Carroll tavern under fire

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Maryland Commission on Human Relations will soon declare whether three black-Westminster residents were refused service at a roadside restaurant and bar in Carroll County.

Counsel for complainant John H. Lewis, a civil engineering technician, asked Commissioners to issue a cease and desist order, to have the tavern owner publicly post he will serve black people and to award Mr. Lewis $250 for humiliation he suffered in the alleged incident.

Counsel Philip J. Tierney also stated, "The conduct of the respondant (tavern owner) was raised an element of contempt for the Commission and its laws."

Owner of the Crossroads Inn, John E. Scorb, failed to appear at Thursday's hearing. County sheriffs confirmed he is in Florida for three weeks.

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His son, John R. Scorb, testified his father left him no word about the hearing and he appeared at the hearing because a friend brought him a newspaper article about the hearing.

Commission Chairman George Solter said John E. Scorb had failed to respond to numerous commission attempts to reach a settlement before the hearing.

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John Lewis testified he is a member of an informal Human Relations Task Force that received word of the Crossroads allegedly refusing to serve black patrons.

He said on March 6, 1970, he and four other Task Force members, two white and two black, went to the inn specifically to test the reports.

He said they seated themselves in a booth for five minutes or more without being served. Then the waitress who was standing behind the bar waived for one of them to come over.

Mr. Lewis reported first he stood up and the waitress said "Not you," then another black member stood up and again she waived him off. She finally agreed to talk with one of the white members.

This person, he said, walked to the bar and was told "rather abruptly" she could not serve his table. Mr. Lewis said they left and filed the complaint with the Commission.

Other Task Force members who participated in the Crossroads visit are the Rev. Pickey M. Corse of the Ascension Episcopal Church; the Rev. Donald W. Frank of the Westminster United Parrish; Bernard Larry Jones, lab technician and chairman of the Carroll County Task Force; and the Rev. Elmer Sauer.

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John R. Scorb appeared at the hearing without a lawyer and after consulting with Commissioner Solter decided not to get one.

He said he was managing the inn during his father's absence and he does no refuse to serve black people.

Several times during the hearing and after hearing Counsel Tierney's settlement request, the tavern owner's son said he was sure he and his father would follow the Commission's decision completely.

Besides Chairman Solter, the hearing panel included Commissioners Mrs. Eloise C. Hill, Mrs. Zella P. Savage, Sampson Green and Mr. Lane K. Beck.

Divorces filed

Leroy Thomas vs. Hazel Thomas; Marilyn Joan Clemmons vs. James Curtis Clemmons; Orneda Playarde Savoy vs. Deverau Shell Savoy; Barbara Ellen Krout vs. Donald Krout; Russell Raymond vs. Mazie Raymond; Mary Ondrasek vs. James F. Ondrasek; George A. Crawley vs. Cora P. Crawley; Kenneth J. Swann, Sr. vs. Gwendolyn I. Swann; Mary McEvoy vs. Robert McEvoy; Lillian E. Striegel vs. Edward L. Striegl.

Divorces granted

Michael Graziano vs. Bonnie M. Graziano; Poppy Liosis vs. Theodosios Liosis; Purnell Melvin Spicer vs. Alcora Wiggins Spicer; Judy Gail Johnson vs. Albert Lee Johnson; Fannie Lee Winston vs. Emmett Winston, Jr.; Marlyn A. Feuerhardt vs. George Feurhardt; Janice Ellen Turley Krell vs. James Charles Krell.

Police wrong in 90 per cent of gun searches

Every time the police stop and search a person for weapons there is a ninety percent chance that the "suspect" is just an ordinary citizen not carrying a weapon.

This was proven this week, when city police made 25 gun searches but found only two persons with illegal weapons.

Baltimore Police Public Information Director Dennis Hill called accurate reports that 24 to 25 persons were searched for hand guns under the stop and frisk section of the new gun control law.

Reports reached the AFRO that 25 to 50 persons had been stopped and searched by the police since the law went into effect March 27.

Most of the persons stopped were black. With illegal weapons founded in only 2 of the searches, sources say.

Officer Hill told the AFRO yesterday, "The department is compiling information which should be available Monday, on the number of persons searched for weapons.

"I don't know if the majority of those searched were black or not. We had to send back the police reports on searches because most of them were in error.

"This is no racial issue. But the way the thing is applied, it is possible that more blacks could be searched."

