Expansion of State Use Industries Program Authorized in Two Prisons

Corrections Board to Provide Employment Facilities for All Inmates Able to Work

The Board of Correction has authorized an expansion of the State Use Industries program at the Maryland Penitentiary and the House of Correction which will provide employment for approximately 300 inmates now idle.

The State Use Industries is a rehabilitation program effected in the State's penal institutions which provides employment and practical vocational training for the prisoners.

Shops in operation at the penitentiary are printing, automobile tag, shoe manufacturing, wood working, brush manufacturing, sewing, metal, mattress and upholstering.

At the House of Correction a soap factory, canners, tobacco and clothing shop are operated.

Work Adjustment Therapy

The importance of supplying some kind of public job for all of the inmates capable of working was pointed out to the Legislative Council recently by Reuben Oppenheimer, chairman of the Board of Correction, who emphasized, however, that forcing all to work despite incapability or willingness would be harmful.

Many of the prisoners are mentally ill, sexual perverts, or mental misfits. Mr. Oppenheimer pointed out. If it would be disastrous to force them to work in the industrial shops, although an educational, vocational and occupational therapy program is necessary so they will not remain totally idle.

Because many of the 600 prisoners working in the penitentiary shops were inexperienced in handling the machinery, breakage and the cost of production made the program suffer a financial loss of nearly $29,000 in 1947, he declared.

Must Understand Why

If the entire 1200 penitentiary population was forced to work, the loss would be even greater, he pointed out, because the cost of production would be higher.

Besides that, there would be sabotage and less work actually done, he said, adding that no prisoner should be put to work until he fully understands why and is willing to undertake the job.

Views Matter 3 Ways

"If a prisoner is put to work to earn money, that is one thing," Oppenheimer explained, adding, "If he's put to work to cure idleness, that's something else; but if he's put to work for punishment, that is something else again."

If all the prisoners were forced to work so that the State could make a profit, a number of them would become embittered and develop an aversion to honest labor which would make them a decided liability upon their release from jail, he declared.

He suggested for improving the situation an educational program which would teach the prisoners civic pride and the advantages of being an American as well as some kind of work.

He also urged an increase in farm production and clothing manufacture for the men incapable of using the complicated machinery in the industrial shops.

Board Adopts Suggestions

In a letter to Governor Lane reporting approval of the expansion of the State Use Industries program, the Board of Correction said that it will provide employment for every inmate capable of working.

Funds for the expansion program will come out of reserves built up through the years out of the earnings of existing State Use Industries, so that no appropriation by the General Assembly will be necessary.

When the additional work projects are in full operation, the annual volume of the State Industries should be between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000, it was pointed out.

Cuts Institution's Expenses

The State, its political subdivisions, hospitals and other institutions to which these products are sold have been saving over 20% on the purchases, the board declared.

The entire program represents a net investment by the State of only $150,000, the board pointed out, but what is more important is that useful employment, with all the possibilities of rehabilitation involved, will now be provided for over 1000 inmates.

This figure is apart from the number of prisoners employed in public work projects, farm operations, institutional maintenance and educational and vocational training.

Lion's Share to Corrections

A large part of the funds which the board is appropriating will be spent at the House of Correction, which has the greatest overcrowding, because of the physical or mental limitations of many of the inmates and because of the short terms which a large proportion of them are serving.

Plans are to employ some of them in the building of cottages for the personnel of the State Reformatory for Women, which has already been authorized by the General Assembly.

Two such cottages for staff members at the House of Correction are now being erected, largely through the use of inmate labor.

Plan Work on Ground

The board also hopes to employ at least 100 idle men at the House of Correction in work upon the grounds at that institution.

This outside work, it was pointed out, apart from its other benefits, should make more land available for farming and otherwise increase its value. However, it will require a substantial additional guard force for custodial care.

The average population of the penitentiary is approximately 1250 and of the House of Correction, 1400.

