Jurist Fines 'Healer' $200, Suggests He Leave Town

'Polite' motorist has 53 charges

"He was so polite.

"He could have walked away from the whole thing if he hadn't tried to outrun us."

That was the testimony of police in Northern Police Court Tuesday morning after 53 traffic charges had been filed against John E. Conquest, 29, of the 1800 block Riggs Ave.

Mr. Conquest was ordered held in bail of $1,000 for assaulting an officer after he had been sentenced in Traffic Court to 18 months in jail for driving on a revoked license, reckless driving and exceeding 70 miles an hour.

In addition, he was fined $150 by Magistrate Richard Gilbert in connection with six outstanding traffic warrants accumulated over a period of two years, and was given suspended $25 fines each on the remaining 50 charges.

IN FINDING Conquest guilty Magistrate Gilbert said: "I wish it were in my power to give you more time.

"I will not stand for people to try and outrun the police and then try to fight their way out."

In describing the details of the arrest, Officers William Hughes and Robert T. Lilly of the Northeastern District testified that they drove up to 110 miles an hour while chasing Conquest.

They first tried to stop him when he made a "sweeping" right-hand turn at Greenmount and Preston Sts., around 9:45 p.m. Monday.

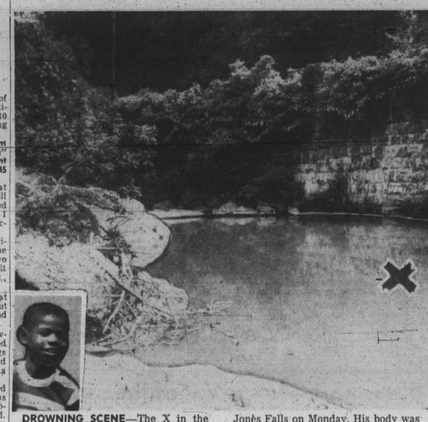
Patrolman Hughes stated that when he told Conquest to pull over to the curb he replied "Yes sir, officer. What did I do?" then stepped on the accelerator.

The speeding motorist carried the officers through the downtown district, evaded two road blocks and came to a halt in the 4700 block Roland Ave., after smashing into a tree.

Officer Hughes said that when Conquest 'came out swinging,' he was subdued and arrested.

The 33 traffic charges involved running through 23 red lights, going through stop signs failin to obey an officer, and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Police said Conquest offered no explanation for his actions after telling them the automobile belonged to his girl friend.



DROWNING SCENE—The X in the picture marks the spot where Andre Wilson, 9, 2220 Pennsylvania Ave., disappeared beneath the waters of Jones Falls on Monday. His body was recovered 30 minutes later. The inset is a picture of the youngster.

'Fantastic,' says judge of reverend's healing methods

"I think you've been getting money improperly. You haven't any power to heal anybody with the fantastic methods you used."

With these unscientific but thoroughly legal observations at high noon Wednesday, Judge S. Ralph Warnken slapped a fine of $200 and costs on a self-styled healer for the unlawful practice of medicine.

The defendant was the Rev. David Only, 57, 211 Pearl St., pastor of the Church of Churches located in his home.

The Rev. Mr. Only pleaded guilty to the charge after James Price, prosecutor, told the court the State would not press a lottery charge pending against the minister.

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THE DEFENDANT asserted after his test on May 21 that digits found in a bible in his home was only a telephone number.

Arresting officers figured them to be numbers representing $2.10 in play.

Judge Warnken, after discussing trotters with the former horse trainer, intimated that he would like very much to run the defendant out of the state.

"What I think you ought to do is get away from the State of Maryland," the jurist told the short, graying minster, "because you can't do anybody in the State of Maryland any good."

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MICHAEL FREEDMAN, defense attorney, told the court the Rev. Mr. Only headed a 45-member congregation.

"The reverend here is an ordained minister," the attorney informed the court. "They (his parishioners) have great faith in the reverend."

In a reference to the unlawful medicine practice charge, Mr. Freedman asserted with a calm face:

"He maintains he's a healer. He heals through the process of religion."

