

33 Cash Prizes

This is your big chance to get in on this big cash prize coloring contest. That's right, there are 33 prizes you can win.

Eight five-dollar prizes, and 25 one-dollar awards. The rules are simple. Here's all you have to do to get in on the fun and win some money for yourself, too.

You will find two pictures to be colored at the right of this page. Next week we will print two more. You MUST color all four pictures to be eligible for a prize.

The contest will close at midnight April 5, 1958. Your entry must be postmarked before that date to be considered.

Don't forget, though, you must color all four drawings before you mail in your entry. Be sure to get the next two picures in next week's AFRO Magazine Section.



Contest Rules

1. The contest is limited to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. You must not be older than 12.

2. All entries must be postmarked on or before midnight, April 5, 1958. Late entries will not be considered.

3. Use crayons or colored pencils to color the pictures. Water colors or paints are not acceptable.

4. In case of a tie, prizes will be awarded on the decision of the judges. Decisions of the judges are absolutely final.

5. Employees of the AFRO-AMERICAN and their families are not eligible for prizes.

6. You must color all four pictures to be considered for prizes.

7. Mail all entries to:

AFRO Magazine Section
COLORING CONTEST
628 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore 1, Md.



This hard - working group in the Flag Drive is, left to right: Mrs. Dorothea Cumberbach, first vice president, NAACP, Central L.I. Branch; Laska F. Strachan, president; Mr. Cromarty, and Major Braxton, program chairman.

Here I Stand

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church conference.

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HARD - WORKING people and poor, most of them, in worldly goods — but how rich in compassion!

How filled with the goodness of humanity and the spiritual steel forged by centuries of oppression!

There was the honest joy of laughter in these homes, folk wit and story, hearty appetites for life as for the nourishing greens and black - eyed peas and cornmeal bread they shared with me. Here in this little hemmed-in world when home must be theatre and concert - hall and social center, there was a warmth of song.

Songs of love and longing, songs and trials and triumphs, deep - flowing rivers and rollicking brooks, hymn-song and ragtime ballad, gospels and blues, and the healing comfort to be found in the illimitable sorrow of the spirituals.

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YES, I heard my people singing! — in the glow of parlor coal - stove and on summer porches sweet with lilac air, from choir loft and Sunday morning pews — and my soul was filled with their harmonies.

Then, too, I heard these songs in the very sermons of my father, for in the colored man's speech there is much of the phrasing and rhythms of folk-songs.

The great, soaring gospels we love are merely sermons that are sung; and as we thrill to such gifted gospel singers as Mahalia Jackson, we hear the rhythmic eloquence of our preachers, so many of whom, like my father, are consummate artists of poetic speech.

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THERE WAS something else, too, that I remember from Princeton. Something strange, perhaps, and not easy to describe. I early became conscious — I don't quite know how — of a special feeling of the colored community for me.

I was no different from the other kids of the neighborhood — playing our games of Follow the Leader and Run Sheep Run, saying "yes ma'am" and never sassing our elders, fearing to cross the nearby cemetery because of the "ghosts," coming reluctant and new-scrubbed to Sunday School.

And yet, like my father, the people claimed to see something special about me. Whatever it was, and no one really said, they felt I was fated for great things to come.

Somehow they were sure of it, and because of that belief they added an extra measure to the affection they lavished on their preacher's motherless child.

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I DIDN'T know what I was supposed to be when I grew up. A minister like my father? A teacher like my mother? Maybe.

But whatever the vocation might be, I must grow up to be a "credit to the race," as they said.

"You got something, boy, something deep down inside, that will take you to the top.

"You'll seen — sure as I'm sitting here."

I wondered at times about this notion that I was some kind of child of destiny and that my future would be linked with the longed-for better days to come, but I didn't worry about it.

Being grown up was a million years ahead. Now was the time for play.



Beautifully designed with flattering white organdy petal trim at neckline . . . charming and feminine, this figure-flattering dress can be worn two ways . . . belted for figure-moulding enhancement . . . unbelted for shoulder to hem chemise effect. Back drapery on skirt in harem folds. A lovely dress to greet Easter festivities . . . wear ever so many places the rest of the year. The model is Barbara Abrams. To make sure the dress drapes right, she wears a maidenform twice-over, full-length bra.

MILADY'S FASHION

Don't Laugh Yet!

