Everett Lee nears goal of major U.S. symphony

EVERETTE LEE

By HOWARD L. JACKSON

NEW YORK — Following critics' acclaim for his appearance as conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, the 25-year goal of Everett Lee is near.

Predictions were, before he sailed for France and another series of engagements on the Continent, that his dream of becoming the first colored director of a major American symphony orchestra will come true.

For the Cleveland-born Mr. Lee the rise to prominence has been marked by many high points.

After receiving his degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music he was asked by producer Billy Rose to conduct the orchestra for "Carmen Jones" on Broadway, which was followed by his guest-appearance as conductor for the musical "On The Town" replacing Leonard Bernstein.

Maestro Lee had further training under noted conductors Bruno Walters, Fritz Mahler and Demitri Mitropolous among others before accepting a grant from the West German government to begin conducting in that country.

Now the permanent director of the Symphony Orchestra of Norroping, Sweden, Mr. Lee several years earlier founded the Cosmopolitan Symphony, America's first integrated orchestra.

In France, Mr. Lee is soon to make his debut with the Paris Opera.

Besides appearing as guest maestro with the New York City opera, Mr. Lee last year led France's national and radio orchestras; and in 1966 returned to an American podium after an absence of ten years to guest conduct the New World Symphony at New York's Lincoln Center, an integrated ensemble patterned after the one he founded.

The year 1969 finds many American symphony orchestras with conducting positions open, with none ever having been headed by a colored person, and few led by native Americans of any ethnic background. Mr. Lee feels this may be the year for both.

Drivers warned of bad weather

Disclaiming any special talents as a weather forecaster, police commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau this week predicted there is severe winter weather still in store for the Baltimore area.

"I'm not a psychologist either," he continued, "but I know from practical experience that the thought of more winter driving is not pleasant for many drivers — the mother of the family, possibly, who must shop or taxi the youngsters around in spite of undependable winter weather."

Like a barometer, this combination of bad weather and unsure drivers quickly shows on our accident charts, the commissioner commented.

Commissioner Pomerleau believes that many anxieties about winter driving could be lessened if more drivers would follow six basic tips offered by the Committee on Winter Driving Hazards of the National Safety Council and endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

They are:

1. GET THE "FEEL" OF THE ROAD. Accelerate carefully to see if wheels spin easily; brake gently to test if they slide. Reduce your speed accordingly. And test the road surface often. Slipperiness changes with temperature.

2. INCREASE YOUR FOLLOWING DISTANCE. It takes three to nine times as far to stop on snow and ice as on dry pavement. That stretches out the distance you should be behind a car ahead.

3. "PUMP" YOUR BRAKES TO SLOW OR STOP. Don't jam them on. An intermittent pumping action three to five times a second keeps you wheels rolling for short distances and lets you maintain steering control on ice, snow or slush.

4. HAVE GOOD TIRES Better yet, use snow tires which provide half again as much pulling power in snow as regular tires. Studded snow tires offer still more help on icy surfaces.

5. USE REINFORCED TIRE CHAINS under severe conditions. A good set should always be in your trunk. Use them. They provide four to seven times as much traction on snow or ice as regular tires. Reinforced tire chains are the best device known for providing stop-and-go traction.

6. KEEP YOUR WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS CLEAR: Replace streaking wiper blades gone dead from exposure to sun, wind and oily road film.

For severe weather, your washers should be filled with a 50-50 mixture of water and washer anti-freeze — the kind specially formulated for windshield washers to protect your car's finish.

"There's really no need to feel skittish about winter driving," Comissioner Pomerleau concluded.

"We're sure that a confident driver — as long as he's not unreasonably overconfident — is less likely to be included in our accident reports."

CITED—The birthday of Benjamin Franklin (Jan. 17) was celebrated at the Printing Trades School, Ltd., by the installation with special ceremonies of the complete IBM "Selectric" Composer System, and the presentation of a bronze plaque to Edwin G. Jenkins, right, director of the school. Herman Jaffe, publisher of the American Credo Book series, presents award to Mr. Jenkins, in recognition of 42 years of outstanding service to the printing industry.

Pearl Bailey is 'Woman of the Year'

NEW YORK — Fabulous Pearl Bailey, already a winner of countless honors, last week was cited as the United Service Organization's (USO) "woman of the year."

The ageless and effervescent singer-entertainer was paid homage at a $50 per plate dinner Sunday night at the Four Seasons restaurant, with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York presenting the award.

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Pearlie Mae, who was hailed by the Governor as "the greatest Dolly of them all," has been a USO entertainer since the World War II era and has been supporting soldier — entertainment group functions since.

