1966 YOUTH COUNCIL — Here are some officials and members of Baltimore's City's Youth Council this year. Left to right: Jerome Pittman, Douglass Hi, president of the Council; Rita Nitzberg, Western Hi, reading clerk; Lynda Byrd, Eastern Hi, recording clerk; Joanne Williams, Western, commissioner of health; Cathy Booth and Cynthia Renoff, both Western.

Model Youth City Council Now An Institution

"Mr. President, I move the adoption of this ordinance . . ."

Every year since 1954 students from Baltimore's senior high school have been standing up in the City Council chambers and carefully articulating parliamentary phrases such as this as part of their functions in the Model Youth City Council.

The Youth Council, held on two successive days late in the spring school term, was initiated by the Baltimore Public Schools under the leadership of Dr. Harry Bard, now president of Baltimore Junior College.

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THE MOTTO of the Youth Council is "The Student Prepares for Active Citizenship."

In advance of the Council sessions, students interview department heads, observe municipal activities first-hand, study about the city's municipal services and those of other cities and draft model legislation aimed at better government.

In 1966, the Youth Council introduced 30 resolutions and ordinances dealing with matters ranging from snow tires for buses to sex education and open occupancy.

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STUDENTS ARE chosen from only six of the 12 comprehensive and technical - vocational senior high schools each year, to maintain the sessions at manageable proportions.

The delegates are chosen from their civics and current events classes.

At a preliminary session held about two months before the actual Youth Council, delegates gain practice in parliamentary procedure and debate.

They also elect six officers to preside over the regular Youth Council meetings: president, mayor, comptroller, chief clerk, recording clerk and reading clerk. The candidate with the highest number of votes becomes Council president, and the rest are allowed to pick their positions in the order they are runners-up.

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AT THE CLOSE of the Youth Council, three awards are presented to participating schools.

Since 1958, The Women's Civic League Award and the Baltimore City Council Award have been given for resolutions or ordinances of high quality in presentation and timeliness. The Mayor's Certificate for Outstanding Performance has been awarded since 1951 for general knowledge of parliamentary procedure and demonstration of leadership qualities.

American Express gets tickets for 'Expo 67'

One of the most significant actions in 1965 was acquisition in December of Uni-Serv Corporation, a new field of operation for American Express.

Uni-Serv operates Uni card, a card designed for the purchase of consumer goods and professional services on a revolving credit, deferred-payment basis.

This service, is offered through some 10,000 retail and promotional outlets in five Northeastern states surrounding the New York metropolitan area.

Uni-card is not related to the company's Credit Card, which is principally useful for the purchase of travel and entertainment on a monthly basis.

Uni-Serv retains its name, its president-founder and management staff, and operates as a subsidiary of American Express. Three American Express officers are now members of the subsidiary's Board of Directors.

An important recognition during the year was the designation, in October, of American Express Company as exclusive United States distributor of advance admission tickets for "Expo '67" — Canada's international exposition to be held at Montreal in 1967.

Berry first judge

Baltimore's colored community is looking forward with high expectations to the appointment late this month of the race's first judge on the city's Supreme Bench.

Indications are high that this long fought for representation will become a reality, following the retirement June 20 of Judge Michael J. Manley.

The history of colored judicial representation in Baltimore is one of long uphill efforts on the part of its civic leaders.

Back in the 1940's when there was no form of such representation, aroused colored citizens started increasing their demands for the appointment of magistrates of their race to sit in the police courts.

Emphasis in this direction was specifically aimed at the old Northwestern Police Station, then on Pennsylvania Ave. near Dolphin St., where 98 percent or more of the cases involved colored citizens.

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SHORTLY AFTER the Republicans' Theodore R. McKeldin was elected governor in 1951, he named John L. Berry, North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. executive, now retired, a magistrate at Northwestern.

This raised the ire of a lot of lawyers, who argued that an attorney should have been named instead of a layman.

Mr. Berry, who had accepted the post only due to pressure from friends and the governor who knew of his outstanding abilities to handle the job, resigned to give attention to his own business.

Gov. McKeldin then named a colored attorney as his successor, E. Everett Lane, who took over in 1952.

