DRUID POOL INADEQUATE:

Drownings Show Lack of Swimming Facilities

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that all of the city's pools needed modernization, but that even with improvements, they could not serve the standard 3% of the population at one time.

In the case of the Druid Park pool, since it is the only one provided for a colored population of 225,000 persons, it would have to accommodate 6,750 persons to meet that standard.

The long-range plan also recommended the construction of six additional rectangular pools of a maximum size of 60 by 100 feet, equipped with accepted sanitary and safety requirements.

Two of Six for Group

Two of the six were proposed for neighborhoods with minority group residents, one in South Baltimore in the Carroll Park extension area, and the second in East Baltimore in the community of the Frederick Douglass Homes.

No arrangements have yet been made for any of these projects, but a proposed park loan, which will appear on the ballots in November, is to be floated for funds to bring the existing pools up to date.

Some relief for the situation in East Baltimore is promised by an indoor pool at the Chick Webb Recreation Center, which got under construction last week, and is expected to accommodate from 50 to 75 persons.

Pools Specification Given

The pool is designed to be 25 feet wide by 60 feet long, with a capacity of 68,000 gallons.

The room in which it will be installed will be 35 feet wide by 75 feet long, which allows for a five-foot walkway on either side, an 11-foot platform at the diving board end, and a five-foot walkway at the shallow end.

Provision is also made for a spectators' gallery, 68 feet long by 12 feet wide. Its three tiers of seats will accommodate about 200 persons.

Services Disproportionate

While the Druid Hill pool for white persons was opened the same number of days last summer as the colored pool, it served 4,000 fewer patrons, and took in $1,500 less revenue, although 85,000 more was required for its operation.

Both pools were open 63 days, from June 28 to Aug. 29.

The white pool served 20,541 patrons, took in $3,330.15 in revenue and required $13,735.48 in cost of operation. The colored pool served 24,031 swimmers and took in $4,537.90, but only $9,097.21 was spent on its operation costs.

Better Distribution Urged

The simple explanation of this situation is that the white population has access to so many other pools that it finds no need to overcrowd or overpatronize the one in Druid Hill Park.

And while the long-range modernizations and new constructions are still in the "on paper" stage, the colored community feels that it is entitled, on a percentage basis, to better distribution of the existing facilities, inadequate and inferior as they may be.

Cherry Hill Group Fights Park Idea

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Hill is a planned community and ideal in almost every regard. We sincerely hope and expect the authority will help us to keep it that way."

Committee's Stand Unanimous

The Co-ordinating Committee represents the following organizations:

Chapter No. 2 of the American Veterans Committee, Mother's Club of Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill Protective Association, Parent-Teachers' Association of School No. 150, Cherry Hill Community Church, Tenants Council and Ladies Guild.

The committee's decision to oppose construction of the park was unanimous, Mr. Brown said.

Features of Plan Shown

If approved, the park would be located between Waterview Ave. and Cherry Hill Rd.

Mr. Pressman points out that it would not offer the sale of intoxicants, but would give colored people of the Baltimore area a new type of recreation facility.

An ordinance is being introduced in the City Council to authorize construction of the park.

Public Meeting Postponed

A meeting, scheduled for last Wednesday night to discuss advantages and disadvantages of the park, was called off when it was learned that an insufficient number of people had been notified.

Mr. Pressman said the park would offer all of the facilities found in modern parks of its type as well as a free picnic area.

Josiah Henry Sues Bishop

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certainly was next in line," Mr. Henry declared.

The bishop told him to see the Baltimore Conference about the $500 paid the associate attorney in the church case, Mr. Henry said, "and some other expense which I undertook, the bishop just 'can't remember,'" he contended.

Defending Bishop Davis before trial bodies for misuse of church funds and unbecoming conduct in East Baltimore in the community of the Frederick Douglass Homes, Mr. Henry said, "no arrangements were made for any of these projects, but a proposed park loan, which will appear on the ballots in November, is to be floated for funds to bring the existing pools up to date.

Sanitary Case Recalled

In February, 1947, Mr. Henry represented Bishop Davis before a Criminal Court case in which he was charged with violating a health ordinance by having uninspected meats at his office, 1226 Druid Hill Ave. The bishop was cleared in this case.

