Fire Deaths Emphasize Significance of Prevention Week Program

End of Segregation in Travel Foreseen

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Wife Divorces Firebug

Paris Impresses AFRO Trip Winner

D.C. Elder and Wife Find People Friendly

HAIR PERFUMED

Natives Take Second Look at Chic Couple

By OLLIE STEWART

PARIS—"My first and most interesting impression of Paris is the fact that everybody here drinks very much wine, even the children, yet nobody gets drunk as on Seventh St. in Washington."

Thus spoke Elder Smallwood Williams, winner of the Washington AFRO's "Around the World" trip contest, upon his arrival here early this week from London with his wife.

I found the happy couple in the royal suite of the Hotel Palais, surrounded by luggage. Looking distinguished in the suit bought by the AFRO, the minister declared,

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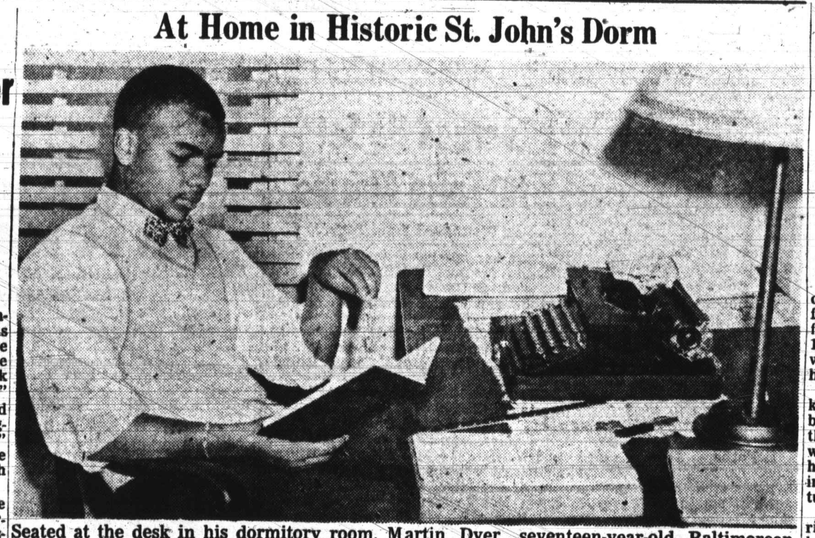
At Home in Historic St. John's Dorm



Seated at the desk in his dormitory room, Martin Dyer, seventeen-year-old Baltimorean, gets down to work in the study of Greek at St. John's College, the 250-year-old institution at Annapolis. All the other students are white. Martin's dormitory address is 302 E. Pinkney Hall.

Learned He Set 102 False Alarms

Had Spent 3 Years in Mental Institutions

AT CROWNSVILLE

Matron Says Family Covered Up for Him

William Foreman and members of his family conspired to conceal from her that he was a convicted firebug, Mrs. Evelyn Foreman of 1228 Madison Ave., charged this week, and had her marriage to him annulled.

Mrs. Foreman said that the first knowledge she had of her husband's mental incapacity came three months after their marriage when detectives informed her that he had spent three years in an institution for the mentally ill after turning in 102 false alarms.

She testified that they were married on Feb. 10, 1948. She had known Mr. Foreman for 13 months prior to the marriage, and had been guest of his mother, sisters, and brothers

Defended by Mother

She said that upon more than one occasion his mother had spoken of what a fine boy he was, saying that he had never given her any trouble.

Mrs. Foreman said that elder Mrs. Foreman had told her, upon inquiry, that her son had not served in the Army because of low blood pressure.

Three months after their marriage, on May 5, 1948, she said, her husband failed to come home. Because his absence was so unusual, she said, she went to the place of his employment early next morning and learned that he had been arrested the day before.

Now at Crownsville

He faced charges of having set

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U.S. Supreme Court May Change Setup

Soper Opinion in Henderson Case Likened to Covenant Decision

A strong dissenting opinion, in a dismissed suit over railroad diner jim crow, was viewed this week as the possible basis for a U.S. Supreme Court decision which will alter the nation's law on travel segregation.

