EDITORIAL — COMMENT

Two Proclamations Honor Banneker

From Governor Lane

WHEREAS, for the last quarter of a century, the colored citizens of Maryland have observed a week in February as National Negro History Week; and

WHEREAS, these observances have grown in importance from year to year as the understanding and appreciation of the contributions made by colored citizens of the State and Nation to the upbuilding of America's democratic heritage have broadened; and

WHEREAS, they have helped to focus attention on the fact that strength of our country's moral leadership among the nations of the world resides in the united effort of all of our citizens to make a living reality of our belief in democracy; and

WHEREAS, this year the citizens of our State have an opportunity to enrich the local celebration of History Week by honoring a Marylander: and

WHEREAS, this Marylander, Benjamin Banneker, was an astronomer, scientist, inventor, author of a celebrated 18th Century almanac published in this State, and from memory, helped lay out the nation's capital when Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant sailed for France taking the plans with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM PRESTON LANE JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do proclaim the week of Feb. 12 to 19, as Benjamin Banneker Week and urge all citizens, civic organizations, churches, schools and libraries to join in the observance of this occasion by appropriate activities in commemoration of this Marylander.

From Mayor D'Alesandro

WHEREAS, colored persons have made many outstanding contributions to the scientific and cultural life of our city, State and nation, and are daily contributing to the general welfare of all our people by demonstrations of initiative, industry, ability and good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the life of Benjamin Banneker, 18th Century patriot, mathematician, author of the first peace plan to be presented to the United States, advocate of free education, astronomer, surveyor, self-educated at a time when few men, either white or colored, could do little more than write their names, should be an inspiration to all people; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many scholarly attributes, he made one of the first clocks in America and when Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, French architect and engineer, quarreled with the Commission of Surveyors, he reconstructed the plans for the City of Washington, District of Columbia, from memory; and

WHEREAS, born as a slave, this 18th Century genius wrote his name in the history of our nation in letters that will never fade, and his life and works have remained undimmed in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, a group of citizens from all walks of life has been formed into a committee to honor the 160th anniversary of the District of Columbia and Banneker's role in it, as the feature of the 25th annual Negro History Week throughout the Nation, and

WHEREAS, as a fitting memorial to this great man who overcame so much to bring fame to our city, State and nation, it is entirely proper that this city pay tribute to a native Marylander, who brought his great talents to the aid of his country in its time of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS D'ALESANDRO JR., Mayor of the City of Baltimore, by the power invested within me, do hereby proclaim the week of Feb. 12 through 19, 1950 as "BENJAMIN BANNEKER WEEK" in Baltimore and do urge all our citizens to give serious thought to the inspiring life of Benjamin Banneker and the many other colored scientists, educators and savants who have helped make this nation one of the greatest on earth.

Death Strikes Fire Bureau

Within the past three months, six city firemen have been killed in the line of duty.

That creates six vacancies in the Fire Bureau which could be filled by qualified colored men, if the department were being administered on a democratic basis.

An Urban League committee, meeting with the Fire Board, last year, cited impressive figures showing how colored firemen are being utilized successfully in more progressive cities of the country, many far south of Baltimore.

They pointed out that Washington has 71 colored firemen; St. Louis, Mo., 40; Kansas City, Mo., 34; Louisville, Ky., 20; Charleston, S.C., 14; Nashville, Tenn., 12, Mobile, Ala., 7; and Charleston, W.Va., 6.

In many of these cities, the firemen are serving in mixed units, and have served for several decades. Nashville first employed them in 1868.

Despite these figures, the Baltimore Fire Board has remained unimpressed. Maybe the figures recording six deaths in three months will be more impressive, even as they are more tragic.

Aid to Job Seekers

LENTON'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of articles concerning employment, education and other problems of the drifting and keeping jobs. The main conclusion will be no jobs in the future will be secured by personal influence or political pull, but by professional and educational study.

By CHARLES E. ANDERSON
Howard U. Field Work Student
Baltimore Urban League

The problem of choosing a vocation is a personal and very important one that must be solved by each individual.

Realizing this, the Board of Education initiated counseling services in the school system about 19 years ago. This service attempts to help students realize their best abilities that can be useful in getting the type of employment they desire.

