Courtesy Ride Halts With Matron Injured

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A ride from a stranger turned out to be a painful experience for an East Orange woman, who, as the New Year came in, was being treated at City Hospital for face lacerations and bruises of both eyes.

Mrs. Delores Smart, 36, of 100 Midland Ave., East Orange, told police that about 10:45 p.m. she met a white man near Washington and Court Sts. and went for a ride with him, adding that at Pennsylvania and Poiner Sts. he threw her out of the vehicle.

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Speedway Plan Irks Residents

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crete objections.

Danger to Children Cited

Primary criticism is that the traffic danger already effected by the McCulloh St. traffic on boulevards will be increased for the thousands of school children who must cross these streets and for other tots who play on the sidewalks because of lack of neighborhood playgrounds.

They also complain that the constant jar of the heavy traffic would be hard on their property, causing cracks in the walls, loose window sills, shattered mirrors and pictures, to say nothing of the noise which would disturb their sleep.

City Maintains Stand

Maintaining that such objections were anticipated and understood George Carter, acting director of public works, says, nevertheless, the streets must be boulevarded to ease the traffic problem.

Asked why Eutaw St. was not chosen for the expressway channel, Mr. Carter said that it too will serve this purpose as best it can.

"Our experience with Fallaway was that no traffic was eased along its route when Calvert and St. Paul Sts. were made one-way," Mr. Carter declared.

He pointed out that residents on St. Paul and Calvert Sts. protested too, but it did no good.

More Lights Expected

Suggesting that Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh Sts. will be benefited by the new plan, he added "Think of the improved lighting conditions the streets will gain."

Advised that many residents consider these streets too narrow for boulevards, Mr. Carter quipped "That's no argument. They are the same width as St. Paul and Calvert Sts. 39.6 feet."

When offered the suggestion that Eutaw St. be widened at the lower end so that the dual traffic might continue downtown, Mr. Carter said that would take too much money.

Ordinance May Be Protested

Mayor D'Alesandro, when told of residents' objections to the traffic scheme, stated that he appreciated citizens' protests, but results of the study by city underlings, whom the city department of public works, had not yet been presented to him.

Designation of McCulloh St. and Druid Hill Ave. as one-way streets must be done through City Council ordinances. When introduced they may be protested in the City Council at public hearings.

Fear Damage to Homes

McCulloh St. residents stated their objections as follows:

915—MRS. FRANK DAVIS: "These old houses won't stand that heavy traffic. My window sills won't hold pots now and my lights are always being shattered by the rumble of the traffic. The school children crossing McCulloh St. have a difficult time of it now."

917—JOSEPH BAKYRS: "The situation is bad enough now. I'm an old man and that continuous traffic is hard on my nerves. The children who live in the housing project will find playing around the neighborhood more dangerous with a boulevard on McCulloh St."

1247—WILLIAM B. JONES: "I'm opposed to it. I've seen too many accidents on St McCulloh St. boulevard to want to have the situation made worse by feeding additional traffic through here. Accidents will certainly increase."

BOULEVARD DANGEROUS

1293 — MRS. BOOKER HILSON: "The boulevard is dangerous. It doesn't give us any peace. Fast autos go which these cars speed through the street like they do. I wouldn't want to see the traffic condition made worse."

1297—MRS. MARIE THOMAS: "I have 10 children and 10 grandchildren, and I know how dangerous it is on boulevards. I don't want to see a change made unless it would reduce the traffic."

1336—MRS. AUGUSTINE BUNDY: "The traffic danger would certainly be increased. The rumble of those heavy trucks certainly will not help my property any."

1338—MRS. EDITH WILSON: "My home and I spent a good deal to my home and I spent most of my time at the window. I usually have to hold my breath watching traffic speed through here and the difficulty school children have in crossing the street."

1440—MRS. REBECCA JACKSON: "The continuous jarring of traffic will ruin our property. Right now my furniture shakes as the cars and trucks pass by. We need some change to improve the situation, not make it worse."

1449—MRS. MILDRED DUTTON: "We've had several bad accidents on this street since we have resided here. Children have been knocked down and a number of children have been struck. It's very difficult to keep pictures hanging on the walls and the constant jarring is hard on furniture. I think the boulevard should be moved over to the white neighborhood, so we can see how well those people like it."

LIVES AT STAKE

1617—MRS. EMMA TYLER: "Some of these people have put their life savings into these homes. Using these streets for boulevards will devaluate the property. I wouldn't like to see this plan advanced at all."

