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# 'Rubber Hose' Operation Charged To Ex-Waitress

## Housewife loses $400 to con gang

A young housewife who fell victim to the con man's ancient but prize "Pigeon Drop," gimmick was cheated out of four, crisp $100 bills on Monday.

The 24 - year - old victim, Mrs. Anna Cheese, of the 1100 block N. Kenwood Ave., reported to Central District Police that she lost the money to a man and a woman at Paca and Fayette Sts.

**She reported that after the man had approached her and asked where he could find "a good lawyer", the woman came along and told them she had just found $25,000 and "didn't know what to do with it."**

At the suggestion of the man the woman agreed to share the loot, providing the intended victim could "show good faith."

The victim reported to police that she returned to a nearby bank where she had already been to make a deposit, and withdrew $400.

She told police she turned the cash over to the unidentified woman who walked around the corner to "get change," and hasn't been seen since.

## Charge filed in 1958 death

Alexander Coleman, 28, of the first block S. Schroeder St. was arraigned in Central Police Court Tuesday in connection with a Dec. 31st slaying.

Mr. Coleman was charged with assaulting and shooting James Hawkins, and was ordered held without bail pending a further hearing.

Police said he was arrested on Monday in the 1500 block Druid Hill Ave., by Detective Sergeant James Butler and Detectives James Watkins and Lloyd Johnson.

**PALM SUNDAY** strollers caught by the AFRO photographer included these two students. Left, Miss Gwendolyn Lomax, Morgan student of 2331 Lanvale St., and right, Miss Carolyn Nelson, Douglass High student of 1454 Mountmor Ct.

## No action in Hepbron complaint

ANNAPOLIS — Just what action, if any, Gov. J. Millard Tawes plans on the formal complaint against Baltimore's Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron, made Wednesday by the Baltimore delegation of House of Delegates members, had not been revealed at AFRO presstime.

The complaint lists four charges which the delegation said came to light during their recent inquiry and constitute malfeasance in office.

These charges were given as:

**1. The condoning by the Commissioner of the illegal tapping on a much wider scale than outlined in the specifications.**

2. The improper associations by the Commissioner with persons having prison records. Those specifically named were Benny Trotta, Frankie Carbo, Carroll "Capps" Coldstein.

3. The improper use of high ranking Baltimore police officers outside the jurisdiction of the city for the purpose of reprimanding a boy who had insulted a friend of the Commissioner.

4. The bringing by the Commissioner of Unauthorized persons not connected with the Police Department into the wire tap room of Police Headquarters, a highly secret and sensitive operation.

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**FOLLOWING THESE** accusations, the complaint contained this notification:

**"Names and addresses of witnesses from whom the above testimony was elicited will be made available to Your Excellency upon request, together with the names of certain other persons who would appear only in response to a subpoena.**

"The Baltimore City Delegation respectfully requests Your Excellency to inquire into and examine this complaint, to obtain testimony thereon, and to take action as in your judgment is warranted by such inquiry and examination."

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**THE CITY** Delegation held a public hearing here on March 13 and 14 on a series of charges filed against Commissioner Hepbron by Jerome Robinson, Baltimore's Fourth District House of Delegates member.

Commissioner Hepbron and William D. Macmillan, his attorney, walked out of the hearing before it got started.

The Commissioner, who said all along that he welcomed the inquiry, had appeared voluntarily.

**The walk - out came when Marvin Mandel, Fifth District, City Delegation chairman, reiterated a previously stated ruling that Commissioner Hepbron could call no witnesses in his defense, nor cross - examine those produced by the Delegation.**

The witnesses called included two telephone company executives, a police chauffeur, former Chief Inspector Fred Ford, now retired, and Edgar Kirby, a former sergeant in the Police Department's Rackets Division, who was recently fired by Commissioner Hepbron.

