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New Carver Site

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in the surrounding area of the Fifth District. This is the area into which colored persons are moving rapidly.

The School Board has asked the Council to condemn property at the Bentalou-Presstman site so that progress on the school can get under way.

Councilmen Divided

At this time, however, the ordinance involving this action is being studied by the Planning Commission, and Fifth District Councilmen are pointing out repeatedly that St. Mary's would be a better site.

Councilmen from the Fourth District, in which the school actually would be located, say they have an open mind on the subject.

Delay May Lead to Integration

In the midst of the dilly-dallying, however, farsighted citizens see the failure to provide an adequate building site for Carver as the best means for ending segregation in the Baltimore school system.

This was pointed out back in 1947, when the School Board still was considering sites. These sites included Harlem Square, Druid Hill Park, Gwynn's Falls Park and the St. Mary's property.

When the board studied the Gwynn's Falls site, which is in the vicinity of the old Oriole Gun Club, the NAACP pointed out that some 30 acres would be available there and that the city already owned the property, so there would be no need for heavy expenditures along that line.

Other Sites Opposed

This site, however, was turned down, and the board selected Harlem Square. It met here with opposition from residents and civic groups which reminded that the square was one of the few open spaces left in the congested neighborhoods occupied by colored persons.

This site, too, was abandoned along with St. Mary's and Druid Park. Now with the latest selection of the Bentalou Presstman Sts. area, the argument still rages, and colored children still are deprived of a modern vocational high school.

Councilman William Muth, Fifth District, called the Presstman St. location "lousy." He said it would be out of the way for the majority of pupils who would have to use it.

Blighted Area Site Assailed

His constituents in the Fifth, Councilmen Charles A. Masson and William Buckler, added that construction of the school on the St. Mary's site would accomplish more than one result.

It would, they said pave the way for demolition of surrounding slum property, thus improving health and sanitation problems, and make other property available for city purchase in connection with the expressway.

They were reminded by Howard Murphy, chairman of the Committee for Equal Educational Opportunities, that similar reasoning was used for the construction of Taylor School No. 122, at Preston St. near Druid Hill Ave., 20 years ago, but the school still is surrounded by slums.

Other Views Aired

In the Fourth District, Councilman Jacob Edelman said he wanted to hear all sides of the issue when the ordinance finally is returned to the Council for action.

Councilman Maxwell Algeat declared, "I'm for building the schools we need as soon as possible."

And Councilman Leon Abramson asserted that he would "go along with" the decision of the Council committee which will study the ordinance.

In the Fifth, however, Councilman John Reed declared that he felt he was expressing the sentiment of the people when he said that the school would not be centrally located at Presstman and Bentalou.

Mayor D'Alesandro, meanwhile, insists that the selection of sites is a School Board matter.

Council Foes

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vacant land available for school purposes, and that the need for more colored schools on the secondary level is urgent.

Councilman John Reed, also Fifth District, admitted that his opposition was based on the fact that 2,200 white residents complained of the proposed school's "encroachment" upon a neighborhood "99% white."

Civic Groups Back Site

Speaking on behalf of the site and against that at St. Mary's were the NAACP and the Equal Educational Opportunities Committee of the Baltimore Urban League.

These groups were told to present to the board in writing their opinions of the suggested site at St. Mary's.

Supporters of this site said it would make way for redevelopment, slum clearance and new housing projects.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell of the NAACP delegation, declared there was nothing wrong with the St. Mary's site plans, if it were developed on elementary school level.

Vital Issue Aired

Howard Murphy, chairman of the league committee, added, "Mr. Buckler's argument will fall short when he tells his constituents that regardless of where Carver goes, a colored school will be built at Presstman and Bentzlou Sts.

"The main opposition here," he went on, "is that they don't want a colored school, whether it be vocational, junior high, elementary or kindergarten."

Mr. Buckler objected. "Those are not my feelings personally."

Joseph Neal, CIO, organizer in steel, interposed with, "Mr. Reed certainly voiced that opinion!"

School Planned 10 Years

Prior to the individual remarks Mr. Thomsen had outlined the 10 years of planning for a new Carver School.

He traced the studies by the board of other sites and said that the Bentalou and Presstman Sts. location had been decided upon because it was the best site the board could find.

"And we must build Carver promptly. It is one of our most pressing problems," Mr. Thomsen added.

Mr. Buckler brought a map to the meeting to point out why the school should be constructed at St. Mary's.

Integration Quick Solution

He said that personally he thinks the problem of racial feeling in the matter of locating schools could be solved only by the board itself, by the elimination of the system of separate schools.

Meanwhile, he said, the objections to the proposed site are these:

It would be on the fringe of the colored population; transportation would be inadequate for pupils who would have to travel there from all sections of the city; and dirt, dust and danger would accompany the school's location on a railroad siding.

According to estimates Mr. Buckler had gathered from the Redevelopment Commission, location of Carver on the St. Mary's site would cost the School Board from $300,000 to $900,000, depending upon the amount of financial participation by the Federal Government and other city agencies in the overall redevelopment of the area.

Selected Site Costs Less

Mr. Buckler said he had no idea how long it would take to obtain the St. Mary's site. The board reminded him that it took three years to clear the site for the school at Warner and Barre Sts.

