Virginia State College Class, Local School Group Visits AFRO

These Virginia State College journalism students and staff members of "The Statesman" are shown in the mailing room of the AFRO-AMERICAN during a visit there this week. They were accompanied by their instructor-advisor, Bernardin Dabney.

Members of the Travel Club of Wood School No. 176 who recently visited the home office of the AFRO-AMERICAN, are shown the metal casts from which the paper is printed. Their guide on the tour was Mrs. Ruth Gaines, shown at the extreme right. Mesdames Sadie Marshall, Terrie Gilmore and Carrie Cooper are club advisors.

Girl, 10, Awarded $5,000 Insurance

Despite claims brought by a first wife and her three children, the State Industrial Accident Commission, this week, ordered a $5,000 insurance award for the 10-year-old daughter by a second marriage of a steelworker killed during employment.

Represented by William H. Murphy and Roy Bond, attorneys, the minor child, Virginia Brown, took action for the money through her father of the 700 block Druid Hill Ave.

Greater Dependency Proved

Although it was shown that the guardian Mrs. Virginia Armstead deceased, Joseph Brown, was not legally divorced from his first wife, Mrs. Amanda Brown, now living in New Rochelle, N. Y., with three of their children, the attorneys proved that the Baltimore child was more dependent upon the father than the others.

Mr. Murphy further contended that the worker was under the impression that his first wife, who allegedly deserted him 10 years ago, had divorced him before he married a second time.

Mr. Brown was killed in an accident at Sparrow point in 1947.

Father of 5 Jailed Year to Aid Family

Said to have supplied his five minor children with only two cans of milk and a loaf of bread since November, Dabney Thomas, 37, was sentenced, Thursday, at Juvenile Court to one year in the House of Correction.

Judge Charles E. Moylan pointed out that the removal of the man from the picture makes the family eligible to receive needed funds from the Welfare Department.

Secured Support Order

Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte had shown that because Dabney was classified as "employable" the family had been ineligible for public assistance.

A probation officer added that the man failed to live up to a court order to keep the family $12 a week, and the department had been unable to locate him until his arrest on the neglect charge. The children range in ages from one to 14 years.

Repealing Md. Jim-Crow Travel Law

Usual Fight Against Its Passage Expected in House, Where Former Repeal Bills Died

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ANNAPOLIS . . . With the lone dissenting vote cast by George W. Della (6th Dist., Baltimore City) the Senate's judicial proceedings committee passed a favorable report on a jim-crow travel repeal bill, Wednesday, and sent the measure to the parent body where it was adopted.

The measure, introduced by Republican Sens. Daniel Ellison, Robert E. Kimble and Roy T. Davis, known as S. B. 98, now goes to the House of Delegates where the usual fight against its passage is expected.

During the last two sessions of the General Assembly, similar measures were presented in the Senate but were lost in the lower chamber.

Legislators Behind Schedule

Though the present jim-crow travel law bans mixing of the races on the State's transportation lines, it is observed only on the Chesapeake Bay ferry lines. The original law was passed some 40 odd years ago.

The law-makers wound up the second week of the General Assembly on Wednesday slightly behind schedule. Many of the proposed bills submitted by the Legislative Council and those submitted by individual members of the two bodies still await committee action.

However, on Wednesday, a Senate-originated move to suspend activities for the week end received support in both houses and soon the legislators were leaving Annapolis.

The recess was to permit those desiring to witness the inauguration of President Truman to do so.

Greatly anticipated is Gov. W. Preston Lane's budget message, to be delivered Tuesday evening, and the accompanying copies of his proposed budget.

Upon receipt, it will be sent to the finance committee in the Senate and to the way and means committee in the House of Delegates.

The document is to cover the one-year period from July 1, 1949, through June 30, 1950, and will be followed within a few weeks by a supplemental budget.

Provident Hospital Renovation Under Way

Renovations now under way at Provident Hospital to enclose two side porches will, when completed, provide a waiting room for prematurely born infants.

According to John L. Procope, hospital superintendent, the conversion of the first floor porch will provide space for some 20 persons awaiting emergency and accident room service. Heretofore these persons had to wait at the end of the main corridor.

The new nursery will provide added space in the obstetrical department for the premature babies who must be placed in incubators.

