Law Student Wins Honor at Harvard

George Lee Expects to Be June Graduate

George E. Lee Jr., of 1628 N. Appleton St., a third-year student at the Harvard University Law School, has won a place in the semi-finals of the Ames Competition, a student law club contest there.

According to a release from the university, a place in the final stages of this contest signifies marked excellence in mock trial procedure.

Mr. Lee, who will celebrate his 27th birthday this month, is in the accelerated law school class, and is slated to complete his studies there next June. He is a 1938 graduate of Douglass High School.

Rosenwald Scholar

His studies at Talledega College were interrupted for military service and he served three years in Army camps in Mississippi, Texas, California and Texas. He was discharged in 1945 with rank of sergeant.

Following his graduation from Talledega where he majored in psychology and sociology, Mr. Lee was awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship to study at Harvard.

He is one of the two children of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Lee Sr. His sister, Miss Elaine Lee, graduate of Howard University, is currently employed as a case worker at the Department of Public Welfare.

Mixed Painting Crew at Douglass

Setting a precedent, William Henderson of 1931 Harlem Ave and Robert Creditt of 902 N. Stricker St. are among the crew of workmen painting the local schools.

These men, employed by the Interstate Painting Company, are now working on the ceiling of the auditorium of Douglass High School. They belong to the painters' union, Local No. 1 at 306 N. Gay St., whose other members are white.

Of their work, John B. Doyle, supervisor of painting for the city school system, says "Good luck to them as they are the best men I have seen in my 25 years with the Department of Education."

Community Council to Hold Election

The nominating committee of the Northwest Community Council will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday at its office, 1002 N. Stricker St., to prepare the slate for the election of officers.

A mass meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Zion Methodist Church, Gilmor St. and Riggs Ave., when officers and 10 members of the board will be elected.

Painters of School Set Precedent

For the first time in the history of the school system, the crew of workmen painting the city schools is interracial. Shown working on the ceiling of the auditorium at Douglass High School are, left to right, Louis Deves, Robert Creditt, Frank Comgliaro and William Henderson.

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FOR THE YULE HOLIDAYS:

Mother of 9 Appeals for Home for Family

Evicted from her home at 242 S. Durham St., where she lived for 35 years, a mother and her nine children, this week, made a public appeal for housing accommodations, so they may spend the holidays under a single roof.

At present, the family is temporarily housed in the homes of friends and relatives.

The mother, Mrs. Esther Norris, and two of the children are living with friends at 234 S. Durham St. Five of the children are staying with the mother's sister at 905 E. Lombard St., while the other two are living with a friend at 237 S. Durham St.

With all other avenues closed, Mrs. Norris made her appeal in a tearful telephone call to the AFRO. She said her main problem was to find a house so her school-age children could continue their studies.

Tearful Plea

Her children are, Helen, 20; George, 18; Elva, 17; Louise, 15; Roland, 13; June, 12; Esther, 10; Gertrude, 9; Bobby, 6, and Elroy, 5. Mrs. Norris said she has been separated from her husband for several years.

She says she is not destitute, as she receives a monthly allowance from the welfare department and money weekly from her estranged husband. It is just that the family desperately needs a place to live.

House Was Sold

The family of ten was evicted when the house they occupied was sold. The new landlord reportedly plans to renovate the house and rent it to white tenants.

Mrs. Norris said six other families in the 200 block of S. Durham St. also face eviction, as the new landlord has purchased their houses also. Both colored and white families now live in the block.

Persons interested in helping Mrs. Norris find a place to live can get in touch with her through The AFRO-AMERICAN, Mulberry 6015 or at 234 S. Durham St.

Great Southern Temple Elks Re-Elect Officers

The Great Southern Temple Elks Lodge No. 30, held its regular meeting on Wednesday, at the Monumental Elks Home and re-elected all officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Pearl Brown, daughter ruler, presided.

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Bias Expose' Held Helpful

Legislative Council Urged to Back Probe

PROGRESS HAILED

Gainful Employment System Change Cited

The current focus on discriminatory practices in State agencies, as occasioned by a resolution introduced in the House of Delegates, has already shown at least one sign of improvement in the situation, the judiciary committee of the Legislative Council was advised on Wednesday.

Appearing before the committee with representatives of several organizations which recently made a summary report on such discrimination, Cecil H. Scott, Urban League industrial secretary, cited beneficial revisions of the merit system procedure for certifying persons for various State jobs.

Heretofore, when a staff vacancy existed, the department head needing the employee could specify sex or race without stating his reasons to the State Employment Commissioner.

