Madison Ave. YW Has 3,385 Members, 4,500 in Programs, Report Discloses

Branch Has 32 Clubs, 17 Adult Education and 26 Health Education Classes Active

Mrs. George Lottier's report as chairman of the committee of management for the Madison Ave. YWCA on Thursday revealed that the branch now has 3,385 members and 4,500 persons participating in its programs.

There are 25 Y-Teen clubs with 883 members, 376 members of the two teen-age canteens, 230 persons in four young adult clubs, 301 in the co-ed clubs, and 147 persons enrolled in 17 adult education classes.

The 26 classes in the health education were attended by 304 persons. Bowling facilities were used by 7,225 persons; ping-pong tables by 1271; and 70 persons participated in the Gwynn Falls summer program.

195 Direct Programs

A total of 195 persons served on 23 committees; 30 served as Y-Teen club advisors; and 29 directed activities at dances and other special events.

The YWCA dining room was used by 15,882 persons, while accommodations were given 62 permanent residents and 244 transients.

The central registration office placed 135 of 152 persons in private homes and the information desk served 17,626 persons. The building was used by 135 outside groups, with a total of 19,279 individuals.

2 Re-elected to Group

Miss Elizabeth Anthony and Mrs. Earl W. Wilson were re-elected to the committee of management for three-year terms.

Elected to the group for similar terms were Mesdames William Bailey, Mary L. Burke, Louis Harmon, D. Arnett Murphy, Pendleton Parrott, C. Baker Pearle, Maurice Adams, Ethel J. Day and Miss Eugenia Hardy.

Miss Fannie Glascoe and Mrs. John Woodhous were elected to the 1948 nominating committee.

Panel Participants Named

Participants in a panel discussion on "Youth's Dilemma, A Challenge," were:

Misses Harriette Coleman, Bernita Edwards, Alberta Jones, Bernardin Tyler, Nancy Daniels, Berlyn Mathews, Pearlene White and Mrs. Thelma Stanmore. Mrs. Edna Gray was the leader.

"Man Can Triumph," presented by the Modern Dance Group, had as participants:

Misses Audrey Stubbs, Shirley Butler, Imogene King, Doris Redmond, Ann Hall, Gwendolyn Nelson, June Ellis, Gwendolyn Jones, Ann Summers, Young, Maryina Jones, Elaine Brown, Sonya Carney, Gloria Roberts; Mesdames Vernice Matthews, Marie Johnson and Ethel Covington. Narrators were Mesdames Ethel Freeman and Vera Cole.

Dr. Murphy Given Honor for Service

Dr. George B. Murphy was honored by the board of directors of the George F. Bragg Home for Boys with the presentation of an engraved scroll commending his 45 years of service as member of that board, Friday at St. James Episcopal Church.

DR. GEORGE B. MURPHY SR.

The scroll commends Dr. Murphy for "useful and unselfish service to his fellowman, especially at the Bragg Home" and expresses "the teem and high regard" for his "Shining example of nobility."

It is signed by Frank J. Sorrell, secretary, and William F. Stone, president.

One of Many Tributes

This commendation is one of many Dr. Murphy has received in recent years for more than 50 years of diversified services to the community.

Upon the occasion of his retirement from the school system, he was presented a like commendation by the faculty and teachers of Alexander School No. 112 for 35 years' service.

He has been a member of the YMCA board of directors for more than 50 years and holds a life membership there.

Awarded Degree by Morgan

The Maryland Education Association has commended him for 50 years' service with that organization, and he was personally commended by Philip B. Perlman, present U.S. Solicitor General, for eight years' service as a member of the Baltimore Housing Authority during which time he attended 187 out of 185 meetings.

Dr. Murphy received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Morgan State College in 1941 and has been a member of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church for 56 years.

Women Get Share

Of the approximately 700,000 retired insured workers who are receiving earned monthly benefits from old-age and survivors insurance, about 95,000 are women who worked in industry or commerce.

Cavaliers Club to Give Dance

The Cavaliers Sporting Club will present its second annual dance on next Friday night, Jan. 30, at the Pythian Hall, Pennsylvania Ave. at Mother St., with Harold Bevans band furnishing the music.