2 Get Service Awards at Red Cross Banquet

Service awards were made to Mrs. Sarah Rayne, teacher at Dunbar High School, and C. C. Jackson Jr., supervisor in the city Recreation Department, at the annual American Red Cross award banquet, held Monday at the Central YMCA.

Mrs. Rayne, instructor in Red Cross first-aid classes, received a 300-hour service bar, while Mr. Jackson, instructor in first aid and accident prevention received the bronze medal, a 500-hour service award.

Ex-U.S. Attorney to Defend Suspect

Edward Grear, charged in the slaying of a policeman, will be defended by T. Barton Harrington, former assistant U.S. attorney and assistant attorney general of Maryland.

Mr. Harrington, now a practicing lawyer, was appointed by Judge E. Paul Mason on Tuesday to defend Grear, 41, who is charged with the fatal shooting of Patrolman John (Hap) Arnold.

No Date Set

No date has been set for the trial. Grear was arrested shortly after Officer Arnold was shot in the stomach and Officer Norman Mike was shot in the knee last Dec. 12, when they investigated a disturbance at Biddle and Little Pine Sts.

Patrolman Arnold, 53, a policeman for 28 years, later died of his wound.

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FHA Officials Admit Potential Home Builders Get 'Run-Around'

Jumpy Baby Sitter Fires In Dark, Hits Woman, 52

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Blue Saturday for Billie

Billie Holiday (above), blues singer, and John Levy, proprietor of the Ebony Club on Broadway in New York, were arrested Saturday by Federal narcotics agents and San Francisco police. Col. George White, district supervisor of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, said the pair were arrested in Miss Holiday's hotel room and a "small quantity of opium and an opium pipe" seized. Miss Holiday, nationally known singer, served a nine-months' sentence for a narcotics conviction in Philadelphia.

Lane's Budget Reveals Evils of Segregation

Appropriations Flaunt Injustice

Tuition Boost Called For at Morgan College

U. OF MD. FEES CUT

Dual Setup Deprives All of Full Benefits

By PEYTON GRAY

ANNAPOLIS — Obtaining an education in Maryland's institutions of higher learning will be more expensive for colored students next year, according to the 1950 budget presented by Gov. W. Preston Lane to the General Assembly, this week.

The Governor earmarked more than 35 million dollars of his $310,846,152 budget, the largest annual budget in the history of the State for education.

The board of regents or trustees of each of Maryland colleges and universities submitted requests for appropriations larger than the amounts upon which they are currently operating.

Although Governor Lane proposed increases, the figures he submitted to the General Assembly for ratification, are less than the requested amounts.

Morgan Students Hit

Hardest hit by the reduced appropriations, however, will be the approximately 1500 students expected to enroll at Morgan State College during the coming fiscal year.

Plans for operating a college or university are based on general funds appropriated by the State and special funds which come from the pockets of the students.

The present per capita student fee for the 4,210 young men and women enrolled in the various schools of the University of Maryland of $534 will be reduced to $518.

Whereas, the students attending Morgan State College and now paying an average fee of roughly $411 per year will have to increase that amount approximately $90.

While Morgan students pay less for their education than those at

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Potential Builders Get 'Run-Around'

FHA Assists Blocked by Private Capital

PRESSING PROBLEM

Co-operation Urged by Housing Official

By MAE MORRIS

It is admitted by top officials in the Federal Housing Administration that colored citizens are not receiving a fair share of benefits to be derived through this agency.

First of all, the FHA is not a money-lending agency. It merely insures mortgages for potential home builders and buyers.

But private builders, together with banks, savings and loan associations as well as other lending groups through which the FHA guarantees home mortgages, have chosen to either ignore or show disinterest in the colored home market.

And too, as shown by a recent nation-wide survey, lending agencies are withholding loans from colored persons for the purchase of property in "controversial" areas, despite the Supreme Court decision which outlawed restrictive covenants.

Who Will Build and Where?

Thus the main problem boils down to the question of "Who will build for colored citizens and where?"

In Baltimore, E. Lester Muller,

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Police Probe Fatal Fall From Auto

Police groped about in a fog of mystery this week to find answers to the death, Monday, of a woman who fell out of a funeral car.