Mrs. Fannie Howard is counselor at the Douglass High School and Carl White, counselor and vice-principal of the Carver Vocational High School.

The counselors explained that they do not attempt to choose an occupation for the student. Instead, they remind the student of all the points to be considered concerning the vocation of major interest to him.

These counselors have established impressive contact with local and national groups interested in the employment field.

While the student is preparing himself for his life's work he must develop a pleasing personality to further enhance his possibilities of gainful employment.

Appearance Important

One of the first things to be considered in personality development is appearance. We can help our personal attributes by dressing in good taste for the job which we are applying. Many persons lose a job opportunity before they have spoken to the personnel representative.

Another point to be considered is good posture, which is noticeable at the first interview. One should practice standing erect with the weight equally distributed on both feet. When sitting, the prospective employee should sit erect and not slouch in his seat, which might give the impression of listlessness.

Good manners will open many doors of oportunity. A "thank you" for courtesies extended during the course of the interview will not be overlooked by the employer. There is no suggestion to have the hat-in-hand attitude or to "bend over backwards." Just be natural.

Speech Big Factor

Other things that are necessary to make a good impression on employers are correct speech, self-confidence, cheerfulness and sincerity. Regardless of how well qualified a person may be for a job, unless the employer is impressed in the initial interview, the job may be given to another applicant.

Once gaining the job, the person should not think that his problems are solved. Here are sixteen points on how to "Make Good" that were issued by the Urban League of St. Louis, Mo.:

1. Don't argue or sulk on the job, but do your work quietly, quickly and pleasantly.
2. Join your fellow workers in all their organizations.
3. Leave your ideas about the "race problem" at home. Your boss wants work, not debates.
4. Be on time, give your boss a full day's work, don't lay off. The fellow who is on the job every day and on time is the fellow who is last to be fired when the slump comes.
5. Ignore "slights" (if they don't become insults) on the job, or on the way to and from jobs.
6. Don't wait for the job paying the price you think you are worth, but take a job and make it pay more by application and diligence.
7. Don't blame the street car when you are late for work. Get an earlier start.
8. When you find so many faults with your job, the trouble must be many with you.

Put Best Into Job

9. Don't worry too much about the hours of work and the pay days. Such a worker seldom gets beyond regular clock punching jobs.
10. Don't expect your foreman to excuse you for doing inferior work because of your race. Put out the best work you can.
11. Don't slow up on your job when the boss is not around, because the boss often are when you least think so. Anyway, you are paid for what you produce.
12. Don't hesitate to make suggestions to your superiors even when you know better ways or quicker methods of doing certain tasks.
13. Don't bother about the pin "incidents" by taking showers and changing clothes completely after the day's work is done.
14. Avoid street cars and bus "incidents" by taking a terrific pace and when he passed the baton to another
15. Don't lay off though you are "not feeling exactly well."
16. Luck plays no part in success. Seize an opportunity when one comes your way and do it justice with these pointers.

Next week, I will discuss the role of the Baltimore Urban League in the employment field.

His Chance for Fair Trial

Justice a la Maryland style too frequently is not the stately figure holding in her hands the accurate scales which determine a man's guilt or innocence.

Because of this, the State Court of Appeals has ordered a new trial for Thomas Edwards, who had been condemned to death following his conviction on a charge of murdering a Glen Burnie couple, Mary Kline and John Mahlan, on Sept. 17, 1948.

The retrial was ordered on the grounds that the confession allegedly made by Edwards should not have been admitted as evidence during his Criminal Court trial.

Declaring that it is not necessary to beat a man to force a confession from him, the appellate court ruled that Capt. Henry Kriss's advice to Edwards that he be "honest" constitutes, constituted an inducement, which is illegal.

Backing up that advice with a note written by a prisoner, who evidently hadn't fared so well when he was arrested, didn't help the captain's justification of his case at all.

That one element, the use of a confession obtained by coercion, got Edwards a new trial. There were other aspects of the case which the appellate court refused to consider in delivering its verdict, among them the age-old one of fear of lynching, intimidation, the conviction of Edwards by the press before his trial and the like.

The rejection of the confession by the higher court is welcomed; the immediate problem of getting a new trial for Edwards is also strengthened our belief that there are some in Maryland who are aware of the meaning of justice.

