—Boy to high court

(FROM PAGE 1)

Beves the boy, now 14, is a victim of racial prejudices and the inequities of the Baltimore system of justice.

He said the hue and cry of the community upon the death of the white bus driver also influenced the result of a 13-year-old "litte black boy" being sent to prison for life.

One older youth charged with being the gunman has a life sentence while another older youth also charged has been absolved of guilt.

The state contended that Ronnie Adams supplied the murder weapon which he took from his home to show to older youths on the street earlier in the day.

Ronnie was tried as a principal in the robbery and murder.

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Judge George D. Solter found Ronnie guilty of first degree murder and imposed the life sentence.

Mr. Briscoe contends that there was not sufficient evidence to convict the 13-year-old.

The child was at first sent to the Penitentiary and then transferred to Hagerstown.

However, immediately after sentence, Judge Solter sent the youngster to Patuxent as a defective delinquent. Authorities at Patuxent sent him back.

Mr. Briscoe contends that the court erred in sentencing a 13-year-old child to life in prison under an adult charge of murder.

He maintains that, "Even if we are to believe that Ronnie took part in the crime, nevertheless the law is clear that a juvenile can not be charged with a felony that he may only be charged as a juvenile delinquent."

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Mr. Briscoe said in the AFRO interview:

"How then could he have been convicted of murder? It could only be murder as an act of juvenile delinquency.

"If he had been a white child he would have been treated differently.

"The police would never have charged him with murder. The magistrate would never have sent him to the grand jury. The grand jury would never have indicted him. The trial court would never have convicted him.

"Each white person concerned, including the judges, apparently did what he did conscientiously, without being aware of his deepdown racial prejudices.

"But, it remains that Ronnie Adams has been sentenced to spend the balance of his natural life in prison because he is a little back boy."

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In his brief to the Supreme Court Mr. Briscoe states that the law requires that evidence be produced that a child, age 7 to 14 years, must understand the nature and consequences of the crime.

He contends that the state never produced such evidence in the case of 13-year-old Ronnie Adams.

The law, he says, goes back to the Pleas of the Crown, "Children between the ages of 7 and 14 are presumed incapable of entertaining a criminal intent, but the presumption is not conclusive.

"It may be rebutted, however, by showing inparticular case that the accused was of sufficient intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong and to understand the nature and illegality of the particular act, or that he was in possession of "a mischievous discretion."

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A review of the courtrecord ofthe December, 1968 als what occurred according to the defense.

Ronnie, age 13 at the time the bus driver was killed, took a bright, shiny pistol from his home in the Lexington Terrace low rent housing development and went out into the street to play with it.

He showed it to his boys. Here Mr. Briscoe adds, "What 13-year-old boy wouldn't."

The older boys took the gun, played with it awhile and one of them fired it.

Then came the incident at Fremont Ave. and Lexington St.

Mr. Briscoe contends that there is no evidence that Ronnie made the gun available with any specific intention to anything.

He stated that evidence frineds who were older shows that when the holdup was planned by the older boys, it was too late for Ronnie to do anything about it

COACH Earl Banks, Morgan State College, is chairman of citizens' group spearheading money-raising fund for election of Milton B. Allen as state's attorney. AFRO photo was made Wednesday breakfast meeting given by Mr. Banks, Samuel T. Daniels and Connie Spruill at the Masonic Temple where Mr. Allen presides as grand master of Maryland's Prince Hall Masons.

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Police ordered to follow under—18 rule

The Police Department was issued orders shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday night pertaining to the handling of 16 and 17 year-olds in the city of Baltimore.

Commissioner Pomerleau, acting on orders of Chief Judge R. Dorsey Watkins, directed all members that anyone hwo has not attained his 18th birthday is voered by existing state law dealing with juvenile cases.

This means that youths under 16 must be treated as juveniles. Currently Baltimore City authorities confine 16 and 17 year old youths to Baltimore City Jail, an adult maximum security institution.

These youths are also booked, mugged, fingerprinted and tried as adults in Criminal Court rather than in Jvenile Court.

Judge Watkins has ruled that the City must conform to the state law.

Members of the Police Department were informed that the Attorney General for the State of Maryland is appealing the order, however, it is mandatory that this order be followed until further notice.

Patrolman docked 5 days

A Western District police officer charged with "placing his hand on one of the women clerks" was docked five days vacation time on the recommendation of the district captain, Dennis P. Mello, who told the AFRO, that he officer James W. Mayfield "very well."

