# Token Repairs of Streets Started in Cherry Hill

Workmen began repairing streets in the Cherry Hill area, this week, as the result of demands made last week by a neighborhood improvement group.

Although several streets are being widened or resurfaced, Mrs. Madeline Murphy, executive secretary of the Cherry Hill Community Committee, the protesting body, said the work is not as extensive as it should be.

**Petitions Being Pushed**

The committee, one of the city's most widely-known and influential neighborhood organizations, is now circulating petitions in an effort to have additional pavement laid in the community.

These petitions will be filed under Ordinance 729 which states that 60% of the home buyers of a given area must sign for pavement in their neighborhood.

Mrs. Murphy expressed confidence that the required number of petitions would be obtained.

**Repairs Listed**

City workmen are now resurfacing Bridgeview and Round Roads and are widening Round Road between Giles and Cherry Hill Roads.

They are also repairing the gutters at Bridgeview and Round Roads to improve drainage, and widening Cherry Hill Road on the turn between Waterview Ave. and Giles Road.

**Demands Partially Met**

All of these improvements were urged in letters sent by the Committee to Mayor D'Alesandro and the Department of Public Works.

In addition, the citizens' group asked that repairs be made to the intersection of Bridgeview and Round Roads where a fire plug often stands in high water.

Mrs. Murphy expressed satisfaction over the city's prompt action but said the committee would continue to press for more extensive improvements.

**Co-operative Action**

The co-ordinating committee is composed of representatives of each civic, religious and fraternal organization in the Cherry Hill area.

It has gained quite a reputation for its militant stand against the establishment of liquor-dispensing agencies in the community, which it has been successful in keeping out.

# Accused in Death of Grandfather

## Victim Struck With Walking Cane, Pitcher

Charged in the death of his 76-year-old grandfather, who died of a fractured skull, Purcell Thornton, 27, was held without bail, Thursday, in Northwestern police court for a State's Attorney's hearing.

The victim was Addison Burrell of 1117 Woodyear St., who died Wednesday night, some eight days after a reported fight with Thornton at the Woodyear St. address.

According to the report of Sgt. William B. Clayton, the younger man, of the 1200 block Winchester St., struck Mr. Burrell over the head with a cane and a glass water pitcher.

**Body Unclaimed at Morgue**

The elderly man was first treated at home by a private physician. On Saturday, however, four days after suffering the blows, Mr. Burrell entered Provident Hospital, where he died Wednesday night.

On Thursday afternoon, the body was unclaimed at the city morgue.

Capt. William C. Feehley of Northwestern said his officers knew nothing about the trouble until they learned of Mr. Burrell's death. He said that Thornton, a grandson, was picked up immediately and charged.

# Action Demanded on Unemployment

The Council for Jobs and Relief this week, urged Governor Lane to call a special session of the Legislature to provide 25,000 public works jobs to aid the State unemployment situation.

The demand was made in a letter signed by the Rev. M. L. Mosby, chairman of the council.

The letter contained a resolution adopted by several hundred persons at open air meetings at McMechen and Pennsylvania Avenue and at Perkins Square on Aug. 25 and 27, respectively. Both meetings were sponsored by the Council for Jobs and Relief.

The resolution said in part:

**Text of Resolution**

"About 100,000 persons in the State are unemployed, many more thousands have been cut back to part-time work. We can't eat ways of unemployment. We can't pay bills with figures on joblessness. We can't afford to hang around waiting for something to be done . . .

"The resolution accused the Governor of "stalling" and asked immediate relief in the form of 25,000 public works jobs, increased unemployment compensation, and more liberal relief benefit laws.

# AFRO Carriers Make Bus Trip to Skyline Caverns

Winners of a sales increase contest, these AFRO carriers are shown as they left for a trip to the Skyline Caverns in Front Royal, Va., where they were guided on a tour by Walter S. Amos, discoverer and curator of the caverns.

# 122 Carriers Visit Skyline Caverns

Winners of a sales increase contest, 122 lucky AFRO carriers visited the famous Skyline Caverns and the picturesque Skyline Drive in Front Royal, Va., last Wednesday.

