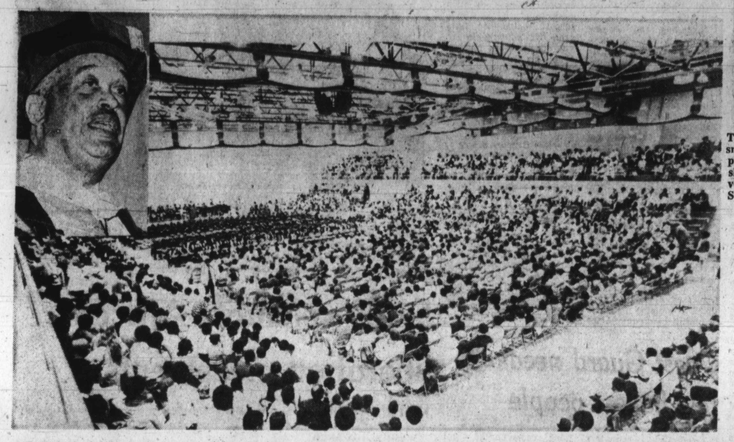
Caps and gowns galore



A panoramic view of the Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex on the campus of Bowie State College as it looked recently when the institution held its 106th commencement exercises. Insert at top left shows Dr. Herman R. Branson, president of Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pa., who was the guest speaker.

Thomas E. Walden is all smiles as he prepares to pick up his hard earned sheepskin from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Willie J. Richardson received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the prestigious University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

Miss Adrienne K. Watson was the only black woman to receive a degree from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

University of Maryland Medical School graduates included Drs. Yvonne E. Johnson and John R. Johnson (unrelated).

Gary D. Boston flashes a smile moments after receiving his M.D. from the University of Maryland Medical College.

James C. Blake says, "If you need a lawyer, call me," after receiving his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Maryland Law School.

David Lee Scott was one of seven black students to receive Doctor of Dental Surgery Degrees from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

Pretty Misses Debora A. Moore, Ester D. Artis and Sharon R. Harris were the top three scholars at Forest Park High School.

University of Maryland Medical School graduates are Louis N. Randall (left) and Bannister Lee Raines, Jr.

Southwestern High School's top three graduates were Barbara L. Thompson, Sharon D. Smith and Susan W. Gray.

Recipients of Cong. Parren Mitchell Scholarship Awards are Edmondson valedictorian, Miss O'Melia V. James and Darryl V. Lowery and Jerald Willis, both of Dunbar.

Carver High School Merit Scholarship Award winners are Miss Barbara Haskins and Deloise Clark.

Bowie graduates are (from left): Matthew R. Bawlding, B.S. social work; M's Rose Marie Young, Master of Education; M's Barbara J. Saunders, B.S. elementary education; M's Barbara Robinson, B.S. elementary education; M's Ivia G. Brooks, B.S., elementary education; M's Marsha P. Johnson, B.S., social work and Lawrence King, B.S. Physical Education.

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Mello says Gundy tried to save his own skin

CROSS EXAMINATION—Prosecutor Joseph Kell, is shown in AFRO sketch by Tommy Stockett, questioning retired Captain Dennis Mello of Western District.

"I never accepted gambling payoffs from Sgt. Gundy or anyone else. I don't believe in that. I don't need it and I know it is not right, I know you can't get away with it."

Retired Captain Dennis Mello of Western Police District made the above statement Thursday in Federal Court before a jury of 11 white and one black citizen.

He also told the jury that Sgt. Alfred Gundy was trying to 'save his own skin" when he testified that he (Gundy) handed over payoffs to him (Mello).

Capt. Mello is on trial along with six other defendants who are charged with participating in an illegal gambling operation. Judge Joseph H. Young is presiding.

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All but two of the defendants testified and denied taking part in the illegal numbers operation.

The 12-day case is expected to go to the jury on Monday. There is no trial today (Friday)

Former Sgt. Alfred Gundy, 39 and Officer Milton Spencer, 45, testified last week, they had given payoffs to Capt. Mello while serving in the Vice Squad at Western District.

