POLITICS: Dixon bill brings repeated farcical counter

By MAX JOHNSON

Councilman Walter T. Dixon's civil rights ordinance —again placed before the City Council last week — and the again resulting nuisance action of the same opposing councilmen, in presenting this week a counter ordinance to abolish the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, require a long, new look at this situation.

Mr. Dixon, the lone member of his race in the City Council, is faced with the problem of serving in a dual capacity.

He must not only serve the citizens of the Fourth District, who elected him, he is also a representative of the 313,000 colored citizens of Baltimore, who are 31.7 percent of the total population.

Realizing this dual responsibility, Mr. Dixon wants, through his ordinance:

1. To open the city's public places of accommodations and services to all citizens — making it possible for a man of color to get a sandwich downtown if he so desires, etc.

2. To give the city's EEOC some enforcement powers against Baltimore's non - discriminatory employment statute — making possible more job opportunities for qualified citizens whose race or religion have hampered such.

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THE MORE vocal opposition to Mr. Dixon's proposals have come from the councilmen of the First District, and two of the Sixth District's three councilmen.

They are: William Bonnett, James J. Duffy and Joseph J. Staszak, of the First, and Thomas P. Fallon and William L. Hodges, Sixth District.

They are the sponsors of the nuisance ordinance to abolish EEOC —their reaction to the Dixon ordinance.

This reveals they are not only opposed to equal public accommodations for colored American citizens, they want to maintain racial and religious intolerance in employment also.

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AND HERE — they have taken a farcical stand.

It is highly ironical that these councilmen, particularly those of the First District, represent an area where a larger portion of the city's residents have migrated to America — or their immediate ancestors have — in search of public services and job opportunities.

There are white Americans in large numbers in these two districts, who have also migrated to Baltimore for pretty much the same things, from areas to which they are in no hurry to return.

A City Council should be a serious, clear-thinking body. Brainstorm - type thinking and action on an issue assumes disturbing proportions went repeated.

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MAYOR J. HAROLD GRADY, meanwhile, is right smack in the middle of the whole thing.

The Dixon ordinance and the same counter nuisance proposal were introduced in the spring, and withdrawn by their sponsors when the mayor said he would name a committee to study the rights situation here.

Closer observers have said that what the mayor has in mind is a group that can come up with something palatable to both sides.

Mayor Grady has not named this committee.

He has yet to name the new board members for EEOC; the terms of the former members expired some weeks ago.

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MAYOR GRADY has said the pressing problem of the city budget for next year, with a deadline date, has kept him from giving the attention necessary to these matters.

He has said his plans have not changed.

So — there the matter stands, as of this writing.

Citizens are recalling, however, that Mayor Grady and his administration are committed, by pre-election vows, to exert efforts to open public places to all people, and to strengthen EEOC.

Mayor Grady, Dr. R. Walter Graham, city comptroller; Philip H. Goodman, city council president, and William D. Schaefer, city council vice president, all said so publicly in the AFRO.

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JOSEPH H. McCARTHY
Sanitary Engineer

TAKING PART in the recent dedication of the Freetown Elementary School in Glen Burnie were Mrs. Flora Andrews, Everett Pettigrew, W. H. Richardson and Joseph W. Taylor.

Committee to investigate Hanlon Park complaints

Acting on the complaint of homeowners in the Hanlon Park area, the Park Board appointed a three man committee Tuesday to investigate charges of disorderly conduct on park property.

In a petition, residents of the 2400 through the 2700 blocks of N. Longwood St., objected to football games in the vicinity of their homes.

The group also charged that due primarily to inadequate policing, Hanlon Park is frequently occupied by boisterous crowds.

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THE PETITION WAS presented to the Board by Benjamin H. Foreman. He was accompanied by John M. Wood, Mrs. Walter Mapp, Mrs. William Spencer and Mrs. Robert Payne.

Mr. Foreman said the existence of the football field near their homes had "created a problem."

He stated that complaints had been filed with police but no action was ever taken.

"We know that is a public park, we don't refute that, but during games the footballs actually come into our homes.

"When the people come over to retrieve them they step all over the shrubbery" Mr. Foreman said.