The victim was Mrs. Hilda Johnson, 37, of 553 W. Lafayette Ave., who either was thrown or fell from the vehicle last Wednesday.

The victim died several days after the accident, and the driver of the limousine, John Queen of 818 McKean Ave., has been charged in her death.

Treated Too Late

The accused driver was quoted as saying that Mrs. Johnson fell out when he stopped the car suddenly at Druid Hill Ave. and Biddle St.

At that time, she refused hospital treatment. However, when she entered Mercy Hospital on the following Monday, she died five minutes after she was admitted.

3 Held in $3,000 Bail on Numbers Charges

Nabbed by the headquarters lottery squad, three persons were placed under $3,000 bail, this week, to await grand jury action.

They were arraigned in Northwestern police court as John Bailey, 40, 1700 Edmondson Ave.; Mrs. Irma Burley, 21, 602 North Mount St.; and Mrs. Jennie Robinson, 40, 1200 Mosher St.

Rites Held for Man Who Killed Self to Free Wife

Unable to Endure Separation, Loss of Job, Resident of Elizabeth, 40, Leaps Into River

ELIZABETH, N. J. — Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Nesbitt Funeral Home for Willie Goines, 40, of 138 Port Ave., who took his life by drowning in the Arthur Kill River at 3 a. m. Saturday, supposedly to free his wife who left him two weeks ago.

The Rev. Tyler Thomas, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, officiated. Interment was in Heavenly Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

"I am going to end it all," Goines shouted before he leaped from a barge into the river at the foot of Port Ave., John Lea, yardman for the Howard Towing Co., who was alerted by the shout, told the police. His death was listed as suicide.

No Wife—No Job

The motive of self-destruction is believed the fact that in addition to having lost his wife, Josephine, he had also lost his job at the Ceco Steel Corporation in Hillside last week.

Mrs. Emma Mitchell, who lives at the Port Ave. address, said that Goines, who occupied the second floor of the flat, sold his furniture Thursday night and informed her that he was going to commit suicide to give his wife her freedom.

Baby Found Dead in Alley Trash

Shortly after 10:30 a.m. today (Friday) trash men, cleaning an alley in the rear of the 1200 block Division St., found a newly-born infant which had been strangled to death.

They summoned Officer William Dickerson who took the case in hand. He said the baby which was found in a pile of trash was wrapped in newspaper and an old blanket.

A piece of sheet was used to strangle the child, who was naked. The baby boy was pronounced dead at Provident Hospital and taken to the morgue. Police are investigating the case.

8 Take Examination for Superintendent's Post at Cheltenham

Eight applicants took the examination, Wednesday, for the position of superintendent at the Cheltenham School for Boys.

Officials of the Maryland State Employment Office said, Thursday, that they are not ready to announce the results or reveal the identities of the applicants, although it was learned that one came from as far west as Kansas.

Coming Events

Friday

Commencement exercises for Washington Junior High School, school auditorium, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St. 3 p.m.

Douglass High School Class night program, school auditorium, Calhoun and Baker Sts. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eastside Community Committee Athletic Association Victory Banquet, Chick Webb Recreation Center, 600 block N. Eden St. 8 p.m.

City-wide conference for the support of defendants in the interracial tennis case Kika Home, 1528 Madison Ave. 2 p.m.

Rummage Sale of the YWCA B and P Club, Stall 234, Lafayette Market, Pennsylvania Ave. and Laurens St. beginning 6 a.m.

Annual Founders Day Banquet

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The Weather

Cooler temperatures averaging around the mid-thirties are expected for the week end period, with the possibility of rain or snow in Western Maryland.

Precipitation for the five-day period ending Sunday in the Maryland-Delaware area will average about three-fourths inch.

Speakers at FDR Dinner

William Boucher III, (left) chairman of the Baltimore chapter, Americans for Democratic Action, sponsor of the first annual Franklin D. Roosevelt Day dinner here, Thursday night, is shown with Rep. Helen G. Douglas (Dem., Calif.) and Senator Francis J. Myers (Dem., Pa.) Both appeared as guest speakers.

