WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

If You Ask Me

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when they will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary. The couple took their vows in a fashionable ceremony in Mullins on Sept. 12, 1922, at the home of the bride who was then Miss Beulah Huggins.

The Thomases have two sons, Paul and Harold; two daughters, Mildred Powell, Boston, Mass. who is now at home visiting, and Mary Lee Anderson, of Cherry Hill.

Mr. Thomas has been employed at Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point for 15 years.

Son Harold is a visiting in New York with relatives.

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AFRO GUESTS from my home in Indiana, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Anderson. He is a prominent dentist in Terre Haute, which is actually 16 miles from my home, Brazil.

The Andersons were house-guests of Morgan State College President, Dr. Martin Jenkins and wife, Elizabeth.

We recalled on the day Lewis and Martin visited the AFRO office that we are, all three of us, Hoosiers by birth. Martin lived on a farm halfway between Terre Haute and Brazil in those days when we were small town folks and everybody knew everybody else's business.

Each Christmas, our table sported the finest of Indiana turkeys which were raised on the Jenkins lands.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross, 2039 Wheeler Ave., arrived home this week from a week's visit at Martha's Vineyard and Oak Bluffs, Mass. But they're off again Left Thursday for a visit with Elsie's sister, Mrs. Lula Bowens in Wilmington, N.C.

Dunbar's English teacher, Mrs. Bertha Anderson, is vacationing in Buffalo, N.Y.

The Whartons are still at Cane Cod.

Claude and Julia Urquhart and Vivian and Harry Bruce send cards from Nova Scotia and say: "The crossing was calm." "The Blue Nose" from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia was uneventful."

Mrs. Mattie Connor's guests at Cape May, N.J. are Mrs. Audrey Brown and Mrs. Estelle Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Monroe and their two kiddies are visiting relatives in Tidewater, Va.

The DeCecilios are visiting in his hometown, Martha's Vineyard.

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THE Queen Elizabeth will dock in New York on Tuesday and aboard will be Dr. Renold Lightson his wife, Ruth, their three children and others of the party who have been touring Europe this summer.

Catonsville travelers include Harry and Palomina Welch 19 Garnet Ave. who left Thursday for a motor trip to Pittsburgh.

Returned from a grand time in New York are John and Wilhemina Duvall, 6012 Old Frederick Road.

Party guest at an affair in Washington last Saturday night were Misses Nina Scott, Elaine Scofield, Doris Goldsmith and Myrtle Scott. Ralph Johnson was the host at his home 1821 Concord St., N.W.

Among the pines and heavenly cool breezes in Maine are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas prominent AME minsters and their wives.

Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Miller (Trinity) and Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Nash (Waters) drove up after church Sunday, will return a week from Thursday.

One of the most inspiring events in a lifetime was the visit to Bethobath Church of God in Christ and Jesus last Sunday.

There is such a friendly, spiritual atmosphere there but especially noteworthy is the splendid cooperation all members give to turn the wheels of the great organization.

The entire church and all the many, many rooms, offices and the kitchen and dining room are spotless. As you enter Bishop Randolph A. Carr's office suite, there is the fresh, springlike odor of an air-purifier.

Bishop Carr records all sermons and Sunday School teachings. The members may borrow the tapes and play them at home. Instead of listening to rock and roll, they may enjoy the brilliant sacred music played by the organ, piano and orchestra in concert.

A visit to the church is a worthwhile experience.

Bishop Carr's executive assistant, Bishop Monroe H. Saunders, who is known as one of Howard University's most brilliant liberal arts graduates.

Both bishops have palatial homes which are fruits of hard work, miraculous organization of the church and demonstrations of abundance which is destined for those who help others.

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Apts. at Windsor Court Apartments at 2100 Garrison Blvd. have 50 apartments in a semicircle around beautiful gardens. Pretty setting.

