Expressway people set to lose homes, no others seen

"I've been here 25 years, but I know the highway is needed and is coming. I have no complaints, if I can get a fair price for my property."

"It's going to place my family to a great inconvenience, but if it's to be we would like to know as soon as possible what to expect.

"We've been here 19 years and being uprooted is most disturbing."

These were the comments of Mrs. Lillian B. Payne, 419 N. Calhoun St., and Mrs. Berdie Addison, 1835 W. Franklin St., when approached recently for observations on the coming loss of their homes to the East-West Expressway.

Their homes are among several hundred which lie within the Mulberry-Franklin Sts. expressway corridor, west from Fremont Ave. to below Pulaski St.

Tentatively, this route veers north between Franklin and Edmondson Ave., west of the Pennsylvania Railroad, north again at Braddish to run northwesterly through Leakin Park, entering in the vicinity of Lafayette Ave.

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AN ORDINANCE to authorize the construction of the first phase west to about Pulaski St. was placed before the City Council Monday.

An estimated 1,200 families will be displaced by construction of this leg alone.

At this point, nobody knows or has any specific plans as to where they will be relocated.

Only present planning is that the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing agency will be given the job of finding homes for most of them.

Property acquisitions are scheduled to begin late next year or early 1967.

THE COMMENTS of Mesdames Payne and Addison were typical of those from many residents of this leg of the expressway, contacted by the AFRO.

In general, they were resigned to the loss of their homes eventually, but had no more ideas at the moment of where they would relocate than anybody else.

Mrs. Carrie B. Johnson, whose home and beauty culturist business is at 428 N. Payson St., put it this way:

"I've just made up my mind if the expressway is to be through here it will be, and we'll just have to go along.

"With me it's going to be quite difficult in finding another place on account of my business. Where I will go I don't know.

"Nobody likes to be uprooted, but I've come to ex-

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HUSTLING BENJAMIN MITCHELL (LEFT) GETS WELL - DONE BUSS FROM WIFE (RIGHT).

Liquor in Cherry Hill debated

By MAX JOHNSON

For the eighth time since 1943, a city Liquor Board was faced Thursday afternoon with the decision of whether to allow an alcoholic beverage outlet in the Cherry hill Shopping Center.

This latest application is that of Mrs. Leah Molofsky, who wants to transfer her license from her former tavern at 2001-03 E. Fayette St., which was taken by the city as part of a school site.

Mrs. Molofsky, a widow with three children, wants to open a package goods liquor store in the center at 632 Cherry Hill Rd.

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ONE RESIDENT OF the area produced by Milton B. Allen, her attorney, told the board the liquor store was needed because there are "approximately 26 bootleggers in Cherry Hill."

In rebuttal one of the protesting witnesses, called by W. A. C. Hughes Jr., their attorney, said there was no reason for bootleggers because anybody could walk to nearby Mt. Winans or Brooklyn and buy all the liquor they could afford.

About 100 residents of the area pro as well as con, crowded the City Hall board room for the hour and 10 minute hearing.

Mr. Hughes presented signatures of 3,600 of persons, and organizations protesting the license being granted.

Mr. Allen produced a similar batch of 450 names of residents of the area, who are urging the liquor store be allowed.

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IN OTHER respects, the hearing was a carbon copy of those that have been held off and on through the years, on the matter of a liquor outlet in Cherry Hill.

Considerable humor was injected into the proceedings, despite the seriousness of the case.

William R. Brown, 4125 Callaway Ave., who said he operates a service station across from the shopping center, had this to say when called by Mr. Allen:

"From my observations, I feel there is definitely a need for a liquor store there. Every day somebody comes

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2 doctors ask offices near Provident site

An appeal asking the erection of a three-story building at 2520 Liberty Heights Ave. on a site near the proposed new Provident Hospital grounds, faces a decision Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

The building, proposed by Dr. Claude D. Hill and Dr. Oakley H. Saunders, would have offices for two non-resident physicians and four dwelling units.

Among the other cases scheduled to be heard, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231 City Hall, are the following at these locations:

2403 Hilton St. — extend use of tavern; 3611 Dolfield Ave. — sign; 2410 Chelsea Ter. — house three families; 1100 Bentalou St. — garage for seven cars;

2548-54 Madison Ave. — fence; 2018 N. Payson St. — continue to house two families; 906 Grantley St. — continue to house two families.

DPW food stamp plan indefinitely delayed

The food stamp program for needy families, authorized by the Federal Government for Baltimore, will not go in effect Aug. 1 as scheduled, the State Board of the Department of Public Welfare is to be told today (Friday).

