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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 organization of labor unions among all groups of colored workers.
6. A university and agricultural college for colored people supported by the State.
7. Closer co-operation between farmers and the State and Federal farm agents.

WHERE IS THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION?

The Baltimore Area War Manpower Commission is supposedly concerned with seeing that local war plants utilize the available local labor supply, which, of course, includes colored people. Royden A. Blunt is chairman.

Since early fall, efforts have been made to determine what steps the commission has taken to see to it that the C. and P. Telephone Company, recently officially declared a war industry by the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee, follows the manpower commission's rule.

There was some talk several months ago by the commission that the C. and P. Company would be sent a copy of the volunteer manpower agreement and asked to sign it, indicating that it would conform. To date, the company has not been sent such an agreement and so far as is know the WMC has not taken any action to see that the company falls in line.

"Private" Conference Only

Interested groups which have met with the commission have all been informed that the WMC is holding private conferences with the company and hopes to work out some agreement "soon."

What we're interested in finding out, however, is why the C. and P. Telephone Company is a sacred cow. Hundreds of other war plants in the Baltimore area have been sent copies of the manpower agreement and officials from the WMC office have held conferences with their officials to be sure that they are carrying out the dictates of their contract. Many of them have already ended their hate policies.

The telephone company, on the other hand, has gone scot free. It is in need of telephone operators. Advertisements are appearing daily urging young women without training to apply for work. Colored persons who apply have been refused, and interviewers admit that their refusal is based on color and race.

Plenty of Evidence Available

What more evidence does the War Manpower Commission need? It is the commission's job to investigate the company, explore all possible means at its disposal before these complaints are sent to Federal officials in Washington.

The laxity of the Baltimore WMC, however, has caused complainants to go directly to Washington with their complaints. It would seem that in addition to investigating the hiring policies of the telephone company, the national WMC and the FEPC would do well to look into the operations of its Baltimore branch.

It is up to Mr. Blunt and his officials to make some public statement as to the reasons attached to their failure to take even the initial action against the C. and P. Telephone Company, and we here and now challenge him to explain this stand which is certainly discriminatory in view of the action against other war firms.

Speak up, Mr. Blunt.

SAVE NOW FOR 1943 TAXES

Single persons earning over $500 a year and married persons earning over $1200 a year will pay wartime income taxes for the first time in 1943.

A single person earning $1100 will pay a war income tax of $107, broken down in quarterly payments of $26.75. The first payment will be due March 15.

A married person with no dependents earning $1800 a year will pay an income tax of $103 or quarterly payments of $25.75.

Married persons with one dependent who earn $2,000 a year will pay a tax of $74, or quarterly payments of $18.50. Persons with the same income and two dependents will pay only $13.

Of course there will be deductions for contributions to church, community fund, interest on mortgages and loans, real estate taxes, etc., but the fact remains that persons who never before paid income taxes will pay them this year.

In addition, the 5 per cent victory tax is already being deducted from pay envelopes by the employer.

To be sure that Uncle Sam will have money to prosecute the war when it is due, the simplest way for every worker is to lay aside weekly the amount of his income tax for that week.

If you income tax is $100 put aside $2 a week. If it is $150 put $3 a week in the bank.

The government will take no excuse, and for every day you are late in paying income taxes you will be charged 6 per cent interest.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

AFRO reporters who made a tour of some sections of northwest Baltimore during the half-hour surprise daytime alert Friday reported that many residents failed to observe the rule to enter the nearest building or shelter and many continued about their jobs of delivering or making repairs.

This is a sad commentary on our civilian defense setup because it indicates the apparent lack of air raid wardens to enforce air raid regulations. One reason given by civilian defense officials is that teachers hold many of the air raid posts and they are not available for daytime service.

If this is true, it means that others of us in the community must make it our business to volunteer for air raid warden classes which are beginning this week, and see to it that our neighborhoods are properly protected.

In all communities, there are those among us who disobey the rules and regulations set up for our protection.

