Mother Cleared In Sudden Death Of Infant

Court approves Harford Co. school integration plans

"I believe that the Harford County Board is justified in making the transition on a year-to-year basis."

With this verbal opinion United States District Judge Roszel C. Thomsen approved a plan calling for gradual public school desegregation in Harford County at the conclusion of a hearing in Federal Court Tuesday.

Approval of the plan setting 1963 as the earliest date for total integration in Harford County schools came after NAACP lawyers announced they rejected the gradual plan.

"WE INTEND to appeal (the decision) as soon as we get the records," Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, one of four NAACP attorney at the hearing, told newsmen.

After announcing that he found it "inequitable and improper" to require immediate desegregation in Harford county, Judge Thomsen issued an injunction ordering that two plaintiffs in the case be admitted to previously white schools.

They are Stephen Moore Jr., 9, of Bel Air, and Dennis Spriggs, 13, of Edgewood. Both lads now attend the Central Consolidated School at Hickory, Md.

As a result of Judge Thomsen's order young Moore will enter Bel Air elementary school this fall and Dennis will enroll at the Edgewood junior high school.

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UNDER A modified plan adopted by the Harford County Board of Education on June 5 and presented to the court this week colored pupils wishing to transfer to previously all-white schools near their homes must make application between July 1 and July 15.

The application will then be evaluated by a committee consisting of the principals of the two schools in question and three other educators.

Pupils then would have to undergo a battery of achievement and adjustment tests before the committee approves or disapproves the applications.

Jack Greenberg, of the NAACP legal staff, argued that these tests placed "a series of burdens" on colored pupils desiring to transfer to all-white schools.

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TUCKER DEARING, NAACP attorney, said he felt the tests would be used to keep colored pupils out of the white schools.

However, Judge Thomsen served notice that he would take immediate action if applications were turned down on racial grounds.

The jurist said if applications were denied parents of the pupils would have to exhaust their administrative remedy — appeals to the State Board of Education — before the case could get back to court.

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CHARLES W. WILLIS, superintendent of schools, said under the Harford County desegregation plan the sixth grade in 11 of 18 elementary schools will open to colored pupils this fall.

The other seven elementary schools will be desegregated by 1959, Mr. Willis said.

According to the superintendent, the seventh grade will be desegregated by 1958 and this step-by-step process will continue until the fall of 1963 when the twelfth grade will be opened to colored pupils.

Among the interested spectators attending the day-long hearing were:

The Rev. Thomas Scott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bel Air; James A. Spriggs, father of Dennis Spriggs and vice president of the Harford County branch NAACP.

Mrs. Hannah B. Johnson, Bel Air; Mrs. Leola W. Presberry and Mrs. Evangeline Dorsey, both of Darlington.

Prisoner found dead in NW cell

A former employee of a Laurens St. tavern was found unconscious in a cell at Northwestern Police Sation early Thursday morning several hours after he had been examined by two physicians and ordered committed to Crownsville State Hospital, police have reported.

Taken to Maryland General Hospital the prisoner, Robert Mosby Jr., 34, of 2037 Rayner Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival. His body was taken to the City Morgue where the medical examiner said death was due to a "fatty liver."

Police said that Mr. Mosby had been arrested at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday on the complaint of his landlady, Mrs. Ivy Travers of the Rayner St. address.

Mrs. Ivy Neely, sister - in - law to Mrs. Travers, told the AFRO Thursday that police were summoned because Mr. Mosby was apparently in a "nervous" condition.

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ONCE AT Northwestern, police said Mr. Mosby was examined by Dr. Frank Ogden and Carl Roetling and ordered committed to the hospital. However, since it was impossible to obtain admittance papers at that time of evening, police said Mr. Mosby was kept in a cell.

At approximately 1:50 a.m. Officer Alex McDonald, the turnkey, reported to his superiors that he found Mr. Mosby lying face down in the cell.

The officer said when he was unable to awaken the man he notified Sgt. Dominic Roach who called Ambulance No. 4 but the drivers refused to handle the man because he was already apparently dead.

A police surgeon was used to take the prisoner to the hospital.

It was reported that Mr. Mosby had been employed as a maintenance man at a tavern in the 1200 block Laurens St. His body will be claimed by his father, Robert E. Mosby Sr.

