Internal Revenue Investigation

Finds Many Tax Services Prepare Faulty Returns

By SCOTT PONEMONE

A national investigation of some 3,200 small-time income tax preparers has shown, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner, that half of those firms have prepared faulty returns.

Commissioner Johnnie Walters, in Baltimore to greet the new head of the Maryland-D.C. IRS district, William Waters, reported this year's investigation resulted in suits filed against 430 firms and, subsequently, 55 convictions.

District Director Waters told the AFRO 55 preparers were investigated in this area and 23 of them had made out returns with inaccuracies.

He added the operator of one of the 23 firms has been convicted and has gone out of business.

The investigation, Commissioner Walters remarked, did not cover lawyers, certified public accountants or large commercial tax preparing businesses.

He stated, "Their record has been considerably better than the smaller firms."

His advice, nonetheless, was for everyone to do his return himself.

Director Waters could not estimate the number of small firms operating in the Baltimore-D.C. area, however, he did characterize these firms for AFRO readers.

These businesses, he said, are mostly in metropolitan areas. They are usually operated by storekeepers and are open for business in January and disappear in April.

Mr. Waters commented the clientele of the small preparers are from families with incomes under $10,000 and are usually renters as opposed to homeowners.

The average inaccuracy (the amount of money still owed the government), Mr. Waters estimated, is $355, "a pretty good bite for the average man in the street."

He explained no matter who made the error in the tax return, whether the preparer or the taxpayer, the taxpayer is obligated to pay that average $355 inaccuracy.

Commissioner Walters also had good news for some 31 million taxpayers across the nation.

The short form, 1040A, he remarked, is coming back beginning January. Similar to the short form not used since 1968, the new 1040A, he said, will essentially be a sheet half the size of the standard 1040.

31 million, he added, is the number of taxpayers who do not itemize their returns and could use the short form.

NEW PLANNING CHIEF SAYS

'City Has Chance Of Turning Corner'

By BETTYE MOSS

"My main interest and thrust is to direct the City Planning Commission towards an area of planning to be more relevant to the social and urban problems that are continuing to mount in our cities.

'I am not at all opposed to the physical developments such as the Inner Harbor, the Charles Center, and many others, if they're not done at the expense of social programs.

"I think the city has a great chance of turning corner from the trend we're in right now.

"We need to return greater confidence to the residential citizens, more confidence among people as to the present and future of the city."

The speaker was George L. Jude, 62-year-old businessman and civic worker, who was named last week by Mayor Schaefer to serve as chairman of the City Planning Commission.

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Mr. Jude told the AFRO his further concerns:

"The commission can plan projects for the city but these projects must have programs tied into them to make social improvements, not just tax-based improvements, not just economics per se.

'As an example, let's take public housing, the Gay Street Projects or many other Urban Renewal Projects.

"Unless these plans include facilities for cultural activities with proper staffing and supervision, these Urban Renewal Projects are not going to work, just like they haven't worked in

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NEW PLANNING CHIEF—AFRO Advertising Manager George Jude last Friday was named chairman of the city Planning Commission by Mayor William Donald Schaefer. This AFRO photo by I. Henry Phillips shows Mr. Jude and his daughters, Mrs. Elise Mason and Mrs. Laura Gardner, being greeted by the mayor.

AFRO photo by Fletcher Roberts

IN THE MIDDLE as the 1199-E pickets went around this week in front of the United Fund Headquarters on lower St. Paul St., was the dog who also wore a protest placard. Demonstrators are employees of a women's and aged men's home in Baltimore County supported by United Fund public contributions, forced to strike, they say, because the home refuses to grant them a union shop. Fred Punch, 1199-E president, claims United Fund money is used to hire policemen, dogs, fancy lawyers and scabs to defeat the union.

defeat the union. This morning (Friday) it was reported that the dogs were set loose on picketers in the county.

Inflation pace double Nixon guideline, McGovern says

Sen. George S. McGovern's campaign committee says food prices have risen in the past six months more than twice as fast as President Nixon's economic guidelines allow.

