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'Joists gave away and they fell 30 feet'

"They were working on the scaffold and one of the joists gave way and they fell down to the ground.

"The beams fell on top of them, and we had to lift them off."

James Donovan, 2603 Franklin St., NE, Washington, stood under the new Monroe St. bridge on Wednesday morning and looked up to the bottom of the structure where a heavy beam was dangling from a single strand of wire.

The beam had been used as part of a scaffold on the underside of the bridge by workmen who were placing wire netting preparatory to covering it with cement.

Just a few moments before the scaffold had collapsed plunging three men 30 feet to the ground.

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AMONG THOSE injured was Timothy Criss, 58, 212 E. St., Washington, who was admitted to Provident Hospital with ankle and pelvis injuries. At press time he was reported in a fair condition.

Also hurt were Arthur Nelson, 15, Fallston, Md., with a fractured wrist and bruises, and William Stewart, 36, Washington, with multiple injuries. They were treated at Lutheran Hospital.

The three men had almost completed their work, and were about to climb down off the scaffold when they fell.

They were to be replaced by Jerome Deriche, 311 Farragut St., NW, and Carol Alestock, 315 34th Pl., NE, both of Washington who were to do the actual cementing.

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COMMENTING ON the accident, Mr. Alstock said:

"Just a few minutes more and we could have been hurt instead of them."

All the men are employed by a Virginia contractor.

The bridge is to replace an old span over the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is located just off Laurens St., at Monroe.

INJURED ON JOB—Admitted to Provident Hospital on Wednesday was Timothy Cries of Washington, who was injured when a scaffold collapsed under the new Monroe St. bridge. He and two other men fell 30 feet. Mr. Criss suffered injuries of the ankle and pelvis. The nurse is Mrs. Annie Davis.

Young lawyer defends blond in rape case

"You handled the case very well and you saved that boy a lot of trouble."

Judge Joseph L. Carter was commending Jacques B. Leeds in Criminal Court Wednesday after the young lawyer's successful defense of a 24-year-old blond on trial for rape.

Truck driver Thomas H. Barth, 400 block Browning Ct., Glen Burnie, was accused of criminally assaulting a young woman at the foot of Worchester St. on July 8.

"Our defense was that she consented," said Mr. Leeds at the end of his first criminal case in which the death penalty could be evoked upon conviction.

"By golly, he's better than ten white lawyers," Mr. Barth said in explaining that eight attorneys refused to touch his case before he contacted Mr. Leeds.

Mr. Leeds is a 1954 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law.

'VERY GLAD' — Those were the words used by Joshua Daniels, 2029 Calvert St., to describe his feelings about returning to work at the conclusion of the steel strike. Mr. Daniels has been employed at Sparrows Point for eight years.

Welfare head asks change in attitude toward those in need

What can we do to change the community attitude toward our program?

This was the question raised Tuesday by Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare, as she addressed the Frontiers Club of America, at the Druid Hill YMCA.

"The Department of Welfare stands for assistance," Miss Lazarus said "unless we have an adequate assistance program, it won't work."

Miss Lazarus deplored the attitude of many people toward others who receive aid from the Welfare Department. "Some people think that because a person is on the welfare, he shouldn't have anything," she said.

"I think the citizens of Baltimore are genuinely concerned about the type of welfare program we have. We want to know what we can do in our community, that will provide people with a way of life, so that they can keep on going," ence.

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REFERRING to the Old Age and Survivors Benefit law, Miss Lazarus said: "aryland has the most restrictive program in the nation. We have a restrictive law that says children should support their parents.

However, parents often suffer, when children are not able to support them. It is a painful thing to have parents say my children won't support me."

Speaking sincerely Miss Lazarus continued: "The aid to dependent children part of our program is the most valuable. Our whole guiding principle is to strengthen family life.

"Most trouble comes when children have been denied a family life. We have been told that we create dependency. Children won't support themselves, when we help them, but people don't take on welfare forever."

REFERRING to the problem of illegitimacy, Miss Lazarus pointed out: "We have a large degree of illegitimacy. Most women who have illegitimate children really hope the man will marry them.

"The Welfare Department can't solve the whole problem of illegitimacy. It takes the whole community. When we take a child away from his mother, we create another problem."

Miss Lazarus then said that the Welfare Department places children in foster homes, institutions, and for adoption. "We do not have enough homes," she said and asked the Frontiersmen to," spread the word.

"It isn't difficult to adopt a child. We have children from all levels. It isn't necessary to be a college professor to adopt a child," Miss Lazarus smilingr y elaborated.

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"WHEN A CHILD has gone to a training school, he is placed in the custody of the Department of Welfare. We try to see that a different boy comes back.