1635—MRS. OLIVER JACKSON: "Something should be done about the traffic that goes through this neighborhood, not to make matters worse."

1708 — MARION POLLEY: "The sponsors are wrong on this undertaking. It will serve to make living conditions and travel more inconvenient for the taxpayers."

Hazards Will Increase

1820—JAKE BROWN: "There is too much traffic passing through here now. I don't think it would be a good idea to increase the hazards."

1836—MRS. HOWARD PAYNE: "The heavy traffic which would result from this proposed boulevard would certainly be trapped by this new arrangement. We need more stop lights and better highway lights."

1849—MRS. SERENA SMITH: "The noise, confusion, dust and gas fumes are so bad now on this boulevard that I fixed up my back porch to sit out there instead of on the front. It would be much worse, when it is difficult to cross the streets as the situation now is; and sleeping, with all this traffic going by, is almost out of the question."

Hard on the Nerves

1613—MRS. WILLIAM CURSTON: "We have enough noise under the present circumstances. I am expecting a child and the heavy flow of traffic doesn't improve my nerves any. This new plan won't make the situation any better."

1633—MRS. ALICE WATSON: "I don't approve of the idea when I think of the traffic hazards and the wear and tear on the property on this street."

1712 — MRS. GENEVA WOODS: "McCulloh St. is bad enough as a throughfare now. Feeding more traffic through here will hardly give the children a chance. Some of the children have been hit and children have been hurt. Walls in several homes have been cracked by the rumble of the cars, it's awfully hard on the property."

Business Affected

1718—MRS. MATTIE S. HARRIS proprietor of the McCulloh Quality Gift Shop: "If McCulloh St. is made one-way, the no parking order certainly will affect my business, since many of my customers drive here. Other customers are children who come in to buy candy and their parents certainly will be hesitant about allowing them to come to my store."

1711—MRS. ALICE S. POWELL: "My bedroom is on the front of house and the traffic noise always keeps me awake. The street is indeed too narrow for thirpah-highway traffic, and people without garages will certainly suffer."

1820—MRS. ROSA DRUMMOND: "McCulloh St. is annoying as a boulevard. I cannot sleep well enough as it is; if the majority of residents object, I certainly will too."

Can Hardly Get Worse

1811—MRS. EUNICE JEFFRESS: "I don't see how it could be much worse than it is now because of the awful noise from the traffic early every morning and evening. I am not in favor of such a plan."

1833—MRS. ROSA BUTLER: "There has got to be some outlet for the traffic, so of course some portion of the people must be made to give in to the plan. The traffic is practically doing the same thing now."

1919—MRS ELIZABETH BUTLER: "Thereby double traffic on McCulloh St. now, one cannot even cross the street. It will be worse if made one-way!"

2015—MRS. C. S. THOMPSON: "This street is almost a race track now. Anything in addition would be terrible. Children and older people can't cross the streets now. My brother is partly blind and I have difficulty in getting him across. It takes me 15 to 20 minutes to get across. When children play on the sidewalk, their lives will be in danger. A car ran up on the curb and took away a pair of steps just recently."

2025—RALPH V. COOK: "We have enough traffic with McCulloh St. as a boulevard. It is hard to cross the street. Dust and dirt is about all of the time."

Traffic Shakes Houses

2119 — MRS. ANNA M. POWELL: "Oh My Lord, more traffic to shake the house to pieces! Everybody's complaining now. One day the ceiling fell down twice from the traffic jars. Plaster is always cracking."

2129—MRS. JAMES TARTER: "I don't think such a thing should be done to this street. The traffic here is annoying now. It shakes us so much we can't sleep. Children who live in this house whose parents have to be so careful about their playing on the sidewalk."

2142—REV. FRANK E. FAIRFAX P. KING: "It is a shame to impose upon us in such a manner. I'm going to cause our property to depreciate. The noise is terrible. The traffic is dangerous enough now and there are enough accidents."

2436—OSCAR SHORTER: "I don't think it will be so good with trucks and everything shaking the buildings. It will be more dangerous than ever for the children when school is out playing on the sidewalks."

2142—MRS. W. A. C. HUGHES: "The street is so dangerous now perhaps it will be safer one-way. As it is, the traffic pips up and down both ways. I can understand how Druid Hill Ave. will be made much more dangerous with a boulevard on McCulloh St."

