Worker Killed In 80-Foot Plunge

Shaky Scaffold Throws 3 Off, Ladder Saves 2 From Death

One worker was killed and two other suffered minor injuries when the wooden scaffold they were erecting 80 feet above the ground shifted and threw them off.

The dead man is Robert Johnson, 36, of 627 Pitcher St.

The two other workers were fortunate enough to have their fall halted by a structure under the scaffold.

Injured Workers

They were Warren Baynor, 30, of 1020 N. Carey St., and Clarence Smith, 18, of 626 Laurens St. The three workers were employed by the Morris Freed Hardware Company to erect a wooden scaffold around the smokestack of the Notre Dame College of Maryland, 4000 N. Charles St.

The accident happened Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Taken To St. Joseph's

Johnson was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital. The other two workers were treated for minor cuts and later released.

They returned to work this morning.

The dead man is survived by a wife, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson and four children.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Baynor's fall was halted when his foot got caught in the foot ladder under the scaffold. He was able to grab on to another surface and hold on.

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New Civil Defense Director Meets Civic Leaders

At his own request, Col. Frank Milani, front row, center, new civil defense director in Baltimore, was introduced, this week, to some of Baltimore's civic leaders. The director assured them that no color lines are being drawn in the city's defense program, and this includes hospital services. Front row includes Dr. W. W. Allen, Grand Master of Masons; Mrs. Bertha Winston, Republican leader Col.; Milani; Leroy Cooper, administrative assistant to Col. Milani; and Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College. Standing are John Procope, superintendent of Provident Hospital; Furman Temple, executive secretary, Baltimore Urban League; S. Edward Smith, AFRO personnel director; Magistrate E. Everett Lane, of Northwestern; Elroy Wilson, mortician; and Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Feel Pinch Of Steel Strike

Among the Turner Station families affected by the steel strike is that of Johnson Janey, a Korean war veteran and employee of the Bethlehem Steel Company for one year as shown with his wife and children, Vonzella, James and Henrietta.

Rifman Warns Cab Drivers

Magistrate Avrum K. Rifman this week advised all cab drivers to take a jury trial if charged with any violation in the Southern district.

The magistrate offered the advice while hearing the case of Emmett L. Cates, Yellow cab driver charged with using abusive language toward a passenger.

Miss Josephine Brown, 626 Roundview Rd., Cherry Hill, told the magistrate that she hailed a cab driven by Cates on Baltimore St., last Wednesday.

After she got in the cab and told the driver her destination was Cherry Hill, the man cursed and became abusive, Miss Brown charged.

Reports Driver

When she reached her home, the woman reported the hackie to the proper authorities.

Cates denied that he cursed, but admitted that he was irritated at having to go so far out of his way.

At this point, Magistrate Rifman stated: "My friend, I want you to go back to your cab company and give all the drivers this message.

Issues Warning

"From now on, any driver who comes before me on any complaint will get a heavy fine and suspension of his license, if found guilty.

"So if you get charged, to avoid facing me please ask for a jury trial," requested the magistrate.

Magistrate Rifman found Cates guilty of using the abusive language but dismissed the man when Miss Brown accepted an apology offered by him.

Cabbie Accuses Policeman Of Blackjack Attack

A 25-year-old Yellow Cab driver, exhibiting a battered lip and several broken and twisted teeth, charged Tuesday that he was hit in the mouth with a blackjack by a Northwestern district policeman early Monday morning.

The taxi driver, Edward P. Whitehead of the 500 block N. Carey St., said the attack came without reason and without warning as he was being taken inside the rear of Northwest police headquarters to be booked on a minor charge.

Mr. Whitehead accused Officer Fred Johnson of the assault.

Complaint Filed by NAACP

A complaint against the officer has been made by the Baltimore NAACP. Bowen K. Jackson, branch coordinator, on Wednesday sent a letter to Police Commissioner Beverly Ober protesting the incident.

According to Mr. Whitehead, two officers came to his house about 3 a.m. after he and his wife had been arguing. Mrs. Whitehead, he said, had called them to "talk to me and quiet me down."

He said the officers asked if he had struck her and she told them he hadn't. They then asked what she wanted done with him and, said Whitehead, he did not hear what she replied, but the officers told him to go and get his clothes on.

