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Painter fined $5 for bad conduct

To keep from returning to jail after being released from there less than a week ago, Samuel Wongus, 45, of the 100 block N. Spring St., paid a $5 fine Monday in Northeastern Police Court for disorderly conduct.

Police said they found Wongus a painter, knocking on doors and "making a nuisance" of himself in the first block of N. Dallas St., early Sunday.

When told he might have to return to the city jail where he had recently served 30 days for a similar charge Wongust said, "I sure don't want to go back to work at the Fallsway apartments."

An exit of the city jail faces on Fallsway.

'Bike Murder Case' ends; boy, 15, out on bail

A 15-year-old white boy, recently returned from his native state of Tennessee, puffed on a king-sized cigarette as he left the courthouse with his mother. Tuesday, after being found not guilty of murder in the fatal stabbing of a youth, 14.

He is Clarence Moore of the 1300 block W. Baltimore St., who was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of Hugh Vasquez, 1000 block McKean Ave.

Judge Herman Moser in Criminal Court withheld sentencing pending a probation report. Moore was freed under bail of $2,000.

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THE DEAD boy's mother, Mrs. Mary Vasquez, who wore a gray suit and red shoes to match her red hair, refused to talk to the press following the trial. She did talk briefly with Donald Murray, NAACP attorney who sat next to her in the courtroom.

Young Moore and his cousin, Eddie Ellison, 15, 1600 block E. Baltimore St., who was a witness to the slaying, both lit up long cigarettes as they followed Mrs. Moore and other adults in their party from the court house.

The Moore boy, who testified that he returned from Tennessee on July 4, almost a month before the stabbing which occurred on Aug. 3, was a different youngster than he had been minutes before as the court resumed.

There, he was a sickly sight of a pale 105-pound boy charged with the most infamous crime. His eyes swollen from tears as he heard testimony of how he plunged "a sharp metal object" in young Vasquez's back during a dispute over a bicycle ride. He wept constantly as he testified in his own defense.

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FIRST WITNESS was Moore's cousin, Eddie, who said that at about 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 3, he was helping Clarence put plastic coverings on his bike in an alley near Baltimore St. and Arlington Ave., when Vasquez approached.

Eddie said that Vasquez began playing with some toy guns that were hanging across the handlebars. Vasquez asked for a ride, the cousin said, and Clarence refused him.

As Clarence rode away, Eddie testified, Vasquez grabbed the bike and again asked for a ride. Clarence rode for awhile and then took Eddie's young sister for a ride around the block.

WHEN HE returned, Clarence then let the young girl take a ride. Vasquez asked her for a ride, Eddie said, and she said no.

The girl brought the bicycle back to Clarence, the cousin told the court, and Vasquez grabbed his hands from the handlebars and started to get on. The stabbing occurred then.

"I heard the boy (Vasquez) grunt, throw up his hands and run," the cousin testified.

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CLARENCE TESTIFIED that he "begged" Vasquez to leave him alone. When Vasquez got on the bike as if to ride it, Moore told the court:

"I hit him."

Clarence testified that he stabbed the youth with a piece of metal that he carried in his pocket for the purpose of repairing flat tires.

The boy testified that he had two bikes stolen before and he was trying to "protect" this one, when he stabbed Vasquez.

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TESTIMONY WAS that following the stabbing, Vasquez ran 80 feet and fell in a driveway. He got up and ran for another 10 feet before he collapsed.

Vasquez died in Franklin Square Hospital at 4:50 p.m., of a stab wound of the heart. Doctors tried to save his life by massaging his heart.

State'Sen. Philip H. Goodman, and Jack Enoch, attorneys, represented Moore. Assistant State's Attorney J. Robert Brown prosecuted.

The AFRO was told that Moore was born in Tennessee, but had lived in Baltimore with his mother and father. The parents are now separated.

The youth returned to Tennessee "a few months ago," where he was enrolled in the seventh grade and lived on his grandmother's farm. He quit school and took up farming.

Clarence told Judge Moser that he is now trying to find a job in Baltimore.

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IN FINDING Moore not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter, Judge Moser said:

"The boy (Moore) had been harrassed. There was provocation for a fight. Asserious crime must be committed to justify the taking of a life.

