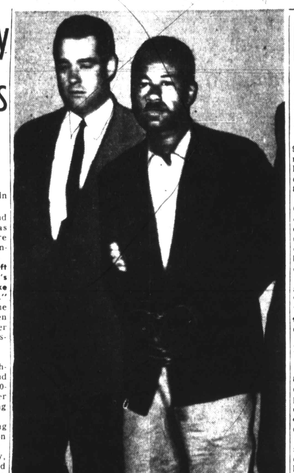
'Dawn Strangler' Suspect Called 'Gentleman'

One family had him as babysitter



"Nate was a gentleman in my home.

"He never talked much and you never knew what he was thinking. But while living here he was the kindest most considerate man you ever saw.

"What he did when he left here I do not know. But it's hard to believe that a man like Nate "would do those things."

Thus spoke Willie Tate of the 1000 block Aisquith St., when he asked about his former roomer, Nathaniel (Nate) Lipscomb.

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MR. TATE and his neighbors expressed surprise and concern Wednesday for the 30-year-old construction worker who is accused of strangling three women to death.

Lipscomb had been rooming at the Tate home off and on since last December.

In Homicide Court Tuesday, Lipscomb was arraigned and ord-red held without bail for a further hearing.

Lipscomb did not testify. A not guilty plea was made for him by Magistrate Standley L. Richardson.

The ex-dish washer and former saw mill worker is accused of killing Miss Mae Hall, 37, of the 1200 block E. Chase St., on Dec. 9; Mrs. Lottie Kight, 60, 900 block E. Preston St., on Dec. 14, and Mrs. Pearl Wees, 39, of the 1300 block Aisquith St., on April 9.

The three women were found strangled to death in areas-ways near their homes. All had been assaulted.

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FROM HIS friends, the AFRO learned that Lipscomb was secretive about his movements. This much is also known.

Lipscomb who came to Baltimore five years ago from Gaffney, S.C., had been living off and on with friends.

On his first job as a dish-washer in a Broadway restaurant, Lipscomb was paid $15 a week and was permitted to eat his meals free.

In the Tate home, where he slept on a couch in the living room, Lipscomb was taken in as a tenant because he and the family had been friends in South Carolina.

Friends have also described Lipscomb as a "Lone Wolf" who would spend his last 30 cents to attend a movie.

The defendant had few clothing and those he did have were not suitable enough to wear to church.

During World War II Lipscomb was turned down by the Army because of bad feet. He has only two known relatives, his mother who is ill in South Carolina, and a brother in New York whom he has not seen in 20 years.

One woman told the AFRO that Lipscomb was so kind and considerate, that she frequently would ask him to baby sit with her two children.

In an effort to learn more about the accused man, both the FBI and South Carolina authorities have been asked to run a check on Lipscomb.

The body of the first victim in the case, Miss Hall's, was discovered at the rear of a house in the 1300 block E. Eager St.

Five days later, Mrs. Kight, an elderly blonde practical nurse was found murdered in an alley two doors away from her home.

The third victim, Mrs. Wees was strangled to death in an areaway in the 1400 block Harford Ave.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Susie Hall, mother of Miss Mae Hall told the AFRO that she had seen Lipscomb at her daughter's funeral last December.

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THE MURDER of the three women and the reported attacks on others gripped E. Baltimore with fear for more than 18 weeks.

As a result of the pre-dawn slayings, the killer was dubbed "The Dawn Strangler."

Lipscomb was arrested at 4:30 a.m. last Saturday at Eager St., and Central Ave., after two officers heard a woman scream.

Detectives George Olesh and Robert Goe reported that when they went to investigate the noise, they saw Lipscomb running down an alley.

Following his arrest, police said they found four pairs of women's undergarments in the suspect's pockets.

At his arraignment before Chief Magistrate Standley L. Richardson, three statements allegedly signed by Lipscomb was introduced as evidence.

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PEACEFULLY, Nathaniel Lipscomb, a suspect in the recent wave of female strangulation deaths in East Baltimore, heads for lockup with Detective Robert W. Goe, one of the arresting officers.

