2 Community Groups Tell Park Board 3,300 Children in Area Play on Acre

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of the alley and bring them on to the street? You say there is no space, yet your own maps indicate that there is much larger space than that in Peach Alley."

She exhibited maps of the City Planning Commission showing tax delinquent properties at Howard and Hamburg Sts. and on Race St.

The Race St. site, Mrs. Walker said, could be used for both young children and teen-agers.

"Did you notice the bars and liquor stores in Peach Alley?" she went on.

Group Itself Raised $2,400

The delegation pointed out that through its various appeals and campaigns, including an Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority benefit, it raised $2,400 to help see a recreation project through.

"The citizens of South Baltimore supported the recreation loan with the hope that the present situation, which is both intolerable and indefensible, would be alleviated," Mr. Knox pointed out, adding:

"When we learned that nothing was being contemplated for the colored youth of this area, we were aroused by this injustice."

Survey of 1943 Cited

Moreover, he pointed to the 1943 Long Range Survey, which recommended a 2½-acre playground for colored children at West, Sharp and Henrietta Sts. And, he maintained that the survey stated, "It is obvious that the most urgent needs are in the colored communities."

Mr. Garrett replied:

"I don't know just how to approach the problem. I start out with a prejudice against small lots because I don't see how they can be properly aadministered. Somehow, we might be able to get hold of additional property. I frankly don't know what the answer is."

He asked that the real estate committee "study it more thoroughly."

School Tot Lot Inadequate

The Mt. Winans group, through Mrs. Pauline Brooks, pointed out that the School Board's playground plans for the school there would be adequate for tots, but would leave nothing for the teen-agers.

She asked the city to take over the lease on an unfilled lot which citizens in Mt. Winans leased on a $1-a-year basis, terminable at 30 days notice.

The property involved, 2.9 acres, belongs to a railroad company that promised to clear it off but has not, Mrs. Brooks continued.

"At present our children have nothing to do but play in the street. We want help," Mrs. Brooks ended.

S. Lawrence Hammerman, vice president of the board, suggested that the committee on Monday inspect the lot Mrs. Brooks mentioned.

Delegation's Personnel Listed

Also in the Mt. Winans group were Alve Hutchinson, Mrs. Jeanette Williams and Charles Hunter.

Other members of the South Baltimore committee were:

Mesdames Gertrude Bush, Dorothy Robb, Ethel Green, Betty Coates and William Camper, all parents; the Revs. F. J. Frye, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church; Thomas Davis, Leadenhall Baptist Church; W. F. Foster, Ebenezer AME Church, and Mrs. Myrtle Woods, Mount Carmel Church;

Mesdames Lavinia Wiggins, Gladys Banks, Mildred Young, Florence Powell and Robert Wren, representing parent-teacher associations of five South Baltimore schools.

Educators, Social Workers

Mrs. Vivian Cook, principal of School No. 106; Mrs. Viola Wright, principal, 121; Mrs. Rosalie Mc Guire, principal, 117; Arthur Williams, principal, 123, and Henry West, principal, 129;

Miss Esther Johnson and Mrs. Mamie Knox, teachers; James Woodlon, George Jacobs, Mrs. Claudinia Brown, Miss Lucy Hammond and George Knox, business operators, and Mrs. Mamie Patterson, Miss Beatrice Boots, Miss Agnes Hall and T. J. Stewart, other residents of that area.

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Morgan Teacher Files for Divorce

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Mr. Wall voluntarily separated in 1946, and that he was in Richmond when she last heard from him. The couple were married in that city in 1932.

Short on House Deal

Charging that Mrs. Theresa Mason of 2017 Harlem Ave., collected his wage checks under the impression that the house they were buying was jointly in their names, but that he later found he had been left out, Harry Mason divorced her this week.

The husband said that he turned his entire earnings over to Mrs. Mason, receiving only spending change from her. On April 1, 1946, he said, Mrs. Mason put him out after telling him that his name was not on the deed, and that she didn't want him any more. The couple were married in 1942.

A divorce also went to Melvin Smith of 2623 Boone St. from Mrs. Beatrice Smith, after testimony that he returned from work on June 25, 1939, to find Mrs. Smith had deserted him and their two children.

Wife Deserted

Mrs. Annie M. Watkins of 1011 W. Lafayette Ave. won a divorce from Willie Watkins on grounds of desertion. The wife, who will resume her maiden name, Hicks, testified that he left her on Dec. 5, 1945, after their marriage on Feb. 5, 1944.

Mrs. Ivonia Wallace of 255 Robert St., who divorced Robert Wallace of 5204 Denmore Ave., said that he put her out of their home in 1945. They were married in 1929.

