Cab Co., Motorist Face $15,000 Damage Suit

Mrs. Katie P. Billups of 1718 Division St., filed a $15,000 damage suit, this week, against the Yellow Cab Co. and a motorist.

Through Amos I. Meyers, attorney, Mrs. Billups sued for injuries she received last Aug. 3, when the cab in which she was a passenger collided at Robert and Division Sts., with a car driven by Taylor Gamble of the 500 block E. Preston St.

Metropolitan GOP Club to Invade East Baltimore

Flushed with the success of its first test of strength, the Metropolitan Republican Club announced, this week, that it would invade East Baltimore for its next rally.

The new GOP non-factional group is expected to make plans at an executive committee session on Feb. 12.

The club's first rally was held in the Pythian Castle, last week, before an overflow interracial audience. It featured talks by top uptown and downtown Republicans as well as endorsements of the following persons:

Charles H. Dorsey, one of the club's leaders, as a replacement for Marse Callaway as leader of the Fourth District; Dr. Henry Davis as GOP candidate from the same district; and Tim Bright as Gubernatorial candidate.

Ready for Fight

Also announced this week was the affiliation of three independent clubs within the Metropolitan fold. These are the East Baltimore, Biddle and McMechen St. Republican Clubs.

"We're gaining strength and preparing to battle these old buzzards (old-line Republicans) right down to the wire," asserted Mr. Dorsey in making the report.

He also said the club is seeking "qualified men" as ward leaders and that these men will "replace some of the unsatisfactory ones now holding office."

The group is expected to pick its slate for members of the GOP City Committee at its executive meeting.

Flay Club Dinner

Switching from remarks about the club's plans, Mr. Dorsey took a slap at the Alexander Hamilton Club's dinner, which is slated, Saturday, for a lily-white group, declaring:

"Stanley Scheer and others have indicated they won't be at the dinners. And you can take my word for it Jacob France realizes our strength and our feelings and he won't attend either."

He was joined by Tim Bright, who said, "They've shouted about having 500 guests at their affair, but I'll give them $1 for each person over 200."

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Girl Scout Troop 159 Invests Nine

Girl Scout Troop No. 539 of Turner Station recently held an investiture service and program at the Ernest Lyon Community Center.

Among the features were special numbers, group singing and dances. The investiture was in the form of a play, "Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice," written by Miss Louise Tyler, one of the troop's former scouts.

Neophytes Named

Those invested were: Valeria Greer, De Reath West, Peggy Beason, Julia Brown, Loretta Burrell, Mary McKenzie, Vera Hardy, Barbara Stewart and Wilmar Clanton.

Also taking part in the program were: Cynthia Adams, Sandra Tilghman, Marion Patton, Sandra Henley, Jeanette Groves, Gloria Ford, Betty Jean Ezell, Delores Barnes and Marylin Burke.

The leader of the troop is Mrs. Felicia Adams, who is also chairman of the Turners Station Girl Scout Neighborhood Association.

FATHER COSTONIE ORDERED TO PAY $7 WEEKLY FOR CHILD

NEW YORK — A temporary order, directing Father Kiowa Costonie to pay $7 a week toward the support of a child which he claims is not his, was made permanent last Wednesday in Family Court.

Music Institute Choir Helps Dimes Campaign

The Baltimore Institute of Music Choir sang Saturday at the March of Dimes booth at Lexington and Howard Sts. Mrs. Mercedes Douglass directs the choir.

'Private Eye' Given Rights of Policeman

After listening to assorted expert witnesses and two debating lawyers, Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick decided, Wednesday, that a private detective may call himself an officer of the law.

The Northwestern District magistrate also dismissed assault charges placed against each other by the white detective and a 24-year-old man whose car he sought to repossess.

Principals in the case were Richard Wright, white, of the 2600 block Lauretta Ave., and John Young, 5600 block Warbler Ct. Both Wright and Young were charged with striking each other, and Wright was accused of impersonating an offficer.

Tried to Reppssess Car

Both were arrested, Tuesday night, by Officer Robert West when Wright tried to take Young's car after alleged default of payments to a finance company.