Our sole hope now is that the judges or jurors who try Edwards the second time will have some of the fairness of the appellate court members and will mete out to him justice, not in light of what they have read or heard, but in light of proved evidence, if any, against him.

Who's a Minority?

It will undoubtedly be gratifying to colored citizens, Jews and Catholics to observe that every time a stroke of the pen or bit of their problems have been solved.

Thanks goes to the diplomats at Lake Success, N.Y., who set up an entirely new definition of "minorities" in the United Nations. Analyzing this action, Albert Anderson writes:

"The only true minority of any significance in the United States under this definition would be the American Indian.

"By arriving at this new definition, the UN is its three-year study of the problem of minorities, found that there were two distinct but closely related issues to be considered and resolved. One was the question of special rights, and the other, of equal rights.

"The special rights concerned the rights of minority groups that desired to preserve their distinctive customs, languages and cultures in the midst of an alien culture and tongue. This would call for the protection and preservation of distinctiveness.

"The equal rights involved non-dominant groups seeking only freedom from discrimination and not a unique status in the society they inhabited.

"Thus, the new definition is aimed at separating the two 'rights' and limiting the definition of the word 'minority' to include only those non-dominant groups in a population which possess and wish to preserve stable ethnic, religious or linguistic traditions or characteristics markedly different from those of the rest of the population.

"Such a definition would then include, as it now excludes, the special rights demanded by Jewish and other religious groups in areas where they constitute minority status, and of racial and cultural groups having a similar status."

According to this new definition, as we see it, the colored group has really been the victim of 'special' instead of the recipient of equal rights. Colored citizens are forced to live in ghettos, accept the poorest jobs and live under standards below those of the rest of the nation.

This treatment we neither appreciate nor declare. If our Indian brothers want to preserve their racial heritage and live on reservations, that is their privilege, but since amalgamation and exposure to Nordic culture have already destroyed whatever ties we might have had with our African homeland and customs, we might as well go the whole hog and get all that is coming to us under the American system.

This Is National History Week

Speak Your Piece

Crusader Appreciative

Dear AFRO: I want to express gratitude to my friends who nominated me to the AFRO Honor Roll and to the staff of the paper for granting me that tribute.

To the persons who walked and are still walking the theatre picket line, who share the energy consumed in meetings and conference by telephone and person, I give deep thanks for their courage and faith.

To the public which denied themselves the pleasure of drama and music because of their sympathy and understanding with a long struggle for breaking through one portion of segregation as at the Maryland -Theatre, I give thanks.

Picketing Just One Praise

To the AFRO-AMERICAN staff, whose concern has made the picket line meaningful, go my appreciation and great respect.

Walking the picket line is only one phase of our effort to end segregation in local theatres.

Because there is so much to be done, my fellow workers on the committee to end segregation in theatres in Baltimore hope that we can get more opportunities to tell individuals and groups of our efforts and so get more co-operation.

(Mrs.) MARION BANFIELD.

Benefit Program

Dear AFRO: Many boys and girls who should be in school are absent because they do not have shoes; while others attend improperly dressed.

The collection committee of Mt Winans Civic Club is asking for donations to be used to sponsor a variety program at the Richmond Market Armory, Saturday, Feb. 25.

The proceeds will be used to buy clothing for school children. Please mail or send contributions to 2536 Hollins Ferry Rd.

—(Mrs.) DOROTHY BECKETT

Lauds Morgan Thinclads

Dear ARFO: Here's a pat on the back for the Morgan relay team that nipped the speedy cindermen from Seton Hall College in a thrilling race, Wednesday night.

All of the men on the Morgan squad had run in other events at the meet and many of the spectators didn't expect them to be much competition for the rested and untefeated trackmen from Jersey.

It looked like the dopsters were right when the No. 1 and No. 2 men on the Morgan team trailed the rest of the field in the mile relay.

Brown, Rhoden Carry Mail

But the race wasn't over. Big Bill Brown running in the number 3 slot churned the oval at a terrific pace and when he passed the baton to anchorman George Rhoden, the Hillen Rd. boys were in third place.

