MOTHER FINDS CHILD DEAD IN TUB

Max Johnson's BALTIMORE NOTEBOOK, which normally occupies this space, will appear Tuesday.

Labor Day dates back to 1882

By WILBER PINDER

The celebration of Labor Day in the United States dates back for nearly 120 years.

On the Afternoon of Sept. 5, 1882, the streets of New York were filled with paraders carrying such signs as "All Men are Born Alike and Equal" and "Liberty and Union."

This was the first Labor Day parade and every year thereafter up to and including the present Labor Day Celebration, next Monday, it has become part of our American tradition.

One of its founders and father of the American Labor movement, P. J. McGuire, said in 1897:

"Pagan feasts and Christian observances have come down to us through the long ages. But it was reserved for the American people to give birth to Labor Day.

"In this they honor the the toilers of the earth, and pay homage to those who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

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MR. McGUIRE, who later became a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, said the day should start with a street parade. "Which would publicily show the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations."

In one such parade there were 20,000 men and "Ten times that number lined the streets and cheered," according to New York newspapers.

The first Labor Day bill was introduced in the New York Legislature in 1887. However, Oregon passed the first Labor Day Law, on Feb. 27, 1887.

Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York soon followed. Other states rapidly joined them in making Labor Day a legal holiday.

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed an act making Labor Day a holiday for all federal employees, for the District of Columbia and territories.

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TRADITIONALLY on this day, flags were displayed throughout the country.

Some believe that Labor Day in Europe, generally celebrated on May 1, stemmed directly from its celebration in the United States.

Samuel Gomper, the first president of the American Federation of Labor, said:

"Labor Day stands for Freedom, for freedon attained and freedon demanded. . . And above all, Labor Day stands for faith in the workers.

"Faith in their ability and determination to show the world that within the field of democracy labor can forge its way straight ahead and strike from its path the barriers of reaction, greed, oppression and tyranny."

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IN 1902, Frank P. Sargent, then U.S. Commissioner of Immigration, commented on Labor Day:

"While Independence Day, the glorious Fourth of July, commemorates the birth of Liberty, Labor Day proclaims the struggle constantly maintained by the countless toilers of the land to perpetuate those principles announced in 1776: Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Ministers rap hotel for snub

Public apologies to State Senator Verda F. Welcome and Delegate Irma G. Dixon for the embarrassing refusal of service to them at a hotel in Ocean City last week are being asked by the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

Here is this organization's statement on the matter:

"The members of the civic committee, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, are deeply disturbed by the fact that two of our distinguished state officials, Delegate Irma Dixon and State Senator Verda Welcome, along with other colored citizens, were recently subjected to embarrassment when the Atlantic Hotel in Ocean City Maryland refused them accommodations.

"It is our sincere and strong conviction that the committee on arrangements of the United Democratic Women's Club of Maryland; the president, Mrs. Carmel Vindas; National Committeewoman Dr. Mildred Otenasek, and Gov. J. Millard Tawes, the titular head of the Democratic Party of this state, share the blame for this idignity.

"We, therefore, call upon these individuals to publicly register their apology.

"We also call upon them, the mayor of Ocean City, other city officials and opinion molders to use the influence of their office to contribute to the adoption of a policy which will insure the fact that such an experience will not be repeated."

GETTING READY — Mrs. Vivian A. J. Fisher, 3909 Cranston Ave., during a training session for more than 260 Safely Patrol members at a Summer School refresher course for Parochial School Safety Patrol boys and girls, adjusts the belt of Yvette LeCompte, 10, 1112 W. Saratoga St., while Darryl Blackwell, 11, 427 N. Culver St., watches. A hundred School Crossing Guards presented youngsters completing the course certificates at ceremonies on Wednesday.

Guess is she fell, hit head

The dead girl's mother sat with her hands clinched tightly in her lap.

Her face still showed signs of the shock she felt Thursday afternoon when she found her nine-year-old daughter unconscious in the bathtub of their home in the 4200 block Fairfax Rd.

The tears streamed down the face of Miss Dorothy Farabee, as she recalled what had happened:

"Dorothy went upstairs to take a bath. I went with her. After she was in the tub I returned downstairs to boil an egg. When I returned, I screamed.

"She was lying in the tub face up, with her head bent backward. I ran to the tub and let out the water. ", at this point, the mother could go no further.