Nobody knows when, or if at all, this program can be placed in operation, Raleigh C. Hobson, DPW director, is expected to announce.

Reason is there is insufficient staff and preparation at the city's DPW headquarters to adequately handle the program, and few corrective measures are in sight.

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MR. HOBSON and the board are scheduled to discuss this problem at length today, following a report of a special committee set up to investigate the situation.

He would not say beforehand the pertinent issues to be discussed or hint at the corrective measures likely to be advanced.

Mr. Hobson did say Wednesday, however:

"Their (city's DPW) program has fallen so far behind, we just can't interrupt it to institute the food stamp program."

Cause of this, he said, was a "whole series of things."

Chief of which is that there is no adequate personnel to directly operate the program.

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THE 29 persons now operating the city's donable food program do not qualify, he stated, because they are in a clerical category and the federal government requires at least beginning case workers.

This means the donable food plan will be continued here, but the broader and more selective one for needy families—the food stamp — is not in sight.

Baltimore and Dorchester Counties are the only two areas in the state authorized to implement this program. The county programs begin July 12.

Jail guard released on $2,500 bail

Meredith C. Ball, 24, 100 block N. Carey St., charged with embezzling $2,997 from the City Jail Prison Fund, was released Wednesday on $2,500 bail following a preliminary hearing in Central Municipal Court.

Ball, a probationary guard at the jail with nine months service, is accused of converting the money to his own use. An accountant discovered the shortage Tuesday while examining the account, police reported.

Judge Basil A. Thomas postponed a further hearing until June 30 to allow a complete audit of the account at the request of Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield.

The guard, police said, had access to the fund made up of money paid in by inmates when they enter the institution.

It was used to post bond for inmates who win court permission to leave prison while trials are pending, the warden reported, adding that no more than $500 to $1,500 is handled in a day.

The fund is protected by a $50,000 bond, Mr. Schoonfield said. The accused guard, through his attorney, George L. Russell Jr., entered a not guilty plea.

$740.43 groceries in shopping spree

Benjamin George Mitchell of 4004 Dorchester Rd., Ashburton, gathered up $740.43 worth of groceries Thursday in a 10 - minute Pepsi - Cola Shopping Spree won by Mrs. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell ran the spree at 8:30 a.m. at the Food - A - Rama Market in the 3700 block Liberty Heights Ave.

Ordinarily, Mrs. Mitchell would have run the spree, but illness prevented her from doing so. Now ever, she was on hand to cheer her husband's efforts.

At first, Mrs. Mitchell wanted her daughter, Mrs. May Cuffee to run because her husband had injured his leg three years ago in an accident. However, Mr. Mitchell felt he could carry more at one time and make up for the difference.

Dressed in comfortable shoes, Mr. Mitchell made 18 trips from the meat counter to the check - out counter raiding the store of all its choice meats (steaks, roast, ham, shrimp and spare ribs).

As he ran the 50 feet between the meat and check-out counter, Mrs. Mitchell cautiously coached him on: "You're doing fine, hon," "Honey, don't run" and "Don't let him have a heart attack, it wouldn't be worth that."

During the last five seconds of the spree, Mr. Mitchell collected dog food and coffee which were close to the check- out counter.

When the spree was over, Mrs. Mitchell said, "I told you he liked meats, but he looked out for our little doggy, too. We have a German shepherd."

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AFTER THE spree Mr. Mitchell said he felt "all right, you can't afford to feel otherwise when food is concerned."—

And although the Mitchells were loaded with meats, dog food, and coffee, Mrs. Mitchell still continued to shop for some necessities.

Mr. Mitchell had to be mindful of rules preventing him from getting anything unedible and using anything others than his arms to shop. He was told to ignore fallen items and did so all the time, spacing his trips moderately.

A Pepsi - Cola station wagon carted the food home for the Mitchells who still did not know where it was going to be stored even though their freezer had been emptied.

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AN EMPLOYEE of the Armco Steel Corporation, Mr. Mitchell's hobbies are golf, fishing, and hunting for any type of wild game. Mrs. Mitchell, who is originally from the Eastern Shore, grew up in Long Island, New York. Her early profession was that of beautician instructor. Now, she is an audit clerk at Social Security, Woodlawn and an avid enjoyer of good books and light classical music.

The Mitchells' one child, Mrs. Cuffie, is a graduate of Howard University. Their grand-daughter, Fredericka, is a June graduate of Forest Park High School and she has been accepted at Morgan State College.

