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## Arson suspected in Durham St., fire

**The tenant of a two-story brick dwelling in the 1200 block N. Durham St., who claims that he was away from home when fire damaged a first-floor room Wednesday morning, is being held for investigation of arson at the Eastern District Station.**

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# Mayor's office has economy program; no colored workers

By MAX JOHNSON

**(ED. NOTE: This is the first of a series of articles on city agencies. Next week — Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.)**

A pompous-mannered citizen, followed by a nondescript companion, strode heatedly out the doorway of Room 231, city hall, a recent morning ago, amazement and disbelief mirrored on his features.

"What's going on here anyway?" he asked himself and his surroundings loudly. "Is this still the mayor's office—or just a strange bunch of Democrats?"

A qualified "yes" would have answered both of the disturbed citizen's queries.

**Room 231 in the city hall, Fayette and Holliday Sts., is still the entrance to the mayor's offices—but there is little of the political activity of bygone eras.**

There is a strange bunch of Democrats, for the most part, running the mayor's office—but they are strange only in the sense that they are implementing ideas strange to these parts in recent administrations.

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**THE MAYOR'S** office clears the administrative affairs of the city, such as the president's office of a large business firm.

**Policy is established. Municipal agency heads appointed. Projects approved or rejected. Public appearances. Complaints directed to proper channels. The over-all welfare of the city.**

These are matters of the mayor and his staff—whose offices are, more often than not, the political hub of the party in power.

Customarily, there are patronage jobs—sometimes just a name on a city payroll for a period—to be issued. Favors for party stalwarts.

Mayor J. Harold Grady has ushered in a different political pattern around the mayor's office, however—one which disturbs some big and little politicians of his party.

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**HE HAS** launched an exacting economizing program for Baltimore—and he has started the thing in his own office, even turning off lights not in use.

The city's budget for the mayor's office was $127,925 in 1959.

**Mayor Grady's 1960 budget reduces this figure 20.08 percent for a total requested figure of $101,275.**

Salaries for 1959 totaled $116,825 for a staff of 19.

Mayor Grady has proposed for 1960 salaries totaling $89,775, amounting to a reduction of 23.15 percent or $27,050.

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**HE EXPECTS** to accomplish this with some salary cuts, and a personnel reduction of five persons.

**No colored citizens are employed on the mayor's office force.**

A colored messenger was first attached to the mayor's office under the mid-40's regime of the former Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, Republican.

He was replaced by another colored citizen at the subsequent start of the 12-year Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., administration, but dropped during the second term of office.

The mayor's duties include the appointment of the following city officials:

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**DIRECTOR OF** assessments; building construction engineer; building inspection engineer; city auditor; city solicitor; visitor to board of trustees, Enoch Pratt Free Library; commissioner of health; highways engineer; mechanical-electrical engineer; director of public works.

Also, sanitary engineer, sewerage engineer, engineer of surveys, engineer of tests, commissioner of transit and traffic, superintendent of transportation, urban renewal and housing director, water engineer, and director of welfare.

**His is the responsibility of naming members to all of the city's agency boards and commissions.**

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**MAYOR GRADY,** former state's attorney, who took office the past May, has the following staff:

William W. Mahoney, director of public relations—$10,000 a year; Edward F. Borgerding, executive assistant — $10,000; Miss Doris M. Schulze—secretary to the mayor—$5,400; Jerome M. Kennedy, administrative secretary—$8,500;

**Senator Joseph A. Bertorelli, First District, special assistant—$5,500; Walter L. Vannaman, veterans' counselor—$6,050; Walter E. Beuchelt, special assistant, legislation—$5,225; Lee N. Carroll, assistant secretary—$4,900.**

Also, Irving Friedman, special assistant, labor bureau—$5,000; Miss Mildred Gardiner, secretary stenographer—$4,950; Mrs. Mary B. Zacharski, senior clerk stenographer—$4,180.

And, Edward Fredhurger, administrative assistant — $4,600; Mrs. Marie Fazenbaker, senior clerk stenographer, and Mrs. Dolores A. Gunn, same status—$3,660 each, and Elmer Altreith, assistant secretary — $4,950.

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**Francis X. Dippel, attorney, was speaking Thursday, explaining the petition of the Service Taxicab Association, Inc., which is requesting Public Services Commission franchise permits to operate 273 taxicabs in the city.**

The association, 90 percent of whose 273 individual members are colored, proposes to operate basically:

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**1. TWO - WAY** radio service in each cab.

