3 Teenagers Sentenced To 22 Years In Robberies

Workers register 1,700 new voters

The Non-Partisan Register and Vote Campaign Committee, the Rev. J. L. Tilley, chairman, has reported cards returned showed 1,700 new voters have been registered during the campaign.

Some 500 cards have also been turned in by voters who have filed a change of address so as to permit them to vote in the precincts in which they now reside.

A total of 114 churches and the AFRO-AMERICAN are represented on these cards. The largest number of new voters have been registrd by Faith Baptist Church, 169; Apostolic Faith Church, second, 69; Whitestone Baptist, third, 54.

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TUESDAY'S MEETING of precinct workers was crowded at Sharp Street Community Chapel. Thirty-five churches have reported as having precinct and ward workers in the precincts in which they are located.

These churches are making daily canvasses and blocks covered completely are marked with a gold star on the large board at the committee's headquarters.

As the campaign continues, according to Dr. Tilley, the number of churches is expected to double.

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CHURCHES FIND that the registration campagin is not only good for the community, but also for the church and Sunday School.

Pastors find in their churches and Sunday Schools on Sunday new members who have become interested in the church through the activity of their church representatives asking persons in their neighborhood to register and vote.

Workers lay emphasis on the educational value of their registration campaign. One family asked how much do you have to pay to register. This family was from a poll tax state where no resident can vote unless he pays a tax.

There is no poll tax or charge for registration in Maryland. It is free.

ANOTHER WORKER said a family advised him that you had to pass an examination on the United States Constitution.

That is not true in Maryland because to register a proposed voter only has to give such general information as his name, age, address, and length of time he has lived in Maryland.

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, director of the campaign, said Tuesday the campaign is good not only for the community but it is good for the church and Sunday School and may well prove one of the most beneficial campagins in which this city has ever engaged.

Escapes jail for theft of tons of metal

A pint-sized former contracting firm employee convicted of making off with 73,600 pounds of metal (368 tons) from his place of employment was placed on probation for three years by Judge S. Ralph Warnken Wednesday.

Beauford Rhodes, 29, 1100 block Myrtle Ave., was found guilty on May 6 on four charges of larceny of cast iron, lead and steel metal valued at more than $1,300.

One of the provisions of the probation was that the father of three make restitution of $694, approximately half of the value of the stolen metal.

Ellsworth Wilson released from pen

Ellsworth C. Wilson, 48-year-old former postal employee of 260 Robert St., who was convicted last year for embezzling stamp funds, has been granted parole and was discharged from the U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., on Friday, May 17.

Mr. Wilson was working as a clerk at Druid Hill Station Post Office when examiners discovered shortages during a surprise visit there.

He was secretary of the board of trustees of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and secretary of the Baltimore branch of the National Postal Alliance.

Man loses appeal from Traffic Court

Preston Little, 600 block N. Appleton St., described as a chronic traffic violator was convicted Monday of operating on an out-of-state license and sentenced to 60 days in jail by Judge John Tucker.

Mr. Little was in Criminal Court on an appeal from a conviction in Traffic Court on May 1 when Magistrate Henry Miller imposed a similar sentence.

Norman Hochberg, assistant State's attorney, told Judge Tucker that Mr. Little has a record of approximately 50 traffic convictions here since 1930.

Mr. Little contended that he did not know he violated the law by operating a vehicle on a North Carolina license, although his Maryland license had been revoked.

Says his wife left for hairpins, didn't return

"She told me she was going to the store for hairpins. It was three weeks later when I saw her."

Jonas S. Jones of 520 Bloom St., seeking a divorce from Mrs. Emma Jones of 414 N. Pulaski St. testified in Circuit Court, Monday about the three-week-absence of his wife.

He charged that the time was spent with Abraham Johnson at 710 E. Chase Street, and that his wife and Mr. Johnson are now occupying an apartment at the Pulaski Street address.

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MR. JONES was awarded a divorce. Under an agreement, he will pay her $1,229.59 for her share in the property they jointly own at 520 Bloom St., which is to be conveyed to him.

Speaking of the first time Mrs. Jones left home, the husband said:

"When I learned that she was at 710 E. Chase Street, where this man was living, I went to talk to her. She told me to wait five minutes and she would be back to finish the conversation.

"I waited two hours and she didn't return.

"Well, I didn't see her any more for some time. Then she called me and said that she wanted some money. She knew that I had some money in the bank.

"She said 'Give me all the money you have and I won't bother you anymore about anything. I don't want you and I don't want anything else if you'll give me this money.'

