Frees Wife to Let Her Wed Brother

Leroy H. Stein, of 1111 N. Stricker St. divorced Mrs. Helen Stein this week, so, he said, she could be married to his brother, Elmer.

Relating a story of family intrigue, of how his wife met his brother two years after their marriage fell madly in love with him and bore him a son, the husband had first charged his wife with desertion, but later added a charge of infidelity.

He said that Mrs. Stein had moved out of their home and into his parents' home while he was in Pennsylvania to haul a load of coal here.

The men's sister, Miss Edna Mae Stein, backed her brother Leroy's statements, testifying that her brother, Elmer, had admitted paternity of the child, and that he and Mrs. Helen Stein planned to be married as soon as the divorce is granted.

Will Support His Child

The first husband agreed to pay $12 per week support for two children born during their marriage. The mother is to have custody of the children.

Mrs. Ruth Crawford of 707 Harlem Ave., divorced Paul Crawford, who, she said, is now in the House of Correction.

The couple was married in May, 1941, and separated in May, 1946. She said that at no time during their marriage would he work or support her and their two children.

Nine File Petitions

Petitions for divorces were filed by the following nine complainants:

William H. vs. Mrs. Viola Norris, William Buckner, attorney; Mrs. Estella Woods vs. David, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Hannah B. Fitzgerald vs. Albert A., Linwood G. Koger, attorney; Charles vs. Mrs. Ella Johnson, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Jennie V. Griffin vs. Lawrence, Roy S. Bond, attorney;

Mrs. Vivian Edmonds vs. Robert, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Mabel Stokes vs. Jesse, E. Everett Lane, attorney; Robbie vs. Mrs. Mary V. Butler, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Lillie Mae Nance vs. Bennie, Roy S. Bond, attorney.

Guests and Hosts at Calvert Party

Joe Makel, national sales representative, and aWller Finnagan, local representative, were guests of honor at the buffet-cocktail party given by Calvert Distillers Monday night in the York Hotel's Blue Room. Shown left to right are Ted Kates, State manager; Mr. Makel, Sydney Rosen, Eastern divisional manager; and Mr. Finnagan.

100 Attend Cocktail Party of Distillers in Blue Room

More than 100 persons in business, civic and political fields attended the buffet-cocktail party given Monday night by Calvert Distillers in the York Hotel's Blue Room to welcome Joe Makel back to the city.

Mr. Makel, Calvert's national sales representative, made it a dual celebration by making a cohonoree of Waller Finnagan, who has been assigned as sales representative in the Baltimore district.

Highlight of the evening's activities was the presentation by Calvert's, through Mr. Makel, of $25 to the Urban League as its contribution to the League's Silver Anniversary celebration. The award was accepted by Cecil Scott, acting executive secretary of the league.

Cognizant of Alcoholism

In a brief speech acknowledging the honor paid him, Mr. Makel pointed out that the distillers are aware that they are blamed partially for problems created as a result of the consumption of alcohol.

Therefore, he said, Calvert's is contributing greatly to research being made to find a cure for alcoholism and to find reliable chemical tests to determine the condition of drivers at the time of accidents.

Shorter speeches were made by Mr. Finnegan, Sidney Rosen, Eastern Divisional manager, and Ted Kates, State manager for Maryland.

Among those attending the party were:

Messrs. Grant Conway, S. Adams, G. Pough, J. W. Lee, G. Howell, Clarence R. Sembly, Henry Park, Riggie Moore, C. Kelson, D. Fulton, E. Gittings, H. Coles, W. J. Ames, V. L. Gray, J. R. Smith, Will Holland, H. Allen, William Diggs, J. Pitts, George Swetter, L. Batty, B. Cheasley, R. Inman, William Holman, John Wright, C. Lawson, C. Douglass, M. Robinson Jr., O. Phillips, E. W. Higginbotham, G. Williams, J. A. Jones, A. Stewart, B. Harris, W. C. Flippen, Roy Keys;

