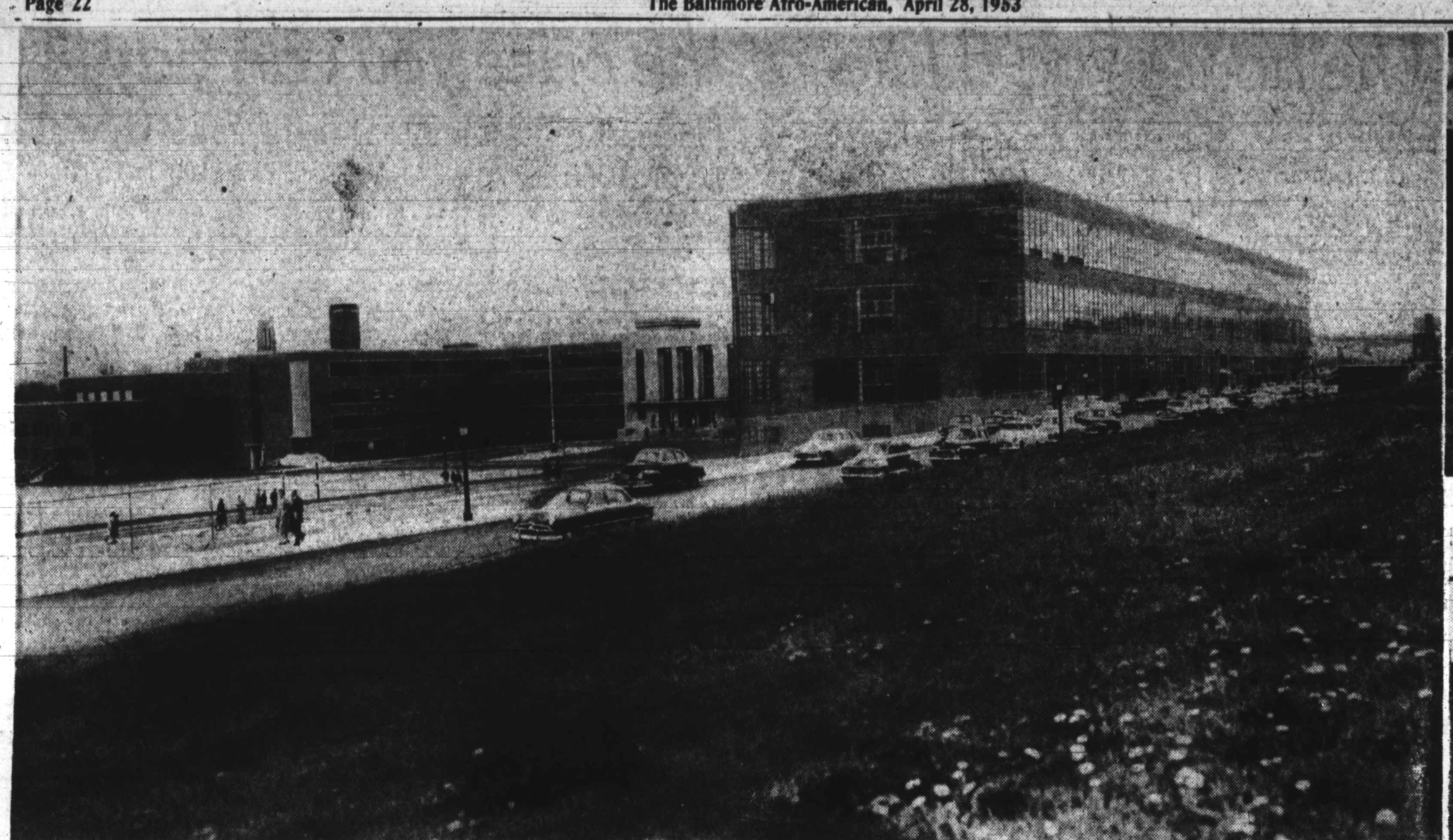
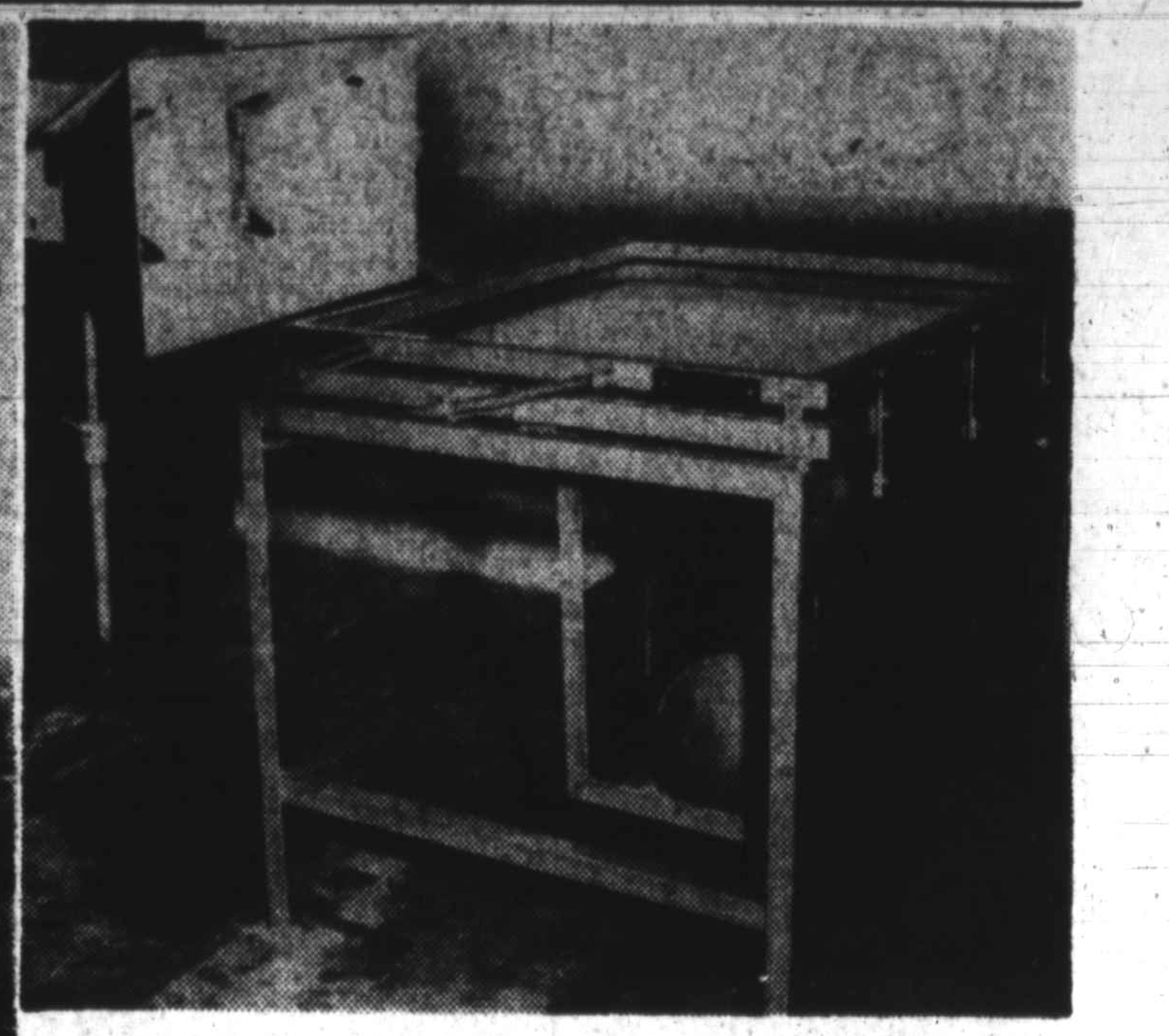