"That's when I decided to get a lawyer."

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MR. JONES then told of how he had watched the Chase St. house over a period of two weeks. But during the time the couple eluded him and he learned that they had moved to Pulaski St.

Other apartment dwellers at the Pulaski St. house, summoned as witnesses refused to testify that Mrs. Jones lived there.

"I do not know whether she lives there or not," Mrs. Bertha Hammond told the court. "She doesn't visit me."

Leander Holland said "I know her only by seeing her and I have called her to the phone a few times."

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BUT MARSHALL M. MEYERS, detective, testified that he had kept the apartment under surveillance on April 29 from 6:05 p.m. until 4:45 a.m. next morning.

He said that several times during that period, he saw Mrs. Jones and Mr. Johnson, through a half-raised venetian blind.

He testified that at 1:51 a.m. Mr. Johnson was walking about the apartment partially clad.

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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.

$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.

NEW SCHOOL—Mrs. Pauline Paysour is teaching fourth grade class at the newly opened Gwynns Falls Elementary School No. 60. Cornerstone ceremonies were held at the school, Monday. Mayor D'Alesandro brought greetings. Built at a cost of $1,159,000 the school will accommodate 1200 pupils.

Mayor is not in good humor on 10th birthday

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

I powdered my nose and went to see Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro on Tuesday.

The day before he marked his tenth anniversary as head of our city government.

I rushed in in happy anticipation of renewing the friendship which we shared over the years at ground breakings, corner stone layings, elections, commencements and banquets.

It's true, he was always in a hurry and ducked out on me on those occasions, but we always managed to wave or say hello.

He has always been happy, courteous and friendly.

But on Tuesday, well, here's what happened:

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"TOMMY," AS his friends and close political buddies call him, was sitting up high behind a big desk in Old City Hall about 4:30 p.m.

His face was ruddy behind his white shirt and navy blue suit. He sported a blue, white-flecked tie and a white hanky dotted with blue.

I sat in a chair beside him and felt hurt because he was raising cain.

"Those newspapers! They make me so m-a-a-d," said His Honor, Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of Baltimore. (And he used an ugly invective — a shocking cuss word I don't like to hear.)

"Well, now, just don't you take that out on me," I said, getting angry, but he continued fussing.

"Well, no, you didn't print nothing yet, but you asked me for a 'nice big smile' for a picture and here I just came from a funeral.

"How can I smile?" he asked, pouting.

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THEN, THE perky, likeable mayor who came to us from the Little Italy section of Baltimore, began picking over a batch of papers and letters on his cluttered desk, (still fussing)

He raised his head and mumbled a word or two, to secretaries who stood around wanting advice or a signature.

He hurriedly signed his name at the bottom of some letters, still fussing.

"I thought we'd recall with fond memories the wondrous accomplishments of this ten-year period," I said, "but I can see this just isn't your day."

"Did you see what those newspapers did? Making up things I didn't say?" he asked.

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IGNORING THE question, I replied: "Remember me, I'm your friend. I came to give you plenty time to talk and lots of newspaper space to say it in, and you, you're just as sassy as you can be."

Fairly jumping down my throat, the diminutive Mr. D'Alesandro said:

"Now listen, I don't want to blow my horn.

"When I was elected, I said I would be mayor of all the people, and that's just exactly what I've been.

"I've been mayor of ALL THE PEOPLE."

I closed my ears to the loud noise, but I remembered on May 21, 1947, he said those very words. He was telling the truth, although he was disgruntled today.

"And," he said, softening up a bit, "my record shows I am against discrimination — it shows for itself."

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I WROTE this down and thought to myself: now here is the Tommy of old.

However, Mr. D'Alesandro again failed my expectations.

He bellowed: "What are you writing down there?"

And he grabbed my little old notebook and scratched out every word I had written!!

Rising, I snatched it back, clasped my precious book close to me and said:

"I'd better go now. You don't feel well."

"Oh, these newspapers," he said, in a blue tone, "they just worry me."

"Are you talking about ME?" I said, staring.

"No," he said.

"Well, then, answer my questions," I said impatiently.

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ASKED OF what he was especially proud in the way of civil rights endeavors over the ten years, the Mayor simmered down and replied briefly:

"I voted for FEPC when I was in Congress and I signed an ordinance for FEPC in Baltimore since I've been mayor.

"I appointed the Interracial Committee for the city of Baltimore.

"You just put down there," he said, "I've been mayor of all the people just like I said I would be."

