Housekeeper Sentenced To Life In Prison

Six years for 10:45 burglar

"Gibson, because you were cooperative with the police, this will be your sentence—six years in the House of Correction."

Judge Joseph S. Byrnes was speaking in Criminal Court Tuesday to Joseph Walker Gibson Jr., 19, 900 block Bennett Pl., as he sentenced him in the "10:45 Burglary" case.

Gibson, through George H. Rosedom, his court appointed attorney, had just pleaded guilty in ten of 15 burglary charges, involving breaking in homes throughout the city.

Edward F. Borgerding, assistant state's attorney, told Judge Byrnes the state would enter stets in the other five, as a result of the guilty pleas.

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GIBSON, a tall, slender youth wearing a brown suede jacket, gray sport shirt and dark trousers, accepted his sentence without change of a backadaisical expression he had maintained throughout the 25-minute trial.

The case was labelled the "10:45 Burglary" when it first came to light, because the homes were burglarized around that time in the morning.

Mr. Borgerding told Judge Byrnes Gibson was arrested at 11:30 a.m., on December 18 in the home of Mrs. Florence Woods, 1100 block Bentalou St.

He said Officer James Buckmaster had answered a complaint of a neighbor, and found Gibson hiding in a second floor cupboard.

The youth had a watch, two rings and $1.35 in pennies that belonged in the home, in his possession when arrested, Judge Byrnes was told.

MR. BORGERDING said Gibson voluntarily told Sgt. Lloyd Spicer, Northwestern District police officer, of the other burglaries he had committed.

He stated that some of the stolen articles had been recovered from the youth's room.

The items stolen in the burglaries included cash, jewelry, guns, cameras, clothing and, in one instance, bed linen and covers, all valued at $1,500.

Mr. Rosedom, in defense of Gibson, told Judge Byrnes the youth was a Baltimorean, and the product of a broken home.

He said the defendant had lived most of his life with a grandmother, but was actually rooming with a stranger who had befriended him at the time of his arrest.

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WHEN CALLED to the witness stand, Gibson gave these answers to questions by Mr. Rosedom:

Q—When was the last time you worked?

A—In August.

Q—Where?

A—At a restaurant on Edmondson Ave.

Q—How long did you work there?

A—Two months.

Q—What was your job?

A—Washing dishes.

Q—How much money did you earn?

A—$25 a week.

Q—Why did you leave?

A—At nights I stayed with my girl friend, and I couldn't get up on time.

Gibson said he had been committed to Boys Village two times as a juvenile offender, but did not remember his offenses.

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MR. ROSEDOM then asked and got these answers from the youth:

Q—Why aren't you living with your mother now?

A—My mother and I never got along so well.

Q—What was your reason for breaking in these places?

A—I couldn't keep a steady job, and I had a child to support.

Q—Are you married?

A—No, sir.

Mr. Rosedom told Judge Byrnes that Gibson had completed arrangements to be married in the December holiday period.

Mr. Borgerding revealed that the defendant followed a pattern of loitering in a certain neighborhood in the mornings, noting which couples would leave their homes.

When he assumed that a home had been vacated, Mr. Borgerding said the youth would ring the doorbell, and then force the door or break the glass to open it, if no one appeared.

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GIBSON ENTERED guilty pleas to these nine charges, in addition to that of burglarizing the Bentalou St. home in which he was arrested:

1. On October 22 — Robert Collins, second floor apartment, 1000 block Holbrook St., pistol taken, and recovered by police;

2. October 22 — Emerson Enstedt, first floor apartment, 1600 block Holbrook St., a $10 radio, recovered by police;

3. November 3 — Howard Johnson, 2100 block W. Mulberry St., a revolver and $5 stolen;

4. November 5 — Robert Owens, 700 block N. Appleton St., two watches, a ring and clothing valued at $171.11 stolen, some clothing recovered;

5. November 7 — Mrs. Landonia Blackwell, 1900 block N. Payson St., jewelry and clothing valued at $78.50 stolen, some jewelry recovered;

6. November 8—Mrs. Sadie Byone, 1500 block Ensor St., a wedding band valued at $35, recovered by police;

7. November 24 — Charles E. Jenifer, 1000 block N. Carey St., a $150 camera and clothing all valued at $208 stolen;

8. December 5—Mrs. Margaret Durham, 1400 block W. Franklin St., a radio, watch, clothing and bed linen and covers, all valued at $203.50, and some of the bed covers found by police in the defendant's room;

