2 Jobs in City Service Open

Property Assessor Draws $1400 and Building Inspector, $1800

With January 23 set as the closing date, applications are now being accepted by the City Civil Service Commission for the position of personal property assessor at a $1,400 a yearly salary.

According to the announcement, the tests are open to men between the ages of twenty-five and fifty-five who have an elementary education, business experience, knowledge of the values of different kinds of personal property, tact and good judgment.

Duties of this position are to discover and value, for assessment purposes, both tangible and intangible personal porperty, to perform such clerical work as may be assigned, and to perform related work as required.

Another Job Open

Until January 26, applications may be filed with the commission for the position of building inspector, at a yearly salary of $1,800.

This examination is open to men between the ages of thirty and fifty-five, who have a high school education, five years experience in building construction, ability to read an interpret architectural and structural drawings and specifications, some knowledge of the building code of Baltimore City, and the ability to deal with the public in an efficient manner.

Duties Outlined

The announced duties of this position are to see that repairs and alterations to municipal buildings by contractors are made properly, according to contract; to inspect private building operations to see that they conform to the drawings as approved for permits, and to examine and pass upon applications for permits and plans for erection of new buildings and alterations to old ones.

Application blanks and further information concerning these announced examinations may be had by applying at the City Service Commission, first floor of the City Hall, Baltimore.

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GEORGE B. MURPHY, SR. who was praised by Yewell W. Dillehunt, executive director of the Baltimore Housing Authority, following the recent re-appointment of Mr. Murphy to the authority for five years. Mr. Dillehunt called attention to his deep interest in the work and his far-reaching investigation into the slum clearance problem in various cities.

300 PIN BOYS PICKET BOWLING ALLEY

Front and side entrances to recreation parlor on Howard Street where a line of pin boy pickets two blocks long demonstrated Monday. They are members of the United Recreation Workers, CIO affiliate. Unsuccessful attempts of union officials to reach a working agreement for the boys is said to have led up to the strike.

City Records First Diphtheria Death for Year

Pointing out that Baltimore's first death from diphtheria, that of a 17-year-old white girl, last Sunday, is of special interest, the city health department states that it emphasizes that diphtheria, while it is most dangerous for young children, may kill at any age.

Not Inoculated

Besides the fact that the patient had never received the protective toxoid inoculation, the delay in securing prompt medical care was an important factor in the outcome of this case.

The patient was taken ill on New Year's Day, but medical attention was not sought until four days later. Although the patient was taken to Sydenham Hospital, she failed to respond to the antitoxin—the poison had done its damage—and the patient died about twelve hours after reaching the hospital.

There were two other cases of diphtheria reported during the week, one age 3 and one age 12. Again there was no record of either patient having received a protective toxoid inoculation against this disease.

One case of tularemia or rabbit fever was reported during the week just ended. The patient was a housewife who purchased rabbits from a local market. In addition, there was one death from this disease recorded in the city during the week, in a person who had contracted the disease during December.

A total of seventy-six cases and one death of whooping cough was reported during the week as compared with thirty-nine cases and no death for the corresponding week of 1939. This week's whooping cough death occurred in an eleven-month-old colored child.

Wife Modifies Charge, Wins Divorce; 2 File

After switching her accusations from adultery to desertion and testifying that her husband left her following an argument, Mrs. Georgia Tolson, 1603 Edmondson Avenue, won a decree in Circuit Court, this week.

In the original petition Mrs. Tolson had charged her husband with adultery, but refused to press those charges when taken before an examiner.

Argued and Left

She testified that James Tolson left her four months after their marriage on February 28, 1935, following an argument.

Her testimony was corroborated by her sister, Mrs. Grace Jones, who said that Mr. Tolson would not work and that he was cruel to his wife.

Abandoned

Also asking a divorce upon charges of desertion was Moore L. Carson, against Mrs. Elizabeth H. Carson. The husband said that their marriage lasted less than a month. They were married October 12, 1926.

James Fitzgerald filed a petition against Mrs. Annie Fitzgerald of 925 N. Stricker Street, stating that she has abandoned him.

