PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

COURT SETTLES $13,409 ESTATE SUIT

Mrs. Lena Lee gets some items

The two - year contest over the estate of Mrs. Erma Bruce Davis has been resolved with Mrs. Lena K. Lee receiving 15 of 32 items which she claimed under Mrs Davis' will.

In a Memorandum Opinion rendered by Judge Anslem Sodaro, the directive gave Mrs. Lee the option of selecting items that were the personal property of Mrs. Davis at the time her will was made.

This ruled out such items as the McCulloh Street home, Mrs. Davis' bank account and household furnishings acquired by Mrs. Davis and her husband, the late Carrington L. Davis, during their married life.

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MRS. DAVIS left an estate estimated at $13,409.99 when she died on Jan. 18, 1960. Her will contained bequests of personal items to friends, but gave the bulk of the estate to her husband. In the event Mr. Davis predeceased her, the residue was to go chiefly to her godchild, Clarence O. Lewis of Washington, with a cash gift of $500 to the Baltimore YWCA.

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THE CONTEST derived from one item of the will which said:

"To my dear friends, Robert R. Lee and Lena King Lee, all my Stieff silverware, crystal and amber blue glasses, pair of jade earrings, and the right to select any piece of personalty not specifically bequeathed herein."

Mrs. Lee filed claim for practically the whole estate, from the home to the coffee pot, under the contention that the word "personalty" should be given its most sweeping technical meaning.

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THE EXECUTOR of the estate, Dallas F. Nicholas contested the claim.

The case, then in Orphans Court was transferred to Circuit Court No. 2 for interpretation of the will, and when that court upheld the executor's claim, Mrs. Lee took her case to the Court of Appeal.

The Memorandum Opinion stated:

"The deceased died on Jan. 11, 1960, leaving a will, which was duly probated in Orphans Court of Baltimore City. The executor filed an inventory of personal estate totalling $13,409.99.

"Item 9 of the will directed that 'all the rest, residue and remainder of her estate provided her husband, Carrington L. Davis, predeceased her, be sold and converted into cash by the executor and that from such proceeds a cash bequest of $500 be paid to the YWCA of Baltimore and the remainder to Clarence O. Lewis 3rd, godchild.

"Mr. Davis predeceased her on Oct. 27, 1958. So that Item 9 became operative as to the sale of such residue and bequests set forth therein."

Robert Lee predeceased Mrs. Davis in October, 1959. Among 32 elections Mrs. Lee included 1821 McCulloh St., the four - door Dodge and personal bank of Mrs. Davis.

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THE OPINION continued, stating that the executor rejected the elections on the ground that this was not the intention of the testatrix. Mrs Lee contended that they were in accordance with the expressed terms, language and construction of the will.

"In construing Item 5, in question", the Opinion said, "The court has been mindful of following rules in the construction of wills enunciated by our Appellate Court; that the attention of the testatrix shall prevail and have effect at all times unless that intention contravenes some fixed and unbending rule of law or some public policy.

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"IN READING the entire will, it is to be noted that in Item 6 she bequeath to Elizabeth Bruce painted chinaware, breakfast set of china and embossed sterling silverware; to Harriet R. Jones, cameo pin, string of pearls and silver pin; and the residue to her husband with power to dispose of during his life.

"Item 9 gave $500 to the YWCA in event of Mr. Davis' prior death) and the rest to her godchild. This seems to indicate that the intention of Mrs. Davis was not to give Mrs. Lee the right to select the home, the automobile, the bank account and all remaining personalty, for later gifts she gave in Items, 6,7,8, and 9, would have been impossible: there would not have been any money for the YWCA or china, silver, etc. to Blanche Jones.

"Indeed there would have been no money even to bury the testatrix or to leave her husband after a long marriage.

"Also it is a principal of law, in the interpretation of wills, that when two or more items or paragraphs in a will cannot stand together, the fifth which is later in position in a will shall prevail.

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"ON THIS BASIS, if there is a repugnance in Item 5 and other items following making of gifts the later item shall prevail. Therefore upon construing the entire will I am led to believe the executor was correct in refusing to honor the 32 elections; that she did not intend to deprive her husband, godchild and the YWCA with which she had worked for many years".

