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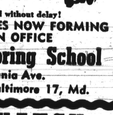

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Seaman Wins Honor for Duty at Great Lakes

Apprentice seaman Thomas Brown, son of Mrs. Mamie Brown of 1210 N. Caroline St., has been selected honor man of his company at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes.

Seaman Brown, who enlisted for three years on Nov. 13, has been commended for conscientious attention to duty by his commanding officer, Captain F. J. Grandfield.

Acquittal Laid to Tardy Report

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police were finally telephoned by another woman tenant.

All of this was revealed under cross examination of the witnesses by Reuben Gertz, attorney for Slater, who wanted to know who stabbed Slater in the head with the ice pick before police arrived.

The woman's boy friend admitted striking Slater a couple of times with his fist when the man sought to get away. He said Slater pleaded with him to let him go because he had recently been released from prison for putting his hands on some other woman.

Asked repeatedly why she did not go to police immediately, the woman insisted that she was too frightened.

Alibi Outlined

Arguing for a conviction, Charles Orth, assistant State's attorney, was forced to admit that he victim's failure o notify police was not a smart thing to do.

He asked Judge Moser, however, to try and put himself in the woman's place, and consider how she must have felt about the experience.

Slater never took the witness stand, although tenants of the house at 1201 Argyle Ave. where Slater lives, testified that he was at home on the night of the alleged crime.

They rested their statements upon the assumption that no one could enter or leave the house without anyone's knowledge because of a bolt which locked on the inside of the front door.

Slater's girl friend testified that he was in bed with her that entire night.

BACKING FOR WRIGHT

NASHVILLE—The AME Ministers' Alliance of Nashville and vicinity recently adopted a resolution commending Bishop R. R. Wright Jr. and his wife for their service.

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23 YEARS OF NEGLECT: Douglass Auditorium Needs Cleaning Badly

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ing a concert given there by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

True, the assembly room, normally seating 1500 persons, had its face lifted during the days of the WPA, in 1936. A few nicks in the walls were plastered and some paint spread over the surfaces.

Typical of work done under the WPA, the job was haphazard and far below par. It was a make-shift, short-lived job.

Today the walls are smeared, carry pencil scratchings and inscriptions, the plaster chipped, once-green window shades faded into an ugly color, stage props a pitiful sight, and some of the seats a challenge to good clothing.

The auditorium is a dingy disgrace to the Board of Education.

Interest Being Manifested

An avalanche of letters and phone calls to the AFRO followed a recent article decrying the looks of the assembly room.

One alumnus suggested initiating a campaign to raise funds to give the auditorium, from which many nationally-famous figures have sprung, "a new look."

But that isn't necessary. The School Board will act if public sentiment demands action. The customary story, "shortage of funds,"

Won for Family

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to do their utmost in finding a house for the widow and her children.

Widow Tearfully Silent

The widow, Mrs. Mary Edges, stood silently throughout the lengthy proceedings, struggling to restrain tears that welled in her eyes. She has occupied the house for eight years. Her husband, a steel worker, died in 1943 and since then Mrs. Edges has been on relief.

Urging the magistrate to let the family remain in the house until other accommodations could be found Mr. Taylor said:

"In my opinion the house is comparable to thousands of such homes now occupied by low income families of our group because of the acute housing shortage."

Can Be Repaired

Contending that the building could be repaired while still occupied by the tenants, Mr. Taylor asserted that the house is no different from others that would be condemned but for the housing shortage.

Charges of failing to correct structural defects, against Max R. Israelson, agent for the deceased former owner, and A. John Tarnell, present owner, were dismissed.

A charge against Mrs. Edges of failing to vacate the property was continued for a month.

Official's Action Protested

C. Yates Cook, head of the housing division of the Health Department testified that Mr. Israelson said he was going to have the house condemned. Mr. Israelson denied making such a statement.

In his testimony, Mr. Taylor questioned the condemnation procedure and presented a letter from Paul A. Cohen, building engineer, to Police Commissioner Atkinson requesting that the Northeastern district police be ordered to evacuate the family. Mr. Taylor charged that this was irregular.

A heated discussion between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Israelson resulted from a statement by Mr. Taylor that the former city solicitor offered Mrs. Edges $50 to vacate the house by Christmas.

Says $50 Was Present

Mr. Israelson denied the accusation but admitted offering the widow $50 "because he wanted to see the children have something for Christmas."

John L. Dowling, of the buliding engineer's office, said he believed the needed repairs could not be completed while the building was occupied.

In granting the stay of eviction, Magistrate Kruger said he considered Mr. Taylor's testimony "very important."

Since an AFRO reporter informed him of the widow's plight last December, Mr. Taylor has visited the home numerous times and has worked tirelessly in seeking a house for the family.

AFRO employees donated $50 so that the children could have something for Christmas.

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Fire Damages Carver High

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three-story section of the building.

A section of the flooring was burned near the door of the carpentry shop and the walls, ceiling and woodwork were charred by the flames, which took firemen nearly one-and-a-half hours to bring under control.

Clarence Johnson, carpentry instructor, said machines were damaged by water and that most of the hand tools were a total loss. In addition, considerable smoking done by pupils was destroyed.

The latter included a mahogany chest of drawers, several kitchen cabinets, and smaller pieces of cabinet work.

Classes To Be Transferred

His class of 40 boys, and a veterans class of 25 men, taught by Sumner Clarke, will be transferred to the Carver Annex 454-6, quonset buildings on the grounds of Taylor School No. 122 in the 500 block of Preston St.

Saul M. Perdue, principal, said transportation will be provided.

Vernon B. Byus, specialist in charge of vocational equipment, who was on the scene Thursday morning, said the carpentry and machinery would be moved out, dismantled and checked.

