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.

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 Horse 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.

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.

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NURSE SHORTAGE FAILS TO EASE HOSPITALS' BIAS

BEFORE ANOTHER HOUR PASSES
SEVEN WILL DIE
THEY WILL BE VICTIMS OF CANCER, AMERICA'S SECOND LARGEST KILLER
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57th Year, No. 36 BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 11, 1948 10c IN BALTIMORE — 12c ELSEWHERE

The Weather
More rain followed by colder weather is forecast for the coming week end.
The temperatures for the period as a whole are expected to average slightly above the normal for the season with rainfall for the period averaging around one-half inch.

3-Story 'Jump' Kills Patient

Citizens Aroused About 'Death Way'

T. Wallis Lansey Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Fatal to Druid Laundry Head

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Civic Leader Served on Hospital Board

Teackle Wallis Lansey, 55, of 1701 Druid Hill Ave., manager of the Druid Laundry and prominent civic, church and welfare worker, died of a sudden heart attack on Wednesday.

Requiem high mass will be sung at 9 a.m. on Saturday at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

The body is resting at Mrs. George H. Holland's Funeral Home.

Scheduled to serve as pallbearers are Joseph Taylor, William Ridout, Bernard Briggs, Lee Davis, Allan Collick and Lee Shipley.

Honorary pallbearers will be the board of trustees and members of the staff of Provident Hospital; officials of the Maryland Association for the Promotion of Business and their auxiliary, the Housewives League, and members of the Frontiers Club.

Worked, Wednesday

Mr. Lansey was stricken ill on Tuesday but did not complain to members of his family, they said. However on Wednesday morning, he visited the office of Dr. Robert L. Jackson and returned to work. His death occurred several hours later.

Mr. Lansey was the son of the late J. Edward Lansey, prominent business man and realtor; and the late Mrs. Deborah Taylor Lansey.

He was one of the first commercial graduates of the old Colored High School in the class of

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T. WALLIS LANSEY

Children Get Parker Estate of $75,000

The late Charles E. Parker of Mt. Winans left an estate of $75,342.50, an inventory filed by the administrator, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., attorney, showed, this week.

Mr. Parker, who was a building contractor and at one time superintendent of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, died on Dec. 20, 1947.

He was survived by four children, Charles Jr., J. William Parker and Mesdames Edna Ross and Venetia Butler.

Estate to Children

According to his will, the children will receive the income from

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4,000 Children Perilled by Plan

That Number of Pupils Cross Streets Daily

PROTEST RALLY SET

Houston to Address Meeting at Trinity

Aroused by the fact that some 4,000 children are being endangered twice daily, several hundred citizens are expected to attend a meeting, Sunday afternoon, to protest the establishment of a speedway on Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St.

Dr. Charles Houston, eminent attorney, will be main speaker at the meeting to be held at 3 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

Dr. Houston, who has won many civil rights victories in Supreme Court trials, will inform citizens of what is being done to prvent the city from establishing the proposed speedway.

Terming the proposed speedway a "death way," the NAACP and interested citizens point out that some 4,000 elementary school children who must cross the streets involved to get to school, are placed in danger twice daily.

They contend that the "death way" goes through the heart of the colored section, which is the most densely populated area in the city.

The citizens say that though traffic on the Washington Blvd., a dual highway, is slowed to 25 miles an hour, where it passes through the University of Maryland, the city proposes to let traffic pass up and down these streets at 30 and 35 miles an hour.

They call attention to the fact that Louis Rivers, of 1223 McCulloh St., was killed instantly on Nov. 8 by a speeding taxi, while crossing McCulloh St. in the middle of the day. The cab driver involved in this death was exonerated.

The NAACP is backing a suit against the city to restrain it from putting the proposed speedway into effect. This suit will be heard in Circuit Court No. 2, Dec. 20, before Judge E. Paul Mason.

Traffic on speedways and through streets in Baltimore City goes up to 40 and 45 miles an hour, they contend.

