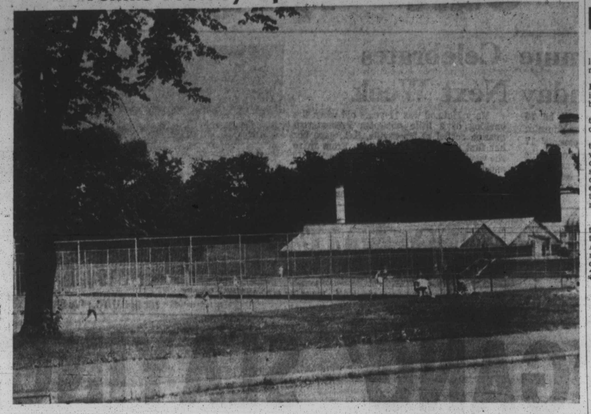
Tennis Tourney 'Opens' Restricted Courts



The Baltimore Tennis Club won permission from the Park Board to stage its annual Baltimore Open Tournament this year on first-class clay courts formerly restricted to whites. The jim-crow policy of the Board caused the club to be turned down in this request on three prior occasions. The courts in Druid Hill Park face Auchentoroly Terrace, and the tournament, which opened Thursday, will last through Sunday.

School Board

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will be filed by Mrs. Louise B. Sergeant, now reading specialist School at No. 139. A third promotion was that of Miss Lilly W. Stevenson, practice teacher at the William Alexander School No. 112 to the vice principalship of School No. 138.

Pay Raise Urged

The Baltimore Teachers Union, headed by the board, urged a raise in teachers' salaries.

Speaking for the union, Henry B. Waskow, chairman of the salary committee, told the board members that it is estimated that for the next seven years, 1300 teachers, including replacements, will be needed each year, and that salaries must be adequate to attract teachers to fill these posts.

Basing their recommendation on incomes earned by other professionals, the union suggested a $6,200 maximum salary for teachers holding a bachelor's degree.

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20 YEARS LATER:

Citizens Burst Ghetto Lines for New Areas

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short lived, and unwelcomed. "for sale" signs and acts of vandalism appeared and after a time this block and adjoining ones, housed colored home owners.

Moving Vans Greet Them

Not too long after the Fulton Ave. purchases, other families who had previously lived in the heart of that once definable area, moved one block over to Monroe St., and they too were greeted with opposition, moving vans, and "for sale" signs.

The persons selling the property were moving to other areas toward the outskirts of he city or to those which they hoped would remain "exclusive."

With property changing hands on Fulton Ave. and Monroe St., came also similar cmngeovers on side streets within this section and soon this area was considered an added boundary of that then definable section. But more were yet to come.

These people who had lived too long in sections of town where playgrounds and other recreational facilities were at a minimum, were not through moving.

North Ave. Invaded

North Ave., which in the history of the city had never housed persons other than white, ws the next section occupied by the "better home" seekers.

They too were greeted with "for sale" signs, smashed windows and other acts of vandalism; but they stayed.

When families began to move above Pressiman St. on Appleton St., through to Bentalou St. and on all surrounding side streets—the badwriting was just about on the wall.

Still with the advent of the first families, some persons who were living in houses handed down through generations, still insisted on moving.

Running Away Ebbs

When the tide swung above Norh Ave., and hit what many called "a most exclusive area," it became obvious that the day of running away from integrated neighborhoods was slowly on the way out.

"For sale" signs are now scattered spasmodically on lawns on Bentalou St., below Presstman St., extending to Edmondson Ave., including side streets, in an area embracing approximately 5,000 homes.

But there are not 5,000 "for sale" signs-or one fifth of the number.

These people are realizing that running awsy is not the solution to an outmoded custom that has existed in Baltimore for years.

Many of the children who were forced to duck in and out of passing cars as they played ball in the street, are now guarded by the abundant playgrounds in the recently opened sections they now call "home."

Like typical youngsters, they have little difficulty adjusting themselves to new-found playmates. The few rough spots that do previl in the neighborhood integration process, are fortunately minor ones, which the older persons should easily work out.

Playground Facilities

Possibly the most pressing of these few problems in the newly opened ares is thed official opening of playground facilities to all, that had praeviously been restricted for the use of white residents.

A great deal of credence has been given to the psychological theory of evirlonment being one of the greatest determining factors in the molding of good citizens.

It is good to kow, that many of the youths of today now have the opportunity to begin life on equal footings.

Twenty years ago, they said it couldnt work-but no longer can certain areas of the city be accurately defined in terms of race, creed or color.

Wife Divorces 'Unfaithful' Male

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dent, advised him six months after their marriage that she was in love with someone else, Newton Scott of 2112 Penrose Ave. divorced her, this week.

The couple married on Sept. 27, 1947, and separated on March 20, 1948, he testified.

