15,000 Residents of Turners Station Feel Keen Need for Community Center

Have Launched $10,000 Drive to Purchase Former Nursery School to Meet Purpose

By Staff Correspondent

If ever a settlement of 15,000 persons needed a community center building, Turners Station is that settlement.

In an unprecedented move last month, the residents there joined together in an effort to buy a building that may be used for a health, child care and recreation center.

They are seeking $10,000 with which to purchase the building that formerly housed the Ernest Lyon Nursery School.

Health Center Chief Need

Let's take the health center first . . . in its annual report last year the Baltimore County Health Department said:

"Intensive efforts have been made to locate quarters for an adequate health center in the Turners area, without success. Several meetings have been held with residents of the area.

"Every suitable building is in work use. When an adequate health center can be found in Turner, the clinics now being held in the Spatrows Point Center for Turner residents will be moved."

Child Care Center Folds

When this report was made, the building the residents want to buy was being used as a nursery school. The school closed several months ago.

As for a child care center, figures from a recent survey show that in many families in Turners Station it is necessary for both parents to work.

Many of these mothers are working partime and are left with the alternatives of locking their children in the house or turning them out into the streets to play.

Dundalk County police report that much of the juvenile delinquency in the area can be attributed to children who are left without supervision while both parents

According to accepted standards based on population, the community should have 12 acres of playgrounds.

Actually, less than six acres of playground space are available to the residents, a survey by the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies revealed.

The settlement has no large recreation building. Though 15,000 persons live in the vicinity, there is not one building available capable of seating 500 persons.

Taxpayers Due Aid

From these facts and figures it is easy to reason that there is a great need for a community center building in Turners Station.

If the residents are successful in their financial campaign, it should be a turning point in the history of this fast-growing suburb. It should also lead to increased financial support from Baltimore County.

While it is commendable for residents to take positive action in acquiring a community building . . . the major indoor recreation facility — a community-wide recreation program is still the responsibility of public agencies and should be financed with tax money.

Girls School Gets Nearly $16,000

$12,000 for Expenses, $3,000 for Salaries

Pending the approval of Governor Lane, the Board of Public Work last week voted the Maryland Training School for Girls two additional appropriations, $12,700 for operational expenses and $3,295 for salary payments.

According to Mrs. Muriel Johnson, school superintendent, this brings the institution's total budget for 1948 to $139,346. The $3,295 was to enable the school to meet salary increments voted last year by the State's Standard Salary Board.

New Education Director

Mrs. Bernice B. Brandon was appointed recently as director of education at the school. She holds a bachelor's degree from Howard and a master's degree from Columbia University, and has had experience as a school principal and counselor.

Jeralyn Palmer, one of the pupils at the school, is a member of the Anne Arundel County Girl School Senior Planning Board of the Girl Scouts.

The MTS Girl Scout Troop, as a part of its anniversary observance last month, participated in a radio broadcast over the Annapolis radio Station, WSAL.

Property Violation Costs $100 Fine

Prosecuted in Criminal Court because of health department violations uncovered at two of his properties in East Baltimore, Clarence Ialer of 1520 Harlem Ave., was fined $100, Thursday.

The case was taken before Judge Herman Moser because the man prayed a jury trial from Housing Court, it was revealed.

According to Alan H. Murrill, assistant State's attorney, the violations involved defective plumbing at 1210 N. Caroline St., and 1607 E. Biddle St.

200 Sponsors Solicited for Lecture Forum Series

At least 200 sponsors are being sought for the forum series, "Living Together in One World," which is to open in April at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

The series is being brought to Baltimore by the East West Association of New York and a local committee, the general chairman of which is the Rev. Joshua O. Williams, pastor of Sharp St. Church.

An educational organization devoted to furthering mutual knowledge and understanding between peoples, the East West Association is headed by Pearl Buck, noted novelist, and Nobel Prize winner, who will be the initial speaker on April 6.

Her subject is, "Where Do Americans Stand."

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EWA purposes to encourage and provide for the interchange of such essential knowledge in simple human terms which average people in any country can understand.

Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs is the local chairman of sponsorships, Mrs. Daisy B. Jones, co-chairman; Miss Florence Wheeler, secretary; and Mrs. Vivian Alleyne, in charge of program arrangements.

3 Other Speakers

Dr. Gene Weltfish, professor of anthropology at Columbia University and author of the book "Races of Mankind," will speak on April 18; while on April 25 Mike M. Mosoaka, Japanese American consultant to the President's Committee on Civil Rights, will speak.

Mr. Mosoaka will talk on the topic, "Human Rights for All Americans."

The concluding speaker, on May 2, will be the educator and author, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, whose lecture will be given on the topic, "Color and Democracy: A World Challenge."

Local Civic Group Holds Clinic on Civil Rights

With W. A. C. Hughes Jr., attorney, as legal advisor, the Baltimore Branch NAACP held its first Civil Rights Clinic session, Tuesday at the office, 402 Dolphin St.

