Nine new buildings due for northwestern sector

By MAX JOHNSON

Baltimore's re-development program, under the Department of Planning, has nine public building projects under construction or completed in the northwest sector of the city, in the area bounded by Charles St. on the east, and Baltimore St. on the south, and extending out to the city line.

They are costing Baltimore taxpayers $8,226,319.

These projects include seven new schools or additions, one market and a Department of Public Welfare home for fostered children.

The schools and their contracted costs are:

Mt Royal Elementary, McMechen and John Sts. — $1,319,314.

Gwynns Falls Elementary, Gwynn Falls and Dukland — $1,159,000.

William H. Lemmel Junior High, Dukeland near Gwynn Falls — $3,190,000.

Groveland Elementary, Kennison and Wrighton Aves. — $822,000.

Edgecombe Elementary, Va. and Edgecombe Circle, North — $703,640.

Pimlico Junior High (addition to), Park Heights and Northern Pkwy.— $63,448.

Fallstaff Elementary (addition to), Fallstaff Rd. and Gist Ave. — $66,596.

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THE NEW market is the Lexington, 1800 block Pennsylvania Ave., which is costing $384,344.

Th new Druid Health Center Building will be at North Ave. and Cumberland St.

The Department of Public Welfare's home for foster children is the Cylburn, at 2201 W. Cold Spring La.

Completion dates on these projects vary from the fall of this year to mid-summer of year.

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THE DEPARTMENT of Planning has six other public building projects presently proposed for this northwest sector.

These are the projects far in the planning stage on which the city's Department of Building Construction will invite construction bids by private builders within the next few months.

The projects include three schools, two new police stations and a health center.

The schools are;

Edgewood Elementary, Edgwood and Walbrook Aves.; Upton School for Trainable Children (addition to), Lanvale and Upton Sts. and Howard Park Elementary (addition to), Liberty Heights Ave. and Howard Park.

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NEW POLICE stations are: Western District, Riggs Ave. and Mount St., and Northwestern District, 5200 block Reisterstown Rd.

Only appropriated, or estimated costs for these projects at present are $500,000 each for the two police stations.

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A NEW branch library, and two field houses and playfields were completed this year, under the city's re-development program.

The new library is the Walbrook Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, 3203 W. North Ave.

The contracted cost was $180,476.

Field houses and playfields are the Mulberry, 3600 block W. Mulberry St., and the Lindhurst, on Allendale Rd.;

The contracted cost for the erection of both was $96,343.

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LAST YEAR, the city's re-development program, under the Department of Planning, completed six public building projects.

These included three schools, a field house for the Department of Recreation and Parks, an addition to the city museum and a caretaker's cottage and boat house.

They cost Baltimore taxpayers $3,684,504.

The schools are:

Forest Park High (addition to), Chatham Rd. and Eldorado Ave. — $119,119; Medfield Elementary, Buchannan and Roland Hghts. Aves. — $329,990; Pimlico Jr. High, Park Hghts. and Northern Pkwy. — $2,415,000.

The field house is the Hilsdale, Hilsdale Rd. and Forest Park Ave., at a cost of $60,000.

Additions to the Museum of Art are the Cone-Woodward wings, at a combined cost of $516,495.

The caretaker's cottage and boat house are at Lake Roland, at a cost of $43,900.

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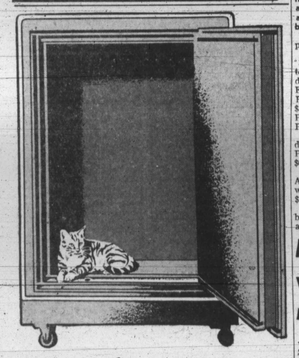

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Post Office will erect new building

The Post Office Department will erect new quarters for the Southwest Station according to Acting Postmaster William A. Laukaitis.

The new facility will be occupied under terms of a ten-year lease which calls for a one - story masonry building, providing 1,320 square feet of floor space, a loading platform and a paved parking and maneuvering area for postal vehicles.

The site of the new postal quarters will be at 1009 Barre St., in Baltimore and construction is scheduled to be completed late this year.

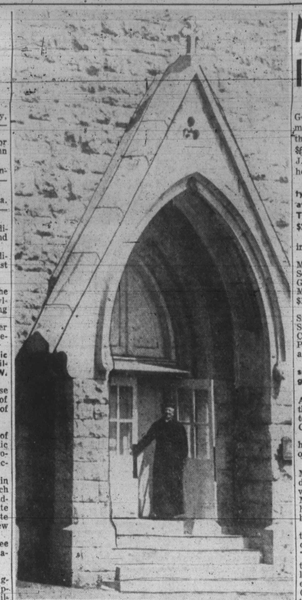
Mr. Laukaitis said that the new quarters will provide twice as much space as the old quarters which will be beneficial to patrons in terms of service and to employees in terms of improved working conditions.

