Hospital Board Shuns $5 Million Improvement Plan

Provident turns down $5 million

The Provident Hospital Board of Trustees has rejected a proposal offered by State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.) that would make provisions for the hospital to become a state supported institution.

The proposal, which Senator Cole intended to embody in a bill to be submitted to the current General Assembly, was offered to the trustees by their president, Howard Murphy, who favored the plan.

After extended discussion the trustees went on record as opposing such an action and expressed the intention of retaining Provident as a private institution.

THE PROPOSAL by Senator Cole would have authorized the State to float a $5,000,000 bond issue for capital improvements at Provident and would have seen the state assume the responsibility for the operation

WITH PAYMENTS

NEW MERGER when a similar proposal was shelved to avail development from the Community Chest.

Such action was based on the fact that the Chest had been a

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over the Hospital.

MEANWHILE THE Assembly opened its 90-day session in Annapolis with the Governor delivering a major portion of his message to the rising traffic death rate.

Out of the 70 bills which were introduced on this opening

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...ing budgets for the state's four training schools and placed them under the Department of Public Welfare.

This abolishment has been favored in some quarters because it has been felt that integration of the schools could be accomplished much more readily if the boards were not in existence.

As far as the Baltimore delegation was concerned, the big news was the election of Sen. Thomas F. Dempsey (D. Third) as chairman of the city senators, and Marvin Mandel of the Fifth District as chairman of the City Delegation in the House of Delegates.

Members of the House of Delegates include Truly Hatchett (D. Fourth) and Emory R. Cole (Rep. Fifth).

R. Clarke Davis on Zoning Comm.

"It came as a surprise and I am looking forward to it. I haven't served on other city commissions. This will be a new experience for me."

R. Clarke Davis, manager of the Cherry Hill Housing Project for the past nine years, was speaking to the AFRO Wednesday, shortly after Mayor D'Alesandro released his name as one of the 18 persons to be asked to serve on a city commission to draft Baltimore's first new zoning system in over 25 years.

Mr. Davis, who has had 18 years experience as a manager of various housing projects said that he definitely will accept the appointment.

The new commission, which will be headed by C. William Brooks, zoning specialist for the City Planning Dept., will hold public hearings on each neighborhood before drafting new zoning code proposals.

The City Council will listen to all zoning code proposals, once they leave the Zoning Commission.

MR. DAVIS, a Class of '36 graduate of Morgan College, where he majored in sociology, is married and has a five-year-old son. He has served on the boards of Provident Hospital and the Urban League.

In spite of his duties as a housing project manager, he still finds time to serve on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America for this area.

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Police killings in Balto. area 1956

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 died to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Hilicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leddin. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman 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 V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weis 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 a call for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec. 10, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

'Ricky' up for new trial

"Yes, I am going to be at the trial, but I don't know what day I will be going up to New Jersey."

Miss Jo Ann Campbell, 531 N. Fulton Ave., identified by the Middlesex County Jail assistant warden, Peter Geis, as "Ricky's Baltimore girl friend," was telling the AFRO Wednesday that she would attend the trial.

"It starts Jan. 7, you know," she stated, "but I don't know whether I am to be there the first day or not.

"The last time the trial was supposed to be (Nov. 13) they told me the first day would be taken up by the State and I wouldn't need to come until the next day," she said.

"I think I'll wait until I hear from them.

"I'm going to be a witness or else I wouldn't be going there she added.

THE TRIAL of Richard Larry Hunt, 26, Baltimore truck driver, now in the Middlesex County jail on a charge of killing his wife, Helen Elizabeth, 24, last June 21, will begin Monday.

Miss Campbell is scheduled

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MR. AND MRS. HARRISON FULLER and Miss Arzella Fuller mourn brilliant Morgan coed.

Mello 18th in line for sergeant

Among the policemen who passed the Police Department's promotional examination for sergeant held last October was: Dennis P. Mello, 1718-N. Broadway.

Officer Mello, who scored 91.533 on the examination ranked number 21. Two officers who scored higher than he have already been promoted to sergeant, which in reality makes Officer Mello eighteenth in line.

A total of 470 men took the examination. The list expires Dec. 27, 1957. Although there are presently no vacancies, when some do occur, the men will be taken from this list.

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OFFICER MELLO joined the force in April 1944. He was assigned first to the Northwestern District, later to the Vice Squad, now known as the Racket Division.

