AN INNER-CITY SCHOOL features (left to right) a not-too-modern teachers' restroom, a heating plant with shovel on wall for coal and a shop with war surplus machines, some with parts no longer replaceable.

Briscoe Junior High School condemned

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Before the sign which reads "Joseph C. Briscoe Junior High School" was affixed in 1947 to the building at 1315 Druid Hill Ave., another one told passers-by that the structure was a "Home For the Friendless."

Since then when the latter inscription was displaced by the former, the building has been home for junior high school students enrolled in the Special Curriculum.

Students in this category are so classified because it has been determined through tests they have "a limited capacity to achieve."

Sociologists and education specialists agree that usually such students are "culturally deprived."

Civil rights leaders, who are bitter critics of treatment accorded Special Curriculum students in general and those of inner city schools in particular, are more blunt:

"They are culturally, economically, socially, and emotionally deprived," said one worker for radical change in special education programs.

"Given adequate equipment to work with, sufficient staffs to instruct them, they can achieve," he declared. Under present programs, he continued, these students whose needs are the greatest are actually getting the least.

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THE JOSEPH C. Briscoe School was cited as a case in point.

Examination of the plant and equipment of the school not only substantiated this charge, but produced evidence that the building's tenants are homeless.

Come next Thursday the faculty and students must vacate the building.

It is condemned.

We asked principal John M. Wood about it. He referred all inquiries to Mrs. Koma Stinchcomb, acting head of Special Education.

Mrs. Stinchcomb said the building is being evacuated because, "To put it in shape would cost more than it is worth."

On the heels of complaints from parents over conditions which made the evacuation mandatory, a reporter visited the school recently. Here is what was found.

After entering one scarred and peeling Druid Hill Ave. entrance, a visitor is led to what passes as the office of Mr. Wood and his secretary.

When space is allowed for his desk and that of his secretary, Miss Helen Fowlkes, standing room only is left.

Directly above Miss Fowlkes' desk are several patches of new ceiling. Fortunately, she was not at her desk when the original pieces tumbled down.

Falling ceilings are not confined to the office.

Cracked and peeling walls, old-fashioned, creaky desks and chairs are integral parts of the interior of the building, the upper floor of which is sealed off.

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THERE ARE no cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, or multi-purpose rooms which are vital components of modern, well-equipped schools. There is a make-shift library.

Dim lighting, poor ventilation, obsolete machines, and improvised work benches are a way of life for the 225 students at Briscoe.

These conditions evoked this reaction from one critic:

"These children, for the most part, leave pretty bad homes in the morning to come to an even worse school. How can they possibly be inspired to do their best?

This is what students of 451 are leaving.

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WHERE THEY are going; the conditions under which they will go, and stay are subjects of mounting controversy and the topic of the second of a two-part series in the AFRO Tuesday.

Hiring progress is cited by bank

"I don't care if a man is black or white, or for that matter green, brown or yellow. If he meets the qualifications and has the aptitude suitable for the job, he will be hired," said Larry O'Connor, Equitable Trust vice president.

The AFRO talked Wednesday with Mr. O'Connor, Therom H. Spring, personnel officer, and Lee Starkey, staff assistant for the bank.

"We want people to know our side of the story," Mr. O'Connor said.

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CIVIL RIGHTS groups have charged the banking industry with discrimination in the hiring and promoting of colored persons.

"Equitable Trust has been hiring colored persons since 1961," according to Mr. Spring.

"At that time it was an experiment," added Mr. Starkey.

"We wanted to know how they would be accepted by other employees and by our customers.

"We are over the hump now, so to speak, we're past the experimental stage. It now is just a matter of being qualified.

"By subscribing heartily to equal opportunity practices we have found a valuable source of labor."

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MR. O'CONNOR said that "During these four years, I don't believe we have had six problems as a result of hiring colored persons.

"At first there were some employees who voiced disapproval but they were toned down by executive directives which set forth the policy of the company."

Equitable personnel records indicate that 47 colored employees occupy positions from clerk - typist to the management trainee program.

"THIS IS not tokenism. If an applicant for a job regardless of his color meets the requirements he is hired," Mr. O'Connor stressed.

The record shows that as of June 1, the following positions 13 of them filled since March 1, are held by colored employees.

One accounting clerk, 1 key punch operator, 12 proof operators, 2 trust clerks, 2 receptions control clerks, 2 mortgage loan clerks, 2 customer service clerks, 6 customer credit clerks, 1 tabulating operator, 11 tellers, 1 analysis clerk, 1 management trainee, 1 runner.

