Bar Association to Elect Officers

Election of officers will be conducted at the annual meeting, Saturday, of the Monumental City Bar Association Inc. at 1142 Myrtle Ave.

Guests speakers will be Arthur E. Briscoe, who will discuss the history of the Jim-crow travel law, and Dallas Nicholas, who will report on the National Bar Association convention.

The business meeting will begin at 9 p.m., followed by a dinner at 10. Hosts will be Mr. Briscoe, Emory R Cole and Donald G. Murray. William L. Fitzgerald, will preside.

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Lack of Adequate School Buildings Handicapping Thousands of Pupils

WASHINGTON

There has been much controversy about the shortage of teachers in Divisions 10-13 recently but little has been mentioned about another school problem that is equally as important—buildings.

Thousands of children in Division 10-13 are housed in old, dilapidated buildings. Some schools are forced to crowd far too many students into classrooms or put some on double shift thus depriving them of the proper training.

3,052 On Part-Time

The elementary school statistics show that there are 83 classes, involving 3,052 children on part time.

In the junior high schools, Browne has 1,603 children on part-time. Randall has 1,390, totaling 6,130 for the junior high schools.

The school board has succeeded in reducing these 1,020 from the 7,150 figure of last year but 6,130 are still far too many children to be attending school part-time.

Overcrowding At Armstrong

In the senior high schools, Armstrong shows 1,616 students going to a school that should accommodate 1,000. Cardozo has 1,490 crowded into a building designed to take care of 900 and Dunbar has 1,513 in an edifice intended for only 1,100.

The part-time situation in the District, therefore, indicates the need for additional building accommodations.

Senior High

To relieve the congestion in senior high schools, the newly proposed Spingarn School is needed.

The school board has money for the land; the beginning appropriation has been obtained, the cost authorization has been approved; the plans are ready, but the construction cannot go forward. During the war it was impossible because of the critical shortage of material. Now construction cannot begin because of the high labor market.

A contract cannot be let until Congress authorizes additional funds. The school board proposes to ask for it.

Space Badly Needed

A new Armstrong is needed to house the students who must participate in the technical high school project recently approved by the school board.

The land money is available, the plans ready and beginning the building is in the 1948 budget.

Cardozo needs a new building. The old structure was taken over from Divisions 1-9 in 1928. There is no land, no playground and the present building is inadequate in size.

The board already has the appropriation for the land. It is to be located on S St. between 13th and 14th near the business district.

Already the Business Men's Association has written the board offering its co-operation in advising the type of structure, equipment, arrangements and other necessities for an efficient clerical school.

Dunbar needs two new gymnasiums. The gym students are now forced to do their gymnastics in the basement. A new cafeteria is needed.

The 1948 budget carries money for plans for these additions. Dunbar's present gym is in a bad location and entirely too small.

There is need for an enlarged Armstrong-Dunbar Stadium. Plans are to buy all the land from the present site back to Third St. and convert it into a larger stadium.

Junior High

In the junior high schools, Randall has appropriations for 18 rooms and a cafeteria. The plans are ready. Bids were received last week but were $120,000 larger than the money available.

Browne, now on double shift, could be on single shift if the newly proposed Miller School at 40th and Washington Pl., N.E., could be erected.

The board has the land and building money. Plans are ready. But more funds are needed for higher authorization.

Terrell, now housed in the old M St. building built in 1890, needs new quarters. They have the land and it is in the 1948 Budget for beginning appropriation.

There is need for another junior high school in Anacostia To meet this need, money for the land is available for a site at Pomeroy Road and Douglass Pl. for the junior high and a four-room elementary school. Plans and specifications are in the 1948 budget.

Shaw needs two gymnasiums and a new assembly hall. There is already money for the land and it is in the 1948 construction budget.

Two new schools were opened this year The effect of opening the new Thomas and Turner Schools was that part-time was cut from 105 classes to 83 in the elementary schools.

Slowe, 14th and Jackson, N.E., and the Richardson, 53rd and Blaine Sts., N.E., are now under construction.

The board already has appropriations for the new Nalle School to be constructed in the vicinity of East Capital and Benning Rd. Land and specification money have been secured for the Birney School.

The new Montgomery School will relieve the pressure on Morse Twining. They have the money for plans and specifications.

Construction money is in the 1948 budget for the Walker Jones School.

They have the land and building appropriation for the new Logan School.

There are no present plans for Briggs-Montgomery and Harrison as there are only two classes in each school on part time.

The situation of four classes at Cook will be relieved by the new Montgomery School.

Part-Time Classes

Crummell, with five part-time classes, needs an addition. Douglass-Simmons, with eight, will be relieved by the new Walker-Jones School. Langston's four classes will be eliminated by the Montgomery.

The Walker will be aided by Walker-Jones which also will wipe out the six classes at Jones.

The new Richardson eliminates the Burrville School's six classes and the eight Logan and Logan Annex classes are to be taken up by the new Logan addition.

Lovejoy's six part-time classes can be blotted out with the new addition to Payne and the new Nalle will wipe out the 12 Smoller's classes.

There are no plans for Bell's two classes. They have land for a New Birney which, if erected, would stop the four part-time classes there. Payne's new additions would kill its four classes and there are no plans for the two classes at Syphax.

