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7-Year Legal Fight Near End

Decision May Open City Courses to All

ASK INJUNCTION

Houston Tells Court Carroll Park Not Equal

Baltimore golfers are eagerly awaiting a Federal Court decision that may open city-owned golf courses to all players regardless of race.

A decision on the matter will be rendered soon by Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, who is now studying evidence in the case of Charles Law versus the City of Baltimore.

The case is part of a seven-year legal battle to lift the restraints on colored golfers who are now confined to a 9-hole course on Carroll Park while white players have access to three 18-hole city-owned courses.

Arguments End

The courtroom was filled with golf enthusiasts on Wednesday morning when the case ended with arguments by the attorneys.

Charles H. Houston, attorney for the plaintiff, pointed out that Carroll Park is not substantially equal to other city-owned links and that it has never been accepted as such by golfers.

A. A. Davis and Hamilton O'Dunne, counsel for the defense, insisted that the Carroll Park links are "substantially equal" to those provided for whites and that the Board of Recreation and Parks was within its rights in ordering separation of the races on the courses.

Explaining that $50,000 had been spent to bring the Carroll Park links up to the others, Mr. Davis said that no two golf courses would be exactly alike. He pointed to the testimony of golf experts who had at previous airings of the case testified that all city-owned links were equal.

(With the exception of one man, the experts were golf professionals

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Decision Pending in Institute Case

Halt of City Funds to School Sought

Attorneys for Leon A. Norris, Army veteran, seeking admission to the Maryland Institute of Arts, closed their arguments in Federal Court Tuesday by urging Judge W. Calvin Chesnut to halt the flow of city funds to the school or force the institution to drop its color bars

Judge Chesnut took the case under advisement and it is expected that he will render a decision within a few weeks.

Charles H. Houston and Fred Weisgal, counsel for the plaintiff, argued that by accepting public funds and providing the only art education available in the State,

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2 Law Graduates in Md. U. Class

Two colored graduates will be among the 65 persons of the University of Maryland's law school who will receive diplomas tomorrow (Saturday) at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

They are George Rosedom, probation worker of the criminal court; and W. Emerson Brown Jr., war veteran, and insurance agent. Ceremonies will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Rosedom is a graduate of Morgan College, and is married to the former Miss Ruth Tignor. Also a Morgan graduate, Mr. Brown was in his second year at the Howard University law school when he was inducted into the Army. He is married to the former Miss Miriam Talbert.

Weather Man Predicts Showers; Fair Sunday

If you are planning to go out to the park Sunday, you will be favored with a nice day, according to the local weather man.

Light showers are predicted for today (Friday) or Saturday, followed by a fair and mild Sunday. Temperatures will average the early-June normal.

Douglass High Auditorium has needed paint for

1211 Weeks

Pupils, parents and teachers are requested to report dirty, disheveled classrooms to the

SCHOOL CLEANUP Reporter

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Baltimore Afro-American

Set for the Golf Green Light

Charles Law, plaintiff in the Federal Court case which seeks to have all of Baltimore's municipally-owned golf courses opened to players, regardless of race, is among hundreds of golf enthusiasts awaiting the court's decision, which is expected momentarily.

177 to Get Morgan Degrees at Commencement Monday

Gov. Lane to Officiate; Judge Soper to Address Graduates; Baccalaureate Sunday

Governor Lane will award diplomas and Judge Morris A. Soper of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will make the commencement address, Monday, to 177 Morgan State College graduates.

Judge Soper is also chairman of the Morgan College trustee board. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., and will be conducted on the knoll between Young and Cummings Halls.

On Sunday, at 6 p.m., on the same site, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

127 Marylanders

Of the graduates, 41 will receive the bachelor or arts degree and 136 the bachelor of science degree.

The group includes 106 Baltimoreans, and 21 persons from other parts of Maryland. There is one graduate from Tampa, Fla.; another from Hamilton, Bermuda; one from Fort Worth, Texas; one from Miami; and two from Chicago.