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THESE EMPLOYEES represent 4½ percent of the total labor force (800) of the company, according to Mr. Starkey.

Mr. O'Connor stated that since March 1, 13 colored persons have been hired, representing 22 percent of the total number of persons employed during that period.

He also pointed out that out of the bank's 41 branches colored persons are working in 21 locations.

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MR. O'CONNOR emphasized, "We like to hire people who have a chance to progress in a banking career. We look for men and women who can learn quickly. Everybody has a chance here to move up through the circuit."

"In a working relationship it all hinges on whether you accept a person as a human being. The one thing that should and does make the difference is whether he is doing the job and not the color of his skin." Mr. Starkey declared.

He suggested sex was more of a problem than color.

"This is not to say that we discriminate on the basis of sex either," said Mr. Starkey "You have to consider that most women seek work because they want to help their husbands pay the bills.

"When the bills are paid or when they are going to a have a baby, they leave."

Liquor Board requests open for protests

Protests must be filed in writing with the Board of Liquor License Commissioners, prior to June 16, at 4 p.m., on recently filed application for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages.

The petitions are as follows:

Transfer of ownership by Esther Carter for a class "A" Beer and Wine License at 66 Cokesbury Ave.

Transfer of ownership, Harry Blum, 1428 E. Pratt St., (Class "A" License) and Snyders Package Liquors, Inc., 6400 Holabird Ave., (Class "A" License).

Sandra Elizabeth Brice, 1508 Rutland Ave., from a Class "B" License to a Class "D" BWL License.

Frederick A. Strassner Jr., 3708 E. Northern Pkwy., seeks a new license.

Transfer of ownership under the "B(D)" License, Fedor G. and Theresa E. Androwsky, 4013 Frederick Rd.; Benson L. Languth, 741 Forrest St.; Law Mobley Jr., John C. Mercer and Horace H. Ashby, Jr., 2024 Ashland Ave.

Raymond Austin Bull, under the Class "D" License seeks permission to move from 1415 Kuper Pl., to 240 S. Calhoun St.

Cyrus E. Taylor and George Ranson to add name to Class "D" License.

Asking a transfer of ownership of a Class "D" License are William A. Douglass, 19-2 E. Barney St. and George E. Dulany, 1554 Boyle St.

Under the same license Freda Hoffman, 901-08 N. Chester St., requests restriction to an "A" BWL License of off sale package goods.

Paul Snyder, 1241 Ashland Ave., to transfer from ad. - limitrator, under the Class "D" License.

Walter T. and Katherine G Stankowski Jr., to add 1620 Fleet St., to present License.

Carousel Lounge, Inc. 1815-17 N. Charles St., transfer of ownership.

Veney Brothers' sister beats murder-intent rap

Despite testimony of a witness who testified in Criminal Court Wednesday that she shot him, Mrs. Shirley Gray, 1600 block Garrett Ave. was found not guilty of an intent to murder charge.

Instead, Judge Shirley B. Jones found the 18 - year old woman guilty of assault by beating. Mrs. Gray was sent to City Jail, in default of a continued $3,000 bail, to await sentencing next Tuesday.

Taking the stand in her own defense, Mrs. Gray denied shooting the victim but admitted she hit him on the hand with a screw driver she was using to take pictures from the wall in preparation for moving.

Mrs. Gray is daughter of Mrs. Ella Mae Veney, mother of Earl and Samuel Veney, who a few months ago were arrested after a large man-hunt. They face trials on charges of shooting two policemen, one fatally.

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THE VICTIM, shot in the leg on March 9 is Morris Kenneth Gary, 2600 block Garrett Ave., who was found bleeding after 8 p.m. in the alley at the rear of his home.

At the beginning of the hearing before Judge Jones on June 2, Mr. Gray testified under oath "There was no way in the world Shirley could have shot me. I don't know who shot me."

However, he changed his testimony this week and, admitting from the stand under oath, "I lied but I am telling the truth now," he pointed to Mrs. Gray and revealed she had a gun in her hand and shot him with it.

Under cross - examination by Tucker R. Dearing, Mrs. Gray's attorney, Mr. Gary was asked,

"When are you telling the truth? Although under oath, each time you have told two entirely different stories."

To the court Mr. Dearing added: "Mr. Gary gets on the stand and swears to tell the truth. His testimony is unworthy of belief of this court and makes a mockery of justice."

