# Coppin Loses Battle; Part Of Campus Given To Guard

## Citizens to appeal to McKeldin

"The five acres at Coppin State Teachers College have been transferred to the Military Department for an armory."

**Joseph O'C McCusker, secretary of the Board of Public Works, made this statement on Thursday as the furor over the 26 acre Coppin campus reached a new degree of intensity.**

Immediately after Mr. McCusker's announcement of the transfer, Howard J. Murphy, head of a group of citizens interested in the school, said he would promptly appeal the decision to the board composed of Governor McKeldin, State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes and State Treasurer Hooper S. Miles.

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**ON MONDAY NIGHT** Mr. Murphy and about 50 persons had attended a meeting at Coppin at which the question of the armory was raised.

After listening to State Sen. Philip H. Goodman (5th Dem.), A. Gordon Boone, president of the House of Delegates, and Jerome Robinson (Dem.) Emery Cole (rep.) and Truly Hatchett (Dem.), all members of the House, the meeting broke up under the general impression that the Military Department would not be given the land.

**To make certain that the State Department of Education knew how they felt about the school, a group of the same citizens appeared on Wednesday at the regular State Department of Education and presented a resolution opposing a transfer.**

In the group were Mr. Murphy, Sen. Violet Hill White, Frederick C. Peyton and William D. Taylor.

The resolution was accepted by the board and the delegation was informed by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., superintendent of education, that his office would continue to oppose any transfer of Coppin land.

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**ON THIS NOTE** the delegation walked out of the room but before the members could leave the building they were informed by a reliable source that the transfer had already been made.

**A check with the Board of Public Works, the agency charged with the responsibility for such transfers, disclosed that the report was true.**

News of the transfer caught the citizens unaware but they immediately began plans to fight the action.

Lined up on one side of the current hassle is the Military Department of the State which wants the Coppin land to build a new armory for the 231st Truck Batallion now using a building at 2237 Edmondson Ave.

On the other side of the controversy is the Department of Education and friends of Coppin who want the 26 acres to remain intact because of the possibility that the school may eventually enlarge, and the belief that a military armory does not belong on a college campus.

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**THE DEMARCATION** line between the two forces hardened on Nov. 14 when General Milton S. Reckord, head of the Military Department and School Superintendent Dr. Pullen met with the Board of Public Works.

The two men stated their views and General Reckord was advised to contact the Legislative Council to determine how the legislature felt about the issue.

**On Nov. 16 the Legislative Council informed the Board of Public Works that it had met with General Reckord, and it was decided that the General Assembly had meant for Coppin land to be the site of the Armory.**

It explained that in 1955 the General Assembly has struck out a $100,000 appropriation to be used to purchase land for such an armory with the intent.

"That the armory should be constructed in a portion of the grounds now used by Coppin State Teachers College."

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**ACTING ON THIS** information: Mr. McCusker, secretary of the works board, said he contacted the board members by telephone, and obtained their approval for the transfer.

The latest situation at Coppin comes several months after the publication of a study which recommended that the institution either be closed or else turned into an accredited school with the necessary facilities including an auditorium gymnasium and a library.

Opinion on the advisability of continuing Coppin is varied. Some persons favor closing the school and the absorbing the students at the accredited Towson State Teachers College. Others want the school kept open as an independent institution, but with the necessary improvements.

## 'Butch' Braxton faces death; two pals face 150 yrs. in Phelan case

### Jury takes 25 minutes to convict

"Will Braxton get the gas chamber?"

**This question has been widely discussed since Tuesday when a jury refused to recommend mercy after finding a 17-year-old youth guilty of first-degree murder in the Sept. 29 slaying of rookie Patrolman John R. Phelan.**

The youth is Alvin Herbert (Butch) Braxton, 2000 block Baker St., who took the witness stand on the second day of the trial and testified that the shooting was accidental.

Even though James R. Compton, defense attorney, said Wednesday he would not file a motion for a new trial it is unlikely that Braxton's fate will be resolved for another week.

In line with the jury's verdict, Judge James K. Cullen must now determine whether Braxton is doomed to death or life imprisonment.

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**THE JURY** of ten men and two women, one of them colored, deliberated only 25 minutes before returning with the guilty verdict. Jurors filed out of the crowded courtroom at 3:30 p.m. and a buzzer indicating they had reached a decision was sounded at 3:55.