Subsequently, he was assigned as juvenile officer to the East Baltimore Area Project No. 1 and later to the State's Attorney's office as special investigator, a post he holds now.

He is a native of Baltimore, the son of Mrs. Nellie Mello and the late Henry Mello. He is a graduate of Douglass High School, class of 1929, and has done further study at Loyola College.

Officer Mello is a member of St. Francis Xavier Church where he served as altar boy as a child. He is married to the former Miss Belle DeShields. They have two children, Marlene a city teacher; and Earl, a senior at Morgan State College.

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OTHER OFFICERS who passed the sergeants examination were: Officer Rudolph C. Wilson, 144 N. Bentalou St., assigned to the Rackets Squad. He scored 94.334;

Officer McNeal Brockington Jr., 2422 Calverton Hgts. Ave., assignment to the Attorney General's Office. He made 77.813;

Officer Joseph E. Williams Jr., who lives at 710 W. Cross St. His grade was 75.769.

Also, Officer LeRoy Moody, 2002 Ruxton Ave., Northwestern District; 75.71 and Officer Avon E. Cooper, 2405 Westwood Ave., 74.307. Officer Cooper is also assigned to the Northwestern District.

Others were: Officer Elwood L. Brown, 1519 N. Appleton St. of the Northwestern District, who scored 71.484 and Detective Lloyd G. Johnson, 2417 Madison Ave., whose grade was 70.458.

Mayor names School 136 principal to renew agency

"I'm very thrilled and very happy. It gives me the opportunity to do the type of thing I've always wanted to do — provide better housing."

Mrs. Lena King Lee, principal of Elementary School 136, told the AFRO this week of her appointment by the mayor as the only woman on the new Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

On Monday, Mayor D'Alesandro signed the ordinances which established the new agency to continue the work formerly done by the Redevelopment Commission — of which Mrs. King was also a member.

The Mayor also signed an ordinance designating the Harlem Park area as the city's first urban renewal site.

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"THE APPOINTMENT certainly comes as a surprise to me," Mrs. King said, "I served on the Redevelopment Commission but I had no idea I would also be selected for this new organization.

"I shall certainly welcome the opportunity for service. I shall work hard to deserve this great privilege and honor."

Walter Sondheim Jr. was named chairman of the agency which will have Oliver C. Winston as its director. Mr. Winston has been director of the Baltimore Housing Authority and has served as urban renewal coordinator.

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THE OTHER members are Robert G. Merrick, Equitable Trust Company president and Housing Authority commissioner; W. Raymond Timanus, consulting engineer, and Hunter Moss, real estate consultant, chairman of the Greater Baltimore Committee Planning Council.

The new agency was formed at the suggestion of the Urban Renewal Study Board which said that the renewal program should be controlled by one body.

The combination of the agencies brought about the resignation of member of the Redevelopment Commission and the Housing Authority Board.

Among those to resign was Dr. William LeRoy Berry from the Housing Authority Board.

Resignations have also been received from the City Planning Commission members but the mayor has taken no action on these since changes in the city charter are necessary before the agency can be reorganized to make it a part of the executive branch of the municipal government.

MRS. LENA K. LEE
On Urban Renewal and Housing Commission

'Did not live long but she lived well'

"She did not live long but she lived well . . . She has asleep to awaken in the beautiful land of immortality.

"She slipped away as quietly as she came. Those who knew her loved her and will ever cherish sweet memories of her."

To the family and friends of the late Miss Mickey Fuller these were the words that the Rev. B. L. Matthews spoke on Monday afternoon in Union Baptist Church.

The words came during the half-hour funeral service for the 21-year-old Morgan State College honor student who died last Thursday at her home, 1422 E. Chase St., after a brief illness.

SCHEDULED TO graduate in June, Miss Fuller was a candidate for a Fulbright Fellowship at the time of her death, and received the High School Record Award at Morgan, the Chemistry Department Honor Scholarship, and was a member of Beta Kappa Chi, a scientific honor society.

Some 100 persons attended the Monday service at which prayers were said by the Rev. Howard L. Cornish, director of the Morgan College Christian Center, and the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

In a message of condolence to the family, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan College, said:

"She was in every particular the type of student Morgan searches for. She will be sorely missed."

AS HE delivered the eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Matthews, pastor of Union Baptist Church said:

"There are two ways of dealing with sorrow, one is to brood over it. This is the way of weak human flesh.

"The other way is to accept it without bitterness. . . This is the way of victory . . . of faith over fear, of hope over despair.