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Messrs. Hugh R. Johnson, Stewart Street, Linwood Shelton, Clarence Powell, George E. Scott, Earl Faison, Oscar and Junius Lindsay, W. E. Street, George Johnson, Mansfield Weaver, Walter Singletary, Elijah Williams, Lee Cole, Robert Spruill, Joseph James, Gregg Thorburn, Cortland Brown, Anderson Smith, Max Johnson, J. John Deet, W. Bernard Brooks, Edward Stewart;

Messrs. Charles E. Dorsey, James Pitts, Lynwood Brown, William J. Haynes, Joe Flanagan, William Dixon, Milton Dorsey, Charles Harris, Clarence Hopkins, Theopolis Jones, S. Maser, Roland Lockley, Harold Wright, Oliver Wise, C. Wynn, J. Briscoe, F. Sales, Howard Gibson, J. C. Bailey, Tom Wilson, Bernard Johns, Will Carter, Robert Goodlae, Ted Kates, Al Baker, Harry Singer, Ben Messner, Pat Patterson, Sidney Rosen, Jack Glasser, William Pierson, Irving Smith, and Morris Kasoff.

Mesdames L. Randolph, C. Innian, Alice Wright, E. Green, Rolma Jones, H. Kellam, M. Henley, E. Eavens, Cora Henderson, B. Bishop, Alice Keys, Mary Grant, Florence Wells, Phyllis Hawkins, Alice Bumbay, Laura Bunbay, Davis Burrell, Myrtle Hobday, Lucille Davis, Alma Jackson, Doris Betters;

Miss E. Roberts Present

Misses C. Johnson, O. Mitchell, E. Roberts, Naomi Morzell, R. Chopin, E. Stewart, J. B. English, Pinky Liebermann, Clara Street, Angela Gray, Pauline Brown, Margaret Baldwin, Alice Butler, Naomi Thompson, Neaton Monroe, Bernice Johnson, Doris Lee, Dorothy Tanner, Velma C. McEwen, Naomi Morsell, Josephine Wallace, Ruby Chapman, Margaret Scott, Bernice Morris;

Messrs. and Mesdames N. Croper, G. Barrett, W. I. Gibson, Cecil Scott, W. Hill, J. D. Nakel, James H. Murphy, H. Fine, George Smackum, Willie Adams, Lloyal Randolph, B. Ridgely;

Kiowi Costonie, New York City;

$9,967 of Robbed Funds Replaced

Morgan College Gets Supplemental Budget

More than half of the $16,500 taken from Morgan State College in the Feb. 6 armed robbery was replaced by the Governor's supplemental budget submitted to the State Legislature.

The supplemental budget included $9,967 to replace this money which was to serve for operating expenses.

The budget supplement also granted Morgan an additional $7,492 which includes $2,000 for special payment; $4,412 for the director of admissions and placement; and $1,080 for rent.

The Morgan appropriation for operating expenses in the original budget was $1,072,224. The supplemental budget grants bring this amount to $1,089,683.

The supplemental budget also included an additional appropriation of $4,450 for the House of Good Shepherd, which was originally granted $21,550.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers, Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. Frank Harmon, Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. Rice; Chris, Julius and Hugh Waddell, Capt. William D. Crosby Jr., Aberdeen, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lewis and family; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin, Howar and Isaiah Dixon.

Levi Chase

Levi Chase, Harold Randolph, Rayfield Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston, Elmer Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Sam Brown, Buster Hicks, Mrs. Ferguson, Dr. H. R. Hill, Miss Levolia Jackson, Mrs. Louise Johnson;

H. Nickolas, Joseph Neal, James McClean, Miss Addessa Ritter, Mr. Pyles, Thomas Parks;

Dr. Bennett Rhetta Jr., Dr. Russell, Mrs. Booze, Raymond Torain, Asborne McNeal, Askew Gatewood, J. Roger Ross, Mrs. Victorine Adams, Mrs. Laverne Wiley and Mrs. Virginia Gray.