The action culminated several weeks of investigation by the Internal Investigation Division who, Captain Mello said, "support the allegations."

"This kind of situation happens often enough. "Captain Mellow said, "When a man is disciplined for breaking a rule the Commissioner often will let the District Captain recommend the punishment and, if he agrees with it that will happen."

The incident happened last April. Officer Mayfield has been on the force three

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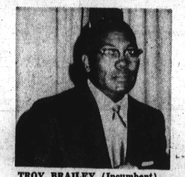
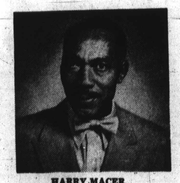
HILDAGARDEIS BOSWELL
Works as Human Relations Specialist for the State Human Rights Commission. Is a Community leader and Civil rights fighter.



TROY BRAILEY (Incumbent)
Has been a member of the Maryland Legislature for four years. Is a Labor and Civic leader who has championed economic security and freedom for the little man.

LENA K. LEE (Incumbent)
Has spent four years in the Maryland Legislature representing the Fourth District. Was a former School Teacher and Administrator. Presently a practicing Attorney. Leader in Civil Rights movement.



Taught in the Public Schools. Was an operator and member of the Movie Operators Union. Served as Railroad Mail Clerk. Is presently teaching Civics and Black History in the C.E.P. program.

HARRY MACER

Serves as Counselor in the Public Schools. Worked on City and State levels to improve education and the welfare of teachers.

JEWELL RAWLINGS

Served for the past 32 years as Principal of 8 inner City Schools. Interested in all Civic problems especially Human Rights. Was formerly School Teacher and Boy Scouts Commissioner.

HENRY N. WEST

Presently School Principal of Junior High School. Was the founder and leader of the "Little Leagues." Has spent a lifetime working with the youth of the Community.

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Gadabouting in Baltimore

Surprise for Mrs. Mackel on 20th wedding anniversary

with Lula Mackay

'Twas just a quiet dinner at Lennie Moore's to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage thought Mrs. Nathaniel T. Mackel . . . but was she wrong! She found out when she returned to their Garrison Blvd. home around nine in the evening, Wednesday

Mr. Mackel had scores of friends, and all the gala party fixings on hand to make the surprise anniversary party a memorial one.

Mrs. Mackel is the former Mildred Conaway. Her husband is postal officer at Fort Holabird. They are parents of four delightful children: Christine Renee, 18; Nathaniel T., Jr., 17; Donald Dwight, 14 and Janice Mildred, 10.

Celebrating with them Wednesday evening were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Conaway, Bernard Conaway, Frederick Conaway, Charles White, Shirley Wright, Joseph Poindexter, James Robinson, Lloyd Mitchell, Joseph Richardson, William Buford, Albert Barnes;

Mesdames Christine Fields, Sandra Adams, Beverly Brooks, Odessa Goodman, Pacline Johnson, Mary Smith; Misses Elsie Turner, Ennise P. Black;

Lerant Blyther, James H. Makel, Edward Conaway, William Thomas, Zane Cypress, Walter Chatman, Robert L. Bloom and Morrison Gray.

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At the pretty pink manse on Liberty Heights Avenue, the Jacksons were calling it "birthday season," last week . . . not only because Carrie was marking a natal day, but also was Morine Butterfield of New York, who came down to mark that event.

Then Mrs. Jackson's daughter-in-law, Lil James and her son, Michael, both of whom were a year older, joined the celebrants.

Even the Weather Man was in a giving mood. Can you imagine a downpour of rain in some sections of the city, but not a drop on the patio where the gala party was being held. Not only was the Weather Man in a giving mood, but so was the galaxy of Carrie's friends who came bearing wonderful gifts of lingerie, milk glass (which she collects) perfume and jewelry.

Mr. Butterfield (Alphonso) Morine's husband was there, of course; so were her sister and brother-in-law, Mattie and John Daye of Washington, and Naomi Copeland, also of Washington, who never misses one of these parties.

Baltimoreans about included:

Ethel and Henry Hall, Peggie and William Washington, Wilbert, Lil and Mike James, Guinevere and Bill Spencer, Rowena and Bill Lewis, Queenie and Hubert Lane, Myrtice and Roy Bennett;

Elizabeth and Churchill Johnson, Louise and Clarence Simms, Salome and Harrison Fuller, Margaret and Julius McRae, Ruth and Cephas Brooks, Louise and Bill Turks, Mary Catherine and Tom McPherson and Lucy and Dan Swain;

Also Sophie Brown, Ruth Baker Murray, Doris Howell, Leila B. Terry, Margaret Waddell, Norma Collins, Rosa Gaskins, Bobby Lloyd, Albert James, William Johnson and William Mason.