Wasn't Touch

"They didn't lay a hand on me when I walked to the radio car. And I opened the door and got in the back seat myself," Mr. Whitehead told the AFRO.

He said that Officer Johnson joined him there and they started for the police station. On the way there, according to Mr. Whitehead, this was the conversation between him and Officer Johnson:

"Where is your home?" Officer Johnson asked.

"Virginia," Whitehead answered.

"Where in Virginia?" the officer asked.

"Adams Grove county," Whitehead replied.

Talk of Crooked Cops

"Evidently you've met a crooked cop in your life," the policeman remarked.

"I have," Whitehead said.

"Well, we're not crooked," he was told.

Whitehead said that when they arrived in front of police headquarters, Officer Johnson suggested they drive around to the garage in the rear.

Whitehead said that once there, he got out of the car without assistance and was walking in the rear of the station when suddenly Officer Johnson caught his pants in the rear by the belt line and twisted him around.

As he turned, Whitehead said, he was struck instantly in the mouth with a blackjack, and fell to the ground. Bleeding and spitting broken teeth from his mouth, he was then led before the desk sergeant, Whitehead claims.

Claims He Fell

He said the arresting officers explained to the desk sergeant that he had fallen on his way into the station house.

In court later Monday morning, Whitehead asked for a jury trial and was released by Magistrate E. Everett Lane on $250 bail. He was charged with disorderly conduct "on a public street."

Dr. John Woodland, a dentist who examined Whitehead Tuesday afternoon, said later the man had suffered lacerations of the lip and gums, and that four teeth were broken on the right side of his jaw. All will have to be removed, he said.

"Looks Like A Blow"

Asked if such an injury could have resulted from a fall, Dr. Woodland said:

"It looks to me like a blow."

He added that "it is possible he could have fallen, but to me it looks like blow."

The NAACP's letter to Commissioner Ober declared that Whitehead "at no time resisted arrest and has a good, clean record."

The letter said further:

Rights Violated

"You are aware that this organization is trying to rid the city who take the law into their own hands. We submit that such an attitude creates a great and widespread disrespect for the law and encourages crime. It is a violation of the civil rights of these citizens and as such leads to a police state of force and intimidation."

Capt. Millard B. Horton, commanding officer of Northwestern district police, said Thursday that he had received a copy of the letter sent to the commissioner, and that an answer to the charge "will naturally have to be made by the commissioner."

Investigation Made

"I have made my investigation of the complaint," Captain Horton said, "and I'll make my report to my superiors."

Whitehead, a Navy veteran, told the AFRO that he had been arrested once before, in 1948—on a minor charge. He has been driving for the Yellow Cab company since June, 1951, and holds an award for safe driving.

Blackjack Victim?

Showing a lacerated lip and broken teeth, Edward P. Whitehead, a 25-year-old taxicab driver of the 500 block N. Carey St., charged Tuesday that he was struck in the mouth with a blackjack by a policeman as he was being taken into Northwestern headquarters early Monday morning.

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Steel Strike Seen As 3-Sided Affair

By CARROLLTON SHEPPARD

In contradiction to an accepted theory that the steel story is a "two" sided one, there's the industry's side, the union's side and a side claimed by people like Johnson Janey's in Turner Station.

Janey, a Korean veteran, and sh employee of the Bethlehem Steel Company, won't say who he thinks is right or wrong in the steel crisis. He is content to leave this aspect of the conflict to the court of public opinion. His objective is to maintain a decent living standard for his wife and three children.

"I have worked at Sparrows Point for a year," he said this week. "I average $50 a week. We can't save because it takes all I earn to live on. My wife and I can take it, but when things get as scarce as they are now, it's pretty hard to explain to the kids."

Have 3 Kids

Mr. and Mrs. Janey have three children: Vonzella, 13; Henrietta, 11, and James who is five years old. They reside at 507 Burr-Way in the Sollers Homes. Henretta and Vonzella attend the Sollers Point High School at Turner Station. James will not start school until next year.

Unlike many other steelworkers who have seniority and pension benefits to consider, Janey stated that he will not return to Sparrows Point if he can find a decent job elsewhere that is not affected by strikes.

"This is the first time I have been caught in a strike of any kind," he said, "and I don't like strikes."

Like hundreds of strikers in the Baltimore area he has received food from the steelworkers union. He resides in a federal housing project where an arrangement has been made for the payment of rent after the strike.