Mr. Hughes' discussion concerned the rights provided by law for the protection of persons renting property, the origin, use and value of ground rent systems, the municipal courts' organization and the rights retained by a person after arrest.

Law Differs in Practice

He explained the difference between the law as it is written and as it is actually operated.

The guarantees offered by law do not always protect citizens from abuse, he pointed out, since enforcement officials themselves may overstep their bounds.

The next session of the clinic will be at 8 p.m., Tuesday, when discussion will be on the subject, "Your Present Legal Status in Maryland's Educational System."

Contest List Gains

Four new persons were added this week to the participants in the essay contest on the subject, "Why Vote?" sponsored by the NAACP Youth Council.

They are Helen Holley, Quinten Orem, Glascoe Owens and Richard White, all pupils of Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

The essays should be sent to Mrs. Charlotte Z. Mebane, director of the NAACP Youth Council, 402 Dolphin St. All entries must be in by 8:30 p.m., March 22. Winners will be announced at the monthly membership meeting at Sharp St. Church in April.

Swimming classes for Youth Council members will be held at the YMCA every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The weekly meeting of the council will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Sharp St. Community House.

Seek $250 to Aid Vet With 1 Arm

James Saunders, 37-year-old Army veteran, served three years with the 82nd Division in the Southwest Pacific without injury, only to return home and lose his left arm in an automobile accident.

The Veterans Aid Society, 16 St. Paul St., has asked the aid of the AFRO in finding some organization which would help raise the $250 necessary to purchase for him a combination hook and artificial arm.

Then, he could work with more regularity at his job of stock man for a wholesale grocer.

Turned Down by Agencies

Several agencies to which Mr. Saunders has appealed have turned down his request for aid because the accident left him with only two and a half inches of stump after the arm was amputated.

Then, too, the accident was not connected with military service after discharge.

An examination made at the request of VAS by the Troy E. Auvil Co., revealed that the veteran would be able to make use of the artificial equipment.

Married, Father of 3

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Fall by Matron in Home Fatal

Tragedy struck in two Baltimore homes, Monday, when sudden death claimed members of the households.

The first was that Mrs. Ada S. Williams of 2002 Division St., who died in Provident Hospital of injuries received when she fell down a flight of stairs on Feb. 11.

Found in Lot

The second, according to the Medical Examiner's Office, was that of Raymond Dean, 60, of 1512 E. Lombard St.

Dean, officials reported, was found unconscious on a lot in the rear of the 2000 block of Alicerana St., and pronounced dead at City Hospitals. An investigation is being made.

Urban League's Drive Under Way

Twenty-five local churches have designated Sunday, Mar. 7, as National Urban League Sunday and will collect special offerings to aid in the Baltimore Urban League.

Others Lending Support

Sidney Hollander, president of the local league, is chairman of the drive here; and Howard H. Murphy, business manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, is co-chairman and treasurer.

Four Baltimore churches have already made contributions to the campaign and others have set Mar. 14 as the day for special collections.

Asks N.J. Senators to Aid Vote Battle

NEWARK

Pointing out that the free right to vote is more than a racial issue, Irving Rosenberg, organization director of Local 108 of the CIO United Retail and Department Store Employees of New Jersey, has urged the State's two U.S. Senators to press for outlawing poll taxes.

Husband Arrested in Murder of ex-Maid of Hollywood Star

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Police suspect the husband of Mrs. Ruth Ramsey, 50, former maid of movie star Jane Withers, in connection with his wife's death, who was found last week sprawled across her bed, her throat slashed, and an 8-inch butcher knife still sticking in her throat.

The husband, John W. Ramsey, 39, denied any knowledge of his wife's death. The police arrested the husband, who was estranged from his wife.

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Rounding out a year of activities, the parents' History Club of Wheatley School No. 110 will present a pageant, "Two Races," at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday in the Poe Homes auditorium.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Beaulah Caldwell, teacher, characters in the dramatization will be portrayed by Otis Stevenson, Leonard Downing, Mesdames Laura Hicks, Helen Brown, Olga Savage, Florine Washington, Josephine Williams, Virginia Brown, Katie Bailey and Elizabeth Savage.

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Tailor Shop Painting Wins Award at 16th Art Exhibit

Haywood Rivers of 1728 E. Madison St. was awarded the $50 Art Gretchen M. Hutzler Award for his oil painting, "The Tailor Shop," which is on display during the 16th annual Maryland Artists Exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

The grand prize of $500 has been awarded to Reuben R. Kramer for his bronze sculpture, "Seated Girl."

Out of nearly 1,100 entries, a jury selected only 101 items for the exhibition.

The selectors were Max Weber, Jack Levine and Leo Steppat, who, in a joint statement on the exhibition, commented:

"There is considerable potential talent among local artists, but the basic issues of what makes up good art, are largely misunderstood."

The jury said many artists in America today are confused by "isms" and have failed to digest the traditional backgrounds from which contemporary art stems.

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Crowded Bed Results in Death of Infant

A 38-year-old wood dealer was technically held on Monday in connection with what was termed the accidental smothering to death of one of his twin infant daughters as they slept in bed the night before.

