Injured nurse out of hospital

Mrs. Edith Little, the 28-year-old hospital nurse who was brutally beaten Sunday, allegedly by her estranged husband, was released from Provident Hospital, Thursday.

The attractive nurse told police that she was attacked and dragged from the front steps of her home, in the 1000 block Arlington Ave., by her estranged husband, William Little, 28, of the 2300 block Round Rd., Cherry Hill.

In Northwestern Police Court, Tuesday, Little was charged with assault and striking his wife, and ordered held in bail of $1,000. A hearing has been scheduled for Friday, July 27, at Northwestern.

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Jury acquits man of stabbing charge

"I wanted him to beg me. I had done all the begging before and I wanted him to beg me to come back."

Mrs. Dorothy Benton, 400 block E. 21st St., made these remarks in Criminal Court Monday while testifying on behalf of her husband, David Benton, 23, charged with assault to murder.

Mr. Benton was on trial for the May 24 stabbing of William Davis, unit block N. Bond St., brother-in-law of his wife.

A JURY of women and seven men in the court of Judge John Tucker found Mr. Benton not guilty after deliberating less than two hours.

Mrs. Benton told the jury the night before the stabbing incident she and her husband had a quarrel and she took one of her two small children and went to stay with her sister, Mrs. William Davis.

The next evening, she said, Mr. Benton came to the house to persuade her to return home.

"You said you were perfectly willing to go back to your husband?" asked Jamie Pricer, assistant State's attorney, asked the witness under cross examination.

"I wanted him to beg me," the witness said, relating that when they reached the house she begged him to take her back.

Mr. Benton said when he knocked at the door of his in-law, Mr. Davis answered it with a sword in his hand. His wife testified later that she grabbed the relic, a 32-inch sword, when she heard her husband at the door and her brother-in-law took it away from her.

Mr. Benton stated that he and Mr. Davis became involved in a quarrel. He said during a struggle he took the sword away from Mr. Davis.

"I didn't know he had been cut until an officer told me," Mr. Benton said.

OFFICER Barnes said when he recovered the sword there was an 8-inch bloodstain on it.

In asking for a conviction, Mr. Price told the jury, "The only reason he (Mr. Davis) is here today is due to the wonders of modern medicine. Otherwise, it could have been a case of first-degree murder."

Bernard J. Mentzel, defense counsel, in asking for acquittal, argued, "He does not belong in jail; he belongs home with his family."

3 guilty in car larceny case

"When the keys fell to the floor I pulled over to the side and told the fellows something was wrong."

Melvin L. Jones, 21, 1500 block N. Stricker St., one of three defendants on trial in Criminal Court Wednesday for larceny of an automobile, was describing how he first learned the car he was driving was stolen.

Other defendants in the case were Arthur J. Holt, 22, 1300 block W. Lafayette Ave., and George F. Boonne, 18, 1000 block N. Mount St.

Mr. Jones testified that he borrowed the car from Boonne and was driving around with Mr. Holt and another youth when the keys fell out of the ignition switch.

He said when he discovered the keys were not car keys he pulled over to the curb at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St., where he was arrested by police on the lookout for the stolen vehicle.

JOHN STANLEY, 23, N. Stricker St., owner of the car, told the court his vehicle was stolen after he parker it in the 800 block Saratoga St. on May 30.

Officer Albert E. Barnes, Northwestern District, testified that Boone admitted stealing the car in a statement to police.

Judge Joseph Byrnes found Mr. Jones and Mr. Holt guilty of the third count of the indictment charging them with unauthorized use of the stolen machine. He gave each an 18 month suspended sentence in the Maryland State Reformatory for Males and placed them on two years probation.

Boonne was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to not more than 18 months in the Maryland State Reformatory for Males.

'Salt case' neighbors grapple in bout No. 14

"You women have been here so many times. What do you take this court room for, a playground?"

That was the query of Magistrate Vernon Wiesand at Pine St., Wednesday morning as he prepared to referee round 14 in the latest episode of the "salt case" neighbors.

He was again talking to Mrs. Lillian Silver and Mrs. Eleanore B. Boswell, next door neighbors in the 2400 block Edmondson Ave. who have been in and out of the police station for over a year.

