Tydings for 18-year-old voter rights

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md. today urged the Maryland Legislature to reduce the voting age to 18.

In a statement submitted to the House of Delegates Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on Constitution and Administrative Law, the Senator said he believed "the age of 18 the age of high school graduation is a reasonable minimum voting age."

"We should deal with the facts as they are today.' The Senator's statement said. "The fact is that most 18-year-olds are personally qualified to vote as most of their elders.

Tydings pointed out that today's "American young people are achieving physical, emotional and mental maturity at an earlier age than ever before.

"Thousands of Maryland boys between 18 and 21 are not only getting practical experience in 'adult society,' they are getting it in a very hard school — the jungles and on the battlefields of Vietnam," he said.

Tydings rejected notions that 18-year olds are too idealistic or too highly influenced by their parents to vote.

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Paul Georges, painting instructor at Yale School of Art, will lecture at Towson State College 8:15 p.m. in Smith Hall Auditorium, following a two-day visit on campus.

PRETTY REMINDER—Department of Motor Vehicles employees (from left) Mesdames Hilda Spriggs, Vicki Hose, Sarah Wiley and Becky Cody show the 1969 Maryland tags with blue letters and numerals on a white field. They can be displayed on vehicles beginning March 1. Current 1968 tags expire at midnight, March 31.

BLUE ON WHITE BACKGROUND

Apply now for 1969 car tags

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, John R. Jewell, announced today that applications for the renewal of Class "A" passenger car and motorcycle tags have been mailed to one and one-half million Maryland motorists.

New 1969 tags may be purchased on Monday, February 17, but by law cannot be displayed prior to March 1, 1969.

The '69 tags will have blue letters and numerals on a white background. The current '68 tags expire at midnight, March 31.

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At the same time Commissioner Jewell warned, "motorists who changed their address from the preceding year and have not notified the Department of their new address, may not receive their applications."

Vehicle owners who have not received their application by February 25, should immediately notify the Department in writing furnishing the exact name as shown on their 1968 registration card along with the 1968 tag number and their current address.

If an owner receives notice advising that his application has been forwarded to the Municipal Court of Baltimore City for unsatisfied warrants, he must first obtain his tag application from the Cashier's Office of the Traffic Division of the Baltimore City Municipal Court.

Commissioner Jewell cautioned motorists to carefully check the following items when filing their applications:

1. Enclose the proper fee as shown on the face of the application. Read bulletin entitled, "SPECIAL NOTICE — INCREASED TAGEES" enclosed with each application. Avoid delays of having applications returned for insufficient fees.

2. Check correct name and address of owner and/or co-owner's drivers license (s) number (s).

3. Answer all insurance questions and show exact name of insurance company issuing policy, not name of group to which insurance company may belong.

4. Make all checks and /or money orders payable to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Do not send cash.

5. Do not include postage for tags.

Commissioner Jewell stated that vehicle owners should return their applications with correct fees immediately upon receiving them to allow sufficient time for postal delivery.

William F. Carson Sr., Christian Mem. deacon

Funeral services were held on Wednesday for William F. Carson Sr., 64, of 2100 Dukeland St.

Mr. Carson died on Saturday at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The services were held at the Christian Memorial Church, where he was a deacon. The Rev. Frank Brown, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

The Herbert E. Nutter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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A self-employed landscaper and professional cook for 18 years, Mr. Carson was a native of North Carolina.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sarah F. Carson and three children. They are William F. Carson Jr. and Francis Carson, both of Washington; and Mrs. Mary Lou Hudson of Cleveland, Ohio;

Also, two stepchildren, Mrs. Dorothy Clayton, Philadelphia; and John Jackson of Florida.

Other survivors are four sisters, Mesdames Sallie Forman, Louise Ray, Phyllis Bagwell, all of Baltimore, and Mrs. Lillie Mae Bass of Connesticut; and three grandchildren.

