'Left Over Needle' Suit Asks $100,000 Damages

YM youth meeting in Annapolis

The YMCA is conducting its annual Maryland Youth and Government Program in the State House, in Annapolis.

Twenty-nine boys and twenty-two girls, representing the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs of the local YMCA Branches left Thursday morning to participate in the educational experience covering a three-day period.

In preparation for the trip, these youngsters have met in a Pre - Legislative Session in which they presented their ideas for needed state legislation. They have met in committees to consider the merits of the bills presented and they have received counsel from resource persons who are expert in the fields to which the bills are related.

At Annapolis, the Baltimore delegation was joined by youth from all of the YMCAs in the State of Maryland and will elect officers to preside over the Senate and the House, as well as a Governor and a Cabinet.

Governor J. Millard Tawes will be on hand to greet the "legislators" whose procedures will parallel those followed by the real State Government.

Among delegates in attendance are: Russell Knight, Jr. and Bernard Johnson, Druid Hill Ave. branch; and Gregory Foster and Scott Williams, elected from the North Baltimore branch.

CHANGING TIMES — CHANGING SIGN — Actually it was a sign addition and the new one was the arrow that means Madison Ave. is now one-way going south. The big change came on Saturday morning.

107,632 REGISTERED; 36,584 NOT

Colored persons over 21 eligible to vote	144,216
Registered Jan. 1, 1956	78,373
Registered Jan. 1, 1957	76,000
Registered as of Nov. 4, 1958 general election	100,311
Registered May 5, 1959 general election	104,453
Registered since May 5, 1959	1,618
Total Jan. 19, 1960	106,071
Total as of Feb. 2, 1960	106,430
Total as of Mar. 1	106,923
Registered Mar. 2-8	90
Registered Mar. 9-15	143
Total as of Mar. 15	107,156
Registered Mar. 23-29	158
Registered Mar. 30-April 5	144
Total as of April 5	107,632
Still unregistered	36,584

There are 36,584 colored persons in Baltimore over 21 years of age who are still not registered to vote.

Registered as of April 5, 1960 were 431,930 voters of whom 107,632 were colored.

Democrats numbered 326,998, of whom 66,732 were colored. Republicans totaled 86,371, of whom 38,264 were colored.

Of the 8,533 registered as independents, 1,836 were colored.

If you have not already registered, it is not too late to do so before the May 17 primary election to select some U.S. Congressmen nominees and to declare a presidential choice.

IN THE Primary election, if you are a registered Democrat you will be able to help select Democrat candiadtes.

The same holds true if you are a Republican.

If you are registered as an independent and not affiliated with either party, you will not be permitted to vote in the primary.

However, all registered citizens are permitted to vote for candidates of their choice, regardless of party, in a general election.

Final registration date before the May 17 primary is April 16.

Where to register: Basement, People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

$500 reported lost in swindle

Two unknown men became $500 richer Monday as they swaged a Chinaman, police have reported.

A 30-year-old resident of the 2700 block Pennsylvania Ave. reportedly told Western District police he withdrew the money from a Baltimore St. bank while trying to prove to the two men that money can be drawn from a bank at a moment's notice.

He reportedly told police he put his money with that of the men, and was supposedly given it in a handkerchief to keep.

When he examined the handkerchief later, it contained only a pack of cigarettes, it was reported.

KNOX TOP SPELLER AT SCHOOLS 49-49-A

Thomas Knox was winner of the spelling bee held this week at School 49 and 49-A and will represent them in the city-wide contest.

William Matheny was runner up.

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Bandit hits telephone office

A bandit held up the C. and P. Telephone Co.'s branch office, 1804 Pennsylvania Ave., and escaped with an estimated $200 early Wednesday afternoon.

So quick and quiet was the stick - up, the robber escaped before any of the four persons present could get a description of him.

According to Edward A. Brown, branch manager, the stick - up man entered the building around 2:20 p.m. Stopping at the cashier's cage, he pointed a rusty revolver at Mrs. Ada B. Smith and demanded:

"Give me all your money."