By Rachel Marsden

TAKE a look at the sketch on the right — and have a good laugh. But let it also be an awful warning.

It tells the sad story of four girls who mislaid their sense of proportion among the new spring fashions. And, beware, it could happen to anyone.

The peril of the latest Paris skirt length is not that it shows so much leg. Legs cannot have seriously deteriorated since the New Look of 1947 covered them up.

The real pitfall concerns the PROPORTIONS of the clothes. PROPORTIONS of the clothes. loosely - fitted look can play the strangest tricks with a girl's figure.

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GENERALLY, a slightly high waisted effect with a shortened skirt will flatter girls of average height.

Few can risk a jacket hem, sweater, or loosely tied belt that cuts across them lower than hip - bone length. It tends to give a squad, square look.

Now can you spot where each of the girls in the sketch went astray?

MISS A., average height, has a small bust, but big hips.

She should never have fallen for that brief, tapering skirt that thickens her hips and strains across her middle. Nor for a short, semi - fitted jacket —it only emphasizes her buxom hip measurements.

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MISS B is a real Skinny Lizzie. She boobed with that long, tubular dress.

It lengthens her lanky figure from bony shoulders to thighs, then widens into a short, bell skirt from which her long legs sprout like overgrown beanstalks.

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MISS C. is a teenager with an immature figure and elfin face. She thought she could not go wrong with the Schoolgirl Look.

But how wrong she was!

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MISS D. is the shortest of the four — a mere five feet, two and a half inches, with a comfortable bosom and slender hips.

She is a waistless wonder in her long, barrel - backed jacket, made in the boldest check she could find.



She looks double her width and half her height.

The solution for all four girls would be to swap outfits.

We should see. . . .

MISS A. wearing Miss C's Schoolgirl Look. The flat-pleated skirt will conceal her hip width, the loose jacket straighten out her too ample hip curve.

MISS B. in Miss D.'s barrel-backed suit. It shortens and widens the figure.

MISS C. in Miss B.'s long, flat - bodiced dress belling into a brief skirt.

MISS D. in Miss A.'s semi-fitted suit. The waist - high jacket will stretch out the length from waist to knee and her slender lower limbs can take skirt.

Lonesome Hearts

Lonesome Hearts, write a short letter to me giving full particulars about yourself and the person you'd like to meet. Sign your correct name and address to all mail. Enclose $1.00 in coin and a stamped addressed envelope for each address wanted and for general handling — ALBERTINE ASHE, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1 Md.

GERMAN WOMAN

German woman, one child wants a husband. An educated fellow 40-45, with a steady job, sincere and interested in a nice woman my type.

MRS. GLEN

TRUE COMPANION

I'm a man, 40, and lonely. I love God and the church and now want to meet a true companion, this makes my heart lonely. Want some one a little younger, the sincere, devoted type, who wants happiness.

KENNEDY

SHE'S TRUE BLUE

Interesting widow, 35, with one child, 15, wants a honest companion. I would like meeting a man 38-55, employed and willing to do his part. I'm true blue and anxious to get some place in life.

MRS. BRIGGS

HE'S SINCERE

I'm 24, single, dependable and sincere. My habits are clean and honorable. I would like meeting a nice quiet sociable girl around my age and type who wants to work toward real security and happiness.

GUS

PRACTICAL NURSE

Woman, 39, practical nurse, who enjoys church and things worthwhile wants to meet a real companion. Some honest man 40-45 interesting, home loving, clean habits and real interested in home life and a womap my type.

CHARLEENE

MERCHANT SEAMAN

I would like a pen pal, a nice lady 25-36 from U.S. I am a merchant seaman and I speak Arabic, Spanish, Italian and Japanese. I would like to stop being a vagabond and settle down. Please write a lonely gentleman soon.

CHICA

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Nice young lady, 41, from N.C. wants to meet an interesting companion who is employed uplifting, and very sincere. Someone near my age who likes nice people and a happy life.

MRS. EDLOW

TALL AND SINGLE

I am looking for a nice lady around 30, who likes nice things, is single and interesting. I'm tall, single, hard working and I hope you can find a nice girl friend for me.

MR. LOTT

ENJOYS CHURCH

I am single, in mid forties, nice looking, sincere, neat, intelligent and enjoy church. I would like to meet a nice man in his forties with some of the above qualities.