Observers believe that the minority opinion of Circuit Judge Morris A. Soper in the case of Elmer W. Henderson against the Interstate Commerce Commission and Southern Railroad might serve this function, when the case goes before the nations highest court.

The suit, in which Henderson charged violation of his constitutional rights on a Southern Railway dining car, was dismissed Monday by the U.S. Court of Appeals in a split, 2-1, decision.

Josiah F. Henry Jr., one of Henderson's lawyers in the suit, said this week that the case would be appealed to the Supreme Court as quickly as possible.

Personal Rights Involved

In disagreeing with the court's decision, Judge Soper said that the rights which the 14th Amendment sought to protect are not racial, but personal in nature.

The court held that the railroad's policy of assigning one table exclusively to colored passengers fulfilled the obligation of providing "substantial equality of treatment" in that the provision was "adequate for the number of colored likely to apply for service."

This, Judge Soper contended, is an attempt to protect for a race a right which actually belongs to the individual.

Must Never Be Inconvenienced

Occasionally, he said, the result is that "a member of one race is denied service which is then available to a member of another.

"Segregation must be abandoned," he thus asserted, "or at least temporarily suspended, whenever its enforcement deprives the individual of treatment equal to that accorded to any other person at the same time.

"Segregation in raidroad traffic may be maintained if there are sufficient accommodations for all, but a vacant seat may not be denied to a passenger simply because of his race."

Legality Not Argued

Judge Soper did not argue that segregation, of itself, is unlawful. He said, however, that the present system occasionally allows members of both races to be discriminated against.

Where the policy of segregation results in this denial of any individual's constitutional right of equality of treatment, he said, "the practice of the carrier in segregating the races in its dining cars must be suspended."

Precedents for Reversal

Belief that the Supreme Court will follow Judge Soper's line of reasoning is based partly on the fact that his opinion parallels several recent Supreme Court deci-

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Reducing Toll Is Objective

Messages in Churches Sunday Open Drive

HAZARDS LISTED

Support of Parents Urged by Sponsor

Early this month, the city's most disastrous household fire tragedy occurred when five members of one family succumbed in a blaze which swept their home.

In an effort to reduce the average of 45 fire deaths here each year, the Baltimore Safety Council will sponsor an observance during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3 to 9, that will begin in the church and extend to schools, homes and factories.

The observance should be of special significance to colored residents, who, because of their economic status, normally provide two-thirds of each year's fire victims, though they comprise only one-fifth of the total population.

Program Starts Sunday

Twenty-six colored persons were among the 34 who died so far this year as a result of fires and burns.

The fire prevention program will begin Sunday, already proclaimed by Acting Mayor C. Markland Kelly as Church Day, when messages concerning the needless loss of life and destruction of property

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YWCA Workers

Miss Alice L. Parks of Indianapolis, Ind. is serving as program assistant of the YWCA young adult department. A graduate of Fisk University, she also studied at Atlanta University and was formerly employed at Flanner House in Indianapolis. She has also taught at Avery Institute in Charleston, S.C.

Miss S. Linese Miller of Lawnside, N.J., is employed as program assistant in the YWCA teen-age department. A graduate of Virginia State College, she formerly directed the Lawnside Community Center. This summer she did missionary work with Navajo Indians in New Mexico and Arizona.

One Family Takes Spotlight in Court

Brother-in-Law and Daughter Found Guilty

It was a day of murder for one family on Wednesday at Criminal Court where one member pleaded guilty to sending a fatal bullet through her husband's chest, while another was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary for the slaying of an alleged rival suitor.

The family involved is that of the Barretts, who live in the 1200 block of Orleans St. A daughter, Mrs. Helen Lynch, 21, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the fatal shooting of her husband, Malcolm, on July 30; and her sister's husband, Willie Ivey, received the prison term in the rifle slaying two days later of Willis Allen.

