A LAYMAN LOOKS AT A MINISTER

Gov. McKeldin gives his version of an ideal preacher

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"I had the ambition tobe a Methodist preacher, but I didn't make it."

Gov. Theodore McKeldin was speaking to 100 ministers of both races at the Methodist Ministers' Fellowship meeting on Monday at Mt. Vernon Place Church.

The eloquent chief executive told the audience that since he could not be a pastor, he at one time desired that his son become a Methodist minister.

His talk was entitled "A Layman Looks at the Preacher." However, Mr. McKeldin said he preferred to tell his views through ideals he held for his son as a minister of the gospel.

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HE REVEALED ten choices in listing the ideals. First, the Governor stated, is a complete education.

He said: "I wish that my son, if he were going to be a preacher, would get as fine an education as he possibly could."

Mr. McKeldin then recalled that he lived in South Baltimore when he was a boy and followed the pattern of the times.

He said: "The South Baltimore pattern in those days was to quit school in the low eighth grade and get a job and go to work.

"That's what I did. I quit school in the lower eighth and went to work."

"But, I want just a little bit more for my son than just a good education. I want that he should have a deep spiritual experience.

"I hope he may have both."

THE GOVERNOR also traced the history of the Methodist Church which he said was **founded by the Spirit of God and organized by John Wesley.**

The second ideal he desired for his son, Mr. McKeldin explained, is a "strange one."

He said: "I don't want my boy to have any ambition."

Ambition, according to the Governor, would lead a young preacher to discontentment.

He said: "If he is sent anywhere, regardless of where it is, I would want him to say: 'This is where God wants me to be.'

"I would not want him to aspire to some fine church: I would rather he would be content to serve wherever he may be sent."

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HIS THIRD ideas: "I would not want my son to hope to get his sermons in the newspaper."

Here Mr. McKeldin caused ripples of laughter in the audience as he revealed how politicians long for publicity.

He said: "After I became Governor I learned to give out the release to the press before the meeting and then the next morning run down stairs in my bare feet to get the paper only to find what I wanted printed was not there."

He added: "I don't want my son to be thinking 'How will this look on the back page of the paper' when he writes his sermons."

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AS A FOURTH DESIRE for his son, Mr. McKeldin said: "I would not want my boy to give sermons to lead peace parades.

"I would not want my son as a preacher to take his mind off the church he is serving."

As a fifth ideal, the Governor stated that he would not want his son to preach a sermon on Prohibition.

He said: "I was a fanatical prohibitionist at one time. I got on trucks in South Baltimore and fairly preached against drinking.

"And I want to add here that I think liquor is a great evil.

"If I could, I would abolish it.

"I think that it is the cause of more sadness, sorrow, more broken homes, more trouble than anything since the world began.

"But I would not want my son to take up the cause.

"I would want him devoted to his church and the people he serves."

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THE SIXTH IDEAL is a wish that the young preacher know the first names of every member of the church.

He said: "What a wonderful full-time job that would be!

"I would want him to be so devoted to each and every member of the church and Sunday School that he would know them individually, know them all by name."

Mr. McKeldin then recalled the time he heard William Jennings Bryant speak on the life of John Wesley and he pointed out the shock registered by the audience as the orator apologized for his subject.

He said: "William Cullen Bryant apologized for talking about Wesley. He told the people that he felt he should speak only on Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

THE GOVERNOR also stated that public officials often wish for the consolation of a minister's visit.

To illustrate, Mr. McKeldin recalled the days in 1927 when he served for 4 years (1927-1931) as secretary to Mayor William F. Broening.

He said: "People came only to ask for favors.

"In all my time in the office I don't remember any preachers coming in at all except to ask favors.

"But there was one. He was the Rev. Dr. Oscar Thomas Olsen, the Mt. Vernon Methodist preacher.

"He said just this: 'I came to you Mr. Mayor to let you know I am praying for you.

"'I know your problems and I just want to let you know I am praying for you.'"

THE GOVERNOR added, with deep feeling in his voice:

"In public office you feel like if only a minister would just drop in and say, 'I'm praying for you,' it would be like a refreshing breeze."

An additional ideal listed by Mr. McKeldin was one he jokingly termed "a crazy thing."

He said: "It may seem a crazy thing to list this for a minister, but I warned you. I want these things just for my boy.

"I would not want him to join any fraternal organizations."