Authorities says it is ridiculous, and shows lack of real planning for the city to put a speedway or death way through the most thickly populated city area.

The protestants also point out

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Meeting in the Interest of Morgan College Slated

Willard Allen to Lead Open Discussion on Many Problems Affecting Institution

Citizens from all parts of Maryland will gather at the McCulloh St. Masonic Temple at 11 a.m. on Dec. 17 to discuss problems of Morgan State College.

The special business meeting is being held at the temple at the invitation of Willard W. Allen, grand master State Masons and member of the Morgan College Board.

It was planned so persons in Baltimore for the inauguration of Dr. Martin Jenkins at the college, which is scheduled for the same day, could attend both affairs.

Dr. Holmes to Speak

In addition to Mr. Allen, speakers at the luncheon-meeting will include Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president emeritus of the school; Josiah Henry, local attorney; and Carrington Davis, principal of Dunbar High School.

Purpose of the special meeting is to get citizens mobilized behind the college program, to ensure the independence of the school and to encourage the State Legislature to make appropriations to house Morgan students.

The citizen group will attempt to speed the State's future plans for Morgan, which include the erection of a science hall, additions to the present main building and the construction of an auditorium, additional teachers

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Foundation to Select Recipient for $250 Achievement Award

The second annual award by the Sidney Hollander Foundation for the most outstanding contribution toward the achievement of equal rights will be made on Tuesday.

Last December, the board of directors of the foundation voted to present a $250 award annually to the person, group or agency making the greatest contribution toward bettering race relations in Maryland.

Mrs. Alice Arrington, William Boucher III, Francis A. Davis, Bert Hanauer and the Rev. Frank Fenn were appointed to a panel to select the recipient.

Jackpot Luck

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The jackpot came a-clicking,
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Our boy took quite a licking.

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Cupid's Corner

Marriage licenses were issued this week, to three service men and their brides-elect, six out-of-town couples, and thirty-one couples from this city.

Soldiers who obtained permits were:

M/Sgt. Wallace V. Ferguson, 27, divorced, Fort Dix, N.J., and Miss Etta E. Carter, 29, 1431 Madison Ave.; A/S/C Charles J. Peaker, 20, Fort Meade, Md., and Miss Edith C. Green, 17; Pvt. James Fox, 21, Camp Kilmer, N.

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Wife Rejects Life of Feast, Famine

Charges that whether she had money for food and rent deposited upon her husband's winning streak, won a divorce for Mrs. Cora Davis of 915 Law St., this week.

Mrs. Davis, who admitted that she left Jesse Davis in 1941, said that he not only gave her money

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Woman, 26, Killed; Man, 50, Jailed

A 50-year-old man was charged this morning (Friday) with shooting a 26 year-old woman to death Thursday night, in the house they occupied at 1242 S. Sharp St.

The suspect, Governor Barnes, is accused of fatally shooting Miss Estelle Floyd with a 22-caliber rifle. Arraigned in Southern police court, Barnes was held without bail pending a hearing on a date to be set by the States Attorney's office.

Look for Yourself, John

After a photo showing Miss Edith Howard, Morgan student, being crowned homecoming queen, a spokesman for a group of Morganites wrote, "We feel that our queen is far more attractive than the picture portrays her to be." In answer, the AFRO today carries a full-page display of Miss Howard's pictures. Turn to magazine section and see for yourself.

MORE HOUSING SOLUTION:

Fire Deaths Problem Stymies City Planners

The problem of fire deaths resulting from overcrowded living conditions and fire hazards was raised in the meeting, Wednesday, of the City Plan Commission, by Dr. Robert L. Jackson.

Declaring that he is "alarmed" over the number of cases in which people have lost their lives by leaping from flaming windows, Dr. Jackson asked William C. Bloom, chairman of the Zoning Board, what remedies could be found.

In the meeting at the time were Mrs. Mabel Credit and Mrs. Susie V. Hilburn of the Northwestern United Protective Association, which protested before the Zoning Board an application granted to increase living quarters into apartments for six families at a W. Lanvale St., address.

