Greensboro crossburning ends in blaze of gun fire

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A blaze of gunfire wrote a crossburning climax to a crossburning episode here last Thursday.

Four white youths have been arrested on charges of being musianes and one colored youth, Joseph Martin, 19, has been charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits.

The police version of the incident tables, it as "a prank of youngsters," but this has not fessesed the shock felt by many residents of this city considered one of the more liberal in the South.

On Playground

Reports indicate that the first trouble in the area—began about 9 p.m., when the cross, formed by an upright two by four about ten feet long and a four inch board, was placed in the playground of a white school at Bragg and Pearson sts., opposite a colored housing area.

For the next two hours, it was reported, several car loads of white men roamed the area yelling threats and taunts at the houses.

Police were summoned to the scene but left, without making any arrests.

Soaked In Oil

At approximately 11 p.m., the cross, soaked in kerosene and off from a quasi-smudge pot was set afire, as an estimated 20 to 25 white men milled about.

The flaming cross was answered by at least two blasts be lieved to have been fired from one of the colored homes. No one was hit.

The white men scattered at the shots and the cross was immediately extinguished by residents. Slightly damaged it was left lying on the school ground.

At one time during the demonstration the cross bearing men were said to have crossed Bragg st. and entered the yards of some of the houses where they threatened several residents with attack and damage to their homes.

BREADMAKING CONTEST — These girls vied for top honors in the team breadmaking contest held recently at the 4-H Club Week celebration at A. and T. College. Left to right: Misses Alberta Lee and Jane Powell, runner-up team and Misses Barbara A. Burke and Barbara A. McClain, winners.

2 women named to cancer board

BURLINGTON, N.C. — Mrs. Sam Little and Clem Roney last week were named as members of the Alamance county Cancer Society executive board, during the society's quarterly meeting.

Both women have served for two years as division leaders in the Cancer Society's annual fund campaign. It is believed to be the first time colored persons have served on a personal health board in the county.

They were introduced as new directors by Dr. J. H. Kernodle, chairman of the cancer organization.

Greenville singer in second triumph

By JILES EDWARDS

For the second week in succession, Mrs. Felecia Elliott won the WFBC Greenville Public Service Talent USA. She sang "My Hero," from the Broadway soldier. Her prize was a $100 defense bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green of Ferguson st., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crews of 523 Sylvan ave., Braddock, Pa. recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Brockman, Mr. and Mrs. Jiles Edwards were present. Mrs. Crews was visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Sheard of Ferguson st.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawton and Dr. W. M. Bradford of Troy, Ohio were visitors in the city. Mr. Lawton, former Sterling coach, is director of Lincoln community center.

Mrs. Earline McBee of 207 Means st., has returned to the city from Detroit and Canada where she visited with Mrs. Susie Taylor and Miss Anne M. Clark at the University of Michigan.

The local branch of YWCA sponsored a lawn party, July 26. The hostesses were:

Mrs. A. E. Hughes, Mrs. A. M. Anderson, Mrs. W. S. Demmons, Nurse Bates, Mrs. E. L. McGhee, Mrs. J. Alton Lewis, Mrs. J. R. Edwards and Mrs. Bailey.

Return home from New Jersey visit

HAMLET, N.C.—Mrs. Cornelia Wall of Rockingham and her daughter, Mrs. Blanche W. Houston, of Hamlet have returned from Princeton, N.J., where they spent several days visiting Mrs. Millie Ellerbe and family.

While in Princeton, visits were made to the following nearby towns and cities: Trenton, Passaic, Newark, and NYC.

They spent several days in Washington, visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Wall and daughter. They were entertained at a dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis prior to returning home.

Farmer wins scholarship

Trenton youth to study at Hampton

TRENTON, N.C. — Rated "one of the best young farmers in the United States" for his farm work in Jones county, has been awarded a four-year scholarship to Hampton Institute.

Young Strayhorn was selected from among hundreds of farm youths throughout the United States on the basis of his scholastic ability and his four-year record of achievement in 4-H club and NNFA work, according to Zherman N. Shelton, farm agent.

Won Shepard Scholarship

Hampton Institute, which has always stressed training in farm pursuits, industrial arts and manual labor, similarly awards such scholarships in an effort to stimulate more interest in agriculture among the nation's youth.

Mr. Strayhorn had been previously selected to receive the James E. Shepard Memorial scholarship to the North Carolina college in Durham. He was recommended for the award by Mr. S. Ben Jones, vocational agricultural teacher, and his high school principal.