He added: "Although I belong to every organization a Protestant could belong to, I would want my boy to join no luncheon clubs, no fraternal organizations.

"I would not want my son to be wedded to anything else but the church. I would want the church to be his bride."

HE ADDED: "You can have too many outside influences, you know.

"But for my son, I would want him to just concentrate on the church and his people there."

ANOTHER "crazy idea" he would want for his son: "I would not want him to be too religious."

Mr. McKeldin then explained: "Why not be too religious?

"Because who can know the problems another person has?"

As an illustration he used the story of a young girl who was dying of tuberculosis. The Governor revealed that her condition was, to her, the greatest problem anyone could have.

He said that the afflicted child spoke and said: "When I see Jesus, I will show Him my hands."

He then stated that he wanted his son to "be overwhelmed by love, but slow to anger."

He said: "Not too religious, but understanding. Understanding is the love that surpasses the Golden Rule."

THE GOVERNOR also charged the ministers present to realize that they are special ambassadors.

He said: "You did not call God. God called you. You were obedient.

"You may not become wealthy, you may not become famous, but you are more than all that. You are special ambassadors of God."

He then gave an illustration of how a minister may make sacred the ground on which he stands.

He said: "Although I belong to the Episcopal Church, I was born Methodist.

"My son is now 26 years old.

"WE ALWAYS go to Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve and long ago when he saw me remove my ring at the altar he asked me why.

"That was when he was 12 years old and going to the Gilman Country School.

"I told him what my mother told me, that she wanted no material sign of the world, when she was in a Holy place.

"I later saw my son remove his Country School ring at Watch Night Services."

WHEN GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER, it's always fair weather. Gov. Theodore McKeldin is shown above with the Rev. Julius Carroll and the Rev. N. B. Carrington at the Monday meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Fellowship at Mt. Vernon Place Church.

To tap or not to tap

Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron said Wednesday afternoon that there had been instances of wire tapping committed by some members of the Police Department for which no court orders as required by law are now available.

This revelation came during a hearing before the City Council's Judiciary Committee which is studying a resolution requesting enforcement of the ordinance against the wire tapping.

1. Mr. Hepbron was one of several persons called to testify on procedures used in the Police Department in connection with wire tapping.

J. Harold Grady, state's attorney, told the committee that he had evidence that there had been wire tapping carried on by members of the Police Department.

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THE RESOLUTION requesting the Council's study of the wire tapping situation was introduced in the City Council by Council president, Leon Abramson, on Dec. 16, after the Grand Jury had announced it would not take legal action against members of the Police Department who participated in wire tapping activities without a court order, as required by city ordinance and state statute.

The hearing Wednesday to determine what could be done about wire tapping in lieu of the Grand Jury's announcement was thrown into confusion when an attorney refused to let a suspended member of the Racket's Division testify.

When common Law committee chairman, called Sgt. Edgar Kirby to testify, Amos I. Meyers, his attorney, told the committee that Sgt. Kirby would prejudice this position with Police Commissioner Hepbron if he were to testify.

$150 or jail for damage to wife's clothes

"I am going to hold this case sub curia for one week . . . if you don't come in then with $150, I am going to send you to jail."

Judge Joseph L. Carter set this condition in Criminal Court Wednesday for Turner Smith Jr., 33, of the 2500 block Brookfield Ave., who faced him on charges of striking his estranged wife and destroying some of her clothing and jewelry.

Mrs. Kathleen Smith, of the 3300 block Burleith Ave., Mr. Smith's wife, told Judge Carter her husband had struck her on the early evening of Nov. 16, after she had been out with another couple.

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SHE SAID he then ripped several of her dresses, bent much of her costume jewelry and a set of silverware and broke many recordings of their large collection of records, when she left their home.

"It was even a shove than a slap," Mr. Smith, a longshoreman, told Judge Carter in defense of the striking of his wife.

"I broke the records and bent the silverware to keep her from taking them with her, but I didn't tear her clothes."

Mrs. Smith said $150 would repay the damages to her things. A. D. Williams was attorney for Mr. Smith.

Tax forces Park Sausage to comten plate moving

"We are not making any move that will prevent us from moving to New Jersey.

"With the prohibitive tax picture here . . . we are holding up any expansion in Baltimore."

This announcement from the Parks Sausage Co., 2460 Woodbrook Ave., was made this week by Ray Hayshert, general manager.

