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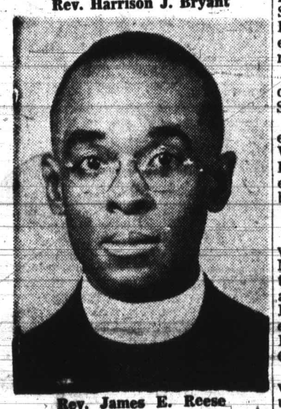

Rev. James E. Reese

Baltimore candidates for the AME bishopric are the Rev. Mr. Pearle, pastor of Payne AME Church; the Rev. Mr. Bryant, St. John; and the Rev. Mr. Reese, Bethel. About 80 ministers are competing for the 5 positions to be filled at the AME Church Conference opening in Kansas City, Kan., on Wednesday.

Dead Man Names Killer

2 Women Leave $30,000 Estates

Provident Hospital to Share in $30,388

CHURCH, KIN NAMED

Frederick Matron Aids Catholic Charities

Court papers this week disposed of $30,000 estates left by two women, Mrs. Elizabeth Bradford of Baltimore and Mrs. Laura V. Proctor, 86, of Frederick, Md.

The $30,388.75 estate of Mrs. Bradford will be divided among her brother, Arthur P. Simms, St. James Episcopal Church and Provident Hospital, with the largest share going to the latter, it was revealed.

The estate of Mrs. Bradford, who died at Provident Hospital on Sept. 2, 1947, was mainly in cash.

Through a will, filed by her executors, Howard H. Murphy and W. A. C. Hughes, attorney, Mrs. Bradford devised one-third of the estate to go to each of the three beneficiaries.

Exceptions Noted

Exceptions were a 10-piece silver toilet set, which was given to Mrs. Courtney C. Valentine; $100, to Harry Taylor of New York City; a ground rent, to Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church; and her jewelry, to be divided between Mr. Murphy's daughters, Patricia and Catherine.

The third share of the money willed to her brother is to be set up in a trust fund, which is to be administered by Mr. Hughes and the income paid to Mr. Simms semi-annually.

Mrs. Bradford inherited much of her money from her parents, the late Benjamin and Emma Simms.

Benjamin Simms, a caterer, left

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Dentist, Physician-Wife Have Day in Court

