Ashburton group to meet Wednesday

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, March 13, at 8:30 p.m., as the New Ashburton Improvement Association holds its monthly meeting at Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls Pkwy. and Longwood St.

"Plans for the 1957 "Home Garden Beautification Contest" will be announced at this meeting.

Dr. Ferebee here

Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, director of the Howard University Health Service, will be the Morgan State College assembly speaker on Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. in Hurt Gymnasium.

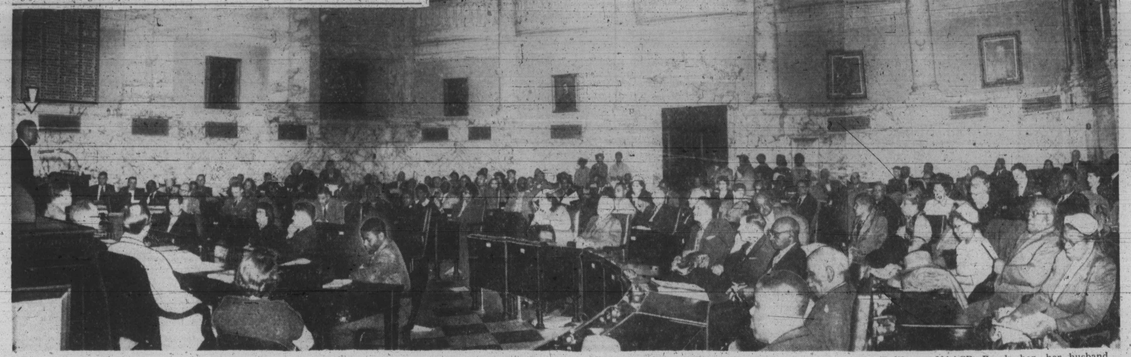

PHOTO TAKEN BY AFRO photographer Otha Mackay on Tuesday afternoon shows crowd gathered in Senate chambers in Annapolis to speak for and against civil rights legislation. Speaking at left is State Senator Harry Cole, (R-4th.) Seated at table in front center is Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP. Beside her, her husband, Keiffer Jackson. Note spectators in the balcony.

Minister highlights civil rights hearing

ANNAPOLIS—"The world is watching to see what action we will take. Can you afford to block the stream of progress by not passing civil rights legislation?"

"In Maryland dogs are held above me, for they are allowed to enter places where I am denied admission."

This was part of the dramatic testimony that came from the Rev. Marcus G. Wood of the Citizens Committee on Civil Rights Legislation as he appeared before a joint session of the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates Judicial Proceedings Committees on Tuesday.

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THE MINISTER, who is pastor of Baltimore's Providence Baptist Church, was one of the 11 speakers who urged the lawmakers to vote favorably on four civil rights bills sponsored by State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.)

The hearing was held in the Senate chambers and was attended by some 300 persons who filled the downstairs floor and the galleries.

Both supporters and opponents of the measures had their say. Approximately [illegible] speakers against the bills during the two-hour session were five persons who used arguments ranging from the charge that the Legislature has no power to pass such bills to the contention that the time is now yet ripe.

The committees, made no report on the bills on Tuesday but it is expected that if the measures do get out of the committees it will be some time within the next several weeks.

IF PASSED, the four bills would outlaw discrimination in recreation, housing and mortgage lending, and hotels in employment, amusement and Baltimore and in any public accommodations within 100 yards of a state highway.

The bills would further give the Governor the power to appoint a five-member commission to investigate, subpoena and punish all violators of Civil Rights after a first warning is given.

George B. Russell, Baltimore attorney, served as moderator of the hearing for the proponents of the bills at the request of Sen. Cole who introduced them.

Sen. Frederick C. Malkus of Dorchester County is chairman of the committee, Sen. Cole is also a member.

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ALSO SPEAKING in support of the bill was Mr. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney for the NAACP, who told the senate that "the barbaric custom of drawing a line on persons because of pigmentation in their skin" should not have "sanction of law."