Testimony developed before Judge Herman Moser by John C. Weiss, prosecutor, revealed that Mrs. Lynch, who lived with her husband and three children on the third floor of the Barrett home, grabbed her husband's hunting rifle "to scare him" when he persisted upon making early morning love and assaulted her.

The rifle discharged, and Lynch was struck in the chest. Judge Moser held sentence for the wife under advisement.

Brother of Woman a Witness

In the second shooting, Ivey, who was estranged from his wife, was said to have come to the Barrett home and to have informed a brother-in-law that "there's gonna be more trouble around here tonight."

Allen was in the kitchen with Ivey's wife when the husband came in, accused him of "running around" with her, and fired a rifle bullet before Allen could answer, it was said. Star witness in this case was an 11-year-old brother of

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Dunbar Graduate Just One of Gang at St. John's Now

Martin Dyer Jr. Accepted by Students, Faculty; Alumni Congratulate School

By MAE MORRIS

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—There doesn't seem to be much fuss or bother about it at all.

Seventeen-year-old Martin Dyer Jr. applied for admission to St. John's College here; he was accepted as a student; he began his studies on Monday; and is comfortably quartered in Room 302, East Pinkney Hall.

The fact that he is the first colored student to attend this 250-year-old college for men is important to many, perhaps; the fact that students at St. John's passed a resolution last March favoring admission of colored students is important, perhaps, to many others.

Just Another Freshman

But the fact most important to me after spending several hours on the campus, with Martin, Wednesday, is that he is accepted by the faculty and his fellow students as just another freshman.

And young Martin, a June honor graduate of Dunbar High School in Baltimore, has settled down to learn and enjoy. He buries his head in masterpieces of Greek, mathematics and physics, and comes up with an enthusiastic "Golly."

Alumni Congratulate Officials

Certainly there have been letters from St. John's alumni who bemoan the fact that the historic institution is liberal in the true sense of the word. But there have also been letters from many other alumni who have congratulated the officials of the college for practicing what they preach through the "great books" idea of St. John's.

This idea of the "great books" is embodied in the principle that all of mankind's great ideas are contained in some 100 books, beginning with the Bible and the works of Homer.

That is where Martin is at present — deep in the works of Homer. He comes out of class and says, "Golly, that Greek study is something!")

Relationship Informal

The study program calls for an informal relationship between stu-

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Okla. Univ. Ordered Open to All

OKLAHOMA CITY — A three-judge Federal Court on Wednesday decreed here that refusal of the University of Oklahoma to admit Prof. G. W. McLaurin "solely because he is colored" is unconstitutional. His immediate admission, however, was not ordered by the court.

The jurists gave the State time to amend its segregation laws to permit colored students to enroll at the university for courses which are not available at Langston University, set aside for them.

Governor Gives Pledge

Gov. Roy J. Turner promised the court in a letter that this will be done.

Mr. McLaurin, a retired professor, had applied for admission to the white university to complete work on a doctor's degree in education, which is not obtainable at Langston.

Court's Opinion

The judges, A. P. Myrrah, Bower Broaddus and Edgar S. Vaught, all Oklahomans, decreed that:

"In so far as the Oklahoma

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New Morgan Head Raps Facilities

Cites College Needs in 'Outdoors' Address

The Morgan State College of the future depends upon how well students and citizens of Maryland inform legislators of the college's "tremendous needs," Dr. Martin Jenkins declared, Tuesday, in his first public address as new president of the institution.

Dr. Jenkins spoke to the entire student body of some 1500 persons who gathered on a knoll of the campus because there is no building at Morgan large enough to accommodate them.

"I hope this is the last time we have to hold an assembly on this spot," Dr. Jenkins said, as he spoke of the college's building program which includes an auditorium.

Cites First Impressions

He divided his delivery into phases covering his impressions since coming to Morgan, the role of the student in the academic development of the race and the recent programs added to the college, including its ROTC project.

Referring to student relationships, Dr. Jenkins observed, "We come from a racial group which has had little opportunity for education at any level."