Mrs. Silver, a housewife, and Mrs. Boswell, a former school teacher, have accused each other of assault and disorderly conduct 14 times.

IN ONE instance, Mrs. Silver charged Mrs. Boswell with sprinkling salt on her steps. The lengthy series of court hearings was dubbed the "salt case."

As a result, Mrs. Boswell was dismissed from her school teaching job.

In their 12th court appearance three weeks go, the two women were told by Magistrate Wiesand:

"I'm sick and tired of this mess. I'm going to send this case downtown."

In that case, Mrs. Boswell accused Mrs. Silver of assault by threatening to cut her, and with throwing dirt into the eyes of her 3-year-old son on June 23. Bail for Mrs. Silver was set at $250 on the two charges.

WHILE AWAITING to be called by the grand jury, the women, according to police, stated a "battle royal" in front of their homes the day after Friday the 13th.

In that battle which was thrown out of court last Saturday, by Magistrate Henry Kaplan, both women testified that their clothing was torn to shreds.

Mrs. Boswell testified: "She (Mrs. Silver) flew into me like a tiger. I defended myself and we fought all over the pavement."

Mrs. Boswell stated: "I heard someone behind me. It was Mrs. Silver. She struck me."

AS A RESULT of the fight, Mrs. Silver sustained a rupture of a blood vessel in her right eye and her glasses were broken.

Mrs. Boswell was treated for bruises on both knees and arms.

During the melee, the radio antenna on the Silver's car was torn from its mounting.

Mrs. Boswell told the court the fight started when: "I was standing on my porch. I asked Mrs. Silver why she took out a warrant for me. She slapped my face. I slapped her back."

ROUND 14 in the fight to the finish had to do Wednesday with charges made by Mrs. Bessie Meadows, the 64-year-old mother of Mrs. Silver.

Charging the well-dressed teacher with disorderly conduct, Mrs. Meadows claimed that Mrs. Boswell threw a pail of dirty water into her daughter's back yard on July 11th.

Mrs. Meadows testified: "I was fixing lunch and heard this water. I went to the door and Mrs. Boswell had thrown this dirty water from her door down my walk.

"It was dirty soapy water. I didn't say a word."

ADJUSTING A pair of sun glasses which did not prevent courtroom spectators from glaring at dark circles under reddened eyes, Mrs. Silver stated:

"The day she threw that water I had the ironing board across the basement door. I ran upstairs and said 'Oh, she has thrown water in the door.'"

"She threw three buckets full. I counted them.

"My husband has just come out of the hospital. I never said good morning to her. She talked about what she was getting away with and said to the judge."

MRS. BOSWELL testified: "On that particular day I did throw out the water. I always throw water out the back door. I have no place else to pour it."

Asked by Michael Freedman, attorney for Mrs. Meadows, if she had been sneering at Mrs. Silver, Mrs. Boswell said:

"I think this whole thing is tied up with Mr. Silver. She has the mistaken idea that we are having an affair. She's so very wrong."

IN CLOSING Mr. Freedman stated:

"Judge, We have a situation here that can be damaging.

"It is my honest conclusion that this woman (Mrs. Boswell) is what we call a hellcat in the neighborhood.

"She's a spiteful, frustrated individual either from the lack of love or from something else that could be an obsession.

"She's got a mouth that she can't keep buttoned up. Give her a lie detector test and she'd ring the bell. She's a smoothie.

"AN INVESTIGATION will show that she was dismissed from her job because of her violent temper.

"There is one way to break this up. Jail her, fine her, or give her an examination. She could be a mental case.

"This isn't the last time you'll see her. Someone's going to harm her legally."

Expressing surprise over Mr. Freedman's comments Milton Allen, attorney for Mrs. Boswell stated:

"I'M SURPRISED about all the liberality Mr. Freedman has. We think there has been a man in the picture somewhere.

"On the other hand, when Magistrate Aaron said something about sending them to jail her (Mrs. Silver's) mother started taking out the warrants. Somebody needs a mental examination."

Addressing Magistrate Wiesand Mr. Allen continued:

"You have been patient, mannered they are. If you noticed, I accidentally touched her mother's foot when we came in and she jumped all over me, even though I apologized.

"There's something wrong on both sides."

