Board Head Bares Crownsville Rift

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lature for its indifference to conditions in State mental institutions and reported that only 14 of the 200 members visited Crownsville last week, when it held open house.

He discounted the report that the Legislators were surprised or shocked at conditions in the State's mental hospitals recently brought to light by a newspaper expose. "They've known all about them all along," Mr. Miller stated.

Workers In Crude Quarters

Personnel, he said, was the number one problem at Crownsville. "If we could get the right type of people interested in and satisfied with their jobs we would have a good start on a mental hygiene program for the State, he declared.

"Crownsville is lucky if its employees have a bed on which to sleep, the board chairman said, adding that some of the hospital workers were quartered in converted "turkey houses."

He contrasted the facilities provided by the Veterans Administration hospital in Little Rock, where 94 modern buildings are provided for the patients as against Crownsville's six buildings for 1700 patients.

In addition, the personnel in the Government hospital is provided with adequate recreational facilities.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the Board of Public Works has turned down the request of the Crownsville board for the use of funds already allocated for a "cost-of-living bonus" to employees.

"What loyalty, what human emotion, can you expect of employees who haven't even a decent place to live?" he asked.

Disagreeing with Dr. George Preston, State Commissioner of Mental Health, who said that it must be "trusted to fate" to improve Mental hospitals, Mr. Miller avowed that "we must trust to our own emotions"

Halls Hospitals "Expose"

Such moves as the "March on Annapolis" might prove effective he said, adding that the recent expose of conditions in the State's mental hospital might aid in "bringing these conditions out in the sunlight where they belong."

In reply to questions in the open forum period, Mr. Miller asserted that the Integration of the staff, to date, includes only a colored psychologist and two colored social workers.

Efforts made some four years ago to obtain colored attendants had proved unsuccessful, he remarked.

Mental Clinic Needed

He opined that public-minded philanthropists would contribute funds for the establishment of a "Mayo Clinic" for the mentally ill, if established public interest were directed toward such an effort.

The Crownsville board turned down an offer of the Frontiers Club several years ago to provide a readjustment program for released patients, Mr. Miller said, because Governor Lane felt that the State mental hospitals "could stand on their own feet."

It is the function of the board to enlist the support of the Maryland Legislature for funds to alleviate conditions in the mental institutions, The Mental Hygiene Society also works in this behalf.

Professionals' Aid Solicited

Leadership in this effort should come from both the medical profession and the clergy, Mr. Miller stated.

He was introduced by Dr. W. Berkley Butler, treasurer of the Crownsville board, whose term expires this year.

Hygiene Society Official to Speak to Frontiers

Lynn Adams, president of the Mental Hygiene Society of Maryland, will speak on the work of that organization to members of the Frontiers Club on Tuesday at its regular meeting at the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA.

Suing Landlord Tripped by Court

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that the landlord, J. Petrushansky, placed boarded petitions in the center of apartments, and rented the section to the wife and another to the husband.

Exceeded Ceiling by $22.50

This, they said, meant that both the husband and wife had rent books.

It was shown further that the result constituted $5 over the maximum rent regulation for the landlord from one of the properties; $8 more for a second; $5.50 more for a third, and $7 more for the fourth.

The attorneys declared that the overcharges had been levied from one to three years. Judge Parr ordered either a cash refund to the tenants, or credit toward future rent to the amount of the overcharges.

The properties are located at 1520 W. Lanvale St., 407 and 410 N. Carey St., and 714 N. Carey St.

Attorneys for the tenants were William H. Murphy, Mrs. Constance Putzel and Frank J. Blair.

Citizens Demand Better Lighting

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nauts, is said to have delayed setting a conference date.

Gas Lamps Too Dim

The group contends:

That out-moded gas lamps, dating back to the early 1900's make it unsafe for young children to be on the streets after dusk, which comes early in the winter months;

That churchgoers and other citizens are actually afraid to attend evening services in local churches because of the shadowy streets through which they may have to pass;

That young women are curtailing evening social, civic and recreational activities for fear of being yoked or otherwise molested by thugs and hoodlums;

That crime in the varied and sundry forms flourishes along dim, gas-lighted streets;

That Baltimore's street lighting system leads to increased traffic accidents during the dusk-to-dawn hours.