The evidence is clear the deceased did not want to steal the bicycle. He merely wanted to take a ride. I know of no crime of larceny of the use of a bicycle.

"This was an unthinking act that this boy will regret for the rest of his life."

Judge Moser called the slaying "quick, foolish and inconsiderate." It was not done, he said, because of hatred toward any group or individual.

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AT HIS HOME, Wednesday evening, young Moore solemnly told the AFRO Reporter, "Honestly, I didn't mean to do it. I'm sorry it happened."

The youth lowered his head as he sat on the couch in the combined living room and bedroom of the third-floor apartment, located in the 1300 block W. Baltimore St.

Then Moore looked up and said seriously, "Had I known all this was going to happen, I would have let the kid take the bike and keep it."

The youth's mother, who was seated on the edge of the bed, shook her head and said, "This is a terrible thing. I'll never forget it."

Driver cut during dispute

Convicted of inflicting a knife wound on a man's face that required 13 stitches to close, Bryant Perry, 24, 1200 block W. Fayette St., was sentenced to 60 days in jail Monday at Northwestern Police Court by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr.

Bernard Rose, unit block N. Exeter St., testified that Perry cut him during a traffic argument at Pressbury and Poplar Grove Sts., Sunday night.

In imposing the sentence, Magistrate Koger noted:

"My predecessor (E. Everett Lane) had a policy of giving a month in jail for every stitch, but I will only give you 60 days in jail."

Hose testified the stabbing came after Perry was asked to move his car which was double parked and blocking traffic. Perry appealed the conviction.

Tip on big numbers raid wins top prize for week

The first person to call the AFRO about the numbers raid in Turner Station is this week's top $5 winner in the AFRO News Tip Contest.

A second prize $3 will be awarded to the person who called to the interracial football incident in Salisbury.

No third place prizes were awarded this week, but the tipsters who called in the following news will receive $1 awards:

Car rolls down hill at Saratoga and Schroeder Sts., man beaten badly in Carey St. fight, fire in hospital, man puts out fire in car, auto-car collision, girl assaulted by boys, disturb. ance at Longwood and North Ave.

THE AFRO has a weekly fund to pay alert readers who call in news tips of incidents they see happening which will make news.

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Youth found tampering with car fined $25

Caught while allegedly tampering with an automobile parked near Johns Hopkins Hospital, James Simpson, 16, of the 1300 block E. Monument St., was fined $25 and costs Monday in Northeastern Police Court.

At a hearing before Magistrate John Munder, Simpson entered a plea of not guilty when an officer testified that he found a road map and a straight razor in the youth's possession.

Simpson claimed that he found the map and razor in a vacant lot opposite the hospital.

The map case was reported taken from an automobile belonging to Leon Black, an investment broker of the 600 block Cross Country Rd.

A ninth grade pupil, Simpson was asked by Magistrate Munder:

"Why is it you fellows always want to carry something like this? If you want to be a big shot, go to Chick Webb Center and do something constructive."

"If you would like, I would send you to jail for 60 days. Because you have no past record, and because your mother says that you are a good boy, I'm only going to fine you $25 for carrying the razor."

'Marrying Parson' says he'd marry two Tom Cats

The Rev. A. L. Bailey, who paid a $100 fine after being convicted in Criminal Court, last week, of marrying an elderly Philadelphia couple without a marriage license, blamed his plight on "prejudiced" judges in the Court of Common Pleas who issue the licenses.

"The minister who admits to more than 70 years, said that the clerks resented him because he performed marriages for persons of all races.

Dubbed "The Marrying Parson," on his own claim of having performed 25 to 30 marriages a day, the Rev. Mr. Bailey said one clerk asked him: "What right do you have to marry white folks?"

"I'd marry two Tom cats, if you gave them a license," the Reverend said in replies.

Next thing he knew, the minister said, he was in court to face the charge of marrying Pinkney Bostic, 69, and Sophie Green, 65, before they obtained a license.

The Rev. Mr. Bailey wants it understood that the conviction will not interfere with him maintaining his self-acclaimed reputation of "the marryingest parson in Baltimore."

Mate target of pots, pans

"I threw everything at him I could get my hands on," said Mrs. Jean McBride, 2, 2300 block Braddish Ave., on Monday as she appeared in Northwestern Police Court to charge her husband with assault.

