Aid still needed for 46 homeless in fire

ANNAPOLIS — "We are doing all we can for those unfortunate people, but our biggest problems are money and finding them places to stay."

Capt. Gilbert Watkins, chief of the Salvation Army here, was commenting Tuesday on the current plight of the 46 persons — 23 adults and 23 children — left homeless by a four alarm fire which destroyed almost all of their belongings here last Wednesday.

The fire was discovered at 10:30 a.m. in one of a 12-apartment row-housing unit in the unit block of Lafayette Ave.

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BEFORE FIREMEN could bring the blaze under control, the upper floors of the two-story units were completely destroyed, and furnishings on the ground floor damaged beyond salvaging by water.

A fire department official said afterwards that a preliminary investigation had given indications that defective wiring might have caused the fire.

The nearby parsonage of the Asbury Methodist Church, occupied by the Rev. Isaac E. Berry and family, escaped damage.

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MAYOR ARTHUR G. ELLINCTON joined with the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and several community organizations in soliciting food, clothing, funds and shelter for the fire victims.

Capt. Watkins said Tuesday that the Salvation Army had succeeded in placing seven of the 15 families affected in **homes or apartments, with one month's rent paid.**

Also, that most of the others were jammed in homes with relatives or friends, due to a lack of available rental space and funds.

Nine of the tenants was injured. Four of the firemen received minor hurts.

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CONTRIBUTIONS MAY be made by contacting the Salvation Army at 127 Prince George St., Annapolis. Telephone, Colonial 3-4001.

Mrs. Alice Darnell, 33 Lafayette Avenue, a neighbor of the fire victims, has set up a receiving station in her home in an effort to secure donations of the various needs.

Mrs. Darnell, one of Annapolis' most respected citizens is a member of Asbury Methodist Church, its finance committee and also sings with the senior choir.

She is active in the Women's Society of Christian Service as assistant to the secretary of Christian Social Relations and a member of the Altar Guild.

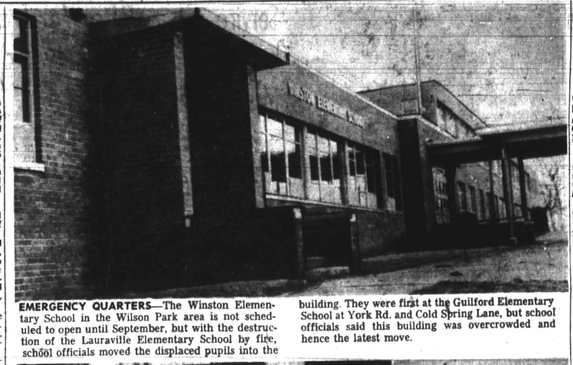
She is also a Past Matron of Prince Hall Chapter No. 15 of the Order of Eastern Star. She serves on the Commission of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, and the El Progresso Art Club.

THESE ARE the families and individuals listed as tenants of the destroyed homes:

Stephen Johnson, wife and three children; Arthur Wells, wife and two children; Isadore Syes, wife and three children; John Simms, wife and two children; Arthur Owens, wife and one child; Albert Brandford, wife and three children.

Also, Mrs. Rosie Green, five children, one grandchild; Mrs. Bertha Hawkins, two children, one grandchild; Charles McKinley and wife;

Also, Roland Johnson, Randolph Parker, Frank Howard, James Baldwin, Mrs. Ruth Eston and Mrs. Gertrude Dawkins.



EMERGENCY QUARTERS—The Winston Elementary School in the Wilson Park area is not scheduled to open until September, but with the destruction of the Lauraville Elementary School by fire, school officials moved the displaced pupils into the building. They were first at the Guilford Elementary School at York Rd. and Cold Spring Lane, but school officials said this building was overcrowded and hence the latest move.

10 years in hold-up

Convicted of armed robbery of a downtown building and loan association, Joseph Oliver Williams, 32, 800 block Harlem Ave., was sentenced to ten years in Penitentiary Tuesday.

A large man — heavy and approaching six feet in height —the defendant limped into Criminal Court on crutches.