She declared that discrimination is an international evil and that its "arbitrary restrictions based solely on race with the sanction of law upon them must be removed."

"The burden of meeting this problem must be continually passed to the courts which have already met the problem," she said, adding that "it is an unfair burden on the courts."

"We have come to our legislature hoping that it will exercise their duties on this problem," she said.

She told the Committee that she represented "23 branches of the NAACP in Maryland" and left with them photostatic copies of incidents of discrimination in Maryland newspapers.

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ONE OF the newspaper clippings was an account of the "gross insults" which Harry Belafonte and his troupe received when they tried to stay all night at the Stafford Hotel after an appearance in Baltimore last year.

The hotel refused them admission, she said.

Opponents of the Civil Rights bills were led by Edgar Kalb of Mayo, owner of private bathing facilities in Anne Arundel county.

He argued that the U.S. Constitution limits "the right of franchise to white people," and therefore, the Maryland Legislature "has no right" to pass Civil Rights legislation.

"It is the right of these white) people being attracted by these bills not to be intermingled with colored people. It is their inherent, God-given right to choose their social associates," he said.

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MR KALB, who admitted after the hearing that he "would not deny" that he discriminates against Jewish people at his bathing facilities, declared that to the truth and the bare truth is that there is not one iota of inequality between white and colored people in Maryland."

He further held that the passage of the Civil Rights bills "would be a rank injustice," and recommended that instead, legislation be passed "to prevent a recurrence of this thing every ten years."

"I understand that the State of Georgia has such an amendment," he said, as Committee Chairman Malkus demanded restraint from the people in the galleries who gave a mild "boo" to Mr. Kalb's reference to the State of Georgia.

EDWARD B. ABBOTT, representing the United Steel Workers of Maryland (CIO), told the committee:

"We most firmly support the legislation that is up for your consideration. We have between 10,000 and 15,00 colored men in the state as members of our organization."

He said that the majority of the Maryland population is "steeped in race prejudice" and warned that "we must start at some time" to abolish discrimination.

The colored man in Maryland, he said, is told that "he must stay on the other side of the street or on the edge of town, but he was not told that the same people who say he is the other side of the ocean to defend the United States in time of war."

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LINWOOD G. KOGER, Jr., Baltimore attorney representing the Monumental Bar Association, made a special plea for fair employment (FEPC) legislation.

He cited to the committee instances in which the classified section of a daily newspaper advertised jobs for "white only" and for "colored only" which he said was in violation of current state employment legislation.

Mrs. Elsbeth Levy of the Democratic for Democratic Action, and Mrs. Jean Wertheimer of the Committee for Racial Equality both attacked the hotel discrimination policy in the state.

Said Mrs. Wertheimer: "We are living in a world that is gradually getting smaller. On Wednesday, Ghana, a new nation of colored people will be born and our own Vice President is there to represent the United States.

"But it is sad to note that when citizens of that new country come here they can neither sleep nor eat without discrimination."

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MRS. LEVY urged the passage of the hotel bills because hotel discrimination "not only has moral overtones, but it also hits at the pocketbook."

She said that a survey revealed that many of the hotel owners said that they do not, themselves, object to admitting colored to the hotels, but they are "afraid to be the first."

She said, if the bills would help "we are out in this matter," she said.

Other speakers in support of the bills included William W. Barnes, N. J. Department of Education Committee Against Discrimination; the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, United Baptist Missionary Convention; Gerald Monsman, Council of Churches; Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Emily Parker Simon, Maryland chapter of the Civil Liberty Union.

CHARLES HARRIS, an attorney representing the Maryland Hotel Association, also took up the argument against the Civil Rights bills.

A member of the Urban League with "many, many colored friends," Mr. Harris said that the hotel owners oppose the bills because their first obligation is to "those who have been our patrons through the years."

"They (30 hotels across the state) find that their patrons are not now in favor of a change in policy. From a purely local point of view, they feel that their business is business and ought to have the right to select their clientele," he said.

He stated that some white patrons are demanding segregation in the hotels on that basis.