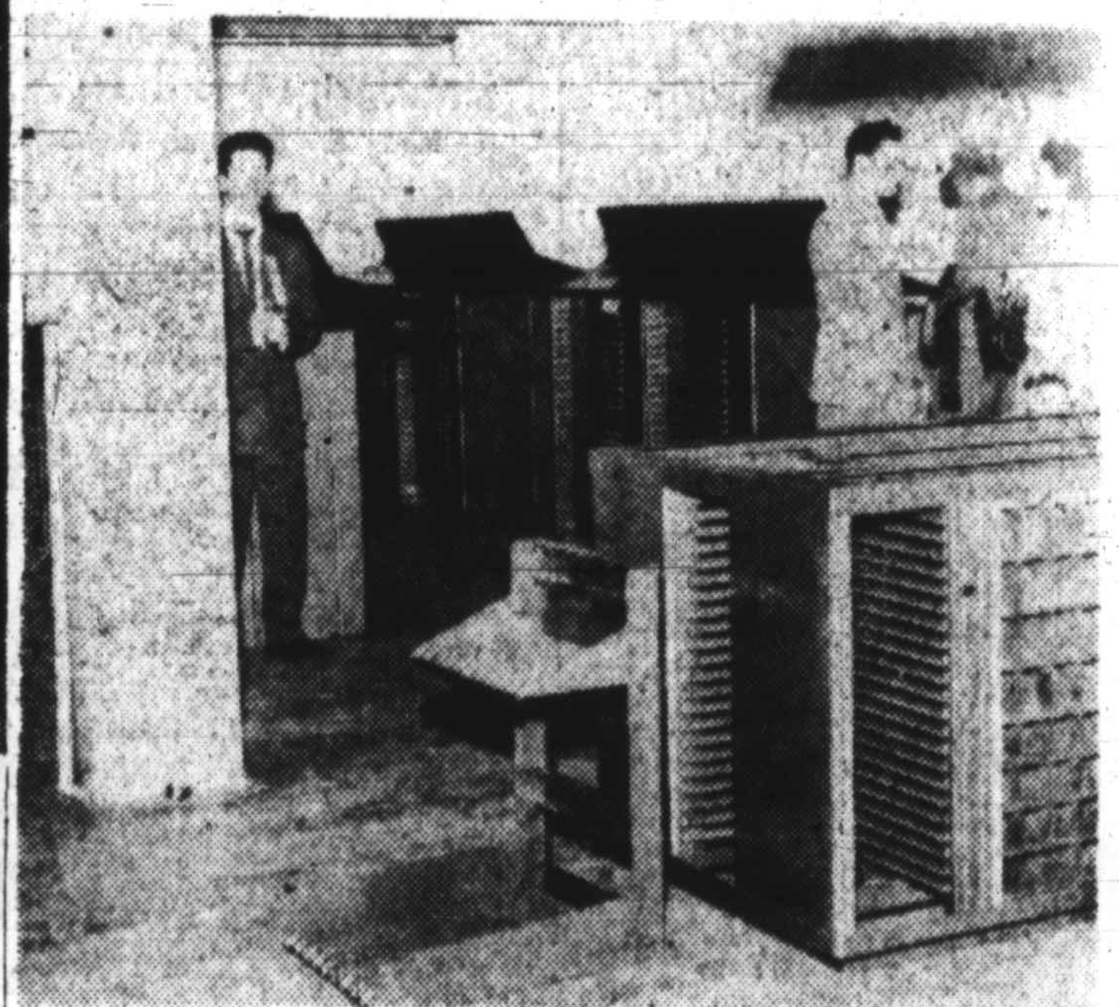


