Youth, 17 Convicted in 3 Attacks, Gets Life in Prison

Village Told Vote Will Solve Ills

Milton P. Brown, Baltimore NAACP executive secretary, told Day Village residents, Monday night, that the solution to their community problems lies in a wider use of the ballot.

He made the assertion while addressing the Village Tenant Council at a meeting held in the Turners Station community center building.

After commending the residents for their interest in obtaining adequate police protection and additional lighting, Mr. Brown urged them to "get seven or eight hundred qualified voters" behind their demands and there would be some favorable action from Towson, the county seat.

Turner Also Speaks

J. Bruce Turner, physical education director at Sollers Point High School, also spoke on the program. Mr. Turner outlined possibilities in the area and asked adults to take a more active part in organized sports.

Joseph P. Henderson is president of the village tenant group.

Downingtown Teacher at History Conference

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa. —Mrs. Charlotte M. Morris, teacher of social studies at Downingtown Industrial School, was a delegate to the October 30-31 sessions of the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for The Study of Negro Life and History in Washington.

The Panhellenic Assembly met last week at Cheyney College and viewed pictures of the Olympic games. Attending were Dr. C. H. Gaither, Jerry F. Harmon, Dr. F. C. Howard, Willim H. Ransom, Henry M. Thomas Jr., Dr. L. C. Stokes, J. H. N. Waring Jr. and Albert R. Wilson.

Age Saves Culprit From Execution

Three Victims Relate Stories of Assaults

EACH ALSO ROBBED

State Had Evidence of Additional Crimes

Spared by his youth from a sentence of death, 17-year-old Elmer Burroughs nonchalantly walked off to prison for life. Thursday, after Judge Herman Moser convicted him as the sex fiend who criminally attacked three women during a rampage which terrorized Northwest Baltimore.

Burroughs was charged in five attacks and five armed robberies but in view of the convictions in three attacks, the State dropped the remaining two.

Judge Moser tacked an additional 10 years on the life sentence. "Just to make sure you don't get out," and remarked, "It's too bad I have to saddle the taxpayers with him."

Statute Saves Youth's Life

The judge pointed out earlier that the State Legislature had "apparently distinguished" between sex crimes committed by persons over and under 18 years of age.

"Only one thing is stopping him from being hanged, and that is his age," Judge Moser declared. He had made a similar comment several weeks ago when imposing a life sentence upon a 17-year-old white youth who tried to criminally abuse a teen-age baby sitter.

Buroughs of 1901 Monroe St. was picked out at a sandlot baseball game on May 23 by the first victim in the series of attacks which began in April.

Victim Still Fearful

When this young woman took the witness stand, Thursday, she hesitated to give her address before Burroughs, who was seated at the trial table and was neatly dressed in a tan suit with matching shoes and blending-colored shirt.

The woman leaned over and whispered her address to the court stenographer. She testified that Burroughs grabbed her on May 23, near Biddle and Little Pine Sts. at about 9:20 p.m. and forced her into a nearby alley, where he made her strip off her clothes and then attacked her.

She said further that on another occasion before spying Burroughs at the ball game, she saw him board a streetcar at Preston St. and Pennsylvania Ave., and informed Det. Sgt. James H. Butler about it.

Attacked One in Church

The two other women testified of similar attacks by Burroughs, and all said he held a sharp instrument against their throats.

One of the witnesses said he forced her off the steps of her home on May 6, the other said she was accosted at Biddle and Eutaw Sts. on May 14 and taken to the ruins of the St. Mary's PE Church.

Each of the women was forced to strip during the ordeal and was robbed of money. The high school ring and bracelet taken from one of the victims was recovered from Burroughs's sister. One woman's watch was traced to a pawn shop.

Says He Was "Picked Up"

Stating that he was 17 in April, Burroughs testified that each of the women "picked him up" for sex purposes.

Asked in one instance why he thought the woman chose him for her alleged attentions, Burroughs said, "I guess she kind of likeed me."

William J. O'Donnell, prosecutor, asked him why he fled after having relations with one of the women.

Record of Delinquency

Burroughs said, "I didn't need her no more." A psychiatric report on the youth pictured him as a "serious delinquent" at the age of nine, and a sex offender with boys and men when he was younger.

The report said further that Burroughs is addicted to alcohol, gambles for high stakes, has a "devil-may-care" attitude toward life and is a suspected dope user.