"The question of timing enters into it," he continued. "They (the hotel owners) know that some day the change will have to come but is shrinking fearful sources. Colored people might be ready to make the change, but the white are not at this time.

Mr. Harris stated further that "quietly behind the scenes, there has been a breakdown" in the rigid pattern of hotel discrimination.

He said some colored persons are admitted to the hotels when they come in a group in which there is "a large number of white persons in the group."

AT THE end of Mr. Harris' testimony, Emory Cole a member of the House of Delegates from the 4th Dist. asked him: "Don't they see that they are losing money?" by refusing to admit colored persons to the hotels.

"They think that if they changed now they would lose money," Mr. Harris replied.

"Is it not a loss to the city (Baltimore) when the Methodist Church, the American Legion and other large groups refuse to come there because of the policy?" Senator Cole questioned.

"It certainly it," Mr. Harris answered, but added that "the large hotels are full of overflowing five days of the week."

Senator Cole pointed out that there is no "solid front" in Washington, and asked Mr. Harris to account for it in relation to his stand.

"They (hotel owners in Washington) have made good money, but their situation is not comparable to ours," Mr. Harris answered.

He said that the situation was not comparable "because the people of Washington are transported there. Washington is in a class by itself."

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, unsuccessful candidate to the U.S. Senate, Robert L. Weerman, president of the Maryland Petition Committee, and C. Maurice Weidemeyer, counsel for committee, also spoke against passage of the bills.

Others who were scheduled to testify in support of the bill, but who were unable to do so due to limited time were: the Rev. Harrison Bryant, pastor Bethel AME Church; Josiah Henry, attorney, Elks; The Rev. H. Octavus Graham, Knox Presbyterian Church;

John W. White, president, National Alliance of Postal Employees; the Rev. A. J. Payne, Masons; the Rev. J. R. Butler, Maryland Baptist Convention; McQuay Kiah, United Citizen Group for Better Human Relations;

Dale Ulrich, Brotherhood Pilot House of Baltimore; Miss Doris Wilkinson, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Luther H. Slocum, Charles County NAACP.

NOTABLE ABSENCES FROM elsewhere around the state included the following:

Counselman, Charles Counsel, Cambridge; Alfonso Lee, Montgomery County NAACP; and Mrs. Thomas King, Howard County NAACP; Rev. Rev. H. U. Anderson, president, Anne Arundel County NAACP; Rev. E. A. Abernathy, Rev. Andrew Banks, NAACP; the Rev. Andrew Banks, president, Harford County NAACP; Mrs. Mae Mister, Baltimore; Miss Margaret B. Harris, Baltimore; Charles C. Harris, Annapolis; Mrs. Marie Bonsteel, Baltimore; R. Beacon, Cambridge; Robert H. Boggs, Cambridge; Robert S. Wilson, Cambridge; G. Fred Stiles, Cambridge; the Rev. Ward Farley; Richard L. Clifford, Baltimore; attorney Charles Howard and William Murphy, Baltimore; the Rev. Luke Reynolds, Baltimore; the Rev. J. Alfonso Miller, Baltimore.

Mrs. Myrtle Reynolds, Baltimore; the Rev. and Mrs. Ward D. Yerby, Baltimore; S. R. Williams, Baltimore; Harvey B. Johnson, Baltimore; Mrs. Mae Mister, Baltimore; the Rev. Charles B. Dobson, Baltimore; the Rev. Andrew Banks, Baltimore; Mrs. Mamie Barnes, Baltimore; Mrs. Beatrice Tildman, Baltimore; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP, Baltimore; Clarence Mitchell, and Rowen K. Jackson, Baltimore; Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, Baltimore; Mrs. James H. Hilton, Baltimore; Mrs. Marie Tilghman, Baltimore; John Campbell, Montgomery County; Charles Counsel, Baltimore; Herbert Gardner, Baltimore.

