Trucker Still Unconscious 14 Days After Fall

Wife keeps vigil at bedside

"Every day that goes over my head I come sit here with my husband, hoping and praying he will be all right."

Mrs. Florence Gaines, 2135 W. Fayette St., a small woman with worry etched in her face, was speaking of her daily vigil at the hospital bedside of her husband who has been unconscious since Friday, Nov. 1.

Her 33-year-old truck driver husband, George Gaines, has never been able to tell his wife what caused the injury which has kept him in Franklin Square Hospital so long.

But a spokesman at Franklin Square Hospital where Mr. Gaines underwent an operation for a blood clot on the brain, is optimistic that the husband will soon be able to talk to his wife.

Mr. Gaines was reported to be "improving a bit each day" though in a restless state.

"I shouldn't be surprised to see him talking in a few days," the spokesman said, cautioning that this was no prediction.

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MRS. GAINES said she last talked to her husband early Halloween morning before he left for his job.

The next time she saw him, she said, was about 2 a.m. the next day when some friends brought him home.

"They told me one of them was pushing my husband's car with his, while another person steered my husband's car. George was supposed to have been on one of the bumpers, to hold it down.

They said the next thing they knew he was lying in the street," Mrs. Gaines added.

MRS. GAINES said the friends told her they first took Mr. Gaines to Union Memorial Hospital.

Commenting on his condition when he got home about 2 a.m. Friday, she recalled:

"He would come to and go out just as fast as you could snap your finger."

Mrs. Gaines said she took him to Franklin Square Hospital about 9:30 Friday morning. She said police officers were called there when he was admitted.

He was operated on later that day.

Mrs. Gaines said she has walked to the hospital daily to stay with her husband nearly four hours. She also calls.

The Gaineses have three small children and expect another in July.

She said they came here about two years ago.

A CHECK PRESENTED—Here Mrs. Catherine Adams (right), president of the Wives, presents a check for $700 to Dr. George McDonald, co-director of the NAACP membership campaign. Of this amount, $500 represented payment of a life membership and $200 was earmarked for the Legal Redress Fund. In the center is Mrs. P. D. G. Pennington, chairman of the life membership committee.

6 give $500 for freedom

"This has been a most glorious year... it is the first time six persons at the same time have invested $500 in freedom."

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP, was telling how she felt about the six life membership plaques to be presented to organizations and individuals at the NAACP membership meeting, 3 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Archibald J. Carey Jr., dynamic Chicago orator, will be the guest speaker when the meeting is held at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting St.

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THE PLAQUES will be presented to:

The Rev. Levi B. Miller Sr., of Unity Christian Church; the Rev. J. R. Butler, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church; Wayland Baptist Church, the Rev. W. W. Payne, pastor; Enon Baptist Church, the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor; Arbutus Memorial Inc., and the Monumental Bar Association, Dallas Nicholas, president.

Dr. Carey, who is vice chairman of the President's Committee on Government Employment and Policy and first alternate delegate of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations, will deliver the Thanksgiving Message.

Music will be by the choirs of Ebenezer, Waters and Trinity AME Churches.

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MRS. JUANITA MITCHELL secretary of the Legal Redress Campaign will give a summary of cases now pending in court and other work of the legal redress committee.

Mrs. Jackson, president, will preside and the Rev. John L. Tilley will give the invocation.

The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will introduce the speaker. Members of Hiram Grand Lodge Masons will usher.

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Lawyer's plea wins acquittal in flim-flam

Lawrence Thomas Ray, 54, of the 2800 block Riggs Ave., was acquitted of a fim-fam charge in Criminal Court Wednesday, when his attorney pointed out that there was an unexplained discrepancy between the period of his alleged identity as the offender and his arrest a year after.

Michael F. Freedman, attorney for Mr. Ray, successfully argued that his client was the victim of mistaken identity. Mr. Freedman told Judge John T. Tucker that Mr. Ray was been gainfully employed here all along, and that police would have no valid reason for waiting a year to arrest him, if they had reasons to believe he was the actual guilty person, or had positively been identified as such.