It was revealed that Burroughs has been confined to Cheltenham School for Boys as an "Uncontrollable minor" and for stealing newspapers.

Crimes Called "Outrageous"

He gave statements to Lt. Harry Ernest in which he admitted committing the crimes, which Judge Moser termed "perfectly outrageous."

Burroughs was convicted on the first count of each attack charge, except that involving the first woman.

In that case, there was evidence that the victim gave no indication of her plight when a woman struck up a conversation with her on the street as Burroughs was demanding that she come with him to the alley.

One of the other charges dropped by the State involved a young secretary. The other involved a woman upon whom, it was said, an umbrella was used during the attack.

Burroughs was represented by W. T. McQuaid, attorney, who was appointed by the court.

'American Mother' Visitor in Boston

Mrs. Emma Clements of Louisville, Ky., who was awarded the 'American Mother of the Year' title in 1946, shown seated in center, during a recent trip to Boston, visited with officers of the Housewives League of Cambridge, Roxbury and Boston.

Two Acquitted in Murder Trials

Two men won acquittals, Thursday at Criminal Court on separate charges of murder.

Lack of State's evidence in the fatal stabbing on Sept. 19 of Leatha Jenkins, 30, resulted in the dismissal of William (Bubbles) Davis, 24, of the first block N. Bond St.

It was said that the two men fought over money, but that there was no direct evidence that Davis was the man who stabbed Jenkins in the throat that evening.

Self-Defense Plea Heeded

In the second case, 22-year-old Alex Farmer was acquitted on grounds of self defense in the fatal stabbing at the East Baltimore home of his father-in-law last July 6.

Testimony was that the older man, Robert Wellings, had chased his wife and chased Farmer with an iron bar, when Farmer warded off his attack with a kitchen knife. Both defendants were represented by Joseph Rosenthal, attorney. Judge Herman Moser rendered the acquittals.

ANTIQUE SHOW OPENS

NEWARK

The first annual Garden State antique show opened on Monday at the Terrace Ballroom in the Moose Theatre here and will continue through Friday.

Man $48 Poorer After Talk to Two

Talking with two strange men in what he thought was "an innocent conversation" cost Soloman S. Lane of 622 N. Arlington Ave. $48, he told police late Thursday.

Lane was said to have just alighted from a street car at Pennsylvania Ave. and Biddle St.

The women "picked him up" shortly after 9 p.m., Thursday, when he was approached by two men.

One of them asked if he lived in East Baltimore as a means of opening general conversation.

Asks Money at Gun Point

The trio then began walking east on Biddle St. and when they reached a small crossing alley, one of the strangers bandished what appeared to be a nickle-plated revolver and demanded his money.

The second thug then rifled Lane's pocket of his wallet, containing $48, then the strangers fled through a nearby alley. Their description was given to police. No arrests had been made by Monday.

Police Get Confession After 3-Hour Grilling

WOODBURY, N.J. — After a three-hour grilling by State and County police, Albert H. Collins, 37, of Philadelphia, is said to have confessed to the Sept. 5 slaying of Albert Sharp, 16, as she was walking home from an ice cream parlor near Pitman.

Collins was indicted by the grand jury 48 hours after his arrest in Philadelphia. The indictment was handed down after police said they established that the bullet that killed the girl came from a gun found in Collins' car.

Robbery Suspect, 22, Under $3,000 Bail

Charged with robbing two men at pistol point and stealing $11 from, a woman, George Williams, 22, of 1005 E. Monument St. was held in $3,000 aggregate bail following a hearing, Sunday, in Northeastern police court.

Williams is accused of robbing William Bryant of 1224 E. Madison St., of $16; taking $1.00 from Andrew Ellerby during a robbery, and stealing $11 from Mrs. Maggie Williams, also of 1005 E. Monument St.

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3 More Released in Narcotics Case

Another man was convicted and three released, Wednesday, as proceedings against 22 persons arrested in a mass narcotics raid, drew to a close, and Judge Herman Moser designated next Wednesday as the date for dispositions of the cases.

When the trials opened last week, 15 of the men pleaded guilty and the remaining seev pleaded innocent.

Of those with "not guilty" pleas, two won acquittals, three were convicted, the State confessed "not guilty" for another and dropped the case against a seventh.