Lt. Carter ends McClellan training

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala. — Army 2d Lt. Donald W. Carter, 22, son of Mrs. J. Carter, Deal Island, Md., recently completed the officer basic course at the Chemical Corps School here.

The 12-week course was designed to familiarize newly commissioned officers in the duties of a Chemical Corps officer.

Lieutenant Carter entered the Army last February. He is a 1956 graduate of Morgan State College in Baltimore and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.



BECAUSE OF VANDALS Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of St. James PE Church, Arlington and Lafayette Aves., is shown as he locked the doors at the church after finding communion kneeling pillows scattered about the aisles. The sexton has several times chased boys from the church. This marks the first time in 17 years the doors of the church have been locked.

Vandalism nothing new in Lafayette Square area

"It has been more than I can handle. It has me at bay.

"Even when someone is there, vandals will come in. We have had locks twisted and broken off lockers. Many things have been missing and the place left in shambles.

"Vandalism seems to be a common experience in this neighborhood. It's nothing new with us."

The Rev. Frank L. Williams, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale and Carrollton Aves., was commenting on vandalism in the general area of St. James PE Church.

Father Cedric Mills told his St. James Congregation on Sunday he would have to lock the doors of his church for the first time in 17 years because of vandalism.

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THE Metropolitan church is one block from St. James in the Lafayette Square area.

Father Mills announced to his parishioners that recently he found communion kneeling pillows scattered in the aisles and several times the sexton had chased boys from the church.

"He also told the congregation:

"I believe church doors should never be locked but we have been bothered by vandals and things may get worse."

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AFTER THE announcement by Father Mills, the AFRO made a survey of other churches in the general area.

Here's what other ministers said:

The Rev. Era Ferrell, pastor of Emmanuel Christian Community Church at Carrollton and Lanvale Sts.; also in the Lafayette Square area said they have had no vandalism.

"Someone is in the church at all times when we are open and that is every day and night except Monday.

"We do lock the church after nine p.m. except when there is a special occasion," she said.

"We have the doors open for meditation because we feel it is necessary and many receive comfort from moments in the chapel or before the altar.

"We are grateful that we have had no vandalism since we have been here."

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HOWEVER, Mrs. Isaac M. Miller, wife of the pastor of St. John AME Church 810 N. Carrollton Ave., in the same block with Emmanuel, said:

"We have had quite a lot of trouble and it has kept us constantly on guard.

"Now, we have a janitor who keeps watch. When he is gone, we lock the church.

We have not had serious difficulty since he has been there.

"We are open all the time except on Tuesdays. That is the janitor's day off," she said.

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THE AFRO survey also included two Catholic churches whose doors are usually open for daytime meditation and prayer.

Father Thomas O'Connor of St. Peter Claver church, 1546 N. Fremont Ave., said his church doors are open all during the day, but are locked at night.

Father O'Connor told the AFRO:

"We've had our votive light stands pilfered a number of times—but I wouldn't consider it vandalism. I wouldn't consider it of any great moment. We've never had any vandalism."

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FATHER STEPHEN Hogan of St. Pius Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St. reported that the doors of his church are open from 6:30 in the morning until 6 in the evening. On Mondays, the doors are kept open until 8:45 p.m.

He said that his church had occasional visits by vandals, but not too much . . . "probably just little school kids," he stated.

"We're very fortunate it has not been bad enough to have to lock our doors," Father Hogan added.

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FOLLOWING Father Mill's announcement that he planned to write letters to Capt. Millard Horton of the Northwestern Police Station and Police Commissioner James Hepbron, the AFRO received this response:

Capt. Horton said: "We'll try to help out as much as we can . . . .

"We'll give him (Father Mills) all the help we can . . . it's one of those things.

"He's complaining of kids coming in battling each other with cushions."

Mrs. Monroe estate listed at $13,398

The $13,398.44 estate of Mrs. Gertrude F. Monroe was administered this week with the largest bequest, valued at $6,420.50, going to Mrs. Merita J. Stokes of 3202 Carlisle Ave., her cousin and godchild.

Mrs. Stokes received property at 1907 McCulloh St. valued at $6,000; six shares of Union Trust Company stock, worth $234; and a residue of $184.50.

Gifts also went to the following:

Mrs. Emma M. Hall, $100; Mrs. Nancy Breckenridge, $200; Sonny Breckenridge, $50; George Dow, $100; Melvin Miles, $100; Henry Mullen, $100;

HOWARD WIGGINS, $100; Simpson Methodist Church Singers, $200; Thomas Ross, Clarence Blake, James Blake, Percy Blake, Saliace Parker and Alfred Blake, $394.90 each.

The individuals also received small gifts of linen, china and glassware, and furniture.

Mrs. Monroe, who died in April 1946, was the ex-wife of the Rev. John F. Monroe, pastor of Callaway Methodist Church, Arlington, Va.

