

## OEHMANN'S OFFICE IS CHARGED WITH 9 IRREGULARITIES

Hearing Fixed Before Commissioner Allen for October 16.

PAPERS FILED AFTER SIFTING OF EVIDENCE

Original Disclosure Prompted Story of Loan to Employee and Failure to Assess Fees.

Nine charges of alleged "irregularities" in the work of the office of the District building inspector were served today on Col. John W. Oehmann, head of the division, by Assistant Corporation Counsel Elwood Seal and Chester H. Gray.

October 16 was fixed tentatively as the date for starting a public hearing to be conducted by Commissioner George E. Allen. The Board of Commissioners asked Allen to conduct the hearing because he is the Commissioner who has no direct connection with administration of the building inspector's office.

**Evidence Sifted.**  
Complaints of irregularities were filed weeks ago with the Commissioner by two officials of a union organization. Allen directed Seal and Gray to determine what "evidence" there might be to warrant a hearing on them. The result was the drafting of nine charges sent today to Col. Oehmann.

Commissioner Allen directed that the written specifications be held private until the time of the hearing, so that when they are announced Col. Oehmann would be given an immediate opportunity to answer them personally or to indicate which of his subordinates should be called as witnesses.

**Several Cases Involved.**  
At the time the original complaints were made, it was said they covered a wide variety of cases, including one in which a building permit had been issued without the prescribed fees being assessed, and another that some employee of the building inspector's office had accepted a "loan" of \$50 from a builder while the latter had pending before the office an application for a building permit.

Col. Oehmann is prepared to make a strong defense of his administration and Commissioner Allen has said he would be given any amount of needed time to study the charges before the hearing is started. Previously, it had been figured about two weeks would be asked.

## E. PAUL SAUNDERS, WRITER, EXPIRES

Newspaper Man Was One of City's Leading Bibliophiles.

Had Ancient Volumes.

E. Paul Saunders, 38, genealogist, newspaper man and one of Washington's leading bibliophiles, died suddenly early today at his Lyon Park home of a heart attack.

Saunders for years was a member of the editorial staff of the Post, engaged chiefly in the writing of editorials. Among his writings was a colorful history of Washington book stores, including many original anecdotes of historical characters.

Saunders' collection of books was one of the most comprehensive in this section. It included numerous ancient volumes.

He is survived by a widow and four small children.

## WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS FIRST FALL MEETING

Hyattsville Community Group Hears Director of Washington Organizations.

**Special Dispatch to The Star.**  
COLLEGE PARK, Md., September 25.—The Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville held the first meeting of the fall season at the home of Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen here.

The principal speaker was Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, director of the District of Columbia Woman's Clubs, whose subject was "False Advertising and Unfair Trade Practices."

Miss Bella Winner, editor of the General Federation Magazine; Miss Marie Mount, dean of home economics at the University of Maryland; and Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, president of the Montgomery County Federation of Woman's Clubs, also gave short talks.

The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. C. Sturgis.

## 4,589 MORE STUDENTS ENROLL IN D. C. SCHOOLS

Continuing the record increase that marked enrollment in the public schools when they opened Monday, 4,589 more pupils entered classes yesterday, bringing the total to 87,735 for the two days.

Second-day enrollment last year was 82,981.

Approximately 2,000 more pupils were expected to add their names to the rolls today and 500 tomorrow. The total is expected to be 95,000 by the end of next month.

Of the total enrolled so far 67,530 are white boys and girls and 30,203 are colored.

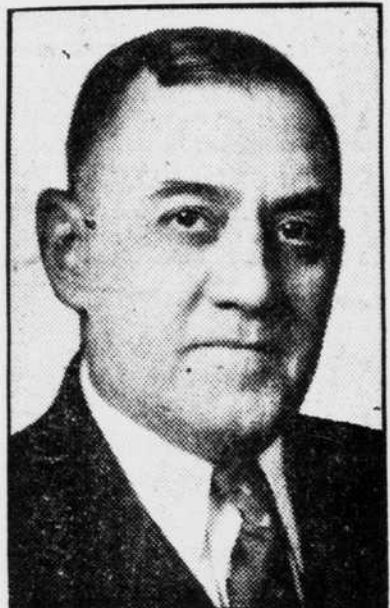
## DONKEY BALL GAME

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star.