WITH the arrest last week of a man who is believed to be the "Dawn Strangler," Detective Patrolmen Robert Goe, left, and George Olesh right brought to an end 18 weeks of terror in E. Baltimore. The suspect, Nathaniel Lipscomb is alleged to have signed statements in connection with three murders.

Realty firm plans appeal

An immediate appeal of the 90-day suspension of the Manning-Shaw Realty company's license was promised Thursday afternoon by the firm's attorney, J. Calvin Carney.

The Maryland Real Estate Commission suspended the license of the company's owners, Warren S. Shaw and Manuel Bernstein, on Tuesday in connection with two "block-busting" cases. Five other cases had been dismissed.

"I was very much disappointed. I think the decision was wrong," Mr. Carney said. "I am working on the appeal now and it will be filed in a day or two."

The appeal will be filed in Baltimore City Court.

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THE COMMISSION revoked the firm's license for 90 days, deciding that Manning-Shaw placed a "Sold" sign on property at 3800 Grantley Rd. in order to panic white homeowners into selling.

A concurrent 90-day suspension was meted out on the charge the company used a listing contract which did not provide for a definite termination date without notice from either party.

In the key Grantley Ave. case the Commissioners, Edward J. Dyas, chairman, Ralph P. Ripley and Mac Gardiner, based their decision on these points:

1. No commission was paid in the transaction, 2. The home was offered for sale in August when it was listed as sold in June, 3. The firm knew the reported purchasers had a contract and the final agreement, and 5. Testimony of Police Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte that occupancy of the home was not a nomal one.

In the second case, brought by the Allendale-Lyndhurst Improvement Association and others, it was decided that the [illegible] should have had a termination date in their listing contract.

Manning-Shaw has maintained the company believed all the time they were within the law as regards the listing contract. There were never any complaints against their listing contract.

Technical violations are found time to time in the real-ty industry and brokers are often ordered to make the necessary adjustment.

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THE GRANTLEY AVE. case, which involved one of the city's many changing neighborhoods, was brought by members of the Ashburton Improvement Association and most of the witnesses in the case were members of the association.

They charged that the 3800 Grantley Ave. home had not actually been sold to Mr. and Joseph Carter on June 19 when a "Sold" sign was placed on the property.

Manning-Shaw has maintained that the property was sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter still reside in the $18,000 home.

An all-out campaign aimed at so-called "blockbusting has been launched in Baltimore and thus far only the Manning-Shaw firm has been publicly attacked.

Manning-Shaw, which sells mostly to colored residents, has sold homes in all areas without regard to race. Most firms still refuse to sell first to colored in areas where only whites have traditionally lived.

Efforts against blockbusting which has been described as moving a colored family into an area to induce whites to move, are prompted as a means of stabilizing neighborhoods.

Blockbreaking, which has been described as legitimately selling the first colored family a home in a defined white area, is practiced by but a few firms and is frowned upon by neighborhood associations and white homeowners.

GROUPS WHICH have studied the pattern of change report that the vast majority of white homeowners flee when colored move into their neighborhoods.

Prospective colored home-buyers have a keen interest in the present case.

Most of their improvement associations are fearful that housing outside of their present restricted areas will become increasingly hard to get if real estate firms are discouraged from selling to them in white areas.

$3,000 bounty offered for two bank robbers

Who are the two men responsible for the biggest bank holdup in the history of Baltimore?

That's what the police department, the FBI and officials of the 25th St., branch of the First National Bank near Kirk Ave., would like to know.

Shortly after the two armed men made off with $32,995 Tuesday morning, bank officials announced that they were willing to pay $3,000 ($7,500 each) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of both men, or 10 percent of the total amount of money recovered. The offer is good for 60 days.

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WITH THE WARNING that it is a dead facts that armed bandits tone shot the other tally backed 11 bank workers and their customers against a wall shortly before 10 a.m. and made off with a record breaking haul.

Witnesses reported the men escaped in a station wagon "borrowed" from a customer after taking the keys to the ignition from his pocket.

In their haste to escape, the bandits failed to close up a bag containing their loot, and green bills flew through the windows of the car as they pulled away from the curb.

The money totaling $600 was returned to the bank by a spectator.