"Everything," continued Mrs. McBride, included pots, pans, dishes and dishes, all aimed in the general direction of her husband, Alberto McBride Jr., 37, who said he was busy ducking all the while.

Mr. McBride said the fracas started when he reached home and in the midst of it he ran out the back door and summoned police. Mrs. McBride charged he threw the first timber, and she launched the barrage of household implements to protect herself.

Mr. McBride pleaded not guilty to the assault charge but was convicted and sentenced to 60 days in jail by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr.

Two deaths listed in southwest area

Two sudden deaths were reported to Southwestern District officers on Tuesday.

Mrs. Isabelle Fallester, 1500 block Booth St., told police that at 6:55 a.m. she found Charles Brookens, 71, of the same address, kneeling by his bed. Unable to arouse him, she notified Dr. Thomas Harris, 100 block Dr. Thomas Harris, 1800 block W. Franklin St., who pronounced.

Mrs. Levera McClean, 29, 2500 block W. Franklin St., told police that she was unable to awaken her eight-day-old baby early Tuesday, several hours after she had been fed.

Both deaths were listed as natural.

Wife slaying trial Tuesday

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. A 45-year-old husband goes on trial here Tuesday for the fatal shooting of his common-law wife last May.

Luther Columbus Byrd, 45, is accused of fatally shooting Mrs. Sarah Byrd in their home in the Marion Station section.

Mrs. Byrd, wounded in the stomach from shotgun blast, remained in pain in the house for 12 hours before help came. Police said before she died she said "Luther shot me."

An argument over going to the store led to the shooting. Byrd is now held in Somerset County jail pending trial.

Mail clerk in train accident resting

Shaken up when a train on which he was working as a railway postal clerk sideswiped a freight train near North Point Rd., Raymond Mathews, 32, of the 2200 block Prestman St., was released from City Hospitals Wednesday.

Mr. Mathews spent all day Thursday resting at his home. He was examined at the hospital for a possible back injury.

The northbound Pennsylvania passenger train on which he was working sideswiped a detailed coal car of the freight Tuesday afternoon. The train was not derailed but was delayed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cleaning schedule in Morgan Park

A complaint that for as long a period as two weeks no street cleaner had appeared in the Morgan Park-Overland Avenue area brought an announcement from the Bureau of Sanitation, William P. Fannon, engineer, that the following schedule had been set up:

Garbage, Wednesday and Saturday; rubbish, Wednesday and Saturday, and ashes, Friday.

Cherry Hill youth completes AF course

A/1c Charles H. Stanford, who is presently assigned to the 737 Air Control and Warning Sq. at Blaine AFB, Wash., has successfully completed the course of instruction at the NCO Academy, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, Washington and was graduated Sept. 21.

Airmen Stanford is the son of Mrs. Blanche A. Stanford who resides at 2603 Spelman Rd., Baltimore.

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AFRO Features, Political Columns, Coming Events

It Takes Courage To Smile Like This

An eight-year-old girl has courage to inspire us all

"Little Miss Spirit of Courage" is what neighbors in the 1200 block Canal Ct. call Sylvia L. Burgess.

Here an attractive and charming 8-year-old girl, she lost both feet and two fingers on her left hand due to gangrene at the age of three months. Sylvia, has been a source of courage in the Douglass-Somerset Housing project.

Although she walks on artificial feet, supported by steel braces, Sylvia is said to be one of the liveliest youngsters in her neighborhood.

Besides taking the steps to her second-floor apartment two at a time, and jumping rope, she likes to dance and frequently does so at school and home.

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SYLVIA IS a pupil at the Francis M. Wood Elementary School. She is not an outstanding pupil but her teachers say she is a well-adjusted child considering the fact that she was out of school so long.

She has never been in a wheel chair or on crutches.

Near tragedy overtook the jovial youngster at birth when an abrasive on her mother's hand infected and gangrene rapidly set in.

At about the same time, Sylvia was suffering with a severe case of diarrhea. Both feet were removed in an operation at Cliff Hospitals. A series of operations followed.

The physician who treated her in the first of two operations has since left the hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Nettie Burgess, recalls that the operation was one of the few that had been successful for that type of illness.

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BEFORE SHE reached the age of seven, Sylvia also underwent two operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Doctors at both hospitals told Mrs. Burgess the operations must continue until Sylvia reaches womanhood.

