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What Citizens Can Do About Their Slums...

By Mary Hornaday
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Baltimore

When informed citizens decide they want something in the United States they generally get it.

Here in Baltimore 2,000 of them banded together in the Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA). They spoke with such a clear public voice in the face of an overwhelming influx of Negro and white southern farmers, evicted by mechanization, that the city fathers have:

**Improved 200 square city blocks of blighted homes under the now-famous “Baltimore Plan” of cleaning up slums block by block that has become a pattern for other cities and also for the new Eisenhower urban renewal program.**

**Cleared 130 acres of slum dwellings to make room for something better—7,000 dwelling units of public housing and two private redevelopment projects.**

**Removed 24,000 outside toilets, for which Baltimore held the nation’s record.**

**Taken down a million board feet of rotting fences.**

**Set up a housing court as an accepted part of the municipal judicial system.**

**Rewritten the city’s housing code with a new level of minimum standards for all.**

**Fortified a housing bureau that now has sufficient capacity and experience to carry forward rehabilitation by neighborhoods instead of piecemeal.**

Baltimore Effort Studied

Baltimore citizens are not the only ones vigorously attacking their slums today on a local level in the wake of the practical demise of the Roosevelt federal slum-clearance experiment. A guidebook on “Building a Citizens Housing Association,” just issued by the National Housing Conference, 1129 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., lauds citizen efforts in Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York.

Yet Baltimore is the spot that has drawn citizen leaders from throughout the country and from overseas to see how a citizen assault has been turned into city policy.

Actually, Baltimoreans did not become aware of their slums until a much later date than other large American cities. It was not until 1936 that Miss Frances Morton, present executive secretary of the CPHA, then fresh out of the New York School for Social Work, made a study of a slum area that disclosed degrading slums and showed the close relation between bad housing and bad health. The Baltimore Evening Sun carried a series of illustrated stories showing outrageous conditions in individual slum houses. In 1941, in the midst of a era of acute housing shortage, the CPHA was formed.

Today members of this bustling citizen group, whom Miss Morton describes as “professional volunteers” because they are architects, lawyers, planners, and teachers, have fanned out into jobs in all the city agencies having to do with housing, including the City Council. Over 400 jobs were involved in a citizen clean-up of the Baltimore Housing Authority.

Two Parties Infiltrated

The association itself never has to get into politics, but its members have infiltrated both the Republican and Democratic organizations with one aim—better housing. Several Baltimore housing officials who received their training in the CPHA have gone to Washington and helped author the new federal program designed to ultimately obviate completely the need for public housing.

Even the Governor of Maryland, Theodore R. McKeldin, was among those who gathered at Baltimore’s Hotel Emerson early in June to pay tribute at a dinner to Hans Frocklischer, Jr., highly esteemed Baltimore educator, on the 10th anniversary of his volunteer service as CPHA president.

A little of the “hold” the CPHA has on the Governor was illustrated in the battle it had just won to locate a new state office building as a stabilizer in the fast deteriorating Mt. Royal area, where Negro and white transients are encroaching on an area occupied by Baltimore’s “oldest families.”

Just before the dinner Miss Morton, who this year was selected by the National Broadcasting Company’s Mary Margaret McBride as one of America’s outstanding women, sat in the modest CPHA headquarters at 319 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, and thought back over a decade of unprecedented citizen activity in the housing field.

"In this country today," she said, "cities are deteriorating, and very little is being done about it. In every city there must be a clear voice to express the public interest and hold the real-estate lobby and selfish political interests under control. There has to be an organization that spends its whole time on that. Our movement has been successful, but it has had to run on a
shoestring. We need foundation help. Also we need more leadership from the business community. We have close to 600 businessmen members, but not the leadership that brought about the clean-up in Pittsburgh, for instance.”

The Sun papers have praised Miss Morton and have called her “Baltimore’s Lady General.” But she demurs, “There’s a person like me in every community, but you have to look for them. When things get discouraging there has to be someone who can pull the team together and get it going in the right direction.”

The individual philosophy and determination of America’s housing volunteer was well phrased by Mr. Froelicher at his anniversary dinner when he recounted:

“I listened, and if I listened with dismay, I learned. I learned that there is no escape from the cost of blight to me even if I move from deteriorating areas. My wages must depend on the city’s business health—on its piers, its stores, and its factories.