Expenses Don't Stop

Expenses, however, don't stop for strikes. In many cases they are delayed, but catching up is always harder than keeping up. This, Janey explains, is why he is not too enthusiastic about returning to the mills when the conflict ends.

A strike is a union's most potent weapon and to date it has proven to be an effective one. In spite of this, however, many union officials openly express a dislike for strikes.

This perhaps is as it should be since the weapon sometimes backfires and injures those it is trying to protect.

The Janeys and many others at Turner Station are Strike casualties.

Steel Strike Spreading Its Ill Effects

The seven-week-old steel strike recorded one more ill effect this week. It cost Donald Covington, 30, 900 block N. Bentalou St., a little more than $15.

Covington really paid the money for hitting his wife, but he wouldn't have touched her if it hadn't been for the strike. This is how it was:

Mrs. Olivia Covington and her husband were driving to church Sunday when they began discussing the steel industry's troubles. Mrs. Covington saw things one way, her husband saw them another.

Hurt Vs. Principle

In Northwestern police court Tuesday, Covington admitted hitting his wife, but said he, "the way I hit her, it wouldn't hurt a baby."

It wasn't the hurt, it was the principle of the thing, Mrs. Covington explained.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane fined Covington $15 and costs.

Pvt. H. R. Knight Now In Replacement Depot

Private Houston R. Knight, son of Mrs. E. V. Knight of 344 E. 22nd St., completed basic training at the Quartermaster Replacement Center, Fort Lee, Va., on July 5.

Pvt. Knight was inducted into the Army April of this year. He formerly attended school in New York.

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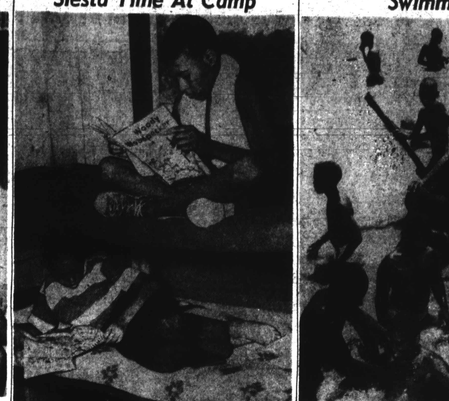
Fun At Camp Druid Hill

Camp Druid Hill offers a youth program of various activities. This includes camp craft, handcraft, nature study, swimming, boating, canoeing. Also there are five lodges and friendly leaders. The camp leaders are now planning for the third period beginning July 23. The special feature is Christmas in July and it will consist of a Christmas tree, carols, the exchange of gifts, and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Below are the leaders who provide the well-rounded program. They are: (left to right, kneeling), Edward (Sweet Pea) Clapp, counselor Howard Williams, junior counselor; Bosworth Harmon, head counselor; (second row), Lloyd (Sodie) White, camp director; Leroy Cole, program director; John Staten, acquatic director; James Hodge, head cook; (third row), Levi Miller, counselor, Eddie Henders, junior counselor; Edward Boston, craft instructor; Charles Cephas, counselor; Edward Hunt, junior counselor; Herbert Rice and Bruce Miller, counselors.

Siesta Time At Camp



Pictured above are two campers shown relaxing and enjoying the spacious accomodations of one of the camp's five lodges. Each lodge accomodates ten campers and one leader. After the noon meal, all campers relax in these lodges, reading taking a mid-day nap.

Swimming At Camp Is Fun

YMCA campers swim twice daily in the Patuxent River. Swimming instructions are provided at each morning swim. This swimming area was carefully selected for its safety. The camp area covers 396 acres of rolling country-side, and a mile-and-a-half of water front. It is located at Huntington, Md.

The AFRO Goes To Ear, Eye Hospital

DEAR BOSS:

I had passed the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital's clinic on Madison Ave., hundreds of times before but had never paid the place any heed.

I never gave it a thought other than to experience a fleeting pang of pity for the people who stood in line on the pavement in rain, sun and snow to get treatment.

Each time, I glimpsed these patient patients waiting and waiting. I thought that their collective ears, eyes, noses and throats must pain something awful to go through all this.

This thought was uppermost in my mind when I decided to look in on the small hospital on a hot day this week.

As I approached, about a half-dozen people were standing at the tail-end of a line that began somewhere inside the building and extended down the steps.