The Rev. Mr. Only did not take the witness stand and the case was submitted on a statement of facts from the prosecutor.

However, the defendant related some facts about himself in response to questions from the bench.

HE SAID he came to Baltimore from South Carolina in 1911 with some trotter horses.

When Judge Warnken wanted to know the types of jobs he'd held before "you got into this exaulted position," the defendant said he quit the race tracks after 14 years.

The Rev. Mr. Only said he worked in a fertilizer factory and was employed as a construction worker and coal miner before turning to preaching and healing in 1937.

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ACCORDING to the assistant State's attorney these incidents lead to the downfall of the Rev. Mr. Only:

sacrifice the basic Constitutional guarantee for the expediency of the moment."

Rep. Devereux wrote:

"I can understand the concern of the colored people on this whole problem, but I do not feel that it would be wise to sacrifice the basic Constitutional guarantee to a jury trial even for this."

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SENATOR John Marshall Butler wrote:

"I have devoted to the Senate to represent all of the people of my State. It is by this creed that I have consciously and conscientiously lived and voted.

"I have always placed a very strict interpretation on the meaning of constitutional equality and the rights of all American citizens as granted by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

"I shall never temporize with these inalienable rights."

The meeting of the Vote and Register campaign workers **was devoted to a report on the activities of Maryland Representatives during the civil rights debates.**

Policewoman Marion Crawford, under orders from Sgt. Vincent Serio, visited the office of the healer on May 17 and complained of an imagined illness.

The policewoman was told that someone had put a "snake curse" on her. He anointed her face and scalp with oil and said the treatment would last three days. Mrs. Crawford put a dollar on his bible and left.

When she returned for the second treatment on May 20 the Rev. Mr. Only told the policewoman to undress and get on a table, advising her not to worry because most of his patients were women.

The policewoman refused to disrobe but accepted a bottled concoction brewed by the healer.

The following day she returned with her "boyfriend," Officer Junior Chambers, also there on orders of Sgt. Serio.

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OFFICER CHAMBER'S ailment was diagnosed as a "flabbergated stomach," resulting from eating too much fried fish.

The officers were treated and paid the Rev. Mr. Only with marked money.

Shortly thereafter Sgt. Serio entered, not for a treatment, but to effect an arrest. The Rev. Mr. Only and a large batch of healing items were hauled to Southwestern District.

Among the healer's possessions were such items as a black skull candle, a crystal ball, rubber gloves, Lucky Mojo Sweetheart drops, Hug Me Tight perfume, Money Drawing perfume and Adam and Eve perfume.

Also, Good Luck powder, Bad Luck powder, Scat Away powder, Stay Away powder, Attraction powder, Bewitching powder, Compelling Incense, Repelling incense and Rose Crucifixion oil.

Raiding officers also found 36 pounds of pennies, nickles and dimes.

The Rev. Mr. Only said the coins were not numbers money but rather "money given me on my birthday and missionary money."

Vote group told of rights fight

Workers in the city-wide Register and Vote campaign learned Tuesday night that three of their Representatives in the 84th Congress voted for the jury trial adnendment to the Civil Rights Bill on a roll call vote last Tuesday.

According to the report made by Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, the members were: Edward Miller (R.-1st. Dist.), Jessie P. Devereux (R., 2nd Dist.), and Deluth S. Hyde (R. 5th).

However, Rep. Samuel N. Friedel, (D.-7th Dist.) stayed on the floor during the entire debate and voted against every single, crippling amendment that the Southerners introduced," Mrs. Mitchell said.

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"CONGRESSMAN FRIEDEL deserves the commendation, not only of the citizens in his political district, but of all of the thinking people in the State of Maryland."

"He stood up for our cause when we needed him. This is not what someone told us, we heard and saw him in action." Attorney Mitchell said.

The group voted Tuesday night to send a letter of commendation to Mr. Friedel for his consistent presence on the floor and his continuous vote against every amendment introduced by the Southerners "to cripple the civil rights bill."