These carriers earned the trip by selling 15 AFRO'S per week over their base number during the contest from June 7 to Aug. 13.

The bus trip covered 296 miles through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

**Bat Lands Within Caverns**

Accompanied by George T. Johnson and George Lee, AFRO circulation department officials, the carriers were guided through the caverns by Walter S. Amos, their discoverer and curator.

A picnic lunch prepared in the kitchen of the caverns was served in the picnic grove there. Afterwards, the group visited the Skyline Drive and returned to Baltimore by way of Washington.

**J. L. SNEAD TO LECTURE IN CHEMISTRY AT LINCOLN**

OXFORD, Pa. — Jonathan L. Snead, research chemist at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, will join the faculty at Lincoln University, as lecturer in chemistry, replacing Norman E. Gaskins, who is on leave of absence to study.

# Man, 65, Plunges 3 Floors to Death

John Burley, 65, 708 S. Hanover St., who fell to his death from a third-floor window of his home on Tuesday, was given funeral rites today (Friday) from an establishment in the first block of W. Montgomery St.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Burley was found lying face downward in a pool of blood in front of his home about 4 a.m. Carried to South Baltimore General Hospital in an ambulance, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

**Seemed Confused Monday**

The man occupied a third-floor bedroom at the Hanover St. address. J. Winnia, occupant of the house, said that on Monday night he had assisted Burley to bed when he came in about 11 p.m., mumbling and apparently confused.

He was not seen again until his unconscious body was found on the pavement below the open window.

Surviving him is a sister, Mrs. Martha Brown of 2520 McCulloh St.; and wife, Mrs. Bessie Burley.

Mrs. Burley struck it at Presbury and Calhoun Sts.

# Driver of Auto Struck by Trolley Sues BTC

Citing damages to his car and injuries to himself, Cornell Taylor of 2713 Spellman Rd., filed a $1500 damage suit, this week, against the Baltimore Transit Company.

Mr. Taylor, through the law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts, related that he was injured and his car almost demolished on March 11, when a trackless trolley struck it at Presbury and Calhoun Sts.

# 2 Youths Fined for Striking Clerk

Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick slapped $26.45 fines upon two high school youths, Thursday, when they pleaded guilty to striking a store clerk who said they had been molesting him for a year.

A third youth, Reginal Tabb, 19-year-old high school graduate, was acquitted on the assault charge when it was said he stood by and took no part in the affair.

Samuel Wilson, the clerk, of the 1900 block W. Lanvale St., said he traced the trio and had the youths arrested after he found Tabb's picture in the high school yearbook.

**Revenge Beating Charged**

Wilson accused the other youths, James Armstead, 18, and Bernard Clemens, 18, of "jumping" him and striking him in the mouth at McMechen and Division Sts.

He said they had been "picking on" him for some time because he complained about their behaviour in the store where he works.

Armstead of the 1000 block Mosher St. declared that Wilson invited the fight by saying something insulting and taking off his eyeglasses. Clemens of the same block Mosher St. said he simply tried to hold Wilson when he started after Armstead.

**OLIVET TO FEATURE PRAYER BANDS, CHORUSES**

A number of prayer bands and choruses from New York and Philadelphia will be featured in day-long services on Sunday at Olivet Baptist Church, Winchester and Gilmor Sts., where the Rev. W. L. Evans is pastor.


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# OPINION

## Tribute to the GAR

Out of six old men, all over 100 years of age who were able to get to the annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic, one of them is colored.

That is as it should be.

We hear a lot about Lincoln freeing the slaves or the North freeing the slaves. We fought for our freedom and did a very good job of it, as noted by the lists of casualties in every great battle of the Civil War.

This was the 82nd annual meeting for the men in blue, who fought to preserve the Union. It is no wonder that thousands turned out in Indianapolis to see these six old men ride by in automobiles.

There was a time when the GAR, which is the American Legion of that day, had a peak membership of over 400,000.

Older Baltimoreans will remember Decoration Days on which colored Grand Army men marched proudly down the city streets in their uniforms of blue, wearing their brown-enameled campaign buttons.

