—Disapproves State Aides

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that's check be made as to whether lain movies are making a substantial contribution to juvenile delinquency.

It noted, moreover, that there is no evidence of need for good psychiatric service for young people, and a great need for counsel and guidance such as is now being done by the Salvation Army for white youngsters.

Catholic Home Praised

A gymnasium and swimming pool were recommended by the committee for the House of Good Shepherd which was praised very highly.

The committee also said that it was "favorably impressed with the overall picture" at Barrett School for Girls, but of the school's lack of a central heating plant and landscaping work.

Regarding Boys Village, the committee stated that "He rundown, dilapidated condition shows more than 50 years of wear and tear."

The administration building, first used in 1873, is "still a fire hazard and even a fire trap," the committee said adding that the six cottages "should have been replaced many years ago."

Here the committee noted that at the Maryland Training School for Boys, ground has been broken for four new cottages, a kitchen

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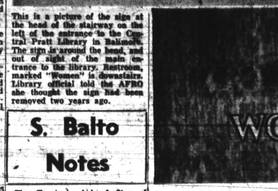
Forfeits 3 Bonds on Same Charge

Three collateral bonds of $5 each, all involving disorderly conduct charges, were forfeited on Labor Day by Lether Kelly, 25, of 1817 Kendall St., N.E.

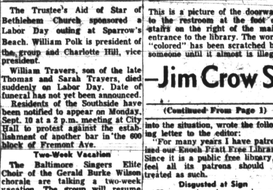
His first arrest came at 9:50 a.m., when police broke up an outdoor gambling game at Second and H Sts., N.W. Two subsequent arrests were made at the same place and for the same reason, and each time $5 collateral was required when he was booked at the First Precinct station.

Kelly, boasting to reporters that he was as fast as Jesse Owens or Archie Moore, explained to "They caught me sitting down" and couldn't get a good start."

Jim Crow at Central Enoch Pratt Library



This is a picture of the sign at the head of the stairway on the left of the entrance to the Central Pratt Library in Baltimore. The sign is around the head, and out of sight of the main entrance to the library. Restroom, marked "Women" in downstairs Library official told the AFRO she thought the sign had been removed two years ago.



This is a picture of the doorway to the restroom at the foot of stairs on the right of the main entrance to the library. The word "colored" has been scratched by someone until it almost is illegible. Another sign, "Colored Women" which formerly was at the head of the stairs, has been removed. Library officials promise to remedy the situation.

S. Balto Notes

The Trustee's Aid of Star of Bethlehem Church sponsored a Labor Day outing at Sparrow's Beach. William Polk is president of the group and Charlotte Hill, vice president.

William Travers, son of the late Thomas and Sarah Travers, died suddenly on Labor Day. Date of funeral has not yet been announced.

Residents of the Southside have been notified to appear on Monday, Sept. 10 at a 2 p.m. meeting at City Hall to protest against the establishment of another bar in the 600 block of Fremont Ave.

Two-Week Vacation

The Baltimore Singers Elite Choir of the Gerald Burke Junior chorale are talking a two-week vacation. The group will resume rehearsals on Sept. 17 for their fall concert.

The choir also will fulfill a year-long engagement at Morgan State College, where on each first Sunday in the month they sing with Gerald Burke conducting.

Forest Park is in Hanover, Pa., was the scene of a bus excursion Labor Day. It was sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Allen of Cowdensville AME Church. The Rev. W. A. Bell is pastor.

Mrs. Georgiana Gray of 112 E. Russell St., celebrated her 43rd birthday Tuesday. She is the wife of the Rev. Frank Gray.

Mt. Winan's A-1 worker is Clarence Wade of 2604 Pierpont St. Mr. Wade has a record of working 21 years without losing a day.

His wife, Thomasina and daughters, Vivian and Sylvia, are spending their vacation in N.Y.

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—Jim Crow Signs

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into the situation, wrote the following letter to the editor:

"For many years I have patronized our Enoch Pratt Free Library. Since it is a public free library, I feel all its patrons should be treated as such.

Disgusted at Sign

"You can imagine my ire and disgust upon seeing a new sign on the library walls indicating a white women's restroom. I have known that this restroom was for white women, but not until three years ago did I know where the colored women's restroom was located.

"Out of curiosity, I looked at this room, and by comparison found it lacking in some things. Ever since I have attended Morgan State College, I have used the restroom indicated for the white women.

