MOTHER GUILTY IN CHILD'S DEATH

Park Board rejects rec center bid

A suggestion from the East-side Community Committee that could have converted the old Northeastern District police station into a community center was rejected by the Park Board Tuesday.

The plan was turned down on the basis that the Park Board could not afford to finance the project.

A committee report also called attention to the proximity of the Chick Webb and Lafayette recreation centers in the area.

The station house at Ashland Ave. and Durham St. was abandoned last year when police district lines were revised and a new station house was erected.

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THE PARK BOARD also rejected on Tuesday a request by the Riggs Ave. Community Group for a play area in the 1100 block N. Payson St.

The Board approved plans submitted by the Bureau of Sanitation for a storage, office building and a parking lot at its Cherry Hill yard, the location is in the vicinity of Cherry Hill Rd. and Reedbird Ave.

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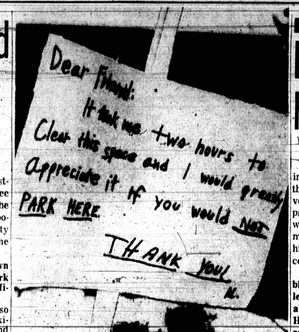
LOYOLA AND Calvert Hall High schools were granted permission to use Memorial Stadium for their annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

The Park Board agreed to triple the rental charged for the two schools.

The action was taken after it was pointed out that the city should not subsidize private schools.



KEEP DRIVING! — That is what the creator of this sign was aiming at. The sign is in front of his home and apparently he had trouble with others taking over his spot after he got it all cleared. Wonder if it worked?

Liss asks property buyers protection

By MAX JOHNSON

If you are contemplating the purchase of property in Baltimore in the near future —whether for residential or investment purposes — there is an ordinance before the City Council you should know about.

Councilman Solomon Liss (5th D.) is the sponsor of Ordinance 759 — which would have sellers make known to the purchaser important zoning laws covering the property in question.

Ordinance 759 has been given tentative City Council approval, and is scheduled for third reading and probable final passage the coming Monday.

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HERE IS WHAT it provides:

"Any person who sells or conveys any property in Baltimore City shall include in and as a part of, the agreement or instrument of sale of conveyance a certificate of zoning as herein defined and requested.

"The certificate of zoning shall be issued by the Zoning Commissioner, and shall show the existing zoning classifications of the property being sold, or conveyed, and the prohibited uses under such classifications.

"The certification of classification and use from the Zoning Commissioner shall be furnished to the seller or conveyor upon request, at a fee of $3 for each certificate."

In brief, this means that if you bought a piece of property after passage of this ordinance — the seller would be required to furnish you an affidavit from the Zoning Commissioner, showing what the property can and cannot be used under zoning laws.

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WHY IS this important?

Mr. Liss explains it this way:

The passage of Ordinance 759 will alleviate what is an inequitable situation "in the sale of property.

"Under present law, buyers frequently learn after settlement that property which they believed zoned for multiple occupancy is actually one or two - family property.

"When this is learned, the buyer suffers irreparable damage, and frequently finds himself unable to keep the property.

"The certificate required by the buyer against wilful, or unintentional, damage by realtors or owners is the permissable zoning."

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SO — Mr. Liss has proposed Ordinance 759 for the protection of property buyers.

The ordinance would exempt up to two - family dwellings, and structures "being used for the immediate purposes of a bona fide and regularly operating church or religious organization."

Until Ordinance 759 is signed into law by Mayor J. Harold Grady — inquiries about any properties may be directed to the Municipal and Zoning Appeals office, Municipal Building, Lexington and Holliday Sts.

Zoning okeys Oliver St. shop

The location of a restaurant and barbershop at 1600 E. Oliver St. was approved Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

The Board rejected, however, a request to establish an auto repair shop at 3400 Clifton Ave.

Also disapproved was a request to allow the housing of three families at 1933 E. Fairmount Ave.

Among the cases scheduled for the coming Tuesday, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231, City Hall, are:

Requests to house four families at 4129 Forest Park Ave.; three families at 4011 Gilmor St.; five families at 1624 Bolton St., and to retain a front porch at 2914 Winchester St.

