Jim Crow Burials for Our War Dead Continue for Another Year

Back to Warmer Weather, Showers

The weatherman predicts warmer weather for Maryland over the week end, with showers beginning late Friday and Saturday.

The long-range forecast said temperatures for the period will average one or two degrees above the seasonal normal.

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Police Slaying of 14-Year-Old Youth Brings Demand for Brutality Probe

War Dead JC Burials Stay

War Dept. to Drop Policy in 12 Months

NEW SITES FOR ALL

Change in Baltimore Waits on New Section

Jim-crow burials of service men in the Baltimore National Cemetery will continue for at least another year, but by a Department of the Army (formerly the War Department) order, the segregation policy will be abolished when the now-used section of the cemetery is filled up.

At the cemetery, located at 5501 Frederick Ave., the bodies of colored and white war dead are interred in separate sections of the burial ground, divided by a roadway.

According to Roy B. Dannahoe, superintendent, it will be about another year before the now-used section of the cemetery is filled.

Inquiry at the War Department concerning jim-crow burials in national cemeteries brought an investigation and an answer from James C. Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, who

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Volunteers Sought to Register Men

Centers Overcrowded; Few Expect Active Duty

Col. Henry C. Stanwood, director of State Selective Service, issued a call this week for more volunteer workers as long lines of potential soldiers formed at registration centers throughout the city.

The appeal came on Wednesday as the signing of 24-year-olds began, after a relatively light day on Monday, when men of 25 years were registered.

Staffs were overtaxed at each

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Coming Events

The following list of projects and programs which will be presented during the week is printed free of charge. Send your notices of coming events to the City Desk, AFRO-AMERICAN Company, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

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Saw Slain Boy in Alley

From her back window at 19 S. Penn St., Mrs. Ella McNeal saw 14-year-old Ponnelle Pearson as he lay in Cider Alley after he was shot in the back by Officer Edward Cook of the Western police district.

Wallace Guarded in Deep South

AFRO Man Hit in Face by Alabama Hoodlum

By DOUGLASS HALL
AFRO Special Correspondent

EDWARDS, Miss.—Henry Wallace, Progressive Party Presidential candidate, moved into Mississippi Thursday and was greeted by the largest police escort of his Southern tour.

I counted 25 uniformed policemen, 20 State troopers and a large number of plainclothes men. Ten State patrol cars steered the party to an interracial breakfast at Southern Christian College, located here.

A fleet of shiny new cars from some unknown source, driven by seasoned colored chauffeurs, furnished transportation for Wallace's staff and newsmen traveling with him. Upon entering the dining hall, Wallace was greeted by Dr. John Long, president of the Disciple of Christ College.

Dr. Long revealed to pressmen that he had received many threats demanding that he cancel Wallace's appearance there.

He refused, and for about two hours, Wallace ate, shook hands, and spoke to an unsegregated audience. His speech was broadcast over a State-wide hookup.

Mr. Wallace pleaded for "Human Freedom" and "equality for colored persons" in his speech.

"The Governor of your own State has suggested that colored resident leave the State. I say that this proposal is a miserable substitution of prejudice for reason."

His audience in the chapel was about three-fourths colored.

No Incident at Vicksburg

Earlier, Mr. Wallace made an

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Group to Talk With Regents

Educational Rights Sought by Committee

INVITE OTHERS

Seek to End Setup Admittedly Costly

The Maryland Committee for Equal Educational Opportunities has announced that in October it will confer with the University of Maryland's Board of Regents on the necessity of providing colored citizens with equal facilities on graduate and professional levels.

Formed in June under the chairmanship of Howard Murphy, the committee lists three objectives:

Interpreting to the general public the nature of the need for equal educational opportunities for all, without regard to race, creed or national origin;

Building public support for these opportunities by making tax-supported graduate and professional training available to all on the basis of qualification, and;

Conferring with the appropriate officials and agencies of government to achieve this objective in the immediate future.

Law Only Field Open

The committee points out that with the exception of the Law School, colored students are barred from the University of Maryland, leaving a situation whereby the State of Maryland supports no graduate or professional schools for colored citizens.

