Drunk driving is city menace

Judge points out weakness in law

Drunken driving is a menace to the city, Chief Magistrate Stanley Scherr, of Traffic Court, said Thursday.

Explaining that he hears on the average of 50 cases of drunken driving cases a week, he said, "This isn't just the Traffic Courts problem, it's everyone's problem.

"No one knows when he'll get hit by a drunk." The communities should join in the common cause to keep down the number of these drivers," he used.

"Very few people know you do not have to be really drunk to be found guilty of the charge," the judge said.

Just One Drink

He explained that the term "under the influence of alcohol" refers even to those who have had only one drink which is sufficient to affect their driving.

"It is surprising that in a large number of accidents, there is a tremendous percentage of drinking involved," he asserted.

Pointing out the court action in regards to these cases, Judge Scherr said that he has stepped up the penalties.

In the past, a person convicted of drunken driving was merely fined $25 or $50 and released. Today, however, the person's license is suspended immediately for 90 days; he is fined at least $250 and in some cases can be sentenced to a year in jail, or both.

The maximum fine is $1,000.

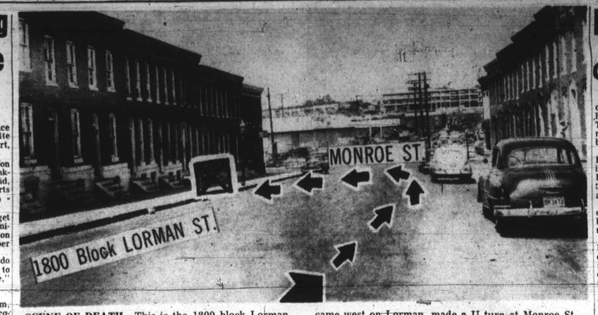
Weak Law

Judge Scherr is not satisfied with the present manslaughter law which refers to drivers who have killed pedestrians as result of car accidents.

Emphasizing the weakness of the law he said, "So often a man is dismissed because under the present law, gross negligence must be proven and in most cases this is difficult to do.

"My contention is, when a man is drunk and kills a person with his car then gross negligence should be considered automatically."

Judge Scherr also pointed out that another menace to the city are drivers who operate a car without a license.



SCENE OF DEATH—This is the 1800 block Lorman St., where Sharon Conway, 4, of 1841 Lorman St., was killed by an automobile last Thursday while playing on the pavement. Two other children were injured by the car. The dotted lines show where the car, driven by William S. Stevens, 24, of the 1200 block N. Gilmor St, came west on Lorman, made a U turn at Monroe St., headed east on Lorman and jumped the curb, striking the children. The view is taken from Fulton Ave., looking west on Lorman St. Stevens has been charged with drunken and reckless driving and manslaughter.

Man faces 2 trials in car accident case

Driver is charged with drunk, reckless driving, manslaughter

William S. Stevens, 24, 1200 block N. Gilmor St., accused of manslaughter and drunk and reckless driving, faces two court trials this month.

The first hearing will be held in criminal court where a judge or jury will decide whether or not the man is guilty of causing the death of four-year-old Sharon Conway, 1841 N. Lorman St., May 27.

The child was killed when the car, driven by Stevens, reportedly went out of control and careened into her while she was playing with other youngsters of 1845 Lorman St.

As result of the accident, Sharon's brother, George, 5, suffered head injuries and a playmate, Teresa Allen, 7, 1827 Lorman St., suffered injuries about the legs. Both are still in Provident hospital.

Traffic Court Trial

The second trial will be held in traffic court when Stevens will face charges of drunk and reckless driving.

Arresting Officers John Kapraun and Joseph Brady reported that Stevens was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

The maximum sentence for drunken driving is $1,000 fine or one year in jail, or both. For reckless driving he can be fined up to $100 or be sentenced up to one year in jail, or both.

Steven's mother was one of the first persons to visit Sharon's mother, Mrs. Delous Conway, after the accident.

"I am more sorry for your children than I am for my son," the woman said.

Rehearing set in liquor case

No actions planned on two other points

In accordance with a directive handed down by Judge Herman Moser a month ago, a rehearing in the case of Marty's delicatessen at 1301 N. Broadway, will be heard by the Liquor Board Thursday, June 10 at 1 p.m.