Dixon minimum wage bill sent back to Council

"If they put something like this on the books, we will have more unemployment. This is a bad time to advocate such a measure."

Dr. R. Walter Graham Jr., city comptroller and Board of Estimates member, was commenting Wednesday on the Dixon minimum wage ordinance, as the Board voted to return it to the City Council without recommendations.

Ordinance 1889 proposes a minimum wage of $1 an hour for all persons, including domestics, employed in Baltimore and not covered by the Federal law.

The Board of Estimates returned it to the City Council two weeks ago without recommendations, after Harrison L. Winter, city solicitor, ruled it was illegal for the Council to act on it.

The Council voted, however, to send the ordinance back to the Board, with a request for a recommendation.

"I see no reason," Mayor Harold Grady said Wednesday, "to change our first position."

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ORDINANCE 888 was introduced by Walter T. Dixon (4th D.).

In other action Wednesday, the Board of Estimates approved:

1. Ordinance 1082, which gives now to the City Council minimum wage of $1 an hour for all persons, including domestics, employed in Baltimore and not covered by the Federal law.

This is the sector proposed for rehabilitation in the McCulloh St.-Park Ave. area north of Dolphin St.

2. **The Mt. Vernon Renewal Project plan to set aside funds for its redevelopment by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.**

3. An application by BURHA for Federal funds for the expansion in the city of the University of Maryland, prior to placing the plans before the City Council.

Ordinance 1082, covering Project 1 in the Mt. Royal Area, is scheduled to reach the City Council on Monday, and then be assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

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AS IS the custom with such projects, this committee will later post a public hearing date to give opponents and proponents a chance to be heard.

Project 1 is bounded roughly by Laurens St. on the north; Park Ave. and Bolton St. to the east; Dolphin St., south, and McCulloh St., on the west.

BURHA plans call for the demolition of over 300 homes and structures in the area, and the building of new homes for those citizens in above average incomes.

POLITICS

Bill could hurt rights

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS—There is an innocent-looking bill before the General Assembly — involving contracts for roads projects — which could very well play havoc with Baltimore's non-discriminatory hiring policies covering city contracts.

This could hold true if the bill (H.B. 252) passes — unless the General Assembly also gives final approval to House Bill 76, which would require State construction contracts to contain a non-discrimination hiring clause.

Passage of House Bill 76 would set up state-wide the same governing, open policy hiring among holders of State contracts —as now in effect in Baltimore.

But — passage of House Bill 252 alone could wreck Baltimore's policy in this respect.

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HERE IS what the bill provides:

"When any contractor on the approved list of State Roads Commission is denied the opportunity to bid on any roads project advertised by any political sub-division of the State for reason other than financial inability to perform the contract;

"The denial of the opportunity to bid shall preclude the sub-division from receiving any funds distributable to it."

This means if House Bill 252 becomes State law without House Bill 76 — Baltimore might no longer demand that holders of its roads contracts have a non-discriminatory hiring policy.

If the city did so under such circumstances, it would be liable to lawful denial of State funds toward such construction which would normally be allotted.

House Bill 252 provides that only "financial inability to perform the contract" would be a basis for denial of the opportunity to bid on a contract — and receive it.

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IRONICALLY ENOUGH, Bill 252 is not aimed at the employment policy ruling governing a holder of a State roads contract at all.

The bill, sponsored by Harry J. McGuirk (D. 6th D. Balto.) is really designed to open Baltimore's paving contracts to more contractors.

A city ruling now requires that such contractors have two separate asphalt plants — and this has narrowed the competitive bidders to a small circle.

The bill would circumvent requirements other than approval by the State Roads Commission and financial ability.

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HARRISON L. WINTER, Baltimore city solicitor, has warned that passage of this bill might well adversely affect the city's ability to bar unqualified and undesirable firms from bidding on contracts, also.

So — an innocent - looking bill on the face of it, but one that could endanger Baltimore's system because of its broad aspects.

