DR. WILLIAM E. HENRY
President

President's Annual Report

To the Alumni, Friends and Citizens of Maryland

Subject: CULTURAL PROGRAM

Maryland State Teachers College at Bowie

The college believes that, in order to produce the type of teacher who will be able to deal with the problems of the world today, attention must be focused on the development of desirable attitudes, as well as, on the acquisition of competency in handling subject matter. The following activities help to provide the extra class environment, by means of which, prospective teachers might be strengthened in character, personality traits, powers of discrimination, and in the selections of life experiences.

These objectives are met in our numerous subject matter areas. Such areas as the social sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences, art, music, English, method courses, on and off campus student teaching, correlate these attitudes with the acquisition of knowledges and skills. Field trips and the use of audio-visual aids, give the students a visual interpretation of these ideas and beliefs. Activity in the spiritual, political and student government organizations affords practical experience for the students in these subject matter areas. Too, the students gather an abiding faith, a philosophy of educaton, and see more clearly the correlation between theory and practice.

We believe that teachers are molding one of the finest of all earthly assets — human character. Our extra-curricular program, with its numerous clubs, is designed to develop certain desirable and admirable traits of character — honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, fair play and justice. From our vesper services and our Y.M.C.A., students acquire, not only an abding faith in God, but also respect, reverence, obedience, devotion, and a greater faith in all mankind.

A keener appreciation for past and present cultures is afforded by numerous clubs and organizations, such as the Junior Senate, Senior Senate, 4-H Club, Glee Club, Handicraft Club, Men's Ensemble and the Practice Cottage in Home Living. In addition to these activities for cultural development, other opportunities are provided for the students at specified intervals throughout the year. These additional activities are plays, exhibits, recitals and lectures. Most of these are presented by guest artists. It is our earnest desire that these varied experiences, the students will learn to live well with others, and will realize that the children whom they will be teaching are also social beings with live emotions, feelings, a heart and a soul.

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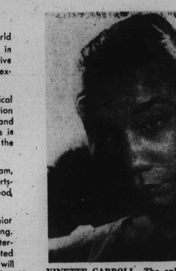

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HELENA ZURSTADT—Lectured on "How to Listen to a Symphony." Teacher of Piano in Baltimore. Lecturer for Madame Ogle Samoroff Stokowski's "Listener's Music Courses."

DR. FRANZ POLGAR — Psychic — Memory Stunts, Telepathic Feats, Hypnotic Tests, Mental Miracles, Television Artist—Has appeared on Arthur Godfrey's and Gary Moore's shows.

A. TYLER HULL—Color films for his lectures are shot and produced by Mr. Hull himself. Has made 13 complete trips around the world. Covered the war in China — 1937-1941. Has spent considerable time in more than 50 different countries.

ELIZABETH RAYFIELD HALL—Lyric soprano of Baltimore. Accompanist — Thomas W. McPherson Sr.

DOSWELL E. BROOKS—Supervisor of Schools—Prince Georges County, Maryland.

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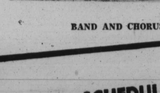

BAND AND CHORUS

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FALL SCHEDULE

- FRESHMAN REGISTRATION, SEPTEMBER 6
- UPPER CLASSMEN SEPTEMBER 7

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AFRO Features, Political Columns, Coming Events

Redevelopment just another interest for busy Mrs. Lena K. Lee

By SHIRLEY KYLE

When Mayor D'Alexandro named Mrs. Lena K. Lee to the Redevelopment Commission, he selected a woman who is capable for the job: she is a school principal and attorney, and also well versed on the matter of slum clearance and blight.

Although recognized as a lay member of the commission Mrs. Lee has had enough practical experience in redevelopment to warrant her a classification as expert in the field.

Mrs. Lee, who has been principal of School No. 136 at Howard and E. 24th Sts. since 1952 first came face to face with the grudgeries of slum areas when she served as principal at School No. 127, located at Biddle St. near Pennsylvania Ave., from 1947 through 1951.

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"THE SITUATION was appalling at first," she recalls. "There had been, so little done there, and in order to live in the school you had to go out into the community."