Patrolman Forest Fox, of the Northwestern District, said when police arrived Miss Farabee was still suffering from hysteria and screaming.

"She grabbed me and all she could say, pointing to the second floor was, 'My child, she is dead.'"

Fox and Patrolmen John Street, and Richard Miller, tried mouth to mouth respiration but the child was pronounced dead at Lutheran Hospital.

Police theorized the child fell, struck her head against the side of the tub and drowned.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at AFRO presstime.

Goodwill's children's night set

Hundred of Baltimore youngsters have earned themselves tickets to the Oriole-Red Sox game in Sept. 7 by collecting repairable items for the Baltimore Goodwill Industries.

Tickets are still available at eight Goodwill locations to boys and girls 16 years or less who contribute a repairable wheel toy or electrical appliance.

Contributions of furniture or large appliances are also being bartered for the tickets and donations too large to be easily transported by the youngsters will be collected by Goodwill trucks. These collections may be arranged by telephoning Goodwill headquarters.

How deep is integration in Baltimore County schools?

How much segregation remains in Baltimore County public school?

Are colored teachers and principals fairly hired, transferred and promoted?

These are two basic question the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission has been requested to explore by an interracial citizens' group at the commission's open hearing on school problems Tuesday.

"We felt this Commission should ask these question," said Dan Nitzberg, one of three representatives from the Baltimore County Committee on Human Relations.

Mr. Nitzberg with William A. Ross, co-chairman of the committee, and Louis Kane, had just submitted data on possible continuing de facto segregation of schools in the county to the Commission.

Mr. Kane, chief spokesman for the committee, first commended the County Board of Education for its "postive approach" thus far in integration of its school system.

The Human Relations Commission, was asked by Mr. Kane and fellow committeemen, to explore the following areas of concern:

1. Do colored teachers have the same choice of teaching environment as white teachers?

2. Why are white students transported by bus past schools whose enrollments are all-colored to schools that are predominantly white?

3. When does the Board of Education feel that the building program will be sufficiently advanced" to permit further integration of students who are now in all-colored schools?

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4 HOW WILL supervisory and administrative personnel now staffing the Sollers Point Junior-Senior High School be reassigned when that school is changed to a junior high school?

5. What constitutes an integrated school enrollment and faculty?

6. Are the same procedures used in handling both white and colored applications for transfer?

7. What use is made of school facilities with respect to apprenticeship training programs, work study programs, recreation and community meetings? Are any of the above listed used or any others on a segregated basis?

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IN THE TWO and one half hour discussion by commission members following presentation of these questions, the citizens' committee representatives reported that:

Some 55 per cent of colored teachers in Baltimore County teach at Sollers Point School which seems an unnatural discrepancy, according to Mr. Nitzberg.

Fully qualified colored teachers are available to teach in the county but not hired while "uncertified white teachers are hired," according to Mr. Ross, who also commented that this meant "county resources are being wasted."

"It was also reported that four county elementary schools had remained all-colored although integration was the official county school policy. These schools, Rossmoyne, Fleming, Turner and Bragg, were in what Mr. Ross termed county colored ghettos."

One secondary school, Sollers Point JuniorSenior High, was cited as still one-hundred per cent segregated.

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EUGENE KING, one of [illegible] Human Relations commission members and himself a county school teacher, reported that in his opinion the physical

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Gwynn Oak Park integrates quietly

Gwynn Oak Amusement Park, the scene of spectacular racial protests during the first week of July, desegregated with scarcely a ripple Wednesday.

The first colored persons to enter the park were Charles Langley, 28, his wife, Mrs. Marian Langley, 25, and his 11 - month - old daughter, Sharon, 4300 Elderon Ave.

The Langleys arrived at the park some 90 minutes after it opened at noon for business.

The family had originally planned to participate in the massive march on Washington that day but Mrs. Langley could not find a baby-sitter and she was reluctant about taking the youngster to the District.

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The Langleys were greeted by what appeared to be more newsmen and photographers than there actual customers in the park.

"I was dumb founded," said Mrs. Langley, "at seeing all the cameras." She learned later that she and her family were in this instance, first.

There were no outward reactions to the presence of the Langleys in the park, either from the management or from the customers.

When the Langleys roamed through the park and took an occasional ride, they attracted no particular attention.

They told the AFRO that they did not belong to any civil rights organizations and had not participated in any of the demonstrations at the park which have been conducted for more than 10 years.