As the husky youth took the stand in his own defense his mother, Mrs. Bessie Braxton buried her face in her hands.

Meanwhile, spectators around her strained to hang on to the youth's every word as he described circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting.

Braxton readily admitted going to a liquor store at 2700 W. North Ave., in company with his brother Albert, 19, and two other young men for the purpose of robbery.

(The others were Roger C. Ray, 21, and Earl C. Pickett, 19.)

The holdup attempt was foiled by Patrolman Wilbert Elsroad who was in a rear room of the place.

An exchange of gunfire ensued and both Braxton and Officer Elsroad testified that they emptied their revolvers.

**"I started to give up but the officer was firing at me so I ran," said Braxton. "The officer was firing and I fired back at him."**

He said the officer chased him into an alley where he was shot in the leg. Later, he said, he was placed in an ambulance and was accompanied by the dead policeman and Officer Theodore Weintraub.

"I was lying down in the ambulance and these officers were whipping on me and asking who the other fellows were," the youth testified.

**He related that en route to the hospital the policeman threatened to kill him for "trying to shoot an officer." He contended that Officer Weintraub drew his service revolver and during a struggle it dropped to the floor of the ambulance.**

(Officer Weintraub, recalled as a rebuttal witness by the State, denied drawing his revolver, contending that Braxton took a revolver from the holster of Officer Phelan and shot him.)

"As he was trying to get the gun off the floor I beat him to it," testified Braxton. "Officer Phelan was charging into me and the gun went off."

The youth testified that he made his way out of the ambulance and jumped into a taxicab in an attempt to escape. He said the cab crashed into the parked vehicle and he got out and ran on his foot.

**"The officer shot and hit me in the neck," he said as he neared a house in the 1500 block Poplar Grove. "I looked back and saw this officer firing at me so I jumped through the window."**

Inside the house, he continued, he obtained a paring knife and ran outside where he commandeered another cab.

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**OFFICERS IN** another cab overtook and captured the fleeing youth.

Braxton said when he saw the officers at this point he again tried to get out of the cab and flee, but "they shot past the taxicab driver and shot me in the arm and chest."

"When they put me in the cruising patrol they were beating me pretty badly and I thought I was going to die," Braxton said.

**"I heard one officer say, 'Is he dead?' and another one said, 'I hope so,' the youth testified.**

Continuing his story, Braxton said:

"They took me to the hospital and they put me up on the table and started questioning me."

**THERE WAS** a gasp from some of the spectators when Braxton said:

"The officer stuck his fingers in my eyes."

The defendant said some time later officers handed him a statement which he refused to sign.

**"An officer hit me across the chest with his stick—where I'd been shot—and he said, 'If you sign it I'll let you live a little bit longer,'" the youth said.**

Officers William DePaola and Paul Hopkins testified that while en route to the hospital the second time Braxton again tried to escape from the ambulance and they were forced to subdue him.

Dr. Ruben Abonto, a physician at Maryland General Hospital, said Braxton was unconscious when he was brought there. The doctor said officers "did not maltreat the patient" in his presence.

Policemen also denied that they mistreated Braxton in the hospital as the youth testified.

**THREE DEFENSE** witnesses testified that they saw officers beating a man on Raynor Ave. between Dukeland and Ashburton Sts.

They were Thomas L. Hill, 1813 Poplar Grove St., Rudolph Redd, 2763 Raynor Ave. and his wife, Mrs. Mary Redd, a school teacher.

Mr. Redd testified that when he spoke to the officers about beating the young man one of them came over "and threatened to arrest me if I continued to interfere."

**Mrs. Redd, who said she was called to the scene by her husband, tried to get the officers to discontinue the beating. She related that "a young policeman came by and cursed me and said, 'You don't know what this man's done.'"**

In his final argument to the jury Mr. Compton pleaded for a verdict that would be less than first-degree murder.

"You don't want the stain of this boy's blood on your hands—I wouldn't take the chance," Mr. Compton told the jurors.

MRS. BESSIE BRAXTON
*One son faces death in gas chamber or life imprisonment. Another fasec long prison term.*

## Sportsman in raid posts $5,500 bond

Charged with making book on four consecutive racing days at Pimlico Race Track, a tall, dapper sportsman, and his two blond companions posted $5,500 bail each Wednesday in Northern District Police Court when Rackets Division officers asked for a postponement of their case until Tuesday.