Rhoden, national 400-meter champion, carried the Morgan colors from third place to a thrilling 3-yard victory over the blue and white of Seton Hall, toppling them from the undefeated ranks.

Mr. ... now ...

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

A True Story—During the war, an aged blind man whose main support came from contributions he received from regular visits to business places along Pennsylvania Ave., walked into my friend's office and announced:

"Things are getting better, Mr. J., so I won't be seeing you every Tuesday now, I have so many stops now and people are pretty generous. I'll make it every other Tuesday."

"That's fine," said my friend, as he dropped the usual quarter in the tin can.

So, all during the war and ever since, the blind man has been appearing at this office every other Tuesday for his regular contribution.

Too Much Competition

Last week, the blind man tarried a little longer and waited until the businessman could give him a few minutes alone.

"Look here," he whispered, "things are getting tough again. I've got too much competition out here, so I'll have to put you on a Weekly Schedule." Is that all right?"

The business man who has learned not to be surprised at anything, nodded his head in answer.

"Oh, sure, okay!" As the blind man left, he said, "It sure is a funny world."

Yes, it really is.

THIS WEEK

By RALPH MATTHEWS

Unless the detective work has improved considerably since the days when I was a student there, I am wagering 10 to 1 they may never catch the bandits who stuck up Morgan State College and made off with $16,500 the other day.

I am basing this on my own experience as an amateur gangster during my campus days.

Now that the statute of limitations offers a legal loophole and with a good mouthpiece I stand a fair-to-middling chance of beating the rap. I am going to break down and confess that I was a member of the mob which made off with a half-peck of potatoes back in 1924.

And Won't Squeal Now

Even if then located and, I assure you, volitional confession, should bring me to book and the State of Maryland should demand its pound of flesh, no amount of torture will compel me to disclose the names of my accomplices, many of whom have become decent and highly respected citizens and abandoned their lives of crime.

It was this incident, which became infamous in the annals of crime as the "Great" Potato Mystery" which really awakened in me a social consciousness and even today I never look a spud in the eyes without feeling a deep sense of guilt.

In those days it was not the custom for college men to go around with the slick greasy look they have today. There was some warped idea that education and a full belly were incompatible and the boarding department of the then struggling Morgan College carried this out with a vengeance.

Church Couldn't Feed Us

Part of this I attributed to the fact that it was a church-supported school and the Methodists never matched drumsticks with the Baptists in the culinary department.

All of which brings us back to the great potato case which, I am told, stumped the D.A.s office and nearly caused a shakeup in the police department.

Come late one night as a number of our poor emaciated seekers-after-knowledge were poring over their lessons that, finally driven by pangs of hunger, we cast caution to the wind and decided come hell or high water we would risk our all for a crust of bread.

We realized the seriousness of our bold adventure because in those days society had not evolved to the point where they glorified youthful criminality as "juvenile delinquency."

If we got caught raiding the store room, we were slated for a stretch in Cheltenham, plus the broken hearts of our struggling parents who had sacrificed so much to prepare us for the fuller life.

Those Spuds an Insult

But hunger numbs our conscience and sometimes turns prophets into knaves—and so it was with us. But fate was to take a hand in the affairs of men and, after gaining access to the store room through a well filled larder upon which to feast our ravenous eyes, all we found were some scrawny Irish potatoes which I seen by any patriotic Irishman would have been considered a national insult.

Evaluating the loot, some of the less blood thirsty of the gang expressed relief that we had not murdered the night watchman. Of course, these weaklings were immediately rubbed out because this was a job for stout-hearted men.

Ruth Then go away empty handed, we stuffed our pockets with potatoes and while honest labor was made out-of-bounds to a previously prepared hideout in the basement and roasted our swag on the furnace of Pedigo.

Nothing Has Beat It Since

Since that time I have dined at the Waldorf-Astoria and supped with princelings and potentates in many parts of the world but I cannot recall any meal which was quite as satisfying.

A less sensitive soul might have gone on and on into a life of crime and moral degradation, but with me it merely aroused my sense of man's inhumanity to man. I realized that what the world needed was less criminals, fewer jails and more roasted potatoes. To this proposition I dedicated my life.

Call me a liberal, call me a socialist, a fair dealer or even a Communist.

