CITY SEEKS WAYS TO SHARE LOAD:

7½ million dollar taxes face Baltimoreans in 1954

Because the city is facing a nine million dollar debt in 1954, Baltimoreans will have to pay an additional 7½ million dollars in taxes.

This fact was brought out by Herbert Fallon, city budget director, at a special meeting of the budget committee of the city council, Thursday afternoon.

The debt can be met if manufacturers, who are now exempted, were taxed, or if the property tax were increased, Mr. Fallon stated.

Opposing, in part Mr. Fallon's recommendation, Philip Goodman (D-5th district) offered seven proposals which are now being studied by the committee.

Burden Too Heavy

"The small property owners of Baltimore have been made to carry almost all the burden of income taxes for too many years," he said, "while manufacturers, and large business establishments, particularly the out-state chain operations, are getting away without sharing their proportion of the tax responsibility.

"The manufacturers and business houses high up in the income bracket should give their money to the city instead of the federal government. That way, the people of Baltimore can benefit from the businesses handled here."

His seven proposals are:

1. A commerce stamp tax of $20 on all businesses which gross $75,000 and $5 for each additional 20 per cent tax. The same would go for beer, wine, liquor and restaurant dealers.

2. A 10 per cent transit tax levied on all non residents living hotels.

3. For blood-relatives, inheriting over $35,000 would pay a one per cent city administration tax while for friends inherting over $35,000, a three per cent tax.

Raise Marriage Licenses Fee

4. Increase marriage licenses from $3 to $4 for residents, $4 to $6 for non-residents; increase birth certificates from 50 cents to $1 and increase the cost of registering wills from $5 to $10.

5. Levy a $5 tax on all penny vending machines.

6. Increase taxes on finance companies.

7. Tax all foreign ships entering the port of Baltimore.

Mr. Goodman pointed out that if his proposals are approved, the tax rate on property will be reduced. "Instead of paying the present $2.82 on each $100, you'd be taxed only $2.20 on each $100 if my plan works," he said.

Should the property tax be increased, then the owners will have to pay $3.25 on each $100, he added.

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NOW IN INDIANA — Serving with the 31st Infantry Division, Pvt. James A. Burley, Jr., is assigned to Camp Atterbery, Ind. for basic training. He is the nephew of Mrs. Anna Matthews of Pasadena, Md. and a graduate of Bates High school in Annapolis.

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Post office sets holiday schedule

On Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day, (a national holiday), various departments of the post office will be closed all day.

These include the executive division, division of finance, money order section, office of general superintendent of mails claim division, general delivery, parcel post counter, information window, and all classified carrier and non-carrier stations and branches.

Registry Window Open

The registry window at the main office will be open for the acceptance of special delivery, special handling, air mail, air parcel post, registration of mail, and emergency mailing of medical supplies at all hours.

First class mail can be dropped in the mail slot in the lobby at the main post office at all hours.

Stamps will be sold at the main office at all hours.

Lock boxes at main office will be accessible at all hours.

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There will be no delivery of mail other than special delivery matter.

There will be a city-wide collection at 5 p.m.

All business with the public will be suspended at the parcel post station.

There will be no delivery of mail on rural routes.

Two charged with reckless driving

Charges of reckless driving were filed at Central Police Court Tuesday against a 31-year-old laborer and a 38-year-old company clerk following a collision at the intersection of Greene and Mulberry sts.

According to witnesses, a 1949 Nash sedan driven by Theodore Johnson of the 600 block Pennsylvania ave., collided with a truck driven by Calbreath I. Batipps of the 700 block W. Fayette st.

They told police the truck was going North on Greene when struck from the rear by Johnson.

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Third bank bandit gets 20-year term

FREDERICK, Md. — The third member of the unlucky, interracial bandit trio which was captured 30 minutes after it held up the Peoples Bank at Libertytown, Md. on July 10 was sentenced Wednesday to 20 years in the Maryland Penitentiary in spite of a plea for leniency.

Gilbert Littles, 34, of Harrisburg, Pa., pleaded guilty to charges of armed robbery and conspiracy to rob before Circuit Judge Patrick M. Schnauffer.

He thought he would win leniency because of injuries received before and after the ill-fated $15,000 robbery.

Little's two accomplices, Richard Walters, 42-year-old white man from Niagara Falls, N. Y., was sentenced to 23 years, and Lossie Archer of Steelton, Pa., received 20 years at a previous hearing.

Littles In Hospital

When his companions went on trial, Littles was in University Hospital in Baltimore. He was shot in the neck several years ago, one arm is paralyzed and he walks with a bad limp.