Scholastically, Mr. Strayhorn maintained a straight "A" average throughout his high school years. He also achieved an excellent record in farm work.

Group urges mayor to end color bars

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ANP)—A delegation of five white persons has appealed to Mayor Farnsley to end Louisville's segregated park set-up.

The appeal came on the heels of a court decision which held that segregated parks are legal, even if the city had relented in one instance to permit colored patrons in these parks.

The delegation, headed by Mrs. Beatrice Pearson, pointed out to the mayor that "there was no trouble" when the color bar was relaxed recently to allow colored to see Amphitheater performances of "The Tall Kentuckian" during Louisville's Founding Festival.

Legality Explained

Mayor Farnsley, though not commenting on the group's suggestion, observed that the theatrical association which leases the Amphitheater is a private corporation which, the courts have held, may legally bar colored from their productions.

It was then suggested that the city stipulate in the corporation's lease that there be no segregation in future performances of the association. Farnsley replied nothing can be done until the present lease expires at the end of this season.

He further suggested that the group take its request to the association itself. Said a spokesman for the Park Theatrical association later: "We will consider the request if it is made."

Mrs. Pearson indicated the request will be made immediately.

Civic unit may request police

WASHINGTON, N.C. — Indications that the city will be asked to employ colored policemen on a method of reducing the crime rate were given here recently at a meeting of the Washington Civic League.

Members of the group which is composed of representative colored citizens, discussed the proposal and pointed out that in other communities where colored policemen had been employed, crime had been reduced and the morale of the citizens had been improved.

Also reported at the meeting was the expansion of play facilities for colored children and the sponsoring of a father-son baseball game.

The recreational program is under the direction of L. R. Randolph Jr. and Harold Hunter.

Principals set Durham meet

U.S. official to be among speakers

DURHAM, N.C.—Dr. Ellsworth Thompkins, specialist for large high schools, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, will be among nationally known educators participating in the annual conference at North Carolina college here Aug. 12-14.

Registration for the state-wide conference, which more than 500 principals and supervisors have been invited, will open at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the music assembly hall of the administration building. The first session will begin at 8 o'clock.

"Educational Growth through Better Human Relations" is the theme of this year's conference, according to Joseph H. Taylor.

Four Major Points

In co-operation with representatives from principals and supervisors' groups in the state, Dr. Taylor and a special committee have planned a series of professional meetings and recreational activities.

The points that will occupy this year's conferees are: mental health, group dynamics, tension producing situations and Official planning the session, in addition to Dr. Taylor, are W. B. Wicker, principal, Lee County training school, Sanford; Mrs. Mabel Davis, supervisor, Wake county schools; Sanford E. Williams, principal, Eaton-Johnson school, Henderson;

Mrs. Ruth L. Woodson, state supervisor of elementary schools, Raleigh; Dr. Samuel E. Duncan, supervisor of high schools, Raleigh, and H. N. Davis, principal, Mary Potter school, Oxford.

Wife held in fatal beating

Former dies after release from jail

GOLDSBORO, N.C.—Bonnie L. Huggins, 52-year-old Buntu Township farmer, was fatally beaten with an electric iron recently a few hours after he had been released from the Goldsboro city jail, where he had been locked up overnight on a public drunkenness charge.

Police are holding the farmer's wife, Mrs. Hazel Huggins, who they said admitted the assault.

Mrs. Huggins, who at first said she had come home to find her husband staggering around the house after he was allegedly hit twice on the head by a unknown assailant, later changed her story, police said.

According police, Mrs. Huggins admitted she struck her husband twice across the forehead with the iron after he had struck her as she lay in bed and later tried to rape her.

She told the officers she dressed her husband's wounds and offered to call a doctor, but he lay down and said he didn't think it was necessary.

Some hours later, after taking a nap herself, she said she awoke to find her husband dead. She called a doctor and later the sheriff's department.

Chief Deputy Roy Percise said Mrs. Huggins would be charged with murder. City authorities said they had released Higgins from jail, upon the request of his wife.

AWARDED MEDAL IN JAPAN — Airman Second Class Isaiah Goodman, right, of Wilson, N.C., is congratulated by Lt. Col. Vincent M. Crane, U.S. Air Force 91st Strategic Reconnaissance squadron commander, at Japan headquarters of the unit upon receiving the Air Medal. An RB-29 gunner, Goodman earned the award for his part in vital photographic mission over North Korean military targets.