Judge Tucker agreed with Mr. Freedman's argument and stated:

"Failure to arrest the defendant, if he was the one whose photo was picked out is unsatisfactorily explained, unless one is to believe the police officers were derelict in their duty."

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THE COMPLAINT against Mr. Ray was lodged by Mrs. Majorie White Martinez, of the 1100 block Park Ave. Mrs. Martinez charged that Mr. Ray obtained $200 from her in April, 1956, on pretext of getting her a very good job.

She said she complained to police shortly afterwards, when the job did not materialize, and picked Mr. Ray's photo as the offender from police files. Mr. Ray was arrested a few months ago.

10,690 join local NAACP

Some 10,690 members are now on the rolls of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP as a result of its 1957 campaign which ran from Sept. 1 to Nov. 3, Mrs. Dorothea Merchant, chairman of the membership committee announced on Thursday.

This is an increase of 2,603 members or 30 per cent over the 1956 campaign.

Some 13 organizations and individuals reported on new life memberships during the campaign. These who paid their $500 life memberships in full were Arbutus Memorial Park Inc., the Rev. Levi B. Miller Sr. and the Alpha Wives.

Ten partially paid are:

Rabbi Morris Lieberman, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., Guardsmen Inc., Templars Inc., New Shiloh Baptist Church, Savants Club Inc., Dr. Richard Hunt, Dr. Henry Welcome, Dr. Willard W. Allen and the Municipal Employees.

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THE BALTIMORE NAACP now has 35 completed life memberships registered in the NAACP office. There are also 35 partially paid life members.

Mrs. Sarah Diggs was awarded the trip to the annual NAACP Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in June 1958. Mrs. Diggs reported 273 membership and $1,672.25 during the campaign.

The top winner was Mrs. Susie Murphy of Wayland Baptist Church who won a Gold Loving Cup. Mrs. Murphy reported 441 membership and $1,330.25 as of Oct. 25.

AMONG OTHERS cited by the NAACP during the membership campaign were:

Mesdames Laura Montgomery, Edith Allen, Beatrice Martin, Margaret Hall, Eula Mae Watts, Mary Hawkins, Augusta Chissell, Xavier McDonald, Florence Snowden, and Sophie Mathis;

The Rev. Isaac Williams and the Rev. Lillian Thompson, Raymond A. C. Young and J. Percy Bond.

Among the major contributions was the $1,000 given by the International Hod Carriers, Local No. 194 and $500 from Dr. and Mrs. Carl Murphy.

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Man gets six months for molesting girl

A six-months House of Correction sentence and fine of $200 were given in Criminal Court Tuesday to William B. Law, 47, of the 900 block Popular Grove St., following his guilty plea to a charge of molesting an 11-year-old girl.

Judge S. Ralph Warnken imposed the sentence, after Mr. Law had entered a guilty plea, through his attorney, Samuel S. Levin, to a statutory rape count in an indictment which charged rape.

Assistant State's Attorney John C. Weiss told Judge Warnken that the accused man was a roomer in the girl's home, and the offense against her occurred on October 10.

Mr. Weiss stated that the girl was in the habit of cleaning Mr. Law's room every Saturday for a small monetary favor, and on this occasion Mr. Law chose to molest the girl. The girl's mother was away from home at work, he said.

The offense might not have come to light at the time, Mr. Weiss told Judge Warnken, except that early the next morning another roomer in the house passed the accused man' room and noted the girl in the room.

The roomer promptly notified the girl's mother, and the charge was lodged against Mr. Law, the court was told.

Stars seem brighter and nearer too during winter

Have you noticed the stars seem brighter this time of year.

According to Friendship Airport Weather Bureau officials, the main reason the heavenly bodies appear brighter and nearer is that the moisture content of the cold crisp winter air is much less now than in summer's warm weather.

