From miner to
Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks

J. Finley Wilson

If ever a man can be called "Self-made", that man is J. Finley Wilson. The plain facts of his life read like fiction. His experiences have been so varied . . . so thrilling . . . his accomplishments so vast . . . that only the highlights of his career can be sketched here.

JOURNALIST In 1907 this adventurer joined the staff of the NEW YORK AGE. He helped Roscoe Conklin Simmons build up the NATIONAL REVIEW. In Norfolk, Virginia, he helped to found The JOURNAL AND GUIDE. THE BALTIMORE TIMES - WASHINGTON SUN and WASHINGTON EAGLE all felt the impact of his journalistic achievements. From 1919 to 1924 J. Finley Wilson was elected head of the National Negro Press Association.

HEALTH BENEFITS The Elks now have a well-trained Health Department, with Purple Cross Nurses. It has assisted in the establishment of blood banks available to Negroes. It has presented more than a dozen iron lungs to Negro hospitals throughout the country. For sales of more than $30,000,000 worth of War Bonds through the Elk Fraternity, J. Finley Wilson was cited by the Treasury Department and awarded a silver medal.

SOLDIER and MINER

In the Spanish-American War he enlisted in the 23rd Kansas Regiment. Due to his extreme youth, he was quickly discharged. We see him next in the Yukon Gold Rush, where he was among the first to cross White Harse Pass. Later, he followed "Buffalo Bill" Cody to the opening of the Big Horn Basin. The San Francisco earthquake and the mining camps of Nevada and Colorado also knew J. Finley Wilson.

SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

In 1922, J. Finley Wilson was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, a position he holds today. He has built up this organization from 25,000 to 759,000 . . . from 300 lodges to 1,300. He has added an Education Department, which has given over $600,000 in educational scholarships to colored youths on a competitive basis, regardless of fraternal affiliation.

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SCHMIDT'S OLD HOME Pantry Package

Welfare Department Gives Valuable Service to Underprivileged

Camper Out to Win Seat in Congress

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Prisoner Battles Guards

Bid for Freedom by Youth Halted

Attacker, 16, Had Been Given Life Sentence

VICTIM FLEES COURT

Behavior Repetition of Doomed Seaman's

Pandemonium broke loose in Criminal Court again, Wednesday, as a 16-year-old youth struggled like a young bull against guards, while his sister cried out, "Behave, Andrew," and the woman he was convicted of abusing ran screaming from the courtroom.

The youngster, Andrew Peterson, sentenced to life imprisonment for criminal attack, had nearly knocked over the heavy trial table and had torn one of his arms loose from the guards when William J. O'Donnell, prosecutor, grabbed him in the wind pipe and cut off his breathing long enough for him to be handcuffed.

It was the second time within the last two weeks that a prisoner exploded into violence following sentence. In the first instance, John Knowles, the "love-mad seaman," struck a deputy sheriff in the eye when Judge Herman Moser sentenced him to death for the slaying of his sweetheart.

White Victim Flees

"I can't stand it in here!" cried the 23-year-old white victim of the criminal attack as she fled from the scene of the struggle between Peterson and the court guards.

While the youth heaved his chest and puffed his jaws in the tussle, his sister, Mrs. Bertina Brown, was sobbing and calling from a courtroom seat, "Don't do it, Andrew, boy. For mama's sake, for my sake . . . behave Andrew . . . oh please behave, Andrew."

Finally handcuffed, Peterson was led out of a side door. He weighs 180 pounds and is 5 feet 10 inches tall.

Caught With Evidence

The prosecutors, including J. Harold Grady, had produced testi-

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Girl, 19, Raises Havoc in Cell

Smashes Windows, Holds Guards at Bay

A 19-year-old girl prisoner smashed out windows in the courthouse cell block and held guards at bay with two daggers of glass, Thursday, before she was quieted and committed to Crownsville State Hospital for mental observation.

Judge Emory Niles had convicted Miss Mildred Love on a morals count and sentenced her to one year in women's prison when she began to scream and rave in the courtroom.

She threw herself on the floor of the nearby corridor and refused to go down the steps to the cell block.

Wrestled With Guards

Guards wrestled with her, and when they managed to get her downstairs she then began to break out windows. A helper on the police wagon which had driven up

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All in the Spirit of Halloween

Witches and goblins as associated with the Halloween observance are faraway thoughts of 4-year-old George Peck Jr., who masquerades as a clown as he shares some Halloween novelties with 2-year-old sister, Angelia, wearing the ballerina costume. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Peck of 1623 Division St. and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Henson.

'Richest Girl in World' Divorces Dominican Mate

Doris Duke Freed From Porfirio Rubirosa, After 14-Month Venture Across Color Line

RENO — Doris Duke's romantic flurry across the color line which lasted just 14 months, ended here Wednesday when she was granted a divorce on grounds of extreme mental cruelty from Porfirio Rubirosa, Dominican Republic diplomat.