Real Estate Seen Key

“The foundation stone of the city’s business health is the city’s real estate, and nothing is more vulnerable to carelessness. Let a house or a neighborhood run down, and with such appraisals go tax values and then taxes. The blighted place costs more to run—more, much more, than it yields in taxes. This is not all... Any man can tell when a slum-bred highwayman snatches his woman’s purse and slugs him or slugs his peaceful neighbor...”

Take a tour of Baltimore today with CPHA, and you go first to the pilot area, a 27-block area in East Baltimore where only 4 out of 391 properties were not substandard a decade ago.

Social forces of the community were brought together and mobilized behind enforcement of the city housing code. The residents, 80 per cent of whom owned their own homes, formed a neighborhood improvement association.

The Fight Blight Fund, set up by businessmen, showed them how to get more money from loans and better budgeting. The Baltimore Paint, Varnish, & Lacquer Association and the Maryland Home Builders Association brought a much-needed spirit of friendship to the area. The Church of the Brethren fixed up a pilot house to show what could be done to a slum dwelling, and a Quaker work camp moved in to help.

A new flexibility was established in law-enforcement problems that caused the people to feel that their city government was responsive to their needs, not a cold, impersonal force. The schools contributed both through study programs and by building fences and gardens in the neighborhood where back yards were formerly a jungle of broken fences and ash heaps.

Problems still exist in the pilot area, such as getting proper play space for children and removing taverns. But the citizen housing brigade is now concentrating its fire on a second area, close beside the Mt. Royal railroad station, which has already advanced to the point of hiring its own improvement director—after the fears of old Baltimorians were turned to new cooperative channels.

Despite their fine local housing job, CPHA members generally favor a continued federal public-housing program. Slums, though cleaned and rehabilitated under the “Baltimore Plan,” says Miss Morton, “are still slums, ugly and depressing. Many slums cannot be reclaimed. Decay has gone too far. Here there must be slum clearance, and there must be new buildings to care for the displaced families.”

Thus far there has been virtually no private financing to provide such housing.

Once the United States is dotted with well-running citizen housing associations like Baltimore’s, this grass-roots movement is expected to be more effectively heard in the halls of Congress.

As one federal housing official put it to the Baltimorians on the night of their dinner, “Learn the ABC’s of community organization and your impact nationally is far greater than you know.”
'Baltimore Plan'
Evolves Pilot Area
For Better Housing

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Frederick Douglass Homes
An early project of the Baltimore Housing Authority, containing 323 units.
Perspective of Lafayette Courts, to be completed this year
400 Honor Hans Froelicher
As Housing Association Head

Some 400 persons, including the Governor and the Solicitor General of the United States, met at the Emerson Hotel last night to honor Hans Froelicher, Jr., on his tenth anniversary as president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

Speakers emphasized the importance of citizen organizations in community life and paid tribute to Mr. Froelicher for the part he has played in organizing a group that has worked during the past decade to eradicate slums and improve housing in Baltimore.

A Federal official, who has drafted much of the national housing legislation, spoke of the "Baltimore experience" which has become a model of community organization for better housing.

"We come to you from everywhere to learn our ABC's of community organization," said Lee F. Johnson, vice president of the National Housing Conference.

Without such organizations as the C. P. H. A. and such leaders as Mr. Froelicher, housing programs such as Baltimore has initiated, which makes it the envy of the nation, would not be possible, Mr. Johnson said.

Certificates were presented to Mr. Froelicher, head master of Park School, by Governor McKeldin and Mayor D'Alesandro. The Mayor's compliments were brought to the dinner by Richard Lidinsky, a member of his staff.

Simon E. Soboleff, new Solicitor General and formerly chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, praised Mr. Froelicher for the work he did in reorganizing the Housing Association of Baltimore.

Since that time, he said, it has become traditional that the HAB "shall not be looked upon by public officials as a source of political nourishment."

Governor McKeldin said, as Mayor of Baltimore, he "worked" Mr. Froelicher "hard for a good many years," and said he always "carried the burdens lightly and cheerfully."

Richard L. Steiner, former redevelopment director in Baltimore and now deputy director of redevelopment for the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, said there is "nothing more tragic than a community which does not have a good, solid citizens' organization" like the Citizens Association behind it.

Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, spoke of Mr. Froelicher's contribution to the whole community, and especially "in behalf of minority groups."