**Police said they confiscated a total of $1,042 in cash along with betting slips for single and parlayed bets.**

Among those charged were: Cornelius F. Johnson, 43, of the 2100 block Whittier Ave; Sindall Rosen, 48, of the 2900 block Oakford Ave; and Alvin A. Raskin 31, of the 3300 block Forest Park Ave.

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Specifically, they were charged with: Using the facts for the purpose of betting, wagering and gambling on the results of certain running races and contingencies."

**The men were arrested on a warrant signed by Judge Judge R. Byrnes, and led by their belts to the office of the Thoroughbred Racing protective Bureau at the track.**

According to Lt. Hyman Goldstein, city police had been called to investigate the case by the racing association, and made their arrest after a lengthy surveillance.

The arresting officers Patrolmen Edgar Kirby, Charles Gross and Don Belzner said they watched the three men count money before the horses reached the starting gate in the eighth race.

**They said the money was received from Johnson when they moved in on a pre-arranged signal.**

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**ON THE** scene with Lt. Goldstein when the arrest was made was Inspector Clarence O. Forester, Chief of the Rackets Division, and Sgt. Herbert Meekins.

**Wearing a cocoa brown topcoat and Italian suit, Johnson spoke only once during the proceedings at Northern Wednesday before Magistrate Henry L. Rogers.**

He answered "yes" when asked if an apartment in the 3400 block Grantley Ave., which he offered as collateral was owned by him.

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**THE COURT** appearance of the well known sportsman was his second within as many years.

Last April, Johnson appeared in Northwestern Police Court along with seven persons who were arrested in a bookmaking raid at a local hotel and was found not guilty.

In 1936 the accused was given a five year sentence in connection with a bank holdup.

## One youth awaits Mon. jury trial

"Whether I was right or whether I was wrong I want you to take this into consideration: I know I've been in trouble before. But I have more to lose than anyone in this court."

**This plaintive plea for mercy was made to Judge James K. Cullen Thursday afternoon by a 21-year-old pal of Alvin (Butch) Braxton who could possibly get prison terms totaling 95 years.**

Before reaching a verdict in the six serious cases against Roger W. Ray, 800 block N. Payson St., Judge Cullen said: "This boy has made his earnest plea for himself. He has reminded me of my responsibility toward him as a human being."

**JUDGE CULLEN** found Ray guilty of one case of assault to murder, two of armed robbery and one of attempted armed robbery. He was acquitted of two cases of assault to murder.

A codefendant, Albert Henderson Braxton, 19, 1900 block Warwick Ave., brother of convicted police slayer Alvin Braxton, pleaded guilty to armed robbery and attempted armed robbery on Thursday.

On Wednesday Judge Cullen found Ray and Albert Braxton guilty of assault to murder.

The jurist withheld imposing sentences on the pair.

**"If given the maximum penalty on each charge Ray could get 95 years. Albert Braxton faces a maximum of 55 years in prison.**

Two other youths arrested after Officer John R. Phelan was shot to death by Alvin Braxton following an attempted holdup of a North Ave. liquor store are scheduled for trial Monday.

They are Earl C. Pickett, 19, 400 block N. Pine St. and Woodrow Williams, 19, 2900 block N. Lanvale St.

**Pickett, through his attorney, Fred Kelodner, asked for a jury trial. He is accused of two cases of assault to murder, three of armed robbery and one of attempted armed robbery.**

Williams, currently serving a term in the House of Correction, is accused in two cases of assault to murder and one of attempted robbery. He was not charged in any of the cases which took place on the day the officer was killed.

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**ALBERT BRAXTON** pleaded not guilty to the assault to murder charge of Officer Wilbert Elsroad. The young patrolman who foiled the holdup attempt of the North Ave. liquor store.

"He was under technical arrest at the time of the shooting," said R. Lewis Bainder, attorney for Albert Braxton. "If your honor finds him guilty of this offense, then under this court's ruling he could also be charged with the murder of the officer."

**In his unsuccessful bid for a directed verdict in this case Mr. Bainder cited testimony that his client was grabbed by Officer Elsroad shortly before any shots were fired.**

Albert Braxton, father of two small children, did not testify in the robbery and attempted robbery cases. However, he did take the witness stand in the assault to murder case.