The sandy-haired tobacco heiress, now 35, once known as "the richest girl in the world," and the handsome, suave brown-skinned diplomat, jolted the reactionary wing of international white society when they were married in Paris on Sept. 1, 1947.

Property Settlement

The divorce complaint said a satisfactory property settlement had been agreed upon out of court, and District Judge William McKnight granted the complainant's request that her maiden name be restored.

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Wife Fooled Him With 'Night Job'

Kept 2 Homes, Mate Given Divorce Says

Her night job turned out to be an additional "home and husband," Frank Smart charged, this week, as he divorced his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Smart.

Mr. Smart, who gave his address as 2497 Druid Hill Ave., said that his wife was able to maintain a home for him during the day, and a second one with another man at a Johannasen St. address during the evenings, by having him think that she was working on a night job.

Mrs. Irene Tiegen of 29 S. Washington St. was granted a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation when she produced a written contract, drawn by her husband, John S. Tiegen of Glencove, N.Y., and herself, agreeing to live separate and apart as though unmarried.

The contract was drawn in 1935,

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Cupid's Progress

Marriage licenses were issued to 13 out-of-town couples, here, this week.

They were:

Norris Holley, 65, divorced, and Mrs. Minnie Hungerford, 57, wid-

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Democracy Stages One-Day Stand in Havre de Grace

By Carl T. Rowan

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md.-Democracy took a scheduled one-day stand in this little upper Chesapeake Bay town Monday.

Streets were filled with flags and there was talk of freedom, liberty and equality, evidence that the spirit had reached the hearts of men.

The Freedom Train had come to town.

For the 313th and final stop of this train, bearing "the American Heritage" in the form of parched documents of barely legible writing, this little town of 10,000 had been selected.

Smallest Town to Have Train

Although it was the smallest town to be visited by the Train, none could have given a more enthusiastic welcome and turnout. Few could have been more democratic.

There were no signs of jim crow. No one acted as if he wanted it. Mayor Robert B. Lawder had named colored citizens to each of his Freedom Train committees.

On the speaker's stand at the preview and opening ceremonies were Clayton Standsbury, former president of the Harford County PTA, and John L. Jones, also a former PTA official.

Committee members

Among other members of Mayor's Committees were:

Clifford Holland, exalted ruler, Elks Chesapeake Lodge No. 314; Mrs. Pearl Brown, worthy matron, Eastern Star Lodge No. 20; William Brown, Chesapeake Lodge No. 48;

Leon S. Rove, high school principal; Percy Williams, elementary

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Coming Events

Saturday, October 30

Zeta Phi Beta Regional Conference at the YWCA.

Interracial teachers meeting—Association for Childhood Education Regional Conference, Eastern High School. Registration 9:30 a.m.

Halloween party for Mt. Winans Improvement Association, 2632 Pierpont St.

Halloween party given by the

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Halloween 'Headache,' Not Holiday

By Art Randall

Halloween is no holiday. It's a headache.

It's a headache to farmers whose outhouses are tilted over, whose pens for live stock are opened, wells sometimes salted and even whose barns are frequently set afire.

It's a headache to city dwellers, whose doorbells are wedged in, gates moved away, fence palings pulled up, trash cans destroyed and windows soaped, if not broken by missles.

Motorists Worst Sufferers

Worst of all, it's a headache to motorists, whose tires are deflated and slashed, windshield and glasses

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$16,000,000 School Fund Sought by County Board

The Baltimore County Board of Education, this week, submitted the most gigantic school-plant expansion program ever offered by a Maryland county, when it asked for $16,000,000 emergency fund for school construction during the next two years.

The Board asked the County Commissioners to provide the funds to "forestall a pending shortage of classroom space in the elementary schools."

Some $13,000,000 of the total is to be used for 28 new projects, including school buildings and additions to existing structures, to be completed before Sept. 1, 1951.

Five of these projects will be constructed for colored pupils, at a cost of $750,000. These include:

A four-room addition at Sollers Point Junior-Senior High School, $160,000; New Bannaker School, six rooms, $275,000; Reisterstown School, two rooms, $100,000; Sparks School, two rooms, $100,000; Walters School, three rooms, $125,000.

The school board also requested

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Committee for Equal Education Pleads for Equality at U. of Md.

Representing the Maryland Committee for Equal Educational Opportunities, this delegation of 16 civic, educational and religious organizations met with the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland last week to ask that students be admitted to all schools of the university regardless of race. At extreme right, holding eyeglasses, is Howard H. Murphy, committee chairman.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

WHEN—Tuesday, Nov. 2
TIME—6 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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THOMAS E. DEWEY

Vice-President
EARL WARREN

Congress

First District
EDWARD T. MILLER (R)

Second District
A. EARL SHIPLEY (R)

Third District
JOHN A. JANETZKE (R)

Fourth District
DR. J. E. T. CAMPER (P)

Fifth District
C. M. WEIDEMEYER (R)

Sixth District
J. GLENN BEALL (R)

Vote YES on all the 22 questions.