2 Charge Desertion

Mrs. Edna Magee, 1711 E. Baltimore St., said that George Magee deserted her in 1946 after 24 years of marriage.

A similar charge was made by William H. Blondell, who said that he and Mrs. Mary E. Blondell had been married 18 years when she left him in 1921.

Man Slain

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a group of thugs in South Baltimore because he was keeping company with Mrs. Stokes.

Lt. George Courtney and Sgts. Bernard Deinlein and Charles Frye are heading the police investigation of the slaying.

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Coming Events

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p.m. Free transportation from Edmondson Ave. and Winters Lane to the home.

Cub picnic of the Monumental Boy Scout District—2 p.m., Grove 4, Druid Hill Park.

Baha'i 100th anniversary of martydom of the Bab—8 p.m., Baha'i Center, 511 Park Ave., James Wood of Hopkins University speaker.

Wednesdy

Twelfth annual convention of the Bible Church School and Young Peoples' Holy Association, United Holy Church of America, Bethel Tabernacle, 1806 Ashland Ave., through Sunday.

AFRO Short Stories to Be Published in Anthology

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loyalty and patriotism, love and romance, sunshine and shadow.

Dr. Ford, who is head of the English department at Morgan, in discussing the aims of the book, said:

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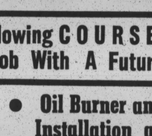

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Son of Charles H. Houston Gets Renfro as Guardian

WASHINGTON

William H. Houston, veteran attorney and father of the late Charles H. Houston, NAACP counsel, has approved the appointment fo J. H. K. Renfro, lawyer and post office clerk, as guardian for the deceased lawyer's six-year-old son, Charles Jr., pending settlement of the estate.

The attorney who died Apr. 22, after a lengthy illness, had named as executor of his will, his uncle, Dr. Ulysses L. Houston, with a request for no bond.

The will, dated Feb. 13, last, was presented for probate by his father named executor, last June 6.

Will Quoted

The will had stipulated that the father of the deceased be the guardian of the son's estate. It said:

"In the event my wife's health will not enable her to act as guardian of my infant son, Charles H. Houston Jr., then I nominate Dr. Edward C. Maxique and his wife, Mrs. Jewel Maxique, to be the guardians."

Left $12,000 Estate

The petition for probate stated that, along with his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Houston, Mr. Houston was a tenant by entirety of improved property at 3611 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., estimated to be worth $10,000.

He also possessed personal property estimated at $2,350, consisting of about $1000 in a local bank, and his automobile worth about $1,350.

The debts of the deceased consist principally of a loan, the balance thereon being $200, uncovered debts incidental to his last illness and funeral expenses of about $783.25.

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U.S. Practical Nurse Exam Slated for Baltimore Jobs

A civil service examination for the position of practical nurse in the Federal Government is being held by the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners of the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, to fill positions in the U.S. Marine Hospital and other U.S. Public Health Service installations in Baltimore. The salary is $2,650 per year.

A written test is required; and applicants must submit satisfactory evidence of the training and experience requirements outlined in the announcement at the time the written examination is given.

Complete information as well as application blanks may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Board of United States Civil Service Examiners, Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore, or from any post office.

Oliver W. Hill Bows Out of Richmond City Council

Lashes Out at Ghettos in Housing, Predicts Call for End of 'Outmoded Customs, Practices'

By J. D. SIMPSON

RICHMOND

Bowing gracefully out of city council, having been defeated by 44 votes in the last election, Councilman Oliver W. Hill, delivering his valedictory at the final meeting of the old body, made some significant statements to his colleagues.

He did not go all out and tell the councilmen that a people spurned by government in the matters of jobs, rights and privileges eventually comes to look upon government as an enemy, but he said enough to warn them that broad changes are imperative.

Mr. Hill was particularly critical in his references to the local housing situation, which forced colored citizens to fight plans for an expressway, and what he termed "outmoded customs and practices no longer (valid) in light of modern knowledge and under present-day conditions."

Complete text of the councilman's last address before his colleagues as he ended two years of service follows (Significant passages left out of stories in dailies.)

Text of Hill's Speech

"It is with a deep feeling of regret that I take my leave from this body. I have enjoyed serving with you for the past two years and my life has been enriched by the experience.

"I offered myself for public office because I was anxious to demonstrate that a citizen could serve in a high official capacity in a creditable manner.

"The very generous and complimentary statements made by the members of the Council, other interested citizens and articles and editorials published in our two daily newspapers lead to the conclusion that a fair measure of success in this regard was achieved.

Power to Co-operate Proved

"After having offered for reelection, I grasped the opportunity to demonstrate that colored people, could co-operate with other paign to elect a slate of candidates which included a colored person.