**LADIES FIRST,** usually, but Dr. Inabel Lindsay (left) and Mrs. Bernice McIntosh, both professors at Howard University School of Social Work, told Magistrate Samuel Gaboff at Southern Police Court Monday that taxi driver Sam Glass refused to pick them up at Camden Station March 4, only to pick up a blond passenger who approached after they did. The Washingtonians testified the driver also offered them a dime to report him. He was found guilty but escaped with a fine of $5 and costs because of what Magistrate Gaboff called his "clear police court record."

## $1,000 bail for illegal operation suspect

Mrs. Jean R. Barnes, 21, 1200 block McElderry Ct., Somerset Homes, a former waitress, was released in $1,000 bail on an illegal operations charge in Pine Street Police Court Tuesday.

Police Sgt. Ethyle T. Diven, testified that Mrs. Barnes signed a written statement admitting that she received $30 for performing an abortion on a 25-year-old E. Federal St. housewife.

**Magistrate at - large Milton Talkin was given the written copy of the statement which said the operation was performed with a rubber hose.**

Sgt. Divenalso told the court: "On Feb. 28 we visited Johns Hopkins Hospital, and talked with the housewife who was confined there.

"Upon the information she gave us, we arrested Mrs. Barnes who gave the statement admitting she did perform the operation."

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**MRS. BARNES** testified: "About the middle of January, the housewife came to me and asked if I knew anyone who could perform the operation.

"I got the tube at the drug store. It is the only one I ever performed."

**The housewife testified: "She told me she could do it. She came to my house and I gave her $15, a part of the money.**

She told me nothing would happen to make me sick. "It was a month before I felt anything."

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**THEN, THE** housewife added that when she became ill—"I went to the hospital. The doctor asked 'What happened? You're poisoned.'"

"Tell us who did it or we won't work on you. The doctor also said I had to tell the truth or they wouldn't help me."

**Asked by W. Emerson Brown, Mrs. Barnes's attorney, why she, a married woman, requested the operation, the housewife replied:**

"We have a son. My husband who works at the Point (Sparrows Point) owes $200 for income tax. We didn't have any money for another child, I thought."

## Sunrise services

Sunrise services will be held in the Timonium Drive - In Easter morning.

The religious ceremonies commemorating the ascension of Christ are scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. It is estimated that over 800 persons of all faiths will participate in the services.

In - car heaters and loudspeakers will be provided.

## Special recreation planned at centers on Easter Monday

"We aren't expecting any trouble at all this year. For the past two years, the situation has been pretty well in hand.

"All the centers are going to be available this Easter Monday."

**Speaking was Harold S. Catlewhill, superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation.**

Mr. Callowhill added:

"We have sponsored special programs which the district supervisors and recreation center leaders will conduct."

Two years ago, the Department initiated special recreation programs in public parks and recreation centers after rear riots in Druid Hill Park by children off on Easter holiday with no place to go and nothing to do.

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**MR. CALLOWHILL** said that this year, "we are going to try as much as possible to keep the kids from roaming around the streets.

"I have left the different types of activities to the individual supervisor, and they are going to plan what they think the children in their district will like."

District supervisors told of the following Easter Monday plans:

C. C. Jackson, supervisor, of Northwestern district:

**"We have a full schedule for Easter Monday. We have planned softball games, track meets, egg hunts and many other activities."**

Clements, Nixon, Eastern district: "We have planned track meets and softball games."

**MR. NIXON ADDED:**

"Among other things, we are anticipating a windy day for our kite derby.

"We have planned a two hour period of recreational swimming at Chick Webb Center and we're taking 200 kids from the Somerset Homes to the circus at the armory."

**Harold Jennifer, district supervisor, South Baltimore area plans dances, and egg hunts for the youngsters.**

"We also have planned a skating party, and we're going to treat the Fairfield Homes children to a double feature movie.

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**POLICE REPORT** that there will be ample protection in all of the areas on Easter Monday.

Park police and the K - 9 Corps will provide much of the protection with the addition of policemen from all areas.

## Child dies of lead poison

A year and a half old boy, Denis Lee Green, Jr., 1200 Argyle Ave. died in University Hospital Thursday evening as a result of what physicians determined to be lead poisoning.

