Residents still fight for homes

A petition is being circulated in the Belmont area in an attempt to stave off the construction of a new elementary school on a site now partially occupied by 26 private homes.

Already, according to Mrs. Perry Mitchell, 1400 Rosedale St., a majority of the residents in the affected area have affixed their signatures to the document.

The petition, which is to be presented to City Council members from the Fifth District, calls on the Council for the passage of an ordinance that would prevent the Department of Education from locating the building on the site.

In explanation of their stand, the residents said:

"The concerns of these families stem from the fact that they have so recently acquired these very nice homes at a tremendous sacrifice to all concerned."

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THE AFFECTED homes are located in the area bounded by Pressman, Ellamont, Rosedale and Belmont Sts.

Part of the land is already owned by the city and is vacant while the 26 homes occupy the rest of the site. These are the homes that will have to be demolished if the new school is to be built there.

The Board of School Commissioners has already approved plans as has the City Planning Commission so that the only action open to the property owners is action through the Council.

The new school would ease overcrowding in the area.

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Police killings in Balto. area in 9 months

APRIL 19, 1956 — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallaway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leddin. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 19-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 38, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 27, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

CLEAN BLOCKER NEEDED — This unsightly scene is typical of hundreds of blocks throughout Baltimore each spring before the annual AFRO Clean Block campaign gets underway. The office will open for registrations Monday.

Clean Block Registration Office Opens On Monday

APPLICATION BLANK

AFRO'S CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN

I would like to be captain of my block. Here are the names of ten persons in my block to help keep it clean and beautify it with flowers and paint.

Name ..... Age .....

Address ..... Tel. No. .....

School ..... Grade .....

Hobby .....

Advisor's Name .....

Address ..... Tel. No. .....

New flags to be used this year

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for the past several weeks have been broadcast by radio station WCAO.

THE RECORDED appeals to register made by Mrs. M. Francis Mackay, Clean Block director, have been like a Pied Piper call to Clean Blockers of previous years as well as children anxious to enroll for the first tim.

Mrs. Mackay, who has supervised four consecutive campaigns, has become affectionately known to thousands of youngsters throughout the city as the "Clean Block lady."

She will be in the Clean Block office on the third floor of the AFRO building, 638 Eutaw St., each day beginning Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Prospective block captains, adult advisors and youthful workers are expected to crowd her office Monday at the close of school.

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A NEW AND distinctive AFRO Clean Block flag will be introduced in this year's campaign.

The flag has red and white stripes surrounding a green and white center in which is imprinted the words "AFRO Clean Block."

The smaller versions of the new flag will be given each block captain for display in front of his or her home.

The larger flags will be awarded to Honor Blocks after the campaign is official under way.

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A NEW STYLE application blank has also been designed.

It permits the keeping of a more complete record of Block Captains. Blanks to be filled out call for the name of the applicant, his age, address, telephone number and the name of the school which he attends.

A record will also be kept of each Clean Block captain's hobby.

Several blocks have already begun work getting a decided jump on captains and blocks who have yet to register.

There is no charge for registration and participation in the campaign. The only requirement is that residents of a block have a desire to help beautify and keep their neighborhood and community clean.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE drive will continue for the next three weeks. It does not officially open until schools close for the summer.

The first Clean Block meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 28.

Relatives Fail To Bury Boy Slain On Mother's Day

"I'm going to take the body out (of the City Morgue) and bury it — it's (in) pretty bad (shape) now.

"It's a shame that these people were given the money in New York to come down and bury the child and spent the money. . . We went to them twice at the hotel, offered to send a car for them and everything but they just weren't interested."

These were the remarks that came from Elroy Wilson, funeral director on Tuesday as he discussed the body of a three-year-old child that has been in and out of the Morgue since Mother's Day, May 12.

Mr. Wilson is scheduled to bury the body today (Friday) 19 days after the child died.

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THE DELAY WAS caused when relatives of the child, Eugene Sands, came to Baltimore from New York City to make arrangements for burial and then left without seeing Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson who had taken the child's body from the Morgue on May 19 returned it to the same place on May 26.

The story of the child who could not be buried aroused the sympathy of Mrs. Henrietta Williams, 2106 Orleans St., who volunteered to raise the burial funds and by Wednesday had collected $18.

She has also requested help from AFRO readers to obtain the rest of the money for the funeral.