Mrs. Mitchell also reported that Hon. Geo. Fallon (D. 4th) and Hon. Edward Garmatz (D.-3rd.) voted on the roll call Tuesday for the civil rights bill.

She stated that while Congressman DeWitt S. Hyde (R-6th.) voted for the Civil Rights bill on roll call, he aggressively fought on the floor with Rep. Willis, of Louisiana, and Rep. Rivers, of South Carolina, "to cut the heart out of the civil rights bill with crippling amendments."

He made speeches in support of the jury trial amendment. "We are greatly disappointed that a Republican in Maryland would join with the dixiecrats," she said.

The Rev. Marcus G. Wood reported that a group of Baltimore ministers had attended the debates in the House of Representatives last Thursday and again Monday.

Members in the delegation last week were: the Revs. J. M. Raynor, president, Ministers Conference; Harry Jackson, I. C. Reddie, J. T. Wood, and Marcus G. Wood.

The ministers who went to Washington Monday were: the Revs. J. M. Raynor, J. A. Moore, J. H. Matthews, Harry Jackson, W. H. Thompson and Marcus G. Wood.

Correspondence which had been received from the Ministers Conference from the various members of Congress included a letter from Rep. Hyde in which Mr. Hyde said:

"I can well appreciate and understand the impatience and exasperation of the colored people on this subject, nevertheless, I do not feel we can

Here's one toast that didn't go down too well

"Your Honor, I just served my husband some toast . . . he accused me of throwing it on the table . . . and he hit me with a chair."

Mrs. Virgie Trusty of 2706 Rosedale St., gave Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., this testimony in Northwestern Police Court, Wednesday morning, against her husband, Paul Trusty, 29.

She said the attack happened at noon Tuesday while the temperature hovered around 96 degrees.

Mrs. Trusty had a fractured shoulder and wrist to show the court.

Mr. Trusty pleaded guilty. Magistrate Koger gave him a suspended three-month sentence in the House of Correction, placed him on probation for 18 months, and fined him $35 and costs.

Magistrate Koger said he was being lenient, out of consideration for the couple's three young children, all under seven years of age.

Walter Curtis is acquitted of murder in April stabbing

Walter Curtis, 20, 723 N. Spring St., was acquitted of murder Tuesday when Chief Judge Emory H. Niles ruled he acted in self-defense when he fatally stabbed a man on April 18.

Victim of the stabbing was James T. Smith Shearon, 21, 129 N. Dallas St., who died at Mercy Hospital of a chest wound.

Curtis, a janitor at a television sales firm, said he defended himself with a knife stabbed at him by when Shearon threatened him.

Police killings in Balto. area in 9 months

APRIL 19, 1956 — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallaway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417-N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolmen Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdup and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leddin. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Ferrell. On Monday, Dec., 10, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 31, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

School Board votes $400 salary hike

"The most compelling reason for raising teachers' salaries is the growing demand in our society for education and educated people."

This was the statement which came from the Board of School Commissioners Thursday in voting for increases for Baltimore teachers.

Under the approved plan new teachers would start at a salary of $4,000 per year. The present starting salary is $3,600. The Board also made provisions to grant increment pay boosts for extended service. The new salary scale will become effective if the school budget is approve by City Council.

Other reasons cited for increase in pay were the need for new teachers and a more adequate compensation for those experienced teachers already in the profession.

In other business, the board granted permission to the graduating class at Douglass High School to award a $100 scholarship to a worthy member of the class.

The recipient will be selected by a member of the faculty.

Cyrus Marhall Jr., special assistant at Cherry Hill Junior High School was appointed vice principal effective July 1.

Miss Irma O. Daney, School No. 135; James Matthews, School No. 101, and Miss Nettie H. Page, School 144, were among those appointed to serve as helping teachers for college graduates employed as special substitutes.

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AMONG THE evening school principals approved for reassignment were: James E. MacDonald, School 106, Thomas M. Boonen, School 430;

Also, Henry W. Warner, School 133, Isaiah E. White, School 187; Robert T. Ford, School 450, and Leon W. Williams, School 454.

