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## Groundbreaking Realization Of A Dream Alabamans Seek New City



CHICAGO - (NPI)--A seven-year dream came true last week for Dr. Theodore K. Lawless, internationally famous Chicago dermatologist, when ground was broken for a \$10 million, middle-income housing development named in his honor.

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Dr. Lawless, also a prominent philanthropist, is one of the principal sponsors of the project, to be built on a 13-acre site located on

the predominantly Negro southside. With Dr. Lawless at the ground-breaking ceremony were several dignitaries, including Mayor Richard J. Daley, Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago, and Charles Swibel, Chairman, Chicago Housing Authority.

Also participating were Ebony Magazine publisher John H. Johnson; Chicago dentist Dr. William J. Walker, and Mrs. Olive Crosthwait, James Kemp, president, Building Service Local 189, and Atty. George D. Carry, co-sponsors with Dr. Lawless of the project that will house 514 modern dwelling units.

THE COMPLEX, called the Theodore K. Lawless Gardens, will include 54 townhouses surrounding two 24-story apartment buildings, and a 25,000 square foot office building.

Dr. Lawless said he had been working for seven years with Architect John Moutoussamy "toward realization of this project," and added that the "area will be a center of tremendous growth in Chicago during the next 10 years."

A total of 100 slum homes and stores were cleared from the area to make room for the project.

The beginning of construction of the Theodore K. Lawless Gardens is one of several similar honors that have come to Dr. Lawless in recent years. His name is also immortalized in

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the establishment of the Lawless Department of Dermatology, Beilison Hospital, Tel-Aviv, Israel; and the Lawless Clinical and Research Laboratory in Dermatology, Hebrew Medical School, Jerusalem.

At the dedication Mayor Daley paid Dr. Law-less this tribute: "Chicago is very proud to have a distinguished citizen as Dr. Lawless, whose contributions to medicine, health, and philanthropy are well known throughout the world. His love for the City of Chicago and its people is expressed once again through this splendid new housing complex which will ex-emplify the spirit of Chicago a city in a garden."

RENOWNED FOR his success with skin diseases, Dr. Lawless is one of the world's greatest experts on Hansen's disease, as leprosy is now called.

Dr. Lawless is one of the leading members of Service Development Associates, a Negro group to which the land for the erection of the ambitious project was sold by the City of Chicago.

He was graduated from Talladega College in 1914 with the B.A. degree and received his M.S. degrees from Northwestern University, where he later organized the first medical clinical laboratory and also taught dermatology.

He also took postgraduate training at Northwestern, Columbia and Harvard Universities, in the United States, and the Universities of Paris, Freiburg (Germany) and Vienna.

He also has received honorary degrees from several major Universities and holds membership in the American Medical Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, among other organizations.

BESSEMER, Ala. - (NPI)--An application seeking the establishment of a predominantly Negro city of more than 2,000 citizens, to be called Roosevelt City, was filed in Probate court last week.

If a technicality in the legal incorporation, can be ironed out, an election will be held shortly to permit voters in the area, bordering Bessemer's Broadmoore to decide whether they wanted the new city, according to Atty. Orzell Billingsley, Jr., who filed the petition.

The new city, according to a reference map submitted with the petition, would extend from Broadmoore and between Midfield and Bessemer and the Lipscomb and Brighton city limits, over a one-mile range.

The technicality hinges on the fact that at one point the city would be joined at a corner. And Probate Judge J. Paul Meeks said it was his first opinion that this might not meet re-quirements that "all portions of a city be contiguous." However, he said he would study the legalities of the incorporation.

The petition filed by Atty. Billingsley was signed by Calvin C. Smith, Henry Van, Jr. and Mrs. Mildred J. Dickerson. Meanwhile, Billingsley was also corresponding with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development concerning the incorporation action.

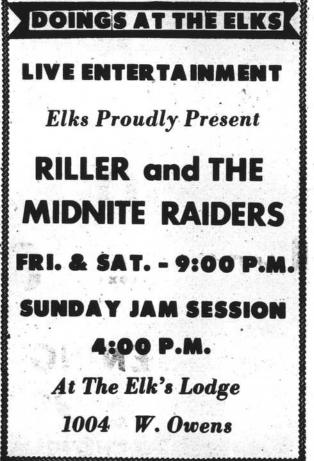
## **DEATH OF COLTRANE** SHAKES JAZZ WORLD

HUNTINGTON, N.Y.- (NPI)--The jazz world, particularly the "Modern Set," last week was jolted and saddened by the almost sudden death of innovating tenor saxophonist John Coltrane, 41, who succumbed to what was described as a liver infection. One of the leading exponents of the "Modern School" which spawned such modernists as trumpetist Miles Davis and "Cannonball" Adderly, Coltrane died only a few hours after entering Huntington hospital. The "Trane" was featured in the jazz groups of Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Johnny Hodges and Earl Bostic, before successfully forming his own quartet.

## **Elks Fete Musicians**

Paran Lodge #1508 of the I.B.P.O.E.W. will kick-off a planned weekly Monday night session honoring musicians who are appearing locally with a Soul Food and Champagne party Monday, August 7 at the Elks Hall, 1004 West Owens Avenue.

EXALTED RULER Willie Neal announced that the first of the "Swing With the Musicians" nights will honor the musical groups of Billy Larkin and Sonny Gillette. Festivities will begin at 9 p.m. and the public is cordially invited to come eat, drink and be merry.





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