood the gun whose fire took the life of Patrolman Joseph Benedict on Friday, February 13th.

Involved in Robbery

Midway through the State's case, which got under way Thursday morning before a three-judge court, and inside a heavily guarded courtroom, Wright was brought up from the courthouse bullpen.

Already under indictment for theft of the pistol to which he has pleaded guilty, and for a robbery said to have been committed with Wood, young Wright was warned of his rights by Rufus Nicholas, his counsel, and permitted to testify for the State only to the gun transaction.

Admits Gun Sale

His question and answer testimony prompted by John C. Weisz, prosecutor, went like this:

Q. Mr. Wright, by whom were

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Inspector Backs Central Heating

Bill Would Benefit Those Now Using Oil

The first step in the proposed reduction of deaths from oil stove explosions, was taken Monday, when an ordinance which would require landlords to install central heating outlets, was approved by the building inspector.

Since the onset of winter, 10 persons have died as the result from portable oil stoves, whose use for cooking and heating was banned by City Council ordinance two years ago. The ban is effective on June 21.

Stoves In 135,000 Homes

Citizens, aroused at the increasing death toll from the stoves which have caused 40 fires this winter, look toward the recently introduced legislation as a method of force landlords to install chimneys and flue in the 135,000 homes where the portable kerosene appliances are now presented to use.

Councilman Bonnett, chairman of the committee which drafted the building regulations which is considering the bill, has promised a full hearing on the legislation before final action is taken.

Organizations and persons interested in its passage should write the City Council or permission to attend the hearings when scheduled.

Booker T., Carver Getting Paint Job

The interiors of the Booker T. Washington Junior High and Lo. Carver Vocational Schools are being painted, but the auditorium of Douglass High, the cultural and civic center of the community faces its 1190th week in utter disgrace and a blot on the community at large.

John W. Lewis, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of business management, told the AFRO on Thursday that a study of the situation is being made on the basis of urgency and that the schools needing repainting the worse will be repainted first.

He revealed that at least $575,000 worth of painting has to be done already, but added that has more than one-third of that work will be done this year.

To Be Taken In Order

The schools to be repainted will be reached with no regard of discrimination. All of the school

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Douglass High Auditorium has needed paint for 1199 Weeks

Pupils, teachers and parents are urged to report dirty, unpainted classrooms to the

School Cleanup Reporter, Mulberry 6015, Baltimore AFRO.

Photographer's Model

MISS CATHERINE JACKSON, a native of Baltimore, is a favorite model of students of photography, both at the Maryland School of Photography and among Washington professional studios.

GRIM REAPER STRIKES:

Fire, Violence Claim Lives of Seven Persons

The Grim Reaper, wearing his cloak of fire and violent death, called in the homes of seven Baltimoreans, this week.

Early Saturday, Southern district police found the body of Willie Polk, 50, of 722 S. Charles St., burned to death in a shack in the woods off the Cherry Hill Rd.

Later the same day, Sheppard Hayden, 50, was burned to a crisp in his room at 829 Druid Hill Ave. Northwestern district police said he fell asleep smoking a cigarette which set his bed afire.

Social Club Scene of Tragedy

That night, William Chase Jr., 21, of 531 Robert St. was slain while in the Panama Social Club in the 2100 block of N. Howard St.

A pal, James Jones, of 1735 Maryland Ave. was shot in the hip.

Shortly after midnight, Tuesday, Earl Parker, 35, of 927 Shields Pl., died in City Hospitals with a bullet wound of the back received last August. Police arrested Alexander Patterson, 34, of 634 Bradley St.

On Tuesday, the body of Thomas Green, 58, a watchman for an auto works company in the 6900 block of Pulaski Ave., was found in a shack on the premises where he lived.

Two Victims in Same Block

Within two hours time, Wednesday morning, Southern district police were called to remove the bodies of two persons from their homes in the first block of N. Gilmor St.