Druid Hill Ave. Objects

Oppositions of a similar nature were voiced by residents of Druid Hill Ave., long sufferers of the noise of jostmoded trolley cars over worn out streets.

Their objections follow:

1718—MRS. LAURA WHEATLEY: "It seems like a plan that will add more to the noise and deterioration of property than it will benefit the movement of traffic on these two nerve-racking streets."

1742 — MRS. RUTH BARNES: "I oppose the plan. Since Eutaw Pl. already has the two separate lanes it would be more directly downtown. I think it is only economical to use it."

1410—MRS. ELEANOR THOMAS: "All the heavy traffic would help make the noise worse than it is now."

1412—MRS. MASON HAWKINS: "These streets are too narrow for such a use. The additional traffic will be an added danger to residents and pedestrians."

1416—MRS. FANNIE GLASCOE: "Unless traffic lights were placed at Druid Hill Ave. and Dolphin St. it would be very hard to cross the street. Then, too, two lanes of traffic would be too narrow for safety."

1724 — ROBERT MASON: "I am strictly opposed to the plan. These one-way streets would give drivers a greater opportunity to speed, and fumes, too would be objectionable."

Prefer Pedestrians

1726—MRS. GEORGE PENDLETON: "What chance will pedestrians have with double lines of traffic? I am opposed to the plan because it is unfair for these streets to be used for a boulevard."

1728 — JOSEPH LAUDERMAN: "I can't favor a plan which will endanger the lives of pedestrians and help break down this fine section of Druid Hill Ave."

2008 — MRS. ERNEST DENNIS: "When I read of the plan, I thought of the danger in which it would place our children who play on the sidewalks of these streets. The use of homes on Druid Hill Ave. would make it an even worse neighborhood."

2113 — MRS. J. A. B. CALLIS: "There would be no way for residents to park their cars. The plan would make greater congestion on the cross streets. It may be a sign of progress to some people, but not our children in Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. so I cannot give it my approval."

Would Defeat Purpose

2135 — MRS. CORIN NIXON: "The right street for the highway is Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. They are too narrow, anyhow, for a boulevard. I, therefore, object to it. I am not in favor of such an arrangement."

2137 — MRS. LAWRENCE A. C. YOUNG: "I oppose the plan. I deliver mail on Calvert St. and know how a similar plan is in operation. Truth-fully, the service is worse. Speeding and speeding have increased and accidents are more frequent."

2407 — MRS. MAUDE P. BELL: "That plan will endanger the lives of hundreds of children who use this playground on the Cloverdale Rd. side of Druid Hill Park." This is one of the reasons I think a boulevard like Eutaw Pl. would be a better location."

2413 — MRS. ELLA SINGLETON VALENTINE: "I have two small children who are just learning how to cross the streets near home, and if this highway is put through here I would be afraid to trust them to do this. Why don't they select a wider street?"

Treatment by Drivers Generally Based on Location of Route, Survey Reveals

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arm.

After she screamed, the driver nonchalantly opened the door to release her but failed to inquire if she was hurt, and proceeded to speed off as if to make up for lost time, he said.

Older Ones Commended

Mr. Sye commended the courtesy shown in the evening hours on the No. 30 line by older motormen, who he said, "act like gentlemen."

En route to and from his home at 2424 Annapolis Ave., to an insurance office in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Ave., Thomas Brown, debit manager, said he faces a 45-minute wait.

The fact that there is space in the bus does not always mean that it will stop to take on passengers, he said.

Forced to Use Taxicab

A principal of School No. 115 on Mergenthaler Lane, Mrs. Susie Cordery of 2418 McCulloh St., has had to resort to a taxi to get to work on time because of crowds on the No. 8 car.

She usually returns home before the evening rush hour only to be amongthe "standing army" passed by half-empty cars.

Another word of commendation was given to bus drivers on the 37 line to Cherry Hill by Douglass Campbell, insurance man of 431 Swale Ave.

Passengers' Responsibility Cited

"If they see people running to catch the bus they always wait," he commented.

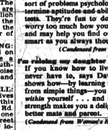
If passengers have correct fares, transfers, return slips, and remember to move back in the car, this may be an inducement for more democratic treatment by street-car operators.

STATE CONFERENCE BOARD TO MEET JANUARY 24

The monthly meeting of the executive board of the Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches will be held in the local office, 402 Dolphin St., on Jan. 24, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president, announced.

