WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Sentenced To 40 Years In Fruitless Holdup

Dr. Kearse not leaving Ebenezer

"My current plans are to remain in Baltimore at Ebenezer Baptist Church."

Dr. J. Logan Kearse, pastor, was answering an AFRO query on whether reports that he planned to leave the church within 90 days were true.

Dr. Kearse added that there would be an announcement forthcoming within the next two weeks or 10 days. He declined to say what sort of announcement.

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WORD HAD been circulated for several days that the Ebenezer Church board had met two weeks ago.

Jefferson Johnson, chairman of the Deacon Board, admitted that the contract of Dr. Kearse was on the agenda at the meeting.

He said, "It was discussed at the church meeting. I have no comment."

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PRESSED FURTHER on whether Dr. Kearse was leaving, he stated, "It won't be soon."

Ebenezer Baptist is located at 306 W. 23rd St. Dr. Kearse was called to the church two years ago from Stanford, Conn. He succeeded the late Rev. Edward T. Jordan. There are 400 members.

Trips downtown

Beginning Friday, Nov. 29, and continuing Mondays through Saturdays, up to and including Dec. 24, 1957, express buses will operate every 15 minutes between Memorial Stadium on 33rd St. and downtown Baltimore.

Motorists may park their automobiles, without charge, at the west parking lot at the Stadium and buses will leave every 15 minutes beginning 8:45 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

On Saturdays, the buses will depart from the Stadium every fifteen minutes between 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

New date for school hearing

Another public hearing on Ordinance 1288, which proposes to make four square blocks directly to the north of Harlem Square available to the Board of Education for school building purposes, is set for 1 p.m. Monday before the City Council's Judiciary Committee at the City Hall.

On December 2 at 1 p.m., the Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on Ordinance 1495, another school condemnation ordinance proposed by the Board of Education.

Ordinance 1495 affects homes and popperties within the area boundsd by Ellamont, Presstman and Rosedale Sts., and the northwest side of an alley northwest of Belmont Ave.

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THE LATEST previous hearing on Ordinance 1288 was held Tuesday a week ago.

At that time, protestants composed of the Harlem Park Homeowners' Association, with Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell as their attorney, argued that school Board officials had not properly considered an alternate site a block north, proposed by the group.

Solomon Liss, Judiciary Committee chairman, agreed with this contention, and ordered the postponement until Monday. Previously, hearings on this ordinance were scheduled in the spring and several weeks ago. A large number of protesting home owners have appeared each time.

THEY BELIEVE IN FREEDOM—Represented here is a $2,500 contribution to the NAACP. Each of the plaques stands for a $500 life membership in the organization. The picture was taken on Sunday during the NAACP meeting at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. P. D. G. Pennington, chairman of the life membership committee; the Rev. Levi B. Miller, Unity Christian Church; Dallas Nicholas, president of the Monumental Bar Association; Herbert Gardner of Enon Baptist Church; Mrs. Susie Murphy of Wayland Baptist Church, and William J. Callis, Arbutus Memorial, Inc. Not shown is the Rev. J. R. Butler, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Local NAACP will elect its officers on Tuesday night

The election of officers for the Baltimore branch of the NAACP will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m. at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Community House, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Following this, there will be a meeting of the Register and Vote Committee, which is engaged in the task of getting 100,000 registered voters on the books.

2 guilty in 'play' Theft Try

Judge S. Ralph Warnken sentenced two men in Criminal Court Wednesday morning to 20 years each in the penitentiary for the attempted robbery of a grocery story at 1301 E. Federal St., which one of the men said he thought was a playful gesture by a third man not yet apprehended by policemen.

The two are: Frederick Douglas Eaton, 26, of the 1400 block N. Bethel St., and Henry Epps, 27, of the 1700 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy.

During the trial of the two held a month ago, Mrs. Sydelle Epstein, owner of the store, testified that the two convicted entered her establishment about 7:30 on the evening of September 7, along with a third man, and that one of the group pulled a pistol and pointed it at her and her husband.