Jackson of Yale in Secret Society

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on the campus.

Rarely Turn Down First

Each of the societies picks 15 men from the junior class. A senior will "tap" the chosen junior and ask, "Do you accept?" The answer must be given at once.

Because the selections are not announced in advance, juniors are frequently reluctant to turn down the first bids, not knowing whether they will receive one from the society they prefer.

Excitement was high and gasps and whispers could he heard when Jackson turned down "taps" from both the Skull and Bones and Scroll and Keys. Then came a "tap" from Berzelius, and he was in.

Mark of Social Acceptance

Membership in one of old Eli's secret societies is considered a mark of highest social acceptance on the campus.

Jackson, who was married recently to his childhood sweetheart, is a veteran, having served as a staff sergeant at Camp Lee, Va. He entered the university in 1946 and made the varsity football team in his freshman year. He became one of the nation's leading ground gainers and was elected captain at the end of the 1948 season.

His father was a steward at the Yale faculty club for 30 years. Jackson himself prepared for Yale at the Hill house High School here.

332nd to Be Deactivated

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of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the Air Force, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin, provide for the assignment and utilization of colored personnel on the basis of individual capacity.

It permits general assignment of such individuals on an Air Force basis. Heretofore, colored personnel has been assigned only to special type units.

"Highly Skilled Men" in Group

The Johnson statement continued:

"The majority of highly skilled colored specialists are presently assigned to the 332nd. Members of the 2,000-man unit will be considered individually for reassignment throughout the air force and to training schools consonant with the need of Air Force command and with individual capabilities."

The 332nd Fighter Group was activated in October, 1942. It was composed of three fighter squadrons and the 96th Service Group.

The 332nd contained approximately 100 administrative and flying officers, all colored.

The administrative officers had been trained in Air Force officer candidate schools in such services as supply personnel, military intelligence and statistical duties and the ground crews had been trained at various Army Air Force technical schools throughout the country.

Soon after its activation, the 332nd was transferred to Selfridge Fild in Michigan for unit training.

Colonel Davis Made Head

In Oct., 1943, Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who had been in command of the 99th Fighter Squadron and who had spent some time in the Mediterranean with that squadron, was recalled to command the 332nd. He was a member of the first class to graduate from Tuskegee Flying School.

In Jan., 1944, on completion of unit training, the 332nd left for overseas. The first colored units to be organized in the Air Force were designated aviation squadrons and were stationed at various bases where the individuals could be utilized in accordance with their qualifications.

March 7, 1942, a Big Day

Original plans were initiated for formation of a flying unit in Jan., 1941. The program got under way in the summer of 1941 at Tuskegee. The first group was graduated on March 7, 1942. Successive classes graduated until there were 40 pilots, enough to form the 99th Fighter Squadron.

During that period, between 250 and 300 ground crew personnel for the 99th had been technically trained. The 99th completed unit training in October, 1942, and departed for Africa the following April.

After six months, the outfit was sent to Italy, where it later was made a part of the 332nd.

The 332nd came back from overseas in June, 1945, and shortly thereafter was inactivated. The 99th was then activated in Godman Field, Ky., as part of the 477th Composite Group, which moved from Godman Field to Lockbourne in 1946 and was deactivated late in 1947.

Early in 1948 the 332nd was reactivated on the Lockbourne Base and named the 332nd Fighter Wing, with Colonel Davis as commander. Colonel Davis is listed to attend the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Fla., in August.

Marital Mixup 'Mixes Up' Magistrate

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ed out one night and the next night Louis (Benoit) and the other woman came in."

Benoit, who rents the apartment at 624 N. Mount St., said he asked his mother-in-law to move because neither she nor her unemployed son paid any rent. Moreover, Benoit charged, they are untidy.

With his mother in court as a "character" witness, Benoit claimed that his common-law wife was by far a "better housekeeper than Mrs. Carel's daughter," his legal wife, or Mrs. Carel. This is why she's there, he added.

"That's right, and you don't know the whole story, judge," Benoit's mother interposed.

Should Have Waited

"Never mind the whole story," Magistrate Fitzpatrick fumed. "Do you think it was right for your son to bring this woman to live with his mother-in-law?"

The mother paused, then said, "No, I guess he should have waited a while."

Almost at the end of his rope, the magistrate dismissed the case, telling Mrs. Carel to take her son and find some place else to live.

Scholarship Won by Morgan Senior

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was inducted into the Navy where he served one year.

Tuition, Plus $1000 Yearly

When released from service, Purviance resumed his studies at the school. He is majoring in sociology.