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MRS. LEE, however, did receive the money from the sale of the automobile, amounting to $350. In addition to the items willed her by Mrs. Davis, she received, from elections:

Two cedar chests, valued at $35; three chairs, $13; one stone top table, $1.50; one tilt top table, $40; one love sofa,

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Two held in shotgun deaths

Municipal Court Judge Albert H. Blum Tuesday ordered two men held without bail for action of the grand jury in separate shotgun slayings.

Vernon Crawford, 41, unit block N. Pearl St. is charged with shooting Bobby Farrell, 20, to death early Monday evening.

Ben D. Scurry, 63, 1600 block Linden Ave., accused of shotgunning Benjamin Carey, 34, to death last December, was also held.

Western District police testified Crawford said he shot Farrell, also of the unit block Pearl St. when the youth attempted to enter his home to rob him.

The defendant was quoted as telling police Farrell and two other youths had tried to take his money all day.

The victim, according to the defendant, was shot when he tried to force his way into his apartment.

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IN THE earlier shooting, Scurry told officers he shot Carey because "I was afraid of him."

The deformed defendant said the younger man had been fighting his (Scurry's) daughter on previous occasions and had been ordered to stay away from the house.

He fired when the victim attempted to force his way in, according to a statement Mr. Scurry gave police.

Girlfriend accused of steelworker's death

A 39-year-old woman was ordered held without bail in the death of her boyfriend, by Municipal Court Judge Aaron Baer following a homicide court hearing Thursday morning.

Mrs. Alice Cole, 29, 2500 block Madison Ave., is accused of the butcher knife stabbing of William H. Harrington during an argument at the apartment they shared.

Northern District patrolmen Nicholas Wingrove and John Lewis reported they found the 47-year-old steelworker dead of a stab wound in the heart on the third floor of the apartment between 12 and 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

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POLICE ARRESTED Mrs. Cole at the scene.

In a statement to police Mrs. Cole was quoted as saying the argument started entertaining friends at the apartment.

After the argument began, the friends left, Mrs. Cole was quoted as saying, and the fight continued.

After the slaying, Mrs. Cole went to the home of her son, Bernard Harper, 23, 500 block Pearl St. He told police he brought his mother back to the scene and asked the cab driver to call police.

No eyewitness to the slaying nor relatives of the dead man had been located at press time, police reported.

Annapolis NAACP sends Kennedy wire

Dr. Theodore Johnson, Annapolis physician and president of the Anne Arundel County NAACP differed with the position of the state conference this week when he sent a telegram to President Kennedy.

The physician's wire followed a message sent earlier by Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, conference president.

In the telegram, Dr. Jackson said the use of Federal funds in areas such as Ocean City, where segregation is a policy, would be improper.

Dr. Johnson takes a view which does not consider the point of improper use of Federal funds. Instead, he accents an attitude of sympathy and recommends aid for Ocean City storm victims.

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HIS TELEGRAM to President Kennedy states:

"The president and board of directors of the Anne Arundel County Branch NAACP would like to be among the first to apologize to you and the victims of the disaster area of Ocean City, Md. for the telegram receive by you from the Maryland State Conference of NAACP, signed by the conference president, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, requesting you to withhold emergency Federal assistance from this area.

"Mr. President, I can assure you that the text of the telegram did not represent the feeling of the local NAACP chapters in each county of the free state of Maryland.

"We humbly sympathize with these people and would sacrifice anything in our power to render aid to these homeless citizens.

"The NAACP is a true American organization with Democratic principles. We have our differences in the state of Maryland but we never kick a man when he is down."

Health Department sponsors workshops on child day care

The Baltimore Health Department is sponsoring a series of workshop sessions on the day care of children on Saturdays, 9 a.m. till 12 noon, at Friends' School 5114 N. Charles St.

Sessions began last Saturday and will continue through April 7.

MOP UP — Spectators in the unit block of N. Pearl St. watched Monday as Western District police wash blood from steps where Bobby Ferrell was shotgunned to death.

Services tomorrow for Mrs. Alice Russell Keys

Funeral services will be held Saturday 1 p.m., at Allen AME Church for Mrs. Alice Russell Keys, retired teacher, who died at her home, 822 N. Fremont Ave. on Monday. She was 64.

Mrs. Keys was the widow of Otha R. Keys also a teacher, who died in 1944.

For 20 years, Mrs. Keys taught at William Alexander Elementary School No. 112, when the late Dr. George B. Murphy was principal.

