Episcopal Convention Soft-Pedals Integration Program

No plan presented at meet

The 173rd annual convention of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Maryland, failed to discuss a program for integration in its organizations and institutions as it had resolved to do in last year's convention.

At the 1956 convention, the delegates by resolution directed Christian Social Relations Commission to study ways and means of integrating its four schools, a hospital, an aged home, and its five homes and schools for needy or wayward girls.

It was expected that a strong resolution urging the end of segregation in Episcopal institutions in the state would come when the commission was called on to report Tuesday.

But when the commission was called, it answered present "by title" and submitted its written report to the convention.

The written report contained two sentences on integration: "Integration has been approached by your commission with offers to help in the establishment of interracial workshops. More will be done in the ensuing year in this field."

The report on integration dealt only with a second resolution adopted by the 1956 convention asking that "each parish and mission in the Diocese take steps establishing and participating in workshops in interracial relations."

The convention, without discussion, accepted the commission's report.

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THE 1956 convention had adopted a resolution providing that Bishop Noble C. Powell direct the commission "to study the subject of integration."

It spelled out its program generally in the resolution, and further resolved that "a report on the accomplishments" on integration be made at this year's meeting.

The objectives generally set up in the resolution adopted last year were those:

"WHEREAS the tenets of the Christian faith profess that all regardless of race or color should derive the same and equal benefits, opportunities and privileges; and

WHEREAS the Diocese of Maryland has not fully met the aforementioned in its Diocesan-sponsored organizations and institutions...

"Be it resolved that a report on the accomplishments of the aforementioned program be made to the 1957 Convention of the Diocese" by the commission.

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THE EXPECTED resolution from the commission would have asked the convention to eliminate segregation in all organizations sponsored by the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. Charles Wood, rector of the St. Johns - Huntington Episcopal Church, Greenmount and Old York Road, is chairman of the commission on Christian Social Relations.

On the last day of the convention, Mr. Wood told the AFRO: "I do not believe there is anything that we can say has been done specifically on the integration program.

"But we have a long list of speakers—and workshops," he added.

He said that his commission had set up workshops with parishes in Virginia and Washington, D. C.

"We are pooling our sources," he said, adding that "we are moving and will continue to move."

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THE REV. VAN S. BIRD, vicar of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, Lafayette and Wheeler Avenues, was also a member of the commission.

He told the AFRO that the commission met monthly during the last year, and expressed belief that some progress is being made toward integration in the Diocese of Maryland.

In a signed article in the January issue of the Maryland Churchman, the organ of the Bishop of the Diocese, Mr. Bird pointed up integration as a challenge to the church.

"The Christian conscience can never rest until the full enjoyment of life and the opportunities to develop our God given personalities are possible for all men," he wrote.

He continued that it is not only "a matter of conscience, but it is a duty laid upon us to work for the creation of such a social climate."

THE DIOCESE of Maryland supports the following institutions in Baltimore:

The Church Home and Hospital, Broadway and Fairmount Ave.; Uplands Home for Church Women, 4301 Old Frederick Rd.; the Girls' Friendly Society, 417 N. Charles St.

St. Paul's House, 309 Cathedral St.; and St. Paul's Girls' School.

The Diocese of Maryland also supports the following institutions in the immediate Baltimore area:

The Hannah More Academy, Reisterstown; the Boys' School of St. Paul's Parish, Brooklandville; the St. James School near Hagerstown, and St. Gabriel's Home, Catonsville.

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THIS YEAR'S convention was held at the Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, University Parkway and St. Paul St., Feb. 5-6.

It was attended by 156 clergy and 119 lay delegates from parishes throughout the Diocese of Maryland which covers the Western Shore of the State.

The Rev. Noble C. Powell, bishop of the Diocese for 15 years, presided at the convention and delivered the major address.

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IN HIS address Tuesday night, Bishop Powell made strong general statements on "the critical situation we face today in the realm of race relationships."

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HOWEVER, he did not make specific references to resolution on last year's plan to deal with the situation.

Bishop Powell said that "the evidences of racial tension in our society are fraught with danger and opportunity and everything depends on how we resolve them."