Cheltenham Has Been Without A Superintendent for 48 Weeks

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

D.C. Red Cross Rife With Racism

Complaint Wrings Admission From Aide

LILYWHITE CLASSES

Certain Courses Closed to Minority Applicants

WASHINGTON

Faced with a complaint of discrimination made by an applicant for one of its classes, an official of the National American Red Cross denied this week that the agency draws the color line, but admitted that certain special volunteer classes are open to white persons only.

Mrs. David Finley, chairman of volunteer services, told the AFRO that the Red Cross does not discriminate, pointing out that colored

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Bullets Miss Tot's Mother

Loud Raps Awaken Sitter at 2 A.M.

FIRES AT DOOR

Thought Someone Was Breaking In

A 52-year-old woman was shot by a baby sitter, early Thursday morning, as she knocked on the rear door of her home at 1436 E. Monument St.

The victim, Mrs. Olivia Williams, was wounded in the right hand when the baby sitter, King Mack, 31, became alarmed at the noise and fired two shots through the kitchen door.

She was released after treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mrs. Anna Mae Roberts, mother of the children Mack was caring for, was Mrs. Williams at the time, but was not hit by the bullets. The women said they had been unable to awaken Mack by knocking at the front door.

Shooting Accidental

Arrested and charged with shooting Mrs. Williams and with unlawfully discharging a gun, Mack told Magistrate Kozlovsky in Northeastern police court the shooting was accidental.

He said:

"I was suddenly awakened about 2 a.m. by a banging on the kitchen door. It was dark and I thought someone was trying to break in. I shot twice through the door, then I heard Mrs. Williams scream."

Charges Dismissed

When the women supported this statement, the magistrate warned Mack about the reckless use of firearms and dismissed both charges against him.

Mack told police he purchased the gun, a 38-calibre revolver, from a man in the 600 block of Carline St. about two months ago. The weapon was confiscated by police.

Mack and Mrs. Roberts both live at the Monument St. address.

Trial Resumed for Officer Accused by GI Amputee

FT. GEORGE G. MEADE—The court-martial of an Army medical officer on charges of neglect of duty is to be resumed here today, Friday, after a short delay due to the absence of witnesses.

Facing charges is Captain Joel G. Holmes Jr., 28, who is accused of neglecting U. S. Army prisoners while they were in a stockade in Wurzburg, Germany, during the winter of 1946-47.

The chief witness for the prosecution, Pvt. Joseph Suggs, Arkansas, now a patient in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, is charged that the neglect ultimately led to the amputation of both his feet.

Earlier Testimony Cited

Earlier in the general court-martial which is expected to last for several weeks, additional testimony was given by several witnesses revealing deplorable conditions in the Compound 16 cell block of the solitary confinement area of the prison.

Three of these witnesses, all former inmates, are Louis Henderson, Dumfries, Va., Henry McElory, New York City, Charles E. Collins, Tampa, Fla. All testified that:

At times inmates were not allowed to wash; there was a shortage of blankets during weather described as the coldest to hit Germany in recent years;

That prisoners had to parade nude through unheated buildings, that ice was seen in the buckets from which they were forced to use as toilets; and that numerous cell windows were broken.

Others Slated for Trial

Other officers scheduled to stand trial are former superiors of Capt. Holmes. They are

Col. Harold H. McClune, San Antonio, Texas, former commander of the disciplinary barracks; Lt. Col. George E. Punard, Wessington Springs, S.D., prison officer; and Capt. Samuel H. Wolford, Clear Springs, Md., who was in charge of the stockade and solitary confinement cells.

The charges were preferred following an Army Department investigation of complaints that at least three prisoners had their feet frozen while in solitary confinement at the disciplinary stockade in Wurzburg, Germany, during December, 1946, and January, 1947.

It is alleged that Private Suggs had to have both feet amputated as a result of severe frostbite.

Pepper Deserts Dixieites, Urges End of Filibustering

Proponents of Cloture Rule Want Action Taken Before Major Bills Reach Senate

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Sectional lines were broken Tuesday when Sen. Claude Pepper (Dem., Fla.) testified before the Senate Rules Committee in support of his proposal to limit debate and stop filibusters.

Prior to his appearance, Northern and Western Republicans had carried on the fight for an effective cloture rule, and Southern committee members had indicated their determination to oppose any change in the present Senate cloture rule even to the extent of a filibuster.