"She lived the life of a genuine Christian and she very peacefully passed out of this life to be with her Lord."

PRESENT FOR the services were members of Miss Fuller's family, fellow classmates and friends, Dr. R. Hayes Strider, Morgan music professor, and Dr. George E. Spaulding, head of the chemistry department.

The pink-toned casket was not opened for final viewing and it was carried from the church in the hearse by Morgan students: William Adams, Andrew Suggs, Donald Carey, Paul Nixon, Rodney Douglass and Napolean Clark.

A native of Huntington, W. Va., Miss Fuller is survived by her mother, Mrs. Salome Fuller, secretary; father, Harrison Fuller, an instructor at School No. 452; a sister, Miss Arzella Fuller, a sophomore chemistry major at Morgan; and grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Hard of Huntington.

For two years Miss Fuller served as president of The German Club at Morgan and was a teacher in the junior church and an organist for the "young peoples' choir at Union Baptist.

She was a chemistry-mathematics major, a member of Morgan's marching band and a solo cellorist in the concert band.

Burial was in Arbutus Cemetery.

A. Jack Thomas Frontiers head

A. Jack Thomas, musician and music teacher, has been elected president of the Baltimore chapter of the Frontiers Club.

Named as vice-president was Frank E. Walker, insurance man, while William B. Day, businessman, was selected as secretary.

Other posts were filled by Dr. Robert J. Hill as treasurer and Tom Tawkins as a member of the board of directors.

The Rev. Howard Cornish director of the Morgan Christian Center, is the outgoing president.

Newstippers start '57 off with a 'bang,' bankroll

The busy New Year's season brought several opportunities for local newstippers to earn themselves some post-Christmas cash (and who doesn't need it?).

One resolution that all AFRO readers could make is this: "Phone in Newstips to the City Desk—it's worth money!"

First "tipsy tipster" of 1957 is the 55 winner who was first to phone about a New Year's baby — he called just four minutes after the young winner's debut.

Awards of $3.50 each go to the tipsters who told of a man arrested because he was tall, and the sudden death of a brilliant Morgan coed.

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FOUR AWARDS of $2 each are being sent out for these tips: Another New Year's baby, an aged kindly widow beaten in Druid Hill Ave., an accident on Baltimore and Penn Sts., and information on the Ft. Meade sergeant who was fatally shot.

Checks for $1 go to the tips on a blond baby found by sanitation department workers; a fire in the 900 block of Boyd St.; a girl hit by a car at Fulton and Baker; a fire at the home of a Douglass High School teacher, and additional information on the 'tall man's arrest.

You too can get your share of the $25 set aside each week for Newstips. Just telephone the AFRO City Desk when you see or hear of something interesting occurring.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS are: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811. And listen! There's another $25 jackpot set aside for news photos. That's right, if you take a newsworthy picture with your camera, just bring it in to the AFRO City Desk — you'll be glad you did.

This is going to be a wonderful year for Newstippers — better get that "cash - for - calls" habit.

$50 is the total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811. Bring your News Photos to the City Desk.

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1211 Wall St.—Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Vaccine shots are also available at the University Hospital at Lombard and Greene Sts., Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.; and at the Druid Health Center, 13-13 Druid Hill Ave., Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Vaccine shots are available for children from three months to 19 years of age and also for expectant mothers.

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'She left July 5 to attend funeral—came back in Aug.'

"She left on July 5, 1951 to go to a funeral, and didn't come back until the end of August . . . and then didn't stay with me she left her mother."

Ocie Frieson of 116 Carver Rd., Turner Station, described to a Master of Circuit Court, Monday, how his marriage to Mrs. Willie B. Frieson ended.

"When she came back she wouldn't even talk to me. On Sept. 6, while I was at work, she moved out the furniture and left. She has no cause to do this," he added.

New Year's Day funeral for Van Lear Redmond

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at St. James P. E. Church for Van Lear Alexander Redmond Jr., 28, 1810 Rosedale St.

Mr. Redmond, a printer employed by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, died on Friday at his home following a three-month illness.

Father Cedric E. Mills, officiated at the brief rites. He was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smith, new assistant to the rector.

MR. REDMOND was a native of Baltimore, the son of Van Lear A. Redmond Sr., and the late Mrs. Ruth Grinage Redmond.

He attended the public schools and the Douglass High School. He took further printing courses at the Md. School of Printing.

