Saturday is Polio Drive Crutch Day

Ceremony set at Pa. and Mosher to benefit March of Dimes drive

Representatives of civic organizations who are backing the March of Dimes drive in the city met on Thursday evening at St. James P.E. Church.

Speaker was Mrs. John Gardiner, chairman of the state March of Dimes Committee. She explained how funds raised in the current drive are used to pay transportation costs of polio victims to hospitals in the state.

A movie on polio starring Helen Hayes, was shown during the meeting. Coffee was served by the Carnation Milk Co. representative, Mrs. Madeline Pullen.

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MRS. DORIS Tarter, chairman of the community committee, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Tarter emphasized that this Saturday is Crutch Day. Every person who makes a contribution will get a miniature crutch.

There will be a ceremony held in connection with Crutch Day at Mosher and Pennsylvania at 2 p.m. Members of the Pitch and Putt Golf Club will be on hand to accept contributions and distribute crutches.

There will be speakers from the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. Music will be by Harrison Dodd band.

ON FRIDAY, Jan. 28, members of the Jack and Jill Club are sponsoring a card party for the March of Dimes at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

The campaign will continue through Jan. 31 which is the day of the Mothers' March for Polio.

Residents are urged to keep their lights on between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., and give liberally to the mothers who will call at that time.

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$100,000 suits filed against BTC

Two suits were instituted this week against the Baltimore Transit Company by a mother and daughter for a total of $100,000 damages for injuries suffered January a year ago in a two-trolley car accident in front of the City Hall.

Mrs. Mamie Davis and her daughter, Miss Dora Davis of 700 N. Carrollton Ave., were riding as passengers on No. 15 trolley car, when another trolley car crashed into the No. 15 car at Holiday and Fayette Sts. Defective switches were blamed at that time as cause of the accident.

By their attorneys, Juanita J. Mitchell and W. A. C. Hughes Jr., Mrs. Mamie Davis' suit was filed in the Baltimore City Court, while Miss Dora Davis' suit was filed in the Court of Common

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Woman knocked off steps; friend held

"I'm hoping you will think twice before you decide to hit another woman."

That was the advice Magistrate Samuel Gahoff gave James Pittman of the 1800 block N Caroline St., Tuesday in Northeastern Police Court.

Charged with striking Miss Lucille Davis of the 1300 block E. Eager St., Pittman was ordered held in bail of $500.

Witnesses reported that he knocked Miss Davis off the front steps during an argument at her home last Sunday.

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Car driven by city teacher hits boy, 6

Struck by an automobile driven by a teacher in the city school system, William Spears, age 6, of 702 N. Payson St., was admitted to Provident Hospital Wednesday.

Witnesses stated the boy ran in front of the car driven by Mrs. Louise Lowery, 44, of the 1000 block Monroe St., at the intersection of Payson and Harlem Ave. The youth sustained a fractured hip.

Mrs. Lowery was charged with reckless driving. A hearing has been set for Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. in Traffic Court.

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MIRACLE FAMILY — Joseph Everett, in center, holds his mother's picture as he is congratulated by his brothers, James Jr. and Robert, upon his return home from Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he underwent a fourth operation which miraculously kept him alive after a tumor had grown in his brain. All the energies of the family go into the fight to restore him to health. The son of the Rev. J. A. Everett, 710 Avondale Rd., he is heartened by the many greetings people all over the nation have sent him.

'Miracle Boy' happy at home

By ARTHUR RANDALL

Several visits to the home of the "Miracle Boy," Joseph Everett, who is convalescing from a complicated surgical operation on his cerebellum, have convinced this newsman that Joe is not only a "miracle boy" but that he is a member of a "miracle family."

Moved from his hospital type bed to his wheelchair in the living room of his four-room home at 710 N. Avondale Rd., in less than a week, the eight-year-old victim, whom surgeons believed would die of a brain tumor four years ago, is as smiling and happy as would be the most healthy boy in the world.

After the latest in a series of operations, Jan. 8, at Norfolk General and Johns Hopkins Hospitals; Joseph refused to eat and force-feeding was ineffectual because the patient did not digest the food.

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THURSDAY, IN his own living room, I saw him eat soup fed him by his father, the Rev. James A. Everett, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, and heard him tell me in a wavering voice: "I am getting along fine."