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MEANWHILE, on learning of Mrs. Williams' interest, Mr. Wilson reclaimed the body from the Morgue on Wednesday and said:

"We told them that whatever amount of money they got, we didn't care whatever it is, if they were interested enough, more than his blood relatives, we would go along with them and bury him."

The child died on May 12 of what the medical examiners said were injuries sustained when he was beaten about the head by a belt and a stick.

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MRS. MAE BELL Whiteside, 33, 1317 E. Fayette St., was subsequently arrested, charged with causing the boy's death and ordered held without bail for a hearing in Homicide Court.

Police said the real mother of the child, Mrs. Joyce Sands of New York City, had given Mrs. Whiteside the boy and she had brought him to Baltimore.

At her preliminary hearing in Pine St. Police Court Mrs. Whiteside was quoted as telling police that she struck the child and "I knew he was dead and I went out and got drunk."

SPEAKING OF his contact with the case Mr. Wilson said: "A New York undertaker called me last Monday (May 20) and asked me to go to the City Morgue and get this body. . . "He called me a couple of days later and said the family was getting on the train and would be in Baltimore."

Mr. Wilson said after several days he eventually managed to contact the New Yorkers at a local hotel:

"We told them we'd have to do something, turn the body back to the Morgue or bury it, we couldn't keep it any longer. The child had been dead since Mother's Day."

The New Yorkers told him they would try to do the best they could but the next day they had checked out of the hotel leaving Mr. Wilson with no recourse but to return the body to the Morgue.

Son will administer estate of his father, Jesse B. Clarke, Sr.

Jesse B. Clarke Jr., has been named to administer the estate of his father, Jesse B. Clarke Sr., head of the Clarke Printing Co., who died here May 17.

Mr. Clarke Jr. posted bond for $1,000.

The senior Mr. Clarke is survived by the son, a widow, Mrs. Sadie Clarke; and three daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Carter and Mrs. Marie Hill of this city; and Sister Mary Reparartz of St. Augustine Convent, Washington.

Stricker St. father of 10 dies in fall

"He had sprained his ankle about a week ago on his way home from work.

"He was walking on crutches. On Friday night, he fell off the steps. He died on Sunday at University Hospital. The doctor said it was head injuries."

Miss Doris Kelly, 919 N. Stricker St., one of his ten children, was telling the AFRO on Tuesday of the tragic death of her father, Wesley Kelly, 43.

The Medical Examiner's office reported that Mr. Kelly died of massive hemmorhaging due to head injury.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Mr. Kelly are being held today (Friday) at the Kelson Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelly was a native of Winsboro, S.C., where his father, Thomas, still resides. He came to Baltimore 15 years ago. At the time of his death, he was employed in a food store warehouse on Edison Highway.

Besides his father, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lois Kelly; and ten children ranging in age from one year to 20 years.

They are Eugene, Christopher, Doris, a pupil at Forest Park High; Thomas, pupil at School No. 143; Barbara, Harris and Linda, pupils at Murphy School No. 119; and Joann, Larry and Geneva.

Winchester St.-Poplar Grove area liquor bid up for the fourth time

Residents in the area of Winchester St. and Poplar Grove Sts., will make their fourth appearance in four years before the Liquor Board on June 6 at 1:40 p.m., to oppose the request of a delicatessen to sell beer, wine and liquor.

The request has been renewed each year by Mrs. Mary G. Lewis, to sell intoxicants in the business she conducts at 1141 Poplar Grove St.

Each year the board has turned down the request after protests by members of the Winchester Protective and Improvement Association, led by Mrs. Richardine Bright, president.

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THE RESIDENTS oppose the license on the grounds that

1. it is not necessary for convenience of the public;

2. to permit this change in the applicant's license would operate against the peace and good order of the neighborhood;

3. to grant this license would depreciate property values.

Residents in the area also contend that the delicatessen was located there before the neighborhood changed from predominantly white to predominantly colored, and that no request for liquor license was sought until after they purchased homes.

Leroy Cooper is attorney for the protestants.

Rome sees end of ban in bar group

"The general consensus of opinion among those members with whom I have discussed this seems to be, the thing is inevitable, so we might as well do it now and get it over with. . . and, I'm all for it."

H. Paul Rome, president of the Bar Association of Baltimore, gave this indication on Wednesday, of how members may vote on a proposal to abandon the 78-year-old policy which limits membership to white men and bars all women.

Mr. Rome said members will vote on this by ballots, which will be mailed out before June 15.