Counties in N.C. give token aid

RALEIGH, N.C. — Counties pay an average of one-ninth of the cost of public assistance in North Carolina.

This is revealed in a breakdown of facts in a newly added feature in Public Welfare Statistics, a publication of the State Board of Public Welfare.

Of the three categories of public assistance to which the federal, state and county governments contribute, aid to dependent children cost the counties less than an average of nine per cent of the monthly payments in April, 1953.

State and federal government paid the remaining 91 per cent, the State paying less than 12 per cent and the federal government paying about 79 per cent.

Few Get Maximum

The maximum monthly payments allowed are $30 each for the first child and a responsible adult and $21 for each additional child. Few get the maximum.

The monthly average over the state is $15.31 per person or $59.79 per family of approximately four persons.

In old age assistance the county's share of cost on the average payment is about 10 per cent. The state pays a little more than 14 per cent and the federal government paysnearly 76 per cent.

County Pays Less

The maximum monthly payment is for only few recipients, much much. The average payment over the state is $29.87.

The county pays about 14 per cent of the cost of monthly payments to aid to the permanently and totally disabled, the state about 15 per cent, and the federal government, approximately 71 per cent.

In general assistance the county pays 100 percent of the cost of monthly payments to people in need.

State Aid Counties

Most counties use general assistance to provide for emergency situations which do not qualify for any of the jointly financed programs.

The breakdown of sources of public assistance payments given in the current issue of the publication shows that in general the state and county share 50-50 in the amount of the payment not paid by the federal government.

In many counties less able to meet their share of the payments, the state gives added financial aid to the county through equalizing funds.

John D. Bates dies after long illness

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Funeral services for Mr. John D. Bates were held at the Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist church, July 29, with the Rev. J. M. Kennedy officiating.

Mr. Bates died in a local hospital Friday after a long illness. Interment was in York memorial park.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sally Bates; three daughters, Mrs. George Ryans, Mrs. Kenneth Porter and Mrs. Fred Ellis; two sons, James and George Bates of Elberton, Ga.;

Three sisters, Mrs. Della Hough of Tignall, Ga.; Mrs. Carrie Williams, and Miss Ruth Bates of Chicago; three brothers, Cornelius Bates and Ray Bates of Chicago, and Tom Bates of Tignall, Ga.

Isaac H. Smith Jr., dies; son of former state solon

NEW BERN, N.C. — Funeral services were held last week from the St. Cyprian Episcopal Church for Isaac H. Smith Jr., 33, son of a former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

The younger Smith, whose father was a Republican member of the 1889 legislature, was also the son-in-law of the Dr. James E. Shepard, prominent in Republican politics of the 1890's and founder and first president of the North Carolina College at Durham. He had been ill for five years.

Smith was born in New Bern on May 1, 1899, the son of Isaac H. and Carrie R. Smith. His family has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in New-Bern for the past 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, the former Annie D. Shepard, two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Donaldson and Miss Carolyn Smith of New Bern; his mother, Mrs. I. H. Smith, New Bern; two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Hagans of Neptune, N.J.

Three aunts, Miss Charlotte Rhone, Mrs. Etta Jones, and Mrs. Bryan Rhone, all of New Bern; and five nephews, Wilfred Jenny, Durham; and Edward, Isaac, Henry and Eli Hagans of Neptune, New Jersey.

Weeping mate sent to jail

GASTONIA, N.C. — As tears streamed down his face and two women claiming to be his wife, watched in silence, Johnnie Sanders, 31, was sentenced to serve from two to four years in prison on a bigamy charge last week.

Evidence produce during the trial alleged that Sanders had been married to Miss Mamie Kendrick several years before he went through another marriage ceremony with Miss Lillie B. Robinson last May, without benefit of a divorce.

In defense of his plural marriages, Sanders told Judge J. A. Rousseau that his first wife "ran me away."

Mrs. McCarter resigns as Bethlehem director

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — After nine years as director of the Bethlehem Center, Miss Iva McCater has resigned from the post to accept a position with the Peek childrens home in Pontiac, Ill.

In recognition of her services to the community, she was guest of honor at a special meeting of the Charlotte branch of the NAACP.

Among those paying tribute were the Rev. R. J. Humphrey, branch president; Miss Allegra Westbrooks, director of the Brevard st. branch of the public library; Mrs. Mildred Gilliard of the Phyllis Wheatley branch YWCA.