Other committee members said that park police relaxed their vigil in Hanlon Park soon after the neighborhood changed from white to colored.

In their petition the homeowners said they had also seen men gambling in the park.

When asked what action had been taken in connection with past complaints, Charles A. Hook, Superintendent of Parks told the Board:

"I had plainclothesmen investigate and they found nothing wrong. It's a public park and I could see no reason why I should take any action."

Mr. Hook added that "the football field has been there for years and there have been no complaints."

The formation of a committee to investigate the charges was proposed by State Senator J. Alvin Jones.

Senator Jones is also a member of the Park Board.

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IN OTHER ACTION Tuesday, the Board laid aside a report that called for the installation of parking meters at the Druid Hill Park Zoo.

It approved a proposal for the creation of the position of assistant superintendent of recreation within the Bureau of Recreation.

And also approved a new contract with the Baltimore Colts for their use of Memorial Stadium.

The new Colt - Park Board pact calls for a 100 per cent increase in Baltimore's share of gate receipts.

Mrs. Mueller in divorce action

Charming that he deserted her more than 18 months previous to the filing of her petition on May 1, Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) L. Mueller has asked for a divorce from John Mueller.

Mrs. Mueller who lives at 2206 Resize Ave. and gave her husband's address as 2001 Park Ave., said they were married in Washington on March 12, 1955.

A notation on the records, in Circuit Court by a sheriff, who attempted to serve Mr. Mueller with a subpoena to answer her petition, listed him as a seaman, and noted that he was out of the country.

Prendergast, Foster Supreme Bench judges

Baltimore's Supreme Bench was increased from 13 to 15 judges Monday, when J. Gilbert Prendergast and Dulany Foster were sworn in as new members.

The new judges were appointed by Gov. J. Millard Tawes to fill the two additional posts authorized by the General Assembly.

The new judges were sworn in by James F. Carney, clerk of the Supreme Bench, before a capacity crowd in Superior Court which included all of the judges of the Supreme Bench and Gov. Tawes.

Mr. Prendergast was presented by Chief Judge Rosel C. Thomsen, of the U.S. District Court of Maryland, a former law partner.

Mr. Foster, former chief judge of the Orphans' Court here, was presented by Bignal W. Baldwin, president of the Bar Association of Baltimore.

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CHIEF JUDGE EMORY H. NILES, who presided, pointed out that the Supreme Bench was established in 1867 with four judges, consolidating the existing Superior, Criminal and Circuit Courts and the Court of Common Pleas.

He said the City Court was established in the same year, and the number of judges increased to five.

Subsequent increases were: six in 1888; seven in 1894; eight in 1896; nine in 1897; ten in 1906; 11 in 1922, and to 13 in 1955.

In addition to Chief Judge Niles and the two new judges, other members of the Supreme Bench are:

Judges John T. Tucker; Charles E. Moylan; E. Paul Mason; Michael J. Manley; R. Ralph Warnken; Joseph R. Byrnes; Joseph L. Carter; James K. Cullen; Reuben Oppenheimer; Edwin Harlan; Anselm Sodaro, and Joseph Allen.

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Triplets young mother changes plans from 1 to 3

"We'll have to change our plans now. We were fairly well prepared for one baby — but three makes a difference."

Smiling proudly, Mrs. Barbara Robinson, 217 E. Lafayette Ave., the 21 - year - old mother of the city's latest triplets, spoke the above words from her bed in City Hospitals Wednesday.

The all - girl trio was born Sunday, Nov. 1, shortly after the mother arrived at the hospital. As yet the mother has not decided on their names.

Baby A, born at 5:50 p.m. weighed 3 pounds, 3 3/4 ounces. Baby B, born at 6:31 p.m., weighed 2 pounds, 9 ounces. Baby C, born at 6:13 p.m., weighed 2 pounds, 7 ounces.

At AFRO presstime, the infants are reported "doing just fine" in the City Hospitals premature nursery.

The father, Jerome Robinson, is an assistant salesman and a shipping clerk in a wholesale children's wear store, Tot's Wear, 118 Hopkins Place.