At 2:45 they were called to take the body of Miss Mildred Wallace, 17, of 17 N. Gilmor St., to Frank lin Square Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Two hours later they went to 16 N. Gilmor St., to get Mrs. Susie Fielder, 35, who died suddenly. The medical examiner at the City Morgue began an investigation to determine the cause of both deaths.

Dean Grant on Body to Study Institutions

Dean George C. Grant of Morgan State College, is among the 15 persons who were named on Friday by Governor Lane to a commission to study the need for additional psychopathic institutions and services in the State.

Another five-man commission was appointed at the same time to study the law and practice with respect to physically handicapped persons in State employment. Both groups are to prepare their reports and recommendations for the 1949 legislative session.

11 Injured in 2 Traffic Mishaps

Within less than two hours Tuesday evening, two, 21 truck-car mishaps involved in traffic mishaps in which 11 persons were injured and a score of others were shaken up.

Both incidents occurred within a block of each other in the afternoon hours on rainy streets.

The first occurred at 3:30 when a private car operated south on Fremont Ave. by George S. Mihalos, white, rammed a westbound trackless trolley at Harlem Ave.

Six Treated at Hospitals

Six passengers seated or standing in the front of the bus were either thrown to the floor or into each other in the collision and suffered various injuries.

Treated either at Provident or University Hospitals were:

Miss Lucille Haywood, 21, of 1613 Riggs Ave., head injuries; Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, 45, of 912 N. Gilmor St., back injuries; Lonoy M. Blake, 29, of 1600 Delano Ct., injuries of the shoulder and back;

Miss Irma Robinson, 22, of 1112 Woodyear St., bruised knee; Mrs. Marion Ball, 33, of 609 N. Mount St., injured right arm, and Mrs. Blondine Kahan, 35, of 913 N. Stricker St., injuries to the right shoulder.

The drive and three white occupants of the private car were injured slightly and treated at University Hospital.

Sudden Stop Causes Injury

Traffic police investigating the accident charged the auto driver with reckless driving and the operator of the trackless trolley

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16 Out-of-Towners, 32 Local Persons Hit by Cupid's Dart

One-half of the couples who obtained permits to be married here, this week, were from cities other than Baltimore.

The 16 out-of-towners were:

George A. Griffin, 21, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Rae Sessoms, 19, of Newark; John R. Octlaw, 24, Elizabeth City, N.C., and Miss Corrine Brown, 23, New York City; Collins E. Grant, 24, and Mrs. Severna Davis, 25, divorced, both of Dundalk, Md.;

Walter Brown, 42, and Miss Lillian Gripper, 33, both Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ernest Holmes, 24, divorced, and Miss Jeanette Nelson, 22, both Brooklyn, N.Y.; Leroy Pendleton, 26, Washington, and Miss Florence S. Dukes, 36, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Robert Belcher, 23, and Mrs.

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GOP Laughs at Democrats

Lid Off Political Muddle

Indifference to Leaders Cited

Naming of Douglass Held Typical Action

FACTIONS BLAMED McKeldin and Nice Offered as Examples

Republicans are chortling in amusement this week over the embarrassing situation in which Fourth District Democrats find themselves.

"It shouldn't have happened to a dog," the Republicans are saying. "Nothing like that took place under Governor Nice or Mayor McKeldin," they add.

In the meantime, Fourth District Democratic leaders have no answer to make publicly.

Fireworks began two weeks ago when Mayor D'Alesandro appointed Calvin Douglass as assistant city solicitor when the Fourth District leaders said they had been promised the appointment of U. Theodore Hayes.

Felt Explanation in Order

A stormy session followed in the Mayor's office in which the leaders advised the Mayor that he had

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Cold Wave Expected, May Last a While

The rain or snow that covered Maryland counties on Thursday is scheduled to yield to a cold wave expected to remain over the greater portion of the week end.

Late Saturday and Sunday are scheduled to be accompanied by slightly warmer temperatures, averaging normal. Winds will be light.

Mayor Endorses Senate Rent Bill

In a letter to six members of the House of Representatives, this week, Mayor D'Alesandro urged that Congress pass without further delay the Senate bill extending rent control.