NAMED CHAIRMAN — Martin D. Munger, eastern region vice president of Montgomery Ward, has been named Maryland crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society. As chairman, he will direct the state's more than 50,000 American Cancer Society crusaders who call on their neighbors during the April educational-fund raising campaign.

Black workers convention slated here

The Maryland Chapter of the American Labor Council will sponsor the Centennial Celebration of the first statewide convention of black workers which was held in Baltimore in 1869.

Troy Brailey, president of the Maryland Chapter said, "I think it fitting that we will be meeting in the state where Frederick Douglas where Frederick Douglass, one of the greatest leaders of the reconstruction revolution, was one of the presidents of the National Negro Labor Union, which was organized following the Civil War.

The Centennial Celebration is scheduled for May 30 and May 31. Nationally prominent speakers will appear during the two-day session.

The celebration will be climaxed by paying tribute to A. Philip Randolph on hi 80th birthday.

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Influenza was no bar to elopement for ill bride

By LULA SHEFFEY

The flu epidemic in 1918 may have been strong enough to quarantine whole towns and cities, but Ole Man Cupid was stronger ... cause Troy Rivers of Rockingham, N.C. and his sweetheart (who had the flu), ran away and were married. In December the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The elopers of a half century ago are this week's AFRO's "Solid Citizens."

MR. AND MRS. TROY RIVERS of Baltimore marked a half century of marriage recently. Mrs. Rivers was Miss Adeline Stubbs prior to her marriage.

Mr. Rivers and the former Miss Stubbs were married in a civil ceremony in Bennettsville, S.C. . . . and the bride almost immediately had a relapse of the enfluenza.

"My husband was able to get me to the home of friends where I stayed while he returned to Rockingham to get my clothes . . . I didn't see him again for a month, because he was stricken with the flu," explained Mrs. Rivers.

"I was nineteen years old. . . . my mother was shocked, she had no idea I was thinking of marriage."

"During the quarantine, food was brought into the areas that were closed off. We believed the World War I soldiers brought in the virus," she said:

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After they were reunited, they moved to Norfolk, Va. where Mr. Rivers found employment, and that became home for the next four years.

As a result of the union, they became the parents of five children, three girls and two boys.

The children are:

Mesdames Eloise Morgan of New York City, Doris Smith, Mazie Smith, both of Baltimore. The sons, Vincient T. of Baltimore and Carl Lynn Rivers who died two years ago.

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"We are proud of our children, and labored to teach them the value of a good education, along with a good christian up-bringing and to be good citizens," remarked Mrs. Rivers.

"Our daughter, Mrs. Doris Smith, is a goverrment worker. Mizie Smith of Baltimore County drives a school bus. Eloise Witters, of Long Island, N.Y., is a housewife, who probably has the hardest job (woman's work is never done), and Vincent is a city policeman," she said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rivers are the grandparents of 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

They are community workers in the Harlem Park Improvement Association, and Mrs. Rivers has been a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where the Rev. Williard Clayton is pastor for the past 45 years.

There she serves on the Benevolent Committee and is a member of the Missionary guild.

For 35 years, Mr. Rivers worked at the Rivera Copper and Steel Company, and since his retirement five years ago, he spends most of his time at their country home in Halethorpe, Md.

There, he especially enjoys working in his vegetable garden during the summer months.

"My mother taught me to be kind to people for that kindness would be returned to me many fold, in various ways, and she was right," said Mrs. Green.

She is the daughter of the late William H. and Martha Jane Stubbs of Rockingham, N.C.

A WEDDING of Miss Mary Louise Bannister and Theodore Ferguson at Sparorws Point, Sunday, in the party were, from left, Mrs. Aileen Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson, parents of the bridegroom; and front: Diane Ferguson, Brett Ferguson, and Sharrie Ferguson, ringbearer and flower girls.

Douglass class observes 40th anniversary

The Douglass High School Class of 1929 marked its 40th anniversary reunion with a weekend of festivities, here, last week.