She retired in 1944 after the death of her husband, and became an avid traveler. In 1960 she visited eleven European countries.

THE REV. J. RAYMOND HENRY, pastor of the Allen Church where Mrs. Keyes was a lifelong member, will preside at the rites.

Assisting will be the Rev. C. C. Browne, pastor of Grace AME Church, Catonsville.

Pallbearers will include her nephews, Attorney George Russell Jr., Dr. George Woodland, Louis Russell and William Gibson, Frederick Medders and Robert Quarles.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Friends will be received by the family at the N. Fremont Ave. home until 10 p.m. tonight (Friday).

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MRS. KEYS was born Jan. 3, 1898 in Baltimore at 144 W. Baltimore St., the daughter of the late Hezekiah and Katherine Gillis Russell.

She was a member of the Allen church Missionary Society, the Calvary Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star.

Educated in the Baltimore public schools, she was graduated from Douglass High School, Coppin State Teachers College, then Coppin Normal. She also attended Morgan State College.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Helen Woodland, Mrs. Annie Frisby, Miss Esther Russell, Miss Ruth Russell, two brothers, Louis Russell, Washington, retired teacher; George Russell Sr., Baltimore Post Office supervisor; brother - in - law, Herbert Frisby, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Marie Russell.

Tragic fire claims life of youngster

"She was my heart. I don't know. I guess poor little Sweet Pee was too active."

Mrs. Edmonia Reynolds, 44-year-old mother of Edmonia M., 4-year-old fire victim, who died in Johns Hopkins Hospital Wednesday, made those statements while telling of the tragic accident which claimed her daughter's life.

The grieving mother was bitter about published reports which stated that she left the child alone while going to a nearby store.

"I did not leave her alone and I didn't go to the store," she told the AFRO Thursday.

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HER CLOTHING had burned completely up when neighbors reached her, Mrs. M. Mitchell told the AFRO.

Edmonia was admitted to Hopkins suffering burns over most of her body and shock. She recovered from initial shock, but died of complications, the hospital reported.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press-time.

Mrs. Reynolds said she had

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Jail Board sets bid dates on remodeling, cuts overtime

Bids on the second phase of the City Jail's $4,100,000 remodeling program will be advertised on June 15. Bids must be in by July 11 and contracts will be awarded on July 18.

This expenditure, which includes a state loan of $1,065,000 expected to be approved by Gov. J. Millard Tawes, calls for remodeling of the old jail buildings and construction of a new boiler house.

The Jail Board at its Wednesday meeting also voted to curb the extensive payment for overtime among the jail's 160 employees. Warden Hiram L. Schoenfield said most employees have drawn overtime in the past excepting the warden.

Board president Harry D. Kaufman said overtime for February alone amounted to almost $8,000. It will be stopped except for certain classes of workers in which there are shortages.

Mr. Schoenfield said the elimination of overtime payments would necessitate an increase in guards of at least 10.

Cite Dr. Wilson

Dr. Edward N. Wilson, Morgan registrar and on the staff for 41 years, will retire in June. During Women's Week on the campus, he received a distinguished place in Morgan history.

He became the first man to be honored by campus women — Monday was named Edward N. Wilson day and all events were dedicated to him.

NAACP Emergency Fund seeks aid, no matter how small

The NAACP Emergency Fund Drive, now in progress, is open for contributions no matter how small.

The total of 278 student sit-in and Freedom Riders cases before Maryland courts is increasing.

Persons who desire first class citizenship should be concerned, a spokesman for the students states.

Address all contributions to: NAACP Legal Redress Committee, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

TOP SCOUTS — Delores Bobian (right), has been selected as one of the 40 teenagers who will represent the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council at the 1962 Girl Scout Senior Roundup in Vermont this summer. The Roundup, an encampment of 10,000 girls and adults, is part of the Girl Scouts' 50th anniversary celebration. Among the Seniors preparing for the Roundup with Delores are Mary Jo Vitak, left, and Darlene Hammond, center. Delores is the daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. King S. Bobian, 117 Avon Beach Rd., and a member of Senior Troop 1067 in Turner Station. She also is a member of the Senior Planning Board for the Baltimore Area. She is a student at Dundalk Senior High School.