Following the end of the Civil War, 60,000 men paraded down Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue. That was a great spectacle, which lasted from morning until very late in the evening. It was mightier and more impressive than the 30,000 Legionnaires parading in Philadelphia last week.

But for an event that touched the heart strings, it took this last parade of the remnants of the Grand Army—six old men with ages varying from 102 to 110—all that are left of the men who helped to free the slaves and who fought with Lincoln, Grant and Sherman.

## Let's Not Muzzle the Press

The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City is appealing to the United States Supreme Court for permission to curb the freedom of the press.

It wants newspapers barred from publishing confessions and other information about crimes before the case is decided in the court on the theory that such publication prejudices a jury.

Able and high-minded Attorney General Hall Hammond, in his petition to the high court in Washington, declares that in the recent James case, counsel for James discarded the idea of asking a jury trial because they thought it would be impossible to find a jury that had not read the stories in the newspapers and been influenced by them.

Mr Hammond's argument lacks some validity. In cases involving colored and white people every lawyer knows that it is almost impossible for a colored man to get a fair trial. White jurors are swayed not by something they read in the newspapers but by their own prejudices. These prejudices exist whether or not anything appeared about the case in the newspapers.

Legal records show that the rate at which colored people are convicted for all kinds of grimes is far out of proportion and that this is due largely to race prejudice.

It is far more important for the press to be free to criticize juries, courts, and state's attorneys at the time of the crime than to be compelled to wait until the trial is over and the people have forgotten about it.

The time for the AFRO to condemn police brutality in a case is when that case is in the courts and no court ruling should stop us from a fair and what we consider an even tempered discussion of any case at bar.

## Treat All Pupils Fairly

School opens next week, and there is every evidence that there are not enough seats for the 3,000 children who will be required to double up and attend certain schools in two sessions.

There would be no objection to these two-session schools except for the fact that it is standard practice and the best practice to have the children go to school in the morning when both teachers and pupils are fresh.

In addition, there is no good reason why some of the school buildings in this city should be overcrowded, while others have empty seats for 300 or 400 children.

The fact that these half empty schools are in neighborhoods where the residents are predominately white is no reason why colored children should not go to those schools. The NAACP is derelict if it does not take that issue to the court.

If there is an elementary school with empty seats in your neighborhood, your child is entitled to attend that school rather than a school somewhere else which is over-crowded and is required to have two sessions.

## Labor Day

Monday is Labor Day. Thousands will hie themselves away to the various beaches and resorts nearby to take advantage of the long week-end.

The AFRO takes this opportunity to warn you to be careful. There are more automobiles on the streets now than ever before. That means that more persons will be on the highways.

It also should mean that everybody will be more careful, but unfortunately it does not. If every driver would be as considerate of the other fellow as he desires that fellow to be of him, there would be far fewer accidents.

When you get ready to "hog" the road, or refuse to dim your lights or pass another vehicle at a blind corner, remember that your life is in just as much danger as the other fellow's.

Let's try to make this a safe Labor Day. Let's make ourselves a committee of one to see that every laborer gets back to his job Tuesday safe and sound.

## Cultural Programs Increase

A preview of the fall schedule of coming events indicates that opportunities for cultural advancement are on the increase.

A number of first-class educational programs, art cinemas and exhibits, concerts and plays are scheduled for the Baltimore Museum of Art, Walters Art Gallery, the Maryland, Morgan and Lyric Theatres and Peabody Institute.

These presentations ought to attract capacity audiences.

# The American Legion Today Was the G. A. R. Then

Pictured at American Legion Convention in Philadelphia are James B. Lomack, Byron E. Dunn, Gail T. Judd and William H. Kelson, all of Washington. Tribute is paid in accompanying editorial to the GAR which was the American Legion of the post-Civil War Period.

## sob sister

Guess They Are All Sisters Under the Skin

by Ruth Jenkins

City police ran into a real honest-to-goodness pistol packin' mama last week.

The mother of a grown daughter, the 43-year-old woman was given a 90-day jail term for carrying the gun.

Such a situation would shock my grandmother no end. She was the domestic type who used to go around making speeches about woman's place being in the home.

