6 Hurt in Falls on Icy Streets

2 Require Hospital Treatment, 4 Others Less Seriously Injured

While the streets in the shopping districts were being cleared of all traces of snow and ice, this week, pedestrians in the residential sections continued to slip and slide, and six persons suffered injuries as a result of falls.

One of them, Charles E. Jenkins, formerly of 1222 Ashland Avenue, was found almost frozen and unconscious on the sidewalk at Gay Street and Ashland Avenue, early Tuesday. Police of the Northeastern district took the man, identified by army discharge papers found in his pocket, to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was treated for exposure.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, the man's mother, was notified at her home at 2014 Llewellyn Avenue.

Fall Severs Artery

John Queen, 59, of 815 Greenmount Avenue, fell, striking his head on the curbing at Greenmount Avenue and Madison Street, Tuesday. At Johns Hopkins Hospital, he was treated for a deep laceration on the head and a severed artery.

Alvin Brown, 12, of 1825 Madison Street, was slightly injured on Wednesday, when he slid into an auto at Durham Street and Ashland Avenue. The boy was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital for brush burns of the face and head. Police charged the driver, Melvin E. Niser, white, of 922 N. Eden Street, with reckless driving.

Physicians at Provident Hospital treated Arthur Lester, 34, of 548 Hoffman Street; Mrs. Virginia Davis, 23, of 1500 Baker Street, and Calvin Gordon, 14, of 1144 N. Stricker Street, for minor injuries from falls.

Interest in Clean Blocks Continues

Although the streets are covered with ice and snow, many groups of people continue their interest in the AFRO Clean Block project.

On January 16, the Morgan Park Improvement Association, of which Joshua Maxwell is president, had an illustrated lecture on clean blocks.

In December, the pictures were shown to Wilson Park Improvement Association and the United Women of Maryland and to a group of students (white), from Hood College, Woodbine, Md. The following groups will see the Clean Block pictures:

February 9, the Women's Missionary Society of Grace Presbyterian Church;

February 13, Principals' Association, of Washington, D.C.

March 6, Adult Education Group at the Druid Health Center, Dr. Maceo Williams, sponsor.

White Driver of Death Car Free

Child Stepped from School Bus Which Judge Rules Improperly Marked

Manslaughter charges against Ira B. Smith, white, who ran down and fatally injured Evelyn Quinn, 6, as she alighted from a school bus, last September, were dismissed, Friday, by Judge C. Gus Grason, in Towson Circuit Court.

The accident occurred, September 18, at the intersection of Harford and Hartley Mills Roads in Baltimore County where the bus had stopped to discharge school children. Evelyn alighted, crossed in front of the bus and was struck by Smith's car.

Important Decision

Judge Grason's decision is said to contain the first interpretation of the school-bus law, 1939, setting specific requirements for stop-signals on operating school busses. Smith's dismissal was based on technicalities as to whether or not this particular bus met those requirements.

The word "stop" was painted on the bus in black letters seven inches high. The school vehicle also had two automatic flash signals on the rear, each with four-inch "stops" in amber lenses. Smith's testimony was that he did not see the child and was not established that he was speeding.

His testimony was corroborated by his wife who accompanied him with their two children. The bus driver's testimony was that his vehicle did have a "stop light on the back."

Bus Requirements

The School Bus Law requires of such vehicles:

1.—Color scheme; 2.—painted sign; and 3.—stop-signals as required in the text of the 1939 enactment for school busses; otherwise, such carriers do not come within the lawful definition of a school bus.

On this basis and that Smith was not grossly and criminally negligent in his driving, the manslaughter charges were dismissed.

Prince Georges County Studies Hospital Need

Need for a hospital for the county was stressed at a meeting of the Prince Georges County Hospital Association at the Bladensburg Fire House on Monday.

Ralph Powers, white, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, declared that no concrete action could be taken on the matter prior to the authorization of the granting of Federal funds by Congress, but stressed the need for organization and planning.

Among others present were:

Mrs. M. F. Wiggenton Brown, former supervisor of schools; Miss Dorothea Mae Hawkins, welfare worker; Jessie James, exalted ruler of Bladensburg Elks;

Mrs. Mary James, president of County-wide Federation of Women; Arthur Chinn, commander of John H. Seaburn Post of the American Legion; and a representative from Landover, Md.

Officers Elected

Officers elected are:

Frank H. Fierstein, president; Charles Tessier, first vice-president; Mrs. Nelson Taylor, second vice-president; Mrs. William Breen, third vice-president; Mrs. George Merrick, treasurer; Walter Mulligan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Genevieve Stewart, recording secretary, all white.

Members of the board of directors are: Miss Dorothea Hawkins, chairman; Dr. Louis Jimal, white; Henry Cord, and Judge Vincent Osterman, Mrs. Ralph Sheffer, Dr. S. R. Berenberg, Fred Gast, and W. R. Beattie, also white.

Miss Hawkins is an instructor of public speaking at the Washington Conservatory of Music and School of Express on, president of the Brentwood P.-T.A., and a member of Metropolitan AME Church, Washington.

3 City Service Jobs Open; Pay $1200 to $1500

List Custodian and Inspector's Jobs Among Tests

Until February 6, applications will be accepted by the City Service Commission for the position of public building custodian, which plays a yearly salary of $1,200.

According to the announcement, applicants are required to be men between the ages of 20 and 50 years of age with an elementary education, plus two years successful experience in the maintenance or repair of public buildings, apartment houses, hospitals, or large department stores. Knowledge of office methods and supervisory ability is also required.

Duties Outlined

The duties of this position are to have charge of the care and custody of a public building and to supervise the employees engaged in its maintenance.

Applications are also being accepted by the commission for the position of electric installations inspector, at $1,500 yearly salary, and the closing date is February 9.

