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Dispute Over Boxing Listed As Cause Of Death

Candidates will air their views

The various councilmanic aspirants, during the coming days will have an opportunity to express their views on civil rights, the Citizens Committee For Civil Rights Legislation announced this week.

The committee, headed by the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, announced a schedule of public meetings, at 8 p.m., designed for educational purposes.

The schedule of public meetings, showing councilmanic districts, date and place follows.

District 1-2-3

Monday, Feb. 16, Faith Baptist Church, Ashland Ave. and Bond St.

District 4

Feb. 18, Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.; Monday, Feb. 23, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Lanvale St. and Fremont Ave.

District 5

Friday, Feb. 20, Metropolitan Methodist Church, Gilmanvale and Carrollton; Wednesday, Feb. 25, Mt. Zion Methodist, Gilmore and Riggs.

District 6

Hemmingway Temple AME, 2700 Woodview Rd., Cherry Hill; Thursday, Feb. 26, Leadenhall Baptist Church, Leadenhall and Cross Sts.

Officers of the Civil Rights Committee, with headquarters located at 402 Dolphin St., addition to the Rev. Mr. Wood, are Linwood G. Koger Jr., vice chairman; the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin, secretary; the Rev. E. G. Carroll, Dr Carl Murphy, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, the Rev. A. J. Payne, the Rev J. T. Boddie; Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, Dr. J. E. T. Camper, and the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant.

Fight must reach out to suburbs

"You do not solve this problem by confining your efforts to the city.

"We must find some way of working in the suburbs on this thing."

Baltimore groups working to overcome the problem of changing neighborhoods heard that blunt warning Wednesday morning from Mrs. Thelma Babbitt, director of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Housing program of the American Friends Service Committee.

It amounts to "almost a losing battle" against changing neighborhoods when the effort to slow it is confined to the city, Mrs. Babbitt said.

In order to make the program a success, the "escape route" must be cut off. Nothing is accomplished in having a city entirely fenced in by an area that is completely restricted, she said.

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MRS. BABBITT spoke to representatives of groups who have been formulating plans and laying the groundwork for an organization to combat problem of changing neighborhoods. The meeting was in the Parrish House of the Unitarian Church, 500 block N. Charles St.

The Baltimore Commission on Human Relations, William C. Rogers Sr., chairman, and the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, Samuel T. Daniels, executive secretary, were hosts.

Mr. Rogers, who presided, said during the informal discussion of the problem that he did not feel the governments of the counties in the Baltimore metropolitan area would put stumbling blocks in the way of any developer interested in erecting homes for both races in the counties.

Mr. Rogers also said he did not feel a builder with such plans would run into any financial problems with his project.

Others in the group, including Mrs. Babbitt, Dr. Furman L. Templeton head of the Baltimore Urban League and Dave Nicholson, secretary of community relations for the UL, were not so sure builders are not being discouraged from attempting such developments.

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MRS. BABBITT said her success in working through the churches.

"We find the civic organizations so divided in their thinking about this," she explained.

During the meeting, William Boucher 3rd, director of the Greater Baltimore Committee, said the steering committee had gained support from the Baltimore Real Estate Board for a program which may soon be introduced in City Council.

The proposed ordinance would include part of the code of ethics of the board in arming it with powers to persuade realtors to refrain from so-called blockbusting.

Mr. Boucher also disclosed that efforts to obtain operational finance for the organization, for which by-laws are nearly completed, are promising.

DMV says it's through with Holden

"The DMV was out of line. There was nothing else for them to do but drop it.

"They were trying to do something that has never been done before."

These were the comments of Stanley Scherr, attorney, after the DMV decided on Wednesday against holding a hearing for Harold V. Holden.

Holden, a 36-year-old mechanic who was acquitted of 18 traffic charges was scheduled to go before a Department of Motor Vehicles reviewer this week.

The hearing was to have been held to determine whether or not the defendant was "fit person" to hold a driver's permit.

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THE DMV called off the hearing after Holden was found not guilty Monday of driving on a suspended license.

Previously, Holden who resides in the 600 block Hillview Rd., had been found not guilty of 17 traffic charges following his arrest last November.

The 17 charges were dropped by Chief Traffic Court Magistrate Thomas F. Dempsey on grounds that arresting officers were "unfair" in their treatment of Holden.

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THE 18TH charge which was not made at the time of his arrest, accused Holden of driving on a suspended license.

On Monday, the defendant was found not guilty of that charge in Traffic Court.

Holden was acquitted after Magistrate Robert Watts was told that Holden never received a certified letter from the DMV notifying him that his license had been suspended.

Meantime, State's Attorney J. Harold Grady has announced that he intends to appeal dismissal of the 17 traffic and charges.