He said he agreed to give police a statement when he was told that his wife, Mrs. Marie Braxton had been taken into custody.

Officer Elsroad testified that when he emerged from a hiding place in a rear room of the liquor store on Sept. 29 he foiled up attempt was in progress and Albert Braxton had made his way to a rear cash drawer.

According to the defendant, when he saw the officer entering "I put my hands up and walked toward him." Albert Braxton related that after the police grabbed him the shooting started.

"After a few shots were fired my brother and Ray ran and he released me and chased them," the youth said. "I had surrendered myself to the officer but when he released me that's when I ran."

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**RAY, WHO** took the witness stand in his own defense Thursday, charged that Northwestern District police beat him into signing a statement admitting participation in the series of charges he faced.

The statement was admitted into evidence by Judge Cullen over the strenuous objection of Harry Cole, defense attorney.

Ray was convicted for the robbery of Snyder's Liquor Store, 732 N. Caroline St., of $2,380 on Sept. 14; the holdup of the Nicholson Liquor Store, 1309 W. North Ave., on Aug. 30; the attempted holdup of the Fox Liquor Store, 1301 N. Fulton Ave., on Aug. 24.

Also, the Parks Liquor Store, 2700 W. North and the assault to murder Officer Elsroad.

**He was acquitted of the assault to murder two customers in the Fulton Ave. establishment. The alleged victims were Roosevelt Stokes, 1505 N. Fulton and John C. Ball, 1128 N. Fulton.**

Mr. Cole argued successfully that the customers were unable to positively identify Ray.

Albert Braxton was convicted of the essex grocery out of the Parks' place and the robbery of Snyder's Liquor Store.

Mrs. Katerine Ray, wife of the defendant, testified that when arresting officers came to her house they refused to permit her in the bedroom and "they started beating my husband."

## New Life to install new pastor Sunday

New Life Presbyterland Church, 121 Oak St., Turner Station will install its new pastor Rev. E. McKay Miller, Sunday at 7 p.m.

**A 1948 graduate of Lincoln University, (Pa.) the Rev. Mr. Miller served as pastor at the New Life Presbyterian Church in Charleston, S.C., before coming to his new post.**

Prior to that time he served at the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Ga.,

**HE SUCCEEDS** the Rev. Harold G. Nixon, who left earlier in the year to take a post in New York.

**Installation services will be presided over by the Rev. J. Russell Butcher, Moderator of the Presbytery.**

The Rev. Mr. Miller is married to the former Miss Vivian Flouncy of Montclair, N.J. They have a 20-month-old son.

## NAACP hits back at Virginia

By RUFUS WELLS

RICHMOND, Va. — The national office of the NAACP Thursday filed suit here against J. Lindsay Almond, Virginia Attorney General, and against Commonwealth attorneys in five Virginia communities.

In a surprise legal attack, the NAACP asked the U.S. District Court to issue a decree restraining the state legal officers from enforcing anti-NAACP legislation passed recently by a special session of the Virginia General Assembly.

A similar suit was filed by the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, a separate corporation.

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**THE SUITS** contended that Chapters 31, 32, 33, 35 and 36 of the acts of the general assembly were unconstitutional.

Named as defendants were J. Lindsay Almond, Commonwealth Attorney T. Gray Haddon, Richmond; William J. Carleton, Newport News; Linwood B. Tabb Jr., Norfolk; William J. Hassen, Arlington County, and Frank N. Watkins, Prince Edward County.

The NAACP charged that the chapters contain regulations and penalties that could bar the NAACP from the state, disbar attorneys who associate with the NAACP and "would subject the organization and individuals to serve criminal penalties."

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It continued:

"Even in the absence of enforcement by state officials, the statutes visit immediate harm upon the plaintiff by depriving it of public support, contributions, and members, and seriously impairing the organization and threatening its destruction.

"The plaintiffs have no plain, adequate or complete remedy to redress the threatened injury other than this action for a declaratory judgment or injunction."

The NAACP declared it was engaged in "legitimate activity" . . . merely seeking full enforcement of the constitutional rights of colored citizens to democracy's general benefit.