33 Additional Grads

There were 33 additional persons who completed graduation requirements in summer school and were issued their diplomas last Aug. 5.

The graduating class includes 13 sociology majors; nine English; five Spanish; one French; 14 history; 57 education; 21 biology; 26 health and physical education; four chemistry; 14 home economics; one business administration; six mathematics; four music education; and three economics.

Honor Graduates

Graduating "with highest honor" are Roberta Rae LaVarr and Muriel Juanita Holsey.

Those with "high honor" are Rhenetta Lee Cain, Joseph Thomas Durham, Wilhelmina Beatrice Reid, Mabel Drusilla Thomas, Pinkie Louise Webster and Helen

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Ice Cream Manufacturer Improves at Provident

The condition of Robert L. Clarke, of 1702 Druid Hill Ave., ice cream manufacturer, who entered Provident Hospital on Sunday suffering from high blood pressure, was reported improved, Thursday.

P-T Council Asks School Repairs

Urges Board to Remedy Existing Poor Conditions

The co-ordinating council of Parent - Teacher organizations urged the school board to submit a budget for 1949 to the Board of Estimates which will allow for remedying existing conditions in city schools, Thursday.

The committee pointed out that such a budget would require higher taxes, but told the board that the 180,000 taxpaying parents comprising the membership, also realized that the future of their children is at stake and stand ready to back the levying of additional fees.

86 Schools Checked

The committee recently made a survey of 86 white and colored schools of the city, and found run down buildings, lack of sanitation facilities, overcrowded buildings,

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Harris Resigns Post at Cheltenham to Go South

Hiawatha K. Harris, acting superintendent of the Cheltenham Training School for Boys since February, has resigned to accept the superintendency of the Virginia Manual Labor School for Boys, at Hanover, Va.

Until a new superintendent is selected, the administration of Cheltenham will be held by a three-man committee appointed Wednesday by the board of managers, headed by Dr. William E. Henry.

The committee includes George Crawford, curriculum specialist in the State department of education, chairman; Charles Cephas, head of the school's social service department of probation, and Robert Scott, business manager at the school.

Effective June 15

Mr. Harris's resignation becomes effective June 15. He had been on the staff since 1945, serving twice as acting superintendent.

He first took charge in October, 1945, when Royal A. B. Crump, the school's first colored superintendent, resigned after a year's service.

Mr. Harris again became acting superintendent last February when Calvin L. Kiah was released from the position after a six-month probationary period.

Before a new superintendent can be appointed, applications must be made through the State Employment Service Office when the examination date is announced.

Mr. Crawford is one of a group of educational experts who made a recent survey of conditions at Cheltenham with recommendations for improvement.

This survey, analyzed and approved by the board, is expected to be made public within a week by J. Milton Patterson, head of the State department of welfare.

In the meantime, Mr. Crawford is trying to put into effect at the institution as much of the new training program as is possible with present facilities and personnel. The school has approximately 215 boys.

John Watkins Dies From Auto Injuries

John Watkins, 2356 McCulloh St., prominent member of the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, died at Provident Hospital, Thursday of injuries received in an automobile accident on May 26.

The body was awaiting a coroner's examination. Funeral arrangements are being made.

Cupid's Progress

16-Year-Old Youngest Bride-Elect of Group

Marriage licenses were issued to 57 couples, the youngest recipient being Miss Catherine Sheppard, 16, here, this week.

Miss Sheppard will become the

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Fearing Attack, 20 Year-Old Woman Leaps from Third Floor

Make-Up of Grand Jury Held Dangerous Precedent

Citizens Fear Selection of All White Jurors May Establish Pattern for Future

The all-white composition of the current grand jury, which sits through July, establishes a dangerous precedent which should not be permitted to recur, civic-minded citizens of Baltimore declared this week.

