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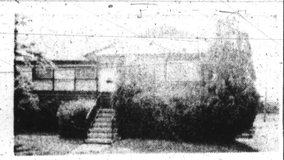

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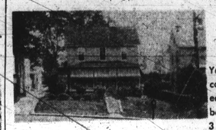

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The body will lie in state at the Emmanuel Community Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave. from 5-7 p.m.

Last rites will be held at the church at 8 p.m., today (Friday) Aug. 20.

Mrs. Butler will be buried at 10 a.m., Saturday at the New Cathedral Cemetery.

Mrs. Butler was a native of Burlington, N.J. and the daughter of John and Mrs. Rosetta Peterson.

She came to Baltimore in 1918 and was married to the late John W. Butler, in Philadelphia four years later.

Mrs. Butler worked in the New Jersey public school system, was a graduate of nurses' training and was employed as a private laboratory technician.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorthea B. Merchant, N.Y., two granddaughters, Mrs. Barbara B. Patton, New Haven, Conn. and Jacqueline Battle, New York, and a grandson, Todd Merchant, New York.

Other survivors also include her sister, Mrs. Ro-

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Notice is hereby given that the State Highway Administration of Maryland, in accordance with U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Policy and Procedure Memorandum 20-8, dated January 14, 1969, has requested from the Federal Highway Administration by letter dated August 11, 1971, Design Approval for Interstate I-70N in Baltimore City from the West City line to Hilton Parkway just north of Edmondson Avenue.

Design Approval has been requested for the Interstate Division's proposed design as presented at the Public Design Hearing.

The Design, as proposed and contained in a study report developed subsequent to a public hearing held May 25, 1971, at Edmondson High School, provides for new construction of a dual roadway for I-70N including structures over Dead Run, Pedestrian Trails, Wetheredsville Road, and Gelston Ravine as well as a tunnel beneath the Crimea Area of Leakin Park. The proposed I-70N construction consists of two (2) 48-foot roadways with 30-foot median. Roadways will be on independent alignments and grades where possible.

The right-of-way will be established during the final design phase to allow minimum of effect on parkland.

Geometrics and safety provisions, based upon 60 mile per hour design speed, have been incorporated in the proposed construction.

Maps, drawings, sketches, and other pertinent information submitted in support of the request for Design approval are available for public viewing during normal working hours at the Interstate Division for Baltimore City Office, 1001 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

DAVID H. FISHER
State Highway Administrator

Date August 16, 1971

AFRO Interviews Top Demo Mayor Candidates

(LAST OF A SERIES)

AFRO editors and reporters have compiled a list of questions for the top Democratic candidates for mayor, covering vital issues of interest to this newspaper's readers.

The questions were posed to the candidates in separate interviews by Moses J. Newson, executive editor, and Max Johnson, political analyst.

Backgrounds of the candidates and their answers follow in this last of a series of questions.

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QUESTIONS

1. Who, in your estimate, really runs the city of Baltimore now? The mayor, City Council, or the monied businessman?

2. As you walk through City Hall, many city employees appear to be doing little, or nothing at all. Do you have any plans for cutting back on the payroll, weeding out the inefficient help?

3. Please briefly summarize or add any statement you feel pertinent, and comment on how you feel your election might affect the city's relationship with state and federal officials.

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RUSSELL, George L. Jr. — is city solicitor; 41 years old; married; an attorney with a law degree from the University of Maryland

GEORGE RUSSELL

Law School; former Supreme Bench judge; a Roman Catholic, he lives at 3401 Seven Mile Lane.

1. One thing I assure you as mayor I will be the sole judge of the policies and the action of myself, no one else will be.

The people who really run Baltimore City are the mayor, the City Council and the Board of Estimates, which is composed of the mayor, the president of the Board of Estimates, the president of the City Council, the city comptroller, the director of Public Works, and the city solicitor.

The Board of Estimates really runs Baltimore City because it controls all spending. So, ultimately it is the mayor because of the two votes in addition to his own as appointed officials really controls the spending in the city.

Therefore the responsibility is on the mayor

2. I don't think it's fair to judge that somebody is doing nothing because they appear to be doing nothing on a walk through city hall. Appearances of course are deceiving. At any rate I'm pledged to cut unnecessary spending in Baltimore city, and I do recognize that we've got to take a hard look at whether we ought to fill anymore jobs, when we've got 42,000 city employees, more employees than the state of Maryland, more employees than the city population of Cumberland.

So that I am realistic enough to recognize that on the basis of what appears to others, but on the mere fact that the city just cannot afford all of the spending it is doing.