In their rush, the men also overlooked a $30,000 payroll.

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ACCORDING TO WITNESS, the bandits entered the bank around 9:40 a.m. with drawn guns.

While the shorter of the two held his gun on the crowd the tall man stuffed green backs into a bag and his pockets.

At one point, as he moved from one tellers cage to the next, the tall bandit yelled to his accomplice, "bring me the bag. I've got too much stuff."

Just as the bandits thought they had cleaned out the bank, another teller walked out of a washroom and was ordered to clean out his cash drawer.

Within minutes of the robbery, more than 75 law officers including FBI men converged on the scene.

As the bandits sped across the city in the stolen car, their location was flashed over the radio by taxicab drivers.

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EARLY THURSDAY the getaway car was found in a Charles St., parking lot by two Central District patrolmen.

Police estimated the car had been driven into the garage approximately 15 minutes after the men fled from the bank.

Investigators said also recovered and empty bag marked "First National Bank" from a vacant lot on the 1200 block of E. 43rd St.

In an effort to capture the two men police have sent out a 13-state alarm and the following descriptions:

The tall bandit is described as being 6 feet 4 inches tall, is around 30 years of age, weighs about 185 pounds and has a thin mustache.

The short bandit is around 25 years of age, stands 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds.

The holdup at First National is the 12th bank robbery in the state in 16 months.

Ten years ago, the same 25th St., bank was robbed of $1,439.

POLITICS: Pollack, lonely guest at 3-G's dinner

By MAX JOHNSON

"Now is the time for all loyal Democrats to close ranks and give full support to our party.

"I sincerely urge all Democrats to be loyal Democrats, and give full support to the entire Democratic ticket in this campaign."

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., made this passionate appeal Tuesday evening to slightly more than 700 Democrats and Democrat well - wishers, gathered in a downtown hotel.

The occasion — a $100-a-plate fund - raising dinner for the Democrat candidates in the May 5 general election.

Mayor D'Alesandro, in characteristic, spirited, roof-raising form, was begging for support of the man who defeated him in the March 3 primary — J. Harold Grady.

Also, for full support of the Grady ticket — Philip H. Goodman for city council president, and Dr. R. Walter Graham Jr., for re-election as comptroller.

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SO PASSIONATE was Mayor D'Alesandro's altogether - now-B'hoys - and G'hirls plea, that at least one man present deemed it advisable to state publicly that he was backing the Grady ticket.

This gentleman — James H. (Jack) Pollack, Fourth District Democratic boss —backed the Grady opposition slate of Mayor D'Alesandro, Leon Abramson for city council president, and Joseph L. Manning for comptroller in the primary.

Since this primary, close observers have noted some fancy maneuverings on the part of Mr. Pollack, which have carried him in several directions — other than the Grady camp.

Strong rumors have been circulating for some time, also, that Mr. Pollack's lately expressed opinions of Mr. Goodman, a Grady running mate, would appear to exhibit something less than broil-erly love.

ALL OF which prompted one of Mr. Pollack's listeners to inquire pointedly if he meant he actually was going to support the entire 3-G ticket.

"Well," he said, smiling broadly, "I may have to hold my nose when I vote for him (Goodman), but I will vote for the Democratic candidates."

Mr. Pollack's open endorsement of the Grady - Goodman-Graham ticket brought him little popularity at the dinner.

The absence from the affair of the usual flock of lieutenants, sergeants and just plain privates, who surround him at such gatherings, left Mr. Pollack a noticeable conspicuous, lonely guest.

It was strongly apparent that Mr. Pollack was not a welcome guest, for some of the Grady followers were openly concerned over the effect of his endorsement, in view of Mr. Grady's disavowed connection with the Pollack forces.

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HOWEVER, THE dinner program itself progressed smoothly along, with James J. Lacy Jr., as toastmaster, and Wife Gov. J. Millard Tawes and almost every other top Democrat in attendance — with the exception of out-going City Council President Abramson, who said later he was not invited.

Gov. Tawes heaped high praise on Mr. Grady and his running mates, Messrs. Goodman and Graham.

Mr. Grady, in turn, lambasted the Republican party in general, Mr. McKeldin in particular.