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SHE SAID THEY suddenly left the store though, without taking anything. Mr. Eaton, she said, came back shortly afterwards and bought a package of chewing gum.

Mr. Eaton admitted, in an earlier statement to police, that the pistol displayed at the time was one he had taken from his step - father's suitcase to sell. He said he had given it to a man he called "Shorty" to sell for him," and "Shorty" was with him when he entered the store to buy sorie chewing gum.

Mr. Eaton contended that he was surprised to see "Shorty" take the pistol from his pocket and point it toward the storekeeper and his wife. He said he thought "Shorty" was playing, and wrestled the gun from him.

Mr. Epps denied emphatically he was in East Baltimore at the time of the alleged robbery attempt.

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HE TESTIFIED that he had last seen Mr. Eaton about 3 o'clock on the Saturday afternoon of September 7, which was some time after both had gotten off from their place of employment at a bottling plant in the 1300 block E. Patterson Park Ave.

Mr. Epps told Judge Warnken that he had stopped at a tavern on Chester St. near North Ave. for a few drinks, and had then taken a bus toward his home in West Baltimore.

Mr. Epps testified that he was slightly drunk when he reached home and went to bed immediately. He said he was asleep in his bed at 7:30 p.m. the time of the alleged robbery attempt.

His testimony was supported by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Epps, who said she had left their three - year - old child in the apartment with her husband, and had gone to the market before that time.

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TRAFFIC COURT Magistrate Robert B. Watts, attorney for Mr. Epps, laid so much stress on the possibility of possible mistaken identity that Judge Warnken called Mrs. Epstein back to the stand to question her certainty that Mr. Epps was one of the men who entered the store at the time in question.

"When you are faced with men and one of them has a gun on you, and you are expecting death, you don't forget the faces, Your Honor," Mrs. Epstein told Judge Warnken.

Further testimony was that Mr. Eaton was arrested on September 12, five days after the alleged crime, and Mr. Epps arrested later on October 3 at his place of employment, after Mrs. Epstein visited the place on business and saw him.

The "Shorty" named by Mr. Eaton has not been arrested by police, the court was told.

Retrial for doomed man is ordered

"I'm very pleased with the reversal."

Milton Allen, attorney, expressed this opinion Thursday morning after the Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for a 28-year-old truck driver on death row following a rape conviction.

The defendant, James H. Craig, 100 block N. Schroeder St., was sentenced to the lethal gas chamber by Judge S. Ralph Warnken on March 1. Craig was found guilty on Jan. 31 of attacking an 8-year-old girl.

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MR. ALLEN and George Parrish, co - counsel, argued before the high court on Oct. 15 that evidence in the case was not sufficient to sustain a conviction for rape.

Appeared with the defense contention, the Court of Appeals, in an opinion handed down Wednesday, said: "There is no doubt that (Craig's) conduct was abhorrent, detestable and reprehensible. But he was not tried for this . . .

Craig was accused of attacking the child in a house in the 400 block N. Ann St. last Nov. 29.

"That's him right there," the victim said at one dramatic moment during the trial when she fingered Craig as the man who attacked her at knife point.

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COURT RECORDS show that Craig was first convicted for a sex offense in 1943 when he was 13 years old. At that time he received five years for attempted rape.

In a statement to police, Craig, father of a small boy, admitted "messing around" with the child but denied attacking her.

In fixing the death penalty, Judge Warnken termed the Craig case "the most atrocious crime I've had anything to do with since I've been on the bench."

Maybe he didn't know that the folks had moved

Charles H. Jackson, 45, of the 500 block N. Fremont Ave., was given a three-year penitentiary sentence by Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court Tuesday for burglarizing a house in the 600 block Vine St.

Assistant State's Attorney John C. Weiss produced testimony which revealed that the burglary had occurred on October 21, and that Mr. Jackson did not get anything from the place—because the house was vacant.

Wife who went on visit 4 years ago can stay

Jesse Johnson, of 2014 Greenmount Ave. told the Court, this week, that his wife, Mrs. Addie Mae Johnson, went visiting four years ago, and has never returned.

The husband charged that the desertion occurred despite his being a good husband.