He was shot Dec. 8 in his flight from the scene of the offense by the manager of the Equitable Building and Savings Association in the 400 block N. Paca St., police said.

According to the testimony of Martin L. Zimmerman, the manager, he was working in the office about 11 a.m. when Williams, whom he described as a "well-dressed man," came in and asked a woman cashier to change a $10 bill.

"I'll take it all," Mr. Zimmerman quoted the man as saying when the change was offered.

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AT THE time of the offense, the manager said, "When I saw that fellow run out with the money I got so mad I could hardly see."

He said he grabbed a .32 caliber automatic kept in the office and fired while chasing the man.

In the wounded man's escape, George Petty, 400 block N. Greene St., told Lt. John S. Barron and Patrolman James Thomas that the fleeing man attempted to hide in his apartment.

"He nearly scared me to death," Mr. Petty told the AFRO at that time.

"He knocked on the door and asked me, 'How do I get out of here?' I told him there was no way out.

"He asked me if I had a pair of pants he could have. He was downstairs about half an hour before they got him out.

"He was afraid to come out," Mr. Petty said.

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POLICE FOLLOWED a trail of blood to arrest the man at Mr. Petty's apartment.

They said they found a loaded revolver and $300 in his possession when he was arrested.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Williams told the jurist he needed medical attention for his leg.

The judge told him that he could get it where he was going.

Before imposing sentence, Judge Allen said:

"You are lucky you didn't get 20 years."

The sentence he gave was only half of the maximum.

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Jones, Welcome, Dixon on committees

ANNAPOLIS— The three colored members of the General Assembly, all from Baltimore's Fourth Legislative District, are members of these committees in the Senate and House of Delegates:

State Senator J. Alvin Jones, vice chairman, public utilities, and member of labor, education and judiciary committees.

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Mrs. Verda F. Welcome—education and juvenile delinquency committees.

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon — civilian defense educational and the rules procedural committee for the coming House open investigation of Public Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

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NAACP plans its 50th anniversary celebration

Dr. E. Franklin Jackson, pastor of John Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, D.C., and newly elected president of the Washington Branch, NAACP, will be the guest speaker at the 50th Anniversary of the NAACP on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m., at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Dr. Jackson is president of the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and actively assisted in making openings for employment as salespeople in Washington department stores.

He led the 1958 membership campaign for the YMCA and the church division of the 1958 campaign for the Urban League.

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THE REV. WILLARD L. Clayton, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church will give the invocation, while the Rev. G. M. Edwards, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church will introduce the speaker.

The Rev. A. J. Payne, of Enon Baptist Church will give a brief history of the NAACP. The Rev. Marcus G. Wood pastor of Providence Baptist Church will preside.

Music will be furnished by the Simmons Memorial Baptist Church Choir, the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church Choir, Macedonia Baptist Church Choir, the Open Heart Singers, Pasadena Md.

Also as guests, the Kadets of America under direction of John H. Carter commander.

Benediction by the Rev. M.F. Wallace, pastor of Patterson Asbury AME Church.

After the program, a social tea hour will be held in the lecture room downstairs celebrating the 50th anniversary. ed.

DR. E. F. JACKSON

Native Cuban calls Castro 'Moses of Cuba'

By IRENE M. BECKWITH

The Southern newspaperman who wrote in his column recently, "Cuba! When will her people be free? I wonder, I wonder, I wonder," needs to wonder no more. The answer has come from a native Cuban who writes, "I tell you, Fidel Castro is to us like Moses to the People of Israel under Pharaoh."

This statement was contained in a letter to a local resident from her family in Guantanamo, Cuba, after weeks of waiting for an answer to her letters. The letter explained that until Castro came, it had been impossible to write, in fact, almost to talk.

The receiver of the letter, who requests that her name and that of the sender be kept in confidence, expressed the feeling of her family and thousands of other Cubans when she said, "Critics of Castro should read this letter before they talk. Only those who live in Cuba know and understand under Fulgencio Batista."

THE LETTER reads:

"I received your letters and everybody was glad to hear from you all. My dear— — no tongue can tell, no book can describe what was passing here. You will never understand what was going on.