Mrs. Martha Green, 21, the boy's mother told Sgt. William Dickerson, that she had noticed her son vomiting frequently on Wednesday afternoon and had taken him to the hospital.

Mrs. Green said she and her husband, Dennis, Sr., and a 3 year - old son, Samuel, had moved to the Argyle Ave. apartment on March 17. The apartment, Sgt. Dickerson was told, had been freshly painted on March 13.

## Child, 4, is accident victim

David Carter, 4, 1290 E. Lafayette Ave., was pronounced dead at 4:45 p.m. Thursday at St. Josephs Hospital. He died of extensive head injuries, physicians say, received when he was struck by a car in the middle of the block on Hope St. between Lafayette Ave. and Lanvale St. at about 4 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Birt, 38, 1200 block Nolan Ct., has been charged with manslaughter and reckless driving in connection with the accident.

## Dixon told 'cut apron strings'

A 35 - year - old night club manager was told in Domestic Relations Court Tuesday that he cannot hide behind his mother's apron - strings when his wife asks for additional alimony and support money for herself and two children.

**Thomas MacCarthy, master in chancery, Domestic Relations Court, so advised Howard D. Dixon, Comedy Club and Hotel Manager, Tuesday.**

In addition, Mr. MacCarthy told Mr. Dixon to bring into court his 1958 income tax statements and additional data showing his business connections separate from those belonging to his mother.

**MR. MacCARTHY** postponed until April 9 further hearing in the case stating: "The facts have to be determined by what Mr. Dixon earns at this time.

**"He can't hide behind his mother's apron strings in this case of support.**

**"He's got to show what he gets from his mother. We'll have to have his income separate from her and we'll have to have what is his separate from hers.**

"Maybe we'll have to have his mother to come in here to testify."

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**MR. DIXON** appeared in court on the petition of his wife, Mrs. Mildred Holley Dixon, 343 Saxer Rd. who was represented by Milton Allen.

**The petition asked the court to grant $75.00 weekly alimony and support, a sum which represents an increase of $32.50.**

Mrs. Dixon stated that she receives $40 weekly, an amount which Judge Reuben S. Oppenheimer awarded in 1957 when he denied Mr. Dixon a divorce.

At that time Mrs. Dixon and the children resided in the Dixon family home on Old Frederick Rd. rent free.

**HOWEVER,** Mrs. Dixon testified that she and the children were evicted from the Dixon home in January and she was forced to find other quarters where she pays rent and utilities.

She said: "I need additional money now that I have to pay rent.

"I had to borrow money to move the furniture off the lawn after we were set out.

"Neighbors gave us money and I got money from my sister and my lawyer. I have to pay them back and maintain my home."

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**REPRESENTED BY** Samuel S. Hill, attorney, Mr. Dixon stated: "I just can't pay. It's my mother's business, it was my mother's house."

Prior to Mr. Dixon's statements, Mr. MacCarthy summarized the case which he remarked "is indeed an involved one."

**He said: "As I see it, Mrs. Dixon was allowed to live in the home until Mr. Dixon and his mother decided they needed the house.**

"It is Mrs. Dixon's contention that if she had the house to live in she would not be here in court asking for more money.

"In other words, $40 a week plus house would be enough for her and the two children to live on.

"Mr. Dixon is asking for the authority to eliminate the house and to pay less money too.

"Now the house is out. he wishes to pay less money."

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**HIGHLIGHTING THE** brief case was a request from Mr. Dixon's attorney to continue the case until after the first week in May.

**Mr. Hill said: "Mr. Dixon is a candidate for the City Council.**

**"I suppose we have the case after election."**

Mr. MacCarthy's reply was: "No! I don't want this case to go too long.

"His income tax is due for filing. He's got to get it in pretty soon.

"He has to justify what he does do and what he has coming in.

"He shall come in with his current income, get the man who audits his enterprizes to come in, get everything up to date and show what he has separate and apart from what is his mother's."