Pointing to the out-of-State scholarship system operated by

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Powell Says He's With Marcantonio

NEW YORK—Commenting on a report appearing in a New York daily Wednesday, Rep. Adam C. Powell denied that he and Congressman Marcantonio have come to the parting of the ways and that he has decided to support President Truman.

"I have not decided as yet whether to support Truman, Wallace or Dewey," declared Mr. Powell.

"Marcantonio and I are as friendly today as we have ever been. While it is true we have differed from time to time and probably will continue to do so, nevertheless, we are friends and in show-down fights for the rights of people, we will undoubtedly, in most of the cases be allies.

"I am a Democrat. Marcantonio is a member of the American Labor Party, but that does not make us enemies any more than my being colored and a Protestant and his being a white man and a Catholic."

Attorney Named for Attack Suspect

Nattily attired in a tan summer lounging suit and emerald-colored shirt, Elmer Burroughs, 21-year-old suspect in seven criminal attacks which terrorized Northwest Baltimore, was supplied with an attorney, Thursday by Judge Herman Moser.

Trial of the youth, who was arrested several months ago when a woman who had been attacked pointed him out at a baseball game, has been delayed to give the defendant time to obtain services of an attorney.

Judge Moser appointed Wilfred T. McQuaid, attorney, Thursday, as Burroughs's counsel. Several attack victims gave police horrible accounts of their experiences, one saying that an umbrella was used upon her, and still another reporting the use of a broken bottle.

Use of Arms Against Mere Boys Rapped

NAACP Charges Guilty Policeman Lacked Necessary Judgment

OFFICER SUSPENDED BUT FREE

Eyewitness Denies Victim Had Knife When He Fell to Ground

Declaring that police brutality and killings have reached an alarming stage in Baltimore, the local NAACP has asked for a complete departmental investigation of the case of the 14-year-old youth who was killed when shot in the back on Wednesday by a Western district patrolman.

The youth was Ponnelle Pearson of 866 W. Fairmount Ave., who was felled by a shot fired from the second-story window of a vacant house in the 600 block Lombard St.

The officer who shot him is Patrolman Edward Cook, 35, of 4212 Parkside Ave., who has been suspended, charged with the death of young Pearson and released without bail in custody of Lt. George Schaeffer, acting captain at Western.

In a letter to Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson, Milton P. Brown, NAACP executive secretary, stated:

"It does not seem that a trained officer of the law should be so prone to use his firearms against youths."

Situation Held Critical

Hinting that lack of judgment may have been the real cause of the shooting of the youth, Mr. Brown called for a full investigation.

He added, "During recent months, police brutality has reached an alarming stage in Baltimore, with colored citizens suffering the brunt of police misconduct."

A date for hearing on charges against the policeman has not been set. Captain John Rollman stated Thursday that he had filed a report on the case, but the date of the hearing would have to be set by the State's Attorney.

Patrolman Cook has been on the police force since 1944.

The police version of the killing, as filed by Officers Cook and Pete Lowinski, is as follows:

They Saw Two "Men"

At 8:22 a.m. Wednesday, both were in a radio car when a call came through to investigate stealing from a vacant house at the Lombard St. address.

Arriving at the scene, they saw a horse and wagon standing in front of the house and two "colored men" at the third-floor front window.

As they entered, they heard someone running across the second floor.

Officer Cook went upstairs and Officer Lowinski went through a side door into the yard. The three youths jumped and started running in different directions.

Pearson, who had jumped from the first-floor roof, a drop of about six feet, advanced toward Officer Lowinski.

About nine feet from the officer he waved his hand and the officer saw a knife.

He stopped and then himself started advancing toward the youth, who in turn continued coming with a knife.

Officer Lowinski reached for his service revolver and hollered "halt," but the youth kept coming. There was the noise of a shot and Pearson pitched to the ground about three feet from the officer's foot, the knife in his hand.

Says He Didn't Have Knife

This report, however, differs from that given the AFRO by Mrs. Ella McNeal of 19 S. Penn St.

Mrs. McNeal, who says she ran to her window and looked out immediately after hearing the noise outside, declared that when the youth fell he did not have a knife.

"I saw the boy stumble and fall to the ground," Mrs. McNeal stated. "He rolled over and grabbed his back on the right side. (The bullet struck the youth in the small part of the back on the right side.)