Crime Rate Adds Weight

A strong factor in the argument as presented by the citizens' group is the mounting crime rate in Northwest Baltimore.

Almost nightly in the various neighborhoods West of Eutaw Pl. different incidents of crime are reported such as assaults, robberies, burglaries and holdups.

The movement to brighten up the section was given added impetus a few days ago when it was rumored that city officials plan to improve the lighting system on Edmondson Ave., eastward from Fulton Ave., toward the city line.

Sparked Into Action

This spark set into action such groups as the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, the Baptist Ministers' Conference, the NAACP, Urban League, numbers of neighborhood protective and improvement associations and the Progressive Party.

Clergy Selects Study Group

The combined clergy selected the following named ministers to make a thorough study of the overall picture and submit their findings and recommendations to Mayor D'Alesandro:

Professionals' Aid Solicited

The Revs. Ward D. Yerby, C. Baker Pearle, E. W. White, H. D. Graham, Hiram Smith and C. B. DeGrasse.

Dr. J. E. T. Camper, co-chairman of the Progressive Party of Maryland, requested the mayor to provide adequate lighting on Edmondson Ave., East of Fulton Ave., contending that night attendance at the churches in the area is hazardous.

Letter to Mayor

A letter to the Mayor D'Alesandro from Milton P. Brown, executive secretary of the NAACP, stated in part:

"This is another evidence of poor city planning if it entails replacing a lighting system more adequate than the need requires while other sections are being neglected."

W. C. Tome, of the Bureau of Mechanical Electrical Services, Lighting Division, presented the city's view of the picture when interviewed by the AFRO on Tuesday.

Mr. Tome handled the Edmondson Ave. tiple by stating city engineers are merely "stepping up" the candlepower of those electric lights to pre-war strength.

He explained that the strength of all the electric lights along all of the city's main streets was cut to meet the budget in 1934 and that the lights some of those main arteries are just being re-strengthened.

He denied that the present set of street lighting fixtures along the thoroughfares in question are to be replaced with any others.

The engineer revealed that his department is currently in the midst of its program of converting the Baltimore street lighting system from one of gas lamps to modern electrical fixtures.

This program was initiated two years ago at which time there were 16,500 gas lamps illuminating the city streets. During 1948, 776 of these lamps were replaced, and it is hoped that by the end of this year approximately 1600 more will have been done away with.

Mt. Royal Conversion

This week, the bureau began converting lamps in the Mt. Royal section which is bounded by Dolphin St., Linden Ave., North Ave., and Charles St.

Mr. Tome stated that a map of the city is plotted into sections and the various areas selected for conversion according to the ratio of crime and traffic accidents.

"We are now studying the West Baltimore area between Saratoga St., North Ave., Fulton Ave., and Fremont Ave.," the city official disclosed.

$200,000 Earmarked for Lights

A total of $200,000 has been earmarked in the city budget ex-pressly for this conversion program, the AFRO was told.

Though complaints concerning the way light from the bright arc lamps along the Druid Hill Ave., McCulloh St., thoroughfares pours into front bedrooms, are many, observers admit crime along these two streets has decreased.

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Health Specialist Receives Plaque From 4-H'ers

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown (third from right) of Washington, senior specialist in the U.S. Public Health Service, is shown receiving a 4-H citation plaque from Dr. Erwin H. Shinn, field agent of 4-H work in the Southern States and Puerto Rico. The plaque was awarded to Dr. Brown by the nation's 300,000 colored 4-H'ers for his outstanding contribution to the improvement of rural health conditions. Left to right are: Four-H'er Edith Riggs, Assistant Director of Extension Service H. H. Williamson, 4-H'er Thomas Barnett, Field Agent T. M. Campbell, Doctor Shinn, Assistant Director Walter H. Conway, Doctor Brown, Field Agent John W. Mitchell, and 4-H'er Sophonia Clark.

Morgan Students Study Hard for Mid-Term Examinations

If a Morgan State College student comes rushing past mumbling to himself, this week end, it's understandable.

Beginning Monday, it will be exams time. All 1421 of the Morgan day students and the 300 in evening and extension classes will be submitting to the examinations through Saturday.