2 G-Men Trap Suspects

Judge Moser ordered that the probation department investigate into the cases and into the characters of the men before he imposes sentences next week. There was no testimony in the cases of those defendants who pleaded guilty.

Testimony, developed during hearings for those who pleaded innocent, revealed that the arrests occurred in September after two colored Federal agents spent several months in mingling with the suspects and gaining their confidence.

Lack of corroborative testimony resulted in the acquittals of several of the men. These include John W. Smart, 36, of the 700 block W. Fairmount Ave., and Ralph Johnson.

The State dropped charges against Rudolph Smith and Rozelle Brown, who was charged in two cases.

3 Convicted, 15 Plead

Convicted were Robert Taylor of the 1700 block Baker St.; Edward Thomas of the 1300 block Whatcoat St.; and Thomas Jackson Jr., of the 1200 block Smithson St.

Those who have pleaded guilty include:

Frederick Green, seven cases; Clarence Lamon, two cases; Joseph McAllister, five cases; William Queen and Alexander Doggan, one each;

Frank Bethea, three cases; Sylvester Branson, four; Saint Evans, and James Hawkins, one; Carl W. Taylor, four; Robert Norris, seven; James A. Camper, two; Edward Tutt, two; Allen Tutt, three; and Robert Ross, four. William J. O. Donnell is prosecutor.

Carver Faces Stiffest Test in Phelps Battle

Trainers See Chance to Win South Atlantic Crown; White's Drills Mainly Offense

What looms as its most important game of the past three seasons comes up to the Carver Vocational High School football team this afternoon (Friday) at Hughes Stadium, when Carver opposes Phelps Vocational High of Washington, at 3:30 o'clock.

The tremendous importance of the contest to Coach Sodie White and his youngsters lies in the fact that the South Atlantic Conference may hinge on its outcome.

Carver and Cardozo High, also of Washington, are the only two undefeated teams in the schoolboy circuit. They do not meet.

Phelps, always a rugged foe, represents the hurdle which both must clear, inasmuch as the Clerks tangle with their intra-city rivals after Carver finishes with them. The winner of the South Atlantic title will have to be decided according to the Dickinson Rating System.

Both Beat Armstrong

Since the D.C. Vocationals are assured a first-division ranking, a win over them will afford the Whitemen 30 points in the final tally.

Both Carver and Phelps have whipped Armstrong, another "toughie," this year.

Discussing today's game with the AFRO, the Carver mentor declared: "I think my boys are ready. We've spent a lot of time this week drilling on our defense. I'm satisfied our defensive game will stand up to anything in the conference. For that reason, I've been stressing the importance of a game-winning and passing game.

"Any team Dave Brown turns out is a good team. They have our respect and we hope to make them respect us Friday afternoon."

Phelps Air Attack Strong

White will depend on his clever backfield quartet of Jerome Burton, Don Quarles, Bob Harper and John Lewis for the running chores with Jim Harper and Willie Levy to handle the passes.

The Phelps attack is built around a trio of sterling performers in Francis Lewis, their consistent halfback, and the tricky passing combination of Harry Franklin, who does the throwing, and William Jones, who, not infrequently, does the catching.

Condition of Custis, Orange Ace, Unknown

PHILADELPHIA

Whether Bernie Custis, former John Bartram High School back, will be able to play for Syracuse University against Temple here Saturday was not definitely known at the start of the week.

Custis suffered an injured leg against Northwestern on Oct. 23 and was forced to miss last week's game between Syracuse and Boston University. He has been testing the injured leg in workouts.

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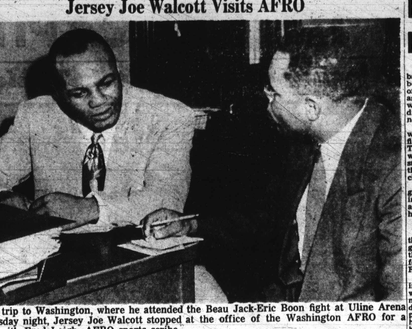

On a trip to Washington, where he attended the Beau Jack-Eric Boon fight at Uline Arena Thursday night, Jersey Joe Walcott stopped at the office of the Washington AFRO for a chat with Fred Leigh, AFRO sports scribe.