SAMUEL T. DANIELS, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations; Miss Marie Tilghman and Mrs. Mattie C. Gualtney, Baltimore; Mrs. Gertrude Bailey, Baltimore; Mrs. Bessie J. Wood, Baltimore; Mrs. Ruth V. Mitchell, Bayne Memorial AME Church, Annapolis; John C. Catlin, Baltimore; the Rev. B. Nash, Baltimore.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. Bowman, Annapolis; Mrs. Sarah Sterling, president, NAACP, Annapolis; Joseph Brooks, Annapolis; Harvey Ennis, Annapolis; Max Sarah F. Sterling, Republicans Guild, Baltimore; Mrs. Jeanette P. Wilson, Burgess and Jeanetta P. Wilson, Business and Professional Women, Baltimore; Mrs. Virgie W. Waters, Baltimore; Mrs. Claiborne Tardish, Poolsville; Mrs. Gunther Wertheimer, Baltimore; Mrs. Margaret M. Bentley, Baltimore; W. W. Allen, Baltimore; George Gibson, Jr., Baltimore; the Rev. Dandy H. Croft, Annapolis; the Rev. A. G. Brown, Berlin; the Rev. G. T. Jackson, Snow Hill.

Mrs. Bettia Poole, Baltimore; Mrs. Beatrice Hazman, Baltimore; Mrs. Carrie Broome, Prince Georges County; Charles County NAACP delegation; Luther Stuckey, Mrs. E. Stuckey, Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, and Joseph Brooks, Newburg.

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300 at Civil Rights hearing in Annapolis.

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11 speakers back Senator Cole's Civil Rights measures.

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Hotel bias hit hard.

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Opponent compares Md. to Ga.—would make hearings unconstitutional.

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Joint Committee takes Rights bills under advisement.

2 Va. men injured in crash here

Traffic accidents on Saturday and Monday sent four persons to hospitals with injuries. A fifth refused hospital treatment.

Injured in a crash at Fayette St., and Broadway Saturday was Thomas J. McCray, 49, of 403 N. Wolfe St. He was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital for arm and head injuries.

Mr. McCray was riding in a car driven by James P. Daniel, 36, of 217 N. Broadway.

The second vehicle involved in the accident was a tractor trailer truck driven by Milton R. Dudley, 26, of 2015 W. Mulberry St.

Mr. Dudley was charged with reckless driving and Mr. Daniel with making an improper left hand turn.

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ARTHUR H. WILLIS, 57 of 319 N. Mount St., sustained a hip injury and was admitted to Franklin Square Hospital when his car struck a tree at Mulberry and Mount Sts., Saturday.

The driver of the car, Theodore Roosevelt Norris, Jr., of 41 N. Mulberry St., was charged with failure to give the right-of-way to a pedestrian.

Following a two car collision at Mulberry St. and Arlington Ave., Monday morning, John Graves, 26, of Norfolk, Va., was admitted to Franklin Square Hospital with back and shoulder injuries.

Mr. Graves was a passenger in a car driven by Leroy O. Brooks, 29, of 2523 Jamaica Ave., Norfolk.

The driver of the second car, James A. White, 51, of 400 Smithfield Ave., sustained a chest injury but told police he would see his own doctor.

Fingerprints equal 16 years in prison

A home wired for burglars and latent fingerprints were key factors in the conviction of a 28-year-old man sentenced to 16 years in the Penitentiary by Judge S. Ralph Warnken, Tuesday.

Charles A. McDonald Jr., 200 block N. High St., was given the long prison term when he was found guilty of three cases of burglary and one of attempted burglary.

Judge Warnken ruled out the defense lawyer's contention that fingerprints found at the scene of burglaries committed in 1954 and 1955 should not be admissible against Mr. McDonald.

ALVIN SELLMAN, defense attorney, argued that the admission of the fingerprints violated Mr. McDonald's rights which holds that a defendant does not have to testify against himself.

Judge Warnken, however, held that fingerprint evidence was more positive than identification by witnesses in some cases.

Joseph Koutz, assistant State's attorney, said Mr. McDonald was arrested at the home of a physician at 4001 N. Charles St. on Feb. 9.