He emphasized that God has created all men, regardless of race, and that the nature which men possess is one nature.

"But," he stressed, "we see that some men are different from other men, and herein lies our trouble.

"WE LOOK at the differences which separate us, rather than at the similarities which unite us. We emphasize humanity, and we are afraid," he said.

Bishop Powell said that "we can never solve this problem. Let that be understood. Only God can solve it, and since it is a human problem, he can solve it only through men."

Other delegates and clergy at the convention were:

The Rev. Edward Smith, curate at St. James' Episcopal, Lafayette and Arlington; the Rev. Cedric Mills, rector, St. James; the Rev. David Coil, rector, St. Phillips, Annapolis; the Rev. Van S. Bird, vicar, Chapel of the Holy Trinity;

James Murphy, lay delegate, St. James; Dallas F. Nicholas, delegate, St. James; Dr. Clyde Dillard, lay delegate, Holy Trinity; and Mesdames Irene Day, St. Katherine's Chapel; Florence G. Robinson, St. James; and Bernice Monroe, St. James.

Spring instruction begins February 11 at Morgan College

Spring semester activities at Morgan State College got under way on Monday with the registration of freshmen entering the college.

Freshman registration and orientation continued through Thursday. Upperclassmen registered for the regular session Friday and Saturday.

Instruction in both the regular and evening sessions will begin Monday, Feb. 11.

JAMES H. CARTER
40-year employee receives gold watch. (See story, page 16)

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.

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald James Leddin, 23, 971 Elliott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leddin. Leddin said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leddin 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 W. Brown 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 Deseth 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 DeMatteo was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeMatteo. He was returned to the force with no official reprimand.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kranz said he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kranz was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

A GOOD SCOUT—Floyd Owens Jr., 16, 333 Dolphin St., is one of the nearly 33,000 local Club Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts and adult leaders who this week are celebrating National Boy Scout Week. Floyd is a junior at City College and an Explorer Scout attached to Squadron 27. He already has 11 merit badges and is expecting more. He was one of the Scouts selected from the Baltimore Area Council to present a report to Governor McKeldin on Thursday. He has been a member of the Scouts for five years.

Government says District physician owes $12,849

A prominent Washington, D.C. physician, indicted by a Federal grand jury here Tuesday for income tax evasion, is accused by the government with failure to report $41,761.97 of an approximately $100,000 income spanning a five-year period.

Under indictment is Dr. William G. Lofton Sr., 56, 1700 block 11th St., NW.

The alleged evasions, covering the years 1950 through 1954, were presented to the grand jury by John Hargrove, assistant United States attorney.

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THE GOVERNMENT contends that during the period Dr. Lofton reported a total gross income of $38,235.10, when he should have declared his income at $99,997.07.

The Howard University Medical School instructor is accused of owing the government $12,849.88 in back income taxes.

According to the indictment Dr. Lofton's declared earnings for the five years and government findings for the period are:

1950, declared earnings $9,544 and taxes paid, $1,325.42; the government contends he earned $20,193.34 and should have paid $4,806.06.

1951, $11,912.56 and $2,120.40; $20,831 and $5,165.74.

1952, $10,849.34 and $2,176.30; $16,950.74 and $5,074.

1953, $10,393.02 and $2,043.99; $23,030.12 and $5,619.44.

1954, $15,339.18 and $3,240.86; $17,425.36 and $3,807.60.

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DR. LOFTON is a clinical instructor in obstetrics and gynecology for Howard University at Freedmens Hospital, where he has been a staff member for over a quarter of a century.

A 1928 graduate of the Howard University Medical School, Dr. Lofton and his son, Dr. William G. Lofton Jr., are practicing obstetricians in Washington.

Ricky remains calm; appeal hearing today

"The hearing of the appeal motion will be in Judge Morris's chambers Friday sometime during the morning session," Warren Wilentz, county prosecutor told the AFRO Thursday.

And, according to Mr. Wilentz, Joseph H. Kozar Sr., will argue that his client, Ricky, should have a new trial.

Hunt was convicted of first degree murder last month for the June 20 pistol slaying of his wife, the former Helen Haskins of Baltimore, and the mother of his three children.