Dr. Brown Goes Free 2nd Time

Trial Jury Deliberated Approximately 10 Hours

WASHINGTON

For the second time in as many years, Dr. Schley Brown, prominent local physician, was cleared of charges of performing an illegal operation when a jury returned a verdict of acquittal Tuesday, after deliberating approximately 10 hours.

The physician and well-known sportsman was accused of having performed an illegal operation on Miss Lee J. Lofaro, 407 Randolph St., N.W., on Sept. 19, 1947.

Dr. Brown, who was tried in two other illegal operation cases which resulted in hung juries, was cleared of another similar charge in 1946. (The two cases which resulted in hung juries still are pending for retrial.)

The jury of eight men and four women, three colored, deliberated on the case through Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday morning.

2 Men, 4 Women on Jury

On Monday evening the jury returned to court twice, the first time at 8:27 p.m., when Judge Henry A. Schweinhart gave it the so-called Allen charge.

Under the Allen charge minority on the jury is asked to reconsider the evidence with a view to agreeing with the majority if possible.

However, the minority jurors are warned not to change their votes if to do so would be against their consciences.

Returned 2nd Time

In the Brown case, the jury returned the second time and the foreman reported to Judge Schweinhaut there was a fair chance of agreement. They were then dismissed for the night and

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DR. J. E. T. CAMPER

Camper Out to Win Seat in Congress

Many to Cross Party Lines to Back Doctor

MASS MEETING

4th District Carries Heavy Minority Vote

Dr. J. E. T. Camper is the Progressive Party candidate for election to the U.S. Congress from the Fourth Congressional District (Northwest Baltimore) in the Nov. 2 election.

The Fourth Congressional District consists of 150 precincts in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th (Precincts 1 and 2), 19th and 20th Wards.

Boundary of District

The geographical boundaries of the district run south on Reisterstown Rd. into Pennsylvania Ave., south to Fremont Ave., on down to Edmondson Ave.

West on Edmondson Ave. to Old Western City Line, south to Old Southern City Line, east to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, east to Carey St., north to Saratoga, east to Arlington Ave., and north to Franklin.

East on Franklin to Fremont Ave., south to Mulberry, over to Fallsway, north to Monument, east to Caroline and north to Harford Rd., out to the northern city line.

No matter what party a voter is affiliated with, if he lives within these boundaries, he may vote for Dr. Camper.

Mass Meeting

On Sunday at 3 p.m., the Progressive Camper-for-Congress Committee will stage a gigantic mass meeting at Gillis Memorial Church, Calhoun and Mulberry Sts.

Leading a galaxy of prominent

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Moron Is New Hampton Prexy

Second of His Race to Head Institute

HAMPTON, Va. — Alonza G. Moron, a graduate of the school, and a native of the Virgin Islands, has been elected acting president of Hampton Institute, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the board of trustees, announced Saturday.

He succeeds Dr. Ralph P. Bridgman who served four years and resigned last January after a series of unrest in which students and faculty members participated.

2nd Colored Prexy

Dr. Tobias said the committee appointed by the board to nominate a new president, made up of five trustees and two faculty members, is still at work.

Mr. Moron becomes the second person who is not white to serve as acting president at the historic institution. Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, president of Texas State University, was the first, succeeding Dr.

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COOLER WEATHER, RAIN FORECAST FOR HALLOWEEN

The pleasant, unseasonable weather of mid-week is to be followed by a cooler week end, with the possibility of rain to damper the Halloween spirit on Saturday.

The rainfall, however, is expected to be light. Temperatures will average slightly above normal.

Report Shows Equal Treatment for All

Operation of Camp Wood Defended; Other Cities Cited, Poverty Stressed

Having survived a period of public discussion following the December, 1947, survey report which strongly criticized its methods of operation, the city welfare department has issued its 13th annual report showing definitely that its service is exceedingly valuable to the community.

The report shows conclusively that, as conceded by the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy which made the critical survey:

"The welfare department is free from political interference; no racial, religious or other social prejudices are apparent, and there is no evidence that aid is denied those in need who are eligible for public assistance.

In its report, the department comes emphatically to the defense of Camp Francis M. Wood, which was criticized by the commission for its maintenance by the city.

The commission had said that operation of the camp by the welfare or any other public department should be reviewed.

In answer to this, the welfare department holds that the expenditure for the camp is "completely justified."

Difficult Experience

It points out that Baltimore is not the only city which finances a camp for underprivileged children and reminds the commission that "colored children in Baltimore have a most difficult experience in growing."