Honest, all I want for all the **little people of the world is more** potatoes because I know what desperate things hunger will drive men and nations to do.

Open With The Groundhog

Reports from my lobbyists on Capitol Hill indicate that we are running a lot of bi-partisan support for our measure (HR 18620) known colloquially as the Anti-Groundhog Bill.

This piece of legislation was introduced at my urging last week by Rep. Gladstone P. Dofflebag (Dem., Miss.) on behalf of the millions of people who suffer from frostbite, chilblains, wintry snoozes and the other physical manifestations of early winter.

With Old John L. Lewis acting up, making it harder to get coal the thought of six more weeks of frigid weather after grounding day gave me the shivers and as leader of the thin-blood bloc I prevailed upon Congressman Dofflebag to initiate a move to curb the dictatorship of the groundhog over the weather.

scribbler at large

By WALLIE REEVES

HAVE YOU A FRIEND?
If you have a friend worth lovin'
Love him, love him, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's eves-ing
Go.
Tinge his brow with sunset glow;
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend till he is dead?

ANON

I have often wondered why it is after a man fellow-dies, people come from far and near with a handful of laudatory papers, in other words with the EULOGY.

They come with praises high and low of what a great life Bill lived while on earth. However, so frequently nobody came to see poor old Bill when he was living and sang his praises then.

Give It to Them Now

Probably it is just that way in this life. Unless you are a "big shot," little will your friends have to say about you while you are living. But when Saint Peter knocks and ushers you away, then they all come, all your "good, nice Christian friends" to sing your praises.

Folks, that eulogy you are keeping to present on the day of your friend's funeral, why not present it now while he or she is still here with you? Let your friends hear what you have to say about them now. Tomorrow may be too late.

ARE YOU BEING CATTY?

Probably there isn't a day that you don't make some "catty" remark about some friend or associate. Maybe it is not done intentionally; then again, maybe it is.

Anyway we should think twice before saying little "biting" things about those around us. Sometimes the same thing is being said about us and when it reaches us we feel all about it. Some of us cast off such remarks with a shrug.

poet's nook

MY VALENTINE WISH

I wish I had a heart as big as Franklin Roosevelt's,
I would always help the cripple
and the lame, because he felt the same.
I wish I had a heart as big as Abraham Lincoln's,
Our race's civil rights I would begin.
I wish I had a heart as big as St. Valentine's,
Love and affection for all man kind would be mine.
I wish I had a heart as big as George Washington's,
Our national government I would save from prejudice and over-taxation.

LORRAINE HOWARD,
7th grade pupil at Queenstown School, Glen Burnie.

3 Cases Spotlight American Justice

By ARTHUR RANDALL

A columnist in a local Sunday paper advocated with reference to the Dr. Fuchs' espionage case, that we (the United States) should abandon our system of jurisprudence and embrace one in which the suspect "must be presumed guilty until he has proved himself innocent."

At present, we are supposed to have a legal system in which the suspect is adjudged innocent until proved guilty by the apparatus of the State.

But who would think that we are following this American way of dispensing justice, if he read about three cases reported in the AFRO this week?

Innocence Not Regarded

James Montgomery, who served 25 years at the Illinois State Penitentiary for a crime which he did not commit, was judged guilty of the crime, although there was no crime.

A hypersexual, hallucinated, 60-year-old white woman said that he had criminally assaulted her, although medical reports noted that no sexual assault had been perpetrated against her.

In order to sustain the "white-is-right" policy of most Caucasian Americans, Montgomery was forced to confess—for which he drew a life term—because of the threat that the Ku Klux Klan would kill him if he did not do so.

Crawford's Case Resurrected

Next, we have the case of George Crawford which, happily or unhappily, has been resurrected because of the prisoner's craving for a guitar instrum. Crawford has been imprisoned in Virginia for 16 years for the murder of a white man—which he did not commit.

Crawford was threatened with the electric chair if he did not confess committing the slaying. He signed the document and has been in prison since 1933, where he is now awaiting parole board action.

Edwards's Case Cited

The third case is that of Thomas Edwards, Marley Neck veteran, who because he was poor, ignorant and fearful, was induced to sign a confession to a double-murder that the police could not or would not solve.