Joseph's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Truitt of Durham, N.C., has been in the home since the lad's latest brain tumor attack, and has made herself indispensable, according to the mother, Mrs. Bertha Everett.

James Jr., 9, and Robert P., 5, had colds—the older brother being kept home from school—but they both showed their fondness for Joseph by playing with his now puny little arms and legs, which he cannot move, and his face with its brave smile upon it.

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"IT'S THE power of Jesus that keeps him alive," his father told me. "He enjoys having his family with him and he appreciates the hundreds of get-well cards folks have sent him," the Rev. Mr. Everett added.

Their living room is really a shrine to the brain tumor sufferer, with its walls covered with greetings sent him from all over the nation and scented with the fresh flowers which members of the church have brought.

The incision on Joseph's head has healed to the extent that he no longer needs to wear a bandage and the two steel tubes which have been inserted in his brain cavity to drain off the poisons of the tumor are not visible to visitors.

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ONE MERELY gets the picture of a bright kid who is temporarily "under the weather" and who has the solicitude not only of his whole family but of the whole community for his well being and who appreciates, with the fullness of his little heart, that kindness shown him.

Joseph wants more greeting cards from friends; and he needs the prayers of all. He's a champion and his family are champions.

When one leaves their home he feels that he has had an experience that cannot but make him a better human being.

Home for 8 condemned

Family paid $4,000, city offers $3,000

What would you do if you used your life savings to buy a $4,325 home, and two months later the Housing Authority condemns your property and offers you $3,000?

That's the problem confronting Mrs. Maybelle Montgomery of 765 W. Saratoga St.



Worried to she is under the extent that care of her doctor, she looks at the situation this way:

"Someone has to lose but I don't want it to be me. When you are burned once, you don't want to get burned anymore."

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MRS. MONTGOMERY and her family, three grandchildren, two daughters, her son and his wife, moved into their nine-room, three-story home the latter part of last year without being told that the property would eventually be condemned.

She used her savings to buy the property at an auction sale and was not aware of the situation until neighbors told her about it.

She is housekeeper for Charles Law, local mortician.

Two weeks later the Housing Authority of Baltimore advised her that plans were under way to construct a housing project in the area and she would have to sell outright or have her home condemned and sell at their price.

This she refused to do. As a result, a letter on Wednesday informed her: "In view of the fact that we are unable to consider your negotiation, we hereby recommend condemnation."

The letter was sent after authorities had visited Mrs. Montgomery on several occasions. Each time the maximum price they were willing to pay for the property was $3,000.

In a letter dated Jan. 15, they gave her until 12 noon, Jan. 24 to execute the option.

OLIVER WINSTON, director of the Baltimore Housing Authority, told the AFRO that the situation involving Mrs. Montgomery's house is typical of a lot of cases the Authority handles each day where the property holder feels the price he gets is not sufficient.

He said that the Authority must rely on the appraised value of the property given by bonafide appraisers, and that the Montgomery home price was set on the recommendation of two such appraisers.

In many cases, he said, the price offered gives the owners less than they paid for their homes.

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IN AN EFFORT to save the home, Avrum K. Hifman, attorney for Mrs. Montgomery informed Samuel R. Boyd, land acquisition officer for the Bureau:

"It is a paradox in our American way of life that the government wants to build better homes for people who cannot afford to buy them, and at the same time, subsidize those people by giving them reduced rents.

"Why," he asked, "punish an elderly woman who had been thrifty all her life, scrimped enough to buy a home, and after she buys in good faith and on the open market the Government should turn around and say, 'now I'm going to take your house, tear it down, and make new quarters for someone else.'

"The offer of $3,000 is neither fair nor just. All it amounts to is namely, the building association will secure its payment for the mortgage, then Mrs. Montgomery will not have a penny for herself."

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UPON BEING told that her home would be condemned Mrs. Montgomery told the AFRO on Wednesday "I thought I was settling down, now I must move all over again."

She said that she was living at 703 S. Sharp St., before she made up her mind to buy a home. When first visited by a representative from the housing agency she was offered $2,800.

She is of the opinion that the company she bought the property from should pay her back.

"As things are now," she declared, "there's nothing for my children and myself to do but look for another place.

"I spent a little money on repair work around here, now it appears to be lost."