The delicatessen, which is located in the heart of a residential section is seeking to add whiskey to a beer and wine license.

Color Designation

Another matter pending before the Liquor Board is the board's practice of designating the color of patrons on licenses for the sale of beer, wine and liquor.

Under their practice it is illegal for clubs and restaurants to serve patrons of both races.

The NAACP Legal Redress Committee has asked that a study of the regulation be made in the light of present trends.

Regulation No. 27

It has also asked the Board to eliminate Regulation No. 27, which specifies that every holder of a Class B, C, or D license must provide on the licensed premises separate rest room facilities for both races.

A spokesman for the Liquor Board revealed Thursday that no hearings have been planned on either one of the issues.

Hearing in vet's death delayed

The James Broaddus case dragged on this week when the office of the state's attorney, postponed a hearing into the killing of the Korean veteran.

Anslem Sodaro, state's attorney, had originally announced that Sgt. Louis Rehak, charged in Broaddus' death, would receive a hearing this week, probably on Wednesday.

The hearing was called off and his office announced that an investigation is still going on and hearing will be held next week.

Shot On May 18

Broaddus was shot on May 18 as he lay on a glide in the rear yard of his home at 706 Bradley St. Sgt. Rehak told his superiors he entered the yard during a search for a man who had shot a detective.

The officer said he shot Broaddus when he attacked him with a chisel. The veteran was shot in the back three times and once in his side. Witnesses signed statements saying Broaddus was shot as he was lying prone on the glider.

The police department conducted an investigation and turned its findings over to the state's attorney. The FBI is also investigating the shooting at the request of the local NAACP.

22 families enter Sollers

60 more due from Turner projects

Twenty-two families from the Turner Station housing projects have moved into renovated quarters at Sollers within the past 17 days.

Facilities for 60 others will be available as soon as carpenters and painters complete work on the remaining units.

In the meantime the Housing Authority of Baltimore announced Monday that families still residing in the Turner projects will not have to give up their homes "immediately."

August Deadline

According to one official, the temporary housing quarters which were constructed during World War II may not be torn down before the first of August.

Both Turner and Sollers are in the Dundalk area. Sollers on Tuesday was sold to a private concern.

The projects originally were not to have been used after a five-year period but the Korean war forced housing authorities to ask for an extension.

Holabird Next

In connection with the government's demolition program of temporary war time housing, the Holabird Homes projects will close down sometime this summer.

When this is accomplished Dundalk will be left with 400 units all in the Sollers projects. The project was sold to the Sollers Point Company.

One of the business associates in the new company is Jacob S. Shapiro owner of water front land which borders the project.

Myrtle Ave. matron in need of blood at University Hospital

Mrs. Amelia Johnson is in need of four quarts of blood so that she might undergo a serious heart operation. She is patient on Ward D at University Hospital.

Mrs. Johnson resides at 1410 Myrtle Ave. Interested persons may contribute to the hospital's blood bank which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Painter jobs open in Annapolis pay

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Examination for the position of Painter, Severn River Naval Command, Annapolis, Md., is now open.

The entrance salary for Painter ranges from $1.91 to $2.07 per hour.

Applications should be filed with the Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Severn River Naval Command, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Court to rule soon on cab garage site

A court decision is expected within the next two weeks on the controversy over establishing a Diamond Cab Company garage in the Walbrook Ave. section.

In a three-day Circuit Court No. 2 hearing last week, the proposal was aired before Samuel J. Fisher, a court master. He will make recommendations to Judge Herman M. Moser who will hear argument on the case and make the final decision.

Supported by the NAACP, some 14 residents of the area took the case to court after the City Council passed an ordinance 20-1 permitting establishment of the cab garage on a 4-acre site bounded by Walbrook and Clifton Aves., and the rear of Braddish Ave. and Dukeland St.

Many Protests

Hearings on the ordinance were attended by large numbers of protestants representing several neighborhood improvement clubs.

They pointed out that this is a residential area where the noise and heavy traffic of such a commercial business would cause property depreciation.

Witnesses testifying against the cab garage last week included Charles S. Harper Jr., 2029 Braddish Ave.; Mrs. Martha C. Taylor, 2006 Braddish Ave. and William C. March, 2035 Dukeland St. They spoke as homeowners interested in maintaining the residential character of the neighborhood.