The Board also announced the reassignment of Wardell Richardson as vice principal of Dunbar Evening High School 133.

Brewster files

Daniel B. Brewster, a member of the House of Delegates from Baltimore County, has filed as a democratic candidate for Congress fro mthe 2nd District. This District takes in Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties.

Officer to face hearing

Patrolman Ernest E. Denkins, 1015 Ashburton St., will be given a hearing on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer Wednesday, June 26, 10 a.m. in the offices of Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

The officer was appointed Oct. 17, 1952 and is attached to the Southwestern District under the command of Capt. Joseph A. Baroch.

2nd offenders in digits cases get light terms

"I feel that the O'Dunne Act passed in 1903 gives the court discretion in dealing of these (numbers) cases."

Maurice Siegel, attorney, was arguing for leniency for three clients who pleaded guilty in Criminal Court Tuesday as second offenders of the lottery law.

A Maryland statute fixes penalty on conviction as a second offender at from two to five years imprisonment.

Judge S. Ralph Warmken, agreeing with the contention of Mr. Siegel, fixed the prison terms of the defendants at less than the minimum provided for by statute.

MR. SIEGEL'S clients were:

George Lee Jones, 64, unit block N. Durham St., sentenced to a year in the Penitentiary for a violation on May 27. He received a fine of $50 and costs for lottery in September, 1950.

Mrs. Ida Harris, 42, 1600 block E. Lombard St., given not more than 18 months in the Women's Reformatory for a violation on April 23.

Mrs. Harris was sentenced to not more than nine months and fined $1,000 and costs for writing numbers in March, 1953.

Anthony J. Raimondi, 43, 600 block Linnard St., given 18 months for accepting a digit bet from a policeman on April 23. He was previously given a four-month prison term and fined $500 and costs in February, 1955.

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A FOURTH man, Alexander Williams, 54, 1600 block Ashburton St., was sentenced to 18 months when he pleaded guilty as a second offender.

Mr. Williams was arrested for a violation on April 16.

He was fined $50 and costs in November, 1952, for a lottery violation.

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Hill St. mother gets four years

"While her acts were excessive in putting this man to death, she still had a right to protect herself."

Judge John Tucker, after finding a 43-year-old mother of four guilty of manslaughter Wednesday, made this statement as he determined there were some mitigating circumstances in the woman's action.

He imposed a term of not more than four years in the Women's Reformatory on Mrs. Vera Duckett, 100 block W. Hill St.

Mrs. Duckett was convicted in connection with the April 12 death of her common-law husband, Otis Overton, who died following a 5-inch butcher knife wound in the back.

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MRS. DUCKETT did not take the witness stand, but her statement to police she contended the slaying was accidental. The defendant related that she and Mr. Overton had been quarreling over the repair of a television set.

According to her statement, Mrs. Duckett grabbed the knife to protect herself after Mr. Overton had struck her several times that day.

"I accidentally cut him in the struggle," she told police.

Miss Mary-Ann Duckett, 21-year-old daughter of the defendant, testified that Mr. Overton was in the habit of beating her mother every Friday. Maurice Siegel, attorney, represented Mrs. Duckett.

Army sergeant held for assault

Sgt. Charles Edward Thomas, 25, 321A Winters Lane was arrested June 18, and is being held without bail at Easton, Md., on the charge of rape.

The alleged victim is a 13-year-old girl, according to Henry T. Turner, state's attorney in Talbot County.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for today (Friday) before Magistrate Charles E. Wheeler.

Thomas has been in the Army for six years and was stationed at Fort Meade. His wife is Mrs. Elaine Thomas, who lives at the same address.

Sunday drivers

Two motorist who ran into each other at Monroe and Franklin Sts., Sunday morning have been charged with reckless driving and will be given a Traffic Court hearing on August 26.

They are Clifton Wilson, 28, of 847 S. Para St., and Noide Gist, 43, 531 N. Pulaski St.