Restricted Appointments

This meant that in such cases and also in cases where no race was specified, colored persons, no matter what their rating on the eligible list, were certified for jobs only at institutions which serve the colored population.

Investigating the situation so that the facts could be included in the summary report submitted to the council committee, Mr. Scott held a conference with Walter D. Owens, State employment commissioner, pointing out that this practice was a serious violation of the merit system.

They reached an agreement whereby department heads are now required to state a reason for specifying sex or race of a needed employee.

Onus on Commissioner

The commissioner will decide upon the reasonableness of the request. If he finds that the request is not in accord with established principles of the merit system, straight certification will be adhered to.

When no sex or race is designated, persons will be certified for and referred to vacant positions according to their position on the eligible list, regardless of race, creed or color.

A letter from Mr. Owens confirming this agreement was read to the committee by Mr. Scott.

Understanding Increasing

This sort of willingness to cooperate, Mr. Scott said, is indicative of the general trend toward better understanding between the two racial groups.

The summary report citing the

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The Weather

A cold week end with continued rain Saturday and possibly Sunday has been predicted by the local weatherman.

Temperatures for the period will average a few degrees above the seasonal normal, and rain will average from one-quarter to one-half inch.

Colored County Policemen Authorized

The Baltimore County Commissioners, this week, authorized the appointment of colored policemen in the Turners Station area.

This announcement was made, Wednesday, by Christian H. Kahl, president of the Board of Commissioners, in a letter to Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Jr., president of the Turners Station Progressive Association.

The announced elimination of color bars in the heretofore lily-white county police force, when it comes, will culminate a two-year effort of Turners Station citizens for more adequate police protection.

Foot Officers Requested

Spearheading this effort, the Turners Station Progressive

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3 Free Centers Operate Here

Disease Nation's 2nd Largest Killer

APATHY NOTED

Society Lists Danger Signs, Care Methods

By CARL T. ROWAN

This very hour, seven United States citizens who might have lived will die!

This month 5,400 will die and for 1948 the toll will be 65,000 — 65,000 Americans who will die from cancer although they might have lived.

They will be among the 195,500 claimed this year by this dreaded disease, America's second largest killer.

How many colored Americans will die needlessly?

How many colored persons will lose their lives because of indifference? Because of their refusal to learn whether they have cancer and to seek cure while the disease is curable?

Indifference Costly

Information received from the Maryland Cancer Society indicates that there will be many.

There will be many because Baltimore's colored citizens will not avail themselves of the only present cure — EARLY DETECTION AND EARLY TREATMENT.

The myth has been exploded that colored persons do not get cancer. Cancer is no respecter of age, time, sex or race.

Cancer Is Not Jim Crow

Maryland has 19 cancer detection centers, including three in the city. Maryland is the only State where such service is given free of charge to all well persons, rich or poor. One of these centers is at Provident Hospital.

Few Use Services

This center, however, is not being used. It is operating at less than one-fourth its capacity. Less than six Baltimoreans per month will apply there for these free examinations.

At other centers throughout the nation, waiting lists are six months long.

John L. Procope, director of the center at Provident, which opened last spring, states that it originally was set up to hold a clinic once a week in which four to six persons would be examined. Not enough came and, the clinics were changed to every other week.

Still not enough came and the clinic is now held on the last Wednesday in each month.

Only three or four persons came each month, Mr. Procope says. The examinations are conducted by Dr. G. R. Mussenden and Dr. B. C. Welcome.

Colored Baltimoreans may also go to the centers at Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland, he says, adding that they are

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Grand Jury May Probe Lottery

Charges Against 30 Suspects Pondered

2 Vice Squad Raids Smash Largest Operation Uncovered in Baltimore

With the potentiality of equaling a full-scale probe of the local numbers racket, the Criminal Court grand jury is scheduled today (Friday) to weigh charges of lottery lodged against Alonzo Moore and 29 other persons arrested in twin raids staged Monday afternoon by police headquarters vice squad.

The probable far-reaching effects of the grand jury examination of the 30 defendants hinge around the fact that the raids, directed by Capt. Alexander Emerson, are said to have smashed one of the largest lottery operations ever to be uncovered here.

Following the raids at 625 N. Paca St. and 518 N. Jasper St., Magistrate Fitzpatrick of Northwestern police court, Tuesday morning, placed the 30 men and women arrested under bail totaling $15,500.

