Young Thugs, "Armed to Teeth," Loose In N. W. Area

Hospital Ground-Breaking at Fla. A. & M. Scheduled

20-Year Dream Realized; Nursing Facilities to Be Included in $2,000,000 Institution

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The five year administration of President William H. Gray Jr. at Florida A and M College has brought to reality a 20 year dream of college officials, medics and dentists of Florida and the South for a hospital ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for noon Wednesday, Feb 9, will culminate two decades of work toward getting a hospital and nursing education facility with first rank among Colored Land Grant Colleges and educational institutions of the nation.

The plan was initiated in 1929 by the Late Dr. J. R. E. Lee, Dr. J. E. Hunter and the incumbent medical director, Dr. L. H. B. Foote. President Gray has succeeded in getting a $2,000,000 hospital, nucleus of the Florida A and M College Health Center and Nursing School at the college.

Early efforts resulted in the forming of Florida A. and M. Clinical Association; a small, but much needed, separate medical and three-year nurse training course.

This meagre beginning has reached present proportions which includes:

A quarter million dollar expenditures for enlargements, reconditioning, equipment and staffing; an accredited four-year nursing education course, awarding bachelor of science and registered nurse degrees; a 200 member Clinical Association, a revamped student health program; maintenance of the student body, reads:

"No recognition shall be granted to, and existing recognition shall be announced in the student newspaper on Feb. 10.

Paper Silent on Issue

The Pioneer, Cooper Union's student newspaper, has refrained from comment on the proposed change because the editors feel that our opinion should not be broadcast to all students before they have a chance to read a copy of the document.

Results of the student balloting on the proposed constitution will be withdrawn from any student organization which restricts its membership on the grounds of religion, color or national origin.

P-TA Scores Bias at Skating Rink

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—The Parent Teachers Association of the Plymouth Township Consolidated School last Friday protested discrimination against colored children at a township skating rink.

The members sent a letter to Art's Skateland, Ridge Pike, south of Norristown, who, they charged, refused to admit colored pupils of the school to an eighth grade skating party at the rink on Jan. 22.

The matter was brought to the attention of the P-TA by Harry Karr, a member of the group and chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee of Montgomery County.

Children in Tears

Karr said several colored children were turned away from the rink "with tears in their eyes." His daughter, Jean, 13, was chairman of the skating party, which was held for the benefit of the class fund.

John Fessler, P-TA president, said all the members "felt strong ly" against the discrimination, pointing out that there was no discrimination in the P-TA which has several colored members.

Tickets Sold to All

Tickets for the skating party were sold at the school to both white and colored children.

School officials said when the question of admitting colored pupils to the party arose, an attempt was made to justify their exclusion because the rink was open to colored skaters on Friday nights.

With the Eighth Army in Japan

Lacy G. Smith of Pittsburgh, formerly a postal clerk in Washington, examines a catalog with Mrs. Mae Melton of Ozark, Me., in the Eighth Army Publications Depot, where he is employed in the library section. A veteran of the fighting in Europe during World War II, Mr. Smith arrived in Japan last January.

Sleuths Sued for $20,000 Damages for Raid Beating

WASHINGTON

Lee Pennell, head of the Keystone Detective Agency, now unable to walk because of a broken ankle received in a raid, was named defendant, this week, along with six others in a $20,000 damage suit filed by a man who got a broken arm when his home was invaded by private sleuths.

The other defendants are:

Mrs Leford Tavine, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Twine Bacon, wife, both of 1361 Florida Ave. N.W., also Pvt. Dets. Preston Fannell, Frank Bolden, Clarence Wallace, all of the agency address, 532 Fifth St. N.W., and Charles Estelle, photographer of 1111 Columbia Rd., N.W.

Says Group Beat Him

The suit grew out of an attempt on June 13, 1947, by the defendants to obtain evidence against the complainant, Willard Bacon, taxi driver of 4710 Eads St. N.E., for an adultery action contemplated by his wife.