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**PRESENT IN** the courtroom were representatives from the Baltimore Federal Bank, Eddie Jacobs Clothing Co. the Hecht Co., Charge-it of Baltimore, the Union Trust Co., Fidelity Baltimore National Bank, and the Board of Liquor Licenses.

**Also present was a clerk of the Circuit Court who had records of Mr. Dixon's expenses in the 1958 Primary and General Elections and the 1959 Primary election.**

**Testifying for the Board of Liquor Licenses** was Donald Roon, auditor, who told the court that the general expense for the Comedy Club is Mrs. Evelyn Dixon.

He stated that the license was in the name of Howard and Evelyn Dixon prior to May 1, 1958.

**TESTIFYING FOR** the Union Trust Bank was George Anderson, auditor, who disclosed the Comedy Club Hotel bank account bears a signature card in the name of Howard Dixon.

Mr. Anderson said the balance of March 20 is $113.44 with a March 19 deposit of $54.25 and a March 12 deposit of $160.25.

Eight deposits were made in March and five in February, he testified.

**Records of other witnesses were held over for the April 6 hearing.**

Tuesday's hearing was also marked with the question of "sexual statements made in Judge Oppenheimer's 1957 opinion involving Mrs. Dixon and the Dixon family living in the Catonsville home rent-free.

The Dixons have been married 15 years. In 1957 Judge Oppenheimer denied Mr. Dixon a divorce and stated that he found the husband had deserted his wife and children.

## H.U. professors' complaint costs cabbie fine of $5 plus

"Why did you tell these ladies you would give them a dime?"

"If I did, I don't recall."

"Why would you ask them if they wanted your badge number?"

**It was taxi driver Sam Glass, 3700 block Park Heights Ave., who couldn't "recall" enough to answer Magistrate Samuel Gaboff's questions in Southern Police Court Monday.**

With a warning, Magistrate Gaboff fined the driver $5 and costs after finding him guilty.

Standing sedately before the magistrate as complainants witnesses were Dr. Inabel Lindsay and Mrs. Bernice McIntosh.

Both ladies are professors at the Howard University School of Social Work. A letter of commitment from Dr. Lindsay caused the driver to be summoned into court.

**DR. LINDSAY SAID** the incident occurred on March 4, when she and Mrs. McIntosh arrived in Baltimore from Washington at the Camden Station.

**"My colleague and I came over from Washington as guests of the Council of Social Agencies for luncheon.**

"When we came out at Camden, taxis were scarce. We waited our turn.

**"SEVEN OR** ten minutes later, we were still waiting. Only two men this Sun cab driver pulled up.

**"A gentleman was behind us, and when we went toward the taxi, he (the driver) said he had a job and deliberately jumped out of his cab and grabbed the basis of the gentleman behind us.**

"As I looked up to see his cab number, he said 'It's 503 and do you want my badge number? I'll even give you a dime to call too?'"

"He said that to you?" asked the magistrate.

"He said that to me," Dr. Lindsay answered.

"Is this the driver?"

"Yes, this is the driver." Mrs. McIntosh confirmed Dr. Lindsay's account.

**THE DEFENDANT** contended that "anything I said was to the man in the cab. They couldn't hear me."

**"Well, I believe these ladies. If you feel you can't take them, you owe them some consideration," Magistrate Gaboff said.**

"You had to aggravate it by telling them you would give them a dime or your badge number.

"In view of your clear police court record, I am going to find you guilty and fine you $5 and costs."

The magistrate warned the cab driver that "if there are any more instances where you refuse to transport good passengers, my fine will be more."

**Albert Rosenberg accompanied Dr. Lindsay and Mrs. McIntosh to court.**

Dr. Lindsay wore a toast dress with burnished orange jewelry and a brown straw cloche. Mrs. McIntosh wore a beige coat, beige boucle knit suit and a metallic trimmed knit cloche.

## Blood donors needed by two

An open heart operation for Alphonse Williams, 1119 Orchard St., a post office mechanic, had to be postponed on March 11 because he could not get a sufficient number of O-Positive blood donors.