"Do we want to turn back the clock," he asked at one point, "by entrusting the destiny of this city to a temporizing, 'do-nothing' Republican regime, or do we want to move forward with a Democratic program of progress?"

At another point in his prepared speech, Mr. Grady let go with this crack at Mr. McKeldin and his running mates:

"It is abundantly clear that on the evidence of his (McKeldin's) record in office, we can not get action, we can not get responsible leadership, and we can not get full-time attention to duty from my opponent.

"I won't even mention his running mates, except to say that I doubt that they would have anything much to say on any of the issues of this campaign — even if their boss stopped talking long enough for them to get a word in edgewise."

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THE CROWD guffawed long and loudly over that one.

Mr. Grady closed on this tone.

"We need citizens' interest and participation . As long as that citizen interest continues, I am sure that we can meet and overcome all the problems which face this city — insurmountable as some of them may seem today."

City planning course to be offered citizens

McCoy College will present a citizens' course on city planning this fall with nationally known leaders in city planning as lecturers.

The course entitled "Planning for Better Cities," will be sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Planners and Citizens Planning and Housing Association, according to Franz J. Vidor, President of the local A.I.P. Chapter.

Weekly sessions at 8:30 p.m. will begin Oct. 7.

COMRADESHIP was in evidence at The Frontier Club luncheon at the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA on Tuesday when former Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, Republican candidate for mayor, spoke to the group. With him here is former State Senator Harry A. Cole, left, Republican candidate for the City Council from the Fourth District, and the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, a friend of both candidates.

Let's all VOTE MAY 5, 1959 GENERAL ELECTION

Harlem Park group hits renewal plan

"Urban Renewal will never work unless interest, desire and awareness is stimulated through the medium of participation by all organized community groups with the planners and other agencies.

"Consideration must be given to this fact, we, the people are not a lot of sheep to be herded and pushed about by a chosen few, and as long as this continues to happen to democratic, intelligent, and thinking Americans there will be protest and rebellion."

These statements were included in a letter sent by the Harlem Park Home Owners Association to the mayor and City Council as a protest over the proposed demonstration block in the Harlem Park area.

THE BLOCK in question is bounded by Edmondson Ave., N. Calhoun St., Harlem Ave., and Carey St. The block would be a testing ground for the feasibility of rehabilitation.

Plans do not call for the demolition of any homes in the area but for the home owners to improve their individual properties.

Federal and city funds total ing $475,000 would be used in the demonstration block in large measure for acquiring and clearing properties in the interior of the block for a park.

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IT WAS THE interior park which drew the main share of the criticism from the Harlem Park Home Owners Association.

Three factors were cited by the group.

1. "Harlem Park which is only half a block from the proposed in-court park is quite sufficient to handle any need of this type in the community.

2. The project will shorten back yards and removing garages from the rear of houses in this area, thus necessitating the setting of garbage and trash on the front streets, and also creating a much worse parking problem for the residents and the community in general.

3. Last, but not least of importance, the lack of interest on the part of the people in the immediate area in this project will doom it to failure."

The Association, which is headed by Leroy B. Jones, also charged that the persons in charge of planning the urban renewal program have been "autocratic, dogmatic and dictatorial throughout the whole fiasco."

The ordinance embracing the proposed plan was introduced into the City Council on Feb. 16. A hearing was held this Monday before the Council's Judiciary Committee.

Favoring the plan are the Citizens Planning and Housing Association and the City Planning Commission.

McKeldin speaks at Frontier luncheon

"There are 80,000 Republicans and 320,000 Democrats in Baltimore which automatically makes me a member of a minority group.

"And minority groups are usually scorned and persecuted, therefore they have a feeling of togetherness, sort of become twin brothers and share each others burdens and sorrows.

"Members of minority groups must stick together to try to move as far forward as possible.

"It is a hard, tiresome climb to get where we would like to be, but when we get tired of climbing, we have to just look back and see how far we've gone."

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THEODORE R. McKELDIN, ex - governor of Maryland and candidate for mayor was speaking at the weekly meeting of the Frontiers of America Tuesday at Druid Hill branch YMCA.