On one of these occasions she stood on the platform at a church meeting fervently pleading with career-minded women to mend their ways and return to the comforting atmosphere of the kitchen.

"What is home without a mother?" she inquired.

The answer came immediately and clearly from the rear of the room, "Your twelve children!"

## come the millenium

by Louise K. Hines

. . . and . . almost lucky are the teachers who work now under the present administration.

More facilities, improved and often modern buildings and new equipment inspire them to do a better job. These tangibles represent a bit of Utopia to those who've come up the ranks the HARD way.

OVERBURDENED with excessive clerical work to be dragged out at a later date to prove a point . . on paper.

"SNOOPERVISED" by begrutled administrators who saw little beyond the mechanics, not the humanic, elements involved in a situation;

RELEASED from the senseless bonds of rigid time schedules;

PROVIDED with equipment to eliminate tedious, enervating, and seemingly endless HOME WORK;

PAID salaries more commensurate with the hours of summer and winter study to keep fashionably abreast of modern trends and techniques.

How I rejoice in the present lot of the teachers. How these things convince me, firmly that:

REPORTING is a wonderful job!

# Minority Group Bearing Brunt of Numbers Drive

Capt. Alexander Emerson of the vice squad estimates that there are more than 25,000 numbers writers in Baltimore.

Yet six times more colored persons than whites are arrested for lottery.

This indicates either that more than 21,000 colored people write numbers, or that a lot of white numbers writers are not being arrested.

**19% of Population Maligned**

And 21,000 is nearly one-tenth of the colored population in Baltimore.

Court records show that while the majority of white persons arrested for gambling are charged with bookmaking, the colored persons are charged with lottery.

Out of 20 persons convicted for lottery at Criminal Court in May, only 8 were white. Out of 20 persons convicted for lottery in June, only 5 were white.

At the same time, out of 20 persons convicted for bookmaking in May, only 1 was colored. And no colored persons was convicted of bookmaking in June, although 19 white persons were convicted, on these charges.

**Should Broaden Activities**

From such figures, it would seem that the colored population is bearing the brunt of the Police Department's campaign against the numbers.

**The campaign stemmed from Commissioner Beverly Ober's announcement that he was not satisfied with action taken against numbers racketeers and other gamblers by uniformed policemen in the various districts.**

Consequently, for a couple of weeks, colored persons were picked up wholesale, and charged with lottery for the possession of a player's slip.

There is nothing wrong with the Police Department's campaigning against gambling. But why doesn't it spread it out a little?

## scratch pad

Goodbye Summer
Chances Lost
Sleep On, People

by Mae Morris,

Now that the hot weather has just about gone its way, don't keep complaining to the Park Board this winter about the lack of swimming, tennis and other summer facilities.

You had three months in which to get something started, and not a person budged. Nobody went to Fort Smallwood Beach and demanded admittance; everybody just shouted that dinky pool for colored people in Druid Hill Park, but they swam in it just the same.

Not as usual as I know of got good and mad enough about the segregated golf courses to defy the system.

**Park Board Unchanged**

And I didn't hear any complaints about the lack of tennis facilities, so evidently everybody's satisfied.

Mayor D'Alesandro sat in his air-conditioned office, and nary a soul dropped in to remind him that terms of two members on the Park Board expired two months ago.

And those jim crow rest rooms would have stayed that way in Druid Hill Park if the AFRO had not gone to the park director and protested, but firmly.

Just keep on sitting back and letting things happen. And when the Park Board goes back into session, I'm going to join with it in telling the colored complainants, "Shame on you!"

ROBERT TURNER

## the pulse of the public

**Lauds Maryland's Policy**

Dear AFRO: I hope that the management of the Maryland Theatre will continue the sound policy of bringing good plays to Baltimore for ALL of its citizens.

It was heartening to see a number of colored persons on hand Wednesday night for the opening performance of "The Heiress." The atmosphere at the theatre was altogether wholesome.

This should pose a question in the minds of other downtown theatres of what IS and CAN be done in Baltimore.

(Mrs.) JANIE L. JACKMON

**World War II Vets Blessed**

Dear AFRO: If the veterans of World War II don't make a success out of life, it won't be because they didn't have an opportunity.