**His wife, Mrs. Athena Williams, says the problem is that her husband needs 20 pints of blood, all on the day the operation is to be performed. She said at one time she had a total of 12 prospective donors but could never get all 20 together.**

She says her husband has been in and out of University Hospital since the latter part of December. During the time he is at home with his wife and four children he worries about being able to get the operation out of the way so he may soon return to work, Mrs. Williams says.

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**MRS. WILLIAMS** says any prospective donor must have to go to the blood bank at University and have a check to make sure that they have the right type of blood before the day of the operation.

**The blood bank is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 noon until 4 p.m.**

Another AFRO reader, Cary Morgan, 1617 McCulloh St., has appealed for blood donors to go to Hopkins Hospital to offer blood for his sister, Mrs. Eva Robinson, who needs to have a stomach operation.

## Share Easter cheer with cancer victim

Merle Smith, age 12, is confined to Harriett Lane, No. 3, East, Johns Hopkins Hospital, with incurable cancer of the lymph system.

Easter looks bleak for him. At the season of the year when most youngsters look forward to Easter bunnies and bright colored eggs, Merle is without hope or even life itself.

Hopkins physicians have given him a limited number of days to live. He has been sitting with the dread disease for two years.

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'I STILL WANT TO DIE' SAYS MAN WHO FELL 115 FEET


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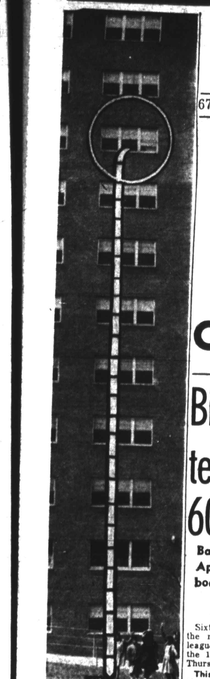
# 'Such A Shock'

## Charge Airman, 18, Killed Sister, 16, Accidentally



**A 115-FOOT FALL from this ninth floor apartment at 125 Colvin St., left Howard E. Phillips with broken legs, hips, pelvis and rib injuries Tuesday morning. Dotted line shows course man took when he went out head first through his living room window.**

## 'I still want to die'

"I still want to die."

Thus spoke Howard E. Phillips from his bed at Mercy Hospital Wednesday morning while efforts were being made to save his life.

**Just 30 hours earlier, the 28-year-old father of seven had plunged head first through a ninth - floor window in his apartment at 125 Colvin St.**

As the injured man struggled to speak from beneath a plastic oxygen tent, his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips looked on in disbelief.

Minutes earlier, Mrs. Phillips who is expecting her eighth child in May, had attributed her husband's desire to take his own life to an "outside interest."

They are the parents of four girls and three boys ranging in age from 1 to 10.

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**WHEN MR. PHILLIPS** regained consciousness for the first time around noon Wednesday, hospital employees expressed amazement over the fact that he had survived a 115-foot fall.

His chances for recovery have been described as "fair."

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**CENTRAL** District Police reported that when they found the injured man lying on a grass plot early Tuesday morning he was able to talk although he had suffered fractures of both legs, pelvis and ribs.

**Mr. Phillips, who is employed by a moving firm, was found lying beneath the window of his Lafayette Court apartment, 20 feet north of Fayette St., around 12:50 a.m.**

Had he fallen four feet further out from the ten - story building, his body would have landed on a concrete walk. Police surmised that Mr.

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## Big League teams have 60 on roll

**Baseball season opens April 9 with 16 clubs boasting colored stars**

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Sixty colored players are on the roster: of the 16 major league teams preparing to open the 1959 baseball season next Thursday and Friday.

**This marks the first time in history that all 16 clubs in the two leagues could be included in such a survey as this.**

The Boston Red Sox, at last report, were ready to abandon their role as the lone holdout against tan athletes.

Indications are that, despite any later developments, the Boston will carry shortstop Pumpsie Green with them into their Fenway Park home lot.

