'Told Me They Beat Him All Night,' Says Mother

Chest luncheon bid refused because of hotel policy here

"I regret very much that I can not accept your kind invitation to be present at your first luncheon meeting.

"But as long as the hotels maintain their present policy of segregation, I feel that I just can not be present.

"Nevertheless, my attitude will not affect my giving or working to make the campaign successful as I have done since 1953."

This is the letter which has been addressed to Harry U. Lippincott, executive director of the Baltimore Community Fund, by Mrs. Marguerite Harmon, 2224 Madison Ave.

Mrs. Harmon

She is the wife of the physician, Dr. Louis R. Harmon.

In declining to attend the meeting which is set for May 20 at the Emerson Hotel, Mrs. Harmon emphasized that she would continue to work for the organization but insisted, that she could no longer ignore the hotel barriers.

Mrs. Harmon, who has served as chairman of Community Fund of Areas 6 and 15, covering section of Northwest Baltimore for the past three years, has also addressed a similar letter to the Cancer Fund in which she is a volunteer worker. It is holding a luncheon meeting at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on May 13.

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MR. LIPPINCOTT, the Community Fund's executive told the AFRO this week that no changes would be made in the locations for the luncheons and report meetings for "practical reasons."

"We are not unsympathetic with this whole hotel problem," he said.

"Our national organization had planned to come to Baltimore and then decided not to because of the hotel situation."

The Mid-East Conference of United Community Funds and Councils had been scheduled to meet in Baltimore last February but the meeting was moved to Buffalo because of the prevailing jim crow policies of the local hotels.

Mr. Lippinott added:

"From a practical point of view both the Emerson Hotel and Lord Baltimore are just across the street from us, and are therefore convenient for our report meetings."

"Too, both of the hotels are staunch supporters of the campaign and we would not consider it practical to stop using them.

"All of our colored workers have always been welcome at our report meetings and other affairs held at the hotels. That's just about the story," Mr. Lippinicott said.

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DR. FURMAN L. TEMPLETON, executive director of the Urban League, a community fund agency, said he would attend the luncheon on May 20 and would not know what future policy would be made by the organization until after the meeting of the Board on May 23.

"We have had some expressions on the hotel situation but no official policy has been adopted," he said.

Theodore Perkins, administrator at Provident Hospital, told the AFRO that he was not sure about attending the luncheon at the Emerson Hotel on May 20 because of a scheduled meeting with his own board on that same date.

"However, we have not discussed the hotel situation, and if I am not able to attend the luncheon on May 20 it will not be because of the hotel policy."

Teacher in patrol wagon in line of duty -- Hepbron

"The warrant isn't issued by the police, the warrant is issued by the court and the police are bound to serve it."

This was the word which came on Wednesday from Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

He was asked to comment on the reason why policemen are being to accused traffic violators' homes and carrying them in patrol wagons to the Traffic Court.

The latest such person who was placed in a patrol wagon and carried to Traffic Court was a Whitmore Ave. teacher.

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THE TEACHER, who paid a fine of $11.85, told the AFRO two policemen came to her home Thursday evening with a warrant growing out of a traffic light violation last November.

She said that even though she insisted that she had received no notice of trial the police insisted she had been served with a summons and made her ride in the patrol wagon.

Because she was faced with the alternative of posting $26.50 collateral for a court hearing the next morning or pleading guilty and paying the $11.95, she elected to pay the fine.

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ASKED WHETHER the police could not give the police a warning and allow them to come down in their own cars, Commissioner Hepbron replied:

"A person could not get in his own car and come down if there is a warrant. In most cases the law says the policeman must bring him in.

"It's just like if the judge issues a summons—you don't have to bring the person in, you just put the summons in your hands and our duty is done.

"But then when the warrant is issued, and in all these traffic cases, they have been issued summons, everything under the sun has been tried. I can tell you that we have to bring the person in."