Said he:

"Her mother and father came up from Pinehurst, N.C., to visit. When they were ready to leave she said she was going back with them for a visit. She went down there and never came back.

"I wrote her several times but she never answered."

The Johnsons were married on April 15, 1948 and separated on March 19, 1953.

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GEORGE JOHNSON of 322 N. Chapel St. won a divorce from Mrs. Blanche Johnson upon testimony that they voluntarily separated.

He agreed to pay $25 per week support for two minor children. The couple, married in 1927, separated in 1943, the husband said.

He said "So, Rose, and I haven't seen him since."

Mrs. Margaret Kelly of 1100 Carrollton Avenue, charging that David Kelly deserted her in 1949, thus described the ending of her marriage.

She explained:

"He came in at two in the morning on June 5, 1949 and began tearing up everything in the house. I called police. He was given 30 days in jail. When he served that time he came home and asked me to pack his clothes. I did. "Then" said she," he politely left."

A DIVORCE also went to Frank Parker of 600 Duketon St. from Mrs. Helen Parker, who said that his 23-year-old wife deserted him.

The husband, only 25, told the court that Mrs. Parker said that she didn't want to be married any more, took their two children and left.

He said that the saw her two weeks later and she told him she didn't want to come back.

Four held for whiskey still

The Federal Grand Jury on Wednesday indicted four men on a charge of possessing a 180-gallon whisky still in a sector approximately six miles from Fort Meade.

Those indicted are: Lacy Johnson, 28, of the 500 block Moore St.; Raphael O. Jones, 29, of the 600 block W. Fayette Daniel Webster Sprigg, 33, of the 700 block W. Fayette St., and Foster W. McMillan, of the 700 block W. Fayette 44, a blond of the 1200 block Haverhill Rd.

According to John R. Hargrove, deputy U.S. Attorney, the men were arrested about 2 a.m. on November 10, during a raid by, Federal agents for the alcohol and tobacco tax units.

The men, Mr. Hargrove said, were arrested as they attempted to escape in an auto, with the exception of Mr. Spriggs who was found about three quarters of a mile from the still seated on top of seven cases of moonshine whisky. The area is used by the Army for maneuvers.

1,300 at funeral for Mrs. Williamson

An estimated 1,300 persons from all walks of life packed East Baltimore's Faith Baptist Church Thursday for the funeral of Mrs. Alice Williamson, widow of the Rev. Simon Williamson, who pastored the church for 45 years.

The entire center section of the first floor auditorium was filled with white - uniformed members of the church's women's organizations.

Floral offerings from those who knew Mrs. Williamson and her husband during their long association with Faith Baptist, filled the entire space before the altar.

The list of those who offered tributes to the deceased read like a "Who's Who" of Baptist leaders in the Baltimore and Middle Atlantic area.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Walter E. Paige, assisted by the Rev. Lester Mannick, the Rev. J. Gillison, the Rev. T. M. Simpson, the Rev. Luke O. Reynolds, the Rev. G. A. Crawley Jr., and the Rev. E. D. Meade.

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OTHERS, WHO delivered two - minute resolutions in tribute to Mrs. Williamson included: The Rev. C. H. Churn, vice president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland; the Rev. J. M. Raynor, Concord Baptist Church; Mrs. Anne Matthews, president, Ministers Wives Alliance;

The Rev. Peter Jennings, Shiloh Baptist, Edgemere; Mrs. Bertha Winston, the Rev. Dennis Barrow, Fountain Baptist; and Dr. Willard Allen, president, Southern Life Insurance Co.

The Rev. J. H. Matthews, Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, delivered a solo, and remarks were offered by Dr. M. C. Allen, president of Virginia Theological Seminary and College; the Rev. E. Edward Browne, Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. V. T. Williams, First Baptist; Elder Winfield A. Showell, Apostolic Faith Church; Mrs. Evelyn Clayton, president, Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

The Rev. Grover C. McCoy, Goodwill Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa.; the Rev. M. C. Phillips, Zion Baptist, Harve de Grace; the Rev. A. J. Payne, president of the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware;

The Rev. Moses R. Williams, Zion Baptist Church; the Rev. J. R. Butler, Mt. Sinai Baptist; and the Rev. William T. Mayo, Timothy Baptist.