When and if real air raids come, the presence of people in the street could cause a whole city to be endangered. The purpose of the test alerts is to prepare for just such an engergency. We should not wait until one comes to get ready. Let's do it now.

Help Win the War

"THAT CAR IS A WEAPON TOO—SHARE IT!"

Behind the Scenes

Governor Urged to Appoint Unbiased Police Commissioner, Help End Jim Crow

By MARSE S. CALLAWAY

Governor O'Conor was inaugurated this week for a second term of four years and all the people of the State wish him well.

The inauguration was a tame affair, however, compared to four years ago, first, because of the war and also because the Governor and his advisors were sobered and shocked by the closeness of his victory.

A change of several thousand votes would have meant repudiation to the Governor, and Maryland would have again had a Republican administration.

Governor O'Conor was supported by many responsible colored groups and individuals, and it can truthfully be said that votes of colored citizens in his favor prevented the disaster which seemed inevitable.

Will this narrow escape be considered by the Governor when he appoints a police commissioner in June to succeed Robert F. Stanton?

Commissioner Stanton has refused point-blank to put colored men in uniform, and also defends many of the unfair practices that have been carried on in the police department for years.

Square Deal Asked

We hope that Governor O'Conor will appoint a police commissioner who will give the colored group an opportunity to demonstrate that educated, colored officers in uniform can keep better order in colored sections than that obtained at present.

Why not try to reduce crime and disorder? If this method does not work, it is easy to return to present conditions.

There are other matters the Governor and the Democratic Legislature should consider, if they really desire to be fair to a large segment of Maryland's population.

Of course appropriations towards hospitals, sanitariums and other institutions for colored people should be made on the same basis as provided for the whites. This goes for salaries as well.

There is no necessity for appointing commissions for these matters. The evils are well known and the remedies are plain. Jim crowism and segregation can be eradicated at once if the Democratic administration as wills it. Democratic organization will ask

If nothing is done, we should remember it in May when the us to support its candidates for mayor and the city council.

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 name and address which will be deleted upon request.)

Insulted in Theatre

Dear AFRO: I attended the Regent Theatre one day last week and was embarrassed no little by a group of rowdy young men.

They yelled out loud and used profane language throughout the show. Several people admonished them, but were told by them it they didn't like the noise to move or go out. Neither an usher nor attendant came near them.

Is this what we pay our money to go and hear? What is going to make the management of theatres adhere to our cries for order in the theatres?

MARIAN BAILEY
1010 Lanvale St.
Baltimore.

Thanks from Glenburnie

Dear AFRO: Pupils at the Maryland Training School for Girls at Glenburnie offer their thanks to the following organizations for a happy Yuletide season through their gifts:

Elks' department of child welfare, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Missionary society, Baptist Sunday School Union, AFRO employees, WCTU, Holy Nativity, club at School for Handicapped, and the board of managers of the training school.

MRS. SADYE D. GEORGE,
Superintendent.

TB Seal Sales Up

Dear AFRO: Thanks for the splendid co-operation that your paper gave our association during the past Christmas Seal sale.

Through such valuable aid as yours, we are most happy to report a substantial increase over last year, thereby assuring our State-wide tuberculosis control program.

WILLIAM B. MATTHEWS, Jr.,
Director, Publicity and Health Education,
900 St. Paul Street,
Baltimore.

Brown Doesn't Know

Dear AFRO: Warren Brown's attack on the colored press is to be expected. He has been so busy studying for and securing a Ph.D. that he has not had time to know the fine work our newspapers are doing.

When we finish telling him of the battles our newspapers have won for us, I am sure he'll be ready to crawl in a hole.

J. L. SCOTT
Wilson Park,
Baltimore.

Appreciates Article

Dear AFRO: I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 4, and to express my sincere appreciation for the fine article in the column "They Also Serve" and the enclosed five dollars in War Stamps.

MARY C. GRIGGS
2039 Division Street

Raid Shelter Jim Crow

Dear AFRO: While in Blum's Department Store, 305 N. Gay Street, during the last air raid alert, I noted that customers and employees, except colored girls, were ordered to the shelter.