"The sign is a recent one, as I had passed the wall upon which it was placed two weeks prior to Monday, Aug. 20 when I first saw it.

Complaint Lodged

"Apparently, some of these women saw too much of me and several other young women of my race, and decided to complain.

"If I should fail to return a book to the library at the proper time, I would have to pay the standard fine. Since this is true, I feel that our famous Pratt Library should practice standards of equality in all matters.

"To me a sign added insult to injury, and it is with this fact in mind that I voice my complaint. This state of affairs did exist, but the library need not go to the trouble of putting up a sign.

Will Still Ignore Sign

"As far as I am concerned, sign or no sign, I shall continue to use the library and its restroom for white women. I hope some intelligent library employee will act, as such a sign is a black mark against a library that is classified as one of the finest in the country.

"Visiting librarians and citizens will have one ignore reason to shake their heads and say 'That's Baltimore for you'."

Brother of Deaf Mute Killed Defending Another—

The brother of a deaf mute was stabbed to death, early Tuesday morning, after he went to the aid of a deaf and dumb "yoke" victim.

William Johnson, 25, 505 Wilson St., has been arrested and charged with the murder. Trial date for the suspect will be determined by the State's Attorneys office.

John "Pete" Jackson, 38, 543 'Pete' Johnson McMechen St., was standing in front of a tavern in the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Ave., shortly after 2 a.m., when he saw two men trying to "yoke" Robert Taylor, 24, 805 Mount St.

Shouts a Threat

Jackson hurried to the handicapped victim's assistance, and the culprits ran. One of them, however, turned and shouted: "Wait until I get my knife, I'll be back."

In about 10 minutes the man returned and jumped on Jackson, stabbing him twice with what looked like an ice pick. Jackson collapsed to the ground and was pronounced dead at Provident Hospital.

Mrs. Martha Jackson, mother of the slain man, was informed of the stabbing by a friend, who said: "martha, I brought Pete's cousin, he's been cut."

Police Tell of Death

Mrs. Jackson hurried to the hospital and was told by police of her son's death.

The grief - stricken mother has one other son, Randolph, 23, who has been a deaf mute since his birth.

"Pete" Jackson was working at the Marine Hospital at time of his death. He was single, and a veteran of World War II.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending arrival of relatives from New Jersey and Canada.

Dr. Lewis Named to Liberian Post

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the appointment of Dr. Cornelius C. Lewis, soils agronomist, to assist in the agricultural development of Liberia.

The assignment was made at the request of the Government of Liberia and in co-operation with the Technical Co-operation Administration, Department of State. In Liberia, Dr. Lewis will join six other Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations Point Four technicians already at work there on agricultural research, extension and education.

Native of Virginia

A native of Appomattof, Va., Dr. Lewis holds a B. S. degree from Virginia State College, an M. S. from Michigan State College, and a doctor's degree in agronomy from the University of Massachusetts.

After receiving his doctorate in 1941, he taught agronomy at Fort Valley State College in Georgia. Later he was director of agriculture for West Virginia State College and in 1949, he joined the staff of agriculture for West Virginia State College and in 1949, he joined the staff of the University of Maryland (Princess Anne division) as professor of agronomy.

Dr. Lewis left Washington Thursday for his post in Monrovia.

Jus Haven Guest List Is Growing

NEW YORK — There was a full house at Jus Haven the past week. A surprised was led by Emanuel Ramero, former head of the Harlem Boy Scouts and word context by Robert Justice. Guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. George Justice Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Justice, Sr., Robert W. Justice, Emanuel Romero, Mrs. Mary Washington, Jerry Flynn, Mrs. Fleasie Starr, Miss Catherine Thames; Mrs. M. Thomas; Miss Iry Flaherty;

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—Athlete Felled by

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trolman John Pumphrey, had advanced with drawn guns on the group of boys standing on the corner.

The patrolmen, who were investigating a drug store hold-up at Myrtle Ave. and Hoffman St., disarmed the boy-crap, and when they refused to halt, Tomahawk shot young Coplin.

David Mermelstein, the druggist, gave police a description of the bandits as wearing straw hats, light colored shirts, and light pants.

The clothing worn by Coplin was in no way similar to that reported worn by the bandits. He was wearing a dark green Army fatigue cap, and a Navy blue shirt.

Lock Up Teen-agers

Two other youngsters who were standing on the corner, Robert Brown, 16, 640 N. Fremont Ave., and William Butler, 16, 905 Harlem Ave., were arrested and docketed as being "held for investigation."