TURNING TO Mrs. Boswell who dabbed daintly at tears which cascaded across her snow white jacket and trim black dress, Mr. Allen shook his head and added, "There's something wrong somewhere."

"It appears to me that this thing might turn out to be a contest to see which attorney can get the biggest fee.

"I'm going to decide this case on a point taken by the defendant. The fact that she admits throwing water in the yard.

"IF SHE had a desire to do the right thing she could have poured the water down the drain or either in the street near the curb, but she stands on the back porch knowing that it will go on these people's property.

"So far as I'm concerned it's conduct of this kind which tends to disturb the peace

"I'm going to fine Mrs. Boswell $25 and costs. Such will be the course from now on.

"I'm going to change my course and let the chips fall where they may."

Following the decision Mr. Allen informed the court that he would file an appeal. Bail for Mrs. Boswell was set at $250.

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Geechie, 2 friends get 10 years for yoking

"We picked up six fellows called 'Geechie' before getting Pride."

Sgt. Raymond Suter was testifying Monday in the case of Homesic (Geechie) Pride and two other men on trial for assaulting and yoking Raymond Williams in the 600 block Vine St. on June 19.

Charged with robbing Mr. Williams of $18 were Mr. Pride, 29, unit block N. Pearl St., Willie R. Byrd, 23, 1000 block N. Eutaw St., and Theodore B. Smith, 26, 200 block N. Schroeder St.

AFTER HEARING testimony in the case Judge Joseph Byrnes imposed terms of 10 years in the Maryland Penitentiary on each of the three defendants.

Sergeant Suter said Mr. Williams reported the robbery a few minutes after it was committed.

He related that he got a description of the three daylight bandits and names of two, but in the case of Mr. Pride he learned only that he was known as "Geechie."

Mr. Smith said he took the money from Mr. Williams because he owed him $20.

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Youth guilty of assault on girl, 13

"We have in this case really assault with intent to rape, but he's only charged with assault."

Edward Borgending, assistant State's attorney, was outlining the charge against 16-year-old Garland C. Childs, 1000 block McKean Ave., in Criminal Court Tuesday afternoon.

The youth was accused of assaulting a 13-year-old girl after the two of them had consumed a quantity of wine on June 25.

JUDGE JOSEPH BYRNES found Childs guilty of assault but withheld passing sentence pending a probation report.

The victim of the assault, who appeared mature for her age, described on the witness stand how she, the Childs youth and several other teenagers drank the wine provided by the defendant.

She said she and Childs walked her cousin home and when they got to Harlem Square "I sat down on a bench because I felt sick. I said I wanted to go home."

When they came to a nearby alley, she said, Childs attempted to attack her.

"I started screaming and he put his hand over my mouth," she testified.

The girl's screams attracted the attention of a neighbor who summoned police. Northwestern District officers arrested Childs at the scene.

THE DEFENDANT testified that he could not recall attempting to rape the girl.

"I remember going out in the Square and I remember leaving the Square," Childs said. "Then the next thing I knew the police had me."

Mr. Borgending argued that Childs was guilty of assault "when he put his hand over the girl's mouth."

Donald W. Matthews, 21, 2000 block Harlem Ave., a half brother of Childs, was acquitted of robbing a drunk in a park when the State was unable to prove that he purchased wine for the youth.

After presenting the case against Mr. Matthews, the assistant State's attorney said, "In fairness to the defendant, I wish someone would move for a directed verdict."

Drive to revive school bill opened

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Sen. H. Alexander Smith (Rep., N.J.) stated this week that he intends to draft that he can revive the school construction bill in the session.

The New Jersey senator said he believes that we are in a position in the Senate to take fresh approach to this legislation and to pass a school bill before the Congress adjourns.

Smith referred to the President's promise to press vigorously for action on a school bill this session. And, he added, he intends to do all that he can to help Mr. Eisenhower carry out this promise.

