Civic Groups Call Advertising Benches Menace to Cleaner City Program

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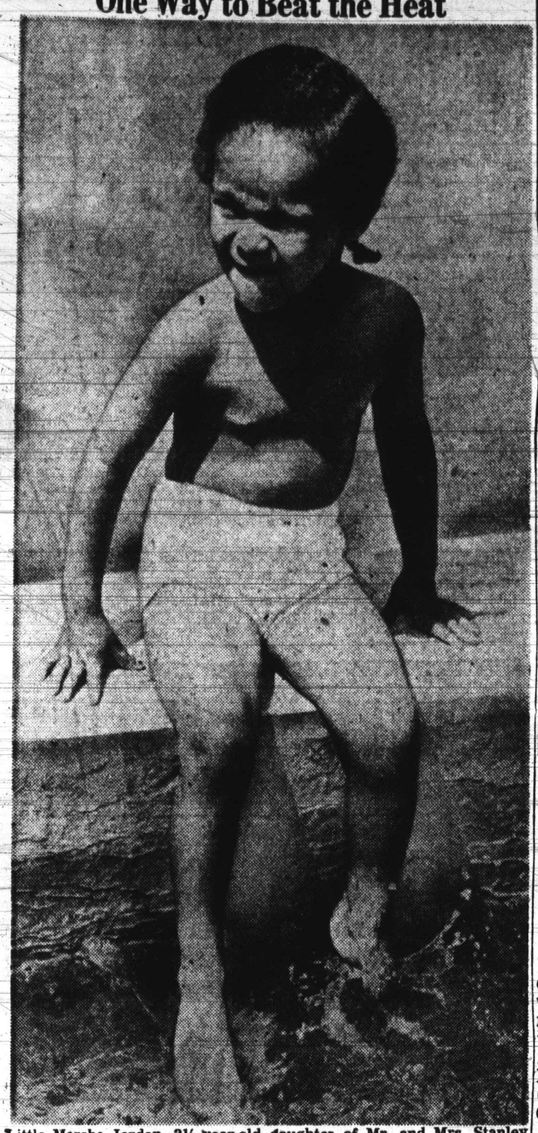
One Way to Beat the Heat



Little Marsha Jordan, 3½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jordan of 1670 Bruce Ct., is here showing sweltering adults how to beat the 90-plus temperature the city has been wiltering under this week. Now you see how it is done.

School Head in Fatal Crash

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First Clean Block Meeting Held

Problems of Drive Aired

Only Captains May Attend the Parleys

$731 IN PRIZE FUND

Workers to Be Given 2-Day Film Jamboree

The first weekly meeting of captains, secretaries and advisors in the AFRO's 14th annual Clean Block Campaign was held at 10:30 this morning (Friday) at McCulloh Homes auditorium, 1010 McCulloh St., in back of Oxford Court.

Admission was by armbands only.

At these meetings, which will take place each Friday until the end of the campaign, Clean Blockers convene to discuss their problems and to exchange hints on the block-by-block beautification of Baltimore.

Identification flags will be given to all captains at the meetings, along with additional window cards, rules and regulations, workers' blanks and other equipment.

At subsequent meetings movies will be shown that will please small fry and tall fry alike.

The 44 captains expected to attend the meetings will represent 768 workers who have registered for the drive. This number includes workers from blocks of Fairfield as well as from the city proper.

These children and others who will sign up before the drive is over will share the $1500 prize fund maintained by the AFRO and

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All-Time Rainfall Records Broken Here

Though Baltimoreans were given a respite from the constant rain and sultry heat wave on Thursday, showers and scattred thunderstorms are predicted for Sunday or Monday.

Warm and humid weather, with temperatures averaging a few degrees above the normal for late June-early July, accompanied by about one-half inch of rain is predicted for the area over the week end.

The cloudbursts of Wednesday evening broke the week-long stretch of tropical weather, but at the same time further raised the all-time record of waterfall. The records of the local weather bureau date back to 1871.

Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes Relinquishes Office

On Thursday afternoon Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, former president of Morgan College, relinquished his office to Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, new president. Dr. Holmes is shown presenting to Dr. Jenkins the building plans for a bigger Morgan recently drawn covering an expansion period for the next 10 years.