In response to the Governor's speech, Miss Bailey took the "give-a-damn" phrase which applies primarily to the plight of the colored, and urged that it also apply to the field of entertainment as well.

Miss Bailey also noted that she is forbidden by "Dolly's" producer David Merrick from singing the title song of the musical in which she's appearing.

But she apparently felt that the Governor was a much higher authority, and sang a rendition of that number.

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The social aspects of the gathering were evident especially since the noted Washington hostess Perle Mesta headed a delegation from the capital to witness the award.

She was escorted to the dinner by Charles T. Carey, the general manager and vice president of the St. Regis Hotel, N.Y.

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There must be a stop to featherbedding

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Jail Student Who Struck Teacher

Death row survivor asks reform

Charles Galloway White was sentenced to die in the gas chamber on June 9, 1961.

This past week, in a letter to State Senator George Snyder, chairman of the Prison Legislative Committee, White pleaded the case of discriminatory policies against inmates serving life sentences in Maryland institutions.

White, whose death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment on December 23, 1963, was appealing for a change in the present penal law.

According to Assistant Warden James J. O'Brien, White is "raising questions which have been asked before, but have never been satisfactorily answered because of the stringent restrictions on outside correspondence during past years."

"Never in the history of the Maryland Penal System has work time and good time been given to lifers as the other men serving lesser sentences are allowed to have," White's letter to the senator said.

"There, such conditions as this breed bitterness, hate and take away all the hope and incentive out of the men and women serving life sentences.

"Yet, if a lifer breaks a rule, he is punished and tried in a kangaroo court, and this said court takes away days from men serv-

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NAG leader, Roscoe Herring, points to present site of Linden Lounge at Linden and North Aves. Arrow pointing to 1 in second panel indicates location where Linden lounge owners plan to move bar. Figure 2 is School number 61 which is less than 300 yards from new location of bar. Mr. Herring's group has taken their opposition to bar's moving to new location into court. A Court of Appeals hearing on the case is pending.

● NEIGHBORHOOD AROUSED:

'We are going as high as we can possibly go'

"We are definitely going to appeal. We are going as high as we can possibly go. "It is a sad day when things can move into your neighborhood even after you protest."

This was the reaction this week of Roscoe Herring, president of the Neighborhood Action Group, to the appeal he and other citizens lost against the Linden Lounge in the 900 block W. North Ave.

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Judge Anselm Sodaro in Baltimore City Court Monday ruled that since the citizens did not appear before the Liquor Board when the transfer was granted they could not now appeal the decision.

The residents, however, contend that according to Maryland law, "being a group of not less than 10 persons who are residents in the district in which the licensed place of business was proposed to be located," they were qualified under the statute to appeal.

Larry S. Gibson, attorney for the residents, states that an appeal will be filed before the Maryland Court of Appeals next week.

The protest revolves around the request of the Linden Lounge to transfer the beer, wine and liquor license from 900 W. North Ave. across the street to a building at 904-06-08 W. North Ave., in close proximity to a public school.

Owners are Rose and Isadore Malinow who were supported by 294 residents

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'Green Bag' appointments no surprise

BULLETIN

Republicans made a last ditch stand Thursday evening to halt the Democratic take over of majority patronage jobs and Gov. Marvin Mandel's "green bag" appointments, with an injunction signed by Anne Arundel Circuit Court's Judge Matthew Evans.

Judge Evans has scheduled a hearing Monday morning in Annapolis.

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Governor Marvin Mandel sent to the Senate Thursday for confirmation his much-touted "green bag" appointments of patronage posts in Baltimore city and Maryland's 23 counties.

Baltimore city appointments to the Supervisors of Elections and the Liquor Board from the black community carried no real surprises. They had been rumored for some time.

Marshall W. Jones Jr., mortician and a veteran member, was apparently retained for the time being as the Republican minority member on the three-member elections board, for that post was not mentioned in the green bag.

A new appointee as a substitute board member at the Supervisors of Elections is Robert Dalton, 2538 Cecil Ave. Mr. Dalton, a steel-

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Bus boycott on, school fares hit

● Boycott

Plans for a massive city-wide boycott of Baltimore Transit Company buses went into effect yesterday (Thursday), as testimony before the Metropolitan Transit Authority on the controversial 5-cent fare hike went into its fourth day.

The boycott, aimed at forcing the bus company to re-instate the 25-cent fare, will be co-ordinated by the Civic Interest Group (CIG), with the co-operation of numerous inner-city organizations, political groups, churches and community improvement associations.

The announcement came Tuesday afternoon, after a morning conference with Gov. Marvin Mandel in Annapolis, that plans for the boycott would be put into effect as scheduled, despite the MTA hearing now in progress.