A HAPPY FAMILY—The presentation of a degree to Mrs. Sarah O. Cephas, third from left, at the commencement exercises of Coppin State Teachers College, meant that a dream had come true for the mother of four children. She wanted to be a teacher and a teacher she is. Shown here with Mrs. Cephas, is her son, Earl, a senior at Morgan; her husband, Charles W.; her daughter, Miss Lorene Cephas, a Morgan and University of Maryland graduate, and Leonard, her youngest son, a student at Hopkins. The fourth child, not shown here, is Lt. Charles W. Cephas Jr., now in Germany.

Police free mother in tot's death

"The baby died a natural death.

"I don't know where the idea came from that the baby had been killed.

"She loved that child."

That was the angry comment of George Randall on Wednesday concerning a police investigation into the death of his sister's six-week-old daughter.

Mrs. Shirley Workman, 18, of the 1500 block Clifton Ave., was taken to the Northern District Police station on Sunday following the death of her daughter, Zelda and was released Tuesday morning.

Miss Workman, who also has a son, was questioned after her child was found dead under a blanket.

Police were working on the assumption that the infant had been smothered with a blanket.

An autopsy report revealed that the child died from a lung infection.

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MRS. WORKMAN stated that she put the baby to bed around midnight Sunday and found her dead the next morning.

She said her mother, Mrs. Willie Workman, tried for more than 20 minutes to revive the child when she discovered she was not breathing.

Clarence Workman, 15-year-old brother of Mrs. Workman said he heard the child crying around 1 a.m. but decided not to say anything about it when she stopped crying.

8 intervenors in Harford County case

Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen Tuesday granted a NAACP motion permitting eight intervenors (new complainants) into the Harford County school desegregation case.

The motion was granted at a hearing in which the jurist approved a gradual desegregation plan submitted by the Harford County Board of Education.

The intervenors are:

Earlene Scott, 7, and her sister, Mona Leisia, daughters of the Rev. Thomas Scott, Bel Air; Robert McDaniel, 10, son of Clarence McDaniel, Edgewood.

Larry Blackstone, 15, his brother, Bernard, 11, and sister Ellen, 9, children of Mrs. Louvinia H. Batson, Bel Air; David Bell, 6, son of James Bell, Fallston, and Maurice Horsey, 7, son of Maurice Horsey, Rocks.

Redhead convicted of larceny

"I am willing to pay her back. I just started working two weeks ago. I told her I would pay her back. I'll see that you get your money."

A tall redheaded attractive young woman, Mrs. Melody Goodwin of the 1900 block Madison Ave., a former Crownsville State Hospital employee, wept as she stood before Magistrate Vernon Weisand in the Pine Street Police Court on Wednesday.

As she continued to cry, the Magistrate pleaded with her to "shut up and listen."

He said: "You did not hear all I am going to say. I said I sentence you to three months in the Women's Prison, but I suspend the sentence, providing you pay the money to this woman."

Mrs. Goodwin was arrested on a warrent obtained by Mrs. Ethel Cox, 1809 Eutaw Place who employed as a hospital attendant at Crownsville, charging her with larceny after trust.

Mrs. Cox said she allowed Mrs. Goodwin to use her department store charge plate for $12 worth of merchandise.

"Instead," Mrs. Cox told the court, "she went ahead and got $93.40 worth and now I can't use my account.

"She has never paid me a cent."

Magistrate Weisand placed Mrs. Goodwin on probation for one year and causionel her to pay Mrs. Cox "every cent" of the $93.40 bill.

The state hospital records reveal that Mrs. Goodwin's employment there ceased on May 6, 1957.

Mother of 4 cries as she receives Coppin degree

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"I am very happy; I know I am acting like a baby, but it means so much to me."

A 54-year-old mother, Mrs. Sarah Olivia Cephas, 1526 N. Payson St., sniffed into her handkerchief and the tassle of her bachelor's cap got in her way as she attempted to wipe away the tears of joy which streamed down her face.

The scene took place on the lawn of Coppin State Teachers College on Monday afternoon where minutes before Mrs. Cephas had received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education.

"Another reason for my acting so foolish," Mrs. Cephas told this reporter," is that, confidentially, I love the school so. I have enoyed these four years so much — I hate to think my days here are over.

"I just don't want to leave," Mrs. Cephas added and burst into tears all over again.

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THE SOFT-SPOKEN mother was surrounded by her family who smiled at her, allowing her to have her cry.