Mrs. Mishoe freed in auto death of child

Mrs. Bernice Hattie Mishoe, 43, 1743 N. Bond St., was freed on a manslaughter charge Tuesday in Central Police Court as Chief Magistrate Standley Richardson ruled no criminal negligence had been established.

The charge against Mrs. Mishoe was placed following the death of Willie Curtis Hicks, 4, 1523 McCulloh St., on April 10.

Testimony at the trial indicated that the child had been struck near the intersection of Madison and McMechan St. when he ran across the street from between parked automobiles.

Police said there was no indication that Mrs. Mishoe, a nurse at Provident Hospital, had been operating the car at an excessive rate of speed.

Mrs. Mishoe is the wife of a Morgan State College professor. It was reported that she was on her way home from work at the time of the accident.

4 convicted of theft from clothing firm

Four shipping department employees of the Raleigh Manufacturing Co., 414 Light St., were convicted of larceny from the firm by Chief Judge Emory Niles in Youth Court Monday.

The jurist imposed one-year suspended prison terms on the four and placed each of them on probation for 18 months.

Those convicted were Allen F. Thompson, 18, 1706 block Ashburton St.; Mrs. Ruth B. Lawrence, 33, 500 block S. Hanover St.; Henry W. Gilliam, 35, 900 block N. Carey St., and David R. Burton, 23, 600 block N. Carey.

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JAMES GENTRY, assistant State's attorney, said the defendants were charged with stealing approximately $500 worth of merchandise from the firm since the first of the year.

An official of the firm, Allen Shapiro, told the court hat an inventory showed that from 1955 to March 29, 1957, Raleigh's has lost about $28,000 worth of merchandise.

Judge Niles, in convicting the four, did not hold them responsible for these losses. All of the defendants have been working for Raleigh's for a short while.

INTO THE STATION — On Wednesday this was Mrs. Juanita Jones, 3442 Auchenroody Terrace, as she entered Northern Police Court for a hearing on a lottery charge. The case was postponed until May 17.

Parks-Burns trial postponed to May 17

"As far as I am concerned we would like a hearing now."

This was the statement made by State Sen. Harry A. Cole on Wednesday in the Northern Police Court as he made an effort to have a hearing stayed for his client, Henry G. Parks.

The effort failed as Magistrate Henry L. Rogers ordered the hearing for Mr. Parks and five other persons postponed until Friday, May 17, at 4 p.m. Bail was continued at $2,500 for each person.

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MR. PARKS, the founder and owner of the Parks Sausage Co., and the other defendants were charged with lottery law violations as the result of a Rackets Squad raid on 3442 Auchenroody Ter., the night of May 1.

Also arrested were: **Charles Burns,** 42, whose address was listed as the Auchenroody Ter. home; **Mrs. Juanita Jones,** 33, 3442 Auchenroody Ter.; **Philip Taylor,** 37, 2804 Auchenroody Ter.; **Mrs. Ella M. Johnson,** 31, 1803 Pressman St.; **Miss Barbara Scott,** 18, 1000 block N. Stricker.

Mr. Burns is widely known in night club circle for his connection with Club 1017.

Sgt. Charles Gross, one of the raiders, said on Wednesday that the postponement was requested after several attorneys for the defendants had called him and asked that the matter be held over.

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LADIES CLUB—This is the vote registration committee of the 14th Ward Ladies Club. Seated: (left to right) Miss Shirley Hardy, Mrs. Ida Bennett, Dr. Alice Holmes. Standing: John L. Tilley, Mrs. Madie Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. Virgie Waters and Mrs. Mary Roselle, Mrs. Marie Jennings.

Claims police refused her permission to see her son

"I've been trying to see my son since last Wednesday . . . the police wouldn't let any of us see him . . . but I finally got in to see him today (Tuesday), ten days after he was arrested."