2 Children Die in Fire; Mother, Uncle Save Two

DETROIT— Two small children died Feb. 20 in a flash fire that gutted their home while their mother, and uncle fought bravely but vainly to rescue them.

The dead are Jenifer Hayes, 23 months, and Victor Hayes, 8 months, of 2235 East Port St.

Police said the children were sleeping in the rear room of their home. Jenifer's body was found on the bedroom floor near the window, and Victor's body was found in his crib.

2 Children Saved

Two older children, Douglas, 4, and Guy, 2, were rescued by Mrs. Myra Hayes, 24, the mother, and Henry Hayes, 21, an uncle, of the same address.

Hayes said he was awaken by both the fire and Mrs. Hayes.

After he and the mother had rescued two of the children, they tried unsuccessfully to rescue Jenifer and Victor, but were driven back by the smoke and intense heat.

The father, Isaiah Hayes, 26, was at work in an automobile plant when the tragedy occurred. The cause of the fire is unknown, police said.

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Metropolitan Republican Club Plans to Sponsor Mass Meeting

In an effort to unite party efforts and avoid a primary fight, the Metropolitan Republican Club is sponsoring a mass meeting at Biddle Hall, March 21, with leading Republican Gubernatorial prospects as guest speakers.

Among those scheduled to appear are:

Royden A. Blunt, president, of the Buck Glass Company; State Sen. Roy Tasco Davis, Montgomery County; and Tim Bright, Baltimore automobile dealer, who though overlooked by the State Central Committee is still considered a prospect.

Move Toward Amity

The sponsoring club, organized by an interracial group including Mr. Bright, Harvey Robinson and Charles H. Dorsey, hopes to make its members and visitors "forget warring factions" and jim crow policies practiced by some GOP affiliates.

Also to speak at the meeting will be William Gosnell, Linwood Koger and W. A. C. Hughes Jr., all local attorneys and probable candidates for the House of Delegates from the Fourth District.

Messrs. Koger and Gosnell competed in the 1946 race for State Senator from that district.

The Metropolitan Club plans to have even a larger crowd than appeared at its February kick-off meeting, when a capacity audience filled the Pythian Castle.

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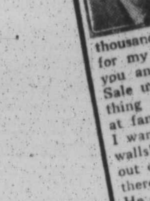

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65 Ladies' Fur Chubbies $4.95 (Values to $100)
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EDITORIAL — COMMENT

Strong Justification for FEPC Law

One of the strongest opponents of FEPC is the Baltimore Sun, which recently quoted a portion of President Truman's interview with Arthur Krock of the New York Times, in which the President's attitude toward FEPC legislation was stated.

The President was quoted as saying during that interview:

He would not support — any legislation which deprived a citizen of the right to run his own business—as he thought best. He does not agree that the Administration's FEPC bill would have any such result. . . Under him it would not be so administered.

But opportunities to get jobs for which applicants are fitted—must not be denied in this country on grounds of race, color or any similar discrimination. The value of the FEPC bill will be to give this position the dignity, strength and clarity of a national policy—For that reason he wanted the bill passed, even if it were only to serve as a club in the closet.

Opposing the bill, the Sun complained that the method of enforcing an FEPC bill would be too complicated; that charges of discrimination in employment could originate anywhere.

It held that if the commission should find an employer guilty of charges of discrimination, it could tell him to desist, and then the matter could be appealed to the court. Should the court find him guilty and he still refused to desist, it could impose punishment.

The Sun complained that with procedure like this, enforcement of the law would not be uniform.

But where is enforcement of the law uniform? Here in Baltimore, we have known of cases where both a colored and a white person committed the same type of crime, but the colored person got the longer prison term.

The Sun complained too that the commissioner for the FEPC measure would be appointed by the President, and subject therefore to political pressure.

All of our administrative and judicial agencies are subject to pressure of one kind or another.

