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Master plumbers elect new trade relations head

The Progressive Master Plumbers of Maryland elected Francis P. Burgess, chairman of the Trades Relations Committee Thursday.

In a meeting held at the Association of Commerce building at 22 Light st., the organization in addition heard complaints that unqualified persons were doing plumbing work throughout the city.

In many cases the association said work often done by unauthorized persons is wrongly installed and at great expense to home owners and must often be taken out completely and reinstalled by a qualified master plumber.

Prosecution Urged

A more vigorous prosecution of violators of the city and state plumbing laws will be demanded Mr. Burges said.

"Plumbing bootleggers — unqualified plumbers who do work without obtaining a permit—are more active in the Baltimore area now then they have been in several years," he declared.

The association has urged its members to assist the chief plumbing inspector in the city and the state plumbing board in prosecuting violators.

Only master plumbers may procure permits for plumbing work, and a permit must be obtained for every job. The state law establishes fines of from $5 to $50 for violations. A city ordinance sets up a fine of $5 to $25 for doing plumbing work in the city without a permit.

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AFRO fans join Colts' welcome

AFRO readers and Baltimore Colts fans were preparing to join hands in extending the team what many expect to be the biggest welcome ever given a professional football club in the history of the play-for-pay sport.

The Colts will arrive at Friendship Airport between 9:45 and 10:15 p. m., Sunday, following their afternoon battle with the Packers at Green Bay, Wisc.

According to plans, the Colts' band will be there to serve as a pounding board for the thousands of colored and white rooters who promise to turn out for the welcome.

With Baltimore rapidly reaching major league status in every phase, the Colts' reception may match anything Milwaukee was able to produce for its beloved baseball Braves last summer.

Mail carrier gets probation

Pleading guilty to theft and rifling the mails, William Nixon, 2000 block Division st., was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years by order of Judge Calvin Chestnut of U.S. District court, this week.

Having worked 17 years with the post office, the 40-year-old mail carrier, was arrested Aug. 6 at Druid station by postal inspectors.

They found on him a letter containing $15.75 in U.S. currency consisting of five one dollar bills, a $10 bill and three quarters.

A member of a well-known Baltimore family, whose male members have been long time postal employees, Mr. Nixon has been suspended from the department.

He is married and has four children.

Good Samaritan paid; $700 stolen

A North Baltimore resident who befriended a 15-year-old girl by gifts of money from time to time was repaid Monday by having seven years' savings stolen by the girl.

Mrs. Laura Newman, 800 block N. Stricker st., told police that she was robbed of $700 which she had been saving for "seven or eight years" in two china statues in her bedroom.

A neighbor told of seeing the girl break into a basement window in Mrs. Newman's home.

The girl first denied the theft, but later admitted it under questioning.

New shoes, dresses and other items of clothing valued at $37 were found at the girl's home. The rest of the money, which the girl said she had placed in an ice box in her mother's home in the 200 block of N. Stricker st., was not recovered.

The girl was ordered in juvenile court to repay the $700 at the rate of $5 a week.

Mrs. Newman said that she had occasionally given small amounts of money to the girl, a tenant in one of her houses, "to help her out." Mrs. Newman was away shopping when the theft occurred.

Lambda Kappa Mu to present Morrow

Lambda Kappa Mu sorority will present E. Frederick Morrow, adviser on business affairs for the National Production Authority, at its regional conference luncheon, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Morgan State college.

Mr. Morrow is a native of Hackensack, N.J. He was educated in the public schools of Hackensack, Bowdoin College and Rutgers University School of Law.

Liaison Officer

His job with the government is liaison officer between the commerce department and other agencies of the federal government. He formerly served as a research analyst and consultant for CBS-TV in NYC. Prior to that post, he was field secretary for the NAACP.

He has been associated with the Social Service Federation of Englewood, N.J., and with the national Urban League of NYC.

Hubby wins divorce from missing wife

Charging that his 35-year-old wife deserted him a year after their marriage, Luther Pittman, 37, 1334 N. Eden st., won a divorce in circuit court this week.