9. December 17 — Sylvester Williams, 1000 block Argyle Ave., $10 in cash and a rifle stolen, rifle recovered.

REGISTRATION WORKERS—This group of campaigners from the Voters' Council of the Third District, in East Baltimore, are among those who have put forth every effort in that area to increase the number of citizens qualified to vote in the March 3 Primary Election. From left are Mrs. Charlotte W. Downie, Marshall W. Jones Jr., president; Mrs. Dorothy Turner, Charles H. Long, William B. McCain, Mrs. Dorothy McCutheon and Mrs. Maria Smallwood.

'Wanted to make it a good job'

"This was a brutal knifing, done by one who evidently wanted to make sure it was a good job.

"There was no evidence that the deceased ever turned toward the defendant. Therefore, the verdict is first degree murder. The sentence — you will be taken to the penitentiary where you will spend the rest of your natural life."

A small, comely housekeeper, Miss Cora Lee Finney, 34, 100 block W. Lee St., stood sterling hard at Judge Edwin Harlan in Criminal Court Wednesday afternoon, as he gave her this sentence in a jealousy murder case.

As she turned and started to walk away with a guard, Judge Harlan called her back and said:

"You will be taken to the State Reformatory, instead."

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THE SMALL woman, who is a native of Parksley, Va., and has lived in Baltimore for 12 years, shrugged her shoulders slightly in a what's-the-difference manner, and walked calmly from the courtroom.

She had been on trial for three hours and 35 minutes charged with the fatal knifing of Mrs. Blooma Mae "Peaches" Thomas, 42, unit block W. Lee St., on November 8.

Norman Hochberg, assistant state's attorney, told Judge Harlan the murder had occurred during a drinking party in a third-floor apartment in the 600 block S. Charles St.

He labelled the killing a "jealousy slaying," and said that both women had been vying for the affections of Earl Scriber, 100 block W. Lee St.

Miss Finney faced additional charges of assault to murder in the stabbing of Mr. Scriber and Willie Nelson, who rented the apartment in which the knifing occurred.

Judge Harlan gave her one-year concurrent sentences on these convictions concurrent with her life sentence.

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MISS FINNEY, through her attorney, had entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

"This plea was based on a medical report from City Hospitals, made after her arrest, which stated that Miss Finney was subject to epileptic fits."

Judge Harlan took note of his report in a brief conference with Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacher, Supreme Bench medical officer.

"I am not going to impose the supreme penalty because of the medical report of her condition," Judge Harlan said, prior to passing sentences.

Miss Finney did not take the stand to testify in her own defense, though she listened intently to each prosecuting witness and at times shook her head, as though their statements were untrue.

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FIRST OF such witnesses called by Mr. Hochberg was Miss Hilda Moss, 100 block Welcome Al. He stated that she, Miss Finney, two other young women and Mr. Scriber were eating and drinking with Mr. Nelson in his apartment on the morning of Nov. 8, when the now deceased woman came in.

Miss Moss gave this account of what then happened:

"When Blooma Mae Thomas came in, Cora (Miss Finney) slammed the door.

"Cora said this is the (sic) I've been waiting for.

"Earl (Mr. Scriber) said you are not going to let the house out like you let out that house last night.

"Cora said I'm going to see this through, and Earl went over to grab her and she stabbed him on his head."

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MISS MOSS then continued with this account:

"Cora went over to Peaches (Mrs. Thomas), and Peaches said she wouldn't cut me again. I'm weak now."

"Cora said I'm going to kill you. Then Mr. Will (Mr. Nelson) said you won't kill her in here, and grabbed for her. He said then that Cora had cut him."

Mr. Scriber told Judge Harlan he grabbed at Miss Finney to prevent the attack on Mrs. Thomas, and did not know he had been cut on the forehead until someone told him.

He said he was intoxicated and did not know clearly what did happen.

A short, slightly stocky man, he wore a dark jacket and dark trousers to court.

Other witnesses substantiated this account of the knifing, stating that Miss Finney than attacked Mrs. Thomas.

