## HILTER AND RAID SHELTERS

Hitler has given the Atlantic Coast cities the jitters, but not seriously enough to disturb the jim crow thinking of residents of the District of Columbia (and, we might add, Baltimore.—ed.) White citizens of our nation's capital are talking already of separate training meetings for air raid wardens and separate bomb shelters for colored and white Americans.

That death rains from the air means little to white Americans. They want to be sure danger or death is completely jim crow. Perhaps our State Department will explain the matter to Hitler and Company. Wouldn't it be just like Hitler to make American whites choose "a fate worse than death" —running into a colored bomb shelter?

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THE AFRO AMERICAN

What the AFRO Stands for

1. Colored policemen, policewomen and firemen.
2. Colored representatives on city, county and State boards of education.
3. Equal salaries for equal work for school teachers without regard to color or sex.
4. Colored members of boards of State institutions where inmates are colored.
5. The abolition of labor unions among all groups of colored workers.
6. A liberally endowed agricultural college for colored people supported by the State.
7. Fair co-operation between farmers and the State and Federal farm bureaus.



### HONORS TO BALTIMOREANS

Published elsewhere in this edition is the AFRO's honor roll, a yearly feature which makes mythical awards to ten citizens who have performed outstanding tasks during the past year.

These citizens are not selected according to any class of occupation, but rather for service to the community, which has been not only average, but of the highest calibre.

In inaugurating this feature three years ago, it was felt that some acknowledgement should be given to persons who, through their own efforts, have done a superlative job in the community. It is with this thought in mind, therefore, that we salute our fellow-citizens who richly merit the city's applause.

### BALTIMORE'S LOSS IS OCD's GAIN

Furman Templeton, former industrial secretary of the Urban League, who left that post last week to join the Office of Civilian Defense, is a citizen of whom Baltimore can be proud.

A little over a year ago, he left the State Employment Service to join the league's staff in the newly created post, and so successful has been his work that industrial planning is sure to become a permanent part of the league's local program.

Mr. Templeton's energy, intelligence and understanding of the industrial situation made him a good public relations expert, and the best proof of this is what he accomplished in selling the idea of colored workers to Postal Telegraph, Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards, Glenn Martin and numerous other white employers.

This is what attracted national attention and earned him the promotion.

As regional advisor for the Office of Civilian Defense, his new territory includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

His associates here have every reason to believe that he is eminently fitted to carry on his larger duties and will perform them well.

### WAR CLOUDS HAVE A SILVER LINING

Emil Davies, commenting last week on what what the blitz had done for London, remarked that it had brought a new feeling of neighborliness to the people of a great city. Thousands of them who had never needed help before and never expected to need any outside aid, found themselves welcoming assistance of other people.

The blitz made the people of London know each other better than ever before and once the classes met each other they found a great deal that was mutually helpful.

Travellers often tell how quickly strangers get acquainted on long train and steamship trips.

London has found that nothing creates a common bond among its citizens like the nightly blackout, the long waits in air raid shelters, the municipal restaurants, the disruption of electric, gas and water services in large areas untouched by bombs and the constant menace of enemy aircraft destroying large sections of the city.

Mr. Davies mentioned that as the one great good that has come to London as a result of the blitz horrors—that, we think, is the war clouds' silver lining.

### FATHER JOHN T. GILLARD

The untimely death this week of 41-year-old Father John T. Gillard, white, a member of the Josephite Order, was a shock to all who have known of his fine work among Catholics.

To many, he was best known as chaplain at St. Frances Convent, motherhouse of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Others knew him as editor of the Colored Harvest, a Catholic monthly magazine.

His new book, "Colored Catholics in the United States," has just been published. In the twenty years since he came to Baltimore from Scranton, Pa., he has written and spoken frequently and effectively against racial prejudice and intolerance in his own group. He was brave and kind and worked with heavy odds against him.

In seeking to represent colored people, he had to speak from hearsay rather than from his own experience. He was not colored and could only imagine what prejudice does to intelligent and sensitive people.

Seeing him work and hearing him speak often, the conclusion was always the same: that the great Catholic Church, if it wishes ever to make the impress it can upon a colored population, must train and use native clergy for that purpose. [illegible] does this, it is simply marking time.

## Remember Pearl Harbor?

By ADDISON JACKSON

For the past three weeks a well qualified colored girl has been walking around in downtown Baltimore from one Civil Service appointing officer to another, trying to get the position as typist-stenographer which she had earned.

Always, the men who interview her tell the same lie with slight variations. When they send for her and discover she is colored, they say, "I'm waiting to hear from headquarters." "I'll call you in a few days." It's the same old run-around.

**He's No Optimist**

There are those optimistic diehards among us who think that the threat to democracy by Japanese imperialists and Nazi racehaters will make things definitely better and that the new day is right around the curve.