Edward N. Wilson, registrar, said the examinations are scheduled at two hours each, four a day. Some six persons will be completing their scholastic requirements for graduation in June.

Can Admit Only 150

Meanwhile, Mr. Wilson said, the college is unable to accept more than 150 mid-year freshmen when the second-semester registration begins on Feb. 1.

This is because officials estimate that no more than 150 current students will fail to return to school, next term.

Juniors and seniors will register for the second semester on Feb. 2, sophomores on Feb. 3 and second semester freshman on Feb. 4, because the campus has no building large enough to accommodate the entire registration crowd at one time. Classes for all will begin on Feb. 7.

Two New Courses Offered

Two new courses will be offered, including "Personal Problems in Clothing" and "Social Customs," both under the department of home economics. Any woman student may elect to take these courses.

The college will also offer a course in dieties for student nurses of Provident Hospital.

Because of the mid-term registration period, the monthly faculty meeting of the college will be held on the second Tuesday in February instead of the first, Mr. Wilson added.

100 Practice Teachers

Some 100 student practice teachers, representing the college's largest annual group, will go into the schools of the counties and cities for practice in March.

Dr. O. J. Chapman will supervise the county practice teachers; and Dr. Virgil Clift, head of the department of education, will supervise those in the city schools.

Death, Pals Complicate Larceny Case

A dead witness and two friends of an accused shoplifter, who allegedly threatened another witness, played their parts in an otherwise routine larceny case in Northwestern police court, Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Williams, 22, 1360 Carroll St., was charged with the theft of two ladies coats from a mid-town department store, a second woman, said to have been with the accused when the garments were taken, died before being arrested.

Miss Williams, represented by Joseph Rosenthal, was said to have sold one of the coats to Miss Gladys Irby of Washington while the pair were in a night club restroom.

Threats to Witness Alleged

As a results of the evidence, Magistrate Fritzpatrick ordered Miss Williams held under $1,000 bail to await grand jury action.

As the spectators were leaving the courtroom, two women accosted Miss Irby and according to nearby witnesses, threatened her if she prosecuted the case in criminal court.

As a result, the pair were arrested on disorderly conduct charges and released under $100 bail, each, pending grand jury action.

They were identified as Miss Dorothy Spring, 28, 218 Hamburg St., and Miss Louise Williams, 16, 1360 Carroll St.

3 Pairs Married Under Year, Split

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the union ended on Oct. 15, 1943

Agreed to Separate

A divorce also went to George Mitchell of 1241 St. Matthew St., (also represented by Mr. Bond) who testified that he and Mrs. Georgetta Mitchell voluntarily separated in 1917. They, too, had been married less than a year.

Frank Gibson of 1408 N. Central Ave., obtained a decree from Mrs. Marie Gibson on grounds of desertion. Wed in 1925, they separated in 1926.

11 File Petitions

Petitions for divorces were filed by the following eleven complainants:

Dennis vs Mrs. Ross Creek, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Howard E. vs Mrs. Irene Cruse, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Louise Washington vs William Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Edna B. Jones vs Theodore J. J. Howard Payne, attorney; Mrs. Ruth K. Black vs Robert, William H. Murphy, attorney; Durwood vs Mrs. Retha Mae Holbeck, William H. Murphy, attorney.

William H. vs Mrs. Lillian Mae, Theodore Hayes, attorney; Mrs. Beatie Harden vs John Ernest I. Perkins, attorney. Kansler vs Mrs. Gertrude Randall, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Mamie P. Horne vs Frank Roy S. Bond, attorney; and Arthur vs Mrs. Geneva B. Thompson, U. Theodore Hayes, attorney.

Central Baptist Officers Sue Pastor for $25,000

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from the pulpit, refusing to let him deliver the sermon.

This action is part of a two-year controversy between the Rev. Mr. Guthrie's supporters and his dissenting faction of the church, each maintaining that the other has no right to power.

Court Action Pending

Still pending in Circuit Court No. 2 is an action against the trustees requesting them to show why they should not be held in contempt of court for prohibiting the minister from taking over his church.

Hearing on the order, originally scheduled for today (Friday) has been postponed until Tuesday.