ARLINGTON COURT HOUSE, Va., September 25.—A donkey base ball game between teams representing the Arlington Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will be played in Washington-Lee High School stadium tomorrow night for the benefit of Camp Arling, a camp for underprivileged children.

The contest is scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock.

## Hearing Set



COL. JOHN W. OEHMANN.

## FATAL NAVY YARD SHOOTING PROBED

Military Court Hears Witnesses—Guard Cleared in Moriarty Case.

A naval court of inquiry today began an investigation at the Navy Yard into the fatal shooting Saturday of John Donald Moriarty, 25, Government Printing Office employee, by a Marine Corps guard at the entrance gate to the Bellevue Magazine. When it recessed at noon the court, consisting of Navy and Marine officers, had heard three witnesses.

The guard, Pvt. John F. Whitmore, 38, was exonerated Monday by a coroner's jury which decided the shooting was done in the performance of duty.

George Holroyd, 633 Eighth street northeast, civilian worker at Bellevue, who had been given a ride to the magazine on the running board of Moriarty's car, testified the shooting occurred just inside the gate after Moriarty had been ordered by Whitmore to get out of the machine.

Robert F. Burton, first-class radio man, told the court Moriarty and Ralph Bakken, another radio man, had tried to buy beer at several places en route to the magazine, but were refused on the grounds they already were under the influence of liquor. Burton and Bakken were driven to Bellevue by Moriarty. Bakken testified he was unable to remember the ride.

The court of inquiry, headed by Col. Harold L. Parsons, Marine Corps, was to convene again this afternoon. Its findings will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy. Other members of the court are Lieut. Comdr. J. R. Sullivan, Navy, and Capt. P. R. Cowley, Marine Corps. Capt. W. E. Maxwell, Marine Corps, is serving as judge advocate.

## SCHOOL BOARD HEAD SETS OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Doyle to Receive Patrons and Teachers at Franklin Building Two Days a Week.

Mrs. Marion Wade Doyle, president of the Board of Education, announced today she will observe regular office hours at the Franklin Administration Building two days each week for convenience of patrons and teachers who have business with the board.

Mrs. Doyle is the first woman ever to serve as head of the Board of Education and is the first president since Dr. Abram Simon to establish regular office hours.

On Wednesdays Mrs. Doyle will be in the board's committee room, adjoining the secretary's office, from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. On Fridays she will be in her office from 3 to 5 p. m. The Friday hours were fixed especially for the convenience of teachers.

## CHARGES ON AUDIT IGNORED BY JURY IN MONTGOMERY

Probers Fail to Make Any Findings on Treasurer's Office Report.

PUGH NOW EXPECTED TO DROP WALKER CASE

Eight Indictments Are Returned After First Two Days of Special Session.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., September 25.—Charges of irregularities in the office of County Treasurer J. Forest Walker, brought in the report of an audit made on behalf of the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners, were ignored by the grand jury today in reporting on the first two days' activities of its special session.

The jury reviewed the report, which alleged among other things that the county had failed to receive \$88,822.78 in taxes due during the 1932-33 levy year, but did not return any finding. State's Attorney James H. Pugh refused to make any formal statement as to whether he would take any further steps, but it was learned from an authoritative source that in so far as his office is concerned the Walker case is at an end.

**Eight Indictments Found.**

The disposition of the Walker matter was made public this morning when the grand jury filed into Circuit Court and submitted a report to Judge Charles W. Woodward on the cases which it considered during the first two days of the special session which opened here Monday.

Eight indictments were returned in other cases presented by State's Attorney Pugh, and the defendants, who are either in jail or on bond, will be arraigned in court tomorrow to answer them.

The petit jury will return to court on Monday to begin trying cases.

**Audit Report Filed in May.**

The report of the Walker audit was submitted to the commissioners on May 16 last, and was referred to Pugh after the commissioners were told that the \$88,822.78 represented loss on real estate that should have been advertised for tax delinquencies. It was further alleged that checks aggregating \$12,984.28, which had been accepted in payment of taxes, had been returned because of insufficient funds. It was also said that a \$30,000 check given to the treasurer's office in payment of taxes had been held for four months before being deposited in the bank.

Walker has steadfastly maintained that his accounts are in order.

## GENEVA HEARING GIVEN TO OXFORD SPEAKERS

Harold M. Brown of Interstate Commerce Receives News of Luncheon to Founder.

