EASTSIDE EXECUTIVE BOARD—Organzied for the betterment of community life in East Baltimore, these members comprise the executive board of the Eastside Community Committee. From left right are Mrs. Beatrice Silva the Rev. Octavius Graham, Mrs. Amanda Finch, Gardie Williamson, president; Miss Mary Watkins, Mrs. Laura White, and Mrs. Lula Peoples. Second row, Donald Boyce, Mesdames Elva Huff, Aserlee McGlocklin, Cora White, Margaret Walker, Minnie Matchett, Ada Brown, and Esther M. Harris. Third row, Mrs. Catherine Bradford, Mrs. Ellen M. Love, James H. Holliman, the Rev. John H Peters, Mrs. Naomi Jenkins, Mrs. Obiedell Alston, Mrs. Simon Harris, Mrs. Marye E. Giles, Ralph Ross, William S. Taylor and Walter S. Lewis.

Social Agency Council honors ex-director

A testimonial to Miss Anna D. Ward, recently retired executive director of the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies, will highlight the all-day annual meeting of the council, to be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The tribute to Miss Ward will be made at the luncheon session. In the morning, the Recreational-Educational Division will hold a meeting at 9:45 and in the afternoon the Council's Family and Child Care Division will meet at 2:30 p.m.

Tributes to Miss Ward will be made at the luncheon meeting by Governor McKeldin and Mayor D'Alesandro and three of the leading social welfare executives in the community, men who participated in the organization of the council.

These speakers will be T. J. S. Waxter, director of the State Department of Public Welfare; James M. Hepbron, director o the Division of Parole and Probation, and Harry Greenstein executive director of the Assc ciated Jewish Charities. Dr. A' vin Thalheimer, president of th Council of Social Agencies, wil preside.

Also to take place at the luncheon meeting will be the report of the Nomination Committee headed by Clark S. Hobbs, a report on changes in the amendments and by-laws to be presented by Richard F. Cleveland and the presentation of annual organization achievement awards by Dr. Thalheimer.

Forte trial

Facing 10 charges of illegal operations and two charges of unlawful practice of medicine, Dr. Allen U. Forte will go on trial before Judge Herman M. 4.

His receptionist, Mrs. Ernestine Thomas, 31, 2500 block W. Mosher St., will be tried the same time on two charges of illegal operations. Both defendants are out on a total of $8,000 bail.

S. Balto. merchants meeting to fight redevelopment plan

The Southwest Baltimore Merchants Association, Inc., is calling a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m., at 671 Washington Blfd., to issue the proposed industrialization of Redevelopment Area 7.

This area is bounded by Washington Boulevard, Pace Street, Cornell Street, Burgundy Street, Greene St., Eutaw St., Fremont Ave. and Hamburg St.

Should trucking concerns and warehouses be brought into this area, it will directly affect usiness potentialities, a spokesman for the SBMA stated.

RANGER ATTENDING IEWSPAPER MEETING

HAMPTON, Va.—Lester Granger, director, National Urban eague, is attending the midwinter conference of the National Iewspaper Publishers Association here. He is attempting to explain the "we ain't ready" speech delivered last spring before the N.C. Teachers Association.

BTW PROJECTS FOLDS

ROCKYMOUNT, Va. — The Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial project has been closed after S. J. Phillips, its founder, disclosed he was $145,000 in debt. He reputedly had collected more than $600,000 for the proj-

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2 Groups, 9 Individuals on 1954 AFRO Honor Roll

AFRO cites all for reflecting credit on city and state

Physician, school principal teenagers named to Honor Roll for year of 1954

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN's Honor Roll for 1954 is published this week and features nine individuals and two organizations.

All were named to this list for doing something throughout the past year which reflected credit on either the city or the state.

Individuals or groups who had been named to previous Honor Rolls were ineligible for election this year.

The 1954 Honor Roll includes a physician, a housing official, a school principal, a civic group, an attorney, a School Board official, two teenagers, a businessman, and a member of the board of directors of a local hospital.

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LISTED IN THIS group is CORE, the Committee of Racial Equality, for its efforts to create a better community for all people.

An interracial group of some 35 individuals, it was instrumental in bringing about the end of discrimination in downtown five and ten cents stores and at Read's chain of drug store.