Her husband, Charles W. Cephas Sr., an employee at the Post Office parcel post station for 17 years, was close beside her, dressed in his best, and beaming proudly.

The Cephas children gathered for the commencement exercises were: Miss Lorene Cephas, 25, a Morgan State College graduate who finished the University of Maryland Law School in June, 1956 and who awaits the Maryland State Bar examination in March, 1958.

Earl, 21, is a senior at Morgan. He is majoring in Biology.

Leonard, 17, the youngest child, will be a junior at Johns Hopkins University in September. He is studying to become an electrical engineer.

Another son not present is Lt. Charles W. Cephas Jr., 24, who is stationed with the U.S. Army 85th Infantry Regiment in Germany.

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MR. AND MRS. Cephas were married in 1931. Both are natives of Baltimore. She and the children are members of St. Peter Claver's Catholic Church while Mr. Cephas is a life-long member of Sharon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cephas, who majored in kindergarden - primary curriculum, has been appointed to the third grade at the Samuel Coldridge Taylor Elementary School No. 122.

"I was not an honor graduate," Mrs. Cephas said modestly. "I was an average student, however I have every desire to become a good teacher."

Ashburton unit opposes Bateman site

The New Ashburton Improvement Association has gone on record as being opposed to the destruction of the homes in the area bounded by Hilton, Bateman, Denison and Carlisle, in order that a new school may be built at that location.

Earl Koger was spokesman for the group as he appeared at a City Council hearing on Monday and said that to tear down the 13 detached homes at the site would:

"Place unnecessary hardship upon the people of this community, demonstrate a lack of vision and planning by our city leaders, forge another link in a chain which holds back a people, binding them to the slums and despair."

SOME 400 persons were on hand at the meeting to protest not only the Carlisle-Bateman location for a school, but also:

1. A proposed Junior High School in the Harlem Park Area, bounded on north by Lanvale and Stricker Sts., on the east by Calhoun St., on the South by Harlem Ave., facing Harlem Park, and on the west by Gilmor St.

2. **A proposed elementary school in an area bounded by Biddle St. on the north, Carrollton St. on the east, Chase St. on the North and Eden St. on the west.**

proposed elementary school in the area bounded by Saratoga on the north, Calhoun St. east, Lexington St. on the south and Stricker St. on the west.

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AFTER HEARING the protests the judiciary committee decided to take all the ordinances authorizing the condemnation of the necessary properties, under advisement until additional reports on school sites are made.

Persons interested in the Bateman Ave. location were scheduled to meet at Hilton and Bateman Ave. Last Wednesday (Friday) to survey the area looking toward the possibility of an alternative site.

No decision yet in Commodore divorce case

No word has been received on the decision in the divorce case of the Rev. George Commodore, Nanticoke Methodist Minister and public school teacher.

The case was heard before Wicomico County circuit court Judge Rex A. Taylor on June 3.

Mrs. Commodore is a nurse who resides at 1916 Etting St. She contested the divorce instituted by her husband who alleged that they had voluntarily separated. His love letter to her stated that they had lived together as man and wife on occasions since the date of Oct. 1, 1952.

Mrs. Etta McIver dies, was veteran educator

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at 1 p.m. for Mrs. Etta M. McIver, 53, of 5898 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, from the Grace Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr., pastor, will officiate.

Mrs. McIver died at her home Tuesday morning after an illness of two months.

She has been a member of the faculty at P.S. 145 for two years before her illness last Easter and had taught in the Baltimore public schools for over 20 years.

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MRS. McIVER was educated in the public schools of this city and took her teacher training work at Coppin Teachers College and Northwestern University.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Girlgag Social Club and was national treasurer of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

The former Miss Etta Theresa White, she was married to Robert McIver on Nov. 27, 1928.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sisters: Mesdames Ethel Coates, Marjorie Martinez, Ruth Cleaver and Corbeela Better.

Burial will be in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

Man in 'love baby' case sued for divorce

John Moses Billy, who figured in the recently invalidated Maryland law which made it a crime for a white woman to bear a child fathered by a colored man, is being sued for divorce.

Mrs. Myrtle Billy, 1828 E. Biddle St., filed suit in Circuit Court Monday charging her husband with desertion.

In her bill of complaint Mrs. Billy is seeking an absolute divorce from her musician husband. She also asks for custody of their two children, ages 18 months and 3 years.