Ironically — again — House Bill 76, sponsored by Mrs. Irma G. Dixon (D. 4th D., Balto.) and Alan M. Resnick (D. 5th D., Balto.) was passed by the House of Delegates on Feb. 2 — the same day Mr. McGuirk introduced his House Bill 252.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR is Mrs. Alegra Taylor, shown above receiving the award on Monday at Mergenthaler High School auditorium from Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, superintendent of the State Department of Education. The award went to Mrs. Taylor for her work with partially blind children. She is a teacher at school No. 139. The award was from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

City workers, firefighters face March EEOC hearings

A hearing on charges involving racial discriminatory membership policies of the Classified Municipal Employees Association has been set for March 3 by Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Dr. Mildred Otenasek, EEOC board chairman, announced the hearing Wednesday, after revealing that CMEA officials had failed to comply with a request for an agreement on the matter.

Also announced, was a March 10 hearing with the Firefighters Association, Local 734, which has sought to levy a $25 admittance penalty on colored firemen who have applied for membership.

Meanwhile, Dr. Otenasek who was scheduled to resign her EEOC post Feb. 8 said Wednesday she would remain until after the March 3 hearing at least — at the request of Mayor J. Harold Grady.

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ON DEC. 9, EEOC asked CMEA to present a signed agreement by Feb. 10 confirming previous oral statements to EEOC that:

"The constitution and by-laws of the organization, as

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Bill would boost jobless checks by $3

ANNAPOLIS — "We should let this bill die and let the administration in Washington formulate its policies.

"This bill is so far reaching in its implications it does great injustices to the unemployed."

Senator Joseph Mach (D., 2d Dist., Balto) voiced this protest Thursday afternoon just before the Senate passed an unemployment compensation bill setting up strict rules benefits for those entitled to unemployment benefits, and increasing benefits by $ 3.00 a week.

The Senate vote was 15 to 13.

UNDER THE BILL, a worker who has received his total maximum benefits will not be eligible for further benefits unless he has earned wages in excess of 10 times the amount he was receiving weekly as unemployment compensation.

2. The waiting period will still remain at one week.

3. Dismissal payments of benefits shall be allocated equal to the number of weeks the employee worked.

4. Payments for dependent children shall be allocated at $2 each a week but will not cover more than four children.

These three categories are most restrictive:

1. Voluntarily leaving work.
2. Discharge or suspension.
3. Failure to apply for or accept work.

In each of these cases the worker would be required to become re-employed and earn 10 times the amount he would be entitled to weekly before benefits would be given.

Mother guilty in tot's death

A 25 - year - old unmarried mother who "didn't know she was pregnant," was convicted of killing her new born son in Criminal Court, Thursday.

The woman, who lives in the 2200 block Whitter Ave., was found guilty of second degree murder, but Judge Joseph L. Carter withheld sentence, pending motion for a new trial.

Prosecuting attorney, John W. Sause Jr., produced evidence that showed the mother threw the infant from a third-floor window, in an apartment in the 2300 block of Madison Ave., where she was living, Oct. 15.

The medical examiner's office reported the infant was alive at birth and died as a result of the fall.

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THE WOMAN did not testify, but her attorney, Mrs. Elsbeth Levy entered a plea of insanity.

The defendant also told police that following the incident she got dressed, left home and didn't return until 12 hours later.

Supreme Bench psychologists testified that the defendant was not insane, but had a tremendous capacity to conceal herself from reality.

Grand jury to get Wilson St. party case

Miss Delores H. Peacock pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of causing the death of Miss Annie Douglas.

Before Chief Magistrate Joseph Kolodny in Homicide Court, Miss Peacock was held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Miss Douglas was stabbed to death during a Christmas party last December 25.

The victim and the defendant resided in the 100 block of Wilson St.

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SERGEANT James Cadden of the Homicide Squad testified Miss Peacock gave police a statement in connection with the stabbing.

Summarizing the statement, Sgt. Cadden testified that when a male guest at the party asked Miss Peacock for a glass of beer, the "deceased took offense" and an altercation followed.