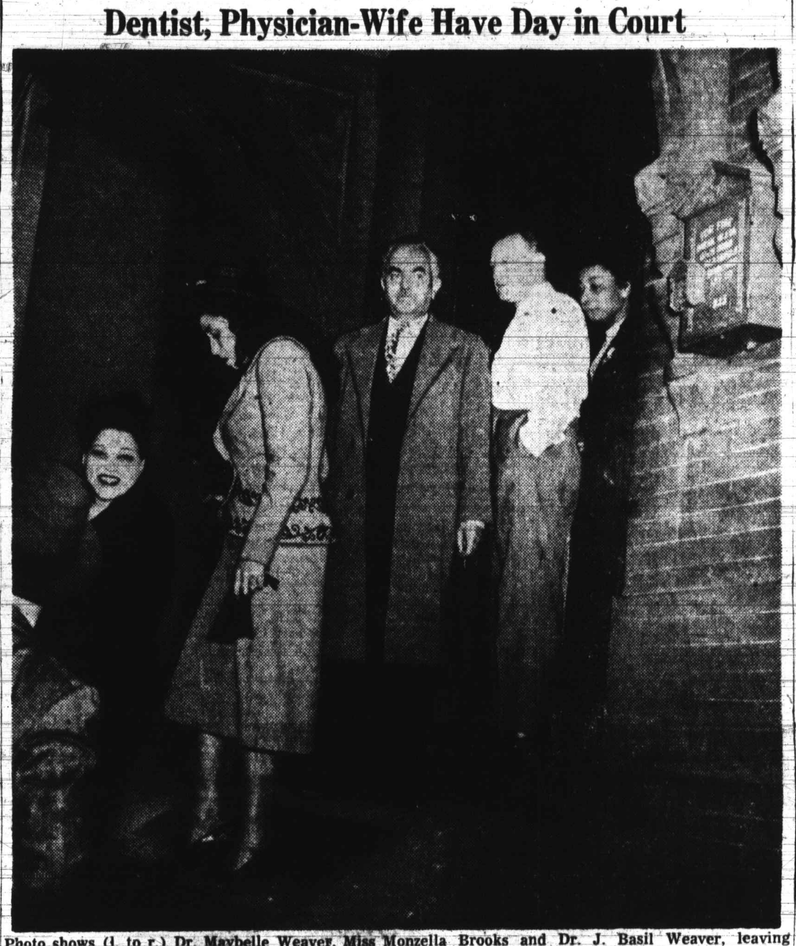

Photo shows (l. to r.) Dr. Maybelle Weaver, Miss Monzella Brooks and Dr. J. Basil Weaver, leaving Northwestern police station, Thursday afternoon after they had been dismissed on disorderly conduct charges. Also arrested was Mrs. Lillian B. Williams, sister of Mrs. Weaver. The four were engaged in a rumpus on the pavement of the Pennsylvania Ave. police station.

Victim's Account Repeated at Trial

Stood at Hearing With Wound in Stomach

DIED DAY LATER

Accused Gets 2 Years; 35c Involved in Case

Back from the grave, Tuesday, came the testimony of a dead man to convict his slayer.

With a stab wound in his stomach, 36-year-old Clayton Nutt had stood in Northwestern police court on Feb. 28 and named the man who attacked him.

Nutt returned to the hospital on March 1, and died a few hours later from the wound. But it was his original testimony, resurrected Tuesday at Criminal Court, that pointed the finger of accusation toward Caesar Worthington, 45, and resulted in a two-year prison sentence for the man on a conviction of manslaughter.

Sgt. Relates Dead Man's Story

The words of the dead man were related to Judge Emory Niles by Sgt. Leslie Kummer of Northwestern police, who told how Nutt pointed out Worthington shortly after the stabbing in the 1400 block N. Parrish St.

This identification, coupled with the fact that Worthington was running away from the scene when arrested and admitted at that time that he had been in a fight, resulted in the conviction.

In Criminal Court, however, Worthington, who said he lives in Pikesville, contended he was running along the street to reach a home where he was supposed to sleep before the occupant went to bed.

Admits Being Broke

He admitted that he had been wondering from bar to bar that night, and was penniless, but at the same time, he insisted that he was to meet a man who had promised him a job.

J. Harold Brady, prosecutor, pointing out that Nutt of 1438 N. Parrish St., did not even know Worthington, told Judge Niles that the stabbing occurred after Nutt refused to lend the stranger 35c at a Parrish St. tavern.

Worthington was previously convicted in police court on the cutting charge and sentenced to 60 days in jail. The murder charge was placed against him after Nutt's death.

State's Rights Stand Held Purely 'Bigotry'

Garmatz, D'Alesandro, Randolph Flay Appeals to Prejudice by Candidate

The most unpopular candidate in the May 3 primary elections among fellow politicians and voters alike is City Councilman Anthony F. DiDomenico, who has attacked the Federal civil rights proposals in a number of rabble-rousing campaign speeches.

Political workers and voters of both races have expressed heated resentment at Mr. DiDomenico's admitted desire for an "old fashioned democracy," with emphasis on State's rights in opposition to

Anthony F. DiDomenico

Federal legislation, giving equal opportunity to all citizens.

The Third District Democratic candidate for Congress has declared: "I'm opposed to it. We need no Federal police to enforce anti-lynching laws. We do not want the Federal Government to tell a white employer in Maryland that he must hire colored workers whether he wants to or not."

Would Debate Rights Issue

Making the civil rights program a personal fued he challenged Edward A. Garmatz, the man whom he hopes to unseat in Congress, to a debate on the issues involved.

During an East Baltimore rally, Tuesday night, not attended by Congressman Garmatz, DiDomenico said:

"Take Jim Crow, so far as Maryland is concerned, I don't believe it has any real application. It applies only to a few boats, excursion boats.

"I am strongly against any Federal legislation to bring about forced co-mingling of blacks and whites.

"Why haven't white people the right to live in white blocks? I see nothing wrong with that." He also opposed Federal anti-lynching legislation.

Bigotry Assailed

In retaliation, Congressman Garmats said to the AFRO:

"In making statements directed toward the instigation and heightening of racial prejudices, my opponent insists upon a campaign method that should not be tolerated by the clear-thinking people of our day and age.

