Pupils Dramatize Life of Banneker at Service

A dramatization of the life of Benjamin Banneker, Wednesday, highlighted a History Week tribute to the noted Maryland scholar by the Catonsville school named in his honor.

The proposed memorial service at Banneker's grave was postponed because of rain. The entire school was to have attended ceremonies, including the placing of a wreath on his unmarked grave.

In the play held in the school's auditorium, Albert Yancey portrayed Banneker as a boy, Chester Whye had his role as a young man, and Charles Gross played Banneker in later years.

Two Narrators

Charlotte Brown was master of ceremonies while Page Brooks and Alice Smith served as narrators. Players were:

Eleanor Allen, Robert Carter, Leroy Kennedy, Alfred Smith, Thomas Anderson, Dwight Hines, Dennis Whittaker, David Green, Willima Ebb, Richard Singletary, Leroy Nichols, Betty Allen, Inez Smith, Alice Whye, Violet Johnson, Constance Scott, Leroy France, Donal Carter and Edgar Scott.

Music was provided by the girls choir which included: Peggy Randall, Delores Cooper, Fannie Stewart, Mary Scott, Barbara Kennedy, Elvira Allen, Deneece Smith and Romaine Ebb.

Albert Yancey, eighth grade core class pupil, and Constance Scott of the seventh grade, wrote the following poems:

A TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN BANNEKER

Thanks to thee,
Dear Benjamin Banneker,
For whom our school was named;
Although you died many years ago,
Your spirit still remains.
We know you left us a heritage,
One that our school will forever cherish,
That's why we are honoring you today,
And saying "thanks" in a friendly American way.

— Constance Scott

BENJAMIN BANNEKER

He was born a free man
In this new world.
The gifts he received from God
Were like a rare pearl.
He was brought up well.
Yes, strong and reliable.
He read with grandmother
Stories from the Bible.
For here in Maryland
With his splendid co-operation
Benny and his father
Had quite a tobacco plantation.
Then came the time
For him to get his pay,
His fine tobacco was burned
And he was cast away.
He went on his way
And by and by
He met a friend
Named Josef Levie.
As he talked with Josef
Benjamin began to rejoice
For Joseph had a dial
That ran by its own force.
He said to Benjamin,
"This watch belongs to me,
But you take it, my lad,
It may be a key."
And it was a key,
And it opened a lock,
Yes, Benjamin Banneker
Made the first clock.

— Albert Yancey

DR. J. W. KING TO BE LAST PUBLIC FORUM SPEAKER

Dr. John W. King of Morgan State College will speak at the YWCA's final public affairs forum on "Civil Liberties and Democracy," at 8 p.m. on Thursday. A question period will follow.