The million - dollar - a - year company has been contemplating a move because of Baltimore's manufacturer's inventory tax.

HENRY G. PARKS JR., company president, said earlier that needs for expansion were playing a part in the company's plans to move.

"Possibilities of increasing the work here were dimmed when Mr. Hayshert declared:

"Since we are going to put up money, we might as well spend it where it will cost us less."

ON WEDNESDAY Mr. Hayshert disclosed that the company had completed payment on the 27 on a $55,000 building in Philadelphia and will transfer 20 per cent of its production there.

"Presently we are negotiating with a firm in North Bergen, N.J. to lease a building from them," Mr. Hayshert revealed.

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THE PLANNED move comes at a time when Baltimore is concerned over unemployment and movement of other companies.

An estimated 15 have already moved, planned to move or curtailed activities because of the manufacturers' tax, it is reported.

Mr. Hayshert said Parks Sausage Co. employs 61 persons in Baltimore and has an annual payroll of $178,076.

CITING EFFECTS of the tax, Mr. Hayshert stated:

"We have received several communications which have made it (the tax) very bad for us.

"The Maryland Match Co., from whom we annually bought two million matches, informed us there would be a four per cent tax from now on.

"We wrote them and told them we would have to cancel our contract because we can get them cheaper in Philadelphia."

Mr. Hayshert said the company was opening a plant in Chicago on Jan. 20 and would bring meat here to process but that it would be taxed on this end.

"How long can we do that," he asked.

HE SAID movement of the company also would affect printers, advertisers, equipment dealers and other service companies. His company had a $900 telephone bill last month.

Mr. Hayshert was critical of the tax, which he says forced his company's tax load by 100 per cent.

anti - toxicant tests you try to keep the guinea pigs healthy so you can get more blood.

"But Mayor D'Alesandro's policy is to kill the animal and go looking for someone else's blood."

Mr. Hayshert said 87 per cent of the company's sales are outside of Baltimore.

The complete move of the company "is not yet an irrevocable" plan, Mr. Hayshert conceded.

Said Mr. Parks:

"We certainly want to stay here . . . but at the same time we want to leave ourselves in a position where we can take advantage of escaping things that we do not have to put up with."

"In order to secure blood for

Two fined for bribe of cop

"These two men were drinking in an alley beside a jewelry store near North Ave. and Boston St. and when I arrested them they pooled their money and offered me $5 to let them go."

This testimony in Criminal Court Monday by Officer John Wieman, of the K-9 Division, brought fines of $25 and costs each for Silas Moore, 42, and Thomas Worthem, 50, both of the 500 block Orchard St., on a bribery charge.

Judge C. Ralph Warnken also fined the two $25 and costs each on a disorderly conduct charge, as a result of the drinking in the alley.

Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy told Judge Warnken that the offenses occurred about 8 p.m. on December 2, and that police had had considerable trouble with men from other areas drinking in alleys in that neighborhood.

On the witness stand there made it sacred by what they preach.

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ON CLOSING, the Governor said that he wished that his son would deliver a special sermon for a special person each and every Sunday.

He cautioned ministers to remember that their duty is to preach.

He quoted the Bible, saying: "A man came to a minister of the Gospel and said: 'Sir, I would see Jesus.'

He ended his talk by saying: "Would that we all might see Jesus."

The Governor was introduced by the Rev. Julius Carroll, assistant pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church, who is chairman of the Fellowship Program committee.

Officer who collided with civilian, guilty

A collision involving a veteran police Traffic Division sergeant and a 36-year-old woman last Dec. 18 was the highlight of some 300 cases heard in Traffic Court Monday at Central.

Sergeant Al Moffet, 52, was found guilty of going through a red light at Pulaski Hwy., and Highland Ave., and was given a $15 suspended fine and ordered to pay 95 cents court costs.

As a result of her part in the accident, Miss Lavinia A. Green of the 1600 block Stephens St., was charged with reckless driving.

The charge was dismissed by Magistrate Richard L. Gilbert after three witnesses testified that they saw the officer run the red light.

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MISS GREEN testified that her automobile was struck by a squad car driven by Sgt. Moffet when she attempted to cross the intersection on the green light.

In his testimony Sgt. Moffet maintained that the light was in his favor.