During his stay in the hospital he told hospital attendants there that a beating he received from police following his capture led to his being paralyzed.

C. Clifton Virts, the blind Frederick lawyer appointed by the court to defend Littles, pleaded for leniency for the bank bandit, Wednesday, on the basis of the man's physical condition.

No Allowance Made

Judge Schnauffer, however, said the law made no allowance in such cases. He also pointed out that Littles might get better medical care in the penitentiary than on the outside.

In a voice so wheezy he could hardly be heard, Littles told the court that the bank robbery resulted from a drinking spree started at Harrisburg earlier the same day.

He declared he know nothing of any plan to rob the bank until Walters "gave me and Archer a gun and took a pillow case and rope out of the trunk after he changed the license plates."

It was license plates that proved the undoing for the mixed bandit trio.

Teacher Notices Car

A Libertytown school teacher noticed the car in which they were riding when he saw a small Pennsylvania plate screwed on over a larger New York plate, guilty to the bank robbery.

His suspicions aroused, he notified state police who were seeking the car to question its occupants when the alarm of the bank robbery was flashed.

What followed was a wild, 90-mile-an-hour chase from Libertytown to Frederick, punctuated by gunfire. It ended when the bandit car, headed the wrong way on a one-way street smashed into other cars parked there.

The charge of assault with intent to murder was dropped against Littles after he pleaded guilty to the bank robbery.

The assault charge grew out of the fact that the fleeing bandits men fired at the troopers who were chasing them.

Track worker struck by train

A 68-year-old "trackwalker", whom police found unconscious at 2 a.m., in a railroad tunnel near John st., and North ave., died at St. Joseph's hospital Thursday, five hours after being struck down by a Washington to Baltimore passenger train.

The body of the elderly man, whom police identified as Wesley Hunter of the 1900 block Lauretta ave., was found near a tool alcove by Attilio Ferrande, track supervisor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. In the unconscious man's pockets police found $244 in bills.

A company official stated that the dead man had been a Pennsylvania employee "for years".

Attilio told police he went looking for Hunter when he failed to return around midnight from an inspection tour.

Doctors at St. Joseph reported that Hunter sustained severe head injuries.

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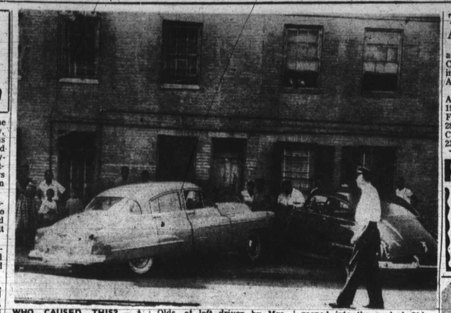

WHO CAUSED THIS? — A woman driver, according to police, in a mid-day collision that rocked the foundations around the 500 block Lanvale st., near Druid Hill, Monday, the '51 Olds, at left driven by Mrs. Fannie J. Kelly, 59, of the 1200 block Madison ave., collided with a '51 Chevrolet driven by James I. Kenney of the 1900 block McCulloh st., and careened into the parked Oldsmobile at right owned by Rudolph Bryon of the 1200 block Eager st. Although no injuries were suffered in the accident, Mrs. Kelley, a housewife was charged with reckless driving.

Ignorance On Highways Breeds Excitement:

Motoring public unable to respond to crisis

In the auto industry it is believed that the average motorist is surprisingly ignorant about what makes his car tick.

From the traffic expert's viewpoint the term could just as well apply to the motoring public in general, for they have discovered that too many people do not know how to respond in a given traffic crisis.

Ignorance within itself is bad enough, they contend, but when coupled with excitement the problem becomes two fold and in many cases costly in life and limb.

Safety Campaign

In connection with the AFRO's safety campaign, a reporter recently asked a Maryland trooper what were the ten most common mistakes made by a driver when a crisis arises.

In the trooper's opinion the average motorist does not know what to do when the following occurs:

1. While rounding a curve and a car goes into a skid with the rear wheels moving to the right side of the road. The usual response in such cases, he declared is for a person to apply the brakes sharply.

At A Lost going Downhill

2. Is at a loss as to what to do when driving downhill and the brakes fail.

3. Confused when driving on a two lane road and is forced off by an oncoming car, especially when a front wheel drops off the pavement to the shoulder a few inches below the surface of the road.

4. Is at a loss as to what should be done when a front tire blows while running at high speed.

Stumped At Blind Spots

5. Does not know what to do while driving and encounters a blind spot or curve in the road.

6. Is amazed when driving on a two-lane highway at night and finds that an oncoming car either neglects or refuses to put on his passing beam although his lights are glaring.