According to Mr. Scherr, the appeal will "never get off the ground because it doesn't mean a thing."

Mr. Scherr said that under the Constitution, an appeal can only be filed by the person convicted.

A FREE RIDE to Franklin Square Hospital where she was examined and released, was the only consolation left for Mrs. Eunice Mae McKinnis, 36, of the 900 block N. Fulton Ave., after her late model car smashed into two homes near Fulton Ave., and Franklin St., last Sunday. On March 24, Mrs. McKinnis must appear in Traffic Court to explain why it happened.

Says wife married him for his allotment alone

Testifying that Mrs. Ruth Hayes only wed him to obtain an allotment and that the marriage was never consummated, Clarence Hayes had the union annulled, this week.

Mr. Hayes, who gave his address as 2408 Calverton Heights, said that he and Mrs. Hayes went through a wedding ceremony on Dec. 27, 1953.

Leaving the church after the marriage, they went to a wedding party at the home of his sister, and following that he took a train for New York, where he was stationed in the Army, he said.

"She thought I was going to stay in the Army ... make a career of it. She said she only married me because I would have an allotment check coming," Mr. Hayes told a Master of the court.

Mr. Hayes, who said he married Mrs. Hayes with good intentions, added that even after she had told him she didn't intend to live with him he set up a residence for her.

But, he added, she failed to return to him and went to California to live. Mrs. Hayes, he said, is now in Los Angeles.

The marriage was annulled in Circuit Court.

A DIVORCE went to Mrs. Naomi J. Moreland of 4131 Maribou Court, Brooklyn, Md., from Willia M. Moreland, who she charged with constructive desertion.

The couple's three children were given into custody of the father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Moreland. The father was charged with their maintenance.

Mrs. Moreland testified that she and Mr. Moreland were married in Glen Burnie on Nov. 11, 1950. The marriage ended, she said, in April, 1956.

The separation, she said, was not the first, but that they had decided to go back together on account of the children.

"But we had an argument. He knocked me around and left. I didn't know where he was. I stayed with his mother a while and then I went back to my people," she testified.

MRS. IDA TOWNSEND filed a petition for temporary and permanent alimony against Emanuel Townsend in Circuit Court, Tuesday.

Charging that her husband deserted her on Dec. 25, 1958 Mrs. Townsend says that she is without adequate means of support while Mr. Townsend earns approximately $100 a week.

Mrs. Townsend is a Provident Hospital nurse. Mr. Townsend is a postal clerk.

Mrs. Lena K. Lee, attorney, is attorney for the wife.

Goodman fights bill

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — State Senator J. Alvin Jones, 4th District, Baltimore, wants the General Assembly to make a political job of the executive secretary post on the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

Senator Jones on last Thursday introduced Senate Bill No. 237 — his first — which would take from the commission and give to the governor the appointment power of an executive secretary of this commission.

"This bill, if passed, and it has passed second reading, would mean that whatever governor is in office would be allowed to fill this post with a political ally — and thus make it a patronage job.

State Senator Philip H. Goodman, 5th District, Baltimore, has delayed until today (Friday) in an opposition move, final action on the bill.

Senator Goodman, a lone dissenter, told the AFRO his opposition is based on the contention the commission is fully qualified to select its own executive secretary. Therefore, the governor should not be saddled with this added responsibility.

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THIS EXECUTIVE secretary post, now filled by Samuel T. Daniels, is a state merit system position, and has been such since 1957, when it was so established by the previous General Assembly.

Russell-S. Davis, state commissioner of personnel, said Monday that applications were closed on January 24 on a pending examination for the position.

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MR. DANIELS, if he desires to remain in his present position, will be required to take and pass this examination.

Mr. Davis revealed, however, that the examination might be held up, pending the determination of General Assembly action on Mr. Jones' bill.

Just prior to the past November 4 general election, Bernard S. Melnicove, a former 4th District sen tor, instigated action surrounding the executive secretary of the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations that is in direct contrast to, Mr. Jones' proposal.

Mr. Melnicove contended that Mr. Daniels, who was then promoting the candidacy of Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, successful House of Delegates aspirant, should not, because of his job, be allowed to so enter in politics.

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THE COMMISSION, as a result of this public expression and supporting pressures from some quarters, added this restriction to the job.

Now — Senator Jones wants the job made an out - and - out politi, appointment.

Mr. Melnicove has had the same political sponsorship that of James H. (Jack) Pollack, 4th District Democratic boss — as now given Senator Jones.

Mr. Melnicove was defeated in his bid for re - election in 1954 by Harry A. Cole, Republican.

Mr. Cole, in turn, was defeated in the past election by Senator Jones, a retired Department of Employment Security specialist, making his first bid for public office.