CORE is serving as an influence in a community where segregation was once the order of things.

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EARL KOGER, an insurance man, was named to the 1954 AFRO Honor Roll for his current fight against taverns and other demoralizing influences in the newer residential areas of the city.

John H. Schwatka, principal at Southern High School, was named for his outspoken appeal to tolerance and fair play during the demonstrations which followed school disorders.

When the attendance of colored pupils in local schools became an issue, he asked the local citizenry to look into their hearts, to examine their conscience, and to take a stand for fair play.

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DR. LOUIS E. HARMON gained a place on this distinguished list for his project toward helping needy boys to go to YMCA summer camps.

Abraham Krieger, former chairman and now a member of the Mt. Sinai Hospital board, appears on the Honor Roll for the part he played in bringing about integration at the hospital.

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EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Pearl Chester is on the Honor Roll for her determination to acquire an education despite illness.

She received her diploma during exercises at Dunbar High last June in spite of the fact that she had been ill with tuberculosis through most of the school term.

For carrying to the Court of Appeals, which reestablished the principal that a policewoman cannot violate an individual's rights, the name of Dave Mason has also been placed on the Honor Roll.

Mr. Mason, an attorney, saw his case through after a group of citizens were frisked by police in a local night club.

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THE NAME OF Dr. John Fischer, superintendent of schools belongs on the Honor Roll for his distinguished speech to city teachers and principals which provided the leadership needed after the School Board's decision to desegregate schools.

Housing Director Oliver Winston, and the Baltimore Housing Authority made the Honor Roll for their decision to desegregate public housing.

Baltimore's first colored Youth Mayor, Calvin Parker, is on the 1954 list because of his election, and because by his own talents and personality he exemplified the kind of leader youngsters were inspired to follow.

The Honor Roll judges feel that they have chosen wisely and that these persons named this year are a proper representation of community minded citizens worthy of public commendation.

JIM CROW FOES—These officers of the Committee for Racial Equality (CORE) have done much to break down discrimination in Baltimore. Shown left to right are Mrs. Marjorie Everinghim, national representative; Mrs. Bernice Clarke, secretary; Ben Everinghim, vice chairman; Bertha Johnson, secretary; McQuay Kiah, chairman, and Mrs. Adah Jenkins, treasurer.

Housing Authority banned JC

Voted to end segregation

On Friday, June 25, 1954—exactly one month and a day after the Supreme Court banned segregation in public housing—Baltimore's five-man Board of Housing Commissioners unanimously adopted a policy ending segregation in public housing projects.

For their forward action, the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers awards the five commissioners and Oliver C. Winston, executive director of the Housing Authority, a place on the Honor Rall.

To each of the commissioners —**G. Cheston Carey,** chairman; **Walter I. Seif,** vice chairman; **Robert G. Merrick, Mrs. Henry Corner** and **Dr. William L. Berry**— and **Mr. Winston,** will go an AFRO plaque for a job well done.

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THEIR POSITIVE action was taken just 40 days after the Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public schools, and 32 days after the Court likewise banned segregation in public housing.

Their action is evidence that they realized their public duty to make adjustments in a constantly growing and changing society.

On Wednesday, June 30. 1954, Mr. Winston met with the Housing Authority's 500 employees and explained the program to end segregation in public housing projects, which affected this city's 13 low-rent projects.

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AMONG THE highlights of his talk, were these points:

"Desegregation will not mean that there will be any difference in the kinds of people living in the housing projects.

"There will still be a cross-section of people, good and some bad, friendly and a few troublesome, with all types of points of view and attitudes."

"Desegregation will help to make the projects more natural parts of their neighborhoods than is now the case.

"The new policy will not become effective immediately.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Fairfield Homes began accepting applicants of all races in November of '54. The $7,592,729 Lafayette Courts project, scheduled to be opened about Feb. 15, is accepting applicants without regard to color.

The Baltimore Housing Authority will take advantage of national experience in desegregation to make the transition here the smoothest possible.

No eligible family, regardless of race, will be excluded from any vacancy in any project. The new policy will apply to projects now under construction and all others to be built.

The Authority will not allow employees to express contrary personal opinions in their dealings with the tenants or public while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Such violation of the employees' code of conduct is cause for dismissal.

In conclusion, Mr. Winston said:

"We have no cause to fear in this undertaking.