Dr. Holmes Quits Morgan

Visits New Prexy as 'Emeritus' Head

DR. JENKINS IN

President's Home Being Remodeled

The door opened and a silver-haired man walked in. He said:

"I'd like to see the president of Morgan State College."

It was Dr. D. O. W. Holmes on his first official day of retirement, Thursday, paying a visit to the executive offices of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, new Morgan president.

Another door opened and Dr. Jenkins came from the inner office following college officials, Dean George Grant, Registrar Edward Wilson and Business Manager James Carter.

Warm Greetings Exchanged

"Say, what does a person have to do to see the president around here?" Dr. Holmes laughingly asked, as the man who has retired after 11 years of service and the younger man, fresh from successes as an educational survey specialist and professor, shook hands warmly.

Dr. Jenkins, with his wife and 15-year-old daughter, Marlene, arrived on the campus from Washington early Thursday morning.

They reside in Truth House, the new dormitory for women. Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins have a small suite of two rooms and bath on the first floor, and Marlene is across the hall in one of the regular dormitory rooms.

House to Be Remodeled

Meanwhile, Dr. Holmes announced that within the next week

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Iceman Dies in Accident

Henderson Taken Ill While Driving

WIFE ALONG

Unable to Keep Car From Hitting Truck

Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools, figured in a fatal accident this morning (Friday) when he became suddenly ill at the wheel of his car which rammed into a parked ice truck, killing a man unloading ice.

The accident occurred while Mr. Henderson, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Roberta Henderson, was driving down Druid Hill Ave.

At Preston St., Mr. Henderson suddenly slumped over the wheel, and Mrs. Henderson, trying to stop the car, switched off the ignition.

But her action failed to stop the car from ramming into the parked truck where John F. Ward of 1718 Madison Ave. was standing on the tail gate unloading ice. Crushed by the impact, Ward was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

The impact of this collision made the ice truck ram into an empty car parked in front of it, but no one else was injured.

The Hendersons were both shaken up, treated at Provident Hospital and released.

4 Men Arrested at Elks Home

Accused of Operating Slot Machines Illegally

Following a Thursday night police visit to the Sampson Brooks Elks Home, 1202 Madison Ave., where the officers played pin ball machines which they said "paid off," the assistant manager and three licensees were arrested.

Charged with setting up and maintaining the machines without licenses, the men are Lester Thornton, 38, of 2709 Round Rd., Cherry Hill, the club's assistant manager; Charles Price of 1040 Brantley Ave., George Rogers of 1403 W. Lanvale St., and William Traynham of 1017 N. Caroline St.

Paid Routine Visit First

According to report, Sgt. Frank Daccala, who was recently transferred to Northwestern from the Western district, paid the lodge what he called "a routine visit" on Thursday afternoon. Noting the slot machines, he instructed a club member to disconnect them.

At about 9 p.m., the sergeant, accompanied by four patrolmen, returned to the club, and each of them played the two machines which they said "paid off."

Before some 200 spectators who had gathered outside, the officers carted off the machines in a patrol car.

Held Under $1000 Bail Each

Thornton, taken into custody immediately, was released under $500 bail. The other men, whose names were on the club license, were docketed this morning (Friday).

Following a lengthy, technical and involved hearing during which the machines were referred to as "one-arm bandits" and "camouflaged slot machines," the men were placed under $1000 bail each for grand jury action.

On two other charges of having no license for these and the music machine, they were released on their own recognizance.

OPPOSED BY CIVIC GROUP:

Ad Benches Termed Menace to Clean City

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

Hyman A. Pressman, attorney, today filed suit in Circuit Court No. 2 for an injunction prohibiting the placement of the advertising benches. He contends that placing of the benches is contrary to the principle of law that public property cannot be devoted to private use.

The plan to put advertising benches on the sidewalks at trolley and bus stops is bitterly opposed by civic groups interested in improving the appearance of the city streets.

They complain also, that by attracting corner loungers, particularly late at night, the benches will contribute to disorderly and immoral conduct.

One of the benches has been established on the Trinity Baptist Church pavement, Druid Hill Ave, and McMechen St., for several months.