There are no heat waves to obscure the view of the many stars which dot the sky and as in the Southwestern and Western states where the atmosphere is fairly dry, the twinkling jewels of heaven seem to be "close enough to touch."

Youth nabbed

Northwestern Police said they arrested a 16-year-old youth Thursday morning taking part in a robbery of the Edmondson Loan Company, 1300 block of Edmondson. They reported a second man escaped.

Sgt. William H. Kirbe said he and Officer Russell Keeney found the youth, hiding on a roof after firing a warning shot when two persons were spotted on the second floor roof.

To shift No. 21 line

A proposal for the rerouting of the No. 21 bus line has been submitted to the Public Service Commission of Maryland by the Baltimore Transit Co.

The proposal, subject to the approval of the PSC, is scheduled to go into effect on Sunday, Dec. 1.

This change, according to the BTC, is being made necessary because of the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Project which requires the closing of all streets to through traffic in the area bounded by Lafayette Ave. on the north, Fremont Ave. on the east, Edmondson Ave. on the south and Carrollton Ave. on the west.

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THE LINE presently operates via Harlem ve., Arlington Ave., and Lanvale St. in the area affected.

For the northbound trips the rerouting will mean that No. 21 will follow the regular route to Dolphin St. and Myrtle Ave., then via Myrtle Ave., to Lafayette Ave., then over Lafayette Ave. to Gilmor St., then via the regular route.

Southbound trips will follow the regular route to Gilmor St. and Lafayette Ave., then via Lafayette Ave. to Myrtle Ave., then via Myrtle Ave. to Dolphin St., and then via the regular southbound route.

Ad compromise not endorsed

"The amendment to the proposed Advertisers Tax before the City Council is a compromise measure which the Baltimore advertising media and the Citizens' Committee can not endorse in any degree.

"If the tax, basically, is a bad tax, a compromise measure does not make it better in any sense."

Wilbur Van Sant, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, issued this statement Thursday afternoon, as reports that proponents of the proposed Advertising Tax Ordinances had compromised on tax levys of 4 percent and 2 percent, for a total advertising tax of 6 percent, instead of the orginally requested 3½ percent and 2 percent, to total 5½ percent.

The compromise has passed its second reading in the City Council and is expected to received final approval today (Friday).

"This proposed tax is a bad tax," Mr. Van Sant's statement continued. "It will hurt Baltimore, and its people. It will cost jobs, and work other hardships on many citizens. The Citizens' Committe does not, will not, compromise on its position.

"The tax is a bad one, and its detrimental effects are far-reaching. We vigorously oppose its adoption."

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HOWARD H. MURPHY, business manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, was among a score or more of representatives of business interests throughout Baltimore who appeared Wednesday afternoon at a public hearing on the proposed tax before the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee.

"Mr. Murphy's said in part: "Cost of newsprint has jumped from $35.50 a ton in 1936 to $134 on March 1, 1957. This is an increase of nearly 400 percent in 21 years. As a result, many small weekly newspapers have had to go out of business.

"For this reason, any community ought to think twice before it enacts taxes which may further serve to cripple the weekly newspapers.

"THE WEEKLY newspaper plays an important part in the life of American. In Maryland, only Baltimore City and five counties have a daily paper. The other 18 counties must rely largely on weekly newspapers for legal notices and local news.

"Any tax assessed against newspapers in Baltimore alone puts us at a disadvantage in competing with outside untaxed publications.

"Finally — this is most important — a national advertiser, under this proposed tax on advertising, would get less for his money in Baltimore than in other cities."

The City Administration has contended that the advertising tax is necessary to meet increased salaries for school teachers, firemen, policemen and other municipal employees, and to defray the increased expenses of operating various of the city's agencies.

The two ordinances propose a tax levy of 4 percent upon the gross sales of all advertising, and 2 percent upon the gross receipts from the sale of such advertising matter.