Some smoke and water damage was done in the adjoining tailoring classroom. However, this room will be in use by next week, Mr. Perdue said.

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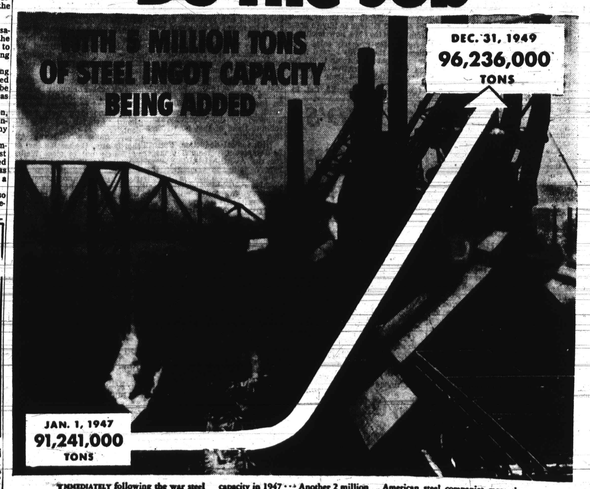

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Md. Fuel Oil Shortage to Ease—Coordinator

Walter N. Ruth, assistant fuel co-ordinator for Maryland, attended the Regional Petroleum Advisory Committee meeting in New York which discussed action on the fuel oil shortage in Zone 3, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

Upon lifting some of the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by U.S. Attorney-General Tom Clark, the petroleum industry is now enabled to indulge in some "behind - the - scenes" activities, whereby the present dislocation of the petroleum industry may be corrected.

Willing to Co-operate

Ruth reported that petroleum industry representatives were co-operative in their actions to allocate supplies in a manner most beneficial to all.

Ruth stated, "Maryland will surely receive greater supplies than it has in the past. However, kerosene and fuel oil may still be tight for another few years."

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Boys' Club Works Wonders in Short Time, Needs Funds

Working with little capital and practically no equipment, the Turners Station Boys Club has worked wonders in the fields of athletics, dramatics and race relations.

The club now needs funds to continue its program.

Sports Equipment Needed

Since it was organized late in 1946, the club's 100 members have produced outstanding football, baseball and boxing teams. The club is now preparing "A Date With Judy," a dramatic presentation to be given in March.

According to Jerome Hall, director, the boys are sorely in need of sports equipment and donations of any kind will be accepted by the director at 424 Main St., Turners Station.

If the club is successful in getting the necessary funds, it will be able to open its first club house in the near future. Hall has obtained a house that will be made available as soon as furnishings are obtained.

In the realm of race relations the Boys Club has accomplished more than has been done in the city of Baltimore. The team will play the white Dundalk High School quintet at Dundalk Monday night.

Delinquency at Ebb

Police officials and civic leaders of the community agree that juvenile delinquency has declined steadily since formation of the club.

The boys are currently interested in buying a bus with which to defray expenses of their program.

Henry Church is assisting director, and Miss Pauline Jackson and Dr. Earl Pulliam, adult advisors.

Officers are Alvin King, president; Walter Johnson, vice president; Daniel Winston, secretary, and Morris Thrower, treasurer.

Teacher Awarded Divorce, $3,500

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St., here Wednesday. Married in 1919, the couple voluntarily parted in 1932, according to Mrs. Mason. Roy S. Bond was her attorney.

Mr. Bond also represented Mrs. Gertrude Brown, beautician, of 2308 Druid Hill Ave., who said that George Brown told her she was too old for him, and left.

She had her maiden name, Tyler, restored.

Mrs. Ottlva Johnson of New York City had her maiden name, Gaskins, restored when she divorced James Johnson of 519 Dolphin St., here, this week.

Represented by William Buckner, attorney, Mrs. Johnson said that her husband constantly nagged her, failed to support her and finally deserted her.

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Elk Antlered Guards Plan for Midwinter Conference

A mid-winter conference of generals and commanders of the Elks' military department, the Antlered Guards, has been set for March 19-21, Brig. Gen Edward C. Woden, State commander, announced this week.

Previously scheduled to be held one week later, the dates were changed to enable the delegates to be at home for Easter.

The facilities of the homes of Monumental, East Baltimore and W. Sampson Brooks Lodges will be utilized for the sessions.

Military Drill A Feature

A military ball will be held at 129 N. Aisquith St., with Samuel Stewart, exalted ruler of East Baltimore Lodge, as host.

A committee of arrangements and representatives of the various lodges meet every Monday evening at the Pride of Baltimore Lodge home.

The housing committee is seeking rooms to accommodate the visiting guardsmen. Interested persons who have rooms are requested to contact Nathan Harris at 1213 Madison Ave.

Youth Linked to Police Slaying

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Attorney's office will decide whether he will testify as a witness in Wood's trial.

Given a hearing at Northern police station, Wright pleaded guilty to stealing the gun from a radio store in the 1900 block Greenmount Ave.

He pleaded not guilty to two holdup chinges and the theft of an automobile, also listed against him. Following the hearing he was placed under $13,500 total bail.

AUTOIST FACES

Benjamin Hill of 807 J St., Sparrows Point, charged with reckless driving and operating a car while under the influence of liquor after his machine collided with another car at Baltimore and Broadway appeared in traffic court Thursday.

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Automobiles without chains were stalled on car tracks or bus routes. Some blocked the tracks because the snow wouldn't let them park close enough to the curb. Trucks were broken down and had to be rescued. Some trolleys and buses had to be helped, too.

Thousands of people who ordinarily drive downtown thronged aboard BTC equipment and this slowed up service still more.

It all added up to trouble—long waits on cold corners, bunching of cars and buses as they piled up behind snow-bound obstacles—a host of irritating inconveniences.

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