County Housewives Prey of Glib Tongued Peddlers

Many Baltimore county housewives are being victimized by peddlers who gain entrance to homes under various ruses then use high pressure methods to sell inferior goods at exorbitant prices, the AFRO learned this week.

Numerous complaints are being filed with the police and two detectives have been assigned to investigate. The detectives described the "salesmen" as the "smoothest - talking individuals they have ever encountered.

Work in Groups

Working in organized groups, the canvassers worm their way into homes by pretending they are conducting a "survey," then bulldoze housewives into buying shoddy kitchen ware or books at excessive prices.

Last Saturday, a canvasser worked a portion of Day Village, selling lamps for $9, $15 or $25, whatever the traffic would bear.

Pry on Women

When one matron, who lives on S. Avondale Rd., said $25 was too much for the lamp, the salesman said he was "only kidding" and that the lamp was actually being sold for $15. Later he reduced the price to $9.

The peddler named $15 as his price at the next home he visited, then reduced the figure to $9. He sold the lamp at the third home for $15.

The peddlers have various methods of operating but they all have one thing in common—a glib tongue.

"Credentials" Questionable

He first gains entrance by claiming to be a surveyor for an advertising concern, an investigator for a philanthropic organization, or even an inspector for the Health Department.

Flourishing a handful of embossed documents, the peddler queries the housewife on the state of the family's health, the brands of foods used, radio programs listened to, and the newspapers read.

Then, firmly established as an official, he urges the housewife to co-operate further in the "survey" by sending to his company each week clippings of a newspaper advertisement.

Asks For Contract

In return for her "help," the housewife is offered a set of books or other articles at "gift" value.

And, the "salesman" cleverly adds at the end of his spiel, the housewife will have to sign a contract as a "formality."

In each instance, police report, the salesman has made fantastic claims for his goods and the buyer was not observant enough to notice that these claims were not embodied in the contract.

Listen, but Don't Sign

When the housewife has signed on the dotted line she belatedly finds that though the goods turns out to be a dud, the contract is still legally binding.

It is this technicality that makes it difficult for police to break up these rackets, which operate just within the law.

The only alternative, police say, is to educate the public to distinguish a bona fide salesman from a gyp artist."

Cook Jailed for Using Cleaver to Bash Pair

Irvin Cook, 33, of 1531 N. Gilmor St., was given 120 days in jail, Tuesday, following his trial in Northwestern police court on charges of wielding a meat cleaver in an assault case.

Cook was accused of hacking Miss Ruth Higgins of 1403 N. Calhoun St., and her uncle, Herman Morsell of 522 Baker St., after an argument over money.

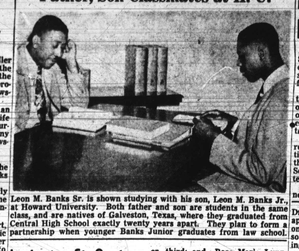
Jr. Business Women Hear Officer Cowan

WASHINGTON

Officer Oliver Cowan, director of the Junior Police and Citizens Corps, spoke to the Junior Business and Professional Women of Washington, recently, on the causes of the high rate of juvenile delinquency in Washington.

He was accompanied at the meeting by his mother, Mrs. Patterson, and son, Oliver Jr. The JB and PW are also sponsoring a spring frolic at the YWCA on April 23.

Father, Son Classmates at H. U.



Leon M. Banks Sr. is shown studying with his son, Leon M. Banks Jr., at Howard University. Both father and son are students in the same class, and are natives of Galveston, Texas, where they graduated from Central High School exactly twenty years apart. They plan to form a partnership when younger Banks Junior graduates from law school.

Lexington St. Center Teen-Agers Hold Quiz

Teen-agers exhibited keen interest in a quiz program held last Tuesday night at the Lexington St. Recreation Center. The boys almost monopolized the victory column by taking three of the four prizes awarded.

William Costes won first prize; Bob Lunn, second; William Painter, third; and Rose Marie Lunn, fourth. Another quiz program is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., April 22, at the center.

Dr. Maceo Williams, director of the center.

Loyola Offers 4 Half Scholarships

The Loyola College Evening School again makes its annual offer of four half-tuition scholarships valued at $640 each to qualified men and women applicants.

The scholarships are awarded to suitable applicants on the basis of the secondary school record and on the results of the scholarship examinations of the College Entrance Board.

The student's secondary school record and his personal application blank must be submitted to the registrar, Loyola Evening School, three months before the term the individual seeks to enter.

No specified preparation is needed for the examinations on scholastic aptitude and achievement, the latter based on three units selected by the student from 10 possible subject fields.