The young couple has one child, Jericka, age nine months. Mr. Robinson has a three year old daughter, Patricia, by a former marriage.

THE ROBINSON triplets appearance on the Baltimore scene makes the third multiple birth incident in the city within less than two months time.

Mrs. Alverta Watkins, 2900 block Duvall Ave., gave birth to triplets at Provident Hospital on Sept. 25.

On Oct. 10, Maryland's only quadruplets were born at Johns Hopkins Hospital to Mrs. Lorraine Graves of Annapolis.

The AFRO interviewed the Robinson triplets' mother at the City Hospitals when they were five days old.

Although she had not seen them, she expressed contentment in knowing they are healthy and strong. She may return to her home on Saturday.

Continuing excitedly, Mrs. Robinson said: "I was certainly surprised. I really did not know there would be three babies until Sunday after I arrived here at the hospital.

"The doctor showed me the X-rays and said three! I thought he was joking with me but I soon found out it was true—three instead of one!"

ASKED HOW Mr. Robinson took the news, Mrs. Robinson disclosed, "He almost fainted."

This time, Mr. Robinson was expecting "at least one boy," the mother remarked.

The Robinsons met when she was a freshman at Morgan State College. She arrived in Baltimore from her home in Columbia, Ga., to study and shortly afterwards, on the way to the bus stop, met Mr. Robinson, a visitor on the campus.

Mr. Robinson, a native of Greensboro, N.C. loves children, is delighted with the newest arrivals.

Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Cofield and Plutie Cofield of Washington. Mrs. Cofield has promised to come stay with her daughter about six months, "until they get accustomed to that many babies."

Mrs. Robinson states that neither she nor her husband have any knowledge of multiple births in their families.

Six firefighters win commendations

Six firemen were commended by the Board of Fire Commissioners Tuesday. They were:

Capt. Robert S. Meushaw and Firefighters August T. Stern Jr., Thomas E. Porch, David Williams Jr., and Robert Mitchell who were commended for their rescue of a fireman who was overcome by smoke in a burning building on S. Howard St., last September.

And, Firefighter William J. Darby of Truck Company No. 12 who was commended for apprehending a man who was later convicted of assaulting a woman.

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Dixon rights bill support rally set

A mass meeting to rally public support for Councilman Walter T. Dixon's civil right ordinance is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts.

Mr. Dixon, Fourth District councilman, is a scheduled speaker at the affair, staged by the Baltimore City - wide Citizens' Association.

Dr. Max Zervitz is president of the association, and De Rev. C. E. Browne, church pastor, is treasurer.

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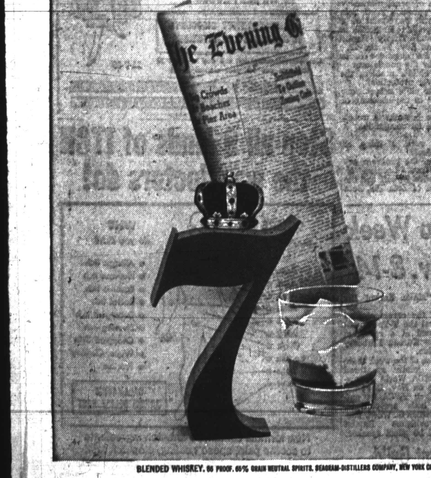

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Mrs. Bates at Central State

WILBERFORCE, Ohio —The Central State College NAACP chapter will feature Mrs. Daisy Bates at a Nov. 4 Youth Rally. The rally will kick off the drive for 50,000 youth members of the NAACP from high schools and colleges.

Mrs. Bates is president of the Arkansas NAACP and a director of the national body. Herbert Wright, national secretary, will also appear on the program.

MRS. FLORENCE FAX RAY
At home with her music

WHAT THE RETIRED DO

Mrs. Ray 'hurried home' after teaching for 49 years

By ELIZABETH OLIVER

When Mrs. Florence Fax Ray, 2455 McCullon St., retired from teaching school in August this year, she closed a career she describes as "49 joyful, happy, happy years in school" and then "went straight home to enjoy being at home."