Young said the detective approached his car at Fulton and Pennsylvania Aves., ordering him to pull over to the curb.

Wright then told him, Young testified, he was taking Young's car because of payments in arrears. A quarrel followed with Young and Wright allegedly threatening and striking each other.

Wright was represented by Albert Wheltel, while Maurice Siegel argued in Young's behalf.

Firms Methods Not Involved

After listening to testimony, Magistrate Fitzpatrick told the defendants, witnesses and attorneys:

"This court is not concerned with the method used by finance companies in repossessing cars, except, of course, to see to it that they don't use violence. Our main concern is whether these men were struck and whether one of them impersonated an officer.

"Since both have said they weren't struck and since Mr. Wright is licensed, I'm dismissing the cases."

$9,000 Awarded Loader for Injury

Compensation totaling $9,000 was ordered this week by the State Industrial Accident Commission for a worker injured when he fell from a truck while loading bananas.

Edward Tibbs of 1238 E. Eager St., was loading the bananas on a truck for a fruit company in April, 1948 when the truck pulled away from the platform and he fell to the ground. Mr. Tibbs suffered head and back injuries.

His award, according to Amos I. Meyers, attorney, includes $7,500 for total disability, and $1500 for temporary disability.

4 Women Obtain State Job Posts

Appointments of four women to positions in the State Department of Employment Security were announced, this week.

The workers are:

Mrs. Annie C. Johnson of 1414 N. Bond St., who was appointed junior clerk in the unemployment compensation division; Mrs. Mary Graves of 639 Hillview Rd., senior clerk in the same division;

Mrs. Mae E. Faulkner, 2206 Walbrook Ave., tabulating equipment operator, unemployment compensation division; and Miss Alease Davenport, 402 Bloom St., junior typist, employment service division.

College Fund to Be Explained Here

A brief outline of the United Negro College Fund drive will be given at a meeting held at the Masonic Temple, 1431 McCulloh St., on Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

Speakers will include Dr. William A. Fountain, president of Morris Brown College William Trent Jr., director of the college fund, and Burton M. Parks of the Baltimore Association of Commerce.

Devotionals will be offered by the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant and musical selections will be sung by the junior choir of Union Baptist Church. Paul Swett is chairman of the drive and Dr. Willard W. Allen, co-chairman.

The Weather

Partly cloudy with the highest temperature in the 40's, is the local Weather Bureau's forecast for today (Friday). The temperature is expected to drop in the afternoon.

League Plans Open House for 3 Former Executives

Three former executive directors of the Baltimore Urban League will be guests of honor Feb. 12 at "Open House" to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the local League office. The week will mark the League's silver anniversary celebration.

The guests, all of whom are now associated with the League either nationally or on a larger city basis, are:

R. Maurice Moss, associated executive director, National Urban League; Edward S. Lewis, executive director, Urban League of Greater New York; and J. Harvey Kerns, assistant director of research, National Urban League.

First League Executive

Mr. Moss was Baltimore's first League executive. A graduate of Columbia University and the New York School of Social Work, he headed the local organization from 1924-29. He was the founder of the Health Week Marathon which now is an annual Urban League event.

Mr. Moss served in the Pittsburgh office before taking the national position.

Mr. Lewis, a graduate of the University of Chicago, came to Baltimore from a League position in Kansas City in 1931 and served as local executive until 1942. Mr. Kerns came to Baltimore from Cincinnati, and headed the Baltimore office for two years.

Other Special Events

Other special events that will highlight the week's activities include:

A public meeting Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., at Central Pratt Library, featuring Belford V. Lawson, attorney, and national president, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and Joseph H. Morrow, personnel manager, Pitney-Bowes, Inc.;

City-wide youth rally, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m., Polytechnic Auditorium, featuring Levi Jackson, Yale University football captain; and Jim Lacy, Loyola College basketball star and;

Dinner on Feb. 20

Silver anniversary dinner meeting, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m., Morgan College Refectory, with Dr. Paul F. Douglass, president of American University in Washington, as speaker.