The festivities began with a cocktail party, program and dinner dance on Friday evening at Holiday Inn, Downtown.

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Following cocktails and dinner the group sang and danced to the tunes that were popular during their high school years. Rivers Chambers Combo furnished the music.

Tom Hawkins left his Public Relation duties in California to join his former classmates here. Romeo Keyes and Arnett Williams came from Washington, and best wishes and other greetings were received from classmates from various parts of the New York state.

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Participating members were:

Thelma Derricks Addison, Hortense Byrd Blackwell, Harold Burkett, Gladys Nash Clark, Ellen Finch Fisher, Leroy Flanagan, Rose Thompson Gaskins, Juanita Williams Green, Helen Shorter Harris, Thomas Hawkins, Henry W. Horsey, Leonard Jones, Romeo Keys, Mabel White Lawrence.

Charles G. Lawson, Mamie Marshall Lee, Sanford Maddox, Gladys Bailey Norris, Dorothy Finney Pollard, Vernon Robinson, Beatrice Stanley Shockley, Edith Dorsey Smith.

Mildred Butler Staples, Beatrice Dorsey Tucker, Louise Grooms Turks, Violet Chatman Turner, Arnett Williams, Beatrice Tate Rawlings, and Gladys Har-

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AKA's host at tea, plan 'Fashionetta'

Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's "Miss Fashionetta" contest was launched Saturday at the Sequoia Avenue home of Soror Charlotte Harper with a tea at which the "Miss Fashionetta" aspirants were introduced to the details of the contest.

The following young women will participate by selling votes: Denise Hawkins, Pamelo Johnson, Betty Small, Bernadine Suber, Savannah Perkins, Denise Williams, Carolyn Lamma, Fredda Dulin, nise Hawkins, Harolyn Clark, Jean Gilliam, Patricia Carrington and Nina Brewington.

The fund raising affair, which is for the benefit of scholarships will culminate on March 22 at the Alcazar with a "Fashionetta" and luncheon featuring the Hamilton Vogue-Esquire Models of Chicago. "Miss Fashionetta" will reign during the affair.

Soror Idell Pugh is chairman of the Fund Raising Committee with Soror Gertrude Urquhart as co-chairman. Other committee members are Sorors Charlotte Harper, Esther Bailey, Audrey Pinkney, Doris Reese, Gilda Garrett, Esther LaForest, Helen Thornton, Margaret Jackson, Esther Simmons, Mary Young, Doris Levi, Courtney Harris, Marie Fraser, Bettye Williams, Mamie Woodford, Emma Bright and Gloria Thompson. Soror Bernice Hunley is the newly elected Basileus of AKA's Epsilon Omega Chapter.

New officers were elected in December and installed during the January Founders Day Observation.

Officers are:

Basileus, Bernice Hunley; anti-basileus, Idell Pugh; grammateus, Ann Carroll; tamiouchas, Estella Grant; Ivy Leaf reporter, Esther Bailey; financial secretary, Doris Levi; undergraduate advisor to Alpha Delta, Virginia Vauls; historian, Founder Vivian Cook; parliamentarian, Past Supreme Basileus Edna Campbell; hodegos, Lois A. Stubblefield; philacter, Sarah Early; epistoleus, Mary Young.

Executive committee members at Large are Retiring Basileus Elsie Sessoms, Hermia Jordan, Norma Humphrey, Evelyn Johnson, and Gertrude Urquhart.

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The Founders Day observation was held at the YWCA with Chapter Founder Vivian Cook as the speaker of the day. Alpha Delta Chapter of Morgan State College was represented by Soror Gwendolyn Robinson.