Stanley Goldberg, vice president of Pepsi - Cola; Robert Heller, assistant sales manager and Emory Fitzgerald, district manager were present for the shopping spree.

Demonstrations next, if blind lose fight

Despite the fight put up by workers in the broom shop at the Maryland Workshop for the Blind, it was closed June 7.

In a move to save the shop, the Rev. Thomas Fraser 3rd, chairman of the Committee on the Blind for Ministers Alliance, met the Interdenominational Tuesday with William Rathford, superintendent.

Reinstatement of two suspended workers, Chester Harrington and George Cooper was the chief topic of Tuesday's meeting.

However, the Rev. Mr. Fraser said, long-term benefits for workers and establishment of some type of grievance procedure were also discussed.

Two other similar meetings were also held to aid the Maryland blind Tuesday.

The combined committee of the alliance and representatives of the AFL-CIO, which guaranteed its sup-

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City slow; Urban League makes anti-poverty move

The Baltimore Urban League's CANDO Consumer Protection Program got under way the week as five field assistants went into training under the direction of Mrs. Edna DeCoursey Johnson, project director.

The consumer protection program is expected to reach out into areas designated under the local anti-poverty program in an effort to help people gain more value from their money.

According to Cortez Puryear, acting executive secretary of the Urban League, the project is an extension of the League's Consumer Education program, and will be financed by a grant approved by the Board of Estimates.

The five newly-hired assistants have entered a 60-session training period that mwill extend to approximately two months.

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AN ADVISORY committee headed by Dominic Fornaro, local laborer chief, will provide the professional training necessary for the field assistants.

The committee includes persons from real estate and insurance business, ministers, doctors, legal experts, high-level educators, housewives, labor representatives and others:

The project director, Mrs. Johnson, told the AFRO: "The Urban League is going to move in now. We will not wait for the City to get moving. There is a lot to be done."

Of the five persons hired, one will serve as secretary—stenographer for the program. The others will, after training, spend full time out in the areas setting up programs and putting them into action.

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THE LEAGUE sees no conflict with the neighborhood program to be directed by Stanley Mazer under the Community Action Commission. The Urban League field assistants will be briefed by Mazer as to areas and methods of procedure.

"Our workers will not be bell-ringing from house to house to seek out persons needing help," said Mrs. Johnson. "Rather, the neighborhood developers, working under CAC, will seek out these people and refer them to us."

During the 60 sessions of training, the field workers will be given field trips, lectures, demonstrations and visual aids. They will learn to set up programs and will set up deceptive packaging exhibits.

The CANDO consumer protection assistants will teach people how to read labels, how to buy advantageously, how to avoid gyps and frauds, and how to plan and budget—along with many other helpful things.

It is hoped that, as interested persons learn from these assistants, they in turn will volunteer to help others, thereby broadening the scope and effects of the program.

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THE ORIGINAL group now in training consists of Miss. Mary E. Johnson, secretary - stenographer; and field assistants Mrs. Dorothy A. Washington, Misses A. Bertha Crawley, Wyndell V. Spence and Sarah R. Banks.

They formed an enthusiastic group at the first training session Wednesday and told the AFRO: "We hope to absorb knowledge that we can pass on to others who need help.

"In addition to helping others, this knowledge will also profit us personally. We will learn so many things we didn't know."

URBAN LEAGUE ASSISTANTS — Five field assistants have been hired and placed in an intensive training program by the Baltimore office of the Urban League. They will work with the CANDO Consumer Protection program. Left to right: Miss A. Bertha Crawley, Mrs. Dorothy A. Washington, Misses Wybdell V. Spence, Sarah R. Banks and Mary E. Johnson. Standing are Mrs. Edna DeCoursey Johnson, project director, and Cortez Puryear, acting executive director of the League.

New AFRO contest

The AFRO'S newest contest, the Clean Block Jamboree, is off the drawing boards and will be formally announced in Tuesday's edition. Like the teacher contest and the just - ended, fabulous "Student of Year" contest, the Jamboree will offer big cash prizes plus special gifts. Get the details on Tuesday.

Finan sets up criminal unit

The creation of a Criminal Division within the state's Law Department was announced Thursday by Thomas B. Finan, attorney general.

Mr. Finan stated that Robert F. Sweeney, one of his assistants, has been promoted to head the new department.

He emphasized that the necessity for the department was brought about by the increasing complexity of criminal law procedures, the rapidly growing number of criminal appeals and:

"The many landmark decisions rendered by the U.S. Supreme Court in the past five years relating to due process and equal protection as applied to confessions, arrests, search and seizure and the right to counsel."