"Our course of action is fully warranted, morally justified, and in keeping with the best tradition of our American heritage.

"Banish fear and replace it make this policy work—and it with a positive devotion to will."

Well spoken, Mr. Winston—and the Board of Housing Commissioners.

These are the citizens—dedicated to public service—that the AFRO honors on its Honor Roll of 1954.

DR. JOHN H. FISCHER

YMCA summer camp pet project of Dr. Harmon

Camping facilities for boys who are members of the YMCA is the pet project of Dr. Louis E. Harmon, physician.

He earns a place on the AFRO Honor Roll for his dogged determination to give as many boys as possible a chance in life.

He is a member of the Druid Hill YMCA Camping Committee, and also a member of the City-Wide Camping Committee which is affiliated with the Council of Social Agencies.

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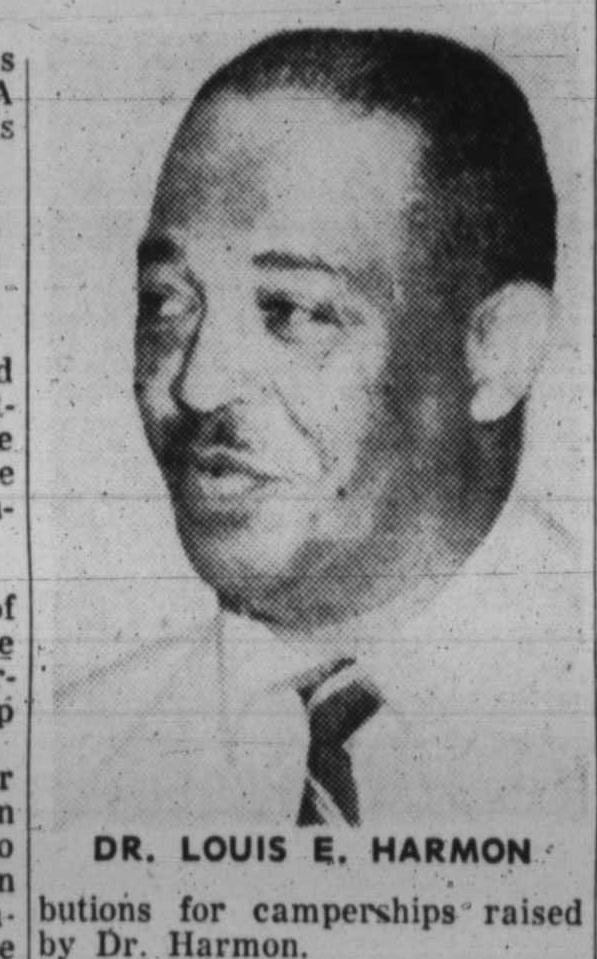
DR. HARMON is a member of the Board of Managers at the Druid Hill YMCA, and chairman of its Camping Scholarship Committee.

He is directly responsible for securing each year more than $1,000 to send needy boys to camp. An outstanding worker in every "Y" membership campaign, he has brought in more members and more money than any other worker over the past three years.

In the summer of 1954 a total of 245 youngsters from the Druid Hill YMCA went to summer camp. Over 118 received full or part time help from the contributions for camperships raised by Dr. Harmon.



DR. LOUIS E. HARMON

Dr. Harmon, who is a skin expert, is one of the Druid Hill Center supervisors and is doing advanced dermatology study at University Hospital.

A member of the Frontiers Club, he has his offices at 2224 Madison Ave.

1954 Honor Roll

Here is the AFRO's Honor Roll for 1954:

1. Committee for Racial Equality (CORE).
2. Dr. John S. Fischer
3. Oliver Winston and Housing Authority
4. John Schwatka
5. Dr. Louis Harmon
6. Pearl Chester
7. Abraham Krieger
8. Earl Koger
9. David Mason
10. Calvin Parker

ABRAHAM KRIEGER

Abraham Krieger helped open doors of Mt. Sinai

Abraham Krieger wins a place on the AFRO Honor Roll for the consistent role he has played in this community to bring about better race relations.

Particularly, he is honored because it was under his leadership and guidance that the Mt. Sinai Hospital dropped its racial barriers.