Here he referred to segregated educational setups in Maryland and other Southern States, calling

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Baltimoreans Don't Know Dewey, So Prefer Truman

Favor President's Civil Rights Program; Vote Expected to Be Closer Than in '44

By CARL T. ROWAN

Returns from four widely separated districts in the AFRO political poll show Democratic candidate Harry S. Truman the favorite of colored Baltimoreans.

Total results do not give the President a majority of the ballots, however, and indicate a more evenly divided vote than that cast in 1944.

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A poll of only colored districts, this one does not reflect the thinking of the entire city or of the nation which, according to the Fortune poll, is overwhelmingly pro-Dewey. In fact, Fortune magazine says, Governor Dewey's lead over President Truman is so great that no more surveys will be undertaken "unless some development of outstanding importance occurs."

An analysis of the present sample shows President Truman the choice of 45.9%, Governor Dewey of 31.1%, Henry Wallace of 15.8%, with 7.2% voicing no opinion.

Those who said they were registered voters, however, gave 51.6% to Truman, 33.9% to Dewey and 11.3% to Wallace.

The difference was attributed to the fact that 61% of those declaring for Truman said they had registered and were eligible to vote; 59.7% of Dewey backers were also eligible, and only 38.2% of those naming Wallace said they had registered.

Were Strong for FDR

Estimates of the colored vote in 1944 gave President Roosevelt 63.4% and Governor Dewey 36.6%. Considering the opinions of only those voters who have registered, it is apparent that both Truman and Dewey will draw smaller percentages than in 1944.

Most of Truman's loss of 11.8% and Dewey's loss of 2.7% will go to the Progressive Party candidate, with the remaining 3% not yet decided.

Of all persons contacted, 55% said they had registered. The figure appears a bit high in that those actually registered consti-

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Poll Taking Full of Talk, Tips, Trials

By CARL T. ROWAN

The life of a POLL-bearer isn't the gloomiest one on earth, if you'll pardon the slight pun.

In fact, public opinion surveying can be rather interesting, in a psychological sort of way.

What with people who talk but won't vote, and those who vote but

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U.S. Designates Week for Disabled

The week beginning Sunday, October 3, is to be observed locally and nationally as Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

During the seven-day period, various State and civic agencies, the country over, will conduct special programs to stress upon employers the abilities rather than disabilities of the physically handicapped.

Decreed By Congress

The observance, decreed by

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Coming Events

Friday

District 5, Community Fund mobilization meeting, at Madison Ave. YWCA, 7:30 p.m.

NAACP campaign kickoff meeting, 8 p.m., Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

Saturday

NAACP Youth Council meeting at Sharp St. Community House, 5 p.m.

Dr. J. E. T. Camper, Progressive

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East, Westside Residents Oppose New Liquor Spots

Residents of East and West Baltimore signed petitions this week, vigorously opposing the issuance of additional liquor licenses in their communities.

On Tuesday, 111 Eastside protestants filed their complaint with the Liquor Board, through the Eastside Community Committee. They objected to a permit being granted Albert and Joline Sachs, white, for a drug store at 1538 N. Caroline St.

Board prompted by the objections of 68 West Baltimoreans, turned down an application made by Mrs. Jessie Fine, for a beer and wine license at 1701 N. Payson St.

9 Liquor Places in Area

Mrs. Fine's contention that an additional establishment was necessary for public accommodation was refuted by testimony of Dallin E. Wicks, postal employee of 1705 N. Payson St., who said nine such places are already within a four-block radius of the proposed store.

In a statement to the Board Mr. Wicks pointed out that: "the past has proven that stores of this kind lower the quality of the neighborhood and depreciate the surrounding property.

"I, therefore, ask you not to

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Weather Ahead

Showers to Disappear by Week End, Fair

The light showers of late Wednesday and Thursday were predicted to be a forerunner of a generally fair week end, by the local weatherman.

Temperatures averaging near the seasonal normal for early October should prevail through Saturday and Sunday.