He is now lodged in the death house at the N.J. State Penitentiary at Trenton. His execution is scheduled "for any day after Sunday, March 10."

Judge Charles Morris, who heard the 14-day trial in January, and pronounced the sentence of death in the electric chair on Hunt, will also hear the defense attorney's appeal motion today.

Peter Rabbit's horse is no reckless steed

William Goines, self-employed huckster of 1068 Argyle Avenue, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and failure to yield right of way before Magistrate Richard Gilbert in Traffic Court, Thursday morning.

Goines' horse toppled into the hood of a cab driven by George Gemmill, 212 S. Fulton Ave., at Lafayette and Myrtle avenues before dawn last Dec. 7.

"I was going down Myrtle Ave., and my horse's harness broke. He started to kick and I couldn't hold him," Goines said.

He explained that he was trying to make a right turn, but when the harness broke he could no longer guide the steed which decided to make a left turn into the cab driven by Gemmill.

Slight damage was done to the hood of the cab.

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GOINES SAID the horse was actually owned by "a man named Peter Rabbit."

"Do you know where to find him?" Magistrate Gilbert asked? "Did you look in the briar patch?"

"Yes, Sir, that is I know where to find him," Goines answered.

Magistrate Gilbert concluded that "there was nothing criminal" about the incident, adding that Goines had no brakes on the horse.

Goines' plea of guilty was reversed, and the case was dismissed.

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IT'S THE LAW HERE, YOU ARE:

Old enough to be a mother, but too young to drink beer

Mrs. Bessie Ann Smith, 18-year-old mother of an infant child, was fined $25 and costs in Criminal Court Tuesday for violating a statute which prohibits a minor from purchasing liquor.

The fine was imposed by Judge S. Ralph Warnken.

Mrs. Smith was taken into custody on Dec. 13 at the Fulton Cafe, 100 block Fulton Ave., during a grand opening celebration at the establishment.

Arresting officers said Mrs. Smith had a mixed drink when they entered the place on a routine check.

The case was postponed in January while Mrs. Smith was hospitalized after giving birth to her baby.

SIX OTHER violators accused with Mrs. Smith were tried on Jan. 3. In finding them guilty, Judge Warnken said:

"I think to a large extent that cases of this kind do not belong in the criminal jurisdiction. I think these cases ought to be policed by the Liquor Board."

The two minors fined $25 and costs at that time were Miss Martha E. Gordon, 19, 800 block W. University Pkwy., and Miss Gloria Wilson, 18, unit block N. Bond St.

Miss Wilson was seated at a table with Mrs. Smith when officers entered the Fulton Avenue establishment.

Miss Rachael Jenkins, 22, 2500 block Druid Hill Ave., a barmaid at the Fulton Cafe, was fined $25 and costs for serving the minors.

The three proprietors were fined $200 and costs each.

They were Sol Goldstein, 33, 3900 block Fernhill Ave.; Bernard Turk, 34, 3400 block Dennis Ave., and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Turk, 32.

'I feel very good about Buddy Young's decision'

"I feel very good about Buddy Young's decision . . .

"When you buy a nice home, you want to keep it nice . . .

"We wouldn't have supported that gas station . . ."

These were the comments which came this week after Claude (Buddy) Young, announced he has dissociated himself with a project to open a gas station at Braddish Ave. and Gwynns Falls Parkway.

In a letter made public earlier this week, Mr. Young told Mrs. Charles Michael of the Braddish Ave. Neighborhood Club:

"If was a good deal, but I'm a young man, and there will be other deals for me. I just couldn't go against my people."

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MR. YOUNG said that when he was approached on the idea of operating a service station at the corner, the Gulf Oil Company had offered to add $40,000 in capital to his $10,000, making him the owner of the station.

Mr. Young retired from active play during the last football campaign of the Baltimore Colts. He is now a Colt executive.

Residents of the Gwynns Falls Braddish Ave. area repeatedly opposed rezoning the vacant lot at the intersection from residential to commercial to permit construction of the gas station.

They have urged city councilmen to defeat ordinance No. 963 which would permit such rezoning. The Council still has the matter under consideration.