7. Confused when a car attemps to pass on a two-lane road, and is about to cut in when a car approaches in his path.

Often Surprised

8. Surprised when driving next to the center of the line on a four-lane highway while approaching an intersection, and finds that a car in the right lane going in his direction cuts directly in front and attempts to make a left turn.

9. Excited when driving down a slippery hill in high gear and without warning finds another carbacking into his path.

10. Undecided about what to do when driving rapidly and discovers an icy stretch or road ahead of him.

In connection with the mistakes most frequently made the following don'ts were included:

Don't Do This

In case a crisis arises similarly tl the topic specified in no. 1, don't apply brakes sharply; 2, don't shift into high gear; 3, don't turn sharply back onto pavement; 4, don't down clutch; and 5, don't apply foot brake for emergency stop.

In a crisis similiar to No. 6 it is advisable not to turn on your bright lights; 7, do not sp up; 8, do not down clutch; 9, don't hit break to strongly, and 10, don't apply brakes after hitting an icy surface.

A suitable solution to the ten problems would lie in the following measures. In the case of one, fan the brakes; 2, shift if possible to a lowere gear; 3, especially not sharp with the breaks on; 4, allow car to come to a complete stop; 5, hard jabs at the breaks will slow car without skidding; 5, avoid looking at bright lights and don't blind the other driver.

In an accident similar to 7, give the other driver an opportunity to pass your car; 8, every part of the car including even the engine compression is needed to slow movement; 9, try to recover from skid by stereing in the direction of the skid; 10, avoid sudden changes in speed or direction on a icy surface.

In the opinion of the experts, if you as a driver have never experienced any of the above you are lucky, or better still you are a good defensive driver.

The facts however still remains with motoring America that a large share of accidents on our highways come from failure to respond correctly and quickly in an emergency.

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DSC winner new ROTC instructor at Morgan

M/Sgt. Nicholas Smith Jr. of 729 Harford ave., who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in Korea in 1951, has been assigned to Morgan State college as assistant instructor for the ROTC.

Sergeant Smith has been on active duty with the Regular Army since his enlistment at Fort Myers, Va., in May, 1944. He was promoted to his present grade May 15, 1951.

The sergeant received his basic training at Camp Ellis, Ill. and then served overseas in the European Theatre of Operations until September, 1945.

He then served at various installations in the continental United States until 1949. He was then assigned in Japan with the 24th Infantry of the 25th Infantry Division.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, in June, 1950, he went with his unit to the combat area in Korea where he served until Aug. 13, 1951. During this period Sergeant Smith participated in six major campaigns.

It was during the Chinese intervention period in November, 1950 that Sergeant Smith, then Sgt/1c displayed the extraordinary heroism that won him the Army's second highest award. The citation was presented by Lt. Gen James A. Van Fleet, then the Eighth Army commander in the Far East.

Heroism Described

It pointed out that:

"Sergeant Smith and a small group of men were defending a hill vital to the battalion defense and to the protection of the command post.

"When a numerically superior enemy force launched a frantic bayonet assault against the hill in an effort to overrun the command post area, sergeant Smith directed the men with him to fall back and establish a new defense line while he remained on the hill to furnish covering fire for the operation.

"Choosing an exposed position that offered a clear field of fire on the advancing enemy he placed such accurate fire on the advancing hostile force that 17 men were killed and the re-

Schooled In Washington

Sergeant Smith is a graduate of Cardoza High school and of Phelps Vocational school, both of Washington. He has also attended the Administration School at Camp Lee, Va., and taken various service school courses.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, the Baltimore non-commissioned officer has been awarded several other decorations.

He and his wife, Catherine have a daughter, Alexis, 6, and son, Donald, 4.

Student hits cab; two hospitalized

A 1950 Chevrolet sedan driven by a York, Pa., college student, collided with a Sun Cab at the intersection of Stricker and Moser sts., Tuesday. As a result, two passengers were hospitalized for injuries.

Taken to Provident Hospital with a possible fractured rib was Joseph Henderson, 35, of the 1800 block N. Appleton st., and Stonewall Parker, 48, of the 1800 block N. Appleton st. Mr. Parker sustained a shoulder injury.

The student, Gerald E. Hartdagen, 22, was charged with failing to give the right of way. The cab driver, Samuel Arnoff, 25, of the 4900 block Reisterstown rd., was charged with reckless driving.