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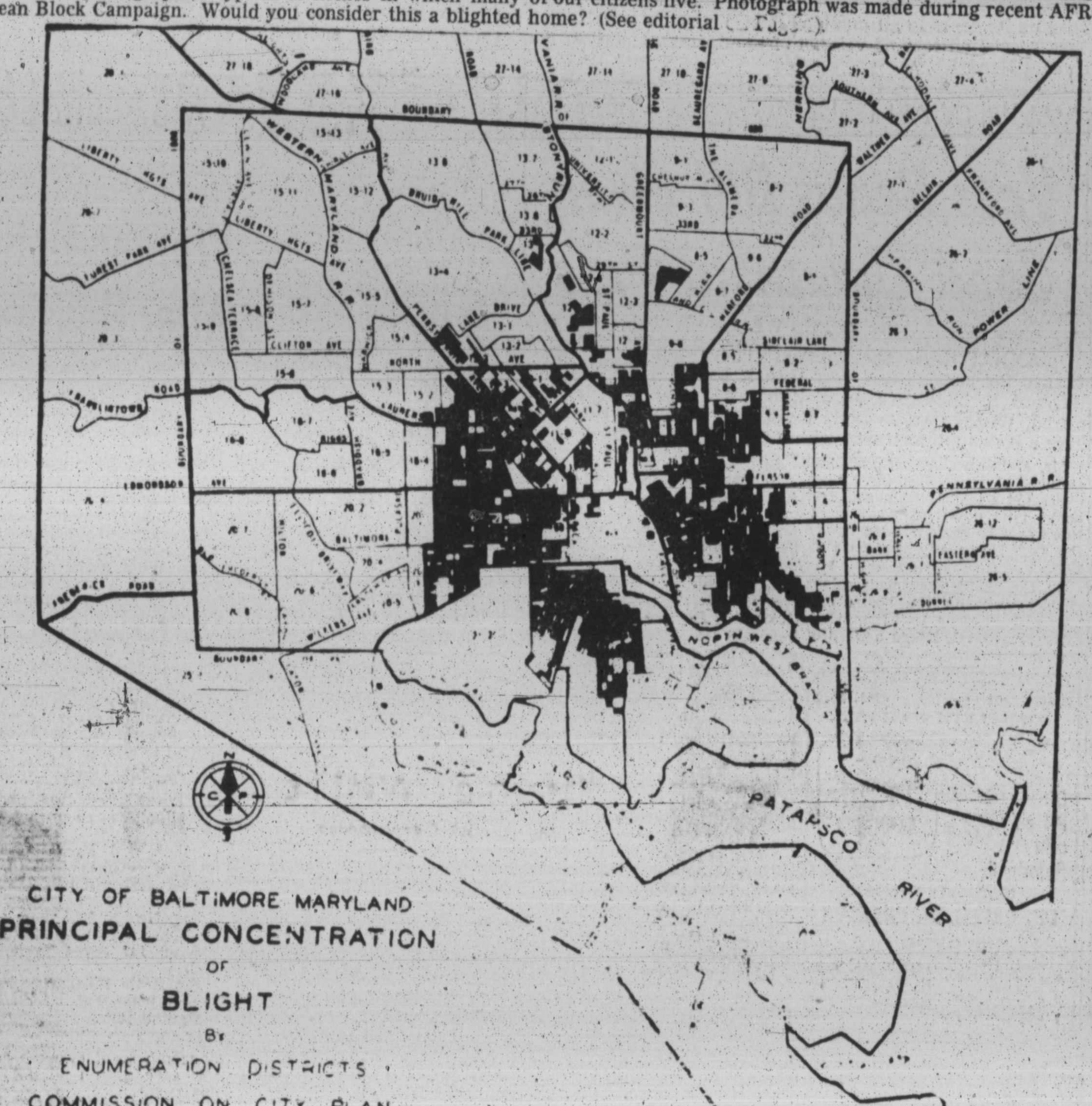
All Homes In This Area Can Not Be Considered Blighted

The above photograph is typical of homes in which many of our citizens live. Photograph was made during recent AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Would you consider this a blighted home? (See editorial ... Page ...).



Shown above is a map of the Baltimore area referred to as "blighted" in the 1945 report, "Redevelopment of Blighted Residential Areas in Baltimore," prepared for the Commission on City Planning. Is your home in this area?

Edwards May Remain in Prison Death House Until New Trial

With his court-appointed attorney on vacation, and State officials apparently in a quandary as to where he belongs, Thomas A. Edwards seems destined to remain in the penitentiary death house until his new trial is held.

Whens the Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for Edwards, who had been convicted of the Glen Burnie double murders, there were reports that the youth would be moved immediately from the death row to the Baltimore City Jail.

Then problems began to arise. Warden Swenson of the penitentiary said he had no orders to remove Edwards and cannot do so until orders are given either by the State's Attorney's office of the Governor.

Governor Denies Jurisdiction

A spokesman for the Governor said that office had no jurisdiction, since the Baltimore trial court had committed Edwards to penitentiary custody. He suggested that the State's Attorney for Baltimore be queried.

Anselm Sodaro, assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, who helped the prosecution in Edwards's first trial, said his office could not order the defendant removed from the death row. He suggested that penitentiary officials be consulted.