$50 Is the total set aside each 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.

Sgt. Bender is retired after 20 years and hectic career

Sgt. Edward R. Bender, 52, the controversial police officer who figured in no less than two sensational killings here, was among three sergeants who were retired from the force this week after being found physically incapable of active duty.

Since July, 1953, Sgt. Bender has been assigned to Northern Police District. He was retired without having received a commendation during his 20 year's service.

Sgt. Bender

In announcing his retirement and that of Sergeants George E. Johnson of the Eastern District and Joseph F. Koudelk of the Detective Bureau, Police Commissioner James Hepbron explained:

"These men applied for physical surveys and were found incapable of active duty."

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APPOINTED TO the police force on Nov. 19, 1936, Bender was first assigned to the Northwestern District where he began a career that was to be highlighted by two killings, one of which catapulted him into the national limelight and provoked long and extensive federal, state and local investigations.

The first four years of Sgt. Bender's police duties passed without major incident and involved routine arrests for the most part.

Then on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1940, Patrolman Bender blasted his way into headlines by pumping bullets into the body of Charles Parker, 24, who lived at 217 Calvin St.

The policeman's name was on the lips of many Baltimoreans who discussed the pros and cons of the killing with stemmed from a dispute between the patrolman and Mr. Parker in the 600 block of Mulberry St.

It was testified at the hearing that Parker was reputedly one of two men who came to the rescue of an unidentified woman being arrested by Bender on a vice charge. The woman was never produced and at the conclusion of the hearing Magistrate Meyer Reamer in Western Police Court exonerated Bender in the slaying.

BUT EVEN after he was freed, his gun was not to be silenced. Returning to duty, Bender temporarily lost the limelight in Baltimore with the coming of the war in 1941.

But on Feb. 1, 1942, less than two years after he killed Parker, bullets from his service revolver ripped into Thomas Broadus, a 26-year-old soldier then stationed at Fort George G. Meade.

In the presence of scores of persons who were passing along Pennsylvania Avenue this fateful Saturday night 15 years ago, Bender snuffed out the life of the Pittsburgh soldier with two deadly accurate shots, one in the back and one in the stomach.

Immediately a series of investigations were launched. The NAACP, sought a thorough investigation, and solicited the aid of Fort Meade officers and city and state officials.

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WITNESSES TO the shooting told the AFRO that Bender shot and killed Private Broadus and then kept the crowd at bay by turning his revolver on them. The soldier died five minutes after being admitted to University Hospital.

In March 1942, a grand jury freed Bender dropping charges of murder against him and he was reinstated to duty, but transferred to Northern District. The reverberations of Bender's exoneration was felt far and near and protests against it mounted.

During the height of the controversy, Bender, who according to AFRO files was the first policemen to be presented to the Criminal Court grand jury in connection with the killing of a colored citizen, went under the care of physicians.

Despite investigations and protests of groups and individual citizens, Bender was returned to duty. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant on Aug. 14, 1952 by the late Police Commissioner Beverly Ober and assigned to Eastern District.

In July, 1953, he was shifted back to Northern District where he remained until Thursday when he was retired from the department.

The Bender case and other alleged police brutalities resulted in the formation of the Citizens' Committee for Justice which led a march on Annapolis to seek relief from the then Governor O'Conor and an audience with the then President Roosevelt.

Lafayette Flournoy granted divorce

Lafayette Flournoy, 37, 2200 Bryant Ave., a well-known Merchant seaman, was granted an uncontested divorce from his wife, Mrs. Hattie Flournoy, 39, in Circuit Court on Tuesday.

According to testimony, Mrs. Flournoy's last known address was 622 Maple St., Warren, Ohio. However, records show she was contacted by registered mail in October at P.O. Box 1222, that be, Ohio.

Mr. Flournoy filed for the divorce in January, 1954, but told the court that he had not pursued litigation because he was "short of funds."