Audrey Phanee is president of the club, and Augustus Anderson, business manager. The music is scheduled to begin at nine o'clock, and a door prize will be given away.

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Bans Bars, Loses Wife, Hubby Says

3 Others Freed of Marital Ties

When he stopped her going to bars, she stopped living in his home, Frank Quickley of 1645 E. Fayette St. testified, this week, and won a divorce from Mrs. Dorothy Quickley.

The husband, who said that they were married on Sept. 1, 1939, charged desertion on Oct. 1, 1941.

A Voluntary separation was the grounds upon which Clarence Thomas of Jamaica Plains, Mass., won a divorce from Mrs. Annie Kelson Thomas of 419 Woodbrook Ave., here, this week.

Resumes Maiden Name

The husband said that they were married in Annapolis, Md. in 1912, but agreed to part in 1927 after finding that they could not live together agreeably. She asked and received permission to resume her maiden name, Kelson.

Two other complainants obtained divorces on grounds of desertion.

They were Robby Morrison of 1218 E. Biddle St. from Mrs. Wilhelmina Morrison of Newark, N.J. and Lonnie Colter of 435 Swale Ave., Cherry Hill, from Mrs. May Colter of Newton, N.C.

Mr. Colter, who was represented by Roy S. Bond, attorney, said his wife refused to live here and returned to their former home in 1945.

Everything Is Free

Services of the field offices of the Social Security Administration which administer the Federal old-age and survivors insurance program are free. These offices assist in the filing of claims for retirement benefits, issue new or duplicate social security cards, provide information on the operation of the program.

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STILL FINDS TIME TO SMILE:

Polio Victim Undaunted by 13 Years of Illness

By PEYTON GRAY

"When you smile, the world smiles back and you forget worries."

That is the theory of 30-year-old Joe Pratt of 728 N. Cary St., who has been a polio victim for the past 13 years.

At almost any hour of the day, Joe can be seen sitting in his wheel chair at a window on the Lanvale St. side of the house where he has lived with his mother and nephew for quite some years.

Joe is a native Baltimorean. After two years of high school and one in the vocational school he tired of classrooms and began working.

Not Completely Helpless

In 1935, he was crippled by infantile paralysis which left both his upper and lower extremities affected.

Joe wears a brace on his left leg but is not completely helpless though he does require some aid in getting in and out of the wheel chair and in dressing.

He spends his time reading novels, mysteries being his favorite; all types of radio programs; and in writing letters.

The young man doesn't know whether he'll ever be completely healed, but does visit the City Hospitals for periodic checkups. On these visits he is taken in a station-wagon provided by the Maryland League for Crippled Children. The league also supplied his brace.

Fond of the Ladies

At the mention of ladies, Joe smiled broadly and commented, "Yes, I like them. I am very fond of them and they have been very nice to me."

Joe admitted he would like to be able to get around as other people do. He would like to be a radio mechanic.

"I'm not all disheartened nor blue. That won't do any good. We have to take the bitter with the sweet and smile, smile, smile," Joe said as he asked his mother, Mrs. Mae Pratt, for his his cigarettes.

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Poll Indicates Most Citizens Want Democratic Sports Program

Hangman's Noose Awaits Fiends

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Attacks Evoke Death Threat

Wave of Sex Crimes Stirs Judge's Wrath

FOUR MOLESTED

2 Jailed as Heat Is On for Suspects

As police are swiftly closing a dragnet laid for the fiend who criminally attacked a 25-year-old West Baltimore housewife Thursday night, Judge Herman Moser repeated his warning this week that suspects convicted of such acts will be hanged by the neck until dead.

The most recent victim of a recurring series of attacks on unescorted women which began in December was grabbed from behind and dragged into a court of the rear of 1811 Pre Street, where the attack occurred.

She is the mother of three children, the youngest just six weeks old.

BTC Incident Begins Wave

The protracted wave of attacks began on Dec. 31, when a 33-year-old Mt. Winans housewife was manhandled by a Baltimore Transit Company driver who attempted to attack her on a darkened bus of the No. 28 line.

The accused driver, John Brillhart, white, was sentenced to 10 years by Judge Moser when convicted of common assault against the woman.

Since then three other cases have been reported to police, with a school teacher, a Social Security worker and a young mother being the victims.