The woman said it was a minute or two before the officers appeared, adding that they stood over the youth and one of them took out a pad and questioned him as to his name, where he lived and who were the others with him.

Called for Aid Later

"They didn't attempt to call for aid until a man came up and asked what was the matter," she said.

It was then, she continued, that one of the officers went to the hospital for a stretcher. The other walked over to where the wagon was standing, returned and put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a knife," the woman added.

"He said, 'This is the knife he had,' Mrs. McNeal declared. But they didn't take the knife from the boy."

The police report stated that Officer Cook went to University Hospital, a few doors away, obtained a rolling stretcher and wheeled the "man" to the hospital, where he was treated by Dr. Thomas Barnes for a gunshot wound. At 9:25 a.m. he was pronounced dead.

The dead "man" was identified by his mother, and his body transferred to the morgue for an autopsy. (Throughout, the report referred to all the boys as "men."

Information given by Lt. Schaeffer, Sgt. Gavan and Officer Cook led to the arrest of 17-year-old Alfred Biddle of 800 George St., and a 14-year-old boy who was held for a juvenile court hearing.

Both were charged with entering the premises at 632

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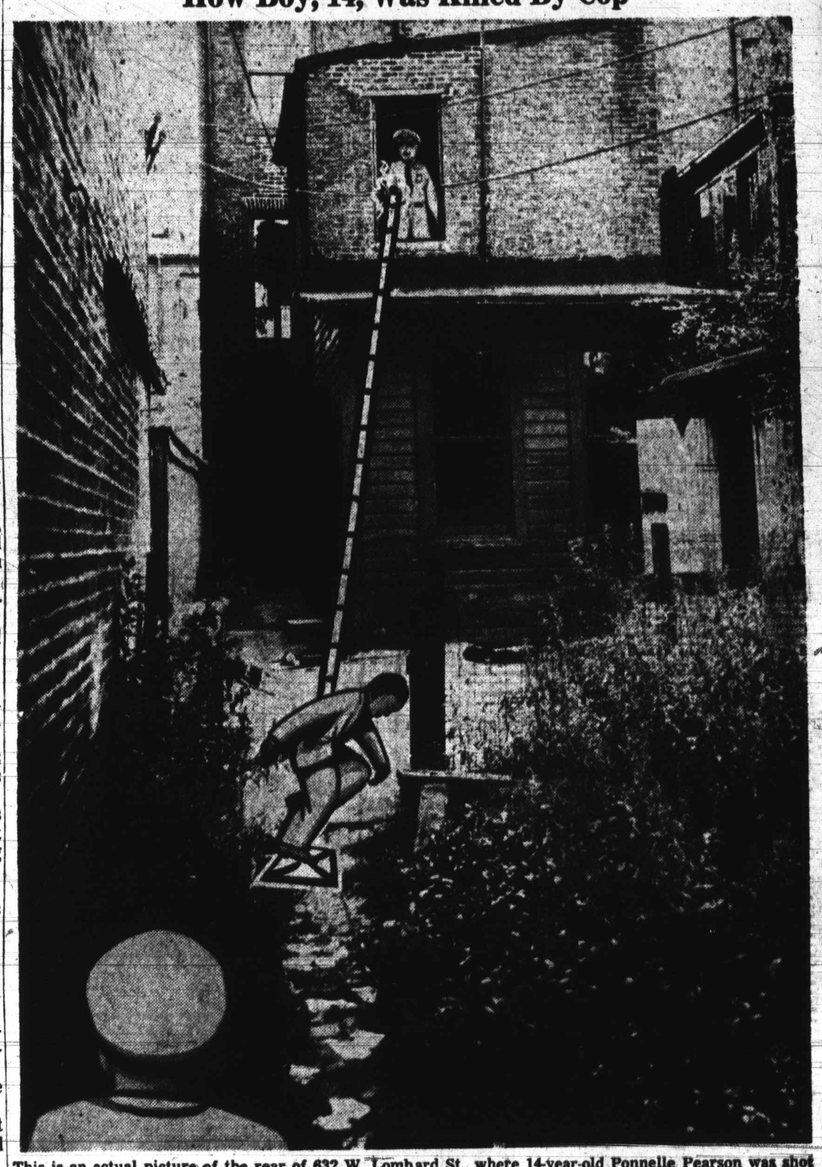
How Boy, 14, Was Killed By Cop



This is an actual picture of the rear of 632 W. Lombard St., where 14-year-old Ponnelle Pearson was shot in the back Wednesday by Officer Edward Cook, who fired from the second-story window. The figures of the officers and the fleeing boy were painted in by an AFRO artist, based on descriptions furnished by reporters who investigated the occurrence.