Depreciation Feared

Linwood G. Koger Jr. and Robert L. Young, real estate dealers said that a cab garage would depreciate the property values and held that the site should be developed for residential purposes.

John J. Lang spoke for the Commission on City Planning which opposes the garage because its location there would represent poor city planning and would have an adverse effect on the area.

Supporters of the measure included representatives of the Samuel Kalis, Steinbach and Pinkard real estate companies. They maintained that the nature of the soil on this site is such that it should not be used for home building.

Would Clear Site

They said that the neighborhood would be benefitted by the garage because it would clean away the trash, dense shrubbery and debris which now mark the site.

Melvin Pugath, a builder, said that no prudent person would build a home there because cost having the ground filled in for a proper foundation would add $800 to $1,000 per home unit.

Frank Debrouse, traffic manager for the cab company testified that the taxis would use a North Ave. entrance of the garage, so there would be no attendant traffic on Dukeland St. or Braddish Ave.

Lengthy Testimony

There was lengthy testimony on the traffic conditions and commercial uses of the community.

NAACP attorneys representing the property owners were Robert B. Watts and Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell.

Auditors in front office at Provident

Auditors are working in the business office of Provident Hospital this week.

They have been at the hospital since early last month but until this week had been working in a second floor room, out of sight of visitors to Provident.

On Wednesday morning however, the auditors moved to the first floor business office where they can easily be seen through the windows that separate the office from the main corridor of the hospital. The office is located near the Division St. entrance of the hospital.

Report $8,500 Shortage

In the preliminary stages of the audit, it was reported that an $8,500 shortage had been uncovered in the business office accounts for the period of November and December 1953.

For that reason the Board of Trustees at its May 18 meeting authorized the auditing firm to continue checking for a period prior to November 1953.

The entire matter is being handled by the Executive Committee of the board because of the absence of John Procope, administrator, who has been confined to the hospital and later to his home since he suffered a heart attack last March.

State's Attorney Alerted

Two persons have been separated from the hospital, while no criminal charges have been filed, it is known that since the auditing began the state's attorney's office have been asked to study the situation to see whether criminal action should be taken.

Reliable reports say that the business office has a system of having the same persons who handle the cash book also handle accounts receivable, a system auditors recommended changing a year ago.

Hans Froelicher lauded as friend of minorities

Hans Froelicher Jr., president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association was lauded Tuesday as a "humanitarian and man who practices being his brother's keeper."

This tribute came from Dr. Furman L. Templeton, addressing 400 guests who honored Mr. Froelicher at a testimonial at the Emerson Hotel on his tenth anniversary as CPHA president.

Dr. Templeton, Urban League executive secretary, is a member of the CPHA board of governors.

Acting as toastmaster, Simon E. Sobeloff, U.S. Solicitor-General set the theme of the remarks which praised Mr. Froelicher for his organizational work for better housing conditions.

Other guest speakers included Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, Richard Lidinsky who represented Mayor D'Alesandro, Walter Sontheim Jr., president, School Board;

Richard L. Steiner, deputy director of redevelopment for the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency; Lee F. Johnson, executive vice - president, National Housing Conference; and Thomas J. S. Waxter, director, State Department of Welfare.

Dr. Templeton praised Mr. Froelicher particularly for "having done much for all the people of Baltimore, including minority groups, without reservation."

He said in part:

His Brother's Keeper

"Through his devoted concern with the problems of low-income families, he has acted as his brother's keeper. And the deed becomes more noteworthy when it is remembered that minority groups constitute a major segment of the low-income families.

"He has been preoccupied with law enforcement as a means of improving the conditions under which disadvantaged Baltimoreans live.

"He has been insistent in his contention that the entire community should know how "the other half lives" and do something about it. Happily this has not been mere preachment, but has been put into active practice by the children of the school he administer. (Mr. Foelicher is headmaster of the Park School.)

"They have been outstandingly unique, under his guidance, in their cooperative work in depressed areas. Here again the results in terms of improved inter group relations fan out much more widely and permanently than the garden or beautification project that led to the association.

CPHA Open To All

"This belief in the value of getting people together in a common effort on a common problem has been carried over into his several adult activities. He has insisted, quietly but firmly, that CPHA be open to all citizens who truly want to see our slums eradicated.