YWCA PROGRAM EXPLAINED

In connection with the observance of National YWCA Week, beginning Apr. 25, the Madison Avenue Branch will send speakers to the local churches to discuss the local, national, and international program of the organization.

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Councilmen Support AFRO in Seeking Weekly Streetcar Passes

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Teen-Agers Disagree on Murder

Muth Submits Bill to Council

Measure Presented to Block Fare Rise ON TRIAL BASIS

Passengers Rally to Back Proposal

In line with a proposal advocated by the AFRO for a number of years, William Muth (5th District) introduced in the City Council on Monday, a resolution suggesting the use of a weekly pass system for passengers of the Baltimore Transit Company.

WILLIAM MUTH

The AFRO for improving the city's transit service include the employment of colored drivers, the inauguration of the weekly pass system and municipal ownership and operation of the company.

Co - sponsored by Councilman Walter Dewees (3rd District), the new resolution requests "the Public Service Commission to order the Baltimore Transit Company to provide for a weekly pass or ticket for its patrons."

Answer is "Increased Fare"

It is, in effect, the answer to the BTC's insistence that it must raise fares to increase its revenues.

According to Councilman Muth, such a pass system, patterned after that used in Washington, would not only save valuable time taken up in issuing transfers and making change during rush hours, but would also assure the transit company of a steady income.

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Jenkins, Morgan Prexy

Howard Professor Succeeds Dr. Holmes

New 44-Year-Old Administrator Has Taught More Than 18 Years

The new president of Morgan State College will be Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, professor of education at Howard University and a specialist in educational surveys.

The college board of trustees on Thursday elected Dr. Jenkins to succeed Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, who is to retire June 30 after nearly 11 years of service. Dr. Holmes is 70 years old.

Dr. Jenkins, reached late Thursday evening at Atlanta University (Ga.), where he was attending a meeting, told the AFRO that he would accept the post.

Daylight Saving Time to Be Ushered in Sunday Morning

When you wake up Sunday, don't be late for church because the time will be noon instead of 11 a.m., if you forget to get your clock up an hour.

It's all because Baltimore will go on daylight saving time at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, so Baltimoreans had better set their clocks accordingly when they retire Saturday night.

And there is no sense in anybody's getting peeved about it, because citizens voted for it on a special election ballot.

When Dr. Holmes announced his retirement in June, 1947, trustees elected as his successor Dr. Charles Wesley, now president of the State College at Wilberforce, who accepted and visited the college to make preliminary plans for taking over on June 30.

Just a month ago, the Morgan community was astonished to receive from Dr. Wesley a request to be relieved from his contract on the ground that the controversy between church and State at Wilberforce has reached such proportions as to endanger the State college if he should resign.

Northwestern U. Ph.D.

Dr. Jenkins was born in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1904. He attended that city's public schools, but did his undergraduate work at Howard University, receiving a bache-

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H. U. Man New Morgan College President

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, professor of education at Howard University, who yesterday (Thursday) was elected president of Morgan State College, Baltimore, to succeed Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, who retires in June after 10 years of service. Dr. Jenkins, a 1925 graduate of Howard and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, is 44, is married and has a 14-year-old daughter.

Conflicting Stories Cloud Issue of Guilt

Judge Forced to Free Youth, 19, Charged With Slaying Boy of 14

One by one, the teen-agers marched to the witness stand.

And the way in which each testified depended upon whether he was a pal of the 14-year-old slain youth, or a pal of the 19-year-old lad on trial for murder.

In every case, their stories conflicted just enough, Thursday, for Judge Herman Moser to resolve all doubt in favor of Rudolph Smith and acquitted the youth in the street slaying of young Vernon Johnson.

"Either side could be telling the truth," the judge commented.

Sat on Opposite Sides

Decked out in long trousers and shined shoes, the youngsters even took sides in their seating arrangements at Criminal Court.

Those testifying for the State, came forward from seats on the left side of the courtroom, and charged that Smith stabbed Johnson, who, they insisted, did not have a knife.

From the right side of the room came those testifying for Smith. These contended that the slain youth brandished a knife of his own before he was fatally stabbed in the chest.

At one point, when the prosecutor was probing to learn from a young witness exactly who had what knife, Judge Moser interposed with:

"It depends on the point of view."

Tell of Previous Fight

Smith, who lives at 808 W. Franklin St., was not made to testify.