After convincing Mrs. Smith it was no joke, the bandit scooped up the loot and was gone in less than three minutes.

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RECALLING the swiftness of the robbery, Mr. Brown said:

"Mrs. Smith had called me to her cage to ask a question. While I was returning from the cage to my desk (about 10 yards) that's when it happened.

"As I turned around to sit at my desk (facing the cage), Mrs. Smith said she had been held up."

The manager said the man had disappeared.

As he ran to the street to get a look at the gunman, said to be wearing a brown leather jacket, Mr. Brown said he saw several people with such jackets. The stick - up man disappeared in the crowd.

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RECALLING the quick heist, Mrs. Smith said:

"The man came to the window and I thought he was just another customer. That is, until he pointed the rusty gun at me.

"When he said, 'give me all your money,' I thought he was joking.

"When I saw he wasn't, I gave him some money from the drawer. He said 'give me the rest of it.' I gave him some more.

"Then when he asked for more a third time, I thought it was about time to give in all to him. I did. He left."

In addition to Mr. Brown and Mrs. Smith, also in the office during the stick - up were Mrs. Margaret H. Scott, a clerk, and a customer.

Mrs. Scott, whose desk also faces the cage and the entrance to the building, said she saw the holdup, but it was "so quiet and fast, I didn't know what to do."

Mr. Brown said it is the first time the office has been held up during business hours.

NO DIRECTIONS NEEDED — The bandit who held up the branch office of the Telephone Company in the 1800 block Pennsylvania Ave., Wednesday, probably didn't take time to read this sign as no provision had been made for visits from holdup men. Victim of the robbery was Mrs. Ada Smith. To her right is Edward A. Brown, branch manager.

Tommy Tucker's Village store studies new policy

The Tommy Tucker's Five Ten and 25 Cents Store in the Edmondson Village Shopping Center which now serves white only at its lunch counter, is considering a policy change.

On Thursday, Oscar Samuelson, an owner of the store told the AFRO: "We have recognized our problem for a long time, and we have been seeking a solution.

"We value our colored customers very highly and we would be the first to welcome an overall change of policy but you must remember that we are one of many stores, and we did not make this rule but it was forced upon us.

"We have had a meeting with David Glenn of the Baltimore Urban League this morning (Thursday) and discussed the situation with the view of complying in a quietly transitional fashion."

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MR. SAMUELSON added: "We will call a meeting requesting the head of the associated clubs in this area, Mr. Glenn and our competitors to see if we can arrange for the serving of all customers without any further misunderstanding and to prevent ill will for all concerned."

The Urban League's Mr. Glenn also expressed hope that the meeting will bring forth an open-to-all policy at Tommy Tuckers and other stores having lunch counters in Edmondson Village.

He told the AFRO: "The Urban League is available if the meeting is desirable and agreed upon.

"Mr. Samuelson seems willing to go along, but his decision hinges upon what can be done with other merchants."

MR. GLENN also told the AFRO:

"None of the other stores which have food service are serving colored patrons in Edmondson Village.

"There are many problems in the Edmondson community.

"In housing, there is a class problem between whites and whites and it has not decreased with the influx of colored home owners in the past three years.

"It is just a question of fear, one which they do not seem to know how to solve."

THE EDMONDSON Village Tommy Tucker store is one of three stores in the Baltimore area owned and operated by the Samuelson family.

Officials of the Edmondson Village store are Aaron Samuelson, president and treasurer; Oscar Samuelson, vice-president and secretary.

Officers of the store located at 1106 Light St., are Aaron Samuelson; president; R. M. Samuelson, vice-president; and treasurer; and M. Stanley Samuelson, secretary.

Councilman vexed by welfare facts

At least one member of a City committee studying residency laws involving the Aid to Dependent Children program became vexed last Friday when the Department of Welfare released figures on the subject.