The divorce papers were filed on Mrs. Billy's behalf by Milton B. Allen, attorney.

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IN ASKING for the final separation, Mrs. Billy contends that Mr. Billy deserted her although "she has conducted herself as a kind, faithful, chaste and affectionate wife."

The Billys were married on Christmas Day, 1953, according to the court papers.

Mr. Billy admitted fathering a child born last year to blonde Shirley Howard.

The "love baby" case came to light last summer when Miss Howard haled Mr. Billy into Domestic Relations Court seeking support of her child.

At that time Mr. Billy agreed to pay $7 a week for support of the infant.

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ON AUG. 1 Miss Howard was indicted under P.L. 350 - year - old Maryland statute which makes it illegal for a white woman to bear a child fathered by a colored man.

The law was declared unconstitutional by Chief Judge Emory H. Niles in an opinion handed down on April 16 declaring the statute violated the Fourteenth Amendment.

Today is Flag Day

Today (Friday) marks the 180th birthday of the American flag.

The Stars and Stripes were formally adopted as the National Emblem on June 14, 1777.

Baltimoreans have a special reason to be interested in Flag Day. It was here, in 1814, at Fort McHenry that Francis Scott Key was inspired to write The Star Spangled Banner, the National Anthem.

The flag which he saw waving in the breeze after the British bombardment, was made by Miss Mary Pickersgill in the house at 844 E. Pratt St.

The building has been restored and is now called the Flag House Shrine.

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THE AMERICAN Legion Federal Post No. 19 will hold its tenth annual services today.

A parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. from Madison Ave. and Mosher St. Participating in the parade will be members of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 Shrine Patrol.

Also scheduled for today are the Flag Day Ceremonies under the direction of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association and the American Legion.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr. will speak at the Flag House Square, 844 E. Pratt St.

Banks, schools and business establishments will remain open today.

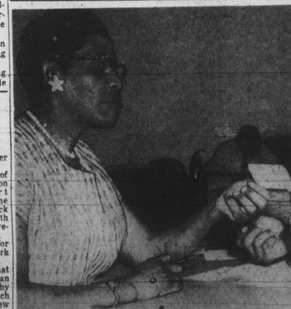
Burglary suspect found under bed

"I found him hiding under the bed."

That was the testimony of Patrolman Roosevelt Johnson in Southwestern Police Court Monday when David Jerome Clark Jr., 36, of the 3800 block Harlem Ave., was charged with attempting to break into a Fremont Ave., tavern.

Released in bail of $2,500 for action of the grand jury, Clark entered a plea of not guilty.

Officer Johnson stated that after chasing the accused man at gun point into a nearby house, he recovered a pinch bar, a tire iron and a screw driver.



THEY'RE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE — Photo taken in the Office of the Supervisor of Elections Office showed prospective voters as they changed their addresses or signed up. John L. Brown, formerly a resident of 123 N. Carrollton Ave., gets a new voting card showing his present address at 241 N. Stricker St., from Mrs. Julia Callaway, an employee of the office. Waiting her turn is Mrs. Josephine Goodman, 561 Dolphin St. The Supervisor of Elections Office is located in the basement of the People's Court Building at Fayette and Gay Sts. If your name is not on the books, you can visit the office any day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Convict Cherry Hill duo in morals case

Two - Cherry Hill youths and a 30 - year - old man were convicted of unnatural sex acts, in Youth Court Thursday.

A third youth was fund guilty along with the other boys of robbing the man of $94 on May 5.

Chief Judge Emory Niles withheld sentencing the for probation reports.

Donald Pinkney, 18, 400 block Swale Ave. and Charles H. Shaw, 16, 2900 block Spelman Rd., were convicted of committing unnatural acts with Carroll H. McCloud, 800 Bloom St., who was also found guilty of the charge.

Calvin Knox, 16, 2500 block Terra Firma Rd. was found guilty along with the other teenagers of assaulting and robbing Mr. McCloud.

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MR. McCLOUD testified he was brutally beaten and robbed by three youths in the rear of the Cherry Hill Community building. However, he said he was unable to identify his assailants.

The boys said in statements given to police that Mr. McCloud approached them in a cafe and they later went to the area where the alleged offences occurred.