MRS. MABEL COVINGTON wishes to express her gratitude to neighbors and friends for their lovely floral designs and cards, comfort and sympathy expressed in every way during her recent bereavement at the passing of her beloved husband, SYLVESTER COVINGTON. Special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Scott, the Mary Chorus and members of the Church of God for their service and assistance.
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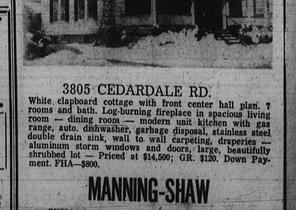

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5 YOUNG FIRE VICTIMS FOUND IN DEBRIS OF EUTAW PL. HOME

Meeting halted by JC cafes

Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, host to the 1962 conclave scheduled here in June, cancelled its commitments, this week, and switched the sessions to Washington.

The cancellation of the conclave followed similar action by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which, last week changed the place of its Eastern Regional Convention to New York City. This convention was to have been held in this city in April.

Both organizations, which have chapters throughout the country, said that the change of convention sites came because of the refusal of so many restaurants in Baltimore to serve all peoples.

Announcement of the switch to Washington came, Wednesday, from Mrs. Catherine Cowell of New York, grand basileus of the sorority which is composed chiefly of business and professional women.

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MRS. SUSIE MYLES, basileus of the Baltimore chapter, said that the chapter had canceled 300 - room reservations, a suite, facilities and food for a banquet for 1,000 persons, the same for a luncheon for 400, an acquaintance party, and a dance.

This pointed out Mrs. Myles would have brought thousands of dollars into the city.

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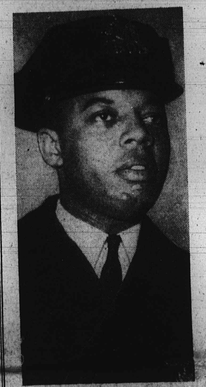
Good Week For Policemen—Poor Week For Bandits



OFFICER EDWARD TILGHMAN
Rounded up bandits

The Fastest Gun

By HERB MANGRUM

What is the price of a hero?

For Edward "Fastest Gun in the West(ern District)" Tilghman, it means the loss of sleep, interrupted meals with his wife and two daughters, and a constant ringing of the telephone.

Those are just some of the prices Baltimore's first and only colored motorcycle patrolman is paying for preventing a $15,568 bank hold-up.

The modest quet spoker. young man (he is 27) reacts to questions like a hero.

He does not care to talk about his accomplishment, but is quick to praise the conduct of the more than half dozen customers who were in the Maryland National Bank's branch office at 1808 Pennsylvania Ave. Tuesday morning.

When Patrolman Tilghman rushed into the bank in response to an alarm, the customers quietly warned him to look out for a bandit who was standing near the front entrance holding a .45 caliber automatic.

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THE SCENE he found greeted the bank near Lafayette Market, took on the appearance of Dodge City, Kan.,

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The Newest Lieutenant

By GAREY REYNOLDS

"I feel now that there is a chance for other men to see how far they can go in the Police Department.

"And I hope in the years to come there will be future possibilities."

Speaking on Wednesday was Lt. J. Hiram Butler, who on Tuesday became the first member of his race to be promoted to that rank in the Police Department.

In last Friday's edition of the AFRO, court reporter George W. Collins predicted that such an appointment was in the offing — and as matters turned out, he couldn't have been more correct.

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THE NEW lieutenant served for 15 years as a sergeant on the force, and is perhaps the best known officer in the department.

His appointment was made by Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt and came as a climax to years of effort by a number of organizations to obtain representation in the higher echelons of the department.

Lieutenant Butler will remain in the Detective Squad and will replace the late Lt. James S. Kemple.

Speaking of his appointment, Lt.

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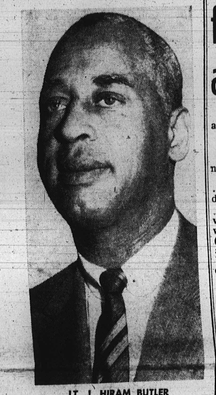

LT. J. HIRAM BUTLER
First in the state

Trapped in fourth floor apartment

By GEORGE COLLINS and JAMES D. WILLIAMS

(PICTURE ON PAGE 12)

"I had eight children, and now I've got three.

"Three of them left now . . . God, what am I going to do?"