Continuing he said, "I don't know if there is a section on the report for race. If blacks feel they are abused when searched they can file a complaint with our Internal Investigation Division."

Officer Hill added, "Four weapons were found in our searches. One was only a gas gun and the other was carried by a special police. Two violated the gun law. Two of the four carrying guns were black."

He could not remember if the two black persons were carrying the illegal guns or not.

After nearly tearing the Legislature apart, before emerging out as law, many are still skeptical about the intent of the searches and potential abuse by the police.

The law requires that any person carrying a hand gun must obtain a permit to do so. And that the police may search any person for weapons if they have "reasonable belief" that the suspect is carrying a gun.

Age bias bill gets Estimates Board OK

By SCOTT PONEMONE.

Board of Estimates at its Wednesday meeting added its vote of approval to the Community Relations Commission's support of City Council Bill No. 99 to include age discrimination to the city's unlawful employment practices law.

Jerry L. Woods of the Commission staff told the AFRO, when the bill is passed, the Commission will be directed to halt instances of arbitrary age discrimination in employment for persons 18 to 65 years old.

He said theage provision would be added to existing measures prohibiting employment discrimination by race, sex, religion and national ancestry.

The bulk of the complaints we may get, he said, may be about forced retirement but age limitations for apprenticeship programs will also become an issue.

He said the age-provision ship programs have an upper limit ranging from 25 to 30 years of age.

"This will affect race in some way," Mr. Woods said, "because black people who once could not seek apprenticeship because of their race are now told they are too old to enter."

The Board disapproved Council Bill No. 200 to authorize the Health Commissioner to adopt rules for licensing and inspection of drug abuse rehabilitation centers.

The Health Department had already suggested the bill was not needed.

On other matters, the Board accepted a memorandum of understanding between the Mayor and City Council and the Classified Municipal Employees Association on the union's contract for fiscal year 1973.

The Board agreed to transfer $431,000 of federal Neighborhood Development Program funds to Olivet NDP, $116,000, and to Orchard Biddle NDP, $315,000.

Estimates members added $4,200 to the cost of the new Police Headquarters to the total work cost of $375,963 already added to the bid price of $11.2 million.

--Church hit

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block Harlem Ave. The third stone fell through the roof of the church and broke one of the pews in the sanctuary. Water is coming in very bad through the hole."

The Rev. Mr. Parham, said that children were in the nursery at the church. There was no damage done to the nursery but the children were taken out of the church for the day.

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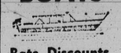

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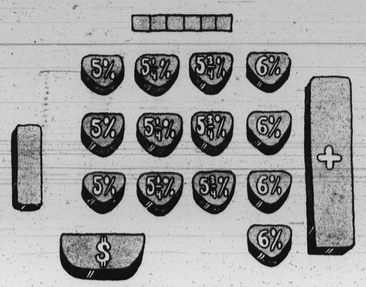

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Her family's tribute to Mrs. Genevieve Harris

Mrs. Comfort Genevieve Holland Harris, affectionately known as Aunt "Gene" was born on February 22, 1890, in Frederick County, Maryland the daughter of the late William Henry Holland and Sarah Crampton Holland.

Her early education was received in the Baltimore City elementary schools. Later she attended the Colored High School and was graduated in 1907; two years later Mrs. Harris completed the Coppin Normal School.

This was followed by sessions at Simmons College, Cheyney Normal, the University of Pennsylvania, and a completion of requirements for the bachelors degree at Morgan State College.

Aunt "Gene" would periodically pursue courses in art in order to improve her instructional techniques.

She was married to the late Charles Wilbert Harris, an elementary school principal in the Public Schools.

Mrs. Harris was an indefatigable worker.

As a teacher for more than fifty years, and most of it in the field of Art Education, she influenced the lives of thousands of youngsters. She demanded the best from her pupils and received. Aunt "Gene" was known as a strict but fair disciplinarian.

It was not difficult for her to spot a youngster who had unusual talent in art. Many of her pupils from both the Booker T. Washington and the Frederick Douglass High School won awards for their outstanding ability in the field of art.

Her retirement capped more than 50 years of service in the Public Schools. This span of time covers some 17 years in the elementary division and 35 years as a teacher of art.

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As an avid collector of antiques, her home showed evidence of her travels and collections.

One of her hobbies was jewelry making.

She founded the Lapidary Club and was invited to exhibit her works at the Hampton Institute.

During the past war years the work of some of her pupils was shown as an American Newsreel release at the old Royal Theater.