He stated that he and Mrs. Flournoy were married on April 24, 1940 and separated in April, 1951, while they were residing at 624 34th St., NE, in Washington.

HE SAID: "She packed up her clothes and said she wasn't particular about living in Washington.

He added: "She left me. I haven't seen her since."

Mr. Flournoy also stated that he moved from the Bryant Ave. address in August, 1954, to take up residence at an Auchenroody Terrace address where he resided until Aug., 1956.

Then, he testified, he moved back to Washington.

At the Bryant Ave. furnished apartment where he now resides, Mr. Flournoy told the court he pays his landlady, a sum of $20 per week.

TO PROVE Baltimore residence Mr. Flournoy produced income tax records.

Also testifying as to his living in Baltimore was a seaman friend, George White, 633 N. Carrollton Ave., who told the court he had known Mr. Flournoy since 1949.

Mr. White also stated that he was present at the Flournoy residence in Washington when Mrs. Flournoy announced that she was leaving.

Former mayor critical of integration

"I'm against a lot of decisions of the Supreme Court."

Thus said Howard W. Jackson, former democratic mayor of Baltimore, when questioned about a speech he made at Mt. Calvary Church Tuesday concerning the Supreme Court decision to integrate schools.

The ex-mayor, addressing a group of retired school teachers, made clear that he was a proponent of States rights.

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HE TOLD the AFRO:

"I said I wasn't opposed to the school integration. We've always had it. But there wasn't anything in the Constitution to justify the decision of the Supreme Court, in my opinion."

Mr. Jackson went on to say that schools in some parts of the country were integrated before the 1954 decree outlawing school segregation.

"They've always called it mixed schools here," he said.

"We had mixed schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other places long before the Supreme Court decision."

Before pointing out that he disagreed with many of the high court decrees, Mr. Jackson said:

"What I said was it (the 1954 decision) was another breaking down of what is known as State's rights which was one of the fundamental principals of our constitutional form of government."

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Carver JV to play for title

Carver Vocational High School's talented junior varsity football team will seek its second city title in as many years of Maryland Scholastic Association play nex Thursday when McDonogh is tackled at Kirk Field.

The Carver Cubs won the public school division of the MSA last Thursday, closing out with an unbeaten campaign by beating Edmondson High. McDonogh downed Severn yesterday (Thursday) for the private school crown.

The same two teams—Carver and McDonogh — met in last year's playoff, the first for the former in the MSA. Carver was the victor.

Amnesia plea postpones court trial

A plea that James Edward Nelson, 39, of the 1400 block Presstman St., is a victim of amnesia as a result of an automobile accident on Oct. 13, in which two persons were killed, brought a postponement of his trial on a manslaughter charge in Criminal Court Tuesday.

Milton B. Allen, attorney for Mr. Nelson, told Judge John T. Tucker that his client's amnesia condition was such that he could not properly prepare his defense presentment for a trial at this time.

Mr. Allen requested the postponement for a court ordered medical examination of Mr. Nelson. Assistant State's Attorney John A. O'Donnell Jr., agreed to the postponement.

Mr. Nelson was the operator of a truck which was in collision with a Baltimore Transit bus at Pennington Ave. and Ordinance Rd. on the evening of May 13.

Mrs. Priscilla Nelson, 28, his wife, and Merrill Roosevelt Roy, 33, of the 1100 block Stoddard St., passengers in the truck with Mr. Nelson, were killed.

Miss Nellie Beard, 29, of the 1500 block Eutaw Pl., another passenger, and Mr. Nelson were injured in the accident.

'I NEEDED SOMEONE TO GO OUT WITH'

(Story in Column 1)

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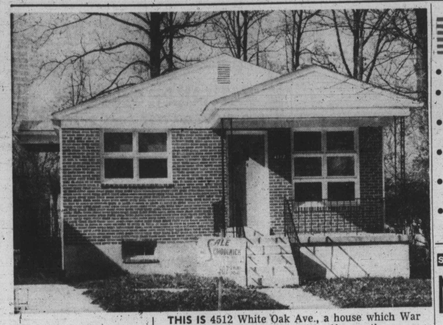

THIS IS 4512 White Oak Ave., a house which War Veteran Earl W. Jackson and wife say they were given to understand they could purchase.