Mr. Henry also represented the bishop in several other local cases. One was in February, 1947, when the Rowse Supply Company sued for payment for an icebox; and another in July, 1947, when the Remsburg Supply Company sued for $3,059 payment for food for the stock on the bishop's farms in Howard County.

It is understood that mortgages were recently foreclosed on two of the farms.

Says Bills are Ignored

Mr. Henry, who has been attorney for the bishop for three years, says the service for which he is now seeking payment date back to 1945, and the bishop has ignored the bill.

Suspended from presiding over the Baltimore Conference of the 2nd Episcopal District, Bishop Davis was assigned to the 8th Episcopal District, covering Mississippi and Louisiana, at the last General Conference.

Bishop Davis Ex Route South

The bishop was in town earlier this week, but has returned South and was unavailable for a statement.

In a similar case filed in May, Amos T. Hall, attorney of Tulsa, Okla., sued the expelled Bishop Curry for $2,000 counsel fees allegedly due him for services performed in 1946 and 1947.

West Pointer Heads Infantry Unit in German

STUTTGART, Germany — First Lieut. Henry M. Francis of Washington, a 1944 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, has been assigned duties as commanding officer, Company B, 371st Infantry Battalion.

Slain Soldier's Body Shipped for Burial

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been with Private Jordan on the fateful night.

Late Thursday, he was still being questioned by military authorities of the Second Army and city police. His story was not revealed.

Even the true identity of the slain soldier remained a mystery for several days, until his official Army record arrived at Fort Meade from Fort Knox, Ky.

In Meade Only 3 Days

On Wednesday, it was learned that Private Jordan enlisted at Waco, Texas, last December for a five-year stretch and had arrived at Fort Meade only three days before he met his death.

For several months, the volunteer had been assigned to a unit in the Third Armored Training Center at Fort Knox. While at Ft. Meade, he was placed in a processing company, prior to being shipped out to a permanent outfit.

Late Wednesday, his body, with five bullet holes, one in the forehead, one behind the right ear, and the other three in the neck, was released to Charles R. Law, undertaker, to be shipped to Texas.

To Get Military Burial

Clad in a summer Army uniform, Jordan's six-foot-one-inch, 192-pound body, well developed with massive broad shoulders, lay in a metal- lined, glass-innersealed casket.

Over the gray doeskin outer covering was draped an American flag. Standing by was a soldier from a Second Army Escort Company, whose duty was to travel with the body to the Texas town, where it was to be met by Sidney Jordan Sr., the private's father.

Meanwhile, Officer Copsey, temporarily suspended from duty, awaits a preliminary hearing on the fatal shooting charge. He was technically released in the custody of Captain Feehley, his commanding officer of Northwest District.

Blinded Swain Won't Prosecute

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address, who was accused of slashing him.

Woman's Second Offense

Officer Jerome Glass who made the arrest explained that the blind man had been cut down the left side of his head and straight down his stomach.

It was the second such offense charged against the woman, but the magistrate was compelled to drop the charges when Whiting refused to prosecute.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the blinded man took the woman's arm and was led from the courtroom.

Brutality Against 6 Local Lads Charged

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lice station and were later released in $1000 bail each.

Edmond A. Tran, manager of the store, testified that he had no knowledge of anything being taken from the establishment or from any truck.

It was revealed that one of the youths removed a half-gallon of ice cream from a truck but dropped it and walked away when a customer yelled at him.

One Defendant Testifies

Handy, owner and operator of the car, was the only defendant to testify. He declared that they were out driving when the car became stuck in the mud; and they went to the restaurant to borrow a shovel.

Charles A. Magness, an employee, let them have two shovels and they began to walk away when a white customer yelled someone was taking ice cream from the truck outside, Handy testified.

Group Chased by Mob

He continued:

"We kept on walking and then some white men in cars began chasing us, throwing stones and calling names.

"Then we dropped one of the shovels and ran. We decided to leave the car and were walking toward Baltimore when the police picked us up."

William H. Murphy, NAACP counsel, represented four of the defendants; Amos I. Meyers, represented Jones; and Louis Strause was attorney for Handy.

2 Boys Freed of Charges of Attacking Ex-Nun, 30

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took her home, the woman stated, it was after 5 a.m.