Acting as Own Lawyer, Liquor Theft Suspect Wins Acquittal

Acting as his own attorney, Frank Savage, 28, of 1204 Central Ave., was freed Tuesday by Judge John T. Tucker on charges of stealing five cases of liquor.

Savage decided not to testify on his own behalf, which left the State with evidence of only one bottle of whiskey against the man.

Bottle Held No Evidence

Judge Tucker subsequently ruled out the bottle of whiskey, when there was nothing to support one witness's testimony that Savage left the bottle at her home on the day the liquor was stolen from a truck.

Sgt. Herman Zaras of Northeastern said that only one case with four broken bottles was recovered in an alley near the scene of the theft.

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6 Added, 6 Lost to Morgan Staff

Six new staff appointments and six resignations affecting Morgan State College personnel were approved by the board of trustees at its meeting on Thursday.

The resignations included those of Miss Delores Thompson, instructor of history, effective Jan. 31; Mrs. Inez J. Aldrich, senior account clerk; Miss Anna J. Fox, stenographer, and Philip S. Taylor, kitchen helper.

Miss Thompson resigned to accept a position as junior professional assistant in Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Aldrich, the former Miss Ines Jones, who was recently married, will make her home in Philadelphia; and Miss Foston, an office only 25 days, left to accept a position with the Federal Government.

Business, Maintenance Personnel

The appointments included those of Miss Helen M. Flacks, senior account clerk; Mrs. Marie A. Faggett, junior stenographer; Miss Pearl M. Anthony, director of residence halls, effective last Monday; Mrs. Mary Hutchins and William Johnson, kitchen helpers and Miss Vernell McCarroll, substitute assistant professor in history.

The board also received notice that Thomas P. Fraser, associate professor of biology, received his doctor of education degree from Columbia University on Dec. 17.

Student fees at the college will remain the same as last year. They are: $228 for Maryland residents; $551 for non-residents; $138 for Maryland day students; and $163 for non-Maryland day students.

The tuition alone is $110 for Maryland students, and $135 for non-residents.

Next year, there will be no more laboratory fees in science, home economics and music.

Board charges, now $35 a month, will be reduced to $32. Room rent for women is $7 a month and for men students, $3.50.

5 Nabbed, Fined in Weapons Raid

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under orders of Henry Kriss, captain of detectives. Others are expected in various parts of the city over the week end.

In the Eastside round-up, three of the men were charged with carrying switch-blade knives, one with carrying a razor and the fifth with having a gun.

Magistrate-at-large Maurice Cardin found the knife and razor carriers guilty and fined them in Northeastern police court, Thursday morning.

Despite his explanation that he carried a knife "to cut strings on potato bags," Zera Spencer, 35, of 1512 E. Eager St., was fined $25.

The next defendant, Robert Morrison, 23, of 410 N. Chapel St., explained he was "on the way home" with a dirk knife and stopped in the tavern at 949 N. Gay St., for a drink. He drew a $50 fine.

"Carrying Razor is Barber"

William Hill, 23, of 817 McDonogh St., simplified matters by pleading guilty without an excuse drew a $50 fine.

The most unique excuse came from Sylvester Walker, 22, of 1632 E. Preston St. Walker told the magistrate that he had been shaving, found his razor dull and stepped out to have his barber sharpen it.

On the way, Walker testified, he became thirsty and stopped in a bar at 1508 Ashland Ave. The headquarters "shake-down" squad stopped in a few minutes later, he said. Walker was fined $50.

Police Hold Gun Carrier

The gun was reportedly taken from a 27-year-old man, who lives in the 1800 block of N. Caroline St.

Since the weapon looked like a Government weapon used by the post office, the suspect was held for investigation. He will be given a hearing at a later date.

This was the first such raid of the year and was probably made in an effort to halt the hold-up wave that has recently swept the city.

Shed Knives Like Rain

The detectives, led by Det. Sgt. Joseph Kondelka and Sgt. Joseph Smyth of the Northeastern District were unable to locate owners of most weapons seized.

As the raiders lined male patrons against the wall to be searched, weapons fell to the floor; and it was often impossible to tell where they came from.