NEW TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL—This is the new $7,000,000 Mergenthaler technical high school at Hillen rd. and Thirty-fifth st., the first high school built by the city specifically for vocational education. The new building is planned to accommodate a student body of 2,000 pupils. To date, applications from colored pupils have been turned down.



LITHOGRAPH — The latest word in lithograph machines is also standard equipment at Mergenthaler.



BEST EQUIPMENT — School officials have stated that the proposed Carver Vocational School for colored pupils will have printing equipment similar to this installed at Mergenthaler.

Police Continue Search For Girl's Assailant

In an effort to track down the person or persons responsible for the Thursday night slugging and assault upon a 24-year-old white girl in the 600 block of McCulloh st., Baltimore police altered their tactics over the week-end.

Special police squads started out Friday combing the Druid Hill ave., and McCulloh st., areas in search of a colored man described as between 30 and 35 years old.

A house to house search however uncovered two witnesses who claim that they saw a part of the attack and that there were three men.

Car Thieves Sought

Northwestern District police are now searching for the trio in the belief that they are part of a car thief gang.

They discovered that a window in the victim's car had been broken along with several others in the neighborhood on the night of the attack.

The young woman was assaulted near McCulloh and Orchard sts., while unlocking her parked car, and dragged to a nearby alley. She had attended a dance at the Jewish Community Center in the 300 block of W. Monument st.

Four Released

Shortly after the attack, police arrested a 26-year-old suspect in a Druid Hill ave., tavern. He was released, however the following day. In all four men have been questioned by police and released.

Miss Elaine Wilburne told authorities that she witnessed the attack from her bedroom window. One of the three men called to her she said and asked "What are you looking at, girl?" The woman replied "What have you done to that girl?"

One other witness, Mrs. Elizabeth Etheridge, told police that she heard a horrible scream and when she opened her door found the girl lying on the ground in a semi-conscious condition.

Mrs. Etheridge stated that when she screamed "you dirty dog" a man ran from their yard and was pursued by her husband Arthur and a neighbor.

The victim of the attack muttered that "he hit me with a brick." Taken to Maryland General her condition was described as serious. On the second day she was able to talk a few minutes with police. Her car keys are being sought.

UNUSUAL FEATURE—Young and old inspect the ultra-modern swimming pool located in Mergenthaler High. No colored school has a swimming pool.

Truck Hits Pole; Nine Are Injured

Three children were admitted to hospitals and six other persons were injured Sunday evening when a 1953 Ford panel truck crashed into a utility pole near the intersection of Wicomico and Bayard sts.

The driver of the truck, John F. Johnson, 28, first block W. Lombard st., who was uninjured, told Southwestern district police that his foot slipped from the clutch of the vehicle as he was eastbound on Wicomico st. about 400 feet east of Bayard st.

The truck swerved to the left, jumped the curb and smashed into the Gas and Electric company pole.

Hospitalized

Admitted to hospitals were Susan Edwards, 12, and Pauline Jones, 11, 800 block W. Ostend st., taken to University hospital with possible head injuries, and William Pirson, 7, 800 block W. Ostend st., taken to South Baltimore General hospital with a fractured right leg.

William's brother, 8-year-old Robert Pirson, also was treated at South Baltimore General hospital for a bruised right shoulder.

Others treated at University hospital were:

Brenda Scott, 6, shaken up; Maryland Edwards, 11, injured left knee and hand; Sandra Scott, 4, bruised right eye, all of the 800 block W. Ostend st.; Mrs. Thelma Waters, 32, 513 Burgundy st., face cuts, and Miss Juanita Johnson, 25, 600 block Cherrycrest rd., shock.

The driver of the truck was charged with reckless driving and failure to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of change of address.

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Chesapeake Club To Hold Charity Party

The Chesapeake Club will hold its second annual charity fund-raising cabaret party, Saturday, at the Starlite Arena.

Main civic interest of the club is to help provide camping opportunities for youngsters.

Last year, the club sent ten Dunbar High School pupils to the interracial camp at Buck Hills Falls, Pa. where a yearly youth council is held of considerable importance and inspiration to children of high school age.

Camp Contributions

Contributions were also made to Camp Grace McCard, and Camp Druid Hill, the YWCA and YMCA camps.

Project chairman this year is J. Alvin Jones. Club officers include Dr. Bernard Harris, president; Melvin G. Roy, secretary; and William B. Day, publicity committee chairman.

DR. BERNARD HARRIS—A member of the school board leaves after inspecting the new Mergenthaler Technical High School.

Ezio Pinza To Open Art Museum

Ezio Pinza, celebrated Metropolitan Opera basso and star of South Pacific, will be guest of honor at the Baltimore Museum of Art's opening of the exhibition Italy At Work, it was announced Monday by Mrs. Adelyn D. Breeskin, Director of the Museum.