With a frown on his face testifying from the witness stand, the 61-year-old captain said, "That Spencer that was on this stand is not the same Spencer. It is entirely a different man."

Spencer and Gundy pleaded guilty in May to taking part in the $1 million illegal numbers operation based in west Baltimore.

With his arm leaning on

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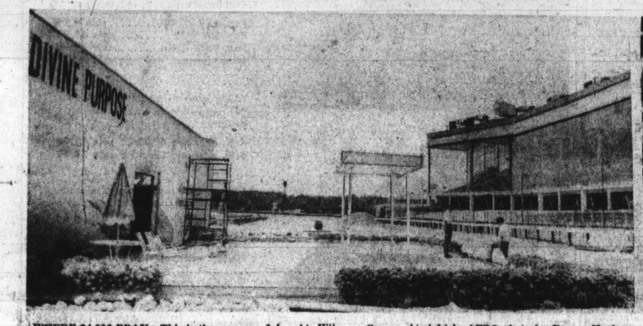
'TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE WALK IN DARKNESS, ALIENATED FROM GOD'

Jehovah's Witnesses outlaw loose sex, dope, tobacco, alcohol



WHERE 24,000 PRAY—This is the scene as Jehovah's Witnesses open the Watchtower Convention at Laurel Race Course. At right in AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyez, the women polish off chairs for relaxing on the spacious lawns.

Divine Purpose is the theme with "Being a Living Witness for the Good News" the guide for quiet reverence.

Over 1,000 baptized today

By Roman Hankewyez

LAUREL, Md. — Jehovah's Witnesses consider baptism the big step toward becoming a Christian.

This morning at the Race Course, over 1,000 persons took that step.

Some 24,000 persons are present for the Watchtower convention, which continues through June 23.

In orderly lines, men, women and children walked to portable pools and were submerged completely.

Another conference is also here June 27-30 with another Baptism and nearly 30,000 persons on the scene.

The baptism today was performed by ministers in an atmosphere of quiet reverence but with obvious joy.

C. Butler Jr. conducted the service and spoke on the topic, "Be a Living Witness for the Good News."

He emphasized responsibility placed upon a person baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

CONDUCT STRESSED

Butler seriously discussed proper moral behavior pointedly to the young people.

"How we conduct ourselves in our daily lives in harmony with God's requirements is vital in order to have God's approval. You cannot ignore Scriptural laws and principles."

PRE-MARITAL SEX

Harold Coonce, permanent chairman, delivering the opening address noted radical changes in modern society. He said, "Darkness signifies a condition of 'Being alienated

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Possible Julian-Mitchell senate race polls high interest

SEN. CLARENCE M. MITCHELL III

Dr. Emerson R. Julian, the popular City Councilman has filed to run for a seat in the Maryland senate.

If the race for the spot now held by Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III were to be held today it would be a tight one for both Julian and Mitchell.

As one Baltimorean put it when interest rose to headline proportions Wednesday, "I'd like to see them both in there. They speak out and neither one of them is known to jump scared. They're both for the people, that's for sure."

Both are top-flight vote-getters, that's for sure.

Dr. Julian has polled in the past the largest vote ever in any political race in history.

SEN. MITCHELL

Sen. Mitchell, calm and a winner each time he has run for office since the age of 22 in 1962, is still the youngest state senator in the nation at 34.

Despite rumors of scandal brewing, when he showed up under order to testify in the police corruption trial Wednesday, the crowded Federal courtroom reflected admiration, even the jury.

Some term him a rogue, but he remains a thoroughbred and a star.

Members of the Mitchell clan, famed in civil rights nationwide for five generations, Sen. Mitchell has kept his senate campaign office in Baltimore open the year around and when he gets going this summer, the place will be jammed with young volunteers.

Complete with the latest hairdo, sideburns, sandals and turtleneck or tanktop, he's sure to identify to capture the 18-year-olds. He's "together," they maintain.

DR. JULIAN

Dr. Julian has long been known as the one candidate whose voters know no color line. Black and white citizens respond to his forthright appeal, his charm and superb command of the English language and the law.