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SHE POINTED out that the house has been papered, the roof patched, leaks repaired and floors painted.

The money she has spent on repairs is well over $300. "If they will give me the right price," I will move," she says, "but at least I want what I paid for the property."

Asked what she plans to do now that she knows her home will be condemned, she sighed and replied: "I just don't know.

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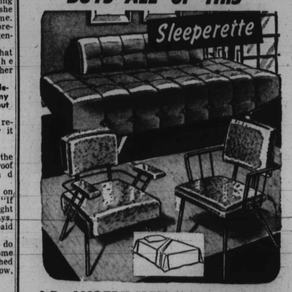
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Portee divorce case thrown out

Charles Portee, 904 N. Dukeland St., failed in his third attempt to obtain a divorce from Mrs. Acnes Portee, church woman and fraternal leader, this week.

His recent attempt to prove charges of misconduct against his 63-year-old wife were thrown out of court and he was ordered to pay her attorney $50 and to continue an $8 per week permanent alimony set by court decree in 1952.

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THE COUPLE, married in 1908, have been separated 10 years. He first attempted to get a divorce on grounds of abandonment, but Mrs. Portee filed denial and his case was lost when the trial was heard.

In the last action, he charged Mrs. Portee with making postmidnight visits to the home of Ed Pinkston, 1805 Madison Ave. and Mr. Pinkston with visiting at her home, 822 Hampson St. at late hours. He failed, however to prove the charges.

FLYING BEER BOTTLE

Thomas Traveler, 1500 block N. Fremont, suffered head injuries, early Saturday morning, when an unknown patron flung a beer bottle at him while he was sitting in a Prestman St. tavern. Mr. Traveler was treated at Provident Hospital and released.

State police jobs still available

Applications for the position of Trooper, Maryland State Police, are still being accepted by the Commissioner of Personnel at 31 Light St. No closing date has been announced.

The acceptance of all qualified applications are in line with a statement made by Col. Mumhowser last year, to the effect that all applicants would be given proper consideration.

It is the duty of a trooper to patrol the highways of the state enforcing the motor vehicle code and to assist in the enforcement of criminal and civil laws of the state.

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AN APPLICANT must be not less than 21 years of age, at least 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight in proportion to height and age, be free from disqualifying physical defects, and possess a high school diploma.

If a person has completed three years of high school work and had one year of service in the armed forces, he too is eligible for appointment.

Applicants must also possess a Maryland motor vehicle operator's license, and must have been a citizen of the state for at least six months prior to examination date.

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IN HIS FIRST year on duty a trooper receives $2,450; second year, $2,550; and third year, $2,650.

There is a ten percent increase in salary until a total of 24 years is reached. After 24 years, longevity pay continues at 40 percent of base pay.

Persons selected for state employment in the State Police must complete succesfully the state police training school course for troopers, and serve a probationary period of two years.

An examination date will be announced later. The exams will announced later. The teams will be held to provide employment lists for filling present or anticipated vacancies. The first five names on the list will be certified for appointment to existing vacancies.

Herbert Frisby tells of Alaskan travels at NAACP meeting

Herbert M. Frisby, teacher, lecturer and educator, was a guest speaker on Tuesday night when the local branch of the NAACP held a regular membership meeting at its offices, 402 Dolphin St.

Mr. Frisby spoke on his experiences in Alaska and said that integration was evident in the military forces stationed in that country. He also paid tribute to Matthew Henson as the discoverer of the North Pole and said there were plans being made to set up a living memorial at La Plata, Md.

Gentry McDonald presided at the meeting.

Md. Truck-Driver-of-Year nominated for U. S. title

Maryland's Truck Driver of 1954, Roscoe James of Baltimore will be nominated by the Maryland Motor Truck Association as this state's candidate for national Truck Driver of the year, an annual award by the American Trucking Associations.

James, a city driver to the Davidson Transfer and Storage Co., recently received one of three Red Cross certificates of merit awarded in Baltimore. This is the top national honor for safety service bestowed by that organization and signed by President Eisenhower.

He had also been named Driver of the Month in August, when he performed the act of heroism which brought about the recognition James has received.

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ON AUGUST 31, James leaped off his parked truck in Baltimore to heblp Dale Farley, the victim of an automobile accident who was bleeding freely.

