Waverly Owners Assured Against Financial Loss

Redevelopment Figure Says City to Pay Good Price, Warns Against 'Fraud' Dealers

Fears that the loss of their homes would be too great financially were dispelled Thursday night for some 100 families who will be displaced under the proposed Waverly redevelopment program.

Addressing an interracial body of over 70 persons who jammed little Shiloh AME Church on E. 28th St., Richard L. Steiner, director of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission, assured the citizens that they would receive a fair price for their property.

Their homes recently were claimed by the city as a site for a housing project.

Mr. Steiner said the city would "pay a good price rather than drive a hard bargain," and the value of the property would be determined by real estate men who have no vested interest in the area. In case of disagreement, he said the value would be determined by a citizens' jury.

12 Month Period of Grace

The audience was particularly gratified to learn that the contract specifies that it will be at least 12 months before anyone will be compelled to move. Properties on the east side of Matthew St. must be vacated within a year, whereas the displacement period for residents living between Matthews St. and Greenmount Ave. has been set at 18 month.

The Redevelopment Commission, Mr. Steiner said, will establish a field office in the immediate area to assist in the relocating of the displaced families. The office, he continued, would assist in the buying, financing, or rental of homes, and would continue this function until everyone has been placed.

The fear by some owners that the low assessment value of much of the Waverly property would prohibit a fair price also was allayed by the director.

Assessment Value Out

He said the assessment value would have nothing to do with the price paid the owners. Rather, he said, the city would offer "the price a willing buyer would pay a willing seller."

"Theoretically," he said the owners will get enough money to buy an identical property in another part of the city." He anticipated, however, that the owners would want better properties. He said the city would assist those who sought better homes.

In answer to a direct question, Mr. Steiner said the city was considering the payment of movement costs.

The director warned home owners against unscrupulous real estate agents who might use their property to realize a profit by selling it to the city.

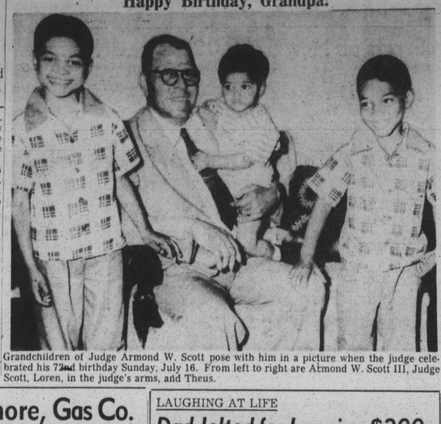
They might tell you," he said, "that the city will pay you only $500 and tell you they will give you $700; while they know all the time the city will pay $3,000."

The Waverly site, 17 acres, is bounded by Greenmount Ave., Reese St., 27th and 30th Sts. It is one of Baltimore's first two blighted-area clearance projects, and it is expected to take between four and five years to complete.

To protect their interest, the people of the section have organized an interracial body known as the Waverly Area Association. The president, Nicholas Rice, who preside at the meeting, said the Association would meet again on Aug. 3.

Held to give Waverly residents detailed information on the project, Thursday's meeting was sponsored by the Association with the cooperation of Cecil Scott, acting executive secretary of the Urban League. The Rev. Mr. Sewell, pastor at Shiloh, spoke briefly.

'Happy Birthday, Grandpa!'



Grandchildren of Judge Armond W. Scott pose with him in a picture when the judge celebrated his 72nd birthday Sunday, July 16. From left to right are Atmond W. Scott III, Judge Scott, Loren, in the judge's arms, and Theus.

Cottons at Shore, Gas Co. Digs Lawn at Midnight

Morgan Park residents came out in their finest pajamas last Wednesday night. Somebody was trying to get the house of the John Cottons.

Mr. Cotton, who is principal of Booker T. Washington Junior High School, and his family are on vacation at their summer home on the shore.

Lights flickered on his front porch, in his back yard, and at frequent intervals at his basement windows.

Neighbors investigating found it to be trucks and workmen of the Gas and Electric Company.

Had to Turn Off Gas

They had come to turn off the gas in the house so that his applianceis would not overheat when natural gas was let into the mains for the first time Thursday.

Mr. Cotton was home Wednesday morning expecting the gas people but they did not show up.

When he left later in the day to go down to his summer place he had mailed a duplicate set of keys to the gas company, but it did not get there.

Found No Entrance

With the aid of neighbors, gas company employees inspected the various entrances to the Cotton home and finding none open proceeded to dig a hole three feet deep in the front lawn to the gas line, which they cut in two places. Afterwards, they inserted a cut-off valve, filled the hole up again and went on their way.

The operation took two and one half hours and three men, among them M. Chase, a veteran of 28 years with the gas company.

Only Thing to Do

"There are not too many people who are away from home, and we thus have to dig up the pavements or lawns in order to turn off the gas," Mr. Chase said.

"We did find a house in Roland Park that nobody had lived in for two or three years and we had to turn off the gas in the same manner," he added.

The gas company's program of changing over from artificial gas of natural gas is proceeding rapidly.

Some crews are working 12, 14 and 16 hours a day.

Some Major Changes Made

Hundreds of workers are employed by theh company in the process.

On some gas stoves larger holes must be cut in the burners and new pilots placed in the gas heaters.