Board Ignores Protests

Despite the strong protests of 21 influential community organizations, the Board of Estimates approved the plan by a 3 to 1 vote, last week, in the absence of Mayor D'Alesandro, who had denounced the proposal.

Supported by a petition containing 16,000 names, the Public Service Bench Advertising Corporation got permission to set up the benches on a trial basis, maintaining that they will represent a combination business and community service.

Kelly Heeds Citizen Groups

Protesting citizens held that the advertising is unsightly, an opinion shared by C. Markland Kelly, president of the Board of Estimates, who in casting the dissenting vote, declared:

"When our citizens take an interest in clean streets and alleys and the elimination of billboards and advertising, they should be supported."

However, J. Neil McCardell, city

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Reading AFRO Profits Heir

Didn't Know Brother Left $4,000 Estate

The purchase of an AFRO-AMERICAN was probably the best investment George R. Henson of 1619 Division St., will make in a life time.

On his 10-cent outlay, Mr. Henson will profit more than $4,000, all because he read his "favorite newspaper."

When the AFRO-AMERICAN, reporting on the failure to locate a cousin of the late Charles Henson, showed that the estate could not be distributed, Mr. Henson saw the story.

Deceased's Closest Relative

After reading it, he realized that he was a nearer relative to the deceased than any of the 13 claimants the Orphans Court had, at that time, recognized.

The 13 claimants included an uncle and cousins, one of whom, Mrs. Annie Mapp, had been thought to have disappeared into Father Divine's kingdom.

Last week, George Henson and his attorney, Linwood Koger, went into court and proved that he was a half brother to the deceased, the two being sons of William Henson by first and second marriages.

Neighbors Aid Claimant

Assisting Mr. Henson in estab-

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Drowning Victim Given Last Rites

Funeral services for William H. Clarkson, who was drowned while swimming off Day Village in Turners Station, last Sunday, were held at the Eastern Chapel Church, Thursday afternoon.

The second swimming fatality of the current season, Clarkson jumped feet first into the water off a boat pier and never came up, witnesses reported.

Navy Vet Finds Body

His body was recovered by Gerald Smith, a Navy veteran of Turners Station, who dived in

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Jury Indicts 'Mad Seaman' Knowles

Stabbed 18-Year-Old Girl Eighteen Times

John Knowles, 26, branded the "Love-Mad Seaman" as a result of the slaying of his 21-year-old girl friend in Druid Hill Park, last month, during an emotional outburst, this week was indicted by the grand jury on charges of first-degree murder.

While no trial date has been set, due to Assistant State's Attorney William J. O'Donnell, who was assigned to the case, being away on vacation, Knowles probably will face a trial jury the lat-

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5 Held in Sewing Machine Thefts

4 Whites Involved as Suspects Freed

Five persons believed involved in the theft and sale of nine sewing machine units from two Northwest Baltimore public schools were placed under $7,000 aggregate bail for the grand jury, this week.

Four of the suspects, held under $6,000 bail, in connection with the actual thefts, were identified as: Carlton Haymie, 17, of 818 Hampson St.; Leon Hicks, 17, of 1613 N. Carey St.; Henry Rice, 27, of 827 N. Fremont Ave., and Albert Simms, 21, of 1544 N. Woodyear St.

White Suspects Released

Charged with receiving two of the units valued at $150, Walter

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CITIZENS' IRE UNHEEDED:

2-Student Summer School to Continue

Although limited to only two students, the University of Maryland's segregated graduate school for teachers will run throughout its six-week course with sanction of the university's board of regents.

Operating at Douglass High School for colored teachers, while white teachers study on the university's College Park campus, the dual summer school program met such violent community opposition that only two teachers, both from out-of-town, registered for the course.

Indignant civic organizations, noting the inequalities in curriculum, facilities and equipment of the Douglass School setup as compared with that at College Park, made their protests on June 19 to Judge William P. Cole, board president, and Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd, the university president.

Matter Discussed "Casually"

Judge Cole told the group that the matter would be taken up by the entire board which would probably invite representatives of the organizations to express their views before the board as a whole.

At Wednesday's board meeting, the matter was discussed "casually," according to Dr. Byrd, who said that the board agreed to let the protestants appear at the September or October meeting—a month or two after the school has closed.