Jackson Drills Bisons Hard for Pirate Battle

Offensive Kinks Ironed Out With Hope of Spoiling Hampton Homecoming Saturday

WASHINGTON

Howard University's Bisons placed special emphasis on offensive tactics in rigid drills this week with a villainous purpose of marring Hampton's elaborate homecoming, tomorrow (Saturday) at Hampton, Va.

Coach Eddie Jackson revealed that he was stressing offense mostly, with defense coming as secondary. "That's the only way we can beat a team like Hampton," he said. "Just outscoring them."

While he is stressing offense in Saturday's outing, the Hilltop mentor disclosed that he is not overlooking the potential danger of the veteran Pirate front wall which operates smoothly behind either the single wing or T-formation strategy.

Although conceding the contest a tossup, Coach Jackson is anticipating a torrid battle down to the final gun and lamented the fact that the Pirates lost to Lincoln University's Lions 12-0, last week.

Hampton to Be Tough

"I wished Hampton had won the game," he said. "A team which is rebounding from two consecutive defeats on its homecoming day is more difficult to handle than one which won its game on the previous week," he opined.

The contest between the two teams may be rated a toss up on basis of the performance of Howard and Hampton against the same teams. Hampton drubbed Shaw, 14-0, while Howard had to come from behind in the final period to take a 14-6 verdict. However, while Howard defeated J.C. Smith, 25-13, Hampton was held to a 20-20 deadlock.

Coach Jimmy Griffin's Pirates boast of a 2-2 conference record while Howard has a 4-2 slate. The Pirates, in addition to their win over Shaw, topped A. and T. Aggies, 21-0, and lost to Lincoln 12-0 and Va. State, 13-0.

Bucs Seasoned

On the other hand, the Bisons, who have been playing in-and-out ball, topped Bluefield, 21-0, bowed to W. Va., 21-6; blanked Union, 10-0; succumbed to Morgan, 13-2, spanking J. C. Smith, 25-13, toppled Shaw, 14-6.

Against Howard, the Seasiders will field a veteran forward wall bulwarked by Charles (Scap) Lewis and Raymond Stiles on ends; William Corbin and Tom Kiah, tackles; Bill Wilson and Bob Goodall, guards and Bill Cunningham, center.

The Bucaneers are expected to unleash a trio of hard running backs in Bill Christian, Raymond (Corky) Payton and James Carroll coupled with the pinpoint kicking of James Dillard and the passing of Bill Lovett.

Howard's Bob Minton and Hillary Thompson suffered slight injuries in the Shaw tilt last week end, but are expected to be ready for tomorrow's showdown in the renovated Armstrong field. Clarence Gilkes, 220-pound tackle, may see more action after last week's performance as well as Halfback Alexander Parker, whose kicking was a potent factor in the Hilltoppers' victory against Coach Brutus Wilson's Bears.

Hornets Outplay

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama State's Hornets disappointed a capacity crowd at Hornet Stadium here Friday night by shoving the big Fisk team all over the grid in the first half and muffing a half dozen chances to score, then folding momentarily early in the fourth period to yield a single touchdown which proved to be the margin of a 7-6 victory for the Bulldogs.

Football

	W.	L.	T.
Va. State	5	0	
Winston-Salem T.	4	0	
Hampton	2	2	
Morgan	2	2	
N. C. State	2	2	
Shaw	2	2	
Howard	4	2	
J. C. Smith	3	3	
Lincoln	3	1	
A. and T.	1	5	
Union	1	5	
S. C. Smith	0	4	
St. Augustine	0	2	
Bluefield	0	2	
St. Paul	0	2	

GAMES THIS WEEK

COLLEGIATE

CIAA

Nov. 6—
Capital Classic at Washington
Bluefield at Morgan
Smith at J. C. Smith
Shaw at Virginia
Howard at Hampton

Fla. A. & M. at Tuskegee
Ark. State at Sam Houston
Alcorn at Rust
St. Paul-Eliz. City at Suffolk
Claflin at S.C. State
Morris Brown at Ft. Valley (Friday night)
Miner at St. Augustine
Lincoln (Pa.) at Fisk
Texas at Prairie View
Langston at Boston
Louisville at Ky. State
Mo. State at Lincoln-Jefferson
Norfolk Unit. Va. State, at Fayetteville, Tenn. State at Wilberforce University.
Louisville at Kentucky State
Allen at Benedict
Miles at Lane at Lakeyore
Alcorn A. & M. at Rust
Jackson at Alabama State
Tougaloo at Miss. Industrial
Bishop at Southern
Texas College at Prairie View
Xavier at Clark