This week, Carrie and husband, Algernon, are off to Cape May for a vacation.

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Since their marriage a couple of weeks ago, the Charles Byrds (Rose Wallace) have been on such a flare of parties that you'd think their heads would be in a whirl . . . but they weren't in such a whirl that they could not do a bit of elegant entertaining themselves, Saturday evening.

But back to their being feted. . .

When has it been that you've tasted old-fashioned ice cream out of an old time hand-turned freezer? Well, that was the dessert at the bar-be-cue given by James and Moselle Erwin in honor of the Byrds, Sunday ago.

The following Saturday Charles and Cecelia Jackson, neighbors, were hosts at a dinner party for the newlyweds, and later that evening, they were guests of Mathilde and Florizel Wiley at a picnic at their Glen Burnie place.

The Lewis T. (Helene) Gwynns were her hosts at the Morticians affair in Annapolis . . . and Wilbert and Vivian Strothers of New York entertained at a buf-

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Illustrious Women

MRS. PHYLLIS DORSETT

By LULA MACKAY

She is a 71-year-old dynamo who has completed several careers, including 25 years in the New York City Post Office, and is beginning another in Baltimore, her home city, to which she has returned after 40 years.

Mrs. Phyllis Dorsett popped into the AFRO office, Wednesday morning, climbed three flights of stairs to the editorial rooms, not a whit winded, sat down, crossed her knees and talked of the town when she lived here four decades ago.

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Mrs. Dorsett says she was always a go-getter. During World War I she worked as a lab assistant in the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene.

Later, she took a job as a water analyst for the State Board of Health. She wasn't happy over the fact that she was paid only $12 per week, half the amount that had been paid the man who preceded her.

But it was when O'Neil's, a department store here, told her that she would have to go to the basement to try on an evening dress she wanted to buy, that did it. She-packed up bag and baggage and moved to New York City.

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Mrs. Dorsett was engaged in several jobs in New York, but jobs was not her main interest.

She laughingly says that she took every course WPA offered, from party planning to play writing.

But she was 30 years old before she won a high school diploma from Harlem Evening School and went on to college.

In 1944 she went into the N.Y. Post Office, where she worked until her compulsatory retirement at 70. Her off-work hours were filled with many things, she said. She organized and worked with youth groups. She held charm classes for young women, and she dabbed in painting.

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When her paintings began to draw notice, she became more deeply interested. Now she plans to devote most of her time to painting, and to planning for a one man show this year.

Currently, Mrs. Dorsett is deep in decorating her newly-acquired apartment in the St. Stephens Courts. "I've got as far as twin beds. I'm going to have a painted headboard . . . and lots of seating, because I like people and parties. I'm searching in shops, antique places, etc. for pieces to go in the apartment. But, you can bet, there'll be no rocking chair," she says.

She's still a lover of beautiful clothes as the soft wool, muted-plaid dress she wore (above knee skirt) showed.

Because she is under five feet, she designs her own clothes and has them made.

PHOTOGRAPHED following induction of new sorors into Iota chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Baltimore, are from left, Sorors Imogene Douglas, basileus; Jacqueline Fleming, Elizabeth Carter, Aurelia Morgan, Dorothy Stone, Corine Terry, Monterey Williams, Marian Alston, Margerie Taylor and Thelma Addison, dean of Pledgees.

MISS STEPHANIE FLOOD

Debutante party for Miss Stephanie Flood

Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Flood entertained at a reception in honor of their daughter, Miss Stephanie James Flood, Saturday.

The honoree, who is a student at Bowie State College, is a current debutante, having been presented by the Me-De-So Club at the Spring Cotillion. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

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AT the reception, held in the Wayland Baptist Church AKA colors, pink and green, were used in the table linens and flowers.

Hostesses were Mrs. Bettice Flood, Miss Barbara Stokes, Miss Alice Thompson, Miss Gail Oliver, Miss Rita Moan and Miss Cheryl Rucker.

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Guests were introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. Edward McDaniel, who was chic in a pink linen frock.

In line with Miss Flood were her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson and Mrs. James Whitner.

Miss Flood wore the white gown in which she made her debut and carried a spray of pink and green carnations. Mrs. Glood wore a deep pink crepe dressed trimmed with sequins at neckline and arm. Her corsage was also in pink and green.