HOWEVER, the withdrawal of Mr. Young from the picture is seen by residents as a boost to their campaign.

Here's what some of the residents had to say about the Buddy Young action this week:

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MRS. EMMA MICHAEL, 2323 Braidish Ave., said:

"I received the letter from Mr. Young (concerning his interest from the proposed venture) and of course we are very happy about it.

"I have been really waging a battle and I have said so much to so many people."

Mrs. Michael referred to the very active role she has played in opposing any additional commercialization of the Braddish Ave. and Gwynns Falls Parkway area.

"I think it was a nice thing he did," she said adding, "I think it has been disappointing to him, because I think it was something he was interested in, but we definitely, would not have supported a gasoline station."

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MRS. MICHAEL further explained: "There are eight gasoline stations on the property zoned commercial.

"This lot is in the residential line with the homes. There is much more involved in a gasoline station.

"It is the principle. We feel that commercial interests should stay where they are."

Mrs. Michael said also that publicity from the AFRO has helped the Braddish Ave. Neighborhood Club.

She said that she does not know how city councilmen will vote about rezoning the area commercial, but, she pointed out: "We are going to stay right in this street and fight."

MRS. CARRIE FORD, a housewife 2310 Braddish Ave. said: "That's very decent of Buddy. I think he will find some place else that will be more profitable to him."

Mrs. Ford further said that the proposed site is across from a school and the added traffic that it would bring would be injuries to some of the school children.

"There are eight up there already. We've been here, only a little over two years. When you buy a nice home, you want to keep it nice," she said.

OTHER residents said: "It wouldn't have made any difference to me one way or the other," Taylor C. Washington, 2021 Braddish Ave.

Claude Colston, 2329 Braddish Ave., said, "There are too many filling stations in that section already.

"I think a filling station is the wrong idea."

"They've got them all around. I wouldn't see how it would make any difference. It would have been all right with me; I wouldn't have had so far to go to get my gas," commented Raymond Evans, also of the 2300 block Braddish Ave.

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MRS. SERENA A. SMITH, another housewife of 2324 Braddish Ave. said: "I think he (Buddy Young) has made a very wise decision. We are trying to get away from slums. We do have nice houses and people who want to keep up their property.

"There are filling stations in this age, but they were already here. Even if they put a filling station there, and it failed, they could put anything there. I hope they will keep it residential.

"I think Buddy Young made a wise decision; the people should really appreciate it."

Living next door to a filling station wouldn't be a good thing.

My house is next door to that lot.

"I felt very gald about Buddy Young's decision," is the way Mrs. Freddie Collins, 2331 Braddish Ave. expressed it.

BUDDY YOUNG
Residents praise his withdrawal from gas station project

Ewing job shifted; no title given

"He is an administrative person to serve the Urban Renewal Housing Agency. He does not have a title as yet."

Thus, Ellis Ash, acting deputy director of the Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, described the present position of Edgar M. Ewing Thursday.

"His duties have been shifted from what his duties were in the past," Mr. Ash said of Mr. Ewing.

"In the past, Mr. Ewing has been working with me as the assistant to the director of management in the Housing Authority," Mr. Ash told the AFRO.

He explained that now "the nature of Mr. Ewing's work is of broad administrative character, working out of the director's office."

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MR. ASH, who is second in command to Oliver C. Winston in the new Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, said that the director's office and Mr. Ewing "are concerned with the general affairs and direction of the agency."

He emphasized, however, that, while Mr. Ewing has no title and was not listed among the top personnel in a release earlier this week, other titles assigned to a few people are tentative and have no official sanction."

"We must have some titles," he said, "to keep our lines straight internally" during the period of flux.

He said that all of the titles given in the recent personnel alignment are "strictly an interim kind of measure to give us some ground rules so we can work."

THE NEW agency was formed from four city governmental units: the Redevelopment Commission, the Housing Bureau of the Health Department, the Urban Renewal Planning Unit of the department of city planning, and the Area Projects.

The Housing Authority, an arm of the City government, is administratively connected to the new agency, but is not strictly a part of the organizational chart.