He testified that in his 27 years of service he knew that the particular intersection was "a bad one," and there was no need for speeding because he was not on a call.

In finding the officer guilty, Magistrate Gilbert stated:

"There are three people here who say that's just what happened, and I believe that's what happened.

"I can only conclude that you ran a light."

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Miss Watson left estate of $6,000

Bishop Winfield B. Showell has been named to administer the estate of Miss Ruth B. Watson, who died at the Plaza Manor Convalescent Home on Dec. 11.

Mrs. Watson's estate is estimated at $6,000.

She is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Stella Lawrence of 2634 W. Franklin St.

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PEE WEE ROSTER—Here are members of the Druid Hill YMCA Pee Wee Club during the Oct. 26 to Dec. 28 cycle. The program is designed for lads between the ages of 6 to 8 years to provide them with the opportunity of having wholesome fun under supervision. Minimum requirement for boys in this age bracket is that they measure 44 inches from the floor to chin. A new cycle starts Jan. 18.

Mid-winter term of Y Pee Wee Club opens next week—

There is an old saw which declares that "boys are made of snakes and snails," etc.

The Pee-Wee Club of the Druid Hill YMCA, 1619 Druid Hill Ave., had pulled the covers off this ole wives tale.

Those connected with this youth activity for boys between the ages of 6 and 8 years will attest to the fact that Pee Wee Club boys are made of high octane energy, mixed liberally with curiosity and inventativeness.

Parents of youngsters who are members of this group and who are blessed with a well-earned respite between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays will, no doubt, second the motion.

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APPLICATIONS FOR the mid-winter session of the Pee Wee Club which starts next Saturday are being accepted at the Druid Hill YMCA, according to Joseph Lee, boys works secretary.

The purpose of the program is to provide younger boys with the opportunity of having wholesome fun under adult supervision.

The director is assisted by a staff of nature lovers and a member of the professional staff of the YMCA.

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WHAT ARE some of the activities these youngsters look forward to every Saturday?

The day generally starts off with a movie.

Boys are taught skills in such things as leathercraft, woodcraft, photography, radio and art.

Then there are instructions in target shooting and archery.

Possibly the most popular single activity is swimming.

Inasmuch as the minimum depth of the swimming pool is forty-four inches one of the requirements for the 50 boys who are accepted as members each session is that they measure forty-four inches from floor to chin.

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MEMBERS OF the Pee Wee Club during the session just ended were:

Robert Broaddus, Douglass Bryant, Henry Baker, Michael Baylor, Flan Couch, Sampson Christopher, Ralph Davage, Ivan Drummond, Forrest Dorsey, Richard Evans, Allen Forte and Malcolm Fisher.

Also, James Gittings, Warren Gladden, David Grodms, Earl Halibarton, John Lane, George Miles, Geoffrey Miller, Charles Manley, Richard Mitchell, Kirkwood Mathews, Michael Grier, Arthur Phillips, Troy Robinson and Peter Neson.

Also, Russell Sanders, Dexter Reed, Uthman Ray III, Arthur Peterson, Robert Price, Darryl Parker, Robert Quarles, Gregory Tilghman, Lloyd Turner, David Tucker and Jerome Walker.

Also, Harvey Walker, Melvin Williams, Darryl West, Stephen Watson, Anthony Bundy, Wayne Corbin, Kirk Dunzee, Gilbert Gray, Charles Jordan, James Fair Jr., Peter Allen and Robert Simmers.

LEARNING SKILLS— Anthony Crawford and Charles Bowens are shown here putting the finishing touches on a piece of woodwork, one of the many skills taught members of the Pee Wee Club. Other skills include photography, leather-craft and radio.

COMING EVENTS

JAN. 10-12
Big Brother Week continues with an open house Friday evening at Big Brother headquarters, 2032 Maryland Ave.
Exhibition of history of bookbindings, including about 700 rare bindings from the chief collections of this country and also from private and public collections abroad. Exhibit is at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

JAN. 13
Miss Marian Anderson, world famous contralto, will appear in concert at the Lyric Theatre as auspices of the Baltimore Fellowship, Inc.

JAN. 14
Baltimore Red Cross nursing service-student class in mother and baby care. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Red Cross headquarters, 22rd and St. Paul Sts.
A documentary film, "The Titan: Story of Michelangelo," will be shown in the auditorium of the Enoch Pratt Free Library at 8:15 p.m. The movie is a part of the library's public programs.