Originally scheduled to open on May 5, the show now will be opened to the public at festive ceremonies beginning Friday, May 8, at 4 p.m.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro will make a brief address and will open the exhibtion officially by cutting a ribbon at the Museum's entrance. He also will introduce Mr. Pinza, who is to sing several selections, including at least one song from the musical hit South Pacific.

Summer Courses At Music Institute

Due to the increase in demand for such instruction, the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts will offer a four-week summer course in music appreciation.

Open to choir and chorus members, teacher, clubs, fraternal organizations and music lovers of all age groups, day and evening classes will begin on June 9.

Application blanks are available at the institute, 811 W. Lanvale st.

The course will be under the direction of Edmund Cook of the Baltimore Symphony and his staff.

It will feature the history of music, instruments, changes in styles of music, countrapointal, harmony and modern trends, homophonics, music forms recording of master works, etc.

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First Woman In Pro Baseball

(By SAM LACY)
AFRO Sports Editor

When the Indianapolis Clowns took the field for their opening exhibition game of the 1953 season at Miami last week, they presented the highly unusual spectacle of a girl handling the chores at second base—and doing a respectable job of it, at that.

The winsome lass is 21-year-old Marcenia Lyle Stone, who answers to the name of "Toni" and does a pretty fair job of answering other things regarding the hows and whys of playing the keystone, too.

Miss Stone, Indianapolis owners insist, is by no means the hub of a publicity stunt. She is, to all intents and purposes, a serious contender for a regular job in the Clowns' infield.

"This kid can play the position (second base) with a lot of good ones," says owner Syd Pollock, "and it was on the recommendation of a former major league star that we took the chance to sign her—and at $12,000 for the year, too.

St. Paul Her Hometown

"Gabby Street, the old Washington and St. Louis Cardinals player, permitted her to work out at a baseball school he was conducting in her home town of St. Paul in 1945. He was greatly impressed but, naturally, could make no use of her in his work of preparing kids for organized baseball.

"Toni wasn't discouraged by this turn of events. She switched from the softball league in which she had been playing in St. Paul and, after her experience with Street, decided to devote all her time to hard ball.

"In 1947, she won a job on an independent team called the San Francisco Sea Lions and became so outstanding that the New Orleans Creoles, a semi-pro club, took her on in 1948.

Stick to School Work

"After three years there, she looked up one day and found she was playing against us (the Clowns) and Bunny Downs, our business manager, was watching. Bunny had previously seen her in St. Paul and had told her to forget baseball and stick to her school work.

"Toni lost no time reminding Bunny of his words, and got a real laugh out of his consternation when she pulled a couple of nice fielding plays to give us real trouble.

"The past winter, we got the idea that she deserved a chance. She had made such a genuine effort to break down the prejudice against women players and we reasoned that this was another barrier we could erase. We gave her the chance and she has made good with a bang."

May Be Mistaken

Downs, admitting that he may have been mistaken in advising Toni against the sport, declares: "She's made me look pretty bad up to now. She has proved she can take it, she doesn't ask any quarter from the guys and she gives none.

"They don't go into Toni with the idea that she's a gal. And if they do, the reception they get quickly convinces them otherwise."

Two Sisters, One Brother

Marcenia Lyle (Toni) Stone was born in St. Paul, Minn., July 17, 1931, one of a family of three girls and a boy belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Boykin Stone.

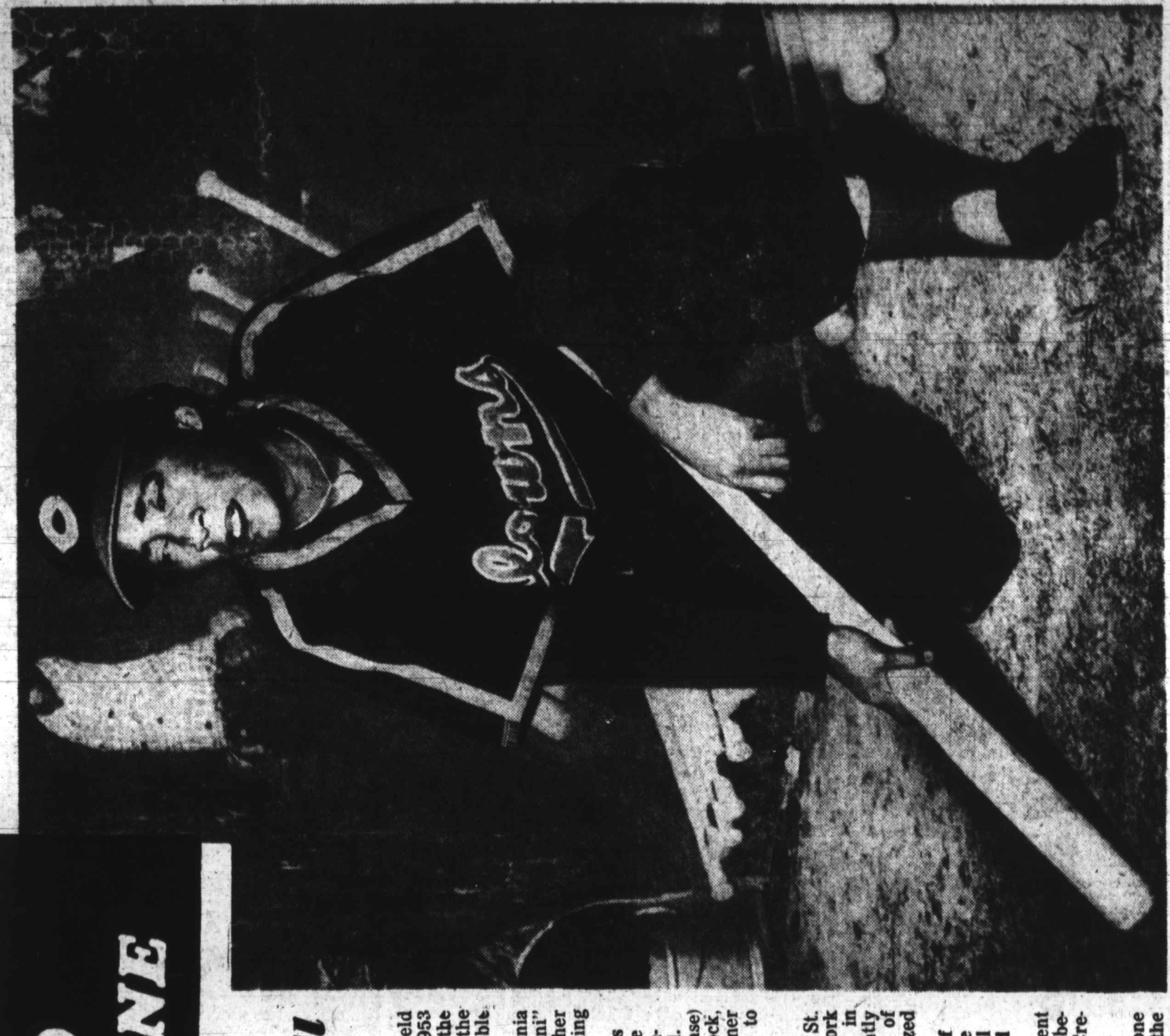
As early as her grammar school days in St. Paul, she proved she was an unusual athlete, excelling in swimming, track and baseball. At Roosevelt High, she was a member of the varsity team in swimming and headed the girls' track team.