Mr. Pittman said that his former spouse, Mrs. Julia Pittman, of New Brighten, Long Island, N.Y., left him in May, 1938 and he has not been able to locate her since.

The couple was married Christmas Day, 1937. They had no children.

Mrs. Nora Smithay, 25, a nurse at Johns Hopkins hospital, was given custody of her year-old son, Danny, after winning a divorce from her husband, Joseph, of Virginia.

Mrs. Smithay, who lives at 1611 N. Caroline st., charged that he walked out on her July 26, 1952, saying that he was tired of married life.

They were married on Nov. 8, 1951.

Changed Affections

William Brown, 41, 614 N. Mount st., was granted a divorce when he told Judge Joseph Byrnes that his wife had "left him for another man" 13 years ago.

Mrs. Clorence Brown, 39, of Montclair, N.J., terminated their 11 years of marriage in August, 1940, the husband claimed, adding that she took their three children with her.

The couple was married Aug. 29, 1931 in New Jersey and moved to Baltimore where Mr. Brown is employed at the American Sugar refinery.

Divorce Petitions

Petitions filed this week in circuit court for divorce are:

Wilbert Jones, 714 Madison ave., vs. Mrs. Lucy Jones, 405 Robert st.; Mrs. Lillie M. Stilton, 1310 Linden ave., vs. Herman L. Stilton, 109 S. Fulton ave.; Mrs. Anna M. Jackson, 827 S. Paca st., vs. George N. Jackson, 715 N. Mount st., Roy S. W. Speaks, 724 Pierce st., vs. Mrs. Mary Speaks, 2000 Smallwood st., Roy S. Bond, attorney.

MEMORIAL EXHIBIT SET

A memorial exhibition representing the lifework of Elsa (Mrs. Charles) Hutzler, Baltimore sculptress who died suddenly last spring, will be shown at the Baltimore Museum of Art beginning Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

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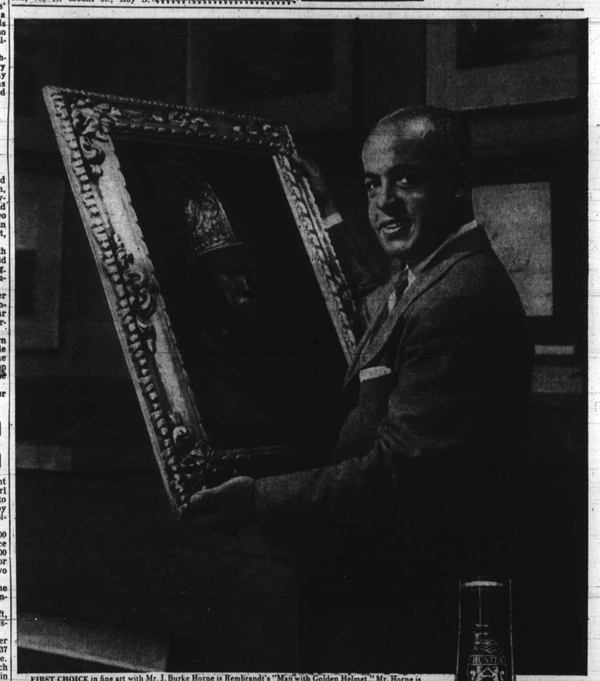

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Victim's funeral scheduled today

Body found on track; police say murder was elsewhere

Six men picked up for questioning in connection with the slaying of 13-year-old Claudine Richardson, were released at Central Police station, late Thursday.

None of the suspects could give light on the brutal murder which occurred sometime Sunday afternoon.

Captain John B. Kenealy of Central station, told the AFRO this week that no arrests can be made until the scene of the crime has been located.

Found Body In R.R. Yard

Police discovered the body of the young girl, lying face upwards in the Western Maryland Railroad yard near the 1000 block of Hillen st., between a box car and the Fidelity Storage Warehouse building.

Because there were no signs of blood or a struggle in the area, police contend the slaying occurred elsewhere and that the killer brought the child to the yard where he tried to destroy her by fire.

The upper portions of her body and clothing were charred, police say, adding that it looked as if the slayer had built a fire on her chest.

Body Mutilated

The lower part of the body was mutilated by long, deep knife wounds extending across the midsection, police report.