Mr. Lane sat as magistrate at Northwestern until he was elevated by Gov. McKeldin in 1955 to Traffic Court.

Then, the judicial picture for colored citizens brightened somewhat.

A young attorney, Robert B. Watts, came on the scene as a Traffic Court magistrate replacement for Mr. Lane, as Gov. McKeldin named the latter to the higher post of a judge in Baltimore's Peoples' Court.

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MR. LANE then became the first colored robed judge south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

Since that time, there have been a succession of police court magistrates of color, a current Municipal Court judge of the race, but as yet no colored representation on the city's Supreme Bench.

Judge Watts is the lone representative on the Municipal Court, an original appointee of Gov. J. Millard Tawes when this court was established in 1961, and this governor's reappointee after he lost his bid for a 15-year term in the 1962 elections.

Judge Watts must stand for election to this post this fall.

Judge Lane retired, due to the 70 - year - old mandatory requirement, some time before the 1962 elections, and Gov. Tawes named John R. Hargrove, who had been a deputy U.S. attorney here, to replace him.

Mr. Hargrove, however, like Judge Watts in that election was a loser.

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THERE HAS been no colored representation in People's Court since.

Judge Watts in Municipal Court is the race's lone judicial representative.

In the earlier police court magistrate days, there were such representatives as Calvin Douglass, who sat at Northwestern and the new Western; George L. Russell Jr., magistrate at large; and Bernard P. Morton, moving company head, who was a substitute magistrate.

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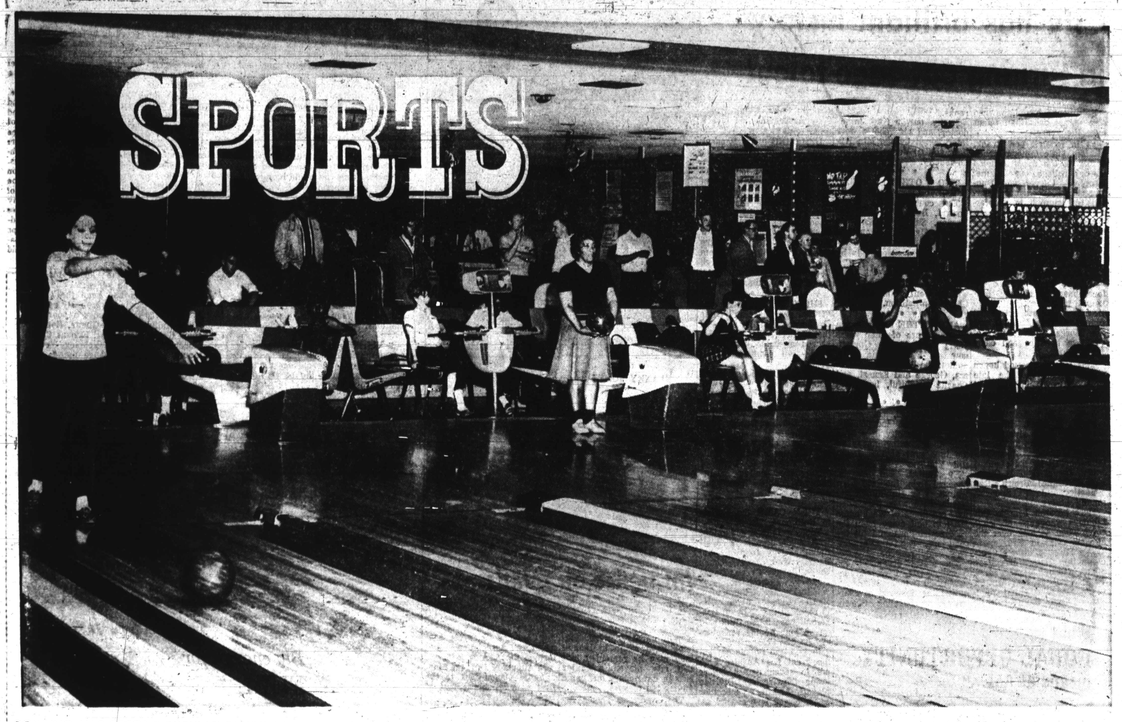

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How war proved boon to athletes

A popular observation among people who oppose international conflicts has to do with the feeling that "nobody wins wars."