Persuasively and appealingly he added:

"We can't sit down and say we're satisfied now. We've got to push ahead forward. We've gone this far with our fight, we must continue.

As mayor and especially governor, I've been criticized for many things I've done, but I don't care what those people say, that criticize me.

I do what I think is right, what I've been taught, because I know I've got no one to answer to but my God."

Mr. McKeldin was speaking then of the criticisms directed at him about his views on capital punishment.

He continued, giving his views on the Dixon Equal Accommodation Law.

"I think the Dixon Bill is long overdue. If we can't get it through the agreement of Christian people, then we will get it through legal action."

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THE FRONTIERSMEN responded to Mr. McKeldin's speech, even some of the known Democrats of the group.

It was pointed out that one of the significant things McKeldin did as governor was to lay the groundwork for equal state employment regardless of race or creed.

Next week the Frontiers will have engaged J. Harold Grady, R. Walter Graham, and Philip H. Goodman.

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Police Dept. to graduate 73 officers

For outstanding work, the Police Department will commend a number of officers and will graduate 69 new patrolmen and four policewomen in exercises saturday morning at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School.

Ranking No. 2 in the class with a 91 average is Miss Marion Bowman of the first block of Kossuth St.

The new policewoman is an honor graduate of Bennett College.

Among those who went into training with the class last January were:

Miss Bowman, Miss Gloria Lee Crandall, first block Joyce Lane, Glen Burnie; Mrs. Marie Gunthum, 500 block Thornfield Rd.; and Mrs. Shirley Richardson of the 800 block N. Carey St.

Also, Robert L. Johns of the 500 block Junilla St., Pittsburgh Pa.; Ben E. Montague, 200 block Asquith St.; James E. Saunders, 600 block Cherrycrest Rd.; and Murray M. Welch Jr., of the first block Bond Ave., Reisterstown, Md.

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WOMAN IN LYNCH CASE ADMITS DOUBT

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'Bodies Broken'

AFRO speaks its mind on Tuesday's election

(AN EDITORIAL)

It is the judgment of this newspaper that either **Theodore McKeldin** or J. Harold Grady will make an acceptable **mayor** of Baltimore City. The election is next **Tuesday, May 5** and there are exactly 104,453 of us who **are registered** and qualified to vote.

We constitute one-fourth of the electorate.

The important thing is that we go to the polls and **express our** convictions without being confused by side **issues.**

Our enlightened self-interest is also the best interest of the entire city.

Come Tuesday, go to the polls and use your own judgment as you select the candidates for mayor and city councilmen for whom you shall vote.

But go vote and take a neighbor with you.

This is the most important civic duty you can perform. **Nothing should interfere** with it. No one can do it for you.

Mr. J. Harold Grady

Hal Grady is a young man who has just been **elected States Attorney.**

This is his first big public office.

Theodore McKeldin's recent appointment of Mr. **Grady's predecessor** to a judgeship provided Mr. Grady **with the opportunity** to become States Attorney.

If he is elected Mayor on Tuesday Mr. Grady will **be on his way to the governor's** mansion or to the **United States Senate.**

Youth, promise, intelligence, vitality are his.

Lacking only is large experience in administration

Mr. Theodore R. McKeldin

Mr. McKeldin has the experience in public office **that Mr. Grady is yet to get.** As Mayor for 4 years and **Governor for 8 more.** Mr. McKeldin has demonstrated **his ability to put over** his program with City Councils **and State Legislatures of the opposition** party by sheer **weight of sweet reasonableness.**

Who but McKeldin would stand up day after day **in a semi-hostile** Southern governor's conference in **Georgia and make the same** speech on civil rights that he **makes in Bethel or Sharp Street or Shiloh Baptist Churches?**

Who but McKeldin would set himself firmly against **capital punishment** (public executions in Maryland Penitentiary) **and influence** the majority of the better-thinking **people** in the state to agree with him. He not only **champions the cause** of little people, but of all the **people.**

No place is too humble for him to enter and make **himself at home.**

It is no accident that he appointed first colored **members of the** Baltimore City School Board and of state **and county Boards of Education and Health.**

When he says in his platform that he stands for **first-class citizenship** for all the people, he means ALL.