This revelation came from Mrs. Hattie Bunch of 544 Baker St., whose son, Meadrow Bunch, 36, is under $25,000 bail on a charge of assaulting with intent to kill a police officer.

The charge grew out of what police termed an escape attempt by Mr. Bunch on April 30 in Central police station, when he was being questioned in connection with the mystery a restaurant proprietor in the 1200 block Cathedral St.

Mr. Bunch, a porter at the establishment, had been arrested two days before the allegel attempt escape and held for questioning.

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IN COMMENTING on the mother's statement that she had been unable to see her son, Capt. George H. Mintiens, head of the detective squad, denied that relatives had been prevented from visiting Mr. Bunch except on one occasion.

"We were questioning him one time, when somebody came down to see him," Captain Mintiens said. "And they were told to come back later or the next day.

"So far as I know, they didn't return."

He said it was not unusual to hold a prisoner several days without contact with relatives or an attorney, unless the prisoner made such a request. Mr. Bunch, he said, had not asked to see anyone.

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HOWEVER, a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Richardson of 544 Baker St., and his wife had not seen Mr. Bunch as late as Wednesday evening.

They said they had been down to Central police station at least two occasions during the past week with this purpose, but had been turned away by police handling the case.

These visits, it was reported, had been made after Mr. Bunch had been formally booked on the assault charge, and under the usual procedure could have received visitors.

Captain Mintiens said Wednesday that the death of the restaurant owner, which his department terms a slaying, is still under investigation.

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POLICE ARE also holding Haywood T. Weatherford, 37, of the 100 block Linden Court, under $10,000 bail as a State's witness in the case.

Mr. Weatherford was also formerly employed at the Cathedral St. restaurant and was under questioning on April 30 with Mr. Bunch. No bail had been posted for him as late as Thursday afternoon.

He would not say whether Mr. Bunch was still considered a suspect.

Mrs. Bunch, mother of the accused man, is disturbed over what she charges as "police brutality" in the police handling of her son.

"He told me they beat him all night Monday and Tuesday, too," she said, "trying to make him confess to killing his employer. He said he doesn't remember anything about hitting a policeman on the elevator."

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MR. BUNCH created considerable excitement in Central police station on the early afternoon of April 30, when he allegedly attacked a policeman operator of an elevator.

Police said he beat the officer severely, though handcuffed at the time, but was unsuccessful in an attempt to operate the elevator to a floor which would permit his escape.

He was recaptured when Chief Inspector Fred Ford managed to jump on the elevator and hit him over the head with his gun.

Mr. Bunch is said to have begged the officer at the time, not to shoot him.

The elevator operator, a 60-year-old policeman, required hospitalization.

"He told me that the police had beat him so he was almost out of his mind," Mrs. Bunch said. "And some policeman hit him over the head just as they put him on the elevator. He said he doesn't remember what happened afterwards."

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MRS. BUNCH said that when she was permitted by police to see her son for the first time this past Tuesday, his face was swollen and his right eye almost shut.

"I saw him over at the city jail," Mrs. Bunch stated, "and he told me he couldn't stand up long because he was all bruised inside from the police beating on him."

Captain Mintiens denied that Mr. Bunch had been beaten prior to his alleged escape attempt.

"We don't permit prisoners to be beaten," he said. "They did carry Bunch to the Maryland General Hospital for treatment of some head lacerations, after his escape attempt."

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AN AURO of mystery still surrounds the slaying of the restaurateur, Heinz Hymann, 70, whose body was found beneath a pile of rubbish near his establishment. Police concluded he had been beaten to death and robbed of some $433.

Mr. Bunch had been employed as a porter at the restaurant since March 26. He had just returned to the city three days previous, after an absence of about nine years, according to relatives.

Mr. Bunch, they said had worked late on Saturday evening and on the following Sunday morning when the dead man's body was found.

His wife, Mrs. Jessie Bunch, of the 200 block Silver Court, said she had talked to him on both days, and he had given no indication that anything was amiss.