The searching party included Det. Sgts. Joseph Goetz and Herbert Pritchett, Det. Albert Kendrick, Hubert Warren, and Elmer Kelly and Patrolmen James Artist and Thomas McKew of the Northeastern District.

Baltimore Police Detain 2 Turner Holdup Suspects

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Guthries in the left hand, left leg, the left side of the body and head. He is being treated at City Hospitals.

The hold-up occurred about 10:10 p.m., while 30 or 40 men were playing cards in the back room located on the second-floor of the Community Enterprise Building.

Several Shots Fired

The bandits marched boldly up stairs leading to the pool room and through the billiard room to the room where the game was in progress.

One carried a German-make pistol and the other a sawed-off shotgun. After announcing that "this is a hold-up," the gunmen passed a hat and ordered the players to put their money in it.

Some card players thought it was a joke until the bandits fired several shots to show they meant business. The gunmen fled amidst a volley of shots fired at them by one of the players. It is believed that one of the pair was wounded.

Victims Not Co-Operating

Sgt. Fred Hilmmelbaer, who led the police investigation, said the pool room and card room are open on Miss Lillian Williams, 22, 1360 Carroll St., who on the day before had been released from jail under $1000 bond pending trial in Criminal Court on a larceny charge. She was fined $50 and costs.

Miss Aletta Moses, 23, 543 Mosher St., drew the $25-fine. She had been arrested last week on a similar charge.

Two Suspects Dismissed

Miss Catherine Gaines, 22, 1618 Etting St., and Miss Bessie Brooks, 38, 542 Preston St., was dismissed.

Miss Lillian Bennett, 31, 935 McCulloh St., was fined $15 and costs.

Miss Loretta Simms, 25, 1224 Pennsylvania Ave., $10 and costs.

Fines of $6.45 were imposed on: Misses Nellie Hines, 35, 1815 Lafayette Ave.; Edna Byrd, 38, 1300 Argyle Ave.; Carrie Cross, 35, 1000 Salisbury St.; Sarah Moore, 21, 718 Saratoga St.; Virginia Jones, 32, 926 Linden Pine St.; Naomi Graves, 22, 1700 Edmondson Ave.; Marsha Jordan, 21, 537 Mission Ct.; Mattie Brooks, 21, 1023 Shields Pl. and Mrs. Bertha Moore, 40, 918 McCulloh St.

Held in Bail

Accused of interfering with police while they were staging the mass arrests, Robert Young, 32, 649 Greenwillow St., was placed under $250 bail to await grand jury action.

The charge was lodged by Officer John Uhler, who also testified that Young carried obscene pictures in his possession. Young was place under another $250 bail on that count.

2 Burglars Sent to Reformatory

Pleading guilty to burglary charges, Thursday, one youth was sentenced to five years in the Reformatory and another to three years by Judge Robert Preston.

Both had prior criminal convictions, it was said. Two other youths involved in the same charges were referred to the probation department for investigation before sentence.

Sgt. Joseph Albert told Judge Preston that Bernard Diggs, 19, sentenced to three years, was arrested by Officer George Curry at the scene of a burglarized store in the 1100 block Stricker St., on Jan. 7.

Burglarized Store

The three other youths, John Butler, 21, who received five years, Leroy Phillips, 16, and Louis Cook, 18, were rounded up later, and pleaded guilty to burglarizing a store in the 1700 block Riggs Ave., two days earlier.

Taken from one store were three pots, and from the other, two hams, an oil stove, six pounds of bacon, 60 pounds of sugar, 120 packages of cigarettes, 50 bars of soap, 20 boxes of lard and 50 cans of sardines.

Sgt. Albert said most of the goods was recovered, and that the stove was found at Butler's home in the 1400 block Parrish St. where Phillips also lives. Diggs and Cook live in the 1500 block Gilmor St. Allen H. Murrell prosecuted.

Caress Stealer Held as Gunman

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Maurice Cardin during the preliminary hearing.

Names of 14 Given

The defendants identified themselves as:

Miss Rose Jennings, 31, 1727 Jefferson; Miss Lena Sheppard, 38, 1618 N. Mt. St.; Miss Ruth Gradick, 30, 1618 N. Mt. St.; Marjorie Williams, 20, 1028 N. Wolfe St.; Miss Ethel Ross, 32, 1 Ellsworth.