ORCHARD STREET — Members of the Orchard Street Methodist Church Vote and Registration Committee are shown mapping plans for the current city-wide campaign. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Lillian Brown, the Rev. V. T. Key, and Quitman Brown. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Olivia Grey, Mrs. Dorothy Covington and Bowen Jackson. Also on the committee, but not shown, Mrs. Helen Smith.

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1st Gas Chamber Execution Tonight

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Hoods Club Man

SADNESS AND JOY AT MD. PEN

First gas chamber execution

BULLETIN

Governor McKeldin said at AFRO presstime that he has been studying the case of Eddie Lee Daniels, who is due to be the first to die in the gas chamber at Md. Penitentiary. Maryland's chief executive said he has held hearings in the case and consulted with Daniels' attorney. If the governor does grant a reprieve, it will probably not come until Friday afternoon, as the governor rarely makes a final decision until the last minute.

First of Maryland's new gas execution chamber is scheduled for 10 p.m. tonight (Friday), when Eddie Lee

(See Photo on Page 3)

(Flash) Daniels, 28, of Washington, is to be put to death.

Mr. Daniels is to die for the holdup slaying on April 22 of last year of Arthur L. Chyatte, white co-owner of a Silver Spring car wash.

IN HIS LAST hours at the Penitentiary, Daniels has had the comfort and company of the Protestant chaplain, the Rev. Edward Weglein.

The Rev. Mr. Weglein reported at AFRO presstime that Daniels "is doing very nicely . . . he believes in God . . . and he has been very quiet. I am going with him now."

A Montgomery County jury convicted him of first-degree murder on June 17 last year, following a Circuit Court trial

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Kelly Briley let out of death row

"He had a smile all over his face. He was all smiles . . .

"He looked like he has lost a little weight, though."

Leonard Freedman, attorney, was describing a visit with Kelly Briley Thursday after he was transferred from gloomy death row to a job in the Penitentiary kitchen.

Governor McKeldin commuted the 35-year-old convicted murderer's sentence to life imprisonment on the eve of his execution.

Briley was scheduled to have been the last Marylander executed on the gallows. Execution now is in the lethal gas chamber. He was to have been executed this week.

"HE SAID he's glad he wasn't the last person to hang," said Mr. Freedman, who represented the inmate during the murder trial along with his father, Michael Freedman.

As a life termer he may be eligible for parole after serving 15 years.

The attorney said Briley told him that he felt "weak and nervous," apparently the result of nearly 18 months on death row.

During those lonely months, according to Mr. Freedman, Briley spent a lot of time reading the Bible.

He was transferred to the Penitentiary after Governor McKeldin's commutation order on Monday. A former baker, he has been assigned as a cook.

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BRILEY WAS convicted of murder in the death of Jesse Mills, one of the well-known Mills brothers who operate a chain of shoe stores.

The fatal shooting followed a dance hall brawl in which Briley was allegedly ejected from the Odd Fellows Hall, Lanvale and McCulloh Sts.

Explaining the sentence, Governor McKeldin said:

". . . I feel that the surrounding circumstances and the background of this individual, while perhaps not sufficient to mitigate the degree of his act, do at least justify an imposition of something less than the extreme penalty of death."

RESCUE TRY FAILS—Two of three boatmen who recovered the body of Mrs. Shirley Parker, mother of three children, who drowned Sunday at Hains Point in the Potomac River when motor boat in which she was riding capsized while passing another boat. Another photo, story page 30.

Barbara 'fingers' 2nd man

For the second time within a week, a mild mannered little girl just turned 14 charged a married man with rape

(See Photo and Other Story Page 5)

Wednesday afternoon in Northeastern Police Court.

A key figure in the disappearance of four-year-old Sharon Pugh a week ago, the girl, known as Barbara testified that she was criminally assaulted a week before she appeared at the home of another man asking for a place to stay.

In her latest appearance before Magistrate Simon Schofield, the much little Miss calls a fleeting glance at Lonnie (John) Shields Jr., 27, of the 700 block N. Eden St., and identified him as the man who abducted her on June 12th.