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**OF THE 60 tan athletes on the rosters, 30 are outfielders, 14 are catchers, 10 are infielders, three are pitchers.**

**Nine are guilty of gross misjudgment, three clubs — Milwaukee, San Francisco and Cincinnati — each will go to the post with the names of seven colored athletes adorning their opening day programs.**

**St. Louis, in all probability, will have six.**

Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Detroit and Pittsburg expected to field four each.

There will be three in Cleveland, two in Kansas City, two on each of the Chicago clubs—White Sox and Cubs — and two in Washington, New York and Milwaukee, the rundown with one apiece.

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**WHILE MILWAUKEE** and Cincinnati may cut down their tan contingent later, San Francisco seems quite likely to have use for all seven of her chattels.

**Four of them, for example, are in the Giants' starting lineup. Three of the seven tan Braves are regulars, and two of Cincy's seven Red occupy similar roles.**

With the exception of San Francisco, most of the clubs

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## Bailey Conaway, caterer, dies

Bailey Conaway, 79, 2457 McCulloh St., veteran caterer who once served royalty, died Thursday at Johns Hopkins Hospital of a heart ailment.

**Mr. Conaway, who had been ailing five weeks, was in a coma when he entered on Tuesday. He never regained consciousness.**

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at Sharp St. Methodist Church, where he had been a member over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Conaway; a son, Bailey Conaway Jr., four daughters Mrs. Madeline Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Esther Johnson and Miss Gwendolyn Conaway;

A brother, Dennis DeShields, Nanticoke, Md.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

## Boy tries suicide to join his grandmother 'in heaven'

A seven-year-old boy who said he wanted to join his "grandmother in heaven" tried but failed to take his own life Wednesday afternoon.

The youth, of the 3100 block Belmont Ave., was saved from almost certain death by his grandfather who found him hanging from a clothes line with a rope around his neck.

With the assistance of a neighbor, the grandfather, cut the unconscious youth down and another neighbor rushed him to Lutheran Hospital.

There the boy was treated for a neck injury and released.

The children who witnessed the incident reportedly told their parents that the boy stood on a pile of bricks, threw the rope across a clothes line and waved good by.

The mother of the child explained that all six of her children were "very fond" of their grandmother, who died last February on Friday the 13th.

## Nab police chief in 8G shortage

LAWNSIDE, N.J. — Three Lawnside officials including the chief of police were indicted Thursday by the Camden County grand jury in connection with embezzlement of $8,782 reported missing from the Municipal Court.

Chief Charles H. Brewster, 66, who has been on the force since 1935 was arrested at his Douglass Ave. home by County Det. Philip Large.

Det. Large had been assigned to the case several months ago when the matter was referred to the county prosecutor's office.

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**THE OTHER** two indicted are Police Sgt. Elmer B. Gibson, 41, of Halsey Ave. and Lowry B. Henderson, 37, of the 100 block Charleston Ave., police court clerk.

Sgt. Gibson was picked up by Lt. Russell E. Mauer and Sgt. Harry Devore in Oaklyn where he is employed parttime as an auto mechanic.

Henderson was arrested at the RCA plant in Camden where he is employed as a storekeeper. This arrest was made by Det. Christian Miller and Charles O'Keefe, a special investigator.

**The monetary shortage was uncovered by a state audit. Councilwoman Elizabeth Lenora Lee is credited with setting off the investigation, while serving as Director of Public Safety.**

She had repeatedly complained of Police Chief Brewster serving in the dual capacity of chief and court violations clerk. Mrs. Landrau had publicly called on him to resign, contending that he was both "incapable and incompetent."

She said books of the police bureau had been withheld from her and that there was general mismanagement of the department.

Mrs. Landrau resigned as director of public safety when the conditions of which she complained were not corrected.

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**COUNTY PROSECUTOR** Norman Heine, in announcing the indictments said that the state audit covered the period, 1 July 1956 to October, 1958. He said the funds consisted of fines and bail bonds.

The auditor's report is alleged to reveal $1,162 of the missing funds as not reported in the borough's cash book.

The balance of the money, the report said, appears to have been entered in the books, but not deposited in the borough's bank account.