2. Clean vehicles in both inside appointments and outside appearance.

3. Winter and summer air-conditioned cabs.

**4. Electric shaving facilities for men on the way to work or engagements.**

5. On the present rate of fare now prevailing in the city.

Mr. Dippel, who with Charles R. Goldsborough Jr., represents the association, pointed out that the association was turned down in a similar bid a year ago by the Public Service Commission, when all the members were colored.

There are currently 1,151 taxicabs authorized with franchises in Baltimore, he stated.

## Bank says hubby has $889.50

The Union Trust Company in answer to a petition filed by Mrs. Katherine (Kitty) Mueller, 2200 block Roslyn Ave., to freeze the bank account of her husband, John Mueller, has listed his bank balance as $889.50.

**The bank's answer to the petition was filed in Circuit Court, and listed a joint savings account at its East Baltimore branch, "in the name of John Mueller and Tony Kastriel (friend)."**

Two weeks ago, Mrs. Mueller filed a petition in Circuit Court here, asking that her blond husband, be restrained from moving his funds and assets out of the state so that she would be assured of continued support.

The petition also named the Union Trust Company.

Mr. Mueller had filed no answer at AFRO presstime.

Mrs. Mueller has identified her husband as a wealthy oil company executive whom she married in 1955.

She said her action was not taken with a divorce in mind, but for her protection because her husband traveled constantly.

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE G. KELSON stand on steps to their modern funeral home.

# George G. Kelson stays on the job, even on birthdays

Going to a funeral on his birthday is nothing unusual for George G. Kelson.

In fact, on Monday, Oct 12, when he turned 56, the personable funeral director went to two of them.

**"Time is not your own in this business," Mr. Kelson explained. "My hours run around the clock."**

Born in Baltimore, son of the late Thomas P. and Matilda Kelson, Mr. Kelson attended the public schools of Baltimore before going to work in the mortuary business with his brother, Thomas E. Kelson in 1929.

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**HE WORKED** with his brother in the latter's funeral home at 1303 Pressman St. — serving as manager the last 17 years— until his brother died in 1954.

"Whatever success I've had in this business I owe it to my brother," Mr. Kelson said.

After his brother's death, Mr. Kelson went into business for himself in 1955 at 1348 N. Calhoun St. In 1957 the business was expanded to include 1348-50.

**It is not by chance that the funeral home's decor has a dignified cheerful appearance rather than the overbearing appearance of sadness which still characterizes some funeral parlors.**

"Today, through atmosphere, we try to take away some of the sadness of death for the families of those who rest within our parlors," Mr. Kelson said.

The three first floor areas which serve as waiting room and chapels are alternating, by painted in rose, light green and pale blue colors.

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**THE MAIN** chapel of the funeral home is equipped with a handsome electric organ and a controlled music system which provides music for either or any combination of the three rooms.

All are air-conditioned.

To the rear of the chapel is the modernly equipped preparation room. The display room where an array of caskets may be viewed in selections, is below the mortuary.

A new room is now being readied to provide more display space.

**Mr. Kelson and his wife, the former Juanita Allen of Baltimore, live on the second floor.**

Mr. Kelson says he is "ably assisted" by Mrs. Kelson in the operation of the funeral home and she accedes to being "secretary and everything" for him.

Two years ago, this past August, the Kelsons opened a branch in Aquasco, Md with Martelle Adams as assistant manager.

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**OTHER KEY** workers in the funeral home employ include Vernon R. Bailey, assistant manager, who has been with the firm five years and completed his training at the Echols College of Mortuary in Philadelphia in June, and Jerome Thomas, equipment man, who has been with the firm since it began.

Also, Cecil A. Eastep of Aquasco, a June graduate of the Philadelphia college, is doing his internship with the Baltimore parlor.

**Although Mr. Kelson is reluctant to blow his own horn, his astuteness in his business has often been paid tribute by others in the profession.**

Earlier this year, "The Guide," a quarterly publication of funeral directors did an article on Mr. Kelson in which he was cited as "Mr. Integrity."

Also this year, he was named "Mortician of the Year," by the Colored Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of Maryland, of which he is past president.

Mr. Kelson serves as a member of the board of directors of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

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**HE IS** A member of the Ames Methodist Church where he serves as steward. He is a member of Monumental Lodge No. 3 of the Elks and a 32nd degree Mason in the William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57.