He has said the same things for 12 years and that is not platitudinous, it is performance and a vital part of his public record.

Colored employees were named to operate bridges and tunnels, to clerical posts in the Motor Vehicles Commission and other state offices without the batting of an eye.

Racial tags were eliminated from the state employment services. By his order, the city accepted magistrates in police, traffic and peoples courts for the first time and no one raised an eyebrow.

By his order the Maryland State National Guard **is integrated.**

McKeldin pleads the cause of Israel, and eats its blintzes, knishes and potato latkes as passionately as any Jew.

McKeldin steered a bill to erect a $750,000 science building at Loyola College through the last legislature with the unanswerable argument that — if the state can appropriate public money to non-sectarian Johns Hopkins and Protestant Western Maryland college, it can likewise aid Catholic Loyola.

Let's not confuse a simple matter. Mr McKeldin has demonstrated he can handle competently the affairs of Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.

His experience and his record give him this great advantage over his youthful opponent.

Mr. Grady is going places, make no mistake about that.

However, we think he will make a better mayor four years from now, when he has completed the term in the States Attorney's office to which we have recently elected him.

Senator Philip H. Goodman

For president of the City Council the AFRO recommends Philip Goodman. Mr. Goodman, State Senator from the 5th District, is competent, progressive and sound. He has worked with Governor McKeldin in the State Legislature and each man respects the other's ability.

Dr. R. Walter Graham

For Comptroller, who else but R. Walter Graham? His father expertly handled the city's funds for years. The son, sometimes testy, equals or surpasses

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The AFRO Slate

For Mayor: Theodore R. McKeldin
For Council President: Philip H. Goodman
For Comptroller: Dr. R. Walter Graham

For City Council

1st District: Sam N. Baccala (R.)
2nd District: C. Lyman Schueler (D), Anthony F. Di Domenico (D), and Robert J. Gerstung (R)
3rd District: Frank X. Gallagher (D), Peter G. Angelos (D), David E. Shay (R) and Gordon H. Witherspoon (R)
4th District: Max Alpert (D), Harry A. Cole (R), and Walter T. Dixon (D)
5th District: Jacob J. Edelman (D), Earl Koger (R), Leon A. Rubenstein (D) and William D. Schaefer (D)
6th District: Augustus D. Knox (R), Mrs. Mary Thelma Brown (R), and Mrs. Eleanor C. Patterson (R)

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104,453 can vote Tuesday

With an unprecedented total of 430,655 Baltimore citizens eligible to vote — 104,453 of them colored — a record turnout at the polls is expected for this Tuesday's (May 5) mayoralty election.

The weatherman has promised to help — the outlook is fair weather.

The 104,453 colored voters represent the largest number ever registered in the city of Baltimore.

In the heavily populated Fourth District, colored voters hold an all-time majority. The 31,301 colored voters are 57 per cent of those eligible to vote.

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FOR TUESDAY'S election, polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Because this is a General Election, voters may exercise their rights and vote for both Republicans and Democrats regardless of how they are registered. Persons who are registered independent may likewise vote for candidates of both parties.

Baltimoreans will elect a new mayor, president of the city council, city comptroller and city candidates in six districts.

Persons may vote for candidates only in the councilmanic districts where they reside.

Candidates for top offices are:

For Mayor: Theodore R. McKeldin (R) and J. Harold Grady, (D).

For City Council president: Charles H. Masson (R) and Philip H. Goodman (D).

For comptroller: James F. Fanseen (R) and R. Walter Graham (D).

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THE BALLOT will be a short one, with just one question in addition to the candidates.

Citizens may vote "Yes" or "No" on a proposed $18,000,000 loan for new schools and equipment.

Mr. McKeldin and his running mates are scheduled to windup their campaign with a

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FLASH!

Three on grand jury first time in city's history

For the first time in history, three colored persons have been picked for grand jury duty.

The May-term panel includes Mrs. Dorothy J. Barnette, 2502 McCulloh St., August C. Jennings, 2415 Woodbrook Ave., and David Glenn, 3206 Barrington Rd.