3. The most important element that we must restore to this city is stability.

If this city is to grow and if we business community and the states and the federal government and the Maryland Legislature, and all the individuals and agencies that deal with it is to be a good relationship, then they've got to have confidence in the stability and credibility of this city.

This city as it now stands is divided, black and white, rich and poor, county and city residents, parents and children.

I believe firmly in my heart that the team of Russell and Lacy is the one team that can unite this city, so that all who look upon it all over America, will know that the major problem and the major area of separation that the good people both black and white in Baltimore City are going to upgrade the factors that unite it and downgrade the factors that divide.

And these common problems that we're going to face together, black and white together, are the problems of education, drug abuse and crime.

It is only through having a strong competent mayor teamed up with an efficient competent, respected white man, black and white together, stands the salvation of this city.

This I firmly believe, and I believe that this election is not a popularity contest, but we are talking about the survival of Baltimore City, and I think that survival lies in the ability of the next mayor to communicate with all segments of the community with credibility.

And I believe that the Russell-Lacy team brings this ability better than those who are running against us.

That is why I believe that Baltimoreans, black and white together should vote Russell and Lacy.

As we have said, this team may not be the best of what you want, but we sure are the best of what you've got.

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MITCHELL, Clarence M. 3rd — is president of a real estate company; 31 years old; married; attended Morgan State College; member of the State Senate since 1967; member formerly of the State House of Delegates, 1963-67, a Methodist, he lives at 3609 Wabash Ave.

CLARENCE MITCHELL

1. There is no question about the fact the money special interest from the surrounding counties really runs the city of Baltimore. That is what our campaign is all about.

We have got to look at the finance committees of the two administrative candidates to understand that the special interest has a stake in electing the next mayor of Baltimore City.

We feel the people of Baltimore City are the mayor and City Council ought to run the city . . . not those who live outside of the city, not those who have exploited us for years.

"He who pays the piper, calls the tune." The citizens of Baltimore should look very carefully at those who are financing the campaigns of all the major candidates.

Our monies are coming from little suppers, teenage dances that are given to benefit our campaign, shows such as the Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick shows have gone to benefit our campaign.

And basically we haven't had to use all the big money that is usually attached to a major campaign, because we had the help of the little people.

2. The next mayor of Baltimore City must reorganize, revitalize the city agencies from top to bottom to assure that the taxpayer is getting the full benefit of every dollar that is spent in payroll.

Also we must assure through proper wages that city employees feel that they are a public servant, and they must be available to all of the citizens in terms of helping them to take advantage of city services.

There must be training programs to spell out to employees who do not understand what their job entails.

There are many city employees who do not know their responsibility due to poor supervision, because of poor promotional procedures, and because of back patronage.

I think where we must cut back, where we must expand, we will expand to assure that the citizen gets the

the full benefit of decentralized city services.

We also propose the establishment of effective inner city halls that would be staffed and run by people who live in the communities. Not people who come from the outside.

These would also be offices where the mayor himself will come in on a periodic basis and spend one to two days listening to the problems of the people in that community, establishing a meaningful dialogue so that the citizen would have some input in the policy and programs evolving from City Hall.

I believe that there are many people who are effective by problems that have solutions for these problems if our top city officials would listen to them.

The next mayor of Baltimore City must be out in the community on a regular basis, maintaining meaningful dialogues with the peoples and helping to reinstill in the people a confidence in their city administration.

3. We would certainly, as mayor of Baltimore City, we would more effectively than any other candidate take advantage of the state and federal resources and have a good relationship with state and federal officials.

In the 8½ years I have been in the State Legislature, I developed meaningful relationships with many states congressmen, heads of federal agencies, in the State Legislature I developed meaningful relationships with state offices and the president of the City Council, the city comptroller, the director of Public Works, and the city solicitor.

I see the next mayor in addition to all the other qualities I have mentioned, his role can be traveling ambassador for the city of Baltimore—to go himself to the federal agencies, to sit down himself with federal legislature as well as state legislature, to explain personally his program, what he seeks to do and how he seeks to do it.

Also, I believe the next mayor of Baltimore City must take a strong position in opposition to the war in Vietnam, especially when he realizes that 22 per cent of the fatalities of the war are black, yet we make up less than 11 per cent of the men serving in Vietnam.

This is an immoral war that is draining the resources of this country, and the next mayor must give leadership to help pressure an end to the war so that these resources may be redirected towards solving the ills of this city.