The Fitzgeralds were married on November 15, 1910, and lived together until April 28, 1927.

PAUL DEAN RELEASED

Paul Dean, 22, of 1035 Druid Hill Avenue, who was arrested by Lieutenant Oscar Koch of Northwestern district station, last week, and turned over to Percy Clark of the Federal Narcotic Bureau, was later released.

Liquor Board Head Asks for Poll on Stores

Licenses Expire on April 30, Complaint Deadline, March 31

A neighborhood poll on the conduct of licensed liquor places during the past year has been solicited by Charles T. LeViness, chairman of the liquor license board.

Cites Deadline

In a communication to the AFRO, this week, Mr. LeViness calls attention to the fact that the licenses for selling liquor in Baltimore expire on April 30, and any complaints against any of the present licensed holders must be filed with the board by March 31.

Such protests against the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses may be filed by at least ten residents or real estate owners of the precinct in which the place of business is located.

Letter Quoted

"We hereby invite a 'neighborhood poll' on the conduct of licensed places during the past year," Mr. LeViness said.

"Ask the people of Baltimore to write to us, giving us their impartial views as to whether the licensed establishments in their communities have been well or poorly conducted.

"If a licensed place is an asset to a neighborhood, if its proprietor is popular and earnestly strives to follow our regulations governing his trade, we ask the people in his neighborhood to inform us of these facts so that we may have this information available in passing on the renewal of the license."

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Blames Husband's Late Hours; Granted Divorce

Desertion Charge Frees Another; 3 File Suits

Charging that her husband told her that if she didn't like his late hours she could leave, and that when she didn't leave, he did, Mrs. Mabel Gray secured a decree from William Gray, here, this week.

The wife testified that she and Mr. Gray were married on February 28, 1929, and lived together until February 24, 1931. She said that after his ultimatum, she returned from work one evening to find that he had packed his belongings and left.

Dropped First Suit

Mrs. Gray filed a first petition for divorce in 1936, but explained to the court that she became ill and was without funds to continue the suit, thus accounting for the petition for decree three years later.

The Grays are parents of one child, Shirley, 10, whose custody was awarded to the mother. The wife also was allowed to resume her maiden name, Mabel Green.

Her testimony was corroborated by Miss Louise McGowan, 1702 Lorman Street.

Decree to Mrs. Smith

Also winning a decree was Mrs. Clarice Smith of 1708 McCulloh Street, from George Smith of 4636 Edmondson Avenue.

Mrs. Smith said that her husband gave no reason for his leaving, and that despite her perfection as a wife, deserted her.

Three Others File

Three others filed petitions for divorce. They were: Herman D. Waid against Mrs. Waletta Ward; Samuel Adams against Mrs. Irma Adams and Mrs. Beatrice L. Jones against Paul D. Jones.

All charged desertion.

Mr. Ward said that Mrs. Ward, whom he married on March 15, 1919, left him on April 29, 1920. She was in Atlantic City when last heard from, the husband said.

Together 8 Months

The Adamses were married on February 29, 1936, and separated eight months later, according to the petition. Mrs. Adams is living in New York.

Mrs. Jones asked for a divorce and restoration of her maiden name, Loretta Wallace. They were married on October 18, 1931, and lived together until September 18, 1939.

Burns

Send 2 Tots, Baby to Hospital in Week

Within two days time, this week, two children and a young baby were treated at the Provident Hospital for burns.

Albert Wilmer, nine-month-old infant, received first-degree burns of the face, left wrist, and hand, when he fell against a stove in his home at 1138 Shields Place.

Bernard Owens, 6, of 605 Carlton Street, received treatment for burns of the forearm, while Lloyd Scott, 10, of 1112 Woodyear Street, was scalded on his left leg.

Man Is Held on $112 Embezzlement Count

Facing charges of embezzlement, John H. Brown, 29, of 1317 Lummon Street, was held for trial in the Southwestern district police station in default of $250 bail.

