Attractive Barmaid Guilty In Operation

1,000 on strike at rubber co.

The entire factory force of the Cat's Paw Rubber Co., Warner and Ostend Sts., went on strike at midnight Wednesday, apparently in a dispute over a new contract offer.

The employees, numbering approximately 1,000 according to Marvin C. Wahl, company attorney, are represented by United Mine Workers of America, District 50.

The company's contract with this union terminated at midnight Wednesday, and the company's new contract offer was rejected, Mr. Wahl told the AFRO.

The striking employees placed a picket line around the plant, which manufactures rubber heels, at midnight Wednesday.

Mr. Wahl said Thursday afternoon:

"I have not been informed either officially or unofficially, by the union why the offer was turned down."

He gave this answer, when asked if the contract dispute involved wages, working conditions, or both.

The plant's supervisors, employees and office workers are not involved in the strike, Mr. Wahl stated.

Union officials were not available at AFRO press time.

Saul Harris resting after ulcer attack

Sinai Hospital reports that State's Attorney Saul Harris, 69, was resting comfortably and in satisfactory condition late Thursday.

Mr. Harris was rushed to the hospital early Wednesday morning, suffering an apparent ulcer attack.

Tests and examinations to determine the nature of the illness have not been completed, the hospital said.

The prosecutor was stricken a few hours before he was scheduled to take nine club employees before the grand jury in the vice and crime probe of The Block.

DURING MR. HARRIS' illness, which the hospital said will be indefinite, the probe will be handled by E. Thomas Maxwell Jr., assistant State's attorney, and Lt. Vincent Gavin, chief of the State's attorney's investigating squad.

Late Thursday the grand jury headed by John L. Berry had returned no indictments. The AFRO learned the panel will interview 15 more Block figures today (Friday) before considering indictments.

To date more than 16 barmaids, show girls and other figures on The Block have been quizzed by the grand jury.

NAACP asks all-out effort for membership drive goal

The spring renewal membership campaign for the NAACP ends Tuesday, June 8 with the presentation of awards and other citations.

Early this week a total of $2,725 had been received from Life membership payments. Some 500 memberships had been reported.

Campaign director, Mrs. Charlotte W. Downie, is urging all workers to renew their efforts during the weekend to help reach the goal of 1,000.

"We are asking all churches to rally to this great effort to help us continue our great fight against segregation," she said.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, branch president, says recent events in the south make the current campaign more important than ever and called for city - wide support.

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WORKERS INCLUDE: Mesdames Jennie Jackson, Marie Smallwood, Estella Domnell, June Cooper, Clara Hill, Anna Richardson, Mamie Hoggard and Elizabeth Pheips;

Mesdames Mary Willingham, Frances McGlotten, Doris Tarter, Mary James, Thelma Raye, Alice Mitchell, Emma Rice, Leola Greene, Mary Holmes and Luia Mack;

Mesdames Marie Fralling, Theo Jefferson, Ivy Griffin, Edith Allen, Johnnie Mae Thompson, Anna Warren, Mary E. Hawkins, Vera Smith, Ada Spencer and Isabelle Gladden;

Mesdames Eleanor Branch, Ruby Gill, Doris B. Adams, Anna Reed, Emma Byrd, Sarah Baldwin, Laura Bouldin, China Dean, Elizabeth C. Jones, Celeste Hughes, Ella Tibbs, Virginia White, Georgine Rollins, Frances Chatman and Doris White;

Mesdames Viola Flint, Vera Hudnall, Virginia Keasley, Eula Mae Watts, Alma Lang, the Rev. Lillian Thompson and Catherine Turner.

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ADULTS LEADING in the number of memberships obtained are Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. Frances McGlotten, Hezikiah Hayes, the Unique Pais Social Club and Miss Leola Greene.

Leading churches in membership is Timothy Baptist Church, Rev. William T. Mayo, pastor.

Leading in youth memberships is Henry Kennedy.