There is a direct relationship between the mayors of each city and the Vietnam War, and each candidate for mayor, and each mayor throughout the country ought to take a position, and do whatever he can to end the war in Vietnam.

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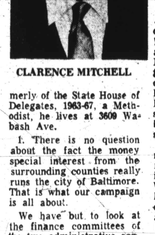
SCHAEFER, William D. — is president of the City Council; 49 years old; a bachelor; an attorney with a master's of laws degree from the University of Baltimore; a colonel in the Army Reserve, he lives at 620 Edgewood St.



DONALD SCHAFER

1. Well this is an answer you need a strong mayor, there is not any question to this one, the mayor is the top executive in the city and he needs the cooperation of the City Council.

It is the mayor and City Council; who actually run the city. When you talk about money businessmen, you have many money businessmen who have vital interest in the city.

The Parks Company and Henry Parks, is a big businessman and located in the Camden area and I think he has a vital interest in the city.

Western Electric has a vital interest in the city. I don't think it is the same way the question is asked that the money men run the city.

We cooperate with them of course, they are a source of our job opportunities and our pay, but the ones who decide the policy is our mayor and City Council.

2. I've heard this question on a number of occasions, and I've heard complaints about sending six men out on a job to fix a street when it requires only one.

I don't blame the city employee as much as I blame the supervision. I think a supervisor who allows its people sitting around doing nothing, then that is lack of supervision.

But generally, I think, the city employees work hard. I think they are dedicated people, I think the department heads have great concern for the city, and put in many, many hours of overtime.

When you see many city employees, I don't see many city employees that are sitting around doing nothing.

But I think it is imperative that we work hard in the supervisory level to make sure that the people who are employed give us a full day for eight hours pay.

Far as cutting back on the payroll and weeding out insufficient help, everyone is favorable for this. No one wants insufficient help but we get continued demands for more and more services and not less services in the city of Baltimore.

Wherever I go people want more recreational facilities. Just today before I came down to the interviewed, a person called me up in the Mondawmin area, and wants us to be able to assign some recreational directors working in a cooperative basis with the people in the areas as volunteers and churches who allow them to use their facilities, but this would be an increase of recreational directors.

In addition to this, people certainly don't want us to cut back on the policemen, the firemen. They are interested in having the streets maintained safely, they are interested in good sanitation and garbage collections.

So weeding out help is important, but also we have to understand when they ask for more help and more facilities sometimes it means more employees.

I think what we have to do is to make sure that we have good supervisors, that the top directors understand that their employees are to give us a full day and we work in this way.

We have been cutting back on the payroll in many, many ways by not filling jobs that become vacant this can have an affect if we keep doing this, for instance cutting back on school teachers we haven't cut back on school teachers but I don't anticipate on us doing it.

When we start talking about payrolls the large amount of employees on the area of education, police, firemen and public work, when you start cutting back there you can be cutting back necessary facilities.

3. I think I am the most qualified one to work with the state and federal officials. First of all, I have had the full experience of 18 years in the city government. I know government from top to bottom.

I have worked on most of the projects that we have had in the city, from the civil rights movement I have been all through that from 1955 on Equal Opportunities, Community Action Agency, Model Cities, all those programs I have worked with.

I was there at the beginning of the Charles Center, I have worked on housing, I have worked in the schools and recreation, in addition to this I have worked with the close relationships of our officials, and I have worked over in the federal government with many of the officials in the federal government to bring programs to Baltimore City.

As a result of this I have a balanced background, and I am the most qualified person to be the mayor for the next four years.

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FRANCIS VALLE

I'm sorry, but I am going to have to decline your invitation for an in-depth interview about my candidacy for mayor of Baltimore City. The reasons for my decision, I feel, are specifically spelled out in the enclosed press release of July 17, 1971.

No major candidate has ever expressed publicly and in writing, the political philosophy he adheres to in seeking his nomination for mayor of Baltimore City.

However, for the present it is important that I make clear my strategy in the pursuit of getting elected.

In the quest for votes, and in this election in particular, I have placed my major opponents in the proper perspective, two are black and one is white. It became obvious in the election of for the state's attorney of Baltimore City that the black community has become of age and discriminating.

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The ethnic groups recognized the fact that there was strength in numbers and by electing one of their own kind, they became a political force to be reckoned with.

Therefore, one cannot hold it against the black community for supporting only the black candidates as was very evident in the last two elections, when the black community elected a congressman, two judges, a state's attorney and a clerk of the court, elected positions all previously held by white officials.