EARL JACKSON
Much-decorated war vet who can't buy Baltimore home

Veteran can't buy this house for sale

"It is a beautiful house. We have watched it from the time the ground was broken. We were led to believe that we could buy it.

"In fact, the builder told us on October 31, we could sign the contract. We have been calling trying to close the deal but now the word is that they want to make a survey among the other residents to see if they object..."

Earl W. Jackson, 1639 N. Monroe St., postal employee, was telling the AFRO what had happened to him and his wife, Martina, in connection with the purchase of a new, brick home at 4512 White Oak Ave., in the Forest Park section.

Mr. Jackson is a much-decorated veteran of 14 years Army service in Europe and Korea and was discharged with the rank of warrant officer.

The house in question is located off the 3900 block Dolfield Ave. near Penhurst. There are only three houses in the block.

It is listed at $14,500 with a ground rent of $120 a year and features a unit kitchen and semi - club basement.

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A FOR-SALE sign on the house lists a Hal Schoolnick Realty Co., as the agent.

Mr. Schoolnick told the AFRO on Thursday: "I understand there has been a little opposition from the people who attend the Synagogue. . .It's not the rabbi, but the people who go there.

"They feel if one family comes in, more will come in. You see they just built the Synagogue about three years ago."

Mr. Schoolnick identified the builder of the house, as Benjamin Lerner of the 3200 block N. Rogers Ave.

Mr. Schoolnick added: "You see Mr. Lerner is a peculiar

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14 children die in fire

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — A total of 17 persons, including 14 children, died in what was described as this city's worst fire as flames quickly destroyed a three-story frame building here early Saturday morning.

In addition, nine other persons were injured—one seriously—as only eight of the tenants were able to get out of the building alive. Five of these were children.

The fire was first spotted by a patrol car at about 4:30 a.m. The policeman called the Fire Department, but by the time the engines arrived, the building was enveloped in flames.

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WASHINGTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Beatrice West Lewis, of 1731 Euclid St., NW, prominent Elk leader, will be held at Tenth Street Baptist Church Saturday, (Nov. 23) at 1 p.m. The Rev. J. C. Henry will deliver the eulogy.

Mrs. Lewis, who died at home Monday after a lingering illness from Chicago where she had attended the funeral of a friend, Mrs. Katye Steele, will be buried in Harmony Cemetery.

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HAVING BEEN connected with the Elks for 30 of her 60 years, Mrs. Lewis was well known in numerous Elks social contestants who received scholarships in Elk contests.

She was the assistant secretary in the Grand Lodge, the general chairman of the order's home Mississippi project in Washington.

She also had been recording secretary of the education department of the Elks for the Tri-State Convention which includes Washington, Maryland

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TRI-STATE ELK LEADER Mrs. Beatrice W. Lewis to be buried Saturday

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SCHOOL BOARD

Need more science in our schools

Instead of the United States continuing to expend its energies and fund to retain world supremacy in sports, it had better build up its strength in science, mathematics and engineering.

This is the opinion of Dr. H. Bentley Glass, member of the board of school commissioners, who proposed that some step in the direction begin in the Baltimore School System at the meeting of the board, Thursday.

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POINTING OUT that he has nothing against football, Dr. Glass said that the circling satellites re-emphasized what many people have been saying or thinking for some time — that the United States is lagging particularly badly in the training of scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

The most critical area lies in the high schools where youths are inspired and professions are frequently chosen, said Dr. Glass. Baltimore, he said, which has led in many educational advances, should again show others the way.