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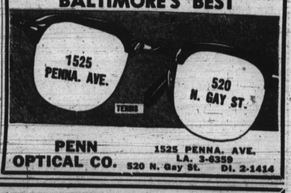

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Three local men enter Army at Fort Meade

Three Baltimore men are now at the 2053rd Army Reception Center at Meade receiving their initial indoctrination into the Army.

They are: Pvts. Charles D. Artis, 20, son of Charlie Aris, 1904 Harlem ave; Lorenzo E. B. Foy, 20, son of Mrs. Mattie Foy, 2810 Winchester st; and Joseph C. Hall, 20, son of Charles Hall, 2349 Druid Hill ave.

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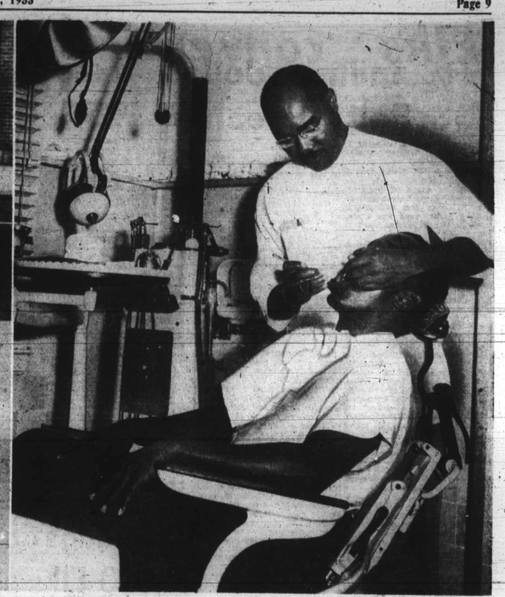
TEENAGERS—Boys go fishing or play baseball, on hot August days. Girls go to the store for a bottle of pop and a good talk-fest, and do they have fun! Left to right: Marva Maddox, Patricia Maddox, Gloria Longley, Carmelita Estep, Georgeanna Hicks. Photo at corner of Pennsylvania ave., and Cumberland st. (AFRphotos by AFRO Staff Photographer)



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SUMMERTIME In Baltimore

WORST KEPT PLAYGROUND IN BALTIMORE—Children play in broken glass, stones and debris in sand pit of children's slide.

115TH BIRTHDAY—Baltimore's oldest registered voter, Mrs. Annie Ross, 808 Druid Hill Ave., celebrated Tuesday. Telegrams came from Mayor D'Alesandro, Governor McKeldin and President Eisenhower. On right is Arthur Brown, 8, great-grandnephew and AFRO Clean Block captain.

ENOUGH TRUCK to move furniture from an 8-room house. W. M. Dunham, 1947 Penna. ave., 30 years in moving business. An expert packer, he gives china and wardrobe service.

NEXT TO TV SETS, RECORD PLAYERS ARE HARDEST TO REPAIR says expert W. B. Harris of Harris Radio Co., 545½ Wilson st. Most radio players get out of whack when owners raise the player arm before it completes cycle. Left, Mr. Harris; right, Mr. Bernard Mahoney, one of his four shop assistants.

A STEEP TERRACE and a lawn mower on a . . . makes you puff. Here is Winston Lawson, 909 Wheeler ave. He has cut his lawn and is now trimming around his shrubbery.

MISS JOANNE TURPIN, LEFT, AND MRS. ARETHA McCLOUD, fountain girls in a chain store, leave their own counters, where they could buy lunch at reduced prices, to eat at T. J.'s Restaurant, Ridgley and Barre streets. The noon-day break was worth the difference, they said.

"SHE HAD TO MOVE—When the city took over the home she occupied for 22 years, Mrs. Jeanette Young took an apartment in Somerset Homes and found it small.

P.R.R. CROSSING WATCHMAN—John Henry Farrow, 923 Bethune rd., Cherry Hill, at Guilford ave. and East Madison st. "I am eligible to retire after 30 years work, but I need a birth certificate. Wife bought a television; so I will work a little longer."

Coming Tuesday-- AFRO Magazine Section

- THE NEW, NEW LOOK — French dress designer Christian Dior has stirred up a new controversy in the "battle of the hemline."
- THE HIDDEN CAMERA — A whimsical experiment in human behavior. Just what good is small change.
- THE STORY OF RUBE FOSTER — One of the all - time great, greats in NNL baseball. He didn't like the way things were going, so he organized his own team.
- RED CAP AND RED HEELS — The Red cap belonged to Cardinal Richelieu, the power behind the throne. Chapter 16 in "A Child's History of the World."