5 Persons Make Up School

In the meantime, with its two students who crossed an NAACP picket line to register and three faculty members, the "classes" are being held each morning in the Douglass School library.

The students attending the school are Miss Laura Tatum of Washington and Mrs. Myrtle V.

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Amusement Park Plan Okay Sought

Some 1000 residents are expected to jam the Cherry Hill Community Center, Wednesday night, to decide whether or not an amusement park will be erected in their section.

Several city councilmen and Dr. Bernard L. Harris of the Board of Parks and Recreation will be on hand to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed park.

David Pressman, a white Fairfield grocer, has acquired some 16 acres in the Cherry Hill section with the intention of erecting a large amusement park similar to Philadelphia's Woodside Park.

Proposed Program Outlined

Mr. Pressman points out that the park would bring a new type of recreation to colored people of the entire Baltimore area.

Emphasizing the fact that no intoxicants will be for sale in the park which is to be located between Waterview Ave. and Cherry Hill Rd., Mr. Pressman says the park will be for the entire family and in addition to a free picnic grove will include:

A free playground for children, children's rides including aero-

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7 Night School Principals Named

Among actions of the board of school commissioners at the session, Tuesday, was the assignment of seven principals to evening school posts for the 1948-49 term.

Named to the positions were:

Henry W. Horsey to School No. 106; Leroy Flanagan, Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130; James R. Hite, School No. 130-A; C. Leroy Carroll, Dunbar High School; W. Llewellyn Wilson, Douglass High School; Lewis M. Gwynn, Carver Vocational School; and Wilbur O. Stewart, Briscoe Vocational School.

$8 Per Evening

Each principal will receive $8 per evening, with the exception of Mr. Wilson, who will receive $9.

Other appointments included those of Misses Rita P. Coles, Audrey Pinderhughes and Doris H. Wallace; and Albert Jacobs to elementary posts. All were assigned to School No. 159. Miss Oletha M. Hope was elected an opportunity class teacher and assigned to School No. 136.

The board also approved con-

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Separate Golfing Schedule Opposed

The Baltimore Urban League and several local golfers expressed opposition, this week, to a plan, now being considered by the Board of Parks and Recreation, to set aside certain days for colored persons to use city golf courses.

In a letter to Robert W. Garrett, chairman of the Park Board, Alexander J. Allen, Urban League executive secretary, expressed approval of Judge W. Calvin Chesnut's recent decision which opened the city links to all citizens, but op-

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Rescue Efforts in Vain

Efforts to rescue William Clarkson, 18, of 220 N. Bradford St., Baltimore, came too late to save the youth's life, Sunday. He was drowned while swimming off a pier bearing the sign "No Bathing Allowed," in Bear Creek, Day Village, Turners Station. His body remained in the water two hours before would-be rescuers found it.

Minn. Governor Insists Guard Will Be Mixed

ST PAUL, Minn. — Governor Luther Youngdahl, this week, declared that Minnesota will have no jim-crow Guard as long as he is governor, and asked the State's attorney general for an opinion as to whether he can ban segregation by executive order.

The issue flamed anew last week when colored youth, trying to enter the Guard and avoid the draft, were offered a segregated unit or nothing.

Leaders throughout the State declined the jim-crow unit and appealed to the Governor to issue his non-segregation order as promised.

At the time, Governor Youngdahl was attending the GOP Convention and could not be contacted. Upon his return to the State, he explained that the offer of a segregated unit was without his knowledge.

Adjutant General Walsh, who made the offer, explained that it was all the War Department would authorize. He had appealed to Washington when 20 colored youths applied for entry.

He said he was again refused

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Coming Events

Friday, July 2

Co-Ed Hour at Druid Hill YMCA, 8:30, swimming.

Sunday, July 4

Council of Churches radio program, 9 a.m., Station WBAL, featuring AME ministers.

Masonic St. John's Day service,

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CUPID'S Corner

Twenty out-of-town couples, from 11 cities were granted licenses to be married, here, during the past week.

They were listed as:

James G. Harvey, 33, divorced, and Miss Cora A. Jackson, 23, both of Washington; Jeremiah Ford, 26, divorced, and Miss Marion Reed,

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