Current legislation, however, facilitates the work of the Housing Authority with the new agency by providing that its five members be the same five persons who make up the Housing Bureau of the Health Department.

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Dr. Butler out of coma—talks

Dr. W. Berkley Butler is reported as "about the same."

"He is talking a little this morning. His basic condition is unchanged, however he came from the coma early today."

An official of the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., made the above statement tearly (Friday) just before presstime.

The 59-year-old physician and other top officials of the past president of the medical staff at Provident, has been ailing for more than two months.

"At intervals, he may seem improved," the official stated, "however there is no indication he is better."

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WEATHER
FRIDAY, mostly sunny, rather cold. Highest 35.
SATURDAY, clear and cold.
SUNDAY, slightly warmer, showers likely.

Baltimore Afro-American

PRAYER FOR TODAY
Our Lord, Give us generosity and that concern for others that shall mark us as disciples of Thine.

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Shooting 'Startles' Turner Station

(Story in Column 1)

'A Night Of Terror'

HOUSE OF TERROR — When a huge scarface man and his smaller companion started their reign of terror Monday, Willie Richardson was about to open the door (A) to this apartment building at 603 W. Franklin St. Then, at knife point, he was forced to accompany them to his third-floor apartment (B) where he was beaten and robbed and his wife assaulted. Unconscious for a time, Mr. Richardson came to and escaped down drain-pipe (C). Minutes later, a scarfaced former heavyweight boxer stumbled from the apartment building with a bullet in his stomach. He collapsed and died on the premises of filling station (D) at Franklin and Pearl Strets.

Couple describes brutal attack by 'Scarface' and pal

"I am still afraid.

"I didn't know there were people like that.

"They would have killed us both. I had to play dead."

Willie and Catherine Richardson were describing their "night of terror" in which they battled for their lives in their three-story home at 603 W. Franklin St., in the early morning hours after midnight Sunday.

They said two strangers, a big, scarfaced man and his smaller companion, held up Mr. Richardson at knife point as he put the key in his door, followed him to his apartment, assaulted Mrs. Richardson, and beat Mr. Richardson until he was unconscious.

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THE SCREAMS of Mrs. Richardson attracted the attention of a second-floor neighbor, James Armstrong, who came to her rescue and shot and killed one of the attackers as he tried to carry Mrs. Richardson out of the building.

Dead is Kenneth Johnson; 26, of 1723 N. Pulaski St., a 6-foot former boxer with a long scar on the left cheek.

Under arrest and charged with assaulting Mrs. Richardson and robbing Mr. Richardson is Carll Lee, 17, alias Caldwell Lee, of 642 W. Saratoga St.

Lee, police said, admitted that he had visited the Richardson home with Johnson.

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UNDER ARREST in connection with the shooting is the neighbor, Mr. Armstrong, whom Mr. and Mrs. Richardson credited with saving their lives.

Southwestern District police said Mr. Armstrong handed them a .38 caliber revolver when they arrived. A butcher knife was found at the foot of the stairs.

At a hearing in Homicide Court Tuesday morning, Mr. Armstrong was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney's office.

However, Magistrate Meyer Cardin told the defendant that in view of the circumstances he could gain his release on a habeas corpus writ.

At press time Mr. Armstrong

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SCARFACE'S MA:

'I don't believe it'

By HERB MANGRUM

"I don't believe it.

"Kenneth wouldn't do that.

"I can't picture him doing anything like that.

"I know the place where he hung out at Franklin and Pearl Sts., wasn't a nice place, but he wouldn't bother anybody."

With tears in her eyes, those were the words sobbed out by Mrs. Nancy Johnson of 1723 N. Pulaski St., as she made funeral arrangements for her son, Kenneth Johnson.

The kind-faced mother was still in a state of shock as she sat near the window in a second-floor bedroom of her neat home and talked about her only child.

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SHE SAID she couldn't bring herself to believe he was involved in the brutal attack on Mr. and Mrs. Willie Richardson at their home at 603 W. Franklin St.

