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10,000 Suburban Riders Hit by BTC Bus Transfer Policy

$10,000 Suit Faces Probationary Officer

Minority Group Patrolman Sued in Station Beating of Prisoner

Probationary Patrolman Oliver R. Walker was sued for $10,000 this morning (Friday), in Superior Court, on charges of false arrest and assault of a civilian at Northwestern police station, last Aug. 8.

The civilian, James Waters, barber, of 1115 N. Mount St., charges through his attorney, U. Theodore Hayes, that he lost four teeth as a result of the experience.

Mr. Hayes declared that "police brutality by any officer, regardless of his color, is not to be tolerated."

Acquitted of Charges

The suit relates that Mr. Waters was arrested by Officer Walker on charges of disorderly conduct and assaulting an officer, and that he was acquitted of these charges in the Criminal Court last Oct. 15.

It sets forth that the alleged beating occurred in the Northwestern station.

In a letter to Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson, prior to the filing of the suit, Mr. Hayes declared that his client was beaten with a blackjack and kicked in the chest by Officer Walker. The attorney said the officer's report of the matter "misstated the facts."

Mr. Hayes pointed that Mr. Waters was first arrested by Officer Walker on charges of running through a stop sign and disorderly conduct.

The following morning, Mr. Hayes's letter continued, Mr. Waters paid a fine of $15 and costs and was leaving the courtroom when an acquaintance, awaiting trial in Officer Walker's custody, asked him to deliver a message.

Mr. Hayes said further that the patrolman refused Mr. Waters permission to talk to the acquaintance and then re-arrested him when he informed the prisoner, "I will let your people know where you are."

It was after the arrest that Mr. Waters was taken into the cell and beaten, Mr. Hayes charged. The Criminal Court trial and acquittal then followed.

In his letter to the commission

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Police Brutality Held Increasing

NAACP Urges Probe in 2 Brothers Cases

RECENT CASES CITED

Slaying in September of Boy, 14, Recalled

Is police brutality on the increase?

This question is raised because since the police killing 10 weeks ago of a 14-year-old youth, at least four cases involving unnecessary violence by law-enforcement officers have come to light.

The latest development in one of these cases is the filing of a $10,000 damage suit against Officer Oliver R. Walker, a probationary patrolman at Northwestern police station, who is charged with false arrest and with beating a prisoner arrested for disorderly conduct.

The complainant, who was cleared of charges of attacking the officer when the case reached Criminal Court, is James Waters of 1115 N. Mount St.

He claims the loss of four teeth, an injured mouth, bruised lips and chest and internal injuries at the hands of the officer.

Named in Prior Beating

As reported to Police Commissioner Atkinson, Officer Walker had shortly before beaten 19-year-old Alexander Malone, a Navy veteran, who was attending June commencement exercises at Doug-

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Family of Murder Suspect in Glen Burnie Murder Case

The family of Thomas A. Edwards, Marley Neck war veteran, charged with the double slaying of a Glen Burnie couple on Sept. 17 deny his guilt, claiming the youth was at a party at the time of the crimes. Seated left to right in the lone ground-floor room of their home is Samuel Edwards, 20, a brother; their mother, Mrs. Pearl Edwards; sister, Miss Mary F. Edwards, 21, a Morgan College student, and another brother, James, 28. The case is to be sent to the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury, Tuesday.

Order Seen as Move Toward Segregation

Restricts Use of Double Transfer Despite Poor County Line Service

The Baltimore Transit Company on Thursday put into operation a new bus transfer policy which is resulting in the segregation of the 10,000 to 12,000 colored riders of the Turners Station-Sparrows Point area from the white riders of the Dundalk area.

The move, in effect, drastically decreases the number of colored riders who are regular passengers of the No. 26 streetcar and the No. 20 bus.