ACCORDING to the prosecutor, Northern District police who were investigating a burglary in the 4300 block St. Paul St. heard a burglar alarm go off at the Charles St. address and on their arrival found Mr. McDonald on the premises.

Mr. McDonald denied that the witness stand that he committed the three acts of burglary for which he was charged. However, officers said his fingerprint each of them.

In imposing sentence Judge Warnken commented to the defendant as a "professional" and said his actions indicated that burglaries were his main activities.

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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 drunken fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin, ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justifiable homicide.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 918 Bartlett 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 Criminal Justice 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. Leddin said he shot the man "in defense of my life." Mr. Jackson died in Gilmor St. Patrolman Leddin was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northeastern Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with a rifle which he "thought was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not prove a fair prosecution of 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 Busse 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, March 11, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was exonerated by a force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1806 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. Bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the officer had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

Cole still fighting court bill

ANNAPOLIS—Sen. Harry A. Cole (R-4th Dist.) said Thursday that he will try to defeat the municipal court bill now before the State Senate.

The bill would end Baltimore's lower court system of police and traffic court, and replace it with a system of full-time municipal judges.

Senator Cole stated that he would fight the municipal court proposal on the Senate floor after his two amendments to the bill were defeated by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

The Committee action came on Tuesday morning when its members voted 8-3 to send the bill out to the Senate with a favorable report and without the two Cole amendments.

THE BILL, itself, would abolish the magistrate system and give the Governor the right to make the initial appointments to the new municipal court. Senator Cole's amendments, however, would:

1. Have the judge initially elected by the voters of Baltimore; and

2. Have them elected by districts, rather than by city-wide votes.

The bill was held for a time in a 3-3 deadlock in the committee as the six city senators split evenly after the Cole amendments were defeated.

Prior to the Cole amendments, the city senators had approved the bill, 6-3, and by the same votes, killed the amendments during the absence of Sen. Anthony F. DiDomenico. But, upon his return, Senator DiDomenico voted against the bill, throwing the city group into a 3-3 deadlock.

IN THE final voting by the committee, only Senator Cole Sen. DiDomenico and Sen. Robert P. Dean (D-Queen Anne's County) voted against the bill to abolish the magistrates.

Those who favored the bill without the amendments were: Senators Thomas F. Dempsey (D-Baltimore's 3rd Dist.), Philip H. Goodwin (D-Baltimore 5th), Frederick C. Malkus (D-Dorchester), John C. Luetkemeyer (D-Talbot), Edward Bennett Williams (R-Washington), Clifford A. Friend (R-Garrett), Joseph A. Mead (R-St. Mary's) and Harry H. Windsh Wheatley (D-Prince Georges).

Sen. Charles M. Shaw (R-Allegany) failed to vote either for or against the measure.

SENATOR COLE has indicated that he plans a floor fight on the bill and that he may introduce a bill of his own.

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He had the button!

The Charles Berry household at 1200 Young Court, Somerset Homes, was thrown into a dither late Wednesday evening.

Two-year-old Charles Berry announced he had a button in his nose. His mother, Mrs. Donald, confirmed the news.

Their mother, finally persuaded the young Charles Donald, rushed him to Hopkins Hospital.

Doctors worked over an hour to remove the button.

"He feels pretty good today," the mother told the AFRO on Thursday. "Nobody knows how it happened."

Church leader to face trial in lottery case

Prominent church leader Mrs. Juanita C. Heggie, of 1340½ Argyle Ave., was scheduled to go on trial this morning (Friday) before Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court on lottery charges.

Mrs. Heggie was arrested on Feb. 15 when Rackets Squad officers learned that they rented a cleaning establishment and her upstairs apartment at the Argyle Ave. address and found slips containing more than 200 numbers.

Arraigned in Northwestern Police Court the following day, Mrs. Heggie entered a plea of guilty and was released from custody after posting $6,000 bail. Her case was ordered held for action of the grand jury.

MRS HEGGIE was described as the operator of the cleaning establishment and as a long time member of the Emmanuel Christian Community Church.