Edwards was condemned to die by hanging but an Appeals Court granted him a new trial Wednesday, on the grounds that the confession was illegally admitted as evidence.

Brother, listen to me, you are guilty until you can manage to prove yourself innocent in many judicial mills if your face is not pale.

Admirer of Stevens

I, personally, am very pleased that the committee behind the 25th annual celebration of History Week published posters that hear the portrait of Banneker.

Search your history books, telling you that this Cabinet member of President Lincoln's was an "Irish-American radical" and you will learn that if he had lived longer than 1868 and maintained his power, the colored race would have had a stake in economic as well as "mythical" freedom, and you will know why he is played down.

Anyone who realizes that more colored people were slain, or died of maltreatment the year after the Civil War was ended than all of the Confederate soldiers who succumbed during the four years of that bloody conflict, cannot but adore Thad Stevens.

"Every man, no matter what his race or color, every woman, every boy who has an immortal soul, has an equal right to justice, honesty and fair play with every other man; and the law should secure him these rights," Stevens said, in sending blue-clad soldiers into the South to protect the newly-freed.

He was the primary advocate of our civil rights in Lincoln's Cabinet; and we should revere him for being so.

I often wonder why so few of our schools, clubs, lodges and veterans' posts are not named after this good man, who would have given every freedman 40 acres and a mule so that he could obtain the chance to live without being impressed into new chains of economic servitude?

For more about Stevens, I recommend W. E. B. DuBois's book, "Black Reconstruction."

"50-Cent Dollar" Baloney

We have heard so much about the 50-cent dollar that we decided to investigate—and lo, we came in with the thesis that the George Washington green portrait isn't even worth half its buying value of 1939.

A trip to Enoch Pratt Library and a perusal of its newspaper files of 10 years ago, through the film projector, reveal:

Hot dogs once cost 5 cents; radio-phonograph combinations could be bought for as little as $28; and one-year-old used cars driven away for the "high" price of $569, although now they can't be moved from the lot for less than $2,000.

We suspect that those who have been needlint us about "inflation" are telling us that the dollar was worth 50 cents are agents for J. P. Morgan, or among those trying to keep us from realizing that we are living in an age of inflation greater than any the nation has known.

Lily-Whites Worship Mulatto

By the way, Columnist Warren Gardner, "tell those Republicans that belong to the Alexander Hamilton Club who have the lily-white dinner" last week, that by the standards of 26 Southern States, Alexander Hamilton was a colored man.

Born in the West Indies, he had a Scotch father, to be sure; but a trace of his ancestral lineage would reveal that his mother of French extraction had West Indian forebears who had pure African blood in their veins.

Area Union President Denies CIO Is Biased

DEAR AFRO:

A copy of the Jan. 28 issue of the AFRO has been called to my attention.

I seldom answer articles appearing in newspapers, however, your reference to the "CIO going soft on the race issue" is so misleading that I cannot let it pass unnoticed.

Had you been an interested in advancement of the interests of ofhr colored brethren, as you would like to have your readers believe, you would have made an investigation before you proceeded t smear a union that has done more than any other movement to get equal rights for all minority peoples.

Found Delegates Rooms

Had you investigated, as you should have done, you would have found:

1. In 1949, the CIO, for the first time in the State of Maryland, made provisions to house its colored delegates attending the convention. Prior to this convention the colored delegates had to seek lodging without aid from the union.

2. We did arrange for the colored delegates to dine with us in the Alexander Hotel. This, too, had never been done before.

Hits Reprint of Call

You must have been pleased in the past, when no lodging or dining arrangements were made for colored delegates attending conventions.

I base this conclusion because you never found fault with colored delegates going to a strange city to attend a convention and not knowing where they could get lodging or places to eat.

As president of the Maryland Council, I decided to provide places for lodging and eating for our colored delegates, and when I did so, you print excerpts of the Convention Call, without any effort to determine the facts, but you do smear a union that has and is doing more than any other group to aid the colored people.

FRANK J. BENDER,
President, Md.-D.C., Columbia Industrial Council, CIO.

Carpenter Held on Charge of Molesting Girl of 6

A carpenter charged with molesting a 6-year-old girl while her parents were away from the home, was ordered held under $500 bail for action of the grand jury, Friday.