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ONE DECISION to vote by ballots was decided during an executive committee session on Tuesday afternoon.

Public counting of these ballots will be held on June 17.

Three lawyers who have applied for membership in the association are: Judge E. Everett Lane, of the Peoples Court; John Hargrove, first assistant United States Attorney and Dallas F. Nicholas, president of the Monumental Bar Association.

Thought it was a snake but no snake, just Joe

"Your Honor, when I heard this strange man snoring in our closet, I thought at first a rattlesnake had gotten in the house."

This testimony in Criminal Court on Tuesday by Joseph Howard, of 417 E. 20th St., helped to convict Joseph Williams, who said he had no permanent address, on one of two burglarly charges.

Mr. Williams, who admitted to police records that he is presently on parole from a 15-year burglary term given him here in 1947, was sentenced by Judge S. Ralph Warnken to five years in the penitentiary, to be added to his parole violation term.

Pawn tickets found on him at the time of his arrest belonged, according to his testimony, to Mack Brown, of 715 W. Fayette St., whose apartment had been burglarized a few weeks previous.

Mr. Williams' explanation was that he was drunk and went into the wrong house on May 5, in the 400 block E. 20th St. He told Judge Warnken the pawn tickets were given him by a "George Sanders," whose address he did not know.

Mother finds child dead in crib

Northwestern Police report that six weeks-old William Smith, 810 Whatcoat St., was found about 7 a.m. Sunday, lying face down in his crib apparently dead by his mother, Mrs. Marion Lyles.

The mother, who immediately called police, said that the child had not been ill since birth. Rushed to Providence Hospital, the baby was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mrs. Lyles claimed the body

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Suspect charged in assault-robbery case

A 42-year-old man, who police said raped a young woman then took her wallet containing $80, was ordered held without bail on Monday in Southwestern District Police Court.

Randolph R. Johnson of the 200 block N. Schroeder St., denied that he had ever met the married woman, a resident of the 2000 block W. Mulberry St.

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A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home.

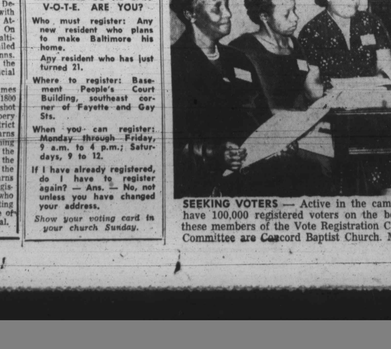
Any resident who has just turned 21.

Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 to 12.

If I have already registered, do I have to register again? — Ans. — No, not unless you have changed your address.

Show your voting card in your church Sunday.



SEEKING VOTERS — Active in the campaign to have 100,000 registered voters on the books are these members of the Vote Registration Campaign Committee are Concord Baptist Church. Mrs. Bessie Matthews, Mrs. Gabrella McNair, Mrs. Evelyn McCallum, the Rev. J. M. Raynor, C. Michaels, Mrs. Juliaetta Harris and Mrs. Jessie W. Nicholson.

Young GOP backs Gov. on hotels

The Maryland Federation of Young Republicans went on record last week as supporting Governor McKeldin in his efforts to eliminate segregation in the hotels of Maryland.

Meeting in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, which does not accept colored guests, the Young Republicans took the action through the adoption of a resolution identified as a product of a member of the Anne Arundel County delegation.

There was no discussion of the resolution, which noted that though Maryland's colored residents have made a substantial contribution to the Republican party" they were not admitted to the hotel in which the State GOP maintains headquarters.

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PASSAGE OF THE resolution came after the keynote address by State Sen. Harry A. Cole of the Fourth District.

"It was a contradiction of all the principles in which we say the Republican party believes to hold a convention on premises which do not apply to all of its (the party's) members the same courtesies.

"As Young Republicans it is our responsibility to point the way for enlightened leadership and to suffer the inconvenience if need be to uphold the principles of the Republican party.

"We shouldn't hold the meeting were part of the people are being segregated, it would be better to hold it in the middle of a park," Senator Cole declared.

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HE ALSO cited the GOP as the party that had accomplished the most in the field of civil rights and paid notice to Democratic claims that this party is dedicated to the interest of big business with the statement:

"The grappling iron we need to free us from this mire of prejudice, the sole weapon we need to combat this slander, the only serum to immunize the public against this poison is truth."

Rev. Perry prays at City Hall

"I feel that what has been done at the recent Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom demonstration in Washington, should be continued on local levels . . . and I am trying to inspire this here today.