WHY I REMAIN A NEGRO

He could easily "pass" as white — but he has no desire to. In January Reader's Digest, Walter White tells how a lynching mob in his boyhood made him realize the course that was open to him and despite everything, he is glad and proud to belong to a race for which he feels the deepest kinship.



Walter White

Also in Reader's Digest

How baby for women's change of life. Science has known that female hormone deficiency causes much of the physical and mental upset that beats the menopause—but relief has meant costly, risky injections. Paul de Kruif brings news of two tablets that promise miracles to many women in the "change."

How smart are you? Here are 3 of the sort of problems psychologists use to determine aptitude and ability. Try them. Then, if you fail to do so (if you don't worry too much how you come out) . . . and may help you find out if you're as smart as you always thought you were.

(Condensed from "Test Yourself")

I'm ruining my daughter in five ways. If you know how to live alone, you'll never have to, says David Cohn. He shows how—by learning to get pleasure from simple things—you become happy within yourself . . . and how this inner strength makes you a delight to others, a better mate and parent.

(Condensed from Women's Home Companion)

The way back. When his son and later his wife committed suicide, he cracked mentally, blaming himself. Doctors said he'd never recover. In this true story the "lost" man describes his retreat from the world of reality. Read how one someone miraculously brought him to his senses—and a new, useful life.

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Says Denial of Rights Violates U.S. Ideal

CITES INJUSTICES

To Ask Congress to Act on Report

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — In his message on the State of the Union, delivered to the Congress in person Wednesday, President Truman declared that the first goal toward which the United States should strive "is to secure fully the essential human rights of our citizens."

"We are determined," he declared, "that every citizen of this nation shall have an equal right and equal opportunity to grow in wisdom and in stature and to take his place in the control of this nation's destiny."

Other goals he set were:

(1) the protection and development of human resources, (2) the conservation and use of natural resources so that they may contribute most effectively to the welfare of the people;

(3) raising of the living standard of all the people by strengthening the economic system and wider sharing of the goods the country produces and (4) world cooperation on principles of freedom and—justice and equality of all nations.

Dignity of Man Stressed

Mr. Truman emphasized as a credo of the nation the faith of the people, a belief in the dignity of man and his creation in the image of God, and a profound devotion to the welfare and rights of the individual as a human being.

Declaring that the past decade has "brought us new courage and new confidence in the ideals of our free democracy, he proposed that the country look forward "toward those goals for the future which have the greatest bearing upon the continuing vitality of our democracy and the happiness of our people."

"The United States has always had a deep concern for human rights," Mr. Truman stated.

"Religious freedom, free speech and freedom of thought are cherished realities in our land. Any denial of human rights is a denial of the basic beliefs of democracy and of our regard for the worth of each individual.

"Today, however, some of our citizens are still denied equal opportunity for education, jobs and economic advancement and for the expression of their views at the polls.

Contrary to American Ideals

"Most serious of all, some are denied equal protection under our laws. Whether discrimination is based on race, creed, or color, or land of origin, it is utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy.

"The recent report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights has given to the Federal Government and to State and local governments.

"Because of the need for effective Federal action, I shall send a special message to the Congress on this important subject."

The President recommended that consideration be given to the obligations of this country "to assure the fullest possible measures of civil rights to the people of the United States territories and possessions. He favored statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

Over-All Security Program

Mr. Truman also recommended an extension of unemployment compensation, old age benefits and survivors' benefits to millions who are not now within the framework of existing social security, and "a comprehensive insurance system to protect all our people equally against insecurity and ill-health."

Other recommendations included:

Federal aid to education, a long-range housing program, extension and strengthening of rent control, the elimination of inequality between the living standards of the urban population and those of farm people;

Increasing the minimum wage from 45 cents to 75 cents an hour, and a stable foundation of buying power to maintain prosperity by making gains in national income more largely available to those with low incomes.