Sponsors of Ft. Meade Program

Shown are the sponsors of a recent program at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., by the Baltimore Institution Girls Choir. They are (left to right) Mrs. Bessie Poindexter; Mrs. Mercedes Douglas, director of the choral group; Mrs. Virginia Jones; Mrs. Margaret D. Moore (back row) Dr. Leslie Jones, president of the institute, who was guest speaker; Gray G. Johnson, chaplain; Sgt. James R. Poindexter, Pfc. David Joiner and Pfc J. R. Moore.

Expired Rent Boosts May be Adjusted

Landlords with rent increase leases expiring today (Dec. 31), whose property now returns to Federal rent control, may now file applications for rent adjustments permitted under the regulations.

At the same time, tenants whose leases expire have the right to seek an adjustment in rent if the registered services have been decreased.

If the landlord files a petition now, the Area Rent Office at 400 E. Lombard St. will prepare the rent-increase order and make the increase effective as of Jan. 1.

Grounds for Raise Listed

Grounds for legal rent increases include hardship, inequity, increased occupancy and major capital improvement. A petition increase may be granted only if there is no rent-increase lease or if the lease has expired or been terminated.

Walter R. Heath, area rent director explained that since most leases were written with a full 15% increase, the lease rent now becomes the ceiling rent for the first three months of 1949.

However, the ceiling may be raised if a landlord's request is granted, or lowered if a tenant's complaint about lack of service brings a decrease order, he added.

Two Matrons Injured While Passengers on BTC Buses

Two women have reported that they were injured last week, while passengers on Baltimore Transit Company vehicles.

Mrs. Maggie Williams, 74, of 8 N. Caroline St., said she was thrown to the floor when a trackless trolley of the No. 21 line "lurched" as she stood up.

She was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital for a possible fracture of the left leg and a bruised shoulder.

The accident occured Sunday afternoon at Baltimore and Caroline Sts.

Thrown Against Pole

The other passenger, Mrs. Anna Palmer, 43, of 1122 Steiger Way, Armistead Gardens, said she was thrown against a metal support pole when a bus of the No. 6 line stopped suddenly at Monument St. and Patterson Park Ave., on Dec. 23.

Mrs. Palmer went to Mt. Sinai Hospital three days later for treatment.

Oil Stove Use Nets Relief Family Fine

Two more person, one a mother of four children supported by the Welfare Department, have been added to the list of those given $100 fines for violations of the portable oil stove ban as ordered by the Fire Code.

Magistrate A. A. Kozlovsky on Monday reiterated his earlier warnings that violators of the portable oil stove ban would receive maximum fines in Northeastern police court.

He imposed the fine on Mrs. Marie Hardy of 131 Aisquith St. after she pleaded guilty to using a portable oil cook stove, which caused a fire in her home on Monday night.

"No Excuse Acceptable"

The police justice told Mrs. Hardy, "These fashion oil stoves are outlawed. You admit that you knew that a landlord's request is not granted, or lowered if a tenant's complaint about lack of service brings a decrease order, he added.

as a result of the injuries. Mr. Williams had been employed at the parking lot for 20 years.

a gas stove two days before the fire, but had been unable to get it connected for use.

The other violator, Julius Dawson of 621 W. Saratoga St., tried before Magistrate Preston Parra in Western police court last week was ordered to pay his $100 fine in three monthly installments.

Boy Who Fired Blanks in Street to Be Tried

Sentenced to 90 days in jail Tuesday, for firing a revolver on the street, Ules Williams, 17, later requested a jury trial and was placed under $350 bail for grand jury action.

Officer Gardener Elzey said he heard the gun shots and ran to Riggs Ave. and Whalcoat St. in time to see Williams firing the pistol, which contained blanks.

$7,500 Awarded Parking Lot Attendant for Attack Injuries

Washington S. Williams, 68, of 630 W. Franklin St., former parking lot employee, recently was awarded $7,500 compensation by the State Industrial Accident Commission for injuries received on the job.

Mr. Williams was permanently disabled after being attacked by three white employees of a rodeo on Mar. 13 of this year. He took his case to J. Howard Holzer, State Industrial Commissioner, when his workmen's compensation insurance discontinued its payments and ordered him to return to work.

Doctors' Verdicts Conflict

The insurance company ended payments after their doctors declared Mr. Williams able to work.