Another one of the growing number of retired persons, Mrs. Ray has lived a busy life since her last day of work.

As Mrs. Ray herself explains it: "I truly love home. Some retired teachers say they get lonely just being at home — away from school and the children, but I'm a home-body.

"I never was a club woman or a civic worker so I will have very little of that.

"But I won't ever get lonely. There are so many things I can do here.

"There's my music play the piano — and that is my heart.

"Then, there are my flowers, my sewing, reading and watching TV, housekeeping, having friends in to dinner and to sit and talk."

MRS. RAY retired from School No. 104, the Robert Brown Elliott Elementary School, after 17 years as a first grade teacher.

Before that she was a kindergarten teacher for 21 year at Elementary School No. 80.

On June 12, before her retirement, the faculty and pupils of the Elliott School gifted her "for services which enhance the cultural enrichment and general welfare of the school."

She was the oldest teacher on the staff from the standpoint of service.

On Tuesday, the AFRO visited Mrs. Ray in her typical Baltimore two - story row house with the shining white marble steps, to find out her secret for keeping busy through retired.

She was waiting in the warm, comfortable living room which glowed with friendliness and reflections of Mrs. Ray's vivacious personality.

The large picture window, curtained with natural wild silk pongee, sparkled with light from pretty lamps.

Inviting overstuffed chairs, a couch with soft pillows, potted plants here and there, sheet music open on the spinet piano — all seemed to say "welcome."

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YOUTHFUL LOOKING and extremely attractive, Mrs. Ray is 69 years old and admits "I don't care who knows it."

Actually she appears to be "not a day over 40" and wears a chic short bob, smart frocks, bracelets and just the right touch of makeup.

Her charming, broad smile soon spreads into tinkling of laughter revealing a rare, deep sense of humor with a hint of mischief.

Mrs. Ray began teaching school when she was 20 years old. That was in 1910, when she graduated from the old Colored High School and Training School.

Mrs. Ray is the former Miss Florence Fax. Her mother was Mrs. Myrtle Fax, a school teacher and dressmaker who died in January, 1959.

Divorced since 1929, Mrs. Ray took her mother to live with her at the McCullon St address where she resides alone.

About her mother, Mrs Ray says "We were pals and I lost my best friend when she died. That is about the only sorrow in my life. All the rest has been sunshine."

Mrs. Ray has her mother's picture on the piano. The picture of the house where she was born is on the wall. A shawl, over 150 years old, is used as a portier at the dining room door.

The shawl, complete with fringe, was the wrap her grandmother gathered about her shoulders when she attended church in the early 1800's.

Other precious possessions give solid, old - fashioned hominess to Mrs. Ray's abode.

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THE DINING room buffet holds many diamond - like pieces of cut glassware. The china closet has rare old china inside.

The center of the large dining room table has an old vase filled with fresh flowers from Mrs. Ray's back-yard garden.

A look out the back door discloses autumn flowers in abundance and evidence of a summertime garden of roses, petunias, zenias and many other varities.

According to Mrs. Ray, the garden is planted to blossom from the first spring crocus until the last roses of summer and the fall crysanthemums fade in the snow.

Back to Mrs. Ray's music, she plays the lovely old Carrie Jacobs Bond compositions and "I Love You Truly" is her favorite.

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IN HER storage room in the basement are scores of folded sheet music, the popular tunes of many a year ago, which Mrs. Ray says "Perry Como is bringing back a little jazzed up, but still beautiful."

Mrs. Ray's favorite recipe is broiled chicken that "falls off the bone and melts in your mouth."

She brows the pieces first on top the stove; places them in the broiler and seasons after they are done "otherwise the seasoning will leave it tough."

Mrs. Ray is a member of the Swastika Club and the W. W. Bridge Club, both of which are "not meeting now," she says, but are more than 50 years old.

She and her mother were both members of the bridge club.

Closest relation to Mrs. Ray's nephew, William Fax, a local postal employee and a niece, Mrs. Betty Hampton, a Pittsburg, Pa. telephone operator.