"Just imagine how it was. A little child would come into the class room and just as he started to put his books in the desk a big rat would jump out.

"A teacher would come to school and when she opened her desk drawer two big rats would leap out and scamper away. Then you'd have the teacher so hysterical she couldn't conduct her class the rest of the day."

Mrs. Lee explained that the city had done everything possible to correct the conditions inside the school, but "something else had to be done. We had to get at the source.

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THE SOURCE lay outside the school building in the surrounding neighborhoods. Dirt - filled alleys made it impossible for garbage collectors to do their duties in the area.

MRS. LENA K. LEE

Residents were forced to carry their garbage and trash to a vacant lot near the school. And where there are piles of debris you will find innumerable rats.

The first thing Mrs. Lee did was to make arrangements to have the alleys paved so that the trash collectors could drive through and pick up the garbage.

It was a year before this project got under way, but as Mrs. Lee puts it, "a woman can always get what she wants because she never lets go."

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SOON the trucks went up the alleys, the garbage piles disappeared and the rats went with them.

The ball was beginning to roll and Mrs. Lee immediately began working on a plan to convert the vacant lot near the school from a dump to a playground.

The program was slow and tedious, but with the assistance of various civic organizations, particularly the Women's Civic League and city bureaus, the playground was built.

Mrs. Lee attributes her ability to solve the situation to the late Dr. William Lemmel, head of the Baltimore Public Schools. Dr. Lemmel inaugurated the Industrial Business Labor and Education Workshops for teachers, giving them an opportunity "to join hands with the community," a Mrs. Lee says.

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"THE WORKSHOPS have taken us teachers out of our circumscribed lives and has given status to our profession.

"Today there is a change in the philosophy of teachers," she said. "They serve on civic boards and take part in civic organizations and programs which is more helpful to the children."

The amazing fact about Mrs. Lee and her work at School No. 127 is that during this period she was pursuing her law degree at the University of Maryland Law School. After spending her days conducting school and working on her cleanup project, she would go to night school.

The weekends were devoted to study; three nights to school and two nights to civic organizations. "Something had to give," she said, "so I gave up pleasures completely.

"But I really owe it all to the wonderful cooperation I had at home.

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SHE WAS referring to her husband, Robert R. Lee, owner of the Biddle theater, who willingly helped her keep up their home at 1818 Madison Ave. and who ran errands for her, picking up books at the store or going to the library.

"I never could have done it without that team work," she asserted.

Mrs. Lee went to law school primarily to learn answers to the legal questions that continued to probe her mind. "Many times I have wondered why certain laws couldn't be passed for the good of the people and now I understand."

She explained that at first she had a yen to take up accounting but for some unknown reason this idea was "chucked" and the law prevailed.

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MRS. LEE passed the bar in 1952 and was the second woman of her race to be admitted to the local Women's Bar Association. Mrs. Juanita Mitchell is the first member.

When Mrs. Lee isn't engaged in civic duties you might find her at home reading a digest. She used to play cards but now she "can't stay still that long so she gave it up."

She loves the out of doors and never misses an opportunity to go on a picnic or camping trip. And when things get a little dull around home, a quick trip to Broadway, New York City, is just the "tonic" she needs.

"I get just as much thrill standing on Broadway as other people get out of walking on the boardwalk in Atlantic City," she added.

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ALTHOUGH she will not be able to go away this summer, (her husband is ill with a cardiac condition), she still making plans for an extensive trip "around the Mississippi."

"I have been in almost all the states this side of the Mississippi" she said. "I want to go on a complete sight-seeing tour in my own country first and then I want to go to Europe."

Mrs. Lee has no children of her own but she likes to be connected to "anything that works for children." I also find it a lot of fun being working with organizations," she said.

"Being with people and exchanging views is recreation for me."

Mrs. Lee's work on the Redevelopment Commission will begin sometime this summer when the chairman calls the first meeting. Since her appointment there has been only a get-acquainted meeting.

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COMMENTING on whether she thought women could do a better job on the commission than men, she replied with a smile.

"In this day and age it is not a question of who can do the best, men or women. The women have proven themselves capable of doing jobs just as well as men."

Pupils limited in 39 schools

Lack of space draws the blame

Thirty-nine elementary schools out of the 130 in Baltimore have been forced to establish boundary lines because of a shortage of classroom space and an excess of pupils.

This marks a departure from the traditional policy of allowing children to attend any school they desired, regardless of whether the school was in their neighborhood or not.

The overcrowding occasioned by the overcrowded condition of these 39 schools, which made it impossible to furnish them with office facilities to any children living outside the immediate area of the school.

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THE SCHOOLS involved are: Numbers 6, Ann St. near Fleet; 14, Linden Ave. and Wilson St.; 23, Gough and and Wolfe Sts.; 27, Fayette and Chester Sts.; 33, Light and Clement Sts.; 44, Hartford Rd., and 32nd st. 50, Lock Raven and Gorsach Ave.; 51, 34th and Presbyt sts.; 61, Linden Ave., and Hoening St.; 64, Garrison and Maine Aves.; 74, 22nd St., and Homewood Ave.; 83, Lakewood Ave., and Fayette St.;

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92 CHARLES AND Ostend Sts.; 100, Mount and Saratoga Sts.; 113, Federal St., and Fremount Ave.; 122, Preston St. and Druid Hill Ave.; 139, Ridgely St. near Barre; 142, Walbrook Ave. and Smallwood St.;

144, Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave.; 145, Poplar Grove and Lanvale; 146, Rosedale St. and Westwood Ave.; 159, 801 Bridgeview Rd.; 160, Cherry Hill Rd. and Seabury Ave.; 161, Saratoga and Schroeder St.;

203, Fourth St. and Pontiac Ave. 209, Church St. and Fairhaven Ave.; 211, Belair Rd. and Frankford Ave.; 221, Sulgrove Ave., and Lincoln Rd.; 231, Brehms Lane and Chesterfield Ave.; 233, Roland Ave., near Dependene Rd.;

234, Rogers Ave. and Magnolia Lane; 239, Cambria and 12th Sts.; 240, O'Donnell and Gusryan Sts.; 241, Falstaff Rd. and Gist Ave.; 242, Lock Raven Blvd. and Hartsdale Rd.; 243, Erdman Ave., and Eager Sts.; 244, Gimbal Ct. and 6th St.; 245, Sherwood Ave. and Luth Walk; 247, Cross Country Blvd. and Taney Rd.

New street lights to rid city of grotesque shadows

Baltimore is slowly getting rid of its grotesque shadows which haunt many of the residential areas. Gas lights are being replaced by new, ultra modern electric lights.

The two million dollar conversion program which was approved by voters last fall is being conducted throughout the entire city in a somewhat checkerboard fashion.

Lack of proper equipment, facilities and labor has anchored the project to a certain extent. However, some 500 street lamps have been converted since March 1.

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THE PROGRAM actually got underway in 1948 when there were 17,600 gas lights haunting the city. Today, 10,200 gas lights remain and by the end of 1956 it is hoped that Baltimore will be rid of the antiquated fixtures, an official of the Bureau of Lighting told the AFRO.

The new electric lights, such as are seen on sections of Carey, Pulaski, Bentalou and Windsor Ave., contain 600 candlelight power in each lamp.

The official reported that the new lamps give 800 percent more light in the areas than did the gas lights.

OLD AND NEW—In foreground is old gas light which will be converted into new, modern-electric light shown in background. Lack of labor and material is delaying the project.

Husband last seen in N.C.

Anderson Arrington, 33, 734 N. Gilmor St. husband of Mrs. Mary Arrington has been missing from home since April 19.

He was last seen by his mother, Mrs. Katie Arrington, in Halifax, N.C.

Mr. Arrington is five feet three inches tall, weighs 210 pounds, light brown skin, brown eyes and black hair mixed with gray —.

Crazy Horse Memorial is approved by House unit

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — A resolution to which Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr., (Dem., Mich.) is opposed was favorably reported to the House Wednesday by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

The resolution would establish a permanent memorial to the American Indian. It authorizes, for this purpose, the creation of an eleven-man Crazy Horse Memorial Commission, the members of which would serve without compensation.

The memorial would be established at the site of the figure of the Indian leader Crazy Horse, at Thunderhead Mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

IN REPORTING the resolution the committee said there is in the United States no permanent memorial honoring the North American Indian, which would depict for future civilizations what manner of men first inhabited the North American continent before the white man came.

The proposed monument has been commenced under the private financing and sponsorship of Korczak Ziolkowski, one of the world's leading sculptors, on Thunderhead Mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

SOUTH AFRICAN VISITOR

WINSTON - SALEM, N.C. — Mrs. Madie Hall Xuma of Johannesburg, South Africa recently left this city after nearly a three-month stay with her brother and sister. Her husband is a prominent leader of his country.

Coming Events

JULY 23

Merit System examinations for State Civil Service employees will be held on this date in the morning, instead of a previously announced day.

JULY 30

Patterson Park will be the scene of the Junior Olympic swimming meet.

JULY 31

Baltimore Singers present a concert this afternoon at 6 p.m. in the yard of the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, Madison Ave. near North.

AUG. 6

The Junior Olympic track and field competitive events will be held at Clifton Park.

AUG. 27.

The state trucking rodeo, for which two local drivers qualified, will be held at Memorial Stadium.

There's a Lucky Photo in this issue of the AFRO. If you head is encircled in the oval, you can collect $5. Look for it, it may be you!

Boy, 9, winner of lucky pix

This week's winner of the AFRO Lucky Picture Contest is nine-year-old Robert Gregory, son of Mrs. Jottie Gray of 1128 Whatcoat St.

Robert came to the AFRO Wednesday, accompanied by his mother, and collected his $5 cash prize. His picture was circled in a photograph taken at the wading pool at Gilmor Project last week.

The youngster is a fifth-grade pupil at School No. 100 and likes to swim, although he admits he is not what one would call a good swimmer.

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HE IS ONE of five children would like to be when he grows up.

You may be the next winner in the AFRO Lucky Pix Contest. Keep your eyes peeled for the circled picture in the newspaper each week. When your time comes, you, too, will receive a cash award.

-POLITICS-

Another Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WITTS

There is much talk floating around that George P. Mahoney will get the support of the Democratic Party if he runs for the U. S. Senate.

If he succeeds in obtaining this support you can bet your dollar that he will win.

Mr. Mahoney has always been a great vote getter but has failed in previous attempts because the Democratic leadership has fought him.

This opposition came mainly because he has been independent in his every action and has refused to be a tool of some boss. This fact, however, has endeared him to many voters in the State.

I **WAS** attracted to Mr. Mahoney because he opposed former Governor Lane whom I felt had little regard for the welfare of the colored people of the State.

I also admired his independence and the fact that he had around him some of the finest people I had ever met.

His wife and sisters, his brother-in-law, his political advisers talked in a way that appealed to me and I embarked on my political career trying to elect Mr. Mahoney.

Many leaders such as Nannie Gibbs and Alexander Brown of Cherry Hill, Pauline Brooks of Mount Washington, Josiah Henry, Jean Payne, and Ernest Perkins, all of Baltimore are among many who also supported Mr. Mahoney.

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THESE PEOPLE can attest to his sincerity of purpose and his honest belief that the leadership of our party needs a transfusion with younger blood.

All too often we Democratics have been forced to follow men who have outgrown their usefulness.

Mr. Mahoney knew this and gathered around him new blood and brought them into the folds of the Democratic party. We feel certain that if Mr. Mahoney runs for the U. S. Senate we will have a representative that we will all be proud of.

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DURING THE summer months most people are not interested in politics. Most legislative bodies close up and the members depart on vacations.

But we should keep in mind that the registration books will be open all during the summer months and many people who were not able to register because of their jobs will be on their vacations.

We can't afford to slow our efforts to register all persons over 21.

If you have relatives and friends who are on vacation, ask them if they have registered and remind them that this would be a good time to go down to the Supervisor' office to register.

Let's not have the old picture present itself when the next election rolls around. Let us all be surprised to find that the registration process went on even during the summer months.

If we keep up this determination to elect men to public office who will pay due regard to the rights of all the citizens, we must keep up our efforts to register enough voters to be able to back up the proper men.

Even vacations should not deter us from our goal.

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

There is no vacation from politics. If you're in the game, you've got a year-around, 365-day routine.

You can't relax because there's always a voter to be recruited or a constituent to be helped. If you're in politics, this is your job.

While I wish every citizen of Maryland a joyous summer holiday, please remember that there is still a job to be done.

When you're taking that Sunday drive, remember that your political thinking or lack of same built that new dual highway and caused that State trooper to enforce the speed laws.

Remember that if your jaunt takes you on a back or side road which causes your car to bump and the dust to mar your recent car wash, it's your political thinking or lack of same which preserves this condition.

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IF YOUR jaunt makes you plan a trip to a public beach and you find it excludes you and your family because of some natural obstacle, remember it's your political thinking or lack of same which allows this condition.

If while on the road you're tired or hungry and you want to stop to rest or eat, and you find no outlet to satisfy this natural reaction to long hours of driving, remember that it's your political thinking or lack of same which allows this condition to persist.

If by chance you're visiting your children at camp and you dislike the facilities which are available because the camp is second-class and the children don't have natural contacts or outlets for their emotions, remember it's your political thinking or lack of same which allow this condition to continue.

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WHAT CAN you do, you ask? You don't want to talk politics. You want to relax.

Well, the simple truth is you can't relax from good living or good government. And you can't take a vacation from good politics.

If you want to take a vacation and to relax, then besure all's well in your own back yard.

This means first, that you've taken a personal interest in government. That you're registered to vote and you express your voice by voting.

That you realize that the roads are paved with your tax dollar, too. The State Trooper is paid with your tax dollar. That some roads are paved with your tax dollar.

That the rights and privileges he guaranteed to your children have not been secured by your vote.

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IF YOU realize this, you'll have no vacation from politics. You'll still be expressing the need to register and vote.

You still will be in quest of those rights and privileges which lead to an enlightenment unmarred by an asterisk or parenthetical abreviation.

You'll have finally realized that the American way of life is a job which takes 365 days of unrelaxed indulgence.

Civic group is responsible for Greenmount Center

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The adage, "God helps those who help themselves," is the philosophy upon which the new Greenmount Center, 2304-06 Greenmount Ave., was built.

A small industrious group of civic workers, The North Baltimore Civic and Home Improvement Association, is responsible for the construction of the building which was dedicated last month.

Seeing a need for a recreational center in the Northeast section of the city to counteract juvenile delinquency, the sponsorees to get the ball rolling association underwent severe sacrifices to get the ball rolling for the center.

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THE STORY begins in October 1948 after the association, founded by Mesdames Berdie Brown, Ada Spencer, Emma Swann, and organized by Mrs. Catherine Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shell and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan, had elected its new president, Mrs. Naomi Johnson.

Members agreed that the outstanding need of the community at that time was some kind of recreational facilities for the youth. After serious thought and group discussions, the organization selected as its project the erection of a community center.

Mrs. Adams was appointed chairman of the planning committee to outline a campaign. The goal was $25,000. The aim was to raise enough money to purchase the center then turn it over to the city for operation.

Before launching the campaign the group contacted the Mayor too great an undertaking for the Park Board to see if the plan would be acceptable to them.

Mayor Thomas D'Alessandro liked the plan, but thought it such a small organization.

The members of the Park board were favorably impressed and commended the organization its project.

THE CAMPAIGN was launched in January 1949. The members of the organization who helped to raise money were: Mesdames Emma Ball, Ruby Bishop, Ruth Waters, Mae Monk, Ada Spencer, Annie Banks, Anna Jordan, Mae Wright, Drucilla Logan, Ruth Mann, Mildred Thornton, Maggie Johnson, Maggie Harris, Mary Miller, Catherine Adams;

Mesdames Mary Harriston, Margaret Johnson, Ethel Shell, Navis Wooley, Lillian Lee, Eliza Oglesby, Acie Sturgess, Mattie Gwathney, Sarah Giltings, The Misses Mary Fields, and Gloria Miner;

Charles Harrison, Leroy Moore, Donald Mack, Myra Wright, Marshall Jones, Edward Shell, Fletcher Arvin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maxfield and members of the Remington and Howard Street Neighborhood Clubs.

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THE GROUP first reported $1,000 in cash and $2,000 in pledges.

During the latter part of March 1949, the organization learned through one of its members, the late Mrs. Ozella Gantt, that the old Sokel Estate (the present site of the center) was to be put up at public auction on April 7, 1949.

Realizing that this property would be an ideal location for the center, plans were immediately put in operation to try to secure it.

Mrs. Adams contacted Dr. William Allen and asked him to do the bidding. The successful bidder was required to make a deposit of $2,000 to bind the bargain, and the rest of the purchase price to be paid in 90 days.

The organization had only $1,000 in cash at the time and was in a quandary as to where to get the other $1,000 on such a short notice. Dr. Allen came to the rescue and offered to loan the money.

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THE DAY of the auction will never be forgotten. The hour was 4 p.m. Mrs. Johnson was so nervous she was unable to attend the auction. Instead she placed her classroom floor at School No. 113 crying.

Mrs. Adams, sat in her car in front of the building crying. However all tears turned to smiles when Mr. Allen proved to be successful in bidding.

The purchase price was $9,000 The lot was 50' by 200' with a three story building.

Faced with a debt of $9,100 plus the $1,000 owed Mr. Allen, the organization went to work with a will. The building was cleaned, painted and made ready for the many money making activities such as bazaars, suppers, dinners, teas.

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RESIDENTS in the community as well as in all sections of Baltimore were contacted for donations and subscriptions. Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO gave free advertising the AFRO-AMERICAN.

C. Maitland Kelly, head of the Kelly Buick Co. who was then president of the City Council and sent a check for $1,000; a group of real estate agents gave $500 earmarked for playground equipment; $100 was given by the Links Social Club, Robert Garrett, president of the Park Board contributed $500 and the faculty of School No. 113 gave $300.

At the end of 90 days, nearly half of the amount fee had been raised and the loan repaid.

However, in order to meet the settlement requirements and all fees connected with it, the organization had to borrow $5,000 from a bank. The money was to be repaid in payments of $71.14 each month.

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WHEN THE DAY of settlement arrived the organization learned that the lawyer representing it had not completed his records. The settlement had to be postponed.

And when the records were finally cleared and the settlement was scheduled, the organization found itself faced with a bill for $600 which had been charged for compound interest due to the postponement

The money was not available which constituted another emergency. This time Edward Shell, member of the organization, lent the money without interest and required no definite time for the money to be repaid.

The group immediately made plans for a baby contest to repay the money. The contest, held about two months later, netted $750. The loan to Mr. Shell was repaid leaving a balance of $150 to be applied to the bank loan.

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DURING THE fall of 1950 the city supplied a worker for the center but the organization had to maintain the building, buy the fuel, pay the gas and electric bills, and pay a custodian in addition to meeting the monthly payments of $71.14. The organization had to depend wholly on door to door contributions and entertainments.

George H. Thornton was hired as a custodain. He was interested in the project and served faithfully, often without any recompense whatever.

Gradually the mortgage was reduced from $5,000 to $3,000.

In 1952 many members of the association were no longer able to help with the expenses. The only solution was to ask Theodore Brown of the recreation department, Dr. Harris and Harold Callowhill both members of the Park Board to intercede and try to get the city to take over the rest of the mortgage.

Their efforts were successful. the city not only paid the $3,000 due on the mortgage but promised to build a center as soon as materials were available and the Memorial Stadium was completed.

The promise has been kept and today the members of the North Baltimore Civic and Home give thanks—first to God who never forsook them, secondly to people in the community and the city for their wonderful support and lastly to Mayor D'Alesandro who has demonstrated in the building of this center his interest in young people.

WORK BENCH:

The word's extraneous

Replaces 'time is not ripe'

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

Extraneous is the good word. For a long time the boys who like to coin terms that will block progress have been searching for a gimmick with a new sound. They got it from the White House.

Up and down the land there are broken-down military experts, psuedo - liberal columnists and loose - lipped politicians who are following the White House lead.

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IN THE OLD DAYS the favorite term was "the time is not ripe." This was a pretty good standby until someone trapped a lawyer into saying when he thought the time would be ripe.

He mentioned the year 2013 and, because it was a definite cut - off date, obstructionists had to run for cover.

The "time is not ripe" crowd fell safe as long as no one tied them down to a definite date when harvest time would come.

The prospect of being identified with a non-segregated country, even in 2013, was too frightening for them.

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IN THE MIDDLE of their dilemma there came a note of hope from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

President Eisenhower said that civil rights amendments to the Reserve Training Act were extraneous.

For good measure he also said that such amendments would be extraneous on just about any bill.

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AT FIRST the "go slow" forces did not realize what they had. Now they are tuning up like a swamp full of bullfrogs on a spring night.

The President himself gave the cue at his press conference on Wednesday, July 6. Someone asked him about the proposed legislation to give aid to the states for school construction.

He ventured the opinion that a civil rights amendment on the school construction bill would muddy the waters.

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CORRESPONDENTS rushed to their telephones to report what the Chief Executive had said. The next days newspapers carried the headlines, "Ike Hits Extraneous Amendments."

A Georgia colonel appeared before a senate committee the same week and glibly mentioned that he was against those extraneous amendments.

At times he seemed to be having so much trouble handling the King's English that I wondered what would have happened if anyone had asked him to spell the word. No doubt he would have started it with an X.

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A COLUMNIST for a daily chain of papers has doffed the loose raiment of liberalitv to join the crusade against things extraneous.

Any day we may expect a flood of television and radio jokes on this theme by low-grade comedians.

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WHEN COMMITTEES wait upon city fathers in the South, from now on, the stylish escape from facing facts will be provided by the word "extraneous."

Let us hope that politicians who follow the President's lead will make voters very conscious of the new synonym for elimination.

Perhaps in 1956 these voters will decide that some of these office holders are extraneous and put enough X's in their opponents' columns to relegate present incumbents to private life.

Discarded refrigerators are dangerous, remember

The following important warning has been issued by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

There's hidden danger in discarded refrigerators. Startling statistics reveal that from 1948 to 1953, 79 children suffocated in abandoned refrigerators.

These inviting hiding places trap their unsuspecting victims who find escape impossible. Once the door is closed, it automatically latches and whatever air is in it will be exhausted in a relatively short time.

It is the moral responsibility of anyone replacing a refrigerator to see that the old one is moved from the premises at once or adjusted so that children's lives will not be endangered.

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THERE ARE several easy ways to do this:

1. Remove the door — that is the best way to make airtight cabinets safe.

2. Remove the latch stop by taking the screws from the plate.

3. Drill holes in cabinet and remove the door gasket — doing both will unseal the box and admit air.

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IF THE cabinet is only temporarily out of use, you can:

1. Place the cabinet so the door is against the wall; most boxes are too heavy for small children to push around.

2. Tie a wire or stout rope around the icebox, refrigerator or freezer.

3. Where handles are so constructed, padlock the cabinet or refrigerator.

This safety warning applies to old refrigerators, freezers and ice boxes — to those that have been relegated to use as storage chests — to new ones that have been delivered but not installed!

If we are all aware of the hazards involved, and act accordingly, we can put an end to this peril. It's NOW, more than ever, that we must be on the lookout — NOW when more people will be replacing old equipment and when children will have more time to explore during their summer vacation.

Let us all remember this and pass the word along! The child you save may be your own!

DAV chapter elects Butler chaplain

Aubrey Adams Chapter No. 8 Disabled American Veterans held its monthly meeting last Sunday at which time Harry G. Butler, 1635 N. Payson St. took the oath of chaplain of the chapter.

James Saunders of 820 Pitcher St. is the chapter adjutant. Mr. Butler is a student minister in the Methodist church.

District Commander Swan conducted the Sunday meeting. A guest was Chaplain John E. Kellam of Chapter No. 1 of Balti more.

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