From March 1947 until April 1950, he served in the U. S. Navy and held the rank of S/3 storekeeper, at the time of his discharge.

In May 1951, he joined the AFRO staff as a compositor and was a journeyman printer until he became ill this past September.

He was a member of the United Newspaper Workers of America, Local 111, CIO, AFL, and held the posts of corresponding secretary and financial secretary.

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MR. REDMOND was a 32nd degree Mason and held membership in Enterprise Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M. Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Members of the lodge conducted special services on Monday evening and served as pallbearers during the funeral.

Besides his father, Mr. Redmond is survived by his wife, Mrs. Robinette E. Redmond; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Bishop and Miss Rita V. Redmond.

Honorary pallbearers were: Everett Dunger, Chaliapin Dunger, Robert Diggs, Albert and Francis Maddox, Van Sharp and John Linton.

Honorary Masonic pallbearers were: David E. Myers, Thomas J. Alston, and John H. Murphy Jr.

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Active pallbearers, all of Enterprise Lodge, were: Wellton L. Whittington, Harris Ashby, James R. Hite, Clinton C. Pierce, William E. Rucker, Walter E. Flemming, Ambrose R. Westbrook, and Marsell J. Brown.

Besides the immediate family, other relatives and friends who occupied 25 cars to Arbutus Memorial Park for burial included:

Mrs. Viola Redmond, Mrs. Leola Sanders, Mrs. Edith Craven, Ernest Johnson, Mrs. Gladys R. Johnson, Mrs. Clementine R. Canaan, Miss Beecher Grinage, Ernest White Jr., Mrs. Doris White;

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ALSO, MRS. Mae Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Grinage, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Grinage, Robert Evans, Calvin Grinage, Mrs. Jenny Grinage, Mrs. Bettye Tabron, Miss Lydia Grinage, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnny Grinage, and Misses Nancy and Kay Grinage.

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And, Carl Evans, Mrs. June Thorne, William Redmond, John Grinage and Gwen Grinage, James Dorsey, Mrs. Vandola Dorsey, Mrs. Carrie Collier.

Mrs. Louise Ellison, Mrs. Delores Durham, the Rev. Lawrence Evans, Sylvester Russell, Mrs. Carolyn Willis, Mrs. Gladys Coons, William Brown, Mrs. Bettye Phillips and John J. Oliver.

VAN-LEAR REDMOND SR.
MRS. ROBINETTE REDMOND
Father, widow leave AFRO worker's funeral

TEACHER'S HOME AFIRE: Shown above is the home of Miss Essie N. Hughes at 1108 Harlem Ave. which was the scene of a Wednesday afternoon fire. Miss Hughes said the fire was caused by an over - heated chimney. Say: long that the damage was "not great," she termed the fire "unimportant."

WEATHER
FRIDAY, fair and quite cold with winds diminishing.
SATURDAY, clear and cold, low near 20 degrees at night.
SUNDAY, continued cold, possibly snow flurries.

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Prayer For Today
"Our Father: Help us in our blessedness, to be more than willing to share the good things of life."

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Masons Cancel Sen. Butler's Talk

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Ricky's Mom Cries

ROSE SAYS 'NO;' JOE IS SILENT ON RUMORS

SARAH VAUGHAN *She's unavailable* — JOE LOUIS *He won't comment* — MRS. ROSE M. LOUIS *She says 'No'*

Withdraw Louises pfft? Butler bid

NEW YORK

"My husband and I have not spoke. Everyone knows that Mr. Louis is out a great deal, and goes a great many people. But we decidedly are not separated."

In those 29 words, with a few others added later, Mrs. Rose Morgan Louis, 13-month-long wife of Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion, Thursday, refuted reports of a separation between them.

In Chicago, where Joe Louis was on business, the former Brown Bomber refused to comment except to say "she (Rose) is a real nice girl."

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THE PERSON, reported by Broadway columnists as the cause of the rumored split between the Louises, Singer Sarah Vaughan, was unavailable immediately for comment, at her New York residence, the AFRO was told. "Miss Vaughan is out of town."

For several weeks, gossip columnists have hinted, and sports and rumors have been whispered around New York that all is not well with the popular beauty products businessman and her one-time boxing champion husband.

Latest printed report on the marital life of the Louises appeared in a syndicated column by Dorothy Kilgallen under date of Jan. 3. Miss Kilgallen wrote:

"Now that Joe Louis has added

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Grand Master Willard W. Allen recalled an invitation to Senator John Marshall Butler, Wednesday, to be the guest of

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the Masons at their annual Emancipation meeting on Sunday, January 13th.

The occasion is the 94th anniversary of the Proclamation Emancipation Proclamation usually celebrated by the Maryland Grand Lodge, at a full dress public meeting at Bethel Church.

The speaker Sunday, the celebrated Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of the new million dollar Baptist Church there.

Special guests of the lodge include Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro; former Senator George L. Radcliffe, State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes; Dr. Charles Cornish; John G. Lewis, Grandmaster of Louisiana Masons, and a number of other prominent persons.

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GRAND MASTER ALLEN, by telephone, called Senator Butler in Washington, Wednesday, to invite him to attend the Masonic meeting.

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FBI probes bombings

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — FBI teams from Memphis, New Orleans and Miami, Thursday, converged upon this city to investigate the six bomb blasts which imperiled the lives of two families and damaged four churches and two homes.

The bombings here occurred between 2 a.m. and 5 p.m. and came less than 12 hours after a racially integrated city bus was fired upon from ambush as it made one of the first runs since night bus service was banned in the wake of several shootings by snipers.

Both the home and church of the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, pastor of First Baptist Church and a leader of the successful bus boycott here in the capital of the old Confederacy, were ripped by explosions.

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THE BOMBS, apparently

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Why Provident Hospital Board should reconsider

(AN EDITORIAL)

Provident Hospital Board voted last week to remain a small private institution

Provident is one of 17 hospitals in the city.

Its 137 adult beds and 18 bassinets make it third from the bottom in size.

Fifteen city hospitals are larger than Provident. Only two are smaller.

Good hospital practice provides 4 beds for every 1,000 of the population.

There should be, then, 1,200 hospital beds available for the colored sick in all of the city hospitals.

With its 155 beds, Provident can provide only a fraction of beds we need.

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FOURTH DISTRICT SENATOR Harry Cole, aware of the shortage of hospital beds, proposed a five million dol-

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Trial enters 5th day; he faces chair

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — "He has written me the sweetest letters home since he has been converted."

The greying, heavy-set woman, whose son, Richard L. (Ricky) Hunt, is accused of slaying his wife Helen, and injuring his infant daughter last June, wiped tears from her eyes as she spoke.

Mrs. Lillian Benefield was sitting on the second row in the crowded courtroom, hardly six feet from her son, 'Rickey," as she spoke.

Appearing haggard, thin, and somewhat worried, the former Baltimore truck driver, kept his head bowed most of the time as the defense and prosecution attorneys continued to select jurors for the third day.

From time to time, Hunt glanced at his mother, but did not change his expression.

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MRS. BENEFIELD, mother of the accused murderer, arrived here Sunday from Chattanooga, Tenn. for the trial which opened Monday with the selection of the jury.

"He used to belong to the church at home—the Cannan Baptist Church in Chattanooga, and he was converted there in 1942," she said.

"He thought he had found God then. But he discovered recently that he had not," she continued.

"Now he is converted again. He told me this white minister came to his cell and talked with him," she added.

"This incident, described by Mrs. Benefield, was a high point earlier in the trial, when a prospective juror, Mrs. Rose C. Preyte, white, a supervisor, 228 Raritan Ave., Highland Park, testified that she had formed an opinion in the case.

She told the court that she had heard her pastor deliver a sermon in which he stated that he had visited "Ricky" at the Middlesex County jail and converted the accused man behind the bars of his cell.

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THE DEFENSE counsel mentioned for a mistrial following the revelation of "Ricky's" conversion, contending that the statement was prejudicial.

However, the motion was denied by Judge Charles M. Morris and the trial continued.

Mrs. Benefield told the AFRO that "Ricky" had been a private in the Army, served from 1950 to 1953 in Korea and was given an honorable discharge.

She also stated that while in service he had charge of the army mail.

Continuing her story of her son's life before he became involved in the murder charge, Mrs. Benefield said:

"Richard's father is Richard

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FACES 'HOT SEAT' — Richard L. (Ricky) Hunt, Baltimore truck driver, was dapper in one-button roll grey flannel with matching handcuffs, blue tie, as he entered New Brunswick, N.J. Courthouse yesterday (Thursday) for trial. Alex Zappy, court attendant, accompanies him. State is asking death penalty for killing of his wife, Helen, last June. She was shot as she entered home of her sister. Six-month-old infant she was carrying was also shot but recovered.

Auto show bars model

"I will exclude colored girls."

This was the statement that came on Thursday from Geoffrey Fielding, publicity director for the 1957 Baltimore Auto Show, as he confirmed reports that showed contentions being barred from the beauty contest being run in conjunction

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MISS LEATRICE HUBBARD
Auto show barred her

Cancer victim 'low'

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

At presstime Today (Friday) ohns Hopkins Hospital reported that Carl Smith was "very low" and "very weak." The hospital added that he is still receiving blood transfusions but his blood is standard and there is no need for blood donors.

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"He is very low; I just stopped by there a moment ago. His mother is with him."

Richard J. Thompson, Johns Hopkins Hospital public relations officer was giving the latest word on the condition of Carl Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith, 2131 Greenmount Ave.

The seven-year-old youngster is critically ill with cancer of the stomach and has surprised doctors by living beyond Christmas.

Mr. Thompson said doctors "just don't know" how long Carl will be able to hold on.

"He responds a bit and then drops away. It is just a question of how far he drops.

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"HE'S DROWSY or rather dozy most of the time. He's comfortable, but he's rather disoriented. He's not sure where he is or what is going on.

"He's not delirious but he is just confused. It is too bad for a seven-year-old."

Carl's courageous parents will not give up. They still think of six-year-old Susan King, who three years ago was given a few weeks to live because of brain cancer.

Little Susan not only completely recovered but is now attending school every day like any any other six-year-old.

FLASH

Theodore Roosevelt Smith, Carl's 53-year-old grandfather, died Thursday at 5 p.m. He had been ill since Monday at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Cancer was suspected as the cause of death.

Funeral services for the veteran night club pianist will be held Monday at the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home.

William L. Fitzgerald, dean of lawyers, is 85

By B. M. PHILLIPS

"My doctor says keep on working. If you don't you'll die.

"I'm in my office every day

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"Most of my cases are in Orphans' Court. I help settle estates."

William L. Fitzgerald, dean of Baltimore lawyers, was telling how he keeps well and active.

He will be 85 years old on Monday, Jan. 14.

And Thursday, Jan. 17, will mark the 57th anniversary of his law career. He passed the Maryland Bar on Jan. 17, 1900.

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MR. FITZGERALD plans no special celebration to mark his 85th birthday.

"I had a big party five years ago when I was 80.

"I'll hold my next big party when I'm 100," he chuckled.

He said he and his wife of

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Youth accused of baby sitter's death on trial Tuesday

Anderson Lee Best, 18, 2400 block N. Paca St., is slated to go on trial in Youth Court Tuesday in connection with the slaying of a 16-year-old baby sitter.

The youth is accused of the murder of his sister-in-law, Miss Shirley Blocker, 2212 W. Hamburg St., on Oct. 5.

The slain girl, a freshman at Cherry Hill High School, was baby sitting for her sister, Mrs. Pearl Best, at the time tragedy struck.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane, recently named to a judgeship in Peoples Court, was appointed by Judge James K. Cullen to defend young Best.

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AT TRIAL in New Brunswick, N.J. of "Ricky" Hunt, Miss JoAnn Campbell, 531 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, shown entering courthouse yesterday (Thursday) morning. A defense witness, she is identified as 'girl-friend' of accused man. She is a former student at Union University and Morgan State College.

Six pastors arrested in Ga. while praying

By S. F. YETTE

ATLANTA, GA.—The arrest of six ministers by local police officers, Thursday, halted a devotional meeting and a hearing on the ministers' plan for a second day of violation of the state's bus segregation laws requiring colored riders to sit at the rear of the transit buses.

The arrests, made while the ministers prayed and sang at the Wheat Street Baptist Church at 1:35 p.m., preceded by one hour a Southwide Conference of Integration Leaders which met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church—one block from the arrest site.

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ARRESTED WERE: The Rev. William H. Borders, chairman of the Love, Law and Liberation Movement, and pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist Church; B. Joseph Johnson, pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. Williams, pastor, Smith Chapel Baptist Church; Albert F. Fisher, West Hunter Baptist Church; R. B. Sheets, presiding elder, Atlanta CME Church; and Howard Busse, pastor, Rockdale Baptist Church.

THEY WERE taken to Fulton County jail here, booked on charges of violating state segregation laws, fingerprinted, and released after making $1,000 bond each. They were in their cells only 45 minutes before their release.

Hearing is set for 11 a.m., Friday, in Civil Court. The violations allegedly took place

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