"I've come here to the steps of the city hall to pray for deliverance of the colored people from prejudice and discrimination in Baltimore and Maryland."

The Rev. Milton Perry, who walked from Jersey City to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington for the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom observance, said this was why he visited the city hall on Tuesday at noon.

The Rev. Mr. Perry failed to see Mayor D'Alesandro Jr., who was out on his office.

Senator Harry Cole, 4th District Maryland legislator, stepped by to greet the Rev. Mr. Perry. In town for sermons on Tuesday at the Gillis Memorial Church, the minister was accompanied by his wife and eighth-month-old daughter, and John Young, New York public relations consultant.

Officer Miller now a sergeant

Wendell P. Miller, 938 Rosedale St., special policeman assigned to the Wilson-Tolchester Steamship Lines, has been promoted to sergeant.

"The promotion was made Monday," by Joseph L. Welsh, chief of special policemen. Mr. Miller is married and 12 years with the special police squad, was formerly assigned to Morgan State College.

Stricker St. Seek rezoning of two sections

Two ordinances were introduced in the City Council on Monday, which would rezone two present residential areas.

One asks that Eutaw Pl., and North Ave. be rezoned "B" Rd. be made a "residential and office use district." It was proposed by the Mt. Royal Improvement Association.

Another would rezone to "second commercial use district," the property east of Dukeland St., west of Braddish Ave. and north of the Western Maryland Railway. Frank A. Carozza, of 5201 Roland Ave., requested the ordinance.

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Suspect listed in Cherry Hill holdup, one held

One of three men allegedly involved in a $361 armed holdup at an A and P store in Cherry Hill Friday, was ordered held in bail of $5,000 Tuesday morning in Southern District Police Court.

Henry A. Barnes Jr., 22, of the 1600 block Division St., entered a plea of not guilty after police identified him as the man who stumbled and fell across a push cart as he tried to escape from the store at 6 Cherry Hill Rd., with early morning receipts in a paper bag.

Barnes was arrested following a struggle with the store's manager, Ralph Peacock of the 5500 block Hillen Rd.

Witnesses told police that when the accused man fell, the bag containing the money was snatched up by one of two men who escaped on foot.

On Tuesday afternoon, police arrested a suspect for questioning.

Rev., Mrs. Commodore divorce enters 11th round

The Rev. George Oliver Commodore, 35, Nanticoke, Md., Methodist minister, and his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Frances Commodore, 1916 Etting St., a Baltimore nurse, went another round in their divorce battle on Monday in the Wicomico County Circuit Court.

The decision, however, is up to Judge Rex A. Taylor, who at the conclusion of the five-hour proceedings, stated he would withhold decision until he had time to review letters introduced as evidence which the minister wrote his wife.

Prior to the June 3rd court action, the pastor who is also a public school teacher had filed a divorce petition which alleged that he and his wife

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THE WEATHER
Friday, warm and humid with scattered thunder showers in afternoon and evening. High between 80 and 85. Saturday, continued warm, with scattered thunder showers. High between 80 and 85. Sunday, no precipitation, slightly cooler.

Baltimore Afro-American

FRAYER FOR TODAY
Our Father: Bless every humble soul who, in these days of stress and strain, preaches sermons without words.

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18 Die As Trailer Smashes Truck

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Mother Of 3 Slain

HONORED AT MORGAN—Miss Marian Anderson, internationally known singer, walks to Hurt Gymnasium with Governor Theodore McKeldin where she received honorary Doctor of Laws degree, for her contributions "as an artist, cultural diplomat and humanitarian." Governor McKeldin presented degrees to the 296 graduates. In rear President Martin Jenkins. Over 7,000 heard commencement talk by Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University.

18 die as trailer hits farm truck

(Special to the AFRO)

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Death reaped the harvest at a North Carolina highway intersection Thursday morning when a flat bed truck carrying 41 migrant farm workers slammed into a tractor trailer and burst into flames.

According to State Highway Patrolmen, 18 persons were killed and between 25 and 30 others injured when the trucks collided at the intersection of Highways 301 and 102 near Fayetteville.

Eyewitnesses said that the stake-body truck carrying the farm workers, many of them women and children, pulled into the path of the tractor trailer shortly after 7 a.m.

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THE TRUCK carrying the farm workers immediately burst into flame, police said, and the victims were thrown all over the highway.