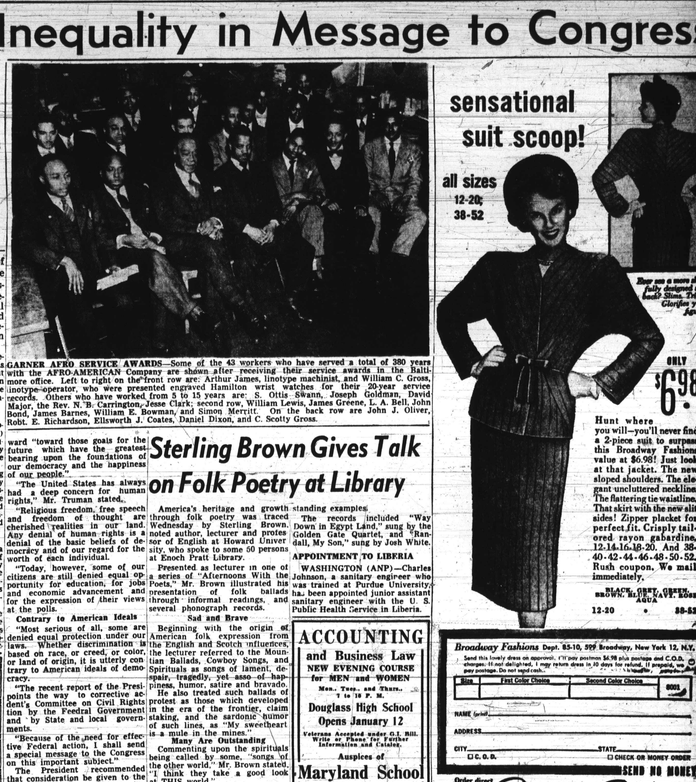
War on Inflation Urged

The President again recommended universal military training as the foundation of a balanced national security program and urged prompt Congressional action of the Marshall European recovery plan.

He asked that the Congress make available to the Executive Department of the Government the weapon necessary to fight inflation. Until inflation is stopped, he declared there must be no reduction in income taxes.

"This is the hour to re-dedicate ourselves to the faith in mankind that makes us strong," he declared in conclusion.

"This is the hour to re-dedicate ourselves to the faith in God that—gives us confidence as we face the challenge of the years ahead."



GARNER AFRO SERVICE AWARDS—Some of the 43 workers who have served a total of 380 years with the AFRO-AMERICAN Company are shown after receiving their service awards in the Baltimore office. Left to right on the front row are: Arthur James, linotype machinist, and William C. Gross, presented engraved Hamilton wrist watches for their 20-year service records. Others who have worked from 5 to 15 years are: S. Ottis Swann, Joseph Goldman, David Major, the Rev. N. B. Carrington, Jesse Clark; second row, William Lewis, James Greene, L. A. Bell, John Bond, James Barnes, William E. Bowman, and Simon Merritt. On the back row are John J. Oliver, Robt. E. Richardson, Ellsworth J. Coates, Daniel Dixon, and C. Scotty Gross.

Sterling Brown Gives Talk on Folk Poetry at Library

America's heritage and growth through folk poetry was traced Wednesday by Sterling Brown, noted author, lecturer and professor of English at Howard University, who spoke to some 50 persons at Enoch Pratt Library.

Presented as lecturer in one of a series of "Afternoons With the Poets," Mr. Brown illustrated his presentation of folk ballads through informal readings, and several phonograph records.

Sad and Brave

Beginning with the origin of American folk expression from the English and Scotch reflections, the lecturer referred to the Mountain Ballads, Cowboy Songs, and Spirituals as songs of lament, despair, tragedy, yet asso of hapiness, humor, satire and bravado.

He also treated such ballads of protest as those which developed in the era of the frontier, claim staking, and the sardonic humor of such lines, as "My sweetheart is a mule in the mines."

Many Are Outstanding

Commenting upon the spirituals being called by some, "songs of the other world," Mr. Brown stated, "I think they take a good look at THIS world."

With other references to the contribution to American poetry of colored people, he mentioned the ballads of "Gray Goose," "John Henry," and "Boll Weevil," as outstanding examples.

The records included "Way Down in Egypt Land," sung by the Golden Gate Quartet, and "Wandall, My Son," sung by Josh White.

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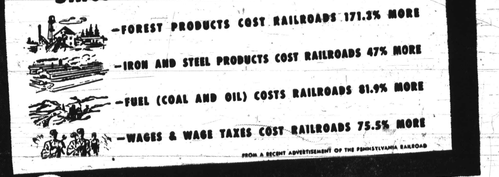

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Additional information may be obtained from John L. Procope, superintendent of the institution at 1514 Division St., telephone LAfayette 4005.

Cabinets, sinks, sterilizers and a large stainless steel storage refrigerator have already been installed in the hospital laboratory which was renovated to accommodate the new project.

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