Policewoman Whyte Complimented by Grand Jury on 11th Anniversary

First Person of Her Race on the Baltimore Police Force Handles 600 Cases Per Month

The high compliments paid Policewoman Violet H. Whyte, recently, by the current grand jury, came on the eve of her 11th anniversary as the first person of her race to be appointed to the Police Department, which was on Dec. 31, 1937.

Commenting on the more than 600 cases a month handled by Mrs. Whyte, the report said in part: "The work done by this officer is so valuable that it should be extended and she should be given assistance in her work."

The document was submitted to Criminal Court Judge Herman M. Moser and suggested that copies be sent to the mayor and police commissioner.

Former School Teacher

For many years, Mrs. Whyte was interested in law enforcement but had no dreams of being a policewoman.

While teaching school, she did a type of volunteer work which frequently carried her into the courts and into the offices of social agencies.

As 1932 drew to a close, the late Gov. Harry W. Nice, named her to the previously all-white force. William P. Lawson was the police commissioner at the time.

Works Long Hours

Though scheduled to work eight hours a day on a five-day-week basis, Mrs. Whyte's day stretches from 12 to 15 hours and sometimes extends into Sundays.

For instance, her day begins around 6:30 in the morning and by the time she leaves her office in Northwestern police station, from 30 to 40 cases have been handled.

Though the policewoman is said to handle some 600 cases a month, it is believed that figure is understimated. Records reveal 212 cases were handled during her first month on the force.

Work's Scope Limitless

The scope of the work is almost limitless, covering every phase of law violation, domestic differences between couples, juvenile delinquency and general welfare work.

In her own words, "I just take whatever comes into the office and attempt to adjust satisfactorily all complaints."

There was the case of a young couple on the verge of separation because the wife wanted to give birth to their latest child in her mother's home. The husband objected.

Takes Humanitarian View

The couple almost came to blows when Mrs. Whyte stepped into the picture and after a talk with both parties smoothed over the rough edges to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A few days ago, a 55-year-old widow was arrested on a vagrancy charge. Mrs. Whyte had worked with the woman for two years and was again consulted by the presiding magistrate. He may have sent the woman away for a long period had it not been for the police woman, who immediately took charge.

Then again, Mrs. Whyte has done quite a bit of routine police work. Back in 1938 she received Federal commendation for her outstanding work in connection with the dope racket in Northwest Baltimore.

Faces Dangers on Job

As a result of an intensive investigation conducted by Federal narcotic agents and city police, a ring of young men in their late teens were rounded up and jailed for varying terms.

At one point of the investigation, Mrs. Whyte was threatened by a mobster who nervously toyed with an automatic revolver. Only quick thinking and a calm manner spared the policewoman.

An extremely heavy case load prevents Baltimore's First from doing more narcotic work, especially of a preventive nature.

Clerical Assistant Needed

In fact, much of her clerical work is done early in the morning and late at night. The appointment of a clerical staff worker would greatly lighten the burden.

The job is actually too much for one person. Then there's the matter of speaking engagements, averaging about six a month before various groups.

"This sort of public relations work has done much to build up a good feeling in previously hostile groups and also presents an opportunity to break down the general idea that police officers are rough, burly and bent only on making arrests," Mrs. Whyte observed.

Service Her Ambition

Her incentive—well, she wants to serve more people in a constructive manner; teach clean living habits, especially in the home, and to do as much as possible to lessen juvenile delinquency, which is definitely increasing.

In addition, Mrs. Whyte has found time to rear a family, two children of which served in the Armed Forces during the war years, and also has made a mate for her school principal husband, George S. Whyte.

Baltimore has two other colored policewomen, Mrs. Carolyn V. Robinson, who was appointed in 1942 and works out of Northwestern District, and Mrs. Cornelia L. Smith, named last February and assigned to Southwestern District.

231st Truck Co. Banquet Honors Officers

Officers of the 231st Truck Co. of the Maryland National Guard were honored recently at a banquet held at the Richmond Market Armory. Shown, left to right, at the far table are: Mrs. Bedford Beattey, Mrs. William Brady, Lt. Col. William Brady, Mrs. Vernon Greene, Maj. Vernon Greene, Maj. William Creigler, M Sgt. Jesse Peaker, Mrs. Jesse Peaker, Capt. Melvin Cade, Mrs. Albert Brooks, Capt. Harold Arnold and Mrs. George Voss. At the inside table are, left to right, Lt. Lester Hudgins, Miss C. Henderson, Miss M. Colley, Mrs. John Greer, Mrs. Clinton Nichols, Capt. Bedford Bentley, Mrs. Melvin Cade, 1st Sgt. Albert Brooks, Pvt. George Voss, Pvt. William Bland, Lt. Louis E. Bryan, Mrs. Vance Sharp Jr. and Lt. William Harris.