As president of the board for the three years ending in 1958, and as a member of the board, for 20 years, he has worked with other members to change the polic yso that today Mt. Sinai receives patients without discrimination and employs staff members without regard to race.

COLORED NURSES, X-ray and laboratory technicians, physicians, clerical workers may now be found at Sinai.

Chairman of the board of directors of the Gunther Brewing Co., Mr. Krieger is well known for his contributions to community organizations. The Druid Hill YMCA, Urban League, Provident Hospital, NAACP and United Negro College Fund have benefited from his philanthropies.

It is Mr. Krieger who played a big role in bringing the Baltimore Orioles to the city because he was among those instrumental in getting the capital needed to finance the venture.

During the past year, his firm provided the transportation for youngsters from all of the city's Police Boys' Clubs who attended the Colts' home games.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Krieger is a graduate of City College and the University of Maryland Law School. He is a member of the Associated Jewish Charities, South Baltimore Boys' Association and the Chizuk Amuno Congregation. He is married, has two daughters and two grandchildren.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the Baltimore Housing Authority, and Oliver C. Winston, executive director, have been named to the AFRO's Honor Roll of 1954, for their abolishment of segregation in local public housing projects. Commissioners from left are Robert G. Merrick, G. Cheston Carey, chairman; Walter I. Seif, vice chairman; Mrs. Henry E. Corner and Dr. William LeRoy Berry.

Dr. Fischer

Ended school segregation

Polytechnic Institute on North Ave., was crowded to the doors on that humid day last June when Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools, declared that beginning in September of 1954 the city would have desegregated schools.

The Board of School Comsioners agreed along with Dr. Fischer that it would comply with the Supreme Court's decision.

The historical address which Dr. Fischer delivered on that day earned him a place on the AFRO Honor Roll and the applause of teachers and administrative staff members. His speech has been used as a model by other cites all over the country.

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IN HIS talk at Poly, Dr. Fischer set forth a program for integration of Baltimore schools.

2. He declared that there would be only one eligible list for teachers in the system.

2. That in general, pupils would be transferred without racial designation.

3. All teachers would be appointed on merit.

4. Assured his administrative staff, principals and teachers that none would lose their jobs.

Dr. Fischer concluded his talk with the statement: "Segregation in the schools has ended. Let us make the transition in this school a smooth transition. Let us be proud of ourselves next June."

Omegas pay tribute to Dr. J. H. Thomas

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The late Dr. J. H. Thomas of Camden was eulogized by members of Omicron Phi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the chapter's meeting last Monday night.

The meeting also heard a report from delegates attending the Grand Conclave in Atlanta last December, adopted a budget and several projects for the year on recommendation of W. J. Gilliam, keeper of finance.

OLIVER K. WINSTON

CALVIN PARKER

1st 'Mayor' at Hampton

Parker won scholarship

Calvin H. Parker, now a freshman at Hampton Institute, was a favorite to make the AFRO's 1954 Honor Roll after he was elected Youth Mayor" of Baltimore by the Model Youth Council on March 18, 1954.

Young Parker was a "first" and served with distinction on May 6-7 when he ran the city government.

The six foot 3 inch likable 18-year-old is now studying at Hampton on a scholarship which was awarded him as a result of an AFRO story telling of his ambitions.

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THE SON of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parker Sr., of 2423 W. Lafayette Ave., young Parker set an enviable record at Carver High School where he transferred from Douglass in 1952.

He was president of the Carver High Dramatic Club, president of the school city council, editor-in-chief of the school year book and vice president of the school mixed choir.

Calvin was also a representative for his school at the Inter-Semester Institute held at Southern High School and delivered the Negro History Week talk at Merganthaler High School last year.

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THIS EVER active youth also sang in the church choir at Union Memorial Methodist Church and was active in a local club composed of youngsters from Dunbar, Carver and Douglass which helped the unfortunate.

His election as "Mayor" was the result of the voting of 110 pupils from 11 Baltimore high schools who selected him because he typified the youth leader they would like to represent them.

JOHN H. SCHWATKA

J. H. Schwatka eased tension at Southern

Last October when tension arose over the attendance of colored pupils in a number of former all-white schools, John H. Schwatka, principal at Southern High, was among those who took a firm and fair stand on the issue.

When the problem became acute at Southern he went on television and asked citizens to "Look into your hearts, examine your conscience and keep your courage and sense of decency."