Highest average at U. of Maryland

COLLEGE PARK — Vincent G. Sigillito, of 3941 Ames St., N.E. (Washington, D.C.) has been presented with the first annual David Arthur Berman Memorial Award for receiving the highest average among juniors in the department of chemical engineering at the University of Maryland.

Civic Club pays visit to hospital

Members of the Civic Improvement Club recently paid a visit to Crownsville State Hospital where they entertained some 50 patients with several hymns and then presented them with gifts.

Club members are:

Miss Annie E. Williams, president; Miss Hilda Hayes, vice president; Mrs. Catherine Sellers, chaplain; Mrs. Dorothy A. Nelson, recording secretary; Mrs. Ora Bishop, financial secretary.

Also Mazie Perkins, treasurer; Mrs. Virginia Board, marshal; Miss Ida Price, chairman of birthdays.

Mrs. Laurel Reddick, Mrs. Theresa Davis and Mrs. Lucille Green.

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'A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?'

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Any resident who has just turned 21.

Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

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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.

Branch libraries closed Saturdays

Starting the week of June 24, all branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will be closed on Saturday through August 31.

On July 6 and continuing through August, partial Saturday closing will be in effect at the main building, with the films department, picture collection, stations and classroom collections suspending service on that day each week, through August.

Saturday hours in the central children's room will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All other departments will observe their present schedules, except that beginning July 6 they will close at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 9 p.m.

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No Dixon Divorce; Must Pay Alimony

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FBI Hunts Sharon

4-Year-Old Girl Missing From East Baltimore Home

Gatewood safe; had no notice of his trial

"The judge struck out the forfeiture. It was just a misunderstanding. The man wasn't notified."

Joseph F. Di Domenico, attorney, gave this explanation as

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to why Bland Gatewood failed to appear in Criminal Court on Monday to answer charges of a lottery violation.

The 36-year-old sportsman's failure to appear for trial led to speculation that he might have been the victim of foul play.

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MR. GATEWOOD appeared briefly in Criminal Court Wednesday morning with his lawyer and bondsman. William Dixon. It was at this time that Judge S. Ralph Warnken struck out the forfeiture.

On Monday the jurist had ordered the $3,500 bail forfeited when Mr. Gatewood did not answer as his case was called for trial.

No new trial date has been set in the case.

According to Mr. Di Domenico, he was out of town following an illness. He said the judge knew of his absence from the city.

However, early this week his appearance had not been entered in the Gatewood case.

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MR. GATEWOOD was arrested on May 17 and Rackets division officers said they found numbers paraphernalia in a car he was using.

He is under indictment as a second offender and could get up to five years on conviction of the pending charge. In 1942 Mr. Gatewood was fined $100 and costs on a lottery charge.

He is also charged with carrying a deadly weapon.

Mr. Dixon said Mr. Gatewood got in touch with him following an AFRO story pointing out his failure to appear for trial.

"I got in contact with the boy," Mr. Dixon told the AFRO. "He says he didn't get a notice. I heard from him today — he was scared. I guess he saw the AFRO ..."

The bondsman added that it was possible Mr. Gatewood did not receive a notice of the trial if it was sent to his home, listed as 1136 Druid Hill Ave.

Tri-State Elks meeting here

Elks and their friends, from areas as far away as New York City, are expected here for the 37th annual Tri-State Association Convention, which opens Saturday and lasts through Wednesday.

The Tri-State Association covers Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. It has 40 Elk lodges, an equal number of auxiliary temples, and

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MRS. HOWARD DIXON
She fought husband's divorce suit, won alimony

Dixon loses divorce bid

Howard D. Dixon, 33, well-known Pennsylvania Avenue businessman, was denied a divorce from his pretty wife, Mrs. Mildred H. Dixon, 32, last week.

Instead, Judge Reuben Oppenheimer ordered Mr. Dixon to pay her $15 a week permanent alimony plus a weekly sum of $25 for the support of their two children, Howard Jr., 5, and Diane, 8.

The alimony decree also carried a provision that Mrs. Dixon and the children remain in the 3934 Old Fredgrick Road home rent-free.

Mr. Dixon, who gave his address as 1416 Pennsylvania Ave., is associated with the Comedy Club, a popular Avenue night spot.

He is also a professional bondsman representing the Interpriser Insurance and Fire Insurance Exchange.

HE AND Mrs. Dixon, the former Miss Mildred Holly, were teenage sweethearts.