Despite her handicap, she expects to become a nurse.

She visits the out-patient clinic at Hopkins at regular intervals.

As she grows older skin will have to be grafted to the tips of her limbs. The infection is also extended throughout her body, but it has been eliminated through her earlier medical attention.

As a result of her illness, Sylvia's teeth were also damaged.

The steel braces which support her from the knee crept down have to be changed at least once a year.

When out of machine oil, her mother keeps the braces in working order with mineral oil.

Mrs. Burgess always checks them carefully before Sylvia takes off for school each day but never has to put them on for her.

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"SYLVIA DOES everything she wants to do and asks for no help when it comes to putting on her braces in the morning," Mrs. Burgess revealed.

"She's ambitious and just looking at her gives me courage.

"She tries everything the rest of the children try and once she is out the door, she is hard to keep up with

"I hope one day she will be something," said Mrs. Burgess. "She is musically inclined and loves to dance and sing."

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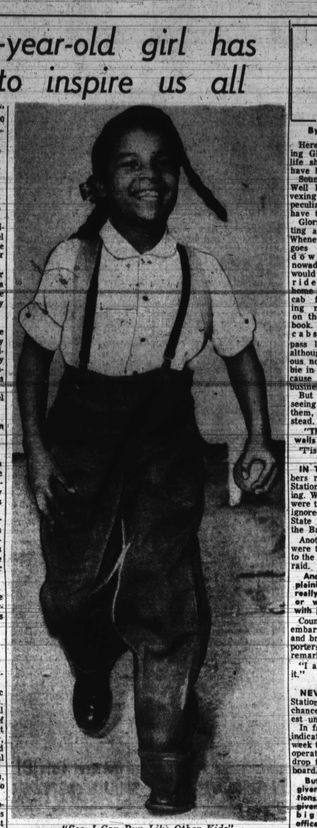
"IF THE doctors had not worked fast during that first operation, the disease would have been much worse," the child's mother continued.

"It has already affected her teeth and she must have six pulled in the near future," said Mrs. Burgess.

"The three of us, Sylvia, my son, Elmore, and myself, have had a struggle and I'm glad that I was able to get her a pair of feet before she got older.

"She's a fair pupil in school and I intend to do all that I can to encourage her to be somebody," Mrs. Burgess said proudly.


"See, I Can Run Like Other Kids"

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Here all along I've been envying Gloria Lockerman and the life she's living when I should have been pitying her.

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Well Little Miss Charm has a vexing problem all her own—a peculiar tragedy she'll simply have to outgrow to win.

Gloria's major headache is getting a taxicab.

Whenever she goes shopping downtown she would like to ride back home in a cab. cab fares being no strain on the pocketbook. But the cabs simply pass little Miss Lockerman by although her face should be familiar now, enough for every cabbie in town to recognize her and cause a traffic jam seeking her business.

Mr. Walker

But Baltimore's cab drivers, seeing the tiny Gloria beckoning them, choose to ignore her instead. She is so young.

"They think I'm kidding," wails Gloria.

"I'm 4 shame, I say.

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IN THE COUNTY—That numbers raid Wednesday in Turner Station has scads of people talking. Why, they immediately ask, where the Baltimore County police ignored and the arrests made by State Police and members of the Baltimore City Vice Squad?

Another question asked is why were the complaints who went to the governor and asked for the raid.

And were they really complaining about the operation, a really lucrative one it's said, or were they simply green with jealousy.

County police were angry and embarrassed following the raid and brushed off queries from reporters with the same stock remark:

"I ain't got nothing to do with it."

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NEVERTHELESS the Turner Station headquarters stands fair chance of being one of the largest uncovered in these parts.

In fact, if the police are being indicated, it will take them a week to tabulate the extent of the operation, I'd say it must be the drop for the whole Eastern Seaboard.

But never believe the size given by police in these operations. The bigger the figure given for the daily play, the bigger look the arresting officers.

Since none of these numbers men were really doing the "million dollar-a-week" business ascribed to them, they could have retired for life after only two days operation.

Since none of them ever do, it's evident the money isn't rolling in at the clip they say it is, or else the operators are the biggest fools this side of L'il Abner.