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THE ACCUSED man termed the accusation 'a lie.' He was ordered held without bail pending action of the grand jury.

A tall, angular man, Mr. Shields is an unemployed father of two. He was recently released from the House of Correction after serving 14 months for non-support, police said.

His alleged association with the young girl was brought to the attention of police while she was being questioned about

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"Those jitterbugs called Baby Face out.

"They had been after him before but, he was no fighter. He was a coward.

"They picked at him all the time."

Those were the comments of Robert Harding, of, 1508 N. Spring St., Thursday morning following the death of his nephew, Irvin (Baby Face) Harding, 55, of 1230 E. Monument Sts.

The elderly man was beaten to death with a board Wednesday night after two teenage boys ordered him out of a hinchroom at Caroline and Monument St.

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MR. HARDING was employed as a dishwasher in the restaurant and was working when the youths entered and started beating him with their fists.

A waitress told police that after the boys beat Mr. Harding, they pulled him outside and started striking him with a floor board.

Witnesses said that when the dying man slumped onto a nearby cellar door bleeding from the head, the teenagers walked away.

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NONE OF the witnesses could offer an explanation for the fatal beating.

Police described Mr. Harding as a 'likeable fellow' who was well known in the community.

Investigating officers said they were looking for a 17-year-old youth wearing a blue striped shirt, Blue trousers and a gray hat, and a 16-year-old boy.

Mr. Harding is survived by a sister, Mrs. Carrie Fall of 301 S. Sharp St.

Net out for two teenage killers

BULLETIN

A 16-year-old youth residing in the 1800 block Division St. was arrested late Thursday in connection with the slaying of Irvin (Baby Face) Harding. He is scheduled to appear at a homicide hearing this afternoon (Friday).

City has jim crow camping

The city of Baltimore is operating a jim crow camp for underprivileged children between the ages of 8 and 12.

The camp is known as Camp Francis Wood, located on Route 45 near Hereford, Md. The city spends $12,000 a year for its support.

When the camp opens Monday, July 1, there will be approximately 115 children there, all colored.

Operation of the camp is under the direction of the Department of Public Welfare.

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THE DECISION not to integrate Camp Wood was made earlier this year by the advisory board of the Department of Public Welfare, according to Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the department.

Mrs. Vivian Alleyne is a member of the board and F. A. Davis is chairman.

"We could be wrong in having made the decision," Miss Lazarus said, "but we didn't feel qualified about depriving colored children in view of the fact that we have many more applicants than we can take."

Miss Lazarus said the decision to keep Camp Wood jim crow was also made because other camps like the Children's Fresh Air Camp to which the department refers white children, do not accept colored children.

Asked if there is any restriction which says white children can not be referred to Camp Wood, Miss Lazarus told the AFRO:

"No, I don't know. I would assume there wasn't. I would say we made the decision ourselves."

She added that an integration move has started this year at Camp Wood on the staff level and for the first time this year boys and girls will attend at the same time.

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"WE FOUND we were ready to do two new things this year, integrate the staff and made it co-educational. The advisory board didn't feel there are enough camp facilities open to colored children to integrate the camp itself," Miss Lazarus explained.

She added: "We've been pushing it — hoping we could

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Bishop Nichols faces trial July 30

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Charges against AME Bishop D.-Ward Nichols will be heard July 30th at 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church in Jacksonville.

Bishop R. R. Wright, president of the Bishops' Council, will conduct the trial.

Bishop Nichols, 56, is secretary of the Council. Since May, 1956 he has been assigned to the Florida district.

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EARLIER THIS month Bishop Nichols was suspended following the filing of charges of irregularities against him by the Rev. M. M. Kindsey, presiding elder, of Gainesville, Fla.

Originally Bishop Nichols' trial was set for July 2, but later postponed until July 30 in order to give the bishop time to complete his defense.

New post at Morgan

(See other Morgan appointments on Page 6)

Miss Sallie Ponzo of New York has been named alumni secretary of Morgan State College.