The committee in a statement said food prices have been increasing at an annual rate of 6.4 per cent since February. Nixon set a 3 per cent guideline for price increases under the economic stabilization program that began last November.

"The consumer price figures released by the Labor Department confirm what every housewife already knows," the committee said. "Inflation is alive and well."

Meat prices have topped out after largely contributing to the five-month peak in the July cost of living index, according to administration officials.

The Agriculture Department's Livestock Market News Service in a report to be published this week will show that wholesale beef prices settled six weeks ago into a long-predicted downturn.

But the lower prices meat is now bringing on the wholesale market may not be reflected in retail food stores, the officials are saying.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that the cost of living rose 0.4 per cent in July, the highest since the 0.5 per cent increase in February. The hike was 0.2 per cent in June.

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Higher food prices, particularly meat, accounted for about two-thirds of the increase, BLS said. Prices for meats, poultry and fish went up 2.8 per cent, while fruit and vegetable prices

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CHIEF PETTY OFFICER Albert Lee Butler, son of Mrs. Mary Butler, 4210 Evans Chapel Rd., and the late Nathaniel Butler, a former AFRO linotype operator, is now stationed at Fort McHenry, Md. The officer was last stationed in Tennessee and is now in his Pikesville home with his wife, Mrs. Yvonne Butler, and their children, Albert, Jr. and Timmy.

They were all born in August

By WILLIE EGYIR

A West Baltimore family has strong inclination for following precedent.

James and Mrs. Viola Partlow, 1100 block W. Lafayette Ave., were married 38 years ago in August, the AFRO's birthday month.

Mr. Partlow, now 65 years old, was born Aug. 31, 1907.

Their first child, now Mrs. Elaine Scarbone, was born on Aug. 29, 1934.

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The Partlows' youngest son, Anthony, born Aug. 17,

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Escaped youth charged in Gwynn Oak murder

A 17-year-old escapee from Maryland Training School is charged with robbery-murder of a West Baltimore man in the 4700 block Gwynn Oak Ave. Tuesday night.

Police said the juvenile escapee, serving a term for an armed robbery, is charged on three counts in the death of William Harrison Ayer, 34, 5200 block Bosworth Ave.

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Police reports state the youth is charged with homicide, assault and robbery and violating the handgun law.

The victim, police said, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Police said on arrival at the scene they saw the suspect being held by two men who reported they had just witnessed him shoot a man.

Police state the suspect gave his name as John Taylor but a check on their list showed the name was false and that he is a convict serving a term at the Maryland Training School for armed robbery.

Morton and Dyette Funeral home reports its has the body of the victim but arrangement for his burial has not been completed.

80 more places to register

More than 80 supplementary voter registration locations will be opened in the city by Sept. 7 in order to bring registration to the door of the people.

An official of the Board of Supervisors of Elections told the AFRO Tuesday registration in these locations starts Sept. 7.

At the same time the Volunteer Recruitment Committee for Voter Registration is working hard to get more volunteers this year than ever before.

Sunday registration in some churches has been approved by the Board.

The spokesman stated, unlike the previous years,

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Free bus rides stop-Patterson

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, Suprintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools, has said that free transportation services formerly provided to students at 12 schools will be discontinued by the Department of Education because of cuts in the budget.

Eleven of the schools are elementaries: Nos. 58, 3935 Hilton Rd.; 64, Liberty, 3901 Maine Ave.; 69, Mordecai Gist, 4220 Granada Ave.; 207 Curtis Bay, 4301 W. Bay Ave.; 211, Gardenville, 5300 Belair Rd.; 216, Frankford, 6001 Frankford Ave.; 219, Yorkwood, 5931 Yorkwood Rd.; and 226, Violetville, 1207 Pine Heights Ave.

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The other elementary schools which will be affected are: Nos. 238, Victory, 1440 Chesapeake Ave.; 241, Fallstaff, 3801 Fallstaff Rd.; and 247, Cross Country, 6100 Cross Country Blvd.

The single high school so affected is No. 239, Benjamin Franklin, 1201 Cambria St.