After being the highest paid soldiers of all time, they were discharged with bonuses ranging from $100 to $300; then given armed forces bonds averaging $200.

They also may obtain free training at Government expense plus money to live on while they are in training; and now comes a two-billion-dollar bonanza in the form of life insurance dividends.

**Many Other Advantages**

In addition they have countless other advantages in the form of guaranteed loans for business or homes, and until recently, $20 a week while they were unemployed.

I am not objecting to all this, being a veteran myself. I know they need everything that has been given and still more; but it adds up to a lot of something for nothing, and gives the ex-GI a big edge over his civilian brother.

ROBERT TURNER

**Sect's Doctrine Clarified**

Dear AFRO: As a Jehovah Witness minister, I would like to clarify certain statements made in your recent article on our sect. We do not preach that the world will end in 35 years or less than that time.

The Watchtower Society (the organization that prints and distributes our literature) was founded in 1889 as you reported, but not Jehovah's Witnesses.

Abel was the first Witness for Jehovah. Other Witnesses are Jeremiah, David and Jesus.

**Witnesses Prophets**

The Witnesses are the ones God is using to foretell of the coming destruction of the world.

Your coverage of the Jehovah's Witness convention was good with the exception of these statements, which may be misinterpreted by persons not familiar with our organization.

—JOSEPH JOHNSON

**Expression From Fans**

Dear AFRO: On Tuesday which was observed as Bill Byrd Night at Bugle Field, his club presented him a gold cup, while another club presented him with $38.

Being a ball player for 17 years is an accomplishment, and I thought that the baseball fans should have some means of showing their appreciation to him.

I think that the club should have passed the hat among the fans like they do at the white ball parks. Our players are great too and we should express our interest in them.

—(Mrs.) HELEN TRAFTON

Restaurant owners who are tired of customers scribbling on tablecloths can now buy Dennison's "Game Naps"—paper napkins with tickletoes and other games and puzzles printed on them.—Business Week.

An elderly Beacon Street butler claims he's serving his third degeneration.—Boston Transcript.

## newsbeat

by Rufus Wells

Are you completely happy?

A co-worker asked me this question today and I was unable to answer without reservations.

My offhand reply was that I am as happy as a poor man could ever be; but my colleague would not accept this as a satisfactory answer.

**Much Depends on Meaning**

Of course, much depends on just what is meant by "completely happy."

If the term means are you satisfied to let things remain as they are, to take life just as it comes without any plans or attempts to make things better for yourself, then I am not happy.

If it means are you adjusted to the environment and conditions in which you find yourself, I am happy.

**Readers May Take Part**

All which fails to produce a clear cut answer, so I'm passing the question on to the readers (if any) of this column.

Think it over a while, then drop a post card or letter to the city editor and give him your answer.

Whether the reply is negative or positive it should be substantiated by reasons to support your view. See what you can do with the query:

Are you completely happy?

Without ugliness there would be no beauty, and if you're afraid to know pain, you'll never know the value of pleasure.—Macdonald Carey.

A woman with her hair combed up always looks as if she were going some place, either to the opera or the shower bath.—Depending on the woman.—Orson Welles.

It really doesn't matter who you are, or where you came from —it's what you are, and where you're going that's important.—Ronald Reagan.

# Morgan Asks State for $799,000 in '51

Morgan College is asking the State of Maryland for an appropriation of $799,196 for the year 1951.

This is an increase of $193,000 over the year 1950.

The total budget of the college will be $1,230,871.

Of the budget, the college proposes to raise $225,000 from student fees, $130,000 from the board department, $24,000 from dormitory rentals, $26,000 from athletics and $35,575 from non-educational sources.

It estimates that in 1951 its student body will total 2,200.

**Smallest Per-Student Appropriation**

President Martin D. Jenkins pointed out that if the new budget is granted, the State will be appropriating to Morgan College $332 a year for each student, as compared with $610 for each student at Frostburg Teachers College, $640 at Towson Teachers College, $700 for each student at Salisbury Teachers College, $1250 for each student at Bowie and $1340 for each student at Princess Anne.