Medical examiners report that the child was not criminally assaulted prior to her death.

The only clue which police have is a partially smoked cigar which was found alongside of the body.

Funeral services for the child were scheduled for this afternoon (Friday) at the home of her mother, 836 Hampson st. with the Rev. R. Lyles officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Claude Richardson, still shocked by the incident, cried as she talked to reporters, Thursday. "I don't know who could have done it or why," she said, gazing at the unsealed white casket which set in the barren living room.

She and her husband, who lives at 927 Forrest st., were not aware of their child's untimely death until late Monday afternoon.

Identification Delayed

Police were unable to identify the girl earlier because no personal references could be found on the body.

Claudine was a student in dress designing at 116-A Vocational school. She had two brothers and two sisters.

The last time she was seen alive Sunday was at 3 p.m. when neighbors of the 800 block Gilmor st., told police they saw her walking alone down the street.

Police have been unable to learn of her whereabouts between that time and 8:30 p.m. when her body was discovered.

Name Turpin as 'other man' in suit

Randy gets news on eve of fight; ex-wife threatens

By JIMMY HICKS

NEW YORK — Randy Turpin lay sucking an orange in his dressing room Wednesday night and told reporters that "domestic troubles" had caused him to take the beating he took from Bobo Olson in his bid for the world's middleweight title.

Turpin, who lost a unanimous decision to Olson in one of the most shabby championship bouts the Garden has even seen, would not tell reporters what his domestic troubles were, but it was learned that the British champion was notified on the eve of the fight that he had been named a corespondent in a divorce action involving a woman whom Randy is said to be very fond of.

Wife Promises Trouble

British correspondents who covered the fight here also showed this reporter newspaper clippings from a British gossip column which stated that Randy's divorced wife is going to "make trouble for him" in his bid to marry a British woman whom the columnist did not name.

Turpin, who at times almost had his brains knocked out while laying on the ropes and raising his hands, said he felt the unanimous decision of the judges and referees was a just one.

But Turpin himself could not explain what caused him to lounge on the ropes repeatedly and allow Olson to pound him about his head at will.

All Part Of Game

"I knew I was getting the worst of it on the ropes," he said, "but it's all a part of the game."

Amazed sports writers who had seen Turpin lay on the ropes and take a beating without so much as trying to move even his feet, asked him if he felt

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500 To Make Race Relations Survey

The prelude to the launching of Baltimore's self-survey of race relations was sounded Wednesday at a luncheon conference sponsored by the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations and the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations.

The purpose and method of the community self-survey was explained to the several hundred luncheon guests at the Stafford hotel by Dr. Herman H. Long, director of the race relations department of the American Missionary association at Fisk University, and director of the community self-survey.

Baltimore will be the largest city and the only one south of the Mason-Dixon line to ever attempt the self-survey, according to Dr. Long, who has directed similar ones in Minneapolis, St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Trenton, N.J.

Dr. Long said that the survey, which takes about a year, could bring about great changes in the city's racial pattern if properly handled.

63 Co-Sponsoring Groups

Luncheon guests, all prominent Baltimoreans, represented some 63 co-sponsoring organizations expected to produce 500 volunteer workers to interview Baltimoreans in the areas of employment, housing, education, social welfare, public accommodations and inter-faith relations.

Declaring that unless America Improves its own race relations practices and policies it cannot expect to exert the moral pressure it should in the council of nations, Dr. Long said that the ultimate test comes "at the community level."

He said this was so despite changes in national policy and favorable court rulings.

The organization of the self-survey entails getting the largest possible mobilization of the best people in the community, Dr Long said.

"If mobilization is achieved, then it is possible to get facts which ought to be known and shared," added Dr. Long.

Gossip And Heresay

A community may contend it knows its problems, Dr. Long pointed out, but for the most part "we know them as gossip, we know them as heresay—we do not know them authoritatively."

He declared that the survey will be "an education in actualities."

Getting the widest possible support for the community audit, was set as the first phase of the self-survey program, followed by a small army of interviewers going into homes, factories and business places for first-hand information on race relations.