Currently the second baseman (or basewoman) of the Negro American League champion Indianapolis Clowns, Toni lives in Oakland, Cal., in the off season.

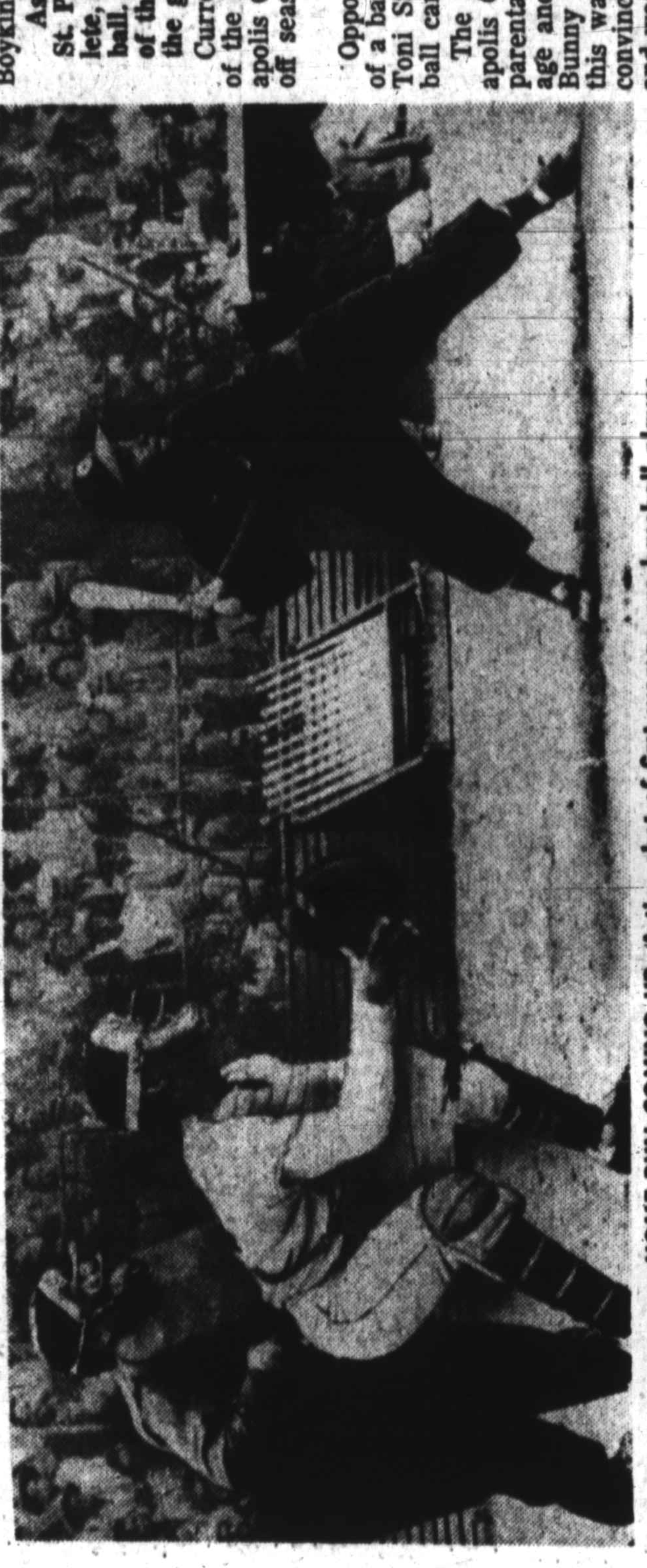
Told To 'Forget It'

Opposition of doting parents and admonitions of a baseball scout to "forget it," failed to daunt Toni Stone in her quest of a professional baseball career.