He has a daughter, Mrs. Merita Stokes, a physical education teacher, and Mrs. Kelson has a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Diggs, a city service senior technician, by former marriages.

**Mr. Kelson has a sister and two brothers, Mrs. Annie K. Thomas and Charles Kelson of Baltimore and Robert Kelson of New York City.**

In what spare time Mr. Kelson can eke out of his busy schedule he takes in baseball and football games and goes fishing or restfully whiles away the time listening to classical and pop recordings on his stereophonic set.

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**WORKING WITH** the dead becomes "just routine" after you do it for some time but Mr. Kelson advises any would - be mortician that "you'll soon change your mind if you aren't really interested in it."

Mr. Kelson says the business of caring for the dead "has never phased me."

While he was working with his brother, he did have one of those shock-picture type experiences.

**It happened on a Sunday night when they picked up a woman and carried her to the preparation room where Mr. Kelson started to wash her down.**

It was then that he noticed the woman was still alive.

The doctor who pronounced her dead was called. The woman was returned to her home and she lived three more days — still in a coma.

Even that didn't phase Mr. Kelson, who has gone on to become a leader in his profession.

AT HIS DESK George G. (Mr. Integrity) Kelson takes care of some paper work.

WITH HIS KEY HELP—George Kelson, second from left, chats with Jerome J. Thomas, Samuel Wade and Vernon R. Bailey.

## Money is most popular thing in city today

Ever stop to think what most people would want if they could just wish and make their wishes come true?

**"A beautiful shapely girl, a long white Fleetwood Cadillac or Imperial, a big house, or just peace of mind?**

Nope — according to an AFRO survey, most people want the simple things in life, like money.

That's right, just money so they can have all the above mentioned things, including the beautiful shapely girl.

How did we come to the conclusion that nearly everyone would wish for money if he had such a wish?

Well, the boss sent the the AFRO's flatfoot inquiring reporter out on the streets to ask:

"If you had one wish, what would you wish for?"

Before the inquiring flatfoot left, he left his wish with the boss.

A $25 raise and your job. The boss quickly replied.

"This is your last story, boy. Make it a good one."

Another good reporter bites the dust.

The downtown streets were crowded as people briskly moved from store to store.

**The first person interviewed was Algon Landrum, scaleman, 4119 Woodhaven Ave.**

When asked the big question, he grinned and said.

"I wish the strike was over."

He didn't say he wished for money directly, but he wanted an opportunity to work for it

Mr. Landrum is a five-year employee at Bethlehem Steel Co., so it figures he wants the strike over.

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FLOYD BIVENS, postman, 2557 Kirk Ave., stopped abruptly on his mail route, to give his views.

Smiled he:

"I wish to have all my debts cleared up."

His wish made, he mopped his brow and continued on his mail route.

**William Gray 14 - year steel worker, 2721 Chase St, wanted little enough.**

**"I wish the strike was over," he confided as he turned from looking in a hardware store window.**

Asked why he wished this, Mr. Gray added, "because I don't believe the strike benefits anybody. Everybody loses in the end."

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MRS. SADIE THOMAS, housewife, 715 N. Fremont Ave. paused on the curb.

"I wish my eye would get better," she said as she smilingly pointed to a bruised, discolored eye and a slightly swollen forehead which she suffered in an auto accident Monday.

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**"RIGHT NOW,** I'd like to find a good job," grinned Calvin A. Peale, truck driver, 911 Bentalou St., as he paused during his daily walk.

**Mrs. Fannie Rogers, day worker, who delivery 8c, chuckled and said.**

"I wish I owned a house."

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IN CONTRAST to those who had already made their wishes, Mrs. Mary Hudson, 912 Carrollton Ave. said:

"I wish for good health."

**Mrs. Lula Donaldson, cook, 1815 Warwick Ave., also wished for money.**

**Asked if there was a particular reason why she wanted money, she laughed, "Oh sure, there always is."**

"The only thing I need now is money," Lloyd A. Smith, seaman, 1900 Madison Ave., said.

**REAL MINK** coat offered for sale at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Women's Auxiliary's second-hand store. The Carry On Shop, is displayed above by Mrs. Florine Kinckle, the pricer for 20 years, who knows if the price is right and estimates the wrap is worth $500. From mink coats to picture frames, from rag dolls to diamonds, Mrs. Kinckle is able to look and tell the worth.