The MTA, the state agency charged with regulating all transportation lines operating wholly within the state, is expected to reach a decision before March 1. It is on this date that the 90-day limit expires on the "temporary" fare hike granted by that body in late November.

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Asked why the boycott had not been postponed pending a final decision by the Transit Authority, CIG

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● Schools

The effect upon inner-city residents of the proposed 10-cent hike in schoolchildren's bus fares was brought to light Tuesday in testimony presented to the Metropolitan Transit Authority by School Superintendent Dr. Thomas Sheldon.

The Baltimore Transit Company has applied to the MTA for permission to raise the student fare on its buses from the present 15 cents to 25 cents, along with an increase from 25 to 30 cents in the adult fare.

During the second day of the lengthy MTA hearing on the application, Dr. Sheldon warned the seven members of the Authority that if the 10-cent raise in student fares were put into effect, an additional cost of $90 per school year would be imposed on every family for each child riding the buses to school.

Terming the student fare a "hidden tuition cost" even at the present level, the distinguished school administrator stated that higher fares would force ghetto children to stay in nearby schools, where the educational facilities are inferior, rather than take the bus to better schools in outlying parts of the city.

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Baltimore Transit Company attorney, Arthur Sher-

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6 months in prison is sentence

"We are going to have to set an example for these students who think they can overrun the school system.

"I am not going to tolerate this treatment in the schools. There must be respect for the teachers among the student body."

The words were those of Judge Edgar Silver, sitting in Western Police Station Thursday morning.

Before him was a 16-year-old Carver High School student, whom he found guilty of assaulting her ninth grade teacher.

He sentenced her to six months in the Women's House of Correction at Jessup.

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The teacher, Mrs. Theresa Allen Tutman, a veteran 9th and 10th grade English teacher, testified that the stocky student attacked her in the school hall last week just outside her classroom filled with students.

Mrs. Tutman told the court that she had sent the student to the vice-principal's office for using profane language.

Carver Vice-Principal Cyrus Marshall testified that he had suspended the girl for disciplinary reasons. He said the student had been referred to him on "several occasions" previously for disciplinary action.

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Accompanied in court by her mother, Mrs. Minnie Allen, the attractive 127-pound teacher testified that the student came to her room to question her suspension.

"As I turned to go back into my room she called me a vulgar name and started to hit me in the face," Mrs. Tutman said.

Mrs. Tutman was treated at Mercy Hospital for bruises and revelry come for the body.

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A fellow teacher, Malachi Darkins, told the court two male students helped to restrain the accused student.

In her own defense the teenager, LaVerne Allen, denied Mrs. Tutman's testimony. "She struck me first, she said. "That's when I hit her. I only asked her why she had me suspended."

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Earlier, Judge Silver had warned the defendant of her right to have lawyer, but the girl stood with a

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chuckle

An accountant in Duluth swallowed his glass eye and rushed to a stomach specialist. The latter peered down the unfortunate fellow's throat and exclaimed, "I've looked into a lot of stomachs in my day, but I must say this is the first one that ever looked back.

'I knew right away my son was dead'

PVT. LINWOOD WALLER

"I received a call around 5:30 a.m. yesterday morning (Wednesday). I knew right away my son was dead. I can't remember the sergeant's name who called me from the Wolmac Hospital.

"I said I was coming down right away and he told me 'before you come, call back to Ft. Bragg. That's when I knew for sure he was dead."

The call was to Mrs. Maggie Waller of 1103 N. Gilmor St. telling her that her son, Pvt. Linwood Waller, 19, was seriously ill with infectious meningitis.

Pvt. Waller died a few hours later. Mrs. Waller was officially notified when

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Cupid loses Valentines

When Valentine Day rolled around this year, Cupid discovered a marriage he had begun 16 years ago had been dissolved.

On Feb. 5, Randolph Valentine, 1914 McCulloh St., an interior decorator, was granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Mamie Marie Valentine 810 Whitmore Ave.

According to records filed in Circuit Court, the Valentines were married April 4, 1953 in ceremonies at Shiloh Baptist Church.

In his testimony, the husband said he and his wife had problems and separated Oct. 27, 1964.

He told the court after they agreed to live apart, his wife took her personal belongings and the furniture and left.

Also, testifying was James J. Valentine, 2429 Calverton Hgts., father of the husband, who told the court the couple parted after "they talked it over two or three times."

Farmer accepts high HEW post

WASHINGTON—James L. Farmer was named an assistant secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Wednesday. Becoming the first national civil rights leader to join the Nixon Administration.