One witness told of counting 37 dead or injured persons lying or sitting on the roadway. Thirteen of the dead died on the scene. Three died en route or after arriving at hospitals.

The laborers, who had camped overnight at Mt. Olive, N.C., were heading for Dunn to harvest beans, one stop on their way to their destination

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THE BROWNS — Followed by their son, Ellie, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown are shown as they entered Fountain Baptist Church Wednesday to attend funeral services for their daughter Jacqueline.

Is 'brutally beaten' by pinch bar

Mrs. Elizabeth Gooch, 38-year-old mother of three, of 1940 Mosher St., was pronounced dead at Lutheran Hospital at 8:15 a.m. today (Friday), of a fractured skull, arm and jaw.

Police are seeking her 39-year-old husband, Nathaniel, in connection with her death.

At 6:30 a.m. police report that her sister, Mrs. Corrine Dodson, 32, also of the Mosher St. address, was upstairs on the second floor when she heard Mrs. Gooch cry out:

"Corrine, Corrine, come downstairs and make Nathaniel stop beating me."

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POLICE SAID, Mrs. Dodson ran downstairs, where she saw her brother-in-law, Nathaniel, reportedly beating her sister with an 18-inch pinch bar.

Police later found a crow bar in a closet.

Police said Mrs. Dodson ran upstairs and got nine-year-old Veronica, her sister's oldest child, to call police.

Patrolmen Joseph Brown and Ollie Bryant rushing to the scene, said they found Mrs. Gooch lying on the floor in a pool of blood in the front room.

Police described her as being "brutally beaten."

THEY RUSHED Mrs. Gooch by ambulance to Lutheran, where she was admitted at 7:35 a.m. and died 35 minutes later.

On April 25, police said the husband was sent to City Jail for 35 days for assaulting and striking his wife. He had just recently been released from jail.

Mrs. Gooch, described as an attractive woman, was employed as a cook in a Towson school.

The three children are Veronica, 9; Dwight, 7; and Donald, 7 months.

Divine is still alive; seen on TV

PHILADELPHIA

"Father" is in good health."

This is what Mother Divine said Wednesday, p.m. when she and Father Divine appeared on a national news telecast from the Divine headquarters at 764 S. Broad St.

The appearance of the Rev. Mr. Divine on the news film is believed to have resulted from widespread reports that he was dead and that Mother Divine had taken over as head of the organization.

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DURING THE entire interview, Father Divine remained seated behind a desk. His sole action was a small gesture which was meant to be a wave to his followers.

He did not speak, even when Mother Divine completed her statement and turned to him and said: "Now we will hear from Father."

Newspapermen who viewed the program expressed the opinion that the cult leader, whose exact age is unknown, appears to be very ill.

"It appeared hardly to be conscious of what was going

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2,000 mourn slain girl, 10

"Jacqueline was my heart. "That bullet took my baby and there was nothing I could do."

Mrs. Addie Brown sobbed those words Wednesday afternoon as she looked at her daughter Jacqueline for the last time.

During a two-hour long funeral service for the ten-year-old school girl who was killed

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by a stray bullet last Saturday, attendants were kept busy fanning away a small swarm of 300 persons at Fountain Baptist Church, Monument and Gay Sts.

The church attendance was small in comparison to the number of persons who filed past the bier of the little girl in her home at 1727 Harford Ave.

The child's father, Samuel Brown estimated that 2,025 persons had visited the home.

Nine registration books containing the names of 225 persons each had been filled when the casket was removed from the home in a drenching rain shortly after noon.

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THE FUNERAL was the second in as many weeks in which a record for attendance before services was set.

Last week, 3,000 persons filed

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Lonely hearts wife died of a broken neck

Why was Mrs. Sarah Emily Davis, 38, a Salisbury church and civic leader slain?

This is the unanswered question discussed by many per-

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sons in the small Eastern Shore town where the four times married matron was discovered. Memorial Day after she had been shot to death and lying on the basement floor of her 226 Delaware home.

Her husband, Benjamin Ames Davis, 38, whom she married in November, 1956 through a lonely hearts club, and married March 2, 1957, is being held for the crime.

He is lodged in the Wicomico County jail and charged with murder.

Mrs. Davis' three previous husbands included another lonely hearts club member, A. Z. Williams, of Kansas, whom she divorced.

She also divorced her first husband who was James Riley while her third husband, Richard (Eggy) Purnell, a Salisbury cattle food distributor, died following a foot operation.