"The success of the organization, both in spite of and because of this open policy, has shown other civic groups its value.

"And there has been attracted to CPHA many people who, recognizing the weaknesses of other organizations due to a policy of exclusion, have chosen to affiliate with one that succeeds because it welcomes all who want to help.

"More recently, his emphasis on fellowship has been translated into efforts to have the people in neighborhoods get together. Surely the importance of this effort is self-evident. Without it we cannot hope to get a democratic, healthy and wholesome pattern of living.

No Adjustment Problems

"With it, the rapidly changing current of today poses no adjustment problems that cannot be solved speedily and profitably. With it, fear and ignorance are dispelled to give way to confidence and teamwork.

"He has done much for all the people of Baltimore, including minority groups, without reservation. He has brought to them a sense of belonging, and to all us, knowledge and respect for others.

"Truly the elements are so mixed in him that nature stands up and says to all the world, 'This is a man'," Dr. Templeton declared.

Reelected President

In this, the annual CPHA meeting, Mr. Froelicher was reelected president.

The following other officers were elected:

Frank T. Gray, H. Warren Buckler Jr., Linwood G. Koger Jr., Alexander S. Cochran, W. Barnett, vice presidents; Phillip H. Kidd, treasurer, and Frances H. Morton, executive secretary.

New members of the board of governors chosen were Charles C. W. Atwater, R. Sanchez Boone Jr., Pleasanton L. Conquest 3rd Meyer Levin, William C. Rodger and Albert A. Shuger.

Among the guests in attendance were Mr. Koger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Dixon, Milton Dugger, Wilfred Seaborne, Mrs. Vivian Cook, Mrs. Vivian Bundy, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Mrs. Bernice Monroe;

Mrs. Blanche McRae, Miss E. Estelle Thomas, Mrs. Beatrice Martin, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, William Sorrell, Leonard Hicks, Carl White, George W. E. Hill, Miss Margaret Williams and Mr. and Mrs. James N. Randall.

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THE WEATHER
Friday: partly cloudy, High in mid 80's
Saturday and Sunday: rather warm
Chance of showers
A race horse weekend: unpredictable

Oust Project Tenant On Loyalty Charges

Douglass Homes couple, 4 children forced to move

Arthur Duprees says signing of loyalty pledge violates rights; must be out of project Aug. 31

By RUTH JENKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dupree and their four children are being ousted from their Douglass Housing Project apartment by the Baltimore Housing Authority because they refuse to sign a loyalty pledge.

JOSEPHINE BAKER
Arrives to press $500,000 suit against Walter Winchell.

The pledge, known as the Gwinn Amendment, is required by law of all tenants in public housing projects. It is a statement of non-membership in a subversive organization.

The Duprees live at 221 Dallas Ct. in the Douglass Homes in East Baltimore. The wife, Mrs. George Ann Dupree, has been a tenant there since October 1948. Her husband moved in since their marriage more recently.

They have been notified that because they refused to sign the pledge, their lease is cancelled as of August 31.

Subject to Eviction

The notice, signed by Frank Veney, project manager, stipulates that "if you have violated the premises you occupy by that time, you will be subject to eviction any day thereafter."

The law has been in effect for housing project tenants since July 1952.

Robert Moyer of the Housing Authority's information services, said that the Dupree family is the only one among its approximate 7,000 tenant families who has refused to sign the pledge.

Their case has been referred to the Housing Authority's acting general counsel.

The Duprees declared Wednesday that "It seems like some sort of witchhunt to us. If that's what it is, they ought to come out and say so."

Asked if they are now willing to sign the pledge in order to keep their home, the couple said no.

"God forbids it," Mrs. Dupree declared. "It's against the Ten Commandments. We would be breaking the First Commandment, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.'

"If we were to sign the pledge, we would seem to be worshiping

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HEARING ON BROADDUS SLAYING TUESDAY

Sgt. Louis Rehak, the police officer charged in connection with the May 18 slaying of James Broaddus, Korean war veteran during a search for another man, is scheduled to receive a hearing before Magistrate William Laukaitas, of Central police court.

Baker here to fight Winchell

NEW YORK — Arriving from Paris by air, Saturday, Josephine Baker quickly denied Soviet sympathies and let it be known that she is here to press her $500,000 libel suit against Walter Winchell.

The suit grew out of the now famous Stork Club incident.