"In seeking these rights in common with other like-minded persons, plaintiff and its members have violated no legitimate interest of the state."

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**THE LEGISLATION** marked the first frontal attack on the hastily drawn legislation designed to curb the activities of the NAACP.

The chapters of the General Assembly acts under fire are:

Chapter 31 which requires organizations or individuals soliciting money for litigation to file "certain information" with the State Corporation Commission.

Chapter 32 requires registration of persons or organizations "engaged in promoting or opposing legislation in behalf of a race or color, or advocating racial integration or segregation."

**CHAPTER 35** defines the crime of barratry (stirring up litigation) and establish it as ground for revocation of attorney's license.

Chapter 36 makes it unlawful for any person to induce another to commence or prosecute proceedings in any court, board or administrative agency.

Oliver W. Hill of Richmond and Robert L. Carter of New York are attorneys in the NAACP suit; and Thurgood Marshall and Spotswood W. Robinson, attorneys in the legal defense fund case.

## Another $25 goes out to alert Newstippers

Alertness keeps on paying off, and another $25 in Newstip money will go out this week to persons who called to report incidents of interest.

**Standing out in front is the man who called about the body of a young man found in the Druid Park Reservoir; he was closely followed by the lady who phoned in about the truck-auto crash in which four persons died.**

Checks for $5.50 each go to the tipsters on: the death of Mrs. Venice Spraggs in Washington and the Ainsuith St. fire. $3 goes to the Lanvale St. fire tipster.

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**TWO TIPSTERS** get $2.50—both for calling about auto accidents, one of which resulted in the death of Robert Johnson, a musician. Getting the lone $1 check this week is the caller telling of a plan to donate Christmas toys to needy children.

**How would you like to reach in the mailbox and take out a check that you earned just by picking up your telephone? You can do it, just pick up your 'phone and tell the AFRO City Desk "I've got a Newstip" whenever you see something of interest.**

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## Allen, Sodaro give views on judgeships

"To be appointed a judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore is indeed a great honor of which I am deeply appreciative," Joseph Allen told the AFRO this week.

**"Upon taking my place on the Bench, I shall do so with full sense of the responsibility of that position and with the hope that I shall be able to perform my duties in the high tradition of the Baltimore judiciary," he said.**

Mr. Allen, Republican chairman of the State Tax Commission, was appointed this week by Gov. McKeldin to replace Deeley K. Nice.

At the same time Anselm Sodaro, a Democrat, and State's attorney for Baltimore City was appointed to take the seat of Herman M. Moser. Both of the former judges died recently.

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**MR. ALLEN,** a native of New York, is a graduate of the New York University School of Law and has been a resident of Maryland since 1921.

**He served a year as assistant city solicitor and in 1951 was named People's Counsel to the Public Service Commission. He was named chairman of the State Tax Commission last year.**

Mr. Sodaro, who was born in Italy, came to the United States as a child and attended public schools, City College, and Loyola College.

He has the law degree from the University of Maryland and was appointed an assistant State's Attorney in 1939. He was elected State's Attorney in 1950 and re-elected four years later.

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**IN NAMING** the two new members to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, The Governor did not follow the recommendation of the Monumental Bar Association that a colored attorney should be appointed.

**In a letter sent to Gov. McKeldin and signed by George L. Parrish, the Association listed the names of Linwood G. Koger, now serving as Police Magistrate in the Northwestern District Police Station.**

Also, E. Everett Lane, presently serving as Traffic Judge in the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, and Dallas F. Nicholas, president of the Association.

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**THE LETTER CONCLUDED:**

"Each of the above nominees have served with distinction, more than 25 years at the Baltimore City Bar and we urge your consideration because our group has no representation on the Supreme Bench, although we constitute well over 20 percent of the population of Baltimore."

The Governor's office told the AFRO that it will be several weeks before the new appointees are officially named in because sufficient time must be given both men to wind up their current affairs.

Concerning his appointment, Mr. Sodaro said:

"It is with deep humility that I accepted the appointment by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin to the important position of Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. I will make every effort to maintain the best traditions of the Bench, and I pray that I may be deserving of the confidence that has been placed in me by the Governor and People of this city."

## 3 dope pushers get 30 years

Three men described in criminal Court as narcotics peddlers were sentenced to a total of 30 years in the Maryland Penitentiary by Judge Joseph L. Carter Wednesday.