Mr. williams then consulted specialists from St Agnes Hospital and the University of Maryland who said he was totally disabled

Open House Held at Mayor's Office

Calling for a strong and unified America, Mayor D'Alesandro wished Baltimore citizens a "Happy New Year" on Thursday, as he held open house at City Hall for hundreds of visitors.

The Mayor was host to the public in his office where punch and cookies were served. In his New Year's statement, he said in part:

"Today, less than three years after a war against the forces of bigotry and discrimination, we are again in a period of unrest. In spite of our successful conclusion of the war many of the evils have not been dissipated.

Must Be Alert

"We must be ever alert to this very real danger to our American way of life. The necessity for a strong, united America has never been more essential."

The Mayor added that this is a fitting time to rededicate lives to the ideals of freedom, justice and goodwill. He said his objective is to "make our city the cleanest, healthiest, and most progressive city in the United States."

Gasoline Fumes Trick Alert Housewife

A housewife with a keen sense of smell detected what she thought to be coal gas near her home. Monday morning, and called the Gas and Electric Company.

In addition to that company's emergency apparatus, a police radio car and two fire trucks responded to her alarm.

The housewife, Mrs. Bertha Nicholson of 1604 Lamont Ave. said she thought the gas was coming from next door, 1602, but was unable to arouse the occupants of the house.

Overturned Gasoline

Patrolman James P. Stromberg succeeded in arousing them however, and found the source of the gas scare.

The odor was not deadly illuminating gas, but fumes from a can of gasoline which had been overturned in the yard at 1602 Lamont Ave.

ON-TO-CALIFORNIA IN '49:

Civic Body Launches Fund for Delegates

A monthly project to raise funds to send delegates to the annual NAACP convention was approved at the weekly meeting of the local membership committee on Tuesday at 402 Dolphin St.

A dinner, photograph and radio concert were planned for Jan. 5 as the initial fund-raising project. The 1949 convention will be held in California in July.

On to California Committee

Named permanent members of an "On-to-California" committee were Mesdames Mayme Griffin, chairman, Mary Hawkins, Mabel Kenney, Virginia Keasley, Mamie Knowland, Amanda Finch, Marcella Carpenter, Lula Tunston and Lula Nelson.

An autographed copy of Walter White's book, "A Man Called White" was given to Mrs. Bessie Thomas, chairman of the Christmas seals committee. Total money reported to date is $666.75.

Mrs. Florence Snowden was awarded a ton of coal for having solicited the largest number of memberships from Dec. 1 to 21.

Gives 11-Month Report

Milton P. Brown, executive secretary, gave a report of the agency's income from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, briefly discussing the success and problems encountered during this period.

Expressing appreciation on behalf of the organization, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president, informed the committee that their efforts have made possible the official recognition of Baltimore as the largest NAACP branch in the country.

Lifting of Racial Ban to Be Discussed

No official action has been taken by the Monumental Medical Society on the recent move of the heretofore all-white Baltimore City Medical Society to admit colored physicians.

Dr. Gilbert Banfield, president of the former body, said the matter will be discussed at the first 1949 meeting set for Monday.

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Baby Overcome as Firemen Err

A baby, three-weeks-old was overcome by coal gas, Sunday afternoon, as firemen, answering an alarm, forced their way into the wrong house.

The infant, Barbara Ann Chapman of 1627 E. Preston St., was released after treatment at St. Joseph Hospital where she was taken by her mother, Mrs. Gladys Chapman.

Firemen, responding to a telephone call, that someone was overcome with gas, forced their way into 1527 E. Preston St., the home of the Rev. Octavious Graham. They pried open a window to gain entrance into the home.

Lottery Counts Lodged Against 4

Three men and a woman were arrested in South Baltimore this week on lottery charges and held in $500 bail each for action of the grand jury.

On Tuesday, Abraham Partlow, 35, of 1110 Leadenhall St., Benjaw Theodore, 40, of 901 Leadenhall St., and Mrs. May Wagner, 23, of 912 Hanover St., were apprehended and held for court.