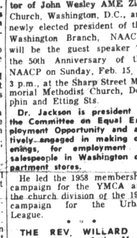
"Nobody could talk or say anything. If you were to see the dead bodies—tortured; it's a sin how they took young boys out of their homes and tortured them—drove long nails through their heads, castrated them, dug out their eyes, cut their tongues out of their heads and many other ways. It's piercing to see them.

"We missed our share by God's mercy, because the same day that Fidel Castro and his men came to our town is the same day the wicked soldiers were preparing to bomb and burn it.

"We had to dig holes under our beds to hide in them from shots night and day. I tell you . . . Fidel Castro is to us like Moses to the People of Israel . . .

"I don't think we can even compare that wicked man to Pharaoh because it's more than

Mrs. Florence Snowden, Mrs. Virginia Keasley, Mrs. Beatrice Martin, Mrs. Mamie Knowland and Leroy Hayden.



'Green bag' jobs due Feb. 25

ANNAPOLIS — February 25 is the date — a day of happiness for many folks, and a time of teeth gnashing for some others.

This is the day Gov. J. Millard Tawes is scheduled to announce his "green bag" appointments — his choices for political job changes normally made by a new governor.

A number of vacancies on various state and institutional boards are also expected to be filled by Gov. Tawes.

The political job replacements to include new magistrates in the Traffic Court, and at Northwestern Police Court, of positions now held by Robert B. Watts and Linwood G. Roger Sr., respectively.

Mr. Watts, though a Democrat, is an appointee of the former State Senator Harry A. Cole, Republican.

Mr. Roger is a Republican.

U. THEODORE HAYES, assistant attorney general, and Calvin Douglass, assistant city solicitor, are among those favored for the Traffic Court post, according to persistent rumors.

Josiah F. Henry, veteran city attorney and strong party man, is in the forefront of those expected to be considered for the Northwestern District spot.

Mr. Henry is a native of Gov. Tawes' Eastern Shore.

Aside from conferences with some departmental and institutional heads, Gov. Tawes has given little public hint of the appointments to come.

A month ago, he gave the AFRO this statement on the matter:

"I am going to have very, very few committments. I want to fill the jobs with the best qualified people."

The job changes are also expected to bring a new magistrate — at large, to replace George L. Russell Jr., whose term expires in April, and new justices of the peace.

Committees are formed for Oberlin College date

Members of Bethel AME Church met Sunday at a coffee hour to form committees to sponsor the Oberlin College Choir at Bethel on Tuesday March 24.

Committees are:

Miss Cayene Tilghman, chairman, L. A. Lewie, co-chairman, Dr. T. K. Brown, Mrs. Gladys Davis, George S. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, publicity.

Mrs. Elizabeth McLauren chairman, Mrs. Connie Lowe, Mrs. Josephine Williams, Mrs. Jeanette Holmes, Mrs. Anna Bell Young, M. Moore Sr., the Rev. Edward Carroll, Mrs. G. Laurence, M. Moore Jr., courtesy.

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MRS. ELSIE DENNIS, chairman, Mrs. Reva G. Lewis, Miss Dukye Woods Mrs. Beatrice Mayo, Mrs. Marjorie Butler, hostesses.

Mrs. Mae Pack, chairman, Mrs. Catherine Moore, Mrs. Samuel Kent, Mrs. Estelle Simpson, Mrs. Georgia Chester, Mrs. Francis Hill, housing.

Mrs. Marie Matthews, chairman, Charles Robinson, Mrs. Edith Bryant, Mrs. Edith P. Hill, Mrs. Margaret Finch, tickets.

Nathaniel Brown, Aaron Powell, dinner.

Mrs. Louise Perrin, chairman, Mrs. Henry Freeman, Marshall Waters, Mrs. Logan Jenkins, Dr. Hayes Strider, Dr. Saul E. Lulienstein, Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, program.

Mrs. Mary Robinson chairman, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Miss Tunella Laurence, Miss Jurelia Joyner, decorations.

Heading a citizens committee cooperating with the church is Mrs. Flossie Dedmond.

Members include Mrs. Adah Jenkins, Miss Beatrice Mayo, Meredith Birche, Miss Dukye Woods, Miss Marjorie Butler, Mrs. Beryl Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips and James D. Williams.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Bethel.