**This new day is like the rainbow right over the hill. Go after it and count your steps as you go. Don't forget that you must make it before sundown.**

When, in spite of an executive order barring racial discrimination, Civil Service appointing officers juggle registers and fill colored people's ears with greasy lies, it stands to reason that they must know something.

**Only a Piece of Paper**

It may be that they know the difference between a Presidential executive order and a piece of paper designed to make gullible people believe somebody is doing something for them.

In the foreground of this gross deception, the great empty noises are crying: "Remember Pearl Harbor." I say remember Pearl Buck and the letter she wrote explaining how hypocrisy and prejudice are eating America's heart out.

Remember how disappointed a girl who gets on a Civil Service register must be when she finds what she thought to be full of principle full of perfidy.

## Ford's 11,000 Jobs Top Field

### No Other Defense Employer Hires So Many Colored

By ANP

The Ford Motor Company, with 11,000 colored employees, holds the leadership among defense plants honoring President Roosevelt's ban on employment discrimination.

Ford's total represents more than a fourth of all the 42,557 workers in plants cited this week by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, chief of OPM's special training and employment branch, as having made some improvement in their policies.

All other automobile plants in this group accounted for only 1,795 colored workers, and Ford alone was credited with including them in its clerical and technicians' staffs. Some 16,000 of the 42,557 are employed by various steel companies.

**Satisfied with Trials**

Many of the firms, according to Dr. Weaver, have indicated that contemplated expansion will bring about significant increases in their employment figures, in view of their satisfaction with present colored workers, many of whom have been used largely as experiments.

From Chicago comes the story of the Rockola Manufacturing Corporation, radio-cabinet and music-box producers now making defense items.

This firm first "tried" colored workers when a requisition to the State Employment Office for white trim sawyers was rejected on the grounds that racial designations were not in order. Plant officials were so well pleased with their work that they agreed to use more of them, throughout the factory.

**Increase Justified**

In Detroit, the Murry Body Corporation, builders of "jeep" bodies, liked its first twenty colored workers so well that the Employment office was asked for all it could sent out. Forty more went to work last week and others are to be used as soon as available.

Steel plants in the Chicago area were reported as hiring workers in the following numbers, many representing recent increases:

**Steel Firms Listed**

Inland Steel Company, East Chicago, 1700 including 220 as steel and iron chippers and 300 as crane men; American Transportation Corporation, 500, including 50 as hydraulic riveters and 100 as hydraulic buckers up;

The Continental Roller and Steel foundry, 400; American Steel Foundry, 500; Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, 1200, of which 250 are steel chippers and 200 cranemen; Carnegie Steel works, Gary, 3,700 in foundry and other skilled and unskilled jobs; Carnegie Steel Sheet and Tin Corp., 1332;

In Indianapolis the Allison Engineering Company, General Motors subsidiary, 350; Kingan Company, 620; International Harvester Company, 484; National Malleable Steel Construction Co., 570; Indiana Ordnance works, Dupont subsidiary, 800, and the Hoosier Ordnance works, 250, among whom are some 60 women sewing gas masks.

**Auto Firms**

In the automobile industry are listed Packard Motor Co., 1100, of whom 250 are engaged in defense work; Hudson Motor Co., 225, of whom 105 are engaged in defense work; Cadillac, 300; Ford, 11,000 in all occupations, on defense work and as clerical workers and technicians as well Chrysler Tank Co., 170.

Other plants listed in Dr. Weaver's report include:

National Tube Company, McKeesport, Pa., 150, with 150 in its Lorraine, O., plant; Westinghouse Electric, 378 in East Pittsburgh; Blaw Knox Union Steel, 250; Westinghouse Brake Co., Wilmerding, Pa., 191; Johnson Bronze works, Newcastle, Pa., 200; most of them moulders, pourers, helpers and skilled workers; Bethlehem Steel Corp, Johnstown, Pa., 1000; Crucible Steel Co., 500;

**More Than Half**

Scullins Steel Co., St. Louis, 1200 out of a total of 2100 employees, including many as locomotive operations and Diesel engine operators; Remington Arms, Lake City, Mo., 300; Emerson Electric, 60; Kansas Ordnance plant, Parsons, 162, including four stenographers working in its offices.