Her son was a 25-year-old former heavyweight boxer

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HE ANSWERED PRAYERS—The Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, withdrew his resignation after church fasted and prayed whole day. He was due to take new post as church secretary of the NAACP with offices in N.Y. Shown here in this photo is Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP, who described the Rev. Mr. Wood as "one of the best workers" in the branch.

How a whole church fasted and prayed...

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Are prayers answered?

The more than 600 members of the Providence Baptist Church, Edmondson and Fremont Aves., will tell you that they are.

A week ago last Friday they experienced a dramatic demonstration that prayers are answered.

Previously they had received the resignation of their minister, the Rev. Marcus Garvey Wood.

He had asked to be released to accept the coveted position as National Church Secretary of the NAACP.

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RELUCTANT to give up their dynamic young pastor who has in a short five years become one of Baltimore's outstanding church and civic leaders, they returned to prayer for the answer.

They did not want to stand in the way to better himself they wanted him to remain with the church.

In their homes, throughout the city, they spent the entire day, Friday, Feb. 1, fasting and praying.

Finally, the members gathered at the church that night for the regular prayer meeting, and to hear the Rev. Wood's decision.

It was reported that some less courageous stayed home, afraid to hear his reply.

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THE HIGH POINT of the unprecedented event came following a one-hour period of audible prayer.

The Rev. Wood stood before his congregation and made no comment; tore the copy of his resignation into pieces.

Immediately, the grateful throng of devoted members understood he would remain with them and there was great rejoicing.

They rushed to gather around him at the altar.

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RECALLING the moving event, the Rev. Mr. Wood said in his church office Wednesday night and told this reporter:

"It was the first time I became aware that I meant so much to them. I sincerely did not know I had such a place in their hearts."

Previously, the young min-

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Gov. asks $500,000 for Coppin College

Coppin State Teachers' College will receive over half a million dollars for capital improvements if the General Assembly approves a request which is included in the Governor's budget for the fiscal year 1957-58.

The total sum is $543,000 with $467,000 of this earmarked for the construction of an auditorium-gym classroom building.

The money is being included in the budget, which must be approved by the General Assembly, despite the rejection of a similar request by the Assembly at last year's session.

The money is also being requested in the face of recommendations from Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of Baltimore public schools, and a special survey committee of the Urban League, that Coppin be closed.

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AMONG OTHER appropriations included in the proposed budget is one for $1,364,900 for capital expenditures at Morgan State College.

The principal item is an auditorium-music arts building at $1,062,000, with another $273,000 going for a student

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Sports at a glance

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Basketball

Dunbar 51, Southern 45
Dunbar JV 42, Southern JV 29
Patterson JV 43, Carver JV 39
Douglass 60, Sollers 50
Morgan 26, Virginia State 18

Swimming

Ft. Monmouth 50, Morgan 36
Carver 43, Forest Park 34

FRIDAY

Basketball

Dunbar at Carver, 3:45 p.m.
Carver JV at Dunbar JV, 3:45 p.m.
Morgan at Lincoln, 8 p.m.
W. Salem at Md. State, 8 p.m.

Wrestling

Dunbar at Patterson, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday

Basketball

W. Salem at Morgan, 8 p.m.
Md. State at Union, 8 p.m.
Boston Bruins at Chicago, 2 p.m.

TV Basketball

Minneapolis at N.Y. Knicks, 2:30 p.m.

TV Horse Racing

$25,000 Everglades Hdcp from Hialeah, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Basketball

Harlem Magicians at Coliseum, 2:15 p.m.

Turner Sta. is 'startled' by gun play

Have things reached the boiling point in Turner Station?

Has an alleged numbers dispute changed from a "cold war" to a "shooting war"?

These were the questions residents of the Turner Station community were asking themselves Wednesday night on the heels of a shooting involving a former Baltimore County police officer.

"It startled us . . . It was a shock," one resident said as they phoned the AFRO minutes after the shooting.

The excitement, James Arthur Johnson, 35, of the 100 block Linden Ct., summoned a Dundalk police following the shooting of McKenzie Branch, 41, of the 500 block Main St., Turner Station.

A Sparrows Point steel worker, Mr. Branch, according to police, was shot in the left hand during a struggle with Mr. Johnson outside a restaurant in the 400 block of Main St.