Mr. Bunch has two step-children, seven and four years old.

Captain Mintiens said that Mr. Bunch was held in Central police station lock-up on a special writ from the State's attorney's office from the Sunday of his arrest through the following Saturday.

He said an investigation of the death of the restaurant owner is still being conducted in this connection, though Mr. Bunch had the charge of assaulting the policeman placed against him on the Tuesday of last week.

James L. Bundy, attorney, was contacted by his relatives on Saturday and arranged for them to see Mr. Bunch.

100 voters registered every day

New Voters are registering on an average of 100 a day, the Rev. John L. Tilley, chairman, reported to the Register and Vote Campaign workers at their weekly meeting Tuesday night at the Sharp St. Methodist Church Community House.

The Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, reported that not only had new voters been registered, but that two new adult members had joined his church and a number of children had come into his church school as a result of the efforts of his Register and Vote Committee.

The Rev. Burnette Brooks of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Vivian T. Key of Orchard St. Methodist Church, Spencer Dobson of St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church, and Herman D. Baroh of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, also made reports and introduced their workers to the group.

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JOE SMITH of the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, the Rev. Luke G. Reynolds, pastor, reported that his committee had interviewed 323 persons in the 4th precinct of the 18th ward and had found 126 persons not registered.

Mrs. Ruby Davis of First Apostolic Faith Church, Elder Winfield Showell, pastor, said her committee had provided transportation for 14 new voters this past week. Her committee is second highest among the churches with a total of 46 new voters.

Faith Baptist Church, the Rev. Walter Paige, pastor, held firmly to its lead chalking up a total of 67 new voters to date, Mrs. Margaret Dyer is chairman of the Vote Registration Committee of the church.

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MRS. EDITH WILLIAMS chairman of the Whitestone Baptist Church Committee, the Rev. W. H. Thompson, pastor, has registered 32 new voters to date, the third highest among the churches.

Mrs. Mary Parker of Enon Baptist Church interviewed 88 persons last week. She found 40 not registered and two who needed to file their change of address, with the supervisor of elections.

A new husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson of Cherry Hill's First Baptist Church, the Rev. John Henry Clarke, pastor, reported for duty. Hynson Williams has volunteered to serve as coordinator of the Cherry Hill Community's efforts.

The Ministers' Wives Alliance appointed Mrs. Spencer Dobson to represent them at the meeting.

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MR. AND Mrs. Vernon Fowlkes, the husband and wife team from Sharon Baptist Church, Rev. J. L. Moore, pastor, reported that they had interviewed 30 persons and found 12 oft hem not registered and five who needed to file their change of address.

Mr. Fowlkes declared that he has arranged to transport the 12 unregistered to the Supervisor of Elections office on Thursday and Saturday of this week.

Jesse Clarke Sr., 71, veteran printer, dies

Jesse B. Clarke Sr., 71, 2120 Druid Hill Ave., died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on May 8. He had been confined there for six days.

For more than 40 years Mr. Clarke had been one of Baltimore's outstanding commercial book and job printers.

Mr. Clarke

Born July 24, 1876, in Charles County, Md., Mr. Clarke was the son of Jesse A. and Josephine Clarke of Charles County.

In 1910 he was married to the former Miss Sadie Jeter, also of Charles County and they came to Baltimore in 1911.

Mr. Clarke was a devout Catholic and a member of the St. Peter Claver's parish for 46 years.

MR. CLARKE is survived by his wife, one son, Jesse Clarke Jr., a government printing office employee; three daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Carter of New York, Mrs. Muriel Hill of Philadelphia; and Sister Mary Reparata, OSP, St. Augustine Convent, Washington.

His oldest daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Cross of Summit, N.J., died in September, 1956.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Carrie Garner of Pittsburgh; his step-mother, Mrs. Maria Clarke of Washington; and a step-sister, Mrs. Marian Burrell, also of Washington.

And, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Requiem high mass will be said on Saturday at 9 a.m., at St. Peter Claver Church. Burial will follow in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Poe Homes suspect still being sought

"A lot of bad information" is the way that homicide detectives described on Thursday the data that has been reaching them on the suspected whereabouts of William McKinley Johnson, 31.

Mr. Johnson has been sought since April 16 when his wife was fatally shot near their home in the Poe Housing Project. He reportedly attempted to attend her funeral and has been reported at various locations but has avoided the police.

Harris-Jackson dinner deadline is Monday

Monday, May 13 is the deadline for accepting reservations for the testimonial on May 17th in the honor Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. and Dr. Robert L. Jackson.

Two veteran physicians and civic workers are being cited for 35 years to Provident Hospital and the community. The testimonial is set for 8 p.m. at the Carver Vocational H.S.

It is under the auspices of the convention of Former Officers of Provident Hospital, who will be attending a two-day session here.

RESERVATIONS are $5 each and checks or money orders should be addressed to the testimonial committee at Provident Hospital.

Dr. I. S. Higgins is chairman of the dinner, and Dr. N. Louise Young is guest committee chairman. The event is open to the public.

Master of ceremonies at the dinner will be Dr. Calvin Lee Compt, former Baltimore physician, now head of the Department of Anesthesia at the Howard University Medical School.

'Baked baby case awaits a hearing

No hearing has been set yet for Floyd A. Ruff, 32, of White Marsh, Md., who has been charged in the death of Thomas B. Scott Jr., 18 months, of Bel Air.

The child died April 27 after being left in the parked and tightly closed automobile of Mr. Ruff in the 600 block W. Franklin St. Death was attributed to a high body temperature.

At the child's funeral, the Rev. Thomas B. Scott, his father, said "I forgive him," when speaking of Mr. Ruff, the youngster's godfather.

NCCJ director

Dr. William E. Vickery, new national director of Commission on Educational Organizations, National Conference of Christians and Jews, will be in Baltimore on May 23, 24 and 25 for a series of discussions, including an address during the Harlem Park Neighborhood Stewardship Discussions at the Francis M. Wood School, Schroeder and Franklin Sts., on May 23.

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No leniency for paralyzed digits writer

"The physically handicapped should not feel that they can write lottery with impunity."

With this, Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court on Tuesday ordered a six-month jail sentence and $1,000 fine for a partially paralyzed man convicted on a lottery violation.

The defendant, Levi W. Tillett, 56, of 1509 W. Mosher St., has been paralyzed on his left side since 1938, Judge Warnken was told, and must use a cane to walk.

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POLICE ARRESTED him at the corner of Druid Hill and Gwynns Falls Pkwy., with $5.90 worth of lottery slips, indicating that he was a writer.

Judge Warnken, prior to disposition of the case, ordered the county medical examiner to determine whether serving a jail term would impair Mr. Tillett's health.

The court was advised that a jail term would not be a health handicap.

WEATHER
FRIDAY, cloudy and cool, high about 60. SATURDAY, cloudy and continued cool. SUNDAY, fair and continued cool, high in the 60's.

Baltimore Afro-American

PRAYER FOR TODAY
Dear Lord: Help me be an instrument of Thine to alleviate pain by this day returning good for evil.

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Charge Mother Killed Stepson

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Pilgrims Pray

Say mother killed her stepson

"I knew the baby was dead, so I went out and got drunk."

According to police, that was the confession of Mrs. Mae Bell Whiteside, 33, of 1317 E. Fayette St., when she was questioned about the Mother's Day beating which claimed the life of her three-year-old stepson.

In Pine St., Police Court Thursday morning, Mrs. Whiteside pleaded guilty to assault and striking and thereby causing the death of Eugene Sands.

She was ordered held without bail by Magistrate Milton Talkin pending a hearing in Homicide Court.

