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HOME OF POE FOUND DOOMED IN SLUM AREA

Society Goes To Rescue. Would Save 2 Houses To Be Sure Of Right One

Job Seekers And Property Owners Also Harass Housing Authority

A vociferous protest from the Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore yesterday brought to light the fact that a house in which the poet lived is on Amity street, in "Area H" of the Baltimore Housing Authority's recently approved slum-clearance project.

Moreover, the society isn't sure just which one of two houses in the block was the Poe residence, and has asked that two of them be spared demolition in order to be sure the right one is saved.

Running Into Snags
Meanwhile, the authority was running into further snags. Its gigantic \$10,000,000 undertaking in the form of hordes of persons seeking jobs and throngs of property holders attempting to unload their soon-to-be-condemned properties at the best possible price.

In addition, a group calling itself "Baltimore Young Democrats, Inc.," wrote President Roosevelt a letter protesting the authority's plan to give the title-searching business to title companies instead of to individuals. This group informed the President that there were 4,000 titles to be searched and that the news the business was to be given to title companies was disappointing to those who believed that one purpose of the housing project was to circulate money.

Says Firms Charge \$25
"An award of the title searches to title companies would certainly not effect such a purpose," the letter said, asserting that companies charge a minimum of \$25 per title but pay their employees doing the work at an average of \$3 per title.

Asked about this policy, Clarence W. Perkins, executive secretary of the Housing Authority, said it would be hopelessly impracticable to try to deal with individuals, because of the number of titles to be searched and the necessity for very speedy action. Also he added, the companies insure the titles they have searched, eliminating the risk of inaccuracy.

Says Titles Total 2,800
Mr. Perkins said there actually were about 2,800 titles, not 4,000 as was asserted.

The Housing Authority will not deal with property owners until titles have been searched, nor is it in the market for job applicants, the official added.

The Poe Society's protest was voiced by Dr. John C. French, honorary president and founder of the society and librarian of the Johns Hopkins University. He was joined by Miss May Evans, a former president, and John Q. Boyer, a member of the group.

Poe Home On Amity Street
Dr. French said Poe lived with an aunt in either the house at 202 Amity street or the one at 203. "Area H" of the Housing Authority is bounded by Fremont avenue, Saratoga street, Amity street and Lexington street. The dwellings at 202 and 203 Amity are doomed, as the plans are now drawn.

"These two houses should be spared if the others about them are torn down," said Dr. French. "With a small area, say twenty-five or thirty feet around them, they could be preserved and kept open for visitors. It would be a shame to destroy them and we have no right to assume that future generations would thank us for such a sacrilege."

"During the 2½ years that Poe lived on Amity street he rose from obscurity.

Believes House Is At 203
Mr. Boyer, an architect, believes the house at 203 Amity street is the one in which Poe lived. He examined the house, he said, and there is evidence that it was altered, the sloping roof being removed and a full three-story dwelling created.

The two houses were built some time prior to 1850. Mr. Boyer said there is a small dividing alley between them.

Miss Evans said the Poe Society, during this past winter, had discussed placing markers on the houses, but no definite action was taken.

Fix In Hot-Cleaning Shop

Poe's Home---Is It Doomed?



203 AMITY STREET, NO. 205 ADJOINS IT TO THE LEFT

BINGO DENOUNCED AS MONEY RAISER

Called Form Of Gambling By Methodist Episcopal Minister

Rev. G. C. Cromwell Addresses Baltimore Conference At Hagerstown

(By the Associated Press)
Hagerstown, June 4.—Bingo—the game that has swept the nation and found favor among many clubs and some religious organizations as a money-raiser—was denounced as a form of gambling today at the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Peace Resolution Adopted
The conference adopted by a heavy majority a peace resolution stating: "We are unalterably opposed to that feature of the May bill that gives such tremendous power for the duration of the Sino-Japanese war to the President of the republic, and that certainly sees a drift toward the totalitarian state."

"We do, however, record again our agreement with the action of one of the general conferences in favor of conscription of wealth and labor as well as human life in the case of the declaration of war."