A member of St. Philip Lutheran Church, Purviance is the son of Mrs. Marion G. Boyce of 1419 Madison St.

The scholarship is for two years duration and includes tuition paid, as well as plus $1000 a year for expenses.

Job Offer Follows Schooling

An additional year of free schooling will be provided by the foundation if his work warrants it; and at the end of that time, Purviance may do social work at the Wheat Ridge Tuberculosis Sanitarium for a year, if he so desires.

Always an exceptional student, Purviance was given a scholarship to Morgan after being graduated from Dunbar with honors. He is now studying under the GI Bill.

Purviance has been a member of St. Philip Church for 16 years. He plans to use the scholarship in September, but has not decided what school he will enter.

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Whites Protest Use of Clifton

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the folks of Dunbar (Dunbar High School) should have facilities.

However, we feel that it would serve a better purpose if it were placed in the general neighborhood of Dunbar. There are two park squares there, Johnson and Madison, also considerable slum property . . .

Used for a Long Period

Garrett—Any questions or discussion?

Dr. J. Ben Robinson, park board's school representative—I'd like to raise the point that this field No. 5 has been a facility for Dunbar for quite some time. The proposal made by the School Board, and agreed to by the Park Board, was not to adopt a new policy, but to alter a form.

All we are doing is providing sanitary facilities for what is already there. The question here tonight has never been raised. I wonder why these objections have not been raised before.

Oakey — We have protested since 1940. But in 1941 the nation was concerned with much greater problems than recreation. Improvement associations were selling bonds.

Recalls Friction

During the war period, the facilities there were used by a mixed group. I've been told there was some friction and finally the white group moved off.

Moreover, when we knew that it was proposed for exclusive use of Dunbar, we protested vigorously, and will continue t odo so. I'm a property owner. I think we have just as much right to protect the value of our property as the board has to give colored folk facilities.

This area is 100% white. We want to keep it that way.

Harris (to Oakey)—What you are really objecting to is the concentration of colored sports, football, softball and track, in this one area, isn't that it?

Oakey—I don't know what you mean.

Harris—You would rather that colored people have access to the entire park facilities as any other citizen, such as they have with the golf courses—

Oakey—Certainly not!

Harris—Then you don't mean what you say when you say that the parks are the property of all citizens.

Forgets Statement

Oakey—Did I make such a statement.

Harris—Yes, you did. Now you've heard colored groups here tonight begging for facilities and telling of the miserable recreational facilities they have.

And you've seen attempts of the board to consider and reconsider, and study their recreational problems.

For your information, this board does have all of the parks. And the parks are the property of the people.

And don't you believe, as a good American citizen, that you are wrong when you deny certain people the use of all of the public parks?

Refuses to Discuss Merits

Oakey—You're raising issues I do not care to discuss in a gathering such as this. I'm not here to discuss the merits of colored folks or white folks!

Harris—You want the board to be informed, don't you?

Oakey—I've informed it. You represent the colored people—

Harris—I'm representing the citizens of Baltimore. I just happen to be colored.

Oakey—That's your viewpoint. I represent the people in Clifton.

Harris—And that is the issue at stake. But before you sat down, I just wanted you to know how this part of the board felt about it.

An Old Question

Garrett (to Oakey)—This question was raised when Dunbar wanted to use the tennis courts and athletic field in Clifton. This was a solution to that other alternative.

If you want this canceled, and have us go back to that other proposition . . .

Oakey—I'm just wondering if this trade means an end to the issue. I was active in the golf situation here since 1926. I gave material assistance to make the Clifton and Mt. Pleasant courses what they are today.

I was in court when the first suit was brought. You all know what happened . . . and now colored folks, to their entirety of 98, have individual days at Clifton and the rest, and six days at Carroll.

Fears a Repeat

I'm just wondering and the people I represent are fearful—we don't want the kind of thing that happened in Druid Hill to happen to Clifton.

Hammerman — What happened in Druid Hill?

Oakey—Well, colored got one beginning, then another. Now the park's almost all for colored.

Hammerman—Well, they're citizens. They're entitled to park property. You can't keep them out. They're taxpayers, aren't they?

Oakey—I'm concerned about Clifton. We don't want that to happen—

Hammerman — How can you make such an assertion.

Oakey—Now, I don't want to get into any such discussion.

Hammerman—You are into it. Besides, we're only going to improve in Clifton what's already there. There never has been any complaint before. Has there, Mr. Hook? (Mr. Hook is superintendent of parks).

Dunbar at Same Place

Hook—Dunbar has been using that same place almost since the school was built.

