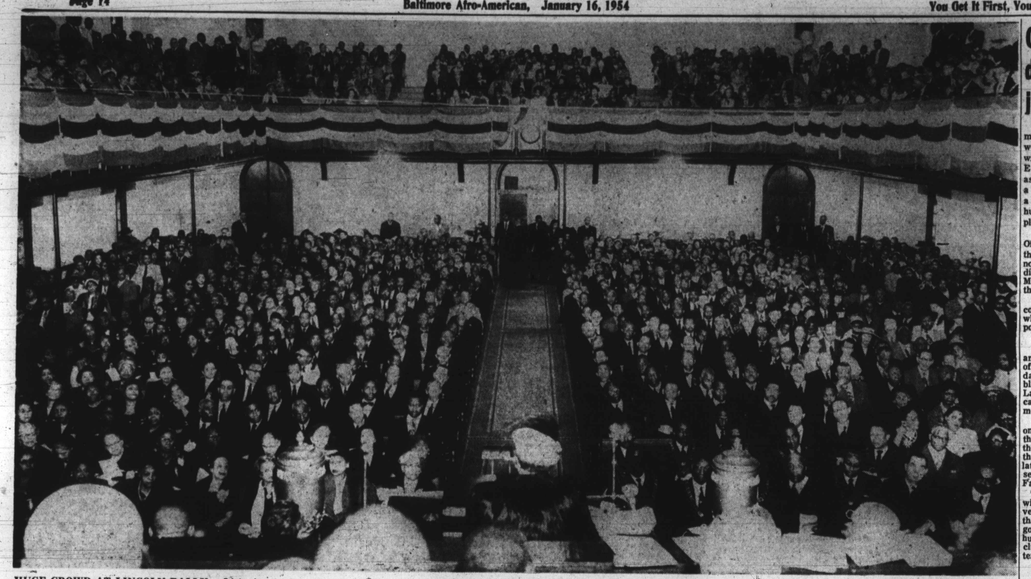

HUGE CROWD AT LINCOLN RALLY —Listening to a speaker with undivided attention, here is part of the 1,500 persons who attended the 97th celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation last Sunday at Bethel AME church. Sponsored by the Prince Hall Masonic order, the affair was highlighted by a rousing speech by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University and bids by three gubernatorial candidates—Gov. McKeldin, Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd and George Mahoney. Dr. Johnson listed for the candidates the program the colored voter wants.

Officer, couple dismissed after judge hears case

A mass of conflicting testimony was produced in Northwestern police court on Tuesday with the result that Magistrate E. Everett Lane dismissed three assault charges growing out of a minor traffic accident between a colored policeman and the husband of a white state employee.

Involved in the hearing were Officer Rudolph Wilkins, 30, of the 1100 block N. Bentalou st., now stationed in the Southern district; John Meyer, 39, and Mrs. Ruth Meyer, 36, both of the 3800 block Ellen rd.

Officer Wilkins charged the couple with assault by striking, while they in turn accused the policeman of the same offense.

Dismissed All

After hearing the three defendants give their colorful versions of the altercation early Monday morning in the midst of a blinding snow storm, Magistrate Lane dismissed them all because of the conflict in testimony.

The defendants did agree on one point, however, and that was that all the trouble started when the Meyer's automobile ran into the rear of Wilkins' car, as the latter was halted at the intersection of Hilton st. and Gwynns Falls pkwy.

Thereafter, the stories grew wider and wider apart. In his version, Officer Wilkins said that after the collision, Meyer got out of his car, he began to hurl abusive words which included several repetitions of the term "n—."

Hit With Iron Pipe

Wilkins testified that Mrs. Meyer struck him on the cheek with an iron pipe and that he and Meyer then started to fight.

Mrs. Meyer differed with the officer's story when she said that the officer opened the door of the Meyer's car and that she grabbed the iron pipe in self defense. She said the fight starred when her husband came to her protection.

Both sides did agree that Officer Wilkins had never identified himself as a police officer.

Officer Wilkins has been on the force for five years and during the last six months has been assigned to Southern.

Feb. 2 in Traffic Court Mr. Meyer still must face trial on charges of reckless driving.

John Procope is speaker at Parenthood luncheon

The Auxiliary Board of the Planned Parenthood Association of Baltimore Inc. Sponsored a luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Park Plaza Hotel to mark the opening of the 1954 Fund-Raising Campaign.