24,833 Slips Confiscated

Describing the extent of the lottery operation, Captain Emerson said his men confiscated 24,833 numbers slips, indicating plays amounting to $13,780 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The vice chieftain said he acted on a series of complaints and timed the raids for the business hours of the day, between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Four clerks were surprised tallying collections in the Paca St. house, and 14 crews of two persons each were busy at adding machines in the Jasper St. spot, Emerson stated.

Moore Takes Rap

Moore, who lives at the Paca St. address, took full responsibility for the operation and revealed the ring had been operating on a $3,000-per-day basis, the officer testified.

It was not necessary for Captain Emerson to use his mauler to smash the doors as he frequently does, but the officer did testify he had to force open the Paca St. house door with his shoulder.

The raiders struck at the Paca St. house first, and after identifying themselves, proceeded to search the premises.

Premises Poorly Guarded

Emerson said they then went to the other place, an unpretentious looking building, which has the appearance of being a two-door garage.

According to testimony, Emerson had no trouble gaining entrance at house number two and was well into the large room before the occupants realized the place was being raided.

Two extension telephones rang between the two houses and dur-

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Morgan Prexy to Be Inaugurated Tonight

Stresses His Aversion to Racial Segregation in Prepared Address

Being inaugurated tonight (Friday), as the seventh president of Morgan State College, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins appeals for public co-operation and State financial support in making Morgan "not poorer in quality than the best public institution of higher learning in the State."

DR. MARTIN D. JENKINS

He is to open his inaugural address by paying tribute to his six predecessors at Morgan, including five white ministers and Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, educator, who retired in June after 11 years of service.

Of Dr. Holmes, he says, "No matter to what heights this institution may rise, its attainments will be but a projection of his dreams. Morgan Sate College will always be indebted to him for his decade of wise and inspired leadership."

Mutual Obligations

Devoting his address to defining the future program of Morgan as a State institution, serving a colored clientele, Dr. Jenkins cites the obligations of the college itself, the general public and the State government in helping the institution serve its primary function—"enriching the society of which it is a part."

Pointing out that the college has only a short span of years to exert its influence on students, Dr. Jenkins says, "If we are to make our best contribution to these students, we must have a clear understanding of what we intend to do to and for them and how we intend to accomplish this aim."

Expressing a strong aversion to racial segregation in all its forms, Dr. Jenkins avows that nevertheless, "So long as I am Morgan's president, it is my clear duty to operate the kind of institution the people of Maryland want, even though there be conflict with my personal views.

Hits Dualism in Education

"My discussion of the future program of Morgan is based on the premise that it will serve directly a minority group," he continues, "but I hope that no one will interpret this view as any defense of racial segregation in education.

"I have always been and I shall always be opposed to the pattern of racial segregation in American life.

"I oppose it because its practice deprives colored citizens of occupational, educational and other civic benefits and thus has served both to depress the general level of accomplishment of the group and to deprive our society of the

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Beating the Rush

"Operations Christmas shopping" is the order of the day. Among those who are doing theirs before the last-minute rush is Miss Helen Smith of 1824 W. North Ave. Here she is shown waiting for transportation home. Miss Smith is an employee of the Department of Public Welfare.

First to Get Wings

Pictured during the graduation ceremonies of the National Aviation Cadet Program at Jacksonville, Fla., is Jesse Leroy Brown of Hattiesburg, Miss., first of his race to receive wings under the NAC program.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED:

Cheltenham Situation 'Shocking,' Jury Says

In a special report, Thursday, on the Cheltenham Training School, the grand jury called the situation there "shocking," declaring that either insufficient money is being appropriated or that the school funds are being unwisely spent or wasted.

Among the faults listed in the report were:

1. The institution is run down and dilapidated.

2. Many of the staff members appear incompetent.

3. Dietary service is inadequate.

4. Food served is different from that listed on the menu.

5. The infirmary is dirty, and a large part of it is used for living quarters for the school physician.

6. A box with scabies was found living in the dormitory.

7. The kitchen is filthy and there is a difference in the food served the inmates and members of the staff.

8. Sanitary facilities and the pasteurizing plant are disgraceful, and showed lack of care and interest by the dairyman as well as a lack of inspection by medical personnel, or utter indifference to elementary sanitation.

Epidemic Could Result

The report says further, that, if an epidemic were to break out because of unsanitary conditions, the citinery would be rightfully indignant after so much has been done to provide more than adequate medical facilities.

It added, "If, in the new budget, sufficient funds have not been provided to staff and maintain the in-

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Hollander Award to Further Amity

The cash award presented to the School Board, Tuesday, on behalf of the Sindey Hollander Foundation for an outstanding contribution toward achieving equal rights in Maryland will be used to further intercultural relations.