Chair Of Religion Planned
Plans for the creation of a \$100,000 chair of religion at the American University, Washington, in memory of the late Bishop William Fowler Mc Dowell, former dean of Methodist bishops, were discussed by Dr. G. Ellis Williams. He said \$100,000 had been donated for the purpose by the Rockefeller Foundation.

D. Stewart Peterson, promoting secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance and Public Morals, and George W. Crabbe, superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League were elected lay delegates to attend the united conference with J. Harry Grace, new president of the lay group and Mrs. W. E. Deal.

To Meet Next In Washington
The conference voted to hold next year's session at Douglas Memorial Church, Washington.

More than 6,000 persons were received into churches of the conference during the past year, it was reported.

Other reports showed a \$75,000 increase in expenditures for buildings and improvements, and the payment of \$128,000 on church indebtedness.

Ordination services will be held tomorrow, and the conference will close Monday with the reading of pastoral appointments.

SEEK NAVY COMMISSIONS

Eighty-Three Enlisted Men Pass Their April Examinations

Washington, June 4 (AP)—The Navy Academy, in the coming academy year, will have its largest quota of enlisted men who have qualified to study for their commissions.

The Navy Department announced today that eighty-three enlisted men—the largest number ever to have qualified for appointment under the Secretary of the Navy's quota of one hundred—passed their April examinations.

Ninety-two enlisted men took the examinations at the Naval Academy preparatory school and the United States Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va. Ninety-seven candidates took the examinations at sea.

To Speak In Anne Arundel

ELMER J. HAMMER TO OPPOSE WELLS

Assistant Prosecutor To File As Candidate For State's Attorney

Has Served Nearly 31 Years In Office—DiPalma Also May Run

Elmer J. Hammer, of the State's Attorney's office, yesterday announced he would oppose J. Bernard Wells, State's Attorney, in the Democratic primaries this fall.

Mr. Hammer, who will complete thirty-one years of service in the State's Attorney's office June 27, has notified Mr. Wells he will resign as Assistant State's Attorney at that time.

His formal announcement of candidacy came after his friends had urged him to enter the contest and had distributed automobile stickers in his behalf. Four years ago the same friends advised him to run for State's Attorney in the primaries, but he decided not to oppose Mr. Wells.

DiPalma Also May Run
Mr. Hammer expects to file his certificate of candidacy this week. Mr. Wells already had filed for reelection.

Charles C. DiPalma, another Assistant State's Attorney, who recently submitted his resignation, effective June 15, also contemplates entering the Democratic primaries. It was reported, Clay Jewell, a Democrat and former Assistant State's Attorney, who managed Mr. Wells' last campaign, already has announced his candidacy. T. Barren Harrington, Assistant United States District Attorney, and Ellis Lewis, lawyer, who opposed Mr. Wells in the last Democratic primaries, also are expected to announce later.

Cites His Long Service
In announcing Mr. Hammer said: "It is, without exception, but natural and human for persons to aspire to greater heights and, inasmuch as I have devoted my life, practically, to this work, with full knowledge of the intricacies of the office, I am submitting my candidacy for nomination as State's Attorney of Baltimore city to the Democratic voters for their most generous consideration."

"It is, indeed, very gratifying to realize now that I have served the citizens of my city for three decades under six State's Attorneys, embracing nine consecutive terms, and I desire to thank publicly those gentlemen, who, by my retention, manifested such confidence in me and in my integrity."

Mr. Hammer is one of the few men in the State who have had such a long period of service on a prosecutor's staff. He has served in the State's Attorney's office under Albert S. J. Owens, William F. Broening, Harry W. Nice, Robert F. Lesch, Jr., Herbert R. O'Connor and Mr. Wells.

Retained By Republicans
He was the lone Democrat to be retained by the Republican administrations of former Mayor Broening and Governor Nice when they were State's Attorneys. When Mr. Broening was elected Mayor, his unexpired term was filled by Nice.

Mr. Hammer became affiliated with the State's Attorney's office in 1907, when he was appointed a minor clerk by Owens. He served continuously in the prosecuting department as indictment clerk, preparing legal papers, as

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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Genuine Diamond Engagement Rings Special for this week—Lady's diamond ring—set in platinum mount—top—one carat blue white fine cut. A real bargain. \$100.00