Patrolman James George, Southern District, testified that when he arrived on the scene in response to a call from one of the women, Mrs. Thomas was lying on a couch.

He said she was cut severely across her stomach.

Mr. Hochberg displayed in court a thin dirk knife with an eight-inch curved blade, which the court was told was the murder weapon.

The defense pointed out that Mrs. Thomas had been arrested after cutting Miss Finney on her left hand two months before, in a prior dispute over the affections of Mr. Scriber.

At conclusion of the trial, Mr. Hochberg revealed that Miss Finney had a 10-year sentence given her in Virginia in 1942, as a result of a fatal stabbing there.

Miss Finney appeared in court wearing a gray blouse, gray skirt, blue sweater and white bobby socks.

Boy on leave from school is convicted

"If he were older I would have sentenced him to a long term in the Maryland Penitentiary."

That was the comment of Judge John B. Gontrum in Circuit Court at Towson Monday, when he found a 15-year-old boy guilty of assault and robbing two sisters.

Sentencing of Earl E. Corporal who was on holiday leave from Boys Village, was postponed pending completion of a psychiatric examination.

The lad's mother, who turned 15 on Jan. 9, was convicted of robbing Miss Rosemarie Hoffman, 22, and her sister, Mary Hoffman, 14 on Winters Lane on Jan. 2.

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THE TWO sisters testified that Corporal threatened to cut them, and took dollars from Rosemarie.

During the trial, a statement allegedly written and signed by Corporal was submitted to the court.

Last June, Corporal was found guilty of assaulting three girls. At that time, he was also on holiday leave from Boys' Village.

Roving gang ends up in jail cells

Three members of a roving street gang who were accused of attacking and robbing two men in Northwest Baltimore, were given prison terms Thursday by Judge Joseph R. Byrnes in Criminal Court.

Samuel Pates, 25, 1100 block Pennsylvania Ave., was given a five-year House of Correction sentence; Alfred Davis, 17, 1000 block W. Fayette, and Melvin Williams, 17, 1000 block Rutland Ave., received three-year Reformatory sentences.

They were convicted of yoking and robbing Willie McKnight, 1000 block Etting St. of $3 on the morning of Dec. 15.

Also of a similar attack on Sherman Abraham, 1300 block Madison Ave., during which two cards and a $85 in cash were taken.

Dismissed in the case due to lack of sufficient evidence were William Smith Jr., 18, 600 block W. Hoffman St.; Miss Jean Thompson, 20, 900 block Somerset St.; James M. Wilson, 17, 500 block Johnson St., and Miss Hilda Nicholson, 21.

Miss Ida Cummings' estate to relatives and 5 institutions

Her beloved F. E. W. Harper Temple of Elks, of which she served as daughter ruler for 39 years, is one of five institutions to benefit under the will of the late Miss Ida R. Cummings.

Miss Cummings, retired teacher and fraternal leader, died in November 1958 at the age of 90.

In her will she also made bequests to President Hospital, Morgan College Christian Center, Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C. and the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

Each will receive $100. In addition the Temple is to have an oil painting of Miss Cummings.

Miss Cummings was on the board of trustees of the Morgan Christian Center and of Bennett College.

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THE REMAINDER of her estate will go to relatives.

To her brother, William O. Cummings, who predeceased her, she willed $200, pointing out that the limited amount to him was due to unusual consideration she had been compelled to extend to his children. (This bequest will now go into the estate)

To nephews and nieces, children of Mr. Cummings, she willed her teachers' retirement fund to be paid in equal shares in annual installments to run over a period of five years.

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THESE beneficiaries included William O. Cummings Jr. of New York; Richard H. Cummings, Mrs. Vera Hudnell, Mrs. Ruth C. Mason of Chicago and Aaron Cummings.

To Miss Leslie B. Cummings (Harden) she willed $100 in cash and a gold bracelet to her godchild, Mrs. Elita Robinson.

To Harry Cummings Jr., nephew, "out of considerations for his kindness" she gave $500 in cash and an oil painting of Perry Hall, the family homestead, and a mahogany dining room table.

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MISS CUMMINGS bequeathed Mrs. Ethel Hodges, niece, $100 and a marble top mahogany side board, and Mrs. Hodges' daughter, Chalene, $50.

