—Grand jury

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for jury duty."

Put to Judge Niles

SINCE THE Supreme Bench personally selects members of the grand jury, the question of inadequate representation was put to Chief Emory H. Niles.

"This is the first time I've heard of the report, so I have no comment," he said.

Judge James K. Cullen, also refused comment, pointing out that since Judge Niles is head of the bench, all comments should come from him.

However two others, Judges Joseph L. Carter and Michael Manley voiced an opinion on the subject.

Judge Carter, who established a precedent when he named John L. Berry as the first colored grand jury foreman, said:

"I always try to take all segments of the population into consideration when I make my recommendations. As you know each of the 15 judges nominates one person for jury service.

"Of course since the panels have 23 members, some judges have two nominations."

Judge Carter admitted that some members of the bench are "aware and concerned about the lack of equal representation and agree that something has to be done about it."

He also mentioned another key factor:

"You know, like anything else, human elements enter the picture. Things like friendships, associations, and acquaintances are a factor.

"For instance a judge of the Jewish faith will tend to nominate a Jew; Catholic, a Catholic, Protestant, a Protestant, and so on."

Since there are no colored judges on the bench, the non-white population does not have the benefit of such associations.

Judge Manley would not comment on the commission's report. However he said the Maryland Court of Appeals have upheld the system used to pick juries.

He also refused to answer whether he felt that colored Baltimoreans are unequally represented on city juries. But said:

"I have no objection to picking colored jurors. I just don't know any. The ones I have associations with are lawyers and others who are exempted," adding:

"I would be glad to appoint them . . . but I just don' know any."

In Washington

A check with Washington court officials revealed a striking contrast to Baltimore on the question of juries.

"Here," a court veteran said, "it is not unusual to have panels, both petit and grand jury, with a 50 - 50 racial breakdown.

Washington does not compile jury rosters on basis of color either.

Colored residents constitute approximately 53 per cent of the total population, it was pointed out.

—Wife of jurist

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Judge Thomas lost his position as a municipal judge last week when the Miami City Council abolished the court over which he presided.

Judge Ferguson said that the evidence against Mrs. Thomas was only by innuendo and hearsay and that it did not show probable cause for holding her.

However, the state's attorney's office can still file charges if it considers that it has sufficient evidence.

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THE PERSON responsible for the arrest of Mrs. Thomas was her brother, Officer Willie Nicholson.

The case began on Oct. 25 when a house, described as a numbers rackets clearing house, was robbed by two men.

In the course of the robberry, a Mrs. Donaway was fatally shot and the bandits escaped with $200.

Officer Nicholson was assigned to the case and finally arrested Henry, 27, who implicated Simpson, 28.

On the strength of evidence gained from them, Mrs. Thomas was arrested.

Following the arrest of his sister, Officer Nicholson said he had no idea that she was implicated in the robbery-murder, and was quoted as saying "and now I'm sick."

Judge Thomas, 62, said he knew nothing of the charge that the men had used his home as a base of operations and did not hear the report that his wife was involved until she was arrested.

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—Wilma

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State College in the summer of 1960. At that time, the U.S. Olympic squad was enroute from Emporia, Kansas, to New York City, where it was to enplane for Rome.

"Everything was so rush-rush, plus the excitement of the Olympics, Rome and all, I hardly had a chance to see anything of the city. Nor do I remember much of what little I did see and the people I met.

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"I FEEL deeply grateful to the AFRO and the Cross City track club for this invitation, and I'm extremely proud that the AFRO has chosen me to receive its award for the year.

"The AFRO has been one of the few newspapers to keep abreast of my progress since 1955, when I was barely known outside the confines of the Tennessee State campus.

"It has been among the first to recognize the noteworthy achievements in women's track and field, especially when Tuskegee Institute and my own school were involved.

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"I THINK it will be just thrilling to watch an indoor meet for a change. Up to now, I have participated in every indoor track meet I've seen. This time, I'll be a spectator, and I'm sure I will enjoy it thoroughly."

Mrs. Ward—who was Wilma Rudolph until her marriage to fellow-athlete William Ward three months ago—is scheduled to arrive in Baltimore late this evening (Friday).

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ON SATURDAY, she begins a busy day with a trip to Annapolis where she will have coffee with Gov. Tawes. Afterward, she will be cited by the chief of state in his office at the Capitol.