Figures provided by the department's advisory committee showed that of 980 families covered in the survey, only 146 were found to have lived in Maryland five years or less.

Only 27 of the families had lived in the state two years or less.

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THE "VEXED and upset" Councilman was William D. Schaefer (D., 5th Dist.) who is a member of the committee studying the residency laws. Councilman Anthony F. DiDomenico (D., 3rd Dist.) heads the committee.

Members of the committee have publicly stated their aim is to have the residency requirement increased from one year to two years.

The figures made public by Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the Department of Welfare, showed that only a handful of recipients would be affected in such a residency change.

More important, is the fact that the federal government, which puts up the bulk of the money, requires no more than a one - year residency.

Arthur Flemming, head of the Department of Education, Health and Welfare, is seeking to have the residency law for ADC dropped completely.

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MR. SCHAEFER, who introduced the resolution leading to the residency investigation, saw in the public disclosure an "attempt to circumvent our committee."

He did not challenge the validity of the figures.

They have been charges from a number of sources that people flock to Baltimore to get on welfare, especially the ADC program.

Mrs. Knight named consumer consultant

Mrs. Beatrice Knight, graduate home economist and Baltimore housewife and mother, was recently appointed as a consumer consultant for the Food and Drug Administration.

In this work, Mrs. Knight acts as "liaison" between the consumer public and commissioner George P. Larrick, interpreting FDA's regulatory programs to the citizenry and, in turn, reflecting consumer opinion to the agency.

A graduate of Colorado State College of Education, Mrs. Knight will carry her interests in the dietetic and nutritional fields to the public through speaking engagements and other types of public appearances.

U.S. says it was blameless

A needle lost in a haystack would never cause as much trouble as the needle Lawrence Jackson, 1100 block Barclay St., charges is lodged in his abdominal cavity.

Mr. Jackson, a railroad employee, is suing the United States Government for $100,000. He claims a surgical needle was left inside him after an operation at a Government hospital.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen, who heard the testimony in Federal District court Monday and Tuesday, withheld his opinion until a later date.

Represented by Marvin Ellin, Mr. Jackson testified he went to Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1954 with abdominal pains, and was referred to the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Wyman Park, as a test study case.

After a "subtotal gastrectomy (the type of operation)" there on March 31, 1954, he suffered worse pains than he knew before the operation was performed, he said.

He found, after numerous trips to the hospital and an X-ray, that a 2 centimeter (less than an inch long) needle was lodged in his abdomen, according to the testimony.

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MR. JACKSON, father of 13 children, said he suffered ill effects from the needle five years without knowing it was there.

He contended through his attorney, that the government concealed the fact from him that a needle was left in him after the operation.

After wrenching his back at work, he testified, he went to a doctor, who X-rayed him for what he thought was a back ailment, and found the needle lodged in his abdomen.

He was laid off his job in April, 1959 and has not yet been able to work, he said.

Robert E. Cahill, assistant United States attorney, argued that Mr. Jackson first went to Hopkins, and then to the government hospital because of gastric ulcers, and his later sufferings could have been the result of his ulcer operation.

According to hospital reports, authorities at the government institution felt the needle was not the cause of the pain.

Mr. Jackson, his wife, Mrs. Mary Jackson, and their family are natives of Virginia and have lived in Baltimore ten years.

Lancaster named Hamm PR manager

John S. Lancaster has been named Eastern Division Public Relations Manager for the Hamm Brewing Co., according to Louis A. Hertsfen Jr., Hamm's Resident Manager in Baltimore.

Mr. Lancaster has been associated with the Baltimore Baseball Club for the past five years, serving as traveling secretary and public relations director.

A graduate of Amherst College, he was Assistant Public Relations Director for the college before joining the U.S. Navy.

In his new position Lancaster will be responsible for Hamm's public relations activities in the marketing area served by the plant.

AFRO Honor Roll out on April 15

The AFRO Honor Roll for the years 1958 and 1959 will be announced in the Friday edition of the AFRO published on April 15.