The family obituary was read by the Rev. I. L. Williams, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The Rev. Walter E. Paige delivered the sermon. Benediction was by the Rev. William Davis.

Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Williamson, a native of Goldsboro, N.C., had been a member of Faith Baptist for 40 years. She was 70 at the time of her death Sunday morning at her home at 3406 Alto Rd.

She is survived by four sons, Ezar, James and Earl Hill of Baltimore; three sisters, Mrs. Cora Sampson, Goldsboro; Mrs. Lina Whitfield, Goldsboro; and Mrs. Dora Thompson, Durham, N.C., 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'Love-nest' girl home

A 12 - year - old Northwest Baltimore school girl who according to police spent eight days in Newark, N.J. with a preacher, will be in a home caring in juvenile court here as a run - away.

The child, found with the preacher in an apartment at 67 13th St. in Newark by her minister father and Newark police, was brought home by her father over the weekend.

Meanwhile, the preacher, the Rev. Monte Charles F. Briscuse, also known as the the Rev. Charles F. Briscoe, is awaiting action of a grand jury in Newark on a fugitive warrant.

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HE FACES a charge of impairing the morals of a minor in Newark and authorities in Baltimore want him on a charge of abduction, the AFRO learned from local police.

The girl's father said his daughter and the minister, who had been living with them board - free, left for Newark together on Oct. 29.

The couple were found together in Newark by Detective Capt. W. Bailey after the child's father received a tip on the girl's whereabouts, police reported.

Latrobe group to appear on TV Wed.

"The station has no objection to receiving the integrated group that we will send. We are inviting both white and colored persons to participate."

Harold Callowhill, superintendent of recreation, on Wednesday was referring to the scheduled appearance on the Buddy Deane Show (WJZ-TV) next Wednesday afternoon of a group of teenagers from the Latrobe Center.

Earlier, rumor was widespread that the Latrobe Center's appearance on the show had hit a snag because a representative group from the integrated housing project would be mixed.

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TOMMY DUKEHART, WJZ public relations director, told the AFRO his station was not opposed to integrated groups appearing on the show. He said, however, the station "left it to the agencies concerned to select the people to appear on the program."

When questioned about the rumor earlier this week, Theodore Brown Sr., supervisor of recreation, said:

"Frankly, if the station says bring all, the program will go on. And if the station says bring one group and leave another, why I don't know what will unfold then. It is my candid opinion if that be the case, I don't feel we should send anybody."

5 years for $5

A five-year penitentiary term was given by Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court Tuesday to Paul E. Bradford, 24, of the 300 block Diamond St., for snatching a pocketbook containing $5.40 from Mrs. Mabel C. Jennings, of the 200 block Robert St. on October 27.

REGISTER SO YOU CAN VOTE

A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home.

Any resident who has just turned 21.

Where to register: Basement Passport Office Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 to 12.

If I have already registered, do I have to register again? — Ans. — No, not unless you have changed your address.

Show your voting card in your church Sunday.

Three injured in accident involving six automobiles

Three persons were injured in an accident involving six automobiles at Chase St., and Rutland Ave., last Thursday.

Police charged one of the drivers, Joseph R. E. Pothier, 21, a sailor of Methven, Mass., with driving under the influence of alcohol and with reckless driving.

The driver of the second car, James Lewis Winkler, 27, of 1518 E. Lanvale St., escaped injury, but a passenger in his car, Miss Ruth Hunt, 36, of 1316 N. Chester St., was treated for head injury, police said.

Also treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital were Lowell D. Strate, 22, of Berthard, Colo., who suffered a back injury, and George Rogers, 22, of Schelby, Ind., sustained rib injuries.

They were passengers in the car driven by Pothier.

Witnesses told police that the Winkler car the automobile operated by Pothier struck parked cars owned by Herbert C. Lee of Blackstone, Va.; Anthony Brown of 1017 Rutland Ave.; Reginald Housey of 1012 Rutland Ave.; and an automobile driven by Charles Stevenson of 1807 Biddle St.