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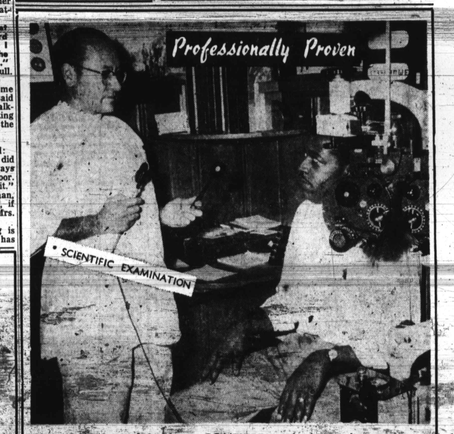

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'Dogs just don't bite people,' is latest word from SPCA

"Dogs just don't bite people. They usually have a reason. If you believe a dog is about to bite you, don't run, just stand still."

These words of wisdom came on Tuesday from a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as she answered the question: what makes a dog bite.

The query was prompted by the annual summer increase in the number of dog bites here in the city.

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EVIDENCE OF this increase is offered by the local Department of Health which reports that in the coldest months of 1955, November, December, January, February, and March, there were 1,055 cases of reported dog bites.

When the weather turned warm, business really picked up. In April, May, June, July, and August, there were 2,030 reported dog bites.

This compares to the dullest month of the year, December, when only 156 pesons were officially bitten. We say officially, since everyone who was bitten did not report the incident.

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THE HEAVY concentration of dog bites in the summer months was attributed by the SPCA spokesman to two factors.

Factor one is that children are out of school in the warm months and they come into contact with more dogs than they during the winter months.

Fact two is that more and more people move into a house from an apartment the first thing they want to do is to buy a dog. Why do you realize that last year the sale of pet products went up by over two million dollars. Anytime you have more dogs, you'll have more dog bites," the lady from the SPCA said.

THE LADY also said that there are three principal reasons why a dog bites a human. She listed them as viciousness, a mental disturbance, and fear.

Of the vicious dog, the spokesman said there aren't many of this kind around, and in fact in her years of contact with man's best friend she has yet to see a dog that was really vicious.

As an example of a "mentally upset" dog she cited the case of an unfortunate animal who had been "tormented" by children who "handled him like he was rag doll and took his food away from him while he was eating."

One day the dog just upped and took a nip out of one of the little nippers.

"Dogs are just like people," the spokesman said further. "You can upset them too."

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A FEMALE dog who is trying to protect her young pups is an example of dogs who bite through fear, the spokesman continued.

For those interested in avoiding a bite on either an ankle, leg, or any sundry and asserted part of the anatomy, the spokesman offered this advice.

"If you see a dog who looks like he might bite, walk quietly away. If the dog runs after you and growls, don't run, just stand still."

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SHE ALSO advised parents of children to instruct their offsprings a few lessons in the proper handling of dogs with the idea of leaving them to their own devices.

Since the Post Office recently warned that the problem of postment being bitten by dogs was important enough to warrant a full scale Washington conference, the spokesman was asked whether dogs have a special taste for postmen.

"No," she answered, "but postmen are out in the street all day going up to people's doors so naturally they have more of a chance to get bitten."

In case all else fails and you are bitten, you should report immediately to a physician for treatment. Usually a tetanus shot is given and the offending dog is examined to determine if he has rabies. But don't let the word "rabies" frighten you.

"Its been over seven years since we had a case of rabies," the SPCA spokesman said reassuringly.

WHICH BRINGS to mind the recent troubles of a citizen who chanced upon a Great Dane which took a healthy bite out of said citizens leg. The injured man jumped away to the door of the dog's owner and knocked weakly.

"Mister," he said, "your dog just bit me."

"You're lucky he didn't bark at you!" the owner reassured the somewhat startled citizen. "After all his bark is worse than his bite."

"What a tasty looking ankle."

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

Last week I discussed various elements of the proposed platform on Civil Rights which it is hoped will be incorporated into the full platform of the Democratic party come August. I promised to continue the discussion this week—on points that should be in the platform relative to civil rights and the rights of minorities.

Rule 22 of the U.S. Senate has prevented those who oppose the filibuster from doing anything about it. It requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate in order to end debate on measures.

Never has it been possible to get a two-thirds vote and hence the Southern Senators have been able to talk many bills to death. This enables a minority of the Senate to dictate to the majority.

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THUS, MOST liberals are proposing that when the Congress meets in January, 1957, to organize for the next session of Congress that they adopt a rule different from rule 22.

There will be several proposals having as their aim the end of the filibuster. It is felt and rightly so, that any bill that reaches the floor of the Senate ought to be voted on after a reasonable time has been allowed for debate.