Others workers include:

Misses Annie McArthur, Ida Williams, Leola Greene, Ida Ash and Esther McCready;

Osborne Carroll, Lloyd Bernard, Anderson Brooker, the Rev. Maxwell Johnson, John White, Atty. Paul J. Cockrell, Clarence Logan of the CIGS, Joshua Faulcon, the Rev. Olin Moyd and George Pagie.

Members of the Collegians Delta, Miss Arthia Hayes chairman; Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, advisor; and the Jackie Robinson Youth Council.

1961 Life Membership Payments Through May 26th

Gardens of Eternal Hope, $500 complete; Hilton E. Brooks, $400 final; Mrs. Delia Biggs (Thelma), $50 final; Sam Kavlavitch, $150 additional; United Baptist Church, $125 final; W. C. Bryson Jr., $100 final; Funeral Directors and Morticians, $100 final; Mrs. Victorine Adams, $100 first; and Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity, $100 additional.

Metropolitan Methodist Church, $100 additional; Woman Power, Inc. $100 first; Twenty Woman's Club, $50 final; King David Lodge No. 18, $50 additional; Dr. Ralph Reckling Jr., $50 additional; Dr. William Beamon, $50 additional; Dr. Maurice Doles, $50 additional; Dr. Percival Smith, $50 additional, and Rev. A. J. Payne, $50 additional.

Dr. Bernard Christmas, $50 additional; Mrs. Pearlie Mae White, $50 first; Dr. Walter T. Davidson, $25, additional; Atty. William Murphy, $25 additional; Students of Morgan State College, $25 additional, and Mrs. Zulika Taylor, $25 additional.

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

That fund-raising affair — dubbed a "political tea" — given here last week by the Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee of Maryland, reminds that next year's primary in May is fast-approaching.

This activity by these alert ladies also reminds how important it is that such organizations enter political campaigns armed with their own funds.

To be successful, an organization must not only build a strong membership — it must be able to stand on its own feet financially.

This independence brings desirable recognition — and bargaining power.

Bargaining power, in this instance, means being able to demand jobs, favors, etc., from candidates who win — in exchange for organizational support.

It means desirable party recognition.

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MUCH TOO often and far too long, groups have been going downtown to "see the man" for funds to either open an uptown headquarters or to put on "workers" — to support certain candidates.

Some have a practice of carrying this begging directly to the candidates.

Such groups can hardly ask for anything after election — because they have been bought by handouts before.

The thing has been so rank in past campaigns, some groups have been given such funds quite frankly because they were a nuisance — rather than for any appreciable support expected.

This sort of thing must be stopped.

It's way past time for some folks to stop selling themselves and their people down the river in this fashion — for a few pieces of silver.

This is one of the main reasons there are no colored clerks in the numerous courthouse jobs downtown — and so few colored on any political jobs.

It's high time for a lot of people to begin using a sensible approach to politics.

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THAT IS why it is rather refreshing to see the ladies of the Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee very frankly going about the necessary business of raising their own campaign funds.

And while we're on this matter of a sensible approach to politics — let's look again at what Andrew T. Hatcher associate White House press secretary, said here on May 12.

Mr. Hatcher, speaking at the awards dinner of Morgan State College's Institute for Political Education, stated:

"In the America of today, every facet of life depends on politics.

"A stop sign, the very price of milk, free or pay TV, the number of children in a northern schoolroom, the very length of daylight, the weight of a loaf of bread, Little Rock, war or peace, is a political decision.

"A non-partisan approach to politics is for people who have no problems.

"For a minority community, it is not a mark of sophistication, but a self - imposed cross of ignorance of the American way of life."

Now — should there be doubts about Mr. Hatcher's contention that all citizens should have an active interest in politics, note might be taken of this new fact:

As of Thursday, Maryland citizens began paying more sales tax.

More citizenship interest in the General Assembly might have prevented this.

EMERGENCY ACTION — This was the scene at North Ave. and Appleton St. Sunday when an ambulance crew prepared to remove Michele Bess, 2, of 2007 McKean Ave. to Provident Hospital. The child sustained a fractured left leg and a concussion in a traffic accident. The driver was identified as Albert Quinn Jr., 25, of the 1800 block Rosedale St.