IN SUMMARY Judge Jones said, "I admit he (Mr. Gary) is a perjurer," but added:

"I frankly believe what he told under strain today is the truth, without any doubt."

The concluding session in court was a stormy one, continued from the June 2 hearing which was marked by heated testimony from an array of persons Judge Jones termed "unwilling witnesses."

Persons summoned as state's witnesses were Allie Perry, 600 block Gutman Ave.; Robert Lee Pason, 700 block E. 20th St.; Mrs. Loveline Johnson, 300 block E. 20th St.; Claude Topp, 1206 Springfield Ave.; Turlse Perry, 600 block Gutman; Mrs. Ella Mae Veney, 2600 block Kirk Ave.; Mrs. Annie Brown and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, 1500 block Montpelier St.

Council factions split on housing

By MAX JOHNSON

A crazy quilt pattern exists in this present City Council, in relations to strong factional alignment on one hand and votes on civil rights matters on the other.

Members on both sides of the Council's two warring factions forget their differences when human rights legislation arises, and join forces either for or against such measures.

There is a solid group for and a solid group against, irrespective of other factional ties.

This was again forcefully brought to attention in the Council's recent rejection of those two fair housing ordinances by an identical 12-8 vote.

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ON THE MATTER of fair housing, nobody knows at the moment how to sway enough opposing councilmen to garner a majority vote for passage.

Nobody seems to know either how to break that 10-10 factional deadlock that has existed in this Council since the death last year of the 3rd District's George W. Arthur.

Here again is the factional picture:

The D'Alesandro forces, headed by Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, Council president, include:

William Bonnett, James J. Duffy, Joseph J. Stazak (all 1st D.); Clement J. Prucha, Thomas Ward (2nd); J. Joseph Curran (3rd); Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th); William D. Schaefer (5th), and John J. Hines (6th).

The opposing Reed-Pollack-Hodges faction, headed by Frank X. Gallagher (3rd); Council vice president, include:

Charles Panuska (2nd); John A. Pica (3rd); Walter S. Dixon, Maurice Soypher (4th); Reuben Caplan, Jacob J. Edelman, Leon A. Rubenstein (5th); Dominic M. Leone and William J. Myers (6th).

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THE D'ALESANDRO group wants to gain control with the seating of its nominee, Calvin Adkins, 1200 block N. Dallas St., at St. Joseph's Hospital as he was being treated for a laceration on the back of his head.

Witnesses stated that the stabbing took place during an altercation involving the men on the health center steps.

Mr. Fortune had been stabbed in the left chest, abdomen, armpit, center back and neck.

After the incident, police said, the accused man went home, changed his clothes then went to the hospital.

A POCKETKNIFE was recovered at the charged man's home which police marked as evidence in the case.

Mr. Adkins was charged Thursday in Central District Homicide Court with the death.

The dead man, of the 500 block N. Chapel St., is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fortune.

Nursing home site saved from BURHA

A group of physicians were victorious in efforts to save their property from acquisition by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, at a hearing Tuesday before the City Council's Judiciary Committee.

The property in question is the 1500 block Dukeland St. where Medicine Inst., the handed physicians, plan a general nursing home.

The committee, following the hearing, amended the tract of property out of BURHA plans, recognizing the need of such a service facility in the city.

The general nursing home planned, according to Dr. Percival C. Smith, 1709 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., will be for indigent patients, have 114 beds and is scheduled to open sometime in December.

Citizens urged to seek AA County jobs

ANNAPOLIS — Colored citizens were urged this week by Joseph W. Alton, county executive, to apply for county positions under the newly adopted personnel classification bill.

The bill opens a number of new positions, as the changeover to charter government progresses.

Mr. Alton also asked the Human Relations Commission to join him in encouraging colored citizens to apply for the jobs and to participate more fully in the county's governmental activities.

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No hearings set Tues. by Zoning Bd.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals will suspend the regular weekly hearings this Tuesday and resume the following week.

The board the past Tuesday rejected appeals which sought at:

1039 N. Stricker St.—to used furniture sales; 1015 Springfield Ave. "—parking of a bus; 3407 Hamilton Ave. — construct a rear addition.

Another appeal asking the housing of eight boarders at 1536 N. Caroline St. was withdrawn.

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90TH BIRTHDAY — The AFRO recently visited Mrs. Louisa Johnson, 416 N. Edgewood St. to find her being greeted by fifth generation of her family. Shown with Mrs. Johnson are her great-grands, Tia Kimi Bethea, Yami Monique Bethea and Denise Garner. The oldest of 15 children of the late Charles and Rachel Tarney, Mrs. Johnson was 90 on May 27. Her grands and great-grands all gave her one cent for each year, or 90 cents each.