The following day, Herbert Kelly, 40, of 635 W. Conway St., was taken into custody on a similar charge, all four were released after posting bond.

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Governor Lane's Message Highlights Opening of General Assembly Session

Cites Progress at Morgan and State Teachers College; No Future Plans for Cheltenham

By PEYTON GRAY

ANNAPOLIS — The last Maryland's biennial sessions of the State Legislature convened here this week with the highlight being Governor Lane's message to the joint assembly on Thursday.

A 40,000-word address boiled down to a 29-minute talk pictured a general view of conditions throughout the State. Education, the State roads program, the Chesapeake Bay bridge project and public health were discussed in some degree of detail.

In the future General Assembly sessions will be held each year.

The Governor was escorted into the renovated House of Delegates chamber at 8:45 p.m. and took no time in getting down to work in reading the oration.

Spectators in 2 Galleries

The approximately 100 spectators in the two galleries and the lawmakers seated on the main floor accepted the address with a 15-second round of applause.

As bulbs from a dozen photographers flashed from every point of vantage, the Governor reported an increased enrollment in the public schools; more teachers in the system, and a pleasingly high enrollment in the teachers colleges to relieve the teacher replacement problem.

Mentions Morgan

He pointed out increased enrollment at Morgan State College; additions to the physical plant of the college and to the acquiring of more qualified instructors.

Improvements on a State-wide basis in the highway system accomplished during the past two years were cited in detail, followed by Governor Lane's announcement that the formal opening of the major construction work on the Chesapeake Bay bridge is scheduled for next week.

Though admitting Maryland's mental hospitals are crowded and lack adequate attendant and supervisory personnel, the Executive disclosed that substantial gains have been made since 1947.

Far More TB Facilities

"Further improvements in the facilities for the detection and treatment of tuberculosis are necessary if we are to be successful in our fight to reduce the great toll it has been taking in our State,"

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Judge Decries 'Shuffling' by Hospitals

Judge Charles E. Moylan lashed out Thursday against the practice by which hospital officials "shuffle people around" instead of "keeping them there until they get well."

In the Circuit Court for Juvenile Causes, Judge Moylan was in the middle of a hearing against a woman charged with failing to hospitalize her child, when he was presented with evidence that she had been told at University Hospital to bring the baby back on a later date.

"The hospital ought to be on trial, not the woman," declared the judge, adding, "They had the baby there. Why didn't they keep it?"

Policewoman Cornelia Smith testified that she made arrangements for Mrs. Hazel Shields, 29, to carry her 10-month-old infant, which weighed only seven pounds, four ounces, to the hospital.

Mrs. Smith said further that the woman failed to go on the arranged date, but that when she did carry the baby several days later, she was told that the baby had been ill for some time, and to bring it back on another date.

Judge Moylan ordered that the

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Charitable Gob Surrenders Wife and Home to a Friend

Nicholas Teodosio of 418 S. Paca St. could probably take the year's love award for charitableness.

He not only turned over his wife to his friend, but also signed over his interest in his home to the couple. His only request was that divorce the Circuit Court granted him, Thursday.

Mr. Teodosio, a merchant seaman, and Mrs. Marie Carberry Teodosio were, according to him, married on Aug. 14, 1942, and lived together until Aug. 20, 1948.

His suit for a divorce was his second, a petition having been filed last year, but later dismissed.

Said Mr. Teodosio, "She doubtgrouped me . . . but we are still friends."

Began at Anniversary Party

The end of the marriage began at the couple's fifth wedding anniversary, where, according to the husband, Mrs. Teodosio and a guest, Gregoria Consad, fell in love.

Said the husband:

"On Aug. 19, 1947, we were celebrating our wedding anniver-

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Cupid's Corner

Marriage licenses were issued here, this week, to five service men and to nine couples from other cities.

The former included:

Pvt Leon J. DeShields, 19, Camp Lee, Va., and Miss Gloria A. Peace,

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Body to Probe Stadium Bias

Park Board Acts on Harris's Motion

POLICY UNFAIR

Banned Charitable Events by Minority

Declaring that the policy has been to exclude colored groups from use of the city stadium, Dr. Bernard Harris on Tuesday led the Board of Recreation and Parks to set up a committee to investigate the possibilities of non-discriminatory use of this municipal facility.