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LT. BALDWIN DORSEY of the Northeastern District stated that the child had died from head wounds inflicted by a stick and a belt.

The baby's stepmother was arrested at her brother's home in the 1500 block Ashland Ave., about church time Sunday.

She was held for investigation after the Medical Examiner's office reported that the child had a huge bump on the head.

The report also stated that a bruise extended from the back of the head around to the front of one side, with a big collection of blood between the layers of the scalp which appeared to be several days old.

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POLICE SAID that in questioning the woman, she changed her story "numerous times" before admitting that she had struck the baby Friday afternoon.

At one point, Mrs. Whiteside allegedly told police the child had fallen off a bicycle.

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AFRO'S 1957 IDEAL MOTHER

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, first Baltimore mother to be honored, reads announcement with her husband, Keiffer Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson cries when told she is AFRO's Ideal Mother

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"The joke is on me.

"Here I am supposed to know all the news and all the time the AFRO was on the street, and I didn't know I was the Ideal Mother."

Mrs. Lillie May Jackson, the AFRO's first Ideal Mother from Baltimore, was sitting straight-faced, her head held high, in an old fashioned chair in her Druid Hill Park home as she spoke on Tuesday.

Announcement of the winner of the AFRO's twelfth annual contest was made in the AFRO magazine section on the street here Tuesday noon.

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"I DON'T MIND it when you honor somebody else and it's all right when I do something for somebody else, but when you give me such a high honor, I feel so upset," Mrs. Jackson said excitedly as she

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Shrubs for Easterwood

The Board of Recreation and Parks voted on Thursday afternoon to install shrubbery in Easterwood Park in an attempt to beautify the area.

The action came after residents in the 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.

J. Alvin Jones and other member of the park board had received letters from residents night from Easterwood area residents asking that some action be taken.

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

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Eastside mother of 5 Cooking School winner

(Photos, Other Stories, Pages 14, 15)

"I can't believe it . . . you mean I won it?"

There was a look of disbelief and surprise on the face of Mrs. Mattie Carter, 240 S. Dallas Court, as she spoke these words last night (Thursday).

She had just been proclaimed winner of the AFRO's grand prize, a big, modern refrigerator, at the closing session of the AFRO's 27th annual Cookink School and Home Service Show at the Coliseum.

Mrs. Carter is the mother of five children and her husband Jerome Carter, is a machine operator. They live in the Perkins Home.

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MRS. CARTER invested her last 40 cents in carfare to attend the AFRO's Cooking School last night and left the winner of the top prize. This was her first year to attend the affair.

"This is something that I really needed because we just moved into a new place," she said.

The Carter family includes Jerome, 8, Denis, 6, Wilbert, 4, James, 19 months and Hal,

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FLASH

Ten-year-old Florence Rayner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rayner, 2640 Edmondson Ave., died at Lutheran Hospital at 10:35 p.m. Thursday night.

The child had been struck by an automobile on Edmondson Ave., west of Ashburton St., about two hours earlier.

Meadrow Bunch, 36, of the 500 block Baker St., was charged yesterday (Thursday) with the murder of Heinz Heyman, president of the German-American restaurant and social club.

Crowds gather at Lincoln Memorial

WASHINGTON

Crowds from all sections of the country were pouring into the capital by plane, train, bus, auto and on foot, to take part in the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom late Thursday and all morning today (Friday).

Swelled by local citizens anxious to get places of advantage at the Lincoln Memorial where the services are being held, the Pilgrims began assembling along the Mall as early as 9 a.m., although the ceremonies were not scheduled to begin until noon.

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THE CALIFORNIA delegation for the Prayer Pilgrimage was the first group to arrive Thursday when 51 delegates landed by chartered plane at 3 p.m. at the National Airport.

The Rev. Maurice A. Dawkins, chairman of the California delegation, said that 15 other delegates arrived ahead of the group on separate flights, making a total of 66.

