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## Treat

### YMCA to Sponsor Theatre Parties for 1,600 Boys

Approximately 1,600 boys of the city, between the ages of 7 and 16 years, will be given a Christmas party on December 26 and 27, by the Druid Hill Avenue branch of the YMCA.

In Northwest Baltimore on December 26, some 600 youngsters will be entertained with a free movie at the Lexoe Theatre, beginning at 10 a.m., and later entertained at the YMCA, where refreshments and Christmas boxes will be passed out.

On December 27, approximately 1,000 boys living in East and South Baltimore will be entertained at a party at the Dunbar Theatre, which will also begin at 10 a.m., and will feature a free movie along with the passing out of Christmas boxes.

Tickets for these two events were given out by teachers in the public schools. Some 1,200 boys were entertained by this branch of the YMCA last year.

### Douglass Hi Pupils Get Tips on Living

Using as his subject, "How to Make Life Count," Russell Lane, principal of Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Ind., gave seven hints to the students at Douglass High School on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Lane stressed the importance of doing something worthwhile each day, selecting a field in which to study, of physical fitness, of discovering one's talent, making friends who mean something to you, of being independent in everything you do, and assured his audience that they then would enjoy life and it would actually count.


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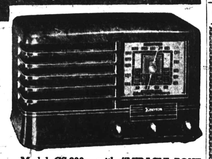

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# Baltimore Greets Zetas in 20th Annual Boule

# TEACHERS MAY BALK AT SALARY DELAY


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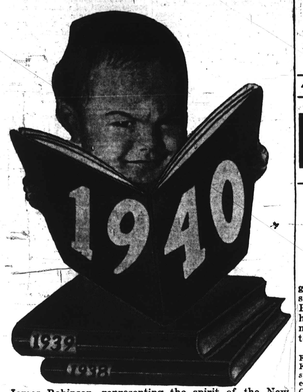
## LOOKING INTO 1940



James Robinson, representing the spirit of the New Year, looks through the 1940 book which will be formally put into use midnight Sunday. He joins with the AFRO-AMERICAN in wishing all its readers a prosperous and happy New Year.

## Al Jones Left $17,000 Estate

PHILADELPHIA — An allowance of $125 monthly for his widow, Mrs. Ella B. Jones, and bequests to six employees were stipulated in the will of Alfred S. Jones, prominent fraternal man and hotel proprietor, filed in the Orphans' Court, last week.

Jones, noted for his hospitality, instructed that his aunt, Mrs. Minnie Jones, receive $35 a month and provided for his niece, Mrs. Lillie Deshields, and his nephew, Justus R. Rogers. The six employees, whose names have not been disclosed, will receive $100 each from the $17,000 estate.

The allowances to his wife and aunt are to come from a trust fund that he established. Following the death of his wife, the estate is to be divided between his niece and nephew.

**Hotel Nationally Known**

Mr. Jones was, for a long time, active in political and civic affairs of the city. He died at his home, 514 S. Fifteenth Street, on December 8, following a heart attack after operating the nationally known Roadside Hotel on South Fifteenth Street for forty-five years.

Born in Mecklenburg County, Va., in June, 1861, he was brought to Andalusia, Pa., by his parents, William H. and Mary Smith Jones. He won a reputation for a beer which he had especially brewed to his own recipe.

More than 10,000 persons passed his bier during the twelve hours that the body lay in state prior to high requiem mass at St. Peter Claver, read by the Rev. Father C. Roach. He was a member of the old common council and active in welfare work.

## Only $6,500 Left in Smith Estate

Despite the fact that he inherited $15,000 in cash, $6,800 in property and $1,339.50 in furniture when his brother, Thomas R. Smith, died a year ago, the estate of Wallace Smith, slain in a hold-up here last week, was approximated at $6,500 when administration papers were filed in Orphans' Court, Wednesday.

The papers of administration were granted the widow, Mrs. Hazel Hughes Smith, and her attorney, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., who is also a nephew by a previous marriage.

**Two Heirs**

The petition listed only two heirs, Mrs. Smith and a niece of the deceased, Mrs. Marie Tilley.