"Biogtry, religious persecution, racial intolerance, oppression and hate have no place in our American way of life. Neither do appeals based on such prejudices have a place in the campaign for election to the Halls of Congress.

"Under such philosophies, Bilbo and Huey Long have brought disgrace to a free government in a free America."

Mayor Under Attack

During the campaign DiDomenico directed a scathing attack on Mayor D'Alesandro, whom he labeled "a sawdust Caesar" and a "political accident."

The mayor's comment was, "DiDomenico has injected racial and religious discrimination into the campaign, while Mr. Garmatz has conducted a clean campaign and will be representative of all the people."

"Worst Candidate," Randolph Says

Speaking for colored Democrats, Lloyal Randolph, State chairman, said emphatically, "DiDomenico is the worst candidate to run in any election in the history of the State. He is actually worse than any Bilbo.

"I will do everything possible to keep him from winning the nomination and should he or anyone else with such theories be elected to office on the Democratic ticket, I will leave the party," he declared.

The candidate, who served two terms in the legislature as a member of the House of Delegates, is said to have the backing of William Curran. Asked if he shared Mr. DiDomenico's "white suprem-

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CAN SMEAR POLITICS WIN?

3rd Congress District Fight Tests Prejudice

By PEYTON GRAY

The real fight in the current political campaign has shifted from the Fourth Congressional District in Northwest Baltimore and beamed on the Third Congressional District in East and South Baltimore.

There, Anthony F. DiDomenico, Second District City Councilman and relative of former traffic court magistrate Joseph DiDomenico, has intensified his mud slinging smear campaign for nomination as Democratic candidate to Congress against Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and the incumbent Third District Congressman, Edward A. Garmatz.

Election Data

The Date—Monday, May 3.

Polls Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Candidate—One for each Congressional District; Judge of the Supreme Bench, and seven (7) delegates to the State Conventions.

Injects Hate Into Campaign

As the mayor said, Wednesday, "DiDomenico has injected racial and religious discrimination into the campaign; while Mr. Garmatz has conducted a clean and aboveboard fight."

His Honor had reference to the aspirant's attack and stand on President Truman's civil rights program as applied to Marylanders.

Reiterating a stand taken early in March, DiDomenico, a Catholic who by religious precept is supposed to be non-discriminatory, assumed a reactionary stand on civil rights for minority groups.

He told the AFRO he is not opposed to civil rights and fair employment laws but is "a firm believer in State's rights."

At the same time, however, DiDomenico failed to spearhead any fight for legislation favoring minority groups while in the House of Delegates in Annapolis from 1942 to 1946; nor has his record along those lines been too outstanding since he was elected to the City Council a year ago.

Garmatz's Record Good

Consequently, Democratic forces, the city over, are being corralled into a concerted block to help the Mayor and Lloyol Randolph "whip" DiDiomenico and renominate Edward A. Garmatz as the party's choice.

Garmatz, a former police magistrate and long time friend of D'Alesandro, was sent to his current Washington post in a special election last May when D'Alesandro won the mayoralty election.

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Turners Station Citizens Seek Colored Policeman

Influence State's Attorney to Make Plea to County Commissioners Board

A strong suggestion that colored policemen be used in the Turners Station section was made this week by John Grason Turnbull, State's Attorney for Baltimore County.

In a letter to Christian H. Kahl, chairman of the County Commissioners, Mr. Turnbull urged that colored officers be appointed to the lily white Baltimore County police force and also that a colored policewoman be named for the area.

In a statement to newsmen, Mr. Kahl said that the plan would be "carefully considered."

Plan Tabled Year Ago

About a year ago, officers of the Turners Station Progressive Association, a civic group of the area, met with Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Kahl and presented a plan for a mixed police force.

At that time the plan was favorably received by the commissioners, but was later tabled because of strenuous objection from Oscar M. Grimes, Baltimore County Chief of Police.

Residents of Turners called on the State's Attorney's office again recently, for assistance in having the colored policemen appointed.

Chief Grimes expressed a belief that the situation could be

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Socialites Nabbed in Street Dispute

Quartet Haled Into Station After Tiff

Dr. J. Basil Weaver, 52; his wife, Dr. Maybelle Weaver, 37; her sister, Mrs. Lillian B. Williams (over 21) and Miss Monzella Brooks, 31, were arrested on disorderly conduct charges, Thursday, following a rumpus on Pennsylvania Ave.