Oakey—Well, gentlemen, if that's the feeling, I see no reason to discuss it any further.

Garrett—Perhaps we'd better take it up in executive session.

There were six other school officials who attended the hearing, and listened without comment. They included Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of public instruction; Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools; Roszel C. Thomsen, president of the school board, and board members George W. F. McMechein, J. Trueman Thompson and Dr. D. C. Smith.

Protesting Groups

The white protesting groups are:

Belair-Edison Improvement Association, Alameda-Harford Neighborhood Association, Belair Road Improvement Association, Moravia-Walther Improvement Association;

Hamilton Improvement Association, Mayfield Improvement Association, Gardenville Improvement Association, Belair-Harford Road Baseball League, Clifton Improvement Association, Arcadia Improvement Association;

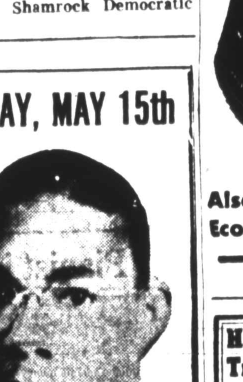
Woodlea Improvement Association, Gardenville Community Club, Belair Road Organizations, Inc., Waltherson Improvement Association and Shamrock Democratic Club.

Magistrate Slaps $35 Fine on Street Fighter

Charged with assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, Hubert Hayes, 26, of 615 Pierce St., was fined $35 on the first two counts in Western District police court Thursday.

Magistrate James Ellis dismissed the charge that Hayes allegedly placed his hands on the arresting officer, Ernest Schaefer.

However, he ruled against Hayes when Complainant Edward Suggs, 245 Pearl St., testified that Hayes struck and threatened him Wednesday evening.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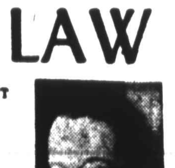
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Sewage Asked for Catonsville

Urban League Unit Cites Population Hike

The Baltimore Urban League Housing Committee met with Christian Kahl, president of the Baltimore County Commissioners, Tuesday, and urged that water and sewage facilities be extended to the Ingleside tract near Catonsville.

At the meeting, during which the citizens pointed out that a large increase in population is expected in that area in the near future, Mr. Kahl said the county commissioners also were interested in the suggested extension of utilities. He explained that the only question was whether or not the project would be economically feasible at this time.

Tract Called Suitable

The delegation, led by Edgar M. Ewing, said the tract, comprising 225 acres, is available for colored occupancy. A group spokesman said colored citizens constitute 20% of the total Baltimore population; live in less than 8% of the total residential space, but are 45% of the population living in blighted areas.

Citing low income and "artificial restrictions based on racial attitudes" as the two basic reasons for this condition, the committee stated that a substantial middle class group is developing that can pay its own way for housing in its class range.

Great for Future Project

And that of the three colored communities on the suburban fringe of the city, Turner Station, Towson and Catonsville, Catonsville offers the best possibilities for development since it is an established community of approximately 3,000 persons and has undeveloped land adjoining which is suitable for subdividing and building.

The committee pointed out that lack of utilities has retarded more rapid development. It also asked that the 12-inch Ingleside Ave. sewage line be extended to the Ingleside area.

Quote Figures

They also quoted figures released last year by G. Douglass Andrews, engineer, which predicted that the county population would increase three-fold by the year 2000. This would be an increase from 234,000 to 662,000.

In addition to Mr. Ewing, the committee included: G. Cheston Carey, chairman of the league's housing committee; Miss Frances M. Morton, Avon B. Collins, J. Arnett Frisby, James Murphy 3rd, and Alexander J. Allen, league executive secretary.

New Welfare Board Members Sworn In

Mrs. Vivian G. Alleyne, prominent civic worker, is shown with other new members of the Advisory Board to the Department of Public Welfare, as Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro swore them into office on Monday. Left to right, they are Harry B. Cohen, head of the Baltimore Federation of Labor; Thomas B. Sprague, merchant and former chairman of the Boys Village (Cheltenham) board of managers; and Dr. J. Canby Robinson, executive secretary of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Alleyne was a former case worker with the DPW.

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Search the Issue in Lottery Cases

On grounds of illegal search, new trial fotions will be filed for two persons convicted by Judge Robert France in lottery cases this week, Ernest Perkins, attornew, said Thursday.

In the case of J. Bernard Corbin, who was convicted in connection with a lottery squad raid on a Stricker St. home, Mr. Perkins contended that the description upon which the search warrant was based is faulty. Further, he said, Mr. Corbin lives elsewhere.