These tests are open to men between the ages of 25 and 45 years who have had training equivalent to that represented by gradution from high school, a working knowledge of the fundamentals of electricity, five years' experience in electrical work and the ability to read electrical drawings and interpret specifications.

Gardner Job Pay $1,200

With February 13 set as the closing date, applications may be filed for the position of gardener and pruner, which pays a yearly salary of $1,200.

Applicants for this position are required to be between the ages of 25 and 50 years with an elementary education, three years of experience in greenhouse work and outdoor care of plants, or its equivalent.

Further information concerning these positions may be had by applying at the City Service Commission, first floor of the City Hall.

Hawkins Joins Once All White Sales Agency

Is Appointed by Continental Home Improvement Co.

Another FIRST IN BUSINESS was recorded here, last week, when Thomas B. (Tommie) Hawkins, popular Baltimorean, was appointed a representative of an otherwise all-white sales agency, the Continental Home Improvement Company.

The company, one of the largest of its kind here, has been operating for more than ten years, and has done much work in the Northwestern section of the city.

Appointment after Survey

It wasn't until recently, however, that the company decided to appoint a non-white agent. A survey of the field resulted in the selection of Mr. Hawkins, a Morgan graduate and member of an old Baltimore family.

Through Mr. Hawkins, the home owner can make any or all of those improvements on the home desired for so long but never attempted because of lack of cash. The procedure for having those improvements made is quite simple. Just call the Continental Home Improvement Company, Plaza 3752, 3753, 3754, or 0944, and ask for Mr. Hawkins.

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Mr. Hawkins solicits the support of his many friends and asks that they specifically ask for him when calling the office.

School

NAACP Maps Plans for County High Schools

The educational committee of the local NAACP met at the AFRO-AMERICAN office at the call of its chairman, Miss Margaret Williams, on Thursday morning at which time plans were mapped out for securing a high school in Baltimore County.

Members of the committee and representatives of parent-teacher associations in Baltimore County who were present at the meeting decided on a mass meeting in the county at which time the plans will be submitted to the group.

Present at the meeting:

Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the local branch; W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., legal advisor; Henry T. Ayers of Lutherville, president of the Baltimore County P-TA;

Mrs. Torsell Present

Mrs. Ida Torsell of Catonsville, William E. Johnson, president of Towson P-TA; Murray M. Welch, vice-president of the Reisterstown P-TA, and the following members of the committee: Mrs. Augusta Chissell, the Rev. V. C. Hodges, Mrs. Sarah Diggs, Mrs. Sarah M. Blackwell, and George B. Murphy, Sr.

Explains Lump Sum Payments to Heirs

As of January 1, if the worker insured under the Social Security Act dies leaving no dependents who at the time of his death are entitled to monthly benefits, a lump-sum benefit will be paid to other persons specified in the law, as follows:

To the widow who is not entitled to monthly benefits, or to the widower; if there is no widow or widower, then to any child or children regardless of age; if there is no widow or widower or child, then to the parents; if there is no such relative, then to the person or persons who pay burial expenses.

Method Is Explained

The total amount of the lump-sum payment to surviving relatives mentioned above is six times the primary benefit earned by the worker up to the date of his death. For example, if the monthly benefit would have been $30, the lump-sum death payment would be $180.

If there is no such named relative, the person or persons who paid the burial expenses may be repaid for the actual cost, up to six times the primary benefit. In other words, if the monthly benefit was $30, and the burial costs $150, the lump-sum payment would be $150.

Game Costs a Broken Leg; Says He'll Pay in Future

"I'll pay my way to see football games in the future," William L. Mason, 17, of 615 Dallas Street, told the AFRO on Wednesday as he prepared to leave Provident Hospital where he had been confined for more than three months with a broken leg.

Mason fell while attempting to scale an iron fence to witness the Lincoln-Morgan football game, last October. A chum who was with him at the time was uninjured.

William Fitzgerald Heads City Grocers

William Fitzgerald was elected president of the Grocers' Association, succeeding George Howell, at the meeting, Tuesday, at 1411 Pennsylvania Avenue. Others elected were:

J. C. Shaw, vice-president, Joseph Knox, financial secretary; Eddie McK. Revels, recording secretary; D. A. Blue, re-elected treasurer; and D. Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Howell was named chairman of the board of directors which is composed of J. S. Gregg, George Tate, D. A. Blue and Joseph Knox. Mr. Revels was renamed chairman of the business previews, to be held, March 13 and 14, at which time goods made and sold by non-whites will be on display.

City Whooping Cough Cases Remain at 16

Seventy-six cases of whooping cough, the corresponding record of two previous weeks, were reported for the week ending, as compared to 21 cases for the same period of 1939, Baltimore Health Department reports.

The department also issued a warning concerning the decided lull in diphtheria during 1939. Out of 46 cases of lobar and broncho-pneumonia the report lists 17 deaths during the past week. The 14.5 death rate per 1000 population is slightly below that of the previous week.

Telephone Co. Names Griffin Vice-Prexy

Lloyd M. Griffin was elected vice-president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore, it was announced, this week, following a meeting of the board of directors.

Mr. Griffin entered the service of the Bell System with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1918. Since coming with the Chesapeake and Potomac organization in 1922, he has held the positions of general traffic superintendent of the Washington Company, general traffic manager and general commercial manager of the Virginia Company, and in April, 1936, came to Maryland as general commercial manager.

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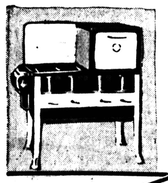

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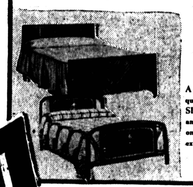

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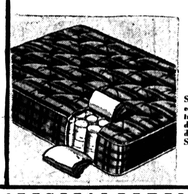

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