The 21-year-old female phenom of the Indianapolis Clowns reveals that she had to overcome parental objections when she was 14 years of age and, later, had to live down the warning of Bunny Downs, the Clowns' ivory hunter, that this was "no game for a gal" before she could convince all and sundry that she knew her goal and was determined to achieve it.

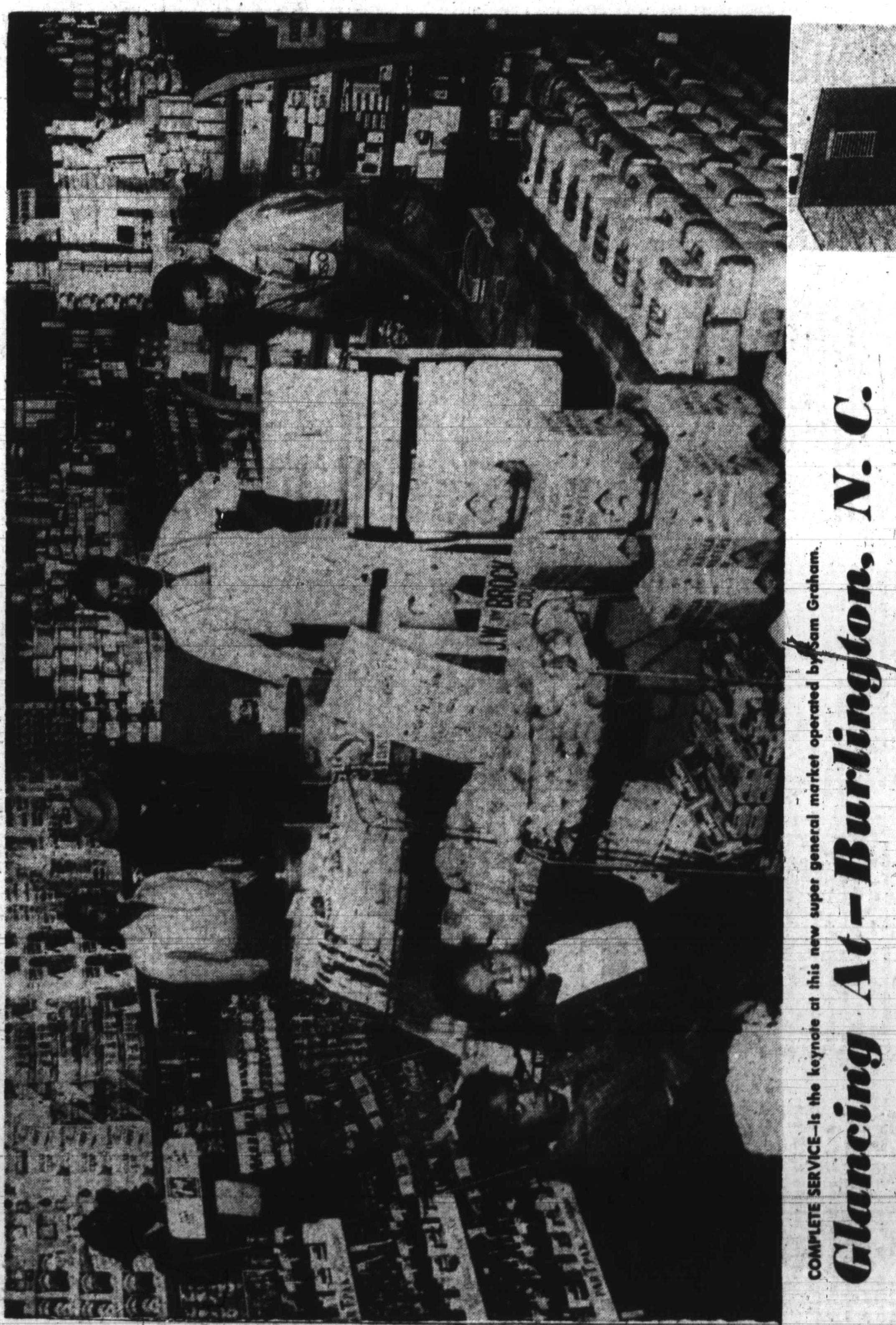


ON DECK—Awaiting her turn at bat is Marcenia Lyle Stone.



HOME RUN COMING UP—Action shot of first woman pro baseball player.

NEXT WEEK -- Meet The 1953 Ideal Mother



COMPLETE SERVICE—Is the keynote at this new super general market operated by Sam Graham.

Glancing At—Burlington, N. C.

Burlington, N.C., has claims of being in the center of things. This hosiery and textile manufacturing city is located midway between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.

It's half way between Greensboro and Durham and in the middle of the Piedmont area, in Alamance County.

The city is a producer of electronic equipment and furniture. A whopping $80,000,000 annual payroll keeps the town humming.

Burlington city fathers are trying hard to improve the lot of all its citizens.

In the matter of educational facilities, a new high school is off the drawing boards to replace the 1924 Jordan Sellars structure.

Some political bickering went into the choice of site, but matters are moving swiftly ahead.

At present, the 374 high school students are housed in 11 classrooms. A contract has been let for $300,000 for a new high school of 16 classrooms.