**Chief Brewster was interviewed by the AFRO reporter**

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## Solons pass court bill as Tawes cracks whip

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS—With Gov. J. Milard Tawes cracking the whip and standing by as a gallery spectator, the county members of the House of Delegates pushed through a final passage here late Thursday night of the Municipal Court Reform Bill for Baltimore City —despite strong opposing pleas of a majority of the Baltimore delegation.

**This legislation — Senate Bill No. 286 — would replace Baltimore's traffic and police court magistrate system with 11 full-time judges.**

This is the legislation Gov. Tawes had passed the word down to both Houses that he considered a "must" bill.

The judges would first be appointed by Gov. Tawes, and later run in a city-wide election to retain their posts.

House passage of the measure came at 11:34 p.m. by a 89 to 20 vote, after long hours of spirited pro and con arguments and a series of rejected amendments that began in the early afternoon.

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**THROUGHOUT** the arguments against the bill, city Delegation members continually reminded the county delegates that their interference in a matter so vital to Baltimore City alone was against the standard courtesy traditional in the General Assembly.

**After final passage of the bill, a large majority of the Baltimore delegation left the unfinished session.**

Several of them indicated in the outside corridor that the county members could expect retaliatory interference in sessions yet to come.

The sequence of events leading up to passage of the Municipal Court Reform Bill came in this manner..

The Senate passed the bill Friday over the protests of

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## General Assembly set to end 90-day session Saturday

ANNAPOLIS — Today (Friday) and Saturday are expected to be the last days of this current 90-day General Assembly session.

**The official final day is on Monday.**

Floor leaders in the Senate and House of Delegates have indicated that they can wind up matters with 2 p.m. afternoon sessions on these two days, and an 8 p.m. session today and possibly Saturday.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Assembly is a 30-day session next January.

## Parents in church; 7 die in fire

Couple returns home from Easter service to find tragedy

RICHMOND

Seven children were burned to death early Sunday morning while their parents were attending an Easter sunrise service at a church about a mile away.

The children's St. Bernard dog tried frantically to get into the burning building to arouse the children when fire broke out at 5:30 a.m.

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**THE FIRE** was discovered by a passerby, Lynn Powers of Dundas, Va. at about 5:40 a.m. Powers said he noticed smoke pouring from the small frame cottage and then saw the dog running around the building trying to get in.

Powers said as he tried to kick in the back door there was an explosion and he was knocked off the porch. He was badly burned.

**The victims, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years, were children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis. The parents had left the house about 7 a.m. to attend the service at church.**

**Mr. Lewis returned shortly after Powers arrived but was also driven back by the flames. The roof caved in minutes later.**

The children, four boys and three girls, are: Arlene, ten months; James 2; Michael, 3; Marilyn 7; Margie 8; Darsen, 9; and Edward Jr. 11 years old.

The bodies were removed at 8 a.m. Four of the children were found on a large bed in one room; two others on a bed in an adjoining room, and the baby on a cot in the front room.

Brunswick County Sheriff W. E. Hill said that the fire apparently was caused by an overheated parlor oil heater.

## Dodgers option their bonus baby

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The Los Angeles Dodgers have optioned tan bonus baby Earl Robinson to their St. Paul farm club of the American Association.

With him went instructions to officials at St. Paul to use the ex' - University of California third baseman as an outfielder.

MISS BARBARA SAUNDERS
Douglass student dies of gunshot wound of head

## New look at Provident Hosp.

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

(Ed. Note —The task of running a hospital is a complicated one involving a multitude of things ranging all the way from the introduction of a new wonder drug to housekeeping problems.

(To help the public better understand what it requires to operate a hospital, the AFRO has visited Provident Hospital, one of the city's most important institutions.

(This first article deals with the medical side of the hospital's activities, specifically the training program for physicians. A subsequent article will treat the administrative side of the hospital.)

If a hospital is to fill its assigned role in the community it must not only treat the sick that bedevil mankind but it must also train physicians to be even better physicians.