"I urge the Congress to preserve our last safeguard against a terrible inflation," declared the Mayor in speaking as chairman of the Standing Committee on Leg-

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Overselling by Promoters Blamed for Riot at Armory

2,300 Inside Place Built to Hold 2,000; 1,000 Outside; Woman Hurt; Eight Arrested

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The greed of unscrupulous, money grabbing promoters was blamed this week for the riot at the 104th Medical Regiment Armory Tuesday night, during which a policeman was tossed from a balcony, a woman was severely stabbed and eight men were arrested.

By selling tickets to more persons than the armory could possibly accommodate, it is charged, the promoters not only endangered the lives of 2,300 dance patrons who came to hear Paul Williams's band play the popular "Bubbles," but left hundreds of persons standing in the rain with worthless tickets.

1,000 More Tickets Sold

Capt. Harry H. Carpenter, who has charge of the armory building, told the AFRO that the promoters "greatly oversold" the tickets. He said that though the promoters knew that the capacity of the building was about 2,000 persons, more than 3,000 tickets must have been sold.

Captain Carpenter reported that he counted 2,300 tickets. Describing the hectic dance, the captain said:

"More than 2,300 persons were inside the building, every seat was taken and so was the standing room. No one could dance. They were packed so tightly on the

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Citizens Battle Boulevard Plan

Ask Mayor to Veto Bill, May Go to Court

BULLETIN

Explaining that the traffic problem in Northwest Baltimore will otherwise remain useless and cleared, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro announced that he will sign today (Friday) the bill which makes boulevards of Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St.

The Mayor voiced assurances that adequate thoroughfare lighting, motorcycle patrolling, traffic lights and parking facilities will be provided.

Still fighting the ordinance passed Monday night by the City Council to boulevard McCulloh St. and Druid Hill Ave., opposing citizens will meet this morning

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Shack Burned Down, Two Die

Burned beyond recognition, a woman and a 15-month-old boy perished in a wood-frame shack which burned to the ground, Wednesday afternoon at St. Stephens Church, Md.

The victims were Mrs. Florence J. Wilson, 45, and a neighbor's son who was left in her care for the day, William L. Blackstone Jr.

Because the bodies were completely charred, private funeral services were held today (Friday) at 1 p.m. for the child and at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Wilson at Gaines Chapel. Arrangements were made by the Highbotham Funeral Home of Ellicott City.

Victims Caught Asleep

Expressing belief that the vic-

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Housewives Concerned About Oleomargarine Prices

This homemaker, Mrs. Theresa Morris of 1813 Druid Hill Ave., discusses the price of oleomargarine with Walter Hayes, clerk at the Fauntleroy Self Service Market. This is a hotly debated subject today because of a discriminatory tax which increases the cost of oleo to the housewife. Another housewife and a grocer express their opinions on the subject in an accompanying story.

Buter vs. Oleo Battle Rages

Legislation Sought to Remove High Tax

BUYERS TALK Say Cost of Living Could Be Reduced

Housewives, who in four of six cases use oleomargarine because it is cheaper and equally as nutritious as butter, eye with interest the United States Treasury-backed drive to unshackle it from discriminatory taxes.

It is generally known that the "Cinderella" product, margarine, has been bogged down with taxes by dairy manufacturers in an effort to discontinue its production. Thus, the housewife has never realized its true money-saving value.

For a family of seven, Mrs. J. Augustus Holsey of 1400 Druid Hill Ave. uses three pounds of margarine weekly, and would welcome as savings the extra pennies she shells out in the tax.

Combines Two for Economy

Expressing a preference for butter, Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant of 634 George St., compromises by using a mixture of one half of butter and a pound of margarine. She, too, would welcome the savings.

Situations involved in margarine are complex and paradoxical.

Despite the fact that two-thirds of the income grocers find it unprofitable or inconvenient to

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3 Vets Appointed to Police Force

Placed on Probation; Bring Total to 25

Three war veterans, one realizing a long cherished ambition, were among the 53 probationary patrolmen appointed to the police force, Thursday, by Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson.