The disturbance, which drew a crowd of 100 spectators and even slowed up traffic, occurred shortly before 2 p.m. on the sidewalk of the Northwestern police station.

All Booked for Hearing

As the crowd of curious spectators increased, approximately a dozen officers rushed from within the station house to prevent any serious developments.

The four well-dressed and socially-prominent principals were identified before a police desk sergeant and docketed for a hearing at the afternoon session of court.

Dr. Basil Weaver, a dentist, gave his address as 1011 Whitelock St.; his wife's address was given as 1944 Druid Hill Ave.; her sister's address as the latter's home; and Miss Brooks told of-

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DR. JOHN R. COASEY:

Sweeps Winner in '39 Dies of Sudden Attack

One of the winners in the 1939 Irish Sweepstakes, Dr. John R. Coasey, 63, prominent physician and AME churchman, died at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at Provident Hospital after a heart attack in Pennsylvania Station in the afternoon.

Funeral rites have been set for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, at St. John AME Church, with the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor, delivering the eulogy and several other ministers participating. Interment will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Dr. Coasey

The body will rest at the home, 753 George St., where Masonic consistory rites will be held at midnight on Saturday.

Although he had complained of being "very tired," for several days, Dr. Coasey went about his calls on Wednesday, after which he drove his wife to the station to meet a relative, and she left him to descend to the train level.

Upon returning she found the physician seated on a bench. He complained of being "very sick," and he collapsed before reaching the door.

Dies at Provident

A Redcap came to his assistance and, after placing Dr. Coasey in the physician's car, drove him to Provident Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. James D. Carr. His death occurred several hours later, the result of a heart attack.

A delegate to the AME General Conference, Dr. Coasey had completed arrangements to attend the sessions which are to open next week in Kansas City. His bag was already packed for travel.

Born in Laurens, S.C., the physician was a graduate of Allen

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High Court Gets First Law Clerk

WASHINGTON

Justice Felix Frankfurter of the U.S. Supreme Court, has named for the first time in the history of the court a colored man as his law clerk.

The appointee is William T. Coleman Jr., 26, married, and the father of one child. He lives at 232 W. Earlham Terrace, Germantown, Pa.

He is serving this year as law

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3 Die, 1 For Murder and 2 for Assaults

Triple Hanging Is Third Performed in 25 Years

For the third time in 25 years, a triple hanging was performed in the Maryland Penitentiary, early Friday (today).

The victims were Ollie Smith Jr., 21, of Hurlock, Md., Henry T. Jackson, 32, of Waycross, Ga., and Roy L. Latcho, 39, white of Catonsville.

In typical Maryland custom, the white man was hanged first. He was convicted in March, 1947, for criminally abusing a 11-year-old white girl.

The 176-pound native of Charlotte, N.C., escorted by a Catholic priest calmly walked to the gallows at 2 minutes after midnight, was dropped through the steel trap in a split second and was pronounced dead 18 minutes later.

Second Had Only 1 Visitor

Jackson, the heaviest of the three weighing 193 pounds, followed. He had been convicted on a first degree murder charge. He was a native of Georgia who during his stay in the penitentiary had only one visitor, a guard.

It was he who rattled the jagged nerves of the 21 spectators. Just as the noose was dropped around his thick neck, Jackson, looking at the audience said in a

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Majors' 3rd Try at Divorce Clicks

Husband Given Decree on Desertion Grounds

The third divorce try of the Upshur (Peck) Majors succeeded here, Wednesday, when Judge E. Paul Mason, after a period when he held the case under advisement, signed a decree.

The divorce went to Mr. Major, who had charged Mrs. Pearl Major, Morgan State College clerk, with desertion.

The first bill for divorce between the couple was filed in 1944,

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Poll Tax Bill Gets Senate Unit Okay

Placed Ahead of Lynch Measure for Passage

WASHINGTON

The Senate Rules Committee, Wednesday, approved by a seven to two vote, the House-passed anti-poll tax bill, which would outlaw poll taxes as a requirement for voting in Federal elections.

Thus Senate Republicans advanced this portion of President Truman's civil rights program" a step ahead of the antilynch bill, which previously had been put on top of their program. Thursday, the Judiciary Committee began a closed door study of the latter measure.