New residents there are Mr. and Mrs. Nat Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Thompson, Mrs. Frances German and her sons Stewart and Bubis (the Yale grad) and Barbara who has just finished IBM School.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Luella Feed, 2342 Reisterstown Rd. who celebrated on Wednesday Aug. 20. Although a grandmother, Mrs. Feed is as young and attractive as ever.

Proud parents of month-old Warren Sherwood Barkley Jr. are Warren Barkley Sr. and his wife Mildred of Melvin Ave. who are still excited about his advent into their home.

Father Warren is on the faculty at Elementary School No. 118 while mother, Mildred, is on maternity leave from her post at Elementary School No. 102.

Doris Cole wife of Senator Harry A. Cole, and Jacqueline Watts, wife of Traffic Court Magistrate Robert B. Watts attended the Woman Power meet on Tuesday frocked in the smartest maternity dresses.

Doris's was a pale blue cotton sailor dress while Jacqueline wore a navy blue with a short bolero and pert white collar.

Congratulations go to Southern University's newly-appointed track coach and physical education instructor who is none other than Eugene (Peaches) Thomas, the well-known former Morgan State College track star.

He has been the summer director at the Greenmount Recreation Center. In fact, he took the job after he and his family returned from 3-years stay in Germany.

Thursday bright and early, Peaches packed his family up and they began their journey to Baton Rouge, La. by car.

His pretty wife is the former Miss Gloria Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson, 20 Lincoln Ave., Catonsville. The children are three of the dearest little tykes, all born in Germany. They will dilly-dally along the way to visit points of interest in the West and deep south before Peaches assumes his duties at Southern.

Slated to be the talk of the town is the Sunday beach party the Chums Club is holding at Ft. Smallwood.

Members of the popular group of young women are Mesdames Nellie Bowie, Zelma Dorsey, Ruth Pausaur, Hester Greenway, Eloise Hopkins, Doris Johnson, Dot Jones, Beatrice Bowers, Mae Hawkins, Hilda Smith, Lessie Smithe, Joan Stevenson;

Also, Misses Doris Parker and Nina Scott.

The AFRO's president, Carl Murphy, is wearing the niftiest pair of open-toe, open heal and open side air conditioned sandals ever. They're brown, have wide straps and with low, low heels, all of which allows plenty of toe wiggling. Comfortable.

Mrs. Clytie F. Perry, 3225 Round Road, Cherry Hill, is one of the 225 leaders of the National Conference of Methodist Youth attending the annual conference at Boston University, Greenscastle, Ind.

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A local attorney who takes his work seriously throughout the year is Tucker Dearing, a member of the NAACP legal council. When vacation time does come, soon he hopes, he and Mrs. Dearing will be off to Roanoke, Va. where they will visit Tucker's brothers and sisters. They are Clifton, Oscar and Perry Dearing and Mesdames Ruth Taylor, Elsie Robinson, and Othelia Long, all of Roanoke.

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As Cape May are the John Olivers (Marye) and son Jacob and Maralyn who were joined last week by Mrs. Oliver's sister, Mrs. Gladys Prestwidge and her son, Billy and daughter Barbara.

Frank Cook, one of the city's most avid golfers, was the guest of Ardell Langham, another golf expert, in Richmond, Va. last week-end Guess what the two did aside from parties and dinners? They played golf.

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Mrs. Frances Turner White, Dunbar High commercial teacher, is one person who can visualize every move troops make in Lebanon.

Fanny, as her friends call her, made an around-the-world trip in 1953 and resided in Beirut long enough to peek and pry into every nook and corner there.

She spent one-half hour in the office of Camille Chamoun, the Ambassador himself and stopped at the Normandie Hotel which overlooks the Mediterranean.

At that time Beirut was quiet and peaceful, she recalls and the climate was soft as Spring and the snow-capped mountains overlooked that old Phoenician seaport town.

The Cedars of Lebanon are in large groves on the outskirts of the city.