It came, unannounced, in the form of an order to operators to refuse to render second-trip checks to riders who wish to transfer to the No. 20 bus and then to other intersecting lines upon reaching the downtown section of the city. Since county riders would have to pay still an additional fare if they desired to transfer twice, the effect is that the new policy keeps all riders of No. 26 streetcars from riding the No. 20 buses downtown and then transferring to cars for Northwest Baltimore.

Pay 2 Fares for Less

It thus bars from double-transfer privileges the county residents of colored areas — Turners Station, Delaney, Day Village, Lyons Homes and Sparrows Point — when they wish to reduce by 15 minutes to a half-hour the time and discomfort in traveling from those areas to Northwest Baltimore destinations via No. 26 streetcars and one trans

Passengers from out-of-city areas report that the BTC exacts two fares from them now for the ride into Baltimore, while extending to them the worst transfer service of any line in the system, through its continued use of two-man trolley cars of 1900 vintage.

Curtailed Service Protested

The double fares they pay

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2 Bombs Hurled at Maas House

Proposed Racial Sale Continues to Stir Ire

TAKES VACATION

Damage Estimated at $25; Sign Addition

Occupied at the time by F. Leonard Maas, the national corporation lawyer who wants to sell his southwest suburban home at 5000 Edmondson Ave. to a colored family, the house was damaged slightly by two home-made bombs on Thursday.

Mr. Maas described the bomb as an incandescent bulb loaded with a mixture of asphalt and motor oil. Splashed against the paint, the result of the bomb will necessitate repainting the exterior at $25 damages.

The lavishly furnished two-story house in the exclusive Ten Hills section of the city has been the subject of much controversy and under constant police guard since last week when Mr. Maas posted signs advertising it for sale only

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Richmond Councilman Here for Va. School Case

Hearing on Equalization of Teachers' Salaries Scheduled Today in Federal Court

Because of a heavy docket, the Chesterfield County, Va., school board case involving discrimination in payment of teachers' salaries will be delayed in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals until late this afternoon.

Representing the teachers are Oliver W. Hill, attorney and Richmond, Va., city councilman; Martin A. Martin, attorney; and Rupert Picott, executive secretary of the Virginia Teachers Association in Richmond.

The case involves an appeal from the District Court's ruling in a Richmond filed by E. S. Greene, superintendent, and the county school board, who contend that the difference in pay of colored and white teachers is based on the "quality of their training" rather than on color.

Scheduled to hear the case are Chief Judge John J. Parker, Circuit Judge Morris A. Soper and Circuit Judge Armistead M. Dobie.

Court to Review James' Sentence

Convicted Man Gets 5 Months of Grace

Although sentenced to death, Eugene James will be spared from the gallows for at least another five months.

It will take about that length of time for briefs to be prepared and submitted to the Court of Appeals for argument by his attorneys and for the decision of the higher court as to whether the 31-year-old handyman should be given a new trial.

When James was sentenced to

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Editor Quotes Schuyler to Support Stand on South

Hodding Carter Asserts Area Should Be Left Alone to Cure Its Own Ills

NEW YORK — To support his position that the South should be left alone to cure its own ills, Hodding Carter, white Mississippi editor, quoted verbatim from a column by George Schuyler, associate editor of a Pittsburgh weekly, on Town Hall, aired over Mutual television and radio networks, Tuesday evening.

The shocking quotation from Mr. Schuyler's column that "for all the faults of the South, it must be admitted that colored people are better off there . . ." was received with hushed silence by the audience of 1200 persons seated in the N.Y. hall where the program originated.

Mr. Carter pointed out that as a colored person and an editor of a large colored newspaper, Mr. Schuyler would be in a better position to know about the South and its treatment of colored people than Ray Sprigle, another discussant on the program, who had cited in his remarks how segregation had worked to deny colored people their constitutional rights.

Franchise Slow Coming

Mr. Sprigle, a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter, who traveled in

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Cupid's Corner

Marriage licenses issued here, this week, included two to service men and their bride-elect was seven to couples from other cities.