A member and a soloist with the church's senior choir, Mrs. Heggie was also listed as the president of the Wilbur Henry Waters Auxiliary to the Federal Credit Union, business manager of the Associated Business People's Council of Emmanuel Church and the leader of a singing group of her own.

Suspect fined $50 on morals charge

"He was dressed as a woman. When the police knocked at the door he flushed part of the evidence, a $10 bill, down the drain."

That was the testimony given Sunday by Patrolman Godwin DeLittle in Northwestern Police Court against a man charged with soliciting and procuring.

Fined $50 and costs, Gene Barnes, 29, of the 2300 block Block Walbrook Ave., denied that he had asked the officer to accompany him to his home.

Officer DeLittle said that he gave Barnes $20 but that "he put ten dollars in his shoe and got rid of that other $10 fast."

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Judge calls assault by cabbie a 'deliberate act'

"It's ridiculous it seems to me that for a cab driver to drive blocks — or one block for that matter—holding on to the door of a cab. The defendant knew that Young was in a position of danger.

"It was a deliberate act and there is no doubt in my mind that the assault has been made out."

Thus ruled Judge John Tucker in Criminal Court Wednesday in finding a blond Dalmond cab driver guilty of assaulting an Eastern District patrolman by dragging him several blocks while he officer had he clung helplessly to the door of the moving vehicle.

Walter H. Little, 45, 1003 block Mt. Royal Av., was fined

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Baltimore Afro-American

PRAYER FOR TODAY
"Our Father May I be willing to have Thee with me in play as well as in work, knowing that with Thee I shall have peace and joy and no regrets."

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Board Orders Signs Down At City Jail

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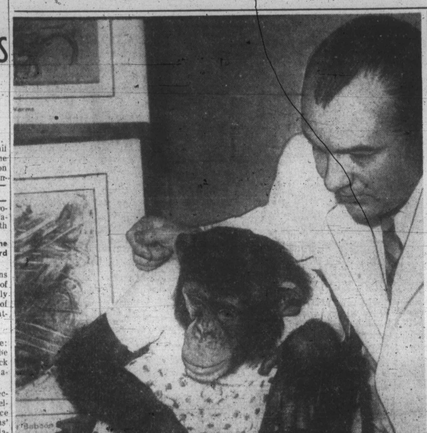
'I Loved My Wife...'

Husband Of P. O. Clerk Weeps During Trial



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Even Dixie gets 'sick' of Kasper

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"I loved my wife more than anything in the world . . .

"I've been trying to find out why I killed her . . . I had no reason to shoot her . . ."

Fifty - two year - old Russell Arthur Arledge cried openly as he uttered these words in Criminal Court Wednesday, where he was sentenced to 18 years in the Penitentiary.

A broken man who seemed to have aged 20 years since his arrest last November, he frequently halted and sobbed as he confessed he pumped six bullets into the head of his attractive wife.

His marriage to the former Pearl Dorsey had been "a happy one for nine years until this fatal argument in the bedroom of their home at 415 N. Calhoun St., he said.

Mrs. Arledge, an attractive 45-year-old Postal Clerk, noted for her stylish clothes, was a member of an old Baltimore family.

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SURPRISE MOVE of the daylong trial came when Mr. Arledge pleaded guilty to second degree murder and received the maximum 18 years penalty.

Judge S. Ralph Warnken told him, "what the future holds depends on the Parole Board."

Earlier, the defendant had entered a plea of not guilty by reason of temporary insanity to the murder charge.

It was not until after both the prosecution and defense had presented their cases to an all-male jury that the defense counsel admitted the court that the insanity plea was being abandoned.

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MUCH OF the trial was devoted to testimony by psychiatrists produced by the state and defense.

One described Mr. Arledge as a person "affected by a pervasive sadness."

He was Dr. Joseph D. Lichtenberg, chief officer of the Supreme Bench. The psychiatrist testified Mr. Arledge was legally responsible when he shot his wife to death.

The defendant was described by the psychiatrist from the Medical Examiner's office as becoming "chronically withdrawn from close human contacts" and having "strong feelings of loneliness and dependency."