Jerusalem, Damascus, Bethlehem and other points of the Holy Land were on her schedule and she recalls the Walling Wall and the alleged spot where the Crucifixion took place, as well as the path along which Jesus carried His cross.

The Garden of Gethsemane and its ancient trees, the Mosque of Omar built over the spot where Soloman's Temple once was in majesty, all these are Fanny's picture album.

While visiting Mrs. White at her 2025 Druid Hill Ave. home, her cousin, Mrs. Marian T. Hopper, Richmond, Va., enjoyed reviewing the world tour especially since Lebanon is front page news these days.

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Steve Duncan, AFRO's newly appointed New Jersey editor, is back on the job after a fall from his uncle, Wilson Stanton, a local shipping clerk, last week.

So rapidly was Mr. Duncan promoted from reporter to editor of the City Desk and then made editor and manager of the New Jersey AFRO that he had no time to notify his relatives.

Mr. Stanton received the news of Steve's promotion and exclaimed: "Gee, I didn't know about that. I just talked with him last week.

"I am glad and I'll write him today."

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Saturday is Fun Day at Carr's Beach. The gala affair is sponsored by the New Ashburton Improvement Association and is to get funds for the legal aid budget.

Rain or shine the buses will leave at 9:30 a.m. from Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Longwood and Gwynns Falls Parkway.

Block captains who have the tickets are: Mesdames Olga Chambers, 2500 N. Longwood St., Verna Gosnell, 3208 Carlisle Ave., and Estelle Williams, 3218 Piedmont Ave.

Earl Koger is president, Roland Hansen, chairman.

Charming Fredericksburg, Va. visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willis and their daughter, Courtney who are guests of the William Mitchells, 22 Lincoln Ave., Catonsville.

At the fabulous Sans Souci Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, are Grant and Gladys Owings and Joseph and Mary Brewington. They sent a post card which simply says in one breathless sentence: "It is swell here."

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Meade (Israel Baptist) are in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf, well known civic worker and ardent NAACP supporter is still suffering from injuries sustained in a fall on May 4.

She will be away indefinitely recuperating at the home of her son Dr. William G. Bender, Slingerland, N.Y. and with her daughter, Mrs. Lila P. Thorpe, Doylestown, Pa.

More about this and that...

Woman Power officials report that the first woman to hand in the names of five newly registered voters is Mrs. Margaret Jones, 2812 Riggs Ave. who turned in the list on Thursday just two days after the kick off meeting of the group's register and vote campaign.

Invitations are in the mail from the Leo Woods (Geneva) who are celebrating their 25th anniversary on Sept. 6 with a lawn party to be held at their Morgan Park home.

Members of Geneva's club, the Tzgianes will serve as hostesses. They are Mesdames Doris Hutchins, Winefred Woods, Katherine Adams, Elizabeth O. Abney, Aurelia Stanley, Maxine Moore, Cordelia Johnson and Edith Smith.

Comes August 25, Mrs. Josephine Frances 2353 Clay St., NW., Washington, celebrates her birthday but hubby's was August 18. Send both cards.

Don't forget Harold McDaniel who celebrated August 21. He is husband of Mrs. Eliza McDaniel, county school teacher and they reside at 215 Walnut Ave., Turner Station.

At that time Beirut was quiet and peaceful, she recalls and the climate was soft as Spring and the snow-capped mountains overlooked that old Phoenician seaport town.

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MISS JESSIE Richardson, 2444 Piedmont Ave., Red Cross worker, should have greetings on August 26, her birthday.

Dr. Ralph Young will be 65 years young on August 27.

Mrs. Alice Ford celebrated the 15th of this month but it's never too late for a card and while you're at it send one to Mrs. Alma F. Redden who will be one year younger on August 29.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Dorothy M. Hampton, 4727 Monticello Rd. She is the wife of the AFRO's Chester M. Hampton.

AFRO national editor on vacation in Duluth, Minn. is Jack Hodge who will be away from his desk for another week.