Maj. Vernon Green, top ranking officer of the 231st Trucking Company of the National Guard, is shown as he extends greetings to officers and their guests at the banquet.

Man Convicted of Beating Officer

Calvin Randolph, 21, was convicted by Judge Joseph Sherbow, Wednesday, in the beating of a policeman who sought to arrest him during a fracas at a Gilmor St. restaurant.

Judge Sherbow withheld sentence pending a probation department investigation of Randolph, although the jurist declared that he hardly will consider probation in the case.

Wrested Club From Officer

Officer Scott A. Porter of Southwestern District, testified that Randolph took away his nightstick and struck him across the face and kicked him, before he shot the man in the leg from his prone position on the ground.

Randolph of the 700 block Bruce St. said on the other hand that the officer shot him after he had managed to break away and run. He denied taking the nightstick or striking the patrolman.

Officer Porter said he was arresting Randolph for molesting a waitress at the restaurant when the man attacked him.

Measles Epidemic Rampant in City

Reports of 335 cases of measles were received this week by the Baltimore City Health Department, many from the Northwest and Western sections of the city.

Sixty-seven of this week's cases were in children less than three years old, who suffer the greatest risk of serious complications from this disease.

Young children should receive protective immune globulin if they have been exposed to a child with measles.

Laborer Injures Hip, Arm in 20-Foot Fall

Injuring his hip and arm in a rope slipped and he fell 20 feet from a scaffold on Christmas Eve, Brownie Jones, 48, was reported in a "satisfactory" condition at Frankford Square Hospital on Saturday.

Mr. Jones was doing a contracting job in the 500 block N. Mount St. when the accident occurred. He lives at 528 N. Mount.

Free-for-All in Family Ends in Court

After several unsuccessful attempts to stop her three sons and her son-in-law from fighting, Mrs. Maude Stokes called Northeastern District police, Tuesday night, and ordered them to "arrest the whole bunch."

The mother appeared in police court, Wednesday morning, and told how her sons "fought with knives and things all over the house." She asked Magistrate Kozlovsky to have the youths moved from her home.

Even with the arrival of police, the arresting officer testified, the fight continued. The brothers lunged at each other and sought to resume hostilities as they waited at the call box for a patrol wagon, it was testified.

3 Jailed, In-Law Fined

Godsey said he and his wife, a daughter of Mrs. Stokes, were visiting in the Stokes home at 1013 Central Ave., "for the holidays." Magistrate Kozlovsky suggested that the visit be cut short if relations did not reach a more friendly plane. Godsey lives at 1702 N. Appleton St.

The magistrate patiently listened to the conflicting testimony of the sons, Howard, 23, William, 18, and Bernard, 25, and of the son-in-law, Herbert Godsey, 28, then sentenced the Stokes brothers to 30 days in jail and fined Godsey $10.00.

Benevolence Backfires on Benefactors

The spirit of Christmas backfired in East Baltimore when two men were charged this week, with robbing persons who had befriended them.

James Boyd of 1228 Edythe St. told Magistrate Kozlovsky in Northeastern police court, Monday, that his Christmas dinner guest, Alexander Reid, 29, of 126 N. Exeter St., walked off with his clothes, gun, flashlight and fountain pen.

Reid admitted that he wined and dined in the Boyd home and left while his host took a nap, but denied the theft. He was held for grand jury action in $1000 bail.

Treated to Coffee

In the other case, Charles Paul, 26, of 955 N. Wolfe St., was held under $1000 bail on a charge of assaulting and robbing Lorenzo Wilson on Christmas Eve. Wilson said he met Paul, an old friend, in a restaurant and treated him to coffee.

When they left the establishment, Wilson continued, Paul knocked him to the ground and took his wallet, which contained $55. Paul admitted he had coffee at Wilson's expense, but vehemently denied knowledge of the robbery.

White Cabbie Fined for Taking 2 Sailors to 'Good-Time' House

A white cab driver was fined $26.45 Friday in Northwestern police on testimony that he transported two seamen to a house of ill repute, where police arrested them.

Officers George Topling and Joseph Brown told Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick that the house in the 1400 block Brunt St. had been raided several times, but "it's still going on, and the girls are still hustling."

The magistrate declared that the situation will exist as long as "houses like this have contact with cab drivers."

Soldier, Girl also Nabbed

The driver, William Schleigh, 25, of 613 Harford Ave., said he asked someone else for the address when the seamen asked to be carried to some after-hour place for a drink.