This is probably true, insofar as nations and their peoples are concerned, but there is living proof that World War 2 was a sort of blessing in disguise for colored Baltimoreans.

Until Uncle Sam in the 1930s was pressed to the utmost in his desire to curb Adolf Hitler, et al, colored athletes and others seeking recreation were faced with lockouts at virtually every worthwhile play area in the city.

WORLD WAR 2 served as the chisel that chipped away the first opening in the recreational ice.

This came about when the many defense plants in the area, charged with the responsibility of providing recreational activity for their thousands of workers, formed ball leagues. Since many of these workers were colored, the teams of several of the firms were integrated.

Continental Can, Lock Insulation, American Smelting and Refining and Glenn L. Martin Aircraft were among these plants.

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BECAUSE OF their importance to the national program, these companies and their athletes gradually won concessions from a recalcitrant city government.

Colored and white commenced playing together on the better lots, and the same result was obtained shortly thereafter in the local Industrial League — though somewhat more subtly.

HUTZLER'S WAS one of the firms in the industrial competition. The store, however, maintained two teams — one colored the other white.

Eventually, pressure was brought on the Hutzler's management to let the two teams play each other for the store championship.

The series was booked for Druid Hill Park on successive Sundays. The first game was stopped by police, but such a clamor was put up by the huge crowd of both races that no cops were around for the second Sunday.

WHILE THERE have been many other battles fought in other places, it is believed that the war and its repercussions had as much as anything to do with opening Druid Hill and like areas to all races.

Before this series of incidents, colored citizens were restricted to only two diamonds at Druid, and were permitted to use only four small lots elsewhere about the city.

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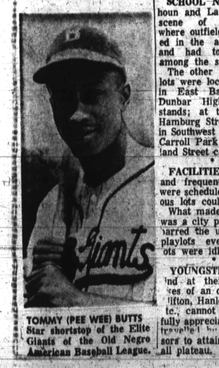
SCHOOL NO. 112 at Calhoun and Laurens, was the scene of softball games where outfielders were posted in the adjacent streets and had to roam about among the spectators.

The other "colored" playlots were located at PS 101, in East Baltimore where Dunbar High School now stands; at the foot of the Hamburg Street Bridge, and in Southwest Baltimore near Carroll Park and the Cleveland Street car barn.

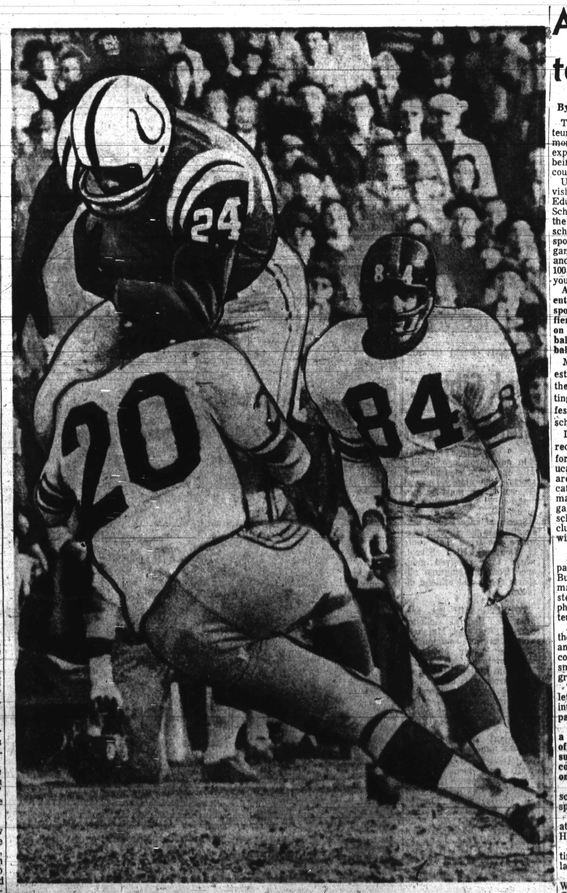
FACILITIES WERE poor and frequently more teams were scheduled than the various lots could handle.