Wm. Judy J. Butler, 20, of Fort Leavenworth, Kans., obtained a permit to wed Miss Vera M. Hill, 20, of 401 Wilson St., and Thomas Smith, 26, of Alton, Ill., serving in the Coast Guard, was given a license to marry Miss Esther Downing 19, of 1820 Etting St.

Out-of-town couples married

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, November 12

Dramatizing of "The First Thanksgiving" by an East Baltimore school group at Dunbar High School, sponsored by Chesapeake District Scouts as a part of the annual Boy Scout "Cub Round-Up," 8 p.m.

Thirty Club's benefit dance at Morgan Hall to aid the children of the agent, Simon Needle, the Gibsons say.

They added that now Miss Thomas has served a 120-day notice on

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Sub-Tenant Asks Lessor to Leave

Charging that their sub-tenant undermined them with the landlord and is now about to evict them from the house they rented at 1102 McCulloh St., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gibson sought restraining action in Circuit Court, this week.

The Gibsons say they rented the entire house at the McCulloh St. address and sub-let apartments to Miss Cora Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCoy.

During an absence while they were employed in Westminster, Miss Thomas fraudently represented herself as the mother of Mrs. Gibson, and signed a lease with ward at Henryton.

Sunday, November 14

The eighth anniversary of the Women's Society of Christian

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Spouse Drove Her Out With Gun, She Says

Charging that her husband, Clarence Dixon, used his date-and-finally firearms, to dissuade her from remaining as his wife, Mrs. Irene Dixon of 1416 Carroll St. obtained a divorce, this week.

She said that soon after their marriage, Mr. Dixon advised her to leave their home, but she refused. She told him that she wanted to stay with him, she said, and added that he answered that she had better not.

Upon his return from work, he

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Deceased Matron Wills Home to Niece, Not Son

The home left by Mrs. Anna Jackson of 1305 Freestman St., who died on Dec. 29, 1947, will go to her niece, Mrs. Lucy Smith, according to a will made by the deceased on Feb. 6, 1946. The will also named E. Everett Jackson, attorney, as executor and trustee.

Mrs. Jackson decreed that Mrs. Smith have the house for life, permitting Mrs. Jackson's son, William, and her sister, Mrs. Mildred Hill, to reside there.

At the death of Mrs. Smith, the property is to be sold, the money put in trust, and paid to the son at a rate of $50 per month. If he dies before the sum is exhausted, the balance is to be given to the Mary-land Baptist Home for the Aged.

FRIENDS BACK EDWARDS' ALIBI:

Doubt Vet Murdered Glen Burnie Couple

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

Thursday night Governor Lane announced he had been informed that Thomas A. Edwards had confessed to the murders of the Glen Burnie couple, John H. Mahlan and Miss Mary C. Kline. Robbery was given as the motive for the killings. Leaving no margin for error, the Governor said: "I want to congratulate and thank the men who worked so long and so hard clearing up this case."

Members of his family and friends of Thomas A. Edwards, 23-year-old war veteran charged with the double slaying of a Glen Burnie couple, told the AFRO, Thursday, that the accused man was at a neighborhood party at the time the crimes were committed, last September.

The Anne Arundel County Grand Jury on Tuesday is to hear the charges against Edwards, who is accused of slaying John H. Mahlan, 25, and Miss Mary C. Kline, 18, near Glen Burnie on Sept. 17.

George L. Kess, an acquaintance of the accused, told the AFRO that he, stopped by the party in Freetown and escorted Edwards to his home the night of Sept. 17.

Alibi Substantiated

Kess said he was tired when he arrived at the social and managed to persuade Edwards to leave since they live close to each other. "We left a few minutes before 2 a.m., and reached home approximately 30 minutes later," Kess declared.

Edwards left his own home in Marley Neck, near Glen Burnie, shortly after 10 o'clock that eve-

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The Weather

The murky, uncomfortable weather of the past week is scheduled to be followed by a warm and possibly rainy Saturday, according to the local weather man.

Temperatures will average from two to four degrees above the season's normal, with the average total rainfall amounting to about one-fourth inch.