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MORE COUNTY — In Baltimore County this fall the schools opened on a desegregated basis. Admittedly, only a few colored children (210 to be exact) are now in previously all-white schools, but in most cases this is the fault of the colored parents in not asking for a transfer.

But that's not what we're interested in in this instance, since the schools are now open for those who wish to enjoy them.

My attention was called this week to the segregated child Health Department clinics the county maintains. In announcing them, the county designates some as "white" and some as "colored."

Thus there seems to be a bit of inconsistency in Baltimore County.

This means that the school authorities agree that a child no longer be punished in gaining an education, because of his color.

It also means that the health authorities of Baltimore County still feel that colored kids are inferior and even when sick, should receive segregated treatment—to prevent, no doubt, contamination of some of the white children they're now attending school with daily.

And if you're going to be one of those persons who argues "What's the difference as long as they're getting equal treatment, I say phitt! to you! You don't understand what the heck I'm talking about anyway.

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CENSORSHIP—It may not be widely known, but several prominent national colored magazines were included in that list Mayor D'Alesandro issued to the bookstand owners, warning the latter to clean out the dirty books or else.

Fortunately, the Mayor's bid for literary censorship boomeranged.

And as far as the colored mags go the list, became, they only serve to show that mags like Esquire and Life (oh, yes) don't have the market cornered on cheesecake photos.

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TAX BLUES: Did you see that jaw breaker item a national columnist had in his column the other day? He claimed that if the Marine captain had spent for the $64,000 and lost he'd still have had to pay taxes on the $32,000.

Logic here is that he had won the $32,000 and he was gambling it away on his own and Uncle Sammy would have still been looking for his share no matter what. Ain't it awful?

DON'T FORGET: NAACP's fall membership campaign is now on. Have you joined yet?

POLITICS

Democratic Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

President Eisenhower's illness has everyone speculating on the effect it will have on the national conventions of both parties next year.

The President's heart attack has thrown some Americans into a panic and even the stock market suffered following the first news.

In addition to showing how silly some of us can get, Mr. Eisenhower's attack also underscored a particular dictum of mine; no matter how strong a man, he can die tomorrow.

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EVEN THE Maryland senatorial race of next year will be changed with Mr. Eisenhower out of the picture. Senator Butler's chances for re-election would seriously be weakened without Ike at the head of the ticket.

The holds true even though Mr. Butler was not an Eisenhower man the last time. He's been getting on the bandwagon ever since.

But even the overwhelmingly large people vote for Senator Mahoney in the last senatorial election couldn't prevent Mr. Butler's election to the House in lower landslide for this state.

With Mr. Eisenhower not running, the Democrats can win the Senate seat next year, if they don't throw the opportunity away.

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BEFORE MR. EISENHOWER suffered his attack the Democratic nomination for president didn't seem worth the paper it written on.

Adlai Stevenson would have run simply to hold the party together. Now, however, it looks like a knock-down, drag-out fight for the Democratic nomination.

Certainly Mr. Stevenson is one of the ablest speakers and controls the national Democratic machinery at the moment.

But there are other hopefuls and favorite sons who will now probably come out of the woodwork in their quests for the nomination.

Such men as Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, that one time liberal hopeful Senator Hubert Humphries of Minnesota and Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio.

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SOMEONE FROM the South will be on the ticket more than likely, to appease the Southerners. You can also expect the Southern states which defected from the Democratic bandwagon, to return to the Democrats next year.

They didn't know the Eisenhower Administration was going to be so effective in easing that there was equal representation in the government. This will put an added burden on the Democrats who now must include in their platform some civil rights plank to offset Republican moves.

Incidentally, with Mr. Eisenhower not in the race, the 1956 election will see no change in the office seeking the presidency for the first time since Hoover and Smith battled in 1928.

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A NATIONAL magazine reports this week that Gov. James Folsom of Alabama has worked out a plan to double the Negro vote registration in his state next year.

He has loaded the county registrar boards with his ownmen who are pledged to enfranchise colored voters, the magazine says.

Governor Folsom is an ex-Truman man. If he gets all these colored potential on the ballot he can stay in office forever.

Compare this effort of the Governor of Alabama with that of the Governor of Mississippi where in the Delta region where the infamous Till case was just completed, the colored citizens outnumber the whites 4-1 but aren't even permitted to vote.