Mr. Thomsen pointed out that the problem for Carver was money and time.

"We can't afford to put a great deal of money in land for this project," he went on, adding that the city already has an option on the Bentalou-Presstman site and owns part of it.

Money-Making Angle Raised

Councilman Charles Masson Fifth District, said the board could make money by selling the Bentalou St. property. Mr. Thomsen then made the remark about the use of the site for a colored school regardless of the outcome about Carver.

Mr. Buckler wanted to know whether plans for the site included use of nearby Easterwood Park for recreation; and again the answer was "yes."

NAACP Hits St. Mary's

The NAACP statement, read by the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, pointed out the following factors:

A school at St. Mary's would be surrounded by vice, dirt, noise and traffic; selection of the alternate site would result in further delay for a new Carver School; the new white vocational school was not planned for location in the center of the white community;

The city's promises to clear slums near the school are unreliable in view of its failure to do this after construction of the elementary school at Preston St. and Druid Hill Ave. 24 years ago; and

Traffic near the St. Mary's site is more dangerous than the slight trips of vehicles along the railroad near the Bentalou St. location.

Other members of the NAACP committee were included:

The Rev. W. H. Thompson, Whitestone Baptist Church; Dr. J. E. T. Camper, former president of Rights, the American Veterans Committee and vice-president of the Richmond, Civic Council.

Oliver Hill, Weber NAACP Speakers

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cases in Federal Courts of Virginia.

A veteran of both the European and Pacific Theatres of Operation in World War II, Mr. Hill was recently honored by his alma mater for his outstanding achievements.

He is also a member of the Virginia Committee for Constitution-

of the Carver P-TA; the Rev. J. L. Tilley, Maryland Baptist Education Center; the Rev. H. Octavius Graham, president, Dunbar P-TA; and the Rev. Thomas Davis, Leadenhall Baptist Church.

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went his bail.

When she withdrew it Friday morning, she charged that her husband had threatened to kill her. On this charge, an additional bail of $250 was levied, bringing the total to $2,750.

Both the shooting and assault cases will be aired in Northwestern police court 1 at 9 a.m. on March 23.

Fashion Festival

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will be Lionel Hampton, with his 18-piece band, Irma Curry, Curley and his drums, Betty Be-Bop, Sonny Parker, Janet Franklin and a sax battle.

Proceeds from the show, which will include a score of other featured and models, will benefit the YMCA camp.

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Edwards's Retrial Date Not Settled

The scheduled new trial for Thomas A. Edwards met with additional delays Wednesday because his attorney, William J. McWilliams, has a heavy court assignment in Annapolis.

Mr. McWilliams and Anselm Sodaro, acting State's Attorney, decided at a conference Wednesday, that the date and place of the trial, ordered by the Court of Appeals, will be settled next week.

The new trial was previously delayed because Mr. McWilliams was on vacation.

Snatched From Gallows

Thomas was convicted and sentenced to hang for the slaying of a Glen Burnie couple on Sept. 17, 1948.

He was denied a new trial by Baltimore courts, but granted a new leafe on life by the appellate court late in February.

The appellate court ruled that a confession allegedly made by the 24-year-old defendant was illegally admitted as evidence in the trial court.

Teacher, Mail Carrier's Wife Get Divorces From Mates

Mrs. Angela Wilson, member of the faculty of the Joseph Lockerman School No. 100, divorced Samuel Wilson, this week.

The teacher, who lives at 1907 Payson Street, testified that her husband deserted her in July, 1947, after two years of marriage.

He just didn't like being married, she said.

Mail Carrier Divorced

Charges of non-support and cruelty, lodged against Lloyd Cure of 1606 W. Mulberry St., mail carrier, won a divorce for Mrs. Exzora Cure of 1119 W. Mulberry St.

Mrs. Cure, who married Mr. Cure on Feb. 13, 1946, said their marriage ended on March 20, 1947. She said that on that date her husband had been out for two nights, and when she asked where he had been he struck her. He had struck her on several occasions before, she testified.

Baby Her Responsibility

A divorce also went to Mrs. Viola Smith of 823 W. Saratoga St. from Frank B. Smith of 1810 W. Franklin St.

Mrs. Smith said that Mr. Smith left her on Jan. 16, 1947, after telling her that their expected baby was her responsibility, not his. They were married on Nov. 13, 1945.

Probe of Twin Blaze Continues

Investigation of the possibility of arson in two fires that gutted a Day Village home March 8, was continued, this week by Baltimore County Fire Department officials.

The probe, which is expected to be completed on Monday, is under the direction of Capt. Nelson Williams of the county fire prevention bureau.

Capt. Williams said he is still "not satisfied" that the fires which broke out at 869 N. Avondale Rd. were accidental. The first blaze was discovered in a second-floor bedroom at 7 a.m. and after it had been extinguished, firemen on the scene found another fire in a downstairs closet.

3rd Blaze Flares

About two hours later a third fire drew firemen back to the scene. However, it is believed that this was the result of the second blaze. Damage was estimated as $700.

No one was in the house at the time of the fires. Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner are listed as the tenants. Mr. Skinner, a merchant seaman, was said to be in Panama.

His wife told investigators that she had not been in the house for several weeks, as she was living with her mother in Baltimore during her husband's absence.

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