Submitted Willingly, Boys Say

Both boys maintained that Miss Rideout willingly submitted to their embraces. "She had on no underwear," took off her own shoes and never protested, nor cried out, they told the court.

Other testimony brought out the fact that James's parents were in a bedroom directly above the living room in the two-story house, but they heard no sound of a struggle nor outcries.

On the stand, Miss Rideout maintained that she considered the boys mere youngsters, but she admitted sending James a postcard from Atlantic City inviting him to come up for a week end and signed, "with love."

Didn't Wish to Prosecute

She had also gone to the park and to the movies with him, she disclosed.

She also admitted telling police that she did not want to prosecute the boys because she did not want the story about the affair to get back to the sisters at the convent.

The case went to court at the insistence of her cousin, William Redmond, it was stated.

Lawyer Holds Woman "Curious"

Summing up the case, J. Howard Payne, attorney for the youths, contended that with her strict religious background, Miss Rideout naturally became impressed and curious about the worldly associations between men and women that she must have seen at the hotel, so she "used these two boys to teach her the facts of life."

A medical report showed that the young woman had had no previous relations with men.

In freeing the boys, Judge W. Conwell Smith said, "What occurred should never have happened, but the evidence presented here does not prove the case as an offense as required by the law."

Cosmetic Distributor

John H. Spencer of 306 E. 23rd St., Baltimore who this week was named exclusive distributor of Adolph's Beauty Products in this area, has completed a 30-day training course and will assume his new duties immediately, according to the company's manager.

Interest in Homes Object of Meeting

Seeking to arouse interest in housing legislation among persons who need homes most, the Inter-Project Tenant Council sponsored an outdoor mass meeting attended by some 400 persons on Thursday at the Douglass Homes.

The Housing Legislation Committee of the sponsoring organization, arranged the meeting which is the first of a series to be held in other projects. Mrs. Alberta Parnell was chairman.

Tenants Pict

It was emphasized at the meeting that persons in overcrowded and blighted areas should realize the part they have to play in fighting for more and better housing; and they should learn about pending housing legislation.

Among the speakers were Dr. John Frank Fenn, chairman of the Housing Authority of Baltimore; Oliver C. Winston, executive director; Furman L. Templeton and Mrs. Henry E. Corner, commissioners; and Miss Frances Morton of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

Richard L. Steiner of the Redevelopment Commission, showed slides of the city's various slum areas, and urged support of the redevelopment loan when it appears on the next ballot.

Janitor Linked to Girl's Slaying

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released from the penal farm last September, after serving eight years of a ten-year term on assault charges.

Will Give All Possible Help

Mrs. James said she is unable to employ an attorney for her son; but she plans to visit him and do whatever is possible to help him.

James is also charged with assault, robbery and attempted assault at a 35-year-old woman in the Wabash and Sequoia Ave. section on June 15.

The case is being handled by Inspector Joseph H. Itzel and Captain Oscar Lusby of Northern district.

Coming Events

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Towson, Md., on Dulany Valley Rd., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, July 12

Talent Rally by the Women's Chorus of Memorial Baptist Church, 8:30 p.m.

July 12

Co-ordinating Committee meeting of District 5 of the Community Chest, YWCA, 4 p.m.

Y Co-Ed Swimming Class YMCA, 8 p.m.

July 15

Membership Swimming Organization Meeting YMCA, 6 p.m.

Jurist Condemns

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sting a disorderly house, when his attorney, Joseph Rosenthal, argued that he had no knowledge of the morals transaction.

The other occupants of the house and the cab driver were fined $1 and costs each on disorderly conduct charges.

Those in addition to the cab driver were listed as Charles Terry, 34; Miss Margaret Smith, 31; James Saunders, 27; and Philip Miller, 28.

Last Rites Slated for Rev. McLilly

Funeral services for the Rev. Joseph William McLilly Jr., 39, associate pastor of the New Metropolitan Baptist Church, will be held there at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

He had been ill for four months, and died on Monday at Provident Hospital, where he had been a patient for nine weeks. His home was at 1520 Harlem Ave.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Mae McLilly; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLilly; son, Harman; and brother, James.