Student Traps Suspect

The man found guilty of attacking the mother was trapped and held here for police for a Morgan College student and another man as he fled the scene. He drew a 20-year sentence.

A 30-year-sentence was meted to Emanuel Knot, 35, who was

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Poll Shows Most for Mixed Sports

Citizens of Both Races Oppose Ban

Strongly condemning the ban against competitive sports between colored and white youngsters as voted by the Board of Recreation and Parks, citizens of both races this week indicated that they prefer the more democratic idea.

Typical is the reaction of Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of the Har Sinai Congregation, who said he had difficulty in finding words strong enough to express his fervent feelings on the subject.

"Sports should be conducted without the slightest suggestion of segregation or discrimination," he said, adding, "the continuation of this discriminatory pattern is bad

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If Washington's Dr. Goodloe Asked Him —

What Did Father Divine Say?

370 Awarded Jr.-High Diplomas

150 Graduated From Douglass

48 Given Certificates at Druid Junior High

BOOKER T. HAS 148

83 Finish Evening, Vocational Schools

During impressive mid-year commencement exercises, 370 pupils of four local junior high schools received diplomas this week.

Graduation exercises for the high schools will be held next week at Dunbar Senior High 8 p.m., Feb. 6 and Douglass Senior High 8 p.m., Feb. 13.

Douglass Graduates 150

On Tuesday at Douglass Junior High, Ralph W. Reckling, principal, presented diplomas to 150 pupils.

Druid Hill Junior High held its closing exercises the day after at Union Temple Baptist Church, with Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools, awarding certificates to 48 pupils.

On Thursday morning, Dunbar

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AIDED BY MARCH OF DIMES—Joseph Weisman, 3, listens with interest to the "tooting" of his fellow polio victim, Joseph McCullum, 11, both of whom are patients at the Kernan's Hospital for Crippled Children in Baltimore. Your dimes and dollars given in the March of Dimes campaign, which terminates today (Friday), will furnish money to help hundreds of youngsters like these regain use of muscles weakened by infantile paralysis.

Robeson 1 of 6 Named Wallace Committeemen

NEW YORK—Paul Robeson, actor, singer and world traveler, who gave up the concert stage last year in order to fight more effectively for minority group rights, was chosen Wednesday by Henry Wallace as one of the six national committeemen to handle his third-party bid for the Presidency.

Others chosen by Wallace on the committee are:

Elmer Benson, former Governor of Minnesota, chairman; C. B. Baldwin, former Farm Security Administrator, campaign manager; Rexwell G. Tugwell, former Governor of Puerto Rico; Jo Davidson, sculptor, and Angus Cameron, publisher, committee treasurer.

Visit Held Routine Call

'New Day' Interprets It Much Differently

REQUEST FOR HELP

4-Year-Old Son Suffered Ailment

WASHINGTON

Did Dr. William S. Goodloe, millionaire physician of Washington and Los Angeles, seek the aid of Father Divine in an attempt to cure his son of an unknown ailment?

According to a story carried recently in a copy of the New Day, house organ of the Divine enterprises, Dr. and Mrs. Goodloe were given an audience by Father Divine at the Circle Mission Church Home in Philadelphia.

They were presented to Father Divine by the Rev. A. P. Shadd of Washington, who will be remembered as the clergyman who performed the marriage ceremony for Father Divine and his white wife two years ago.

Just Visiting, Says Goodloe

Interrogated about the visit last week by the AFRO, Dr. Goodloe laughed the incident off as merely a routine visit which he made to the heaven with friends while on a trip to Philadelphia.

They dropped into the "heaven" simply to see the sights after hearing so much about Father Divine, he said. In the course of casual conversation, he asked the Father whether he could do anything for his son.

The New Day gives a different interpretation of the visit with the whole conversation between the parties being taken down by a stenographer who sat at the Father's side.

The account in the New Day follows:

(The Secretary speaks first as follows:)

FATHER DIVINE, this is Rev.