The least the city can gain is "a new awareness of its own potential, the possibilities and importance of its minority groups as related to the whole city," Dr. Long stated.

"It is possible to receive some achievements and gains in race relations," he said.

Jim Crow 'Crystalized'

Pointing out that "segregation practices are more crystalized in Baltimore," Dr. Long said it nevertheless did not make the job more "onerous" than in other cities.

Five of six people who will head survey groups were introduced by Rabbi Israel Goldman. They were:

Francis Jencks, housing; Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, education; Mrs. Henry O. Corner, social welfare; William Passano, public accommodations; and Leon Sachs, inter-faith relations.

A chairman for the employment group is to be named later, and Mrs. John B. Ramsey is head of the group now recruiting volunteer workers for the door-to-door questioning.

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, who appointed the state inter-racial commission, predicted at the luncheon that the self-survey "will bring about excellent results for the commission."

The self-survey has been endorsed by the Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, archbishop of Baltimore; the Rt. Rev. Bishop Nobel C. Powell, bishop of the diocese of Maryland; and Rabbi Goldman of the Chizuk Amuno congregation of the city.

Commissions' Members

Members of the Maryland and Baltimore commissions include: William C. Rogers Sr., chairman, who presided at the luncheon; Rabbi Goldman, and the Rev. W. Waldemar W. Argow, vice chairmen; and Charles E. Cornish, Dr. Otto Kraushaar, Clinton K. Macsherry, Mrs. Ramsey, Dr. Furman L. Templeton and Edward N. Wilson.

The Rev. Ward D. Yerby is executive secretary of the state commission and Thomas J. S. Waxter is executive secretary of the city commission.

Ober still reading Glass testimony

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober on Thursday had not finished reading a transcript of the testimony given Tuesday at a departmental trial of Patrolman Jerome Glass, suspended from the Northern district on Oct. 12.

Glass is charged with accepting $30 from a woman as payment in helping her obtain a divorce. He pleaded not guilty.

The policeman killed two persons and wounded three others while assigned to the Northwestern district.

Two other policemen are also under suspension on misconduct charges.

Final NAACP reports should be in tonight

Official closing night of the current NAACP membership campaign will be held tonight (Friday) at Sharp St. Methodist church.

All reports to be considered for awards must be submitted at that time. The victory and awards program will be held on Oct. 30.

Housewife guilty in husband's death

A 31-year-old housewife was found guilty of second degree murder by a criminal court jury this week.

Mrs. Alice Dawkins of the 2200 block Druid Hill ave. was sentenced by Judge Joseph L. Carter to not more than 12 years in the women's state reformatory.

Mrs. Dawkins fatally shot her husband, Romaine, 34, in her bedroom, April 26, following an argument concerning his association with another woman.

DR. MURPHY IMPROVES

Dr. George B. Murphy Sr., patient at Provident Hospital for three months, was permitted to take a one-hour automobile ailing on Thursday.

Blind Association in concert, Sunday

The Blind Association will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist church, 32nd and Barclay sts.

Still soliciting money for the establishment of a home for the blind, the association was presented a check for $100 recently by Les Dexsemmes social club of which Mrs. Christine Stokes is business manager. Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter is association director.

Eastside group fights tavern shift

The Eastside Community Committee has forwarded to the Liquor Board a list containing almost 400 names of persons opposing the shift of a tavern from the 500 block N. Central ave. to the 800 block N. Gay st.

David Suttleman, owner of the tavern at 501 N. Central ave., is seeking approval to transfer to 809 N. Gay st. The tavern owner is also seeking an amusement license which would allow him to remain open seven days a week.

Stanley Scherr, chief traffic court magistrate, is attorney for Mr. Suttleman, according to information received from the license.

William S. Taylor, eastside coordinator who dispatched the signatures to the Liquor Board, also enclosed a letter noting that:

"Colored people in the City of Baltimore make up one-fourth of the population.

10 Per Cent Earning Power

". . . They have a total earning power of 10 per cent.

"They spend 40 per cent of the total amount spent for beer, wine and liquor.

"They constitute over 50 per cent of the total receiving aid from the Department of Public Welfare."