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MR. BRANCH was admitted to City Hospital where he was treated and released.

In connection with the case, charges of assault by shooting were filed against Mr. Johnson in Dundalk Police Court.

He was released in bail of $1,500 pending a hearing to be held this evening (Friday) at 7 p.m.

Arresting officers said the accused man had been discharged from the police force over a year ago following an altercation with a Turner Station resident.

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SGT. HARRY THURMAN and Patrolman Emil Kannen-

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Baby sitter murder trial opens today

BULLETIN

Anderson Lee Best was sentenced to 18 years in the Maryland Penitentiary this afternoon (Friday) after being convicted of second degree murder. This is the maximum sentence for such a conviction. The prosecution had sought a first degree conviction.

Best, 19, 2400 block S. Paca St., is accused of criminally assaulting and fatally stabbing his sister-in-law, a ninth grade pupil at Cherry Hill High.

POLICE SAID that Mr. Best had gone to the house after his estranged wife, Mrs. Pearl Best, had appeared in Domestic Relations Court charging him with non-support.

Milton Allen, defense attorney, has been appointed by the court to represent Best.

Preston Pairo, assistant state's attorney, said the state would press for a first degree murder conviction in the case of Anderson Lee Best who went on trial in Traffic Court today (Friday).

He is charged in the death of a 16-year-old baby sitter Miss Shirley Blocker, of 2213 W. Hamburg St., Mt. Winans, on Oct. 5 of last year.

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'Wheelbarrow in hell' cleric here Sunday

The Rev. William H. Borders, a leader in the Atlanta bus desegregation movement, will be the principal speaker at the annual "NAACP Founders" Day program on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

The program will mark the 48th anniversary of the local NAACP and the 22nd anniversary of the local unit.

Regarded as a dynamic speaker and one of the moving forces in the Atlanta movement, the Rev. Mr. Borders is Church in the Georgia city pastor of the Wheat St. Baptist

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A MAN who believes not only in talk but in action, the Rev. Mr. Borders is one of several ministers arrested in Atlanta for sitting in seats designated

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Autopsy shows Scarface was 'liquored up . . .'

An autopsy performed by the Medical Examiner's Office shows that Kennetti (Scarface) Johnson died of a bullet which entered the front of the chest.

Dr. William Lovitt, assistant medical examiner said the report also showed that Johnson was 'right smart liquored up.' Alcoholic content of his body was 21. A count of 15 is considered the point at which a person is intoxicated.

The old scar on Johnson's left cheek which brought the nickname 'Scarface,' measured 17 centimeters in length or about 8 inches.

VA. CITIES MUST MIX SCHOOLS BY AUG. 15:

'For they have met their match'—judge

By RALPH MATTHEWS

NORFOLK, Va.—"The leaders of Virginia think that no school Federal judge would have the nerve to jail local school boards for contempt of court if they who school of the city must be placed on a non-segregated basis.

His action here followed the same position he had taken in Newport News, Va., on a similar petition the previous when he said:

"This whole matter of integration has narrowed down to the simple issue of whether the state legislature of Virginia or the Supreme Court of the United States is to have the final say. As a Federal judge I have no choice in the

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AFRO honor roll out next Friday

Look for the AFRO honor roll which was chosen by the nominations of the readers.

Who will be the ten persons selected for service to their communities above and beyond the call of everyday duty?

What did these ten persons do that made their friends and neighbors suggest them for places on the AFRO honor roll?

Who were the top ten persons in the community in 1956?

All of these answers will appear in the AFRO next week.

Don't miss next Friday's issue, dated Feb. 23.

Dunbar has one more step to cage title

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

One step to take, and three chances to take it. That is the enviable position Dunbar High School holds over her rivals in

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the Maryland Scholastic Association basketball race.

Coach Bill (Sugar) Cain's undefeated Poets are riding the crest of an 11-game winning streak as they prepare to take the floor this afternoon (Friday) against Carver at Carver.

Although the pesky Trainers of Coach Lloyd Chaddick White are bent on upending the mighty riding Dunbar five, the latter can afford the "luxury" of a

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