Given suspended 1-year term

The luck of an attractive unemployed barmaid ran out in criminal court Thursday.

Miss Doris N. Jones, 3100 block Gwynns Falls Parkway, was convicted of performing an abortion on an East Baltimore mother of two children in May of last year.

Judge Delaney Foster imposed a one-year reformatory sentence but suspended it and released the North Carolina native on one-year probation. She was ordered to pay the $135 court costs.

Miss Jones, a divorcee, was acquitted of a similar charge in Baltimore County Criminal Court last Friday.

Judge Lester L. Barrett ordered her freed when the state failed to prove she had committed a crime.

However, in the second trial James W. Murphy, prosecutor, produced witnesses who testified Miss Jones performed the operation in a Reisterstown Rd. apartment for a $75 fee.

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THE PROSECUTING witness, employed at a nursing home, told Judge Foster, Miss ones operated per2emm Miss Jones performed the operation and tried to persuade her not to testify.

Headquarters policewomen entered the case when the prosecuting witness became ill and was treated at City Hospitals following the illegal operation.

Milton B. Allen and W. Emerson Brown Jr., attorneys, argued that Miss Jones was a victim of mistaken identity.

Throwing out this defense, Judge Foster said:

"This prosecuting witness is the best one I've seen in an abortion case and I'm completely convinced she is telling the truth."

The trial was one of five abortion cases Judge Foster heard Wednesday.

In the other four, three defendants entered guilty pleas and one was found guilty after a one - hour hearing.

All were given a one-year suspended Reformatory term and put on probation for one year.

Pleading guilty were:

Mrs. Joyce A. Harris, 23, 1800 block Rutland Ave.

Mrs. Mildred Stanley, 30, 2700 block W. Lafayette Ave.

Mrs. Evelyne Gordon, 32, 900 block S. Hanover St.

Mrs. Fannie Patterson, 40, 2200 block Roslyn Ave., was convicted of performing an illegal operation on a 17-year - old distant relative last November.

JAMES W. MURPHY, prosecutor, presented evidence which showed Mrs. Harris performed an abortion on a 22 - year - old mother of three children last January who had to be treated at City Hospitals.

Mrs. Stanley, the prosecutor told Judge Foster, performed an operation on a 25-year - old mother of two children for a $75 fee, last February.

Mrs. Gordon, policewoman told the court, was arrested when a doctor informed them a 27-year-old woman visited his office after complications set in following an illegal operation.

The complaining witness said she paid Mrs. Gordon a $30 fee. She was referred to University Hospital by the doctor where she was treated and released.

City schools reorganized into administrative areas

Dr. George B. Brain, Baltimore school superintendent, announced a plan to reorganize the city's five public elementary school areas at the School Board meeting Thursday.

Beginning Sept. 1, city elementary schools will have six administrative areas compared to the five-area system in use since 1954.

Dr. Brain said the new administrative area was created to handle the growing number of new schools and the swelling pupil population which has jumped 11,000 over the 1954 figure.

During the seven-year period, Dr. Brain pointed out, 20 new schools were constructed. New additions were made at 12 others.

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WITHIN THE next four or five years, the superintendent said, 12 more new schools will be added to the present number.

According to the reorganization plan, the new six-area system will be completely integrated.

The six area directors — three colored and three white — will be assigned on a geographical basis.

When the five-area system was instituted in 1954, one month before school desegregation, the five directors — two colored and three white — were assigned to all - colored or all - white schools.

In preparation for the new expansion, school board commissioners, May 11, appointed Mrs. Beatrice Rawlings head of the newly created "Area F."

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OTHER COLORED area directors, appointed under the old system are:

Mrs. Marion C. Johnson, 3606 Dennlyn Rd., Area D, and Mrs. E. Romaine Jones, 2432 Woodbrook Ave., Area B.

Other directors include:

Dr. Edward H. Gersuk, **4814 Norwood Ave., also appointed May 11 to fill vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs. Eleanor R. Shank, who headed Area A.:**

Mrs. Pearl W. Goetz, 414 Wyndham Rd., Area C, and Miss Helen Hermon, 3717 Reisterstown Rd., Area E.