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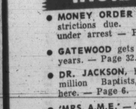
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BOOKBINDING LESSON
Hand tooling and finishing of fine leather bookbindings will be demonstrated at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Sculpture Court at the Baltimore Museum of Art where the exhibition "The History of Bookbinding" a cooperative project of the Museum and Walters Art

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Tell-tale mail

The slogan, "Keep Baltimore Clean"—hence keep—Housing Court busy Wednesday.

Two persons appeared before Magistrate James Fansen because some of their tell - tale mail wound up in somebody else's trash.

Lester Lawrence, 918 N. Fulton Ave., and Mrs. Nancy Dudley, 1631 Madison Ave., were charged with throwing trash in public alleys. The trash was identified, it was testified, through mail it contained, it was testified.

MR. LAWRENCE was fined $25 and costs.

Mrs. Dudley was placed on probation without a verdict. She explained that some other member of her family must have thrown it there because she works all day.

MISSING, 500 LBS.—Theatre Usher Clarence Parker points to the spot in the manager's office at the Met Theatre where a 500 pound safe containing $1,300 was stolen Tuesday. The safe was later found abandoned near Quantico, Md. Two men and women are being held in connection with the theft.

Six passengers injured on bus

A collision between a Baltimore Transit Company bus and an automobile at Druid Hill Ave. and Gold St., sent 10 persons to Maryland General Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Among the passengers injured, police said, aboard the bus driven by Russell C. Mason, 31, of 1635 Ashburton St., were:

James Tutt, 28, of 923 Whitelock St., who suffered a back injury; Mrs. Bertha Dyoskin, 48, 4210 Reisterstown Rd., head and chest injuries; Mrs. Hanna Albans, 59, 2920 Dupont Ave., neck and head injuries; Raymond Ames, 29, 804 Hampson St., head injury, and Mrs. Loretta Walker, 62, 2211 Druid Hill Ave., shoulder injury.

The driver of the automobile, Randolph C. Wright, 38, of 2319 Garrett Ave., was treated for a leg injury and charged with failing to give the right-of-way at a stop sign.

$50 Is the total set aside this week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

Vandalism continues at new lunchroom

"They are still giving me the business."

That was the comment Tuesday of Thomas McNeill, owner of a lunchroom at Jackson and Clement Sts., as he looked through an opening that once contained a huge plate glass window.

The window on the Clement St. side of the lunchroom, which is located in an all white neighborhood, was smashed with a pop bottle Monday shortly before Mr. McNeill and his wife, Justine, were scheduled to close for the night.

The event marked the third time in as many weeks that vandals had tried to knock out the window.

The second attempt was made last Sunday and the first attempt was made a week October 31, the wooden steps leading to a side entrance to the building were removed.

A week ago when Mr. and Mrs. McNeill prepared to go to their home in the 4900 block of St Georges Ave., they found their automobile gas tank filled with sugar.

The lunchroom is located within a block of the Bethlehem shipyard on Key Highway and was set up, according to Mr. McNeill, to provide a suitable eating place for all workers in various industries in that area.

A total of eight bars and lunchrooms in the neighborhood offer carry-out service only to colored patrons.

Police attributed the wave of vandalism to juveniles and have informed Mr. and Mrs. McNeill that they would "keep an eye" on their place of business.

Mother of 3 jailed for numbers

Two persons, including a mother of three children, were jailed by Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court Thursday morning, when they pleaded guilty to lottery charges.

Mrs. Rebecca Dockins, 37, of the 1200 block E. Chase St., received a sentence of not more than five months in the Reformatory for Women. William H. Haynie, 46, of the 100 block N. Carey St., was given a four-month House of Correction sentence and fine of $250.

Assistant State's Attorney Norman Hochberg told Judge Warnken that Mrs. Dockins was arrested on October 12 at a restaurant where she worked in the 1800 block of W. North Ave., with slips and a lottery tape showing nearly $100 in play.