To all these speeches, and many others, Mr. Froelicher said in response that the Planning and Housing Association "began in the minds of a few people who saw the desolation and the waste there is in slums."

"Very simply," he said, "they decided that slums should be eliminated."

In the early days of the association, Mr. Froelicher said he "listened" and "learned"—learned that "there is no escape from the cost of blight to me, even if I move from Bolton street to Pretbyroy."

"If I am impelled blithely to traipse to Pretbyroy from Bolton street, what absurdity is there if a business moves from Canton (Baltimore) to Canton (Ohio)?"

"I cannot simply stand aghast at the cost of slums, nor can I move away when I know there is a place at which a part of this could stop. For me, myself alone, I owe what hard and common sense I can hammer out to save my wages, my body and my spirit."

Baltimore has had some success in cleaning its slums, but "Baltimore is not yet successful," Mr. Froelicher said.

"Baltimore has lost its leadership in outside toilets, but still has the highest percentage of dilapidated housing in any large city."

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The following other officers were elected: Frank T. Gray, H. Warren Buckler, Jr., Linwood G. Koger, Alexander S. Cecchini, Danie1 A. Lindley and Mrs. C. W. Barnett, vice presidents; Philip H. Sachs, counsel; Walter H. Kid, treasurer, and Frances H. Morton, executive secretary.

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Traded Jekyll-Hyde Role For Life Of An Educator

HANS FROELICHER, JR., headmaster of the Park School, will admit that there was a time in his life when he was Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. That was just preceding his acceptance in 1922 of the position he now holds. He was living in Moorestown, N. J., and was a banker in New York and Philadelphia and a Democratic politician in New Jersey.

What Mr. Froelicher will not tell is which was Dr. Jekyll: the banker or the politician. That he leaves to the imagination.

However, Mr. Froelicher is a Marylander by birth, a son of Dr. Hans Froelicher, who was the professor of German art and literature at Goucher College for years and the president of the college at the time of his death in 1930. The present head of Park School studied at the Friends School here, then at the Baltimore City College, graduating in the class of 1908, and then at Haverford College, where he finished in 1912.

He taught for two years at the Gilman School, decided to have a try at the law and entered the University of Maryland Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1916, a year before his graduation from this school, and was for two years associated with one of the largest law firms in the city.

It was after this law experience that he turned to the Jekyll and Hyde existence in Moorestown. He had married in 1917 Miss Joyce Sangree, of Philadelphia. (They now have five children, four sons and a daughter). He was the county chairman of the Democratic party while living in Moorestown and, in response to the insistence of members of the party, ran for Congress in the Second New Jersey District, where the Republicans out-numbered the Democrats six to one. Mr. Froelicher was well aware of that fact and, when he got his breath back after running, did not feel so bad when he found he had been out-voted only five to one.

Since returning to Baltimore, he has served as president of the local Private School Association. While he held that post, from which he has just retired, the association sponsored its first educational conference.

There's six feet, three inches and a half of Mr. Froelicher and his height comes in handy when he's engaged in his favorite sport, bass fishing in the Poconos. Wading is easy for him where it gets another man in up to his chin. Not being able to fish all the time, he reads. He has a considerable collection of modern poetry and he reads Faulkner and Caldwell with considerable pleasure.

Not being able to read or fish all the time, he plays tennis in the right season. He is reported good at that. He'll not tell you himself how good he is, but he does say he's good enough to beat a particular tall, dark man here in Baltimore who also plays tennis.
Honoring A Houser

The testimonial dinner being given this evening in honor of the ten years of community service by Mr. Hans Froelicher, Jr., as president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, is in the tradition of such affairs—a tradition subjected to considerable ridicule in an article which appeared on this page not long ago. There will be a toastmaster and a long list of distinguished guests, and not one but seven speeches covering various aspects of Mr. Froelicher's contributions to public welfare, and a response by Mr. Froelicher.

It is easy to view such affairs with cynicism, yet they are the only sure device to date for honoring a man while he is still alive. And Mr. Froelicher deserves to be honored. As head of the CPHA for a decade, Mr. Froelicher and his organization have worked long and hard to shape and sharpen the tools of community action in the housing field: housing law enforcement, responsible zoning, land-use planning, slum clearance and redevelopment, public housing and constructive legislation. Baltimore's national standing in the housing field has grown as the CPHA has grown, and while no one group can be given sole credit for the various housing developments here, it can be said without contradiction that Mr. Froelicher's organization has done much to make the growth possible by creating a favorable climate of public opinion.