"We insist that when a child comes out of a training school, he must be in school or at work." Miss Lazarus added. Concluding her address, Miss Lazarus appealed for help.

Mr. President, see if the Frontiersmen in 1957 will have program to create jobs for boys and girls during the summer time, not only jobs for boys and girls from training schools, but jobs for all boys and girls between 14 and 16 during the summer months.

"We are trying to have services that will enable these people to be like other people in the community. If any one part of our community is sick, the whole community is sick."

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FOLLOWING Miss Lazarus' talk, Frontiersman. Howard Murphy asked if a properly paid staff would not solve many of the Welfare Department's problems.

"We have had a terrific problem of staff," Miss Lazarus replied. "It's hard to work for the Welfare Department. Pressures in the Welfare Department are heavy. Some of the problems are so imponderable, that we need people with more maturity, than we can afford."

Frontiersman Earl Koger asked why it is necessary for a delinquent father to have to go to the grand jury.

To this Miss Lazarus replied: "We have to report those situations to the State's Attorney. Many of those cases never get to the grand jury."

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MISS LAZARUS told Theodore Brown of the Department of Recreation that the case load for 1956 has dropped since 1955, but that there have been more children for foster homes.

Frontiers Emerson Brown then requested that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the speaker.

The Rev. Howard L. Cornish, president of the Baltimore chapter of Frontiers, presided. Invocation was offered by the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Edgar M. Ewing, Frontiers vice president, introduced the speaker. The Rev. Mr. Boddie's daughter, Vashti, a recent graduate of Colby College in Maine, who plans on working for her Ph.D. degree in English this fall at Cornell University, was introduced to the Frontiers.

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The News Tip checks are rolling out — just like they do every week about this time — and some alert tipsters are getting their blues chased away by a little of the "long green".

Top place tipster for the week was the person who first called about the death of a baby; authorities investigated the death for the possibility of poisoning. The tipster netted $5 for a 'phone call—not a bad exchange at all.

Several persons got checks for $2.50 each for their News Tips. They called in the following tips when resulted in news for you to read: the boy shot by the policeman at Winchester and Whatcoat Sts.; the first persons to call in the location of the Smith triplets that we asked for in last week's paper;

$1.50 while $1 each went to the callers about Crownsville patient in solitary confinement, and the housewife whose steaks were burned.

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THERE'LL BE more Newstip cash next week so don't fail to collect if you see something newsworth occurring.

Just pick up your phone, dial one of the numbers given below, ask for the City Desk and say: "I've got a news tip."

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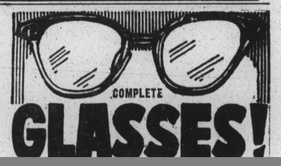
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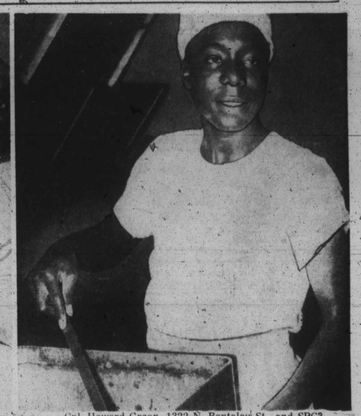
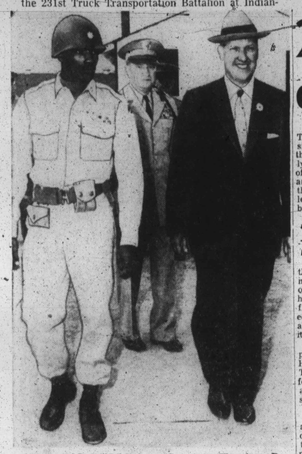


THE GUARD IN TRAINING — This Saturday will bring an end to the two weeks training period of the 231st Truck Transportation Battalion at Indiantown Gap, Pa. The National Guard unit, headed by Lt. Col. Vernon Greene, was concerned with the problems attached to the use of motor transportation in modern warfare. Shown in the first picture is Pvt. Isaiah Hardy, 6 N. Briscoe St. The second picture, taken in the barracks, shows left to right, Cpl. Howard Green, 1322 N. Bentalou St., and SPC3 Leon Hargrove, 114 W. 20th St. The last picture proves that an Army still travels on its stomach. The cook is Pvt. Paul Hall, 1104 N Monroe St.



GOVERNOR INSPECTS — Governor Theodore R. McKeldin is shown inspecting units of the 231st Transportation Battalion from Baltimore on his recent visit to the 29th Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. At left is Maj. Melvin H. Cade, 231st operations officer, 2107 Windsor Ave.