The truth of the matter is that the Sun, like a number of other individuals, quite honestly does not believe that the national policy should be to guarantee jobs to all citizens without racial or religious discrimination.

Take the local banks, for example, and the local telephone company. They are public or semi-public institutions.

They are regulated by the Federal, State and city governments; but who knows of a colored or a Jewish person being employed in any of the banks as a white collar worker or in the telephone company as a switchboard operator?

We ask the Sun, which is the more disgraceful —that the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland are permitted to exclude colored persons from public employment solely because of race or to have enacted an FEPC bill which will attempt to correct this and similar situations?

We propose, in articles from time to time, to point out publicly these State and city agencies, such as the Fire Department, which deny colored citizens employment.

No matter what the Sun or other opponents of the bill may say, there are seven States which have enacted effective FEPC legislation.

Anyone wanting to see the beneficial results of FEPC, today, need only go to New York. He can note the number of employees in department stores in organized baseball, in hotels and in general, in every position for which they are qualified.

FEPC in New York is not quite five years old; but the results have been amazing, and the willingness of all agencies to co-operate, once a stated policy has been fixed, is the truest index of what FEPC can do nationally, once the law is enacted.

Better Care for Sick in Mind Held Urgent

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written by Dr. Jacob Morgenstern, superintendent of the Crownsville State Mental Hospital.)

The problem of the mentally defective child is a serious matter concerning not only the individual himself, but also his close relatives, the community, the State and the taxpayers. The individual's prospect for a successful, happy life is not too bright today. Far too few reach this goal.

Many remain institutionalized for the rest of their lives. Some are handicapped physically, as well as mentally. The parents and close relatives are not only in a mental anguish because of the backwardness of their children, but the children remain a ready source of worries and financial strain.

State's Obligation

The State has the obligation to care for these unfortunates and provide institutions which cost the taxpayers money. Of course, it should be in the interest of the patient himself, his parents, and the State to see to it that as many as possible of these patients are returned to society as self-supporting individuals as soon as possible.

At present, these institutions admit patients 16 years or younger. Unfortunately the discharge rate is rather small, and the number of applicants is steadily increasing.

The number of patients on the waiting list for Crownsville is 37 girls and 48 boys, a total of 85; for Rosewood, 156 boys and 62 girls, 218 all told.

Altogether there are 300 on the waiting list. Some of these children, while on the waiting list, become a problem both to the community and to their parents.

Some of them roam the streets where they get into bad company. They are easily influenced because of their impaired judgment and soon fill the benches of the Juvenile Courts.

Re-organization Imperative

Some only become a nuisance but others are definitely committing crimes. If these young people could be admitted before they become involved with the law a lot of unhappiness to the individuals, their parents and damage to society could be avoided.

They might be re-educated and with proper schooling become useful citizens before their record becomes contaminated. This is one reason why I think a re-organization in our system of institutions for the feeble-minded should be considered.

The institutions housing the mentally defective should provide complete separation of high-grade from low-grade feeble-minded and older custodial cases.

It should be aimed to separate educatable material from the hopeless ones. The contact alone, the feeling of being crowded together reflects on the future course of the salvageable material by watching the helpless, demented and aged patients, evoking in them the feeling of their own future, rightly or wrongly giving them a poor prognosis.

It creates in the minds of some children the feeling of helplessness, frustration and despair. Their start in re-education is delayed, the "It's no use" attitude is enforced, conditioned by the mere fact of seeing their future life well mapped out in the aspect of the hopeless cases.

Even the teachers of the children cannot escape the same kind of thinking, and consciously or unconsciously accept the feeling that even brighter children would become hopeless and add to the bulk of unsalvageable human misery.

This feeling, of course, will reflect in their efforts and the vicious cycle thus established and enforced. If the children, right upon admission, were separated in different campuses, the possibility of educational rehabilitation would be planned out and conducted according to the needs of the groups.

In some States, an organized movement is under way to separate the cerebral palsied children and give them special care and attention.