The board had met requests of 19 white high school teams, the Navy, the Baltimore Colts and the Variety Club for use of the stadium, this year, when Dr. Harris brought up the point.

In the colored community, many charity requests come up and I feel that we ought to have the opportunity to work them out just as these other groups do," Dr. Harris asserted.

Policy Known to Group

He added that "whether written or unwritten," it has been the policy of the board to deny requests from colored groups for stadium use, and that the "colored community known this."

Continuing, Dr. Harris said "Therefore, these groups cannot plan charity affairs when they know that this board is going to turn them down."

Robert Garrett, president of the board, interposed with the opinion that the stadium is being "overused in general."

Despite Garrett's observation, Dr. Harris motioned that the investigating committee be set up, and the motion was carried after a second by J. Marshall Boone.

The committee includes Dr. Harris, B. Brooke Maxwell, director of Parks and Recreation; and D. Wilbert Marsheck, another member of the board.

Ft. Armistead Beach Dubious

At the same meeting, the board had discussed the expenditure of some $50,000 out of its loan fund for improvements at Fort Smallwood, city beach for whites, when Dr. Harris asked if Lynch Cove, Fort Armistead, which had been designated as a waterfront park,

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Thrilled AKA Sorors

Miss Lois Towles, music teacher at Fisk University and a member of Alpha Delta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was one of the artists appearing at the public meeting held last week in Washington, D. C. Miss Towles received her musical training at the University of Iowa and the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

'Look' Sued by Champion

Joe Charges Story on Finances Untrue

ISSUES STATEMENT

Editor Predicts Loss of Title This Year

CHICAGO (ANP) — World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis filed suit Jan. 4 for $500,000 against Look magazine in the Cook County Superior Court.

Louis is charging the picture magazine with libel in connection with an article by Tim Cochane, sports editor, in the Jan. 4 issue of the magazine. In this story, Cohane said Louis was deeply in debt and was forced to continue fighting. The writer predicted the heavyking would lose his title in the ring.

In a statement explaining his reasons for the suit, Louis said:

"I have today filed a libel suit for $500,000 against Look Magazine in the Cook County Court, Ill. This action is based on a wholly libelous story that appeared in the Jan. 4 issue of Look magazine under the by-line of Tim Cochane, its sports editor.

"The article, seemingly a discussion of boxing generally and the heavyweight situation particularly, included false, untrue and exceedingly harmful statements concerning my financial condition.

"Was Not Interviewed

"I was not interviewed by a representative of Look magazine

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Hearings on Two Slayings Slated

Suspect in Officer's Killing to Take Stand

Preliminary hearings in two fatal shooting cases, one involving the slaying of a police officer, are scheduled for 4 p.m. today (Friday) at Northwestern police station.

Chief attention will be focused on the case involving Edward Grear, 41, of 708 W. Fairmount Ave., who is accused of fatally shooting Officer John (Hap) Arnold and wounding Officer Norman Mike on Dec. 12.

Grear also faces five other charges, ranging from disorderly conduct to deadly weapon counts.

Victims Answering Call

He allegedly shot both officers while they were investigating a disturbance in the vicinity of Biddle and Little Pine Sts. A woman was said to have been choked by an unidentified man in that neighborhood.

Patrolman Arnold, a veteran of 28 years police service, died in Maryland General Hospital on

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MorganCletk, Mate Victims of Mob in Ga.

Victims of an unwarranted and brutal beating at the hands of a white hoodlums in Royston, Ga., on Christmas night, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holley, are confined to their home at 1527 N. Fulton Ave. here, where the husband is in a critical condition.

Mr. Holley is a special chemist at Edgewood Arsenal; and his wife, Margaret, holds a clerical position at Morgan State College.

They tell a harrowing story of a mob attack when they stopped their automobile at a gasoline station in Royston, while en route home from a holiday vacation in Florida.

Set Upon by Riff Raff

They were about to obtain service when a car containing six white men, a father and five sons, arrived. Local opinion characterizes the family as the worst riff raff in the town.

