EDITORIAL PAGE

To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first.
—SHAKESPEARE.

Prejudice at Its Worst

City officials take Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. for speedway for cars, but they are a dead highway with no stopping or parking in the center.

Residents of venerated old Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. are aroused over the prospect of their streets becoming speedways.

Prime purpose of the speedways is to expedite the movement of traffic from the suburban Northwest corner of the city to benefit specifically the people who live there. In a word, the program is designed to benefit Negroes who have purchased or built their clean detached homes of Pimlico, Patterson Park, Reisterstown, etc., where there is plenty of fresh air, play space and breathing space.

Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. are two of the better residential areas in which colored citizens live. Yet, because early deed restrictions have forced Negroes into the worst sections of town, they are now being forced out of these homes by the encroachment of business and industry. Yet, there are few play areas on these streets, no playgrounds, no parks. Children must play on the sidewalks and at the curbstones.

Nearest playground is Druid Hill Park, which is miles away. Nearest public school is Garrison Junior High, which is miles away. Nearest public swimming pool is Druid Hill Park, which is miles away. Nearest public library is Carrollton, which is miles away. Nearest public recreation center is Carrollton, which is miles away.

Now other than a U. Hampden-type community center, there are three members of the city council who seemingly now propose to give the people who live on these streets a speedway to their homes in the city's cold concrete canyons.

Five in the city council, by their deeds, we shall know them.

E. Brooks Marcuil, director of Public Works, calls the Druid Hill Ave. and McCulloh St. speedways "a boon to drivers in getting from point to point in the city." Mr. Marcuil, who is paid $10,000 a year to run the Bureau of Public Works, lives in Catonsville, Baltimore County, and drives across Druid Hill Park and Druid Hill Ave. to get to his office in the City Hall.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Jackson, Detroit school teachers, were house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gray, of 2722 Thompson St., Camden for the holidays.

Adult Classes Open at Fleming

Courses in six fields ranging from arts and crafts to shorthand will be offered to adults of Turners Station at Fleming Evening School beginning on Monday.

According to an announcement by D. F. Lane, principal, the school will have classes in arts and crafts, child care and family relations, shorthand, dressmaking and fundamental and advanced arithmetic.

15 Applicants Needed

Registration will begin in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Monday with classes starting the same night. Classes will be held each Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 12 weeks.

Courses will be given in any subject in which 15 or more applicants register, Mr. Lane said. Certificates will be issued to those successfully completing the courses. Registration fee is $2.

Thwart Jail Break Attempt

State Penitentiary Aides Admit Plot

GUN DISCOVERED

Police Seek Woman as Weapon Smuggler

In typical official secrecy and mystery, city and State officials are shrouding the recent attempt by inmates to break out of the Maryland penitentiary, reported to have been detected on Sunday.

Though tight-lipped and reluctant to comment on the incident, authorities did admit that the matter was serious and could have developed into nasty situation.

According to information which leaked out of the institution at Forrest and Eager Sts., someone slipped a German-make .38 revolver, fully loaded to an inmate either on Saturday or Sunday.

Search for Woman On

The someone was a woman, whose identity is known, authorities revealed, and a search is being conducted for her.

The inmate, according to officials, was Bernard F. Beasley, 32, of Washington, who is serving a 15-year term for armed robbery and a previous jail break.

It was he, according to reports, who in some manner passed the weapon to another inmate who had access to the prison wood shop, where the gun was found.

FBI Ready to Step In

The FBI was reported standing by, watching the investigation to see if any Federal violation has been committed. Not until then can that department step in.

The local detective bureau "has been lending whatever aid requested." What that aid was and if detectives refused to divulge.

Col. Edwin T. Swenson, recently appointed warden, referred reporters to Harold E. Donnell, superintendent of prisons.

Probe Being Conducted

Cagey, and choosing his words with extreme caution, Mr. Donnell admitted that a sweeping investigation is being conducted but declined to reveal the results to date.

He admitted a woman is being sought in connection with the thwarted jail break and that her arrest is being expected daily.

The inmates involved in the handling of the weapon have been segregated pending the outcome of the probe, Mr. Donnell stated.

Monumental District Boy Scouts Launch Extensive Program for 1948

38th Anniversary to Be Celebrated Feb. 6-12
All Troops to Attend Banquet at YWCA

With the holiday season over, scouts of the Monumental District have launched an extensive program for 1948 that includes round-table discussions, district leaders' meetings and a gala banquet for scouting's 38th anniversary.