His proposals to the board included:

That a special program be set up to identify students of high scientific ability and promise and to encourage them in continuing along such lines; that all teachers directing organized extracurricular activities, such as science clubs, be remunerated (as athletic coaches in our schools are now re-

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84,032

BETWEEN April 1st and November 13th, the Register and Vote campaign has added 84,032 new voters to the list; 4,240 colored persons registered as Democrats; 2,221 Republicans; 198 declined.

Colored registration as of 1956 was 77,371.

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

SMILING HAPPILY, Charles T. (Charlie) Burns, popular sportsman and former night club owner, is shown here leaving the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. Flanking Mr. Burns here to the left is Officer Richard H. Fortkiewicz, of the Maryland Penitentiary staff, and Herbert Myerberg, Mr. Burns' attorney, at the right.

'He didn't know who did it...'

"He didn't know who did it . . . he died without saying what happened . . ."

This is the report which came from relatives about the sudden death of Leo Gardner of 1924 McCulloh St., 32-year-old member of an old Baltimore family.

The truck company chauffeur died Tuesday morning in Provident Hospital where doctors had waged a 51-hour battle to save his life.

Mr. Gardner walked into Provident Hospital Sunday morning dying of multiple stab wounds of the chest and abdomen which police said were inflicted at 3:30 that morning in front o fa lunchroom in the 1200 block of Laurens St.

Imbedded in his back when he started walking toward the hospital was a five-inch ice pick which one witness said was "thrust in his back up to the hilt."

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DURING A two and one-half hour operation on Sunday doctors attempted to stop the internal bleeding. At one point Mr. Gardner's heart stopped and was massaged by Dr. Odom Coker until it started beating again.

At AFRO presstime, police were still trying to piece together the events which led to Mr. Gardner's death.

One report that he was acting as a peacemaker during an argument between two other men outside the lunchroom was not confirmed by police although a brother told the AFRO he had heard such a report.

Northwestern police said their investigation indicated Mr. Gardner was a participant in the argument at the lunchroom.

There were reports that Mr. Gardner and another man had argued over a cup of coffee.

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AS FAR as police and hospital sources could determine, Mr. Gardner walked the several blocks to Provident Hospital after somehow managing to pull the ice pick from his back.

A police officer on duty in the area where the lunchroom is located said he saw Mr. Gardner there about half an hour before the call came in that he had been stabbed.

A large crowd gathered around after the stabbing but police ran into difficulty finding witnesses who knew anything about what had happened.

The slain man was one of nine children of the late Rufus Gardner and Mrs. Jennie Gardner, who resides with another son, Reginald Gardner, at 500 Sanford Pl. She marked her 85th birthday this past Sept. 6.

Mr. Reginald Gardner, former owner of the Hi-Test soft drink firm, now a salesman for D.S. and D. Molasses, told the AFRO that his brother "never carried a knife or weapon of any kind. He was always interested in gunning and fishing.

"It's no way to explain it," Mr. Gardner said, adding that a week ago his brother had some premonition of sudden death. "He felt it. . . He told

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I shouldn't have served 144 days', says Burns

By MAX JOHNSON

"I am not bitter. I just had no sense of guilt. . . I shouldn't have served."

Charles Thurgood (Charlie) Burns was commenting Wednesday evening on the unsavory circumstances which had forced him to serve 144 days in the Maryland Penitentiary after a jury convicction — of the charge against him, but

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quietly and expectantly for 45 minutes in the court of Judge Michael J. Manley, and heard Judge Manley, State's Attorney, Herbert Myerberg, his attorney, and Judge Manley urge and grant his release for a

torney's office has admitted was likely obtained with police planted evidence of a lottery operation.

Tuesday afternoon, the day before, Mr. Burns had an

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possible new trial in a habeas corpus hearing.

"We have brushed aside the numerous technical arguments which could have been presented in this case in the interest of doing substantial justice," Mr. Grady told Judge Manley.