In Ohio, Timken Roller Bearing Co., 150; Jeffrey Manufacturing Co., 165; Ohio Malleable Iron works, 300; Buckeye Steel Corp., 543; Bonney Floyd Co., Columbus, 200, including 90 skilled; Wright Aeronautical Corp., 500 workers, with one supervisory worker, one professional worker (personnel man) and 200 semi-skilled and 298 unskilled workers;

**75 Per Cent in One Plant**

Also in Ohio, Paterson Wright flying fields, Dayton, 300; Thompson Products Co., Cleveland, 1800; Lake City Malleable Iron foundry, 138; Forest City foundry, 400; Westinghouse Electric, 100; Ferrer Machine and Foundry Corp., 850; National Bronze and Aluminum Corp. 500; representing 75 per cent of all workers in the plant; American Steel and Wire Co., 380, and the Grable Manufacturing Co., 225;

**Winchester Hires 1100**

Winchester Arms plant, New Haven, Conn., 1100; Bridgeport Brass, 800; Aluminum Corp. Fairfield, Conn., 658; Atlantic Refining Co., Philadelphia, "338; Auto Car plant, Ardmore, Pa., 100; Baldwin Locomotive works, Philadelphia, 138; Crucible Steel, Harrison, N.J., 300; Dodge Steel, Philadelphia, 100; the Federal Ship Building Corp. Kearney, 800;

Calco Chemical Co., 150; Keystone Coal Vapron Co., Philadelphia, 100; General Steel Castings Co., Chester, 380; Lukens Steel Co., Coatesville, Pa., 669; Midvale Steel Co., 600; Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, 277; Sun Shipbuilding Co., Chester, Pa., 992; Westinghouse Co., Easington, Pa., 242, and the Wright Aeronautical plant, Paterson, N.J., 121.

## Behind the Scenes

With MARSE CALLAWAY

Colored Americans are still demanding their full right to inclusion in the various branches of the nation's armed forces.

This is why our newspapers, our outstanding leaders and various organizations continue to urge Federal officials to open the door of opportunity for our young men to help further such ideals as are set forth in the Atlantic Charter, recently adopted by the twenty-six United Nations.

**We, as a part of the nation, wish to be free from the shackles that prevent us from doing our part in the present world-wide conflict, thus helping the United States to achieve victory for democratic nations and a really true democracy for every race and creed.**

It should not be necessary to have to fight for the principles of justice, equality and recognition.

But in this country, where equality is discouraged and discrimination is rampant, we can not help but repeat the words of British Premier Churchill in his speech before Congress: "What kind of people do they think we are?"

This is indeed an issue which we must not be persuaded to compromise.

The Council for Democratic Justice for America stated the situation clearly in its declaration that, because the program of national defense is the searching test of American democracy, the sooner prejudice-minded white citizens realize this, the more the government will be able to achieve.

**Discrimination arouses resentment, ill feeling and bitterness, which, in their turn, interfere with close community interests needed to defeat all that the Axis powers represent.**

Life is a God-given right, and when young colored men are willing to give their lives for the cause, they should be permitted to do so.

Abraham Lincoln declared that a nation could not exist half slave and half free. Somewhat similarly, we, too, can say that our nation cannot win a war with one part of it enslaved politically and economically.

## Champions of Democracy

### Brief Visits to Fellow Citizens You Should Know

By EDWIN HARLESTON

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eleventh in a series of articles designed to give an insight into the lives of some of our outstanding citizens who are doing outstanding work in promoting better race relations.

This writer feels that too often we as a minority meet white persons who are antagonistic and indifferent or lose sight of those who are helping to promote democracy in our city. Just as many whites lose sight of those of our own race who are admirable citizens. Interviews with Dr. Bruce McPherson, John S. Gilbreth Gilman, Hunter John T. Gilbreth, Gilman, Rollander, Mrs. A. Morris Carey, Silas Fortbush, Dr. William Rosenau, Judge Joseph N. Ulman, Dr. John S. Gorman and Mrs. Marie Bauernschmidt have already appeared.]

HARRY O. LEVIN

Harry O. Levin, attorney and one-time member of the Maryland Legislature, is not the type of person who gives only lip-service to democracy.

He follows up his beliefs by actions which have helped in many ways to improve the community in which he lives, but he believes that this improvement can be brought more rapid if colored voters will wield the power of the ballot.

**In Legislature 3 Times**

This suave, quick-thinking lawyer, who has three times been elected to the Maryland Legislature says that not only should colored people become more interested in the ballot, but that colored voters can and should send a man to the Legislature.

While a member of the State Senate in 1924, 1927 and in 1929, Mr. Levin at each session introduced a bill to repeal the Declaration of Intention Act, an insidious bit of red tape by which a large number of persons are kept from voting.

In addition, Mr. Levin introduced the Allendale bill, which provided for a $150,000 appropriation to establish a school for colored feeble-minded children. The bill passed but was vetoed by the late Governor Ritchie.

**Born in East Baltimore**

Born and reared in East Baltimore, Mr. Levin said that as long as he can remember he has considered numerous colored persons his friends. And, he added, "I am certain that both my children are equally free from prejudice."