The sub-division of elementary schools is designed to decentralize the administrative program, education officials pointed out.

It has enabled the department to give close attention to administrative and supervisory problems arising in individual schools, they said.

Miss Mary A. Adams, assistant superintendent of Elementary Education, said area directors, working with a staff of resource persons have demonstrated the worth of the system by the effective way they have exerted leadership in administering the affairs of primary schools.

Their staffs are made up of supervisors, and specialists in art, music, and physical education.

Commission on aged to meet June 7

The Baltimore City Commission on the Problems of the Aged will hold another organizational meeting 4 p.m. Wednesday in the mayors office, city hall.

This commission, recently appointed by Mayor J. Harold Grady, is headed by James C. Anderson.

Mrs. Ralph V. Cook, 3509 Ellamont Rd., and Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins, 2243 Madison Ave. are among the members.

Other members are:

Dr. Matthew Tayback, assistant commissioner, research and planning, Health Dept.; Alfred E. Cross, Mrs. Samuel Strouse; Leon A. Rubenstein and William L. Hodges, city councilmen; Eugene Lipitz, and Mrs. Martha Welzant;

Also, N. W. Tingle; the Rev. Frederick James Hanna; Victor Morgenroth; Dr. Louis A. M. Krause; Miss Esther Lazarus; director, Department of Public Welfare; C. Willis Hammond, vice president and secretary, Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore; Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent of public schools;

And, Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent, Bureau of Recreation; Richard L. Steiner, director, Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency; Col. Frank Milani, president, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and Mrs. Daniel H. FitzSimmons.

'Most southern oppose violence'

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Deputy Attorney General Byron (Whizzer) White, who was in charge of the United States deputy marshals sent to Alabama to quell the violence against Freedom Riders returned to Washington Friday and reported that most of the people in the South are opposed to further racial violence.

He said, however, that there is much work remaining to be done to find out who is intent on violence.

500 expected to take part in institute on discrimination

More than 500 persons are expected to attend the Institute on Discrimination and Race Bias in Labor, Housing, Health, Education and Government sponsored by Ministers Alliance of Baltimore on Saturday.

The meeting is scheduled to open at 9:30 a.m. and will extend throughout the day until 5 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Place.

Delegates are enrolled from most of the city's churches, civic, community, labor and educational organizations.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS are A. Philip Randolph, president of the American Labor Council and Percy Williams, assistant director, the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities.

During the institute, discussion leaders will direct group in studying the various areas where discrimination is practiced.

Recommendations will include proposals for eliminating discrimination in labor, housing, health, education and government.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom is president of the interdenominational organization. The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr. is chairman of the program committee.

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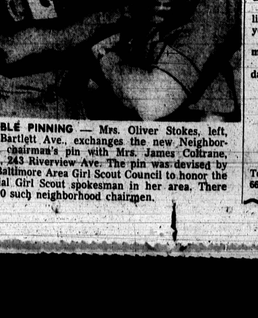

DOUBLE PINNING — Mrs. Oliver Stokes, left, 653 Bartlett Ave., exchanges the new Neighborhood Council's pin with Mrs. James Coltrane, right, 243 Riverview Ave. The pin was devised by the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council to honor the official Girl Scout spokesman in her area. There are 90 such neighborhood chairmen.

45 new voters this week

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register:

1. Citizens who have recently become 21 years of age.

2. Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, basement of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register: Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered as of May 27, 108,309.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,306.

Total registered as of April 15, 107,782.

Registration this week: 45.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
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Tuesday	0	0	0
Wednesday	12	1	0

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered 68,537.

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OBLATE SISTERS FORCED TO FLEE CUBA

(STORY IN COLUMN 1)

'Strangler' To Die

Say Castro forces took convent

Forty-three members of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, have been ordered out of Cuba by the Castro government.

The nuns reached Friendship Airport last night from Miami and were greeted by a group from the order.

Oblate, oldest order of colored nuns in the U.S., is 131 years old. The order has conducted schools, and a convent in Havana Cuba since 1900.