Mrs. Harris loved to travel; two of her most interesting trips were to the Holy Land and India. During her trips she met many interesting people and was a frequent guest at Embassy social functions.

A recipient of many awards and citations she probably cherished most the "Outstanding Citizens' Award which she received from the hand of former Mayor, Theodore R. McKeldin.

This exemplified her community spirit of desiring to help her fellow man. We all remember her volunteer Red Cross work and how proudly she wore that uniform.

Aunt "Gene" was a faithful member of the Madison Street Presbyterian Church and made her Christian commitment felt through her love for her family and friends.

Mrs. Harris is survived by a sister, Mrs. Corlette H. Thomas; five nieces, Mrs. Guinevere T. Spencer, Mrs. Ione T. McConnell, Miss Genevieve Thomas, Mrs. Novene T. Howard, and Mrs. Bessie H. Slowe; six nephews, Lemmel Thomas, Corloyd Thomas, Holland Dorsey, George Dorsey, John Dorsey, Richard Kelly and their families.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lambs, serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with a joyful song.
Know that the Lord is God he made us; we are his people, the flock he tends.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him; bless his name, for he is good.
The Lord, whose kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations.

Respectfully—
The Family

Mondawmin color contest winners

Youngsters from all over Baltimore won prizes this week in the Mondawmin Merchants, Easter Egg coloring contest.

Hundreds of youngsters entered through blanks published in the Afro-American. Earl Booker, Community Relations Directors presented prizes donated by Mondawmin Merchants.

Winning entries were in watercolors, crayon, magic pen, sequinned and plaited crepe paper.

Grand prize winner was Sharon Figg, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Figg and 5th grade student at School No. 85.

Other winners were Jackie Johnson, 7, 1st grade Hilton Elementary, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson;

Marlo Thomas, 5, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mary Rodman School; Anita Brown, 9, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown, 9, School No. 18.

Also: Clarice Parrish, 11, Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish, 6th Grade, School No. 60. Burton Jackson, 6, Mrs. Judith Jackson, 1st grade, School No. 58.

Clinton Hughes, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hughes, School No. 104; Jernita Stackhouse, 7, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stackhouse, School No. 69.

Arvia Williams, 6, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, Our Lady of Lourdes; Patricia Mapp, 12, Mrs. Louise Mapp, Hilton Elementary;

Kenneth Stanton, 7, son of Mrs. Shirley Stanton, School No. 69; Mary Pulliam 8, Wilbert Pulliam, Medford Heights; John McCray, 10, Mrs. Betty McCray, City Springs Elementary.

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RUNNING ON SLATE

Mitchell, Russell announce delegates

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th) has announced his slate of candidates who will run on his ticket as delegates for the Democratic Convention in the May 16 Primary Election in the Seventh Congressional District.

They are: Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. June Wing, Ray Clark, Ricky Flischer, Del. Hildagardeis Boswell (D-4th) and Congressman Mitchell.

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City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., Mr. Mitchell's opponent for his congressional seat, has announced his slate of delegates who are running on his ticket and will appear on the May 16 ballot for the Democratic Convention as:

Earl Banks, head coach at Morgan State College; Councilman Robert L. Douglass (D-2n), Pinkney Howell, a fifth legislative district politician; State Senator Julian Lapides (D-2nd); Mrs. Erla McKinnon and State Senator Verda F. Welcome (D-4th).

1,500 expected to hear AME appointments

The 156th session of the Baltimore Annual Conferences of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is being held at Bethel AME, Druid Hill Ave., and Lanvale St.

The conference opened on Wednesday and will continue through Sunday, April 16.

Bishop Henry W. Murph, the area 'bishop, is presiding at the conference.

Presiding elders of the conference are: The Rev. John M. Cox, E. Moody, Centerville District A. L. Murray, Eastern district; The Rev. W. L. Hildebrand is host pastor.

Tonight (Friday) is youth night, services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Harold McFadden, will preside. There will be a panel discussion on drug abuse and drug use. Participating on the panel will be Dr. James Hodges and Major James Watkins.

Dr. Larnie G. Horton, president of Kittrell Junior College is the speaker. A reception will be held following the services.

The Women Conference Workers will make their reports on Saturday, 10 a.m. followed by the annual meeting of the laymen organization with Horace C. Perrin, president who will preside.

On Sunday services will begin at 10 a.m.

More than 1,500 persons are expected to hear the list of new appointments.

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