Band Concert slated Sunday

The Municipal Concert Band conducted by Weldon J. Irvine will present a free concert in Lafayette Square, Lafayette and Carrollton Aves., 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The opening program will feature the vocal quartet, Cleophus Lyons playing "Flute Soliloquy" and soloist Miss Irene Adona singing "You'll Never Walk Alone" and Victor Herbert's "I'm Falling In Love With Someone."

Miss Adona who is a Peabody student sings on the Morgan College Choir and various church choirs.

The novelty number is "Snare Drum Trio." Other highlights include a baritone horn solo, "Gypsy Love Song" by Mr. Roberts, a trumpet solo, "Carnival in Venice" by Miss Barbara Smith and "Sing Along" (audience participation feature) led by Charles Walker who will also sing, "My America."

Council set to fill Jail, Park Bds. posts

The City Council is expected to confirm on Monday Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's nominations to vacancies on the Jail and Park Boards.

John C. Donahue, insurance executive and former Civic Center Commission member, is slated to fill the vacancy on the Jail Board.

This is the spot held by David Glenn, who was president and resigned to accept an administrative position in the mayor's office.

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JOSEPH H. RASH, vice president, Food Fair Stores, is to be named to one of two pending vacancies on the Park Board.

These are created with the resignations of Marshall W. Jones Jr., who is now the new Republican minority member of the city's Board of Supervisors of Elections, and of Irvin Kovens, whose term expires July 1.

One of these vacancies will not be filled until later in the summer, an aide to the mayor said Thursday.

Meanwhile, Sam Hopkins, former head of the city GOP Committee, named earlier to serve out the presidency of the late Dr. Frank C. Marino on this board was reappointed.

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WIFE RECALLS 'NIGHT OF TERROR' WITH HUSBAND'S KILLER FOR JURY

Young, Arnold, Epps Are Runners-Up

$500 $300 $200 $100

CAROL MUSSENDEN Pimlico Junior High — FURNELL YOUNG Douglass High — HUBERT ARNOLD Lemmel Junior High — DEBORAH EPPS Southern High

2 million votes cast by students

Piling up a fantastic 700,000 votes, Carol Mussenden of Pimlico Junior High School, was won $500 and the title of Student of the Year in the just-closed AFRO contest.

Jumping 265,000 votes since the 434,400 count she had in Tuesday's paper, Miss Mussenden ran up 300,000 votes in the sensational final week of the contest.

Furnell Young of Douglass High second place winner of $300, ran a steady race placing fifth on May 22 and maintaining this standing until June 12 when he advanced with a 145,000 vote surge which put him in second place behind Miss Mussenden.

In the finals he added another 100,000 votes putting him ahead of Hubert Arnold by 140,000 votes.

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OTHER TOP winners are Hubert Arnold of Lemmel Junior High, winner of third place and of $200, and Deborah Epps of Southern High School who in the last four days of the contest added 247,000 votes to take fourth place and $100.

Mr. Arnold held first place for a number of weeks but Miss Epps did not enter the top 15 until June 15 when she ranked tenth.

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WINNERS OF $50 each for falling in fifth and sixth place, respectively, are Benjamin Franklin's Joyce Taylor and Mergenthaler's Albert Watkins.

The next 12 runners-up of the top 18 receive $25 each. They are:

Sharon Aris of Western

—See Students, Page A-16

CORE Offers Chi-Type Protests

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

At its last regular meeting Thursday, the School Board's action in approving revised CORE's request for a new Dunbar High School had been rejected as "too costly."

Instead, the report said, Dunbar students will be shifted to other schools nearby and the building finally abandoned within the next six years.

CORE president James Gilmore replied that further communication with the Board was impossible. Expressing regret that Baltimore "may become another Chicago," he strode from the meeting.

Outside in conference with news reporters Mr. Griffin revealed CORE censures the School Board as "unfair and grossly negligent of duties to inner - city youth."

He said: "CORE therefore asks for the immediate resignation of acting Supt. Edwin Stein, Board president Ely Frank Jr., and all other members of the board with

—See CORE, Page A-16

Edwin Stein, acting superintendent, says he's leaving system

Edwin Stein, deputy superintendent of Baltimore schools, announced this morning (Friday), that he is resigning from the system.

He has been acting superintendent since the resignation last year of Dr. George B. Brain.

