1,000 tenants hear plans for Area 12

In a mass meeting Tuesday at the Fifth Regiment Armory, approximately 1,000 residents of Mount Royal area were told of the city's plans for rehabilitating Area 12.

While the meeting was in progress, the City Council in a session at City Hall approved a bill authorizing condemnation of property within the 26-acre district.

Sixteen acres of the area will be used for four new state office buildings. Council legislation gives the city the right to acquire the property by purchase or by condemnation.

Over 1,000 In Area Colored

Area 12 is bounded by Howard st., Madison ave., Dolphin, Biddle and McCulloh sts. Approximately 1,000 colored families reside within the community. Less than 200 attended Tuesday's mass meeting.

The Mount Royal Neighborhood Rehabilitation gathering was told of the city's integrated plan by six administration officials.

Speakers included Hans Froelicher Jr., chairman of the Housing Bureau Advisory Council, and Mayor D'Alesandro.

Blueprint Explained

The "neighborhood blueprint" was explained by Arthur D. McCoy, director of the Department of Planning; and Richard L. Steiner, director of the Redevelopment Commission.

The foundation of the rehabilitation program was described by Dr. Huntington Williams, commissioner of Health; and Franz J. Vidor, director of the Housing Bureau.

All told of how the section, when completed, would take on the appearance of Boston's fashionable "Beacon Hill" district.

In connection with the plan, Baltimore's "fight blight" program will be invoked to combat the threat of slums.

Inspections Scheduled

According to Mr. Vidor, inspections designed to enforce housing, health, and fire regulations will start within two weeks.

The inspections will begin in the 1400 blocks bounded by Mosher st., Lafayette ave., Eutaw pl., and Mount Royal ave.

The Beacon Hill atmosphere was introduced by redevelopment director Steiner, who said the existence of the new office building and the adjacent apartments would "enhance" the neighborhood.

Project To Cost $25,000,000

The project, he declared, will cost in the neighborhood of $25,000,000 in city, state and federal funds.

Pains will be taken to continue the park characteristics of Eutaw pl., from Dolphin st. south to Biddle st.

Linden ave. will be closed to divert heavy traffic away from the homes. Off street parking facilities along with a group of retail stores, will be constructed on Linden ave., near Dolphin st.

In the western section of the project, two and three - story apartment houses will be built. In the east, apartments with elevator service will be constructed.

City officials pointed out that there should be no trouble in finding quarters for displaced persons now residing in the area.

They pointed to the "ease" with which tenants in the Broadway and Waverly areas were resettled.

On behalf of landowners in the district, former City Councilman John Conroy said owners should have no reason to fear the "enforcement program" because it will tend to increase the value of their property.

Residents in the Mount Royal area have scheduled an organization meeting for March 8. The time and location will be announced later.

PROPERTY OWNERS MEETING

A citizens meeting concerning property in Redevelopment Area 12 will be held at Union Baptist church, 1219 Druid Hill ave., March 4, at 8 p.m.

The program will be sponsored by the Area 12 Protective Association.

DRIVE VOLUNTEERS—Mrs. Louis E. Harmon, chairman, Area 17, Community Division of the 1954 Red Cross Fund, meets with volunteer workers and other fund leaders. Left to right: Mrs. William N. Turks, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Oliver S. Miles, Miss Jeannette Myers, chairman of the Community Division; Mrs. Mrs. Lewis T. Gwynn, Mrs. Harry L. Landay, and Mrs. Weida F. Alston.

Future policy at Greyhound now unknown

The future of colored employees at the local Greyhound bus station restaurant remained unsettled this week.

Four counter girls were fired last week on the order of I. L. Mullens, regional manager of the Greyhound Post Houses Co., which operates the restaurants in Greyhound stations.

Mr. Mullens explained the firings with the statement that the restaurant "had too many colored employees" and that he wanted to replace a number of them with white workers.

Firings Halted

Since the exposure of the firings in last Friday's edition of the AFRO, no additional colored workers have been dismissed.

However, as far as could be determined, the firing order had not been rescinded up until late Thursday, with the result that the future personnel policy of the restaurant is still in doubt.

The four employees who were fired last Monday have not been returned to their jobs and have received no communication from their former employer indicating that there is a possibility that they might be returned.

'No Comment'

When questioned about future policy at the restaurant, Mr. Mullens, the originator of the firing order, refused to make any comment on the situation.

He also would not comment on the result of an investigation ordered by the president of Greyhound Post Houses.

J. Edwards, the company president, ordered the probe when informed that the girls had been dismissed without notice. He said that firings based on "race" and no other consideration, were against company policy.

The local branch of the NAACP has also protested the firings.