"Okey," I said, "I hate to leave you in such a state, but I guess you have too much to do and too little time, eh?"

"Yeah," he said, "and I've got to go to New York tomorrow."

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THAT'S HOW the energetic little Mayor of Baltimore was feeling on the tenth anniversary of his taking oath at the War Memorial plaza.

I think however, his record is fairly good, so I'll forgive him.

Capital improvements include addition of housing projects, projects for a clean city, health centers, and the Baltimore City Medical Care program; the Urban Renewal and Redevelopment program, 23 new schools, and a raise in teacher's pay.

Also, 16,000 old-fashioned gas lights have been replaced with modern, high powered electric lights.

Streets, 1,350 miles of them, have been resurfaced, and the city's water supply storage has been increased to withstand a five-year drought.

The tax rate is $2.88 as compared with the $2.96 in 1947 when he took office.

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DEDICATED TO progress and improvement in Baltimore at lowest possible cost, Mr. D'Alesandro states that the public improvement program is not imparting the City's financial structure.

$92,000,000 has been spent for new or improving old schools.

Listed are some of the additions to old structures and the new buildings:

Harvey Johnson Jr. H.S., Hill and Sharp Sts., completed July, 1952, cost $217,665; Cherry Hill Elementary School at Seabury and Seamon Rds., cost $1,470,782; Cherry Hill Junior High School, Cherry Hill Road and Seamon Ave., completed July, 1954, cost $2,340,942; and the Carver Vocational School, Bentalou and Presstman Sts., completed Aug., 1954, cost, $3,983,000;

Also, The Booker T. Washington High addition at Lanvale and McCulloh completed June, 1953, cost $1,848,000; Douglass High School, Gwynns Falls and Pulaski, addition completed Aug., 1954, cost, $579,000; Mt. Winans Elementary School, Harmon Ave., near Hollingsferry Road, completed Sept., 1953, cost $579,990;

And the Lee Street School, Barre, Warner, Lee and Green Sts., completed July, 1953, cost $1,317,450.

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AND, THE James Mosher Elementary School, Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave.; addition, completed August 1954, cost $758,442; Dunbar Jr. and Sr. High addition completed Oct., 1950, cost $943,830;

Also, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Elementary School, Druid Park Drive at Liberty Heights, completed Jan., 1952, cost $379,457; and Junior High School No. 181 at Calhoun, Carey and Baker Sts. addition completed Sept., 1953 cost $60,333.

Among the recreation facilities is the Cherry Hill swimming pool and bath house completed Aug., 1954 cost, $365,410; and the Carroll Park swimming pool and field house completed Aug., 1954 cost $147,000; Field House and wading pool and playground, 1000 block of Sharp St., being developed at a cost of $79,000.

MAYOR D'ALESANDRO
Ten years ago Monday he took oath to be mayor of all the people.

Cole to deliver keynote address at GOP convention

The Maryland Federation of Young Republicans will hold its Sixth Biennial Convention in Baltimore on Saturday, May 25.

State Senator Harry Cole (Rep., 4th District) will deliver the keynote address before 170 delegates representing all parts of the state.

A message from Gov. McKeldin who is in Heidlberf, Germany, will be read by Maryland Secretary of State Claude B. Hellman.

The principal speaker at the convention banquet Saturday evening will be Gov. Cecil H. Underwood of West Virginia.

9 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 Fallsway 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 Patrolman 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 holdups 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 Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 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.

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Frank Walker, insurance executive, among petit jurors

Among the May Term petit jurors who began a three-week period of service Monday were:

Mrs. Mildred L. White, 900 N. Gilmor St.; Frank E. Walker, manager of the Northwest branch of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., 1134 N. Fulton Ave.; Stephen T. Cook, 1609 McCulloh St. Frank D. Wilson, 1016 N. Bentalou St.

Mrs. Katherine E. Dill, 111 N. Fulton Ave.; Mrs. Beulah DePree, 332 N. Calhoun St.; Thomas J. Thompson, longshoreman, 1629 N. Bentalou St.; Mrs. Myrtle E. Bailey, 11 N. Mount St.

Howard C. Hall, 2932 Arunah Ave.; Mrs. Alda M. Bundy, 1215 Etting St., and Robinson C. Moore, 554 N. Payson St.

Fences for Easterwood

"I have already advised our division superintendent to get prices on the fencing and we plan to install chain link fence on the West side just as soon as we can get the material.

"We are going to have to wait until September or October to plant the shrubbery. We would be just wasting money to put it out there now.