The platform no matter how liberal on civil rights, will mean little if this rule is allowed to stand. It should be removed.

As part of this same problem, it is being proposed that in the House of Representatives, the rules should be so drawn as to prevent the Rules Committee from dictating to the House what bills shall or shall not be considered.

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IF POWERFUL Southerners are on this Rules Committee (and they always are) they can often prevent civil rights bills from being voted on. This rule should be changed and the platform should call for such a change.

Another major problem, especially of recent months, has been the procedure for the selection of Committee Chairman. We are all aware of the fact that Senator Eastland of Mississippi is Chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and therefore is in a position to block many civil rights bills as well as appointments to the bench that he disapproves.

He became chairman because custom is that a senior senator assumes the position. The Southern Senators with their poll tax and disfranchisement of the colored potential voter, manage to stay in office long and thus chair these committees.

Thus the platform should call for an end to this practice so that the chairmen will be men willing to carry out the principles of the party platform in addition to being men of merit. One proposal suggests that seniority should only be a factor to consider along with other considerations.

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NATURALLY, ANY platform should contain a pledge for the enactment of a Fair Employment bill of some type. Such a bill simply prohibits discrimination in hiring because of race, color, religion or national origin and calls for an agency of the Federal government to assume the responsibility for carrying out this pledge.

We hope that all of these important pledges will become a part of the Democratic and Republican party platforms. Without most of them, the platforms will be meaningless insofar as the colored man is concerned.

Stiff hands no bar to child's happiness

(See Photo on Page 6)

The fingers of the young girl worked slowly at the task of weaving a pot holder from strands of brightly colored yarn.

Her movements were stiff and almost clumsy, but the child's look of deep concentration told that this was not important — at least not to her.

What really mattered was that she was doing something constructive, and when you are a victim of cerebral palsy, it means a lot when you can do something constructive and on your own.

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THE CHILD worked on at most totally unaware of the visitor who stood near her absorbed in and who bent down over the table at which she worked and asked her who would receive the pot holder, the youngster said tenderly:

"This is for my mother."

The happy girl is one of 23 handicapped youngsters currently attending Camp Hillside in the Cherry Hill Community Center.

Sponsor of the camp, and six similar ones in and around Baltimore, is the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults.

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CAMP HILLSIDE operates daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and provides the children with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, clay modeling, leathercraft, cook-outs, games, and excursions.

In essence what the camp does is to provide [illegible] with supervision [illegible] ored to fit their [illegible] scap.

For instance, [illegible] for one child [illegible] should not be allowed [illegible] too long in the [illegible] counselors find, [illegible] for him to do. Some of the children are nonambulatory.

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THE INDIVIDUAL attention is one of the hallmarks of Camp Hillside. For each child because of his [illegible] handicap, presents an individual problem.

Here at Camp Hillside [illegible] victims of the aftermath of [illegible] polio, muscular dystrophy, [illegible] hearing defects, cerebral palsy and other disabling diseases [illegible] to handle 23 [illegible] there were [illegible] Gwendolyn [illegible] Mrs. Dorothy [illegible] interest [illegible] leaders [illegible] problems [illegible] with handicaps [illegible] pathy not too [illegible]

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"THESE CHILDREN like to do things for themselves," said Mr. Wallace, "you can see them trying to do something and you feel that you should help them, but they will quickly tell you 'I can do it myself,' and while it takes them longer, it makes them feel better."

This year there are two sessions at Camp Hillside. The first one ran from July 2, through July 13, and the current one is running from July 16-27.

Any physically handicapped child is eligible to enter this camp and any of the six others operated by the Maryland League for Crippled Children who pick up the entire bill except for a $3 registration fee and lunches.

The League has made an arrangement with the Department of Education which provides daily bus service to and from the camp.

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WHILE THE camp is now operating on two-week periods, Mr. Wallace hopes that in the future they can be extended to three weeks.

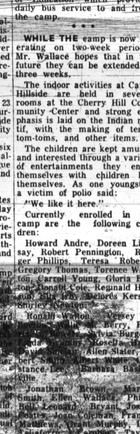
The indoor activities at Camp Hillside are held in several rooms at the Cherry Hill Community Center and strong emphasis is laid on the Indian motif, with the making of tents, tom-toms, and other items.