She charged Sherman Billingsley, owner of the Stork Club with discrimination. Walter Winchell rushed to the defense of his good friend Billingsley and began conducting a vicious publicity campaign against her.

It was the Hearst-operated International News Service for which Winchell works, which distributed a story saying Miss Baker had signed a pro-Soviet farewell to the Japanese press before leaving Tokyo.

Winchell has been predicting that the State Department would not issue Miss Baker a passport to return to the United States.

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Pretty Grandma Plunges To Death

10 disapprove moving of PE convention

AFRO polls clergy on change from Texas to Chicago

Protestant Episcopal clergymen of this city stand divided on the decision of the church to withdraw its 1955 general convention from Houston, Texas.

An AFRO poll of 26 local churchmen, conducted in the wake of the Right Reverend Henry Knox Sherrill's order cancelling the Houston convention, revealed that ten are in accord and ten disagree with the cancellation.

Five others declined to express an opinion, one way or the other.

Bishop Sherrill, presiding bishop of the church, announced at a meeting of the convention arrangements committee in NYC on Tuesday, that the 1955 conference would be moved from Houston.

No Guarantee

Without using the word segregation, Bishop Sherrill made it clear that it was due to the inability of the Texas diocese to guarantee that colored delegates would not be exposed to discrimination during their stay there.

Assurances of equal facilities and treatment to all delegates had been given by Bishop Clinton Simon Quin, of Houston, when he extended an invitation to the convention to come to Texas for 1955.

Recently, however, there have been indications from Bishop Quin that there could be no guarantee that some of the delegates would not be subjected to the usual segregation in hotels

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Why the Orioles released Heard

Rumors that Jehosie Heard failed to make the grade with the Baltimore Orioles because of violent domestic difficulties, were denied by both the pitcher and club officials this week.

Heard was farmed out by the Orioles last Sunday to the Portland, Ore., club of the Pacific Coast League. And immediately the question was raised as to whether or not a series of alleged differences between the slender pitcher and his wife, Mildred, had anything to do with it.

General Manager Art Ehlers of the Orioles told the AFRO Thursday that club officials knew nothing of Heard's private life that would influence their disposition of him.

"Not Fast Enough"

"As far as we know," Ehlers declared, "both Heard and Mrs. Heard were very fine persons. It was our feeling that he was not fast enough for the major leagues and we had no alternative than to farm him out."

Ehlers expressed surprise and concern that the pitcher was still in Baltimore on Thursday, nearly five days after the transfer.

"We gave him is orders, provided his transportation and paid him off in full," said Ehlers. "I thought he was on his way to Portland."

Police Report

The AFRO questioned the Oriole general manager after learning that local police had been asked to investigate a missing person report in which the party sought was Mrs. Mildred Heard, wife of Jehosie.

Heard reported his wife missing at 2 a.m., Wednesday. Taking the report were Officers Herman Hiltz and Peter Blasette, of the Pine St. station.

The pitcher told police that his wife is "27 years old,

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Ballo. matron falls 4 stories from D.C. hotel

Attractive grandma in fatal plunge; police investigating

WASHINGTON

Did Mrs. Bessie Evans, attractive 48-year-old grandmother, jump or fall to her death from the fourth floor of the Dunbar Hotel on Wednesday evening?

That's the question authorities are still seeking to answer. Deputy Coroner Richard Rosenberg told the AFRO his office had not definitely determined her death was a suicide.

Clad only in blue and white polka dot pajamas, Mrs. Evans' body hurtled from the seven story building to the ground in front of the hotel at 7:30 p.m.

Scores of pedestrians and residents of the 2000 block, 15th St., NW, where the hotel is located, immediately gathered around in silent horror.

One eyewitness, still shaken by the spectacle, told an AFRO reporter she saw the pajama-clad body turn in the air as it passed the second-story window.

Dr. Ronsenberg said Mrs. Evans suffered a broken rib, lacerations of the lung, and rupture of the liver, kidneys and spleen.

Native Of Baltimore

Her body later was identified on Thursday afternoon by her mother, Mrs. Mary Ford, who lives at 2338 Pennsylvania Ave., Baltimore.