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SELECTOR OF GOOD LINES — Miss Marceline Vaughn, popular Washington model, proves herself a wise shopper in her selection of both dresslines and headlines. Her newspaper choice is the AFRO. —Ray-Dee Photo

Keeping Up to Date

1200 Attend Rites for Mrs. Williams

Vice-Principal's Life Held 'Broad, Inspiring'

In the presence of more than 1200 persons at Sharp Street Church, Wednesday, final tribute was paid to Mrs. Tradelle Bond Williams for her far-reaching influence as a teacher, social and civic worker.

Vice-principal of Douglass High School, Mrs. Williams, 45, died on Friday during a relapse after a four-week seige of pneumonia.

A full hour before the time set for the rites, the throng began to assemble. Saddened adult residents from all walks of life joined with throngs of children moving quietly to seats to pay their last

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Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine to Convert Dixie Recommended

WASHINGTON

The National Council Against Conscription issued a statement Monday calling for a Marshall Plan for Southern reconstruction and a Truman Doctrine against lynching. The statement issued by John M. Swomley Jr., said:

"Less drill-minded persons who would like to see a Marshall Plan for Southern reconstruction and a Truman Doctrine against lynchings are determined that the billions that would be required annually for operation of jim-crow conscription be used instead for raising the health and educational standards of racial and economic minorities.

2 Flim Flam Suspects Land in Dupe's Net

The designated "victim" turned sleuth and put police on the trail of two attempted flimflammers, who on Tuesday landed in Criminal Court.

Everything had been prearranged with George Pugh and Elmer Patterson except the trap laid for them by three policemen, Mrs. Rebecca Murray told Judge Emory Niles.

Arrested in Time

Result was that the men were arrested before she had drawn a sizeable sum from the bank to prove that she was "used to handling big money" so that she could share in "$600" they had "found" in a pocketbook. Judge Niles learned.

Convicted of attempted larceny, the men were not sentenced, pending a new trial motion by Joseph Rosenthal, their attorney.

Worked Together

Mrs. Murray of 2516 Linden Ave. told the following story.

Patterson approached her in the 600 block W. North Ave. and asked if she was interested in a job. He then gave her a phone number and "employer's" name.

While they stood there talking, Patterson called her attention to Pugh picking up a wallet across the street.

They joined him and she was shown the edge of what was supposed to be a $100 bill. The men took turns in disappearing into a building so that their "boss" a Mr. Duhl" could split the money among them.

Telling Mrs. Murray, finally,

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2 Burned as Oil Stove Fires Rage

6 Blazes in Week Bring Total to 26

Two Baltimoreans were burned, one of them critically, in the last fires reported this week as being caused by defective oil stoves. The number of such blazes for the season is now 26.

The victims were 15-month-old Sidney Grant, who was carried from her burning home at 534 N. Carey St., by firemen Wednesday; and James Miller, 42, of 655 Franklin St.

The tot was burned about the legs, face and back when an oil stove exploded in the first-floor kitchen of the three-story dwelling.

The infant's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant and several other occupants were forced to flee the premises. The damage was not estimated.

The other serious blaze occurred in a two-story house at 504 Ogden St. that was empty early Thursday.

Summoned by an unidentified spectator, firemen found Miller, a B. & O. Railroad laborer in the fire

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Expert to Analyze 48 Labor Vote Trend

How labor will vote in 1948 and why it supports Wallace in spite of the split in the CIO executive board on the third party issue will be discussed Sunday by George Morris, labor editor of The Worker.

Mr. Morris, an expert on labor problems, will speak at 3 p.m. at The Master Beauticians Center, 1522 Madison Ave., and at 8 p.m. at the Finn-Hall, 703 Ponca St.

CUPID'S Progress

Listed among the 19 couples who obtained licenses to be married here this week, were four from other cities.

They included H. Holland Fields, 42, divorced, and Mrs. Jane B. Dorsey, widow, both of Philadelphia; Claude T. Simms, 35, and Miss Mattie B. Parks, 29, both of White Plains, N.Y.; Frederick J. Laurry, 26, and Miss Dorothy E. McZeek, 24, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Richard Evans Jr., 35, and Mrs. Frances R. Hughes, 36, divorced, both of Sparrows Point, Md.

Local Petitioners

Others receiving permits were:

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BURN 14th AMENDMENT

Oklahoma U. Students Protest Racial Ban

NORMAN, Okla.—While Oklahoma officials were studying the applications of Mrs. Lois Sipuel Fisher and seven other persons for admission to University of Oklahoma graduate schools, white students at the institution on Thursday staged a mammoth demonstration in protest against the State ban against colored students.