The attorney for the protestants and the Eastside Community is Milton B. Allen.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 23

Dedicatorial program at Bookcastle T. Washington junior high school, 8 p.m., school auditorium.

Closing night, NAACP membership campaign, 8 p.m., Sharp St. Memorial Methodist church, Dolphin and Etting sts.

Rhapsodies of 1954 with Sugar Ray Robinson, Billy Ward and his Dominoes and Count Basie, 8 and 10:30 p.m., Coliseum.

Civil Defense meeting, NW-5, Easterwood Community Center, Bentalou and Baker sts., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 24

Morgan vs. W. Virginia State, Hughes Stadium, 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Hour of Music with Sanctuary Choir of Knox Presbyterian church, Broadway, Biddle and Gay sts., 5 p.m.

NAACP Musical Hour, 4 p.m., Sharp St. Memorial Methodist church, Dolphin and Etting sts.

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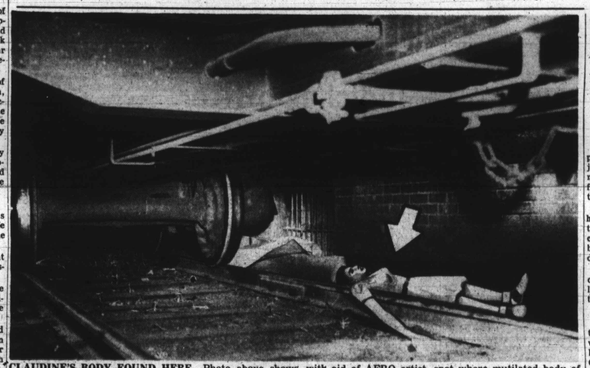

CLAUDINE'S BODY FOUND HERE—Photo above shows, with aid of AFRO artist, spot where mutilated body of 13-year-old Claudine Richardson was found Sunday night by railroad tracks in 1000 block of Hillen st. Fiendish slayer stabbed her to death and set fire to her clothing. Police are still seeking murderer.

Inspector fined $1,000 for bribery

Albert Lapin, former white city building inspector, convicted of accepting a bribe of $300 from a property owner, was fined $1,000, given a three-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for that time, in criminal court this week.

Judge Joseph L. Carter heard the case in May, but withheld disposition until this time, pending a motion for a new trial. The supreme bench refused to grant the motion, late this summer.

At the trial, Mrs. Rae Brooks, 1700 block Harlem ave., testified that Lapin agreed to overlook some repairs on her house in the 1500 block W. Fayette st., provided she would give him the money.

Lapin was trapped by police, Jan. 31, in Mrs. Brooks' home, when she paid him in marked bills.

Brutality cited in making arrest

Annapolis officer held in state's 1st civil rights prosecution case

In the state's first civil rights prosecution case, a federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted a former Annapolis white police officer who was dismissed from the force for police brutality.

At the same time, the jury heard similar charges against two Baltimore city white officers involved in another case, but these officers were not indicted.

Lengthy testimony in these cases made the jury take a lunch-hour recess for the first time in four years.

Dismissed From Force

The policeman indicted is Patrolman Henry W. Trott who was dismissed from the Annapolis force on Sept. 24 by Police Commissioner George W. Rawlings when found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and of violating department rules and regulations.

This grew out of the arrest on Aug. 7 of Elmo Roberts of 43 Paca st., Annapolis, who accused the former officer of beating him severely with his night stick when he interrupted a street disturbance between Mrs. Roberts and another woman.

The other case involved Sgt. John Dunn and Patrolman Bernard Zilinski, both of Baltimore's Northwestern district, who were accused of manhandling Mrs. Bernice Wilkins by dragging her from her home in her nightdress on March 3.

Witness Called Twice

Testifying against the Annapolis officer, Mrs. Roberts was called before the grand jury twice on Tuesday. The first time, he was closeted with them for 20 minutes; and about a half hour later, he was called back for a three-minute questioning.

The indictment against Officer Trott charges him with illegally beating Mr. Roberts "under the cover of laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations of the state of Maryland."

It holds that the assault was made for the purpose of administering illegal and summary punishment to Mr. Roberts with intent to rob him of his constitutional rights and privileges.