His son, Harry, Jr., a student at Harvard Law School, rooms with a colored law student from New York City. Recently, he said, the two of them, in partnership, won a text case in the Massachusetts courts.

**Represented AFRO Editor**

It was Mr. Levin who successfully represented the AFRO-AMERICAN's president, Carl Murphy, in his false arrest suit against Officer Heinze, in which the former was awarded $1000 damages. Many lawyers might have been reluctant to accept such a case, involving as it did a civilian who sought damages against a police officer.

But such a fearless act is characteristic of this man who numbers among his interracial projects a successful attempt to obtain an all-colored personnel for the Maryland Training School for Girls at Glenburnie, the State ownership of Morgan College, and improvements in the Henryton Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

During the administration of Governor Ritchie, Mr. Levin served as an unofficial liaison officer between his friend, the governor, and colored Baltimoreans.

**Fought for Policemen**

A staunch Republican, Mr. Levin has worked in close co-operation with Marse Callaway, colored Republican leader. Together they fought for the appointment of colored policemen, and were instrumental in having four persons appointed to the local police force.

Mr. Levin is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he obtained his legal training. For a number of years he has held membership in the NAACP.

## What AFRO Readers Say

(Readers are invited to write on any subject they desire. Only requirement is that letters not exceed 250 words. Be sure to sign your name, which will be deleted upon request.)

### Why Race Bias in U.S.?

DEAR AFRO: America, the land of the free, the home of the brave; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; the land of opportunity, of equal rights, of freedom of speech and of the press and freedom of worship.

America today is populated by peoples from every corner of the world. Jews, Germans, Chinese, Japanese, Russians, British, Czechoslovkians, West Indians, Filipinos and other nationals make up our approximately 150-million population.

**Why Color Bias?**

As an American, I would like a point blank answer to my question, "Why color discrimination in America?" It it color—the mere dark pigmentation of our skin? This could not be a good reason, for, obviously, we are all colors, from the whitest to the blackest.

Why? I ask you. Are we not human, too? The foreign born are naturalized and given equal American rights. There are no signs that read: "Toilets for Russians" and "Toilets for Jews."

(Miss) RITA RAYE
Baltimore.

### Ethiopians to the Front

Dear AFRO: We, the Ethiopian Americans, are not Negroes, but Ethiopian Americans, and are willing to defend our country.

1133 N. Gilmor Street,
Baltimore.

### Plea fo Army Wives

Dear AFRO: My plea to wives, mothers and sweethearts who have loved ones in camp is that they will not write sad letters to them or complain about "that pain in my back." but will, instead, send them cheerful letters about happenings in their hometown, things in which they will be interested and still be happy.

My husband is in the army and, not bragging, but he has not received a sad letter from me since he has been in camp.

We are not helping ourselves by telling them of our troubles, only making it worse for our boys. If they have troubles, anything to go upon they can perform their tasks with a willing mind.

(Mrs.) EVELYN BANTUM
1000 Linden Avenue
Baltimore

### One Man's Prophecy

DEAR AFRO: My prophecy to America is that there will be no peace until malice, hatred, unfairness and prejudice are removed from the world and pure, undefiled principles become dominant and Godliness is immanent.

R. D. LYELL
Baltimore.

### The MP Question Again

Dear AFRO: I am a World War veteran and I have noticed each week end that there are hundreds of colored soldiers here from nearby camps, but there are no colored MP's.

However, there are white MP's patrolling Pennsylvania Avenue. I would like to know why there are no colored MP's for that duty.

EDDIE ROBINSON
3805 Clarks Lane,
Baltimore.

### Priest's Death a Shock

DEAR AFRO: I was deeply shocked and grieved to learn that my good friend, Father Gillard, had suddenly died in January 12. He wrote me a letter (and enclosed $1 membership dues for the Urban League) as follows:

"I'm doing some writing and also getting set for a Midwest lecture trip. Can you give me some very late data on national setup so far as colored labor in the defense industries is concerned?

"Does the Glenn Martin position as stated in the Congressional investigation report stand unchanged? Have you any specific data on bona fide cases of colored being refused employment in such industries just because of color?

**He Wanted the Facts**

"What is the status of the defense forces as regards the colored man? For what departments is he accepted in the navy? Only the commissary? Is he taken into the marines? What is the latest setup in the army?

"I'll be grateful for the time and thought supplying the above data will take. I know how it is to be busy and get a request like that. But I'll be doing a lot of talking about the colored between now and June and want my facts straight."

Father Gillard

### In This Corner

(In This Corner each week appears poems by colored authors. This week's writer is Lyla Myers of Little Rock, Ark., whose works have appeared in newspapers and periodicals in all parts of the country.)

**Aren't These Worth While?**

When measuring a woman's worth,
In your own mind's debating,
Do you think of her bank account,
And of her social rating?