As a result, Miss Douglas was stabbed in the heart with a butcher knife.

Eight witnesses were in court for the hearing. None was called on to testify by Magistrate Kolodny.

Pratt offers two scholarships

Two $1,500 scholarships for graduate study in library science have been announced by the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

The grants will be financed from funds bequeathed to the library in 1952 by Mrs. Lucy Stevenson Janney in memory of her son, Major Robert S. Janney, a former bomber pilot killed in action in World War II.

Applicants for the scholarships must be college graduates. Those selected may attend any library school accredited by the American Library Association, but upon the successful completion of their training they will be required to accept employment at the Pratt library for at least two years.

May 1 is the deadline for filing applications. Inquiries concerning the scholarships should be directed to the library's Personnel Office, 400 Cathedral St., Baltimore 1, Md.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BALTO.

Coming events

FEB. 17

Film stars popular more than a generation ago will be seen again in two motion pictures to be shown tonight at 8 p.m., in the Enoch Pratt Free Library's central auditorium, 400 Cathedral St. There will be introductory comments by Richard Hart, head of the library's literature department, and related book displays. Admission is free.

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"Movies on the March" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" are the titles of films to be shown in the auditorium of the main library at 8 p.m.

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World Day of Prayer service, for Ames Methodist Church, Payne Memorial AME and Sharon Baptist will be held at Ames, Carey and Baker Sts., at 8 p.m. Mrs. A. K. Thomas chairman, Mrs. Leray Stokes program chairman and Miss Jessye Bennett will preside.

FEB. 18

The Thompson Miller Auxiliary 8627 will hold its monthly meeting at 1502 Madison Ave. A report will be made by the members who volunteered to help with the Mothers' March of Dimes program.

FEB. 19

The Young People's Missionary Department of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland presents the Morris Queen Chorale in recital at 4 p.m. at Wayland Baptist Church.

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Annual Women's Day at St. John AME Church, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morning speaker will be the Rev. Mrs. Agnes Alston and in the afternoon it will be Mrs. Gertrude Wells.

The Maggie C. Upshur Chapter 53, OES, will present Mrs. Geraldine Clemmons in recital at the Shiloh C.C.

Public meetings

ZONING BOARD — Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Room 231, City Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION — Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Room 400 Municipal Building.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE — Meets third Friday of every month at 1:15 p.m., board room, seventh floor, State Office Building.

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION — Meets last of each month, February date to be announced.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS—Meets every Tuesday, March 2, 4 p.m., at 3 E. 25th St.

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CITY COUNCIL — Meets Mondays at 5 p.m., City Hall.

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Church at 5 p.m.

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Men's Day will be held at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Lanvale and Carrollton with services at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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Four well - known panelists will debate the question of disarmament at a meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club of Johns Hopkins at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall.

FEB. 20

At 8 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., a Space Age Hairstyle and Hat Show with 50 beauticians competing for three trophies. Affair will benefit Bethel's Women's Day.

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Arnold J. Toynbee, noted British historian and professor emeritus at the University of London, England, is scheduled to lecture at The Johns Hopkins University at 4 p.m. in Shriver Hall on the Homewood Campus.

Dr. Toynbee, who has appeared on the Homewood Campus on two previous oc-

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Carver five eyes first basketball championship

Carver High School today (Friday) makes her first serious bid for a major championship in the Maryland Scholastic Association.

The Cubs of Sodie White have a chance to wrap up the Division 1 crown when they take on Patterson Park at 3:30 on the Carver floor. And the veteran tutor, White, thinks his boys will be equal to the task.

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"I THINK we can do it," White told the AFRO on the eve of the crucial test. "They're tough but my boys have proven everything I've asked of them this year, and I don't expect things to be different this time."

The Carverites whipped the Pats on January 27, by a score of 78-74. Since that one was on the East Baltimore court, White is confident that his boys will benefit from the friendly confines of home should this be close.

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ROSCOE HANDY and Ted Manning led the Cubs to an easy 83-65 victory over defending champion Dunbar on Tuesday. It marked the ninth win in ten games for Carver and the fifth straight setback for the Poets since mid-term.