A panel of speakers included Dr. Ruth Finkelstein, asst. medical director of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Baltimore, John Procope, superintendent of Provident hospital, Mrs. Robert S. Nyburg, member of the Board of the Planned Parenthood Association of Baltimore and member of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and Mrs. Pearl Brown, field director of Montgomery County, Planned Parenthood Clinic.

The campaign with a goal of $23,600 is being conducted by the Planned Parenthood Association of Baltimore, Inc. and will continue through February.

Dr. John Whitridge Jr. is and Dr. Bessie L. Moses, is medical director.

Mrs. Louis B. Kohn, II, executive campaign chairman for 1954, announced that the campaign has been approved by the Coordinating Council for Fund-RAISING Campaigns.

CHERRY HILL HOUSE

The two-story brick house at 2728 Bookert drive, will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. Terms of sale include a $500 cash deposit, balance in cash upon final ratification by the Circuit Court of Baltimore.

THEY ARE PRINCE HALL MASONS NOW—These former members of the Most Worshipful Solomon Grand Lodge of Maryland swore allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland, Willard W. Allen, grand master, on January 5 at the Masonic Temple. They will be known henceforth as the Samuel J. Ennis Lodge No. 106 and Clara Overton Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. Irvin Leake is worshipful master and Mrs. Edith Williams, matron. Left to right are, back row standing: C. Smith, H. Demory, L. Morrison, Mary Leak, K. M. McCoy, J. Daniels, L. Austin, G. Dempsey, P. Moses. Second row rear: M. Shelton, W. B. Morrison, N. Woolfolk, E. M. Williams, L. M. Leak, O. L. Robinson, G. R. Faircloth, A. Coward, D. Mainor, M. Moses, J. Mable. Third row: C. Coward, J. Young, J. Belle, M. Wells, G. D. District 1, OES; S. Stansbury, G. R. Myra, G. C., OES, state of Maryland; C. E. Harris, F. M. Myra, G.C. OES, state of Maryland; A. E. Williams, L. Johnson, M. L. Johnson, J. Leak. Fourth row: Mr. Knight, R. Williams, J. E. Dempsey, B. Downings, D. E. Mainor, E Robinson, G. P. Myra, G. C. OES, state of Maryland, PHG, J. H. Davis, E. Nutter, J. Ellison, A. Johnson. Fourth row: P. Wilson, H. Robertson, G. Campbell, R. Belle, P. Tennessee, D. Robinson, E. Leak J. Faircloth J. Cleveland, Mr. Love.

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Fifteen drivers get awards from Transit Co.

Fifteen colored transit drivers were among 543 chauffeurs cited by the Baltimore Transit co., this week, for having driven an average of 15,000 miles in 1953 without an accident.

The men were given awards in the form of wallet-sized cards which certified their safe-driving record and specially engraved pins.

Division managers made the presentation of the awards as each man finished his shift. It was a ceremony which featured motion pictures and the serving of refreshments.

Receiving awards on Monday at the Monroe Terminal, Washington blvd., near Monroe st., was John D. Rice, 1815 Harlem ave., and Ernest Sanders, 2316 Druid Hill ave.

Tuesday, at the Retreat Terminal, Retreat and Francis sts., receiving awards were Raphael Brown, 2409 W. Lexington st.; William Linton, 1814 W. North ave.; Fred A. Simmons, 833 W. Fayette st.; and DeLeano Washington, 105 Eggs Lane.

More Awards

Also scheduled to receive awards within the next week are, at the Irvington Terminal, Frederick rd. and Collins ave., James B. Cook, 319 E. 20th st.; Edmondson Terminal, Washington Dorsey, 2141 Penrose st., and John Fuller, 3232 Belmont ave.

Receiving awards at the Bush st. Terminal will be Burley Roberts, 2607 Spelman rd.; Jesse Gary, 1402 Rutter st.; William Jones, 1809 Ruskin ave.; Jesse J. Williams, 1313 Mrytle ave., and Rufus W. Mitchell, 715 Bradley st.

Receiving an award at the Kirk Terminal is Herbert Graves, 1727 N. Broadway.

WILLIAMS

Turner Station man hurt in auto wreck

A 32-year-old Turner Station laborer, who smashed his 1952 Buick sedan into a fireplug at the intersection of Broenig hghw and Holabird ave., was hospitalized in City Hospitals Saturday with internal injuries.