His witnesses included John Pointer, 15, of 779 Saratoga St., who said the fatal fight occurred the night after Johnson had beaten him on the street; and Morris

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Education Board Placement Urged

County Citizens Ask Group Representation

Wading into the midst of a campaign meeting for white replacements to the Baltimore County Board of Education, some 24 citizens argued, Wednesday night, at Towson High School, for colored representation on the board.

At least 400 white persons were gathered at the school to discuss the recommendations of two possible appointees, when the delegation, representing Turners Station, Catonsville and Sparrows Point, recommended five candidates of their own.

Name Qualified Candidates

These included:

James Thomas, retired Catonsville teacher; Mrs. Lucille P. Wade of the Morgan College faculty, William Grigsby, Turners Station war veteran and graduate of Lincoln University;

William J. Harris, formerly affiliated with the Baltimore Depart-

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Dunbar to Launch Waste Paper Drive

"We do not want your money —only your co-operation," are to be the opening words at the launching of a waste paper drive at Dunbar High School on Friday (today), during the senior assembly hour. Funds from the drive are to purchase needed books for the school library.

The entire Dunbar family, from the principal to the janitorial force, has been asked to bring a bundle of newspapers, magazines or telephone directories to school every Tuesday for four weeks.

Interested people in the community who may have piles of papers in their cellars or garages and wish to co-operate, should write to the Salvage Committee of the school, and the paper will be picked up at a specified date.

Gray Board Seen Stalling on Plans for ROTC Units

Postpones Report Release Indefinitely; Okey for All Colored Land-Grant Colleges Sought

By WOODY L. TAYLOR

WASHINGTON

The Gray Board's report on Civilian Components in the Armed Services, slated to be out by April 15, has been postponed indefinitely and may not be made public at all.

It had been anticipated that the Gray Board would make a report recommending that ROTC units be approved for all colored Land-Grant Colleges that can qualify.

Goes to Forrestal

The AFRO learned this week that the report on Civilian components expected to be made public will be sent to Secretary of National Defense Forrestal.

It will be up to him as to whether he wants to make the board's findings and suggestions public. He, however, has not yet received the statement and it is likely that he won't for another month or so.

Armed Forces Bills Excuse

Defense officials told the AFRO that the report has been delayed because they have been busy preparing MT and Selective Service legislation. Apparently they regard ROTC as unimportant in the nation's defense plans.

It has been the general opinion that the purpose for the Committee on Civilian Components was to find out what is actually needed for all-over defense and to prepare legislation in accordance with its findings.

If the findings do not come forth until after the MT and draft legislation is passed, it is being said, there will be little need for the report.

ROTC Vital to Defense

Reserve Officer Training is considered, according to testimony by Land Grant College presidents, both colored and white, of prime importance in keeping the serv-

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Mrs. Nicholas Says Attorney Left Her

Though she has been an irreproachable wife and conducted herself in a kind, chaste and affectionate manner, Dallas Nicholas has deserted her, Mrs. Elizabeth (Chita) McCard Nicholas charged, this week, in her petition for an absolute divorce from the attorney.

The Nicholases were married in 1932 and, according to the wife, separated in 1946. Mrs. Nicholas remains at the home, 2109 McCulloh St., which both occupied until about six months ago, when, she says, he moved to 1151 Myrtle Ave.

Testifying that he and Mrs. Dor-

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Week End to Be Fair and Warmer

The slightly cool weather of the mid-week period is to be followed by a fair and warmer week end, Ye Ole Weather Man predicts.

Temperatures are expected to average about six degrees above normal and the average rainfall over Maryland and Delaware will be near one-fourth inch on Friday.

Realtor Held for Jamming Housing Unit

James Williams, realty agent of 532 N. Calhoun St., was haled into Northwestern police court, Tuesday, for operating a three-story house at 1712 Harlem Ave., a halls and fire menace and with overcrowding the premises.

C. William Brooks, city building engineer said Williams permitted 12 families to occupy the three-unit dwelling which has only one bath and one kitchen.

Concern for Children

The case was brought to the attention of authorities by the members of the Harlem Ave. Improvement Association who were interested in the welfare of the children in the crowded house.

Before giving Williams 10 more days in which to correct the conditions, Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick commented:

"I remember you as being the type of landlord who uses hyperintimidation and strong arm tactics in evicting tenants.

"But, I don't intend to have you or Petruchanski, if you are looking for him as the owner, ruining certain neighborhoods in this district." The case was postponed until May 3.

Model Legislature Opens With Address by Governor

14 Minority Group Representatives Among 200 State High School Pupils at Session

By RUFUS WELLS

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Youth took over the reins of the State Government here Thursday afternoon when the fifth annual Model Legislature opened at the State House, with a welcome address by Gov. W. Preston Lane.