With a 9-1 mark as opposed to Patterson's 9-2, the Cubs can clinch matters by winning today.

Edmondson already has clinched the Division 2 title.

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Bedford, deputy sheriff, resigns

Emory Bedford, 56, 2515 Madison Ave., a city deputy sheriff since 1959, resigned Wednesday, Sheriff Joseph Deegan announced Thursday.

Mr. Bedford replaced Lorenzo Campbell, who died in July, 1959. The deputy resigned in order to devote more time to music, Mr Deegan.

The deputy, who is single, was also in the hauling business but might work kept him away from it, the sheriff said.

MR. BEDFORD was replaced by Robert E. Morsell, 35, 2331 W. Lanvale St., who was appointed Thursday.

Mr. Morsell, married and father of two children, will serve a three - month probationary period before becoming a permanent sheriff, Mr. Deegan said.

'Judge I ain't going'

Marvin L. Norris of the 700 block W. Redwood St., learned in Central Police Court Tuesday afternoon that discretion is the better part of valor.

When sentenced to six months in jail for striking a police sergeant, Mr. Norris implied that he had some harsh things to say to Chief Magistrate Joseph Kolodny.

When granted permission to speak his mind all Norris could say was "Judge, you are a nice man."

This is how the change in mood came about.

Sergeant Charles Valenti of the Central District testified that when he arrested Norris at Eutaw and Franklin Sts., for panhandling, the prisoner declared: "You are not going to lock me up" and then threw a punch at the officer.

Valenti said he was released from the City Jail on Saturday after serving 60 days "for being intoxicated" told Magistrate Kolodny.

"I didn't mean to hurt the officer. I don't believe in fighting an officer. They are there for protection."

Turning to Sgt. Valenti, the prisoner asked: "Can I beg your pardon?" The sergeant answered: "Are you kidding."

Norris then requested that he be given 60 days in the City Jail but not the House of Correction.

He added: "Over there (At Jessup) I can work for Warden (Charles) Price."

When Magistrate Kolodny answered "No, you are going to the House of Correction" Norris grew angry and declared:

"Man, I don't want to go at the House of Correction for striking the sergeant.

I tell you something Judge"

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WHEN TIME came for the prisoner to be taken into the cell block in back of the room, police had to pull Norris away from the magistrate's bench.

From the rear of the room Norris again called out, "Say judge, can I say something?"

Magistrate Kolodny nodded and court room spectators waited breathlessly for the man to talk himself into more trouble.

Norris paused, smiled and then complimented the magistrate for being "a nice man."

Mr. Norris was given two 30-day sentences for disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct. They were suspended.

He is serving the six months in the House of Correction for striking the sergeant.

Students Caught In Cost Squeeze

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College fees reach record level

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The cost of a college education has doubled in the past ten years.

A college student in 1950 could spend a year in an average university for about $800. Today, the student would have to pay more than $1,600 to study a year in the same school.

Should the cost continue to rise at the same rate during the 1960's, college education could become a luxury "only the rich can afford."

It is certain that less than half of the one million students expected to be ready for college by 1966 will be financially able to enter.

Educators predict, if the "high cost of college" gets any higher, most high school graduates will get jobs, go to work, rather than face financial struggles for higher education.

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THEY HAVE already discovered that many talented (but needy) students are not entering college and they suspect that the nation is deprived of the resources of many great minds which might help shape the future of the country — and the world.

The dollars - and - cents side of education has become one of the most serious of all the problems of the 1960's.

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY in his recent Federal Aid to Education message to Congress points out that one 1960's will require more college - trained leaders and other persons "to carry forward our highly developed civilization."

He concludes: "If the colleges and universities fail to do their job, there is no substitute to fulfill their responsibility."

He adds, if assistance does not come: "Our colleges in the 1960's will be in critical straits owing to provide the necessary facilities, much less the cost of quality education."

As a remedy, the Chief Executive has put before Congress a proposal for a 5-year Federal Aid to Education Plan calling for more than $5 billion.