What made matters worse was a city prohibition which barred the use of "white" playlots even when these lots were idle.

YOUNGSTERS WHO now had at their disposal the lives of an open Druid Hill, Clifton, Hanlon, Herring Run etc., cannot be expected to fully appreciate the long road travelled by their predecessors to attain this open - to - all plateau.



TOMMY (PEE WEE) BUTTS Star shortstop of the Elite Giants of the Old Negro American Baseball League.



COLTS' HALFBACK LENNY MOORE IS BROUGHT DOWN BY GIANTS' JIM PATTON. CITY GOES WILD WHEN NFL COLTS ARE WINNING.

Amateurs rated tops by experts

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The scholastic and amateur sports picture in Baltimore today is regarded by experts on the subjects as being among the best in the country.

Under the general supervision of the Department of Education, the Maryland Scholastic Association and the Bureau of Recreation, scholastic and amateur sports activity is well organized, under strict control and involves a total of 100,000-plus of the city's youngsters.

An indication of the present state of scholastic sports is readily seen in the fierce, but clean competition on the basketball court, baseball diamond, and the football field.

More evidence of its interest and impact is found in the constant presence of contingents of collegiate and professional scouts who bird-dog school boy sports events.

Dr. Elmon L. Vernier, director of physical education for the Department of Education, said 185,000 students are enrolled in physical education programs with an estimated 10,000 actually engaged in competitive interscholastic sports. This includes boys and girls in fall, winter and spring sports.

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FRED CROSBY, Municipal sports commissioner, Bureau of Recreation, estimated that 30,000 youngsters are engaged in various phases of the overall amateur athletic program.

Additionally, five to six thousands adults — salaried and volunteers — also devote countless hours to assure the smooth operation of the program.

This healthy state of athletic affairs today naturally introduces thoughts of comparisons of yesteryears.

Following interviews with a panel of "old timers" (no offense, fellows) the consensus is that the picture then compared to now was a bit on the dismal side.

Our panel of experts on scholastic and amateur sports of yesteryear includes:

Elmer Burgess, retired athletic director of Dunbar High School.

William (Mack) Payne, retired athletic director, Douglass High School.

Captain Dennis P. Mello, Western Police District Commander.

Sheppard Burge, veteran post office employee and Cherry Hill community leader.

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AFTER LISTENING to Mr. Burgess give an engrossing, intriguing, and even romantic account of scholastic sports of the long ago, the contrast becomes so great that it is hardly possible to draw a comparison.

For instance in that day color bars were rigidly observed and both personnel and equipment were victimized by this unfortunate fact.

Mr. Burgess' credentials include coaching a year at the old Colored High School — the only one where youth of color could attend — from 1917 to '18, where he coached all sports or a reasonable fascimile of same.

"The only equipment we had was given to us, the department would not buy us any," he remembers.

Following a tour of duty in World War I, working with the service YMCA program, Mr. Burgess returned to serve as assistant supervisor for the Recreation Bureau for 13 years.

"It was more or less a matter of going through the motions. Colored kids couldn't play in areas where the whites played and the former had a precious few places they could play," he recalled a couple of weeks ago.

Then in 1932 he "went into the gym," as he describes it, and conducted gym classes at School No. 120 for three days a week and at Carver for two.

"I started football at Carver," he said. Among some outstanding players of the long-ago day included Heber Wharton, Herman Thompson, both deceased; Allen Gee, Everett Butler, Dickie Jackson, George Grooms, Milton Branch, Johnny Christian and Gray Lloyd, Mr. Burgess remembers.

The late and illustrious educator, Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, former Morgan president, and Ralph Cook were among some of the star players on that first team, the 76-year-old sports historian said fondly.

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"WE NEVER had 22 boys in that day," he said, which not only made it necessary to develop two-way players, but also required slightly injured players to stay on the field despite their injury."

In 1939 Mr. Burgess moved to the coaching reins of Dun-

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