Straw In Southern Winds

Last week in one of his columns on this page, Mr. Bob was speaking of the course of events in Malaya. There is no indication that he will change his view of the situation and the insidious methods of the insurrectionists who are working to make a place where reconstruction and stable government can take place. The British Home Office has already said that the decision to give Malaya back to the Chinese is a step toward the establishment of a Chinese state. The British government has been forced to take action in order to prevent the spread of communism in the region. The British government has been forced to take action in order to prevent the spread of communism in the region.
RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Froelicher Honored At Planning Group Dinner

Hans Froelicher, Jr., received many marks of affection, appreciation and esteem last night when 450 of his fellow workers and other friends assembled for a testimonial dinner in his honor at the Emerson Hotel.

The gathering was sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association which has headed during its 10 years of life and which re-elected him last night for another term as president along with all his family.

With H. Warren Buckler presiding and Simon E. Soboloff, Solicitor General of the United States as toastmaster, those expressing the sense of the meeting in various ways included:

Walter Sondheim, president of the School Board; Richard L. Steiner, deputy administrator, division of slum clearance and urban redevelopment of the FHA; Furan L. Templeton, executive director, Baltimore Urban League; T. E. Wexler, head of the State Welfare Department.

Also, Clark S. Hobbs, a lifelong friend and associate, and Lee F. Johnson, executive vice-president, National Housing Conference.

The association members presented Froelicher a Government bond as well as words of praise. And Governor McKeldin gave Mrs. Froelicher an embroidered handkerchief before presenting her husband a scroll commemorating his many public services mostly on behalf of less privileged Baltimoreans.

After recounting the story of the organization which he heads and which developed the Baltimore plan for slum clearance, Froelicher said:

"I have told you a story of success but Baltimore is not yet successful. It still has the highest percentage of dilapidated housing in any large city and slums are an expensive luxury. Baltimore cannot relax.

"The only specific for bad housing is our acceptance of responsibility for our neighbor. "What you owe is to yourselves because there is no one here whose health, home, wages and taxes are not affected by our negligence. There is no one here who does not sink as the waters of living seek their lowest level."

The Rev. Dr. Don Frank Fenn delivered the invocation.

Military Center To Cost $12 Million

ST. LOUIS, June 2—(AP)—A new $12,557,750 military personnel records center, now 20 per cent completed, will have more usable floor space than the Empire State Building.

The center—which will house 38 million records of servicemen separated from all branches of the service since 1912—is expected to be completed in October, 1955. It is located in suburban overlaid.

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Hans Froelicher lauded as friend of minorities

Hans Froelicher Jr., president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, was lauded Tuesday as a "humanitarian and man who practices being his brother’s keeper." This tribute came from Dr. Purman L. Templeton, addressing 400 guests who honored Mr. Froelicher at a testimonial at the Emerson Hotel on his tenth anniversary as CPHA president.

Dr. Templeton, Urban League executive secretary, is a member of the CPHA board of governors.

Acting as toastmaster, Simon E. Soboloff, U.S. Solicitor-General set the theme of the remarks which praised Mr. Froelicher for his organizational work for better housing conditions.

Other guest speakers included Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, Richard Lidsky who represented Mayor D’Aleandro, Walter Sondheim Jr., president, School Board; Richard L. Steiner, deputy director of redevelopment for the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency; Lee F. Johnson, executive vice-president, National Housing Conference; and Thomas J. S. Waxter, director, State Department of Welfare.

Dr. Templeton praised Mr. Froelicher particularly for "having done much for all the people of Baltimore, including minority groups, without reservation."

He said in part:

His Brother’s Keeper

"Through his devoted concern with the problems of low-income families, he has become a model of his brother’s keeper. And the deed becomes more noteworthy when it is remembered that minority groups constitute a major segment of the low-income families. He has been preoccupied with law enforcement as a means of improving the conditions under which disadvantaged Baltimoreans live.

"He has been insistent in his contention that the entire community should know how "the other half lives" and do something about it. Happily this has not been mere preaching, but has been put into active practice by the children of the school he administers. (Mr. Froelicher is headmaster of the Park School.) "They have been outstandingly unique, under his guidance, in their cooperative work in depressed areas. Here again the results in terms of improved intergroup relations fan out much more widely and permanently than the garden or beautification project that led to the association.