The men immediately began to deride Mr. Holley with profanity,

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Stop The Press News

TEACHER'S SLAYER GETS 10 YEARS

Pleading guilty to manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of a school teacher at her Catonsville home last Oct. 9, L. Emmett Holt of the 1700 block N. Carey St., was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary this morning (Friday).

The victim was Mrs. Edith B. Clarke, with whom the war veteran had been keeping company for 18 months. Sentence was pronounced by Judge John B. Gontrum after a psychiatric report indicated that while not insane, Holt was emotionally disturbed and dangerous, particularly when he had been drinking.

'BOOTLEG CAB' PROBE INDICATED

Basis for the beginning of a thorough investigation of the bootleg cab trade operated at Pitcher St. and Pennsylvania Ave., was established with the arrest Thursday of three men who pleaded guilty at Northwestern police station of illegal cab operation.

They were Edward Lawrence 28, of 1227 Pressman St.; Alexander Moore, 52, of 1205 Upton St.; and Joseph Boyd of 1628 McElderry St. who were fined $26.45 each.

The arresting officers, Webster Lewis, Charles Owens and Griffin Dobyns called a telephone number and had the drivers pick them up at a certain address, paying the fare with marked money.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS

Overcome by gas escaping from a faulty jet on a portable heater, William Bowie, 31, truck driver of 2509 Morgan St., was found dead in bed this morning (Friday) by his sister, Mrs. Blanch Randall.

Funeral arrangements are being made by his father, Frank Bowie of 2544 Hollins Ferry Rd.

CAMPER ASKS MORE LIGHTS

Dr. J. E. T. Camper, co-chairman of the Progressive Party called upon Mayor D'Alesandro on Thursday to provide adequate lighting on Edmondson Ave., east of Fulton Ave., inasmuch as re-lighting

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Louis Files $500,000 Suit Against Magazine

Raid Bares Delinquency

Teen-Agers Used Club for Illicit Mating

2 GUNS FOUND

Shocked Jurist Fines 5, Holds 4 in Bail

The necessity of immediate action to curb mounting juvenile delinquency in Northwest section of the city was revealed this week during a police court hearing of charges against a score of youngsters arrested in a raid on a basement clubhouse which police termed "a den of iniquity."

The hearing was before Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick of Northwest Police Court. The youth, both boys and girls, were arrested on Sunday night; and the hearing held on Tuesday.

The raided place is known as the Arabian Athletic Club, located at 1408 Myrtle Ave.

5 Fined $25 Apiece

After issuing fines of $25, each, against five teen-agers and sounding a warning to the others, Magistrate Fitzpatrick described the "clubhouse" as a "camouflage and a den of iniquity."

During the hearing, which lasted approximately 30 minutes, Policewoman Violet Whyte gave the damaging testimony.

"The club is frequented by bands of youngsters, often armed, who terrorized the neighborhood, and by young girls, ranging from 11 to 15 years of age."

Club Trysting Place

Further, she revealed that, last week, she investigated the case of a 16-year-old boy who had taken a girl, 12, to the place for immoral purposes, adding:

"Right now I know of five girls under 15 years of age who are pregnant. They don't know which of the boys are responsible."

She testified that male members have individual keys and often slip back into the clubhouse after parties are over, taking young girls with them.

"They are immoral; they drink whiskey and wine; get drunk and actually fall into the street," the officer charged.

Club One of Several

Officers James Hayes and Jerome Cockerham testified in the opinion that the place, "Not only is a disgrace but a 'lovers' rendezvous where young boys meet younger girls."

Those fined on charges of disorderly conduct are:

Jerma Dorsey, 16, 1119 Brewer St.; James Harris, 17, 1222 Dittmar St.; James Taylor, 17, 1034 Stockton St.; Allen Jones, 18, 1313 Bry-

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Webb Center Youngsters See Ella Fitzgerald

Taking time out from her holiday engagement at the Club Astoria, Ella Fitzgerald, the song stylist is shown surrounded by youthful admirers as she visited the Chick Webb Recreation Center in East Baltimore on Wednesday. It was Chick Webb who gave Miss Fitzgerald her start in show business.