Sentenced to ten years each were:

**Charles A. Gray, 37, 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave., accused of selling heroin to an undercover agent on Oct. 4 and 5.**

Donald J. Smith, 29, 800 block W. Saratoga St., charged with the sale of heroin on Sept. 24.

Walter Winegan, 27, 200 block N. Fine St., accused of selling heroin on Sept. 24 and Oct. 5.

**ACCORDING TO** testimony produced by James Murphy, assistant State's attorney, defendants Gray and Smith have two prior convictions each for violating narcotics laws.

**A woman, Mrs. Elaine Katherine Hamilton, 31, 500 block Mosher St., was found guilty of selling heroin on Oct. 4, but Judge Carter withheld sentencing her.**

The four defendants were nabbed in a 72-hour roundup of dope users and peddlers earlier last month.

**CHICAGO VISITOR**

Miss Madge B. Hibler, director of the speech clinic at Morgan State College, was among the 2,000 delegates attending the recent 32nd annual convention of the American Speech and Hearing Association in Chicago.


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**Prayer For Today**
Our Father God: We ask thy blessings for the mothers, fathers and youths at Clinton, Tenn., who face the vituperation of prejudiced folk in bravery and in dignity.

# Testimony In Police Lineup Case

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# '80 Miles An Hour'

## Kasper Eludes FBI

### But police arrest him in roundup

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Joe Diehl, Clinton farmer, was given 30 days Thursday for passing out pro-segregation leaflets in the U.S. District Court here during arraignment of 17 persons rounded up by the FBI on criminal contempt charges. Trials were scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10. All were released under heavy bond.**

By SAM F. YETTE
AFRO Staff Correspondent

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Fleeing a dragnet of FBI agents which swooped down on a hot bed of segregationists at Clinton, John Kasper, the Washington Citizens Council leader, was caught by Virginia highway patrolmen after a 75-mile-an-hour chase Wednesday night.

(See photo Page 15)

News of Kasper's arrest and detention in a Fairfax, Va., jail brought joy to hard-pressed members of the Clinton, Tenn., school board, but was greeted with tight-lipped glumness by a grimy-faced band of his over-all-clad followers Wednesday night.

Although Kasper had flown the coop before their arrival, the G-men were able to round up 15 persons in the Clinton area.

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**THEY WERE** brought back to Knoxville and charged with criminal contempt of court, the result of their suspected participation in the violence which forced the closing of Clinton High School Tuesday.

Fifteen men and one woman, all white, were arraigned before U. S. Judge Robert L. Taylor Wednesday night.

"We will give you as early a trial as you wish," Judge Taylor told the defendants during

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'A MORAL RIGHT' — The Rev. Paul Turner, 33, Baptist pastor of the largest church in Clinton, Tenn., is shown after he had been beaten by a mob for leading six colored students into the town's belleaguered high school. "They have a moral right to go to school unmolested and unhecked," he said.

## Allen family gets out

BY SAM F. YETTE
AFRO Staff Correspondent

CLINTON, Tenn. — Mrs. Herbert Allen, 42, is president of the Clinton colored PTA. She and her husband, 47-year-old Herbert Allen, a carpenter and presently a hospital orderly, have been among the most sought after spokesmen on Clinton integration.

And well this might be, for one of their three children, Joanne, is one nine pupils at the Clinton high school and is vice president of her 11th grade homeroom.

But today that is not the big story.

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**WHEN** I stopped my car in front of the Allen home Wednesday night, Mr. Allen walked out under a light on his front porch.

Though it was not assent, I was able to establish some understanding with him and bridge the gap that has understandably come between Clinton residents and reporters.

I did this on the strength of my being a native of the area and my accent easily recognizable, and in an instant the day's story began to unfurl.

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**THE ALLEN** family will soon leave Clinton.

The front room where Mr. Allen presented his wife and children was nearly bare, and he explained that furniture and other property had been shipped to Los Angeles where the family plans to go as soon as possible.

"I just hope we'll like it there," Mr. Allen said with a note of doubt. "I don't know, it may find the same problem I've got here."

For daughter Joanne, who four years ago heard that Mrs. Allen's brother and sister are there, there was no doubt.

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There's been too much talk as it is now.