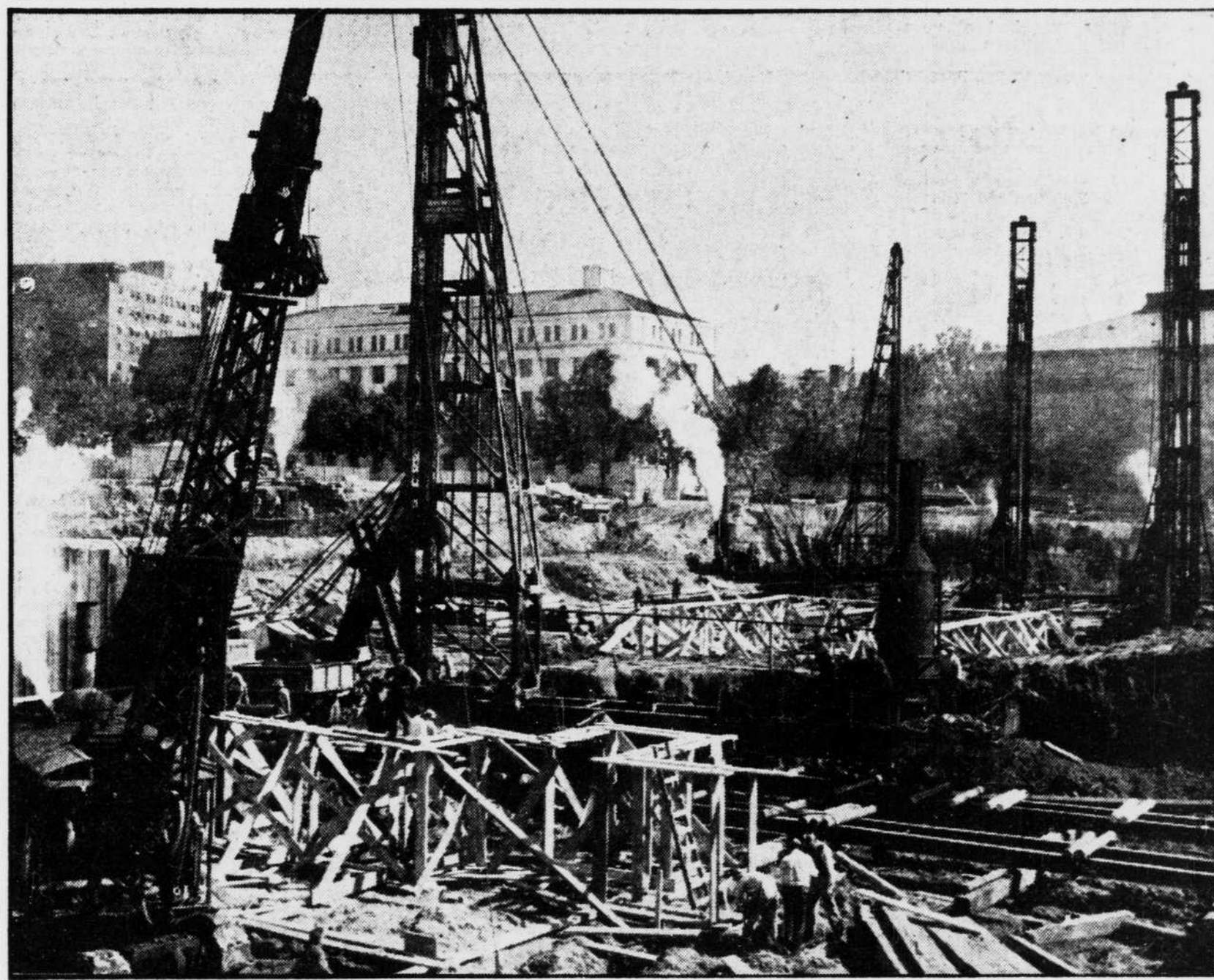
Harold M. Brown, Interstate Commerce Commission attorney and one of the leaders of the Oxford group movement in Washington, yesterday announced receipt of a report from Geneva telling of a hearing granted to Oxford group speakers by 450 diplomats and officials of the League of Nations.

The occasion was a luncheon given by Dr. Eduard Benes, president of the League, to Dr. Frank N. D. Buchanan, founder of the movement.