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THAT MRS. DAVIS died

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Honor A. J. Allen

Alexander J. Allen, executive director of the Urban League of Pittsburgh and former executive director of the Baltimore Urban League and AFRO columnist, has been elected chairman of the Southwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Carlisle-Bateman residents advised to seek legal advice

"I would advise them to see a lawyer. There is a chance that they will be able to have the sale rescinded."

Giving this advice on Thursday to residents of the two recently purchased dwellings

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that are scheduled to be razed to make way for schools was a Baltimore attorney who also recommended that any contemplated action be taken at once.

He addressed this advice specifically to persons who have purchased homes within the last year and have since learned that the Board of Education has marked their houses for destruction.

The attorney pointed out that if buyers had no knowledge that their homes were to be demolished at the time they completed the transaction, then the sale could possible be nullified.

Such a situation faces residents in the city block bounded by the 3300 block of Bateman Ave. on the south, the 3300 block of Carlisle on the north, Hilton St. on the east and Denison St. on the west.

This means that the five houses at Nos. 3300, 3304, 3306, 3308 and 3310 Bateman Ave. must come down. (There is no 3302).

Also the eight houses at 3301, 3303, 3305, 3307, 3309, 3311, 3313 and 3315 Carlisle Ave. will also go. There are no homes on the Hilton and Denison St. boundaries.

The homes on the even side of Carlisle and the odd side of

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2 tan middies get commissions

ANNAPOLIS — Midshipmen Kent Withers Slaughter, son of Attorney and Mrs. Henry Anton Slaughter of 112-50 Northern Blvd., Corona, Queens, N.Y. and Vencin L. Jamison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jamison of 1120 6th St., NE, Washington, will be among the 848 graduates of the United

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AFRO Ideal Mother says tonight's banquet is like a coming-out party

"Friday night will be the thrill of my life. It's so wonderful to be the AFRO Mother of the Year. I'm just like a child waiting for Santa Claus.

"But, really, it will be my 'coming out party.' I never

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had one when I was a girl.

"Friday is the day! Before the banquet, I'll relax and rest so I can look pretty."

With a jolly chuckle, Mrs. Lillie May Jackson, the AFRO's 1957 Ideal Mother, made the above statements on Thursday, the day before the banquet to be given in her honor.

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THE GALA occasion, the AFRO's annual Ideal Mother Banquet, which Mrs. Jackson so eagerly awaits, will be held tonight at the Morgan State College Refectory.

It will begin at 8 p.m. and will climax a two-week long series of exciting things which have happened to Baltimore's most outstanding civic worker.

At the banquet, over 250 citizens and guests, plus many of Mrs. Jackson's relatives, coworkers and friends will have an opportunity to salute her as the first Ideal Mother chosen from Baltimore since the contest began 18 years ago.

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AMONG THE Jackson relatives expected tonight are Mrs. Jackson's husband, Keiffer, their four children, and six of their nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, a daughter, and her husband Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director of the Washington NAACP Bureau, will attend.

Also the Mitchells' children, Keiffer Jackson, 15, a City College pupil; Michael Bowen, 11, a sixth grade pupil at Garnett

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Dress optional

Dress is optional tonight (Friday) for guests attending the AFRO testimonial dinner honoring Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, the 1957 Ideal Mother.

However, men may wear dinner jackets or tuxedos and women may wear their long gowns. Short dinner gowns and business suits may also be worn. The affair is at 8 p.m. in the Morgan Refectory.

600 getting H.U. degrees

WASHINGTON

Howard University lists 225 Maryland and District residents among 600 graduates who will receive degrees today (Friday) at the 89th commencement.

The commencement program will be held on the upper campus, in front of Frederick Douglass Memorial Hall. Since 6,000 unreserved seats will be available to the public beginning at 4 p.m. in case of inclement weather the exercises will be moved to Constitution Hall, 18th and D Streets, NW.

This year's honorary degrees will go to three distinguished

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Dr. Bond quits at Lincoln U.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. —The dramatic announcement that Dr. Horace Mann Bond had resigned from the Lincoln University presidency which he has held with distinction since 1945 was made here Tuesday, at the close of commencement exercises.

The announcement was made by Lewis Stevens, chairman of the trustee board, who also said that the board had accepted the resignation and had elected Dr. Bond president-emeritus and had granted him a year's sabbatical.

The retiring president was also assigned the task of compiling the publication of a history of the university.

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DR. BOND stated that his

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