Both are members of St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church and were married in a formal wedding there on Aug. 11, 1943.

On July 23, 1956, Mr. Dixon filed for a divorce in a petition which alleged that he and his wife had separated in 1952 and have lived apart since then and that their 14-year marriage was beyond hope of reconciliation.

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UPSETTING her husband's allegation that they separated sometime in 1952, Mrs. Dixon denied in her answer that they agreed to separate in the year of 1952.

"On the contrary," she said,

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FLASH! Dr. Blake dies

Dr. James R. Blake, 58, prominent East Baltimore physician, died at 10:35 p.m. Thursday at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Blake had practiced medicine for some 30 years. Several months ago it was reported that he was seriously ill. No funeral arrangements had been announced at press time.

Arrested person has right to see a lawyer immediately

"It is most important that every member of the Police Department be instructed that a person in custody has an absolute right to the advice

(See full text of ruling Page 3, and editorial Page 4)

and presence of a lawyer from the moment of arrest."

This ruling was handed down Tuesday by C. Ferdinand Sybert, attorney general, clarifying the position of policeman in the handling of suspects desiring advice of counsel.

Mr. Sybert's opinion came in a letter addressed to Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

The ruling resulted from complaints of local attorneys that officers were denying them the right to consult their clients for long periods following apprehension.

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"A LAWYER is entitled to interview immediately and privately any client in the custody of the Police Department," wrote Mr. Sybert. "The convenience of the Department is secondary to these constitutional rights of the individual."

In the opinion, Mr. Sybert cited the case of Miss Catherine Bell, 17, 24 W. North Ave., whose attorney, Robert J. Callanan, charged she was held by police for about 30 hours before he was allowed to see her.

Miss Bell, arrested May 7 and held 30 hours for investigation, was released on a writ of habeas corpus and bail was set for her at $500 as a State's witness.

Mr. Callanan said Thursday that as a result of the opinion this week, Miss Bell "is now not going to be tried at all."

Commenting on the decision, the attorney had this to say:

"I think it is just a clarification of what I considered the law of Maryland was.

"It indeed gives me a great deal of pleasure to have the attorney general back me up one

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It happens in D.C. too; mortician is manhandled

WASHINGTON

More charges of "excessive force" were made against the Metropolitan Police Department's treatment, this week, when funeral director Coy D. Hall was "manhandled" in the rear of his establishment by police who thought he was a robbery suspect.

Mr. Hall, 46-year-old co-owner of Hall Brothers Funeral Home, 621 Florida Ave., NW, told the AFRO he was in the rear of his premises, Monday, making preparation for a funeral when four policeman ran up the alley, leveled revolvers at him.

He said the officers yelled: "Get your hands up. Drop them and it's your life."

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TAKEN ABACK, Mr. Hall did not respond immediately and was grabbed, spun around and was forced to lean against the building spread - eagle to

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SHARON PUGH
Last seen on Tuesday when she went to a store with a girl named Barbara

Latrobe Homes child kidnaped?

BULLETIN

"I certainly hope there will be a break soon . . ."

D. K. Brown, special agent in charge of the Baltimore FBI office was speaking late Thursday as he confirmed the fact that his office is conducting an investigation under the amended Federal kidnap law into the disappearance of four-year-old Sharon Pugh.

Mr. Brown said the FBI entered the case late Wednesday night after the child had been missing from home for 24 hours. At presstime today (Friday) there was still no trace of the child, the FBI said.

By B. M. PHILLIPS and MAX JOHNSON

Where is brown-eyed Sharon Pugh?

Who is the 'Barbara' who saw her sitting on the wall across the court from her home and asked her to walk to a nearby store?

Has the black-haired four-year-old met with foul play? Has she been kidnaped?

Where is Sharon?

These are the questions her distraught parents and sympathetic neighbors and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are trying to answer.

Sharon is the second of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pugh of 825 Abbott Court in the Latrobe Housing Project in East Baltimore.

(See Photos on Page 3)

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THEY REPORTED to police at 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, that she had been missing from home since about 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 18.

When last seen, they said, she was sitting on the wall across the court from her home.

Neighbors told the parents they saw the small child walking in the direction of a corner store with a girl who appeared to be about 12 years old, and who answered to the name of 'Barbara.'

