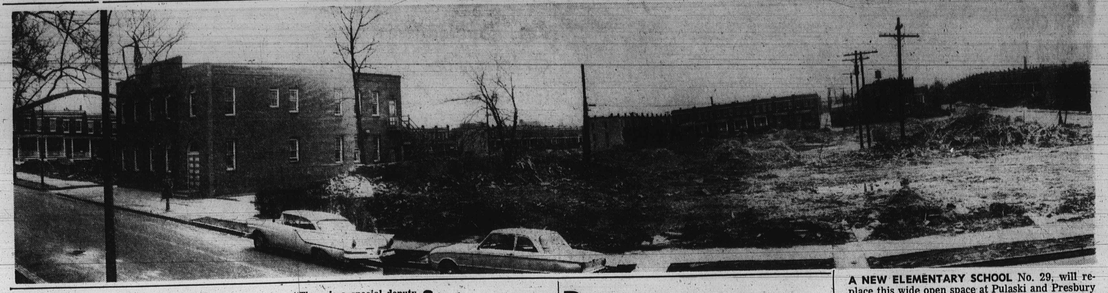
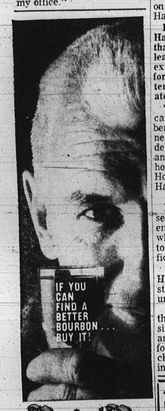


A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 29, will replace this wide open space at Pulaski and Presbury Sts., where now there is only debris and rubble of houses once here. It will relieve overcrowding of Robert W. Coleman Elementary School No. 142, Walbrook Ave. and Smallwood St. and its annex, 142A, to the left of the space. Expected to be completed in 1964, the school will cost $1,800,000. A brick masonry exterior never before used in elementary schools; is another innovation. The school will hold 820 pupils in 24 classrooms and will have an auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

Burch admits he forced resignation

"I do not have to defend myself for anything I do in my office."



Francis B. Burch, city solicitor, issued this statement Monday while commenting on charges leveled by Truly Hatchett, attorney.

In a letter of March 6, Mr. Hatchett told the solicitor that he (Mr. Hatchett) had learned that Jacques Leeds, ex - assistant solicitor, was forced to resign when he entered the Fourth District senatorial race.

"This came as a shock because, when I was a member of the legislature, I found nearly every member of the delegation from the Fourth and Fifth districts were holding positions in the Court House and City Hall," Mr. Hatchett declared.

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MR. HATCHETT listed several instances where city employees held their jobs while running for and waiting to be installed in elective office.

"Our present mayor, J. Harold Grady, served as state's attorney of Baltimore until he was elected.

"The state senator from the First district holds a position in the mayor's office and he has decided to run for re-election," Mr. Hatchett's letter continued: Adding,

"**There is a special deputy city solicitor assigned to the finance department, who is running for a judgeship on the Municipal Court.**

"I believe that in the Fifth District, we happen to have a representative who holds a court position when not serving in the legislature.

"I trust that your action was not due to any outside pressure or ill feeling," Mr. Hatchett concluded.

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MR. BURCH said Mr. Leeds sought his opinion on the matter before filing for the senate race.

"I told him as far as I'm concerned it would be incompatible for him to seek election while working for the city."

The solicitor said members of his office deal with the legislature and other city and state agencies, and added:

"It's not good and sound politics to work against them on the one hand and with them on the other."

Mr. Burch admitted he also rejected Mr. Leeds request for a leave of absence. This made the assistant solicitor unhappy, but he agreed with the policy, Mr. Burch told the AFRO.

The solicitor branded as untrue Mr. Hatchett's statement that other employees of his office are permitted to work while seeing public office.

The only other person in his department running for office, resigned, effective Monday, Mr. Burch said.

Herbert Matz, candidate for a people's Court judgeship, submitted his resignation a week ago, according to Mr. Burch.

Another city employee, Harold Lewis, Municipal Court candidate, is not assigned to his office, despite reports to the contrary, the solicitor declared.