# Here's the right place to send those clothes you no longer need

Men's clothing is needed immediately for the tuberculosis patients who use the services of the Baltimore City Health Department's Druid Health District, Mrs. Anne Reed, Medical Social Worker for the Maryland Tuberculosis Association has stated.

**"We have a Clothing Closet through which we try to provide just about every article of clothing we can," she explained.**

"A lot of the people who come here have literally nothing but the clothes they're wearing and they have no money to buy more. At the moment, we're well supplied with women's clothes but we can use anything and everything for men, especially underwear."

Mrs. Reed requested that donors give clothing which is in reasonably good condition.

"We're not being picky," she stated, "and we're not asking for new clothing. What we need and appreciate getting are clothes with a lot of good hard wear left in them."

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**THE CLOTHING** closet is maintained through the cooperative efforts of the Baltimore Tuberculosis Aid Society, the Baltimore City Health Department and the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. ALL Clothing is given to the patients without charge.

**Mrs. Reed added that those who are given clothes are always grateful. "Many of these people have no families or friends who could help them. When they are given clothes, they feel that someone, somewhere is interested in their welfare."**

Clothing contributions may be taken to the Druid Health District Building at 1313 Druid Hill Avenue.

Give to the United Appeal Crusade—It takes care of 43 Community Chest and 21 Red Cross services.

# Mrs. Kinckle knows if the price on the item is right

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Where can you find a $12,000 mink coat "as good as new" on sale for $500 — or a fine valuable black Wedgewood platter, for a song?

At present the genuine, full - length mink coat is in the window of the Carry On Shop, 531 N. Howard St.

**If you are fortunate, you may chance upon a piece of the rare black Wedgewood china then at most any time.**

Among the more than 5,000 items at the Carry On Shop are rag dolls (from 5 to 15 cents), hair combs, pots, pans, cut glass, old books, pictures, vases, clothing (from skin out), lawn mowers, ice skates, pennants, straw hats.

As the saying goes, "Everything under the sun eventually winds up at the Carry On Shop."

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**THE ONE** person who knows the value of each item, and has known for the past 20 years, is Mrs. Florine S. Kinckle, 2308 Koko Lane.

**Mrs. Kinckle has served as the pricer — the appraiser — since Jan. 2, 1935 when she first went to work there.**

The Carry On Shop was first opened in 1928, ten years before Mrs. Kinckle arrived, by the Women's Auxiliary of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. Kinckle says the shop came into being at the suggestion of Mrs. Walter Wickles, the wife of Dr. Walter Wickles, who planned it to raise funds for the medical services the hospital renders free to the public.

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**AMONG THOSE** on the first board of directors were Mrs. Clarence Miles, who resigned last year, Mrs. John K. Shaw Sr., and Mrs. Albert Hutzler Sr., wives of local businessmen and philanthropists.

These women, other members, their friends and associates, banded together to collect old clothes, unwanted articles of household furnishings, dishes, linens, pictures and other items and put them on display to sell for cash.

Located in small quarters at 302 W. Saratoga St., the news of the "second hand store with such nice things" soon spread about town and the response from the public was good from the very start.

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**IN 1949,** 21 years later, the Carry On Shop moved to 310 Park Ave. where it remained until 1954, and then moved to 531 N. Howard St., the present location in July this year.

The October opening this year saw the Carry On Shop housed in two floors and listing more than 2,000 articles

**Mrs. Kinckle and members of the marking committee tagged the merchandise which totaled more than $12,750 in sale price.**

The actual worth of the articles can be termed "beyond estimate."

Mrs. Kinckle discloses that many of the Carry On Shop's customers have been making purchases there for 30 years, since the first day the place opened.

Among them are art collectors, antique dealers, wealthy patrons and persons from all walks of life.

Some of them are mothers seeking "something pretty" for daughters, a suit for father, skates for junior.

Others are teachers who want old - fashioned clothing for the high school play or members of a threatre cast who need costumes.

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**WHATEVER** the need, from fine furniture and china to the most modern or up-to-date piece of glassware to the fluffy evening gown on the rack, Mrs. Kinckle knows what price is right.