Spring session opens Monday at Morgan State

"English for Overseas Students" and "Vocabulary Development" are two of the courses which will be offered in the regular spring session of Morgan State College.

Instruction for the spring session begins Monday, Feb. 9. Freshman registration and orientation begins Monday, February 2. Upperclass registration is scheduled for Feb. 5-6.

"English for Overseas Students" is a first course in Reading and writing and it is deagned to facilitate the learning of the language for foreign students.

THE vocabulary course is designed to give the student a solid foundation for life - long vocabulary development.

Its approach is to acquaint the student with the principles of word formation through an intensive study of the Latin and Greek roots, prefixes and suffixes which appear most commonly in English words.

Both courses are taught by Harry L. M. Jones, assistant professor of English, who for the past five summers has taught overseas student in the Language Center at American University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jones has also had experience in teaching English in Denmark.

Wanted—missing grads of Douglass' 1949 class

The June, 1959 graduation class of Douglass High School will observe its tenth anniversary in June with affairs covering a three day period.

These include a baccalaureate service, unique family day picnic and a banquet.

The class has held affairs in order to keep in contact with all members and except for 50 names all of the class has been traced.

Any member of the class of June '49 not notified in the past should contact or call Mrs. Theresa Nelson McClain, more 16, Md. Telephone: Long Green 6-1197.

Those members of the class whose address is unknown are as follows:

Warfield Bascom	Winfred Pain
Florence Brown	Pauline Paul
Barnard Burley	Constance Powell
Annabelle Cooper	James Pratt
Annabelle Kent	Gwendolyn Pattyman
Florice Clark	Liliann Pulliam
Laetha Cook	Edna Redmond
Helen Crompton	Marie Rice
Deborah Finney	Lucille Richardson
Archie Fitzgerald	Constance Robinson
Ruby Ford	John Rodgers
Henrietta Fredricks	Mary Schofield
Christine Gaither	William Simms
Marion Gibson	Charles Stephens
Helen Harris	Peggy Thompson
James Henry	Carl Thornton
Yvonne Jackson	E. Washington
Gertrude Johnson	M. Washington
Lightfoot	Alma Washington
William Junior	Josephine Widder
Grandine Madden	Lula Whitehead
Helen McPherson	Janet Williams
Mary McPherson	John Williams
Joan M. Dorsey	Laura Wilson
William Murray	Gertrude Yancy
Dorothy Nelson	Mary Young

Norman Spencer fined $150

"Your honor, I am guilty.

"It's nobody's fault but my own." said Norman Spencer in Traffic Court Tuesday morning.

He was charged with driving on an expired license.

Magistrate Miller fined the defendant a total of $150 after accepting his guilty plea on all three offenses.

Leroy Spencer, 1300 block Pressman St., the defendant's father told the magistrate that his son had taken his automobile without his permission and ran into an automobile at North Ave. and Monroe St.

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

ATLANTA — The annual faculty - student Founder's Day campaign at Morris Brown College will come to a close on March 12, Dr. Ann Cochran, director of teacher training, is coordinator of the effort.

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French ask okey to use crime report

The Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission has received a request from the "Revue de Science Criminelle Et De Penal Compare," (a professional criminology publication in France) asking permission to publish a recent study.

The research, "A Follow-up Study of Men Released in 1954 from the Maryland State Reformatory Based on By Reason of Parole and Expiration of Sentence" is one of the few such studies done in the world.

The chairman of the research was John L. Berry, a member of the Criminal Justice Commission's executive committee, and the research director was Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, its managing director.

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WHAT THE RETIRED DO

The AFRO goes visiting with Oscar C. Dorsey . . . retired

By WILLIAM SLATER

This is the fourth in a series of articles on how some of our retired citizens are spending their leisure time.

This week, the AFRO visited Oscar C. Dorsey, 69, 2321 McCulloh St., a retired letter carrier.

Mr. Dorsey retired from his job Dec. 31, 1957 after 34 years.

Born in Baltimore Aug. 7, 1889, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dorsey (Annie) who earned their livelihood catering to parties.