Do you list her expensive clothes,
Which all, of course, prefer—
A pretty face and graceful form,
Some kind fate gave to her?

Or do you count a woman's worth
In terms of helping friends,
Her usefulness, unselfishness,
The broken hearts she mends?

Her constancy, when you have failed;
Eyes which, through tears, will smile;
A heart that won't misunderstand—
Or, count these things worth while?

member of the Urban League board for three years. It is no secret that his recommendation and influence were very helpful in securing the Cadoa for the place for the annual dinner meeting.

His educational work among Catholic constituents not only in Baltimore, but throughout the country, will be sorely missed.

EDWARD S. LEWIS
Executive Secretary
Urban League

### The Broader Approach

DEAR AFRO: Have we forgotten the countless thousands of dollars contributed to the education of colored Americans by such men as Rockefeller, Rosenwald and others.

If a survey were taken of the colored schools endowed by these men and the salaries now being received by the successful graduates of these schools added, it is not unlikely that the total would compare favorably with Joe Louis's contribution to the Navy Relief Society.

I am staunchly against jim crowism, but Joe is not to be criticized for what he has done for the navy.

WALTER HOPKINS,
City Hospitals,
Baltimore.

## One-Minute Pulpit

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalms 37:3.

Suggested by the Rev. E. W. White, pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

(Next week's post by the Rev. Tesiekpu Rev. St. Peter Claver Catholic Church)

## Only a Blitzkreig Can Make the Milk of Human Kindness Flow

By JOSEPHUS SIMPSON

Baltimore has opened its home defense program with the definite intention of holding tightly to its silly pretense of preparation for the duration of the war, but I am satisfied that, though it has in the past shut its eyes to progress, it is destined to get a rude awakening if this war lasts very long.

**If we in Baltimore ever get a taste of real war as it is practiced today — a real honest-to-goodness blitz air raid—we'll be so busy trying to fight off the panic and destruction for all that we won't have time to divide the "sheep" from the "goats."**

The city's actions place it in the class with confirmed criminals who must be forced into doing the right thing—anti-social animals who must be continuously watched to prevent their committing crimes against society.

**More Rebuffs Will Do It**

A few more rebuffs like the one administered to the group at white schools here Monday evening will force upon colored persons the realization that the volunteer "defense" program is for the defense of "whites only" and they'll go home and stay there.

**There are few people in Baltimore—black or white—who are so filled with patriotism that they are willing to swallow all manner of insults in order to prove their devotion to their country. Patriotism, like every other human emotion, must feed on something, but it cannot thrive on insults.**

Never you mind. When the real thing comes along, Baltimore will repent of its sins. It will be grateful to anyone who saves the life of a torn and bleeding wife or child, the victim of a bomb, no matter what the color of hands or face may be.

(Mr. Koger, a superintendent of the Mutual Benefit Society, delineates this exclusive AFRO feature based on information and data of the public of the value of the service rendered by colored life underwriters of all companies. Questions addressed to Mr. Koger, care of this newspaper, will be answered in this column.)

**COMPANY PROGRESS**

As America welcomed the New Year 1942 with merry din, forty-seven race-owned legal reserve insurance companies had over $351,000,000 of insurance in force. Yet, a mere thirty-three years ago, in January, 1909, the State of Mississippi granted a charter incorporating the Mississippi Beneficial Life, the first legal reserve life insurance company to be owned by colored people.

What factors brought about this phenomenal progress by a race merely seventy-seven years out of slavery?

**Reasons for Progress**

First, colored people realized that money paid into race companies created dignified employment for them with lucrative wages. Colored people pay into white companies more than $51,140,000 yearly. Few jobs, if any, are produced and returned to them.

**We pay into our own companies little more than $18,000,000 annually. However, from this income we get 15,000 jobs and $5,000,000 in wages. Additional large sums go to our physicians, printers and newspapers for advertising.**

Second, it was an opportunity for colored people to acquire wealth and property. Prejudiced and highly specialized white competition keeps the race out of big business. But in the insurance business the race had a chance to succeed, because it is a racial business—a natural enterprise.

**Ambition Knows No Color**

Colored people are as ambitious to own homes and farms as any other group. In order to buy property, and to circumvent various jim crow policies, the race saw the mutual advantages of pooling their money. Our companies have helped thousands to buy homes and farms, and have $9,000,000 in real estate and first mortgages.

Some of the race's largest personal fortunes were made in insurance or closely related fields.

**Weekly Question**

Q What does the reinstatement clause mean?

A: The Reinstatement clause gives the policyholder the privilege, if he has lapsed his policy, to revive his policy and restore it to full force and benefits, provided he can satisfy the company of his good physical condition and pay up all back premiums and interest, if any.