Miss Geraldine Jones, 18, 1 Middle St.; Alfred Wilson, 28, 1808 Biddle St.; Mrs. Mae Wright, 31, 1911 N. Wolfe St.; David Moore, 32, 1306 Bond St.; Francis Williams, 30, 1306 Durham St.; Alexander Wilson, 30, 1306 Durham St.; William Shipper, 22, 1830 E. Eager St.; Winston Fowlkes, 28, 1712 E. Biddle St.; Mrs. George Johnson, 27, of 1735 E. Biddle St.

Holmes to Speak at Turner Center

The Turner Station Community Center on New Pittsburgh Ave. will formally dedicated at 4 p.m., Sunday.

Speakers will include Dr. D. O. Holmes, president-emeritus of Morgan College, and Christian H. Kahl, president of the Baltimore County Board of Commissioners. Presentation of the building will be made by Dr. Arthur L. Johnson, president of the Turner Station Progressive Association. It will be accepted on behalf of the Community by Mrs. Eugene D. Byrd, chairman of the Center's board of managers.

The Rev. Harold G. Nixon is vice-chairman of the board; Mrs. Mildred Williams, secretary; Mrs. Helen Whittaker, assistant secretary, and Mrs. E. S. McDaniel, treasurer.

The building was purchased last spring with funds solicited from Turner Station residents.

William Yorkman, 81, to Be Given Obesquies

Funeral rites for William J. Yorkman, 81, of 409 N. Ann St., will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Centennial Methodist Church, with burial following in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Yorkman, who died at his home on Thursday, is survived by four sons, four daughters, 17 grandchildren and other relatives. His body will rest at the home until the funeral.

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Cheltenham Board Cites Its Efforts of Improvement

Action to Improve Lighting Promised

W. Rayner Straus of the Mechanical Electrical Division, Department of Public Works, assured the members of the 16th Ward Club, Progressive Party, that steps will be taken to improve the lighting conditions along the portion of Edmondson Ave., under question.

A letter to Dr. J. E. T. Camper, co-chairman of the Progressive Party of Maryland, he disclosed that preparation are under way to replace the gas lamps along Edmondson Ave. with electric fixtures.

The missive stated, in part, "It been named to make a survey and study, but all efforts will be made ion and report to Mayor D'Alesandro to have this portion of our 1949 dro."

City Survey Promised

From the mayor's office came word that plans to study the situation, but no other commitments were made.

In reply to a request from the Rev. A. J. Payne for an appointment to discuss street lighting, Richard A. Ludinski, the mayor's secretary wrote in substance:

"A committee composed of representatives of the mechanical engineer's office and of the Welsbach Corporation has been reviewing activities of the board of managers during its 10 month existence.

The board points out that it found the major "shortages and weaknesses" at the institution, when appointed last March, and that it has initiated several corrective measures to improve the situation.

Buildings Too Old

The weaknesses were listed as follows:

(1) The physical plant is old, difficult to keep in repair and to keep clean. It does not permit improvements in many needed areas such as preparation of foods, storage of clothing and the operation of an acceptable education program. Staff housing is inadequate.

2) Ambiguous and divided responsibilities and loyalties on the part of members of the staff.

(3) Lack of coordination in the program; parfarctically no comprehensive placement system for boys going out.

Problem of Brutality

(4) Prevalence of brutality by some members of the staff, indicating inefficiency in handling maladjusted boys.

(5) A feeling of futility and impressiveness pervading the security unit.

(6) Isolated bookish facts and skills being taught in the classroom.

Morale at Low Ebb

(7) Lack of opportunities to develop enthusiasm and a feeling of pride in personal care.

(8) Little knowledge of all aspects of the program upon the valid objectives of the school.

(9) No written practices and policies with respect to the boys clothing, resulting in misunderstanding and confusion.

(10) No written or clearly stated policies to assure the healthy living of pupils.

Established Staff Unity

The board cited the following efforts toward improvements, pointing out that in the meantime, it has been necessary to plan a long-range program for the school, touching every phase of activity.