When Mr. Mermelstein failed to identify the youths, as the men who held up his drug store, police placed a charge of disorderly conduct against the boys.

Milton Allen, defense counsel for the boys, in Northwestern Police Court, Thursday morning, bitterly lashed out at this charge.

He told Magistrate John Berry: "Your Honor, this charge is being placed simply to justify holding two teen-age boys, with no police record, in jail overnight."

Youth Accounts for Running

"These boys haven't done a thing The only crime, if you can call it that, they committed was running at sight of a policeman with drawn guns. I think their youth accounts for that."

Magistrate Berry quickly dismissed the charges against Brown and Butler. No charges have been placed against Coplin.

Mrs. Louise Coplin, mother of the slain youth, was still outraged indignant over the shooting of her son. She said: "My boy hasn't give me a moment's trouble.

"He used to live at 862 Harlem Ave., for about 15 years, until we moved 2 years ago. He had just come from a movie, and stopped to talk to some boys he's known all his life.

"Going to Press Charges"

"I am going to press charges for shooting of my son. My child is in the hospital and I intend to get some type action, if I have to take it to the Grand Jury."

An ironic factor in the case was disclosed by Leonard "Duck" Gibson, physical education coach at Douglas High School. Mr. Gibson revealed that Coplin, who has a broken bone in his leg, had "good possibilities as a track man."

"He was on the same squad as Arthur Bragg, at present Morgan's track star. He was a normal boy and never gave me the slightest bit of trouble."

Accident, Says Captain

Capt. William C. Feehley, commander of the Northwestern District, explained the shooting, saying: "It looks like an accident to me.

"From what I can understand, Tomshack shot up in the air, after calling to the boy to halt. The bullet ricocheted and struck the boy."

Many residents of the area where the shooting of Mrs. Louise Coplin occurred, have volunteered statements that both policemen were firing guns. One resident said as many as seven shots were fired, terrorizing the neighborhood.

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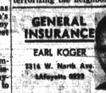

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—Jury Indicts

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Hurlwitz who is not charged with conspiracy as in the cases of the five colored persons.

However, three other whites have been indicted on bookmaking charges, and they include Frank Russo of Sweet Air, Md., and William and Evelyn Smith, Joseph Comi, white, convicted last month on a numbers conspiracy charge, already has been sentenced to 18 months.

One On New Jury

Only one colored person is on the grand jury. He is Theophilus H. Stewart, shipping clerk, of 2313 Madison Ave.

The retiring group includes Dr. James White, dentist; and Mrs. Berkely Butler, physician's wife.

Man, 67, Held in Assault on Child

A 67-year-old man was ordered held for a medical examination, Tuesday, after he was convicted on charges of making an indecent assault upon a six-year-old girl.

Two witnesses told Judge Joseph Sherbow that they saw Charles Hamlett "hugging and kissing" the child on the grass in Madison Square, and placing his hand under her dress.

Got Ice Cream Money

When police were called by Miss Ella Jackson of the 1000 block N. Eden St., the child reportedly told the officer that the man had given her and two other youngsters 10 cents for ice cream.

Hamlett of the 1400 block Ten Pin Alley, denied bothering the child. He was represented by Leroy Cooper, attorney, who asked that the medical examination be made before the man is sentenced.

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Cotton a Phenomenon in Wilson Park Back Yard

When cotton was grown in a backyard lot in the Wilson Park section of Baltimore, so-called experts attributed the phenomenon to the happy coincidence of "fierce heat and ample rain."

Responsible for this phenomenon is Thomas Peay of 4452 St. Georges Ave. He will have a bumper crop this season of about 1800 pounds. This more than doubles the crop produced in the past three seasons on less than a single acre.

To prove to the experts that cotton will grow in the front yard as well as the back, Mr. Peay planted cotton on about 150 more feet on his front yard. The cotton on the small plot of 150 feet of ground is standing about 3½ ft. tall, is blooming in the pink and white stages, and many green bolls can be found on other plants.

Later this month the bolls will darken, and by October the Peays will be picking the snow white fluffy stuff called cotton, which will burst from the green bolls.

First in Maryland

Mr. Peay's is the first cotton to be grown to maturity in the Baltimore area and even the entire state of Maryland. Others have tried it, but have failed. He attributes its much better than average growth to a special seed that relatives sent to him from his native home at Winnsboro, S.C.

According to reports he has received, Mr. Peay's cotton crop is a better specimen than that at Winnsboro.