A well-known former Baltimorean, Mrs. Gladys McGill, 248 W. 132nd St., New York, cousin of Mrs. Evelyn Dixon Charity, died on August 20 at a hospital there.

Her body is to be returned to Baltimore for burial. Funeral arrangements were not complete at press time.

Mrs. Pauline Blanchard, 1428 N. Parrish St., is a one-woman political team. has been in the game since 1940 and admits she has persuaded hundred of women to register to vote.

Her neighbors and friends will have a Register and Vote block party on August 27 sponsored by the NAACP and to be held on the 1300 block of Calhoun St. (Laurens and Presstman Sts.)

All precincts of the 15th Ward, 28th precinct are urged to attend.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Calvin N. Williams, 2382 Edmondson Ave., gifted with a beautiful garden which surrounds the stately building on Druid Hill Ave.

A member of 38 years standing, Mr. Williams planted the shrubbery and flowers and has cared for them since early spring.

The Henry Wests (Evelyn) have another girl. The baby arrived Friday at Provident Hospital. They've named her Darcelle. Oldest daughter is Geneen, 6.

The George Woods (Lorraine) welcomed a baby girl at Hopkins.

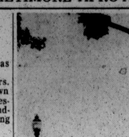
Add to the expecting list the Waverly Hendricks (Lois), the John Statens (Carrie), and the David Masons (Margaret).

Mrs. Walter Dixon (Olivia) is home from Hopkins where she said readers showered her with cards and flowers. She is still confined to the second floor of their home at 1933 McCulloh St. but hopes to be out soon. She is the wife of the City Councilman.

Mrs. James Denkins (Pinchlie) who underwent a serious operation at Hopkins on Saturday is still confined there. Your cheer will reach her at Brady, Room 419.

Mrs. Emory M. Boddie, wife of the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, (New Shiloh Baptist, pastor) is back home recuperating from an operation at Provident Hospital. She was there 12 days.

Send get-well's to Mrs. Boddie at 821 W. Lanvale St.



DISPUTED SITE — Here at the corner of Eutaw Pl. and Presstman St., is the proposed home of the new York Hotel. Protestants in the area have already blocked a seven-day liquor license for the hotel and are currently involved in a lawsuit aimed at upsetting a Zoning Board decision in favor of building the establishment here.

Little League playoff set

WASHINGTON

The Maple Glen Midgets closed out their Little League schedule this week with a 9-1 record, taking the measure of Furnace Branch the defending champion, by a 9-1 score.

On Saturday, however, the Maple Glen Shoppers suffered their first setback of the campaign in the Jackie Robinson Pony League. Winners were the Maple Glen Tigers, who by their victory moved into a tie with the Shoppers. The score was 11-6.

LOCAL BEAUTICIAN WINS STYLING PRIZE

Harry Bradford, of the Hollywood Beauty Salon, 1611 Harford Ave., this city, won the second prize, a trophy, in hair styling at the convention of the National Beauty Culture League, in Miami, Fla., recently.

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Jr. musicians in spotlight

PHILADELPHIA

Junior delegates to the 35th annual convention, and 39th anniversary of the National Association of Negro Musicians Inc. will be given certificates of accomplishment by the Junior director from Chicago, Miss Josephine Innis.

All delegates will be given an opportunity to be heard by a board of examiners who will listen to melodies, exercises or pieces played from memory, in the various levels of advancement.

DR. ROSCOE POLIN, president of the association from Indianapolis, lists the junior officers as follows:

Beverly Ann Jones, president; Terry Fonville of Champaign, Ill., vice president;

Assistant, correspondence and financial secretaries from Chicago, Champaign, and Baltimore are Violette Brooks, Bonnie Lacy and Olivia Nunnally.

Junior pianist, Patricia Ann Stokes, of St. Louis; chaplain, Gwendolyn Henderson, Ind.; parlimentarian, Kathleen Billups of St. Louis, and sergeant-at-arms, Winnona Wilson, New Orleans, La.