He handled the situation like the courageous and able administrator that he is. For that, he has been placed on the AFRO's Honor Roll.

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MR. SCHWATKA has been in the Baltimore School system 28 years. He is listed in "Who's Who in Education," is a Mason and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

He attended high school on the Eastern Shore and now makes his home on a farm outside Sparks, Md. His wife is vice principal at Patterson Park High School. The Schwatkas have two sons.

CORE opened up luncheon counters

Downtown sites relaxed after group's campaigns

The local chapter of the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) has earned a place on the AFRO Honor Roll through its sincere efforts to create a better community for all people.

This interracial group of some 35 persons has not only been responsible for the ending of discrimination at lunch counters in downtown five and ten cents stores and the Read's chain of drug stores, it has also served as a helpful influence in a community where segregation was once the order of things.

The first achievement of CORE came when Kresge's, Woolworth's, Schulte's United and McCrory's Five and Ten Cent Stores agreed to serve colored patrons.

THESE AGREEMENTS were reached through negotiation, but when CORE approached Grant's Five and Ten Store, they found they were faced with a difficult situation. For 14 months CORE conducted an unrelenting campaign that included 28 "sit-in" demonstrations in the sore. Finally discrimination was ended.

Recently CORE was in the forefront of the successful campaign to persuade Read's Stores to end discrimination at its eating facilities.

In the past, CORE has worked only in the field of obtaining inexpensive eating facilities for colored persons, but now it plans to enter other fields.

CORE has helped to make the dream of a real democracy come true and to this organization, its officers, and members, the community owes a vote of thanks.

Pearl Chester got diploma though ill

Plucky E. Balto. girl now plans for college

Pearl Chester, 18-year-old tuberculosis patient who received her diploma at Dunbar graduation exercises, last June, wins a place on the AFRO Honor Roll for her determination to continue her studies while hospitalized.

She had been a patient at Hilltop Hospital tuberculosis division at Baltimore City Hospitals since January, 1953 and was the first patient there to graduate from high school with her class.

Through special arrangements, the plucky young girl was able to sit with her classmates, graduation night at Polytechnic, and to walk to the front to get her diploma from Arthur B. Price, then acting mayor.

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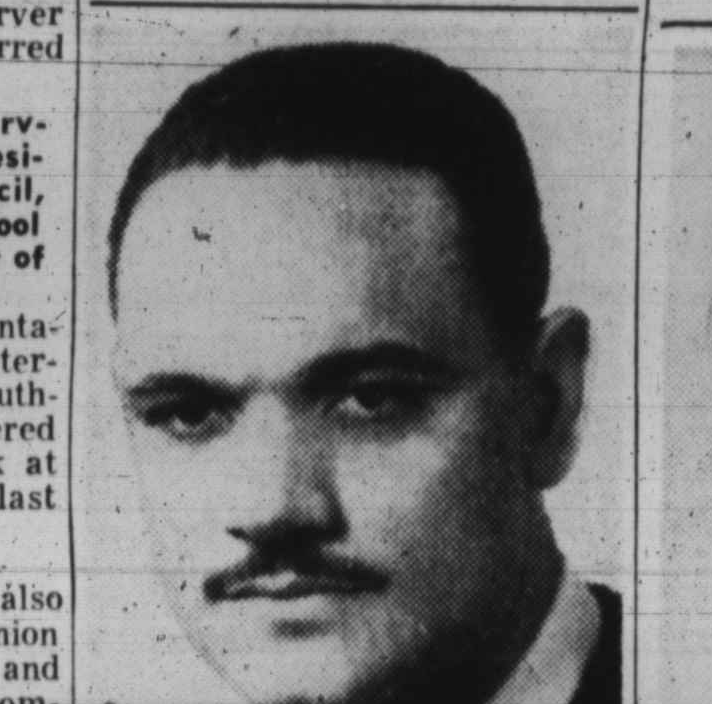
THE DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chester, 1014 E. Preston St., she was released from the hospital in October and is now making plans to enroll at Coppin State Teacher's College. She wants to be an elementary teacher.

While hospitalized, she began studying French and English under Franklin Bills, director, Rehabilitation for the hospital's tuberculosis division.