GET ON BOARD the newstip beat. It passes every week, dropping off $50 worth of checks here and there for good story tips and news pictures. Flag the beat down. Just pick up your telephone, dial MU 5-6015 and say, "I have a tip."

'Two up's and two backs, full turn then double criss cross, rock'—it's the Madison

"And then back to The Madison!"

Anyone who is in the know, knows that this does not mean back to a hotel or a theatre, but it actually means for a dancer to come back to the basic step of that new dance rage — The Madison.

The basic step of The Madison is simple, but oh! those ever loving variations!

Jovial Buddy Young, former football player - turned spinner of records and dispenser of radio palaver, is generally credited with introducing the dance to Baltimore.

And in the words of Mr. Young, a man who knows the value of brevity:

"It's a gasser (The Madison, that is)"

The introduction of the dance came to the whirling feet of Baltimoreans in August, after Buddy, his brother, Stan, and others, returned from the Chicago wedding of the Youngs' sister.

There, in the Windy City they had been introduced to The Madison.

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AS FAR AS the historical facts are concerned, the dance is believed to have started in Cleveland at a popular ballroom called The Madison.

About six months ago, Bill Doggett put out a record called "The Madison," but unlike the dance, the tune never got off the ground.

It is difficult to believe the theory that The Madison started off as a ballroom dance, however, if it did it has picked up a tremendous number of "crazy" steps along the way.

Here are just a few of the many variations in The Madison; the T, the M, the O, the Hirdland, the Stroll, the Charleston, Kick, Looking Back, the Rock, Big M, Soldier, Hesitation, Strong Turn, Half Turn With Hesitation, Double Cross, Rifling and Peter Gunn—just to mention a few.

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THERE ARE enough steps within The Madison to keep the dancers on their toes for seasons, and new steps are constantly being added.

The key word in this dance is "Hit"; until this is said nothing is done but the basic step. After the caller gives directions and says, "Hit," then you go into the variations.

All set?

Then here we go?

"First you do The Madison, then two ups and two backs, full turn, double criss cross, rock, three strong birdlands, and then back to The Madison—Hit!"

Whew!

But that's The Madison.

IN DOING the Madison, the dancers line up side by side and go into the basic step while awaiting the directions from the caller.

DEMONSTRATING THE MADISON are Eddie Buckston of 2601 E. Biddle St., and Miss Frances Walton of 712 Appleton St., who show the basic step. The

What takes place during the dance is similar to an old fashion square dance, what with the caller giving forth with directions.

But there the similarity ends as square dancers never dreamed of dancing like this.

With dips and turns and fantastic movements with the feet, the dancers go through a variety of gyrations to the directions given them by a caller.

The Madison fits well with almost any type of music, even progressive jazz.

Surveying how the dance has taken hold, Buddy explains its popularity through the fact that it can be done by just about everyone, six to 60.

Now who's for The Madison?

HOW IT'S DONE—Doing The Madison is difficult to describe, yet easy to do. Start (Pix one) in this position. Then do a right-left, right-left with your right foot. (Pix 1-2-3). The left foot comes forward on the count of five, back on the count of six (Pix 4-5) with a Birdland dip. That's the basic step. Variations are many.

INQUIRING REPORTER

What would you do with a million?

"What would you do if someone gave you a million dollars?"

An AFRO reporter posed this question Tuesday and found that instead of people regarding him as slightly off his rocker, they came up with a variety of interesting answers.

"We asked the following persons to stretch their imaginations and the results are p rinted below:

Mrs. Lillian Lattimore, city worker:

"I just don't know, I would be overcome with shock and joy. I certainly could use a million dollars, I could use a lot less than a million."

James Bryant, tailor, 1511 Division St.:

"A million dollars, well, I have a sick mother, so I guess I would use the money to take care of her."

Mrs. Veronica Tabb, maid, 1808 Linden Ave.:

"I would get out of debt first thing. Then I would buy a mansion."

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MRS. DOROTHY BROWN, fountain girl, 1121 Whatcoat St.:

"I don't know, because I wpuldn't believe that it was real.

"After realizing that I had a million dollars, I would get busy spending it."