New superintendent, due to take over this August, is Dr. Laurence G. Pascal of New Haven.

Mr. Stein, who has served as interim superintendent during the transition, advised he had contemplated leaving the system several years ago.

A sigh went over the audience when he announced his decision at a meeting of the city's principals and other top officials at Mergenthaler High.

Mr. Stein will become dean of the University College of the University of Baltimore.

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent, expressing regret, predicted he himself would also step down. "I'm happy I won't have to work too long without him. It will be sooner than you think."

ONLY ONE CHANGE AT DUNBAR:

Mrs. Campbell new DHS principal; School Board makes 233 changes

Mrs. Edna Over Campbell, now principal of Booker Washington Junior High No. 130, was promoted to principal of Douglass High School on Thursday.

She succeeds Mrs. Lillian Murphy, who was named to a junior - senior high schools in January.

Mrs. Campbell's appointment is among 233 personnel changes announced by Acting Superintendent Edwin Stein and approved by the School Board.

James Spencer, Douglass vice principal, moves to a similar post at City College.

NEW DOUGLASS vice principal is Pierre Davis, former Harlem Park special assistant.

Succeeding Mrs. Campbell at Booker T. is Harold Seabrese, formerly vice principal.

New vice principal is Robert Wells, former special assistant at Calverton Junior High.

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CARVER VOCATIONAL Technical High's new principal is Reuben Jones, formerly at Houston Junior High.

He succeeds Dr. Saul M. Perdue, who was named executive assistant to the business department last January.

New Houston High principal is Milton Branson, formerly at Lombard Junior High. He is succeeded there by Mrs. Mildred Seaborne.

WILLIAM BRITT, special assistant at Herring Run Junior High, transfers to the new Northern High scheduled to open in September.

Arnold Mermelstein, Herring Run special assistant, becomes vice principal of Poole Elementary and Junior High.

Abraham Granek, vice principal of Patterson High was made principal to succeed C. Gordon Woelper, named director, senior-junior highs last January.

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SIGNIFICANTLY, it approved the School Board gave a vote of confidence to the administration at Dunbar High School, which has been under fire by CORE and citizens' groups.

There were no changes on the Dunbar faculty save one, the promotion of Joel Carrington, department head, to become special assistant at Herring Run.

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IN THE elementary area, Mrs. Viola Wright, formerly at Cherry Hill, is the new principal of Gwynns Falls School No. 60.

The former principal, Hy-

—See School Bd., Page A-8

New AFRO contest

The AFRO'S newest contest is off the drawing board and will be formally announced in Tuesday's edition. Like the previous contest and the phenomenal, fabulous 'Student of the Year' contest, the contest will offer big prizes plus special gifts. Get the details on

Provident fund drive over $2 million mark

The public subscription phase of the Provident Hospital fund-raising drive has raised more than $2 million dollars, Charles G. Tildon, director, announced today (Friday).

The drive to raise $2 million, $400 thousand, to match Federal state, and city funds for an $8 million, new Provident was pushed past the $2 million mark by a surge from the newest fund-raising division of the program — the door-to-door canvass.

Mr. Tildon reports that this phase of the campaign is divided into two segments —one contacting members of the Department of Education and the other concentrating on every community in the city's 216 districts.

Since the kick-off of the door-to-door canvass May 16, a total of $189,000 has been raised, the director announced.

The first unit, directed by Dr. Delores C. Hunt and Mrs. Rosalie McGuire is credited with raising $100,118 for the second unit, conducted by Mrs. Leaders, has accounted for $67,616, incomplete reports show.

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THE DOOR-TO-DOOR can-

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MRS. EDNA O. CAMPBELL New Douglass principal

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That's right, the AFRO City Desk has a total of fifty dollars ($50) each week for news tips. Have you one? Call AFRO City Desk, MUlberry 5-0015 and "you'll have a news tip." After 8 p.m., call LA. 3-3024. YOU might be a winner.

Banks must hire fairly to get Methodist funds

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Desegregation of the Methodist Church in this section of the country is at the point now where it involves the hiring policies of banking institutions that handle its multi - million dollar funds.

On Tuesday, Bishop John Wesley Lord, highest ranking prelate of this area, said a special committee has been appointed to see that "every penny" is deposited in banking firms that practice Christian principles."

Questions that may shake up the East coast world of high finance came the first day of the merging of the 122-year old all-colored Washington Conference with the all - white Baltimore Conference in Washington.

Delegates representing the combined membership of 235,000 persons will be in session through Sunday on the campus of American University there.

