## Marie Kearney award winner

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—(ANP) — The annual scholarship award of the Sisterhood of Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn was presented to Marie Kearney last week.

The presentation was made by the pastor, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Mrs. Ada Wilda, Sisterhood president, and Mrs. Thelma Whitehead, chairman of the group's scholarship committee assisted.

Miss Kearney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Ernestine Kearney. She is a graduate of Washington Irving High School where she was a member of the Senior Arista honor society.

The 17-year-old honoree is now a freshman in home economics at Brooklyn College. At Concord Church is a member of the Youth Choir, Youth Fellowship, Concord Players and Girl Scouts.

## Report rise in church membership

NEW YORK (ANP)—The National Council of Churches Yearbook lists figures showing an increase in church membership in the United States.

1. The total church membership in all faiths is 97,482,611—an increase of 2,839,596 over last year's. The percentage rise for the 1954 year is 2.8 as against a population rise of 1.7.

2. More than six out of every 10 Americans are on the church rolls—exactly 60.3 per cent of the population today, as compared to 49 per cent in 1940 and a mere 16 per cent 100 years ago.

3. A new total of 37,625,550 students and teachers are in Sunday or Sabbath schools. The figure represents an increase over last year's total of 2,234,064.

4. A total of 300,556 places of worship, as compared to 294,459 last year.

A breakdown of the total membership shows that of the 97,000,000 churchgoers, 57,000,000 are Protestants, 32,000,000 are Roman Catholics, and 5,500,000 are of the Jewish faith.

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## New approach used in flim-flam game

The flim-flammers were back in town this week with their latest victim losing $80 in one of the oldest games in the history of swindles.

Usually the confidence artists work the swindle with a pocket book, but this time they used a wallet which accomplished the same job—that of relieving an unsuspecting citizen of her money.

Mrs. Alice V. Howard, 26, 1800 block Pennsylvania Ave., told Northwestern District officers on Monday, that she was walking on Pennsylvania Ave. near Laurens, when she saw a man get out of his car and drop a wallet.

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QUICK AS A flash, said police, another stranger darted up and scooped up the wallet which appeared to be packed to overflowing with money.

The stranger offered to share the windfall with Mrs. Howard, but first she had to put up some money to show that she was a substantial citizen, police said.

Mrs. Howard had to go home to get the money, police said, but the obliging stranger waited until she returned with $80, which reportedly represented her husband's savings.

Now, said the stranger, you wait and I will be right back and we will split the money.

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POLICE SAID that Mrs. Howard waited on the corner of Laurens and Pennsylvania for two hours, then decided that something was wrong and took her troubles to Northwestern.

There officers made a report on the incident and later Mrs. Howard identified the picture of a man in police files as the one who had taken her money. A warrant was obtained for his arrest.

The pocketbook swindle, according to police is usually staged near a bank and usually has a cast of two men who wait until they spot a prospective "mark."

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WHEN SUCH a person is spotted, one of the men makes a great show of picking up the pocketbook, making quite sure that the "mark" sees what is going on.

The first swindler approaches the prospective victim and offers to share his loot, but then state appears in the form of the second man who suggests "just to keep things straight" that the victim produce some money of his own.

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HE EXPLAINS that by producing the money, the victim will show he is a reputable citizen. When the victim goes into the bank and withdraws his cash, the second man takes charge of it and they all go to an office building where the two men tell their victim that they are going to check with their employer to make sure the arrangement for splitting the money is okay.

This is known as the "kiss off" and the poor victim might as well kiss his money goodbye. Once the men are out of sight of the mark, they head for other parts, leaving the victim sadder but wiser.

## Motorist killed on McCulloh Street

A traffic accident at North Ave. and McCulloh St., Thursday night, claimed the life of Edward Kass, 27, 3600 block Bowers St.

Police said Kass' automobile was struck by a trailer truck driven by Leon A. Frye, 32, of Harrisonburg, Va. The injured man was dead on arrival at Maryland General Hospital.

## 15 yrs. for man who attacked mom of 3

A 25-year-old married man who was sentenced to 15 years in the State Penitentiary Wednesday in Criminal Court for the criminal assault of a mother of three children was a "friend of the family."

He is James A. (Jane) Taylor of the 400 block Aisquith St., who was also given a one-year sentence on an assault to murder conviction. Judge Joseph R. Byrnes orders the sentence to run concurrently.

Taylor was convicted of the charges at a trial, Monday. Sentencing was withheld until Wednesday.

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TESTIMONY WAS that about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 4, he went to the mistress's home in the 1200 block Nolan Ct., Somerset Homes and told her that he had just shot a policeman and another man. He had a gun in his hand.

Taylor kept looking out the window of the woman's apartment, it was testified. About 30 minutes later, he turned the gun on her and forced her to have relations.

He threatened to kill her if she made an outcry, police said, and then made her submit again.

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THE ACTS occurred, police said, during a period when the woman and her husband, a transit bus driver, were separated, and while Taylor's wife, was away in North Carolina.

The victim reported the offense to police later in the day, after her then estranged husband came to see the children.

She said that she had been afraid to leave the house earlier.

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TAYLOR TOLD police that he and his wife had visited on occasion at the woman's home. He denied attacking or threatening the matron. The Taylors have one child and are expecting another, J. Robert Bron, assistant state's attorney who prosecuted, said.