A man with tears in his voice half-whispered these words early this morning (Friday) as he walked along a darkened street, remembering things he wished he could forget.

Clifton Hicks is the name of the man, and the things he remembered were the five times he had gone through the ritual of identifying the body of one of his children.

He had just finished identifying the last of the children at Provident Hospital and now he walked alone.

The children died in a fire that gutted a four story row house at 1609 Eutaw Place.

They lived in the fourth floor front apartment and were trapped by the blaze, which apparently started in the basement.

Two other children and the mother, Mrs. Ethel Hicks, 35, were able to escape, and are at Provident Hospital where they are being treated for smoke inhalation.

Also at Provident is Cornelius Presley, 3, of 1609 Eutaw. His condition is serious.

The night of tragedy for the Hicks family began at about 10:30 p.m., when the fire raced through the dwelling.

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IT WAS after 11 p.m., when Mr. Hicks, who did not live with his family, learned what

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Grand jury calls 4th Dist. GOP slate

The entire slate of Fourth District Republican candidates in the May 15 primary election was grilled by the grand jury for three hours on Thursday.

The probe was triggered by an AFRO exclusive story, published March 13, which declared that the candidates had filed for election just minutes before the March 5 midnight deadline.

The filing of the candidates wrecked the plans of the regular Republican organization, which had intended not to file any candidates at all.

This would have allowed the Republican committee to select the candidates it wanted to oppose the Democrats in the general election in November.

The Republicans have disowned all but one of the

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Ala. cleric will speak for NAACP

The Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, organizer of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights who recently was released from prison, will keynote the 22nd annual Maryland Conference of NAACP branches.

Sessions will be held on Saturday, May 19 in Sharp Street Memorial Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president, announced that the Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth will receive an award "for his courageous leadership where the battle is toughest" from the Maryland NAACP.

Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the legal redress committee, will preside at the luncheon which is open to the public.

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Weeks left to register before the May 15 primary.

April 14 is the last day you can register to vote in the primary. If you are a new resident of Maryland, or if you become 21 before the next election, you must register to vote.

Registration Mondays through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon, at Supervisors of Elections Office, People's Court Bldg., Fayette and Gay Sts.

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All-out drive due in voters campaign

An all-out registration drive is under way to put as many new voters on the books as possible before the May 15 primary.

Final registration date prior to the primary is April 14.

Latest tabulations show there is now an all-time high of 187,381 registered citizens here registered as voters.

There are approximately 294,000 white citizens registered.

Now is the final registration days, organizations throughout the city are joining in a campaign to place all eligible citizens who are not registered voters, on the books.

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THE CITY'S Supervisors of Elections office is cooperating with extra hours for registration there.

Their office is located in the basement of the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., and is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This office has also arranged a series of mobile registration places on designated dates in various sections of the city.

Here are the supplemental registration places for the coming week:

Tuesday — School No. 239, West Bay Ave. and Cambria St; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Mall, Mondawmin Shopping Center, Liberty Heights Ave. and Reisterstown Rd; Thursday — Hochschild Kohn and Co.

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Togo boss gets warm JFK welcome

WASHINGTON — A full military welcome and a host of dignitaries greeted President Sylvanus E. Olympion of Togo on his arrival in Washington March 19.

The President of Africa's smallest republic was met at Washington National Airport's military terminal by President Kennedy who headed the distinguished group of well-wishers.

Mr. Kennedy told the visitor that he welcomed him to America "for your efforts to win independence for your country, but even more for your efforts to build a better life for your people."

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MR. OLYMPIO said in response, "I can assure you I have been looking forward to

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House of Prayer elders reportedly plan meeting

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

Are six elders of the House of Prayer for All People, each of whom is reportedly a contender for the bishopric planning a secret meeting in the District?

A report has it that the group is scheduled to meet this weekend to map strategy in a joint campaign to prevent Elder Walter M. McCollough, believed to be the strongest candidate, from winning the election on April 7. The site of the purported District conference was not disclosed.

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ELDER ROBERT STEPHEN, who is himself an aspirant for election, told the Washington AFRO that Elders Henry Price, New York City; W. L. Revis, Los Angeles, Calif.; W. M. Morrison, Raleigh, N.C.; Dewey Freeman, Greensboro, N.C. and P. W. Lawson of Savannah, Ga. were among those planning to meet here.