Among the 200 boy solons who attended the initial session in the legislative chambers were youths from Douglass, Carver and Dunbar High Schools in Baltimore.

The three-day session opened with a prayer by Donald Hughes, 16-year-old Douglass High School senior, who served as chaplain of the Senate.

Face Dual Problems

In his opening address Governor Lane told the boys that in considering bills it would be impossible for them to overlook the international situation or the serious domestic problems facing the nation at this time.

Boy Gov. Arthur Greenbaum, white Baltimore high school pupil, gave an indication of the type of bills the youngsters will consider and vote on, during his session, which followed Governor Lane's address.

Greenbaum said the State must provide real "democratic teaching" in the school system.

Assails Prejudice

Declaring that academic education alone does not prepare one for living in a democracy, the boy governor assailed prejudices that exist in our public schools.

He said the YMCA and Hi-Y club are among the organizations that are essential if we are to survive as a world power.

Greenbaum advocated sex education in the State's schools and assailed the "inadequate correctional institutions Maryland provides for its delinquent juveniles."

He urged improved institutions with a staff "capable of extending care to all who need it, regardless of race, creed, color or sex."

Lawmaking Techniques Given

Sen P. G. Stromberg of Ellicott City gave the youths a few points on techniques of lawmaking.

Immediately after the brief opening ceremonies, the boys be-

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Youth Parley Set to Elect Junior Mayor

Baltimore's junior mayor will be elected Saturday, when delegates from the city's junior, senior, private and parochial schools will attend the third annual student convention of the Baltimore Youth Advisory Board.

The convention will get under way at the Fayette St. Armory at 9 a.m. The youth elected president of the board will automatically serve as junior mayor next Friday.

In Vice-Presidential Race

Among those seeking the nomination for vice president is James Harrison, a junior at Dunbar High School. Alphonsa Smith of Douglass High is seeking the office of treasurer.

Delegates to Saturday's convention will include Haywood Harris, son of Dunbar High, Miles Owens, Helen Jenson and Evelyn Parker of Carver Vocational, and Barry Hawkins and Alfred Joyner, Booker T. Washington Junior High.

To Select Youth of Year

In addition to electing officers, the delegates will select the Boy

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Stenog Named in Divorce Action Sues for 15 Grand

Says Insurance Man's Wife Assaulted Her in Office Before Her Co-Workers

RICHMOND—Notice of motion for judgment in a $15,000 suit against Mrs. Erma A. Harris, wife of Aristotle S. Harris, was filed in Circuit Court this week by Miss Eleanor Howlett, charging that Mrs. Harris "wilfully, maliciously and with force and arms," assaulted her.

Miss Howlett, who asks $10,000 actual damages and $5,000 exemplary damages, in her bill of complaint filed through her counsel, Howard H. Carwile, white, says the assault took place on Feb. 14 in the office of Mr. Harris, whom Mrs. Harris is suing for divorce.

On that afternoon, about 2:30, according to the notice of motion, Mrs. Harris abused and otherwise maligned the plaintiff on the "second floor of the Southern Aid Building" and wilfully and maliciously did and inflict on her arms assaulted her.

Reveals Fight in Office

Miss Howlett charges that Mrs. Harris struck her divers blows on her face, head and body with her (Mrs. Harris's) fists, pushed and shoved her and subjected her to considerable shame and humiliation in the presence of her friends and business and professional coworkers."

To be more specific, Miss Howlett adds, she was employed by Frederic S. Jackson, and Mr. Jackson had promised to drive her home on that particular afternoon.

Mr. Jackson's office is on the fourth floor of the Southern Aid Building.

Aristotle S. Harris has an office on the second floor of the building, she adds, and because Mr. Harris had invited him to come by his (Mr. Harris's) office for a

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Suit Clarifies D. C. School Promotions

WASHINGTON

A decision in favor of a Miss Teachers College instructor, affecting every teacher in the District school system up for transfer to higher jobs, was handed down by the Comptroller General to the School Board, Monday.

The decision involved Dr. Bernard M. Nelson, who was recently

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44 House, 174 Convention Aspirants Seek Nomination

When Baltimore voters march to the polls on primary election day, May 3, they will face a ballot containing the names of 174 persons running for nomination as delegates to the Republican and Democratic State Conventions.

The more important names on the ballot, however, will be those of the 44 candidates for nomination to Congressional seats from six districts. These include that of Dr. J. E. T. Camper, candidate from the Fourth District, running on the Wallace Progressive Party ticket.