The children are kept amused and interested through a variety of entertainments they enjoy themselves with children like themselves. As one youngster, a victim of polio said:

"We like it here."

Currently enrolled in the camp are the following children:

Howard Andre, Doreen Lindsay, Robert Pennington, Rodger Phillips, Teresa Roberts, Gregory Thomas, Florence Walsh, Darrell Young, Gloria Burton, Donald Cole, Reginald Hudson, Carolyn Kerson, Donald Wagner, Lindsey M. Berry, Robert Dial, Thomas Hughes, Allen Slater, Barbara Baker, Jonathan Brown, Marvin Ellen Wallace, Philip Bell, Leonard Bryant, Joseph Gaskins, Francis Taylor, Marlene Wagner, Lela Mayfield, Jacqueline Taylor, Beverly Wallace, Jennifer J. Stevenson.


UP FOR AIR—From the water at the Cherry Hill swimming pool comes Dianne Nelson, 16, 3506 Round Rd., after a swim. Miss Nelson admits that her swimming leaves "a little to be desired" but she figures the main thing "is having fun." The young lady is in the tenth grade at Douglass High School where she is a commercial pupil.

Everyday adventure for youths at YM

By JAMES WILLIAMS

"Okay for the first squad let's move outside."

The crisp words from John S. Ward sent a handful of youngsters hustling out of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA on Wednesday morning. Once on the sidewalk they waited while other squads joined them and soon there were 80 some youngsters loaded down with lunches and headed for high adventure.

The magic carpet that was to take them on adventuring was a bus parked around the corner on McMechen St. with its nose headed in the general direction of the Bainbridge Naval Station.

THIS WAS the adventure for Wednesday—a trip to a real live navy base with real live sailors and guns and maybe an admiral or two—all the things that make a boy from eight to 14 both excited and happy.

These were the members of the Y's Adventure Club, a name that means just what the name implies, and plenty of it.

For the boys enrolled in the club there are daily trips to such places as Washington, Frederick, the Ford assembly plant in Chester, Pa., and Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

EVERY DAY brings a brand new experience to the young men and anyone wanting to know whether they are enjoying themselves has only to watch their faces for the answer.

The Adventure Club is run in two week periods from June 25 through Aug. 31. The second period ends today (Friday) and a new period starts on Monday.

Registration cost is only $10 and for that a youngster has everything provided for wonderful days, except his lunch.

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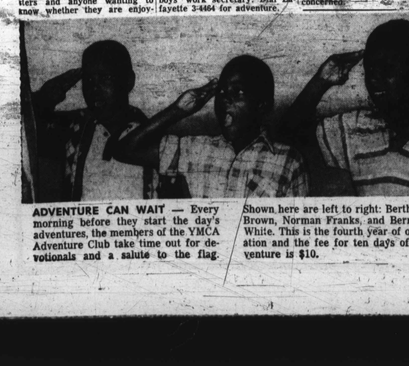
THE PROJECT is headed by Mr. Ward with the assistance of Miss Ernestine Roberts, a senior student at Morgan State College.

A visit to Elkionia Beach on Friday will wind up the current period, and when the new one starts the boys will visit Andrews Air Force Base, Annapolis, Aberdeen Quantico, Va., and then top everything off with a boat excursion.

If all this sounds like fun, you can take the boys' word that it is. As they headed for the bus on Wednesday, you never saw bigger smiles or sprightier steps.

It's not everybody that can go adventuring and it's a mighty lucky fellow who can go every day and the members of the Y's Adventure Club know it.

Oh, and in case a youngster is interested, the men to call are Mr. Ward or Joseph Oberg, boys' work secretary. Dial Lafayette 3-4464 for adventure.


ADVENTURE CAN WAIT — Every morning before they start the day's adventures, the members of the YMCA Adventure Club take time out for devotionals and a salute to the flag. Shown here are left to right: Berthron Brown, Norman Franks, and Bernard White. This is the fourth year of operation and the fee for ten days of adventure is $10.