Charged with speeding and reckless driving, Mose Jackson of 124 Willow ct., is scheduled to appear in Traffic Court for a hearing on March 11, at 3 p.m.

According to witnesses, Mr. Jackson lost control of his car during a rain storm Saturday. The right side and top of the automobile was damaged, Eastern District police said.

SERVICEMAN IN MO.

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. —Pvt. Harry L. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hamrick, 1839 W. North ave., Baltimore, Md., is nearing completion of a 16-week training cycle here with a unit of the 8th Armored Division.

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Estate divided in equal shares

A will drawn five years prior to her death on Aug. 13, 1953 by Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines meticulously divides her estate in equal shares to her children and the children of the daughter who predeceased her.

The will has been probated in Orphans Court by her grandson, Donald G. Murray, attorney, designated as executor.

Mrs. Gaines, a nationally known church and club woman, was the widow of Bishop A. L. Gaines of the AME church. The recipients of her estate will be her daughters, Mesdames Josephine Lansey, Florence Gloster, and Janet Taylor; and four grandchildren, Mr. Murray and Mrs. Marjorie Prount, children of the late Mrs. Cecelia Gaines Murray; Miss Josephine Lansey and John G. Gloster.

Disposing of her jewelry, Mrs. Gaines bequeathed her diamond engagement ring to Mrs. Gloster, a cameo pin and locket to Mrs. Taylor, and a princess diamond ring to Miss Josephine Lansey.

Four prized crystal bowls will go, one each to Mesdames Lansey, Gloster, Taylor and Prout. Her silver will be given to Mrs. Prout and Mr. Murray in equal shares, and her china to the daughters, Mrs. Prout and Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. Gloster will receive all the household effects, pictures and wearing apparel in the home in which Mrs. Gaines lived until her death, 1522 McCulloh st.

Properties at 1616, 1933 and 905 Druid Hill ave., and in Atlanta, Ga., will go, one-fourth interest each to John G. Gloster, son of Mrs. Florence Gloster; Mrs. Lansey and Mrs. Taylor; and one-eighth each to Mr. Murray and Mrs. Prout.

A similar division will be made of money in bank accounts.

NAACP INSTALLATION

The Rev. Harold Nixon, pastor of New Life Presbyterian church will conduct the installation service for NAACP officers 3 p.m. Sunday at Sharp st. Methodist church.

Bar Group raps Sodaro's latest staff appointment

See Editorial On Page 15

The Monumental Bar Association this week sharply criticized the appointment by State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro of another white lawyer as an assistant in his office.

Mr. Sodaro announced Saturday that Charles H. Borcherding, former police court magistrate, had been appointed assistant State's Attorney.

At a meeting of the bar group, Saturday night, it was voted to write Mr. Sodaro a letter complaining at his failure to appoint a colored assistant.

Mr. Borcherding's appointment brings to 15, including Deputy State's Attorney, William H. Maynard, assistant prosecutors in the State's Attorney's office.

The letter dispatched to Mr. Sodaro called attention to a promise the State's Attorney made a committee of the bar association shortly after his election that a colored assistant would be named as soon as a vacancy occurred.

Cites Broken Promises

Part of the letter, signed by Linwood G. Koger, president of the group reads: "Not long afterwards a vacancy did occur and your substitution was not colored.

"Not long after that a second vacancy occurred and again your appointment was not colored. A committee from the Association then visited you and again reminded you of your promise.

"You again promised to appoint one.

Near End Of Term

"In the intervening years which has brought you almost to the expiration of your elected term in that office, you have made other replacements, but you have failed to keep your promise."

Mr. Koger closes his letter asking that Mr. Sodaro, "in the names of decency, self-integrity, the abolition of the malignant growing hatred among other people toward our great America," appoint a colored attorney to his staff.