"Attorney Hughes and Attorney Kolodner both knew about the reconciliation so I don't know how the false story got in the paper . . . Yes, we reconciled before the divorce came through. Our daughter is at home with us now."

**Mrs. Juanita Brown Pugh was speaking to the AFRO on Wednesday. She was reached at 2233 Rosedale St., confirming reports that she and her husband, Richard Pugh, were again Mr. and Mrs.**

Mr. Pugh was not available for comment.

The Pugh figured in a year-

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## 'I lost thousands on Archie'

PHILADELPHIA

Former lightweight champion Robert (Bobcat) Montgomery was back on his job Monday as manager of the all-night movie, Strand Theatre, 12th St. and Girard Ave. He was arrested Saturday on a drunken driving charge.

Montgomery, 36, of Spencer St. near 20th, is also a trustee of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Broad and Master Sts. He lost the

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## 2 killed but driver uninjured

UPPER MARLBORO, Md.—"The car was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed. The speedometer was stuck on 80 miles per hour. It was a late-model, Oldsmobile Rocket 88.

"We ran a test on the driver and it showed 1.6 alcoholic content in the blood—1.5 is considered intoxication."

**As Prince Georges County Police Lieutenant Thomas R. Blandford described the Wednesday night fatal accident on State Route 761, two families were preparing funeral services for the accident victims.**

At the same time, the driver of the car, Joseph D. Curtis, an airman stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, was in Prince Georges County jail, held without bond, awaiting a hearing on a charge of manslaughter.

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**THE DEAD ARE:**

**RICHARD B. FORD,** Route 7, Upper Marlboro; and

**MRS. BETTY LOU JONES,** 403 50th St. SE., Washington.

According to Lt. Blandford's report:

**"The vehicle, driven by Joseph D. Curtis, 23, Andrews Field, was traveling south on 761 at an apparent high rate of speed. When the vehicle went over the crest of a hill, the operator lost control.**

"There is a turn to the left but the car continued straight ahead on the right.

"The car went straight off the roadway. After leaving the road, the vehicle traveled 94 feet, hit a telephone pole and broke it, and continued 122 feet to a cedar tree standing six feet off the shoulder of the road.

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**"IT WENT AN** additional nine feet before it stopped, completely demolished. The right side of the car collided

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## Slain clerk was a good wife—hubby

WASHINGTON

Ministers of two faiths joined to give solace to the distraught family of Mrs. Doris Morina, 26, at requiem mass for the gun-slaying victim Wednesday.

**Mrs. Morina, mother of two children, was shot to death Nov. 30 in front of her mother and daughter at their home, 205 Bryant St., NE.**

She was clerk in the Department of Defense at the Pentagon Building and the wife of Sgt. Morina, who is a employee of the Library of Congress.

Prior to the funeral, Mr. Morina told the AFRO: "Just say that she was a good wife, that I loved her very much."

The grief-stricken husband refused to discuss any of the circumstances surrounding the bizarre slaying.

Baltimore, have been released in custody of their parents.

**Ranging in age from 11 to 14, the boys were taken into custody last week after an investigation disclosed they had put 24 street lights and 25 fire alarm boxes out of commission by the process of removing lead splices with a short axe, police said.**

The boys were prompted to remove the fixtures by the possibility that the stolen material could be sold as junk, police reported.

The value of the items was placed in the neighborhood of $20 but it cost the Gas and Electric Co. some $600 to repair the damage because of the excavation work that had to be done.

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**THE "AXE RASCALS"** concentrated most of their activity on the street lights by re-

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MR. AND MRS. ALBERT NICHOLS
*Key witness against two park policemen on trial charged with malfeasance, Mrs. Nichols leaves court with husband.*

## Lineup case to jury

B-U-L-E-T-I-N

**Sgt. Kenneth V. O'Connor, father-in-law of a park policeman accused of assaulting Mrs. Nichols, was acquitted of a charge of misconduct in office this (Friday) morning.**

**The sergeant was freed on Judge Joseph L. Carter's directed verdict of not guilty. Meanwhile, the jury prepared to deliberate the fate of Capt. G. Gordon Gaeng, park police chief, also accused of malfeasance.**

"I had him to turn around and I had him to say different things that he said to me that night."