Members of AFRO Honor Rolls are selected by AFRO editor-judges from a list of nominees sent in by AFRO readers.

All are considered on the basis of "outstanding contributions to the community in which he resides or serves, the neighborhood or the community and the city as a whole."

AFRO talks to Bishop Gow

Bishop Francis H. Gow, presiding bishop of the 15th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, South Africa, visited Baltimore last week.

He was attending the 144th session of the Baltimore Conference of the AME Church, held March 30 to April 3, at Trinity AME Church, Hoffman St. and Collington ve.

In an interview with the AFRO, the 65 - year - old native of Capetown, South Africa, talked of violence and religion in his homeland.

Q. What is the position of the AME Church on the violence in South Africa.

A. We abhor violence, of course. But we (the church) must support the natives in their struggle to gain equal opportunity.

The natives have resorted to violence only because they have not been able to achieve their goals by passive resistance.

Q. In your opinion, bishop, what triggered the current eruption?

A. The people have run out of patience. They are sick and tired of promises and no action.

Q. Do you think the natives' rebellion will succeed in getting the government's racial policies changed?

A. Why yes, of course. You see, world opinion is on our side. UN intervention is a case in point.

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Q. How long will the struggle continue in your country?

A. I'm sure I don't know. After all, it is but part of a worldwide movement of people seeking human dignity.

Q. Do you feel that student demonstrations in this country are related to the South African movement?

A. It too, is part of the search for equality.

Q. Has the church been involved in any incidents growing out of the conflict?

A. Yes, of course. One of the mission houses was burned. And too, a South African delegate was forbidden to leave the country to attend this conference.

He was first granted permission by the government to attend. Then, without explanation, his visa was recalled.

It is just another indication of continued prosecution of natives on the part of the government.

Q. Does the church intend to protest this action?

A. I will have to first confer with those concerned. I have an appointment with UN representatives on this matter.

Q. How many members does the AME have in your country.

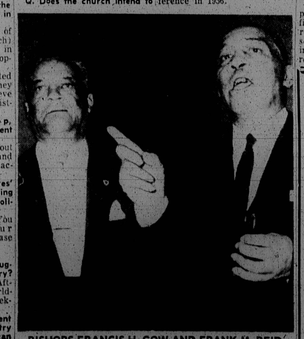
A. About 120,000.

Q. Do you anticipate continued growth?

A. Yes.

Bishop Gow first came to America at the age of 12. He received his education here and returned to South Africa to continue missionary work.

He was elected bishop at the 35th session of the AME Conference in 1956.



BISHOPS FRANCIS H. GOW AND FRANK M. REID' Discuss race problem during AME conference here

New pupils will register on May 5, 6

The Baltimore City Public Schools will hold a spring registration on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., to permit parents to enroll new pupils for the next school year in the public elementary schools.

Applicants for admission to kindergarten must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 1960. Applicants for first grade must be six years of age on or before Dec. 31, 1960.

Parents who plan to register their children should bring reliable evidence of the child's birth date and the vaccination certificate to the school which the child will attend.

Parents who plan to register their children this spring, but who find just improvement to do so on either of the above dates, may call the principal of the school concerned for information concerning other registration opportunities.

Hearing set on jaywalkers

A public hearing on the Department of Transit and Traffic's proposed jay - walking regulations for Baltimore is scheduled for 11 a.m. April 22, in the Board of Estimates room, second floor, City Hall.

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'Lecture' In Vain

11 men, 8 women, teenager cited

Eleven men, eight women, one teenager and the members of the board of a public agency are included on 1960's AFRO Honor Roll published in this edition on Pages 8-9.

Members of the Honor Roll are cited for outstanding service to the community in the years 1958 and 1959. There was no honor roll in 1959.

The AFRO has published an Honor Roll consistently since it originated in 1939 except for the years 1940 and 1959.

Nominations were submitted by readers of this paper and were carefully screened by a panel of judges who set their standards high.