The League's industrial department will hold a luncheon meeting at the Madison Ave. YWCA on Feb. 16, at 12:30 p.m., when Mr. Morrow will speak, along with Julius A. Thomas, director of the industrial relations department of the National League.

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85-Year School Segregation Ends Peacefully in Ill. City

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—The fear of racial outbreaks as the 85-year-old segregation policy of the school system was ended here on Monday, Jan. 30, proved unjustified, as 109 colored pupils enrolled in six schools formerly reserved for white pupils only and two white pupils began attending a school that had been restricted to colored ones.

The ending of the jim-crow school system took place as eight police cars, with six officers in each, patrolled the school areas. The police had been put on a 12-hour day and all furloughs had been cancelled in anticipation of trouble, but on Monday night, the officers had not a single racial disturbance to report.

The Board of Education's move to abandon its segregation policy was made in order to keep the city from losing $677,989 yearly in State aid. The Illinois Legislature, at its last session, denied State funds to any school district that violated the State anti-segregation law. The law has been largely disregarded in Southern Illinois, which borders on States with segregation policies.

HIT BY CAR, WOMAN SUFFERS BROKEN LEG

Struck by a car Thursday evening at Bond and Orleans Sts., Miss Inez Bonner, 27, of the 1700 block Orleans St., suffered a fractured leg.

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Sob Sister
He Took Her "For Richer, Or Poorer"

By Ruth Jenkins

There is a case pending in Criminal Court of a husband who accuses his wife of stealing $40,000 from him while working as bookkeeper in his automobile business.

It's a good thing he had a bookkeeper, honest or otherwise, because his figgering is all screwy. How does he figger she stole money from him, when, as his wife, it belonged to her anyhow?

Just Collecting Endowment

Didn't he promise, "With my worldly goods I thee endow?" She was just helping him endow it.

But being a man, he has no sense of values. When she took his name, he was proud. When she took his love, he was happy. But when she took his money, he hollered. Aren't a good name and true love more important than filthy lucre?

Should Have Taken All

Wives have a cute little habit of going through their husband's pockets and taking four dollars. Going through a husband's business and taking $40,000 is the same little harmless sort of thing.

If the young lady is guilty, she made her fatal mistake by leaving him sufficient money to hire a lawyer to prosecute her. Here's hoping that next time, she gets the whole shebang.

Scratch Pad
Charters Versus Human Beings Kicks and Slaps in the Teeth You're Just Like the Bear!

By Mae Morris

For Heaven's sake, people, wake up and go to the polls next time you're able.

Remember a few months ago when citizens by the dozen begged and pleaded with the City Council to nix J. Marshall Boone's reappointment to the park board?

The complaints about Boone's attitude toward equal rights came by the score and measured a mile long. And you know what happened.

The councilmen, all of them, looked out of the windows, gazed up at the ceiling, smoked their cigars, and coolly voted "aye" for Boone's re-appointment.

Which Violation Is the Worse?

Now comes Councilman Bill Muth four months later with a resolution to oust Boone from the park board. And why?

Well, because, says Muth, the man has violated the City Charter by supporting practices which led to fraud charges against a contractor for the city.

"Holy Smokes!" I say to Muth. "So violating the City Charter is worse than violating human rights!"

Muth won't argue with me, but he promises to read this column because I promise to give him Hades in it.

Don't Always Wait for Invites

And here're a few additional "bah's" for councilmen from the Sixth District who didnt attend groundbreaking exercises for the new elementary school this week because "we weren't invited."

A poor excuse. As a matter of fact, they didn't even know the school is located in their district.

But I'll betcha they'll be issuing plenty of invitations when its time for parents of these schoolchildren to vote for a new City Council.

I'm telling you, pal, in the minds and hearts of the City Fathers, you ain't nowhere!

Random Jottings
A Few Words on Politics and Votes Otherwise Known as Short Shots, Land Hither, Thither and Yon

By Warren Gardner

SHORT SHOTS

Must've been a stroke of genius that prompted me to call this space random jottings.