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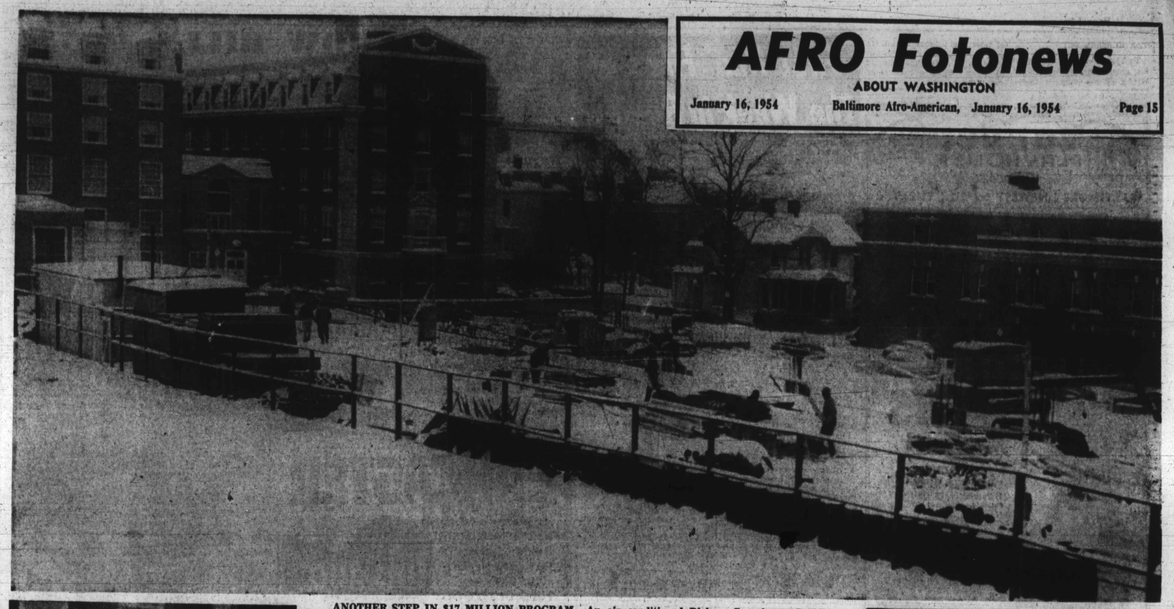

ANOTHER STEP IN $17 MILLION PROGRAM—An air conditioned Biology Greenhouse Building and a new house for the College of Pharmacy are on the way up on the Howard University Campus at 4th and College st., nw, in Washington. This construction is part of a $17,000,000 overall building program which began on the campus four years ago. Two girls' dormitories were completed in 1951; the engineering and architectural building in 1952. The new School of Dentistry in the 600 block of W st., nw, will be ready by September, 1954. Money has been appropriated for an administration building, School of Law, Fine Arts Building and another men's dormitory. Hilyard Robinson is the architect.

SHE WENT TO SCHOOL—Although District public school children stayed home on Monday because of the four-inch snowfall, it didn't bother Miss Suzanne Miller, Howard University sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts. Miss Miller is a Dunbar High school graduate. She lives at 1946 Third st. nw.

A SNOW PLOW DID THIS—When Dr. A. Garland Smyer, right, D. C. dentist, tried to move his car away from in front of his home at 2011 Vermont ave., nw, on Monday, he had to do some digging first. A city snow plow had piled the white stuff all around his car. He finally got out with the help of Pittman Rhodes at left. Forty-six city streets were off-limits. Any motorist who was stuck without chains was subject to a fine and a towing charge.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET—Despite the cold and snow, Mrs. Victor Hancock of 15 Randolph pl., nw, walked to the market with her daughter, Ava Leslie, seven months. She says Ava eats all baby foods. Weighs 18 pounds, and is waiting for her first tooth to appear.

A COLD WAIT—Heavy snow slowed the city's public transportation too. Some riders waited 30 to 45 minutes at one intersection. Looking hopefully up Rhode Island ave., are Miss Lillian Toler and her mother, Mrs. Georgia Toler, 165 U st., nw. Dad and hubby is Claude Toler, a barber.

TRAFFIC TANGLED—Monday's snow meant traffic slowed and a policeman on every busy corner. Philip Broome of Precinct 13 was on duty at New Jersey and Florida aves., nw.

THEY HAD TO WAIT—When Norman W. Britt, Capital Transit Co. track sweeper, saw the need for clearing the tracks of snow, he held up traffic. He was photographed at work at Georgia and Florida aves., nw, a busy Washington intersection.

ALL IN FUN—Winter's first real snow, all four inches of it, was a welcome change of scenery to many Washingtonians. Mrs. Maude Twitty of the 1800 block Fourth st., nw, said she found shoveling snow fun.