The names, that they approved cut across geographical, social and racial lines as the Honor Roll is concerned with only one thing—outstanding service to the community.

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PUBLISHED IN this edition are brief sketches and pictures of the winners.

They range from a blind woman, Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, who fought against almost hopeless odds to establish a home for the blind, to businessman Carroll Rosenbloom, who gave the city a championship team in repeated instances.

Others on this, the 19th AFRO Honor Roll are:

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, for development of Morgan State College; Mrs. Helen Baker, successful cancer fighter; Miss Muriel Garland, outstanding student; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon, married for 60 years and leaders

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THE WINNERS

DR. MARTIN D. JENKINS
CARROLL ROSENBLOOM
MRS. HELEN BAKER
MISS MURIEL GARLAND
MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE GORDON
DR. CHARLES WARD
C. C. JACKSON
MRS. IRMA DIXON
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CHARLES SIMMS
MRS. ETHEL RICH
MRS. ADELYN BREESKIN
REV. A. T. WILLIAMS

Napoleon Bonaparte gets married but not to Josephine

History relates the colorful adventures of one Napoleon Bonaparte who came very close to ruling the world, some years ago.

Baltimore has its own Napoleon and his last name is Bonaparte. Our Napoleon is 27 and an employee of the Glenn L. Martin Co.

Just last Saturday Napoleon took unto himself a bride, Miss Katie M. Evans, of formerly of the 1600 block Barclay St.

The Bonapartes are now residing at 1617 Normal Ave. and from this point on Thursday Mrs. Bonaparte reported that her husband has taken "A lot of kidding" about his historical name.

To his friends Napoleon is "Johnny". The story would be better if he had been married in Waterloo, Md., but he was married in Baltimore by Rev. James Grant.

If you're wondering where "Josephine" fits into all this—She's the new Mrs. Bonaparte's sister.

S. Africans call massacre unprovoked

NEW YORK (NNPA) —Statements by Africans charging that they were fired on "without reason" by police during the riots at Sharpeville, Union of South Africa, were made to delegates at the United Nations Monday.

Allard K. Lowenstein, a New York lawyer, received the affidavits from Dr. Ambrose Reeves, Bishop of Johannesburg.

Mr. Lowenstein said the statements, signed by 18 Africans, alleged that police shot them in the back. At the time, the police officers said they opened fire because mobs were throwing rocks at them.

THE STATEMENTS said the Africans gathered at Sharpeville because they thought an announcement was to be made about identification pass books. Two lawyers, John Lang and Ernest Wentzel, recorded the statements.

They have since been arrested. Bishop Reeves fled across the border to Swaziland to avoid arrest.

One statement from George Otawa, of Sharpeville, said, in part: "I went to the police station at 12:30 p.m. to hear what was to be said about passes. I do not like passes. Passes restrict the place of employment and I am subject to arrest if I do not have my pass.

"I went to the police station because a letter had arrived

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AFRO ALMANAC

TODAY, GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

a Maryland legal holiday
103rd day of the year, last day of Lent.
Sunrise at 5:30 a.m.; sunset at 6:43 p.m.
City lights on at 7 p.m., off at 5:15 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17
Sunrise at 5:27 a.m.

TODAY, GOOD FRIDAY
Schools — closed until April 25 for Spring Vacation
Libraries — closed, open again Saturday
Stores — open
City and state offices — closed, open again Monday
Courts — city and federal, closed, open again Monday
No garbage collection on Friday

8 more days until Daylight Saving Time begins, Sunday, April 24, at 2 a.m., set clocks forward one hour.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today Good Friday, complete abstinence and fast; Saturday, fast; Easter Monday, April 18, also Patriots Day; April 22 St. Mark's Eve; April 23, St. Mark's Day; April 24, Low Sunday, first Sunday after Easter, also, Daylight Saving Time begins; April 29, National Arbor Day.

