Front Fire Escape Ban Halts New Application

An application for a front fire escape at Fulton and Edmondson Aves. was held up, Wednesday by the Board of Estimates pending attempts to notify citizens who have fought such applications.

As a result of the efforts made by these citizens, including NAACP representatives, the Board of Estimates, recently adopted a resolution banning front escapes in Northwest Baltimore residential areas.

This week's application was the first since the resolution was adopted. Thomas N. Biddison, City Solicitor, and Arthur Price, president of the City Council, told the applicant that the premises first will have to be posted so that the citizens will have a chance to file their protest if any.

The applicant is Dr. Samuel Portney who operates a drug store on the corner in question, and who said the front fire escape is needed for his plans to remodel and enlarge the apartments over the building.

To Remodel Building

Dr. Portney said he plans to spend $15,000 or $20,000 for the remodeling of three apartments. The fire escape would be located on the Edmondson Ave. side.

Among the citizens who backed the front fire escape ban are Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president, and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, member of the executive board, Baltimore NAACP; and Mrs. Verda Welcome of the Dorothy Pindle Neighborhood Club.

Hospital Needs Blood Donors

A public appeal for blood to keep a 36-year-old woman alive was issued this week by Mercy Hospital.

The patient, Miss Marie Smith, is suffering from a rare blood disease called "sicklecellanemia." It is a disease of the blood cells in which red cells break faster than they regenerate.

It derives its name from the fact that the cells in degenerating become sickle-shaped.

Reserves are Low

So far Miss Smith has had 20 pints of blood since being admitted to the hospital on Aug. 20. The disease is usually fatal, but life can be maintained as long as the degenerating blood cells are replaced.

The hospital has dipped deeply into its blood bank for Miss Smith but the reserves are getting low and it is necessary the blood be replaced.

Persons interested in contributing blood should go to the clinical laboratory of Mercy Hospital, Calvert and Saratoga Sts., between two and five p.m. or 7 and 8:30 p.m. any day.

Accident Injury Brings on $35,000 Damage Suit

A $35,000 damage suit was filed against a motorist, this week, by William Adams of the 900 block N. Eutaw St., who was injured in a traffic accident last year.

The suit was filed in City Court against Alonzo Burnham of the 1400 block Argyle Ave., who was identified as the driver of the car which struck Mr. Adams Sept. 2 of last year at Eutaw and Preston Sts.

Father-Son Navy Team Meet at Annapolis

Lt. and Mrs. Dennis D. Nelson of 204 E. St., N.E., Washington, pose with their son, Midshipman Fourth Class Charles C. Nelson in front of the U.S. Naval Academy's famed statue of Tecumseh. Lt. and Mrs. Nelson visited their son over the Labor Day week end during open house for parents of the Class of 1955. Over 600 families from all parts of the country attended. Lt. Nelson is on duty in the Navy Department in Washington. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

Governor's Aid Sought in Murder Case

Governor McKeldin will be asked to intercede in obtaining a parole for Leonard Curry who is serving an 18-year term for a murder which could possibly have been an accident.

Curry was convicted of murder after the car he was driving in Annapolis jumped a curb and struck a pedestrian, who happened to be his common-law wife. She died three weeks later.

According to Harry O. Levin, attorney for Curry, a review of the testimony shows no domestic discord between the couple nor any other motive for murder.

Judges Disagree

In reviewing the case, the Court of Appeals panel of six judges were split three to three in their opinions about Curry's conviction. But lacking a majority ruling, the lower court's conviction must stand.

Unless the governor intercedes, Curry will have to serve six years, one-third of his sentence before being eligible for parole. So Mr. Levin will ask for the governor's assistance.

Mixed Group Hits White Help Ad

The Council for Jobs, Relief and Housing strongly protested an advertisement in the Morning Sun on Sept. 5, placed there by Read's Drug Stores asking for "White Help Only." The letter of protest reads as follows:

"We are an organization composed of hundreds of citizens, colored and white. We read with great indignation your advertisement in the Morning Sun of September 5, asking for White Help Only.

Aids Unemployment

"Such discriminatory practices help keep unemployment at a high rate among colored citizens who are qualified to work on the said jobs.

"May we also bring to your attention that a great part of your business comes from the very people whom you deny the right to work.

"We demand that you retract your former advertisement and replace it with one which has not discriminatory policy."

Mrs. Vivian Barad is one of the members of the council.

West Baltimore Group Files Tavern Complaint

The Liquor Board has promised to investigate complaints lodged against several taverns by the West Baltimore Citizens' League.

Edgar W. Douglass, president of the League, complained about the conduct of persons outside of a tavern in the 1300 block Edmondson Ave., and those patronizing other places on Fremont Ave. near Saratoga St.