CPHA Open To All

"This belief in the value of getting people together in a common effort on a common problem has been carried over into his several adult activities. He has insisted, quietly but firmly, that CPHA be open to all citizens who truly want to see our slums eradicated.

"The success of the organization, both in spite of and because of this open policy, has shown other civic groups its value.

"And there has been an attraction to CPHA many people who, recognizing the weaknesses of other organizations due to a policy of exclusion, have chosen to affiliate with one that succeeds because it welcomes all who want to help.

"More recently, his emphasis on fellowship has been translated into efforts to have the people in neighborhoods get together. Surely the importance of this effort is self-evident. Without it we cannot hope to get a democratic, healthy and wholesome pattern of living.

No Adjustment Problems

"With it, the rapidly changing current of today poses no adjustment problems that cannot be solved speedily and profitably. With it, fear and ignorance are dispelled to give way to confidence and teamwork.

"He has done much for all the people of Baltimore, including minority groups, without reservation. He has brought to them a sense of belonging, and to all, knowledge and respect for others.

"Truly the elements are so mixed in him that nature stands up and says to all the world, ‘This is a man.’" Dr. Templeton declared.

Reflectied President

In this, the annual CPHA meeting, Mr. Froelicher was reelected president.

The following other offices were elected:


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Among the guests in attendance were Mr. Koger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Dixon, Milton Dugger, Willfred Seaborn, Mrs. Vivian Cook, Mrs. Vivian Bundy, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Mrs. Bernice Monroe;

Mrs. Blanche McRae, Miss E. Estelle Thomas, Mrs. Beatrice Martin, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, William Sorrell, Leonard Hicks, Carl White, George W. E. Hill, Miss Margaret Williams and Mr. and Mrs. James N. Randall.
Hans Froelicher
Will Be Honored

Hans Froelicher, Jr., will be honored tonight on his completion of ten years as president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association at a testimonial dinner at the Emerson Hotel to be attended by representatives of organizations dedicated to better housing and planning in various parts of the nation.

Simon E. Sobeloff, solicitor general of the United States, will be toastmaster. Guests will include Ira S. Robbins, president of the National Housing Conference; Bleecker Marquette, executive secretary of the Better Housing League of Cincinnati; and William C. Loring, Jr., executive director of the Housing Association of Metropolitan Boston.

Among the speakers will be Governor McKelvie, Richard L. Steiner, deputy administrator of the Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment of the Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Lee F. Johnson, executive vice president of the National Housing Conference.

Richard Liddinsky, representing Mayor D'Alesandro, will present Mr. Froelicher with a scroll. The dinner is scheduled for 7 o'clock.
Fete To Honor Froelicher
As Head Of C.P.H.A.

Because Hans Froelicher, Jr., has devoted much of his life to helping children solve their problems, it seems proper that it was some of these same children who introduced him to a secondary career as the central figure in the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

Tonight Mr. Froelicher's tenth anniversary as president of the now-famous C.P.H.A. will be observed with a dinner in his honor at the Emerson Hotel.

Governor McKeldin will head the guests paying tribute to the man whose organization has helped put a spotlight of admiration on Baltimore.

The ten years of Mr. Froelicher's participation in helping solve the housing problems of Baltimore actually had a prologue about fifteen years ago at the Park School where Mr. Froelicher was (and still is) headmaster.

Recalls Incident

As the C.P.H.A. president recalls the incident today, it was something like this:

Mrs. Peter Ainslie, teacher of the sixth grade at the Park School, asked Mr. Froelicher if she could take her class on a tour of the slums.

The headmaster wanted to know what purpose would be served by such a venture.

"Well," said Mrs. Ainslie, "they ought to know about those things."

"I don't think you should visit the slums unless you intend to do something about it," Mr. Froelicher told Mrs. Ainslie.

He probably did not realize at the time that he would soon be following his own advice—"to do something about it."

Took His Advice

The seventh grade took his advice immediately. They visited the slums, studied the differences between good and bad housing and made models of contrasting homes.

A small group in Baltimore known as the Citizens' Housing Council was impressed with the models. They were exhibited in a window of the Pratt Library. The achievement of his seventh grade sparked Mr. Froelicher, whose tall, lanky frame was familiar at educational conclaves, into a new interest. He joined the Citizens' Housing Council and became one of its most active members.