Close political observers saw the Melnicove attack on Mr. Daniels and his job as a reprisal for his support of Mrs. Welcome and the others on the 4th District's Coalition ticket — opposing the Pollack slate.

The Pollack slate won, however, with the exception of a House of Delegates seat taken by Mrs. Welcome.

176 vote-rights cited in 10th Ward, 2nd D.

"They are Democrats challenging just Democrats."

Eugene A. Sekulow, chief clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, offered this comment Wednesday about the 176 persons whose right to vote in the 10th Ward, 2nd District, has been challenged.

The board will hold a public hearing on these challenges beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, in the People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Mr. Sekulow revealed that there originally 219 such challenges, but 40 of these were discarded by the board.

He said the challenges were signed by a "Miss Margaret Kuhns."

The 10th Ward is bounded by Preston, Caroline, Monument Sts. and Fallsway.

As of last September, there were 4,558 colored citizens registered there, and 1,889 whites.

The Senate in Annapolis on Wednesday passed and sent to Gov. J. Millard Tawes a bill requiring the "personal knowledge" by the challenger of the citizen challenged.

If signed into law before Tuesday, it will adversely affect the scheduled hearing.

Serious lack of nursing homes?

In Maryland, there are approximately 165 nursing homes and only seven of these admit colored patients.

According to the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies, one-third of Maryland's nursing homes will accept only pay patients.

One-third take a token number of "can't pay patients," and the other third—generally low-standard—take the bulk.

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THERE IS an extreme lack of nursing facilities for Welfare patients while many homes have empty beds because few patients can afford to pay for them, the council pointed out.

At present, a bill is before the General Assembly for a "Nursing Home Loan for 1959." This calls for a $1,500,000 bond issue for the building of more homes.

Probation, no verdict for Rudolph Wheeler Jr.

"His father is anxious for him to continue his education. He was kept in City Jail for a couple days to let him know what it was to get into this sort of trouble.

This was the plea of attorney Gilbert . . . Friedel to Judge Edwin Harlan in Criminal Court Tuesday on behalf of client, Rudolph Wheeler Jr., 21, 4500 block St. Georges Ave.

In rendering his verdict against the young man charged with the burglary of a Morgan professor's home, on Nov. 5, Judge Harlan said:

"In as much as the defendant has no record and is apparently doing well at school —two years' probation (without a verdict)."

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AMONG THE things listed as missing by State's Attorneys James McAllister and Norman Hochberg from the home of Arthur Lamb, speech teacher, were seven high fidelity records and three blank checks.

The State's attorneys said one check had been passed for $50 and two attempts had been made to pass the others.

In addition to the burglary charge, there was a case of false pretense, and two cases of attempted false pretense against him.

Mr. Friedel told the jurist that restitution had been made for all of the missing articles.

The complainant, Mr. Lamb, 800 E. 43rd St., did not appear in court.

A 1955 graduate of Douglass High School and former soldier, young Wheeler took the stand in his own defense at the request of Judge Harlan.

"What made you do this, Rudolph?" questioned the jurist.

"I still don't know what made me do it," he answered.

"I was just mixed up a couple days," he said.

Menus for school lunches next week

Following is the menu for lunches which will be served in elementary and junior high public cafeterias for the week beginning Feb. 16, according to Mrs. Eloise C. Payne, assistant supervisor of school cafeterias:

Monday, February 16
Spiced Ham
Parsley Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Biscuit and Butter
Grapefruit Sections
½ Pt. Milk

Tuesday, February 17
Barbecue on Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Coconut Pudding
½ Pt. Milk

Wednesday, February 18
Macaroni and Cheese
Buttered Peas
Cole Slaw
Corn Muffin or Bread and Butter
Orange Juice and Grahams with Peanut Butter
½ Pt. Milk

OR

ALTERNATE
Lamb and Beef Stew with Vegetables
Buttered Cabbage
Biscuit and Butter
Orange Juice and Grahams with Peanut Butter
½ Pt. Milk

Thursday, February 19
Managers plan own menu using Type A Requirements

Friday, February 20
Salmon Cake with 1 oz. Salmon
Home Style Potatoes
Buttered Kale
Apple Crisp
½ Pt. Milk
Bread and Butter

Teacher released on wife's charge

A school teacher, Ancil Holback, 37, 2100 block Garrison Blvd., was given probation before a verdict in Northwestern Police Court Wednesday, on a charge of striking his wife.

Mrs. Barbara Holback, the complainant, told Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. her husband came home and a spat, somehow started over who was right on a vague minor issue they had discussed before.

She alleged that he struck her during the course of this dispute. Magistrate Koger gave him a stern reprimand.

Suspect ordered held without bail

A 29 - year - old man who is accused of shooting a friend during a dispute over boxing, was arraigned on a homicide charge Tuesday in Central Police Court.