May Face Prison

If found guilty after a federal court hearing, the officer faces a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment, a $1,000 fine or both.

Maintaining his innocence, the officer was reported "shocked" to learn of his indictment and was quoted as saying, "I'm being used as a scapegoat to cover up some things that are going on in Annapolis."

His brother, Robert Trott,

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Police crack high school sex ring

White director faces charge; probe under way

WASHINGTON

Police, this week, broke what was described as one of the most vicious high school sex rings in this vicinity, with the arrest of Vincent Charles McGinniss, a hefty white recreation director at the Langley junior high school.

The arrest was made following an investigation by the sex squad of the Metropolitan police at the request of officials in the Recreation Department of the public school system.

McGinniss, 36, of the 3000 block 12th st., ne, has been charged with committing an indecent act on a 14-year-old boy. An employee of the District Recreation Department, he was released under $1,000 bond and his case continued until Nov. 4 in municipal court.

Activities Suspended

According to reputable community sources, rumors of illegal sex activities at the playground had been circulating over a long period of time.

Milo F. Christiansen, superintendent of the District Recreation Department, told the AFRO, Thursday, that McGinniss was suspended Wednesday, October 21, as soon as the Department

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Ten firemen now training

Recruits side-step comment on jobs

With a rigorous 35-week training schedule ahead of them, the first 10 colored appointees to the city's fire department began training Wednesday at Engine House No. 36 in the 2200 block Edmondson ave.

At the conclusion of their first day of classes, most of the men, with the exception of one, told reporters there would be "no comment."

The trainees spent their first day in orientation classes which started at 8 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m.

Training "Routine"

The one man who did comment stated "the training period was routine. We are undergoing the same training as any other appointee and we are only trying to do a job."

Among those who answered the 8 a.m. roll call were Charles L. Scott, George C. W. McKnight Jr., Louis Harden, Charles W. Milner, Cicero Baldwin, Lee D. Babb, Earl C. Jones, Lindsay Washington Jr., Roy Parker, and Ernest Barnes.

Total Of 46 Appointed

The appointment of the 10 men was announced on Oct. 15 by the fire department board. In all 46 men were appointed.

The announcement brought to a conclusion a 22-year-old fight that began in 1930 when the Baltimore Urban League and the NAACP requested a conference with the department to discuss the appointment of colored firemen.

In acknowledgement of the historic move on the part of city

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No state park cabin bias, says Kaylor

Reservations for cabins in Maryland State parks are accepted on the basis of race, Joseph F. Kaylor, director of the State Department of Forests and Parks has announced.

Mr. Kaylor made the statement of policy in answer to an inquiry made by Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

Weather

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Dolphin st. residents ask removal of sandstones

Concerned over dirty, pock-marked streets caused by construction of a water main in front of their homes, residents of the 700 block Dolphin st. neighborhood club are circulating a petition asking municipal authorities for relief.

Noting that previous appeals have been ignored, portions of the petition reads:

"The City completed the installation of a new water main, closed the openings and proceeded to dump truck loads of sandstones in our street. This has remained in our block six weeks. No use has been made of this sand and we feel our block has been made a dumping ground.

"Some individuals are suffering from sinus conditions, asthma and bronchitis. You can hardly breathe when the east traffic comes through at all hours of the day and night, raising sand, dust storms each time.

Hoodlums Throw Stones

"Hoodlums play on the piles of sand dumped in the street and throw stones which break windows and generally endanger our lives.

"Numerous calls have been made to the Northwestern police station, to the Mayor's office and to the contractor in charge of the construction. However, these conditions remain unchanged."

The petition also states that the contractor, identified as a Mr. McTee, has informed the residents that a temporary paving job to be done in the near future will "need time to settle."

The residents are asking that, during this "settling period," the No. 21 trackless trolley, not be restored to its former route through the block "jarring our homes and cracking the walls of our property."

The petition is signed by Mrs. Victoria Coleman, president, and Mrs. Sarah I. Sampson, secretary of the 700 block Dolphin st. neighborhood club.

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Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that a State employee should be named to the Board of a State institution.