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THE COMMITTEE ... to work on money problems, of integration after the conference ends is under the chairmanship of the Rev. Edwin Ross of the Baltimore Conference and the Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison, acting chair-

—See Banks must, Page A-14

8 elected to Georgia Assembly

(Special to the AFRO)

ATLANTA, Ga. — Eight colored persons were elected to the Georgia Legislature in a special reapportionment election this week, setting a historic precedent.

The eight are the first colored persons to serve in the State House since 1902, although two are in the State Senate.

"We're still in the clouds; we've yet to assess the situation fully," said the youngest of the victors, Ben Brown 25, executive secretary of the Atlanta NAACP.

Brown defeated Republican R. E. Curston, retired school teacher, 2598 to 1041.

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ANOTHER YOUNG winner was Julian Bond, also 25, public relations director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. He defeated Atlanta University dean, Dr. Malcolm J. Dean, 2305 to 486.

"It shows that young people can get involved in politics when you take the issues to them. This represents a shift in emphasis for youth," Bond declared.

Other candidates who won over Republican opponents included the Rev. J. Grier over Mrs. Ella Ramsey, 2229 to 276 in the 122nd District; William H. Alexander in the 133rd District defeated Dr. C. C. Powell, 2453 to 1011. Alexander is a lawyer.

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IN COLUMBUS, Muscogee, County. Atty. Albert W. Thompson defeated a white Republican opponent Dr. I. A. Maxwell Jr. by 335 votes. There are 14,000 white registered voters in the county and 6,000 colored.

Politics in the racial mixture of his constituency,

—See 8 elected, Page A-14

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Guilty man was friend of victim

By WILBUR L. PINDER

A scream filled the courtroom. Then there were cries of "Oh Lord! Oh Lord!"

All eyes focused on a weeping woman seated in the first row.

The woman was a 42 - year-old widow who 11 months ago witnessed the brutal murder of her husband and was forced to be intimate with the slayer while her mate of 22 - years pleaded for help with his dying breath.

The outburst came as chief prosecutor Charles E. Moylan Jr. recreated in his final argument before the jury of five women and seven men the death of John C. Richmond, 40, a supermarket owner, on August 1.

The woman had to be physically escorted from the courtroom.

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THE DEFENDANT, Willie F. Brice, 42, an ex - convict and construction worker, was found guilty of first degree murder, rape, perverted practices and armed robbery after the jury deliberated one hour.

He previously had been convicted in 1955 of two separate slayings and had served 8 years of a 14-year sentence for the crimes.

He had been paroled on June 1, two months before Mr. Richmond's death.

Dr. Russell S. Fisher, chief medical examiner, testified that the dead man had been stabbed 20 times. Death was attributed to three wounds of the chest.

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AFTER crawling through a window, Sgt. Rudolph Wilkins testified he found Mr. Richmond's body Aug. 2 covered with a blanket in the bedroom of the home at 2850 W. Franklin St.

The murder weapon, a 12

—See Wife recalls, Page A-14

Tent revival services shut down by cops

A revival evangelist was halted Wednesday night in the middle of a fervent session of chasing devils and healing the sick and ordered to close down his tent.

Police Inspector Frank J. Battaglia ordered the Rev. David Eply to close shop when the minister could not produce a use permit giving permission to occupy the vacant site off the 2900 block Washington Blvd.

The religious crusade became entangled with red tape around 9 p.m. while 300 racially mixed worshipers were caught up in a high pitched soul-searching, the Rev. Buford Dowell told the AFRO.

"They came in and stopped us just as the Rev. Eply ended his sermon and the people were in prayer," the editor of the evangelist's office said.

—See Revival, Page A-14

Methodists, integrate

WASHINGTON—A total of 207,033 white members of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church welcomed into their group more than 35,000 members of the 102 - year - old formerly all colored Washington Conference here Wednesday.

The historic merger took place officially June 17 during the 2 p.m. session of the 6-day Conference at American University.

More than 1,000 ministerial and lay delegates witnessed the event in the multi-million dollar Metropolitan Methodist church that adjoins the campus.

Persons attending the conference total about 5,000 including visiting members from Virginia, Washington, Maryland, and Pennsylvania churches.

Tuesday marked the end of the all-colored Washington Annual Conference that was dissolved in private sessions throughout the day.

The official opening of the "no longer segregated" conference was Wednesday.

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THE RT. REV. John Wesley Lord, presiding bishop of the Baltimore -Washington Area, led the official business of the conference Wednesday and was assis-

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