Mr. Dorsey began his education at East St. School, and then Jefferson St. School (as they were called then).

When his parents died, he was forced to leave school and take a job to support his younger brothers and sisters.

BUT WITH his driving desire to get at least a high school education, he attended evening school after his working hours.

After completing high school in 1908, he worked at odd jobs and then found a job as a chauffeur with a downtown delivery firm.

Still not satisfied with his work, he decided to take the postal examination and also the Pullman porter examination.

Passing both examinations and being accepted by both employers, he was faced with a big decision — which job to take.

"It was a pretty hard decision," recalls Mr. Dorsey.

"Being a young fellow, I wanted to get out and travel, but my responsibilities (young er brothers and sisters) demanded that I stay at home and take the post office job."

Asked whether he had ever regretted his decision, Mr. Dorsey smiled and answered:

"No. I really enjoyed my stay at the post office. One couldn't find a better environment and nicer people to work with."

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SITTING IN a comfortable-looking rocking chair that seemed to be made for a retired person, and puffing happily on a cigar, Mr. Dorsey spoke again:

"I was just reading the longest article in your paper when the door bell rang."

Mr. Dorsey, who lives alone in his second floor bachelor apartment, has never been married.

He admits that not getting married is perhaps the biggest mistake he has ever made.

"It's a pretty lonesome world to have to live in alone.

"I've had good opportunities to marry, but I just never got around to it," he said.

When asked does he have any plans to marry soon, he replied with a smile.

"If I'd meet the right girl, sure I'd get married. I don't think I'm too old."

Rocking comfortably he continued.

"Seriously speaking, though, I am still looking for that ideal girl."

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ASKED WHY he decided to retire at such an "early age," he replied.

"I was getting tired and was having trouble with my arthritis.

"Besides, I think 34 years is enough. I wanted to get out while I was able to enjoy myself."

Chewing on his cigar that he seemed to be enjoying immensely, he continued talking.

"I didn't make any plans when I retired, but I do quite a bit of traveling."

Mr. Dorsey said he had been to such places as New York and Atlantic City and hopes soon to go to California.

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SHOWING an expensive-looking camera he had setting on the table, Mr. Dorsey said that he is a real "shutterbug."

"I love to take pictures," he said pulling out of an envelope a bundle of pictures.

"These are some I took a few weeks ago."

Mr. Dorsey has been leading an unusually active life since his retirement.

He is a life-long member of Bethel AME Church where he once was an usher.

He also is a 32nd degree Mason, belonging to the King David Lodge.

And a member of such other organizations as Shriners, Jerusalem Temple No. 4; Chesapeake Club, Postal Alliance, National Association of Retired Civil Employees; YMCA; and NAACP.

Mr. Dorsey has two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Turner, and Mrs. Loretta Collins of New York, and a brother, Joseph Dorsey, a technician in a New York hospital.

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AS THE AFRO interviewer was leaving, Mr. Dorsey said.

"You see, there really wasn't much to my life, very simple and quiet."

For a man that "didn't have much of a life," Mr. Dorsey is now in the position where many of us would like to be.

Don't you agree?

OSCAR C. DORSEY
He made a decision he never regretted

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6

Valentine Tea sponsored by the Westminster Fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6-15

"Peryngian Art from the City of King Midas," at Walters Art Gallery with His Excellency Seifullah Esin, the Turkish ambassador to the United States, Dr. Rodney S. Young of the University of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Thomas B. Finan, secretary of the State of Maryland, as guests. 9:30 p.m., Charles and Center Sts.

Lecture tour of Egyptian Gallery by Dr. Theodore L. Low of Walters Art Gallery.

The Rev. Warren C. Sion, rector, Christ Church, Baltimore, will speak on "The Ministry of the Laity," at Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St.

FEBRUARY 8

Original Echo Gospel Singers at Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church to observe the group's 11th anniversary, 1602 E. Oliver St., 8 p.m.

East Baltimore Civic Association holds monthly meeting at St. Francis Parish Hall, Eden St. near Eager, 4 p.m., public invited.