The missing child is 3 feet tall, weighs 31 pounds, has black hair, brown eyes and is of stocky build and has medium brown complexion.

When last seen, she was wearing pink shorts with blue shoes with red laces.

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"AS OF NOW we haven't got a thing."

This was an FBI Agent's comment on Sharon's mysterious disappearance shortly before the AFRO went to press today (Friday).

The comment came as a score or more FBI agents combed the area in search of some trace of the missing girl.

All day Thursday, one group of FBI agents was observed going from door to door in what appeared to be a four or five block radius questioning residents and showing pictures of the girl.

Another group was busy bringing teen-age girls named 'Barbara,' for the missing girl's oldest sister, Deborah, 6, to identify.

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AGENTS HAD brought in some thirty-odd "Barbara's" by 5 p.m. Thursday.

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'All we can do is pray..'

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"All we can do is hope and pray. All we can do is just wait."

"Whoever has my baby, I hope they will return her to me safely.

"If someone has her, please take care of her and bring her back as soon as you can.

"We have read about things like this in the papers and now it has struck home. It's hard to believe a thing like this can happen to you."

Clarence Pugh, the young father of 4-year-old Sharon Pugh, was pacing the floor of his second floor Latrobe Homes apartment at 825 Abbott Court as he spoke.

The child, one of his three small daughters, had been missing since Tuesday.

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LITTLE Sharon is only 3 feet tall.

When last seen, she was wearing a pair of pink shorts.

On Thursday at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Pugh and his wife, had no solution to offer. They had heard nothing definite of the small child.

Describing his daughter, Mr. Pugh said:

"She was a lovable kid. She wouldn't go away with anyone without permission. That's what's so strange."

He repeated: "She wouldn't just go away."

At that point, Mr. Pugh re-

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Dixiecrat senators have backs to wall

FLASH

WASHINGTON — The Senate last night voted 45-29 to bypass its Judiciary Committee and placed the House-approved civil rights bill on the calendar, thus preventing it from dying in the committee as it has annually since 1949.

WASHINGTON

Vice President Nixon last night (Thursday) decided to submit to the Senate the question of whether the House-approved Civil Rights Bill should be placed on the Senate calendar or sent to the Senate Judiciary committee.

Senate rules authorize him to submit any question to the decision of the Senate.

Nixon's decision was made on the point of order made by Senator Russel, Democrat, of Georgia, that the reorganization act of 1946 makes it mandatory to send bills to committees.

IF THE SENATE sustains the point of order, the House bill will be sent to the judiciary committee.

If it is not sustained it will go on the Senate calendar and a motion may be made at any time to bring it up.

Nixon said his opinion was that the point of order was not

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FATALLY STRICKEN—Dowdel H. Davis, vice president and general manager of the Kansas City Call, who was fatally stricken early Friday morning, at Columbus, O., where he was attending the annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association.

'I just loved her so,' says maid willed $30,000 by Mrs. Van Horn

"Yes, the $30,000 takes care of me for a lifetime.

"In a way, it was a surprise. Miss Bernice told me I would be taken care of for life if anything happened to her.

"I was her maid for 20 years . . . I just loved her so . . . that's why I can't get myself together . . .

Mrs. Helen Gary, 40, was giving her reaction to the news that she was left $30,000 under the terms of the will of blonde Mrs. Bernice Ward Flynn Van Horn, wealthy Baltimore County matron.

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MRS. VAN HORN was found dead on June 1. Her husband, Robert J. Van Horn, lumber company president, has been charged with her death.

Mrs. Van Horn's will was filed in Orphans' Court last week. Under its terms, she left over a half million dollars to relatives and friends.

The $30,000 for Mrs. Gary is in a trust fund, and is to be invested and paid to her at the rate of $60 per month throughout her lifetime.

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OF HER employer, Mrs. Gary told the AFRO: "We were just like sisters. In fact, we got along better than some sisters.

"I went with her 20 years ago — with her and her mother and her first husband. They lived on Park Ave. then. Later, they moved out to Eden Hall when her mother died.

"I'm not so well now. I'm nervous and can't eat, but I'm not excited. I'm just sad about her. . .'

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MRS. GARY described herself as a grass widow, indicating that it means she has been married but is not living with her husband.

She said she is a native Marylander and has several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

She refused to discuss her future plan and asked the AFRO not to divulge her present address.—B.M.P.

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