Each week I tell myself, "Now's the time for some words of cosmic significance, something 'heavy,' something lasting." But, as you know, I just haven't gotten around to any such stuff.

Of course, there are mitigating factors. Monday and Tuesday have a way of being filled to the brim with routine assignments and sudden developments.

Upping Deadline One Factor

In addition, some character (pardon me, boss) keeps upping my deadline. A few months ago it seems I assembled my scrambled thoughts just before the paper went to bed. Now things are so bad that the next column's being begged for before the previous one hits the streets.

Then, of course, there's such a thing as being where the news is not. That's where I find myself this week. That also makes reason number three and leaves me up to my neck in a mess of papers, notes and releases — all currently sprawling on my desk.

How's about taking an excursion through them?

First, we have the Baltimore branch NAACP and its annual vote registration drive. Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson will tell you the NAACP plans to corral 1000 workers for this effort which will open in a few weeks.

Against Muscling In

The lady, whose overflow energy has been likened to Niagara Falls, will also tell you she's quite upset by the Dems and GOP'ers who are trying to muscle in on her line of activity.

A concerted Democratic effort about four months ago had the Republicans screaming that the Dems were luring unsuspecting folk to the court house with promise of everything from government jobs to Cadillacs.

And, in a recent unity session, several GOP leaders announced in no uncertain terms that they couldn't expect to win in '50 and '52 if they continued to allow themselves to be outwitted at the registration game.

Seems that vote registration is catching on. And I think it's a good thing, partisan or non-partisan, although—in this age of super bombs—we just might arrive at the point where it won't make too much difference.

QUIT YOUR KIDDING

Next comes a release from a committee boosting Royden A. Blunt as GOP nominee for governor. The release says:

"It is the opinion of those who have prevailed upon Mr. Blunt to endeavor to seek the Republican nomination for governor that, by reason of his aloofness from political factions he is the one outstanding man under whose banner all factions could unite."

It might be added that Mr. Blunt is a master at the art of faux pas. Addressing a recent uptown meeting, he demonstrated that there is, or certainly should be, a place for public relations men.

Number one, everything was supposed to be "unity" at the meeting. It was, to everybody except Mr. Blunt. He was for himself and kept telling everyone about it.

Also, he was all too obvious in his attempts to be "at home" with the uptown folk.

"This isn't my first trip to Pennsylvania Ave.," he exclaimed proudly.

"So what," hissed a listener.

What's His Definition?

Then Mr. Blunt turned to chatter about his "progressive" attitude. He said:

"My record speaks for itself. I was the first manpower director of the War Manpower Commission and I saw to it that they used colored workers.

"I also take care of the employees at my plant. (He's president of a glass company.) Every year I see to it that, when my white workers have a party, the colored ones also have their party."

That wasn't all. Mr. Blunt, who seems to fashion himself as something of an emancipator, went on in the same vein. But I don't think too many were paying serious attention to his remarks. If he intends to be anybody's governor, he's got a lot to learn.

newsbeat

By Rufus Wells

The rat race is on. On Tuesday, newspaper headlines screamed the fact that America has officially entered the race to produce the hydrogen bomb, a weapon reportedly 1000 times more powerful than the famed atomic bomb.

The entire world awaited President Truman's announcement which gave the green light for this country to begin work on the super bombs.

Some authorities say Russia already is at work on the H-bomb, described by some as the hell bomb, and if we don't get started soon, we'll lose the race.

We'll Lose Anyway

The truth is that we will lose the armaments race whether we make the bomb or not.

Once scientists of the two world powers — America and Russia — decide to use their knowledge to unleash the forces of nature in the form of destructive weapons, the race is already lost for both participants.