This announcement was made by Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of schools, who accepted the award on behalf of the Department of Education. A specific basis for the department's award from the foundation was the publication of an inter-cultural pamphlet, prepared by a committee headed by Harry Bard.

The award presentation, which included a certificate, was made in the auditorium of Polytechnic Institute by the Rev. Don F. Fenn, rector of St. Michael and All Angels PE Church.

The Rev. Mr. Fenn is chairman of the jury panel selected by the board of directors of the foundation to name a recipient for the award.

Democratic Teachings Lauded

The rector lauded the School Board for its worthy job in working toward an integrated department and based his argument for integration on such examples as the Bible, the United States Bill of Rights and science, all of which show there is no basic difference

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Citizens Groups to File Protest Against Speedway

Arguments for and against the proposed Pimlico Hill Avenue-McCullich St. speedway are to be aired in Circuit Court before Judge E. Paul Mason on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Attorneys Charles H. Houston and Donald Murray, representing the NAACP and the Citizens Speedway Committee will argue that the speedway will actually be a Deathway, endangering the lives of pedestrians and will cause a depreciation of the property values along the route.

Meaning of Yule to Be Discussed at Open Forum

The Rev. C. Baker Pearlie, pastor of Payne AME Church, will lead a discussion on the meaning of Christmas at an open forum at 4 p.m. Sunday at Soilers Point High School.

Mother, 8 Children Share 1 Room With Groundhog

Hard for Family Undergoing Such Poor Living Conditions to Get Yule Spirit

By RUFUS WELLS

When you are sharing a windowless room with eight other people and a groundhog, and taking turns sleeping on the floor, it's rather hard to get the spirit of Christmas.

This is the plight of Mrs. Nellie Henley and her eight children, who face the coming Yule season with little hope of anything but more dreary days.

Mrs. Henley is only 31; and her children range in age from 1 to 13 years. She has, however, seen many hardships for a young woman. Evicted from her home 18 months ago, she took refuge with her sister, Mrs. Carrie Stream, at 1103 Thomson St.

Sister's Family Cramped

Mrs. Stream has five children of her own and could allow her sister only one room, the middle one on the first floor, which has three doors but no windows.

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4 'Bootleg Cabbies' Sentenced

Given 4-Year Reformatory Term Each on Auto Theft Charges

'NOTHING BUT DOGS'—*Tear-filled beautician calls alleged attackers "nothing but dogs" in testimony, declaring her feeble resistance was caused by fear for her life.*

Judge Moser imposes maximum sentences upon four youthful defendants for "manhandling" a male after evidence fails to support criminal assault charges. Fifth youth arrested in connection with abuse of 36-year-old mother of six-year-old child, freed of all charges. Schools' mother tells court she screamed but remained silent after one of gang waved a revolver and another threatened to "cut her throat." Victim's husband, a cab driver, testifies she was "shaken up" by the ordeal. Case spotlighted activities of "bootleg cabbies," who, according to police, stole the auto and used it as an illegal cab in Northwest section.

Judge Herman Moser, nevertheless, imposed maximum sentences of four years in the reformatory upon four of the defendants who had pleaded guilty to unauthorized

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Coming Events

FRIDAY

Inauguration of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins as the seventh president of Morgan State College, at Douglass High School, Calhoun and Baker Sts., 8 p.m.

Exhibit on Foods in the foyer of School No. 298, North Ave. and Broadway, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Party at Sharp St. Methodist Community House, 1506 Etting St., at 4:30 p.m.; also at 7 p.m. for young adults.

Christmas Party of the Harlem Neighborhood Council at School No. 136, Harlem Ave. and Monroe St., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Carol Singing by the Baltimore Interracial Fellowship, with the group meeting at 21 W. Preston St., 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Party by the 231st P/C Co. of the Maryland National Guard at the Richmond Market Armory, Howard and Biddle Sts.

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Cheltenham Has Been Without A Superintendent for 42 Weeks

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

Jim Crow Banished in Truman's Inaugural Rites, Houston Says

WASHINGTON

The proponents of segregation in the nation's capital will have to go into hiding on Jan. 20, if the plans of President Truman's inaugural committee materialize.

For the first time since the administration of William Howard Taft, when Jim Crow is said to have first reared its ugly head in this District, the foes of segregation have gained a foothold, and plan a completely integrated program on a city-wide basis.