Washingtonians attending the luncheon were Mrs. W. M. Ritter and Mrs. Charles Herzog.

The international aspect of the movement was summarized by Dr. Buchanan: "Nationalism can unite a nation; supernaturalism can unite the world. God-controlled supernaturalism seems to be the only sure foundation for world peace."

## Work Rushed on New Interior Department Building



Scene at the site of the new Interior Department Building this morning, where a busy corps of engineers and giant excavating machines are rushing foundations. The new building will cover a large-size city block and will be located just south of the present one. —Star Staff Photo.

## U Street Lifts The Lid as Louis Vanquishes Baer

Arrest Book Discloses Non-Riotous Celebration, However.

U street was the scene of a jubilant demonstration last night as the radio flashed news of Joe Louis' victory over Max Baer, but the "blow-off" at no time reached riotous proportions. In fact, the arrest book at No. 2 precinct carried fewer names than usual, testimony that the Detroit fighter's Washington public kept its enthusiasm within bounds.

The colored population was prepared for a Louis triumph, for they had forearmed themselves with cow bells, whistles and other noise-making contraptions, which were turned on full blast at the conclusion of the fight.

Mrs. Arthur W. Mitchell, wife of the only colored member of Congress, wired these congratulations to Louis from the Capital:

"My heart and soul were with you." Representative Mitchell, Illinois Democrat, was detained in his Chicago congressional district on business and was unable to attend the fight in New York.

## ROOSEVELT SON TAGGED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., September 25 (P).—John Roosevelt, youngest son of President Roosevelt and a sophomore at Harvard, will watch his step about parking overtime on Cambridge streets in the future. The police have his word for that.

Young Roosevelt brought a "tag" indicating he had parked too long to Chief of Police Timothy P. Leahy yesterday.

"I am very sorry," Chief Leahy quoted him as saying. "I realize I was wrong. It won't occur again." First offenders are merely warned by police.

## Ruhland Proposes Housekeeper Service Free to D. C. Needy

Development of a free visiting-housekeeper service for needy families as a part of the District's work relief program was proposed to Commissioner George E. Allen today by Health Officer George C. Ruhland.

At the same time he asked for assignment of trained nurses from the relief rolls to augment the service being performed by the District Instructive Visiting Nurses' Society in classes of work not covered by existing District agencies.

The petitions were forwarded to Capt. Howard P. Clark, deputy District work administrator, to determine how many housekeepers and nurses might be available for the proposed programs.

"These ideas are not new, they have been put into operation in some other cities, and to good effect," said Dr. Ruhland.

The proposed staff of housekeepers would be held available to send to homes in which the mother of children becomes ill and needs hospital or agency care and has no one to manage her family.

There could be a variety of cases in which there was need for the services of a housekeeper to run a residence during the illness of the mother or father, Dr. Ruhland said.

Careful study would be made of applications for aid to make sure the family needed such help and was not able to pay for such services drawn from private funds, he said.

The proposed extension of the work of nurses drawn from the District's relief roster, Dr. Ruhland said, would not be in competition with the work of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Society or the Public Health Nursing Bureau, which Dr. Ruhland plans to develop under regular District appropriations. Rather, they would supplement the work of the two bureaus, the work of which is primarily educational rather than continued treatment of patients.

Commissioner Allen said he was sympathetic to the suggestions, but that details would have to be studied before he could act.

## ROW OVER ARREST OF MAILMAN ENDS

Judge Hitt Lets Driver Off and Policeman Unlikely to Be Prosecuted.

A controversy following the arrest of a mail driver for a traffic violation was ironed out today when Traffic Judge Isaac R. Hitt took the personal bond of the driver, Philip Mayo, and postal authorities indicated they would not press their complaint against the arresting officer, J. S. McWhirt, twelfth precinct.

Judge Hitt released Mayo on his personal bond after a conference among representatives of the Police Department, Corporation Counsel's Office and Post Office Department. The latter had protested McWhirt's action in arresting Mayo and leaving the mail unprotected while taking the driver to the patrol box.

**Parked in Restricted Zone.**  
Mayo was arrested several days ago after he is alleged to have parked in a restricted zone while delivering a special delivery package. Postal authorities say Mayo, who has been employed regularly by the department for 16 years, asked that he be given a ticket so the mail would not be left unguarded, but McWhirt insisted on calling the patrol wagon.