'Luck' at Crownsville due to better nursing service

The lack of recent riots at Crownsville should not be ascribed to "sheer luck," but to "good organization and better nursing service," according to Dr. Arnold Eichert.

The superintendent of the institution offered this statement Tuesday as a rebuttal to a Mental Hygiene Board report that the lack of riots at Crownsville is due to "sheer luck."

In the annual report to the State Legislature, the board said that Crownsville along with Springfield State hospital was one of two "smouldering volcanos."

Could Erupt

Disturbance at either one of the institutions, the report declared, may erupt into violence at any time.

Dr. Eichert admitted that the hospital is still overcrowded and there have been occasional cases of tension.

But in order to keep the "volcano" from erupting, he stated, extreme care is taken to keep trouble makers away from each other.

Dr. Eichert revealed that there are now 39 patients on the top floor of "C" building.

Patients Kept Occupied

To ease the tension care is taken to keep patients occupied, and to build their morale. The employees, he said, are mainly responsible for keeping a sharp eye open for signs of danger.

As for the transfer of children patients to Rosewood, "nothing new has developed," Dr. Eichert said.

In their report to the Legislature, mental health officials called for immediate and urgent action.

They termed it "good fortune" that patients at Crownsville and Spring Grove had been quiet recently.

Rosewood Transfer

Only briefly did they refer to the proposal for transferring 285 feeble-minded patients to Rosewood.

They did say, however, that mental hospitals were not inclined to hire more colored employees until discord aroused by the Rosewood transfer had been settled.

The report recommended that race and color be disregarded in the hiring of hospital personnel, and that the work week be operated on a 40-hour a week basis.

In February of 1953 a full-scale rio accurred at Crownsville involving more than 50 inmates. A short while later two other uprisings were quelled without serious trouble.

Dr. Butcher here in Sunday talk

(See Photo on Page One)

Dr. Margaret J. Butcher, of Washington, whose fight for desegration in the Capital's school system has attracted nationwide notice, will speak at the Madison Street Presbyterian church, Sunday.

A member of the District board of education, Mr. Butcher will discuss "The Role of Church Women in Integration" at the 11 a.m. service.

As an addition to the service, the annual Woman's Day will also feature a coffee hour from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, when the general public will be welcomed to meet Dr. Butcher.

Music for the 11 a.m. service will be provided by the Douglas High school girls choirs.

The Woman's Day observation has been arranged by a committee headed by Mrs. Sadye Bryant.

PRESTWIDGE CONVALESCES AFTER APPENDECTOMY

A. A. Prestwidge, co-manager of the Village drug store in Turner Station, left the University hospital Wednesday after an emergency appendectomy and is convalescing at his home.

Mrs. Harmon heads ARC area

Mrs. Louis E. Harmon has accepted the chairmanship of Area 17 of the Community Division, Red Cross fund campaign.

In preparation for the opening of the fund drive, which extends throughout March, Mrs. Harmon recently met with community division leaders and area volunteers at her home, 2224 Madison ave.

Vice Chairmen Listed

Serving both as vice chairman of Area 17 and chairman of Tract 2 is Mrs. Margaret Holley of 1527 N. Fulton ave., Volunteer tract chairmen and vice-chairmen are as follows:

Mrs. Doris Trotter, 1925 N. Fulton ave., chairman, Tract 1; Mrs. Holley, chairman, Tract 2; Mrs. Mary Jenkins, 1915 Walbrook ave., vice-chairman, Tract 2;

Mrs. Edna Evans, 2107 Westwood ave., chairman, Tract 3; Mrs. Weida F. Alston, 1701 Madison ave., chairman, Tract 6; Mrs. Marie Brown, 1701 Madison ave., vice-chairman, Tract 6; Mrs. Oliver S. Miles, 1221 N. Bentalou st., Tract 7; Mrs. Lewis T. Gwynn, 1217 N. Bentalou st., vice-chairman, Tract 7;

Mrs. William N. Truks, 2023 W. Lanvale st., chairman, Tract 8; Mrs. Isaac Bristol, 1112 W. Franklin st., vice - chairman, Tract 8.

Mrs. Harmon is also acting as chairman of Tract 9. Richard E. Perkins, 1641 N. Bentalou st. is chairman of Tract 10, and Mrs. Willie Valentine, 715 Madison ave., service chairman of the motor service unit at Provident Hospital, chairman of Tract 12.

Blind Association booked for concert

The Blind Association of Baltimore will appear in a musical concert at the St. James AMUP church in Towson, Md., March 4 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lucy Crump is chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. Annie Mae Hunter, business manager. The Rev. Edward McNair is pastor of the church.