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WE KNEW of the August 28 date to desegregate and we just decided to come." said Mr. Langley, who was still wearing his "March On Washington For Jobs and

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Retired postal worker assaulted and robbed

Discharged from Maryland General Hospital with a bandage to cover a wound in his forehead, Raymond T. Carpenter Sr., 1200 block Druid Hill Ave., later received seven stiches to close the wound at Sinai Hospital.

Mr. Carpenter, 70, a former officer of Jerusalem Temple No. 4, was injured last Friday night after returning from the Shrine Convention in Pittsburgh.

On his way home from the Masonic Temple, Mr. Carpenter said he was set upon by several youths on Lanvale St. between McCulloh St. and Druid Hill Ave.

The thieves fled taking his wallet with $150 and left him lying on the sidewalk.

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POLICE TOOK Mr. Carpenter to Maryland General where his cut was bandaged.

Later, his son, Raymond Carpenter Jr., a local school teacher, took his father to Sinai where the stiches were taken, and where an X-ray disclosed his jaw had been broken.

Mr. Carpenter Sr. a retired postal employee, is recuperating at the home of his son, 3407 Callaway Avenue.

Register to vote, change address now

The registration books are now open for citizens to become eligible voters for the primary election early next year.

Citizens may register at the Supervisors of Elections office ground floor People's Court Bldg., Fayette and Gay Sts., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Who must register — Those who will become 21 years of age prior to next year's election; newcomers to the city who have lived here at least a year.

Change of address — Citizens who have been registered as eligible voters, but have changed their address in recent months without notifying the Supervisors of Elections, should do so now.

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'IT JUST COULDN'T BE left hanging there,' says Anthony Gomez, 1700 block Ashburton St., after cutting down this effigy in the 3300 block Edmondson Rd. near Memorial Stadium. Mr. Gomez said several persons yelled at him as he cut down the dummy at end of hangman's noose. It was labeled NAACP.

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BIRMINGHAM WAITING FOR NEXT EXPLOSION TO GO OFF

Insurance firms hit on hiring

By MAX JOHNSON

Only one of the insurance companies handling a bulk of the city's insurance has desegregated its office staff.

Total cost to taxpayers of all city policies under jurisdiction of the comptroller's office is $625,188 a year.

The companies in question handle policies which cost the taxpayers $377,000, just $48,120 short of the total cost.

These facts were revealed in an AFRO survey this week.

Hyman A. Pressman, city comptroller, taking note of the segregated office staffs of such companies, had this to say about the future issuance of city insurance:

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"AMONG THE factors to be considered in awarding the insurance, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Insurance Advisory Board of Baltimore City and the consultant, will be a factor which I, personally, consider important.

"And that is a wide open policy in employment by the insurance firm.

"[illegible] municipal official, in compliance with President Kennedy's request to all local officials."

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HERE ARE the companies which now handle the bulk of city insurance through Mr. Pressman's office:

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TONGUE BROOKS, Maryland Casualty, Riggs Warfield Roloson, Pat O'Malley and Standard Accident Insurance.

Of these, only the Maryland Casualty has desegregated its office staff, with colored workers in several departments.

A spokesman said this has been in effect about a year.

"We are providing employment opportunities properly and fairly," the spokesman said. "This is something we deal with fairly."

At Tongue Brooks, there is a colored employee who serves as messenger, mail handler and storeroom clerk.

"I see no objections to our hiring a colored person, if the colored person were qualified," said Frank Brooks, personnel manager, in reference to clerical workers. "We have never been faced with that here."

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TONGUE BROOKS handles

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New Look In The Police Department

A step has been taken by the City Police Department to end racial discrimination within its ranks, the AFRO learned this week.

For the first time, colored officers are being assigned to radio cars and cruising patrol wagons.

Prior to this time, colored officers had been restricted to "post cars" in some of the districts. These cars are usually operated by one man and are assigned to a specific area in a police district.

Radio cars, however, circulate throughout the district and carry two men.

No permanent assignment of a colored officer to a radio car has been made, but colored officers are being used in the cars when the regular occupant or occupants are not on duty.

The move had been made so quietly that it nearly went unnoticed by the general public.

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HOWEVER, THIS week, the AFRO learned of Police Department General Order (No. 10076), which was issued to all members of the police force, "reminding" them that discrimination violated a State Law and "would not be tolerated."