"Crowd of Buzzards"

Regarding the Edmondson Ave. complaint, Mr. Douglass said on one day at 1 p.m. he saw five men standing outside the bar, two liquor bottles beside the door, and 15 bottles in the side street next to the bar.

On Fremont Ave., Mr. Douglass went on, "In front of these places looks just like a crowd of buzzards in the country when a horse died."

600 Attend Convention of Ideal Benefit Society

The 39th annual convention of the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society Inc. and the Ideal Nursery Guardian adjourned a three day meeting at the Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St., Thursday afternoon.

The Baltimore District with Mrs. Florence Snowden, deputy, was the host.

Z. A. Jones, Supreme Master, gave the opening address Tuesday morning. He told a delegation of approximately 600 persons attending the convention from Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania of the progress that the organization has made since it was founded in July, 1912.

The organization founded by A. W. Holmes, started from scratch and is now worth more than $100,000. The Ideal Nursery Guardians, founded by Mrs. A. W. Holmes in October, 1912, is a sister organization that is responsible for the care and grooming of the Junior organization for the Senior group.

Purpose of Organization

The purpose of the fraternal organization is to serve in the cause of humanity. As a fraternal insurance, membership can be obtained by any fraternal organization that meets the qualifications. It pays sick and death benefits.

Since its beginning, the organization has had only three Supreme Masters, its founder, A. W. Holmes, B. W. Perkins, and Z. A. Jones.

Mesdames Gertrude Johnson, 1302 Lafayette Ave., Arlene Epps, 1131 Mount St.; Ida Winston, 1342 Stricker St.; Sartorius Jackson, 442 N. Carey St.; and Florence Snowden, 1930 Druid Hill Ave. were among the 100 guests at the banquet given by the Guardian's Board in the Blue Room of the York Hotel, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Snowden Appointed

Mrs. Snowden, district deputy, was appointed as Supreme Right Hand Supporter in the Grand Lodge Thursday afternoon. The convention will be held in Philadelphia next year. Samuel Lemon, Philadelphia district deputy, will be host.

The Baltimore delegation were: Mesdames Mary T. Hudnell, Gertrude Davenport, Adlaide Jordan, Ethel Legion, Elaine Roberts, Annie Harcum, Fannie Joe Reid, Gertrude A. Bush, Lillian Jordan, Myra Sheppard, and Evelyn Pitts.

Among the approximate 600 out-of-town delegates were: Mesdames Helen Chaney, Etta Kase, Hilger J. Freeman, Daisy C. Gholson, Mattie Mapp, Henrietta E. Husdon, Charles Slovan, and Charles Spark, all of Philadelphia;

The Rev. J. R. Vaughn, Miss Sadie Studifin, Mesdames Lillie B. Oliver, Bessie French, S. C. Jackson, Juanita Randall, Lillian Bailey, Gladys Walls, Ida Adams, Evelyn B. Day, Rebecca Floyd, Katie Cooke;

Loretta White, Mary Murray, and Miss Gladys Harris, all of Richmond; Mesdames Julia W. Lockett, Naomi B. Arie, Sadie Evans, James H. Lomax, of Petersburg, Va.; Mesdames Sadie Toms, Katie E. Brown, Lillian Dandridge, Olga Anderson, Washington; Mesdames Mozelle B. Cable;

Rosa Foust, and Lillian Wynn, of Norfolk, Va.; Mesdames Lula B. Irons, and Elizabeth Smart, both of Pittsburgh; Sarah Scott and Elsie M. Granton, Newport News, Va.; Cora Anderson, Darby, Pa.; the Rev. Jonathan Thomas, Rushmere, Va.;

Susie Owens, and Virginia Perkins of Braddock, Pa.; and Carrie Grayson, Woodbridge, Va.

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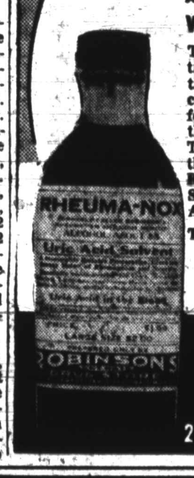

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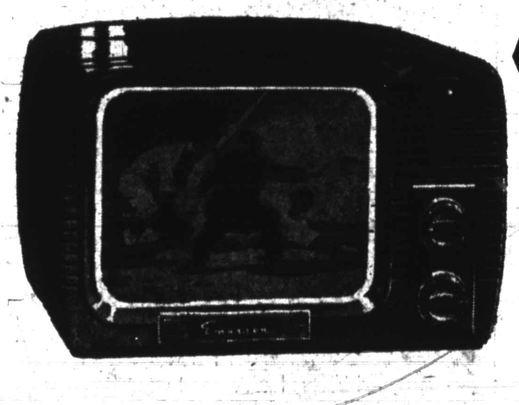

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