Under the postal code, it was pointed out, any one who interferes with or obstructs the prompt delivery of mail in any conveyance is subject to a fine of \$100 or six months in jail or both.

Disposition was decided upon at a lengthy conference between Peter J. Connelly of the Post Office Department solicitor's office and other postal authorities, Police Inspector J. F. Beckett, the arresting officer, and Assistant Corporation Counsel James W. Lauderdale. Connelly said he was not in position to say his superiors would not prosecute the policeman, but indicated the matter would be dropped.

**Subject to Regulations.**  
He told the court the department determined after an investigation that the carrier was violating the law at the time of his arrest and should have been given a ticket. "We recognize the fact postal carriers are subject to local traffic regulations, but believe more discretion should be used," he said.

**Fire Volunteers to Meet.**  
CHEVY CHASE, Md., September 25 (Special).—A meeting of the volunteer members of the Chevy Chase Fire Department will be held at the fire house tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to nominate candidates for the annual election of officers in October.

**Funeral of Income Tax Division Official to Be Held at 2 P.M. Tomorrow.**  
Oliver Kinsel, Spanish-American War veteran and an official of the income tax division in the Internal Revenue Bureau, died of a heart attack yesterday at his home, 5430 North Capitol street. He was 56.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the S. H. Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery. Mr. Kinsel was born in Appleton, Wis., and joined the Marine Corps during the Spanish-American War. After the war he became a teller in a bank at Birmingham, Ala., a position which he held until 1915, when he came to Washington.

He is survived by three children, Marian, James and Alan Kinsel.

## JURY INDICTS TRIO IN HOLD-UPS HERE

28 Other True Bills Returned and Nine Cases Are Ignored.

Robbery indictments growing out of hold-ups of a filling station, liquor store and laundry were returned against three men by the District grand jury today.

The jurors, who complete their three-month service Monday, when a new panel will be selected, reported 28 other true bills and ignored 9 cases.

Those charged with robbery were Martin J. Walsh, 35, recently released from the Lorton Reformatory; Elmer H. Cronise, 24, and Walter Forbush, 21.

The three allegedly were surprised by police as they were holding up a filling station at 4500 Benning road northeast early September 5. Cronise was arrested there, but the others escaped after allegedly taking \$38 from the cash register. They were arrested later the same day. Walsh and Forbush are charged with robbing a liquor and grocery store at 217 Tenth street southwest September 5, taking \$76, and Cronise, alone, is charged with holding up a Chinese laundry at 1785 Florida avenue July 29 and taking \$10.

Others indicted were: George M. Thompson, non-support of wife and minor child; William P. Holston, Louis Joseph Ferro, Melvin Hawkins and Albert Stanford, joyriding; Pearl Ross, William Brother Simms and Clifford Dyson, house-breaking and larceny; Harrison J. Shumaker and Bernard Griffin, grand larceny; Clarence Kinard, Preston Butler and Lucy Lane, robbery; Levy E. Cotton and Brice E. Cobb, assault with a dangerous weapon; Odell Cheek, James E. Hamilton, Alonzo Watson and Henry D. Swader, violation of the liquor taxing act of 1934; Troy J. Ingle and Horace M. Grant, violation of the Harrison narcotic act; John Richardson, gaming; Walter Wilson, embezzlement; Frank James McDonald, false pretenses; Richard E. Smith, violation section 100, title 18, United States Code; Alice Gordon and Preston Owens, violation of section 73, title 18, United States Code; Harold B. McBride, taking United States Government property; and Jesse L. Bray, carnal knowledge.

The grand jury ignored the following cases:

Lewis Morrow and James F. Smothers, housebreaking and larceny; David Caldwell, James Henry Tillman and Lillian N. Perty, assault with a dangerous weapon; Frank Coates, destroying property of the District of Columbia; Rudolph Minor, receiving stolen property; Albert E. Yowell, John Henry Fogle and Lake Edward Ransom, carnal knowledge.

Companies in the northern end of Montgomery, however, will continue their present plan of turning out to assist the other departments in the event of a blaze of serious proportions.

**Water-Sewer Issue Finds No Opposition**  
Public Service Commission Takes Sanitary Bonds Under Advisement.

By the Associated Press.  
BALTIMORE, September 25.—The application for permission to issue \$400,000 in bonds to finance water and sewerage extensions in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, filed with the Public Service Commission by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, met with no objection today at a hearing before the commission.