"More Housing" Answer

Mr. Bloom pointed out that in many instances, the granting of such applications is done simply to legalize an existing situation in which six families are already living in quarters approved for three.

"Well the answer to the problem is more housing," declared Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Huntington Williams, director of the Health Department, added that the problem is further accentuated because there are no quarters for excess families to be placed in order to enforce the health and housing laws.

Condemnation Solves Nothing

He pointed out that in many instances where his department condemns a house, the occupants simply move in with relatives and create the same problem elsewhere.

Mr. Bloom said that the Zoning Board attaches to each applica-

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Coming Events

Friday, Dec. 10

Christmas Bazaar at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church; Fashion Show at 7:30 p.m.

Closing of the Teen-Age Popularity Contest sponsored by the Cooperative Woman's League YWCA, 8 p.m.

Baby concert sponsored by the Young Adult Group, with music by the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church Choir of Washington;

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Nurses Barred Despite Need

Local Hospitals Balk at Minority Students

2 MAY CHANGE

Segregation-Free Plan Considered by None

Despite an acute shortage of nurses, which has resulted in thousands of vacant hospitals beds throughout the country, local hospitals are reluctant to accept colored applicants in their nurse training classes to help relieve the situation.

Of nine hospitals questioned, officials of only two City Hospitals and University Hospital, expressed a willingness to train colored nurses—and that in the indefinite future.

4 Types of Excuse

Officials at the others, all said no, but in a variety of ways.

Some said it would be an administrative matter for their boards to decide; others said they have no (segregated) facilities for such students; other said the question has never arisen; and others said it would be impractical, because thye serve only a small percentage of colored patients.

Besides City and University Hospitals, other institutions approached were Franklin Square, Maryland Genresl, Sydenham, St. Joseph, Mercy, South Baltimore General and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

City Plans Acceptance

At CITY HOSPITALS, J. P. McMillan, superintendent, explained that there is no three-year training school, but a one-year course for practical nurses.

There are no colored students in this class at present and there is no possibility that they will be admitted in the February class, Mr. McMillan said, but they will be accepted in the latter part of 1949.

Instructors Needed

"The nursing shortage here is not governed by how many students we can get," he explained. "Our problem is to get the teaching personnel to build up the staff.

"If we could get 10 additional instructors, we could handle 100 student nurses about three times a year and in a short time could train enough nurses to put into use the approximately 180 beds now closed.

"We do intend to put colored girls in our nursing class sometime in 1949," he said.

University Short of Quarters

Miss Florence Geipe, director of the School of Nurses at UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL has plans to revise the entire nursing school setup to include colored students; but as the situation now stands, more living quarters are needed, she said.

She revealed that the hospital will seek funds from the State Legislature, which meets in January, for the erection of a new nurses home in which she hopes to provide facilities for colored students.

Asked if the new setup would be on a segregated basis, she said the arrangements would depend "upon what is agreable to the Nursing School committee and the hospital board."

Enough Student Nurses

She urged the colored citizenry

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Mills of Justice Grinding Slowly

Action in 3 Murder Cases at Standstill

Action in three criminal cases of deep concern to Baltimoreans were reported at a stainstill on Thursday.

The cases are:

The Glen Burnie double murder; the slaying of Charles Weems, former AFRO newsie; and the L. Emmett Holt murder trial.

State's Attorney Ill

Thomas A. Edwards, 22, war veteran of Marley Neck, has been indicted by the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury in the Glen Burnie double slaying.

On Thursday, chief defense counsel, former Judge William J.

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NEWS FLASHES

CONVICTED BURGLAR GIVEN 50-YEAR TERM

Bunny Thomas, 22, was sentenced to a to(:l of 50 years this morning (Friday) after pleading guilty to two burglaries, one larceny, and assault upon a 17-year-old white girl.