Rescue applied his handkerchief to the arm of six-year-old Dale, using it as a tourniquet and requested passersby to summon an ambulance. Doctors at Sinai Hospital agreed that Rocoe's prompt action saved Dale's life.

The truckman is a veteran of World War II and learned his first-aid training in the Air Force, where he served as a radio operator. This was his first opportunity to use his skill to stop bleeding.

Man charged in theft of liquor from tavern

John Barleycorn got the best of Samuel Spriggs of the 700 block Harford Ave., Wednesday and caused him to end up in the Northeastern Police Court.

Charged with larceny of 5 half pints of liquor from a tavern in the 700 block Ensor St., on Monday, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Magistrate Samuel Gaboff.

Council endorses Randolph

Lloyal Randolph, Democratic candidate for the City Council in the Fourth District, was endorsed this week by the Past Exalted Ruler Elks Council No. 27.

The endorsement marked the first time the Council has taken an active political stand and it came because Mr. Randolph exalted ruler of the Monumental Elks, "has served the order and the public so long so unselfishly."

Democratic clubs backing Mr. Randolph are holding a kickoff, fund raising meeting on Monday, February 7 at the York Hotel.

AFRO editor with group studying Md. Air Defense

Cliff Mackay, editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, was among a group of prominent Marylanders who enplaned Wednesday morning to inspect the State's Air Defense set-up.

Purpose of the trip, according to Shirley Ewing, State Civil Defense director, was to "familiarize the group with what the Air Force is doing to deter aggression and to detect and destroy any attack that might be launched against us."

The group saw a fighter interceptor scramble and the ready-room at McGuire Field, N.J.; had lunch at Mitchell Field, L.I. and was briefed in the Combat Operations Center at Headquarters of the 26th Air Division.



EVERYBODY LOOKING — Photo taken at recent funeral services for five Harrington youngsters who perished in fire at their Hoffman St. home shows neighbors and relatives gathered outside awaiting procession. Note officer in background giving motorist a ticket for parking in funeral space.



THE NEW LOOK—The newest technique in face lifting she area around public schools belongs to the Francis N. Wood School for handicapped children at Franklin and Schroeder Sts. Workmen started on this operation last summer and completed their job a month ago. Mrs. Louise M. Dennis is principal. Grades at Wood are from the first through the eighth. The school features opportunity and shop classes, is named for former superintendent of schools, who died in 1943.

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WEATHER NO BAR—With the mercury down below freezing, Robert L. Cooper, 23, of 536 Carrollton Ave., decided it was time to wash his automobile. As Mr. Cooper was engaged in the task, several pedestrians passed by, looked at him, buried their hands in pockets and asked "how can he do it?" Mr. Cooper said it was easy, he just kept busy and forgot about the cold.

GOVERNOR Theodore McKeldin and Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro shown leaving Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church where they attended funeral services for George B. Murphy Sr., on Monday morning.



INTERIOR VIEW of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church shows the Rt. Rev. Noble C. Powell, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Md., reading scripture during funeral for Dr.a George B. Murphy Sr. Church seats only 350 persons and attendance was limited to relatives, friends and associates. 1,600 persons viewed body as it lay in state at the church and Holland Funeral Home.

YOUTH SPEAKS—This scene was taken from the balcony in the City Council chambers last week as students representing local high schools staged a pre-legislative session of the Model Youth City Council. The students elected James Spriggs of Dunbar High to serve as "youth mayor" on Feb. 24 and 25.



CHANGE NEEDED HERE—To the disgust of sports fans throughout the city, Carlin's Iceland Arena at Park Heights Ave. will not admit colored fans to watch home games of the Baltimore Clippers Hockey team. The lily-white policy has caused the team concern and embarrassment.



PAINTER AT WORK—Nathaniel Nichols, 78, of 244 N. Spring Ct., finds a wealth of enjoyment at the easel. The self taught artist has completed almost 50 paintings since his retirement as an automotive parts man, two years ago. His favorite medium is oil, though he has done some work in water colors.



HANDWARMING SCENE—A candy peddler started this fire near his cart at Lafayette Sq., and along came these three children to soak up some of the heat. Left to right: James Roberts, 7, of 1015 Rice St.; Brenda Tyler, 6, and Garry Tyler, 7, of 1009 W. Lanvale St.