Her appointment, effective August 1, 1957, was approved by the college's board of trustees yesterday (Thursday.)

Miss Ponzo is a 1930 graduate of Morgan and president of the N.Y. chapter of Morgan Alumni. The General Alumni Association and President Martin Jenkins selected Miss Ponzo for the new post.

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NAACP hears plea to Congress

By SAM LACY

DETROIT (NNPA) — Two of America's most agile minds here last week forecast notable gains for the colored man in the coming months.

Joseph L. Rauh Jr., vice-chairman of the American for Democratic Action, predicted that the Supreme Court will toss out the $100,000 received by the State of Alabama against the NAACP.

Walter Reuther, international president of the United Automobile workers, prophesied that the Common Council of Detroit (the equivalent to what is known as the city council in other communities) will get its first colored member in the coming fall elections.

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THESE PREDICTIONS were made in talks given to the annual banquet of delegates of the NAACP at its Wednesday night session in Ford Auditorium.

Mr. Reuther, speaking from notes alone, traced the progress made by colored citizens in Detroit over recent years — in the courts, in the schools and on the Federal level — but deplored the absence of a colored man in the common council, "where he belongs."

The high spot of the Reuther talk, however, came when he demanded that Congress "end its 80-year, sitdown strike on civil rights."

Said the UAW head, who also is vice president of the AFL-CIO and one of the most powerful influences in American labor:

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"BOTH PARTIES — the Republicans and the Democrats — should be ashamed of their shoddy record in the field of human dignity. The Supreme Court is living in the 20th century, while Congress is still somewhere back there in the dark ages of the 19th century.

"It is high time the congress caught up. They are on

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'All' means all in Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Grace Lutheran Church here last week put out the welcome sign to integration without knowing it. The results: A happy and new experience for all.

The welcome mat was in the form of an invitation to children to attend Vacation Bible School. It read: "Vacation Bible School, June 10 to 21, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, All Children Welcome."

And some 11 colored children took the sign at face value. They consulted with their mothers to confirm that "all children" included both white and colored.

As a result, the parents agreed to let their children attend, the school if they were accepted.

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THE REV. Henry Kleckley, a white native of South Carolina who came here four years ago from Macon, Ga., said he first noticed the children walking toward the church about 9:15 a.m. while gazing out of a window on opening day.

He recalled that the white children already had been registered and sent to their re-

Drowned youngster is buried

"They were getting ready for school when I last saw him. Then he slipped off.

"I did not see him when he left with two of his brothers and four of his cousins."

Mrs. Beatrice Wilson, 2220 Pennsylvania Ave., the mother of the ten-year-old boy Andre Wilson who was drowned in Jones Falls on Monday, was telling the AFRO of the last time she saw her son.

ANDRE, HIS brothers and cousins did not attend school the day of the fatal accident.

According to police Andre was swimming when he disappeared beneath the water. His body was recovered after half an hour of dragging operations.

The family of the dead youngster is in a strained financial condition.

Persons who contributed money to aid the Wilson family in their plight are:

Mrs. Annabell Coleman, 700 N. Appleton St.; Aaron (Tree) LaCarne, Roland Park Apartments, $5; Mrs. Margaret Boyd, 1436 N. Bond St., $1; William Marshall, 701 N. Appleton St., $1.50; Mrs. Virginia Throne, 2313 Arunah Ave., $1; John Christian, 1926 Harlem Ave., $1; and George Woods, 2304 Ashburton St., 1.

state tax shared

State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes has announced that the Income Tax Division of his office had mailed to the counties and incorporated cities and towns of Maryland, checks totaling $15,581,452.91 which represents their share of income tax collected during the State's fiscal year which will end on June 30, 1957, from income tax returns filed for the calendar year, 1956.

'Treetop' finally free

By RUTH ROLEN

PHILADELPHIA

"Hanging on the corners and corners almost hanged me."

In this nine - word lesson to all who would listen, Aaron (Treetop) Turner Saturday summed up the situation that satisfied justice after he sidestepped the electric chair four times and a life term the fifth.