A Baltimore neighbor said the dead girl had visited her moth-

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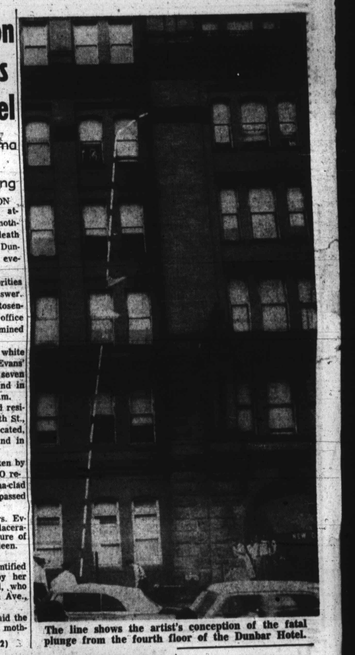

The line shows the artist's conception of the fatal plunge from the fourth floor of the Dunbar Hotel.

MRS. BESSIE EVANS
. . . was it suicide or foul play???

Maryland walks out of school segregation conference in Richmond

By RUFUS WELLS
Editor, Richmond AFRO

RICHMOND, Va.—The Maryland delegation, representing Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, walked out at the mid-way point of the southern governor's conference on desegregation Thursday, after explaining that their state would not be confronted with a serious problem in mixing the schools.

The delegation included: Wendell D. Allen, president of the Maryland State Board of Education; Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, state superintendent of schools, and John J. Seidel, assistant superintendent.

Mr. Allen told the AFRO that Maryland was implementing the court's decision.

In leaving, he explained to Virginia's Governor Thomas B. Stanley, host and chairman at the meeting, that Dr. Pullen had to leave Maryland on a vacation trip Friday and they would be unable to attend the afternoon session.

Among 49 Present

The Maryland representatives were among 49 administrative leaders, including nine governors, who attended the one-day meeting.

Among those present were: Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia, Gov. Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana, Gov. William C. Marland of West Virginia and acting Gov. Charley Johns of Florida.

Arkansas Leave

The Arkansas delegation also departed early in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia told the AFRO, Thursday, that he believed that "from 90 to 95 percent of the colored and white

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Final FEPC bill in City Council Monday, June 14

Final decisions on FEPC will be made, Monday night, at the City Council meeting. The vote taken at that time will determine whether or not Baltimore will have a fair employment practice law.

The public is urged to attend the session which will be held in the council chambers, third floor, City Hall at 5 p.m.

Park Bd. skirts race discussion

Efforts to discuss segregation in city parks and playgrounds were voted down, Thursday afternoon, at the Baltimore Park Board meeting.

The Rev. Wilbur H. Waters, member of the board, tried to bring up the subject after an announcement was made by R. Brooke Maxwell, director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, that the matter would not be discussed.

The Rev. Mr. Waters immedi-

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Residents of both races work together to beautify 30 vacant lots on expressway

Southwest Baltimore residents of both races are undertaking a cooperative effort to beautify the 30-odd vacant lots which border the Baltimore-Washington expressway.

Neighborhood civic groups became interested in improving the looks of the 11,000 square yards of city property because the triangular lots constitute an eyesore to motorists traveling the new expressway route.

They appealed for help to city officials pointing out that the neighbors want to see "topsoil, grass seed and shrubbery instead of brickbats and broken bottles."

The lots are considered in too hazardous a location to be developed as play areas.

The Board of Estimates has agreed for the city Bureau of Highways to level off the lots and clear away the debris.

Neighbors Do Landscaping

The neighborhood residents then will undertake to landscape the ground, applying top soil and grass seed, planting shrubbery and trees.

School children of the Diggs Elementary School No. 162, Barre and Warner Sts. will cooperate in the project while their parents are being recruited to take on the heavy work.

The beautification project is spearheaded by the South Baltimore Urban League headed by Augustus D. Knox of 694 S. Pacca St., will support of the Southwest Baltimore Civic and Improvement Association.

Army takes jc to Okinawa

Natives see signs for colored, white

By ARTHUR T. LITTLE

The army is playing with fire on Okinawa. The permitting of military police to enforce Jim Crow in the villages of Oruka and Koza is as dangerous as permitting a small child to tamper with the fuse of an atomic bomb.

Jim Crow is not fit to live in America and it certainly is not a proper product for export. We must look pretty silly to the natives on Okinawa with separate place for white and colored

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