Later, a fulltime teacher, Mrs. Edith Williams, was assigned to the division by the Board of Education and the section of the hospital became known as Public School No. 354.

Miss Chester became ill soon after she was promoted to the 12A at Dunbar.

PEARL CHESTER



DAVID T. MASON

David Mason

Went to court for principle

"Without proper cause, police frisking is illegal."

That was the ruling of the Court of Appeals last November after awarding judgment to David T. Mason, attorney, for the humiliation of being publicly frisked by a police officer in a local night club.

Acting under orders of the Police Commissioiner, patrons in 12 taverns in the Northwestern Police District were frisked during an alleged "crime wave," last Feb. 15.

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MR. MASON sued Police Sgt. Charles Wrightson for $25,000, charging him with assault and battery and false imprisonment when he was frisked along with other male patrons.

He lost his case in Superior Court before the late Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith.

But although he knew in advance that his chances for receiving any sizeable payment for damages were nil, Mr. Mason appealed the case at a cost of $500, exclusive of attorneys fees in order to vindicate a principle.

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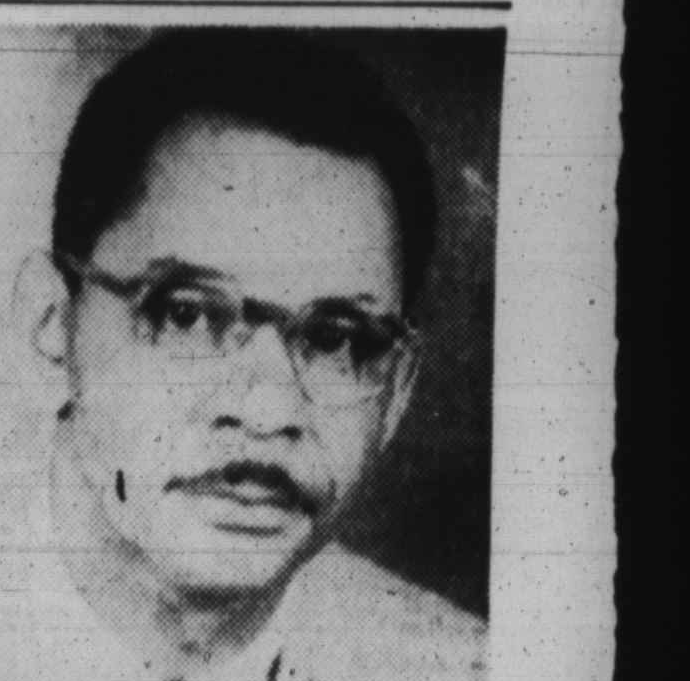
AS A RESULT of having rendered the city and state a tremendous service in clarifying the law and securing a restraint upon illegal actions of the police, he has been named to the AFRO Honor Roll.

For his troubles the young attorney was awarded one cent damages and costs which amounted to $500 and which Sgt. Wrightson had to pay.

Mr. Mason's office is located at 343 Dolphin St.



EARL KOGER

Earl Koger

Insurance man active in city

Few men have taken a more active role in the life of their community than Earl Koger, insurance man, parent and civic leader.

The energetic, Mr. Koger has been interested in many community movements, but perhaps none of such importance as his current fight against taverns in the newer residential areas in Northwest Baltimore.

As a resident in the area, Mr. Koger, who lives at 2316 W. North Ave., believes that the people who have bought or who are buying their homes should be protected against what he considers the demoralizing influence of taverns and bars.

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TO THIS END, Mr. Koger has appeared at scores of public meetings and meetings of the Liquor Board to protest against the opening of taverns and the changing from white to colored patronage. In all, he has taken part in 30 such campaigns.

Mr. Koger's aims have not been selfish. He is no prohibitionist, but he does believe sincerely that residential neighborhoods are not the place for taverns.

In addition to his anti-tavern campaign, he is one of the principals in the successful fight to end discrimination in Easterwood Park.

A veteran of 20 years in the insurance field, Mr. Koger operates his own agency at 2126 W. North Ave. He is a Mason, a member of the Frontiers Club, president of the New Ashburton Improvement Association, and founder of the New Area Neighborhood Association. He and his wife, Margaret, have five children.

For his service to the community as a watch dog against invasion of our residential areas, Mr. Koger has earned a place on the AFRO Honor Roll.