Philadelphia Junior Hosts branches are the Spurlock Rosebuds, Lessie Spurlock, director; Junior Branch by Myrtle Watson, Whitcap Branch, Joyce Sanders, president; and Philadelphia Juniors, Barbara Robinson, director.

Other junior groups appearing at the junior concert to be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Benjamin Franklin hotel are:

Washington Heights Junior branch of N.Y., Philomena Perry, director; Lovey Husketh Junior, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Celia McLeod, director;

Music Builders Branch, Newark, N.J. Hazel Johnson, director; Junior Association, Dean Robert Nolan, director; Miniature Studio Club, Chicago, Miss Innis director;

Hancock Treble Club, Brooklyn, N.Y., Miss Aletha Durant, director; Sallier School Branch, New Orleans, Patricia Sallier, director.

Mrs. Lessie Spurlock, is the general chairman of Philadelphia.

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Alfred Pritchett

Alfred Pritchett, 76, died Monday at his home at 706 W. Lanvale St. after a brief illness.

A native of Cumberland, Md., he has been a resident of Baltimore for 40 years.

He was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for over 40 years, on the private car of the late president, Daniel Willard and the present one, Howard M. Simpson.

He retired two years ago.

MR. PRITCHETT was a member of St. Johns AME Church

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Estellena Pritchett; a brother Sumner Calman; two sisters, Mrs. Odessa Williams of Zanesville, O., and Mrs. Ida Baldrid of Columbus, O.; two nieces, Charlotte Finnigia, principal of Fairfield School No. 268, and Mrs. Marian Brown of Pennsylvania, and a nephew.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at St. Johns at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Isaac M. Gray will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Baxter Matthews, and the Rev. Mrs. Era Wells.

WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Dr. H. Maceo Williams, he serves the people

". . . I will give no deadly drug, though it be asked of me nor will I counsel such, and especially I will not aid a woman to procure abortion. Whatsoever house I enter, there will I go for the benefit of the sick, refraining from all wrongdoing or corruption . . ."
(From the Hippocratic Oath)

By SHELIA SHIELDS

Dr. H. Maceo Williams, director in charge of the Druid Health Center, 1313 Druid Hill Ave., has lived his life in accord with the Oath of Hippocrats.

He repeated the Oath on his graduation from the Howard University Medical School at the age of 25, in 1922.

During a year's internship at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., and 14 years' practice as a private physician in Baltimore, his home town, the meaning of the oath grew and grew in his mind.

As it grew, the young doctor searched for some more effective way to carry out his vow to "do...for the benefit of the sick."

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THEN, IN 1938, undaunted by the lure of money his private practice offered, Dr. Williams entered the School of Public Health at Harvard and received his degree as Master of Public Health.

From that moment on, he has been a dedicated public servant intent upon bettering the residents of his Druid Health District to the fullest degree of his capacities.

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"THE CITY bought this building in 1938 and before that time this had belonged to a German orphans' home," recalls the doctor of the building at 1313.

"I came here the next year—in 1939," he adds.

"Then, during the latter days of the depression," says Doctor Williams, "I received a princely sum of $3,500 a year. Now my salary is $12,000 a year."

"In 1939 we had a very small staff about 16 full time workers. Now it's about 100. That number include about 28 part-time physicians who work in various clinics throughout our district.

"I am the only full time licensed public health officer in Maryland and I'm proud of that. could easily be replaced, though. All a young doctor has to do is go to public health school like I did. They can go to Hopkins University.

"They wouldn't let me attend Hopkins University because of my color. And I'm glad it happened because I went to Harvard and enjoyed that year there."

Leaning back in his swivel chair, Dr. Williams clasped his hands comfortably across his chest.

"I like public health very much better than I did practiced medicine. When I came out of Freedmen's it was—and still is a very good hospital—I came here to practice in my own home town—Baltimore.