At 1 p.m., a large delegation of civic, church and sports officials will join Wilma at City Hall, where she will be presented the key to the city. At that time, the Mayor will read his official proclamation declaring Saturday "Wilma Rudolph Ward Day in Baltimore."

At 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Ward will have lunch with the Board of Trustees at Morgan State College, at which time she will be handed the AFRO's highest award for particular achievement.

Wilma will conclude her day at 5th Regiment Armory as a guest of the SAA and the Cross City Club. She will make the presentation of the major trophies at the conclusion of the annual All-Eastern indoor track and field championships—SAM LACY.

WILMA RUDOLPH WARD

—JFK cites

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employment opportunity in all federal agencies and contractors. The Vice President's Committee (on Equal Employment Opportunity) thus created has done much, including the voluntary "Plans for Progress" which in all sections of the country, are achieving a quiet but striking success in opening up to all races new professional, supervisory and other job opportunities.

"BUT THERE is much more to be done — by the Executive, by the courts, and by the Congress. Among the bills now pending before you, on which the Executive Department will comment in detail, or appropriate methods of strengthening these basis rights which have our full support. The right to vote, for example should no longer be denied through such iniquitous local devices and sometimes abuse as literacy tests and poll taxes.

"As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation let the acts of every branch of government — and every citizen — portray "the righteousness that exalthest a nation."

Turning to education, Mr. Kennedy said he would recommend a "massive attack on adult illiteracy," and asserted that "every able-bodied high school graduate should have the opportunity to develop his talents."

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HE TOUCHED on the Congo situation, saying "hopes have improved for peace conciliation" there and reiterated that this was the objective of United States policy.

"Our efforts to help other new or developing nations and to strengthen their stand for freedom, Mr. Kennedy said "have also made steady progress.

Several scores of ambassadors and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, many from Africa, were on hand to hear the message. Among them were: Ambassadors W. M. Q. Halm, of Ghana; Berhanou Dinke, of Ethiopia; S. Edward Peal of Liberia; Julius M. Udochi, of Nigeria; and Dr. R. E. Kelfa — Caulker of Sierra Leone.

—Cosmos Club

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when word reached him of the incident.

Mr. Swing was particularly unhappy because he was one of Mr. Rowan's sponsors.

"After a man with Mr. Rowans qualifications has been recommended and turned down, after having been proposed by his predecessor in office, there was no choice but for me to leave the club," Mr. Swing said." He declared the matter had "hurt America" and had "hurt all concerned."

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ANOTHER TO resign was Howard K. Smith, commentator for the American Broadcasting Company.

He stated: "Mr. Rowan's qualifications are not merely good, but outstanding —he is a highly respected member of my profession. I am quite sure that whatever pretext may have been argued, the grounds for his rejection are primarily racial."

Also bowing out were Bruce Caton, Civil War historian; sistant secretary of state.

and Harlan Cleveland, assistant secretary of state.

The Cosmos Club is on record as admitting colored guests to its facilities. Only last week Charles (Chuck) Stone, managing editor of the Washington AFRO - AMERICAN, was a guest there.

The clubs by - laws state that males only may join and they must be men who have done meritorious, original work in science, literature, or the fine arts.

They should be cultured in these fields or should be recognized as distinguished in a learned profession or in public service. Mr. Rowan fits the bill as he is a former autor, magazine writer and prize-winning reporter.

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CLUB MEMBERS said Mr. Rowan, who was proposed for membership by Edwin M. J. Kretzmann, now deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy, Berne, Switzerland, is probably the first of his face ever to seek membership in the club.

Meanwhile, Mr. Rowan told the press: "It's my understanding that this is Washington's club of intellectuals. If it is the intellectual judgment that I do not merit membership, I can do no more than note this judgment and wish the club well."

Morgan gets

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plained, because Banneker Hall, which now houses 100 men, will be converted into a dormitory for women. Banneker was originally planned for women but has never been so used.

The new dormitory, Dr. Jenkins said, "will alleviate the pressure for campus dormitory space." Morgan has an enrollment of 2,500 which it expects will climb to 3,000 by 1965.

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DR. JENKINS said that should the college building program go according to plans Morgan will have three buildings under construction by the end of the year. Total cost of the three is slightly more than $2 million.