**A veteran of 20 years in the business, Mrs. Kinckle is able to identify the hallmark of every piece of furniture, china, silver or jewelry.**

Commenting Mrs. Kinckle states: "Most of our goods comes from fine homes or estates. Sometime our things are willed to us and include period pieces, valuable Dresden and Misen china, rare jewels and silver from noted silversmiths.

"In 20 years I have seen countless numbers of these pieces, even original oil paintings, precious tapestries, needlepoint, pettipoint, bird prints and Audubons (superb, life - size prints of birds dating from 1828 by John James Audubon)."

Mrs. Kinckle adds: "The owners of the pieces, in parting with them, often tell me the history of them, show me the marks by which they are identified."

Mrs. Kinckle is the wife of Vassar J. Kinckle, a former postal employee.

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS Women's Auxiliary board member serving as chairman of the shop is Mrs. W. D. G. Scarlett. Mrs. Hacob Slagle is president of the board of directors.

The Carry On Shop manager is Mrs. Philip Wagner. Mrs. Samuel Smith is cashier;

Other employees include Mrs. Samuel Dix, salesworman, and helpers, Vernon Robinson, George Young, both of whom are postal employees.

Miss Victoria Murray, a helper, has been employed 15 years.

WHAT THE RETIRED DO

# Mrs. Gertrude James, retired, now wants to go back to work

By BILL SLATER

"I actually didn't retire, I was retired by the hospital.

**"I'm in good condition and I could be working now if I hadn't been retired."**

Mrs. Gertrude James, of 817 Washington St., a former employee at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, was speaking of her retirement.

She retired in December 1958 after 16 years as a maid with the hospital.

"It was my job to mop and clean up all parts of the hospital.

"The job got a little weary at times, but I can't say I didn't like it or I wouldn't have stayed as long as I did.

"I sure wish I were back there working now. I sort of miss it some times.'

"I'm ready to go back right now if they would call me, but I know they won't."

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MRS. JAMES said she experienced no unusual incidents during her employment.

"I only tried to do my job well, be on time, and mind my own business.

"I found that that way was the best way. I got along with everybody."

She said she met many good friends while working there.

"One of the reasons I didn't want to leave was because I knew I would be leaving some of my best friends.

"I've been back to visit several times since I retired, and I sure wish I could go back to work there.

Mrs. James said she went to work at the hospital out of necessity.

"I needed a job and they were hiring, so I was lucky enough to get the job.

"It was very conveneint for me too, because I didn't have to pay any transportation to and from work, and if I wanted to, I could come home for my lunch."

She lives about a block and a half from the hospital.

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**SINCE HER** retirement Mrs. James said she still has been working hard.

**"Working here around the house is just as bad as any job you can name.**

**"I never realized how much work there is to be done around the house.**

**"I used to envy the women who had nothing to do but stay around home all day, but now I know their job was no bed of roses," she said.**

**During her leisure time she says she watches television and reads occasionally.**

**"Every once in a while I get to take a trip up North or down to Virginia, but there's not much to do."**

She has been a member of Grace Baptist Church since she was 10 years old.

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BORN IN Middlesex Co., Va. (she won't give the date) she is the daughter of the late Robert and Moriah Johnson, farmers.

She attended her early school in Virginia, and the family moved to Baltimore when she was about ten years old.

**"I couldn't complete my schooling because I had to help my family earn a living," she said.**

**She worked for several private homes in the city before going to the hospital in 1942.**

**She was married to the late James James, who died in 1954. They had two children, Mrs. Mildred Turner, and William Garrison James.**

**She now has five grandchildren.**

**"It doesn't make me feel any older to have grandchildren. Maybe it's because I think of myself as a young grandmother," said she.**

**WHAT PLANS has she for future?**

**"I haven't made any plans, but I guess if I did plan to do anything now, it would be to travel."**

**"It doesn't make any difference where I go just so I would be advise any young person to work as a hospital maid?**

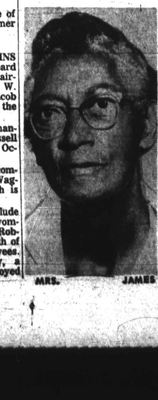
**"Not in this day and age when so many other jobs are available to our girls.**

**"I wouldn't advise it unless it was the only place she could find a job."**

**What advice has she to offer the younger generation?**

**"I've always believed that good things come to those who believe in God.**

**"If a person lives right, he has nothing to worry about. I'd advise all young people to go to church and serve God."**



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