A girl, waiting, said: "Whew, it's hot."

I kept going. You don't catch me getting sunstrokes. No sir.

The clinic is at Madison and Lanvale. The hospital stands at Eutaw and Lanvale. An alley separates them.

In the hospital, I made my way to Miss Helen Wilkie's office, for as superintendent, I presumed she would know all about the place.

Miss Wilkie, warm in her cool white uniform, had facts and figures on hand. "Yes," she said, "this is not a municipal hospital. It is an independent, non-profit institution, supported in par by city and state funds."

That was something I hadn't known before.

"We did 11,000 eye operations here as of the beginning of July. "That was a lot of eye-treating," I said.

11,720 Cases

But that was nothing, Miss Wilkie pointed out that 11,720 nose and throat cases were treated in the same period.

Tonsils, said the superintendent, formed the chief throat traffic at the hospital. "Kids and tonsils keep us busy," she said.

Principle eye disorder was c r e glaucoma (a condition caused by hardening of the eyeball, resulting often in blindness) and cataracts (a condition which obstructs the passage of light waves through the eye, also diminishing sight).

Steelworkers, constantly working among metallic dust particles, were some of the hospital's most steady customers. Impaired eyesight is an occupational hazard with them.

After tonsils, and the two most prevalent eye impairments, come sinuses, adenoids (the mechanism of a discouraging malady known as recurring adenoids: cut them out, they grow back again and again.)

The hospital was founded in 1884 and was located on Eutaw and Lanvale St., moving uptown in 1924. Since then and up to 1944 EEN And T has treated some 221,572 out-patients.

There are facilities for 67 bedpatients at a clip, in the Eutaw St. hospital. About 40 more beds would make operation at par and take care of the over-flow, at least. It is hoped that 40 more would do this.

Open To All

EEN and T is open to all races and creeds. Half the beds are for colored, the rest for whites. Learning of this arrangement, a thought popped into my head.

Suppose, I wondered, no white people needed beds for a week and 30 per cent more colored patients than usual did.

I kept that problem to myself. No one would have given a satisfactory answer.

Of the 21 members of the senior medical staff, no colored physicians were in evidence. I did find that five colored women observed as nurses' aides. No registered nurses were colored.

After my briefing, Miss Wilkie showed me around the clinic. We entered the Madison Ave. doorway where the line had finally worked up off the steps and everyone was inside out of the sun.

Lack Of Space

This problem of where to put waiting patients, said Miss Wilkie, was due to a lack of space inside.

I suggested putting a canopy up.

On the first floor, was the office where medicines, applications for treatment and interviews with social service workers were available

Flashlight In Your Eyes

Toward the rear, was the eye department's waiting room. In the last room, two doctors were putting people through the eye-chart reading and flashlight - in - your - eyeballs routine.

Once you apply, the social service worker determines your classification by the amount of money you earn. Income is gauged in three categories: 1. you get treatment totally free. 2. you pay part of the expense. 3. you pay all.

Charity groups have made it possible for a number of indigent patients to get free eyeglasses.

Upstairs, is an allergy clinic, newest of the clinic's departments.

"Did you know that some people are allergic to their own dandruff?" Miss Wilkie asked me. I even didn't.

In back, were the ear and nose clinics. I saw a young woman doctor draining a boy's ear, a male doctor was removing impacted wax from a woman patient's ear.

Miss Wilkie showed me a radium rod, used in the treatment of recurring adenoids.

"It costs $1,500," she said. "We rent ours, we can't afford to buy one."

Slim Silver Rod

It was no larger than a shoe box. Inside a slim silver rod hung in the radium.

This was the general lay-out. It is a small and bustling clinic. It needs more space, even though recently remodeled and it could stand some contributions f r o m private citizens over and above the ones it already gets.

And despite the "colored" and "white" bed nonsense, it shaped up as being one of this city's more fraternal hospitals.

Some things were unanswered, like the business of staff - workers calling whites Mr. and Miss, colored patients by their first names, regardless of age. This had been reported but I didn't hear it.

The "colored" and "white" signs once prominent were not visible or else my glasses need changing.

Keep up the progress and I'll stand in line an for bifocals myself.