Gifts Presented

Gifts were presented by Mrs. L. C. Brown, chairman of the Bethlehem centers board of directors; Mrs. C. S. Brooks, a member of the center advisory committee of the NAACP branch.

The center was founded in 1941 and is operated by the women's division of the Methodist church.

Mrs. McCarter has been director since 1944.

A native of Hutchinson, Kan., she was graduated from the National College for Christian in Chicago.

At the Methodist sponsored home a "house parent" she plans to leave Charlotte on Aug. 1. Her successor has not been named.

Man bites girl; both charged with assault

BURLINGTON, N.C. — Grady Walker, 20, of Graham, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon last week after he allegedly bit a young woman during a quarrel.

Also charged with assault was Miss Christine Degraffenreid, 19, of Graham, who allegedly stabbed Walker four or five times on the left arm and shoulder.

According to police, the young woman said Walker was "picking at her" while he had a knife in his hand. She attempted to take the knife and he bit her. When she managed to get the knife, she said she stabbed Walker. Both were released under bond.

City treasurer visitor at NCC

DURHAM, N.C. — Nathaniel Barber, newly elected councilman and city treasurer of Gastonia, was among members of the Executive committee visiting North Carolina college here last week.

The credit union has total assets of $354,131.97. Mr. Barger, who is thought to be the only person of his race in the U. S. serving as treasurer of a southern city, was accompanied by the following members of the credit union:

Thebaud Jeffers, president and principal of Highland high school, Gastonia; Charlie Hall, A. M. Hasson, the Rev. S. W. Hardin, Miss Velma Quick, Miss Brooks, W. L. Smith, Mrs. N. M. Lytle, Mrs. Maude Jeffers, Nolan Brooks and Ed Poag Sr.

Letter to a Korean soldier located in plane wreckage

GOLDSBORO, N.C. — Mrs. Mary L. Morrison, office employee of Hamilton Funeral Home here, received a letter last week that she had written last October to Pfc. John King, who perished in the crash of a C-46 in the Utah mountains, while returning home from Korea last January.

The letter, giving local news in Private King's home town employee at Hamiltons, was forwarded to Mrs. Morrison by Ernest Scott, of Smithfield, Utah, who wrote that he found it while rummaging through the debris of the wrecked plane and thought Mrs. Morrison would value it as a keepsake.

The letter showed signs of wear after being buried for months in snow on the mountain. The body of Pfc. King was returned here for burial two weeks ago.

East Raleigh "bull" knifes passerby then sleeps off authority

RALEIGH — Leroy McClain, 20, of 500 block of Edenton st., was arrested recently on an assault charge after he proclaimed himself "the bull of the woods," and said he was running East Raleigh.

Police said McClain had been drinking heavily of wine when he took over the section of town and later slashed James Harris of Smithfield st. Six stitches were required to close Harris' face wounds. McClain was arrested later at his home where he had "passed out" and slept off his authority.

RETURNS HOME — First Lt. James (Bob) Withers recently returned to his home in Charlotte, N.C., after a 30-day duty in Korea. After a 30-day furlough he will be reassigned from Fort Jackson, N.C.

S. C. all-stars victorious over N. C. in slugfest

By JILES EDWARDS

GREENVILLE, S.C.—In a free-scoring contest at Meadowbrook Park the South Carolina All-Stars emerged victorious over the boomin' foals of the North Carolina All-Stars by a score of 14-13.

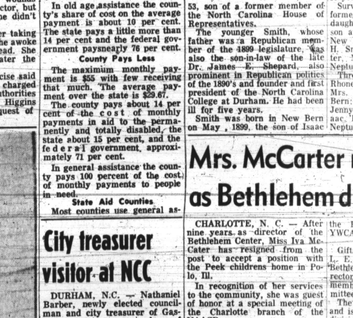
Pitcher Mack, starting off strong, was sent to the showers in the third as N. C. found the range and connected for five runs. After a big first inning when the locals scored five time they dropped their lead to the visitors and did not regain that lead until a Hollywood homer in the 9th gave them the two runs they needed to win.

Dogan, pinch-hitting for Smith in the 9th, flied out to short right field. Hartman was on with a swinging bunt and went to second on an overthrow by pitcher Neal. Ramseur, of Orangeburg, promptly tripled to deep center scoring Hartman from second and knotting the game at 13-13.

With one man out, Murphy pushed a hit toward second baseman Pope and the fleetfooted Ramseur scored the winning run with a head first slide at the plate.