Soror Cook told how she had been a freshman on the

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THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Jessica Valerie Harper to John Samuel Murray has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Harper, in Baltimore. Miss Harper, a graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame, is a sophomore at Morgan State College. Mr. Murray, who graduated at Dunbar High School, is attending Towson State College. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Mary Louise Bannister bride of Theodore Ferguson

Miss Mary Louise Bannister, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Bannister and the late Mr. Bannister, was married to Theodore A. Ferguson, Sunday afternoon at two, in the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Sparrows Point.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Vincent Owens. Calvin Staten was organist, and Miss Ellen Boyd, soloist.

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Given in marriage by her brother, Lawrence Bannister, the bride wore an A-line gown of white satin, designed with a chapel train and bordered with a deep band of seed pearls and crystals. Her veil was attached to a cluster of satin roses, and she carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Miss Patricia D. Reynalds, wearing turquoise satin, a headpiece designed like that of the bride, but with a flirtation veil, also carried orchids. The latter were tinted to match her gown.

Bideamalds in similar ensembles in hot pink, were Misses Harryette Ferguson, Minnie R. Jackson and Lueaster Benjamin.

Diane and Sharrie Ferguson were flower girls. Ringbearer was Brel Ferguson.

Kenneth Ferguson was best man for his brother. Ushers were Donnell Ferguson, Torrence Ferguson and Paul Easley.

Following the ceremony a reception for 300 guests was held in the Church Hall.

The newlyweds are at home at 907 J Street, Sparrows Point.

Philomathian Club hears Mrs. Brackett

Mrs. Pearl Brackett, assistant superintendent in charge of Baltimore's community schools, was speaker when the Philomathian Club met on Saturday at Coppin State College.

Mrs. Frederick Dedmond was hostess. Mrs. Brackett also moderated the lively discussion which followed her talk.

Participants were area college students who had been invited to come and "tell it like it is."

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Speaking on the topic, 'Youth Puts It On the Line,' Mrs. Brackett said: 'So many youth are disenchanted with us. This may be so because somebody is spending too much time studying what they wish not do rather than what they can do.

Observing that youth of today are finding identity with each other regardless of race, she suggested adults should remember not to say the way young people look is wrong and 'your way is right.'

Adults, she cautioned, should make it their aim to have every person know what he can do well and to make it a point to have an individual say what he feels is his responsibility and to Students participating in

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Dental wives take NAACP membership

In a recent presentation of NAACP Life Membership certificates, Mrs. Cyrile E. Ashby, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland Dental Society, accepted the membership for her group.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore NAACP president, made the presentation of the $500 membership.

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Mrs. William R. Johnston will be the speaker at the weekly luncheon lecture sponsored by the Walters Art Gallery at noon at the Stafford Hotel. Her topic will be "A Trip to the Soviet Union."

MR. AND MRS. CLEO S. LEE of Baltimore, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, recently. Mrs. Lee is the former Miss Lillian E. Bailey of Philadelphia. Mr. Lee is a native of Bessmer City, N.C.

Lees, wed 50 years, 60 descendants

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo S. Lee chalked up 50 years of happy marriage, this week.

They marked the event quietly at their home on Brentwood Avenue.

Mrs. Lee, the former Miss Lillian E. Bailey of Philadelphia, is a practical nurse, a club woman, and an ardent worker in the Corner Stone Baptist Church.

A volunteer worker in

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THE DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '29 held its 40th anniversary, recently. At left, Thomas Hawkins, now of Los Angeles, Calif., here for the celebration, is shown with Charles G. Lawson and William Rawlings of Baltimore. At right are class members: front row, Misses and Mesdames Ellen Fisher, Mamie Lee, Violet Turner, Helen Harris, Rosa Gaskins, Juanita Green, Beatrice Shockley; second row: Harold Burkett, Mesdames and Misses Edith Smith, Gladys Taylor, Mildred Staples, Beatrice Tucker, Hortense Blackwell, Thelma Addison; back row: Leonard Jones, Henry Horsey, Vernon Robinson, Thomas Hawkins, Mrs. Dorothy Pollard, Leroy Flanagan, Mrs. Louise Turks, Sanford Maddox and Charles Lawson.