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Camp Guests In Front Of Dining Hall

Happy boys like these get wholesome food in the new $10,000 dining hall pictured in the background. All meals are carefully planned by a special staff. Boys pictured above are: Vernon Johnson, Edwin Johnson, Maxwell Chatman Jr., Homer P. Dorsey, Howard Johnson, Franklin Phillips, Lawrence Hunt, John Brent, Thomas Bourne, Donald Parker, William Rhodes, Humphrey B. White, Charles James, Clinton Nicholas, Robert Davis, John Edwards, George D. Mooney, David Carter, James R. Cooper, Frederick Adams, Edward Wilkins Jr., Joseph Bocate, Glenford Foy, Louis Butler, Steve Carter, Jerry Phillips, Grafton Williams, Leo Burroughs, Herman Johnson, Leonard Butler, Carl Hunt, Wesley Jennings, Reginald Holt, Earl Matthews, Ronald Johnson, Albert Crump, LeRoy Carroll Jr., James Bowling, Franklin Wilson, and Charles Covington.

Family Of Former Clean Blocker

The Bowen K. Jacksons of 1219 Druid Hill Ave., make an ideal family in the community. Mr. Jackson, branch co-ordinator of the NAACP, is an ex-Clean Blocker who worked during the second campaign in 1946. He is the proud father of two little girls, Lillie Mae, 7, (left and Christine, 4. With Mr. Jackson, a native of Cardiff, Wales, the youngters have been taught the ideals of the Clean Block program and therefore are "potential Clean-Blockers."

Local NAACP Leader Ex-Clean Blocker

That freedom is something you attain by cooperating with others is a reality, Bowen K. Jackson, branch coordinator of the Baltimore NAACP learned during his youth as an AFRO Clean Blocker.

Today it is freedom to work, to recreation, and to rights guaranteed every American citizen under the Constitution.

During those hot summer days of 1936, his goal as a Clean Blocker was the freedom of areas from dirt, filth, and other things which distracted their beauty.

Ex-Clean Block Captain

At that time, Mr. Jackson, a youngster of 13, was captain of his block, the 1200 block of Druid Hill Ave. and an adjacent area, the 1300 block.

Mr. Jackson, an alert, intelligent fighter for equal rights, today occupies a simple, but immaculate office at NAACP headquarters, 402 Dolphin St.

From this office just a few blocks from his childhood haunts, the cases against bigots who attempt to deprive minority groups of their due rights originate.

Basis of Present Attitude

After reminiscing about his Clean Block days, Mr. Jackson states that his present attitude in NAACP affairs stems from those early days. At that time, he scurried from door to door persuading children and adults to join in the clean-up and beautification program.

"Those principles for getting things done, have stuck with me throughout life.

"One of them is the value of cooperation, that the only way to get a job done, regardless of what it is, is to work together with your fellowman."

Value Of Cooperation

Mr. Jackson while reviewing several local NAACP accomplishments, showed how their successes hinged on cooperative action.

One was the picketing to breakdown discrimination at Ford's Theatre. The project took several years, but it resulted in complete victory.

Leaders Should Assist

After giving the names of the leaders, he said that they were leaders only in the sense that they knew more facts than the others.

"And this should hold true in the Clean Block," he said.

"As a Clean Block captain, a youngster should not delegate the duty directly to others. Instead he should assist them in their project.

"I learned this during my Clean Block Days."

Reflection of High Ideals

Mr. Jackson's accomplishments are a reflection of the high ideals of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

"As an American citizen, he responded to his country's call to duty, serving three years in the Army with a quartermaster's unit.

Two of these three years were overseas in the European Theatre of Operations.

It was during this tour of duty that he met Patricia Ismail, a native of Cardiff, Wales, who later became his wife.

Ideal Family

The Bowen K. Jackson, a family with two little cute girls are an ideal community family. The little daughters are Christine, 4, and Lillie Mae, 7.

"At present, my youngsters are too young to be active Clean Blockers. But they are potential ones who are being taught to observe Clean Block ideals."

As branch coordinator of the NAACP, Mr. Jackson meets people from all areas of the city.

Strongly Favors Program

He knows the city, its people, their problems, successes and failures.

And because of this mature outlook, he recognizes the value and strongly endorses the Clean Block Campaign.

"This program has given the people a greater sense of self-pride. It gives them something to rectify their living in lower-income sections," he said.