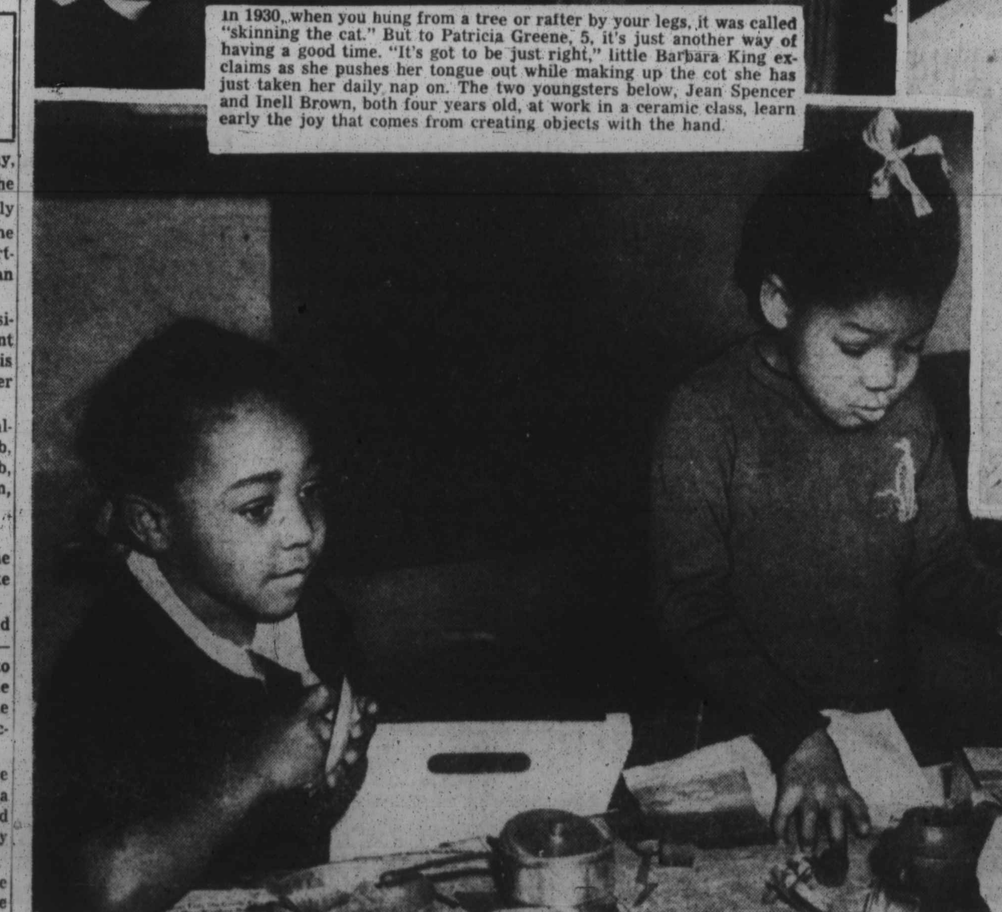
Last Saturday Henry A. Wallace said the scientists could produce a bomb so powerful that it would ignite the atmosphere and destroy the world.

If the armaments rat race reaches this point, it won't make any difference which country sets off the bomb.

Their Hearts Are Young and Gay

Although he's just a young fellow, Roland Brown, age 4, lends a helping hand to his feminine schoolmate, Reade Thompson, who's 3-years-old. Didn't take him long to learn the ways of a gentleman, huh? The little lady who seems to be most interested in getting the proper atmosphere in her watercolor sketch is Joan Patterson. The nursery school gives the kiddie of today a chance to delve in what may be his or her future of tomorrow.

In 1930, when you hung from a tree or rafter by your legs, it was called "skinning the cat." But to Patricia Greene, 5, it's just another way of having a good time. "It's got to be just right," little Barbara King exclaims as she pushes her tongue out while making up the cot she has just taken her daily nap on. The two youngsters below, Jean Spencer and Inell Brown, both four years old, at work in a ceramic class, learn early the joy that comes from creating objects with the hand.



Do these youngsters who attend the nursery school located in School No. 112, Laurens and Calhoun Sts., take you back to the time when your heart was young and gay? The smiling faces, the sober faces, the careless ways, they're all part of that segment of life we live only once. Last week, AFRO Camerman Henry Phillips took these candid shots of children, busy with their daily school routines. Close your eyes and travel back a few years. Remember when?