JAN. 15
Department of Education sponsoring area hopscotch contests at the following schools: Highlandtown school No. 215, Pratt and Clinton Sts., Area A; Thomas Johnson Elementary School No. 84, Johnson and Heath Sts., Area C; and Northwood Elementary School No. 242, Loch Raven Blvd., and Hartsdale Rd., Area E.

JAN. 18
The Mitchell - Ruff Jazz Duo, featuring Dwight Mitchell, pianist, and Willie Ruff, French horn, to appear in concert on the young musicians series of the Baltimore Museum of Art.

JAN. 18 — MARCH 22
The Boys' Youth Department of the Druid Hill YMCA conducts its mid - winter Pee Wee Club activities.

JAN. 22
The Estelle Dennis Dance Theatre appearing in concert at Morgan State College's Hurt Gymnasium at 10 a.m.
Dr. William L. Straus Jr., professor of anatomy and physical anthropology at Johns Hopkins University, to discuss "On the trail of Man's Ancestors" on the noon - hour talk sponsored by Enoch Pratt Free Library in Central Hall.

FEB. 8
The second annual music festival of the Eastside Community Singers at Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

VFW MEETING
The monthly State Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Maryland, will be held at the home of Baltimore Police Post No. 1529, 337 E. North Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 12, 1958 at 2 p.m.

JOSEPH LEE, boys' work secretary of the Druid Hill YMCA dictates a memorandum to his secretary, Miss Helen Jackson, concerning activities in connection with the Y Pee Wee Club. The mid-winter session of the club's activities gets under way Saturday.

Dear Santa, What Gives?

By BAKER E. MORTEN
AFRO STAFF WRITER

A little perturbed about a series of facts that added up to confusion regarding Santa Claus, our little five year old daughter Tuesday dictated a belated Christmas message to the Florin Pole.

Perhaps some of the equations here reflect the sentiment of your youngster. The letter follows:

DEAR SANTA CLAUS;

Knowing that you have been very busy in waiting until now to write you about something very important.

I asked mommy and daddy, but they laughed at me and since they are only human, I am asking you.

I . . . d to know how you can be in so many places at one time and keep changing faces?

I know you get around a lot, but how is it that I saw you in ten different stores when mommy and I went Christmas shopping?

And you looked different every time I saw you. First you were fat and short, then you grew a little and before I saw the last of you, you weren't yourself at all.

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I KNOW YOU don't remember me out of all the other children, but I talked to you when you were skinny;

I talked to you when you were fat and I talked to you when you were tied - tongued. Remember?

Once you told . . . you were sure I would get the doll I asked for and then you said I mig't g it if the time I talked to you. Don't you trust yourself, Santa?

Please don't be angry with me, Santa, 'cause I love you and think you are the best person in the world. That's why I am writing to you.

I was shocked when I saw your wife cause I don't know you had got married. Please give her my love.

AT ONE STORE I went to I said you for a gift. It was a paper doll set with real clothes pins and a clothes line.

I hope you don't think hard of me, Santa, but how can I wash paper dolls and hang them on the line?

Also, I didn't know you carried a cash register with you. Is that where you get the money from to make all the toys for the children?

Four of the times I saw you, it looked like your beard was going to fall off, but it looked all right the other six times.

And the way your voice kept changing in each store made me think for a while you were Indian. Then you kept asking me the same questions over and over. You said:

"And you, little girl, what do you want for Christmas?"

Maybe you should see a doctor about your memory Santa, 'cause I told you what I want ed ten times.

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BUT THAT'S all right, Santa. **you an air mail stamp so you won't have to go out in the cold and get one.**

I want to ask you if your reindeer really bring you from the North Pole in the air, but it sounds so silly.

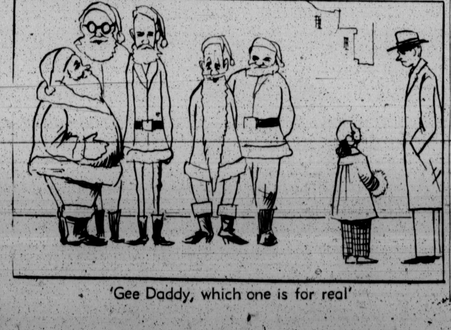
Please write me — I am closing now — Marjene.