"It enables them to speak highly of their homes, whether they be of modest or humble means. They are able to say proudly, 'This is my home.'"

Mr. Jackson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer Jackson, his mother, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson being NAACP president.

You Can Rent It If You Don't Want To Buy It

By LOUIE ROBINSON

Hot, ain't it.

Go out and get yourself an air-conditioner.

Want a new car to go on that two-week vacation trip or maybe to just drive around for the rest of the summer?

Get one.

What about a TV set just to watch the political convention or the world series?

And wouldn't an electric adding machine have come in handy last March for tallying up with the infernal bureau of revenue?

You could have had it, friend, you could have had it.

All you have to do is decide what you want and take a few dollars and go down and rent it.

Coast-To-Coast Trend

From coast to coast the "rent it if you can't buy it" trend is spreading. It's flourishing right here in Baltimore.

You can rent that air-conditioning unit to cool off your bedroom or living room for $100 a year, and during the sort of heat waves Baltimore has been having, cool air is priceless.

A new car can be had for $30 a week, or for a month at $85 per. You pay an extra few cents a mile to cover gas, oil and insurance. If you need a car for a day in the country, it's yours for $6.

Your Choice In TV

Television sets, ranging from the 7-inch gadgets to the giant 20-inch screens, rent for from $1 to $4 for five days or less. For $15 to $60, depending on the size of the screen, you can rent one for a minimum of two weeks or a maximum of a month. (In other words, the second two weeks are free.)

Adding machines can be rented, too, anything from the small, manual machines at $7.50 a month to the brainy, electric jobs that do everything with mathematics for $12.50 a month. To rent one for a week, just divide those amounts by four for the type you need.

Typewriters, even the latest models, can be rented for two weeks for $2.50 or $5 a month.

If your office could use an extra machine for the next three months you can get it for $12.

The advantages in renting instead of buying stack up high in favor of the man who doesn't have a year-round need for a particular item, but could use it at specific times. He doesn't invest a lot of cash in something with limited usefulness.

Let The Company Worry

There is no insurance or repair bills to worry about, nor is there any resale problem. Those are the rental company's worries.

The renting of many items isn't new, of course, but until now it has been mostly a sideline operation of many firms. Today, it is nudging into the "big business" class, and rental firm managers believe that it is "the new thing in business that is here to stay," as one of them put it.

Certainly, you can rent more nowadays than as apartment and a tuxedo.

On Job Five Years

James Robinson, left, who is completing five years as special investigator with the sales tax division of the State Comptroller's Office, is shown here at the S. Grinage Co., with the proprietor Sherlock Grinage. Robinson's opponent, all employees in this office were white. Another colored person, James Lee Bundy, a local lawyer, also serves on the staff.

NAACP, State Official Confer On Sandy Park

NAACP attorneys conferred with Nathan L. Smith, State director of the Department of Public Improvements, this week, concerning improvements at the Sandy Point State Park.

Juanita Mitchell and Tuilie Dearing, attorneys, refused to reveal the outcome of the conference, but promised further investigations will be made.

Last week, Dr. Roscoe D. Brown partment, New York University, Jr., of the physical education department, and Bowen K. Jackson, NAACP coordinator, warned that East Beach—reserved for colored citizens—is "dangerous at the present time"

Brown was accompanied on a tour of East Beach by Joseph Sprucebank, superintendent; Leroy Jones, general supervisor of East Beach; Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Dearing, and Bowen K. Jackson, NAACP coordinator.

Worse Than Guadeacanal!

Mr. Dearing, a combat war veteran, declared that "We had better beaches at Guadacanal than the so-called colored beach at Sandy Point."

In another complaint against segregated facilities at the State Park, Orell Spruill, 3019 Raber St., complained that a warning ticket was placed on his car because it parked in the area near the beach reserved for whites.

When he returned from crabbing in the water near South Beach, the ticket was on the windshield of his car.

Regulation Quoted

According to the notation on the ticket, Mr. Spruill's violation included "parking in a no parking zone," and "using area assigned to whites in violation of Article 39A, Section 23, of Regulation 28."

Mr. Spruill declares that he secured permission of an attendant in the toll booth at the State Park entrance, before parking his car. Other cars were also parked in the same area, but were NOT targeted as violating the "no parking rule"

NAACP attorneys are investigating this latest complaint, and indicate that validity of the so-called regulation may be contested.