In one house, it took a workman five hours to readjust the burner for the gas water heater alone. Some other type of gas water heaters take only a few minutes.

Left Place in Order

When Mr. Cotton comes home this week he will see that his front lawn has been dug up and neighbors will tell him what has happened.

Gas company workers are not only efficient but clean and neat. Not only put back the dirt they dug out of Mr. Cotton's lawn but they smoothed it evenly and carried all the excess soil and trash away.

Howard Prof. Student Get Fulbright Grants

Two members of the Howard University community have been awarded Fulbright Fellowships' to study abroad during the academic year 1950-51, Howard officials announced last week.

One fellowship will enable Doris V. Evans, a graduate of Howard University, to study musicology at Oxford University, Oxford, England. Miss Evans, an instructor of music history at the university, resides at 1226 Irving St., N.W., Washington.

John W. Coleman of 1020 26th St., N.W., Washington, has been awarded the other fellowship to study physics at the University of Delft in Delft, Netherlands. These fellowships are two of approximately 600 grants made this year.

Man Leaves $20,000 to Sister, Brother

RICHMOND

Ivory Richardson, 74, of 1122 W. Marshall St., a widower who died here July 6, left an estate valued at $20,500, according to his will, probated Tuesday in Chancery Court.

The entire estate was left to his sister, Mrs. Sarah Riddell, who made her home with him at the Marshall St. address, and a brother, Henty S. Richardson, who established an executor of the estate.

60 Members Participate in Workshop at Morgan

The three-week workshop of social studies, which ended at Morgan State College last week, was the largest ever held at the school.

Mrs. Pearl Cole Wilson, elementary supervisor in the public schools, was instructor of the 60 members: Earl Jackson, professor of Social Sciences at Morgan, assistant.

An audio-visual demonstration trip to Friendship Airport, lectures, class-room demonstrations and music as related to social studies, were on the workshop program.

Among the speakers who lectured and gave demonstrations were: Dr. Howard Cummings, specialist in the field of social studies; Miss Elmyria Miller, teacher of music in the public schools; Miss Evelyn Girardin, director of curriculum, department of education, Maryland; Miss Wahseola Male, a workshop member and local teacher, art consultant.

Also on the speakers' list were: Miss May Adams, assistant superintendent of elementary education; Mrs. Frances Carey Bowen, director of the Children's Experimental Theatre, John Hopkins University, and Miss Nancy, La-Vonne, assistant editor of Young America Magazine, Silver Springs, Md.

Off-Campus Instructor

Member participation of the workshop, included a daily paper, by the secretarial committee, edited by Mrs. Edith Blake; trips to various points of interest in the city and a closing luncheon-party, by the social committee.

At the party both instructors were presented gifts by the group.

Mrs. Wilson, a graduate of Morgan State College and New York University, is the first of her race to be an off-campus instructor for N.Y.U. She conducted a workshop in Washington last year from October, to January of this year.

Mr. Jackson, also a graduate of Morgan, and Howard University, will receive his doctorate from Harvard University soon.

$22,000 Home for Gospel Singers Purchased in D.C.

WASHINGTON

Cherry's National Gospel Inc. has purchased a $22,000 headquarters and home for gospel singers at 537 Randolph St., N.W.

The Rev. Robert Cherry, founder and organizer of the movement, and Mrs. Cherry will have Dedication Sunday, July 22, from 3 p.m. on.

Purchasing of the home was made possible from the proceeds of an event billed as the 1950 Gospel Cavalcade, held last Easter Sunday at Uline Arena.

Featured on the program were Mrs. Myrtle Jackson, Robert Bradley, the Ward Sisters and the 300-voice Bible Way Chorus.

Almost 10,000 Attended

Sponsors were the Rev. Mr. Cherry in behalf of his organization, the Deacon Board of Washington for the Bible Way Church Camp meeting.

The man standing before the judge listened to the probation officer.

He was saying that the man was under an order to pay $1.50 a week for the support of an illegitimate child.

But, the officer went on, the man now was more than $200 behind in his payments and had made but three payments this year.

Earns $40 Per Week

"Only a $1.50 a week," the judge marveled. He turned to the man. "How much do you earn a week?" he asked.

The man stammered, "I draw about...about. I draw about $60 every two weeks."

Shame on him! From now on, he's got to pay $10 a week! Some people just don't know when they're well off.

Rev. Bascom to Conduct Lafayette Sq. Service

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church, will conduct the service in Lafayette Square on Sunday, from 3 to 6 p.m.

He will be heard on radio station WITH Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m., under the auspices of the Council of Churches.

20 Hospital Attendants Needed at Crownsville

The State Department of Mental Hygiene has announced 20 job openings at the Crownsville State Hospital.

5 Orphaned; Mother, Widow 3 Weeks, Dies in Stair Fall

PHILADELPHIA

The mother of five children, who range in ages from 12 years to 6 months—whose husband died only three weeks ago—was fatally injured, when, police say, she fell down a flight of steps in her home.

The victim was Mrs. Rosalie Bailey, 38, of 491 N. American St., who was pronounced dead when taken to Philadelphia General Hospital.

The five orphaned children are now living in the home of an aunt, Mrs. Sophia Weeks, at 866 N. Leithgow St.

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