Judge Herman Moser sentenced Thomas who lived in the 1200 block E. Madison St., after hearing evidence that on Oct. 22, he dragged the girl some 75 feet before he fled when frightened by her screams and an approaching automobile.

He was arrested Nov. 19 after burglarizing a house a block away from where the girl lived.

SIX TEEN-AGERS SENTENCED IN 'MISSILE MURDER'

Six youngsters between the ages of 14 and 17 were sentenced this

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Guest Soloist

Miss Fannie Stanley Newton, student at the Howard University School of Music, who will be guest soloist on Sunday at the 19th annual mass meeting of the Association for the Handicapped. See story page 4, section 2.

'Sets Salary on Dead Man,' Cleric Avows

"She's setting a salary on her dead husband," declared the pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Thursday, in answer to a suit filed by the widow of a former pastor, charging that the church owes her $4,128.55 of his back salary.

The widow, Mrs. Marie White, whose husband, the Rev. William H. White, died in 1943, filed the suit against the trustees in City Court in which she said the church officers agreed at a meeting on Sept. 1, 1943, to pay her $5,300.55 in back salary due her husband.

Through her attorney, Linwood

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Left Hospital Via Window

Barricaded Door Before Fatal Plunge

ILL OF PNEUMONIA

Aides Stopped Prior Attempt to Escape

A Provident Hospital patient who barricaded the door of his third-floor room reportedly committed suicide early Wednesday morning by jumping out of the window.

He was Freeman Epps, 41, of 2543 N. Howard St., who, according to hospital officials, was admitted to the institution on Saturday and was undergoing treatment for pneumonia.

Escape Attempt Thwarted

It was reported that early Wednesday night Mr. Epps had sought to escape the hospital, but had been discovered and returned to bed.

Allegedly becoming upset, he is said to have jumped from the window about 3 a.m. He died a short time after his body landed in the courtyard on the Brunt St. side of the hospital.

Post Mortem Held

The medical examiner's report listed that the victim sustained contusions of the scalp and fractures of the ribs as a result of the plunge. Sent to the city morgue, the body was returned to Provident for a post mortem examination.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the man's wife, Mrs. Janie Epps, but were not completed by presstime today (Friday).

Police Spread Dragnet for Holdup Trio

Northern district police are searching for three men in their early twenties in connection with the $70 holdup staged at Little Willie's Inn, Druid Hill Ave., and

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2 Walk 'Last Mile' in D.C. for Murder of Druggist

Reginald Wheeler and James J. Patton Go to the Chair Smoking; Had 13 Stays

WASHINGTON — Reginald Wheeler, 28, and James Jesse Patton, 23, were executed this morning (Friday) in the District Jail electric chair.

Patton, accomplice in the June, 1946 murder of Maurice Bernstein, druggist, went to the chair at 10:19 a.m. and died two minutes later. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Martin L. Cannon, the institution's physician.

Wheeler, gunman in the slaying, went to the chair at 10:31 a.m. and was pronounced dead at 10:33 by Dr. Cannon.

The pair had had 13 stays of execution before walking the last mile. They had eaten 13 last meals and had their final rites administered 13 times.

Their lawyers, James McLaughlin

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Cheltenham Has Been Without A Superintendent for 41 Weeks

This school, charged with the care and training of 225 youths, needs a competent staff leader.

Teen-Age Council of Webb Center

Shown are members of the Teen-Age Council, one of the most active organizations at Chick Webb Memorial Center, which currently is observing its 1st anniversary. Seated left to right are: Mrs. Naomi Evans, advisor; Miss Verlea Garrett, Miss Roberta Kendrick, Donald Dodson, treasurer; Clarence Morton, president; Miss Azalee Daniels, secretary; Miss Evelyn Kenny, Thomas Phillips, Miss Joan Simmons and Miss Bernice Pegram. Standing, in the same order, are George Stevenson, Miss Alice Dodson, Miss Delores Kendrick, James Watson, Miss Edna Barnes, Miss Mary Ann Oglesby, Miss Delores Bacote and Randolph Thompson.