"As I see it, we are not faced with the question of guilt or innocence of the charge against him, but

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Carver repeats as city jayvee grid champions

Scoring the first time they got their hands on the ball, junior varsity gridders of Carver Vocational High School romped to their second straight city title at Kirk Field Thursday afternoon.

The talented young charges of Coach Charley Robinson romped to a 26-13 triumph over McDonogh, winner of the private school crown and the same team victimized by the Blue and White last year.

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FROM THE opening whistle, it was all Carver. They held a 26-0 lead before McDonogh was able to find the end zone, and throughout the contest, Robinson's outfit reveled in its over-all superiority.

The Trainers ran up an amazing total of 410 yards — 338 by rushing — against the private school titleholders. They tallied seconds after they came out of their first huddle for scrimmage, hit for three more TD's in the first three periods, and were within striking distance again when the final gun sounded.

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NO SOONER had Carver taken the ball than quarterback Steve Wilbert hooked off to Mel Jefferson and the latter was off to the races. He scrambled 66 yards through an open field to pay dirt.

A pass from Wilkes to Charles Tubman netted the conversion and the Trainers were ahead, 7-0, with less than two minutes of playing time gone.

Tubman himself got into the

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'Someone to go out with...'

By E. M. OLIVER
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — "We got together; we agreed on a legal separation. Now I can have dates.

"I'm still a young woman, you know." Mrs. Rose Mangum Louis, famed beauty specialist, was speaking of the status of her marriage to Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion.

"I have a lot of social engagements and there was no need in pretending we were together when we weren't." Mrs. Louis added, explaining:

"People were calling for him and he wasn't here.

"I needed someone to go out with."

ASKED IF she had someone in particular she was dating, Mrs. Louis said, "No."

"There is no one special. I have in mind. I have always had lots of admirers."

Continuing to talk about the arrangement between her and Joe, she said, "He waived all legal rights to my holdings and property. We had no arguments.

"I didn't need anything that he had, he didn't need anything I had.

"I hold nothing against him. He is a very fine man. He has done nothing to make me dislike him."

Mrs. Morgan also stated she was very, very busy.

On Friday she is co-chairman with Jackie Robinson at an NAACP affair.

ROSE LOUIS

JOE LOUIS

'Fix' case model freed

NEW YORK—Harlem socialite, Mrs. Hazel Sharper, whose September 26 arrest for a traffic violation set off an investigation of the New York Police Department's Deputy Commissioner, Robert Mangum, was cleared Monday of her disorderly conduct charge leveled against her by Patrolman Harry Holfelder.

Magistrate Samuel J. Ohringer dismissed the charge on the ground of reasonable doubt. Mrs. Sharper had been charged with making a wrong turn at Park Ave. and Thirty Sixth St.

Oldest Mt. Winans resident dies following brief illness

The oldest resident of the Mt. Winans area died Tuesday at his home after an illness of three weeks.

He was Mal C. Hopkins, 99, of 2604 Puget St., who had lived in the area 98 years and was the last immediate survivor of the first family to settle in that section, nearly 100 years ago.

Funeral services for Mr. Hopkins will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m., at Mt. Winans Methodist Church, Hollins Ferry Rd. and Annapolis Ave. The Rev. A. H. Hammon will officiate.

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ACTIVE UP until his last illness, Mr. Hopkins had retired from a local glass factory eight years ago. He would have been 100 in July.

His principal pleasures, according to a grandniece, Mrs. Moulton, were to sit smoking his pipe as he listened to the ticking of an antique clock and to visit places he had known as a child to see how they have changed.

Survivors include a grandson, Charles Hopkins, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, both of New York; three great-grandchildren, three nieces, Mrs. Moulton, Mrs. Daisy Howard and Miss Hilda Blackburn, and three nephews, Robert Blackburn and Jerome N. and George S. Forbes.

Mr. Hopkins survived three wives. He was a member of the Mt. Winans Church and Knights of Pythias.

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