Vocational

In the vocational schools, Phelps and Margaret Murray Washington need new gymnasiums and assembly halls. They are in the six-year plan. They have the money for the land but no money for other purposes.

Organizations and individuals have been urged to contact Congressmen and attend hearings to secure funds to bring our schools up to date.

Attorney's Wife Sues for Divorce

WASHINGTON

Suit for limited divorce was filed in District court Tuesday by Mrs. Cecelia T. Bowles, 3631 Tenth St., N.W. against Arthur E. Bowles Jr., attorney and manager of the Dunbar House, 2007 Fifteenth St., Northwest.

Mr. Bowles is charged with having an ungovernable temper, using vile and obscene language, and having subjected his wife to acts of physical and mental violence.

Specifically, she charges him with having kicked her in the back on Feb. 12, 1946, and, in the presence of others, slapping her with his hands on Apr. 15, 1946.

On another occasion, she alleges, he threatened to kill her, causing her to seek shelter with friends and the aid of the police.

Seeks Child's Custody

Mrs. Bowles asks for custody of their child, Arthur E. Bowles, 3, and that the court issue an order directing her husband to move from their home on 10th St., which she asserts is owned by her.

Three Injured Slightly in Streetcar Accident

Three women were treated at Provident Hospital Wednesday for minor injuries received when a streetcar collided with a milk truck at St. Paul St. and Stratford Rd.

The three, passengers on a No. 11 streetcar, were Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, 58, 1007 Lanvale St., Mrs. Lucy Williams, 36, 1848 Division St., and Mrs. Mary Lawrence, 51, 1022 N. Eden St. No traffic charges were lodged against either driver.

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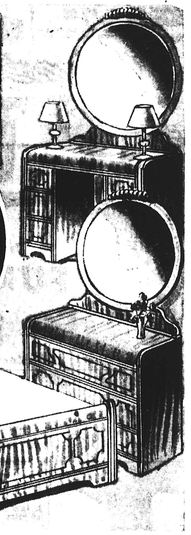

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Rev. Payne Enters Lists as GOP Council Candidate

Becomes Third Republican in 4th District to File; Civic Groups Pledge Him Support

The Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, filed of other denominations and several as a Republican candidate for the eral powerful civic organizations as well.

Shown filing with the supervisor of elections his Republican candidacy for a Fourth District City Council seat is the Rev. A. J. Payne, second from right, pastor of Enon Baptist Church. His wife's wishes include (left to right) the Rev. Timothy Boddie, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church; Marse Callaway, GOP leader, and the Rev. F. J. Frye, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church. The elections will be in May. Two other candidates, Charles A. Reid and Charles Dorsey, have also filed candidacies for City Council.

City Council from the Fourth Councilmanic District, Thursday.

Charles A. Reid of 641 W. Lafayette Ave., and Charles H. Dorsey, printer, of 707 Mosher St., both Republicans, entered the district's City Council race previously.

8 Candidates to Date

The Fourth District, with three allotted seats in the council, now has three non-white candidates and five white candidates, including two Republicans and three Democrats.

The district's present councilmen, Maxwell Alpert, Leon Abramson and Jacob J. Edelman, Democrats, have not filed yet. Deadline date is Jan. 2.

GOP Leaders Back Payne

The Rev. Mr. Payne, a newcomer to politics, was selected by GOP leaders throughout the district as the strongest candidate they could put in the field.

His candidacy also has the blessings and backing of the Baptist Ministers' Conference, ministers of Union Baptist Church; the Rev. J. Tomothy Boddie, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church; the Rev. Frank J. Frye, pastor, John Wesley Methodist Church, and W. Marse S. Callaway, GOP leader; the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews, pastor, Union Baptist Church; the Rev. J. Tomothy Boddie, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church; the Rev. Frank J. Frye, pastor, John Wesley Methodist Church, and W. Emmett Coleman, manager, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Reid, who was defeated in the Nov. 5 general election as a House of Delegates candidate, said he expected to remain in the councilmanic race, despite present indications of an over-crowded field.

"I don not intend," he told the AFRO, "to withdraw now under any circumstances," adding:

"My reason for such is because the so-called Republican cat's paw has failed to present a person who has labored hard from a social, moral and economical security point for the people of the Fourth District.

"Until such a person is produced, I will remain as a City Council candidate."

Dorsey to Remain

Mr. Dorsey, when asked whether he intended to make any concessions in the event of an overcrowded field of candidates of his race, stated:

"I hadn't thought about that yet, but so far I have no intentions of withdrawing."

Mr. Dorsey, who operates a printing establishment at 1310 N. Fremont Ave., said he is running for public office for the first time now because some political friends encouraged him to do so.

GOP Leader Praises Payne

Mr. Callaway, veteran GOP leader, had this to say about the district's outlook in the coming election:

"It is nothing unusual or strange for several candidates to file for public offices, which actually muddles a campaign and confuses voters.

"We think the Rev. Mr. Payne is the strongest and best all round man we had since the time of Warner McGuinn, from the standpoint of his activities in everything in his community.

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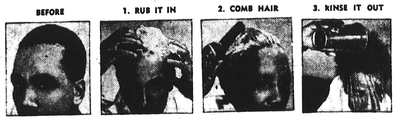

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