The outstanding fielding play of the night was turned in by centerfielder Jenkins, who went deep to haul in a 400-foot drive off the bat of Adair. At bat, Charles Henry Jackson, flashy centerfielder of Greenville had two doubles and three singles in five trips for a perfect night. He also scored four runs and played a brilliantly afield. Watermaker had four for five as did Coleman and Hannon for the visitors.

C. F. Moore managed the N.C. All-Stars while M. C. Clark had charge of the home stakers.



LOVES THE WATER—Attractive Miss Greensboro pool. A native of Greensboro, N.C., Miss McNeil is majoring in elementary education and is an accomplished swimmer.

York-Chester area meeting held at Blacksburg church

By MISS EMMA WOODS

BLACKSBURG, S. C. — The York - Chester district church school convention was held here on July 26-29, at the home of Mt. Zion church. The Rev. H. B. Brewer is pastor. The convention raised a fund of $775.38.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Nettie W. Alexander were held at Ingram Presbyterian church recently. The Rev. J. C. Miller officiated.

Monthly Meeting

The Stewardess Board No. 2 of Trinity AME Zion church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Selena Moss. The meeting will be with Miss Mary R. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson of Philadelphia are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rosebore.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamstone of Florida are visiting Miss Mary E. Bradley.

Attend Funeral

Mrs. Clara Simpson of Washington attended the funeral of Mrs. Nettie W. Alexander.

The pastor and the members of the Metropolitan church, Goffney worshiped with the members and the pastor of the Trinity AME Zion church, July 26.

Mrs. Frances Jackson Burris has returned home after spending several months in Newark, N.J., with her son. She was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jackson.

Miss Willia L. Corry of NYC is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Corry.

The baby contest sponsored by the members of Stewardess Board No. 2 of Trinity church raised $75.36. Joan Smith won first prize and Tonnie Rachell Martin second prize.

Mrs. Johnnie M. Lathan and Mrs. Margie Lathan of Winston Salem, N.C., are visiting Mrs. Lula Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tillman of Hickory spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Lathan are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allison in Kannapolis.

Club Picnic

The members of the Home Demonstration club went on a picnic to Holly Oak Park recently.

Mrs. Mable Rippy and Mrs. Irene Play of Philadelphia recently visited friends here. They also attended the church services at the Piney Grove Baptist church.

Mrs. Jessie Hamilton has returned to her home after spending her vacation in Atlantic City, N.J.

MARRIED — Mr. and Mrs. Johnny T. Patterson were married on June 21, according to announcement made recently by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Phillips, parents of the bride, the former Miss Birch. Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Patterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delia Watkins. All are residents of Charlotte.

3 civil service positions open

Examination announcements for the positions of marine engineer WB-25, laundryman CPC-3 have been issued by the civil service secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners of the Social Security Administration.

The marine engineer examination is being held to fill positions with the U. S. Public Health Service at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Curtis Bay, Md.

The laundry washman and laundryman examinations will be given for the purpose of obtaining eligibles to fill vacancies with the U. S. Public Health Service hospital in Baltimore.

The salary for marine engineer is $4,396 per year. Salaries for laundryman and laundry washman range from $2552 to $2750 per year. No written test is required.

Applicants will be rated on the basis of their experience and training as described in their applications. Applications must be on file with the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, social Security Administration, not later than the close of business, Oct. 5.

Complete information and forms to be filed may be obtained from the local post office, the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Wyman Park drive and 33rd st., Baltimore 11, Md. or the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Social Security Administration, 109 Market place, Baltimore 2, Md.

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Fire exams taken by 150

1st appointees expected soon

City Councilman Philip H. Goodman, (Dem., 4th District) last week reminded the Board of Fire Commissioners of the present vacancies in the department and the fact that a colored applicant heads the eligibility list.

In a letter addressed to Mr. Frank S. Bauer, president of the board, Mr. Goodman stated that the board was "authorized to strengthen the force with, at least, thirty - five new men, and this has not been complished as of this time.

"I feel quite sure that you should have no difficulty and no decisions to make with regard to the applicant who is at the top of the eligibility list."

400 Applicants

Mr. Bauer told the AFRO Monday that he had answered Mr. Goodman's letter explaining that on July 22 written examinations were held for over 400 applicants to the fire department.

He said that at present there are approximately 80 vacancies in the department, 0 of which are new positions and the other 30 due to retirements, illness, injuries and other reasons.

The AFRO also learned that approximately 30 colored applicants took the written examinations. Height and weight measurements were given the same day.