The action to bring out the poll tax measure first was regarded stage a successful filibuster against the antilynching bill.

Bitter Fight Expected

States employing the poll tax at present in an effort to restrict the

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WHO OPENED THE DOOR?

Dusty and Cootie Involved in Melee

WASHINGTON

Rumors were flying around Washingon's million dollar Dunbar Hotel Monday afternoon, when the police department's "Black Maria" carted Cootie Williams, well-known band leader, and Dustie (Open the Door, Richard) Fletcher, equally as famous comedian, away to parts unknown.

Reports had it that Cootie and Dusty, two inseparable pals, had become involved in a slight misunderstanding.

However, according to official police reports coming from Precinct 13, Charles M. Williams (that is Cootie's official cognomen), stopping in Room 521-C at the Dunbar Hotel, "fell and cut right thumb and palm of right hand."

The police blotter continued that he "was taken to Freedmen's Hospital and refused treatment." No mention was made, however, of Dusty Fletcher in the police report.

AFRO reporters tracking down

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Cupid's Progress

Eight Non-Residents Get Marriage Licenses Here

Four couples from out-of-town and 14 from this city were granted licenses to be married, here this week.

The non-residents were William C. Freeman, 28, and Miss Gulley Norwood, 29, both of Newark, N.J.; James W. Walker, 32, and Miss Juanita Edwards, 28, both of Washington; Harold F. Harris, 27, and Miss Marie Brown, 27, both of New York City; Walter Cloud, 38, widower; and Miss Margaret

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Father Divine's Followers Purchase $20,000 Building

PHILADELPHIA

The purchase of the premises at 920-22 N. 19th St., by followers of Father Divine, at an announced price of $20,000 was disclosed, Thursday, by John W. Hallahan, 1007 Bankers Security Building.

Hallahan reported that he negotiated the sale with the cooperation of David Osgiver and R. Lawrence Clay.

Warmer Week End to Give Outdoor Enthusiasts Break

Sports enthusiasts who have been kept close all week by the unseasonably cool weather should be able to make up for lost time on Saturday.

They might even squeeze in a few holes of golf or a few innings of baseball on Sunday, if they don't mind the showers predicted for that day.

A favorable break in the weather will also afford owners of property with lawns an opportunity to rake up the bare spots, spread down a little sheep manure or other fertilizer and sow grass seed.

Tip to Landscapers

Horticulturists should be reminded that the average city dweller keeps his grass cut too short. If the lawnmower is set to cut grass two inches high, the lawn would reseed itself and crab grass and weeds would not get a chance to grow.

It is believed that the average man cuts his lawn down to three-quarters of an inch, thinking it looks better that way, which is true. But that also makes it easier for the sun to bake the roots and grass, giving the young weeds and crab grass a chance to get a head start.

Crab grass starts growing in May. Keep grass cut down to two inches until late fall, when all danger of crab grass and weed infestation has gone. By then the grass will be so soft and cushiony that you won't want to cut it short.

Youth to Take Over City Posts

Youth takes over the direction of Baltimore City today (Friday), occupying offices of the mayor and City Council, down through the posts of various city commissioners.

Haywood Harrison of Dunbar High School is acting as "president of the City Council." Alphonso Smith of Douglass High is "Housing Commissioner."

Guests of Mayor

The youngsters, representing members of the Youth Advisory Board, were elected to office last Saturday at an annual convention.

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Coming Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

A "concert wedding" at Enon Baptist Church, 8:30 p.m., for benefit of the rebuilding fund of St. Mary's PE Church.

Poe Homes Choral Club talent show, 8 p.m., 206 N. Fremont Ave.

City-wide "Youth Day" at City Hall, 9 a.m., through 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

Child Health Day.

Sunday, May 2

East-West Forum, Sharp St. Methodist Church, 4 p.m. speaker, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Hampton Institute Alumni Association meeting, 5 p.m., YWCA.

Monumental Baseball League opens season, 1:30 p.m., Druid Hill Park diamond No. 2.

Meeting of Maryland Section, National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 8:30 p.m., Ridgely Hall, Cathedral and Saratoga Sts.

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Douglass High Auditorium has needed paint for

1206 Weeks

Pupils, parents and teachers are requested to report dirty, disheveled classrooms to the

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