231st TTC nears completion of summer training session

INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. — The trucks were parked in long silent rows in the motor pool; the KP's in the mess hall wearily wiped the wooden tables free of the last trace of roast beef and gravy, and in the day room three soldiers slouched down in leather chairs, and watched a baseball game on television.

This was Saturday afternoon at Indiantown Gap in the area assigned to the 231st Truck Transportation Battalion of the Maryland National Guard.

Here at the midway point of their annual two weeks training period the 200 men and 20 officers who make up the 231st, had an opportunity for their first real rest since they reached this Army camp a week ago and they took full advantage of it.

The men who had received passes were headed for nearby Harrsburg or other points. Those who were still in camp found the usual card game available, or a letter to write or some sleeping to catch up on.

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IN THE BACKGROUND, lay a week taken up with a variety of military problems involving the use of modern motor transportation in the age old art of making war.

These problems included such things as night drives through the mountain ranges that almost surround this camp the making of an overnight bivouac, driving in convoys, and the transportation of troops.

The men of the 231st drove the big 6 by 6 Army trucks on a variety of missions and also serviced and maintained the vehicles.

The past week hadn't been easy, but the 231st had proved its refiness for possible combat by winning the highest overall efficiency rating of any of the Guard units in training at the Gap.

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NOW ON Saturday with the full dress governor's parade over, the men just relaxed and waited for the start of the second week which would be just as rugged.

One of the weariest men was Lt. Col. Vernon Greene, the commanding officer, who estimated that during the last several days he had "a couple hours of sleep."

His eyes were heavy with sleep as he headed for his barracks and a session in the 'sack.'

"These youngsters are something," he said. "They work all day, and come back to the area and play a nine-inning game of baseball. They've done a good job up here and we're proud of them".

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IN THE REAR of the mess hall a group of officers sat at the tables assigned to them. Several of them, including such as Capt. William A. (Box) Harris, had their families with them.

At one table WO1G Joseph Locklear, the mess officer, was eating the roast beef his men had cooked and was finding it, to quote his own words.

"Pretty good, even if I de say so myself."

"In the mess hall kitchen, Pvt. Paul Plowpen of Lutherville, Md., was lazily washing out a mess tray and griping about being on KP.

"I missed the parade. I missed just about everything just about everything just because I got caught for KP."

He gave the tray an angry wipe with the cloth he held in his hands.

"Boy I sure get mad. I was going to get my khakis and get sharp, but here comes cook and there I go on KP. Ain't that a dirty shame, KP on Saturday."

The private went back to scrubbing the trays and muttering about KP in general, and cooks in particular.

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MESS SGT. WILSON THRONTON, 1817 E. Lafayette Ave., wasn't visibly impressed. A mess sergeant never is when the men start complaining about KP.

"Sure they complain," he said, "but a complaining soldier is a good soldier."

Out in the area, Cpl. Olver L. Crawford, 2126 W. Lexinton St., a veteran of European service was headed for no special place. In the shoulder belt of his shirt he wore a lanyard, representing the unit citation given to an ordnanance company in Belgium in 1946.

Corporal Crawford was with the unit in Belgium.

A FAMILIAR SIGHT—Any Army man knows this scene well. It's what a soldier does when he comes from the mess hall and has to clean his gear. Shown here are Pvt. John Lamb, 312 N. Carrollton Ave.; Cpl. Samuel Hill, 912 Whitmore Ave., and Pvt. John Blake, 1807 N. Bentalou St. The soldiers were in training with the 231st Truck Transportation Battalion at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

No problem from integration,

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Platinum blonde dancer Kitty Deane causing heads to turn as she visited the Walbrook branch of a local banking institution. **Transacting business in the same bank — sauve Nat Ailor.**

Cute Miss Jannette Lake, 944 Stoddard Ct., standing outside of the Druid Hill Ave. store where she is employed, looking at the window shattered by an automobile and remembering the last excitement when she was held up by a bandit.

On the door of the new Douglass High School annex for all the world to see, a heart carefully carved with some sharp instrument and containing this undying protestation of love: "Joseph Scott loves Barbara Lee."

Other city sights . . .

The work going on at Douglass and the blond bricklayers who are putting up the retaining walls.

The children playing war at the school in the trenches dug by the workmen and shouting: "Take that you so and so Communist."

That barber shop called "Brotherly Love" in the 1300 block Central Ave.... The job the Board of Education will have in replacing all those windows somebody broke at School No. 116, Aisquith and Orleans Sts.

Then, there was . . .

The young lady in the new DeSota with license number BF98-30 drawing up to the red light at North and Smallwood and flicking a button to send the windows sliding down, thus making jealous motorists without such modern contraptions.

Two badly bent traffic markers on the west end of the Orleans St. bridge bearing mute testimony to the work of someone who either couldn't drive