Hoodlum Gangs Menace to City

Tough Magistrate Fails to Halt Crime

DETERRENT SOUGHT

Problem's Solution Up to Community

By PEYTON GRAY

Young thugs ranging from 15 to 24 years of age and literally "armed to the teeth" with all types of deadly weapons are running rampant through various neighborhoods of Northwest Baltimore.

They're burglarizing small, corner grocery stores, waylaying and robbing lone male pedestrians, snatching pocketbooks, forcing their way into dances and private parties given by teen-age social clubs, and generally terrorizing citizens.

The weapons, confiscated by the police, have included revolvers—foreign and American make—switch blade knives, kitchen paring knives, butcher knives, dirks and blackjacks.

Hang Out in Vice Dens

These youngsters lounge around during the day and spend their nights in basement club cellars, disguised as social clubs, in Chinese restaurants and parlors.

Brought before Magistrate Fritz Patrick, they admit most of the time, they have no employment and rely on their parents and relatives for spending money.

He charges that in an early morning raid on his premises, the door was broken down, and he was wrongfully set upon in such a vicious manner that his left arm was fractured.

He accuses the wife and mother-in-law of joining in the attack, during which he was severely beaten. Bacon told the District Court that his arm was in a cast for two months and that he had to stay away from his $50-a-week job.

Each Denied Divorce

Mrs. Bacon, subsequently in June, 1947, filed suit for divorce on the basis of adultery, naming Miss Johnnie Knew as co-respondent. She had previously filed suit for a limited divorce on the basis of cruelty.

So much "mud was slung" by both sides during a lengthy trial at a District Court justice verbally spanked the principals and denied a divorce to either.

The couple married in Baltimore, in 1942, and broke up their marital relations in April, 1947.

Board of Education Takes No Action Toward Transfer of Park View School

Dr. Corning Backs Major Recommendations in Strayer Report at Special Meeting

WASHINGTON

No action was taken at a special meeting, Monday, of the Board of Education on a proposal by Dr. Hobart Corning, superintendent, that Park View Elementary School be transferred from Divisions 1-9 to Divisions 10-13 for use by colored pupils, as recommended by the Strayer report.

The transfer is being advocated despite the unanimous opinion that a new school for colored pupils is desired.

Playground Controversy

Use of the playground of the Park View School at Warder and Newton Sts., N.W., by white and colored pupils has been the subject of much controversy for some time.

The recreation facilities there have been used by white children during the day, but the Recreation Department would only permit colored children in the area to use the grounds "after the flag goes down."

The residential pattern of the Park View School area is changing rapidly to colored occupancy.

Effects of Transfer

To effect the transfer of the Park View School area is changing, Dr. Corning would make Webster School an office building, and transfer the Americanization School for foreign pupils now in the Webster building, and the 154 children currently at Park View to Adams School.

Both Webster and Adams are in Divisions 1-9.

Dr. Strayer proposed a new 20-room school North of Florida Ave. West of the R and O Railroad, in a recent report, because of the lack of recreational facilities in this area which is also changing its residential complexion.

Other Recommendations

Dr. Corning agreed with Dr. Strayer on these other recommendations:

Replacement of the Van Ness School (suggesting that the board reiterate its request for an addition to Giddings School);

Another eight-room addition to Young School, a gymnasium and enlarged cafeteria for Francis Junior High; a new school to accommodate 800 pupils at Pomeroy and Stanton Rd., S.E.; a replacement for Shaw Junior High, 1600 pupils, enlargement of Terrell to a house 1000 pupils.

A gymnasium assembly hall for Phelps and M. M. Washington; increase the capacity to 350; add a cafeteria and two gymnasiums, and enlarge the athletic field at Dunbar; a 15-room addition to Banneker; increase the capacity to 400 and add a gymnasium at Browne; replace Ambush Smallwood and Birney school, addition for Garrison, Harrison and Lovejoy with gymnasium-assembly hall.