Dressed as mourners, the group cremated a copy of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution and then mailed the ashes to President Truman. About 1,000 of the university's 12,000 braved the snow and below freezing temperature to observe the demonstration.

Six of the seven new applicants went en masse to the institution on Wednesday and were asked to fill out formal application forms. Resolved to break down educational segregation in the State, they applied to four different schools.

The seventh bid was made earlier by a Meharry Medical College student. He was Ben Del Love Jr., of Pauls Valley, Okla., who revealed this week that he had applied to the University Medical School.

His action, he said, was prompted primarily by reports that Meharry may have to close. Secondary, he declared, is the fact that his right to education within his State has been upheld by the Supreme Court.

Acting entirely on his own, Mr. Love pointed out that he is not being represented by the NAACP or any other group and stated that if his application is rejected

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ASSASSINATED—Spiritual leader of India, Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi was slain Thursday night at a prayer meeting. The man held as his assassin, a Hindu, was dressed in khaki. Less than a month ago, the 79-year-old leader ended another fast-to-death after receiving a pledge from the Moslems and Hindus that they would attempt to work out their differences peacefully.

Faces Court Martial in Hammer Slayings

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Pvt. Stratman Armistead, 33, Thomasville, Ala., alleged hammer murderer of four Japanese near the tiny village of Shina-machi, Zama, Oct. 28, will face a general court martial soon, it was revealed recently by the Judge Advocate Section of Eighth Army Headquarters.

He is charged with the hammer-slaying of Haru Fujisawa, 36; Kenji Hanelshi, 49, his son, Yasuhiko, 9 and Masae Yamaoka, 9, and with assaulting Katsu and Takehisa Yamaoto, and Aki Hanelshi with the same weapon. Armistead was AWOL at the time the crime was committed.

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Everybody Is Talking About the Weather

But Baltimore, As the Saying Goes, Can Do Nothing About It

By PEYTON GRAY AND MAE MORRIS

There's no hue and cry for oil for the lamps of China now.

What's needed is oil for the stoves of Baltimore

While thousands of helpless, shivering, caught in the grip of winter's most frigid phase, Baltimoreans, clamor for relief from the acute oil shortage, unscrupulous merchants seize upon the opportunity in "black market" the city's fast-dwindling supply of kerosene.

Any day now, the local supply of pungent and vital kerosene, upon which 150,000 colored people depend for heat and cooking, may give out. What will follow is anybody's guess.

Prices Jacked

The precious fluid, practically a "staff of life" in today's market, sold for 18 and 19 cents a gallon before the shortage. It now demands 25 cents a gallon, sometimes being hiked to as high as 30 cents.

Most corner store grocers striving to hold prices in line, are getting the 20 cent figure, but today may go even higher if a sufficient supply of oil fails to arrive.

One sales clerk in a grocery at Madison Ave and Dolphin St. admitted he is charging 25 cents a gallon for coal oil.

At that very moment, his other helpers were unloading 75 gallons of the fuel purchased from a friend who operates a filling station in East Baltimore.

East Baltimore Prices

Neighborhoods east of the Orleans St. viaduct are rampant with rumors of kerosene selling for 29 and 30 cents a gallon, especially along well-known Gay St.

Battling against the fury of relentless weather which bottled up rivers and other transportation channels with gigantic cubes of ice, city officials set up emergency headquarters in the Municipal Building.

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Employers' Theft Charges Backfire

The practice through which white employers order the arrest of their workers on suspicion of theft backfired this week when a young domestic sued a white couple for $3,000 on charges of false arrest.

Claiming that she was seized by police taken to Central police station and searched and questioned about $30 reported stolen by Mr. and Mrs. George Dollinger, the worker, Miss Virginia Hammond, of 1809 Edmondson Ave., complained of "great embarrassment" and "mental suffering."

Cleared of Charges

She is being represented by U. Theodore Hayes and William H. Murphy, attorneys, in the suit which says the arrest occurred Dec. 10 as she was leaving the white residence at 2408 Roslyn Ave.

Police released her without a hearing, Miss Hammond also revealed.

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