An estimated 1,000 children were enrolled in the five schools.

The total value of the equipment seized by the Castro regime is about $1,000,000.

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SKETCHY reports reaching the States are to the effect that Castro forces occupied quarters in the convent and schools and confiscated the nuns' possessions on April 28.

It was learned that the Castro government demanded that the Catholic schools abandon their religious teachings, and follow the government line.

Reports that the nuns were molested by troops were reconfirmed. Mother William, superior general of the Order here in Baltimore, said she had no information to that effect.

However, it was reported that students in the Oblate convent schools, mostly Cuban, were forced to return to their homes, and abandon their religious training.

She said the soldiers moved into the schools and convent and placed the nuns under virtual house arrest.

When the Castro forces refused to let the nuns use Cuban money to buy airplane tickets, the Mother Superior sent them checks.

The nuns have been taken to the motherhouse. Our Lady of Mount Providence in Arbutus.

Some of them will be sent to the 30 schools the order operates in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

LAURIAN CARDINAL RUGAMBWA
To Conduct Mass in Nation's Capital.

African Cardinal will offer a Mass at Washington's National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 4 P.M., Sunday, June 18. Details on Page 6.

Methodists near integration vote

Members of the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church are expected to vote today (Friday) for or against integrating with the Northeastern Jurisdiction, now all - white.

Some 280 delegates, including one ministerial and one layman representative from each of the 140 conference churches, will cast votes at this afternoon's session on the Morgan State College campus.

The integration invitation from the Northeastern Jurisdiction was extended to the Delaware, Washington and North Carolina districts, which together compose the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church.

At its annual conference last week the Delaware Conference voted in favor of integration. The Washington Conference has its bay today vote in the North Carolina Conference votes next week.

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BISHOP EDGAR A. LOVE, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, presides over each of the three conferences.

Predictions are that the Washington Annual Conference will witness extended arguments throughout the business session, both for and against the transfer.

A special resolution committee was appointed Wednesday to study the transfer proposal and to word the resolution to be put before the delegates.

Members of the committee include the Revs. Edward G. Carroll, Ramsey Beavers, Kelly Jackson and Mrs. Beryl Williams.

The question of transfer of churches from the all-colored Central Jurisdiction has been before the world - wide Methodist Church since the creation of the Central Jurisdiction in 1956.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH lists nearly 10 million members in the United States. The majority of colored members are in the

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NAACP head, lawmaker arrested by Miss. cops

JACKSON, Miss. — A divinity student from Washington, D.C., the president of the New York City branch of the NAACP and a white New York State Assemblyman were among Freedom Riders jailed this week as Jackson courts cracked down on attempts to desegregate travel facilities.

The District of Columbia student is Reginald M. Green, 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Green Sr., of 4120 E. Capitol St., NE.

Mr. Green, a junior in the school of theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, was arrested Wednesday by Jackson police at the Trailways bus terminal.

He was graduated from Washington's Dunbar High School in 1959 and last year was one of the participants in the sit-in demonstrations initiated by Union students to desegregate downtown Richmond department store lunch counters.

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TWO OTHERS arrested Thursday were Percy Sutton, president of the New York City Branch of the NAACP, and N.Y. State Assemblyman Mark Lane who followed the route taken by earlier Freedom Riders and who were served in terminal restaurants in several Southern cities including Montgomery, Ala.

They were arrested immediately upon their arrival

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Teacher loses 4th divorce try

Dr. Antoine R. Browne, well known city school teacher, lost his fourth try for a divorce in Superior Court, Thursday.

Judge Edwin Harlan dismissed the 40-year-old educator's divorce suit.

In refusing to dissolve the couple's 22-year marriage, Judge Harlan also ordered Dr. Browne to pay his wife, Mrs. Lucille S. Browne, 40, 2200 block E. Biddle St., $100 monthly support.

The Dunbar High School teacher was also ordered to pay his wife's attorney's fee and court costs.

Dr. Browne must also make arrangements with the Probation Department to adjusted support payments.

According to Mrs. Brown's attorney, Franklin I. Freeman, these payments are nearly $2,000 in arrears.