Meanwhile, William J. McWilliams, Edwards's court-appointed lawyer who won the new trial, is vacationing in Florida. He is expected to return about March 1. J. Ridgley Melvin, the defendant's other attorney, is out of town on business.

Date of Retrial Not Set

No date has been set for the new trial, which was ordered when the Court of Appeals ruled out a confession made by Edwards. Mr. Sodaro said no date will be set until Edwards's attorneys return.

Edwards, a 23-year-old Marley Neck Army veteran, was convicted of the murders of John H. Mahlan and Miss Mary Kline, a white Glen Burnie couple, killed on Sept. 17, 1948. He was denied a new trial in Baltimore courts.

On an appeal from the conviction, his attorneys won a reversal of the criminal Court's decision.

Mixed Couple Fined in Disorderly Case

With Officer William Eberman testifying that they were "raising a disturbance" at the man's apartment, a white woman and Thomas Shelton of the 1000 block Pennsylvania Ave., were fined $26.45 each Sunday morning.

The woman was identified as Miss Catherine Watkins, 38 of the 500 block Cathedral St. Asked by Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick what they were doing, Officer Eberman said neighbors complained of the noise, and that both were intoxicated.

Methodist Men to Mark 8th Anniversary Sunday

The eighth anniversary of the Methodist Men of Sharp St. Church will be marked on Sunday and the Rev. Joshua O. Williams, pastor, will preach at 11 a.m. on "Our Faith in Love."

At 8 p.m. there will be an address by Dr. Frederick Dedmod of Morgan State College. His subject is "Civil Rights and the Church."

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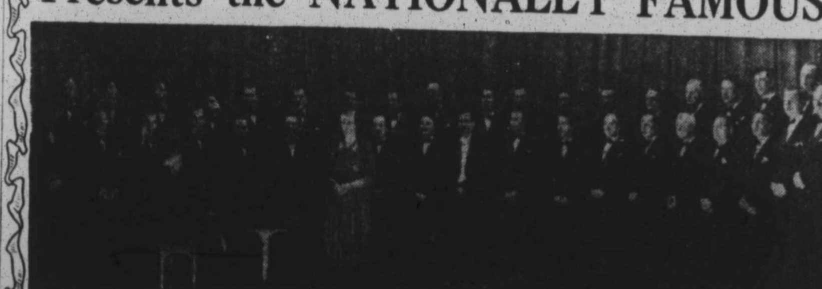

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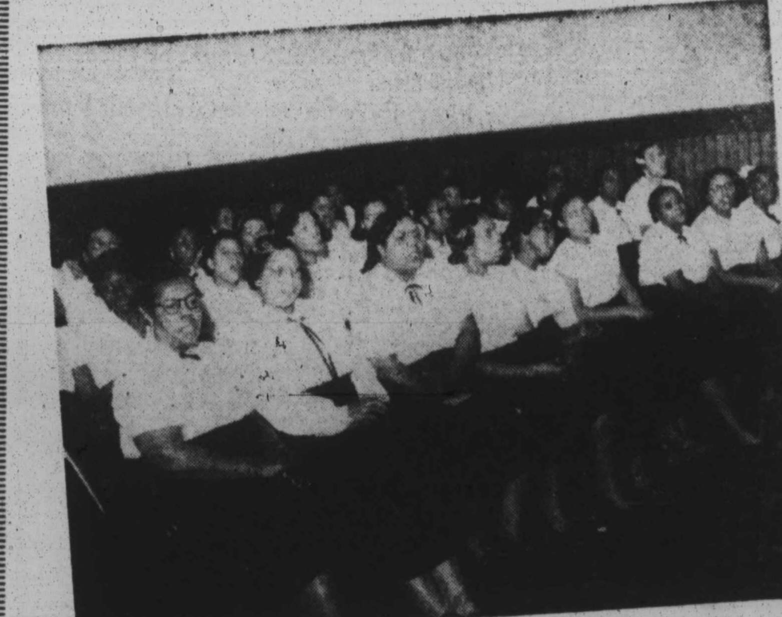

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