OLIVIA

NEAR PHILLY

I want to meet someone living in or near Philadelphia. I'm neat, attractive, 34 and I get very lonesome for a true companion. I want to meet a gentleman 35-45, tall, refined and employed, with aims for the better things in life.

MISS PHILLY

STARS AND YOU

Sunday — One plan will go astray. A surprise visitor will need polite handling. Domestic economy likely. Lucky numbers, 615, 248; color, pastel shades.

Monday — Lucky for correspondence or a short journey. A promise given will need careful scrutiny. Watch personal spending. Lucky numbers, 514, 203; color, brown.

Tuesday — Brisk progress in routine work. Afternoon promises surprise achievement. Evening brings good fortune financially. Lucky numbers, 317, 620; color, navy blue.

Wednesday — Excellent for outdoor interest. Ambitious constructive plan also well starred. Evening happy for romance. Lucky numbers, 716, 025; color, lavender.

Thursday — Surprise change in routine will irritate. An older colleague will dispute a decision. Late afternoon best for cash deals. Lucky numbers, 312, 211; color, violet.

FRIDAY — Splendid for feminine affairs. Stubborn working task yields to new approach. Novel evening in store. Lucky numbers, 413, 022; color, blue.

Saturday — Not auspicious for travel. A close friend will be argumentative. Later hours good for constructive effort. Lucky numbers, as Thursday; color, indigo.

THE WEEK AHEAD

AQUARIUS (January 21 — February 19). — Make it an ambitious week. A scheme your heart is set on will spurt ahead. There is also cash to be made. Meeting an old friend will delight. A surprise trip will be planned.

PISCES (Feb. 20 — March 20). — An arrangement made now has future possibilities — financially and personally. A large scale move will be under discussion. But routine work will be slow.

ARIES (March 21 — April 20). — An activity in which you have a money interest develops in your favor. And an influential friend puts in a good word. A fine time to talk over your summer holiday.

TAURUS (April 21 — May 21). — Unusual good fortune in a personal matter. Something close to your thoughts will now be within your grasp. An emotional issue shows the promise of extra happiness.

GEMINI (May 22 — June 21) You will be able to tackle a new responsibility with vigor. A previous worry disappears and you enjoy relaxation. You should go warily in a new undertaking.

CANCER (June 22 — July 23). — A financially fortunate week. New arrangement with an important associate gives more freedom of action. A younger person helps by a suggestion. An older friend, however causes some strain.

LEO (July 24 — August 23). — In a domestic sense you will make money by saving it unexpectedly. And you will enjoy the success of an ambitious scheme. But watch your "gambling" instinct.

VIRGO (August 24 — Sept. 23). Star aspects show for a very important visit. The outcome will be beyond expectations. There will be an important letter to get away. Home life will be a bit cramping, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 — Oct. 23). — A chance in a new direction. Money luck shows strongly. An older relative will have important news. There will also be an invitation to snap you out of routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 — Nov. 22). — A private venture will go ahead smoothly. One item will need good judgment on your part but your decision will be inspired. A fine week for a new domestic arrangement to start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 — Dec. 22). — The tempo will be slower than usual. Yet delay will favor you in work. An interview you have in mind will materialize. A private interest will expand surprisingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 — Jan. 20). — Emphasis on your social life. A well - off friend will give you an outing to remember. A conscientious effort in work shows in your favor. A part - time interest brings money.

FORECASTING THE FUTURE

A 12-month forecast for your birthday, engagement or wedding anniversary.

Sunday — An oldish problem will have to be disposed of at first. Later a surprise meeting will develop in your favor. You add to money reserves.

Monday — You will enjoy the coming year, particularly in a personal sense. One of your work ideas will be successfully adopted. Excellent for an ambitious holiday.

Tuesday. — Lasting advance will be achieved. Additional security allows more home luxuries. The year end will be lucky for an enterprise in which you have a money stake.

Wednesday — Very happy and progressive 12 months ahead. Personal initiative will be encouraged. Your creative ability will find a more profitable recognition.

Thursday — Plenty of ups and downs to come. An expensive period will need weathering. One proposition will have deceptive aspects. But a big ambition reaches success.

Friday — A happy year emotionally. There will also be surprise financial good fortune. A long - cherished travel plan will be made possible.

Saturday — You will have to resist an attractive but ill-conceived routine change. Quarrel with a partner must be overcome. Mid - year speculative luck in store.