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S. EDWARD SMITH, a Leeds supporter, said Mr. Lewis was on the payroll of the city's chief legal officer, but attached to the city treasurer staff.

This, he charged, was no different from the situation of Mr. Leeds' who worked with the Health Department while on the staff of the solicitor's office.

Mr. Burch branded this contention as "absolutely false."

Mr. Lewis is neither on his payroll nor under his jurisdiction, the solicitor said.

The candidate works for C. Meredith Boyce, treasurer, and confers with his office on legal matters involving the treasury, Mr. Burch stated.

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MR. LEEDS admitted Mr. Burch asked for his resignation, but said this is consistent with a new ruling adopted three months ago.

"I have no argument with the ruling, but it should be applied uniformly," the candidate for senate said.

"As chief legal officer of the city, Mr. Burch should have no difficulty in getting **an ordinance which would assure the rule is administered fairly," he added.**

Mr. Burch blasted charges that he was applying the rule lopsidedly.

"Not only can't a candidate for office hold a job here," he said, "but those who are in the campaign and can't get out, will not be allowed to become assistant solicitors," he pointed out.

He is unwilling to grant leaves of absence for campaigns because it works hardships on other assistants and creates confusion, Mr. Burch stated.

"If I hire someone to replace them during the campaign, that person will have to be fired when and if they return for the job.

"You can see it would only create more confusion, and that we can do without since we inherited such a backlog of work from the beginning," he added.

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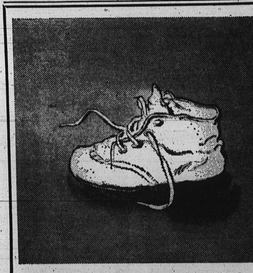

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State revenue up, new tax showing

State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein announced that state revenue from retail sales and use taxes for the month of February, 1962, totaled $6,948,679, as compared with the total of $5,709,912 in February, 1961. This is an increase of $1,238,767, or 21 per cent.

The growth is due mainly to the application for the first restaurant meals ($1 or more and tax on sales of 25 cents instead of 51 cents) and over.

The purpose of the taxes is to provide Baltimore City and the 23 counties with increased public school, health and welfare facilities, the comptroller said.

—NAACP files

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held from Ocean City. We asked that the use of federal funds be accompanied by the non-discrimination condition.

"It is the legal fact that federal funds cannot be used in a discriminatory manner.

"It is the NAACP's duty as the civil rights watchman for the past fifty-three years to remind our fellow citizens in Maryland of the American way.

"When federal aid is sought they must be willing to abide by the constitutional mandate of the equal protection of the law for all citizens.

"Ocean City must face the fact that the exclusion of citizens solely because of race, color, or creed from the public beaches, hotels, schools and other public facilities, must end.

"It means also that Eastern Shore colored residents must have the equal right to receive funds for the rebuilding of their damaged homes."

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DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON, NAACP president, expressed appreciation for the many calls, letters and contributions indicating understanding and support of the NAACP's position in Ocean City.

The Funeral Directors and Morticians Association paid $50 to start a second life membership, Charles R. Law is president. The A.M.E. Ministers Wives Alliance, Mrs. Mattie Sewell, president - is presenting $350 to close out their life membership at a meeting next Tuesday night at Waters AME Church.

Contributions were also received this week from Phace Golf, $25.; Jerome Kirk, graduate student, Department of Social Relations, Harvard University, $10.; Prof. Richard A. Long, Morgan State College, $5.; Atty. and Mrs. O'Neal, $5.; Sach's Brothers Pharmacy, $10.; Lois W. Roberts, Jr., $3.50; Howard P. Wilson, $2.; William P. Wilson, $2.; Walter Tonkins, $2; Freddie Jenkins, $2; Thelma Flowers, $3.50; Leonard Brown, $2; Polly Conway, $2; Hennie Walker, $2; Alice Walker, $2; Wilhelmina Chesatham, $2; Ella B. Wilson, $2; Mrs. Davis Smith, $2; Cleban Grover, $2; Walter Howard, $2; John Wilson, $3.50; Walter Marshall, $2; Howard Austin, $3.50.