P.S. Did you get the cookies and milk I left under the Christmas tree for you?

I got the doll I wanted and I wish to thank you for it. They told me you brought it down the chimney, but how could you?

I live in an apartment building and the chimney goes down the basement.

I hope you will answer this letter soon cause I want to hear from you. I am sending



'Gee Daddy, which one is for real'

New tags, new law to hit car owners in pocket book

A total of one million two hundred thousand Maryland car owners will be the most colorful, well protected, and in some cases, the most financially embarrassed drivers in all America by March 1.

That's the date for new 1958-59 blue and white license plates for passenger cars may be displayed.

The date will also mark the beginning of Maryland's new "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Law."

In effect, this law which was passed by the last General Assembly means, if you have liability insurance you pay less for your tags this year, if not you pay more.

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PERSONS WITH liability insurance when purchasing $15 tags must now add a dollar extra.

Individuals paying the same amount but who are not insured must add $8 more.

Under the law, an insured person is required to pay the extra $1 once in a lifetime, providing he remains insured.

An uninsured person must continue to pay $8 each year until he becomes insured.

For persons who do not carry liability insurance and cause death or injury or property damage to another person, the Fund will compensate the innocent victims but the uninsured driver who is at fault can neither obtain license plates nor operate an automobile until the Fund is reimbursed with interest at four percent.

The act is designed to provide Marylanders with the most complete protection possible against economic loss up to $10,000 for death or injury of one person, $20,000 for death or injury of more than one person in any one accident, and $5,000 for property damage resulting from traffic accidents caused by the negligence of financially irresponsible automobile owners and operators.

THE FOLLOWING procedure for filing a claim has been outlined by the department of Motor Vehicles.

If you, as a pedestrian or the driver or occupant of an automobile are involved in an accident through no fault of your own, you should determine whether the owner of the vehicle that hit you or damaged your property has automobile liability insurance.

If the driver does have insurance, the claim should be filed without reference to the Fund.

If the other party is without insurance and is financially unable to meet the claim the following steps should be taken:

1. Within 90 days after the accident a claim should be filed with the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board at 33 Hopkins Pl., Baltimore.

2. If the claim is for less than $1,000 the BOARD will direct the State Treasurer to pay you after receiving proof that you were entitled to it.

3. If the claim is for $1,000 or more you may apply to court for judgment against the owner of the car that caused the accident or for the approval of a settlement made with the owner.

Should the court find you to be the innocent victim and is satisfied that the guilty party has non-financial means of paying the claim himself, the court will direct the State Treasurer to pay your damages.

Claims of $100 or less or not covered by the law.

The act will cover accidents occuring on and after June 1, 1959.

The delay in time is to give the State an opportunity to collect the money for the fund from the car owners during the registration period in 1958 and from the insurance companies.

'Not the unborn who suffer, but the unwanted'

"It is not the unborn who suffer, but the unwanted."

This quotation, taken from a pamphlet entitled "Breaking the Vicious Circle," sums up the problem of unplanned births in the modern family according to the Planned Parenthood Federation.

The Federation, which has offices in Baltimore and other cities throughout the nation, seeks to educate parents so that children are born "when parents want them and when they are best able to care for them."

It contends that a "vicious circle" is created by poverty, ignorance and overlarge families.

ACCORDING to the Federation, families in this situation are caught on a treadmill where:

"They can't do better for their kids. They can't buy the kinds and amounts of consumer goods that make for a full and happy life and keep business prospering."

The Federation also contends poverty likes bigger families.

It points to New York City where the average family consists of 3.4 members while families on relief number 5.3 members.

"Compared with the smaller family, this one (the overcrowded family) tends to have cramped quarters, inadequate home furnishings and equipment.

"The children often do not have enough warm clothes. It spends a little more of its income on groceries but with more mouths to feed, its members are not so well nourished.

"Teeth go unfixed, needed medical care is put off," the Federation says.

In addition the Federation quotes the 1952 Census Bureau figures to support its claim that one half of the children are in one-sixth of the families with one-tenth of the income.

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MRS. ANNE G. HUPPMAN, executive director of the local branch of the Federation, said the well adjusted child is the one born into a family where the parents are able to give it the love and care it deserves.

However, she said, when a family is overburdened with too many mouths to feed an additional child may be considered as a problem and may be unwanted.