Baltimore County Residents Qualify to Vote

Mrs. Myrtle Squirrell of Catonsville is shown registering in order to qualify to vote in the November 2 Presidential election. Workers around the table, from left to right, are Phillip L. G. Lowman, Mrs. Violet Wise, William Washington, and Mrs. Marjorie Washington, acting secretary. More than 500 colored voters registered Monday and Tuesday of this week in Catonsville. Oct. 4 and 5 are the final days for county citizens to re-register.

47,730 Baltimore County Residents on Poll Books

Following one of the most intensive registration campaigns in the Country's history, 47,730 residents of Baltimore County qualified themselves to vote by re-entering their names on the poll books in the first two days of registration.

Officials of the County Election Board said this represented about half of those qualified to vote.

Since registrations in most of the County's 202 precincts are 50% complete, there is a great possibility of a 100% registration.

2 More Days Left

Those who did not register this week may do so from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 5. All County residents are required to re-register to become eligible to cast a vote, whether or not their names were previously on the poll books.

The general re-registration, the first in 16 years, is to clear the poll books of considerable "dead weight" resulting from voters who have died or moved from the County.

Though figures were still being tabulated at presstime and the exact number of colored registrants could not be obtained, it was estimated that the number exceeded 2,500. In Catonsville alone, 500 were registered.

Some 1340 were registered in

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Rookie Officer Wins Wild Chase

Two weeks after he aided Federal narcotic agents in cracking a ring of suspected dope peddlers, Officer Oliver Walker, a rookie patrolman, participated in another bit of thrilling and dramatic police work, early Wednesday.

The incident involved gunplay, and the pursuit of a stolen car in which others were either sideswiped or crashed into ending where the stolen car overturned, pinning one of three suspected thieves in the wreckage.

Shortly before 2 a.m., Wednesday, Officer Walker while patrolling his beat at Mosher St. and Fremont Avenue, he observed two men who ran from a filling station, entered a nearby parked car and sped off.

They carried a corrugated box

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Eight Held as Members of Large Lottery Ring

Eight men and women, said by police to have been operating one of the town's larger lottery rings, were placed under $8,000 aggregate bail in Northwestern police court Thursday to await grand jury action.

Raiding officers said that confiscated receipts, from at least 150 stations or writers, indicated a cash intake of more than $6,000 over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The suspects taken after members of the Headquarters Lottery Squad smashed their way into a house at 608 N. Monroe St., gave their names and addresses as:

Mrs. Margaret Harris, 32, of the Monroe St. address; James Webb, 43, 1126 Argyle Ave.; Albert Jackson, 26, 1416 McCulloh St.; Alvin Brown, 30, 1006 Wolfe St.; William Brown, 33; 2103 McCulloh St.; Oscar Jones, 27, 1206 N. Bond St.; James Bayton, 30, 1601 Mosher St., and Miss Elizabeth Jones, 26, 1834 Ashland Ave.

Three Suspects Blamed

Ernest L. Perkins, attorney for the group, placed the responsibility for the operation of the ring on three of the suspects. Magistrate Fitzpatrick, however, ruled that evidence produced was sufficient to hold all eight.

Sgt. Thomas Joyce, in charge of the lottery squad, testified that his men crashed through the front door of the house Wednesday afternoon after they received no response to repeated raps.

They were armed with a search and seizure warrant issued by Judge T. Edwin Dickerson of the Supreme Bench.

Several May Have Escaped

The sergeant said several persons were believed to have fled before his officers had surrounded the house, but that one of the occupants, Mrs. Harris, was arrested as she attempted to escape through the back door.

The other seven persons were taken in custody, the officer continued, as they started up the stairs from the cellar.

In this large basement room, Joyce said, he found seven adding

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Cupid's Corner

Jones may be one of the country's most ordinary names, but it is much to the liking of Mrs. Retha Joones, 46-year-old widow of 1612 Madison Avenue, who picked a second husband with the same cognomen, this week.

A marriage permit to Mrs. Jones

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