'Couldn't See Eye to Eye,' Wife Moans

"We couldn't see eye to eye," the bemoaning line in the popular song "Fool That I Am," was the basis on which Mrs. Elizabeth Forrester of 719 School St. obtained a divorce this week.

Winning her freedom from Oliver Forrester of 204 N. Mount St., the wife testified that "We just couldn't see eye to eye."

"Whatever love we had for each other was gone, and each time we turned around there were arguments and disagreements, so we just decided to separate," she said.

The couple was married in March 1940 and separated in January, 1942. Mrs. Forrester, who won custody of their young daughter, was represented by E. Everett Lane, attorney.

Lasted 2 Months

A marriage which lasted only

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Morgan Prexy's Home to Be Remodeled Soon . .

The Globe Company was awarded a contract in excess of $1300 for improvements to the president's house at Morgan State College, it was announced on Thursday.

The renovations will include an additional bedroom, a study, extension of the living room across the front of the house, additions to the porch and the installation of a unit kitchen.

Victim of Policeman's Gun Well-Liked by Teachers

Fourteen-year-old Ponnelle Pearson, whose life was cut short Wednesday by a slug from the gun of a quick-shooting police officer, was a regular boy, well liked by his friends and teachers.

Although police described him as a man, he was not oversized for his age. John Cothon, his shop teacher at School No. 176 where he was a third-grade pupil, told the AFRO:

"I was just discussing this shooting yesterday with Isaiah White, Ponnelle's home-room teacher, and we agreed that he was a "fine sort of a chap.

"He was no trouble maker, and if he was ever out of order, a word or two was enough to remind him of what to do."

Mr. Cothon recalled how Ponnelle had dressed up in the spring when one of the classes went on a bus excursion to Washington.

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Cupid's Corner

Walker became a Coward, Jenkins became a Trusty, Sears turned to Steele, Johnson took Lowe and Hill got the real McCoy according to the marriage licenses issued to 65 Baltimore couples within the past two weeks.

Two 16-year-old girls were the youngest among the brides-elect.

They were Miss Carrie Jackson

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2 Women 'Writers' Fined $475, Costs

Two women convicted as numbers writers were fined a total of $475 and costs, Tuesday by Criminal Court Judge Herman Moser.

Described as a "large writer," Mrs. Garrie Watson of 1717 E. Biddle St. was fined $300 and costs

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Register Now!

Persons who plan to vote in the November Presidential election have until Sept. 15 to register. But they should do so at once.

To accommodate all persons wanting to register, the office of Supervisor of Elections remains open until 9 p.m. each Thursday and Friday. It opens each day at 9 a.m. and is located on the ground floor of the courthouse, Calvert and Fayette Sts.

Year's Residence Required

To register, a person must be 21 years old and a native of Baltimore, or must have reached the age of 21 while living here.

Those who have moved to Baltimore since becoming 21, must have declared their intentions to vote a year in advance.

Deadline Flashes

Rev. Douglas's Condition Still Critical

After having spent a very restless night, the Rev. Frederick Douglas, pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church, was reported today (Friday) as still being in a "very critical condition" at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Still confined to an oxygen tent, the Rev. Mr. Douglas is constantly attended by nurses. Miss Virginia Pratt is with him during the day and Mrs. Clara M. Dorsey at night.

At presstime today (Friday) he was reported "sinking slowly."

Defendant Denied Bail in Fatality

Charged with causing the death of Every (Preacher) Clary, 39, of 1305 McElderry St., Herbert Keys, 38, of 1105 McElderry St., was held Friday without bail at Northeastern police station pending a further hearing.

Keys is reported to have struck Clary on July 30, causing the man to fall, hitting his head on a step at his home. He suffered a fractured skull and died at Johns Hopkins Hospital.