Arrested Monday, Brown is charged with embezzling $112 from a William J. Miller on January 6, while he was employed by him.

Council Seeks More Mothers

The Maryland Council of the National Legion of American Mothers, this week, asked the AFRO to solicit colored mothers to join their group which is designed to keep America out of war.

The council is part of a nation-wide organization of American women with some 20,000 members. Headquarters are in Los Angeles, Calif. The objectives of the group are:

Objectives Listed

1. To oppose sending American boys and men to fight on foreign soil;

2. Adequate national defense here in America;

3. To oppose all subversive groups which seek to destroy the American form of government.

There are no dues or fees to the organization and anyone who is in sympathy with the objectives may join. Applications for membership may be sent to headquarters at 130 N. Hilton Street.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Anniversary Services of Mt. Horeb Lodge, No. 34, A.F. and A.M., at Masonic Temple, McCulloh and Mosher Streets, Sunday, January 21, 1940, at 3 p.m. Sermon by Bishop M. H. Davis, D.D., LL.D. All members are requested. Friends and the public are invited to attend by Grand Master Willard W. Allen.

CLARENCE GORDON,
Worshipful Master.
attest: Alfred Nixon, Secretary.

Youth Federation to Study Labor Unions

At the organization's meeting, Tuesday evening, at the Urban League, the labor and industry committee of the Baltimore Youth Federation reported that "colored workers and the unions" would be one of the issues studied by it during the year.

It was also announced that the committee would give much attention to wages, hours, women and children in industry, and other issues of general interest in its field. It is planning to co-operate with the labor committee of the Maryland Youth Congress for the realization of some proposed plans.

H. Calvin Parker is chairman of the labor and industry committee. Other members are Mrs. Olga B. Clark, James Soden, and Miss Evelyn B. Reid. Miss Hilda M. Orr is president of the federation.

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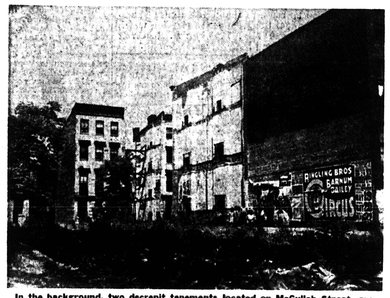
LIFE COMES TO BALTIMORE

As the local housing authority forges ahead with the construction of the first of seven new housing units which will make pleasant surroundings and healthful environment . . .

FOR HUNDREDS of LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Photo shows a view of the only sleeping quarters in an old house at 815 Born Court, which has been torn down to make way for the Baltimore Housing Authority's first project, the Edgar Allen Poe Homes.



In the background, two decrepit tenements located on McCulloh Street, are seen braced to keep them from crashing into each other. Such scenes are common in the various areas which have been designated as ideal projects for the Baltimore Housing Authority.

Scenes Such as These Will Soon be a Memory

With the construction of the Edgar Allen Poe Homes rapidly nearing completion, the dreams of the Baltimore Housing Authority, which two years ago visioned a healthier and happier city, are approaching realization.

By the time the seven Baltimore projects have been completed, 26 million dollars will have been spent by the Baltimore Housing Authority to rehabilitate thousands of families here and make better citizens. One-half of this money will be spent on colored projects.

Although the Poe Housing unit can accommodate only 298 family units of the 385 that formerly lived in that particular neighborhood, some of the other proposed projects will provide space for more family units than they displace and thereby absorb the overflow.

The sizes of the various apartments range from two and a half rooms to five and a half, with a dining room, bedroom and kitchenette comprising the standard unit. Each, of course, includes a bathroom. Hot water at all times and plenty of heat will be furnished from a central heating plant.

There are three conditions confronting those desirous of obtaining one of these magnificent homes. One is that the occupants must constitute what is termed a family unit of a mother, father, and children, or husband and wife, and in some cases a mother and daughter.

Another condition is that only those persons are eligible whose salary does not exceed more than five times the rental per month. Since the projects have been planned for persons in the low income bracket, this latter condition serves as a barrier to keep out the middle and higher class wage earner.