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AND WHILE on Mississippi, I'm prone to remark on the actions of our three congressmen on the Till lynching.

Congressman Diggs of Michigan was an "observer" at the trial. Congressman Powell of New York was in Europe but on his return on Tuesday his first remarks were to call it a lynching which gives comfort to the Communists.

Congressman Dawson of Illinois so far has remained silent. But I'll bet he's working behind the scenes, which is his natural way, for further action in this matter.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP

The Post Office Department will issue a 3c Jefferson Davis stamp, the 10th of the new regular series to be released, through the Joplin, Mo., Post Office on October 7, 1955, the opening day of the Annual Convention of the 4-State Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

The New Area Neighborhood Association is one of the most active and important neighborhood clubs in the city.

It has always conducted regular meetings, has transacted its business with dispatch, and has been consistently an important and influential organization.

Previous to this year, the association has not participated in politics, but under the leadership of its new president, Samuel Daniels, the members have decided to be active politically.

The group is made up of both Democrats and Republicans so it goes without saying their efforts will be nonpartisan, and will be directed toward political action for the benefit of the community.

Among those who have met and heard from Senator Harry A. Cole and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell.

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I HAVE always contended that if all the neighborhood organizations were more active politically, and combined their efforts and worked through a central organization, we could lick anything we set our minds to.

The central group could work as a clearing house to obtain the information with respect to issues and men in an election, and when this information is sent to the neighborhood groups, they can act, and act quickly.

Many neighborhood groups discussed political issues and men, but we need to harness the combined force of all the groups and direct their energies in the right direction.

I hope that the New Area group will become a real force in the community and set an example for the other clubs.

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MANY ORGANIZATIONS have been alarmed about the fact that only 50 per cent of the people are registered.

The Americans for Democratic Action, an interracial group, discussed the matter this week and is planning a campaign something about it.

The New Area group will launch out in this direction and many other clubs will follow suit.

Needless to say, the cooperation of all citizens is required, so it is suggested that we all back these groups.

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YOU HAVE read in other sections of this paper the figures on T. M. R. Howard and the difficulties faced by the people of Mississippi in registering.

This is a grim reminder to all of us that we should have 100 per cent registration.

If the people of Mississippi are seeking the right to be registered voters, then shame on all of the people of Baltimore who have failed to exercise this vital element of citizenship in a city where it takes only about two minutes to register.

Poets Nook

The Trial Goes On

If each man kills the thing he loves,
He murders what he hates
And Mississippi justifies
The crime he expiates.
He whistled at white womanhood,
Because he found her white skin good
To his young sight — or so they say.
(A child will shistle while at play)
For that a child must die one day.)
Hate can its course, and two decreed
That night would hide their heinous deed.
But crime more dark than blackness
Would not retain the bloody
And flung it to the broad daylight,
So that the world from end to end
Would wait and watch the mighty trend
Of twelve white men who dared compile
The facts, and march in single file
To mete out justice — southern style.
"The shadow of a doubt pervades
That this is Emmett Till." The shades
Of Mississippi justice fell
And black men know again the hell
Of hate that has no parallel.
Small comfort now, but don't disdain
For God shall ask as He did Cain:
"Where is thy brother. What has thou done?
Thy brother's blood (still) crieth un-
To Me." They'll answer one by one.

JESSIE M. HENDERSON

WORK BENCH:

New lynch philosophy

Baby diapers replace skirts

By CLARENCE MITCHELL
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Courtroom spectators looking over the rims of cans from which they drank beer saw an amazing transition in lynch philosophy in Sumner, Miss.

The baby diaper has replaced the woman's skirt as a place of concealment for mob minded criminals.

Formerly, if a colored man moved a productive piece of land or wanted to vote, those who wanted to get rid of him would go to in the name of a white womanhood. It was always convenient to work in a rape angle.

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THOSE WHO raised the banner of southern womanhood when they sped souls into the hereafter via the rope route, accomplished two things.

They eliminated someone they did not want around, and they made it difficult for decent people to protest their actions.

Few ministers could assail lynching from their pulpits when the victim was charged with raping someone's mother or sister.

Even though the whole community might know that the dead man was many miles away from the the scene at the time the alleged crime took place, nobody wanted to be the man who challenged the word of a white woman or what her menfolks might say was her word.