In filing Thursday, the vocal physician points out

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DR. EMERSON R. JULIAN

The Grants: lifetime of service to man

By Willie Egyir

Loving and working for mankind is the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Woody (Janice) Grant, a Harford County couple, now visiting the U.S. from Liberia, West Africa, where they work as Peace Corps volunteers.

The life story of the Grants, who are due back in Africa next Tuesday, is punctuated with dedicated acts of humanism, ranging from relentless civil rights activities at home and serving as officers of peace, unity and understanding in Africa.

"Our life is very fulfilling in being able to help and serve others," commented unassuming Mrs. Grant.

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The Grants joined the Peace Corps along with their 4-year-old son, Benji,

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Bus station murder trial opens today

Jury selection and opening statements are scheduled to begin today (Friday) in the now infamous Jan. 19 Greyound Bus station murder involving Miss Tina Louise Green, 16, 1300 block Presstman St.

Miss Green and Miss Mary Brown, 16, 4600 block Snader Ave., are accused of the butcher knife murder of Miss Clarlette Lessem, 68, of Fayetteville, N.C. Miss Brown, whose trial is scheduled for August, has been committed to Crownsville State Hospital under evaluation for insanity.

The girls were former residents together at Montrose School for Girls.

During the preliminary motions, which began Wednesday, defense attorney Mrs. Elsbeth Levy Bothe filed a motion before Judge Robert Karwacki to suppress evidence that Miss Green had confessed to the murder.

Mrs. Bothe questioned Dt. Walter Thomas Egger Jr., the ranking officer in charge of the investigation, as to what happened to the girls between the time of apprehension (3 a.m. at the Maryland General Hospital) and the formal arrest (5 a.m. in homicide headquarters, Fayette St. and the Fallsway).

Det. Egger testified that he received a call from a security guard at the Maryland General Hospital that "two Negro females, about 5'3" in height, one

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Jim Kelly kidnapped?

Has Jim Kelly, the Karate champion and movie star with the late Bruce Lee in "Enter The Dragon" been kidnapped in Chicago?

JIM KELLY
only shoulder bag, few other items found

He flew into Chicago from Kingston for the beginning of a promo tour for the movie "Three The Hard Way" on Monday.

Allen Bailey of Booker Associates reports that after the preview at the Roosevelt Theatre they went shopping and bought $70-$80 worth of health food to last during the tour of Milwaukee, D.C., Memphis and N.Y.

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They toured night spots and hit the Ambassador East at 1:30 a.m. They were supposed to start out at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and when he knocked and got no answer he called the manager.

James Booker in N.Y. reported Thursday that the promo tour has been cancelled and police and FBI called in. They located his girl friend in Los Angeles and she said he called

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Mandel's stacked hand trumped by Sweeney's court appointment?

GOV. MANDEL

By Fletcher Roberts
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Has someone peeped Governor Mandel's hole card?

Word is the chief executive is blowing his "corncob" stack since someone threw a wrench in the works.

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Word is he had certain appointments lined up to corner the black vote.

Like a high stakes bidder, his eye trained warily on the jackpot before him, in this instance reelection in November, the governor had stacked all his trumps in one hand.

Sources close to Mandel say that he was ready to move David T. Mason, State Secretary of the Department of Employment and Social Services, upstairs to a vacancy created by the Legislature on the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Dipping deeper into his hand, the governor would, according to the game plan, then select David

JUDGE SOLOMON BAYLOR
"no comment"

Glenn, an assistant secretary for program coordination within the department, to succeed Mr. Mason.

Such a ploy would yield the governor at least two black 'face cards' showing in his hand.

However, another 'trick' he hoped to turn has been foiled by a premature trump card played by Judge Robert F. Sweeney, chief judge of the District Court for Baltimore.

Word is, horning in on the governor's action, Judge Sweeney selected a white jurist, Judge Edward F. Borgerding, to replace Judge John R. Har-

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CIVIC MINDED and civil rights activists, Mr. and Mrs. Woody and James Grant who recently returned from Liberia, West Africa, after nearly four years stay as Peace Corps volunteers.

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