## ALL ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE

By EARL KOGER

Want to Be a Cop?
Sign Up Now!

Applications for probationary patrolmen may be obtained at Room 506, Police Headquarters Building, Fayette and Fallsway, between January 19 and 31, members of the examining board announced this week.

Applications may be obtained between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and must be returned correctly and completely filled out by February 10. Examinations will be given on February 26. The present list, it was noted, will remain good until April 23.

Applicants must be registered voters of Maryland, over 23 and under 35 years of age on April 23, 1942; at least 5 feet 9½ inches tall and weigh at least 150 pounds.

# Cheltenham Head, 5 Women on Honor Roll

## New Superintendent of Boys' Institution Is First White Man on AFRO's Honor Roll; Policewoman Whyte and Detective Butler Share Mythical Honors

## White Man Wins Honor for 1st Time

(Continued from Page 1)

as industrial secretary of the Urban League; Joseph H. Neal, organizer for the CIO's Steel Workers' Organizing Committee; Detective Pardman J. Hiram Butler; Avon B. Collins, housing project manager, and Leroy A. Coles, Sr., Boy Scout leader.

Those named on the honor roll were chosen from a list of persons suggested by AFRO readers and members of the city department staff of the AFRO.

**Another Precedent Broken**

Another deviation from what has been the case in the past is the fact that the 1941 honor roll includes a person, Policewoman Whyte, who has previously been on the honor roll. However, because of the fact that she was the first woman in recent years to be cited for meritorious service with the police department, it was felt that she should be included. She is sharing honors with Detective Patrolman Butler, who was similarly honored.

**Honorable Mention**

Those awarded honorable mention are: Mrs. Sayde George, superintendent of the Maryland Training School for Girls at Glenburnie, Md.; Raymond A. C. Young, postal employee and NAACP worker;

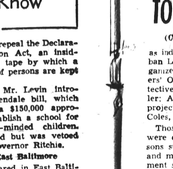
The Rev. C. Baker Pearle, pastor of Payne AME Church; Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of St. James P.E. Church; Miss Anita Williams, senior social worker with the Catholic Charities; Reginald Gardner, president of the Maryland Association for Promotion of Business; Dr. Maceo W. Sayles, director of the Druid Health Center, and Charles Key, Morgan professor and director of the Baltimore Negro Health Week celebration.

### Cheltenham Superintendent

Vance E. Thomas, new superintendent of the Cheltenham School for Boys, is the first white person to gain a place on the Baltimore AFRO's honor roll for superior service. When he took over the management of the Prince Georges County school in March, it was branded as one of the State's worst correctional institutions. In the nine months he has been there, Mr. Thomas has improved the spirit and morale of the school, done away with severe corporal punishment and substituted, in his own words, "the heaven principle of privileges—hope for reward—rather than the hell principle."

In 1941, for the first time in many years, the Baltimore City grand jury report was able to praise the institution and point out the effective and progressive measures of discipline, training and parole.

Since March, Mr. Thomas has been able to release at least 300 boys on parole, and under supervision of a parole officer many of them have been able to return to a normal life, taking an active part in the YMCA activities. When he took over, there were only two colored cottage masters; today there are fifteen cottage masters and teachers out of the staff of sixty and every step is being made to include colored persons on the staff of this institution, which is operated for colored youth.



VANCE E. THOMAS

### Law-Enforcement Officers

Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, policewoman, and Detective Patrolman J. Hiram Butler are sharing a berth on the honor roll this year for their outstanding police work, which won them gold bars for meritorious service and commendation from Governor Herbert R. O'Conor two weeks ago.

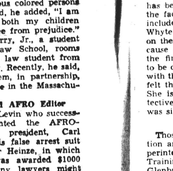
Mrs. Whyte was not only the lone policewoman cited in 1941, but she is also one of the few policewomen to be so honored in the history of the Baltimore Police Department. She was appointed in 1937 by the late Governor Harry W. Nice and was the first colored person in that city department.

Policewoman Whyte divides her time between routine police duties, which are many, rearing four children, the youngest of whom is in high school, and participating in the activities of numerous civic and welfare organizations.

In achieving his second consecutive commendation, Detective Butler displayed the same type of persistency that resulted in his appointment with two other officers in 1938. His superior officers have nothing but praise for his outstanding police work and thorough investigations.

Butler and Levi Jolley, manager of the Philadelphia AFRO-AMERICAN newspaper, were the first two colored persons to take the examination for probationary patrolmen in 1934. Officer Butler took the examination every year after that until he was appointed.

While it is true that Police Commissioner Stanton has failed to appoint any other officers in addition to the four now on the force since that date, he has kept one of them in uniform, the high type of efficiency as demonstrated by Policewoman Whyte and Detective Butler is one of the strongest arguments we have in our fight for uniformed policemen.