According to Dr. Patterson, MTA routes are available to students at these schools, and any student who lives one mile or more from the school is eligible for a free pass booklet on the MTA.

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The principals of the various schools, said the Superintendent, are now informing parents and students about the change.

Handicapped students, concluded Dr. Patterson, will continue to have bus services.

NOTICE

REGISTRATION starts in the Cherry Hill-Fairfield and Mt. Winans area Monday, Aug. 28, sponsored by the Cherry Hill Coordinating Council in cooperation with CAA and THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 819 Cherry Hill Rd., corner of Cherry Hill Rd. and Woodview Rd. This is a total community effort under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Wilson, 355-1181.

Union urges no giving to United Fund

On the belief that a nursing home is "using United Fund money to hire private police with dogs, fancy lawyers and scabs" in an effort to prevent formation of a union shop, Fred Punch, president of the local nursing home employees union, has asked the Maryland-D.C. AFL-CIO to support the following resolution:

"No labor union in the State of Maryland nor their membership shall participate in any fund raising for the United Fund until such time as the United Fund adopts a policy affirming that no Fund monies contributed to any participating agency shall be used to fight workers' efforts to organize and win union security.

"And in the event that any such participating agency does use fund monies to resist union representation or union security, the United Fund shall immediately cease making any contributions to support of that institution."

Mr. Punch, head of Local 1199E, Hospital and Nursing Home Employees Union, stated the employees of the Pikersgill Women's and Aged Men's Home in Baltimore County are out on strike because the Home refused a union shop.

JOE BLACK, center, Vice-President-Special Markets, The Greyhound Corporation met in the Executive Offices of the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS last week. Left, Mrs. Frances Murphy, AFRO Board Chairman; right, Kennoth O. Wilson, Vice-President-Advertising and Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, Public Relations Director. They are planning "Greyhound Woman of the Year Contest" which starts in the AFRO next week.

LOOK AROUND YOU

Maryland IRS director one of few minority executives

By SCOTT PONEMONE

EDITOR'S NOTE — Too often public agencies in the city and state offer more nuisances than services. Agencies may well be unable to handle the needs of Baltimore's black citizenry because too few of the agencies' workers and very few of their supervisors are black people.

This series of articles called "Look Around You," is written to help AFRO readers know more about their public agencies and inspire them and the agencies to correct the inequities.

Baltimore has a rarity. It has a black director of its local Internal Revenue Service (IRS) district.

William D. Waters succeeded Irving Machiz, who retired in early August.

Born in Camden, N.J., Mr. Waters, 47, told the AFRO Tuesday he received his opportunity for high level advancement in 1966 when he won the distinct honor by being selected as one of the 15 persons from across the country to take that year's IRS executive development course.

Of the 150 to 160 individuals selected during the course's 15-year history, Mr. Waters remarked he could recall only 5 or 6 that are black persons.

Mr. Waters stated in the Baltimore District, including all of Maryland and the District of Columbia, 185 (or 17 per cent) out of the total 1,180 employees are

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AFRO CAMERAS AT AUGUST WEDDINGS

Spring Misses Are Lovely Summer Brides

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Surprise testimonial for Mrs. Rhodes

THE HONOREE—Mrs. Wilhelminia Rhodes of Appleton St., longtime member of Leadenhall Baptist Church, was honored for 28 years service at the C and P. Telephone Co. at a retirement dinner last Thursday at the Le Fontaine Bleu. (see story in Gadabouting) AFRO photo by Benjamin M. Phillips.

BY MARIE P. COOKE

(Substituting for Lula Mackay, who is recuperating from a recent illness.)

A testimonial to end all testimonials was the Thursday evening retirement dinner honoring gracious, hardworking Mrs. Wilhelminia Rhodes of Appleton St., long active in church and civic circles.

The affair at Le Fontaine Bleau attracted over 100 of her relatives, neighbors and co-workers at C and P. Telephone Co., who gave moving tribute to her role as good neighbor and friend.