The man was Ernest Dinisio, white, 31, 3533 Lyndale Ave., who was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the child's parents, who live in the 2400 block of Huron St., Mt. Winans.

The mother of the child told Southwesters District police that when she returned from work, Wednesday, her oldest daughter told her about finding Dinisio laying on the bed with the 6-year-old.

Varying Stories Told

The teen-ager told her mother that she was downstairs when she heard her little sister upstairs laughing.

The girl told her mother she crept up the stairs and into the second floor bedroom where she found the carpenter and the little girl.

The mother said that when she questioned the victim, the little girl told her that Dinisio took her upstairs playing when Dinisio picked her up, placed her on the bed and began tickling her.

The carpenter, who works for a downtown home improvement firm, told a different story, Southwestern police stated.

Suspects Version Unlikely

Dinisio, who was working on an addition to the house, said he was eating his lunch when the little girl brought him a green pencil, asking if he didn't think it was pretty.

Then, police say, the carpenter told the the girl grabbed him about the leg and in the tussle, his foot struck a piece of furniture, causing the two of them to fall onto the bed.

The child seems to weigh from 25 to 30 pounds, while one policeman described the carpenter as weighing from 160 to 170.

Child Examined Twice

The mother told a reporter that after she had taken her child to a neighborhood doctor, she called the Southwestern police station and asked for someone to come investigate the incident.

The officers, who came later that evening, advised her not to obtain a warrant for the workman's arrest.

She said she was unable to get a warrant without additional investigation, but she reported the case to Sgt. Charles J. Lutts, who gave her the necessary assistance by taking the child to the Franklin Square Hospital and later arresting the carpenter.

The grand jury returned an indictment against the carpenter, Thursday.

Sorority Sponsors Poster Contest

A Negro History Week poster contest opens on Saturday under the sponsorship of Kappa Chapter of Iota Chi Lambda Sorority, which will award prizes to the three top winners.

The contest closes on Mar. 12. Posters will be judged on ideas presented, originality, design, facts and the message put across. More information may be obtained by contacting the sorority's national director of education, Miss Evelyn Wilkey, 2328 Gold St.

Telephone MAdison 4328

Sugar Ray's Ex Asks More Sugar for Son

NEW YORK — A measly $3 a week support money for her 11-year-old son has finally led the first Mrs. Sugar Ray Robinson to air facts about the famed welterweight champ that are little known.

Armed with a Dun and Bradstreet report on the boxing champion's extensive business enterprises, Miss Marjorie Joseph told the Supreme Court that she went through a shotgun ceremony with Robinson in 1938 and that their son was born, Sept. 25, 1938.

Since their divorce in October, 1940, Sugar Ray has been paying only $3 a week for the support of their son, Ronald, 11. Miss Joseph explained that she was sure he could do better than that with his extensive income.

$2,500 Lawyer Fees

The champ's first spouse did not specify how much support money she wanted, but she did ask for $2,500 in fees for her attorney, Samuel Berger.

Miss Joseph, who lives at 707 Rome St., Bronx, submitted an affidavit to the court along with the records of the divorce.

In the affidavit, she charges that when she was 16 years old and Sugar Ray, 17, he seduced her. She said that her parents wanted to bring criminal action against him. They were married because of the plea of his mother.

At that time Sugar Ray used the name his parents gave him, Walter Smith. When he entered the March, 1940, Golden Gloves boxing tournament which led him to national fame, he began using the name, Ray Robinson.

An affidavit by Robinson admits that Miss Joseph's parents threatened to prosecute him, but states that they were the ones who demanded he marry her.

Information is to the effect that the couple never lived together after their marriage.

Sugar Ray married the former Edna M. Holly, a former dancer and showgirl, in 1943 and they became the parents of a son, Ray Jr., in November, 1949.

Miss Joseph also told the court that she earns only $35 a week while Dun and Bradstreet lists Sugar as:

The owner of assorted restaurants, bars, dry cleaning establishments, a barber shop, three apartment houses, his own 11-room house, a laundry, the $150,000 IGS Realty Corp., and the Robincrest Sporting Club.