Part of the money goes to universities and colleges, with yearly sums of $25 million for scholarships, $300 million for academic buildings, $25 million for dormitories for students, housing for teachers.

All scholarships "for talented, needy students" are to be given on the basis of merit and need, regardless of race, creed or color.

Higher education aid as a whole is scheduled to help colleges and universities to enroll the coming 1960's swarm of one million college students "without charging undue increase in fees or suffering undue financial loss."

In Baltimore where the average family income is scarcely over $5,000 a year, outside aid is necessary if the children are to enter college.

In 1960 state aid in scholar-

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COMMUNITY LEADERS ASK

Why Celebrate The Civil War?

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY—Charged in the shooting of Jackie Wilson, popular rock 'n' roll singer, ex-WAC Miss Juanita Jones is shown in a New York police station shortly after her arrest.

Bethel rites set for Dr. Cardozo

Dr. Francis N. Cardozo of 1028 Brantley Ave., a practicing physician here for 46 years, died at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington on Feb. 21. He was 79.

Funeral services will be held at Bethel AME Church Tuesday at 1 p.m.

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BORN IN CHARLESTON S.C., Feb. 14, 1882, he was graduated from Lincoln University in 1900 and from Howard University Medical School in 1902.

Dr. Cardozo practiced in South Carolina for seven years before moving to Baltimore in 1909. He practiced here until illness forced his retirement in 1958.

Dr. Cardozo was president

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N.O. mother speaks here on Sunday

A first - hand account of the New Orleans school segregation hassle will be given at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church Sunday by Mrs. Daisy Gabrielle.

Mrs. Gabrielle, who braved segregationist mobs to escort her daughter to newly integrated Frantz Elementary School last December, will speak at the annual NAACP Founder's Day program at 3 p.m.

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MRS. GARRIELLE and her husband, James, will come

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Reporter Walks On Picket Line

By FRANK HUNT

Violence visited the languid little town of Rock Hill, S.C. last weekend.

For the first time in a year of sit-down demonstrations Rock Hill discarded its mask of indifference to fight the white and colored people marching shoulder to shoulder against segregation. It visited beatings, bombings and clubbings on the faces of the white hoodlums who again and again attacked Paul Detrich, a white member of the picket line, in front of Goode's Drug Store Saturday while police turned psychoconcerned faces elsewhere.

It showed the other side of its much vaunted Southern womanhood in the convulsed features of another white hoodlum who slammed on brakes inches from the line of picketers crossing the street.

It put sneers on the faces and foul language in the mouths of little boys, who squirted the Friendship College students with water pistols filled with filthy liquid, encouraged by the cheers of their oldsters.

But though it was very real, very tangible, and very muscle to be felt, you could not have detected the intensity of the change in the pleasant little town of Rock Hill unless you were on the picket line.

So you do just that. You join the picket line.

There you are, leaving Friendship Junior College and walking up College Ave., one of a thin line of students embarking on an extra-curricular activity that is something to be marveled at.

You turn up Black St., wary but a bit at the neighbors who peer from doors and windows watching you, and the grade

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See little glory in rebellion

Many Baltimore leaders are against the Centennial Celebration of the Civil War. They fear emphasis may be misplaced.

This was revealed this week when the AFRO polled leaders, seeking their opinion of the celebration.

Throughout the nation, the 100th anniversary of the War Between the States is being celebrated at a cost of millions of dollars.

The War touched off by General Beauregard's attack on Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861: It ended when the Union's commander - in-chief, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant took formal Gen. Robert E. Lee captive in Appomattox, Va., April 9, 1865.

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THE UNION emerged victorious after four years of bloody turmoil which ripped the country apart and left thousands dead and injured.

Why

Because the South rebelled against the Union's determination to end slavery, which doomed four million colored Americans to misery and suffering.

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves.

However, the South refused to accept this decree. Dixie rebelled. There followed such battles as:

Bull Run, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cedar Creek, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Fredericksburg and Sherman's March to Atlanta

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IN MANY AREAS of the country, there are many who after 100 years, still refuse to believe that all men are free. They are the ones who will use the celebration to gain sympathy for their cause, the leaders fear.