Mr. Haynie was arrested, Mr. Hochberg told in his home with

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LAWYER SHEDS WIFE, WEDS NIGHT CLUB SINGER
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'Unlucky This Time'

NEW MRS. JACQUES LEEDS
Attorney weds former Ethel Ennis 28 days after divorce from wife No. 1

New Mrs. Leeds is talented singer

Jacques Leeds, attorney, apparently was not a "married" attorney as his recently divorced wife, Mrs. Thelma R. Leeds, thought.

Exactly 28 days after she divorced him in Circuit Court No. 2, here, he was back in marriage again.

His bride is 24-year-old Ethel Ennis, night club singer and recording artist.

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THE ATTORNEY and Miss Ennis were quietly married by the Rev. Albert Hammond Jr., Monday.

The decree divorcing him from Mrs. Thelma R. Leeds was dated signed on September 23.

Following the wedding the couple was entertained at a champagne party at the Red Fox Lounge where the newly Miss Ennis had appeared on a number of occasions.

On Tuesday, the singer left Baltimore for New York City to arrange further professional engagements through her manager, George Fox.

She has appeared in a number of clubs in New York and other major cities and has also made a number of records, one of which was titled, "Hey Jacques."

A NATIVE of Baltimore, the new Mrs. Leeds, was a choir singer before she turned professional.

Critics of popular music have been lavish in their praise of her citing what they called her "distinctive styling" and "fresh new talent."

Her first album, "Lullaby for Losers," enjoyed a wide sale and is a single record of "Ebb Tide."

Most of her engagements have been in supper clubs suited to the ballads that she features in her repertoire.

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AMEs to call extra General Conference

By JOHN JASPER

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Bishops of the AME Church meeting here this weekend, Nov. 29, will vote to hold an extra session of the church's General Conference.

According to a spokesman for the bishops, a resolution will be passed authorizing the annual conference to vote "yes" or "no" on such a special session to be held in May, 1958, in Philadelphia or Cincinnati.

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PURPOSE of the extra session will be:

1. Determine the status of Bishop D. Ward Nichols.

2. Determine the function and

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power of the General Conference's New Judicial Council (Supreme Court).

3. Readjust the budget.

A two-thirds vote (secret ballot) of the annual conferences will be needed to approve the council of bishops' call for an extra session.

Bishop Joseph Gomez says he may not be able to attend the meeting this weekend.

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THE JUDICIAL Council reversed the verdict of a Florida area church court in the case of Bishop Nichols and ordered him restored to full status.

The Bishops Council thereupon transferred him to the West Indies, last summer.

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HOWEVER, West Indian pastors who have inquired recently as to who is now their bishop, have received official communications that their bishop is the Rt. Rev. R. R. Wright.

A spokesman said that Bishop Wright has been asked to schedule his conference there in January.

Bishop Nichols in St. Louis, this week, could not be reached by the AFRO to comment.

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SOME BISHOPS make the point that the Judicial Council in passing upon the Bishop Nichols case rendered a majority (nine members) and a minority report (three members).

An extra session of the General Conference is "needed" to

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84,032

BETWEEN April 1st and November 13th, the Register and Vote campaign has added 6,638 new voters to the list; 4,240 colored persons registered as Democrats; 2,221 Republicans; 186 declined.

Colored registration as of 1956 was 77,374.

The new registration, when added to this brings the total number of registered colored voters approximately up to 84,032.

TURKEY DAY GRID SCORES

Virginia State — 40 Morgan — 14
Poly — 31 City — 0
Virginia Union — 20 Hampton — 0

SEE DETAILED STORIES ON SPORTS PAGE

Grand Master found innocent

OKEMAH, Okla.—The judge threw the whole "preposterous" mess out of court.

That is what happened in the case of Amos T. Hall, grand master of Oklahoma Masons, who had been charged with arson in the burning of the three-story Masonic Temple near Boley on March 17, 1955.

Commenting on the case, Mr. Hall said the charges against him stemmed from his activity in the NAACP and his insistence upon integration of teachers and school pupils throughout the state.