The other two projects, both of which are state-supported, are a new $600,000 administration building and the remodeling of and an addition to Spencer Hall for science, mathematics and home economics. The later project is costing $500,000.

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—Teacher dies

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Garrison school. Another sister, Mrs. Beatrice Hardy, teaches at Clifton Park Junior High School.

A member of the Macedonia Church, Miss Lomax was also active at the Fellowship House.

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IN 1953 Miss Lomax was voted "Deb of the Year", while attending Morgan State College. She was also active in the Ira Aldridge Players on the campus.

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BORN IN Baltimore, Miss Miss Lomax was one of eight children of William Horace and Lucille Lomax. Mr. Lomax is a maintenance supervisor for the McCulloh Homes.

After graduation from Douglass High School, Miss Lomax attended Morgan State College, graduating with honors in 1957.

She did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University in the Summer of 1959.

Miss Lomax taught a semester at Charles Hamilton Houston Junior High School before beginning at Garrison in February of 1958.

IN ADDITION to her parents and two sisters already named, Miss Lomax is survived by four other sisters, Mrs. Eugenia Taylor, Mrs. Dolores Evans, Mrs. Lucille Nelson, all of Baltimore; and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Ft. Eustis, Va.; a brother Leroy Lomax, a recreation department employee.

Others surviving include three aunts, Mrs. Mary Pack, Mrs. Beatrice Dupree and Mrs. Ethel Suter, all of Baltimore; three uncles, Robert and George Lomax, Washington; and Clyde Lomax, King Williams County, Va.; and 19 nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Arlington Phillips Funeral Home. Burial will be at Arbutus Cemetery.

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Duncan set for radio interview

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John B. Duncan, D.C. Commissioner, will be interviewed by three Washington news reporters on WWDC Radio's "Report to the People" Saturday, January 13, from 7:05 to 7:20 p.m.

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REPORTERS Alfred E. Lewis of the Washington Post, Sam Eastman of the Evening Star, and Charles Tyler of the Washington AFRO will interview Commissioner Duncan.

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COMMISSIONER DUNCAN will open the program with a brief commentary, followed by the usual question and answer period.

Weatherman says 'warm' weekend

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averted many traffic accidents.

Except for some secondary roads, the highway department reported the main roads in good condition.

Fuel companies which are usually "keyed" to this time of year, from past experience, would profit by a further dip in the temperature or if it remained the same.

So far, however, Esso Standard Oil can report no "appreciable increase in the sale of fuel oil," W.F. Robinson, assistant to manager of public relations, said.

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Assembly to get Provident, rights bills opening day

By MAX JOHNSON

When Maryland's General Assembly convenes for a 30-day session on Feb. 7, its Legislative Council will have for introduction on the first day at least 31 bills, covering a wide range of subject matter.

There will be a bill authorizing the State to give $2,400,000 for a new Provident Hospital, on the condition that Baltimore provides a matching sum.

For the first time in history, the Legislative Council will recommend a public accommodations bill.

This prepared bill, however, does not cover rooming houses, lunch counters or refreshment stands in places of recreation or amusement, such as bowling alleys, billiard halls or swimming pools.

It provides for complaint through the attorney general's office, which would, in turn, refer the case to the area's state's attorney.

However, the state's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations plans to introduce amendments to this bill to bring complaints under its jurisdiction.

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AMONG THE other bills are:

Absentee voting — to increase the scope of servicemen's absentee voting law.

Alcoholism — to create a permanent State Commission on Alcoholism.

Funeral directors and embalmers — to provide for a widow's license to continue a business of funeral director and embalmer, and that a licensed director inducted in the armed forces be exempt from renewing his license.

Illegitimacy — to repeal the section of the law covering bastardy, and substitute new provisions providing for equity proceedings to determine paternity.

Parks — there is a joint resolution to request the State Planning Dept. to consider establishing a public park in the Dundalk area.

Schools — to provide for an elementary school program in state prisons with the lawful approval of the State Department of Education.

Judges — to increase salaries of Baltimore's Supreme Bench judges from $11,500 to $16,500, and salaries of Judicial Circuits judges from $15,000 to $20,000 a year.

Salaries of associate judges of the Court of Appeals to be increased from $21,000 to $25,000, and the chief judge from $22,000 to $25,000.

Also proposed is an increase in retired judges.