It met with the staff, discussed the purposes and problems of the school, secuhle confidence and cooperation and establishedunity in place of thefactions which existed.

Public activities have been coordinated and enlarged. Through cooperation from friends, a drum corps, library, competitive athletics and choral group have been inaugurated at the school.

Issues Rules Handbook

A handbook of rules and regulations for the staff is being issued to make for uniformity in carrying out board policies.

The board unanimously adopted recommendations of a State Welfare Department survey to improve the educational and rehabilitation program for the inmates.

It is now studying recommendations of another survey on health services at the school, dealing with general sanitation, water supply and sewage disposal, dietetic, dental and medical services.

Named Superintendent

Before the board determined the qualifications of a superintendent to carry out the adopted, new long-range program, a temporary superintendent was selected, but he was not certified for appointment because of State employment regulations.

At the request of the board, Dr. F. Preston Sharp, chief of the division of training schools in the State Department of Public Welfare, is offering an in-service training course for the staff.

The board has requested a new site and plant for the school in a six-year capital improvement program calling for the expenditure of $4,434,403.

Site Not Determined

Approved by the State Welfare Department, the project is being held up by the State Planning Commission because the state board of Public Works as to whether the new plant is to be constructed on the present site or on one closer to Baltimore.

As a temporary measure, the board requested $210,000 for repairs to meet Fire and Health Department regulations.

A noted improvement in the school paper work and accounting has been brought about by board members, who understand the complexities in the operation of a State institution.

Chaplain's Service Sought

The minister on the board has been authorized to seek the services of a chaplain, to work on a part time basis, providing religious training at the institution.

The board has also authorized construction of a new kitchen and revision of the feeding service, so that meals will now be served in the cottages and there will be no stagnation between the menus for the inmates and the staff members.

Hits Rack at Cities

In conclusion, the board pointed out that these innovations should be sufficient to indicate that there has been some activity in the interest of the boys.

Board members are:

Dr. William E. Henry, chairman; Edward N. Wilson, secretary, Dr. Gray Allen, Col. William M. Brady, the Rev. John T. Colbert, Charles E. Cornish, Mrs. Bertha B. Proctor, Dr. James A. White, and Mrs. Violet H. Whyte.

Acted to Alleviate 10 Weaknesses

Planned Long-Range Program for School

UNIFIED STAFF

Named Superintendent Who Was Not Certified

Efforts to raise the morale and efficiency of staff members and co-ordinate pupil activities at the Cheltenham Training School for Boys are cited in the summary report reviewing activities of the board of managers during its 10 month existence.

The board points out that it found the major "shortages and weaknesses" at the institution, when appointed last March, and that it has initiated several corrective measures to improve the situation.

Buildings Too Old

The weaknesses were listed as follows:

(1) The physical plant is old, difficult to keep in repair and to keep clean. It does not permit improvements in many needed areas such as preparation of foods, storage of clothing and the operation of an acceptable education program. Staff housing is inadequate.

2) Ambiguous and divided responsibilities and loyalties on the part of members of the staff.

(3) Lack of coordination in the program; parfarctically no comprehensive placement system for boys going out.

Problem of Brutality

(4) Prevalence of brutality by some members of the staff, indicating inefficiency in handling maladjusted boys.

(5) A feeling of futility and impressiveness pervading the security unit.

(6) Isolated bookish facts and skills being taught in the classroom.

Morale at Low Ebb

(7) Lack of opportunities to develop enthusiasm and a feeling of pride in personal care.

(8) Little knowledge of all aspects of the program upon the valid objectives of the school.

(9) No written practices and policies with respect to the boys clothing, resulting in misunderstanding and confusion.

(10) No written or clearly stated policies to assure the healthy living of pupils.

Established Staff Unity

The board cited the following efforts toward improvements, pointing out that in the meantime, it has been necessary to plan a long-range program for the school, touching every phase of activity.

It met with the staff, discussed the purposes and problems of the school, secuhle confidence and cooperation and establishedunity in place of thefactions which existed.

Public activities have been coordinated and enlarged. Through cooperation from friends, a drum corps, library, competitive athletics and choral group have been inaugurated at the school.