The Master Index File in Circuit Court shows the couple have aired their marital linens on three different occasions in the past.

Divorce actions involving Antoine R. Browne vs. Lucille S. Browne were filed in 1952, '54, and '58.

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MRS. ROMONA B. DeSHIELDS, 19-year-old daughter of the couple, of Jessupter, Md., climaxed the two - day hearing.

With tears flowing down her face, Mrs. DeShields told Judge Harlan her father deserted the family when the house rent was six months behind.

"It was snowing and the landlord was getting ready to put us out in the street. We didn't know where my father was and we didn't have any money."

The attractive young woman wept aloud while telling how her mother scraped up rent money, including selling her brother's bicycle on his birthday.

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MRS. DESHIELDS told Judge Harlan of an early morning incident before her parents separated.

"My father came home very late one night, woke my mother up and asked her where had she been. He pulled her out of the bed, tore her gown and beat her.

"He then came in our room and beat us."

When Jesse Specter, her father's attorney, asked her how could she remember the alleged incidents so well when she was only 11 or 12 years old at the time, Mrs. DeShields tearfully answered.

"Mister, there are some things you never forget."

Before throwing out the divorce plea, Judge Harlan remarked:

"I have never seen a divorce case that wasn't tragic. And I've never seen one where only one party was at fault.

"Although all witnesses were interesting, including the complainant's brother, Alverez Browne, (of Washington). I'm convinced the daughter is telling the truth."

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IN ASKING Judge Edwin Harlan to end their 22 - year marriage, Dr. Browne said he was "forced to leave his Fulton Ave. home in 1954 because of my wife's cruelty and vicious conduct."

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Rites set Monday for Dr. Benjamin

Funeral services for Dr. Bruce V. Benjamin, 40, 3605 Grantley Rd., will be held Monday at 10 a.m., at the Walbrook Trinity Presbyterian Church, Walbrook, and Ellamont St. Burial will be in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

The physician died early Wednesday morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he had been confined since May 31.

Dr. Benjamin had served as chief radiologist at Provident Hospital since July of 1956.

A native of New York City, Dr. Benjamin was born Jan. 7, 1921.

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HE ATTENDED public school in that city and took his undergraduate work at

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ENSIGN MACK JOHNSON JR.
One of Three Naval Graduates

3 get commissions at Naval Academy

By HERB MANGRUM

In a packed humid field house at the Naval Academy Wednesday, President John F. Kennedy asked 796 Annapolis graduates to "play a constructive role in the development of national policy."

The President, speaking from notes, delivered the address before 10,000 persons.

Later he shook hands with each of the 95 men who graduated with distinction, and looked on as commissions were conferred on 663 Ensigns, 58 Marine Corps lieutenants, 47 Air Force officers and 14 Army lieutenants.

AMONG THOSE awarded Navy Commissions were:

Ensign Mack Johnson Jr., son of Mrs. Mary F. Johnson of Cobble Stone Rd. Glenham, N.Y.;

Ensign Willie Z. Byrd, son of Mrs. Georgia Tilliman of 4215 N. Kerby Ave., Portland, Oregon;

And, Ensign Jon A. Shel- the time, living at 1742 E.

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Reported calm on last day

Nathaniel Lipscomb, 32 - year - old convicted "Dawn Strangler," dies in the gas chamber tonight (Friday).

Prison officials reported Friday morning that Lipscomb was awaiting the end calmly.

Lipscomb will pay with his life for the rape and murder of three East Baltimore women in late 1958 and early 1959.

The "Strangler" has been standing in the shadow of the penitentiary death chamber since February of last year.

That's when Criminal Court Judges Joseph L. Carter and James K Cullen found him guilty of the series of crimes which made East Baltimore women jittery for four months.

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THE SECOND of two death warrants was signed last month when the Supreme Bench turned down an appeal filed under the Post Conviction Act.

The Court of Appeals turned down a motion for a new trial last year.

As the "Dawn Strangler" prepared to walk the last mile two men moved into the shadow of the lethal chamber.