A survey of the college made by Dr. H. H. Linn of Columbia University on the building service manpower requirements at the institution showed that when the new gymnasium and the new classroom buildings are put into service 18 new housekeepers and janitors will be needed. Some present buildings are understaffed.

In the new budget, the college is requesting also provision for the positions of a director of admissions and placement, a senior typist, a senior clerk and 11 new teachers, to teach business education, chemistry, physical education, psychology and philosophy. Five assistants are requested in the departments of physics, English, economics, and physical education.

**Professors' Salary Increase Asked**

Top salaries for professors in special cases would be raised to $6,500. Top salary for a professor at Maryland State College (Princess Anne) is $6,500, plus board and lodging.

At the University of Maryland, professors are paid varying salaries—

Professor, head of the department of chemistry is paid $9,000; professor, head of the department of English, $7,500; professor, head of the department of mathematics, $7,200;

Professor, head of the music department, $6,500; professor, head of the sociology department, $6,700; dean of physical education, $7,000 and professors in the same department, $5,000.

Head football coach is paid $12,000 and an associate professor and graduate manager of athletics, $6,000 each.

# Old South Loses Typical Adherent in Mrs. Black

Mrs. Van Lear Black, widow of the late chief of the Baltimore Sun, who died last Wednesday, had the typical southern woman's attitude toward colored people.

She showed an early interest in the YWCA when it moved to 1200 Druid Hill Ave., making modest contributions to it because of its program to provide homes for working girls.

Although her household servants were colored and she expressed quite frequently to leaders in the colored community the apprehension that "the colored people might go communist."

**Proposed Periodic Propaganda**

She also thought that they ought to be called together from time to time and addressed by anti-communist speakers.

She was particularly concerned because a friend of hers had spent 18 months in a Russian prison. Therefore she offered to put up the money to provide these speakers.

Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal were far too liberal for Mrs. Black, so she took pleasure in repeating unsavory stories about him. In fact, she blamed Roosevelt for contributing to the rise of the Communists in this country.

**Version of FDR's Illness**

She told over and over again the story about him:

"Roosevelt did not have any infantile paralysis, it was plain paralysis.

"He was my husband's clerk, and one day drank 15 cocktails on our yacht. He then insisted on going to swim. Although we told him the water was too cold and he was too warm, he went anyhow.

"Some hours later one of the stewards came and reported that Mr. Roosevelt was sick and that his face was purple. He insisted on being taken ashore and we sent him in a small boat.

"At the pier he got another ducking, because he thought he was able to get ashore under his own steam. Instead, he fell into the water. The next day he was paralyzed."

**Called Him Wastrel**

Mrs. Black also said that FDR should never have been elected President because he couldn't manage money, including his private business.

"Because he had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy and knew important people," the late Mrs. Black often asserted, her husband's business, the U.S. Fidelity and Guarantee Company, hired him as its New York agent.

They had to let him go because he "lost so much money for the company," she said.

According to Mrs. Black, any man who could not handle the insurance business efficiently, certainly could not satisfactorily conduct the business of this country.

## backstage

by Warren Gardner

Sometimes the most important news of the week isn't in the headlines or along the grapevine.

To be emphasized in these columns are event must have certain ingredients, to wit: proximity, timeliness, human interest or some unusual element.

This week's news is behind the headlines, and it's sad for those of us who love to eat and live for the same purpose.

Before you get too confused, here's the point. It seems we have to breathe deeply and take another notch in our belts. First the breadbasket was affected by high prices, then came low wages. Now, of all things, food's getting scarce. Or so the scientists tell us.

They say the earth's getting crowded, crowded with people but not with plants and the other animals we've been used to eating. At present the earth is inhabited with one billion, nine hundred million more of us than existed three centuries ago.

**Just Can't Produce It**

There are less than two acres of cultivable land per person, while two and one-half are—required to produce minimum food needed for health.

Moreover, the land is being spoiled. Billions of tons of topsoil are being washed away through erosion each year.

This discouraging news was made known at Lake Success, where scientists are meeting to solve the problem of producing food for the expanding population.