However, Dr. Philip Lerner, who examined Mr. Arledge at the request of defense counsel, held that "at the time this incident occurred he had no knowledge of right and wrong."

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Monkey B and A Bus Cafe shines Bars Colored Riders

MONKEY BUSINESS—Here, Betsey, resident of the Baltimore Zoo, demonstrates the painting talent which has brought her nation-wide fame. The gentleman is Arthur Watson, director of the Zoo, and the person responsible for the show.

By J. D. WILLIAMS

"It's enough to give an honest artist an inferiority complex."

The author of that remark prefers to remain anonymous and for a very good reason—he is a painter, a chimpanzee can sell over $600 worth of paintings in a few days and you can't even give away one of your masterpieces, would you, a self-respecting artist, want your name known?

The chimp, who has been making monkeys out of the

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By S. F. YETTE

The restaurant in the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad station (Howard and Lombard Sts.) refuses to serve colored passengers — except on carry-out orders.

This startling fact was revealed when a colored man stopped for breakfast at the restaurant counter Tuesday morning shortly before departing by bus for Annapolis.

A waitress directed him to a counter located at one of the counters where the would-be patron took a seat and ordered ham and eggs.

"You have to take it out," the waiter told him.

The waiter, himself a colored man (but with a foreign accent), called to another colored waiter when the patron refused to leave the counter or take the carry-out order.

They directed the passenger to one the manager on the mezzanine floor.

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GEORGE PAPPAS, who identified himself as manager, told the AFRO: "I'm sorry. I have to hide my face every time this thing happens, but what can I do?"

"Colored people just can't eat in here. I know it's wrong, it's stupid and it's insulting and all that, but you just can't eat here.

"We are a backward people here in Baltimore etc. . . If you eat in here then I go out of business. We'd lose customers.

"We're coming around, and it's going to change, but they'll have to change this thing by education."

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POINTING to his waiters and in the direction of the kitchen, Mr. Pappas added:

"Nearly all the people who handle food at counter I have nothing against colored people."

He also said that in his opinion the restaurant is a private concession and as such is not subject to the interstate and intra-state transportation laws which outlaw racial discrimination.

The B & A, formerly the W. B. and A., operates about 45 buses daily between Baltimore and Annapolis, Glen Burnie and Ft. Meade. It employs between 50 and 60 drivers, none of whom are colored.

Mr. Wilson, B & A president, told the AFRO that his company does not keep statistics on the race of its riders, and therefore cannot give an account.

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Funeral directors meet here Sunday

The annual board meeting of the Mutual Funeral Directors Association, Inc., will be held on Monday, March 18, at the Monumental Elks Lodge, Madison and McMechen Sts.

The session will open on Sunday, March 17, and end on Wednesday, March 20. The national group will be entertained by the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association of Maryland.

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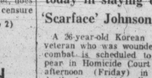

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'Come from under the bed, Elroy,' testimony highlights Hill divorce

"I said, 'Come from under the bed, Elroy.' And then I called to my son to verify the

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fact that Elroy was upstairs under my bed where he had no business to be.

George W. E. Hill, well-known South Baltimore barber testified against his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Hill, in a suit that won a divorce for him yesterday (Thursday.)

In a hearing before an examiner Mr. Hill, 60, said he had left his 40-year-old wife on Dec. 28, 1956, after he discovered what appeared to be an affair with their 18-year-old yard boy, identified as Elroy Blake.

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MR. HILL SAID:

"I left her due to the fact that I caught her in a position which proved to me that there was adultery involved, and rather than stay and hurt someone, I left."

Explaining the situation, Mr. Hill added:

"My son brought me home from the barber shop. When I pomaded my hair I heard her jump out of bed and run into the bathroom.

"I went on into the kitchen, and when I sat down I sat on a young man's sweater.

"She came downstairs and was very anxious for me to take her to the movies.

"I didn't feel like I wanted to go to the movies. Then she said, 'Let's go to see Theresa Cooper.' I said all right, but I'm not something to eat first.

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