Report proves AFRO the largest

CHICAGO, Ill. — The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers have the largest net paid circulation not only among colored weekly publications, but top the circulation figures for most of the white secular and religious weeklies, according to information compiled by Standard Rates and Data Service.

SRDS is publisher of the monthly Audit Bureau of Circulation reports, and is considered the Bible of the newspaper industry.

The current volume of SRDS lists the vital statistics for 573 weeklies, 6 tri-weeklies, 54 semi - weeklies and 42 religious publications in the United States and Canada.

The listing for the United States shows there are 361 weeklies, including 20 published by and for colored; 38 religious publications, 44 semi - weeklies, three of which are colored, and five tri-weeklies.

THE AFRO leads all of the colored weeklies in national circulation as well as an overwhelming majority of the white weeklies, the figures show.

The circulation for the AFRO, SRDS shows is over 148,000.

This figure is 66,000 ahead of the Pittsburgh Courier, which the March 31, 1961, ABC report lists as 82,551.

Colored weeklies with runner - up circulation listings by SRDS include the following:

Amsterdam News, New York City, 54,587; Norfolk Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va., 37,786; Chicago Defender, 35,799; Michigan Chronicle, Detroit, 31,943; Los Angeles Sentinel, 26,428; Kansas City Call (Mo.), 20,722; Cleveland Call - Post (Ohio), 20,538; Louisiana Weekly, New Orleans, 19,075, and the Informer Group (three papers), Houston, Tex., 17,487.

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SRDS ALSO shows that the AFRO leads in the semi-weekly classification, with the Baltimore AFRO's 60,000 running 20,000 ahead of the No. 2 publication in this group, the Philadelphia Tribune which is listed at 39,781.

There are 12 white weeklies in Maryland. The largest, the Aegis in Bel Air, has a circulation of 11,996. The next two runners-up are listed at 9,711 and 9,523.

There are 23 white weeklies published in Virginia, according to SRDS. The leading three are the Eastern Shore News, Onancock, 7,731; Fairfax County Echo, Falls Church, 7,369, and the Bulletin Democrat, Bedford, 6,443.

The AFRO's Virginia circulation is over 18,000.

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IN NORTH CAROLINA and South Carolina where a total of 22 white weeklies are published, the AFRO leads with a circulation of 20,000.

The papers with the highest circulation in this group are in North Carolina — the Stanley News and Press, Albemarle, 8,612; Herald, Smithfield, 7,690, and Richmond County Journal, Rockingham, 4,855.

The New Jersey AFRO (Newark) is 10th among 54 weeklies published in the state.

The leader is the 133 -year-old New Jersey Herald of Newton, a publication established in 1829. Its circulation is listed at 43,568.

The New Jersey AFRO, which was established in 1941, has a circulation of approximately 7,000.

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Youth to explore means of choosing a college

Baltimore youths will explore ways and means of getting into college at the April 6 City-Wide Youth Forum to be held at the YMCA, 1912 Madison Ave., at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers for the forum will be J. Percy Bond, Director of Admissions and Placement at Morgan State College, and Herman Westerberg, counselor at Forest Park High School.

The subject "How to Get Into College" was selected because it is felt that parents and children need to take a closer look at college possibilities, according to Mrs. Gilbert L. Banfield, chairman of the affair.

"There are small colleges seeking colored students and are receiving no applications locally. Scholarships and loans are available, but are unknown to many parents and students," she asserted.

Mr. Westerberg will speak on college possibilities and problems on a national scale. Mr. Bond will discuss requirements, scholarships and loans at Morgan State.

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IN ADDITION, six students will explain the factors involved in their choice of college. The students are Laura Smith of Garrison Junior High; Gwendolyn Lewis of Douglass High; Linda Thom as of Edmonson High, Jeanne Morris of Morgan; Lynn Simon of City College; and Betty Browne of Dunbar High School.