Judge Carter on Wednesday sentenced two men to death.

George T. Young, 30, 2700 block Parkwood Ave., will die for the November rape of a 28-year-old blond mother of two children.

Russell J. White, prosecutor, told Judge Carter, March 17, that Young, unemployed laborer, committed the attack while two friends carted off several items from the woman's apartment in a mid-day robbery.

The two men were later convicted of robbery and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Joining Young on Death Row Wednesday, was Philip Shorey, 23, 1700 block N. Bradford Ave.

He was found guilty of criminally assaulting and robbing a 77-year-old blond woman of $40 in May of last year.

Charles E. Moylan Jr., assistant state's attorney, told a jury Shorey entered the elderly woman's home in the same block where he

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Barciel Wilson paroled in bizarre slaying case

Barciel Wilson, who went to the Maryland Penitentiary in 1955 for killing his sweetheart, Rosa Delores Johnson, was among the 104 prisoners paroled last month.

Wilson, a married man in Lanvale, St., was sentenced to ten years in the bizarre death of the girl, "17 years his junior, with whom he had been keeping company.

The 41-year-old man has been paroled to work with a county construction firm.

The slaying of the attractive Miss Johnson on the night of May 22, 1955, created a sensation that produced a packed courtroom when the case came to trial in October of that year.

Judge E. Paul Mason heard the trial and Wilson's defense that he had shot the girl by mistake, as they were handing a gun in his ear.

THE CASE broke on June 1, when the badly decomposed body of the girl was washed ashore near the Potomac River Bridge in Charles County.

In her chest was a bullet hole and the body had been weighted down with concrete.

She had been missing since May 22.

Early in the case there was no indication that she might have been the victim

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A neighborhood goes to work to better itself

By GAREY REYNOLDS

"We want to get this neighborhood out of the low class up to the first class where we belong. I consider the people in this block first class people."

Mrs. Lillian Harris, who works 9½ hours a day and returns to her neighborhood and continues to work to help get it—the 1500 block of Argyle Ave.—up to par, was expressing her desire to see the task completed.

Mrs. Harris, like many other mothers in the neighborhood, has seen the blighted conditions, the dirty alleys, the cluttered streets, the absence of decent recreation for their children, the poor landlord-tenant relations and the child neglect.

Like so many other mothers she has wondered what could be done about ridding the neighborhood of these conditions.

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A POSSIBLE answer came Thursday night with the opening of the long-abandoned Enoch Pratt Library branch, Pitcher St. and Fremont Ave.

The library had been closed five years, because of the opening of the new branch at North and Pennsylvania Ave.

With the help of an Urban Renewal official, A. J. Young, a neighborhood worker who talked with the Enoch Pratt Library director, Edwin Cantanga, permission was gained to open the old library branch as a temporary recreation center.

There has been assurance by the library director that if sufficient support is mustered, the building might be used on a permanent basis.

The group, which calls itself "Aggressive Neighbors," did a thorough house cleaning job on the old building in readiness for Thursday night's opening.

The opening of the building was not an overnight thing.

It really began about a year ago when Mrs. Clora Ruth Ruffin, 1536 Argyle Ave., who had given of her own time to provide the children with recreation for the past 13 years, decided to do something about getting decent facilities.

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AT SUMMER'S end, Mrs. Ruffin called the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency and asked what was on record for renewal in the Argyle Ave. area. Advised nothing was scheduled, Mrs. Ruffin told the renewal official what was on her mind for bettering her neighborhood's conditions.

The official liked what he heard, and told her he would have a man come out to talk with her. The man was Mr. Young.

A meeting was called in February of this year of all residents in the neighborhood and Mr. Young sat down with the group to make plans.

"We just sat down and talked it out," Mrs. Harris recalled. She said all the meetings they have had since were "open discussions" as was the first one.

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A LIST OF the things that were wrong with the neighborhood was drawn up in the first meeting. They included poor lighting, rats, dirty alleys, landlord-tenant relations, delinquents and unused buildings.

This list was distributed to everybody in the neighborhood in the form of a flyer—an open book of a plan to

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