He added that 10 left San Francisco and Los Angeles by car. "Delegates represent church, fraternal and civic organizations," the Rev. Mr. Dawkins said.

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THE GROUP assembled at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, the Rev. W. H. Jernagin, pastor. The group held a dinner meeting Thursday night at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel.

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TO ACCOMMODATE the incoming visitors several of the churches which served as assembly points for the various state delegations remained open all night with reception committees on duty to direct the visitors to their lodging places and furnish other accommodations.

The church group were augmented by delegations representing the American Veterans Committee from New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and Virginia who arrived in the city early to attend a special call session of the executive committee which was arranged by newly elected chairman, Robert Ming, to coincide with the Prayer Pilgrimage.

At 11 a.m. today, AFRO reporter **E. M. Oliver, who made the trip from Baltimore with the marchers, reported there were 21 Baltimore ministers among the 4,000 there from this city.**

Washingtonians, under the leadership of ministers and community leaders, rolled out the red carpet this week for visitors from all over the nation.

The assembly is expected to rival the audience of 75,000 which heard Marian Anderson sing on the grounds of the Memorial after the DAR denied use of Constitution Hall.

Today's session marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

A HIGHLIGHT of the three-hour program will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial, conducted by James and Theresa Gordon, children who were the center of school

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Help of AL sought in hotel fight

The Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations voted Wednesday, to urge major league baseball and football teams to cooperate in a frontal assault on Baltimore's jim-crow hotel policy.

Following a meeting with Don Kellett, president of the Baltimore Colts pro football team, and Sam Lacy, AFRO sports editor, the membership approved a plan to ask officials of clubs visiting here to join in the move to desegregate the city's hostelries.

Teams of the American League coming to Baltimore for games with the Orioles, and members of clubs of the National Football League are not permitted to house colored players at the downtown hotels where they make their headquarters.

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COLORED athletes are required to live apart from their teammates on arrival here.

Baltimore is the only city in

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AFRO Ideal Mother banquet at Morgan Friday, June 7

Baltimoreans will have an opportunity to salute the 1957 Ideal Mother, Mrs. Lillie May Jackson, at a public testimonial sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Company.

It will be held on Friday, June 7, at 8 p.m., at the Morgan State College Refectory and will be attended by over 250 representative citizens.

Also during the testimonial, persons named to the AFRO's 1957 honor roll will receive their plaques.

Mrs. Jackson is already the holder of the coveted plaque, having received this AFRO honor in 1952 for her work with the NAACP.

Kissing salesman given $200 fine

A 35-year-old clothing firm salesman pleaded guilty to kissing a 12-year-old Catonsville school girl Wednesday night in Catonsville Police Court and was fined $200 and costs by Magistrate J. Lee Smith.

Nathan I. Schrack of the 800 block Park Hights. Ave., changed his plea from not guilty to guilty on the assault charge after two officers told the court they overheard the accused man say in the presence of the girl's family, "I kissed her because I like kids."

On April 24 the child testified that the salesman kissed her when he came to her home to collect a bill.

Rivers Chambers dies while playing organ

"He was putting on a fabulous performance.

"He had just finished doing 'Old Man Mose is Dead' when a terrific flash of lightning came and the thunder roared, and Mr. Chambers turned at the organ and said, 'I thought somebody was really dead.'"

"He was about to start another number when he turned and fell suddenly.

"It was so quick, the fellows who accompanied him could not catch him before he fell . . . It was strange how he died . . ."

Frank and Joseph A. Kunkel Jr., owners of a Saratoga St. piano company, were recalling the sudden death on Tuesday evening of Rivers Chambers, talented and popular musician and orchestra leader.

HIS DEATH threw a pall over the 300 persons gathered at the Odd Fellows Hall, Saratoga and Cathedral Sts., for the Kunkel Co.'s party for prospective organ purchasers.