Student Denies Perjury Charge

'Divorce Mill' Probe Involves Army Veteran

Extradited from New York as a result of an investigation into a possible "divorce mill" operation in the Baltimore area, Isaiah Davis, 28, Long Island University student, pleaded not guilty, Thursday, when arraigned on a perjury charge involving his Baltimore action for a divorce.

Joseph Rosenthal, attorney for Davis, entered a "not guilty" plea for the senior pre-medical student before Judge John T. Tucker in the Criminal Court, and indicated that he may seek a jury trial when the case is set for hearing next month.

A veteran of 18 months Army service in the China-Burma Theatre, Davis, of 150 Littleton Ave., Newark, N.J., was brought to Baltimore by Detective Sgt. James H. Butler, on Dec. 28, the day after he was arrested by New York police and waived extradition rights.

He will be tried on charges that he swore to a false Baltimore address to establish local residence during divorce proceedings last month in Aug. 10. His case is the first direct result of the "divorce mill" probe.

Gave False Address

Davis is alleged to have testified before an examiner that he lived in Baltimore more than two years

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Battling Church Factions' Violence Aired in Court

4 Trustees, Deaconess of New Central Baptist Dismissed Without Verdict; Pastor Dispute

On two successive days, this week, the battling factions of New Central Baptist Church, 1216-20 Park Ave., aired their differences in the crowded Northwestern district police court.

Hearings were held Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before Magistrate Fitzpatrick, after five members, four of them trustees, had been arrested on assault and disorderly conduct charges.

In both instances, Magistrate Fitzpatrick warned the factions, which have been at odds for almost two years, to restrain from physical violence, pending final disposition of the controversy in the Circuit Court.

Split Since April, 1947

The congregation has been split since the pastor, the Rev. Ira T. Guthrie, was first ousted from the pulpit on April 29, 1947. A group of members voted him out, charging "misconduct and malfeasance in office."

The latest action occurred on Wednesday when four trustees were haled into court for manhandling the Rev. Mr. Guthrie during the service last Sunday morning.

The four against whom the charges were subsequently dismissed were

Sidney Johnson and Freddie Braxton, 1219 Park Ave.; James Hoffman, 305 W. Hoffman St., and Hugh Darby, 586 Presstman St.

Accused by Pastor

They were specifically accused of using their hands to prevent the Rev. Mr. Guthrie from entering the main auditorium of the church.

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Stray Bullet Fired by 1949 Celebrant Crashes Murphy Home

A stray bullet, apparently fired by someone "welcoming" the New Year, crashed through a window in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy Jr., the night of Dec. 31 or early the morning of Jan. 1, Northwestern district police reported.

Fired through a second-floor bedroom window of the home at 1725 N. Carey St., the bullet struck a wall and fell beside a bed.

Patrolman Robert L. Emerson said he made a canvass of the neighborhood, but was unable to determine who fired the shot. The Murphys were away from home at the time.

22 File for Cheltenham Training School Position

With the closing date set for Jan. 15, at least 22 persons already have filed application for the position of superintendent at the Cheltenham Training School for Boys.

Applications for the job which pays from $4,950 to $6,190 a year plus full maintenance are being accepted at the State Employment Commission, 31 Light St., where officials hasten to point out that not all of the present 22 applicants are qualified for the position.

Cheltenham has been without a superintendent since February.

Three-Man Rule

At present the administration is directed by a three-man committee including George M. Crawford, Charles W. Cephas, head of the social work department, and R. L. Scott, business manager at the institution.

Necessary training and experience for the position include:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with graduate

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Coming Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Leadership course, Child Study Association, 8 p.m., 521 N. Charles Street.

Lecture on "Elie Nadelman" at Baltimore Museum of Art, 8:30 p.m.

"California Winter" dance, Mad-

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The Weather

Snow or rain has been predicted for today (Friday) to be followed by a fairly warm weekend.

Temperatures are expected to average around the middle thirties and precipitation should average three-fourths to one inch.

Cheltenham Has Been Without A Superintendent for 45 Weeks

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