The order signed by Police Commissioner Bernard J. Sedmidit was based upon the Merit System Law, which was passed by the General [illegible]

It further states that a fine of $500 would be invoked upon anyone found guilty of such discrimination.

Police authorities declined to comment on the policy change other than to say they were simply complying with State Regulations.

However, it is believed that the order was issued on a direct result of conferences held several weeks ago, between Commissioner Schmidt and members of the Ministerial Alliance.

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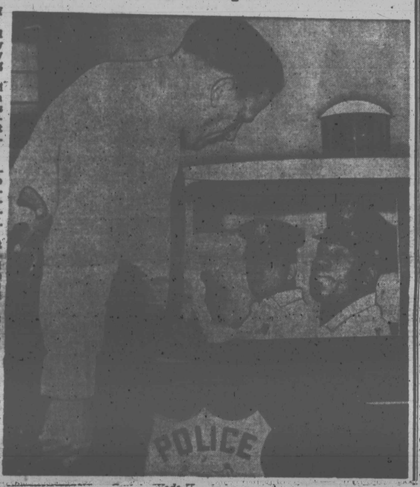
FIRST OF THE nine police districts in the city to set the new department policy in motion was the Western Police District, commanded by Captain Wade H. Poole.

In fact, Western District which now claims to be integrated 100 per cent in all departments, made the move a week before the order was issued, by assigning colored partolmen to radio cars.

Captain Poole said the 40 colored officers assigned to his district are utilized in any capacity according to their abilities and experience.

The captain, of a predominantly colored area of the City, said the transition was made without any complications, and had been unquestionably accepted by his men.

The AFRO examining the effect the change would have upon the departments nearly 150 colored patrolmen, and the method which [illegible] would use to enforce the



[illegible] — Captain Wade H. Poole Western District commander, gives last minute instructions to Patrolmen Milton Spencer and Edward Siebor. Spencer is behind the wheel of the radio car.

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Two versions on killing of vet

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS
AFRO Staff Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — This city sits on a powder keg and God alone knows when it will go up again.

After the bombing, rioting and fatal shooting of Wednesday night, a blanket of tension hangs over Birmingham so thick that even cab drivers glance nervously behind them as if in fear someone might be following them.

Five minutes after I checked into the Gaston Motel an unidentified woman rang the switchboard to warn a bomb had been planted and would go off in ten minutes.

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THIS SAME MOTEL was bombed several months ago but this time, no dynamite was found—at least, not yet—but I'll sleep uneasy for dynamite has become a way of life here in Birmingham.

Forty bombings in the past few months and no one is quite sure where or when dynamiting No. 41 will come.

The latest bombing came Wednesday night at the home of Atty. Arthur D. Shores, the second time within 15 days that the handsome house has been dynamited. Damage the first time was estimated at $10,000 and the second time around at $1,000.

It would have been greater but the damage from the first bombing had not yet been repaired.

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THE BOMBING touched off a riot in the Smithfield area of the city which saw bullets, bricks, bottles and rocks hurled at police who were on their way to investigate the blast.

An ex-soldier, 20-year-old John Coley, was killed and 21 other persons were wounded. Police report Coley was shot when he burst from a house firing a gun.

However, according to several of his friends who were with him, Coley had no gun and was running away from the scene of the riot when he was struck in the side, neck and head.

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IF THE STATEMENTS of Coley's friends were bitter, it was because here in Birmingham, there is a deep mistrust of the police in the ranks of the colored community.

Coley was discharged from the Army in late July after spending two years in Germany.

The bombing of Mr. Shores' home, which was the direct cause of the rioting, has been firmly linked to the desegregation controversy which has seen Gov. Wallace force the closing of three city schools.

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THREE OF FIVE colored children accepted into integrated schools were actually enrolled in the formerly all-white Graymont Elementary School on Wednesday

On Thursday, the Birmingham Board of Education yielded to pressure from the Wallace administration and ordered the closing of the schools on what it described, "hopefully," as a "temporary" basis—"temporary" meaning Monday.

Attorneys in the civil rights movement moved quickly to answer the closing by filing two motions here in U.S. District Court.

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THE FIRST motion seeks temporary restaining order and an injunction against the school board to require it to open the schools because the threat of violence is no reason to close them.

The second motion seeks a show-cause order against Gov. Wallace to show reason why he should not be brought into the action because of his interference with the orders of a federal court in the desegregation matter.