The statement adds that colored children must adjust their lives to the acceptance of the restrictions which are imposed upon the race as a minority group.

"It is not easy for a child to be reared and to grow to adulthood in a family where extreme poverty is an ever pressing problem," it declares.

Camp Francis Wood has been a public project since 1944. Its total appropriation in the 1948 budget of the welfare department is only $11,000.

Facilities for 100

With facilities for 100 children, the camp is open for four two-week sessions each summer for boys and girls.

Its need grew out of the fact that there exist in Baltimore few

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Trial in Narcotics Cases Hits Snarl

1 of 22 Defendants Absolutely Acquitted

15 PLEAD GUILTY

Postponement Granted at Request of State

Complicated and confused proceedings, which progressed to the point of one man's conviction and another's absolute acquittal, marked the opening, Thursday, at Criminal Court, of charges against 22 men rounded up in one of the city's largest narcotic raids.

State's Attorney William J. O'Donnell presented testimony in four of the cases before all others were forced into postponement because of the absence of one of the narcotic agents.

The trials, which are being conducted before Judge Herman Moser, will be resumed on a date to be announced.

Fifteen Plead Guilty

At the conclusion of Thursday's proceedings, 15 of the men had pleaded guilty to some 40 charges of violating the narcotics law. Their cases were postponed until verdicts are reached in cases of the remaining seven who pleaded not guilty.

Acquitted was John W. Smart, 36, of the 700 block W. Fairmount Ave., when the absence of the agent in question left the State without corroborative testimony to the contention that Smart accepted $15 from another agent in a transaction involving cocaine capsules.

Robert Ross of the 2400 block Francis St., said to have obtained the capsules, was acquitted in that

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Police Baffled in Search for Slayer of Widow, 60

Unearth No Clues to Thug Who Beat Aged Woman to Death in Theft Netting But $10

Police officials confessed on Thursday they were stymied in their investigation of the brutal, fatal beating of a 60-year-old woman early Monday.

The victim was Mrs. Lena Mosley, a widow who lived alone in a small six-room house at 1619 Latrobe St.

According to Capt. John B. Kenealy of Central District, Mrs. Mosley was awakened early Monday by an intruder who was rummaging through her bedroom furniture. When she attempted to rout the man, he commenced to beat her about the head.

Murderer Escapes With $10

Knocking the elderly widow of a World War I veteran to the floor, the thug seized a pocketbook containing about $10 and fled from the house.

Mrs. Mosley finally managed to crawl to the first floor, where her cries for help were heard by a neighbor, John H. Dortch, who summoned police.

The matron was rushed to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she remained in a coma until her death, late Tuesday. She sustained a broken jaw and fractured skull.

To Get Rites Monday

Funeral services will be held on Monday in Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23rd St. and Guilford Ave.,

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Penknife Slayer Given Four Years

Victim Hit Him With Can, Defendant Said

Pleading guilty to stabbing a woman to death with a penknife she had given him as a gift, Linwood Armstrong, 34, was sentenced Wednesday to four years in the House of Correction for manslaughter.

It was shortly after the killing of Mrs. Christine Parker on Sept. 7 that police received a phone call from Armstrong saying that he wanted to surrender.

When the man became vague in answer to questions, Officer William Karn had the call traced, and Armstrong's description, furnished by persons in Mrs. Parker's home, was broadcast to radio-police.

Spied Boarding Truck

Some time later, Officer Denny Elkins of Northern District, spied Armstrong boarding a truck, and placed the man under arrest just as a radio car with other officers drove up. The man told them he was on his way to Philadelphia.

According to John C. Weise,

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Md. State's Needs Cited by Dr. Byrd

Improvements at Maryland State College at Princess Anne, Md., are necessary to provide equal educational opportunities for colored students in the land-grant college field, Dr. H. C. Byrd declared on Wednesday.

The president of the University of Maryland made the statement as a radio car with other officers drove up. The man told them he was on his way to Philadelphia.

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Human Relations Conference Set

The Association for Childhood Education will hold its regional conference Saturday at Eastern High School, using "Human Relations" as the theme.

After registration at 9:30 a.m., there will be a general meeting, with Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of public instruction, as chairman, and Dr. E. T. McSwain of Northwestern University speaking on "The Dynamics of Human Relationship."

Discussion groups will meet at 11:30 a.m. Miss Dorothy Shiras of the Maryland State Department of Education will lead one group on the topic, "Early Childhood Education—Its Significance and the Skills of Human Relationships."

To Cite Curriculum Use

Another group will hear Dr. Victoria Lyles, director of elementary education, York, Pa., speak on "Opportunities Afforded by the Elementary School Curriculum for the Development of Human Relations."

The topic, "The Child Development Program—Implications for a Program of Human Relationships" will be discussed by Dr. Anna D.

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