MRS. VIOLET HILL WHYTE

DETECTIVE BUTLER

### Boy Scout Leader

By winning the coveted Silver Beaver, national Boy Scout council award for noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood in his community, during the annual Boy Scout meeting in February, 1941, Leroy A. Coles, Sr., clinched his place on the honor roll. Despite his duties as a mail carrier, Mr. Coles has found time to take an active part in Boy Scout activities during the past twelve years. He helped form the first colored troop in the city, in1928, Troop No. 275, located at the Sharp Street Community House. He served as its assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster, and then was elevated to neighborhood commissioner in 1938.

Two years later he left this post to serve as Monumental District commissioner, his duties included the supervision of all the troops in Baltimore. His area at the end of the year had a total of 879 boys enrolled in forty-five troops, an increase of nine troops and 157 boys over 1940.

On December 31, because of pressing duties and the need for building up his original troop, Mr. Coles resigned this post, but his work during the year, coupled with his winning the coveted scout award, recommended him for a place on the honor roll.

LEROY A. COLES, Sr.

### Steel Workers' Organizer

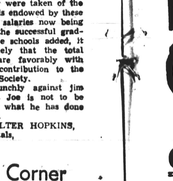
As an organizer for the CIO's Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, Joseph H. Neal was largely responsible for the unionizing of the Bethlehem Steel Company plant at Sparrows Point, and subsequent pay increases to approximately 1,040,000 additional in the pockets of approximately 6,000 colored workers there.

Mr. Neal joined forces with the union as one of its first local organizers the early part of 1941, when the SWOC began its intensified drive on the steel plant and imported John Thornton from Pittsburgh and ten white organizers to work under Nicholas Fontecchio of Chicago.

The pay increase came in April, when the company, under pressure from the union, granted basic wage increases of from 62½ cents to 72½ cents an hour.

Mr. Neal, an employee of the company for about seven years, also enjoys the distinction of being the only colored official in the SWOC's union local No. 224, set up at the plant in July. He is vice-president.

His election to this office was unanimous in appreciation and acknowledgement for his work with the union in the early stages of organizing the steel plant. Mr. Neal makes his home at 613 Baker Street.



JOSEPH H. NEAL

### Urban League Secretary

Taking over the newly created position of industrial secretary of the Baltimore Urban League on January 2, 1941, Furman L. Templeton led a successful fight this year for jobs for colored skilled workers in various unionized trades formerly closed to them and has broken jim crow barriers in many companies and industries.

Mr. Templeton was responsible for the hiring of nine boys as messengers by the local Postal Telegraph Company. He was instrumental in getting the State Plumbing Board to accept the applications of colored plumbers for consideration toward granting them licenses—something never before accomplished here, as there are no colored licensed plumbers in Baltimore and but one in the State.

He has helped to break down barriers in local defense industries, was one of the leaders in the fight for jobs at the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Plant, and has secured the promise of officials at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard that they will hire and train colored men as soon as a building is completed there within the near future.

So outstanding has Mr. Templeton's work been that throughout the year he has been called upon by various government agencies, notably the Office of Production Management, and last Monday he resigned his post to be regional racial relations staff advisor with the Office of Civilian Defense at a salary of $4,600.

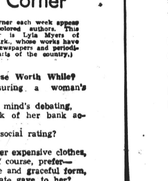
FURMAN TEMPLETON

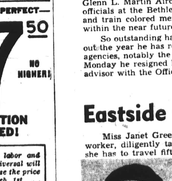
### Eastside Civic Worker

Miss Janet Green is heralded as East Baltimore's most militant community and civic worker, diligently taking part in all community betterment campaigns, despite the fact that she has to travel fifty-two miles a day to teach school in Hereford, Md. Miss Green is president of the East Baltimore Residential Protective Association, which will soon observe its first anniversary. This group appeared before the Legislature last spring and succeeded in having a bill passed for the appointment of an extra policewoman in East Baltimore. It has also been instrumental in ridding the neighborhood of annoying taverns.

As chairman of the NAACP campaign in October, Miss Green induced East Baltimoreans to triple their efforts of co-operation, with the result that to date 6,000 memberships and more than $6,000 has been reported in the campaign.

In addition to these activities, she finds time to be active at the First Baptist Church, serving as assistant church clerk and working with the young people's choir. She is a native Baltimorean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Green, and granddaughter of the late Bishop Alexander Wayman of the AME





### Girl Scout Secretary

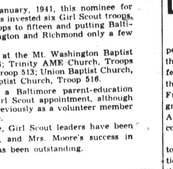
Increased participation by colored Girl Scouts in city-wide scouting projects, and substantial representation of colored scout leaders on the standing city-wide committees which run Baltimore's scouting affairs are the tangible results of Mrs. Nellie Moore's first term as colored field secretary.