In a separate motion filed in Tuscaloosa in federal court, the attorney filed a motion to deny the request of several parents, who favor segregation, to intervene in the desegregation process.

The attorneys are: Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, Ernest D. Jackson Sr., Oscar Adams and W. L. Williams Jr.

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WHILE THESE legal moves were going on, Mr. Shores' wife had to be taken on Thursday to the hospital as a result of Wednesday night's bombing. She was suffering from shock and a possible concussion.

The home of the longtime civil rights attorney is being

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Find duo in pink bed

Policeman was son of minister

By BETTYE PHILLIPS

An off-duty Northern District policeman and his pretty girlfriend were found dead in a pool of blood Thursday night in the woman's bedroom.

Residents of 1954 W. Fayette St., discovered their bodies lying on a bed covered with a pink spread.

Dead are:

Patrolman Henry Floyd Matthews, 22, 414 Normandy St., assigned to the third shift at Northern District, and only son of the Rev. James Matthews, pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, and

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Picket line promised for Gov. Wallace

Alabama's Governor Wallace will have to cross a picket line on Friday, Sept. 13, when he appears here in connection with WJZ-TV's Focal Point Program.

The Civic Interest Group and CORE have already announced their plans to picket the session at Goucher College from 10:30 a .m. to 4 p.m.

Other groups have also indicated that they will join in the protest against the Alabama governor who has become a symbol of southern defiance of court ordered desegregation.

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IT WAS pointed out that the governor's right of free speech was not being challenged, but his reactionary views.

In its statement explaining

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Segregation, overcrowding target of new school policy

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By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Following one of the noisiest sessions in recent history, the Board of School Commissioners adopted an unprecedented policy statement Thursday designed to eliminate racial imbalance and over crowdedness in city schools.

The new policy statement revises the one issued in June which the NAACP and parent groups called unsatisfactory and threatened court action and protest demonstrations.

IN BRIEF the new statement provides:

1. School officials recognize and eliminate education problems inherent in racial imbalance.

2. Constant review of policies and practices to insure that they are not discriminatory or do not contribute intentionally to racial imbalance.

3. No child may be excluded from any school for religious or racial reasons.

4. Transfer for other reasons, including the right to attend an integrated school, shall be routinely authorized on a first-come, first-serve basis.

5. Elimination of school districts as of Sept. 30, instead of Oct. 30, as orginally planned.

The statement was approved after minor revisions and after an attempt by Mrs. Richmond Farring to delete several key sections failed.

It was adopted by a 6 to 2 vote, with Mrs. Farring and Dr. William S. Stone, voting against it.

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DR. STONE of the University of Maryland Medical School, objected to the term "racial imbalance," contending that "racial imbalance in

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Mrs. Woods, teacher, succumbs in classroom

By B. M. PHILLIPS

'We had been to Hyannis, Oak Bluffs, Cape Cod. Some relatives from California were with us.

"It was a happy vacation. We returned home two weeks ago. She hadn't been ill, not a bit, just a little hypertension. In fact, she had never been out of school for illness in nearly 30 years.

"When she left for school, she was in good spirits."

Leo C. Woods, Mentabelle Terr., Morgan Park, was speaking of the sudden death of Mrs. Geneva Rainey Woods, 58, teacher at Brices Junior High No. 451.

Mrs. Woods was seated in her room talking with co-workers when she 'just slumped over.' Time was 1:10 p.m. Wednesday, the day be-

MRS. LEO C. WOODS
Teacher dies suddenly in school

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City joins one-man fight aimed at curbing Baltimore's teen-age gangs

A social worker who can toss a neat football pass has started a unique experiment that promises to strike at the very heart of street gangs.

For the past three years Harry E. Smith has saved the city hundreds of dollars in vandalism by harnessing the energies of delinquent youths and directing them to wholesome and useful channels.

Mr. Smith, 33, is a detached social worker for the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area.

With the blessings of the council, he was attached to the Recreation Bureau and roamed the streets, taking his services to youths.

HIS OFFICE has been in alleys, pool rooms and street corners in depressed areas in Northwest and East Baltimore.

Concentrating on boys already in trouble with police and society and those headed in that direction, he has organized two groups of youngsters now engaged in useful activities.

The boys range from nine to 20 years of age and their records of delinquency have taken a noticeable dip since they have been taked under the wings of the one-man crusade against street gangs.

Mr. Smith, a graduate of

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