The scientists concluded that whether you like it or not it would be best to start adjusting your taste buds to sea food.

Of course, the problem is limited to the earth. All of which suggests that inter-planetary farming may be in the offing.

## birthdays this week

*Time is a test of trouble,*
*But not a remedy.*
*If such it proves, and proves too,*
*There was no malady.*

—DICKERSON.

The AFRO extends congratulations and best wishes to these persons who celebrate birthdays next week:

September 4—Mrs. Helena Somerville, 637 Dolphin St.; Miss Martha W. Conway, 2412 Madison Ave.; Mr. Francis Buchanan, 1112 W. Pratt St.; Mrs. Matthew Davis, 1500 Madison Ave.; Miss Elizabeth Dixon, 1400 Hoffman St.; Miss Doris Cooper, 4430 St. Georges Ave.

September 5—Miss Golden Pipes, 818 N. Arlington Ave.; Miss Rosalind E. Allen, 1223 N. Lafayette Ave.; Mrs. Sadie Snowden, 1028 N. Eutaw St.; Mr. Lavenia B. Wilson, 321 Druid Hill Ave.

September 6—Mrs. Beulah Conyer, 538 W. Biddle St.; James E. Wooten, 2418 Clifford St.; Miss Mildred Williams, 1000 Ave. B, Williamsburg; Mr. Griggs, 2032 Division St.; Dr. Rayner Brooks, 1800 E. Madison St.

September 7—Mrs. Velma W. Dunn, 1909 Division St.; Miss Evelyn Thomas, 1018 W. Lafayette Ave.; Mrs. John E. Hill, 2441 Woodbrook Ave.; Mrs. Sadie Murphy, 2427 Madison Ave.

September 8—Mr. Lowell Lindsay, 1504 Baker St.; Luther C. Mitchell, 1108 Harlem Ave.; J. E. Barnes, 2029 McCulloh St.

September 9—Mattie Dotts Thomas, 1300 Madison Ave.; Alfred A. Dixon, 1117 Whitelock St.; Mrs. Isabella Byrd, 10 Roberts Ave., Catonsville, 364; Mrs. Rebecca Jackson, 461 McCulloh St.; Mrs. Mary G. Pate, 1329 Mosher St.; Emerson Parker, 1231 W. Lafayette Ave.

September 10—Harry Cooper, 1852 N. Carey St.; Mrs. Ida Ashley, 912 Harlem Ave.; Leonard Patterson, 728 N. Carrollton Ave.

Other means having failed, a blowtorch is being used to remove the lipstick kisses that happy divorcees plant on the Reno courthouse stone pillars in the first flush of freedom.—Newsweek.

## How Workers Benefit From Social Security

The Federal Security Agency this week calls attention to Labor Day as one of the great national holidays set aside to commemorate and honor strides and advancements made by the American worker.

For the past 13 years the Government has been helping Americans generally, to attain financial independence in old age and in the event of death. This fight is waged through the Federal old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act.

This family insurance program is a three-way partnership of workers in industry and commerce, their employers and the United States Government.

It provides monthly cash benefits for the insured worker and qualified members of his family on the retirement of the wage earner after reaching the age of 65, and for the worker's family on his death at any age.

## Mount Vernon Park

(Editor's Note: The following poem was written by a white New Yorker who was inspired to write it while on a visit to Baltimore.)

Proud cities set up statues to their great,
To those who served the public or the State,
Whose fiery words or deeds can spur us yet,
Or selfless courage—Eager, Lafayette,
Peabody, Wallis, Noble Washington
High on his column. But this other one,
Sitting reflective on his tasselled seat,
Why did the city fathers think it meet
To immortalize his figure and his face,
Here in the church-square in Mount Vernon Place?
Roger Burke Taney, he whose only claim
To history's notice lies in his ill-fame:
A justice judged by Time, of narrow vision
Remembered only for that wrong decision.
Of what he said one sentence we select:
"The black man has no rights we need respect"
—Is it too much to hope it will be wrecked,
Some day, my friends, this statue glorifying
One whose ideas, we trust, are quickly dying?
And do you think the city fathers would
Raise in its place a bronze group "Brotherhood"?

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