Farmer, former national director of CORE was introduced to reporters at the White House by HEW Secretary Robert H. Finch. Farmer will serve as assistant HEW secretary for administration, a post with far-ranging duties, Finch said.

Finch also introduced a newspaper executive, Creed C. Black, who was likewise named to be an assistant HEW secretary. Black, executive editor of the Chicago Daily News, will be assistant secretary for legislation.

Farmer said he never equivocated about whether to join the Nixon Administration.

Farmer conceded that only a small fraction of the minority supported Nixon during the past election, but said he expected the situation to change. He said he was convinced Nixon would be sensitive to the needs of Negroes.

"I expect their attitude will change substantially within the next four years," Farmer said. "... I think it's a tragic mistake for black people to be in one pocket or the other."

Farmer, 49, is a graduate of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, his home town, and Howard University. He and his wife, the former Lula Peterson of Chicago, have two daughters, Tami, 10, and Abbey, 7. This year will mark the Farmers' 20th wedding anniversary.

Farmer, who lost a race for a House seat last fall in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant district, founded CORE while working for the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1942, after a 1941 Dixie tour impressed segregation's harshness on him.

He led the first freedom ride in 1947.

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Brooke turns down token assignment from Nixon

WASHINGTON

Sen. Edward W. Brooke has turned down an invitation by President Nixon to represent him at an economic conference in Ethiopia, it was disclosed Tuesday.

An aide to the Massachusetts Republican said Brooke decided against the assignment because the Nixon administration had not had an opportunity to formulate long range African policy.

Brooke, who is vacationing in the Virgin Islands, was said to have decided instead that it would be better to have the United States represented by State Department personnel.

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The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa is meeting at Addis Ababa, Secretary of State William P. Rogers asked Brooke to head the U. S. delegation to Nixon's request shortly after the inauguration, a spokesman for Brooke said.

The New York Times said in a Washington dispatch that the underlying reason Brooke turned down the post was that he considered it not a substantive role, but that of a nonfunctioning front man.

'Fake Aretha' faked out; where will it all end?

By BARRY BARKAN

RICHMOND

Where will it all end?

First Vicki Jane Jones of Petersburg goes down to Florida and fakes out 1,000 high-paying folk with her put on as Aretha Franklin.

Instantly, Vicki becomes a personality in her own right — a spread in a national magazine, page one in all 13 editions of the AFRO.

She signs a contract and appears on the same stage as Duke Ellington.

Her manager, a Florida lawyer and investor (who calls Vicki "the best investment I ever made") is reportedly swamped by phone calls from promoters in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Las Vegas and Richmond.

They all want Vicki, the manager says.

But before she can even sign up for one of those appearances, someone in Richmond is pulling a fakeout of his own—advertising a "guaranteed performance" by Vicki Jones set for last Saturday night at Gregory's Hall Room.

Except, that Vicki says she never agreed to play there.

In fact, when Saturday night came around, Vicki said she was sitting in the Pink Garter listening to a performance by the "Creations."

And that's another story entirely.

Up until Friday the "Creations" were known as the "Unifics of Virginia."

But Friday, attorneys for the "Unifics of Washington, D.C," who recently recorded "Court of Love" with considerable success, went into Hustings Court, Part II in Richmond and got an injunction to stop the "Creations" from performing as the "Unifics."

The same 90-day injunction also blocked "The Great Hosea," Fenroy Annies Fox in real life, from using the name the "Unifics of Virginia" in promoting the Pink Garter, the night club he manages.

Hosea was furious. He said the whole injunction was cooked up by a former manager of the Pink Garter who was currently doing some promoting at Gregory's.

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Hosea reached into his pocket and pulled out a tattered yellow handbill with a message signed by a "Concerned Citizen, the Lawyer."

It read, in part: "ATTENTION PUBLIC. Be-

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VICKI JONES

Lent begins Wednesday

The Christian ritual extends 40 days (not including Sundays) until the high holiday of Easter Sunday, April 6.

The period of personal sacrifice, denial and fast opens with ancient ceremonies which for centuries have used the ashes of the past year's Palm Sunday fronds to signify penance.

Ash Wednesday is preceded usually the night before, with a Mardi Gras in many Catholic strongholds and especially in New Orleans, La. where feasting and revelry comes for the last time before the extended fast.

Meanwhile, spring arrives Thursday, March 20 at 2:08 p.m. EST.

Palm Sunday is March 30. Memorializing the suffering of Christ, the services open Holy Week, a period of sorrow.

The Jewish holy day, Pesach, April 3, marks the beginning of Passover, an eight-day celebration of the delivery from slavery in Egypt.

The second highest Christian observance, Good Friday, April 4, commemorates the Crucifixion and is historically the oldest Christian celebration.