Since there is no other cotton grown in Maryland, the much dread boll weevil is no problem to the Peays, but if the insect should be attracted, Mrs. Peay says they have a solution to combat them. She also has another special solution that is used when the cot is in the early stages to prevent it from being attacked by insects.

All the cotton grown previously has been used for exhibition purposes. They have been offered what probably amounts to the highest prices in the history of the industry for the product. Some Marylanders wanted to pay as much as a dollar a boll. But Mr. Peay refuses to sell even at that price.

Approximately 3,000 persons or more have viewed the cotton. When word first reached the public that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peay demonstrate two stages in the development of cotton. Mrs. Peay holds a green boll that has been forced open, showing the lint beginning to form. Mr. Peay holds the dark ripened boll that has burst with cotton. They have made such demonstrations before hundreds of persons who were anxious to know how the Peays grew cotton in Maryland.

Seated on her chosen is Cotton Queen Margaret the First. She is Margaret Ann Holmes, 12 whose grandfather, Thomas Peay raised the first cotton crop to grow to maturity in the Baltimore area.

cotton was being grown in Maryland, there was an immediate increase in traffic to the quiet settlement.

Visitors Aplenty

Some people have come to picnic on the grounds. To accommodate them, the Peays put refuse cans and water coolers in the yard. Travelers have come from all over the United States and neighboring countries to see the unusual sight.

Students, from the elementary to the college levels, were transported to the site. They were given bolls to tack on their school bulletin board. Among the Peays' most treasured possessions are some 8,000 letters received from visitors and people seeking information. Many are "thank you" letters from pupils in the Baltimore city schools, with the writers, photographs attached to the letter.

Mr. Peay's wife, Margaret, has been besieged by telephone calls. Soil analysts from the Johns Hopkins University have sought information. Children have applied for jobs as cotton pickers.

Through it all, the 57-year-old Mr. Peay has remained unperturbed. Well paid as a construction foreman, the money that people have offered him to tour his little acre has been refused.

Mr. Peay, however, does have some ideas about the commercialization of cotton in Maryland. He would like to convince the State Agricultural Department that commercialization is possible.

With government subsidization, he thinks the big farmers of the state could realize some of the big money that has kept states further South above economic water for 150 years. Mr. Peay, of course would like to share in the profits.

Probably Last Crop

In any event, the builder-farmer says that this crop is probably the last. The last that has devoted to cotton was formerly used to raised foorstuffs for himself, his wife, and five children.

Now, besides a few fruit trees and grape arbor, all of his land has been taken over by King Cotton. If his folks back in South Carolina know, King Cotton often enslaves the land and makes it lay fallow. On what little land is left, Mrs. Peay has a variety of flowers.

The experts said that it couldn't be done. Mr. Peay has gotten a lot of satisfaction out of refuting them. In March, 1949, he dreamed that he could raise cotton in Maryland. He raised it. The experts said that the first crop was the results of ideal weather conditions. Without the same conditions, he raised it again and again.

There has been no luck or happy coincidence here. Instead, cotton in Maryland should be attributed to the intelligence and ingenuity of a man from South Carolina who transplanted a bit of his native product and nurished it until it burst into achievement.

The experts attributed the cotton raised two years ago by Thomas Peay of 4452 St. Georges Ave., Baltimore, to an unusually hot summer. Without unseasonal weather, Mr. Peay raised a still better crop this year. Here, he and his wife, Margaret, examine the bolls which will burst with cotton later this month.

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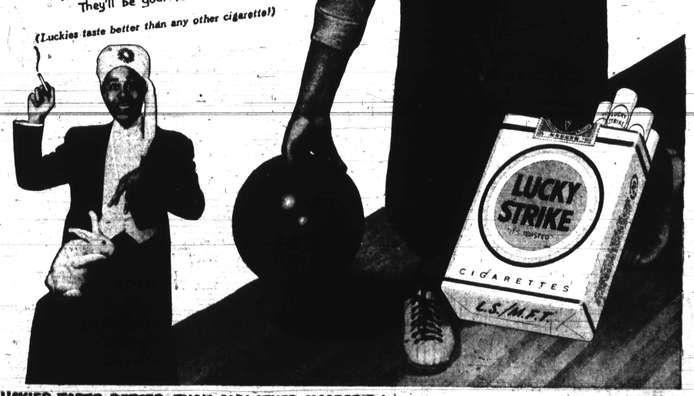

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