Issues Rules Handbook

A handbook of rules and regulations for the staff is being issued to make for uniformity in carrying out board policies.

The board unanimously adopted recommendations of a State Welfare Department survey to improve the educational and rehabilitation program for the inmates.

It is now studying recommendations of another survey on health services at the school, dealing with general sanitation, water supply

Plan Benefit Game for Sydenham Hospital

Col. Chauncey M. Hooper (left), commanding officer of the 369th AAA regiment; Parole Commissioner Samuel J. Battle (center), and New York Fire Department Chief Wesley Williams map plans for the benefit basketball game and dance between official teams of the police department and the fire department, in New York City, on March 4. The entire proceeds will be turned over to Sydenham Hospital.

Vets Overdrawing GI-Bill Aid Must Repay Funds or Face Trial

Prison terms are in store for World War II veterans, who have been overdrawn their unemployment benefits and failed to make restitution.

This announcement was made on Wednesday by Thomas P. Gray, assistant United States District Attorney, who will prosecute cases where Baltimore veterans have violated Federal law by receiving unemployment payments not due them and have failed to make repayments.

Mr. Gray, who now has over 20 such cases in his files, told the AFRO that he will "shoot the works" next month.

May Forestall Prosecution

Veterans who have been notified that they owe the Government for overpayments should enterview Mr. Gray in the Post Office building and make arrangements to repay within the past month, three to a maximum of 52 weeks. Those veterans who have been sentenced to six months in jail for receiving payment illegally, Mr. Gray said, receive a fine of $10 weekly from the Government while they were employed elsewhere.

He continued, "We want to try to help these men, but when they fail to answer our letters and to make arrangements to pay, we have no alternative but to issue warrants for their arrest."

Installment Plan Set Up

This make it necessary for the veteran to post bail, usually $500 for one month's jail sentence, or a trial.

Repayments can be made on the installment plan in case where the veteran is unable to pay the lump sum, the district attorney explained.

Under the Service men's Readjustment Act, known as the GI Bill of Rights, veterans are paid $20 weekly when unemployed, up to a maximum of 52 weeks. Those veterans who have been sentenced to receiving these benefits are known as members of the 52-20 club.

Citizens Committee Airs Immorality at Cheltenham

Specific complaints of operational shortcomings reported at the Cheltenham Training School for Boys were reviewed Thursday at a meeting of the Citizens Committee for Cheltenham at Metropolitan Methodist Church.

They discussed the following issues:

Lack of a regularly-scheduled religious program at the institution, so that collage masters must undertake responsibility for such services themselves.

Alleged gambling, drinking and other forms of moresnobility by some staff members, which has drained others to resign in disgust.

Reports that some staff members use State automobiles for personal pleasure trips, some times remaining out all night.

Inadequate Clothing

Inadequate clothing for the boys, particularily underwear and socks.

The mysterious disappearance of 200 bed sheets made by the school tailors, so that many inmates are without bed linen.

Staff members have to provide their own cleaning materials and other supplies because requisitions have not been filled.

Administrative Failings

Heat at the school is cut off at 9 p.m., leaving the boys too uncomfortable for evening recreation in which the boys should be indulging.

Personnel problems are not always properly investigated and handled by the administrative officers so that on one occasion, a staff member was falsely accused of misconduct; and

Indications that the board of managers does not always act independently in dealing with some of the complaints forwarded to it.

Presiding at the committee meeting, the Rev. Eli L. Lofton requested that any additional problems concerning the school be directed to his attention at the church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave.

Youth Finishing Army Hitch to Return Here

Completing three years of Army service, John H. Ford, now stationed at Fort, Wash., is expected to return home to 2310 Etting St., this month.

A former Douglass High School pupil, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ford. He has a sister, Miss Lucille Ford, and three brothers, Jimmy, Howard and George.

Manakin Matron Feted With Birthday Party

MANAKIN, Va., Mrs. Irene Hartfield celebrated her birthday with a party Dec. 21, with Misses Emma Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brent, Walter Jones and Daniel Tucker, all of Richmond, and Mrs. M. Wingo, of Amelia, among the guests.

STOP That COUGH
If you have a long standing, stubborn, hacking cough, or