Await Results

In the meantime, the men are waiting for the results of the examinations to be given out by the City Service Commission. Those that have passed will be notified to appear for physical examinations and fi they qualify should be appointed to the department before the end of August.

Following their appointment the men undergo a basic training course for 3 months. The full quota of 80 vacancies may not be filled at once, Mr. Bauer said, because the training school cannot take care of but a certain number of men at a time.

On June 19, the Board of Fire Commissioners announced that it would employ colored firemen for the first time in the city's history.

Conference With Committee

The announcement came out in a letter to the Urban League following a conference with a committee of Urban League representatives.

On May 14, it was revealed that James M. Carter, 22, a war veteran of 10 N. Schroeder st. is top man on th City Service list of ligibles for appointment as a fireman.

He is now employed as a truck driver. He passed the examination given last February.

—Guard

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the state of Governor McKeldin before going ahead with reorganization plans.

The colored Guardsmen resent the segregated quarters offered them in the 2200 block of Edmondson ave., the loss of pay they have sustained through long delays in renovating the building, and the lack of opportunity afforded them through a separate line organization.

Cites 'Professional' Pressure

General Reckord said he would not attempt to force men to serve in the segregated unit against their wishes.

The general declared further that he believed the Guardsmen's resentment was due to pressure from "professionals."

"If they were not being pressed, they would be just as happy as they were 10 years ago," General Reckord said.

The state's adjutant general declared further that few returning colored veterans would find their military occupational skills useless in being offered only trucking company duties because "only six-tenths of one per cent of the National Guard are veterans."

He said that most service men returning from the war "just want to be left alone."

Against Integration

General Reckord offered the opinion that "the morale and efficiency of the Guard would be impaired if the men were integrated."

He added:

"I believe they (colored Guardsmen) ought to have equal facilities. I'm for it 100 per cent."

He said that future plans call for building "one of the finest armories in the state for colored."

The fact that 25 armories are maintained in Maryland outside of Baltimore city for white stat Guardsmen against none for colored has no bearing on the question of equality of opportunity, the general intimated.

'No Interest'

"There is almost no interest (by colored) outside Baltimore city," he declared.

General Reckord said he had visited Princess Anne and Frederick on Guard recruitment tours some years ago.

He told these people that if they showed enough interest, we'd set up units for them," he revealed.

General Reckord added that there was a man in Frederick who was interested in commanding a Guard unit, but that there weren't enough colored interested to justify starting a unit for them.

The general also said that while 12 military categories were opened to white Guardsmen against one for colored, any colored Guardsman desiring to enter a unit other than trucking could apply to the Army Reserve.

(A recent Army order has directed integration of all Reserve units, James Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of Defense, said in Washington Monday.)

Barred From Air Force

There is still one category offered white Guardsmen that would be denied colored, the general admitted. It would be the Air National Guard, of which General Reckord is also in command.

"If any colored man wanted training in the air force, that would be denied them too, wouldn't it?" the general was asked by the AFRO interviewers.

"Well, it might be if we had a man go down there and we had no vacancy for him, it would be denied him, yes. Baltimore is a blind spot at the moment as far as reserved training is concerned.

"If there was a vacancy in the air force, he would be entitled it, wouldn't he?" the general was asked.

"At the moment he would, yes," Genera Reckord said.

No Air Reserve

"There is no arrangement for colord in the air force?"

"Well, I can't say the same about that as I did about the army side," the general answered. "At the present moment there is no reserve air force unit in Maryland, so you are correct."

"Have you had any applications from colored men who wanted air force training?" General Reckord was asked.

"I don't think we have had a single one," he replied.

"You would be compelled, under the present system in Maryland, to deny them if they did apply, wouldn't you?"

'No Vacancy'

"If the man applied there now, I think he would be told that they had no vacancy," the general said. "The unit is in camp now, and I think it's at 100 per cent of its strength. He would have to get on the waiting list and probably do so."

General Reckord also said he felt that if the Guard would adopt a new policy of making all its categories opened to colored, very few would take advantage of the increased opportunities.

BURNING WOOD, DEBRIS FOUND IN SLUM CLEARANCE

Firemen discovered burning wood and debris under bricks of razed buildings in the 1400 block of Orleans st., Monday evening. Also, an entire room at 1414 Orleans st. was destroyed by fire. Cause of the blaze could not be determined.

Acheson supports colored neighbor

Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson testified in police court as a character witness Tuesday for a farm worker in Silver Spring, Md.