The minister had divorced her on grounds of desertion over her protest.

IN HER will, drawn in 1947, Mrs. Monroe had left specific directions that nothing of hers was to be given to the Rev. Mr. Monroe, because, said she, he had failed to be a good husband.

Mrs. Monroe the former Gertrude Freeman, was an ardent church, community, fraternal and political worker during her life time.

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New Look In Baltimore Housing

DR. AND Mrs. B. M. Rhetta Jr. chose the cottage above which has inviting porches and entrances. It is located at 3230 Carlisle Ave., and has two-car garage to right of house.

The Rhetta home is distinguished by its white cedar shingles and green shutters. It has nine rooms and two baths and an expansive living room. Adjoining the basement clubroom is a laundry room.

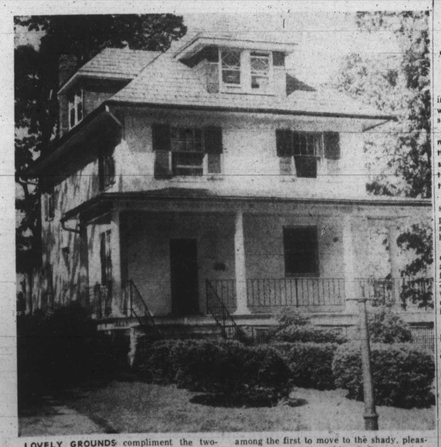
Homes in this Ashburton area are assessed at $14,000 and up, but are selling much above the assessed price mainly because of improvements and landscaped grounds.

COLONIAL style brick home above was selected by Dr. and Mrs. I. Bradshaw Higgins. It is at the corner of Powhatan and Hilton Sts., and fronts Lake Ashburton. The spacious lawns have a variety of shrubs.

SPLIT LEVEL ranch style home was built from ground up by Mr. and Mrs. William Russell. A Dunbar High School teacher whose husby has been planning his dream house, Mr. Russell selected the 3211 Longwood location months before he started construction.

CAPE COD cottage at 3203 Carlisle Ave. is home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stokes. He is an auto salesman. The home features a wood-burning fireplace at the end of a long living room, and a second floor awninged porch.

THIS NINE-ROOM colonial type cottage which faces the corner of Hilton St. and Carlisle Ave., is surrounded by a variety of shrubbery and vari-colored azaleas. It is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Young at 3236 Carlisle Ave.



LOVELY GROUNDS compliment the two-story white house of the William I. Gosnells who live at 3208 Carlisle Ave. Mr. Gosnell is an attorney. He and Mrs. Gosnell were among the first to move to the shady, pleasant neighborhood on this winding street in Forest Park.

New areas draw favor of residents

Baltimoreans, long known as inhabitors of row houses with white marble steps, have upset the old tradition.

As seen in the above photos, many of them are abandoning their former abodes for the suburban atmosphere of sections away from the heart of the city.

Spacious lawns, unusual shrubbery, front, side and back porches and two-car garages represent features not to be had in the areas of old.

In addition to generally lower temperatures in summer and the wonderful smell of fresh air, the new home locations afford freedom from the worries and cares caused by congestion and its attendant ills.

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SPACIOUS ROOMS give the housewife the opportunity to enjoy picturesque interior decorating schemes while the many windows of the elaborate cottages make dwelling within, sunny and cheerful.

Gracious entrances, modern powder rooms, sunparlors, paneled dining rooms, studies libraries, dens, reception halls, fireplaces, spacious rooms opening onto patios, and awninged balconies, are features hardly ever enjoyed in row houses.

Also to be had in the newer residential areas are the up-to-the minute ranch style and split level homes, located amid story-book landscapes.

The glass walls and vast picture windows of the modern homes may face out upon a lovely lake or a wooded area with graceful trees.

Should your taste in homes range from colonial to English manor, from New England cottage, to California ranch style real estate dealers claim your desire may be satisfied for as little as $12,500 and up.

Shopping centers, churches and schools are within pleasant walking distances from the new homes or just a delightful drive away in the family car.

Most gratifying of all, the businessman discovers that his new Baltimore home is just 15 minutes from his downtown office and the ladies may meet old friends and neighbors "back where they used to live" by a journey of just a few blocks.

A TWO-STORY brick cottage was chosen by Dr. Mrs. Charles R. Davidson at 3806 Edgewood Ave., for its beautious location on the tree-lined st;rt. The 50 by 114 foot grounds afford ample play and recreation daughter shrdlu shrdlu hrdlu rtlur dlurd space for them and their six-year-old daughter Chiquita.

BEALL TO SPEAK

WASHINGTON — Senator J. Glenn Beall (Rep., Md.) will speak during the afternoon of May 30 at Memorial Day ceremonies at the Antietam National Cemetery. The commemorative program will be sponsored by Antietam Post No. 236 of the American Legion.