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Recognizing this, as a political fact of life, it almost becomes futile for any major white candidate in a Democratic primary to seek the support or attempt to solicit the vote of the black community, so long as the black community has an alternative in a black candidate, whom they believe to be an individual of substance.

The effort and time spent in attempting to attract votes would be better applied in areas where a white candidate knows he is likely to get votes.

It is obvious that I must direct my campaign only in the white community, and I say this with regret.

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12th August, 1971.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Mandel:

It is requested that you issue an Executive Order forbidding State employees from coercing voters in Baltimore City to vote for W. Donald Schaefer. Many of these employees are appointees under the sponsorship of Irvin Kovens, such as Inspectors of the Liquor Board.

Mr. Richard K. Coggins, Superintendent of the State Accident Fund and Joseph Giodano, Member of the Barbers Examiners Board, are actively politicking for Mr. Schaefer beyond the civic duty of the average citizen.

Because of your close association with Mr. Kovens, many persons believe you are aiding and abetting Mr. Kovens in the manipulation of Schaefer's candidacy. The Mayor of Baltimore should not be a pawn of anyone, including the Governor of Maryland.

You will agree with me that the citizens of Baltimore are entitled to a fair and free choice of candidates for Mayor. This choice is being interferred with by the unfair practice of many State employees.

In order to remove any doubts that your office has any part in Mr. Kovens' activities, it is imperative that you issue the Order requested above.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS J. VALLE

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COMPLAINT — Gov. Marvin Mandel is accused in this letter of "coercing voters in Baltimore City to vote for Schaefer."

-Still young

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vania Railroad in the barber shop. I was the shoe shine boy. I retired 10 years ago.

"I was married to my late wife Pearl for 52 years. We didn't have any children, we lived a happy life.

"I am living on God's time. I am grateful to God that he has spared me to see this day. I am making the best of my life. I am living on Gods time."

In addition to reading the Bible and world news, Mr. DeCoursey likes to do his own marketing, although he has a friend who helps by taking him back and forth to the store.

Commenting on today's youth, Mr. DeCoursey said, "When I was young, I had three cars. What the young people are enjoying today, I have already enjoyed. The only bad habit I have is smoking my cigars and a pipe."

Most of the DeCoursey family lives in Baltimore, including a sister, Mrs. Alethis Callaman; Nieces, Mrs. Ruth Callaman and Mrs Juanita Savage. He also has a nephew who lives in New York.

A young man of 76, Mr. Decoursey is happy and is living well.

-Former police

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bitten and scratched and attacked one officer from behind.

Police also said Mrs. Kenny tried to help Dorsey get away from police as a huge crowd gathered.

Police, report they searched a second car which Mr. Dyson of New York was driving. The search produced a 12-inch dagger under the seat. Dyson was charged with possession of a deadly weapon.

Police state they dispersed the crowd, took all four persons into custody and preferred charges.

-AFRO sets

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and Sundays.

The entire plan became possible Wednesday when the state Board of Public Works authorized, effective for 18 new District Court commissioners, who will act in place of the judges when the city's lower courts are not in session.

Each commissioner will have the power to set bail or release suspects without bail on their own recognizance, but they will not hold trials.

This move has broken a tradition of weekend trials that is longer than time memorbed by the oldest members of the lower court system.

Signal Corps veteran dies

Mr. Nathaniel J. Cook, Signal Corps veteran of World War II, died Aug. 17, at the Veteran's Hospital, Loch Raven Blvd., after a short illness due to internal complications.

The 60 year old veteran, formerly of 2410 Presbury St., served with the Signal Corps for three years, touring such places in Africa, as Liberia, Monrovia and Algeria.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug 19, at 11 a.m., at the Providence Baptist Church, in the 800 block of Edmondson Ave. Mr. Cook was then buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mrs. Mary E. Cook. There were no children as a result of their marriage.

As an 18-year employee of the Davidson Transfer and Export Co., Mr. Cook belonged to Union number 557.

He was born in Newport News, Va. and graduated from the Dunbar High School here. He also attended Hampton Institute, Va.

Other survivors of Mr. Cook are his brother, Donald P. Cook, and sisters Mrs. Elizabeth Newton, and Mrs. Laura Phillips. All reside in Baltimore.

No Sat. or Sun. trials after Oct. 1

The newly formed District Court will soon stop holding trials on weekends in Baltimore.

Announced by chief judge of the District Court, Judge Robert F. Sweeney, a plan will go into effect by Oct. 1 to have commissioners replace judges on Saturdays

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