On trial for allegedly assaulting a Montgomery county police officer, the 56-year-old defendant Samuel B. Hill was given a suspended sentence by Judge J. F. Coughlin.

The suspended sentence was said to have been given due to the defendant's "good community reputation." The former secretary of state testified that he knew Hill for 38 years, and that his reputation for peace and order was good. Hill lives near the home of farm a Sandy Spring.

The defendant was shot in the hip by a police corporal on June 20. The officer claimed that Hill lunged at him when he and another officer tried to arrest Hill's brother, Albert.

Warn motorists of N.Y. insurance

The following notice was received by Thomas B. R. Mudd, commissioner of motor vehicles from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York State

"To Motor Vehicles Administrators, New York State Police Officials, Magistrates, and New York State Motor Vehicle Personnel

Re: Compliance with Section 20-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law—"Insurance on vehicles operated by minors."

Complaints Received

Complaints are being received from the public that they also insurance interests with respect to acknowledment by police authorities of proper compliance with Section 20-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Section 20-a can be complied with by showing either insurance on the vehicle being operated, or insurance for the operation of the vehicle by the particular minor involved.

An insurance card, or policy, in the name of the owner of the vehicle indicating coverage on the vehicle being operated should be accepted as sufficient evidence of compliance with Section 20-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, provided the owner is a New York state resident and the vehicle is registered in this state.

If the owner of the vehicle is a foreign resident and the vehicle bears a foreign (i.e., out-of-state) registration, police officers may demand satisfactory evidence of proper insurance in effect.

(Insurance companies in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, for example, are not committed to issue limits to Pennsylvania or New Jersey residents which conform to the minimum requirements of New York State.)

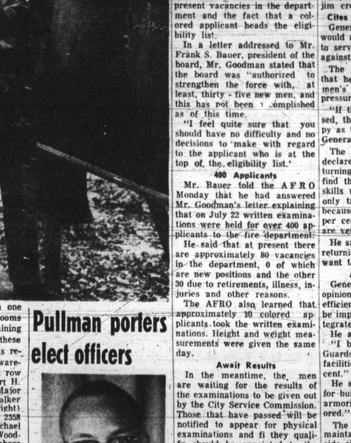
Beats wife with limb; gets year

A husband who brutally beat his wife with a tree limb and left her lying on the sidewalk cracked with a broken arm in the woods near Bloomingdale was sentenced Wednesday to a year in the House of Correction.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane levied the sentence against Linwood T. Hines, 32, a laborer of the 3000 block W. Lanvale st., after it was testified that he beat Mrs. Gloria Hines following a quarrel at their home after she alighted from a taxi near their home Sunday.

Some people passing by aided Mrs. Hines in getting to a hospital, it was testified.

Pullman porters elect officers



TROY BRAILEY

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Baltimore division, elected new officers during a meeting Tuesday at 1122 Myrtle ave.

Troy Brailey is president; R. C. Taylor and A. J. Pinn, vice presidents; J. R. Merritt, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are J. E. Peters, A. J. Pinn, R. C. Taylor, C. P. Harris and W. Johnson.

Mr. Pinn is the delegate to the convention to be held in Los Angeles, beginning Oct. 5.

Aid requested for hospitals

An urgent request for more than $1,000,000 for capital improvements in three state institutions was made Wednesday by Dr. Clifton P. Perkins, head of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Out of the million dollar request—the department expects to build a medical and surgical building for Crownsville. The remainder will be spent at Rosewood and Spring Grove.

The request was submitted to the State Planning Commission. The commission is now in the process of screening proposals for capital improvements to be recommended to the legislature next year.

Man slain

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mond lay and found police had already arrived on the scene.

"When Bonny (Mrs. Drummond) brought the baby in and called to me, she said: 'I just shot Walter,'" recounted Mrs. Bibbs.

"At first I thought she was joking, but she acte dkinda nervous and walked back out of the house.

"I followed her to the front door and when I saw all the people I knew she wasn't joking.

"I don't know for certain what happened but I understand they had been fighting and Walter had been beating her. I sure am sorry it happened because Bonny is a nice girl," declared Mrs. Bibbs.

The Drummonds were childless and had been separated for almost three months, according to neighbors.

Mrs. Drummond, who worked part-time as a domestic worker is being held without bail pending a hearing, the date to be determined by the State's Attorney's office.