"The forum is sponsored by the Me-De-So Club, the Urban League's Family Life Project, the YMCA and the YWCA.

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Expert At Combatting Idleness

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"Idle hands are the devil's workshop."

Dust the antiquity from this age-honored adage, pit it against one of today's most challenging problems — automation - created idleness — and you'll find what keeps this week's young man on the move — UP!

He is Harold J. Jennifer Jr., who has lived and breathed wholesome recreation for two decades.

The desire to "help people spend their leisure time profitably" has driven Mr. Jennifer from the bottom rung to a high spot on the totem pole of recreation.

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TWENTY YEARS ago, our man in motion was a youthful highschooler romping on the playgrounds of the nation's capital as a recreation leader.

Today he is district supervisor in Baltimore's Bureau of Recreation and Parks, guiding the destinies of 15 centers.

A glowing tribute to his achievements in his chosen endeavor came only last month when he was appointed to the National Advisory Commission of the National Recreation Association.

As one of 35 nationally - known recreation experts on the newly - created commission, highest post in the war against the ravages of the devil's workshop, Mr. Jennifer will advise professionals and volunteers concerned with the wise use of leisure.

The commission grew out of the National Recreation Association's concern about the mounting problems faced by millions who are left with time on their hands in the wake of shorter work hours, and the endless procession of machines replacing humans.

The agency will meet quarterly with recreation officials in various sections of the country.

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MR. JENNIFER was an athletic - minded, well - rounded student at Dunbar High School in Washington when he decided that recreation would be "my life's work."

Although the need for recreation then was not nearly as acute as it is today, our man on the move recognized it as a growing profession and decided to grow with it.

Today, as an accepted authority, the recreation executive describes his duties as:

"Organizing and administering a wholesome recreation program."

A few of the activities included in this broad scope are, he said: "Training, guiding, stimulating and motivating leadership, in addition to interpreting the total program for the community."

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PLANNING AND executing athletic events — baseball, basketball, football franchises — arts, crafts, theatre and offering various courses of study to enhance better living are among the services the supervisor brings to the community.

Typical of other young men on the move, Mr. Jennifer's career is packed with achievement of one sort or another. For instance:

He was awarded the Maj. James E. Walker Memorial Medal for "outstanding achievement in scholarship, athletics and deportment" upon graduating from Dunbar.

Lured by Springfield College's reputation for recreation training, he headed for Massachusetts where his studies were cut short by the outbreak of World War II.

Firmly convinced that recreation and athletics would play a major role in the war, our man in motion enrolled in the Civilian Military Training Corps, specializing in physical training and athletics.

This proved a wise choice. It not only was good enough to enable him to go on active duty as a second lieutenant but was a prelude to another unique experience.

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WHEN INTEGRATION in a major southern university was but a mere unpleasant dream for sons of the South, Mr. Jennifer added color to Washington - Lee University, Lexington, Va., way back in 1942.

It was a mite distasteful for the gentlemen of the land of hospitality, but they were helpless in face of Uncle Sam's insistence, the supervisor remembers.

He completed the athletic and recreation course and began a three - year tour of duty, beefing up fighting men as a special service physical training officer.

The caliber of Mr. Jennifer's service was good enough to earn the rank of first lieutenant. It also kept him on the American side of two oceans during the hottest part of the war.

Upon discharge he returned to Springfield taking his wife, Mrs. Ruth Jennifer, whom he wooed and won in 1943 and their first born, Harold 3rd, with him. Mrs. Jennifer is a management analyst at Fort Meade.

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TWO YEARS later he had earned a B.S. in health and physical education and a master's degree in teacher education, working as a physical education teacher in the school while doing graduate work.

The trek along the high road of recreation led to Baltimore in 1948, when the supervisor was picked as physical education director for the Druid Hill YMCA, a post he held for one year, before going with the recreation department.

During the past 13 years it has been a continuous story of excelling.

The man in motion was central figure in a controversy which shook the city to its heels in 1960 when he was bypassed in the appointment of an assistant superintendent of recreation.