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BUT ELDER PRICE, whose support for election is said to rival Elder McCollough's denied in New York City, that he would attend.

"I don't know anything about a meeting," said Elder Price.

Henry Petty, public relations manager for Elder Revis, said the California elder plans to come to the District within the next few days bu

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High court will hear sit-in case

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of 10 persons, all but two of them ministers, who were found guilty of "sitting-in" at a Lynchburg (Va.) drug store in 1961.

Convicted on a charge of trespassing, they were each fined $100 and sentenced to 90 days in jail by the Lynchburg Corporation Court. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on Oct. 12 affirmed the convictions.

On appeal, the 10 were given until last Jan. 2, later extended to March 8 by Associate Justice Charles Whittaker, to prepare their petition.

Coming Tuesday

Bates High School in Annapolis recently won praise from an evaluating committee, both on its facilities and staff.

What impressed the members of the committee, what Bates High is doing to turn out students ready for their next goal in life and how the students are applying themselves, will be told in story and pictures, next Tuesday in the AFRO.

Parents, students and educators throughout the state will be interested in this story from Annapolis.

Delegate Stark Tells Inside Story Of Split With Machine

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"In politics, you have to be willing to trade . . . up to a point.

"Beyond that it becomes a matter of principle.

"I cannot compromise principle with politics and live with myself."

That, in a nutshell, is how Alexander Stark, a politician with principles, became the "Man Against the Machine."

For 15 years, Mr. Stark, Democratic member of the House of Delegates from the Fifth District, was a "good organization man" with the James H. (Jack) Pollack political machine.

He was elected to the House of Delegates from the Fifth District in 1958.

Today, he has been dropped by the machine and is joining the political battle of his life, in trying to retain his seat.

Why?

"Because my sense of decency and duty was violated by men who are willing to sacrifice what's morally right for that which is politically expedient.

"And it made me sick!"

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MR. STARK'S romance with the Pollack dynasty was smashed in wake of the Fifth District "harmony move."

The harmony move saw the Kovens - Goodman faction remove the name of William D. Schaefer from the primary race for State Senate in the Fifth District.

This left only the Pollack backed candidate, Paul Dorf, in the primary, so that his victory is assured.

The Pollack candidates and the Goodman - Kovens candidates for the House of Delegates combined on a single slate.

Left out in the cold, was Mr. Stark, who now has no machine behind him.

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BUT THE hatchet actually started to fall on Mr. Stark in the wake of the attempt to pass a public accommodations bill in Annapolis on March 9.

Despite a Herculean effort on the part of the hard-working 45 - year-old law maker, the bill failed to pass by a mere two votes — it needed 62, but got only 60.

Many reasons were offered for the failure of the measure.

But Mr. Stark said he knew the real reason. And what's more he made no bones about it:

"The governor (J. Millard Tawes) didn't do a d— thing!"

This brutal frankness caused his stock with the governor to take a nose dive, the lawmaker told the AFRO this week.

"Ordinarily, I'm a mild man, no liberal with a capital "L" nor a crusader.

"But when I heard all that stuff about 'Tawes did all he could,' that was too much. It burned me up because I knew he had done nothing."

In support of this charge the former assistant City Solicitor and assistant State's Attorney declared:

"The board (the scoreboard in the House chamber which registers "ayes" and "nays" during voting) was open for more than an hour. From the very beginning it was obvious that it was touch-and-go all the way.

"And what did the governor and assistants do?

"They sat on their hands in the gallery and did nothing. A little effort on his part would have swung the bill in the win column with plenty to spare."

Disputing claims that a telegram sent by the NAACP to President Kennedy on aid for Ocean City defeated the measure, the native Baltimorean declared:

"That's another bunch of stuff.

"It only gave a lot of people an excuse to do what they were going to do in the first place."

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MR. STARK said the telegram might have affected two votes, but with effective leadership by Gov. Tawes the measure could have rung up many more favorable votes.

The bill's defeat was a double disappointment for the Navy veteran.

He had not only worked day and night brow - beating legislators to support the measure, but introduced it "at the request of the governor."

"The whole thing was sickening," he remembers.

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THE POST mortem clash between Mr. Starks and the governor had its beginning long before the General Assembly convened.

As the legislator remembers, His Excellency was none too happy with him after an exchange over the

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