George S. Whyte, recently elected district chairman, has called a meeting of all district officers for Tuesday in the lecture room of the Druid Health Center, 1315 Druid Hill Ave.

Commissioners to Meet

On Jan. 15, Grafton L. Moore, district commissioner, will meet with the commissioners at the McCulloh Homes. The meeting will be followed by the N.W. Baltimore roundtable.

As part of the program to increase scout enrollment, a survey is being taken among local schools of boys 11 years old. When each boy reaches his 12th birthday he receives a birthday greeting card and a booklet entitled, "It's Fun to Be a Scout," along with an invitation to join a troop.

This novel plan, instituted by Andrew R. Johnson, assistant scout executive, is designed to welcome boys into scouting as soon as they reach the eligible age.

Boy Scout Week

The most important event on the scout calendar this year is Boy Scout Week and the 12th Annual Scout Dinner. The 38th anniversary will be observed Feb. 6-12 with scouts throughout the city attending various churches in uniform on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Each unit will have a commemorative program and all will attend the banquet at the YWCA on Feb. 12.

Other important dates for scouters are Jan. 9 (today), 8 p.m. Troop 266, Roundtable; Towson; Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Troop 502, Roundtable in Reisterstown, Md.

Two Youths, 18, Get Jail Terms

An 18-year-old youth was fined $50 for creating a disturbance in the Webb Memorial Center and another the same age, sentenced to 10 days in jail for stealing a pair of skates during hearings, Tuesday, at Northeastern police court.

Donald Purviane of 921 N. Central Ave. who was fined $50 for disorderly conduct and an additional $50 for carrying a knife was unable to pay the fines and went to jail.

The other youth, James Acobs of 412 N. Eden St., drew a 10-day sentence for stealing roller skates that belonged to Warren Basely of 714 N. Eden St. Magistrate August A. Koslovsky imposed the fines and sentence.

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Scientists Lure Rare Bush Tribe Into Open

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa—(ANP)—The presence of unlimited quantites of meat was sufficient inducement to corral the largest gathering of pure bushmen in several decades at a "party" prepared by the anthropological section of the University of California's African Expedition, last week.

ACE AFRO CARRIER—Selected as the ace AFRO carrier, Leon Moore of 819 W. Lexington St., (right), receives a $5 reward from Charles Hillen, former city circulation manager. Despite the handicap of blindness, Leon sells more than 1000 AFRO's weekly.

PRIZE-WINNING NEWSBOYS — Prizes were awarded Dec. 31 during the AFRO carrier's holiday party at the Baltimore YMCA. The party was attended by about 300 newsboys. Charles Thomas (left), James Brown and Frederick Jackson proudly look over the prizes they won.

TOP-FLIGHT SALESMEN—Receiving top awards for increased sales in AFRO's during an eight-week contest period are, left to right: Leroy Wilson, 12; Arthur Brown, 14; and Bernie Taylor, 14. To win the bike Arthur increased his sales over 2300, while the other boys made increases of 457 to win the wagons.

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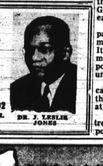

DR. J. LESLIE JONES

Fire Threatens Hotel on Avenue

A fire of an undetermined origin threatened the Hazelle Hotel and Grille at 1518 Pennsylvania Ave., early Tuesday.

The blaze, discovered by a passerby, was confined to the basement of the three-story building. It was extinguished with a minimum amount of property damage, police said. The property is listed under the name of Benjamin Hazel.

The evening before firemen were called to extinguished a blaze in the home of Mrs. Bessie Robertson at 1839 Lorman St.

The fire was confined to a mattress in a second floor bedroom, police reported.

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Business Girls' Club Sets Quarterly Program

The YWCA Business and Professional Girls' Club on Monday at its first 1948 meeting planned a program to extend through March, which includes a recreation period, and a monthly co-ed party using the theme of a particular country.

Members present were Misses Mary Morrow, Valerie F. White, Juanita Hall, Lillian Lewis, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth White, Anita Fredericks; Mesdames Ruth Mills and Alma Anderson. Miss Bernita Edwards is president and Miss Rebecca E. Busche, advisor.

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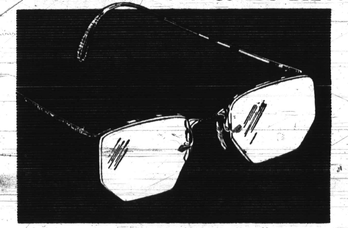

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