It also was noted that he earned $83,000 last year for his fights with Kid Gavilan and Steve Belloise.

Dr. Hill Heads Area R.C. Drive

DR. ROBERT J. HILL

Dr. Robert J. Hill, chiropodist, has been named 1950 chairman of District 5 in the annual Red Cross Fund Drive.

Assistant chairmen are Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, chairman of the Colored Women's Democratic Committee; and Dr. Bernard Harris, president of the Frontiers Club.

Honorary Chairmen

Honorary chairmen are Dr. Willard W. Allen, Masonic grand master who headed the drive for three consecutive years, and Mrs. Vivian G. Alleyne.

Headquarters for the district will be in the Red Cross Building, 1714 Madison Ave., where a general planning meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday.

Open house for the trade and industry, church and special gifts groups of District 5 will be held at its headquarters from 2 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Burial Rites for W. A. Holmes, 82

Funeral services for William Anthony Holmes, 82, retired steel worker, were held Friday, Feb. 10, at Ketsen's Funeral Home with the Rev. Willard L. Clayton officiating. Burial followed in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Ill for the past six weeks, Mr. Holmes died Tuesday at his home, 1103 N. Stockton St.

Mr. Holmes was born in King and Queen County Va., and came to Baltimore at a early age. He had been a member of Macedonia Baptist Church for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lelia Holmes; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Croxton, chairman of the guidance department at School No. 130; and Mrs. Louise Gill; and two sons, W. Anthony Jr., and Frank, of NYC.

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Rev. Coleman Buried in Va.

Funeral services for the Rev. C. H. Coleman, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Sparrows Point, Md., were held there on Friday, after which the body was carried to Summit, Va., for burial.

The Rev. Dennis Barrow presided; the Rev. G. A. Crawley gave the eulogy and three-minute remarks were made by the Revs. Paul Harris, J. R. Butler, L. V. Reddie, W. N. Stokes, Arthur J. Payne, E. W. Williams and John L. Tilley.

The Rev. C. O. Cook read the obituary, and the Rev. Hiram E. Smith, the scripture. Soloists were the Rev. Luke J. Reynolds and Samuel Davis. Mrs. Vonzella Tyler directed the church choir.

Services in Virginia

Others on the program were: the Revs. Simon Williamson, D. B. Banks, J. H. Carter, Ward D. Yerby, M. Wilkerson; and Mrs. Doris Swan, A. J. Jones and George S. White.

Some 37 church members and 16 members of the usher's choir, went by bus to New Hope Baptist Church in Summit, Va., where a second funeral service was held on Saturday. The Rev. R. D. Grymes of Washington gave the eulogy.

The Rev. Mr. Reddie prepared and read the resolution from the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore, where more 500 persons attended the services in Virginia.

Ousted Trenton 6 Lawyers Appeal

PHILADELPHIA

An appeal by the Trenton Six in their fight to choose their own lawyers for their second trial, was filed in the Circuit Court of Appeals here Tuesday by O. John Rogge, one of the attorneys for the six colored frame-up victims.

On Feb. 6, Federal Judge Philip Forman had refused a request by the defendants for an injunction to restrain Mercer County Judge Charles P. Hutchinson from depriving them of their constitutional right to counsel of their own choice.

"If the Trenton Six fail to get relief in the Circuit Court of Appeals," Mr. Rogge declared, "they will take their case all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary."

"They are determined not to be represented by court-appointed counsel," he added.

Judge Hutchinson's conduct of the first trial of the Trenton Six was called tainted with error by the New Jersey State Supreme Court when it reversed the court's guilty verdict.

The jurist has been attempting to oust Rogge. William L. Patterson, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, and Emanuel H. Bloch from the defense.

In his decision, Judge Forman declared, "This court is without power to grant the relief sought . . . The authority of this court may not be invoked under the Civil Rights Act."

Committee Needs Funds

The Civil Rights Congress has been conducting a long nationwide campaign to free the innocent Trenton Six.

Paul Robeson, chairman of the Committee to Free the Trenton Six, has appealed for contributions to continue the campaign. Funds should be sent to the committee at Room 1813, 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y.

The second trial, originally scheduled to begin on Feb. 6, has been postponed indefinitely by Judge Hutchinson.

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