The new panel totaling 23 jurors was selected Thursday by judges of the Supreme Bench. They begin service May 11.

Gets 20 years for a $10 holdup job

Robert Jones Jr., 23, 1600 block Warwick Ave., was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary Thursday for the $10 armed robbery of Edward Dixon, 44, a cab driver.

Criminal Court Judge Joseph Carter was told that Jones, father of four children, robbed the man after having a 15-year-old boy hail the cab on Jan. 22. They were arrested after trying the same thing on the same driver, police said.

New magistrates

This morning (Friday) Josiah Henry and Calvin Douglass were sworn in as new police court magistrates.

$50 for News Tips

There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips and news photos. If you have a tip or a newsworthy photo, call AFRO City Desk, MU. 5-0015 and say "I've got a news tip." Bring photo to City Desk. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024 or ELgin 5-3847.

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GRIEF-STRICKEN MOTHER — Mrs. Eliza Parker of Lumberton, Miss., mother of M. C. Parker, who was abducted from jail by hooded lynch mob, weeps bitterly as she holds her 2-year-old son, Timothy. At right is Parker's sister, Delores, 18.

'Why? Oh, Lord, why?,' wails Mack's grief-stricken mom

LUMBERTON, Miss.—"Why? Oh, Lord, why?"

The some 20 friends and relatives in the four-room shack, stacked in a heap on the lawn besides the dirt road, milled around in silence—for they had no answer for the grief-stricken Mrs. Eliza Parker.

No officials came to tell the 43-year-old mother that a lynch mob violently dragged her son, **Mack, from the Poplarville** jail.

The frail and worn little woman received the report of her son's fate via radio—as if she lived in some far away land. The newscaster dramatically related how:

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MACK PARKER, 21-year-old accused rapist, was pistol whipped, beaten over the head with an empty garbage can, kicked and punched into near unconsciousness before being dragged from his cell.

The newscaster added that the bleeding young man was dragged—feet first — down a flight of stairs, across the first floor and down the steps to a waiting car where he was thrown into the automobile like a sack of grain.

The mob came in the wee hours before dawn. There was no guard, only fellow prisoners to hear Mack's cry: "Please don't let 'em take me."

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"COULDN'T THEY give him a trial?" asked the sobbing mother. "Are they afraid of a fair trial?" she wanted to know.

"I tried to get a white lawyer," she said, "but I couldn't."

She explained that none would take the case. Then Brown I was afraid they would kill him without a trial.

"... I went to see my boy at the courthouse Monday, just to talk to him. I said, 'Son, did you do this?' And he said 'No mama, I didn't do it. I did not do it."

"Couldn't they give him a trial? If he had been given a fair trial and they proved it and he went to the electric chair, I could at least know it happened because he was guilty, too.

"Even if he did it he was entitled to a fair trial."

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YOUNG PARKER was accused of yanking a white moth-

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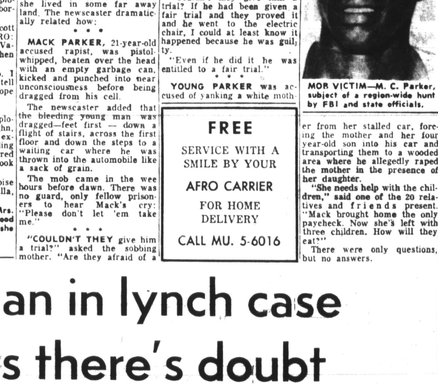

MOB VICTIM—M. C. Parker, subject of a reward-wide hunt by FBI and state officials.

er from her stalled car, forcing the mother and four-year-old son into his car and transporting them to a wooded area where he allegedly raped the mother in the presence of her daughter.

"She needs help with the children," said one of the 20 relatives and friends present. "Mack brought home the only paycheck Now she's left with three children. How will they eat?"

There were only questions, but no answers.

Woman in lynch case admits there's doubt

PETAL, MISS. — "I don't know who lynched him, but it was wrong."

The woman who pointed out Mack Charles Parker as the man "who looked like" the one who criminally assaulted her, said last Monday.