According to the theory of Planned Parenthood in such a family the new baby can cause a strained relationship in the marriage and "the one to many" birth can also wreck the health of the mother.

Among other things, this condition can easily lead to juvenile delinquency, said Mrs. Huppman.

She explained that a delinquent may become a delinquent because he feels that he is the cause of the strained relationship between his parents; he may feel that he is the cause of his mother's bad health.

THE ASSOCIATION operates a main clinic at 352 E. 25th St., which is well equipped and staffed by friendly, well informed people.

At present, there is only one other branch of the clinic in Baltimore located in Lutheran Hospital.

The organization plans to open a third branch in the Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church.

The additional clinic should be ready for patients the first of February.

Mrs. Phyllis Hammond, a community social worker, will supervise the operation of the clinic.

TO QUALIFY for planned parenthood, a mother first applies for an appointment.

In the clinic, she meets a social worker who interviews her to establish her socio-economic background.

Then she is sent to a doctor **who gives her a thorough physical examination and fits her with a device which Mrs. Huppman explains, is the safest, and most effective of the modern birth control methods.**

The mother, after the examination, is given a trial device which she uses for one week.

At the end of the week, she returns to the doctor and reports on her use of the device. He then gives her one to keep.

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IN ALL, there are at least three visits made to the clinic and all of the visits are included in the flat fee of $3.50.

The Association also operates a clinic for childless couples who can appeal to the agency for guidance and help.

"We had 35 couples undergoing treatment (for fertility)," said Mrs. Huppman.

She added happily, "And last year, we had five pregnancies."

The Association also offers practical guidance for couples about to be married, and professional aid for couples with marital problems.

Infant deaths up in city; mothers urged to register

Dr. George Davis of the City Health Department, issued an appeal this week to prospective mothers to take advantage of the Maternity Health Registration Center so that they can get adequate prenatal care.

Earlier registration by mothers is believed a necessary step in reducing the infant mortality rate.

Figures just released by the Department for the year 1957 show that the city's infant mortality rate is the highest since 1946.

Of every 1,000 births in 1957, there were 34.4 deaths under one year of age, 25.0 per 1,000 infant deaths were white, and 47.0 per 1,000 infant deaths were colored.

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ALSO DURING 1957 there were 12 deaths attributable to maternal causes, 9 among white mothers and 3 among colored mothers.

The maternal mortality rate was 4.9 per 10,000 live births. For white mothers, it was 6.5 and for colored mothers the rate was 2.7, an indication of excellent obstetrical care.

However, the Health Department is anxious to reduce the infant mortality rate, highest in the city in 11 years.

Mothers-to-be are urged to register at the Maternity Hygiene Registration Center located at 414 N. Calvert St. Prospective mothers can register there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

After registration, mothers-to-be who can afford to pay are referred to private hospitals for the important nine-month care.

Those who cannot afford to pay are referred to various Health Department clinics and can be assured of having their babies at the City Hospitals.

The Health Department is also conducting studies along with doctors at the Hopkins Hospital in an effort to determine causes of congenital malformations which may have accounted for some of the infant deaths in Baltimore during the past year.

Dr. Jackson says he has 'to slow down'

"After 27 years I find that the pressure of my work has become so heavy on me that I have to give up some of my extra - curricular activities. I have been under considerable strain and I have to slow down."

Dr. Houston Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools on Thursday gave the above reason for his curtailing activities outside of his city school duties.

On Tuesday Dr. Jackson resigned from the Frontiers of America businessmen's club where he has been a member for 15 years.

On Wednesday he made definite his Dec. 3 resignation as leader of the Union Baptist Church Choir when he had served 27 years.

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AT THE evening meeting the choir refused to accept Dr. Jackson's resignation, requested that he meet with the choir when possible, but appointed a committee to search for his successor.

H. told the AFRO that he is a member of nine boards of directors of civic organizations and holds other offices in other groups.

On Oct. 30 Dr. Jackson was stricken with rheumatoid Arthritis, spent two weeks confined to bed, and up until Christmas was unable to walk except with the aid of a cain.

Although "on the mend," he says his physicians have advised him to "slow down."

Teenage deejays air new radio program

Two 17-year-old Forrest Park High School students, are airing a weekly program over a local radio station slanted to high school students.

They are Tom Feldman, 3218 Shelburne Rd., and Marvin Mathews, 2338 Mondawmin Ave.