Citizens who expressed opinions on the grand jury's make-up pointed out that if the same factors which caused the present situation persist, then the next grand jury in September will be all-white, and, perhaps, many others will be the same.

The present all-white grand jury make-up is the first in decades, and those who called it dangerous agree that "something is wrong" when no colored person is included among the 23 persons selected.

Two Things Necessary

To correct the situation, two things are necessary.

First, colored persons, when called for grand jury service, must serve whenever it is humanly possible.

Jury duty not only gives a person an insight into the workings of the city and State government, but also gives him the important task of determining whether or not the accused defendants should be indicted.

In other words, the grand juror is in on the very workings of the administration of justice. He is the important cog in the machinery of law and order. He investigates conditions important to all citizens, evaluates what he sees, and makes recommendations for improvement.

Secondly, the clerk to the Supreme Bench must be supplied with enough names of colored persons willing and able to serve to prevent a recurrence of a lily-white jury.

Civic and religious organizations are urged to supply the clerk with

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14TH ANNUAL AFRO CAMPAIGN:

10,000 to Participate in Clean Block Drive

Some 10,000 children between the ages of 8 and 16 years are expected to register in the AFRO's 14th annual Clean Block Campaign which got under way this week and officially runs from July 1 to Sept. 1.

Any school aged child may be captain of a block provided he gets ten or more children who are willing to work along with him or her. All that is necessary is to fill out the application blank which appears with this story and mail it along with the names of the ten workers to the AFRO-AMERICAN, Baltimore.

All information about the Clean Block Campaign will be mailed to the applicant.

Block Defined

During this year's campaign a block is a row of houses between two cross streets and includes the houses on both sides of the street. No block may be divided into two or more sections as has been done in former years, but a block with more than 20 houses may have two captains who must work together.

There must be three or more houses to make a block.

Contributions Asked

Schools, churches and prominent citizens are being asked to contribute to the $1000 prize fund to encourage the children. The first contribution of $7.50 came last week from School 101, Caroline and Jefferson Sts.

Clean Block colors are green and white. White paint is usually used on the steps and woodwork. Flow-

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Morgan to Get 3 New Teachers

Board Also Approves Higher Salary Scale

The appointment of three new faculty members and the approval of a higher salary scale for the entire faculty group highlighted the meeting of the Morgan State College board of trustees on Thursday evening.

The meeting was the final one for Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, who retires as president of the institution on June 30. His successor, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, also was present.

The new appointees are:

Dr. Virgil A. Cliff, professor of education and head of the department of education. A graduate of the University of Indiana and Ohio State, he comes to Morgan from A. and T. College in Greensboro, N.C.

Alphonso C. Washington, associate professor of biology. A gradu-

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Va. State Honors Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall (center), celebrated NAACP attorney, is shown above as he received the degree of honorary doctor of laws from Dr. L. H. Foster (left), president of Va. State College, at annual commencement exercises of the college. At right is Dr. Luther P. Jackson, who presented Mr. Marshall for the degree.—Robinson Photo.

In Dance Spotlight

Washington children will take the spotlight Saturday morning when the Parent-Teacher Association presents pupils from the Doris Jones School of the Dance at the Howard Theatre. Among those who will participate are Constance and Warren Wright.

3 Protestors Arrested During March on Capital

Mixed Delegation of 5,000 Opposes Mundt Bill; Group Barred From Cafe

WASHINGTON

In spite of all efforts to maintain discipline and avoid incident among the 5,000-odd protestors against the Mundt Bill, three persons ran afoul of the law near the Capitol on Wednesday.

Biggest trouble at the Astor Restaurant at 18th and M Sts., N.W., when the manager, John Roussos, summoned police to oust a mixed delegation after he refused to serve the colored persons.

Because she protested the undemocratic treatment in no uncertain terms, Miss Gloria Giovelli, white, of Woodside, Long Island, was charged with disorderly conduct and later forfeited a $5 collateral.