No mention was made of other nieces and nephews, among whom are:

Mrs. Katie Rhoder, Mrs. Alicia Wheeler, Mrs. Nathaniel Wilson, Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., William Thomas, Catherine, Samuel and another Thomas Wilson.

**DR. FRANCIS WOOD TO BE "WINGS" SPEAKER**

Dr. Francis M. Wood, director of Baltimore's colored schools, will speak on January 21, at 9:30 a.m., over the "Wings Over Jordan" program which will be heard in Baltimore over station WCAO.

## City Greets Zeta Sorors

Along with chasing degrees, they had better chase some political plums, Zeta Phi Beta sorors, meeting here in their twentieth annual boule, this week, were told.

The advice came from Soror Fannie Clay, parliamentarian, of Knoxville, Tenn., one of the speakers at the camerade luncheon held at the Douglas Memorial Church, Wednesday afternoon.

Said Soror Clay:

**Scores Degree Hunters**

"The race has suffered a decided retrogession in the political life of the country. We have had such positions as register of the treasurer, register of deeds, Congressman, etc. Members of Greek Letter organizations have run off in pursuit of degrees.

**"We had better reach back and pull our folk into a program that will develop political prestige, unloose the shackles from those in sections where they are prevented from voting and in other sections where vicious poll tax systems cut our voting power.**

"We must organize our political strength so that it can be thrown where the greatest benefits may be derived; we must see that the Constitution which guarantees suffrage to all is not abridged.

**Indicts Bible Belt**

"The States of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia have a voting population of 11,606,042. But in the 1936 presidential election only 2,679,473 of these voted. In other words, less than one qualified voter in four cast a ballot in those eight States.

**"Much of this is due to the poll tax evil as practiced in some Southern States. The amount of the tax runs from $1 to $3 annually, which may not seem high, but can anybody except a southern farmer to spend even a dollar for a ballot when he can't eat it, wear it, or patch his dilapidated cabin with it?**

"These people only have a yearly income of $73 per person. Even one dollar out of that sum means a big sacrifice for anything as unsubstantiative as suffrage.

**"But, That Isn't All"**

"But, that isn't all," she declared. "Some of the States make payment of the poll tax retroactive so that a voter cannot cast his ballot unless he has paid his poll taxes for several years back.

"In Alabama, that retroactive clause is so stringent that it is possible for a man to be required to pay $36 before he can cast a ballot.

"And, in addition, several States require the payment of the poll tax months in advance of the election and only the most worthy citizen is likely to remember to pay up in time to save himself from disfranchisement.

"Greek Letter organizations should assist in every way possible organizations that are working for the abolishing of the poll

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## Welcome, Zetas!

AN EDITORIAL

The AFRO-AMERICAN joins Baltimore citizens in welcoming the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in its twentieth annual boule this week.

With its fine women and "Finer Womanhood" program, this sorority has long been a significant influence in the development of the group. And at this particular time when women are being called upon to salvage and preserve the best aspects of our heritage and civilization in a war-torn world, we are fortunate in having this national organization concentrate its activities for a few days in the Monumental City.

We join Mrs. May Williams Fortune, basileus of Alpha Zeta, the hostess chapter, in extending the abundant hospitality of which this community is justly proud.

## PAIGE GETS $12,000 JOB

### MAGISTRATE PROMOTED ☆

## Named for 10 Years by LaGuardia

### High Appointment Is Revealed at Omega Conclave

NEW YORK — Myles Paige, magistrate appointed by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, has been promoted to the court of special sessions (criminal court) at $12,000 for a 10-year term.

The announcement was made by the mayor in welcoming the Omega Psi Phi Convention delegates to New York, Wednesday.

Asked by newsmen whether he could be quoted, the Mayor said, "Certainly that's why I made the announcement here.

**Named for Ability; Not Color**

"You can say that I did not promote him because he is colored. I have never made any appointment on account of race. He

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Magistrate Myles Paige of New York is shown here with his wife and two small daughters. He was named to a $12,000 a year post as justice of the court of special sessions by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

## Tuskegee Lists 3 1939 Lynchings

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Three persons were lynched in the United States, during 1939, according to the report compiled by the Department of Records and Research of Tuskegee Institute.