Nov. 7—
Wilberforce at Del. State

MIXED

Nov. 6—
BROOKLYN (Bishop) at CCNY
CALIFORNIA (Webster, Jones, Tryon) at Southern Cal.
COLUMBIA (Cannon, Moses) at DARTMOUTH (Alexander)
IOWA (Banks) at ILLINOIS (Patterson)
Notre Dame at INDIANA (Taliaferro, Nawl, Buckner, Carter, Brown)
Marquette at MICH. STATE (Smith)
Navy at MICHIGAN (Derricotte)
Purdue at MINNESOTA (Pullens)
Georgetown at NYU (Payne)
NEVADA (Howard, Tabor) at Santa Clara
UCLA (Robinson, Lee) at OHIO
PITTSBURGH (Clark, Dixon)
OREGON (Dennis, Lewis, Wright) at Washington
PENN STATE (Triplett, Hoggard) at Penn
Lafayette at RUTGERS (Grimsley, Hatchett, Pryor)
SYRACUSE (Castle, Morris) at Temple
Bucknell at WASH. & JEFF (Towner, Cooper)
Kings Point at YALE (Jackson)

PROFESSIONAL

Nov. 7—
Colts at CLEVE BROWNS (Motley, Willis, Gillom)
FORTY-NINERS (Perry, Mike) at DOCKETS (Green)
DETROIT LIONS (Mann, Groomes) at Chicago
L. A. DONS (Brown, Sexton, Ford) at YANKEES (Young)
Phila. Eagles at N.Y. GIANTS (Tunnell)
Chibears at L. A. RAMS (Washington)

Post-Season Grid Games Approved

WASHINGTON

The way was paved for benefit post-season football games by local high school teams by the Board of Education, Wednesday.

The new action is contrary to previous action taken on post-season games. The vote Wednesday resulted from a request for a game between the champion public high school team in Divisions 1-9 and the best preparatory team in Washington under sponsorship of the city, a newspaper and two clubs, and for the benefit of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club.

Wilkinson Gets Authorization

Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent, requested of Board Member Albert Steinert, who made the motion to approve such a proposition for the white schools that he made it for the colored schools, too. Steinert committed himself to do so.

Dr. Wilkinson informed the board that he would have requests for such games on his desk as soon as information got out that it was possible. Several local interests have been clamoring for such games for charitable benefits for several years but have been turned down because of the board policy. This has affected both divisions of the city.

Evening School Holidays

The board approved closing the evening schools on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 23, before Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve.

Bears Count on Rooks to Lead Team Out of Its Rut

A 20-year-old sophomore fullback from White Plains, N.Y., is being looked upon as the salvation of the Morgan State College Bears as they await their annual clash with Bluefield here at Hughes Stadium tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

The lad, 215-pound George Rooks, who has done a magnificent job of filling the shoes of the late Jim Turpin, may prove the medium by which the Hilltop Road Bears are matched from the doldrums in their futile quest for the 1948 CIAA championship.

Having lost three of their five games played to date, the last two in succession, Coach Hurt's charges are definitely in a rut. Rooks, they hope, will help lead them out of it.

Coaches Agree

Bear coaches believe he can do the job. In all probability, Morgan's opponents will agree that if there is any one player to take the fore in such an undertaking, it is Rooks.

The New Yorker currently is going at a better pace than that which stamped him as the freshman "find" of the 1947 season. To date, Rooks has averaged 7.1 yards per try in 48 rushes. He has proved himself to be shifty, aggressive, a hard runner and extremely difficult to bring down.

Expected back in the local line-up tomorrow are Morgan's two chief casualties—Art Berry, high-stepping halfback from Caldwell, N.J., and 19-year-old John Triplett, freshman ace from Elkins Park, Pa.

Bluefield Tough

Berry is well on the road to recovery from a bone bruise in his foot and Triplett is back in harness being relieved by an eye injury. Both may see action against mas Eve.

It also authorized the participation of the public schools in the tests sponsored by the National Association and Columbia Scholastic Press Association on "What We Should Know About Tuberculosis," and "How Our Community Fights Tuberculosis."

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