Week-end weather — Today, Friday, continued hot with temperatures around 90; scattered showers probable; Saturday, continued warm. Sunday, sunny, partly cloudy, continued warm. Monday, cooler. Thursday's high was 90 degrees at 3 p.m.

Quads in their Easter hats

KATHERINE MARY GRAVES
"Something wonderful happens when you get just the right Easter hat."

KAREN MAY GRAVES
"The frills definitely do something for a girl"

KIM MARIE GRAVES
"We'll be the grandest ladies in the Easter parade."

KEVIN MARK GRAVES
"No hats for me, but I would say the girls are stunning in theirs."

MAGIC AND CHARM of the 1960 Easter bonnet is demonstrated by the feminine members of the Annapolis Graves quadruplets while the only male member, typical of his sex, merely admires the lace and fluffiness, silently and hatless. At six months the quartet eagerly awaits Easter. All set with California originals, organdy frocks embroidered in rosebuds and the matching bonnets, Katty, Karen and Kim patiently posed for the AFRO photographer at their home. Kevin Mark sported a blue knit romper suit and blue bootees. The quads are reported in excellent health by their mother, Mrs. Lorraire Graves. Kim, the oldest, weighs 14 pounds; Kathy, next oldest, weighs 10 pounds; Kevin, the boy, weighs 9½ pounds; Karen, youngest, weighs 9 pounds. They were born Oct. 10, 1959, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, first quads there in the history of the hospital.

The non-violent way

By James M. Lawson, Jr.

Many people call the passivity of the colored race "non-violence."

But nothing could be further from the truth.

As the present sit - ins demonstrate, genuine non-violence is active and dynamic.

Others call the well-fought and won legal battles "non-violence." But the court cases, merely define a moral issue in legal terms.

The more crucial issue in the hearts and minds of the masses is left largely untouched by the legal decision.

This explains why we have many court victories, but often only token integration.

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STILL OTHERS say that the colored man has always been non - violent. Certainly the colored man has never taken up arms against the segregated society.

But it is necessary to point out how much violence the colored man has turned on upon himself.

In other words, instead of

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SITDOWNS AT A GLANCE

Downtown stores report loss during sitdowns

What has been the effect of the student demonstration, now entering its sixth week?

As plans for continued and expanded protest demonstrations were being completed Thursday, a look at the overall picture reveals:

Downtown Department store sales have fallen off.

Statistics released by the Federal Reserve Bank this week show that sales figures covering a four - week period, ending April 2, 1960, were eight per cent below those for a similar period in 1959.

The effect of the demonstrations in the Northwood Shopping center was noted earlier this month.

When management officials asked Circuit Judge Joseph Allen for an injunction against demonstrators in the shopping area, they based their

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$50 Is the total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-4015, 4019, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024 or WI. 5-2322. Bring your Photos to the City Desk.

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Read's Drug promotion to Dr. Lee

The Read Drug and Chemical Co. has named Dr. Carroll Lee, 40, 2905 Gwynns Falls Parkway, manager of its store at North and Pennsylvania Aves.

The pharmacist began his employment with Reads in May, 1957, as assistant manager of the North and Pennsylvania Aves. store.

A native of Baltimore, he graduated from Douglass High School and completed the pharmacy course at Howard University in 1952. He was employed in Washington before joining Read's.

He is marrried to the former Miss Roseland Rogers. They have one daughter, Dina Carroll.

Dr. Lee is a member of Metropolitan Methodist Church and the Phi Delta Mu and Beta Kappa Chi Fraternities.

S.S. winners out next week

Winners of the AFRO Sunday School Contest will be announced next week. All entries are in the hand of AFRO judges whose decision on the winners will be final.

Cash prizes totaling $75 will be awarded to a young person under 21 who has the longest record of attendance; to a teacher who has the longest record of attendance; and to the person over 21 who has the longest record of attendance.

Cummings gets life sentence after 5-min. talk

"I've already died a thousand times since this terrible thing happened. All I want to do is just go home to my wife and children."