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IT WAS the church women of the South who finally routed the lynchers from behind the skirts. They made it clear that regular law enforcement machinery was all that they needed to protect them.

When those who murdered Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Chicago lad, came to trial they doubted if inconsistency in Baltimore County.

This means that the school authorities agree that a child no longer be punished in gaining an education, because of his color.

It also means that the health authorities of Baltimore County still feel that colored kids are inferior and even when sick, should receive segregated treatment—to prevent, no doubt, contamination of some of the white children they're now attending school with daily.

And if you're going to be one of those persons who argues "What's the difference as long as they're getting equal treatment, I say phitt! to you! You don't understand what the heck I'm talking about anyway.

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CENSORSHIP—It may not be widely known, but several prominent national colored magazines were included in that list Mayor D'Alesandro issued to the bookstand owners, warning the latter to clean out the dirty books or else.

Fortunately, the Mayor's bid for literary censorship boomeranged.

And as far as the colored mags go the list, became, they only serve to show that mags like Esquire and Life (oh, yes) don't have the market cornered on cheesecake photos.

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TAX BLUES: Did you see that jaw breaker item a national columnist had in his column the other day? He claimed that if the Marine captain had spent for the $64,000 and lost he'd still have had to pay taxes on the $32,000.

Logic here is that he had won the $32,000 and he was gambling it away on his own and Uncle Sammy would have still been looking for his share no matter what. Ain't it awful?

DON'T FORGET: NAACP's fall membership campaign is now on. Have you joined yet?

ONE CAN understand how the elementary mind of the old time mobster could conceive of the skirt and petticoat as a hiding place for those who killed for greed or pleasure.

In Sumner the criminals are evil schemers who weighted a black boy's body with metal and dumped it into a river. He is beyond all further suffering.

Now they have weighted their living children with the publicity of television, newspaper cameras and the gore of a murder trial.

They have thrown these innocents into the flood of indignation sweeping the country. What kind of men are they?

Baby sitter's health should be checked

What do you know about your baby sitter?

If you hire someone to come into your house and stay with your children while you take a well observed evening out. She plays with your children, gives them their supper, puts them to bed, carries them the glasses of water they demand before settling down.

If the baby cries in the night, she picks it up and comforts it. For a-few-hours she's as close to your children as you normally are.

Of course, you know her. She's that elderly woman from down the block, sent from the agency or the teenage daughter of your best friend.

You know that she's reliable, that your instructions will be followed, that the children like her, that they are safe with her.

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BUT ARE they safe with her? Are you sure that the doctor's have an infectious disease that might be passed on to your children?

Are you as cautious about her character? Both are of vital importance to your children's welfare.

Of course, if the baby sitter arrived coughing and sneezing you'd send her home, sorry as you might be to miss your fun. But — tuberculosis has no warning symptoms in its early stage.

Unless you know that your baby sitter has regular physical exams and a chest X-ray at least once a year, you can't be sure that your children will be safe with her.

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MANY OLDER women, when asked about their health, will say proudly, "I haven't been to a doctor in years."

It's nothing to boast about. Tuberculosis has no respect for age and gray hair. In fact, it is becoming increasingly a disease of older age.

You owe it to your children to inquire into the health of your baby sitter, and if she's offended? Well, they're your children, aren't they?

Coming Events

OCTOBER 1

This is the official opening date of the NAACP 12 annual Membership Drive. The goal is 10,000 members. Have you joined yet?

OCTOBER 3

The City Council opens tonight. It is scheduled to receive a FEPC bill.

OCTOBER 6

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance meets at 12 noon at Baptist Center, Mosher and McCulloh Sts.

OCTOBER 9-15

This is Fire Prevention Week. A good time to check your home for fire hazards. Fire houses are open for inspection.

OCTOBER 14

Roland Hayes appears in a concert at the First Unitarian Church, Charles and Franklin Sts., at 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22

More than 14,000 teachers are expected in town for the annual convention of the Maryland State Teachers.

OCTOBER 16

Homecoming Day at Morgan State College as the Bears (angle with the grid squad from A. and T. College. Game time 2 p.m.

Check home heating units

With Jack Frost and Old Man Winter just around the corner, have you checked your home heating unit, yet?

The Baltimore City Health Department warns that defective heating appliances, whether coal, oil or gas can produce the de