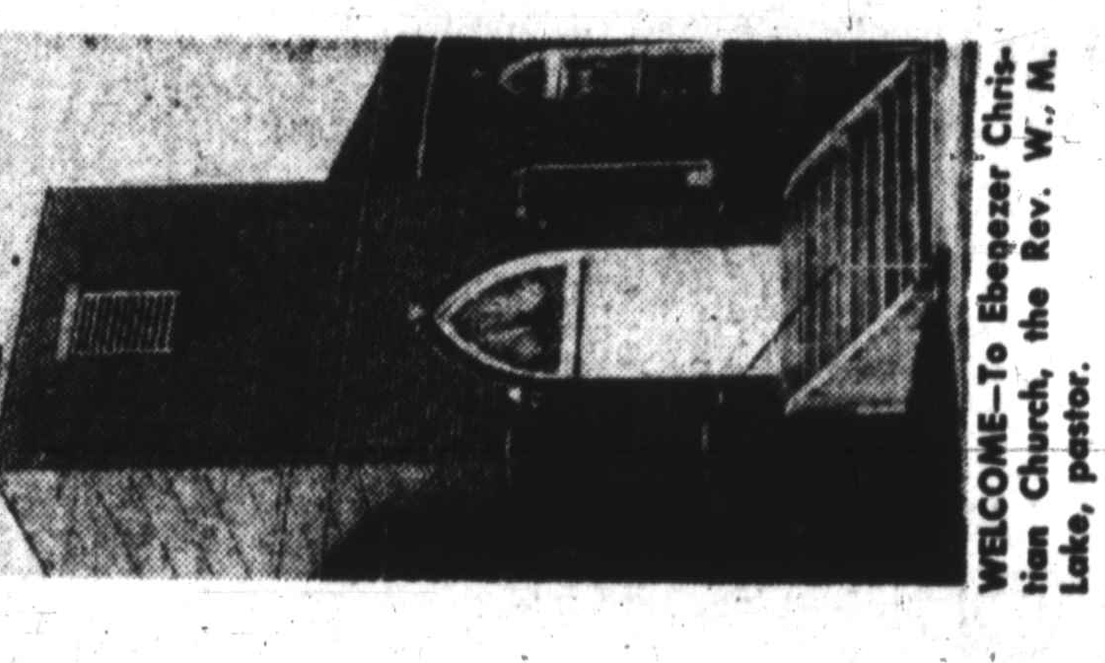
The town is especially proud of its 72-piece band, reportedly one of the finest high school musical aggregations in the state.

Ebenezer Christian is pastored by the Rev. W. M. Lake. The church's bulletin board reads: "The Friends I Seek Are Seeking Me."

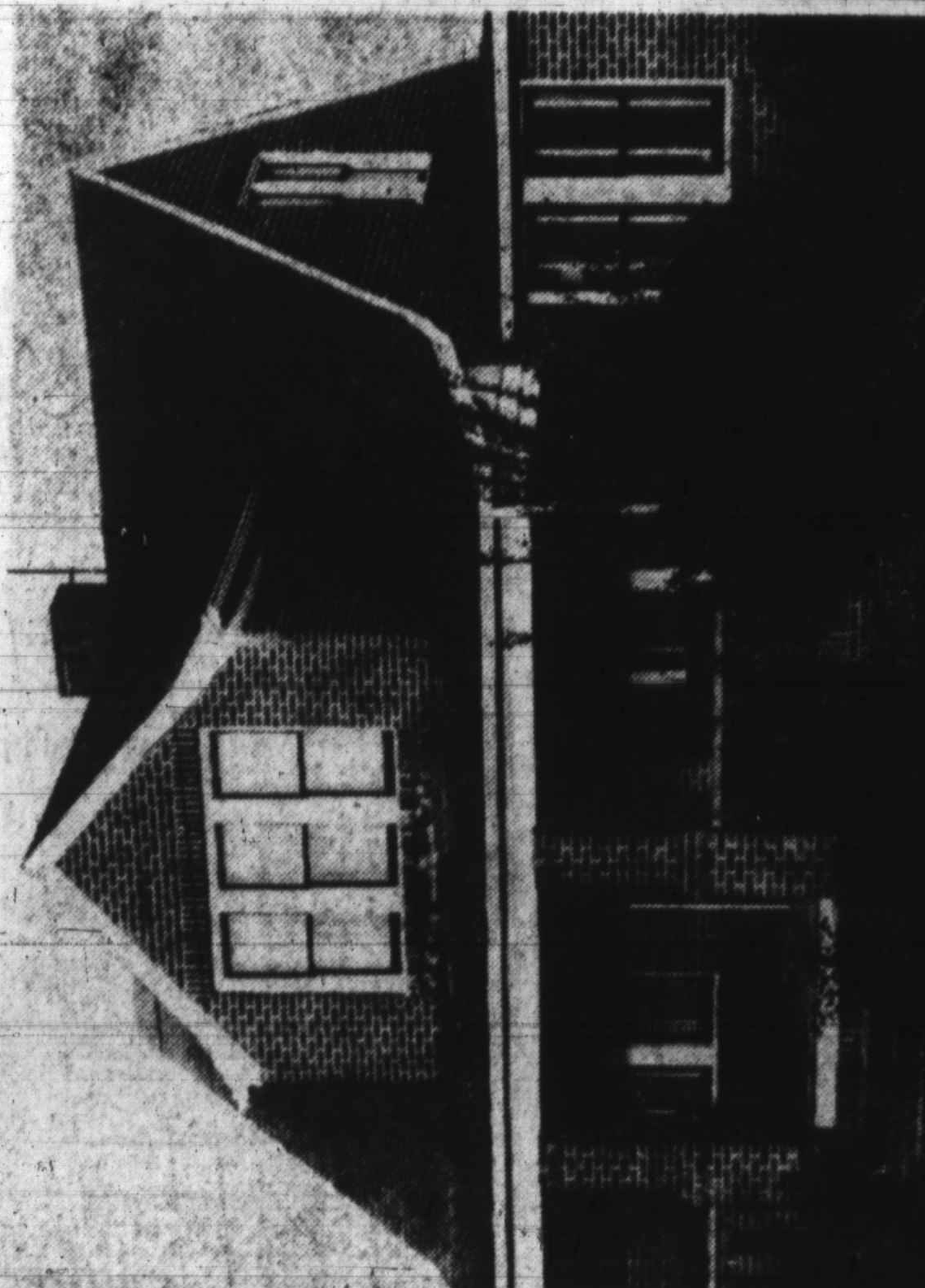
The Recreation Center is the mecca of the city's youth. A general store and an office of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. are also found in the building.