Mrs. Vera Hudnell and Mrs. Ruth Mason, nieces, were given household furniture, linens, china and silverware.

And with the exception of a set of encyclopedia which is to go to Mrs. Hodges, her library is to be divided among her nieces and nephews.

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OTHER bequests of $100 each went to a cousin, William A. Jones and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Cummings. (Miss Blanche Cummings, also predeceased her and this bequest will likewise go with the estate.)

Miss Cummings ordered that her property at 1234 Druid Hill Ave. be sold, the preference of purchase to Harry Cummings, if in order to satisfy these bequests.

She ordered that two pins given by her faculties of Schools No. 122 and 112, and a diamond ring given her by delegates of Frances Harper Temple be buried with her.

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THE WILL was drawn on July 15, 1944. In June, 1946, she added a codicil.

In the codicil, she gave Mrs. Theresa Waters $100 "for interest, devotion and kindness manifested towards me for and during the period of my life."

The codicil also gave Mrs. Hudnell the marble top mahogany side board and Charles Hodges, $100.

Mrs. Dixon leaves Catonsville home

At the insistence of her husband, her mother-in-law and an eviction order from the Baltimore sheriff's office, Mrs. Mildred Dixon vacated her Old Frederick Rd., home in Catonsville on Friday.

Mrs. Dixon gave up her flight to remain in the home after she was taken into court by her husband, businessman Howard Dixon and his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Dixon.

The Dixons are separated and have been in and out of court for the past three years.

As a result of the eviction order, Mrs. Dixon has taken residence in the Melvin Parks Apartments.

Rep. Diggs will open YMCA drive

Congressman Charles C. Diggs (D. Mich.) will be the featured speaker on Monday, Feb. 2, when the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA stages its kickoff meeting for the 1959 membership drive.

Geared around a Space Age theme, the drive has a goal of 2,343 members and $19,900 in cash.

This is the highest goal in the history of the branch but the volunteer workers connected with the effort have expressed confidence that because of the services given to the Community through the Y, the goal will be met.

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THE KICKOFF meeting will get underway at 6 p.m. at the YM with Charles Howard, attorney, serving as toastmaster. Also appearing on the program will be Buddy Young and John Henderson, executive secretary of the Y.

Mr. Diggs, the featured speaker, won a smashing victory in the November election to be returned to Congress by his Detroit constituents.

With Congressman Diggs officially getting the drive under way, plans have been made to keep it rolling at full steam until the closing date of Feb. 27.

REP. CHARLES C. DIGGS

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IN THE top position of the drive is Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., who has been given the title "commander," in keeping with the Space Age theme.

This is the third time Magistrate Koger has been general chairman, which is a record.

Ten "flight leaders" have been named and they will be working with "squadron captains" and "crews" in the effort to reach the goal.

In all, some 350 persons have been mobilized in the all-out effort to boost YMCA membership to a record high.

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DURING THE campaign, six report nights will be held.

Tentative speakers for these nights include Dr. Bernard Harris, Feb. 5; Marcus Griffith, Feb. 9; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Feb. 12; Dr. Parlett Moore, Feb. 19; Clarence Mitchell, Feb. 23.

The report night of Feb. 16 will be an "Old Timers Night" which will pay tribute to many of the men who have helped the Y in the past.

This event will be headed by John Berry and J. B. Callis.

The campaign will wind up on Feb. 27 with a victory dinner.

150 pupils in new 'home' after fire

It took less than two hours for 150 pupils at Lansville Elementary School 155 to find new quarters Wednesday morning, when their one-story frame school house burned down at Cold Spring Lane and the Alameda.

They were given temporary quarters at Guilford Elementary School 214 at York Rd., and Cold Spring Lane.

The blaze led from the school around 9:30 a.m. when a two-story fire broke out around a coal stove in a classroom.

Morning classes had not started at the time and most of the pupils had not arrived.

The fire in the four-room building, which was comprised of portable units and was scheduled for replacement, was discovered by a passing motorist.

The school principal, E. Bernard Blake and three teachers, Mrs. Ruby Reid, Mrs. Louise Lowery and Mrs. Julia Urquhart led the children to safety.

6th District Demo Club backs Bill Murphy for City Council

The United Democratic Club of Cherry Hill met at the Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church on Tuesday and endorsed William H. Murphy for city council; Thomas D'Alesandro for mayor; Leon Abramson for president of the city council and George Sellmayer for comptroller.

No other candidates for city council in the sixth district were endorsed.

Alexander Brown, president of the United Democratic Club, explained:

"We feel that the sixth councilmanic district voters should go all out in endorsing Mr. Murphy, who is our only candidate for city council. He is our friend, neighbor, friend, churchman, civic benefactor and lawyer who lives here in Cherry Hill.

"It includes only Mr. Murphy for city council because we feel voters must become selective and endorse those who will truly represent them.

"We know where Mr. Murphy stands. We do not feel other candidates running in the sixth district have the interest of our neighborhood in mind."

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MR. BROWN ADDED that other candidates for reelection to the city council in the March 3rd primary — disregarded the wishes of Cherry Hill residents and voted for rezoning of Seamon and Bedford Aves. from residential to commercial earlier this month.

He also pointed out that the present 6th District councilmen also 'came up short' on the Dixon equal rights bill in the council.

"Mr. McHale did not vote at all, Messrs Hodnett and Fallon voted against the measure.

"In the rezoning measure, Mr. McHale not only introduced it, but voted for it along with the other two councilmen. This they did in the face of our opposition to the rezoning."

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IN CALLING ON Sixth district voters to back the United Democratic Club's slate in the Primary, Mr. Brown added:

"This is a very state or affairs. It is up to us to get out the vote for William H. Murphy, Mr. D'Alesandro, Mr. Abramson and Mr. Sellmayer."

"The 6th District comprises 68 precincts which cover the 18th and 19th wards, precincts 1, 4 and 11; the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th wards, covering the areas of Hawkins Point, Fairfield, Mt. Winans, Cherry Hill, and the south Baltimore sections of Mount, Franklin Sts. and Fremont Ave.

"The candidates our organization has endorsed, we feel, have the best interests of the people of our areas at heart. Our slate includes both white and colored candidates."

Tawes asks record budget but no new taxes

The General Assembly has before it a record $447,569,484 budget submitted to it on Tuesday by Governor Tawes.

The budget represents a $26,476,602 increase over appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 but no new taxes were proposed.

Included in the budget is a $5,600,235 appropriation for operating expenses at Morgan State College. The principal part of this, $1,794,457 is earmarked for salaries and wages.

The appropriation is based on an estimated 2,185 students in the fiscal year of 1960 whose cost of education will run $1,196 per student.

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AN ADDITIONAL $949,000 has been earmarked for capital funds.

This includes $136,000 for campus development, $43,000 for stage lighting and stage appurtenances for auditorium, music arts building, $65,000 for construction of president's residence, and $105,000 for addition of a third floor to the Soper Library and air conditioning system.

Bowie State College is receiving $310,000 for a new laboratory school and $300,000 has been requested for a library building at Coppin State Teachers College.

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101,871 NOW REGISTERED TO VOTE IN BALTIMORE

Colored persons over 21 eligible to vote	144,216
Registered Jan. 1, 1956	73,373
Registered as on Nov. 4, 1958 General Election	100,211
Registered Nov. 20-29, 1958	219
Registered Dec. 1-6, 1958	127
Registered Dec. 8-13, 1958	109
Registered Dec. 15-20, 1958	108
Registered Dec. 29-Jan. 3, 1959	120
Registered Jan. 5-10, 1959	167
Registered Jan. 12-17, 1959	212
Registered Jan. 19-23, 1959	364
Total as of Jan. 23, 1959	101,871
Still unregistered	42,345

The number of colored Baltimoreans still unregistered to vote dropped to 42,345 as of Jan. 23, 1959 as 564 more persons registered Jan. 19-23, pushing the total colored registration to 101,871.

Who can register:

Any citizen not yet registered, has only until Jan. 31, 1959 to register if he desires to vote in the March 3 Primary Election.

In that election, registered Democrats and Republicans will select candidates for mayor, comptroller and city council who will oppose each other in the May 5 General Election.

Citizens who register as "declined" can not vote in the Primary, only in the May 5 General Election.

Any resident who has become 21 years of age. Any new resident of the state who has resided here a year, or will have been here a year by election time.

Where to register: At the Supervisors of Elections office, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., daily and at mobile registration centers in schools in the various communities from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The deadline for changing from one party to another or from "declined" to either of the parties was Sept. 3, or six months before the March 3 Primary.

Changes in party affiliation may not be made again until after the March 3 Primary. The date for the changes and the date when unregistered persons may qualify to vote in the May 5 Primary are March 14-23.

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Pier Fall Fatal

Reunited After 36 Years

AFRO STORY brought together these two brothers in Washington last week. They had not seen each other for 36 years nor known each other's whereabout for 28 years. Left, the Rev. Cecil E. Holland, associate pastor of Central Union Baptist Church. Right, James Holland, Chicago hotel worker. January 27th item in AFRO's 'Looking for Someone' feature was read by a relative in Boston who notified the Chicago brother. See story on Page 2.

103,382 are now registered to vote

New total sets an all-time high in Baltimore

Voter registration among Baltimore's colored citizens reached a new high Jan. 31 when 482 signed up, boosting the total to 103,382. All but the relatively few registered as "declined" may vote in the March 3 Primary.

The new total is 3,169 more than were qualified to vote in the Nov. 4 General Election. Of this latter figure, 1,516 registered — many at mobile registration points — during the seven-registration days Jan. 24-31.

There will be one more chance for unregistered voters to get their names on the rolls before the May 5 election of municipal officials.

This will be March 14-23. During this same period, any voter may change his party affiliation and if registered "declined," may affiliate with either of the two major parties.

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IN THE March 3 Primary registered Republicans and Democrats will select candidates to represent the respective parties in the May 5 General Election. "Declined" voters are unable to participate in this important selection.

Any of the 40,329 colored Democrats who are registered may do so March 14-23 at the Supervisors of Elections office, Fayette and Gay Sts. The other requirement is that the citizen will have lived here for a year by the date of the election.

Printed below is a table showing the sex and date of registration for the period Jan. 24-31, giving the total number registered and how they registered.

1959 Date	Men	Women	Colored	White	Col. Cal. GOP Dem.
1/24	332	39	293	14	25
1/26	481	169*	312	44	125
1/27	470	194*	296	38	165
1/28	714	183	551	46	117
1/29	943	197	746	32	165
1/30	964	272*	712	60	207
1/31	1,944	482*	1,462	82	201
Total	5,848	1,516*	4,452	311	1,192

*—2, 1, 5, 4 Decline voters.

Registered before the Nov. 4, 1958 General Election	100,211
Registered as of Feb. 1, 1959	103,382

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9 MORE READY

Worker slips and falls to his death

Attempt to rescue him with broom fails

Theodore R. Banks, 54, 2400 block N. Howard St., slipped from a ship's gangplank at the Key Highway Division of the Bethlehem Shipyards shortly before midnight Wednesday and was drowned, despite efforts of a fellow worker to save him.

The accident occurred on the gangplank of the S. S. Feltore, docked at Pier Seven.

Donald Knauer, of Pasadena, wore down the chain of a cable of the ship, and tried unsuccessfully to reach a broom to Mr. Banks.

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MR. KNAUER later told the AFRO:

"I didn't see him fall. I was on another ship, and heard a yell, "Man overboard!"

"A strong chain was hanging in the water. They brought it up and I went down on it.

"But, he was too far from me and drifted under the pier where it was dark.

"The man's body drifted under the pier, however.

"It was pitch dark.

Mr. Banks was pronounced dead on arrival at South Baltimore General Hospital by Dr. Hugo Rodriguez of its staff.

EMPLOYED by the company for 7 years, Mr. Banks was a laborer, a company spokesman told the AFRO on Thursday.

Charles Tally, 53, 300 block N. Pearl St., told police he was an eyewitness to the drowning.

Mr. Tally, a 17-year employee of the company, said Mr. Banks was walking up the gangplank carrying a broom and shovel, when he slipped and fell overboard.

Police report that the next of kin is Mrs. Nell Martin, stepdaughter of the deceased, who lives at the Howard St. address.

Ruling met fond hopes of parents

By MAKY STRATFORD and EDWARD PEEKS

WASHINGTON

"It is just what we had hoped for," said an Alexandria mother of three children in the wake of a court order issued by Federal District Judge Albert V. Bryan.

The speaker was Mrs. Edith Turner, whose children along with six others are set to transfer to new schools on Tuesday.

Neighbors of the Turner children are Patsy Ragland, 14; James, 13, and Sarah, 8.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ragland, 436 Lincolnia Rd. Mr. Ragland is a construction worker.

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PATSY, a well - poised 10th grader, like brother James, who is a grade behind her, will transfer from Parker Gray High School to Francis Hammond.

She likes art and does pottery, her mother said. "James also likes to work with his hands."

The children make ashtrays and other articles of the kind for the home and neighbors.

Patsy shows interest in science and English, Mrs. Ragland said. Both like to read.

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SARAH, a third - grader, will attend the Ramsay Elementary School with the Turner children.

"She is fond of books," Mrs. Ragland said. "She makes friends easily."

Jessie Mae Jones, 8, also a

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Back from the 'dead'

RESCUE SCENE — View of Carver High School swimming pool. Two students indicate spot (arrow) from which they pulled 17-year-old Rodney Rigby to safety after he was discovered in bottom of pool. Inset, Albert Johnson, top, who spotted body; and James Howard, bottom, who aided in rescue.

Rodney Rigby, 17-year-old Carver High senior, cut short students and teachers' efforts to save his life today.

Last Monday, Rigby was pronounced dead on arrival at Sinai Hospital after being pulled from the bottom of the school pool.

Today, he was revived by artificial respiration and the big lung machine, but the big lung was too much for the young man.

Rigby died at 11:30 a.m. today.

There were varying reports as to how long the youngster was unconscious on Friday morning. Last week, he gave two different accounts.

"When they got him out, he was gone. Nobody seemed to know how long he was gone. He was not breathing. It was a good while before he began breathing again. He was unconscious."

THE EYEWITNESS added that young Rigby was in a state of shock, his temperature was down to 84 degrees and it was "at least an hour before the doctors reached him."

Student found in pool now back in school; refuses to talk.

Rigby was wrapped in blankets and had to be carried up from the basement. Inside, he was given artificial respiration, and the big lung was used to force air into his lungs.

"They brought it was reached like mad when it was over.

At Carver High on Tuesday morning, the youngster escaped this narrow escape with death was reluctant to talk to the AFRO about his experience 10 days ago.

In fact, he disclaimed he had been unconscious or "dead" in the face of eyewitness accounts to the contrary.

In fact, he would make no statement and declined news men's request for a photo.

THE POOL incident, according to Rigby, occurred in the school.

He called this the first such incident at the school.

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Big Newk is acquitted

By STEVE WILBORN

NEWARK

An Essex County jury late Monday cleared Newk Johnson, combo of an atrocious assault and battery charge in less time than it would take the Cincinnati Redlegs to polish a no-hitter with a good combination of Cincinnati Reds.

Jurors — 10 men and two women — in the court of Common Pleas Judge Walter E. Cowhey, acquitted the former Baltimore Orioles pitcher and five others who were facing big charges of assault.

Also acquitted were his brother, Norman; indicted with Don

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on a charge of assaulting half-sing former East Orange policeman Ulysses (Slim) Ross, 37, and Walter W. Cowhey, 24, charged with assaulting the complaining witness with a pistol.

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MR. ROSS accused the Newcombo Brothers of roughing him up at Big Newk's tavern here on Friday, Dec. 26. Later, he contended Harold threatened his life with a snub nose .45-caliber revolver.

Each of the three New combo look the witness stand to deny the allegations.

Judge Walter Cowhey saw the maximum penalty for attempt at assault and battery is seven years or $2,000 fine, or both. The threatening rap carries the maximum penalty of 10 years

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Hounds called off; 'the case is closed'

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — "The alleged attack on a Spartanburg woman by a colored man is unfounded, the case is closed," immediate to complete.

With this terse, tight-lipped statement, County Police Capt. Jack Fowler put an end to the one-day wonder that had this peaceful, South Carolina town up in arms.

The excitement started when a 30-year-old blonde mother of two reported that a colored man had entered her home and attacked her late Friday night.

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SHE CALLED police and told them that she was alone with her 18-month-old daughter with her back to an unlocked front door. She said a man pushed open the door and placed his hands around her throat before she could turn around.

She thought it was her young brother playing a trick on her, she said, she noticed the color of the hands. (She did not explain how she could see the hands while being choked from behind.)

"If you scream, I'll kill you and the baby," she quoted the man as telling her. She described him as being about six feet tall and very deep.

"I have just called the county police (on another matter). They will be here in a few minutes," she said she told the man.

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HE FLUNG her against the couch where the baby was sleeping and left by a back door, she said. She showed in

investigating officers a lump on her head and bruises on her throat and arms from the struggle.

After he left, she continued

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Johnson won't comment on Carey's HU resignation

WASHINGTON

President Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard University will make no comment on the resignation of James B. Carey from the University's board of trustees.

A University spokesman said Wednesday that Dr. Johnson declined to comment on the letter of resignation inasmuch as the communication was not written directly to him.

Mr. Carey, president of the AFL-CIO International Union of Electrical Workers, publicly announced his resignation Sunday, accusing the University of "procrastinations and evasions" in the failure to reach a bargaining agreement with Local 1 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, AFL-CIO. Negotiations have been going on for two years.

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THE LETTER was addressed to Dr. Howard Stone Anderson, president of the University board of trustees, and copies sent to Dr. Johnson and members of the board.

The university spokesman said Dr. Johnson is expected to reply to the letter to Dr. Anderson "at such time as the executive committee of the board of trustees had acted on the resignation."

The full board will not meet again until April, but the executive committee is slated to meet in March.

Lent begins Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11, begins the 1,858th observance of the Lenten season in all Christian regions of the world.

Forty days before Easter — excluding Sundays — Ash Wednesday was added to the Lenten Season by Pope Gregory (590-604 A.D.).

It is also a holy day of Fast in Catholic and Episcopal churches which hold special services.

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"HE NEEDS A CHANCE"

1955 hero in prison; needs a helping hand

By MAX JOHNSON

Four years ago, he was a widely acclaimed hero — praised by local citizens, honored by a TV show.

Today, he is without honor in many of these same citizens' eyesight.

Four years ago, he risked his life to save that of a friend — and was badly injured himself in the process.

Today, he is serving a prison term for a robbery — for a crime that is traceable to the lasting physical handicap he received in his heroic act four years ago.

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AND TODAY, he is seeking some aid, some interested citizen, or citizens, who will offer him a chance to earn a livelihood and perhaps meet some other requirements, to make possible his release on probation.

This, briefly, is the story of Earl Hamlett, Jr., of a close kin 300 block N. East St. — sentenced by Judge Joseph Byrnes in Criminal Court last week to five years in the State Reformatory for the holdup robbery of a matron with a toy gun.

Hamlett is the youngster who, 3½ years ago (in April, 1955), pulled a young friend away from a radio aerial line with which he had accidentally struck a high voltage electric wire.

His right hand — and he is right - handed — was so severely burned, as a result, that it bent claw-like, and he lost two fingers.

The popular western TV show, on the air during that period, was awarding bicycles to youngsters of the type "good deeds of the week."

The show awarded Hamlett one for his life - saving effort on behalf of his friend, Robert Hampton, who lives, today, in the 900 block Bethune Rd., and was also hospitalized.

HAMLET was a ninth grade student at the Carver Hill Junior High School at the time.

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Didn't 'Cook' baby

PHILADELPHIA

The two youngsters accused in the "Cooked Baby" tragedy were reunited briefly with their parents, Tuesday morning, at a private Municipal Court hearing conducted by Judge Sydney Hoffman. The mother hugged the children, with tears in her eyes.

In attendance also were Det. Samuel Powell who investigated the case; and representatives from the Children's Reception Center, Nong of the Carter family, relatives of the dead infant was seen.

With the accused youngsters still being confined to the Children's Shelter, a further hearing will be held in three weeks.

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ON TUESDAY morning, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Twiggs, were in the anteroom of the court anxiously awaiting the first glimpse of their two sons, Gregory and Larry, who are undergoing psychiatric treatment.

The Twiggs children were taken to the Shelter on Jan. 23.

Mr. Twiggs said, "I'm still puzzled about what happened to the baby. There's still a lot of unanswered questions in my mind. But whoever killed that baby will talk one day. They won't be able to live with that their children could have committed the horrible crime.

They p