It has been found out that a high number (some claim 75%) can be rehabilitated, but existing facilities for this type of children who were formerly considered as helpless idiots are by far too inadequate and almost nonexistent.

Remove Over-Aged Group

In order to plan properly for the mentally defective, I feel it imperative to remove from institutions the over-aged group. Today, the population of the children's division of the Crownsville State Hospital is 225, of whom 102 are older than 18 years.

Rosewood, with a population of 1247, has 783 older than 18 years. Some of the inmates are 50 years and older. All those over-aged should be removed. This group of patients should be screened and, according to their mental conditions, be either admitted to institutions for the insane, if necessary, or housed in proper custodial care.

They would not need any highly specialized personnel to care for them. The highly-trained people could be used for the benefit of the salvageable and trainable patients.

Same Opportunity Due All

Every citizen's child should have the same opportunity, regardless whether white or colored.

The feeble-minded unit of the Crownsville State Hospital is not equipped today to give the children proper separation and schooling. If all mental defectives were cared for in one institution, a duplication of training facilities and teachers and other highly-trained personnel could be avoided.

Since all these people could be used in one place, this would improve the situation by pooling all available highly-skilled personnel.

The housing of this colored group is a matter which could be handled by the head of the institution. A certain age limit should be established, after which untrainable material should be removed and bed space made available for the use of the waiting lists.

Discussions Could Help

Another important factor which should be slated here is the problem of the defective delinquent. Some of these people are admitted to the division for the feeble-minded. Others are sent directly to institutions for the mentally sick. They do not belong to either of these institutions.

They should have an institution of their own where, under proper conditions, they should be given adequate psychiatric treatment. If the problems which are causing them to become criminals could be discussed with them they might be able to accept psychiatric help and be guided to a more useful life.

It is unfortunate that institutions today are forced at this time to accept some of these defective delinquents because they are irritating the mentally sick ones, they are hampering our efforts to help the mentally sick and, at the same time, do not benefit because they are not in the proper environment.

Five Major Recommendations

Therefore, I make these recommendations:

1. Removal of the over-aged and place them in a separate institution.
2. One institution for all mental defectives in this State, in order to avoid duplication of facilities and staff.
3. Acceleration of admissions and reduction of waiting lists.
4. Proper segregation of the admissions according to trainability, physical condition and age.
5. A separate institution for the defective delinquent.

Registration of Ex-GI Trade Students Stressed

In a concentrated vote-registration drive, which will continue until April 1, the NAACP and associated workers, to date, have registered about 1000 potential voters.

This year, particular attention is being focused on war veterans who are attending GI trade schools and persons who have moved without changing their address at the Supervisor of Elections office.

A construction worker must be a voter before he can qualify to join a trade union, a requirement which will affect innumerable war veterans in getting the jobs for which they now are training.

For persons who have moved into new neighborhoods, it is important that they notify the Supervisor of Elections Office, because of an amendment to the State Registration and Elections Law.

Under this law, election judges will make a house-to-house canvass on ay 15 to determine whether voters listed at certain addresses still live there.

If they have moved and not reported it, their names will be dropped from the books and they will be ineligible to vote in the fall elections.

All other adults over 21 years of age who have never registered are also urged to do so immediately.

With a direct and forceful appeal to stress the importance of electing to city, State and national offices men who believe in the democratic principles for all, the NAACP calls this drive its "Vote for Freedom" campaign.

The campaign literature declares:

"I vote because I want my human rights—a decent house to live in, good schools for my children, proper recreation, fair employment.

"I know I cannot get these, my Constitutional rights, unless I vote for the man who believes in justice and democracy for all."

The place to register is Room 25, Court House, St. Paul and Fayette Sts. The office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

NAACP guides are on duty daily at the Courthouse to give the registrants any needed assistance.

The time to register is now to cast a vote for freedom.