"To me it was discouraging to have so many colored patients refused admittance to hospitals, barred also against colored physicians attending their patients in hospitals.

"This is still true today. President is the only hospital there we have full time colored doctors on the staff."

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GLANCING OUT of the window, he thought about the past.

"I used to be on the staff at Provident and about five years ago, but I didn't have time to attend their meetings and take part in their activities.

"And also, my main interest was—and is the prevention of disease, not the cure. I don't practice medicine now at all.

"The last time I had a private practice was in 1938. I couldn't do it very well now because of being a full time health officer.

"My hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but I'm not in all the time. I have to go out on occasions to investigate such things as communicable diseases.

"I have a part-time health officer who assists and then we have various clinics.

"I couldn't do much medical practice now. I leave practice to my friends and they are doing a mighty good job of it too.

"They don't need me anymore to treat pneumonia, appendicitis or things like that."

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THE SLIGHTLY graying physician turned his attention to the present.

"I should say about 30 colored doctors, 10 dentists and 45 nurses are employed by the City now. There are always openings in the health department because of death, resignations ," says Dr. Williams.

"To the young doctor, I would say—this is a gratifying job, though it is not spectacular as practical medicine.

"I mean, a doctor can feel awful good when he sees a baby gasping for breath from diphtheria, then, after giving the baby some anti-toxin, he sees a well baby again.—This is spectacular.

"But there is another source of great pleasure in public health. We don't experience the spectacular but we know we are preventing diphtheria in many thousands of babies."

"We have 150,000 people in our district and I would say we have served about 100,000 a year.

"I was inspired to serve the public. My first experience with public health was when the State Health Department of Maryland I used to have well baby clinics in many of the counties and I used to see babies with rickets.

"The memory of that made him pause for a minute and then he said:

"I used to see babies 'who were undernourished; see mothers who didn't know very much about how to bring up babies."

"I had heard of infant mortality rates, birth rates, maternal death rates—women who died as a result of having babies. The high rate of tuberculosis and other preventable diseases.

"I also felt that perhaps I could do a little part in helping this situation . . .

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"WHAT I have been most proud of I don't know. I guess you might say I am most proud of the fact that I have given about 150,000 needles or injections to children during my time in an effort to prevent them from becoming ill with preventable diseases.

"I think that may be something to be proud of. I don't know how many would have died from diphetheria, whooping cough, yellow jaundice—

"If I hadn't given them, somebody else would have but I did have a hand in it.

"We don't have as many diseases now as we used to and for an example—poliomyelitis is a former disease and I used to have to go out and investigate cases.

"Up to now we have not had one case of polio for this summer. We are not having much polio in general, now.

"This is due to the attention that the AFRO and other publications have given to warn people to get the Salk vaccine.

"Another disease we had to investigate quite a bit was diphtheria, but here again, the publicity given to warn against it, and in favor of toxoids has made the public conscious of its prevention.

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"THE PUBLIC in general is more enlightened, more informed about the prevention of these diseases. Parents see that their children get the Salk vaccine. In other words, people are more public health conscious. We aven't had a case of diphtheria in several years.

"We haven't had a case of polio this summer and the reason is that young mothers—and grandmothers too—know more about these things. They are taking advantage of progress and medical science.

"I suppose that up to ten years ago a great yield of patients in the public health office was spent in the control of communicable diseases.

"In 1936 the rate in 1939, the death rate of the colored population in Baltimore was about 1,000 per every 1,000. I attribute this to the fact that people are more informed about diseases.

"Living conditions in general are better now than they were 19 years ago—wages are higher and a good example of the changing conditions would be that we are gradually moving into less congested areas which lessons the possibility of disease.

"IN 1939 the death rate from among colored was higher than it was among whites. Now it is higher among whites than it is among colored.

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"IN 1939 the death rate from tuberculosis among the colored population was 194 per 1,000. In 1956 it was 35 per 1,000.

'In 1939 there were 63 deaths per 1,000 live births. In 1956 there were 39 deaths per 1,000 births.