Became Chief In 1944

The Citizens' Housing Council became the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, and after serving under two presidents, Hans Froelicher became the chief in June, 1944.

The rest is mostly familiar history to Baltimoreans. The C.P.H.A. started working with the Housing Bureau of the Health Department, and the building, fire and police authorities, cleaning up slums on receipt of complaints.

A visiting lecturer suggested the city attempt a block-by-block clean-up. This was tried experimentally on the "Sharpe Street Block" in 1945.

That was the birth of the "Baltimore Plan" of cleaning up depressed areas in a block-by-block or district-by-district effort.

No Desk Drawers

Now, as president of the C.P.H.A., chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Council to the Housing Bureau, chairman of the Independent Schools Advisory Committee, secretary-treasurer of the National Council of Independent Schools, and a member of the board of the National Housing Conference, the Co-operative Bureau for Teachers and the Country Day School Headmasters' Association, he sits at one of the largest desks in Baltimore, one that bends around him like a Cinerama screen.

The large desk has no drawers. Instead Mr. Froelicher has rows of open shelves behind him that serve the purpose of drawers. "All my sins are in the open," he chuckles.
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While in England, Mr. Froelicher will consult with F. J. Osborn, director of Britain's Town and Country Planning Association and one of the founders of Wetwlyn Garden City, a model community which has been used as a guide by many American planners.

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Immortal Harpsichord

To the Editor—Sir:
The harpsichord is here to stay.

I had thought you know, that the harpsichord was slipping out with the coming in of stops, of pedals, and with today's marriages of subtlety and mechanisms. I had thought, in fact, that the harpsichord belonged to Wanda Landowska and/or to the ages. A shame perhaps, nostalgic surely, but progress, change, they are inexorable. Landowska is only here today and lovely. Tomorrow? Only Williamsburg.

I was wrong, not about the shame, but about the harpsichord. Now I know it will stay; I have had to hear it in cuneiform transcription. Cuneiform was wedge on gentle wax. Cuneiform is electronic, I guess, precisely pressed on plastic everlasting. Boogie-woogie, the hot, the sweet, faked-folk and Dixieland, all heaped in saccharine on harpsichord as heaps abuse, sometimes, on innocence. Unfortunately, it sells. If it can be "new" today, alas, it can be new tomorrow. Fate worse than quiet sleep of death awaits. no, possesses the harpsichord. Oh, the shame of it!

Come Lubov, come Reggie, come Austin, come Pasquale! Come for and Justin and Frank and Hugo; come Robin, come Weldon; come Gerald! Do something! or never come over to my house. An Oscar for every Gershwin. Me? I think there ought to be a law!

Hans Froelich, Jr.

Baltimore, Oct. 10.
Kemper To Speak

At Park School

John Kemper, head master of Andover School since 1888, will speak to Parents of the Park School post-Masius 8:30 PM at "Quality in Secondary Education." While at Park, Mr. Kemper will also meet with and be entertained at tea by the faculty, and in the evening he will speak to the parents of the Park School. Mr. Kemper is recognized as a leader in the field of education who has contributed much to the development of modern educational methods.

Mrs. Philip H. Sacks, Mrs. T. W. Westheimer, Mrs. E. A. Walker, Mrs. W. H. B. Harrison, and Mrs. M. R. Paul, among others, are members of the Park School Parents' Association, and the arrangements for Mr. Kemper's visit have been completed.

The topic of Mr. Kemper's address revolves around the integration of modern methods into the curriculum, focusing on the importance of learning in the modern world.
Music Notes

Peabody Orchestra

BY WELDON WALLACE

The Peabody Conservatory Orchestra—George Hurst, conductor—and a group of advanced students of the school gave an excellent concert last night. This was the second of four programs in connection with commencement. Martha Bensor, the first of the soloists, sang "Dove sono" from "The Marriage of Figaro," demonstrating a voice of good quality and emotional vibrancy. Suzanne Lundgren, mezzo-soprano, sang "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" in tones of ample body and effective color.

Balance Of Elements

Igor Chichagov, pianist, then appeared, presenting the opening movement of Chopin's "Concerto in F Minor, No. 2."

Mr. Chichagov's playing was clean and fluent throughout. He maintained admirable balance between the work's lyric and dramatic elements. His touch was light in the ornamental passages, decisive when accents were required. This interpretation was well integrated—sincere and without excesses; in short, thoroughly professional.