The way the political picture shapes up at present, the delegates to the Democratic contests will be white; whereas the Republicans will probably have colored delegates from several of the city's six districts.

Baltimore's most heavily populated colored district, the Fourth, will be lily white when the Democrats meet. The Democratic boss in this district appears to be James A. (Jack) Pollack, who has seen to it that all the candidates are white.

On the other side of the fence,

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Va. State Students Refuse to Honor Governor Tuck

PETTRICK, Va.—According to a recent report the students of Virginia State College held a mass meeting on April 17 in the college auditorium and resolved that they would not have a ceremony on May 16, honoring Governor William M. Tuck—or any of his representatives.

This resolution was made in view of the Governor's vehement opposition to President Truman's proposed civil rights program. The Governor is usually honored by the college on such an occasion once a year.

7 College Students to Vie for Contest Prizes Tonight

Seven college students will compete for prizes totaling $155 tonight (Friday) in the NAACP's third annual Intercollegiate Oratorical and Vocal Contest, to get under way at 8 p.m., at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

In the oratorical division, awards of $50, $35 and $20 will go to the winners; first award in the vocal division is $50.

Miss Gladys Keys of Howard University, will be guest soloist, and will render the Mad Scene from Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" and "At the Well" by Hageman. She will be accompanied at the piano by Miss C. Yvonne Tibbs.

Contestants Listed

Students who will compete in the oratorical division and their subjects, are:

Maurice Bean, Howard University, 'The Constitution, A Barrier Against Tyranny;" Miss Ruth E. Fleming, Virginia State College, "The Denial of Civil Rights Impedes Peace";

Edward James, Morgan State College, "The Negro and the Constitution;" Julian H. Mayfield, Lincoln University, "Democracy and Its Minority People;" and Haywood Robinson, Hampton Institute, "The Weakness of America as a World Power."

In the contest for the first prize

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Coming Events

Friday, April 22

Shaw University Church Society, 8:15 p.m., First Baptist Church. "Angel Street," by the Hampton Players, 8 p.m., Douglass High School.

Annual NAACP Oratorical and Vocal Contest, 8 p.m., Sharp St., Methodist Church.

Dramatic reading, Edward L. Smith of Washington, presented, 8:30 p.m., Trinity AME Church, by the Brotherhood.

Legislature meeting at Annapolis.

Thurman Station Twin Contest, 8 p.m., Lyon's Nursery School.

Saturday, April 24

Camp Reunion, 2 p.m., YWCA Annual Convention of Youth Advisory Board, 9 a.m., until 3 Fayette St. Armory.

Sunday, April 25

East - West Forum featuring

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Douglass High Auditorium has needed paint for
1205 Weeks
Pupils, parents and teachers are requested to report dirty, disheveled classrooms to the
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Catholics Want Mixed Schools

Students Adopt Proposal Approving Interracial Attendance

By MAE MORRIS

It is spreading—this sentiment among young white college students against the denial of certain liberal arts facilities to colored youth.

This time the cry of protest came from 125 delegates to the Maryland-Washington regional congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, who unanimously approved a proposal to admit colored students to member colleges.

Meeting Last Saturday at Mount St. Agnes College in Mt. Washington, the delegates devoted the theme of their day's conference to "The Student's Responsibility Concerning the Interracial Problem." Their approval of dropping color bars for admission to Catholic colleges was the result. It was an open meeting.

Administrations, Faculties Silent

Administrations concerned are not expected to announce immediately that their doors are now open. As in the recent instance at St. John's College in Annapolis, where the all-male student body adopted a resolution favoring admission of colored persons, the faculties concerned regard such proposals as being simply representative of student thought.

But actions such as these student proposals project more and more forward the growing resentment of young white people against the staid and discriminating principles of their elders.

South Carolinian Speaks

Typical of these young people is Eugene P. Corrigan, a native of Charleston, S.C., and a freshman at Loyola College in Baltimore.

As a delegate to the congress, Corrigan firmly declared, "I'm for equality of opportunity in all fields, not only education."

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CUPID'S Progress

Marriage licenses were issued to nine out-of-town couples, here, this week.

They were:

Sam Jones, 51, divorced and Mrs. Gussie Thompson, 42, widow, both Philadelphia; James Drayton, 31 and Miss Lillie Mae Turrentine, 27, both Bridgeport, Conn.; Howard Biggs, 31, and Miss Bernice R. Wilkinson, 22, both New York City;

George Hendrex, 36, widower, and Mrs. Mamie White, 28, widow,

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