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"IT IS THE most preposterous thing that I ever heard of," Mr. Hall, prominent attorney and civic and fraternal leader, declared when the charges were brought against him and two other persons.

The others were Ed Goodwin, editor of the Oklahoma Eagle, Tulsa newspaper, and Isaac Williams Jr., who, officials said, implicated Mr. Hall, Mr. Goodwin and E. W. Clark in a plot to burn the building and collect insurance.

Mr. Williams, 36, had been quoted by authorities as saying that he had been paid by Mr. Goodwin after the editor conspired with Messrs. Hall and Clark, also of Tulsa, to burn the building.

Mr. Clark has since died.

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MR. HALL at that time told the AFRO that the charges were brought against him in order to slow down the fight for the integration of teachers in Oklahoma schools.

He said then:

"There is no question about

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Pastor's son gets probation

The 19-year-old son of a minister who was accused of assaulting three officers a month ago, was placed on probation without a verdict Wednesday morning at Northwestern.

John William Smith of 832 N. Fulton Ave. was permitted to go free with the understanding that he undergo psychiatric treatment.

The youth, son of the Rev. Harvey N. Smith, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, was injured in a struggle with three officers at Bentalou St. and Arunah Ave., last October 24.

He was on the critical list at Provident Hospital for nine days with a head injury.

In connection with the beating, the NAACP filed a complaint with the police department.

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YOUNG SMITH, a sophomore student at American International College in Springfield, Mass., was charged with assaulting and striking officers Martin Wunder, Leland

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SERVICE
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'Fiend' at School 181 eludes cops

"We immediately called Northwestern Police Station and then I made up a search party of some of my men teachers and we started searching the rooms and halls and closets.

"As we went from room to room we discovered that some of our teachers had also seen

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a strange man who seemed to fit the description of the man the girls saw."

Speaking on Tuesday was Frank J. Sorrell, principal of the Houston Junior High School No. 181 at Carey and Baker Sts.

Minutes before his school had been thrown into a near panic with the report that a strange man, described by one source as a "possible fiend," had exposed himself in front of several young girls in the school.

Police were summoned to the school and the building was searched for two hours and 45 minutes but to no avail. The man had escaped.

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Ike attends church Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON — President and Mrs. Eisenhower attended Thanksgiving Day services here Thursday, substantiating reports that the chief executive is making "excellent" progress toward recovery from his most recent illness.

The President was stricken Monday following a temporary closure of a small brain artery which has slightly impaired his speech.

2nd fire fatal to ex-teacher

MRS. MATTIE TURNER
Victim of fatal fire.

Mrs. Mattie Hood Turner, 43-year-old social worker and former mathematics teacher, died in her fashionable home at 3127 Mondawmin Ave. late Tuesday.

Her pajama-clad body was found by firemen who used masks to enter the smoke-filled two-story brick home after neighbors reported billows of smoke.

She was discovered lying on the floor of the dining room.

Most of the fire damage was centered in the living room where a gaping hole was opened up in the floor alongside a wall where the couch was.

Because the smoke was so thick inside, Dr. Turgot Jeudy, 3119 Mondawmin Ave., and a fireman, administered artificial respiration on the front porch of the burning house.

A crowd estimated at "nearly 100" by Fire Chief John T. Kimmett, of the 7th Battalion, watched the futile effort.

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ON DECEMBER 16, 1955, Mrs. Turner, known widely as a friendly pleasant person who was called "Mattie" by her friends, was overcome by smoke in a fire at the home and underwent treatment at Provident Hospital.

Dr. Jeudy, who pronounced her dead of asphyxiation, recalled that he was on duty at Provident in 1955 when Mrs. Turner was treated there.

A neighbor, Elijah Smith, 3125 Mondawmin, who called the fire department for both the 1955 fire and the fatal one Tuesday, said sadly:

"This time she just wasn't as lucky, that's all."

Mr. Smith and Dr. Socrates Saunders, Morgan professor of 3129, tried to enter the house but were turned back by flames.

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ANOTHER neighbor, Roland Henson, telephone company worker, said: "The whole neighborhood's shook up.