'Prepare for integration' warns NAACP speaker

Preparation for integration is just as important for us as it is for white people.

That was the point stressed Sunday by Frank Reeves of the Howard University law school.

He appeared as substitute speaker for Dr. James Nabrit, dean of the law school, now on leave, at the NAACP Founders' Day Tea.

The affair held at Sharp Street church marked the 19th anniversary of the Baltimore NAACP's present administration.

Mr. Reeves, introduced by Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO president, reminded his hearers that a favorable decision in the school cases will not immediately end segregation.

"It will merely open the door," he said.

More Court Fights

The decision, he pointed out, will bear directly only on the five cases before the court. It will probably be necessary, Mr. Reeves said, to file a series of suits in many school districts.

"We have the responsibility," he contended, "to make the transition from segregation to integration work as smoothly as possible.

"Parents must teach their children to conduct themselves in such a manner that it cannot be said we are not ready.

"We must wear our victory with equanimity," he warned, "We cannot afford to lord it over those who will be the losers in this fight."

Three Life Memberships

More than $400 was raised for maintenance of the local NAACP office at McCulloh and Dolphin sts. Three $500 life memberships were announced.

They were the Rev. John R. Butler, pastor of Mt. Sinia Baptist church; Dr. Willard W. Allen and Bishop Edgar A. Love.

Brief summaries of the various legal cases were made by Tucker R. Dearing, Robert Watts and Juanita J. Mitchell of the legal staff.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson was presented a bouquet of red roses in recognition of her 19 continuous years of leadership of the branch.

Musical selections were rendered by the Douglass High school a cappella choir, Mrs. Georgeanna Chester, directing, and the Knox Presbyterian Sanctuary choir, Mrs. Mercedes Douglas, directing.

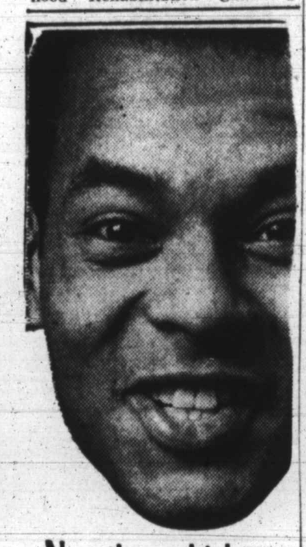
The invocation was offered by the Rev. H. Octavus Graham of Knox Presbyterian church. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Robert Newbold of Grace Presbyterian church.

Pythians educational unit holds meeting

The Educational unit of the Knights of Pythians and Calanthians, met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth K. McLaurin at 2424 Harlem ave., Feb. 16.

On Jan. 24 the unit also sponsored a musical tea at the home of their president Mrs. McLaurin.

Plans have been made for awarding a scholarship to a worthy high school boy or girl.



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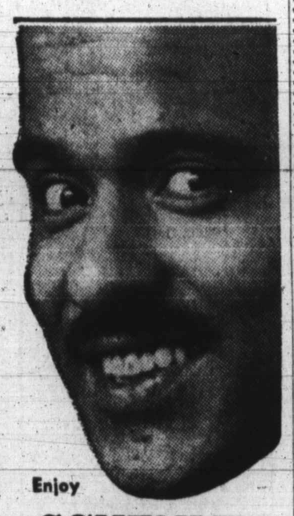

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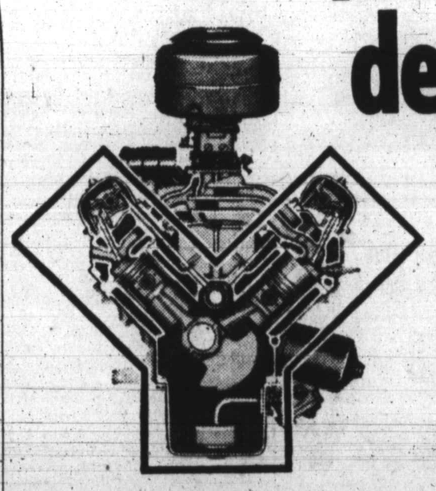

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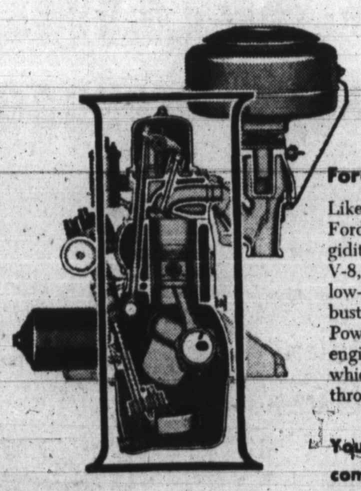

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