Now, with Parker apparently dead — the victim of Mississippi's 379th lynching — the 23-year - old mother expressed doubt as to whether Parker was the man who allegedly attacked her on a lonely road in the presence of her five-year-old daughter when her car stalled.

HER IDENTIFICATION of Parker after his arrest ended in a masked mob crashing a courthouse jail in Poplarville, Miss., bludgeoning his body into submission and dragging the bloody human pulp into a car that vanished into the darkness.

No trace of Parker nor his abductors has yet been found although a 60-man FBI dragnet, combing a two-state area—aided by Mississippi highway patrolmen — are still searching for Parker's body and his kidnappers.

But, in the comfortable resort of her Pirrest County home, the woman who accused Parker stated:

"It's terrible that a lynch mob kidnapped him. I'd prefer that he had a trial."

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SHOWING LITTLE remorse or sadness, the woman said she wasn't certain Parker was the attacker when she fingered him in a police lineup.

"But when I saw his picture in the newspaper the next day, it looked just like the man on the road that night," she declared.

It was even admitted by county prosecutors that the woman's identification was not a positive one.

She said her attacker last Feb. 25 had a gun. She said she didn't try to fight him off for fear of him killing her daughter whom "he hit once across the face when she started crying and telling him not to hurt me."

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THE WOMAN, a native of Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. and a resident of Watertown, N.Y. until she was 10, married a man who is a plumbing supply salesman and a hillbilly band musician.

She married at 18, eight years after her mother brought her South — while she was yet attending a Mississippi High school.

Few people seemed in sympathy with her when the news broke of the attack, she indicated, but she added:

"Rumors went around that I was made pregnant by this colored man. But it's a lie."

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THE WOMAN said she was three months pregnant at the time of the attack with her second child.

A minister here injected: "Very few people in this small town knew the girl. She participated in no activity that I know of and had no friends in town.

"When the incident happened I was surprised to note how little the town was worked up.

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"I DON'T know who would want to avenge her because I don't know who knew her."

It was speculated that Parker was lynched to prevent the woman from having to answer questions of a colored defense lawyer at the trial.

When questioned on this point the woman stated, "I wouldn't have minded. I would have gone right through with it. That's the right way."

HE SAW LYNCHERS — C. J. Mondy is shown in cell on second floor of county courthouse jail where young Parker was abducted by lynchers. Mondy says the victim screamed over and over: "I didn't do it, I didn't do it."

Say dead 'abused' at Laurel

"Many of the bodies of the relatives . . . were broken, scattered, and placed under and more deeply into the ground by huge bulldozers under the direction and supervision of the defendants.

"The plaintiffs and the members of the class which they represent have suffered great mental anguish over the disrespect accorded the remains of their deceased loved ones."

These allegations were included in a suit filed in Circuit Court today (Friday) which seeks to invalidate the sale of the old Laurel Cemetery property to a private company planning a shopping center on the site.

The plaintiffs who complain that title for purpose of selling the said land for a "development" defendants in the suit "have torn up a number of the graves, exhumed the dead bodies, destroyed their bones and moved the grave markers and stones so as to make room for themselves and other deed holders, asks the court to:

1. Set aside the Circuit Court decree and cancel all deeds which conveyed the ownership of the cemetery property to the Belair Road Enterprises.

2. Find that the section of the Annotated Code of Maryland under which the court approved transfer of ownership unconstitutional.

3. Issue a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining Belair Road Enterprises from further action as regards the property until the court matter is settled.

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CURRENTLY, an ordinance which would approve erection of a, shopping center on the site has passed second reading in the City Council and is scheduled for a third and final reading on Monday night.

Named as defendants in the suit with the Belair Road Enterprises, Inc. is the McKamer Realty Company.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the NAACP-sponsored suit are Tucker R. Dearing, Dallas F. Nicholas, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Williams and Murphy.

A second suit on behalf of another deed holder also was

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THE WEATHER

The merry month of May makes her debut today, Friday, with a warm smile, mostly sunny weather, some cloudiness. Temperatures will range from 73 to 80 degrees. Saturday will remain sunny with a high of 76 and a low of 52 degrees. Sunday is forecast as continued warm and sunny with chance of showers.