The man was William Payne of 924 Druid Hill Ave., who was given temporary freedom later on Monday by State's Attorney J. Bernard Wells.

The document was presented before Criminal Court Judge Herman M. Moser who ordered the father released in the custody of his landlord, John H. Cohen.

Said State's Attorney Wells, "I feel that the death was accidental, but formality bids me hold the father technically responsible while an autopsy is being performed.

Six Others, Oldest Seven

Meanwhile, the neighborhood merchant was released to continue to support his large brood through the meager earnings derived through the sale of small bundles of firewood.

Following a police department investigation of the tragedy which occurred late Sunday, Payne was formally charged with "rolling on and smothering, thereby causing the death of a 5-week-old baby . . .

The father of 8 remaining children, the oldest of whom is 7, stood in Northwestern police court Monday morning with tears streaming down his bearded face.

Officer Frank Tricks stated that shortly before midnight he had been called to a small apartment at Druid Hill Ave. and Greenwillow St. where he found the unconscious body of a young infant, its head lying in a pool of blood which trickled from parted lips, in a bed.

Mother Describes Tragedy

The babe, one of a set of twins barely turned 5 months in age, was rushed to Provident Hospital, pronounced dead by Dr. W. E. Walden and removed to the city morgue.

In choked, forced words, the mother told of how shortly after 10 p.m. she, her husband and a 1-year-old son, Alfred, retired for the night, all in the same bed.

A few minutes later, she related, she got up to get one of the twins sleeping in a basket on the floor nearby. It was feeding time.

Oral Hemorrhage Results

Mrs. Payne said she placed the infant in the bed between herself and her husband but soon dozed off to sleep.

About a hour later the mother awoke. The bedding was moist with a liquid which turned out to be blood streaming from the babe's mouth. It was deducted that the tired, hardworking father had unconsciously rolled over on the infant.

Visibly shaken, the father, during the brief preliminary hearing in police court, asked one question, "Could the child have had a hemorrhage?"

3 Ex-Buddies of Jail Inmate Freed in Theft

The charges of a former jail inmate who accused three prison buddies of robbing him, fell through late Monday when the trio were dismissed on holdup charges.

The accused trio were Ernest Cure, 28, of 1403 Pressman St., Howard Thomas, 27, of 2413 Stockton St., and James B. Smith, 32, of 1103 Lanvale St.

Robbery charges were lodged by Leroy Brown of 927 Myrtle Ave., who accused the trio of beating and robbing him of a suit case and $15 in cash after he had treated them in a Pennsylvania Ave. tavern.

Says Trio Beat Him Too

Brown said he met the men a few minutes before he prepared to leave the city and decided to treat his former inmates of a penal farm.

The victim said the trio agreed to accompany him to the station, but that when the party reached Biddle and Shields Sts., they beat and robbed him and then fled.

The accused men denied the charges when arraigned in Northwestern police court, Monday, offering alibis to cover their whereabouts at the time of the alleged robbery. Magistrate Thomas J. Fitzpatrick believed the accused and set them free.

Youth May Talk at Wood Trial

Linked to the slaying of Patrolman Joseph D. Benedict through a stolen pistol, 18-year-old James E. Wright may be called as a witness, Thursday, in the trial of the man charged in the officer's death.

John C. Weiss, assistant State's attorney who will prosecute Roy A. Wood, white, in the murder trial before Judge Emory Niles, said he was not certain whether or not young Wright will be called in to testify.

The youth, who lives at 413 Heaver St., has reportedly admitted being with Wood during one of the holdups with which the white man is charged.

Faces Own Charges

Wright, it was said, also admitted selling to Wood the pistol found on the man after his arrest in connection with the patrolman's killing.

Meanwhile, trial of Wright who pleaded guilty to theft of a pistol, and innocent to additional charges of holdup and larceny, has been scheduled indefinitely because the youth said his family was seeking an attorney for him.

Chain Gang Fugitive Back in Claws of Law

BOSTON—James B. Hines, 40, a fugitive from an Alabama chain gang, is again in the clutches of the law currently being charged with cheating and snatching the bag of Mrs. Rahme Simon, 60, of Dartmouth St. Giving his name as Wilbur Himes, his real identity was revealed after he was fingerprinted.

Last year various organizations spent over $23,000 to prevent his extradition to Alabama after he became involved in a parking lot accident. At that time, he denied committing the $4.50 robbery of which he was accused in Alabama and for which he had been given 15 years.

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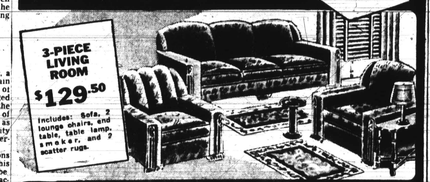
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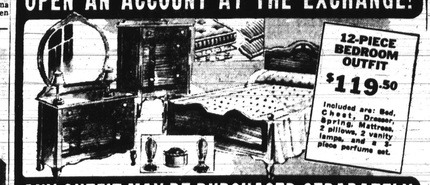
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