Mildred goes to church; gives pastor a sermon

By ALICE CHILDRESS
(Continuation of a Series the thought provoking exploits of a domestic)

"Well, Marge, I went to church last Sunday . . . No, the doors did not cave in on me! And if you're going to think up jokes, I wish you'd think of new ones. It's true that I don't go very often but you know most folks go 'round Christmas and Easter time, so I thought I would surprise my pastor by goin' a week early this time.

Oh, the sermon was nice and I saw a lot of friends that I hadn't seen in a long while, but wait until I tell you what happened just as I was leavin'!

The pastor caught up with me at the door and spoke out real loud. 'My, it certainly has been a long time since we've seen you! What happened to you?'

Now, in the past when he's done this I always told him the truth.

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I SPOKE OUT real plain: "I haven't been comin' to church because you ain't been saying anything whenever I do get here . . . Marge, he was so upset, and asked me to stop by to his study and explain what I meant . . . Of course I did just that!

"Not meanin' any disrespect, I said, 'Every time you give a sermon, I find that you reach way back in the book and pick out a text about people beatin' up under a whole lot of misery that the Lord has visited upon them.

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FOR EXAMPLE, the last time I was here you told me all about Job's sores and boils, how all his children was killed off and a million and one other miseries, the whole object bein' how many miseries he bore up under these things' . . . Marge, he shook his head and said, 'That's in the Bible, I'm sorry you didn't like the text.'

"Well, reverend," I told him, "it's true that you are the one who gets to select the sermon. But I notice that it's almost always something about people bein' destroyed or cursed or something from Lamentations.

"And when I leave, it's always with the feelin' that I'm lucky to be alive and had better be thankful that I ain't any . . . more miserable than I am . . . No, Marge, he wasn't offended, especially when I told him what I would like to hear.

"REVEREND, I SAID, "the Bible also tells us that Jesus did not act meek and mild and enjoy the fact that some folks were walkin' all over others. He raised his voice and spoke to crowds told them that the rulers were puttin' heavy burdens on people's shoulders devourin' widows' houses.

He called Herod a fox and told the people they were livin' amongst a generation of vipers. He advised people to feed the hungry, take in the stranger, visit the prisoner.

He told them there was no justice in the court, he accused the rich of misleadin' the people and seekin' glory for themselves. He taught the people to break bread in common brotherhood.

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HE TAUGHT them "The Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven! And it was for teachin' and preachin' these things that he was hauled into court and charged with overthrowin' the Law of the prophets, the religion of the land and settin' himself up as King.

"It was for these things that he was nailed to the cross. Today his message has become lost in stained-glass windows and mournful songs. The message of love, hope and forgiveness has been drowned out by false prophets screamin' about hell - fire and damnation and destruction.

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MY PASTOR smiled a little and said, "I asked and you told me. You've said a great deal and I'll have to think about it a while."

"Yes, reverend," I said, "and if you could find it in your heart to preach a sermon like that it would make Sunday a day of real meaning and inspiration."

And it would, wouldn't it, Marge?

HERE IS MILDRED

'Old Baltimore' gay with dances, five-cent carfare

The happy days of long ago in Baltimore are coming to life more and more as readers continue to send in their memories of the "good ole days."

The whole thing got started a few weeks back when an AFRO reader, who signed his name "J. Hooks," wrote a letter to the editor under the title "Wake Up, Old Baltimore."

He really started something—and in today's article, the mystery of just who "J. Hooks" is (and was) will be cleared up.

But first, here's a letter from Moses R. Hicks, who now lives at 501 N. Arlington Ave. His response to the rallying - call "Wake Up, Old Baltimore" discloses:

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"I HAVE a indelible memory of the pleasant years that gave me a happy childhood and young manhood. For one, there was the old turntable for the horse cars that I rode. It was on Greenmount Ave.

"Nearby were Boone's Farm and Cromwells Farm — from which two streets, Boone and Cromwell, derived their names.

"A little money went a long way then. With five cent carfare (sometimes three cents) you could ride on the cars all day — and the next day too if you kept your last transfer.

"You could buy two papers for one cent wholesale and, on the day I left, Mayor Mahon killed himself, when I finished selling papers I had $18 — I started with 25 cents.

"Northern police station wasn't built then — North Ave. was called the Boundary. Police from downtown stayed south of the boundary. The Holiday street Theater was our rendezvous — 15 cents and a good time in the 'peanut gallery.'