Fashion in Flowers at YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., sponsored by Summers Florist, 1544 Pennsylvania Ave., no admission, public invited. 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Douglass High February class of 1949 reunion church service at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., 11 a.m.

David I. Bottolph, director Dillard University Choir (New Orleans) choir on ABC Radio network for United College Fund.

Dr. G. James Fleming, professor of political science at Morgan State College, will speak on "Memorials We Would Build," for the Baltimore Ethical Society, 1017 N. Charles St., 11 a.m.

Men's Day at Eastern Methodist Church, 20th and Wolfe Sts. The Rev. Samuel Carter, conference director of surveys, 11 a.m. speaker; the Rev. Edward Wilson of Waters AME Church, 3 p.m. speaker; reports of captains, 8 p.m.

Fashion show and tea sponsored by the Women's Day Committee of Trinity AME Church, E. Hoffman St. and Collington Ave., 4 to 7 p.m., all styles by Hendin's.

FEBRUARY 9

"Ancient Glass," an illustrated lecture by Ray W. Smith, Walters Archaeological Institute 8:15 p.m., Walters Art Gallery.

Excellency Alexis S. Liatis, Greek ambassador to the United States and the Honorable George V. Allen, director of the United States Information Agency, guest speakers for Second Annual Dinner of the United Nations Association of Maryland at Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel.

Catholic Youth Organization, Our Lady of Perpetual Mardi Gras at Fifth Regiment Armory, 8 to 12 p.m. Masquerade party features the Fontane Sisters, "Rock 'n' Roll Kings" of Jack Gandy, the Morgan Starr Orchestra and Perry Andrews, master of ceremonies. Awards presented to member of club represented, a "Mr./Miss CYO."

FEBRUARY 11

Pancake supper at Grace Presbyterian Church sponsored by Grace Circle, 5 p.m.

Dr. Hugo Freund, a film of the lady from Philadelphia introduced Mrs. Rolle Anderson as the fifth in the 1958 - 59 series of outstanding 16 mm. films, 8:15 p.m. Enoch Pratt Library, Central Hall.

Miss Dorothy K. Hall will lecture tour of Phrygian Art Exhibit at Walters Art Gallery, 8:15 p.m.

"Progress in Integration," subject for Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of public instruction, Enoch Pratt, 12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12

Testimonial for Robert Adkins, at 1029 Madison Ave., sponsored by Men's Beneficial Association. Mr. Adkins being honored for his long service to the group, 8:30 p.m.

Womanpower monthly meeting at Thelma's Lunch Room, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

FEBRUARY 14

Douglass High February class of 1949 cocktail dance at Wilson's, North and Pennsylvania Aves.

Fifth annual Lincoln - Douglass ball, sponsored by PALMA, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Beaux Arts Ball on Valentine Day in Galaxy Room of Friendship Airport, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, N.C.) Choir, directed by Clement W. Kemp, on ABC Network Radio for United Negro College Fund.

FEBRUARY 16

"Publishing Before Printing," illustrated by Miss Dorothy K. Minor at Walters Art Gallery, 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17

Lecture tour of Renaissance painting by Miss Minna Newman at Walters Art Gallery.

FEBRUARY 18

"The Cuban Revolution," discussed by Dr. Enrique Noble, associate professor of Spanish at Goucher College, 8:15 p.m., Enoch Pratt Library, Central Hall.

FEBRUARY 22

Chorus of More[illegible] Unit[illegible] Lena Wilson directs a[illegible] college scholarship fund.

the Philharmonic Choir at St. James PE Church, 8 p.m.

The Blind Association of Baltimore in musical concert at Christ Methodist Church, Chase and Washington Sts., 3 p.m., sponsored by the Missionary group of the church.

FEBRUARY 23

"Myth and Legend," in the Walters Collection discussed by Miss Minna Newman, Walters Art Gallery.

FEBRUARY 24

Lecture tour on Ancient Civilizations by Miss Naomi Norris at Walters Art Gallery, 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25

"Baltimore's Changing Population," discussed by Dr. Matthew L. Taylor, Assistant Commissioner of Health in Baltimore City, at Enoch Pratt Central Hall, 12:30 p.m.