According to W. L. Houston, vice-chairman of the general inaugural planning committee, all of the inauguration day events, including the parade and the ball to be held at the National Guard Armory, will be open to all citizens, regardless of "race, creed or color."

Hard Fight, Houston Says

Mr. Houston admitted to the AFRO that he has considerable trouble in keeping the program on an integrated basis in all phases.

Much of the trouble, however, has not come from the white men, racial groups, who seek to promote their own interests, Houston said.

Although Mr. Houston would not hers of the committee, but from comment upon it, there is a general feeling around the inaugural committee headquarters that the minority group residents of Washington haven't "warmed up" to the inauguration day festivities as much as the rest of the community.

Procrastination Charged

It is felt in some quarters that, if and when, colored citizens get interested in obtaining tickets for the inauguration day parade, the tickets will be sold out and there will be charges of discrimination and the like hurled.

Tickets are on sale for the gala two-and-a-half-hour parade, which will move from the Capitol along Constitution and Pennsylvania Aves., to the White House, at the inaugural headquarters, old Tariff Building, 700 block of E St., N.W.

The highest ($10) and the lowest ($2) tickets have already been sold, but there are still plenty of seats

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Cupid's Corner

Eight soldiers and their brides-elect and 15 couples from other cities, obtained marriage licenses here this week.

The service men were:

Cpl. Booker T. Jones, 32, Fort Meade, Md., and Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, 31, divorced, Elsworth Ky.; Pvt. William C. Ware, 28, Fort Meade, Md., and Miss Jonnie Housler, 28, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pvt. John T. Carroll, 27, Fort Knox, Ky., and Miss Gertrude B. Jenkins, 21;

Pfc. Charles I. Williams, 21, Fort Meade, Md., and Miss Aggelena L. Burton, 21, Dundalk, Md.; S/Sgt. James F. Gough, 24, divorced, Fort Meade, Md., and Miss Mary E. Payne, 28, 108 Cypress Court; Pfc. David Woodward, 21, Fort Meade, Md., and Miss Doris Turner, 21, 1112 Warner St.

Cpl. Benjamin Vaughn, 18, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Miss Hallie B. Tasker, 18; Pfc. Robert Woods, 23,

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GRIM HOAX:

Attack Cry Causes Arrest of 17 Men

WASHINGTON

Two "hooky-playing" 12-year-old white girls stirred up a manhunt in Prince Georges County which could have led to a lynching, this week, of an innocent man, before they admitted that their hysterical account of a sex attack was a hoax.

They gave a vivid description of their "attacker" as a 45-year-old colored man, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, wearing overalls that were torn over the pocket on the right side, with a mustache and having a scar on the left side of his face.

As a result of the description they gave out between dramatic sobs at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, 17 suspects were herded into the Hyattsville police station.

The suspects were rounded up off trucks, buses and streetcars as every available town policeman in the county was pressed into service.

The girls, one of them a charge of the District Board of Public Welfare, went AWOL from a Washington institution and wandered into Maryland.

Shortly before noon they were found lying by the roadside in Colesville, Md., about a half mile north of Queens Chapel, Md. Their clothes were torn and muddied. They appeared to be dazed.

They were picked up by Richard A. Cliff, 3906 Longfellow Ave., Hyattsville, and taken to the hospital.

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Old Type Stove Cost $25 Fine

Christmas will be $27 poorer for the children of James Robinson, 417 Druid Hill Ave., who was fined in Northwestern police court Wednesday, for violating the Fire Code.

Robinson was haled before Magistrate Fitzpatrick for the illegal use of a portable-type kerosene oil stove.

The man was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Fire Chief Frank E. Trenner who testified that a fire caused by an exploding oil stove in Robinson's home had caused considerable property damage.

In his own defense, Robinson explained that was the only source

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Laborer Charged With Shooting Two Officers Seeks Defense Counsel

Steps were taken, Thursday, to employ counsel to defend Edward Greer, 41, packing house employee, of 708 W. Fairmount Ave., who is facing a face charges involving the shooting of two Northwestern District policemen, early Sunday.

Mrs. Marie Greer, wife of the accused, conferred with Joseph Rosenthal on Wednesday, but at press time had not completely decided on a defense counsel.

$41,000 Bond Set

Facing seven charges, Greer pleaded not guilty to all but two

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Md. Official Explains Unemployment Laws

Joseph Bonadio of the Maryland State Department of Employment Security spoke on "Unemployment Compensation," Tuesday night, at the Carver Evening Vocational School.

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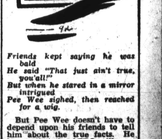

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