Sam Graham has operated a grocery store in Burlington for 15 years. Nine months ago, he opened his new building (shown at top of page).

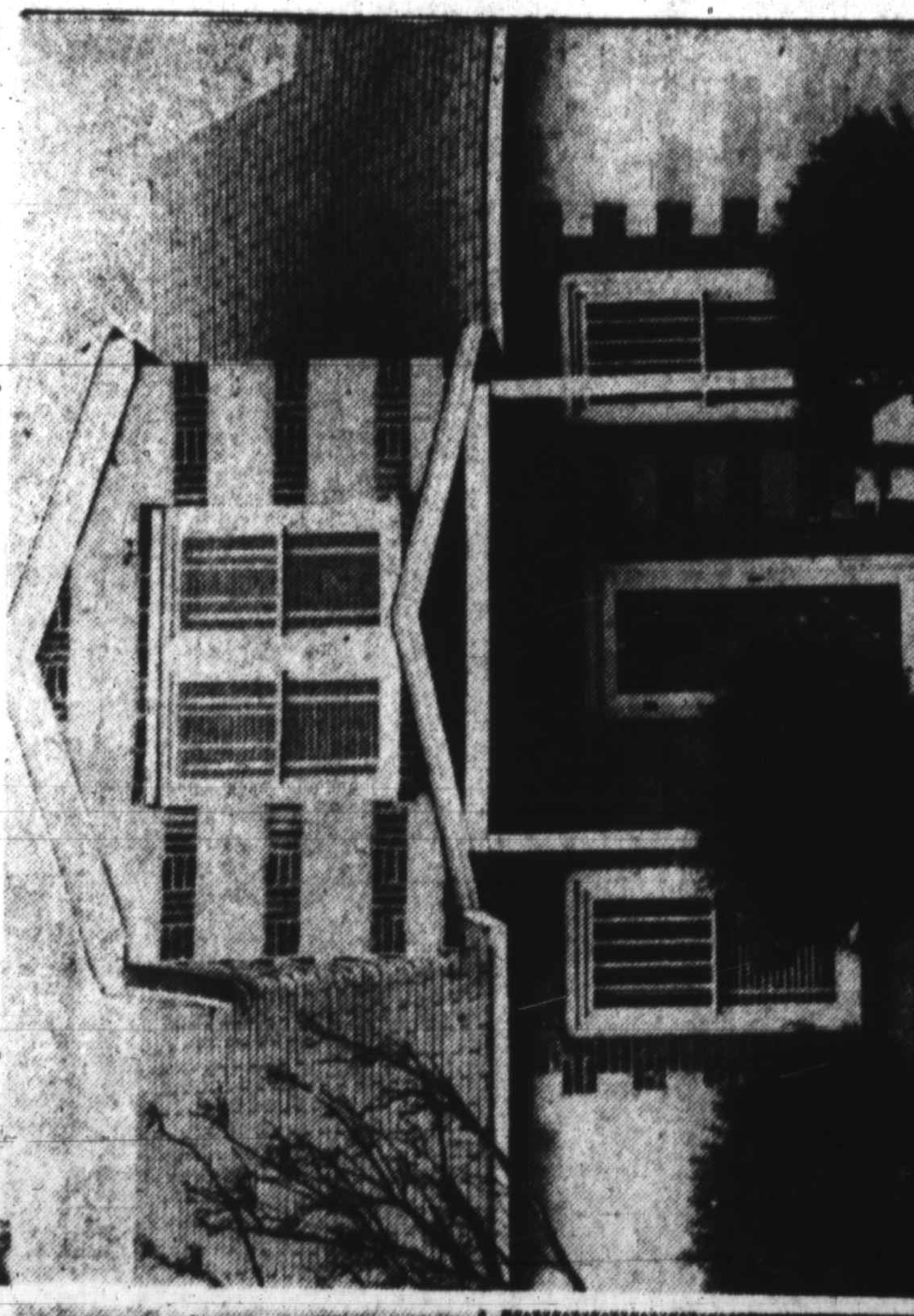
He has complete service, including meats. Mr. Graham being intensely civic-minded, his store window serves as a bulletin board for the civic doings of the community.



WELCOME—To Ebenezer Christian Church, the Rev. W. M. Lake, pastor.



COMFORTABLE—Is the look about this home of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Scott.



HOME SWEET HOME—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs.