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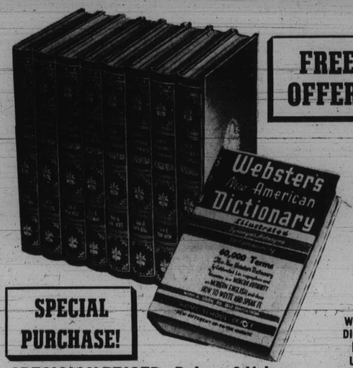

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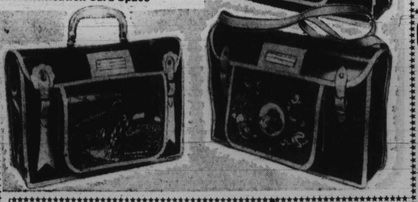

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The AFRO visits with city's traffic experts

Barnes tells neighborhood group plans he has to make city safe

By MITCH THOMAS

Henry A. Barnes, Baltimore's traffic czar, Tuesday told members of the 2400 block Druid Hill Ave. Club that his job of making the city safer for drivers and pedestrians is in no way affected by race or religion, but by need.

Mr. Barnes made the statement to a group of four women who made an appeal for a traffic light or stop signs at Retreat St. and Druid Hill Ave., were several persons have been injured by speeding automobiles, the last of whom was the young daughter of one of the women.

Mrs. Maude B. Smart of 2497 Druid Hill Ave., president of the neighborhood club, told the traffic director that it has become increasingly difficult for anyone, especially children, to cross the street. She said she has been assisting school pupils across the street for the past three years.

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MRS. SMART told Mr. Barnes that one of her relatives died as a result of injuries he received when he was hit by a car in the neighborhood some time ago. The young daughter of Mrs. Gloria Malone of 2431 Druid Hill Ave. was struck by a cab on Aug. 13, Mrs. Smart stated.

Mr. Barnes told the women that he was not guided by the racial or religious makeup of a neighborhood in installing safety devices. He spoke in reference to a belief that the fact that the neighborhood was inhabited by colored people had brought about a delay in remedying the situation.

He said that the neighborhood was on a long list of places that are yet to be studied by the Department of Traffic Engineering. However, he said that a heavy backlog of places to be studied by the department makes it impossible to give immediate attention to every complaint.

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THE FOUR WOMEN included Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Mary Williams of 2435 Druid Hill Ave., and Mrs. Maggie Knight of 2465 Druid Hill Ave. They are among the 40 members of the 2400 block Druid Hill Ave. Club, formed in the interest of neighborhood improvement.

Mrs. Malone asked Mr. Barnes whether it would be possible to have a traffic light installed by the time school opened. The director said he could not promise that a light would be installed by that time, but he would authorize an immediate study into the situation.

He told the women that his department is faced with one of the most difficult traffic problems he has ever encountered during his career. He said that at the present rate of advance, it could take 20 years to solve the traffic problems of the city.

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STATING THAT HE is carrying on a minimum operation within budget limits, Mr. Barnes said he has a list of 317 locations to be studied for possible erection of safety devices. Of 124 locations recently studied, Mr. Barnes said, 10 now have traffic signals.

The traffic director said he has a thick file of complaints which come in daily, requesting signal lights or signs. Each must be studied and processed according to its urgency, he stated.

Within the last year, he said, over 15,000 traffic signs have been put up around the city and over 100 traffic lights installed, the highest number in any given year in the history of Baltimore.

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"IT TAKES TIME and manpower to study and try to remedy all the traffic problems existing in a city as large as Baltimore," Mr. Barnes said. "We have a heavy backlog, but we are doing the best we can."

Mr. Barnes said that his budget for last year was cut some $15,000 under what he had asked, curtailing the extent of his operations. He added that he had made a request of $1,795,000 for the coming year and felt certain that the amount would be approved.

The money, he said, he hoped to get from the city gasoline tax revenue.

With this amount, it would be possible to get more signs, traffic signals and other markings installed, Mr. Barnes stated. He said he would be able to get more action by letting out contracts for some of the work.

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EVEN WORKING at a rapid pace, Mr. Barnes estimates that it will take at least five years to catch up with the city's most serious traffic problems. He feels that the people are ready for the necessary changes, the latest of which he said was the coming changeover from streetcars to busses on Edmondson Ave.

He explained the necessary processing of every complaint and the amount of time it takes to study every problem. His most pressing problems, he said, are adequate funds and manpower.

He said it had to be proven that no law prohibits the use of gasoline tax revenue for traffic improvements before the new and higher appropriation could be submitted for approval.

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BEFORE THE GROUP of women departed, Mr. Barnes promised to have a member of his department check the neighborhood right away. He stated he would call in his director of school problems to see what could be done in the area before the opening of the fall term at the neighborhood school.

"We are trying to do everything we can," Mr. Barnes stated. "We don't want to see children maimed anymore than anyone else."

Mr. Barnes' office is located in the Department of Traffic Engineering building at 413 St. Paul Pl. In the several offices of the building, the extensive work of the department is carried out, the work through which it is that the serious traffic problems of the city will be solved.

The solution of a traffic problem involves a series of steps which range from a preliminary study of the situation up to the installation of safety devices, rerouting of traffic or alternations to a given street.

All of this work is done by a staff of experts working under the city's director of traffic engineering, Mr. Barnes. The problem of solving a city's traffic difficulties is more intricate than one would immediately imagine.

Any change in the traffic scheme necessarily affects transit and truck routes. For this reason, truck and transit coordinators, Edwin Kahoe Jr. and Walter Kendall, have the job of seeing that no new problems are created while old ones are being processed.

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WHEN IT IS necessary to change traffic routes, alter streets or install traffic lights, planning and surveys are necessary. All this is done in visual form by four draftsmen working under James Boothe and Louis R. Coyle.

One of the draftsmen concerned with the layout of streets is Joseph Hanley, the only colored employee of the department.

Other offices include that of James Gardner in which school problems are handled; traffic investigations, headed by Robert Haas, where all traffic complaints are processed and answered; the office of special spaces and ordinances, dealing with loading and unloading zones.

Typical of the intricate work of the department is that involved in placing a traffic signal or determining whether existing signals are doing an effective job.

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THIS SECTION, directed by James Rudden, works as an engineering company on its own. It handles the study of a given intersection, the traffic load at given hours, pedestrian traffic, number of automobile lanes, etc. and makes recommendation as to the type of signal, if any, needed.

Then it is necessary to see that the signals are placed according to specifications. The placement of traffic signals requires profound study since signals cost $2,500 each.

The work of the department also involves the keeping of accident records by which it is possible to determine danger spots; the investigation of all complaints which come in from public sources; a study of the legal aspects of the traffic problem outlined by city ordinances and the actual placement of signs and traffic lights, handled by a department separate from the St. Paul Pl. building.

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MR. BARNES, under whom all the operations are carried on, stated that there will always be a traffic problem in a city the size of Baltimore. Some of the worst conditions have existed for over 15 years, he said. It is not possible to solve all of the problems over night, but progress is being made as rapidly as possible.

One of the most important aids to the work of the department, Mr. Barnes said, cannot come from the public. Every complaint that comes into the department is processed and studied as quickly as the load will permit.

The work will take time, the traffic czar said. He appealed to the public for its patience and cooperation.

WANT LIGHT HERE—Members of the 2400 block Druid Hill Ave. Club, a civic improvement organization, this week urged traffic czar Henry A. Barnes to install either signal lights or stop signs at this intersection of Druid Hill and Retreat St., which has been the scene of several accidents in which pedestrians were seriously injured or killed.

ADMIRE NEW CANTEEN—Dr. Arnold H. Eichert, superintendent of Crownsville State Hospital admires equipment in new canteen for patients with Mrs. Glenford P. Mussenden, chairman of the canteen committee of the Women's Auxiliary of Crownsville. The Auxiliary opened the canteen up last Thursday in the new Adolph Meyer building. It is manned by volunteers and the profits will be used for patient welfare projects.

Vacation highlights

Inquiring Reporter talks to teachers

THE QUESTION

What was the highlight of your vacation?

THE ANSWERS

MISS ERMA HOLLAND, 548 Harlem Ave., director of the Community Center at the Carter G. Woodson School No. 160: "My formal vacation doesn't begin until Aug. 30, but I have made a delightful visit to Atlantic City where for the first time, I saw the diving horse at the Steel Pier. I drove up with some friends and my mother, Mrs. Susie Hilburn. We went bathing and enjoyed all the seashore activities. During my vacation, I intend to spend the time relaxing at my summer home on 301 Highway."

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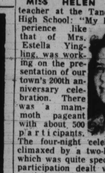

MISS HELEN BANKARD, teacher at the Taneytown, Md. High School: "My highlight experience like that of Mrs. Estella Yingling, was working on the presentation of our town's 200th anniversary celebration. There was a mammoth pageant with about 500 participants. The four-night celebration was climaxed by a two-hour parade which was quite spectacular. My participation dealt with the advertising and selling end, serving refreshments, buying supplies and things like that." (Miss Bankard was in Baltimore attending the Industry-Business-Labor-Education workshop for teachers).

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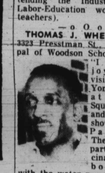

THOMAS J. WHEADEN JR., 3323 Pressman St., vice principal of Woodson School No. 160: "I think I enjoyed most visiting New York, looking at Times Square again and seeing the show at the Paramount Theatre. I was particularly fascinated by the bond exhibit with the water running over the large statue, Betsy (my car) and I have made 30 recent trips to New York because I am attending NYU there, but I still get a thrill out of the Big City."

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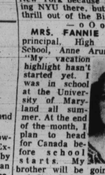

MRS. FANNIE B. KNODE, principal, High Point High School, Anne Arundel County: "My vacation highlight hasn't started yet. I was in school at the University of Maryland all summer. At the end of the month, I plan to head for Canada before school starts. My brother will be going with me and I'm looking forward to a grand vacation up there.

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MISS ESTELLA YINGLING, teacher, Taneytown Junior-Senior High School, Carroll County: "The best part of my vacation was spent in helping to present the bicentennial program of Taneytown. The colorful pageant was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of NOWISTHETIM and over 500 citizens from the area participated. It started out as a club affair and turned into a community project. It was really wonderful."

Heart stopping tip wins money

The first person to call the AFRO about the young woman whose heart stopped three times during an operation at City Hospitals won the $5 top money prize this week in the AFRO NEWSTIP CONTEST.

Second prize money of $3 went to the person who called about an 11-year-old boy falling off a two - story roof.

A $2 prize winner was the person to who called us on information concerning an accident victim.

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OTHERS WHO called first with information which made AFRO stories received $1 each for the following:

Man beaten on street Sunday; a fire in 400 block Carrollton Ave., colored bricklaying crew in 1500 block Warner St.; robbery and shooting at Dukeland and Fayette Sts.; car hits all truck at Lafayette and McKean; two trailer trucks collide, Franklin and poppleton.

The AFRO has $25 to give away each week to persons who first call in newstips on happening in Baltimore.

If you see anything happen, just get on the telephone and dial MULberry 5-0015. Ask for the City Desk and tell whoever answers you have a newstip. It's that simple.

ANOTHER WINNER — Samuel Washington, 808 Hampson, was a Lucky Pic winner in the AFRO recently. A Watkins Product salesman, Mr. Wahsington came to the AFRO office to collect his $5 prize. There's another Lucky Pic encircled in this edition of the AFRO.

Gov. answers NAACP on treatment in courts

In acknowledgement of a letter concerning the treatment of persons appearing before Chief Magistrate William F. Laukaitis, Gov. McKeldin on Wednesday asked the NAACP for specific instances of discourteous service.

In a letter addressed to NAACP Executive Secretary Bowen Jackson, the governor stated:

"I have your letter dated July 28 concerning the complaints which you say have been received by your office of the treatment that many people receive when appearing before Magistrate William F. Laukaitis.

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"YOUR LETTER was referred to Judge Laukaitis and enclosed is a copy of his reply to my office.

"In the event that you have any specific instance that you think should be looked into, I will be glad to have it investigated."

In answer to the NAACP complaint Magistrate Laukaitis's reply to the Governor said the following:

"My conduct as a magistrate in the trial of all cases coming before me has been based upon courteous, kind, attentive treatment and consideration for all persons, regardless of their station in life, religious affiliation, racial background or color.

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"IT HAS ALWAYS been my endeavor to apply the facts in a case to the law and render a verdict tempering justice with mercy.

"This can well be attested to by my court sessions in Central police court. On no occasion have either of the two representative dailies of our city criticized any act of mine as a police magistrate.

"I have received favorable commendation on the handling of cases before me by the press and numerous letters of commendation from outstanding citizens on my disposition of cases and treatment accorded those appearing before me," the letter concluded.

Only three weeks left to register for Nov. elections

If you wish to vote in the November elections you must be registered September 15 is the deadline to register in Baltimore City; September 18 is the last day in Baltimore County.

In Baltimore City, you can register at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in the People's Court Building., Fayette and Gay Sts.

In Baltimore County you can register at the courthouse in Towson.

A Lucky Pic worth $5 and a $5 Lucky House are in this edition of the AFRO. Look for them, you may be a winner.

EARL BOOKER

Swimmer, 14, in Lucky Pic

Jr. high student is $5 winner

A 14-year-old 9-A student at Booker T. Washington Junior High School was the Lucky Pic winner in Tuesday's edition of the AFRO.

Young Earl Booker of 1955 W. Mulberry St., won himself $5 because he spied his photo, with head encircled, in the AFRO while reading it at the YMCA.

Earl is a member of the YMCA swimming team and his winning photo was taken while he was swimming at the Druid Park Pool.

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ANOTHER LUCKY Pic, with head encircled, appears in today's AFRO. The person in this photograph can collect $5 simply by bringing the picture to the AFRO City Desk before noon, Tuesday, Aug. 31.

It must be your head in the circle for you to be a winner.

Young Booker, who lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Booker, is also a member of the Aquaducks Club, a group of youngsters who swim regularly at the Druid Park Pool and recently put on a water carnival there.

Earl, a regular reader of the AFRO, says he thinks he'll use his $5 prize to buy a bike at auction at one of the police stations.

"You can get them cheap there," Earl says.

Article tells of Maryland's glories

The current issue of Holiday magazine is featuring an illustrated article touting the glories of the State of Maryland.

From the Eastern Shore to the Western part of the state, the article recounts the history of the state and dwells on the landmarks, schools, and traditions that make up Maryland.

The article also includes the information that Maryland passed a law supporting religious tolerance more than 300 years ago and gave the vote to colored residents 60 years before the Civil War.

METHODISTS SPONSOR ANNUAL CHOIR WORKSHOP

WAVELAND, Miss.—The second annual choir workshop for the Methodist Churches was held at Gulfside Assembly here August 9-15, the Rev. Daniel L. Ridout, administrative secretary of the Jackson District, Methodist Church, was in charge of the workshop.

Coming Events

AUGUST 27-28
Howard County Wide PTA Carnival at Tubman High School, Simpsonville, Md.

AUGUST 29
Community Sunday at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Bond Ave., Reisterstown, Md., the Rev. Alphonza Thompson, guest speaker.

AUGUST 30
Trip to Tolchester Beach sponsored by the Mt. Olive Beneficial Association, Inc. Boat leaves Pier 5, Pratt St., at 9 a.m.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1
Registration for new school pupils, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4
Annual boat ride of the Baltimore branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees aboard the S.S. Tolchester, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7
Baltimore City schools open.

SEPTEMBER 10
The Autumn Boat ride of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Have you registered? September 15 is the last day to register in Baltimore City. September 18 is Baltimore County deadline. You can't vote if you're not registered.

LUCKY HOUSE — Mrs. Sarah Bryant, s1118 Biggs Ave, was the first winner in the AFROs 'new Lucky House contest which started last Friday. She won $5 when a photo of her house was published. Another Lucky House is in this edition of the AFRO. Look for it.

Felt NAAWP talk was merely a hoax

WASHINGTON

A talk by the president of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, Inc., sounded like a joke to a member of the Washington Exchange Club, Wednesday.

At the club's luncheon meeting, Bryant W. Bowles, NAAWP head, announced that his organization will "help anyone who favors separation of the races."

M. Irving Day, a manufacturers' representative and a member of the Exchange Club, could not believe he was listening to serious talk as Mr. Bowles spoke.

"I THINK you're crazy," Mr. Day told Mr. Bowles. "I wouldn't join your organization on a bet."

Thursday Mr. Day told the AFRO that he "thought the whole thing was a hoax."

"I hadn't heard of this organization," he said, "I didn't know that such a thing existed. I wouldn't put it by the secretary of the club to prepetuate such a hoax because he has done it before. I didn't think this man was quite as serious."