Since her appointment in January, 1941, this nominee for the AFRO's 1941 roll of honor, has invested six Girl Scout troops, bringing the total number of troops to fifteen and putting Baltimore in third place, with Washington and Richmond only a few troops ahead.

The new troops are located at the Mt. Washington Baptist Church, Pimlico, Md., Troop 506; Trinity AME Church, Troops 507 and 514; Public School 100, Troop 513; Union Baptist Church, Troop 501, and Metropolitan Baptist Church, Troop 516.

Mrs. Moore resigned from a Baltimore parent-education teaching position to take the Girl Scout appointment, although she had worked for five years previously as a volunteer member of the colored district committee.

This year, for the first time, Girl Scout leaders have been taught by a colored instructor, and Mrs. Moore's success in obtaining leader co-operation has been outstanding.



MRS. NELLIE MOORE

### Housing Project Manager

Avon B. Collins wins his place on the honor roll because of his excellent work in setting up and maintaining high community standards as a manager of the city's low-rent housing projects. Although he had done similar work at the Langston Project in Washington, his work as resident manager in Baltimore was that of a pioneer, and has won respect and admiration from his tenants and from housing officials of both cities. Last week, he represented the local housing authority at the regional conference of the National Association of Housing Officials, which met in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Collins has served as manager at each of the three colored projects now in operation, but is most closely associated with the Edgar Allan Poe Homes, which was the first of seven such projects erected in the city.

Under his administration, there has been established at the Poe Homes, a tenants' council, numerous civic clubs, a nursery school, a Boy Scout troop, and an extensive adult and junior recreation program, which is also being developed at the other projects.

AVON B. COLLINS

### State N.A.A.C.P. President

Organized in May, 1941, the Maryland State branch of the NAACP, under the efficient leadership of its president, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, now includes nine member branches, and has as its aim an active NAACP unit in each county of the State in which a number of colored people reside.

By virtue of a generous contribution of her time and energies, Mrs. McMillan qualifies for nomination on the 1941 AFRO roll of honor. This quiet-spoken woman keeps up a personal contact with each of the Maryland branches, which include Baltimore, Cambridge, Crisfield, Frederick, and the Counties of Prince Georges, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery and Kent.

Mrs. McMillan was president of the Maryland Teachers' Association in 1936, when that body joined with the NAACP in the court fight for equalization of teachers' salaries. She is the mother of a 13-month-old son and at present is on leave from the Baltimore school system.

Her findings in a Columbia University master's thesis reported to the Teachers' Association on inequalities in teachers' pay, school equipment, length of terms, transportation, and courses of study, were used by that body as a basis of the salary equalization fight.

MRS. ENOLIA P. McMILLAN

### Improvement Group Head

Mrs. Florence Snowden was selected for the honor roll because of her persevering, untiring and successful work as president of the Northwest Residential Protective Association in its efforts to improve and protect northwest neighborhoods.

After battling for almost a year, this community group was successful last April in getting the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to close two taverns at Biddle Street and Druid Hill Avenue, both of which were eyesores and the cause of disorderly conduct and unfavorable influences in the community, where three schools and a church are located.

Previous to that, the organization won the support of Mayor Jackson, who vetoed a proposed spot-zoning ordinance which would have changed the 1200 block of McCulloh Street from residential to a first commercial district so that a white grocer could establish his business there.

In addition, Mrs. Snowden served as captain of one of the teams in the NAACP campaign and is active in various other civic endeavors.

MRS. FLORENCE SNOWDEN

### Boards Given 60 Days to Settle Druid Field Case

Judge Joseph N. Ulman, sitting in City Court, Tuesday, declined to take action in the Druid Hill Park athletic field dispute and give the park and school boards until February 24 to effect a satisfactory settlement of the case.

A petition for mandamus filed by the NAACP two months ago on behalf of George Brown, 1317 Myrtle Avenue, parent of a Douglass High School pupil sought to restrain the park board from granting the white Polytechnic Institute exclusive use of the field, formerly used by colored pupils.

**Hearing Is Private**

The charges of discrimination in assigning the field were denied by the park and school boards, and Judge Ulman in the private hearing held in his chambers told W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., NAACP attorney, and Allen W. Davis, white, assistant city solicitor, that the problem was one for administrative action.

He urged the two attorneys to delay legal action until the park and school boards are given time in their next sessions to make some disposition of the matter.

Judge Ulman stipulated, however, that if the boards fail to settle the dispute he will hold a public hearing on February 24.

He received the assurance of both lawyers that neither side would take advantage of the sixty-day period if they instituted an appeal from his decision, so that the matter could be finally settled