The sponsors of the evening remarked, they "wanted to give Mrs. Rhodes her flowers while she is alive since she has spent her entire life giving and doing for others."

"We wanted to show her that her good deeds have not gone unnoticed," they added.

For her big evening Mrs. Rhodes was charming in a beige lace and satin cocktail dress, accented with pearls, Black accessories, crystal jewelry and a purple orchid made her even more stunning.

Actually it was a surprise.

Mrs. Rhodes thought she was going out with friends for dinner and small talk. Never did she expect that her 'evening with the girls" would turn out to be the buffet-style party with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Rhodes has been employed at C and P for nearly three decades and has NEVER missed a day from the job. (It was said that her strong trust in the Lord has kept her in good health).

She's been a devoted member of Leadenhall Baptist Church in South Baltimore, where she has given countless hours of service.

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MARRIED IN CATONSVILLE — Miss Celestine Wright and Richard Shelton exchanged vows at Grace AME Church in Catonsville on August 12.

Included in their weding party were bridesmaides from left, Miss Danielle Simpson, Miss Jeanette Jackson, Miss Irvetta Lewis, Miss Sheryl Simpson. and Miss Sandra Simpson. Attendants from left, Don Lewis, Charles Butler, Carl Jackson and Kenneth Wright.

MR. AND MRS. WRIGHT—Miss Carolyn Eleanor Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbren R. Moore Sr. exchanged vows with James Sylvester Wright II at the Corner Stone Church of Christ, Park Heights Ave. on August 12. A reception followed the ceremony at the Winchester Armory Officer's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill married at Mt. Moriah

Miss Barbara Jean Curry and Walter W. E. Hill Jr. exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on August 13.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Curry of Bookert Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. E. Hill Sr. of Forester Ave., are the bridegroom's parents. The elder Mr. Hill is an AFRO columnist (South Baltimore Notes).

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional wedding gown with matching train and headpiece for the Sunday ceremony. Her bouquet was of orchids. The Rev. Jesse Boykin officiated.

Miss Gail Gee of Baltimore was the maid-of-honor. She was in a floral green print gown. She carried a nosegay of gay summer flowers.

Misses Robin Curry, Brenda Brice, Brenda Goodwin, Karen Moore and Delores Wilson, all of Baltimore were the bridemaids. They wore gowns like Miss Gee's, except in yellow.

Little Erika Smith of Baltimore was dressed like the maid-of-honor.

Rodney A. Hill, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Ushers were Terry Pratt, Sandy Spring, Md.; Darrell S. Greene, Gregory Williams, Thompson Bette, Walter Thomas and Gary Moore all of Baltimore.

Music came from James Kennedy and Arthur Summs at the organ and Miss Patricia Holt, soloist.

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A reception followed the 2:30 ceremony at the Cherry Hill Community Center on Spellman Rd. with a buffet-style dinner. A six-tier wedding cake with yellow and green flowers made the reception even more elegant.

After the reception, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon trip to N.J. They are now at home in the Wakefield Apartments.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stevens Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Bogans, Miss Paula Dotson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lans Williams, and Mrs. Virginia Green.

Also, Mrs. Trilby Wicks, Mrs. Edith Allen, Miss Jaycie Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Miss Randi Hancock, Mrs. Mabie Fletcher, Miss Rodelle Green and Mrs. and Mrs. Wilbur Finwick.

And, Mrs. Drucilla Jordan, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Mrs. Edna Scott, Mr. and Mrs. William Polk, Mrs. Sadie Blocker, Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Washington, D.C. and Miss Annie Curry.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, the Rev. and Mrs. Roland Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Aubin Costly, Miss Clarissa Hemphall, Mrs. Charlotte Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kess, Annapolis; Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Annapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Staples.

And, Mrs. Vanita Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones, Mrs. Grace I. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Robinson, Mrs. Susie Pickens, Mrs. Ernestine Major.

MR. AND MRS. HILL—Miss Barbara Jean Curry of Bookert Drive and Walter W. E. Hill Jr. of Forester Ave. were married at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on August 13.