"The death rate has even come down from pneumonia. In 1939 the death rate was 137 per 1,000 persons. In 1956 it had declined to 41.

"The Health Department has improved its program since I came here in '39. We have more clinics, more than ever before—particularly pre-natal clinics—well baby clinics, more personnel — doctors, nurses, dentists—than we have ever had.

"We have a better health information program. That is to me one of the most important things—teaching people how to take care of themselves—and I repeat, that is due in great part to publicity given by radio, television and the press.

"Other these are only some of the reasons why the death rate h s declined. We still have problems though."

It was growing late now but the handsome physician with his mantle of dignity was as fresh as when the day started.

The years have set well with Dr. H. Maceo Williams.

(Ed. Note — This is the first in a series of two articles on Dr. Williams. The second will appear next Friday.

Thinking Out Loud

By RALPH MATTHEWS

HOW TO BE CRUCIFIED

WASHINGTON

Roy Wilkins, the distinguished executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, should be neither surprised nor chagrined over the bitter attack launched against him by some of his fellow glamatura this week.

The headman in any organization by the very nature of his position wears a hair shirt. When he attempts to do good or people, the shirt is unusually hairy which keeps him scratching all the time.

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FOR THE benefit of those who came in late I will explain just what caused Mr. Wilkins' current discomfitture. It seems that when the failing came down in the Prince Edward County school case, setting back integration in that county seven years, a reporter on one of the metropolitan dailies asked Mr. Wilkins to comment. He read to him what purported to be the substance of the discussion over the phone. Mr. Wilkins is quoted as saying that the decision seemed "reasonable."

Immediately everybody, led by such stalwarts as the Honorable Jackie Robinson and the Honorable Hubert T. Delaney, esq., jumped on the secretary with both feet, accusing him of every crime under the sun ranging from high treason to juvenile murder.

Mr. Wilkins explained that the whole thing was an honest mistake as he understood the reporter to say that the ruling meant that integration was to be completed within seven years instead of merely to start at that time. But his explanation did not appease his detractors who howled for his scalp.

In spite of all of his long years as a public figure Mr. Wilkins has apparently failed to learn one important truth. "Never explain anything. Your friends don't need it, and your enemies won't believe it anyway." As a consequence, he finds himself in a long limb.

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THIS FUROR seems very silly. Everybody who knows Roy Wilkins knows that the made an honest error. Here was a statement taken out of context—the context in this instance being the man's own reputation and past performance. Just why should a man be lambasted for a statement which, on its very face, it seems would have been impossible for him to make.

Why should he be criticized for apparently making a statement favoring anything which everybody knows is contrary to everything he has fought for and in which he believes?

It would have been impossible for Roy Wilkins to have approved this decision as reported to have been for St. Paul to have gone around advocating sin.

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ROY WILKINS knows as well, if not better than anyone else, that any delay in the starting of integration anywhere in America is unreasonable. Just what is the delay intended to accomplish except more delays? What basis is there to assume that the people of Prince Edward or any place else will be more willing to accept integration with any better grace seven years from now than they are today?

Just what is supposed to happen during the next seven years that will put them in a better frame of mind? Does the taste of victory make people more submissive or more defiant? Is the only way to win respect for the law to repeat it?

Was the authorities mean when they claim they cannot enforce unpopular laws? For more than a hundred years they have been able to enforce their jim-crow and segregation laws and they were unpopular as blades to us.

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THE LATEST excuse of the apologists is that people in the South are bitter over Little Rock and the sending of Federal troops. This is a bare-faced lie.

The white people of the South are bitter because they have been ordered to cease and desist their proscriptions against colored citizens.

Little Rock is just an excuse to give some reason to their resentments which have no justification in reason. They claim they resent Federal interference in state affairs. This, too, is another bare-faced lie.