Despite his test score of 87.7 which led all eligible candidates, Mr. Jennifer was denied the second in command post in the bureau.

Showing neither disappointment nor bitterness while recalling the incident this week in his attractive home at 3201 Carlisle Ave., the man on the move said:

"It taught me an important lesson . . . never let up!"

The supervisor, whose list of organization memberships and community service group affiliations resemble the diary of a candidate for "Who's Who," begins his day at 10 a.m. and returns home when the schedule permits it.

The family attends Trinity - Walbrook Presbyterian Church, and the man who worries about other's leisure gets a free moment — which is seldom — he, his wife and two sons, the baby is nine - year - old, Clinton, head for their quiet home on Highland Beach.

Boating, skiing, swimming, crabbing and golfing are among his hobbies.

How does he view the growing importance of his profession in this age of automation and missiles?

"It is becoming more and more challenging. But it is my ambition to do the best of my ability, a job of helping people to make better use of their leisure."

If past performances can be used as a measuring rod, the recreation specialist will do just that. His is the determination so prevalent of all young men on the move — UP!

AT WORK — Mr. Jennifer checks program file while planning spring and summer programs for his Northwest Baltimore district. The programs, according to the supervisor, are limited in winter months but burst in full bloom for the outdoor season.

RARE MOMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Jennifer Jr., relax before their cozy fireplace. Such moments are few and far between because the recreation supervisor spends many evenings with community groups underscoring the functions and advantage of a well-rounded recreation program.

Book facts

Trolly cars without horses were "new fangle" in 1920.

A small street had a gutter in the middle.

Fire engines were pulled by horses, 3 for engines, 3 for hook and ladder wagons.

During snows, fire engine wheels were removed, sleigh runners put on.

Seats in a silent movie were 10 cents for the "peanut gallery".

Neither marbles nor baseball was allowed on Sundays.

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PEPPERMINT CANDY was 5 cents for 25 sticks.

An elevator man for the government made $720 a year plus $260 bonus.

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CAPS FOR men in vogue in the '20's were a luxury, handmade for $5; tailormade suits were $20.

In 1920 colored citizens purchased property on North Carey St., moved from East Baltimore to Sanford Pl. and Cumberland St. as residential areas spread "uptown."

Eggs, fresh daily, were 10 cents a dozen, newspapers, 2 cents a copy.

Church suppers and dances at the Odd Fellows Hall were among adult recreation activities.

Minus TV, radios, electric fans, citizens retired early, although summer heat was often in the 90's.

42 Years Riding Up And Down

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

In 42 years, elevator operator Richard Zachariah Browne, 70, 1800 N. Mount St., made more than 153,300 trips up and down at the main Post Office.

He began work as maintenance and elevator man in 1920, progressed to elevator supervisor, the job he held on Feb. 2, 1962, when he was retired.

An imaginative and interesting person who likes to expound on any subject, Mr. Browne allows he really does not know exactly how many trips he really made.

But, if all Up's were laid end on end, he may well have come somewhere near the moon by now.

However, armed with best wishes from many friends he has won over the years, he went home last month to a down - to - earth hobby.

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ON TUESDAY evening, the AFRO found him, apron on, fork in hand, preparing a special dish of broiled lamb chops for dinner.

Had we arrived another day, we may have caught him fixing his favorite Chinese, Bohemian or other exotic recipes from his cook book.

From World War I days when belts had to be tightened, he has preserved the treasured old blueprint for "Poor Man's Fruit Cake" to please friends.

Because of his juicy pepper steaks, shrimp chow mein, roasts and pastries, his wife, Mrs. Bertha E. Browne a postal employee has gained weight. She vows she is "going on a diet" — one of these days.

(You see, part of the pleasure of a retired man's cooking hobby is in the tasting, and Mrs. Browne is the one to taste, to express approval.)

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NOT THE one to remain over a hot stove all day, Mr. Browne has other hobbies.