Referendum petitions — to change from the present 10,000 signatures required to refer to a referundum a state - wide act of the General Assembly, to ,4in per cent of the qualified voters of the state voting at the last gubernatorial election.

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Wilkinson named to Tawes' ticket

The announcement Wednesday that Perry O. Wilkinson (Prince George's), Speaker of the House of Delegates, will run for congressman - at - large on Gov. J. Millard Tawes' ticket, completes the Democratic state - wide slate of candidates.

This ticket now includes, for Democratic nominations in the May 15 primary:

Gov. Tawes, for governor; Congressman Daniel B. Brewster (2nd Cong. D.), for U.S. Senate; State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, for comptroller; Attorney General Thomas B. Finan, for attorney general, and Mr. Wilkinson, for congressman - at - large.

In announcing the selection of Mr. Wilkinson to round out his ticket, Gov. Tawes stated:

"The fact that he is now Speaker of the House of Delegates and has held a number of responsible positions since his election to office (in 1942) is ample proof that Mr. Wilkinson's abilities have been recognized, not only by the people of this state but, by his colleagues in the House.

"He has been highly praised several times by outstanding educators because of his untiring efforts on behalf of public education.

"Mr. Wilkinson also has been an invaluable asset to this Administration, and his knowledge of state government and legislative matters has been vital in enacting many of the progressive programs put into effect during the past three years.

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THE SELECTION of Mr. Wilkinson completes the Tawes ticket with no representative from Baltimore, a point which has raised concern and some criticism in city political circles.

Herbert R. O'Conor Jr., son of the late U.S. Senator, who is a city resident, had been a candidate for congressman - at - large, but announced recently he would not run, but would be a campaign manager for Gov. Tawes instead.

Meanwhile, George P. Mahoney, who is also seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, heads a ticket which includes Blair Lee 3rd, House of Delegates member (Montgomery), for U.S. Senate, and State Senator Samuel W. Barrick (Frederick), for attorney general, and Carlton R. Sickles (Prince Georges) another House member, for Congressman-at large.

David Hume, another chief contender for the Democratic nomination for governor, is currently running without a slate of candidates.

Savage to talk in Annapolis

Phillip Savage, of Philadelphia, will be guest speaker at a mass meeting Sunday at the First Baptist Church if W. Washington St. in Annapolis at 4 p.m.

Mr. Savage, a native Baltimorean, has worked with the Baltimore Branch NAACP in a Register - to - vote Drive.

He is now field secretary for the Tri-State Area of the NAACP which includes Pennsylvania, Delware, New Jersey and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP, is sponsor. Dr. Theodore H. Johnson is branch president.

GOP set Feb. 9 for Lincoln Day Dinner

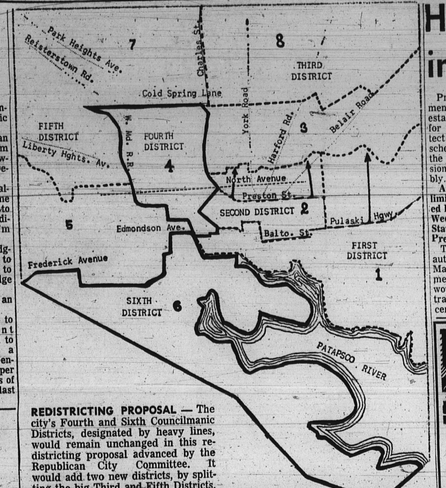
The Republicans' annual Lincoln Day Dinner will be held Feb. 9 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, according to announcement this week by the Republican City Committee.

Theodore R. McKeldin, former governor who is again expected to be a candidate for that office, is scheduled as the principal speaker.

Purse snatcher

A young woman who was en route to a warehouse to get her furniture out of storage, lost $290 to a purse snatcher Thursday.

Mrs. Eva Leverett, 26, of the 2900 block Parkwood Ave. told Central District police that a man who appeared to be about 25-years-of age snatcched her purse on Linden Ave. near Maryland General Hospital.



REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL — The city's Fourth and Sixth Councilmanic Districts, designated by heavy lines, would remain unchanged in this redistricting proposal advanced by the Republican City Committee. It would add two new districts, by splitting the big Third and Fifth Districts, as designated by the dotted lines, creating a Seventh and Eighth District. Also, the small Second District would be enlarged, and the First District enlarged, both at the expense of the Third District. his would bring the registered voters in all eight districts closer to equal proportion with a variance of between 47,000 and 54,000.