C. A. Hook, superintendent of parks, was telling the AFRO Thursday about the plans to beautify Easterwood Park.

"I was out there Wednesday and noticed that the turf was worn quite a bit. It will be a problem to keep shrubbery there unless we can encourage the public not to walk in that area," he said.

The Board of Recreation and Parks voted last week to plant shrubbery and construct a fence around the edge of the pavement.

This decision was reached after residents in that area had reported that the park at Bentalou and Baker Sts. was an "eyesore" because of the lack of grass and stories and pictures had been published in the AFRO.

Active in the campaign to beautify Easterwood was Mrs. S. H. Clark, 2222 Presstman St., who first called the AFRO's attention to the condition of the park and wrote city and park officials.

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ALSO Mrs. Elizabeth C. Demby, 1604 N. Bentalou St., secretary of the Easterwood Neighborhood Club, who asked the Board to "clean up and fix up" the area.

Hall N. Abrisch is superintendent of the Gwynns Falls division in which Easterwood is located.

Cab passenger gets 'shook up'

Donald Rice, 16, 2860 W. Lanvale St. was treated at Luthern Hospital, after he was shaken up in an automobile accident, Sunday, at Lafayette and Whitmore Aves.

He was riding in a cab driven by William Dennis Tucker, 28, 1320 N. Caroline St. which collided with a car driven by Charles D. Harris, 25, 1042 Ellicott Dr.

Both drivers were charged reckless driving. A Traffic Court hearing has been set for 9 a.m., July 1.

Father pleads for young son

"I would be very grateful, your honor, if you give my boy another chance."

William A. Banning Sr., unit block N. Mount St., made this leniency plea in Youth Court Friday on behalf of his 16-year-old son, one of three teenagers given a total of 22 years in the Reformatory for robbery.

The defendants were William A. Banning Jr., of the N. Mount St. address; Bernard Gorham, 16, unit block N. Poppleton St. and Jerry Taylor, 17, 100 block N. Stricker St.

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YOUNG BANNING was given a three-year term by Chief Judge Emory Niles for his part in the March 15 holdup of an ice cream store at 1223 Hollins St.

Gorham received a total of 13 years when convicted of two robberies and one burglary. Judge Niles also recommended that he be sent to Patuxent Institution for observation to determine whether he is a defective delinquent.

The third youth, Taylor, was sentenced to a total of six years for the ice cream store robbery and the yoking of a man in Carroll Park on April 24.

Under uestioning by Frank Marcelling, prosecutor, Officer Charles Goodrich, Southwestern District, said the youths gave statements to police admitting their parts in the crime series.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney, represented the trio.

2 roommates sentenced in burglary case

"I don't propose to make any particular comment on what your relations may be. You obviously are very friendly."

Judge S. Ralph Warnken on Monday made this observation in disposing of the case against a pair of roommates who feebly attempted to defend themselves before a jury on a burglary charge last Wednesday.

Found guilty of taking a used typewriter and an old fan from a warehouse at 921 Aliceanna St. last Nov. 30 were James Parham, 28, and Clarence Chisholm, 26, both of the 1400 block N. Caroline St.

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PARHAM, who appeared on the verge of bursting into tears several times during the trial, was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction for his part in the burglary.

Judge Warnken also struck out Parham's probation for non-support of his wife and child and ordered him to serve an 18 months term on completion of the other sentence.

Chisholm was given a one-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years on condition he "cease having further relations with Parham."

Thomas Nugent, assistant State's attorney, produced evidence showing that Chisholm was employed while the other defendant, Parham, apparently took care of their mutual dwelling.

Gwynns Falls School 60 has cornerstone program

Ignoring cloudy skies overhead, nearly 200 parents, were present Monday, morning when cornerstone laying ceremonies were held at Gwynns Falls Elementary School No. 60, at Gwynns Falls Pkwy. and Dukeland St.

The program was presided over by Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools.

Interred in a box in the cornerstone by children representing each grade from kinderten through the sixth, were: a Holy Bible, a newspaper, a school newsletter, the program, the signatures of the pupils, faculty and head custodian.

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MAYOR D'ALESANDRO Jr. brought greetings following invocation by the Rev. Samuel B. Redd, pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

Hyman B. Kaminkow, principal, in parable form advised the children to be industrious. The Rev. Cedric E. Mills, rector St. James P. E. Church, gave the benediction. School No. 60 was built at a cost of $1,159,000 and will accomodate approximately 1,200 pupils.

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