NEW ASSISTANT

Miss Elaine Michelson, executive director of the Mental Hygiene Society of Greater Baltimore, announces the appointment of Miss Mildred Flynn as administrative assistant, effective September 12.

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL:

## Movements against colonialism pushed

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—One of the important developments in the current world situation is the general upsurge of the movement of peoples in Asia, Africa and elsewhere against colonialism in an effort to obtain freedom and independence.

This is especially evident in the heroic struggles the Moroccan and Algerian peoples have been waging for national independence.

With the United States voting against, and Ethiopia and Haiti abstaining, the United Nations turned down a Greek proposal for debate on self-determination for Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean administered by Great Britain.

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THE PEOPLE of Cyprus are said to favor overwhelmingly union with Greece which they regard as their mother country. Remaining on the UN agenda, however, are items relating to Morocco and Algeria.

A fifteen-member delegation proposing debate on the Moroccan and Algerian questions was represented at the Asian-African Conference which denounced colonialism in all its manifestations.

The delegation is composed of representatives from Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Yemen.

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AT THE Asian-African Conference, the aforementioned delegation said colonialism was "an evil which should speedily be brought to an end."

They declared that the situation, especially in Algeria, is deteriorating and has become "a cause for growing concern and is creating a serious threat to peace in the Mediterranean area."

## Wife fights double standard in divorce

"What is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose," according to Mrs. Geneva Stewart, divorced by her husband, James, 1219 N. Stricker St.

She knew, said she in Circuit Court this week, that he had not been faithful to her during the whole of his stay in the service, so why should she have been faithful to him.

He should appreciate the fact that there were not a number of men in her life, just one, while he was away, said the wife.

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A LETTER, explaining her single standard theory, plus criticism of her in-laws, who she said, "knew everything that went on in their home including when they ate and when they went to bed," was a silent witness in the husband's divorce suit.

Mr. James said he received the letter while he was serving in the Army overseas. It was the answer, according to the wife, to a letter received from him in which he had accused her of being untrue and had "called her names."

A second letter from the husband retracted the statements, but Mrs. Stewart said she was tired of his accusing her and then saying that he didn't mean what he had said.

Mrs. Stewart told her husband that she was young and needed companionship . . . she was not like his aunt and mother who could get along alone . . . anyway, said she, "They can't get anyone."

The aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Carey of 1604 Ruxton Ave., and mother, Mrs. Isabelle Stewart of the Stricker St. address, testified that they had visited Mrs. Stewart in her Madison Ave. apartment and found her with a "Mr. Bass."

## Baltimorean's father dies in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — Elder William J. Herring, 75, of this city, father of William H. Herring of 339 Dolphin St., Baltimore, died here Friday morning.

Three other children also survive. They are Mrs. Sadie Crocker and Mrs. Juanita Smith, both of this city, and Sgt. Jermiah Herring, stationed in Germany.

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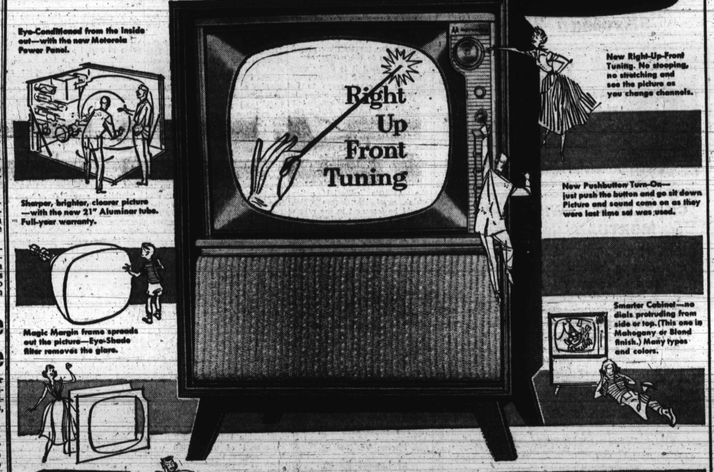

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2500 PERSONS crowded Sharp Street Methodist Church Sunday afternoon to protest against the lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi. Spectators stood in hallway and outside to listen to address of Dr. Howard.

## AFRO Goes To NAACP Meeting

GLORIA LOCKERMAN, Maryland's champion speller, received NAACP Achievement Award. The main speaker halted his address when Gloria came in. The audience gave her a tumultuous applause.

"WE HAVE DECIDED in Mississippi that we are tired of dying for something on Heartbreak Ridge, Korea and living for something that we can't fight for in Belzoni, Mississippi." Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Mason Howard, Mound Bayou, physician, President-elect of National Medical Asso. His 75-minute address was halted 21 times by applause.

THIS SPECTATOR, standing outside church, wept openly as Dr. Howard described how Till was first beaten to death before his body was thrown in the river.

Sympathy — Incredible — Anger — 'Lord have mercy.' — Determination — 'Here's my money.' — 'God forgive them.'
CANDID CAMERA catches these shots showing deep emotion in the faces of the spectators.

WITH NO BABY SITTER, Mr. and Mrs. Aldolphus Pugh, brought their triplets to the mass meeting and occupied seats on the front row.

THE SIZZLING MASS meeting held in Sharp Street Sunday afternoon had nothing to do with fire in ceiling in auditorium later that night. Reason was faulty electric wiring. Rev. E. G. Carroll inspects damage.

WITH SEATS all full, Keifer Jackson, husband of the NAACP president, kneels in aisle to listen to speaker.