MARCH 1

Spring Fashion show for children at YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., 4 p.m.

Fifteenth annual Blue Ribbon Tea sponsored by the Women's Citywide Committee for Delinquency Prevention of the Baltimore Community Committee, 4 to 8 p.m., Dunbar High School auditorium. Mrs. Clara M. Brown, Detroit attorney, special associate general counsel of the Post Office, speaker.

MARCH 8

"Artists and Indians," discussed by Dr. Theodore L. Low of Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 8

Thirty-fourth annual dinner meeting of the Baltimore Urban League at Famous Ballroom with Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, head of the Department of Sociology at Howard University, as guest speaker.

MARCH 9

"Fabulous Fabrics," discussed by Miss Dorothy Minor, Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 16

"Illusions in Art," by Dr. Theodore Low at Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 22

Student group from Peabody guests at St. James PE Church Maurice Murphy, organist; Miss Joanne Cohen, violinist; Miss Wilda Heir, flautist and Miss Veronica Taylor, soloist.

MARCH 23

"Easter in the Medieval Drama," discussed by Philippe Verdier, Curator of Medieval Arts, at Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 24

Oberlin College Choir of 50 voices presented in recital at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., 8:30 p.m., benefitting Women's Day.

MARCH 30

Easter Luncheon sponsored by the Ministers' Wives of the Baltimore Missionary Convention, 1 p.m., at St. Mark's Institutional Church.

"The Story behind the Picture," by Edward S. King, director of the Gallery and curator of painting at Walters Art Gallery.

APRIL 19

The Baltimore chapter of St. Bede's Alumni Association of Lynchburg, Va., will sponsor an informal social meetive at Bethel Church, benefiting scholarship fund.

Fast rising track star has no time to waste

By HERB MANGRUM

Eight years ago she was just another quiet well mannered little girl signing up for supervised play at the Chick Webb Recreation Center.

On Sundays she attended Faith Baptist Church with her parents. On week days, when not in school, she sampled every thing in sports the center had to offer.

In early 1953, under the supervision of L. Clement Moore, their center director, she became interested in swimming and before the year was out had also learned about softball and baseball, and had become a star in each.

In 1954, after a fling at basketball, she was fascinated by the discus, the javelin and everything connected with track.

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IN THE spring of 1954, Velma Stevens went out for the Webb Center track team. She has been running every since.

After five years of competition, the 19 year - old athlete who stands five-feet-three-inches tall and weighs 109 pounds has won enough medals, cups and certificates to fill two trophy cases.

Velma, who is an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Diggs of 1707 E. Preston St., is rec ognized as the top female athlete at Chick Webb Center.

In the recent Eastern SAA-AAU games at the Fifth Regiment Armory, she ran the 60 yard dash in 8:1.8 seconds.

In 1957 she was named the outstanding SAA athlete of the year, was invited to join the Baltimore Orioles track club, and earned eight first place medals for the year.

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THE ATTRACTIVE star, who is also studying modeling in addition to attending evening school, won four first place awards during the 1958 Municipal Games, and picked up a second place prize along the way.

After working hours, and before Velma's busy schedule includes a two hour and 30 minute workout six days a week at the Armory under the watchful eye of her coach, Peter Hopkins.

Even then she finds time to participate in the activities at Webb Center where her progress in track, tennis and swimming are carefully recorded by Center director, T. Madison Garrison.

TOPS—Holding onto the trophy she won for finishing at the top in a recent all Eastern Meet, Velma Stevens receives congratulations from Garrison, director of Chick Webb Recreation Center.

George Bond turns in saddle, hopes to train

"I started riding when I was seven years old. I won my first race at Belmont Park in 1925."

Speaking these words was George Bond, 49, 2109 Westwood Ave., a veteran jockey of 39 years.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Bond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bond Sr. who once owned an upholstery shop on Druid Hill Ave.

He was reared and attended the public schools here.

Mr. Bond said he was ten years old when he climbed aboard his first horse, a thoroughbred, and he's been on them every since.

In fact there have been so many that Mr. Bond has lost count.

Recalling how it was when he first started, he said:

"I used to attend School No. 112, on Carey St. and No. 123 on Laurens St. and gallop horses in the morning before the school bell rang.