Willie J. Mitchener of the 1800 block W. Franklin St., pleaded not guilty to charges of shooting Joseph Miller, 29, of the 500 block N. Parrish St., and was held without bail pending a further hearing.

Mr. Mitchener is also charged with discharging a firearm and with carrying a deadly weapon.

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THE SHOOTING occurred in the 1500 block W. Franklin St., last Friday.

Mr. Miller died at Franklin Square Hospital on Tuesday. His death was attributed to a gunshot wound of the head.

Mitchener was charged with the shooting in Southwestern Police Court on Saturday, and was held in $15,000 bail pending a further hearing at the time.

Temple choir in mixup over hotels

Baltimore was almost embarrassed by showing its soiled linen (the hotel situation) to a mixed group of young American men and women last week.

The 43 - member group, the Temple University Choir, came from Philadelphia, Pa., to fill an engagement at Towson State Teachers College February 2.

What happened before, during and after their visit seems to have been due to a succession of "crossed wires."

On completing the performance at Towson, the group — with its four colored members — by - passed Baltimore's hotels and went to Wilmington, Del., where they enjoyed first class accommodations together.

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SEEMS THE GROUP was under the impression that Baltimore hotels would not tolerate an integrated group.

When the group traveled to Wilmington, their hosts at Towson couldn't understand why Baltimore hotels would do an about face after loudly proclaiming less than a year ago, that they were opened to all mixed groups.

Refusing to bite their tongues on the matter, three Towson professors posted a letter to a daily newspaper.

In it, they took Baltimore and its hotels down the river and back.

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IN A FEW WORDS, Towson professors Harry M. Hutson, Charles N. Somers and John Duro said Baltimore ought to be ashamed.

They said further, that they hoped to hear the Temple University Choir again next year and if the group met with anything discriminatory, they would open their homes to all members.

They added that Baltimore's hotel situation would not keep them from hearing the concert choir because the school would choose its personnel on the basis of talent rather than race.

In response to the letter, only one downtown hotel manager replied, one of the professors told the AFRO.

The hotel manager said he had no record of applications for reservations from any member of the concert group, but they would have been welcome had they come to him.

On Monday, Robert Page, director of the university choir told the AFRO he had attempted to make preliminary arrangements for the trip through a Philadelphia bus company.

He indicated that he assumed the bus company would take care of hotel accommodations.

Herein, came the "wire crossing."

On the other end — the Philadelphia bus company manager told the AFRO, "We don't have the long - distance service like the Greyhound Bus Company, and we don't know the hotel situation in various places, so we don't bother with that at all.

"I know our company took the choral group on that tour but the hotel arrangements must have been handled by the university," he added.

When no hotel accommodations were made through the bus company, the choir traveled to Wilmington under the assumption they weren't welcome in Baltimore hotels.

NAACP plans 50th celebration

The 50th anniversary of the NAACP will be marked locally with special services at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Dr. E. Franklin Jackson, pastor of John Wesley AME Zion Church, will be the guest speaker on the program that will pay tribute to the organization.

The speaker is the newly elected president of the Washington Branch of the NAACP, president of the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and is actively engaged in making openings for salespeople in Washington department stores.

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ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT of the program will be a brief résume of the history of the NAACP given by the Rev. A.J. Payne of Enon Baptist Church.

The public has been invited to this meeting. There is no admission charge.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Willard L. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, while the Rev. C. M. Edwards, pastor of the Pennsylvania AME Zion Church will introduce the speaker.

Presiding will be the Rev. Marcus G. Wood of Providence Baptist Church.

THE SIMMONS Memorial Baptist Church Choir, the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church Choir, Macedonia Baptist Church Choir, and the Open Heart Singers of Pasedena, Md., will provide the music.

An added feature will be the appearance of the Kadets of America under the direction of John H. Carter, commander.

After the program a social tea hour will be held in the lecture room downstairs at the church.

$50,000 suit against Koger held illegal

Judge James K. Cullen has upheld a law motion that a $50,000 false arrest suit against Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., of Northwestern District, is without legal foundation.

After agreeing with this contention presented by W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., attorney for Mr. Koger, Judge Cullen in City Court said that the plaintiff, John Herbert Davis, 4000 block W. Cold Spring, La., would have 30 days from January 31 to amend his declaration of charges.

The suit, filed last June 24, alleges that Mr. Davis was falsely arrested in a series of events that began on April 17, 1956.

Multiple housing requests withdrawn

Scheduled requests before the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to house three families at 2111 Allendale Rd., and to locate a store and three families at 1719 Gough St. were withdrawn on Tuesday.

No hearings are scheduled for the coming Tuesday.

Among the cases set for February 24 are requests to house two families at 714 W. Barre St., and to locate a beauty parlor at 2454 Annapolis Ave.

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