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Out-of-town guests included Messrs. and Mesdames James Whitner, Ronald Houston, Thomas P. Morgan, Lee Scott, Alfred Patterson of Washington;

James and Mark Whitner, Michael Gee and Cornelius Morgan; and Mesdames Jessie Claggett, Wallace Gee, Mildred Barbee of Washington; Mrs. Ralph Lewis of Mt. Rainier,

Md., Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Henley of Lansing, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flood of Mt. Holly, N.J.

Local guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Earl Patterson, Willie Marshall, William Lewis, Cornelius Patterson, Howard Patterson, William E. Lewis, Ernest Lewis, John Flickenstein, Landon Godsey, David Echols;

Messrs. and Mesdames Percy Pinkney, W. Churchill Johnson, Henry Johnson, Eugene Patterson, Edward Coles, Clyde Rucker, Robert Patterson, Walter Stokes, Sr.,

Messrs. and Mesdames Johnnie Young, Walter Stokes, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Patterson, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cooke;

Mesdames Leola Jones, Vonzella Randolph, Alice Rabb, Irene McQuay, Arthur Walker, Isabelle Johns, William C. Wade, ester Fennel, Queenie Thompson, Maggie Little, Janie Gaylord;

Mesdames Mildred Jordon, Mildred Stigger, Mary Mitchell, Katherine Patterson, Betty Knight, Rita Johnson, B. P. Jordon, Margaret Mitchell, Ann Pope;

Mesdames McDaniel, Dorothy Watson, Mary Jones, and Carol Talley; Misses Margaret Chase, Rita Moan, Janice Flood, Gail Oliver, Cheryle Rucker;

Misses Clestee Myers, Linda Wade, Elizabeth Wilson and Alice Thompson;

Walter Flamer, Edward Williams, Ionald Patterson, Robbie Patterson and William Evans.

Party marks first birthday

Allyson Pemberton celebrated her first birthday at a party given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pemberson, recently.

The party in the parents' home on Kitmore Road, was attended by her grandparents, aunts and uncles, aand:

Natilie Thomas, Crystal Davis, Ronette Monroe, Brett Rodgers, Rodney Hopkins, James McHernden, Andrew Parker, Thurman Hanson, Christopher and Natilie Dugger, Vanessa McCoy, Betty Thomas and LaShawn and Casandra Thomas.

The Bureau of Music will initiate its series of daily outdoor Dixieland Jazz Concerts August 16th in Druid Hill Park, Mansion House lawn area at 5 p.m., featuring the Baltimore Park Band under the direction of Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.

17, at the Jewish Community Center, 5700 Park Heights Avenue, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., featuring the monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

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The Bureau of Music will continue its Sunday series of outdoor summer band concerts August 16th in Druid Hill Park, Mansion House lawn area at 5 p.m., featuring the Baltimore Park Band under the direction of Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.

FAMILY GROWING — Mr. and Mrs. Luke Durant Sr., pose here with their children and in-laws. Photo Left to right, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Brooks (Sheila) Mr. and Mrs. Luke Durant Jr. (Camara) Mrs. Durant Sr., a well-known beautician; and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Durant (Joyce) and Mr. Durant Sr., Bethlehem Steel Co. employee.

AUG 15-20

Loyola College's Charles Street and Cold Spring Lane campus will come alive in lights, music and motion with the fifth Annual "ballet Under The Stars," scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Campus gates will open at 7 p.m. for patrons who wish to use the shaded hillside as a picnic green.

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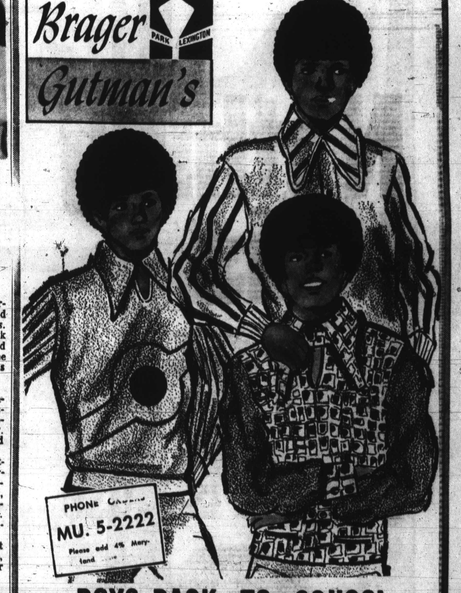

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