Mozart's "Concerto in A Major, K. 622," for clarinet, was divided among three performers: Jane Emel for the first movement; Ronald Baltazar, the second; and Marlan Manwiller, the third.

All played with surety and appropriate expression.

Exemplary Accompaniment

The orchestra, under Mr. Hurst's guidance, provided exemplary accompaniment during the evening, playing discreetly when the soloists had the lead, and coming out with conviction at other times.

Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture" was rendered vigorously, and the Brahms "Haydn Variations" came forth with a power and ruggedness appropriate to the Brahms texture.

Mr. Hurst was forceful in leadership, and his forces followed him alertly.

400 Honor Hans Froelicher

As Housing Association Head

Some 400 persons, including the Governor and the Solicitor General of the United States, met at the Emerson Hotel last night to honor Hans Froelicher, Jr., on his tenth anniversary as president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

Speakers emphasized the importance of citizen organizations in community life and paid tribute to Mr. Froelicher for the part he has played in organizing groups that have worked during the past decade to eradicate slums and improve housing in Baltimore.

"A Federal official, who has drafted much of the national housing legislation, spoke of the "Baltimore experience" which has "grown into a model of community organization for better housing."

"We come to you from everywhere, to learn your ABC's on community organization," said Lee F. Johnson, vice president of the National Housing Conference.

Without such organizations as the C. P. H. A. and such leaders as Mr. Froelicher, housing programs such as that of Baltimore has been initiated, which makes it the envy of the nation, would not be possible, Mr. Johnson said.

Certificates were presented to Mr. Froelicher, head master of Park School, by Governor McKeldin and Mayor D'Alessandro. The Mayor's compliments were brought to the dinner by Richard Lidinsky, a member of his staff.

Simon E. Soboloff, now Solicitor General and formerly chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, praised Mr. Froelicher for the work he did in reorganizing the Housing Association of Baltimore.

Since that time, he said, it has become traditional that the HAB shall not be looked upon by public officials as a source of political nourishment.

Governor McKeldin said, as Mayor of Baltimore, he "worked" Mr. Froelicher "hard for a good many years," and he said always "carried the burdens lightly and cheerfully."

Richard L. Steiner, former redevelopment director in Baltimore, and now deputy director of redevelopment for the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, said that there is "nothing more tragic than a community which does not have a good, solid citizens' organization" like the Citizens Association behind it.

Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, spoke of Mr. Froelicher's contribution to the whole community, and especially in behalf of minority groups.

To all these speeches, and many others, Mr. Froelicher said in response that the Planning and Housing Association "began in the minds of a few people who saw the desolation and the waste there is in slums."

"Very simply," he said, "they decided that slums should be eliminated."

In the early days of the association, Mr. Froelicher said he "listened" and "learned"—learned that "there is no escape from the cost of blight to me, even if I move from Bolton street to Prettypoy." "If I am impelled hastily to transpose to Prettypoy from Bolton street, what absurdity is the slum business moves from Canton (Baltimore) to Canton (Ohio)"? "I cannot simply stand aghast at the cost of slums, nor can I move away when I know there is a place at which a part of this could stop. For me, myself alone, I owe what hard and common sense I can hammer out to save my wages, my body and my spirit."

Baltimore has had some success in cleaning its slums, but "Baltimore is not yet successful," Mr. Froelicher said. "Baltimore has lost its leadership in outside toilets, but still has the highest percentage of dilapidated housing of any large city."

The occasion was the annual meeting of the C.P.H.A. Mr. Froelicher was re-elected president.

The following other officers were elected: Frank T. Gray, H. Warren Buckler, Jr., Linwood G. Koger, Alexander S. Cochran, Daniel A. Lindley, and Mrs. C. W. Barnett, vice presidents; Philip H. Sachs, counsel; Walter H. Kidd, treasurer, and Frances H. Morton, executive secretary.

New members of the board of governors chosen were Charles C. W. Atwater, R. Sanchez Boone, Jr., Pleasonton L. Conquest, Jr., Meyer Levin, William C. Rogers and Albert A. Shugcr.
A young lady made such a stirring speech for the Citizens' Planning and Housing Association in Brooklyn (Md.) the other evening that a gentleman from the audience approached her later, introduced himself and said:

"If only I had met you before you were married!"

"You did," the lady said.