The three swelling the number of colored police officers to 25 are:

Charles Smith, 20, of 1116 Bayard St.; Oliver J. Walker, 23, of 2407 E. Biddle St., and Walker S. Lewis, 24, of 2351 Druid Hill Ave.

Baltimore's Police force now includes Detective Sgt. J. Hiram Butler, Detective Lloyd Johnson, three policewomen and 20 patrolmen, six of whom are assigned to special duty at the Northwest Police Boys Club, the Eastside Community Center and the Northwest Community Council.

Formed Detective Agency

Candidate Smith, married and the father of three children, received his early schooling in Philadelphia and served two years in the Army as a staff sergeant in an anti-aircraft unit.

Locally he became accredited as a special officer working in taverns adn theatres. He organized the United Detective Agency.

A heavyweight boxer of no mean ability, Smith has spent much of his time in the past two years aiding Officer William Hayes in developing the boxing team of the Boys Club.

2 Years in Navy—

Walker, a former resident of New Jersey, spent three years in

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VERACITY ESTABLISHED:

Male Suspect Admits He's Named Dorothy

WASHINGTON

Apparently convinced of a male defendant's honesty from his admission that his name was Dorothy Thompson, a Municipal Court jury, before Judge John P. McMahon, last week acquitted a 35-year-old taxi driver of the charge of driving while drunk.

Dorothy, who caused eye-brow lifting in court when the name was called and he answered, was represented by Wesley S. Williams, attorney.

Dorothy said he was born on a Hallowe'en night and that his mother must have been expecting a member of the opposite sex when she named him.

Several Offenses Charged

He was charged with driving his cab into a lamppost and two parked cars, all within a two-block area of his home, in the 1100 block of Fourth St., N.E., and having twice driven on the wrong side of the street.

A Government witness declared Dorothy "appeared drunk" when getting out of the cab, but the defendant denied this. He admitted that he had seven drinks AFTER getting out of his taxi, however.

Blames Poor Visibility

Dorothy explained that it was dark and raining, and admitted he struck the lamppost, but said he didn't hit the parked cars. After parking, Dorothy said he attended a party at the home of a relative. Officers said he was arrested a short while after the accident.

2 Newsies Feted at Fla. N and I

A round of entertainment activities, highlighted by the spring festival at Florida N. and I. College has been planned for two ace AFRO news carriers who entertained for St. Augustine, Fla. Thursday evening.

The youngsters, who made the trip under AFRO sponsorship, are George Whyte Jr., 17, of 463 Cummings Ct., Baltimore, and James Slaughter, 13, of Washington.

Both were selected because of their outstanding sales and thrift records in selling AFRO's, records for which each has received a number of previous AFRO awards.

Eventful Week End Planned

Arriving in St. Augustine this morning (Friday), the boys were

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Mrs. Jackson's Sister Dies

Mrs. Marian Carroll Armstrong, sister of Mrs. Lillie Jackson and Mrs. Florence L. Snowden, died at her home, 221 W. Penn St., Philadelphia, this week.

The body will be received Sunday night and Monday, and services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday at Mrs. Snowden's residence, 1930 Druid Hill Ave.

Mrs. Armstrong was the wife of Joseph Armstrong. She was a graduate of Douglass High School in the class of 1907.

Services will be held at the Unity Memorial Church, 2008 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, early Sunday.

Failed as Party Man, So Wife 'Junked' Him, Hubby Declares

Because he failed to meet the demands of Mrs. Mollie L. Manns as a party companion she left him, Dolphus Manns of 1806 McCulloh St. testified, this week as he won a divorce.

Manns said that his wife, who now lives in New York City, liked to spend evenings out, but said she could not have a good time with him.

After an argument about one such evening away from home she left him and moved into an apartment with a girl friend, Manns said.

Without Explanation

Also winning a divorce was Howard Daniels of 322 N. Fremont Ave., who said that Mrs. Vernice Daniels of 734 Pennsylvania Ave. left him without explanation.

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