Two were colored persons and one was white. Florida and Mississippi were the States in which the crimes occurred. Florida had two. The record is three less than the six of 1938; five less than 1937 and 1936, and seventeen less than 1935.

Eighteen lynchings were prevented by law officers. Two of the 1939 lynchings were instances in which victims were taken from officers. One from a jail and one from an officer outside of the jail.


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## Fowler Widow Sued for $5000

A $5,000 personal damage suit against Mrs. Addie Fowler, wife of the late Dr. Charles H. Fowler, 1201 Druid Hill Avenue, was filed in civil court, Tuesday, by Mrs. Estella Barton of 210 Vincent Street.

Mrs. Barton charges that she suffered severe personal injuries when the porch of a house she was renting from Mrs. Fowler collapsed with her, which came about due to Mrs. Fowler's failure to repair the property.

**Says She Fell 3 Stories**

Filed through her attorney, Benjamin Swogell, white, Mrs. Barton's petition states that at the time of the accident she was occupying a dwelling at 1060 Vine Street, which she rented from Mrs. Fowler.

According to the petition, after twice having notified Mrs. Fowler that the third-floor back porch of the house needed repairing, on October 9, Mrs. Barton ventured out on the porch and it collapsed under her weight, hurling her three stories to the back yard.

As a result of this, it was stated, Mrs. Barton was forced to seek hospital treatment, with fifteen stitches being required to close a wound in her head, and internal injuries which are described as being of such a serious nature that an operation is necessary.

## William Pickens, Jr., Indicted for Forgery

NEW YORK—William Pickens, Jr., attorney, was indicted by the grand jury for forgery, this week.

Mr. Pickens was accused of signing a client's name to cash two checks, one of $60 and another of $50, when the client could not be found to sign them himself.

The funds were not used by Mr. Pickens himself who has one of the most lucrative practices among younger lawyers.

**Union Baptist Picks Connecticut Minister**

The Rev. Baxter L. Matthews of Stamford, Cohn., was unanimously named pastor by Union Baptist Church members, here, Thursday evening, to succeed the Rev. J. T. Boddie who resigned to accept a pastorate in Philadelphia.

## Litigants Agree Upon Conference

### Board Holds Up Enforcement of $490,000 Ruling

ANNAPOLIS.—Whether or not Anne Arundel County teachers are to get equalized salaries beginning in September, 1940, or January, 1941, will be thrashed out at a meeting between them and the school board, next Tuesday.

Sentiment among them indicate that they will oppose waiting until 1941 for salary adjustments.

Agreement to such a meeting of the teachers was reached following a conference between Thurgood Marshall, NAACP attorney for the Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries in Maryland, and the Anne Arundel County board, Thursday, when Mr. Marshall and the board reached a deadlock on the matter.

**Regarded Important**

The outcome of this meeting, according to the NAACP attorney, will be especially important, not only to the Anne Arundel County teachers, but to the whole fight to equalize salaries in all counties in the State.

The Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries in Maryland, through its attorney, agreed at the trial to postpone action on the decree

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"THE RETREAT from Moscow" as seen by Ralph Matthews.

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FIRST of a series of articles entitled, "After 11 Years in the Pen," a true story of conditions in the Maryland Penitentiary, as told by Clarence Tanner, a former inmate.

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Coming! NEXT WEEK

FULL PAGE photograph of C. C. Spaulding, president of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company.

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FIRST CHAPTER of "Black Thunder," sensational serial story about World War II.

## SIX-INCH SNOW COMES TO BALTIMORE LATE FOR CHRISTMAS

What was a hardship for some was fun to these youngsters. Arnett Evans drags the snow stopped falling.

his brother Arthur and Roland Bird in trailer fashion. They came out before

Early risers waiting in snowstorm for a street car Wednesday morning. They took shelter under a nearby flower box.

Many car owners had their headaches. Here is Marse Callaway cleaning a foot of snow from top of his car and auto traffic crawled during the morning.