Identified as Cecil Hunter, 26, and Albert Nathan, 32, the seamen were given suspended fines along with Cpl. James Betts, 36, and Miss Doris Mills, 23, who were also taken in the raid.

Dawson to Speak at Victory Dinner

Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago, will be the main speaker at the Citizens Democratic Campaign Committee's victory dinner at Morgan Christian Center on Feb. 3.

This announcement was made by Lloyd Randolph, chairman of the group.

During a dinner in Morgan Hall on Pennsylvania Ave. last winter, Congressman Dawson was guest speaker and visitors included Governor Lane, Mayor D'Alesandro and other national and State political figures.

The dinner is to be held in the form of a celebration of the recent Democratic victory instead of a Tom Smith memorial as was the affair last year, Mr. Randolph announced.

Self Defense Plea Wins Acquittal

Lack of witnesses to dispute his claim of self-defense resulted in the acquittal, Wednesday, of Andrew Perkins, 55, who was charged in the knife slaying on Sept. 19 of 45-year-old Thomas Powell.

Saul Harris, prosecutor, said there were at least two women who witnessed the fatal stabbing of Powell at Perkins' Sarah Ann St. home, but that neither of them made themselves available to testify.

Powell, a neighbor of Perkins in the 600 block Sarah Ann St., was stabbed in the chest during an alleged drinking party. Perkins told police he had acted in self-defense after the other man attacked him with a kitchen knife. Judge Joseph Sherbow rendered the verdict.

Art Museum Offers Two New Exhibits

A retrospective exhibition of the many and varied sculptures and drawings by Elie Nadelman (1882-1946) will be on view from Dec. 30 to Feb. 27 at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

The exhibition material has been assembled by Lincoln Kirstein, noted art authority, who has long been associated with the Museum of Modern Art in New York where this exhibition was just shown.

The exhibition consists of 43 sculptures in all media, a group of small plaster figures and a group of drawings.

One Man Show

A one-man show of drawings and water colors by the celebrated Baltimore artist, Aaron Sopher, will be exhibited beginning Sunday, Jan. 2, at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Forty-six drawings commissioned by a local department store to depict famous Maryland institutions form the bulk of the exhibition.

Supplementing these large drawings, reproduced during the past year in the Sunpapers to celebrate a Hutzler anniversary, are twenty-two water colors showing scenes from local outdoor markets.

Ill Matron Found Dead in Her Home

Found apparently unconscious at her home 322 N. Pine St. on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, 66, was pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital where she was carried by Western District police, summoned to the scene.

It was revealed that Mrs. Johnson had been ill since Nov. 18, and in addition to taking treatments at University, had been a patient of Dr. Atwell Jones.

The body was removed to the morgue, where it was claimed by a niece, Mrs. Thelma Robinson of 1659 Delano Ct., who will make funeral arrangements.

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Ten Day Village Families Get $700 in Rent Bonuses

Given Awards for Being "Model" Residents; 165 Other Families in the Project Cited

Rent bonuses amounting to more than $700 were awarded last week, to the ten "model tenants" of Day Village who made the highest point scores in the 1948 bonus plan.

Honorable mention certificates were given some 165 other tenants of the village who accumulated impressive scores in the competition which was announced by the project management in November 1947.

The awards were made by Avon B. Collins, project manager, during a meeting held in Sollers Point High School and attended by 200 residents.

Fosters Civic Pride

Milton L. Ehrlich, president of Day Village Inc., an originator of the bonus plan, was in South America and unable to attend the award meeting. Mr. Collins explained to the group.

The bonus plan was designed to foster "gracious living conditions, civic pride and neighborliness" in the 500-unit housing project.

The village, a four million dollar investment in Turners Station, is the only privately-owned community planned housing project for colored persons in metropolitan Baltimore. Its four and four-and-a-half room units rent for $48 and $50 a month, respectively.

Bonus plan winners were selected by a three-member committee consisting of village residents, Rufus Wells, AFRO reporter, as chairman of the judging committee, which included Alexander J. Allen, Lillian Eagle and Milton P. Brown, executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP.

The committee based its selections on reports made by office personnel of Day Village who

CHURCH ELDERS HONORED

CAMDEN —Elder members of Macedonia AME Church received cash donations from the church administration.

They were given to the members as tokens of respect from the official board of the church and presented by the Rev. J. S. Brown, pastor.

Oil Stove User Fined $100, Gets Stern Warning

Accompanying his $100 fine for the illegal use of a portable oil stove, Johnny James of 625 W. Mulberry St., a former North Carolinian, received from Magistrate Preston Thiro in Western police court, Wednesday, a stern warning that those who live in Baltimore must abide by its laws.

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