A group from Pinecrest, a development near Takoma Park, appeared at the hearing to ask that sewers be constructed there. However, T. Howard Duckett, attorney for the Sanitary Commission, said the Pinecrest construction would be made with the proceeds of the bond issue and the delegation was not heard.

Part of the proceeds of the issue will be used to build the Northeast Branch trunk sewer.

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Mrs. Shinkle forgot the suit case in which the jewelry was packed as she alighted from a cab operated by Everett Redmond, 3900 block of Elliott street. Gen. Shinkle notified the police, who traced the cab driver and found the valuables, where Mrs. Shinkle had left them.

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## BUS LINE CHECK MADE

A thorough check of service on the Massachusetts avenue bus line of the Capital Transit Co. was being made today by engineers of the Public Utilities Commission after complaints had been made that some bus runs had been dropped.

Chairman Riley E. Eiken of the commission said a count of the number of passengers would be made to determine if additional busses should be ordered for the line.

## TRAFFIC TOLL IS 78 AS TWO MORE DIE OF AUTO INJURIES

D. C. Youth Killed in Maryland Accident—Two Companions Hurt.

GIRL HURT MONTH AGO EXPIRES IN HOSPITAL

Former Turkish Embassy Employee Fatally Injured When Car Overturns in Pennsylvania.

A Washington youth was killed in a Maryland accident last night and a 15-year-old colored girl died early today from injuries received in a crash a month ago to bring the Capital's traffic toll to 78. Another Washingtonian died in Harrisburg, Pa., of traffic injuries received Sunday.

The Maryland accident victim is Robert Murphy, 21, of 305 Tenth street southwest. He was fatally injured when a car driven by him left the road between Brynawton and Hughesville and turned over several times. He was dead on arrival at Casualty Hospital.

Two passengers in the machine, Samuel Hanna, 20, of Berwyn, Md., and Benjamin Fletcher, 22, of Lyon Park, Va., were injured. Hanna was treated at Casualty for cuts to his arm and knee. Fletcher suffered a sprained back, but refused hospital treatment.

**Girl Dies of Injuries.**  
The seventy-eighth death since January 1 was recorded as Georgianna Holloway of 69 O street died in Gallinger Hospital from back injuries received August 14. She was riding a bicycle when struck at First and Decatur streets by an automobile operated by Samuel Bernadine, 38, of 1406 North Capitol street.

Tofie Admy, 40, of 421 Eleventh street southwest, a former employee of the Turkish Embassy, died yesterday in a hospital at Harrisburg, Pa., from injuries suffered Sunday when his automobile rolled over several times after it was forced from the highway near Harrisburg by another machine.

**Was Native of Syria.**  
Admy, a native of Syria, left no relatives in this country. He will be buried in Harrisburg.

Charles Gellard, 50, of 1113 Twelfth street, who suffered severe head injuries Monday when hit by an automobile at Thirteenth and I streets, was reported improved at Emergency Hospital. X-rays showed his skull is not fractured, as had been feared.

## 7 U. S. LOW-RENT PROJECTS FILLED

Fifty Alta Vista Houses Occupied—\$3 to \$4 Per Week Charged.

"Filled up" signs were hanging today over the seven low-cost housing developments built by limited dividend corporations through the aid of the Public Works Administration.

The situation at Alta Vista, Va., where A. P. Glas, director of the P. W. A. Housing Division, reported that the 50 frame houses recently completed "are now rented." It is typical of conditions in other cities.

The Alta Vista project was the first undertaken by P. W. A. Now there are 2,400 families occupying apartments or houses in the seven developments. Two of them are in New York City and one each in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Raleigh, N. C., and Euclid, Ohio.

The report said rents at Alta Vista are lower than those of other projects because the others are of fireproof construction.

"Alta Vista, the sole project not fireproofed in construction, rents its single frame houses for \$3 and \$4 per week," Glas said. "Houses on corner lots rent for the high figure, all others for \$3."

In other projects the rents range from \$9.50 to \$11.

These projects are entirely distinct from the general housing and slum clearance program Secretary Ickes is endeavoring to build throughout the country and for which he has selected three sites in Washington.

The limited dividend corporation projects were erected by private groups aided by P. W. A. funds.

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