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Belated Child Declared Legitimate

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — A daughter born to Mrs. Lillian E. White of Baltimore, two years after the parents had begun divorce proceedings, was declared legitimate, here, Wednesday.

The decision was handed down by Judge John B. Gray Jr. of the seventh Judicial District, in the long-contested court suit in which James E. White of Landover, Md., a Census Bureau clerk, had sought a divorce the former Lillian Tucker, first on grounds of desertion, and in a second suit in which he charged adultery.

Decree to Wife

A divorce decree, won on a cross-bill by Mrs. White, also granted her $15 per week support, and a $100 counsel fee.

Mr. White started the first court proceedings a year ago, when he filed a petition asking for a divorce on grounds of desertion.

He said that he and Mrs. White had been married on June 8, 1938, and that she had deserted him June 15, 1946. The petition was filed by Vance V. Vaugh, white attorney.

Mrs. White, through Roy S. Bond, Baltimore lawyer, filed an answer in which she denied having deserted her husband.

She told the court that Mr. White had asked her to take a job in Baltimore, saying that together they would save money to buy a home.

Saved $99 for Home

She worked until she saved $99, she said, but when she returned home with the funds, her husband told her that he had no intention of buying a home, but that he simply wanted to get rid of her.

She then filed a cross-bill in which she said he had deserted her, failed to provide for her and two children, and had, upon more than one occasion, struck her. She asked for custody of the children and a limited divorce.

The case was never set for a hearing. Last month, however, a new suit was filed by the husband in which he charged adultery. Mrs. White had become the mother of a daughter, now three-months old.

Mr. Bond filed a demurrer on the grounds that Mr. White had not named the time, place, nor person with whom his wife had been unfaithful.

The demurrer was dismissed, and at the trial Wednesday, Mrs. White said the indiscretion had been committed with her husband at a Paca St. address in Baltimore.

Despite his denial, Mr. White was adjudged father of the child and ordered to support it. All three children were given into custody of the mother, who lives at 628 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore.

HEADS MUSIC FIRM

NEW YORK — Hiram Johnson, brother of Band Leader Buddy Johnson, has been named vice-president of the Sophisticate Music Company, headed by his brother.

Draft Strike Heads Poised

Request Presidential Parley Before Acting

UP TO TRUMAN

His Order Can Check Anti-Induction Move

Leaders of the civil disobedience movement, A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds, have asked President Truman to issue an Executive Order abolishing all segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Randolph and Mr. Reynolds are the men who told the Senate and the House during hearings on Selective Service legislation, subsequently passed, that if there were no safeguards against racial bias, they would lead a civil disobedience movement.

This week, they asked the President for a conference at an early date to discuss an Executive Order which they wish him to issue.

Order "Moral Obligation"

In their letter they stated:

"In the light of past official civil rights pronouncements, it is our belief that the President, as Commander-in-Chief, is morally obligated to issue such an order now.

"Unless this is done, colored people will have no alternative but to resist a law, the inevitable consequence of which would be to expose them to the un-American brutality so familiar during the conference.

"America must not subject one tenth of its population to such treatment again. Knowing that you have it in your power to prevent this, we are seeking an opportunity to confer with you on implementing this essential part of your civil rights program."

Up to Wednesday, the President, according to a White House spokesman, had not granted the conference.

Given Eastern Star Scholarship Grants

The recipients of $50 scholarships from the Order of Eastern Star are seen receiving their awards. At the left, Mrs. Rachel Smith, chairman education committee, makes the presentation to Miss Rose M. Edwards of the Bragg High School in Sparrows Point. At right, the honors are carried out by Mrs. Emma Stepney, grand worthy matron, with Miss Martha V. Brown of the Banneker High School in Catonsville, as winner. Examinations for the scholarships were held on May 28 at the Bates High School in Annapolis, under the auspices of the Myra Grand Chapter.

Health Dept. Cites Lead Paint Danger

The Health Department this week issued a warning to parents of young children to guard against the danger of them chewing on objects such as window sills and railings on which lead paint has been used.

Two cases of lead poisoning among two-year-old children were reported last week. Investigation revealed that both had eaten lead-containing paint which had cracked and peeled.

One such case this year resulted in the death of a two-year old child.

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