MR. FINAN also noted that the amount of appellate work in criminal cases has increased 100 percent in the past four years, as has the volume of post conviction cases.

In addition, he said habeas corpus procedures in the federal court, which were a rarity five years ago, numbered 81 last year, and there is no indication that the increase in volume will continue.

This, Mr. Finan reminded, is the first major reorganization within the attorney general's office since the days of the late Albert C. Ritchie when, as attorney general, he organized the State Law Department in 1916.

Under consideration also, he said, is the formation of a Civil Division to handle civil suits in which the state is involved.

Street cleaning efforts get elderly man in pokey

By WILBUR PINDER

A discouraged and bewildered citizen who for 25 years performed what he considered a community service, walked out of Housing Court Tuesday after spending the night behind bars.

His crime—sweeping trash and debris which cluttered the street and alleys of his neighborhood into a neat pile placing it in the street and asking the Sanitation Department to remove it.

Charged with depositing or causing to be deposited trash and debris on a public street was James Scott, 77, of 1451 Parrish St.

Judge Albert H. Blum, upon giving the defendant probation without a verdict and ordering him to pay $4 court cost warned:

"The next time, Scott, if you don't take it (the collected trash) away yourself you'll be heavily fined."

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TESTIMONY from police and sanitation officials revealed that Mr. Scott had received a Housing Court summons last month but had failed to appear. Judge Blum then issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Scott explained: "Yes, I remember receiving the summons, as a matter of fact I talked with a sanitation officer about it and he told me he would take care of it.

"Since he told me that, I didn't think it was necessary for me to come here."

At about 1 a.m., Tuesday Mr. Scott said he was sleeping when he heard a loud banging at his front door.

"The officer told me I was under arrest and that although he hated to take me in he had a job to do. I was taken to a police station (eastern District) and placed in a cell," he told the court.

"I couldn't pay the $100 bail they wanted."

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MR. SCOTT told Judge Blum that he had been cleaning the alleys and street in his neighborhood for 25 years.

"After I clean it up I had called the sanitation people to take it away," he said.

The defendant had been told that he would have to stop collecting trash and piling it up in the street, police and sanitation officials testified.

"I didn't know what I was doing was wrong," Mr. Scott told the court.

Judge Blum answered, "Well, I'm giving you notice right now that it's your responsibility to get that trash up. If you do it again you're in for a lot of trouble."

After the hearing Mr. Scott declared to the AFRO:

"I had planned to get my neighborhood into the AFRO Clean Block Campaign this year but I don't think I will bother now. After 25 years of hard work trying to keep the street clean this was my reward."

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WALKING through the small Parrish St. community Mr. Scott showed the AFRO back alleys three feet wide where he said street sweepers never get.

In the street he pointed to a pile of dirt which he stated "had been there for weeks without the Sanitation Department doing anything about it.

The elderly man recalled that he first started cleaning up about 1940.

"It was so bad around here the rats ran wild in the streets. We have got a lot of children in this neighborhood and I was worried about the glass and trash that brought flies and insects," he declared.

Mr. Scott said his first project was to rid the community of the rats, which he did by going from house to house.

"After that I just kept it up. If these alleys aren't kept clean it keeps the rain water from moving and then the water becomes stagnant," he stated.

"The first thing you know

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Floor-Length Dresses Too Much

MR. AND MRS. CASSIUS CLAY
Now He's Quiet And She's Talking

CHICAGO, Ill., —A firm and unwavering dislike for floor - length dresses was singled out by pretty, shapely Sonji Clay, Thursday, as the main reason for the disruption of her domestic life with heavyweight champion Cassius Clay.

Sonji was named defendant in a suit filed by Clay, Wednesday in Miami, seeking an annulment of their marriage of less than a year.

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"WHILE I wasn't aware that my husband had taken the action, I am not surprised by it," declared Mrs. Clay prior to going into seclusion at the Southside address where she has made her home the past three weeks.

Sonji blames Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad for her husband's decision to call their marriage quits.

She vowed Thursday she would fight an annulment "because I love him — I'll do anything I can to save my marriage."

She said Muhammad told Clay that "I was embarrassing the entire Black Muslim nation so he had to choose between me and them."

"I'm normal like other women," Sonji said. "I don't like to wear that stuff."

Mrs. Clay said she had complied with her husband's requests to stop smoking, change her diet and wear

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SMASHED EGGS WINDOWS—Denise 12, points to one spots where vandals tered eggs in the h her brother, Daniel at 17 S. Arlington Av

Vandals in mixed

"They even threw m ding cake on the dinin floor. The little bri groom were broken had to paste them to gether."