Driver of Death Car Given Year

Pleads Guilty in Crash Killing 3; Another Freed

James Thomas Payne, Tappahannock, Va. truck driver, was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction, Tuesday, after pleading guilty to a manslaughter charge in the death of one of three persons killed last Aug. 23 in a crash on Pulaski Highway.

The jail term was imposed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Judge J. Howard Murray, in the death of Milton N. Kaufherr, a white New York jewelry salesman.

The two other persons killed in

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District 5 Misses Quota in Chest Drive

Marking the first time in more than 10 years that it has fallen short of its goal, District 5 of the Community Chest closed out the drive, this week, with a total of $25,404.52 of its $27,000 mark.

The district lacked only $1,595.48 or 94% of its quota but several divisions surpassed their goals. Reports may still be made at the Madison Ave. YWCA although the drive is officially closed.

The funds from the city-wide check drive totaled some $1,925,000 which was $82,037 short of its goal of $2,007,037.

$549 in Final Report

At Wednesday night's report meeting, $549.44 in pledges and cash was turned in. The Rev. C. Baker Pearle was chairman of the district for the second consecutive year.

Reports at the final meeting included those from the general committee, $126.47, Reuben Jones, chairman; trade and industry, $250 J. Steadman Grieg, chairman; churches and ministers, $81.62, the Rev. A. J. Payne, chairman; Fraternal and clubs, $26. Mrs. Ethel J. Day, chairman, and women's division, $56.35, Mrs. Victor Gray, chairman.

Trade, Women Units Fall

In the totals, the general committee reported $13,026.58 or 108%

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Citizens' Group Attacks Cheltenham School's Board

A citizens' committee advocating the appointment of Calvin L. Kiah as superintendent of Cheltenham Training School, charged the school's board of managers, this week, with seeking to raise qualifications for the post beyond those of similar institutions for white persons.

The accusation, one of many leveled during a meeting of the committee held Thursday morning in Metropolitan Methodist Church, was made by the Rev. E. L. Loftus, committee chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Loftus declared that "citizens on all sides are seriously questioning the good faith of the board in recommending the raising of qualifications, after it reappointed Mr. Kiah to the post."

Two Meetings Fruitless

On Thursday of last week the committee met with the Cheltenham board and earlier with Walter D. Owens, State Employment commissioner, in an effort to have Mr. Kiah replaced as head of the institution.

At this week's meeting, the citizens' committee questioned the advisibility of having State employees on the training school's board.

The committee chairman said: "While qualified to do a good job, they (State employees) must inevitably respond to the wishes of their superiors."

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17 In Dope Raid Sentenced to Jail

Breaking the men into three groups, namely suppliers, sellers, and go-betweens, Judge Herman Moser this morning (Friday) sentenced 17 men rounded up in one of the city's largest narcotic raids to terms as high as five years.

One defendant, Alexander Dogan who was out on $1000 bail showed up late for sentence but was given three years for selling cocaine capsules.

Sentenced were:

Thomas Jackson, peddler, two years in House of Correction; William Queen and Clarence Lamman, peddlers, two years each; James Hawkins, go-between, 6 months; James A. Camper, peddler, 2 years.

Other Sentenced

Frank Bethea, supplier, 3 years; Sylvester Branson, peddler, 2 years; Carl W. Taylor, supplier, 3 years; Joseph McAllister, supplier,

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Girl, 5, Fatally Burned Playing With Matches

Five-year-old Ella Louise Allen, who was burned when her clothing became ignited while playing with matches in her home, Monday, died in Provident Hospital the following morning.

The tot's grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Allen, same address, was also treated for burns received when she attempted to extinguish the flames.

According to police, the accident occurred while the child was playing in a second-floor rear room. Two other children, Lewis A. Allen, 7, and Patricia Hunter Allen, 4, were not burned.

The quick action of Mrs. Allen, who was attracted to the scene by the tot's screams temporarily spared her life and held the fire damage in the room to a minimum.

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