Miss Elaine Jones, student, 1900 block of Saratoga St.:

"I would spend and spend, I mean spend. I would buy a home, a car and a yacht."

Anthony Colbert, retired Naval Academy laborer, 22 Fleet St., Annapolis:

"Oh boy, I would buy a farm and go settle down in the country."

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JOSEPH REED, construction worker, 1342 Argyle Ave.:

"That's a tough proposition. I'd put it to good use, in home finance. I would buy a home, spend it on living."

James Williams, construction worker, 1017 Pennsylvania Ave.:

"I would spend some of it. I'd have a wardrobe, a Cadillac, a house, everything I've wanted in life."

William Johnson, school bus driver, 301 Fulton Ave.:

"I don't know, there are so many things a person could do with a million dollars. I never thought of that kind of money for myself.

"It would knock me out cold. A person could really better his condition with a million bucks. You could get into trouble too.

"I wouldn't need that much, $50,000 would be more reasonable."

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MRS. ANN WILSON, press operator, 651 Cheraton Rd., Cherry Hill:

"Oh gracious, I would buy a louse. The remaining I would put away for my children's education."

Leon Hunt, junior high school teacher, 3057 Brighton St.:

"I would probably have a heart attack. That is one thing that would certainly bring me out of the classroom."

Lawrence Penson, second second cook, 1704 Madison Ave.:

"I would live on easy street. I'd just relax and forget all of my worries."

Unfortunately, the reporter who asked the question did not have a million, or any idea where he could get such a sum.

Planning Commission says what goes in City area

(ED. NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles on city agencies. Next week —Board of Estimates.)

By MAX JOHNSON

Is a traffic expressway planned for my area? . . . Is it true that an apartment house or a shopping center is to be erected near my home? . . . Do city plans call for any new or changed developments near my home?

For answers to questions such as these, a citizen should direct his queries to the city's Department of Planning, Room 400, Municipal Building.

This agency, with a Planning Commission of six members plus the mayor, a member of the City Council and the director of Public Works, has the duties of:

1. Investigating and studying land uses and zoning in the city, to prepare and keep up to date a master plan and detailed plans showing the proposed physical development.

2. Certifying conformity of all proposed public and private improvements with plans;

3. Surveying and studying present conditions and anticipated growth of the city;

4. Regulating sub-divisions;

5. Passing on amendments of Zoning Ordinance;

6. Determining urban renewal areas, along with the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

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THE AGENCY is currently aiding in the drawing up of a new zoning plan for the city.

Dr. Robert L. Jackson, former chief surgeon at Provident Hospital, is a veteran member of the Planning Commission.

Other members include:

William G. Ewald, chairman; and Alan Hoblitzell, A. Owens McGill, Mrs. C. L. Peterson and Alexander Cochrane, all appointed by the mayor.

Other members of the commission, along with the mayor, are Bernard L. Werner, director of Public Works, and William Bonnett, First District, the City Council representative.

The chairman receives a salary of $5,000 a year, which may be reduced under the tight 1960 budget.

Members, excluding the director of Public Works, receive $1,312.50 a year.

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DIRECTOR OF the Department of Planning is Philip Darling. Deputy director of planning administration is John J. Long, who presents matters before the Planning Commission.

This department operated this year on a budget allotment of $235,161, of which $216,811 covers salaries and $18,350 is for operating expenses.

There are a total of 46 employees, as compared to 50 in 1958.

The 1958 budget allotment totaled $259,581, with $232,061 for salaries and $27,500 for operating expenses.

If you are contemplating purchasing a home in a new area, the Planning Department can give you a picture of what, if any, changes the city may have planned for the sector.

CITY PLANNERS — Here are officials and members of Baltimore's Department of Planning Commission, whose headquarters are in the Municipal Building, Room 400, Lexington and Holliday Sts. Left to right: Daniel J. Stanton, deputy director, planning programs; Dr. Robert L. Jackson, member; rear, John J. Lang, deputy director, administration; Alan Hoblitzell, member; rear, Charles M. Upham Jr., representative, Department Transit and Traffic; A. Owens McGill, member; Philip Darling, department director; William G. Ewald, commission chairman; Mrs. C. L. Peterson, member; Alexander Cochrane, member; Bernard L. Werner, director of Public Works; and William Bonnett, First District City councilman, Council representative on the commission.