In the second case, involving John Matthews and the search of his Shields Pl. home, Mr. Perkins argued that the arresting officer erred when he entered the house because he suspected that what he saw from the door was a lottery book.

Sentence for both was suspended pending the new trial motions.

Disgusted Tenant Battles Landlord

Run-Down Apartment Improvements Sought

Incensed over the dilapidated conditions in his apartment, James Webb told the AFRO this week that he's determined to fight until some basic improvements, at least, have been made there.

Mr. Webb, who lives with his wife at 1529 Pennsylvania Ave., said that after bittert but vain conflicts with his landlord, he had appealed to the Health Department and the Building Inspector.

"Each agreed that something 'should be done,' but neither agency has aken steps to do anything," Webb told an AFRO reporter.

No Kitchen Facilities

Webb's semi-furnished, two room apartment is without heat, gas or water in the kitchen; its wndow panes are broken and the door sags on its hinges.

The second-floor bathtub, shared by the Webbs and four other tenants, is closely akin to a watering trough. It's rough-hewn and sparsely-painted. Besides, two of the four window panes on the bath room door are missing.

"The rent collector, Mrs. Louis Mazzulli, promised to furnish paint for the place, but I've been asking for three months and still haven't gotrten it," Mr. webb said.

He charged that after repeated promises to improve the premises had ben brokn, he decided to withhold the rent until some action was taken.

Court Rules for Tenant

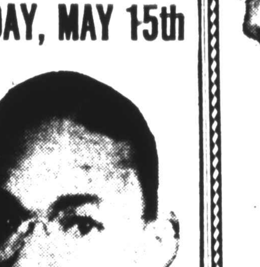
aAt that point, the property's leaseholder, Nick Faillar, obtained a summons in an effort to evict him. Appearing in People's Court on April 14, the landlord said he'd rather have the apartment than the rent.

But Webb refused to move and the court ruled he was entitled to stay there as long as he paid th rent.

Then on May 3, the former school teacher said, a constable came to move his things out, after he had paid the rent.

At press time, Webb and his landlord were still at odds. The landlord's latest eviction effort, Webb said, was revealed in a letter demanding his removal because the lease holder felt he (Webb) and his wife are not legally married.

Both the marriage certificate and landlord's letter are in the hands of his attorney, the upset tenant told the AFRO.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Recruiting Office to Be Open Thursday Nights

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The local recruiting office is in Room 344, Post Office Building. Major W. P. Munoz, main station commander, expects that soon the National Guard and Reserve will have reached their authorized strength. Thereafter, enlistments will only be accepted to replace discharges.

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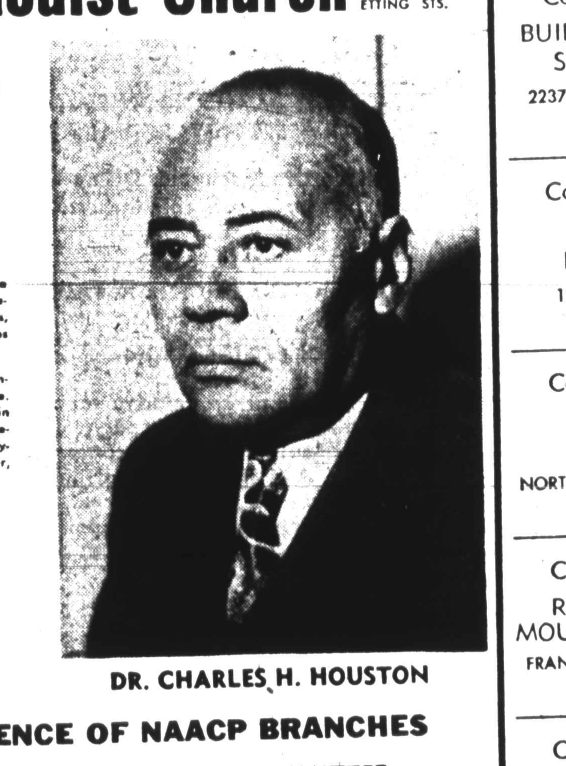
Dr. Houston's legal theory was the basis for a series of test cases which opened the University of Maryland Law School to colored students by the Maryland Court of Appeals, 1936; and the Supreme Court's decision in the University of Missouri Case in 1938, that a state cannot refuse to provide equal educational facilities within the state for Negroes, where it provides such facilities for whites within the state.

Helped break color bar in Pratt Library Training Courses and Municipal Golf Course Case. His argument led the Supreme Court, in May, 1948, to outlaw racial restrictive covenants as against public policy. Won Maryland Restrictive Covenant Cases December, 1948.



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