Near tears, Mrs. G lyn Evans was survey damage caused to her at 17 S. Arlington A vandals Sunday night she believes was an a to drive her and her out of the nearly al neighborhood.

Returning from a v her mother - in - law's at about 10:30 Sunday Mrs. Evans said she a husband, Daniel — two colored families neighborhood —found "most of the window been smashed and three dozen eggs had

LBJ cheers ill Mrs. Irma Dixon with family photo

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, 4th District House of Delegates member who has been ill and hospitalized most of the year, has received a cheering greeting from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The President sent her a portrait in color of the Johnson White House family, inscribed with his note of appreciation for her services.

Mrs. Dixon was on the staff of the Democratic national voter registration campaign, leading up to the President's election last November.

She is in Montebello Hospital.

New AFRO Contest adds more cash prizes for Clean Blockers

The AFRO'S "Most Popular Clean Blocker Contest" is hooked up with the Regular Clean Block Contest and it offers an extra bonus to thousands of Baltimore children.

What do these lucky kids have to look forward to between now and the Aug. 14 deadline?

In addition to the many prizes they can win for "The Prettiest Block in Town," there will be extra prizes in the Clean Block Jamboree for the Clean Block Champ.

LOOK ON Page Two of this edition, (today), Friday.

There you will find the First Coupon, all the rules and regulations of the New Contest.

The First Coupon (Page Two) is worth 100 votes.

To enter, you must have at least FIVE coupons. More coupons will come on Page Two of every AFRO out Tuesday and Friday until deadline, Aug. 14.

Only Clean Blockers (up to age 19) are eligible for the new contest.

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HERE'S WHAT the Clean Blockers with the most Coupons will get:

1st Prize - Stereo Record Player
2nd Prize - $100 cash

—See New contest, Page A-2

Some drivers face sky-high policy rates

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Newly enacted legislation, originally intended to save risky auto drivers money on their liability insurance, has been nullified by action of the State Insurance Department.

They have added new charges to the industry's required assigned risk plan, which allows rate increases as high as 200 per cent above the plan's former maximum.

In one instance, a driver who had last paid $160 a

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$100,000 to Provident fund

Trustees of the Emanuel Chambers Foundation Thursday pushed the Provident Hospital Development fund drive to within $250,000 of its $2 million, $400 thousand goal.

Stuart Oliver, chairman of the trustee board presented $100,000 contribution to Samuel M. Hecht and George L. Russell Jr., co - chairmen of the drive.

The presentation was made at a progress report luncheon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel where leaders of the door - to - door phase of the fund - raising projects were guests.

Charles Tildon, can director, said the gift the total raised throug lic subscription to $2, to date.

In addition to Mr. other trustees witnessi presentation were G L. Clark, E. McClure

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'Gunsmoke' Defendants Freed Despite Jud

A People's Court constable and a city school teacher, who were involved in what Criminal Court Judge Anselm Sodaro described as "something like Gunsmoke on a Saturday night," were freed Wednesday.

Beverly (Beechie) Burrell, 36, 3400 block Fairview Ave., the constable, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

The teacher, Miss Betty D. Rogers, 22, also of the 3400 block Fairview Ave., was accused of possession and firing a gun within city limits.

The charges grew out of a May 17 incident at a Pennsylvania Ave. night club, where Miss Rogers allegedly fired the gun after Mr. Burrell and Ambrose Robinson, 40, 2000 block N. Fulton Ave. became involved in an altercation.

In dismissing the couple, Judge Sodaro said, "I do not intend to police taverns and cocktail lounges."

Mr. Robinson, who was charged with being disorderly, was freed when the state, through Miss Lucy Ann Garvey, prosecutor, confessed not guilty.

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THE "GUNSMOKE" description by Judge Sodaro came while Mr. Robinson was testifying, with the consent of George L. Russell Jr., his attorney, as a state's witness.

Mr. Robinson said the altercation started when he attempted to speak to Mr. Burrell about an earlier incident involving Mr. Robinson's brother.

"I learned that he had drawn a pistol on my brother, and I wanted to talk to him about it. He started cursing me and hit me on the jaw," Mr. Robinson testified, adding:

"I hit him, knocked him down and tore his cl off."

Asked why he tore the constable's cl Mr. Robinson answe "I was searching for gun."

During the strugg continued, "I heard a and saw the gun in Rogers' hand. She towards me."

After the gunfire according to Mr. Robi Mr. Burrell took the from Miss Rogers