Two others arrested were Alex Goldberg of Kearny, N.J. and Miss Amelia Lamb, a resident at Midway Hall, who were charged with disorderly conduct for failing to obey an order to move on when the Senate Building police tried to

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Coming Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Worship service of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on a moonlight boat ride.

Semi-finals in the Mutual Benefit Society's spelling bee, Ames Methodist Church.

Baltimore Council for Co-operative Development, first membership meeting, 3427 Fairlawn Ave.

School 103, operetta, "The Maid and the Golden Slipper," 8 p.m., at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

Douglass High, class day program, school auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Senior class day play, Maryland State Teachers College at Bowie, Md., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Commencement exercises, Bowie Teachers College, 3 p.m.; speaker, Governor W. Preston Lane Jr.

Morgan College annual alumni

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'Tired of Beatings' Wife Gets Divorce

"I left him. I just got tired of him beating and scratching me," Mrs. Roxie Harrell of 1618 McCulloh St., testified, Wednesday, in her plea for a divorce from Solomon Harrell.

Though admitting that she was the one who left their home, Mrs. Harrell asked for a divorce on the grounds of technical desertion.

Mrs. Harrell said that her marriage, beginning in 1928, had been filled with beatings. She testified that her husband whipped her eight or nine times during the last year they were together and hit her with his fist three weeks before the final separation.

But when he came in on Sept. 5, 1946, snatched her off the bed, hit her on the head and took her clothes, she called it quits. She was granted a divorce.

Roy S. Bond was her attorney.

Second Wife Beaten

Also asking for a divorce because her husband beat her was Mrs. Alice Macon of 417 E. 23rd St.

Mrs. Macon said that Joseph Macon not only struck her, but did so because she refused to give him money to pay rent on a house in which he entertained another woman.

Mr. Macon, she said, chased her out of her home with a knife, and

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Spine Badly Hurt in Jump

Police Hold Soldier for Hearing in Case

35-FOOT LEAP

Says Man Made Improper Advances

A 20-year-old woman was admitted to Provident Hospital Wednesday, suffering from serious spinal injuries received when she jumped from a third-story window to escape being criminally abused.

Arrested in connection with the incident is Sgt. Robert Reaves, 30, assigned to Fort George G. Meade, who was held without bail pending a hearing tentatively set for July 2.

Miss Helen Tisdale, 20, of 666 Franklin St., was held under $100 bail as a State's witness.

According to police, the near tragedy climaxed a drinking party among the three in a room in a house in the 600 block Franklin St., early Wednesday.

Climaxed Party

The soldier allegedly had made the rounds of the night spots with

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Bid for Freedom Denied by Judge

17-Year Crownsville Inmate Must Stay There

Because three leading psychiatrists predicted that his release would mean potential danger to one woman, 51-year-old George A. Smith lost his bid for freedom from Crownsville Hospital where he had already spent over 17 years.

The woman is Mrs. Cornelia Phillips, public health nurse, who cried, "I'm deathly afraid of that man!" when Smith came before Judge Emory Niles on April 8, and pleaded for his release from the mental hospital.

The story goes back to 1931, when Smith lived next door to Mrs. Phillips in the 1400 block McCulloh St., and would follow her, molest her on streetcars, and once

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Weapons Testify at Tragic Hearings

A sawed-off red, broom handle, a battered, blood stained milk crate and two knives, one a pocket knife and the other a home-made butcher knife, were presented in Northwestern police court, Tuesday, as silent witnesses in three murder hearnigs.

At the conclusion of the session, completed in a little over an hour, three suspects, all men, were remanded to jail without bail, to await grand jury action.

Trio Listed

The trio were Frank Turner, 32, of 920 Jordan Al., John Brown, 43, of 1335 Pennsylvania Ave., and Wilbur Goodman, 30, of 913 Wilmer Ct.

The broom handle was said to have been the improvised weapon used in pummeling to death Miss

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