He added that he still thought Mr. Bowles sounded like a screwball.

ABOUT 35 members of the Exchange Club heard Mr. Bowles' speech. In answer to a question by Bert Nye, secretary of the club, Bowles said that the aim of his organization is to obtain a Constitutional amendment supporting racial segregation.

Mr. Bowles had barely finished his remarks when Mr. Day rose and said:

"NO ONE thinks the white man needs protection for advancement. I wouldn't join your organization on a bet. Why don't you call it by its right name—a society for promotion of segregation? I hate the name you call your organization. I think you're crazy."

Mr. Day told the AFRO:

"They say Ijust jumped up and shouted, but I was very mild. I said I thought the whole thing was a hoax. And then I said I was surprised; I didn't understand that the man was serious, or words to that effect."

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ASKED IF HE would be opposed to an organization for the promotion of segregation, Mr. Day replied:

"Why, certainly. Gee whiz! Oh, my—the whole thing—maybe it's controversial and maybe I'm a blind spot and can see only one side, but as long as the dear, beloved South is managing to get along with the Supreme Court and not have a revolution below the Mason-Dixon line, it seems to me that we might just as well go along that way and not try to reverse things."

MR. DAY said that Mr. Bowles' appearance before the Exchange Club was arranged by William McCausland, chairman of the program committee. Speaking for Mr. McCausland, Mr. Day said:

"He may have been embarrassed when we got through, I don't know. But, on the other hand, he may have felt he was giving an opportunity for expression of an opinion even on a controversial subject, and we aren't so narrow that we can't hear both sides.

"It didn't strike me personally that way and I have been chairman of that committee. I never would have asked that man to speak in the wide world, but that's no criticism of Mr. McCausland."

Mr. Day said that he is a native of New York and has lived in Washington since 1927.

300 teachers in workshop on business and industry

A cruise down the harbor today. (Friday) will climax the Industry - Business - Labor - Education workshop which was attended by 300 city and county school teachers this week at City College.

The workshop course of instruction included lectures, movies, group discussions and tours of local business and industrial plants.

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THE WORKSHOP was sponsored by the Association of Commerce, the city and county school administrations, Catholic and private school divisions, the CIO and the AFL.

The welcome address at Monday's opening session was presented by Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of Baltimore city schools. He was followed by the chairman of Industry Day, Carlton B. Smith plant manager of the E. I. duPont de Nemours Company.

The orientation period was conducted by Dr. Harry Bard of the curriculum bureau in the city schools; Mrs. Edna Over Gray, vice - preincipal of Douglass High School was in charge of setting up the group discussions.

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AMONG THE teachers who registered were:

Mrs. Helen Hill, School 116; Mary Shaw, 159; Ethel Clarke, 137; Vernice Graves, 114; Roberta Crosby, Carver High School, Baltimore County; Bernice Watson, 108; Lillian Simmons, 107; Weldon Sims, Carver High, Baltimore County; Travis M. White, 454-B;

Imogene Douglas, School 100; Gloria McDaniel, Carver High, Baltimore County, Annie Thompson, 138; Blancha Watters, 148; Charles Fletcher, Sellers Point School; Dolores Bowers, 136; Norma Faulkner, 147; Bernice Brown, 104; Ivera Evans, 112; Hattie Brown, Sellers Point School; Bertha Cross; Anthony Watson, 454; Anna Pinkney, 137;

Aurelia Morgan, 120; Charles Stevenson, 454; John Ward, 137; Lucile Johnson, Sellers Point School; Berbara Bennett, 136; Louise G. Turks, 122; Elaine Tarter, 125; Minnie Woolford, Carver High in Baltimore County; Elbert R. Bishop, Carver High; Merita K. Stokes, 130; Lorraine Thomas, 130;

GERTIE HARRIS, 133; Gloria McDaniel, 133; Ida M. Henson, Carver High, Baltimore County; Carl White, supervisor in the city schools; Jessye N. Valentine, 130; Leanna B. Bailey, 143; Thelma B. Cox, 106; Thelma P. Thompson, 106; Charles C. Mason, 108; Christine Moore, 130; Geraldine Boston, Carver, Baltimore County; Alice F. Ford, 130;

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