Seeing all whites together and no colored, I investigated and found all of the colored girls on the second floor where they were told to remain.

Steps should be taken now to stop this form of jim-crowism before it is too late.

A. E. F.
Baltimore.

Fight for Democracy

Dear AFRO: Democracy as practiced in America today is the fulfillment of the dream of our ancestors who suffered in silence fought and prayed, even when such a hope of its arrival seemed to all a fantastic impossibility.

This was their gift to us. We of today give our all in the defense of America that our children may have a new and greater heritage; that they may take their rightful places in the hallowed chambers of this democracy and that they may be regarded as American citizens of the first order and permitted to enjoy through our labors the four great principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity. This country then will truly be a democracy.

JESSE E. WILLIAMS
411 N. Carey Street
Baltimore.

Equality to Beat the Axis

Dear AFRO: Thank you for the fine article and accompanying pictures on Western Electric Company.

What you said is true. We are working to beat the Axis, and because the company will not tolerate any segregation or discrimination on account of race, creed and color, we are getting along well together.

M. M.
An Employee
Baltimore.

No Restroom for 125

Dear AFRO: I am an employee of the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards. There are about 125 colored girls employed here in the cafeteria and other eating places aboug the yards.

There are no restrooms for them, as they are barred from those for the white women. They are compelled to use the open spaces if they find it necessary.

With this large number of persons it would seem to me that the company would allow all women to use the restrooms provided. In fact, if this continues, it might soon be a health menace to all employees.

A. J. A.
Gilmor Homes.

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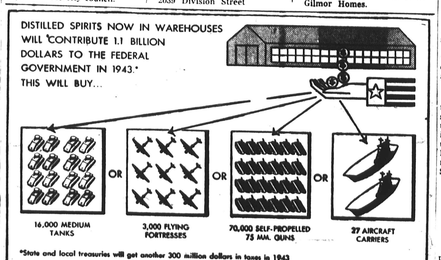

*State and local treasuries will get another 300 million dollars in taxes in 1943

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The Home Front

Our Defense Program Its 2 Major Purposes A Challenge to Unity All Must Participate

By FURMAN L. TEMPLETON

The civilian defense program was initiated by executive order of President Roosevelt in May, 1941, as the answer to the problem of mobilizing the total resources of the home front.

The program has two purposes. The first is to establish and train a volunteer citizens' defense corps which will operate whenever enemy air raids, shelling or sabotage endanger life and property in this country.

Includes Varied Services

The defense corps takes in air raid wardens, fire watchers, messengers, emergency medical teams, auxiliary policemen and firemen, nurses' aides and rescue decontamination, utility repair and demolition crews.

It is interesting to note that civilian defense volunteers have been called to action in several cities struck by fire and flood, an example of their usefulness even in peacetime.

The second purpose is to develop and co-ordinate all those civilian activities, other than protection, which contribute to the winning of the war. They include salvage, transportation, child care, war savings, hospitality for service men, recreation, health, welfare, consumer interests, nutrition and housing.

Aggravated by War

It is immediately apparent that war has greatly aggravated these problems in a large number of communities and that the colored community has been acutely affected.

The U.S. Office of Civilian Defense is headed by Dean James M. Landis as director and a board composed of persons named by the President. The national office formulates plans and policies and co-ordinates the programs of other Federal agencies concerned with civilian war activities.

Mrs. Crystal B. Fauset, special assistant, is the colored representative in the national office.

Nine regional offices, linking the national office and State defense councils, maintain close contact with regional representatives of other Federal agencies and give advice and assistance to State and local defense councils.

Advisers in 6 Offices

Six of these regional offices, located in New York, Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, San Antonio and San Francisco, have racial relations advisers on their staffs.

However, the southeastern region, in which approximately 8,000,000 colored people live, does not have a colored staff member.

The State defense council, usually appointed by the governor, provides leadership and advice to local councils unless legislation enables it to control and direct the local council.

Several States, including California, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Maryland, have colored representation on the State council.