The jockey remembers he got his first chance to ride as a full-fledged jockey through Admiral Cary T. Grayson at the old Benning track near Washington.

"From there I started traveling around the country—Arkansas, Ohio, New York and all over.

"I even rode for Al Jolson when I went to California.

"He liked me so well until he wanted me to stay," continued Mr. Barnes.

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THE LEAN JOCKEY says that most of his races have been exciting.

"The one I remember best, though, was a handicap here at Pimlico.

"The horse's name was Scotch Broom owned by Samuel Ross.

"There were many great riders in that race, but I came out on top in a daring nose to nose battle," he said excitingly.

Asked how could he keep so youthful looking and agile at his age, he replied.

"Much of my agility is due to my hobbies. I love swimming, bicycle riding, tennis and dancing."

Another of his hobbies that he takes rather seriously is building electric train sets.

His cellar is nearly full with a big display of train sets.

"It's a fascinating hobby," Mr. Bond says.

He says that he plans to enter the full display in a contest sponsored by a national railroad magazine.

Although tall for a jockey, (5'8") the Baltimorean has no weight problems.

When asked about his weight, he replied.

"I weigh 115 today, but I think I can do 113 with ease."

Asked about his plans for the future, he answered.

"I am hoping that soon I will be able to get out of the saddle and into a training position.

"Traveling as much as I do is kinda tough on my married life."

He has been married to Mrs. Olivia Willis Bond of Matthews Co., Va., since 1947.

The couple has no children.

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THE THIN, graying jockey has on display some of his most prized possessions.

Showing his visitor a jockey's saddle, he explained:

"This was sent to me from New York by Eddie Arcaro.

"I won the first time I ever used it, and have been winning or placing ever since I had it."

Also for display were two pairs of riding boots, riding pants, a whip, newspaper clippings and pictures.

Mr. Bond says that he is not even considering giving up the horses for an easy chair, pipe and foot stool.

"It sorta gets in your blood and you can't get away from it.

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AMONG HIS other souvenirs are the licenses he had acquired from the different states in which he rode.

The jockey is licensed in Maryland, New York, Arkansas, California, Ohio, Canada, and Florida.

He has ridden on such tracks as Timonium, Pimlico, Belmont, Laurel, Hialeah and Charles Town.

And for such stables as Bowes Barns and Edward S. Voss Jr.

GEORGE BOND
Riding is his business and he loves it

DEAR BOSS:

Fabulous Fabian and his pals do their bit for rock 'n' roll

Dear Boss,

Went to the rock and roll show at the Coliseum last Wednesday night like you said. And Boss, I do believe that this old town of Baltimore has grown up.

They had a packed house, and the crowd was orderly during the entire performance. There wasn't any disturbance outside and things went off without a hitch.

Can't help but wonder where those kids dredged up all that money, "cause the cheapest seat in the house was $2.50.

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DIDN'T get there for the opening numbers by Buddy Johnson and the band. A group called the Block Busters were in when I made the scene. (dig that jive talk)

Easy to see how they got that name, 'cause they really sounded like they were busting blocks. They were followed by the Kalin Twins, who set the gals screaming.

Ella Johnson, sister of bandleader Buddy Johnson, followed a jazz touch, singing "All Right, O.K." Clay Tyson supplied the comedy with a really funny pantomine of a man taking his girl for a ride.

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ON CAME the Crests with their "16 Candles" bit — broke things up, too, then Duane Eddy came.

Jimmy Clanton, who was scheduled to appear on the show, was missing. He left the show to fill an engagement for Buddy Holly of the Crickets, who was killed in a plane crash the previous day.

Now came Clyde McPhatter, and boy, does he ever have a loyal fan club. Again this year, they had garnered front row seats, and wearing identical sweaters with Clyde's name printed all over them—they let the place out.

Talking about yelling and screaming, why I thought the poor girls were going to pass out. When Clyde finished his act, they were limp with exhaustion.

Then, Bless Bess, on came Little Anthony and the Imperials, and the place went wild all over again. Those youngsters actually stoppedthe show.

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