Build a new structure in Marshall Heights, and one North of Massachusetts Ave. and West of North Capitol St. replace Payne, addition for Slater Langston with a gymnasium-assembly hall.

Complete second floor of Slowe, replace Stevens, addition to Sophia and Thomas, build new structure north of East Capitol and west of 12th St. N.E., addition for Turner, and replace Walker-Jones.

Widow Needs Money to Bury Aged Victim of Knifing Duel

BALTIMORE

Funeral services for Jesse Coles Sr., 52, of 1409 10th St. N.W., were being held up pending the outcome of financial assistance to the unemployed widow of the father of two children the AFRO learned Wednesday.

Coles, who was fatally stabbed Sunday in a knife duel with John D. Thompson, 21, of no fixed address, had been unemployed for some time and was not covered by insurance his widow, Mrs. Edith Coles said.

The widow appealed to several funeral directors to handle the burial for whatever money would be received from her husband's social security, but on Wednesday none had consented to take the job.

$150 Funeral, Cheapest

One funeral director told her that the cheapest funeral would cost approximately $150, but felt that the family would not receive this much from the social security.

In the District of Columbia no provision is made for the burial of a pauper. If the family does not claim the body, it is cremated, or sent to a school.

Bodies are kept at the morgue for seven days to give relatives sufficient time to claim them.

Both the body of Mr. Coles and his adversary, who also was fatally stabbed during the affray, are still at the morgue.

Robbery Attempt Theory

According to police, Coles apparently was attacked by Thompson when he resisted the young man's attempt to rob him. Police said Thompson was dead when they arrived on the scene.

Mr. Coles who died at Freedmen's Hospital about 20 hours after the street fight, was a former cook at the Seagull Cafe, 1724 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Jesse Coles Jr., and a daughters, Cornelia E. Coles.

2 Drivers Leave Scene, Fined $175

WASHINGTON

Two motorists were fined a total of $125 in Municipal Court on Saturday for leaving the scene of the accidents.

James Frierson, 24 of the 500 block Fourth St., S.W., was fined $50, and John S. Harrison, 26, of the 1000 block Monroe St., N.W., $75, by Judge Armond W. Scott.

Frierson was charged with colliding with another automobile pausing for a stop sign at Fourth and F Sts., S.W., last Friday. Police said he left the scene after the other motorist called them.

Struck 4 Parked Cars

He was arrested in connection with another accident later the same day and held at No. 4 Precinct where he was identified by assigned to investigate the first case.

Harrison was arrested last Thursday after sideswiping four parked cars in the 1200 block L St., N.W. Police said he took his car to a garage for repairs, and that it was identified the next day on an earlier description given investigators.

Holdup Suspects Under $24,000 Bail

Charged with holding up a Turner Station pool room on Jan. 15, three youths were held in $8,000 bail each, this week, following a preliminary hearing in Dundalk police court.

The men were identified as Samuel (Sandy) Beard, 19, of 1300 block of E. Monument St., Ernest Smith and Wilbert Baker of the first and block of S. Caroline St.

They are accused of holding up a pool room operated by Thomas Graves. Samuel Guthrie, 48, steel worker, was wounded when one of the hold up men fired a shot gun.

About $400 was taken in the hold up. The suspects will be given a hearing in Towson Circuit Court on a date to be set by the County State's Attorney.

Man Married Her Week After He Wed Another, 'Wife' Said

WASHINGTON

Just about a week before Charles Harriston, 1304 Riggs St., N.W., had gone through a nuptial ceremony with her in Annapolis, Md., on last Oct. 2, he had married another woman, described as Mrs. Florence Harriston, 2301 N St., N.W., in her plea for an annulment.

In her complaint, filed in District Court by J. H. K. Renfro, attorney, Mrs. Harriston declares it has come to her attention that her "husband" was married on the previous Sept. 28, to another woman who is still living.

The defendant, she says, set himself out as a single man while he was "courting" her.

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