**Medical science is an ever changing thing with new drugs replacing the old and modern techniques of today making the practices of yesterday as obsolete as a horse and buggy.**

A physician continues to learn even after he leaves medical school and with each new lesson he becomes more and more the master over disease.

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**FIVE YEARS** ago with this idea in mind Provident Hospital set up a new training program for its physicians that has developed and matured to such an extent that it has become one of the outstanding projects at the hospital.

**Heading the new program at its inception and still at the controls is Dr. Effie O. Ellis, whose official title is coordinator of medical education.**

Simplified, and actually her job is very far from being simple, Dr. Ellis is responsible for arranging schedules and conferences, and assisting the medical services of the hospital in promoting broader training opportunities.

In addition to this, Dr. Ellis who was the first full-time physician at the hospital, is also a full-time attending pediatrician at Provident.

The dual responsibility is a heavy one, but Dr. Ellis dispatches her duties with a zeal

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## 'If only she had told me he had gun'

"I just don't know what to say. It was so much of a shock to me.

"She was so close to me, such a good child I don't know what I'm going to do without her. It is such a shock.

**"If only she had told me he had a gun, it never would have happened. I would have taken it away from him."**

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**THE EFFECTS** of a startling tragedy were written on the face of Charles Saunders as he spoke these words on Wednesday night at his home in the 3100 block Windsor Ave.

It was a double tragedy that left its mark on Mr. Saunders. First, his daughter was fatally shot at her home. Secondly, police arrested his son and charged him in the death.

**The victim of the shooting was attractive Barbara Saunders, Douglass High student.**

Police began a search for the 18-year-old youth who was reported missing from his home. The official version of the shooting of the girl, given by Coroner Ernest Gruber, was that the death of the high school senior was attributed to a gunshot wound in the head.

**The shooting was described as an accident and police said they took the girls brother into custody at the hospital. He is being held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney.**

**DESCRIBING THE** shooting while Barbara was in the kitchen of his home, the child Mr. Saunders said:

"I had just come into the cellar from my back yard.

"My wife (Mrs. Julia Saunders) called to me in the living room reading the paper and the kids were in the kitchen.

"All of a sudden I heard this 'pop' and my son screamed.

"I ran upstairs and saw him holding her in his arms. She was bleeding from her ears.

"I was so shocked that I didn't know what to do.

"Randy picked her up in his arms and we rushed her to the hospital, but it was too late.

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**"THEY EXAMINED** her at the hospital anyway, but I believe she died instantly.

"She never made a sound or groan on the way to the hospital, and Randy kept holding her in his arms."

**Mr. Saunders said he didn't know that his son obtained the pistol, but said he had brought it home when he came home from school.**

"I don't know exactly what really did happen, but I'd bet Johnny didn't know it never would have happened."

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**THE DISMAYED** father continued.

"From my son's story, he was showing the pistol to Barbara and it just went off.

"They were in the kitchen talking about what they were going to wear to a party.

"Randy said he still can't explain how the gun went off because the safety catch was still on.

"Barbara knew he had the gun. It only she had told me like she tells me everything else."

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**MRS. SAUNDERS** was in a state of near shock as a re-

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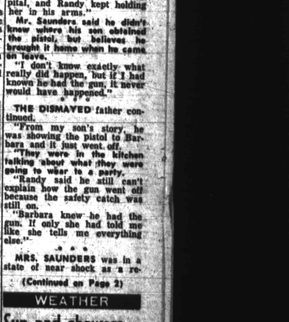
WEATHER

## Sun and showers bring May flowers

Typical April weather with alternate sunshine and showers (so we may have May flowers) is forecast for the weekend, Friday, fair, sunny, windy, continued with temperatures in the low 60's. Saturday, fair, warmer in the high 60's. Sunday, sunshine and showers. Monday, showers.



A MAN-OF SCIENCE is Dr. H. Len Tseng, full-time pathologist at Provident. A graduate of Yale Medical School in China, Dr. Tseng has an impressive background and has been certified by the American Board of Pathology.