One of them is jotting down in memory certain historical facts about old Baltimore. He intends to put them in a book when he gets around to it.

One noteworthy chapter will recall East Baltimore in the 1920's, as he saw it from his childhood home at 219 N. Ann St.

Winters were severe as snow fell four days at a time, hung over until April up to four inches on the ground.

Easter Sundays were spent in Druid Hill Park, egg rolling for prizes.

Other Sundays saw children at church until dinner time, on the steps quietly seated until dark, and then to bed.

"That's why children were well behaved," he recalled.

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IN THOSE DAYS, white marble steps were scrubbed daily. A youngster was kept busy pulling the grass from between cobblestones.

Broadway and St. Paul St. were paved with wooden blocks.

His mother went to market at the foot of Broadway with $1.75, and came home with two baskets full of bananas at three cents a dozen; steak at 25 cents a pound; pork chops at 10 cents a pound, and a three - pound chicken for 25 cents.

Rent for an 8 - room house, in good condition, was $2 a week.

Colored businessmen owned flourishing lumber, moving and transfer establishments, storage houses, restaurants, stores, catering companies, barber shops and hotels, had stables with 35 to 40 horses.

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TO GO BACK further in history, Mr. Browne's book will tell how his grandmother, a cook in a fine restaurant, served British General Ross when he was passing through Baltimore on the way to Washington.

This was during the War of 1812, and the determined general is said to have vowed: "We'll eat breakfast in Washington, or in hell."

As Mr. Browne's grandmother said, the latter was the case. He never got to Washington.

A plaque at Monument and Gay Sts. now records that the British officer was shot to death by Donald Wells, 19, and Henry McComas, 18.

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FILLED WITH pathos will be a chapter on meager education for colored persons.

Mr. Browne's mother paid $100 hard earned money to a private white school tutor who taught her at night behind tightly drawn shades, "because she was colored."

A bright note comes later as Mr. Browne jots down mentally that the postal workers maintenance union he organized in 1922 was interracial, now enrolls nation - wide over 40,000 members.

Also included will be memories of the time Chief Justice Taft rode on the Post Office building elevator and Queen Marie visited City Hall.

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THE HUMOROUS chapters will include how a man of Mr. Browne's day was not considered a sport, (a fine dresser) unless he wore a brown derby, spats, double breasted vests, white flannel pants, blue jacket for Sunday.

A woman's head was adorned with a wide Merry Widow hat, with a long ostrich plume.

Gales of laughter are sure to come as Mr. Browne includes the chapter on an event which took place at Ames Methodist Church where he was held membership a quarter of a century.

After the pastor announced the death of another Richard Brown, a member, mourners came from New York thinking it was our Mr. Browne, the postal union man.

Nearly prostrate as they saw Mr. Browne passing the collection plate at services, they looked at him skeptically and said: "Aren't you supposed to be dead?"

RICHARD Z. BROWN, the cooking enthusiast so engrossed in his own recipes of sweet and sour beef, is the employee who raised and lowered the American flag on the Old Post Office Building downtown for the last time on Feb. 15, 1930. Longtime North Carey St. residents will recall he resided at 1733 N. Carey St., for 33 years.

They Ride-BTC Loses

The 40,000 children who ride to and from school daily at a reduced fare are costing the Baltimore Transit Company a million dollars annually, plus some $40,000 yearly in vandalism expenses.

What may be even more alarming is that adult riders are absorbing the bulk of the loss in higher fares, which may go even higher.

This word comes from Clyde Headley, public relations director for the transit company and one well schooled in the business of transporting large numbers of people to where they want to go.

As Mr. Headley explains, it, in 1961 the company estimated it transported 16,595,302 children and students at the reduced fare of 15 cents.

The Adult fare is 25 cents and the difference between the two leaves the BTC with a loss of -1,181,591.

A fare raise was attempted to 20 cents last year, but the Public Service Commission turned it down.

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TO THE revenue lost through reduced fares, the company also absorbs a $40,000 yearly loss in torn or

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