They do not resent Federal interference when it means doling out money for the construction of bridges, post offices and munitions projects which pour money in their pockets. They resent Federal interference only when the Federal government tells them how to treat all their people as United States citizens.

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THEY CLAIM they do not want the Federal government to tell them how to handle their youth. But it was perfectly all right for the Federal government to step in and pick off the best of their youth and send them around the world as cannon fodder to protect their precious necks.

It was all right when the Federal government was looking for youth to die. They did not ask for seven years delay for needed reforms.

It is only when the Federal government tries to teach youth how to live together that they raise the howl of interference with state affairs.

But then who knows? Maybe seven years is just about right for the other darker nations of the world to get themselves together to teach America a much needed lesson in how to treat people of other races.

But back to Roy Wilkins and his problem. He should know by now that there is no more thankless task than working to save the race. No one yet has survived the ordeal and some who tried it are still castigated in their graves.

TO MY mind there are only three escapes from the race problem—get white, get bright or get tight. Thousands have used the first approach by crossing the color line and getting completely lost.

Those who get bright make themselves a pile of money, move out of the ghettos, form a colony of repatriates who enjoy each other's snobbery, and leave the rest of the mob to stew in their own juices.

Getting tight seems to be the most popular, cheapest, and is easily accessible even to the most depraved. Every Saturday night they beset themselves with cheap liquor and lose themselves in a riot of noise, belligerency and bloodshed.

For these golden hours between their labors they find escape from race. During these hours the race problem for them does not exist — there's a reason — they're it.

Don't forget! books due today by 5:30

Today is deadline day for all entries in the second annual AFRO Clean Block Scrapbook Contest, Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay emphasized Thursday.

All entries must be in the Clean Block office on the second floor of the AFRO Building not later than 5:30 p.m. today.

Any received after that hour cannot qualify, she said.

Clean Blockers who have been carefully clipping Clean Block news and neatly pasting these clippings in books, will be competing for two prizes.

THE FIRST prize will be a crisp, new $5 bill. The second prize will be $2.50. Both prizes will be awarded at the closing ceremony at Knox Presbyterian Church, Gay St. and Broadway, on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m.

Heading the committee of judges is Mrs. Juanita Hill, long a friend of the Clean Block movement, who thought up the scrapbook contest idea last year.

Indications are that a record number of Clean Blockers will enter the contest this year, Mrs.

In Memphis, 12,000 new voters registered as a result of a recent campaign.

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The 1959 National Pharmaceutical Association convention will be held in Newark.

Mrs. Vashti J. Murphy is a Delta founder.

DRUID HEALTH CENTER, 1939 — This picture of the Druid Health Center at 1313 Druid Hill Ave., may have been taken yesterday for the building remains unchanged from the day Dr. H. Maceo Williams took charge in 1939 to the present. However, Dr. Williams says a new building at North and Pennsylvania Aves., should be ready for occupancy next year. The center was originally valued at $52,000.

DR. MACEO WILLIAMS, who describes himself as "just an ordinary guy," has been directing activities at the Druid Health Center, 1313 Druid Hill Ave., since 1939, soon after he earned his degree as Master of Public Health at Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Williams says he has no desire for a private practice and that his main interest is "the prevention of disease—not the cure."

Mrs. Robinson still is missing

"We did arrest Thelma Potts Robinson on Aug. 13. We fingerprinted and photograph ed her and turned her over to Sgt. Bond in Seat Pleasant.

"We made the arrest for Prince Georges County. — it's their case, we don't have anything to do with it."

Col. E. F. Munshower, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, made this statement concerning the "case of the missing Mrs. Robinson."

The arrest came last Wednesday after a Bowie general store was held up by a woman carrying a .32-caliber automatic pistol.

Police said they arrested a woman whom they listed as Mrs. Thelma Potts Robinson, 30, the mother of two children. She lives in Harmons.

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IN AN attempt last week to discover when Mrs. Robinson would be arraigned or tried, the AFRO ran into denials by various branches of the Prince Geor