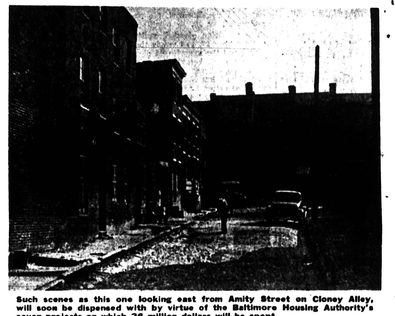
All applicants must come from sub-standard homes.

One of the selling features is the recreational facilities provided for children in a large playground for use in clear weather and play rooms for use during inclement weather.

It has been rumored that the projects will operate under a curfew whereby visitors are to leave at a certain time. It has also been said that after a certain hour all entertaining must be done in the community center building. Both of these were emphatically denied by Yewell W. Dillehunt, executive director of the housing authority.

These projects are homes and are to be operated by the prospective tenants in the same way as those run by people who do not live on projects. But since the construction of these projects is designed as a definite step toward placing community life on a higher scale, it is naturally hoped that the occupants will make every effort to carry out the idea of civic betterment.

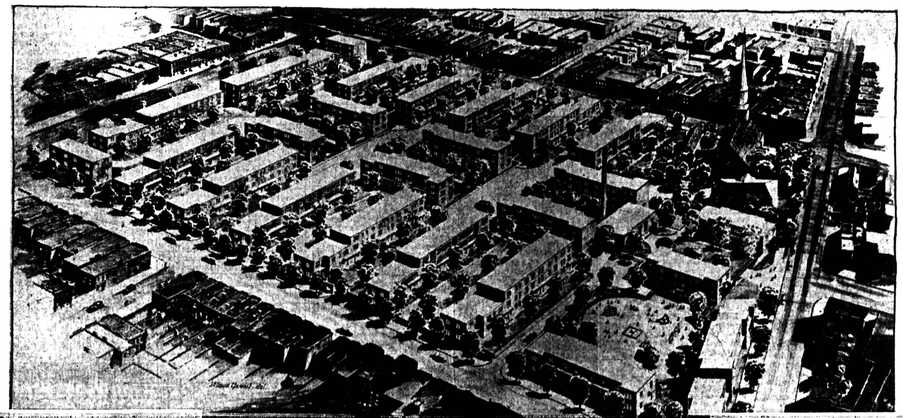
A family of twelve, ten of them children, occupied a house, the kitchen of which is shown above, at 831 Wilmot Street. This house is located on a site designated by the Baltimore Housing Authority as Area A.



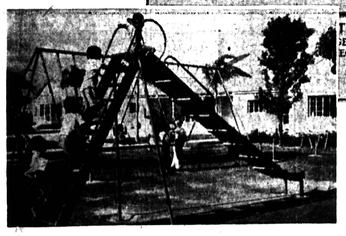
Such scenes as this one looking east from Amity Street on Cloney Alley, will soon be dispensed with by virtue of the Baltimore Housing Authority's seven projects on which 26 million dollars will be spent.

FRESH AIR, SUNLIGHT and RECREATION AREAS TO MAKE LIFE HEALTHIER in the POE HOUSING UNIT

Scenes such as this one below, familiar to residents in Atlantic City, Washington, New York, and in many other of the leading cities throughout the country, will soon be equally as familiar here through the work of the Baltimore Housing Authority.



In order that 298 family units may be spared the drudgery of spring house cleaning several hundred laborers, skilled and unskilled, are working feverishly to complete by May 1st the first of Baltimore's housing projects, known as the Edgar Allen Poe Homes, now under construction as shown below.



THE POE HOUSING UNIT

"When completed The Poe Homes will begin to spell the doom of Baltimore's blighted areas," says Yewell W. Dillehunt, executive director of Baltimore's Housing Authority. Interested persons may obtain further information from CLIFTON W. BURRIER, manager of Public Relations, and CLARKE DAVIS, assistant in Public Relations and assistant manager of Poe Homes.

—Public Relations Division, Housing Authority of Balto. City