Md.'s 4th largest community is a busy Army installation

Maryland's fourth largest city really isn't a city at all, but it contains all the ingredients of one.

It's Fort George G. Meade, a 15,000 acre Army installation, lying about midway between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, that plays a vital role in the national defense system.

With an approximate population of 30,000, Fort Meade ranks fourth behind Baltimore (949,708), Cumberland (37,679) and Hagerstown (36,260), using the 1950 census as an index.

Meade's population, which swells to its peak during the daylight hours, includes civilian employees, military personnel and their dependents.

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THE BIG Army post even has a political arrangement similarto that of a like-sized city.

The Post commander is analagous to a mayor and his staff is similar to a city council. Meade's "mayor" and his "council" meet weekly to discuss community problems.

Even the power wielded by the Army "mayor" and his civilian counterpart in a city is similar in that the decisions of both are unequivocally final and binding.

This thriving installation has —to some degree—virtually everything that a city of comparable size contains.

It boasts 13 churches of all denominations, extensive recreation facilities, courts, a fire department, storey schools at virtually all levels (including an accredited college curriculum), a hospital, a transportation system and even a public works department, to mention a few facets of the Post's complex community.

Like all cities, Fort Meade has its own law-enforcement wing—the Post Provost Marshal, whose sturdy soldiers cover "beats" at every quarter here.

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MEADE'S PUBLIC works department is the Post Engineer section, responsible for maintenance and construction program, all utilities, sewage and water systems and various other projects.

The post's natural gas and power usage last year would have ranked about fourth among Maryland cities, Francis E. Young, deputy Post engineer, reported.

Mr. Young says Meade's sewage and water filtration systems are "adequate" to take care of a city of 40,000. And that's almost what the systems do.

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Each physically separated unit will contain 11 bedrooms, a three bed dormitory, a library, an activity area, and an arts and crafts shop.

All four units will share a common dining hall and classroom.

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This Commission was particularly concerned that the state training schools were being used to provide for both committed and detained children.

Feeling that the practice of detaining children in the training school was making the rehabilitation program for the committed children less effective, the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies reported to the State. Based on the detention needs in the state and strongly urged that steps be taken to provide the state with adequate detention and study facilities.

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Children's Center will serve only in the detainment and study of the delinquents, and in doing so will lessen the pressure of overcrowdedness in the training schools, which last year served 2,300 children — 1,244 of whom were committed for care and 1,052 of whom were merely detained.

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At present, the institution is only operating at one fourth of capacity, pending the completion of furnishings and the staff.

Children's Center ready for business

In order to prevent delinquency, rather than punish delinquent children, the Children's Center, a detention home for the study of minor law offenders, began its activities on Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Located at 5300 Westland Blvd., the center was formally dedicated Monday with ceremonies, in which Governor Tawes was the key speaker.

Once in full operation, this center will provide for 56 delinquent children who have been sent by the Children's Court to be studied for a period of not more than 30 days under the supervision of the professional help of a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a pediatrician, teachers, and social workers, and then returned to the court with recommendations for specific treatment.

The child will then either be returned home, sent to a training school, put in the care of a psychiatrist or psychologist, or receive the necessary care to rehabilitate him to become a better member of society.

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Unknown Soldier to get visitors

The Cooties and Cootiettes, a hospital charity unit affiliated with Federal Post No. 19, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has scheduled a trip to Arlington, Va., Sunday to place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The group leaves its post home at 1502 Madison Ave. at 9 a.m. for the ceremonies at Arlington at 11 a.m.

The organization of women and men confines their activities to charitable work in veteran hospitals throughout the area.

The Cooties, the men's group is headed by Louis Jenkins, known to members as the "Seam-squirrel." Corenna Wilson, with the organization's designation of "Grayback," heads the Cootiettes, the women's unit.

Record $55,000,000 in sales taxes

Maryland's revenue from retail sales and use tax collection, including collections from deficiency assessments, penalty and inter