Turner, who spent four freedom 11 of his 37 years, Wednesday walked or ran — he does not remember which — out of Eastern State Penitentiary. He is — and he intends to remain so — a free man.

"Hanging on corners and gambling with guys is one thing but being accused of killing a man when you were not on the scene is another," Turner bersely pointed out.

That is why, the six - footer (plus half an inch) explained, he was game enough to chance a seventh death sentence even after beating the chair.

Turner was accused of being the trigger man in the robbery

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'Highest paid' band deserted at Elk ball

"The poorest crowd I every played to, but then, Baltimore folks just don't turn out. They never did."

This was a comment made by Lionel Hampson, King of the Vibes, shortly after midnight Tuesday.

His orchestra, reputed to be the highest paid in the country today, was playing for the Elks Tri-State Ball at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

The occasion was a highlight of the Tri-State organization's 27th annual convention which ended its five-day meeting on Wednesday.

COMPARED WITH the size of the Armory hall, capacity 7,140, those present represented but a "handful" of dancers.

In Wednesday Elk officials had not completed records on the number of tickets sold.

However, it was estimated that between 1,300 and 1,400 persons may have been present during the entire evening.

Among others who commented on the sparse crowd was Lloyal Randolph, Exalted Ruler of the host Lodge, Monumental Lodge No. 3.

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HE TOLD the AFRO on Wednesday that perhaps dances such as the Elks held were passing from the American scene.

He said:

"I think that ball on that scale — on the public admission scale — are just becoming a thing of the past.

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Name of Lillian Watkins mentioned frequently in Dixons' court battle

The name of a Mrs. Lillian Watkins cropped up frequently during testimony given June 12 and 13 by Howard Dixon,

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popular Pennsylvania Avenue businessman and his wife, Mrs. Mildred Holly Dixon.

Following a two-day hearing in Circuit Court, Judge Reuben Oppenheimer ruled that Mr. Dixon had deserted his wife of 14 years and granted her plea for alimony and support of their two small children.

The award to Mrs. Dixon is for $40 a week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are catholic.

THE NAME OF a Mrs. Watkins, who was identified as a former Washingtonian now residing in Baltimore where she is employed at the Unemployment Compensation Division, was mentioned first at the opening of the alimony hearing.

Howard C. Bregel, attorney for Mrs. Dixon, told the court:

"There has been a subpoena issued for a Mrs. Lillian Watkins, 833 Chauncey Ave., Baltimore, 17, made returnable this morning before the Commissioner at 9:45 a.m.

"Mrs. Watkins was summoned, but has not appeared. It is an important witness and I think she should be sent for."

Judge Oppenheimer then asked the attorney, 'Do you want a bench warrant?'"

Mr. Bregel answered: "I am afraid that is the only way we will secure that lady's attendance."

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THE NAME OF a Mrs. Lillian Watkins was mentioned again on the second day of the hearing when Mr. Dixon was being examined by his wife's attorney.

Under discussion was Mr. Dixon's role in the sale of property at 833 Chauncey Ave.

Mr. Dixon identified Mrs. Lillian Watkins as the client

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HOWARD DIXON
'I will continue to see her . . .'

DPW opens doors of Cylburn Home to all children, but...

"We're saying now we are ready to take colored children but — our children's division just hasn't referred any to Cylburn."

Miss Esther Lazarus, chief of the Department of Public Welfare, was speaking to the AFRO on Wednesday.

Her statements concerned the Cylburn Shelter Home for Children located at 4915 Greenspring Ave. near Falls Road and Park Heights Ave.

Since 1944 it has been a foster care home for boys and girls between the the ages of 10 and 14.

The children lodged there are referred to the shelter home by the Department of Public Welfare through its Children's Division.

Miss Elizabeth D. Grebbek is the director there for three years.

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ALTHOUGH CYLBURN receives $30,000 annually from city budget funds, the shelter home has never had any colored children in its 13 years existence.

**The home has