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"BERT WILLIAMS, Ernest Hogan and "The Smart Set" were my favorites. The old Monumental was my boxing ground. Druid Hill Ave. was the 'Broadway' of northwest Baltimore.

"Starting from Stokes and Derry's Pharmacy at Druid Hill and Preston — south on Druid Hill to Fennells Pharmacy at Biddle St. where the obscure and famous met —

"From there to Goodloes Crystal palace, Jasper and New St. — leaving there, a trip to Smith's Hotel where you would be entertained by Mary Stafford and Madison Reed — the cake walk artists and song - stylists.

"How many remember the Selis Mansion, 801 N. Arlington Ave. Also the Upton Mansion, 730 W. Lanvale St.?"

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"FOR MUSIC, there was the Odd Fellows Hall, Biddle St. near Tessier; the Galilean Fisherman, Biddle near McCulloh St.; the Monumental Assembly room, St. Paul at Center St.; Ernest Purviance's "Twilights" —"Old Shady Side"—there were plenty of places for music and dancing.

"The Odeon Theater on S. Frederick St.; Barnum's Hotel on Calvert St. and many others.

"I remember, too, that I was the first child entered in Girard Ave. School where I became the champion speller. I bought my first AFRO from Isaac Bannister and have been reading the AFRO ever since."

And with the farewell, "Happy Days," Mr. Hicks closed his "Wake Up, Old Baltimore" letter.

NOW, FOR the mystery of "J. Hooks," who started the chain of memories. He writes:

"I am glad of the interest shown in my letter about old Baltimore. — However, there's one thing I would like to clear up. The name 'Hooks' was just a nickname given me while I was captain of the high school basketball team under Mr. Burgess.

"Reuben Jones, who at that time had a hook arm, was called 'Hook' Jones; and I, 'Hook' Wilson. Many times I have thought of these things and decided to send them in to the paper — I'm glad I did."

"Just about this time of the summer, Ernest Purviance had his twilight cruises each Saturday evening down the bay. What fun we used to have dancing to Joe Rochester's orchestra!

"Then, after the trip, there was a rush back to Pythian Castle (then at McCulloh and Preston Sts.) to listen to that great clarinetist, Percy Giascoe.

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"DO YOU remember the block carnivals—the dancing in the streets and the girls swooning over the singing of Theodore Upshur (the Nat King Cole of his day)?

"I really believe that the real 'Mr. Wonderful' of his day was Dr. Fennell of Fennell's Drug Store (Biddle and Druid Hill Ave.). He was kind and considerate and had all the patience in the world.

"He may have originated the now - famous saying 'What'll you have?' for that was his approach. Boy, what delicious chocolate sundaes!

"Can you remember some of our most distinguished gentlemen who were gosters—such as Rev. Peck, Prof. Mason Hawkins, Prof. Howard Gross, John H. Murphy Sr., Dr. Thompkins, Mr. Mason of Mutual Benefit and others?

"Come on, Old Baltimore, wake up and let's live these good old days again!"

The letter was signed by Samuel H. Wilson Sr. who now lives at 232 N. Monroe St.

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THERE'S PLENTY of room for more of the "Wake Up, Old Baltimore" band-wagon!

Jump on just by sending a letter in to "Wake Up, Old Baltimore" at the AFRO.

Just jot down your memories of the old days giving dates, places, events, names and nicknames. What do you remember most about the good old days in the Monumental City? Write it down, send it in.

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THE INDIAN MOTIF—That's what predominates at Camp Hillside as witness this tepee built by the campers and the Indian garb made and modeled by the youngsters. Left to right: Grant Murphy, Torrence Watson, and Jonathan Brown.

Coming Events

JULY 20
Number Two Concert Band plays at Cherry Hill Project, 2700 Spellman Rd., starting at 8 p.m. Free.

JULY 21
Baltimore Municipal games and swimming meet at Clifton Park.

JULY 22
Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Department of Welfare Auditorium, 2 Preston and Oliver St., 8 p.m.

The Monumental Lodge No. 3 of Elks is marking its 50th anniversary and today is parade day. They will start stepping from the Fifth Regiment Armory, wind through northwest Baltimore and end up at Lafayette and