"While I was not re-elected, yet the final results were such as to show that a reasonable basis now exists for successful racial co-operation in the election of public officials in the immediate future.

Lashes Out at "Demagogue"

"One of the unsuccessful candidates has published a statement in which he claims that he was betrayed by colored voters in the last election. Of course, there was no betrayal because they had neither promised him anything nor owed him anything.

"What this candidate has not yet realized and what I want you to know is that the average colored voter today in Richmond is interested in competent and responsible public servants and not demagogues.

"The colored voter realizes that there is no difference between the demagogue who preaches class and racial hatred to them and the demagogue of the Bilbo-Eastland type who preaches racial hatred to white people. All such demagogues seek to create chaos and strife merely to serve their personal ends.

Expfains Expressway Stand

"While I am talking, I would like to say a word about the expressway problem.

"As you know, I was among the first to insist that this problem be submitted to the people in a referendum—my thinking being that such a controversial project involving the expenditure of millions of dollars and requiring the passage of years before its completion should not be undertaken until a majority of citizens of our city had manifested that they were in favor of it.

"I did not take a prominent part on the highway issue because I felt that the public should not be confused and led to believe that they should determine the selection of the members of Council on the basis of their personal views on the highway question, particularly since I had pledged myself to abide by the decision of the voters—which in fact all of us did on June 13.

A Challenge to Council

"The point I would like to emphasize is that although the vote of the people has left you with a most difficult traffic situation and with no apparent solution in sight, I trust that your faith in the democratic process will not be in the least bit shaken nor that you will abandon your determination not to approve any project allegedly designed to correct this problem which does not have the approval of recognized, trained, technical experts.

"We must remember that human nature being such as it is—the stand-patters, obstructionists, and adherents to the status quo always have the initial advantage in any progressive step calling for a radical change in the habits or thinking of people.

"But as long as we have faith in the people and as long as they are given a reasonable opportunity to know the true facts, we can be sure that they will ultimately make the right decision on a given matter.

"I am prompted to state this because I recognize the fact that the vast majority of the colored people in the city voted against the highway. My feeling is that this was so primarily because they had been convinced that a vote "For" meant the adoption of the Segoe plan and that this plan called for the destruction of a large number of colored homes and residences.

"How they will react on such an issue is problematical when the fact is brought home to them that every plan yet proposed — be it the Segoe, Royer or Bartholomew plan—all call for the destruction of a large number of colored homes and residences, and as long as colored people are confined to ghettos, they will always be subject to this type of hazard.

H.U. Dean Among 20 U.S. Educators Off to India

Dr. Nelson Takes Plane to Inter-University Round Table for Indian, American Students

WASHINGTON

Dr. William Stuart Nelson, dean of Howard University, has been selected as one of 20 American educators to attend an Inter-University Round Table for Indian and American students and faculty to be held in India this summer.

The World Student Service Fund is sponsoring the conference in cooperation with International Student Service. Dean Nelson left New York City by plane on July 3, and will return to the United States on Sept. 8.

Highlight events of the trip include:

From July 8 to Aug. 2, at Mysore, an Inter-University Round Table on the theme "The Role of the University in Social Development," will be held.

Understanding Theme

From Aug. 3 to Aug. 7, the 23rd annual conference of the ISS will meet at Poona on the theme "University Expansion In The Service of International Understading and National Progress."

About 150 delegates are expected from Europe, the U.S.A., India and Pakistan, the Near East and countries of Middle and South East Asia, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand.

From Aug. 17 to Sept. 1, a study tour program is planned to enable participants to visit areas other than the sites of the Conference and the Round Table. Participants will travel to sectors ht interest in India, Pakistan and possibly Burma.

Civic Body Official to Tour County Units

The NAACP Assistant Field Secretary, Bernard Brown, who directed the membership renewal campaign of the Baltimore Branch, will tour the County branches of the NAACP during July and August.

Mr. Brown, who will visit some 18 counties in a special revitalization and membership program, is scheduled to return to Baltimore in September to direct the annual membership drive here.

Among the counties that are to be visited are:

Hagerstown, Frederick, Montgomery, Howard, Prince, George's, Charles, St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Baltimore (Baltimore-Sparrows Point Branch), Anne Arundel and Cumberland.

In Texas

Pfc. William Toggle, 20, of Baltimore, is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is the nephew of Mrs Beatrice Jones of 1719 Madison Ave.

Owner of Morgan College Key Sought

A Morgan State College key bearing the initials E.L.D., and insignia indicating that the owner is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was found in the 2000 block N. Smallwood St., this week.

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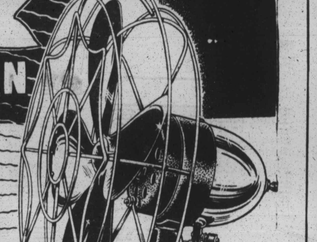

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