Miss Addison, Mr. Thompson wed August 5

Miss Rhonda Michell Addison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Pierce of Duvall Ave., and Rufus Thompson III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Thompson Jr. of Chatham Rd., were married on the spacious lawn of the Thompson's Ashburton home.

Officiating at the early 5 p.m. August wedding was the Rev. Vernon Dobson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Victorian style organza gown with a full skirt and detachable train. Pink satin ribbon outlined the squared yoke with Venice lace and daisies at the hem.

Bridesmaids were in pink and green print sheer organza gowns. They were Misses Yvonne Addison, sister of the bride; Brenda Claborne, Yvonne Woods, Deloris Lewis and Cynthia

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Miss Cook, Mr. Booker are at home

Miss Sharon J. Cook and Chester M. Booker exchanged vows last Saturday in a single-ring ceremony at the Lombard St. home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta Stamper.

The former Miss Cook is the daughter of Mrs. Willetta Robinson of Lombard St. and Noah Cook of Baltimore.

Mr. Booker is the son of Mrs. Eleanor Booker of McHenry St.

Given in marriage by her father, the Rev. Paris S. Thompson officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony.

For her special day, the bride wore a street-length chiffon white dress with lace trimming around the neckline and a matching bow in the back.

A reception followed after the ceremony after which the bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon trip to Richmond, Va. where they visited relatives.

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Among those guests who attended from Providence, R.I. were Miss Jackie Washington, Mrs. Judy Coverington, Mrs. Gladys Whitehead and Mrs. Doris Washington.

From N.J. Miss Sharonette Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore.

Baltimore guests were Mesdames Ida Herd, Ruth Weaver, Eleanore Booker, Ethel Jackson, Hattie Allen, Bea Cook, Gloria Ann Hoard and Willetta Robinson.

Also Mesdames Henritta Stamper, Juanita Reaves, Estelle Ford, Virginia Higgins, Elizabeth Matthews.

Miss Angie McClary, Charlotte Booker, Terry Smith, Michelle and Towanda Reaves, Mary Rosebrough.

Messieurs and Mesdames Lawrence Rosebrough, Lloyd Hickman, G. Spence, John Henry, Lee Gilmore, and David Lee.

Messieurs Bowman Henderson, Marvin Booker, William James, Carl Mongo, Alvin Parcull, Linny Higgins, Russell Lee Smith Jr.

The couple is now at home in Edmondson Village.

MR. AND MRS. BOOKER—Miss Sharon J. Cook of W. Lombard St. and Chester M. Booker of McHenry St. exchanged vows on Saturday at the Lombard St. home of her grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta Stamper.

ALL SMILES—The former Miss Marsha Richardson and Alfred Bennett were all smiles after they were married on August 6. A reception at the Forest Manor followed the private ceremonies. The couple is now at home on Ferndale Ave.

MR. AND MRS. RILEY—Miss Toris Ann Simon and Abraham Riley III were married in a single ring ceremony on Saturday at Salem Baptist Church.

(ALL AFRO STAFF Photos by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV and R. Courtney Anderson).

Miss Outlaw, Mr. Livingston are married

Miss Yvette Renae Outlaw of Harlem Ave. and Larry Eddie Livingston of Argyle Ave. were married in a double ring ceremony at the Little Arch Baptist Church last Saturday.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George (Novalder) Outlaw. Mr. Livingston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston (Margaret).

The Rev. Matthew Marcus officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Lawrence Outlaw, Mrs. Shirley Johnson served as matron-of-honor. Thomas Johnson was the best man.

Other attendants were Misses Marion Washington, Esther Windson and Ianthia Darden. Ushers included Marvin Alston, Gordon Outlaw, Dennie Coy and Gregory Hall.

Mrs. Claratine Jackson decorated the church with bouquets of summer flowers.

A reception followed on the spacious Harlem Ave. lawn of the bride's mother.

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The couple is now at home on Argyle Ave.

MR. AND MRS. LIVINGSTON—Mrs. Ronald Perry, Outlaw and Larry Eddie Livingstonice Michelle and at the Little Arch Baptist Ch