They were asked this question:

QUESTION — What is your opinion on the Centennial Celebration of the Civil War?

DR. LEON SACHS, economist

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Wilson still 'critical'

NEW YORK, — Singer Jackie Wilson completed his ninth day on the "critical" list at Roosevelt Hospital on Thursday.

The 26-year-old rock 'n' roll star, felled by two bullets from a woman admirer's pistol on February 15, was apparently not out of danger even though he inquired for him on February 23.

Hospital officials confirmed that the singer's condition is still regarded as critical, but declined to go into detail. No report was forthcoming when the AFRO suggested that Wilson might be "improving" as was reported last weekend.

In the meantime, the young singer's assailant, Juanita Jones, was continued in $2,500 bond in connection with the shooting. Miss Jones admitted firing the gun which fired the shot that wounded Wilson during a tussle in the hallway of his West 57th St. apartment.

A MILESTONE REACHED—Morgan's Institute of Political Education gave a party on Wednesday for all students who will reach their 21st birthday this year. Here are three of the 126 guests: Misses Francis V. Flanagan, junior, 2517 Druid Hill Ave.; Joyce E. Faucette, sophomore, 5221 E. Capitol St., SE, Washington, and Joyce Ann Jones, junior, 2325 Koko Lane. Football star Jim Parker and singer Ruby Glover were special guests.

Rights bill action is delayed

ANNAPOLIS—The House Judiciary Committee couldn't agree Tuesday on compromise amendments to accommodations bill before it—and postponed committee action until the coming Tuesday.

"If we meet that day, we will take it up," Ridgley P. McKeldin of Dr. Anne Arundel committee chairman, said as committee consideration of the bill was halted.

The committee had under consideration House Bill 27 introduced Jan. 5 by the Baltimore Fourth District House members — to prohibit denial of services because of race in public places furnishing sleeping and eating accommodations.

During the 62 - minute hearing, committee members killed two proposed amendments by a 12-12 vote.

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FRANCIS X. GALLAGHER (D. 3rd D., Balto.) proposed the amendments which were in some respects contained in a similar House bill 33, introduced Jan. 5 by Mrs. Verda

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6 IN JAIL SAY 'Won't cooperate with JC justice'

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Civic attorneys for all seven defendants will not cooperate with the court. We cannot expect to find justice in an unjust place. We will remain in jail until we refused the motion.

Then he treated decorum.

These words to the AFRO came from a spokesman for the young ministerial students serving 60 days in the Lynchburg City jail for staging a sitdown at Patterson's Drug Store last week.

The seminarians entered the jail wearing ministerial garb and carrying Bibles.

Their statement, "We will not cooperate with evil," referred to their trial in Municipal Court, Wednesday on a charge of trespassing. With them as Mrs. Essie Gordon, a housewife, who had been arrested with them. Arrested at the same time was Miss Mandeline Thompson who was tried in Juvenile Court Thursday and sentenced to 30 days.

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AT THE OPENING of the Wednesday trial, Len Holt, a local nursing home. He was

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When the judge asked the defendants whether they wished to plead guilty or not guilty, the seven remained silent. Mr. Holt told the court that the segregated proceedings were being conducted in "an unlawful and unconstitutional manner.

"What do you think you're doing?" the judge demanded.

"My client's refuse to par-

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George McMechen dies, rites scheduled Sunday

George W. F. McMechen, 70, of 2007 Eccleston St., a practicing attorney here for 51 years, died Wednesday at a local nursing home. He was 89.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Morgan State College Christian Center.

Dean of Baltimore lawyers, Mr. McMechen was the first colored member of the Baltimore School Board; the first Morgan alumnus to contribute $1,000 to the college; and the first Baltimorean to become grand exalted ruler of Elks.

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BORN IN Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. McMechen came to Baltimore in 1891 to enter the George and Mildred McMechen, he received his early education in public schools of that city.

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