Candidate Douglas pledges action against segregation

"The Route 40 situation has caused the State of Maryland to be dragged through the mires of a national disgrace.

"As a result of the recent series of events, world-wide attention has been focused on this state, with its archaic policies that paint an ugly picture of a living hypocrisy.

"I, therefore, come out openly and emphatically against segregation on Route 40 or anywhere else it is found, and promise unequivocally that, if elected, I will bring about the action on this question that is so long overdue."

John H. Douglas, of Chevy Chase, Md., a Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large, issued this pledge against racial segregation in the state on Wednesday.

The Democratic and Republican congressman-at-large nominees will be elected by state-wide vote in the May 15 primary.

Mr. Douglas, continuing on the subject of racial freedom, said further:

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"WE, THE avowed champions of freedom in Hungary, Berlin and throughout the world, deny it to our own citizens in our own backyard.

"As a candidate for Congress from Maryland, I call for an end to the usual lip-service approach and ask for the opportunity to introduce appropriate legislation in the U.S. Congress to end this deplorable state of affairs.

"If we examine the records of those candidates who would seek from the voters the right to represent them in Congress we can predict quite clearly the dismal outcome of legislative hopes for this particular issue.

"The most notable of these contenders on the Republican slate is Mr. Newton Steers. (Congressman - at - large candidate)

"Republican Steers records for all to see his views on segregation by being not only a member, but a director of the Metropolitan Club, an organization known for past segregation policies so notorious as to cause Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy to resign in disgust.

"In this instance, Mr. Steers' action as a member and a director of this organization speak more loudly than any eloquent phrases he may have made during his campaign speeches.

"Unfortunately, this hypocrisy is not confined to the Republican Party alone.

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"IN MY own party, both House Speaker Perry Wilkinson and Delegate Carlton Sickles (both congressmen-at-large candidates) have been and are members of the State Legislature of Maryland.

"As such, they certainly had ample opportunity as well as the machinery to end segregation in Maryland.

"Yet, though given the opportunity by the voters and sent to the Legislature at Annapolis, they failed to come forth with decisive legislation to accomplish this end.

"Let them, then, be judged by their deeds—or in this instance, by their obvious lack of deeds—so necessary for state and national peace and world harmony."

Tawes names study unit for state history drama

Gov. J. Millard Tawes has appointed a commission to study a proposal made by the Maryland Historical Drama Association for the production of a long-run, outdoor drama at Sandy Point State Park, based on the early history of Maryland.

No colored citizens were named to the 15-member commission.

Gov. Tawes created the commission, following a meeting last month with the Drama Association members, during which plans were discussed for a 2,000-seat amphitheatre at the park for an annual ten-week season of "Flame of Freedom," a drama written by Ray Hamby, manager, Maryland-Delaware Press Association.

Elmer M. Jackson Jr., general manager, Annapolis Capital-Gazette Press, is chairman of the commission.

4th D. Demo Club to hear Wilkinson

Perry O. Wilkinson, speaker of the House of Delegates and a Democratic candidate for congressman - at - large, is scheduled to be guest speaker at 8 p.m. Monday, at a meeting of the Fourth District Democratic Organization, 3423 Holmes Ave.

A question and answer period will follow Mr. Wilkinson's talk. The public is invited.

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Home improvement industry law sought

Proposed home improvement legislation, designed to establish strict regulations for the industry and to protect property owners, is scheduled to be introduced at the coming February session of the General Assembly.

A public hearing on a preliminary draft of the proposed law will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Room 801, State Office Bldg., 301 W. Preston St.

The proposed law would authorize the creation of a Maryland Home Improvement Commission, which would handle required registration and issuance of licenses to agencies and their representatives in the field.

THE PROPOSED legislation would establish strict penalties, including fines up to $75,000 and/or imprisonment up to three years, for persons operating in the home improvement industry without proper license or registration.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the proposed home improvement law by contacting Paul T. McHenry Jr., 717 Munsey Building, Calvert and Fayette Sts.

Mr. McHenry is executive secretary of the Governor's Commission to Study the Home Improvement Industry in Maryland, which prepared the preliminary report.

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