This plea echoed in a silenced courtroom Wednesday as a tall, well dressed man with tenseness written on his face spoke softly of a shocking tragedy in which he was the principal actor.

For five minutes Arbie Robert Cummings, 35, "lecturned" to Judges J. Gilbert Prendergast and John Tucker on points of law in a futile effort to show that he could not be found guilty of first degree murder because of what he called "lack of evidence."

When the impassioned plea for freedom was over, Judge Prendergast looked down at the defendant and calmy intoned:

"This court finds you guilty of murder in the first degree . . . you are hereby sentended to serve the rest of your natural life in imprisonment at the Maryland Penitentiary."

A deputy sheriff then took the convicted man by the arm and led him away to begin serving time for the July 30, 1959 slaying of attractive Mrs. Inez White, 36.

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CUMMINGS WAS arrested in the Cherry Hill shopping center after shooting the Chicago society matron, also identified as his sweetheart, in full view of horrified shoppers and a police officer.

Observers said Cummings pumped five shots "into the head, body and legs of Mrs. White after a brief conversation between the two on the shopping center's parking lot.

He was tried and convicted of murder in a seven-day trial which began Dec. 3, 1959.

His sentence was delayed when he filed a motion for a new trial, which incidentally, he lost.

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AT PRECISELY 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Cummings was called to the bench by the judges and asked if he was ready for sentencing.

Spectators in the crowded courtroom strained forward to hear Cummings make his final plea as he referred from time to time to a sheet of paper in his hand.

"During my time in City Jail, I have completely covered the transcript of my trial, and all the State has is conflicting testimony which does not warrant a first degree murder conviction.

"You are bound by your duty to find me not guilty. It is impossible for you to find me guilty when the state does not have sufficient evidence to convict me."

As he spoke, he stood straight and tall. His expression was firm. He was neatly dressed in a blue suit, white tab collar shirt, blue tie, and black shoes. Beside him stood his attorney, Milton B. Allen.

Mr. Allen later withdrew from the case and an appeal was entered by Mr. Cummings. He wrote his intention to the court clerk in ink.

"My words when I had realized what I had done that day were 'Lord, show me the way.' And I'm asking you today to show me the way to

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ARBIE CUMMINGS
Files his own appeal with court.

'59 clothes, '60 dignity' forces counter shutdown

LITTLE ROCK — A group of demonstrators wearing protest badges forced the closing, Tuesday, of a lunch counter at a downtown variety store.

The badges worn by the group, believed to have been students at Philander Smith College, read:

"I am wearing 1959 clothes with 1960 dignity. I refuse to patronize segregated stores."

Calls flood switchboard in AFRO-Disneyland contest

The AFRO switchboard has been flooded with calls from prospective customers who want home delivery service since the opening of the big Disneyland promotion on Tuesday. The contest continues through June 18.

Interest continues to mount among AFRO carriers who are ringing doorbells as the contest nears the end of its first week.

At stake in the mammoth contest are four expense-free five - day trips to fabulous Disneyland and 350 other valuable prizes.

Each newsboy must increase his home delivery service route by at least 50 papers to compete for the top prizes.

However, there are regular prize drawings scheduled for April 27, May 11, May 25 and June 8, at which every carrier who has increased his home delivery route by as many as three customers will have a chance at prizes.

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GEORGE LEE, city circulation manager said at midweek that better than 115 carriers had already obtained the 3 or more new customers that qualifies them for the April 27 prize drawing.

Mr. Lee said that on the basis of the interest and achievements of the first few days of the contest, he expects 525 carriers will qualify for the prize drawing before the April 27 date arrives.

Carriers are urged to report their list of new customers to their route supervisors on Saturday of each week.

Some of them will be picking up new customers from calls which have been coming into the office.

All the calls for home delivery service which come to the AFRO during the contest will be turned over to the carrier in the neighborhood from whence the call comes, Monday and Thursday calls will get next day service.

Where there is not now a carrier to serve the area the customers will be provided special service from a detail

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