Colored persons hold responsible salaried jobs on the State staffs in California, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. Prominent colored volunteers head up the programs in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana.

Local Council Nerve Center

The local defense council, as named by the mayor of the municipality, is the nerve center for all war programs involving civilian participation.

It does not initiate activities, but sees to it that established public and private agencies expand and unite their resources so that necessary war jobs can be done effectively and without confusion and duplication.

Furthermore, the local council, through its volunteer office, is directly charged with the registration, training and assignment of civilian defense volunteers.

The OCD pamphlet, "Organization Outline for Local Defense Councils, says, "It should include community leaders from various professional, economic, social, labor and racial groups." To what extent this suggestion has been followed throughout the country is open to question. I will discuss that matter in a later article.

The attitude of the national office toward racial integration was shown as early as December 18, 1941, when all regional directors were advised of the advantages of colored representation on State and local defense councils.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Furthermore, national instructions definitely state that "There should be no discrimination based upon age, sex, color, race, religion, citizenship, or economic status in enrollment of volunteers." However, the national office does not exercise direct control over State and local councils.

The necessity of winning the war and creating American unity, together with favorable public opinion, is the only available means of insuring healthy minority group participation.

This objective can be achieved provided all community elements are represented in the policy-making and planning of the council.

What The Other Fellow Says

Baltimoreans Tell All About Fellow Citizens

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What the other fellow feels when you come in contact daily, thinking about you is often a good indication of the type of person you really are. This is the thirty-eighth in a series of interviews with persons who tell what they think of their fellow citizens.)

DR. LUCY D. LOVING

Dr. Lucy D. Loving of 1521 Franklin Street is Baltimore's oldest practicing chiropodist in terms of years of service.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., she came here to visit twenty-five years ago and has remained ever since, making herself a vital part of the community, dispensing medical, spiritual, and often financial help where needed.

No Racial Lines Drawn

Dr. Loving has both colored and white patients and says that in her waiting room, white Baltimoreans learn a bit of practical democracy.

"There's nothing like hurting feet to promote kindred spirits," she says.

Reared 7 Girls

Although Dr. Loving has no children of her own, she has reared and educated no less than seven girls.

"I'm just weak for little girls," she said. "People can bring their children to me to take care of for a little while and the first thing I know, I've adopted them."

Before coming to Baltimore, Dr. Loving practiced in Washington after graduating from the Rohrer Institute of Chiropody in New York.

Here's what others think of her:

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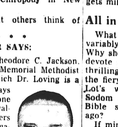
HER PASTOR SAYS:

The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson, pastor, Gillis Memorial Methodist Church, of which Dr. Loving is a trustee, says that she is one of the most valuable members of his congregation. "Dr. Loving can always be counted on to provide just the proper sort of guidance needed. Her sense of humor, combined with her willingness to serve in any capacity makes her a gem."



Rev. Jackson

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HER PATIENT AND PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert L. Jackson comes to Dr. Loving to be treated, and when she's sick, he's the person she calls on. He finds her an "excellent chiropodist, a dependable woman." He said that on many occasions she has called him to treat persons in the neighborhood, and upon finding that they are unable to pay for his services, she has done so.

Dr. Jackson

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A FRIEND SAYS:

According to Mrs. Pearl Wallace Jackson, Vocational High School instructor who has known Dr. Loving for a number of years, the chiropodist exhibits the "true Christian spirit in helping others." Mrs. Jackson says she has taught several of the young women in whom Dr. Loving has been interested and that she has always followed the work of her charges with as much care as though they were her own children.

Mrs. Jackson

Church Benefits Youth

Dear AFRO: The church has preserved civilization, and it will play its part in the vast changes of the present time. It is one of the most vital institutions where youth can secure advice on how to adapt itself in this chaotic world.

The Bible is the basic instrument in stabilizing young people confronted with the uncertainties of this world, and there are organizations in the church which enable them to develop themselves in various walks of life.

ROBERT M. JACKSON, JR.,
203 N. Carey St., Baltimore.