Republicans last Tuesday sought to speed up action by insisting that the committee hold day-long sessions. After hearing objections, Sen. Carl Hayden of Arizona, committee chairman, compromised the issue by saying he intended to conclude the hearings not later than Friday.

Want Action Now

The row broke out when Sen. Graham F. Knowland (Rep., Calif.) asked for afternoon sessions to

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Bill to Continue Rent Control Up

WASHINGTON

An administration bill calling for the extension of rent controls until March 31, 1951, was introduced in the 81st Congress this week by chairman of the Senate and House Banking Committees.

The bill will tighten and broaden the controls of the present rent law, which is due to expire March 31.

Congressman Brent Spence (Dem., Ky.) said:

"In addition to extending the

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Mass Rally Slated for 6 Given Chair

TRENTON, N. J.—The stage has been set for the mass rally, Friday night, at the Trenton Moose Hall, where Paul Robeson, international ally famed baritone, and former Assistant U. S. Attorney General

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No Peace Without Civil Rights Bill

Congresswoman Says All Must Be Free

Though all other legislation now before Congress is passed, unless the Civil Rights Bill is passed there will be no peace in the world, Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Congresswoman from California, declared here Thursday night.

Mrs. Douglas spoke at the first annual Roosevelt Day dinner, held by the local chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, at the Alcazar.

Getting Our House in Order

World peace, she said, depends upon giving freedom to every man, and though it is easier to pay taxes at home and to send aid abroad than to become an international citizen, we must begin to live right with the people in our own community before we can live and work with the people in India. In

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Jealous Man, 56, Slays Matron, 26

Said to have been driven to homicide by his suspicions of her love for a younger man, Governor Barnes, 56, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, Wednesday, in the slaying of the mother of his two children.

Sentence for Barnes of 1242 Sharp St. was taken under advisement by Judge Robert France.

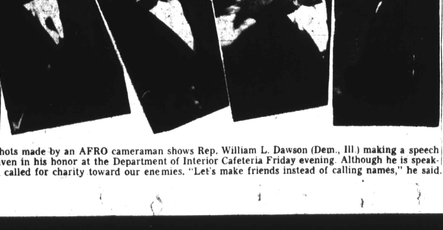
Prosecutor James Price said radio patrolmen found the body of Miss Geraldine Esther Floyd lying in the cellar of the Sharp St. home, last Dec. 9, after Barnes took the two small children to a relative's home and turned himself in.

Constantly Tormented

The woman, 26, was shot through the mouth. Mr. Price said she and Barnes had lived together for a number of years, and that the man shot her as she came into the cellar that day.

The prosecutor added that there was evidence that the man was constantly tormented over his suspicion of her infidelity.

Picture of a Man Making a Speech



The above strip of candid shots made by an AFRO cameraman shows Rep. William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.) making a speech at the testimonial dinner given in his honor at the Department of Interior Cafeteria Friday evening. Although he is speaking forcefully, Mr. Dawson called for charity toward our enemies. "Let's make friends instead of calling names," he said.

Public Stenographer, Wed 22 Years, Granted Divorce

Mrs. Emma L. Hilson, public stenographer, 500 Dolphin St., was granted a divorce, last week, from Rocke Hilson.

The couple married in Atlanta, in 1927 and voluntarily separated in 1945, according to the wife's petition. Mrs. Hilson was represented by William T. Buckner, attorney.

Also obtaining a divorce was Roper Jones of 810 N. Washington St., who charged that, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones deserted him while he was at work. The husband said that they were married in July, 1943, and that she left in October, 1945.

Wife Charges Desertion

Mrs. Mattie Barmore of 319 N. Fulton Ave. was divorced from John Barmore on similar grounds.

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Cupid's Corner

Two service men, M. Sgt. William H. Finnie, Jr., 26, of the Morgan State College ROTC, and Cpl. Albert Redie, 31, of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., obtained licenses to marry, this week.

Sergeant Finnie, who is divorced, will wed Miss Audrey L. Bradley, 21, of McClellandtown, Pa., while Cpl. Redie will take as his bride Miss Elsie Headon of 1136 Laurens St.

Also licensed to wed were the

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