**Mrs. Anna Mae Nichols, 2001 N. Hawk St., the key State's witness in the so-called "phony lineup" case,**

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**was explaining to jurors Tuesday how she picked out the park policeman who allegedly assaulted her on Aug. 29, 1955.**

The 30-year-old mother of two was the first witness in the malfeasance trial of Capt. G. Gordon Gaeng and Sgt. Kenneth V. O'Connor before Judge Joseph L. Carter.

**CAPT. GAENG** commanded the Park Police Department before his suspension early this year and Sgt. O'Connor was described as an administrative assistant. The sergeant also has been suspended.

Officer George A. Savard was identified by Mrs. Nichols as the policeman who stood by her under the ruse of making an arrest. She picked him out of a lineup held at Central District on May 22.

Officer Savard, son-in-law of Sgt. O'Connor, is facing a

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## '8 Axe Rascals' to face hearing

The Juvenile Court hearing for the "Axe Rascals" has not yet been set and meanwhile the eight youngsters, who crippled the street lighting system of a large part of Northwest

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## Santa gets a big order; can you help?

Even with the help of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, Santa Claus is going to be mighty loaded trying to fill one little fellow's order.

Little Jerry writes:

**"Dear Santa, I wish you a Merry Christmas." He quickly adds, "My baby sister wants a doll baby."**

The baby sister confirms this and adds that she has two sisters and three brothers.

Not only does she want a baby doll, but each of the other sisters wants a baby doll.

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**JERRY TAKES** over for the brothers; he modestly writes: "My brothers want a Gene Autry leather double holster set." Then, he adds "I want a cap pistol shop and an Early American frontier set; a Kit Carson western set; aluminum art craft."

Hold on this is only the beginning. Little Jerry continues: "A boy of crayons, a toy rocket, a transistor, a telecom interphone switchboard;

And two phone sets, a switch board signal, a light button phones; a service station; Fort Comanche, a flying duck shoot, a punching bag, and stand; a Texas Ranger tooled-top Hot Siere set.

Thank you,
Jerry"

**One of Jerry's sisters writes simply: "I am 10 years old. I am in the fifth grade. You didn't come to see me last year. Please come this year. My daddy is dead."**

Love Vicki"

If you want to help a deserving boy or girl have a Merry Christmas, call Mu. 5-6015 and ask for Play Santa.

This week, Mrs. P. B. writes: "I am writing in the hope that some reader may help me give my children, two boys one month and three years a Merry Christmas.

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**"I HAVE** been employed for only four months. Therefore I have no extra money. I would be very happy if someone would take pity on me and give my boys a Merry Christmas."

Mrs. C. M.E. writes: "we have six children. For the past five months it has been very hard to feed and clothe them. My husband's job at the shipyard has been laying him off and on for so many months, we can never get enough things and food. My oldest boy goes to high school."

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**FROM MRS.** T. E. comes the following letter: "I am writing for my niece. She has eight children. Her husband broke his foot on his job about a month ago. The children need food and clothes.

"There will be no Christmas

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## Miss Clara Dorsey, nurse to 3 generations, dies

"She was a person everyone loved. She was just so fond of children.

"She was downtown shopping for my grandsons to get their Christmas toys when she took sick last Wednesday."

**Mrs. Estella Lee, retired principal of Elementary School No. 112, was telling the AFRO Thursday about Miss Clara A. Mae Dorsey, 63, 2101 Druid Hill Ave., who died Tuesday night at a nursing home.**

Mrs. Lee and her family were Miss Dorsey's friends for many years.

Revealing how they met "Do Do," as she was fondly called by many who knew her well, Mrs. Lee said:

"My sister was the head nurse at Druid Provident Hospital when Miss Dorsey came to Baltimore to complete her nurse's training there. She graduated under my sister (Mrs. Mabelle Wilson) and from that time on we were friends.

"In 46 years I don't think there was a week that she wasn't at my house. For many, many years she lived with us on Druid Hill Ave," she said.

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**PERSONS** employed at the downtown department store hired a car to take Miss Dorsey

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## Funeral Saturday for Mrs. Carter

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Christine Carter, mother of Arthur M. Carter, managing editor, AFRO-American Newspapers, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Sts., NW.

Mrs. Carter, a longtime resident of the District, died Tuesday night at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. She

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**$50** is the total set aside each week for News Tips and