Democratic Foolosophy

New Year Resolution Ministers, Lecturers Get Out of That Rut Make Speeches Newsy

By JOSEPHUS SIMPSON

The fact that so many of our ministers have chided me from time to time for what they consider the lack of appreciation for their efforts on the part of the newspapers has moved me to offer the bretheren of the cloth a New Year's resolution—and I hope they live up to it religiously.

The resolution is:

"I resolve to preach a sermon that will attract the attention of the newspapers on at least one Sunday of each month."

As a word of caution, I would remind the ministers that they may not be quoted on their first really interesting sermon, but if they will keep it up long enough, the word will get around and they will get results.

Times Have Changed

There was a time when newspapers devoted considerable space to lectures and sermons, but the modern press gives scant space to them today. Ministers and lecturers deplore this change of front, charging the papers with lack of interested in religion, science and literature.

The truth is, however, that newspapers were never more interested in science, genuine religion or literary culture than they are today. It is because the vast majority of sermons and lectures lack newsness that they are so seldom quoted.

When Professor Whoosit comes to town and delivers one of those discourses that take three or four hours to pass a given point on the subject of "The Moon and Green Cheese," he expects half of the front page of the newspaper and gets miffed if he doesn't get it.

All in the Same Old Boat

What is true of lectures is invariably true of most sermons. Why should any newspaper editor devote a half-page of space to a thrilling account of the Hebrew in the fiery furnace, the sad story of Lot's wife or the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah when the Bible scooped him 3,000 years ago?

If ministers, lecturers and other speakers will enliven their discourses with striking points or statements, of noteworthy interest—get out of the beaten path—the newspapers will pick out the highlights of their talks and weave them into news stories.

Just so long as ministers confine themselves to sermons in which they describe the beauties and the bounties of Heaven, the horrors of hell and the wiles of the devil, they will be ignored by the modern press which is interested in living, not in dying.

F. D. R. Will Propose Social Security for All Working Persons

President Roosevelt will soon send to Congress information and data on his proposal that social security be extended to cover every American "from the cradle to the grave."

He told reporters there is no controversy as to the objective of the program, but it will be up to Congress to work out the method for achieving that objective.

In This Corner

(In This Corner each week appears poems by colored authors. This week's writer is Georgia Douglas Johnson of Washington.)

GUARDIANSHIP

That dusky child upon your knee,
Is breath of God's eternity:
Direct his vision to the height—
Let naught obscure his royal right.
Although the highways to renown,
Are iron barred by fortune's frown,
'Tis his to forge the master-key
That wields the locks of destiny!
—Georgia Douglas Johnson

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States

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Third Week of the Year

Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Day's length 9 hours 40 minutes.

Wife Divorces Ike Brown, Car Salesman

Charging that William Ike Brown, automobile salesman, treated her with indifference, then with cruelty, and finally locked her out of their Morgan Park home, Mrs. Mabel Madden Brown won a divorce, this week.

The decree was signed in Circuit Court, No. 2, with the wife accepting a $175 cash settlement. Court costs were charged to Mr. Brown.

The Browns were married in 1935 and lived together until 1940. Mrs. Brown was represented by W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., attorney.

Wife Remained Home

Howard Rollins of 1408 Pennsylvania Avenue was granted a divorce when he testified that Mrs. Lillian Rollins wanted to return to live with her aunt in Camden, N.J., while he had to remain here to work.

Also winning a decree on charges of desertion was David Caldwell Morehead, who said that Mrs. Anna Hill Morehead of Greensboro, N.C., left him on October 14, 1937. They were married November 19, 1919.

Wants Children

Mrs. Closanna Witherspoon of 148 W. Hamburg Street this week asked for a divorce from Carl L. Witherspoon of 148 W. Hamburg Street and custody of their two children.

She charges desertion in her petition, filed by Linwood Koger, attorney.

Josiah Henry, attorney, filed the petition of Edward Cooper of 2508 Huron Street, against Mrs. Blanche Cooper of Bedford, Pa. He charges desertion, saying that she left nine months after their marriage on February 19, 1939.