Bloodstains tell nothing

Mystery still held in Burgess suicide

A police laboratory analysis of a blood-stained blanket found in the automobile of suicide victim Joshua Burgess has shown that the stains "are definitely not human blood."

Capt. Clarence German of the Northern police district said Thursday that the stains were blood all right, but that police were mystified as to just where it came from since it was not human.

Burgess, a 50-year-old night watchman, committed suicide on July 21 by hanging himself in the basement of a manufacturing firm in the 1600 block W. 41st st., where he was employed.

He took his own life only two days after his estranged wife, Mrs. Odessa Burgess, was seen getting into his maroon, two-door 1942 Buick automobile. She has not been seen since.

Fear Her Death

Both police and relatives have openly expressed the fear that Mrs. Burgess may have met death at the hands of her husband, and it was thought possible the blood-stained blanket may have been used to remove her body from the automobile.

Captain German said that the chemical analysis leaves police with the same problem: finding Mrs. Burgess.

Meanwhile, it was revealed this week that Burgess was convicted on charges of assault and incest involving his then 11-year-old daughter, on Feb. 7, 1952.

Paroled Last October

He was given two two-year sentences, to run concurrently, by Judge Herman E. Moser, and he was paroled on Oct. 29, 1952.

He had not lived with his family since, but often took his wife riding in his car, his daughter said after his death.

Captain German declared that Mrs. Burgess, a laundry employee, must be presumed dead.

"She was too regular in her habits to disappear like this. There's nothing else to think."

WALL FALLS ON CITY CONSTRUCTION WORKER

Charles Demory, 34, of the 1200 block N. Eden st., sustained head and back injuries Wednesday when the second floor wall of an abandoned Northwestern district apartment on Spring and Orleans sts., caved in. An employee of the Harford Construction company, the injured man was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment. The construction company is in the process of clearing the site for a city housing project.

HOME FOR SALE

A two-story, seven-room brick dwelling with a double car garage at 123 Hepler Grove st. will be sold at public auction on the premises at 3 p.m. Thursday. The terms of the sale include 10 per cent of the purchase price as deposit at time of sale; balance in 30 days.

Morgan grads to hear Dr. Pullen

Fifty-one candidates will receive degrees at commencement exercises of the Morgan State College summer session at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., state superintendent of schools will deliver the commencement address.

Prospective recipients of degrees include:

Bachelor of Arts

Jane E. Branche, Washington; William Brewer, Long Island, N.Y.; James E. Campbell, Charleston, S.C.; Annie Mae Coe, Catonsville, Md.;

Joseph H. Ligon, Baltimore; Joan Milligan, Philadelphia, Lois J. Staples, and Thomas M. Tilley, all Baltimore.

Bachelor of Science

Rose N. Barkley, Nanticoke, Md.; Ernestine J. Brown, Baltimore; Nellie C. Brown, Washington; Dorothy H. Caldwell, Mc-Daniel, Md.; Elois M. Chester, St. Michaels, Md.;

Lillian S. Coleman, Washington; Jerrene V. Cuffey, Smithfield, Va.; Janie T. Davis, Baltimore; Martie C. Elzey, Salisbury, Md.; Homer M. Everett, Baltimore;

Roberta P. Goodwin, Baltimore; Dorothy J. Graves, Philadelphia; Martha H. Green, Washington; Joshua A. Gregg, Baltimore; Dolores. C. Holloway, Salisbury, Md.;

Letta W. Hull, Bryans Road, Md.; Mary G. Jones, Fruitland, Md.; Vashti M. Jude, Baltimore, Md.; Ernest H. Kelly, Washington; Louis R. Kiah, Princess Anne, Md.; Dicie B. Kier, Salisbury, Md.;

Marie E. Logan, Marion, Md.; Sadie L. Maddox, Baltimore; Mamie L. Montgomery, Washington; James B. Newton, Baltimore; Gwendolyn L. Nichols, Baltimore;

Walter R. Overall, Jr., Washington; James A. Owings, Baltimore; Annie L. Packer, Newark, N.J.; Joseph F. Person, Jr., Baltimore; Estella G. Pridgeon, Washington;

Dora A. Queen, Luke J. Shaw, Orville Swafford, all Baltimore; Agnes S. Thompson, Loveville, Md.; Dennis H. Tribble, Baltimore; John W. Washington, Centreville, Md.;

Mildred S. White, Princess Anne, Md.; Bert D. Whitehurst, Mildred A. Williams and Clarence L. Willis Jr., all Baltimore.

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