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Better hold the job you have or else . . .

"As soon as the government steps up its program, the work needs will increase."

With this statement this week a Baltimore employment expert looked to Washington for the shot in the arm needed to stem what he called the "moderate" rise in unemployment the Baltimore area faces at a time of the year when unemployment normally drops off.

"Unemployment in the Baltimore area is substantially higher now than at this time last year, but it's a long ways from what it was in 1954," said Robert B. Kimble, executive director of the Department of Employment Security.

"On the basis of information coming out of the present Senate hearings in Washington, I feel there is reason to be optimistic," Mr. Kimble said. "We are back at Pearl Harbor now . . . the country is awake."

to have reached down into the ranks of the unemployed who daily make up the long lines outside the unemployment offices at 39 Hopkins Pl.

For the most part these are grim-faced individuals who

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Kier asks stay

Attorneys for Carl Daniel Kier filed a petition with the Frederick County Circuit Court Wednesday asking an "indefinite stay of execution" pending an appeal to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Kier, 22, has been twice sentenced to the lethal gas chamber for the slaying of Mrs. John H. Bopst last year.

He was first sentenced to death following a trial in Baltimore county. However, the high court granted a retrial on the ground that a confession had been inadmissible.

His attorneys, William Murphy and David Bates, asked for and were granted a change of venue and the second trial was

No dinitrophenylhydrazine allowed as new tunnel opens

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

You can not take an atom bomb or any high explosive such as dinitrophenylhydrazine in your car when you drive through the new Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, according to authorities.

Generally speaking, those in charge say that the presence of

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any vehicle loaded with dangerous articles will be frowned upon since the $144 million tunnel and the lives of motorists may be endangered.

As the tunnel portals located at Fairfield opened today (Friday) rules and regulations governing traffic transportation of explosives and other dangerous articles were handed out in the form of two booklets by attendants at the toll booths.

At 2:30 p.m. Gov. Theodore McKeldin together with Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and other officials officiated at the ceremonies held on the toll plaza in front of the administration building.

The laws are set down by the Interstate Commerce Commission and Baltimore Harbor Tunnell authorities who indicate that forbidden cargo includes not only atom bombs, firecrackers, blasting powders, dynamite, torpedoes and hand-grenades, but also denatured rum, alcohols, naphtha and cologne spirits.

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HOWEVER, should you insist, transportation of the forbidden cargo may be arranged by complying in every respect with some 500 ICC rules and regulations for containers, packaging, packing, marking, labelling and numerous other details.

Although you may meet requirements, the number of bombs and the quantity of any other dangerous article will be limited.

The formal opening of the 7,600 foot of underwaterway marks the permanent removal of an old Baltimore bugaboo—the traffic bottleneck about which drivers passing through

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D'Alesandro to run for governor

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro officially threw his hat in the gubernatorial race Wednesday when he filed as a candidate for Democratic nomination for governor of Maryland in the 1958 primary.

His political career includes three terms as Baltimore's

140 work in city's twin-tube tunnel which opens today

The $144 million underwater twin - tube tunnel stretches one and seventenths miles under the Baltimore Harbor.

It requires the services of approximately 140 employees working on three shifts 24 hours daily to keep the 7,600 foot concrete and steel tunnel ready and safe for motorists.

Thirteen entrance booths are located at 14 lanes of the Fairfield entrance. The center booth is two-sided. While others have but one side for toll taking.

A staff of 40 toll-takers is employed at a yearly salary of $3,076 and with a 40-hour work week. Twenty-five of the toll-takers are colored while 37 of the 100 tunnel guards and officers are colored.

Guards and officers work inside the tunnel which has an exit at Canton.

All tunnel positions have been filled through the Maryland State Employment office however officials state that each year examinations will be given to add eligible persons to the list.

Employees must pass an examination for the positions and must undergo eigid training periods before going on duty.

The tunnel required 31

FIREMEN LEAVE 3127 Mondawmin Ave., where Mrs. Mattie Hood Turner died of smoke suffocation Tuesday. A man points to living room area heavily