Left After Month

Mrs. Geneva Brown of 1230 Brunt Street also asks for a divorce from James Brown, who she said left her on August 20, 1931, a month following their marriage. She has requested restoration of her maiden name, Woodson.

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9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Smokes for Service Men

Photo shows a part of a pile of cigars and cigarettes collected by the Richmond Home-makers' League in co-operation with the Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN for distribution to service men.

250 to Give USO Kitchen Equipment

About 250 USO volunteer hostesses, supervised by Mrs. Inez Wilson, voted to donate kitchen equipment for the center at 520 Gold Street, where Sunday breakfasts are served to servicemen.

They also planned monthly special program treats on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons for servicemen in town over the week ends.

Send Letters to Clubs

Appreciation letters have been sent to 150 groups which supplied 1800 gifts for the servicemen during the holidays.

Women's groups are asked to bring home-made pastries to the center daily.

The vesper service, Sunday, featured A. J. Allen, Jr., Urban League industrial secretary, as guest speaker. The program included songs by the Vesper Quartet; selections by Robert Howard, and a reading by Ordell Williams.

Add Home Hostess

Mrs. Mary H. Benehaudt of 1559 N. Calhoun Street is added to the home hospitality list, to entertain two servicemen at dinner each Sunday.

The Poinsettia Club will entertain 60 non-commissioned officers of 808 Company, Fort Meade, tonight (Friday) at the USO center. The servicemen's council meeting will be held on Monday at the center.

CIO Names Special Activities Director

Announcement of persons to take charge of special activities of the CIO in Maryland was made Thursday by George A. Meyers, white, president, Maryland and District of Columbia Industrial Union Council.

Pete Pizzarella, executive director of Local 43, IUMSWA, has been placed in charge of promoting CIO participation in the President's Birthday Ball here and the campaign against infantile paralysis.

K. L. McCullough, official of Local 842, United Automobile and Aircraft Workers, is in charge of promoting the development of recreational facilities for war workers in the State.

CIO Stewards Plan Confab

Plans for a shop steward's conference, to set the policy for the year of Local 43, of the CIO's Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, are now being made.

This conference, tentatively scheduled for January 24, will deal with such vital issues as wages and classification, manpower and the training of colored for skilled jobs.

Southern Life to Open New Office

The Southern Life Insurance Company will open an East Baltimore office on the southeast corner of Caroline and Preston Streets, Saturday, January 16.

This office comes to better serve East Baltimore's co-operative citizens as a concrete expression of appreciation for their patronage during the past thirty-six years.

It will be open daily from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. All of the services of the Southern Life Insurance Company will be offered, including paying of premiums and filing of claims. Dr. Willard W. Allen is president of the company.

LOTTERY CHARGE HOLDS WOMAN

Charged with operating a lottery, Mrs. Mattie Mack, 38, of 1506 Mosher Street, was held for Criminal Court action after a hearing Tuesday in Northwestern police court.

GRANDMA HANDED DOWN THE

COLD FACTS

To relieve colds' coughing, aches in muscles of chest and back, and to reduce local congestion pioneer Grandma put faith in home medicated mutton suet and hot flannel. Today mothers use Penetro—the excellent modern medication with the mutton suet base. Rubbed on chest and throat it works fast, for Penetro never fails to function 2 ways. Aromatic vapors sweep inside through cold-stuffed nose and throat, while Penetro does its outside work like a soothing, comforting plaster on the skin. It's also good for minor burns and chafed skin irritation the year around. Try Penetro. Compare it. Convince yourself, "Grandma was right!" Your druggist guarantees money back if not satisfied. 25c, double supply 35c.