Accompanying him at his last performance were Leroy (Tee) Lorgins on the saxophone; and Charles (Buster) Brown on the guitar, two of the five men who have been with him since he organized the group 27 years ago.

Other original members still with the aggregation are: Ernest Simpson, Pike Davis and Eddie Evans.

For the past 20 years, Rivers Chambers has been famed for supplying the best in chamber music — classical and popular — at the top social events

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800 Methodists here in conference May 21-26

Over 800 delegates and visitors are expected here in Baltimore May 21-26 for the 94th meeting of the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

The conference will be held at Ames Memorial Church, Carey and Baker Sts. The Rev. Frank J. Frye is host pastor.

The Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, will preside at the six-day sessions.

Delegates will come from churches in Md., Va., W. Va., Pa., and the District of Columbia.

In addition, there will be clerical and lay leaders and visitors from other sections who regularly attend the Washington Conference.

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THE CONFERENCE will open officially Tuesday, May 21 at 8:15 p.m., with a public meeting. At that time, Governor McKeldin, Mayor D'Alesandro, Dr. Willard W. Allen, Dr. Martin Jenkins, Mrs. Lillie Jackson and other local leaders, will welcome the delegates to the city.

A reception, honoring Bishop and Mrs. Love, District Superintendent and Mrs. C. A. Scott, and other visitors and ministers, will follow at 10 p.m.

The opening session is set for 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 22.

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'Moses walked and prayed for freedom'

"Our ancestors walked and prayed for freedom and Moses walked and prayed for freedom even before them.

"I thought this trip from Jersey to Washington would help point out the importance of this thing, we are seeking."

The Rev. Milton Perry of Jersey City, N.J., was speaking on the highlights of his pilgrimage to Washington on foot in the lobby of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA Wednesday night.

He spent 27 nights in Baltimore as he prepared to make the last lap of the 225-mile journey to the Lincoln Memorial for the Prayer for Freedom Pilgrimage, Friday.

He has been walking since Sunday, 3:45 p.m., when he left his church, Deliverance Temple, 471 Communipaw Ave., and headed for New Brunswick, N.J., 50 miles away.

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"I THINK I made good time Sunday afternoon because I was in New Brunswick at midnight. Prof. A. Martin of Rutgers University, and the Rev. W. C. Cook, president of the Ministers Alliance, met me and we headed for a chiropodist who treated my feet," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Perry is 21 years of age, but he looks very much like a youthful high school senior. He is a fraction under 5 feet and was weighing 140 pounds when he left home Sunday.

He tipped the scales at 135

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3 years later: city schools have made integration work

By GARFIELD HINTON

Today, May 17, 1957, three years have passed since the Supreme Court declared public school segregation unconstitutional.

While it is true that a hard core of deep Southern states

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have resisted compliance with the Supreme Court decision, it is also true that many other southern and border states have "made a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance."

One thing is obvious: there is no longer a solid south. Delaware, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Maryland have tried to abide by the Supreme Court decision.

Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee are all moving in the direction of full compliance. The other southern states must sooner or later follow suit.

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IT IS TRUE May 17, 1954 was labelled by many Southerners as "Black Monday." It is also true that incidents of mob violence, spurred on by bigotry, hatred, and lack of reason, flared up in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas and other areas.

It is also true that heroes were made in Clinton, Tenn., on the campus of the University of Alabama; in Clay, Ky., and wherever proud old southern youngsters and their parents defied, social customs, traditions, prejudice and segregation, in their efforts, not to mingle with whites, but rather to obtain, their constitutional right . . . an equal education.

In the wake of the Supreme Court decision have come Protestant and Catholic Church proclamations supporting America's nine Supreme Court justices.

The general spirit has been not one of rebellion, but one of compliance.

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HERE IN Baltimore City, out of 154,996 public school pupils, 43.7 per cent are colored. Approximately 88,000 are white and 65,000 colored. Out of

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