FOR MOTHERS OF TODAY

You and I

can co-operate with the cops, and save tires in wartime, by "stepping easy." The patriotic speed limit is 35... but 20 or 25 saves nearly twice as much rubber! —plus gasoline.

invite you into my Conoco ONCE-A-WEEK CLUB... all free... worth heaps to your car. Regularly—weekly—any day you select—I'll re-pressure your tires and hunt for nails, glass and cuts, with an eagle eye. I'll fill your battery, test your anti-freeze—tell you if the engine or chassis needs lubricant. Then if you say so, I'll OIL-PLATE your engine's insides with Conoco Nth motor oil—patented—popular-priced. Come in today and join.

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Your Mileage Merchant

R.R. Workers Ballot on Bargaining Agent

An election to determine whether Local 2819 of the CIO's United Steel Workers of America shall be the bargaining agent for railroad workers at the Bethlehem Steel Company will be held there at 3 p.m. today.

According to Lamar Cook, national union representative, the election is being conducted by the National Mediation Board and his union is the only one named on the ballot.

140 Votes Needed

However, a majority vote of the approximately 140 workers in this department is necessary to install the local officially.

Local 2819 was established at the Sparrows Point plant a few months ago, following a walkout of the trackmen during a wage dispute.

Since its organization by CIO representatives, these workers have received pay raises and other advantages.

Joyce Bess, 2, Adopted by Samuel Tuckers

A decree, permitting the adoption of Joyce Priscilla Bess by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tucker of 1103 N. Bond Street, was signed by Judge Edwin Dickerson, in Circuit Court, Tuesday.

The child, who is the daughter of Mrs. Bess and her first husband, now dead, is 2 years old.

State Seeks Workers for Crownsville

The State employment commission is still seeking workers to staff the new annex to be opened soon at Crownsville State Hospital for the Insane.

At present the institution, which is operated solely for colored people, is manned by an all white staff.

Positions open include those of:

Cook, cleaner, cottage master, cottage matron, dairy helper, farm hand, farm manager, field helper, attendant, housemaid, janitor, kitchen helper and supervisor, laundry worker, mattress seamstress, and student practical nurse.

Other State Jobs Open

Applications are also being accepted by the commission, 22 Light Street, for the following jobs at other State institutions:

Junior clerk, stenographer, typist, messenger office boy, telephone operator, dietitian, librarian, elementary teacher, academic and special high school teacher, public health nurse, trained nurse, utilities inspector.

Drawbridge operator, handyman, laboratory helper, marine fireman, mechanical handyman, photographer's helper, seaman, shift engineer, steam fireman, steward, stewardess and watchman.

OPA Okeys Driving to League Meet

The Office of Price Administration has ruled that the annual meeting of the Baltimore Urban League is concerned with public welfare and those persons who wish to attend may drive their cars.

The dinner, which will take the form of a testimonial to Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary for the past 13 years, who left last week to take a similar post with the New York Urban League, will be held Thursday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Caoba, 118 W. Franklin Street.

James M. Hepburn, white, director of the Community Fund of Baltimore, will be the other speaker in addition to Mr. Lewis.

Reservations for the dinner, which is $2.50 including tip, must be made at the league office, 2404 Pennsylvania Avenue or by phone, Madison 0020, before January 25.

J. Harvey Kerns of Cincinnati is the new league executive. He has not yet taken over his duties. A. J. Allen, Jr., industrial secretary, is acting executive until his arrival.

3 Orators to Talk at NAACP Sun. Forum

W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., Calvin Douglas and Clark Smith, attorneys, will speak on "Civil Rights" during the January membership meeting and forum of the Baltimore NAACP Sunday at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Street.

At the same meeting, the history of the NAACP as a civil rights organization will be traced by Randal L. Tyus, executive secretary of the local unit.

The program will also include a discussion period at the conclusion of talks by forum speakers, a summary of the discussions and a report by the legal redress committee on proper recourse when civil rights have been violated.

Tyus Cites Objectives

Mr. Tyus explained that the primary purpose of the forum is to give the masses an opportunity to express their post-war aims.

He emphasized that while the fight for civil justice would be prosecuted vigorously during the war, colored citizens should begin now devising a practical program for the extension of democracy after the war.

The host church choir, directed by Charles Stanley, will sing. The Rev. C. Edward Brown is pastor.

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