Liberia Gets Library

What is expected to be a boon to Liberians, adults and children alike, is the new reading room which was opened under the auspices of the State Department of the United States in Monrovia last Saturday. A splendid array of books is available. Mrs. Loyce Woodford, formerly of Cleveland, where she was affiliated with the Cleveland Public Library, is in charge.

More than 600 people attended the opening. Government officials expressed appreciation on behalf of the people of Liberia. That morning, Mrs. Woodford held a party for the children of the community at which she served ice cream. There were some 300 youngsters present. A story-telling hour will be held three days a week.

The service of the reading room in Monrovia will be augmented by a bookmobile which will take consignments of books into the interior schools and villages. This will be a great boon to those remote communities cut off almost entirely from the outside world except by foot paths. All of these efforts are a part of the Public Information Section of the U.S. State Department of which Dr. Ruth Sloan is head.

War Veterans Register As Voters

Co-operating with the NAACP vote-registration drive, these war veterans signed up at the Supervisor of Elections office last week. To date, the NAACP campaign had added 1000 potential new voters to the books.

Speak Your Piece

Dope Ring Story Alarming

Dear AFRO: Your open publication of Feb. 15, 1950, concerning a "dope ring" operating in the shadow of Douglass High School is alarming and frightening to mothers, fathers and young parents who expect someday to send their children to school—and in many instances to Douglass High School.

We feel certain that the publication of the article is an injustice to the school, the faculty and the children.

We do feel that if any citizen, news reporter, or the like was suspicious of such happenings in the community, he should have reported the same to the FBI or some similar agency instead of letting it reach the front page of our newspaper.

(Mrs.) JONETTA W. SINGLETON

(Mrs.) JULIA T. HAWKINS

Douglass Pupils Ashamed

Dear AFRO:

As pupils of Douglass High High School, we feel embarrassed about the dope ring article that was printed in your paper on Feb. 24.

Our school is about to be rated during the month of March and we would like to get an "A" rating.

The authorities who will rate our school will certainly take all of this into consideration.

Want to Retain Rating

We've held an "A" rating for 10 years and most certainly do not want our good record spoiled.

Why punish the whole school for what you think a few others have done?

We, the undersigned, think there are better things to print about Douglass than that:

Rosetta Adams, Essie Battle, Emily Bland, Ava Boone, Shirley Bradford, Vivian Fritzhugh, Violetta Grimes, Inez Hall, Joan Hall, Vivian Hebron, Dorothy Heigh, Marlene Holmes, Mildred Hopkins, Irene Jones, Evelyn Martin, Thymasine Mitchell, Helena Moore, Adrienne Owens, Grace Palmers, Mamie Reed, Shirley Taylor, Roland Sullivan, Vivian Wright and Joyce Young.

Threat to School's Rating?

Dear AFRO: I read your article on the supposed dope ring being operated around Douglass High School. I am a senior at the school, and I don't think you should print such things.

Douglass and all other high schools are coming up for evaluation next month. Your article certainly isn't going to help things. If anything, it will probably cause Douglass to lose its rating as an accredited school.

Besides, what you wrote wasn't even news. It was no more than an opinion and belonged on the editorial page.

X. Y. Z.

Editor's Note: The AFRO's story on dope traffic in the Douglass High School area is authentic. Publication is notice to parents and teachers — and the city authorities—to provide the proper remedies.

Difference of Opinion

Dear AFRO: In our opinion we think Mrs. Madge Kelly was wrong when she said in a letter printed last week that the Rev. M. E. Holmes is a disgrace.

BETTY BISHOP, RUTH COLBERT and JESSIE WARNER

A Turning Point

Dear AFRO:

I personally think the average person should consider the marriage of Walter White to a member of a different race to be a turning point in racial understanding in America.

JOHN TROWER

Truman Promises Scored

Dear AFRO: I wonder how Harry Truman expects the people to put up with his promises?

He went out on a limb when he told the people he was going to have the Taft-Hartley bill repealed. Then he said he was going to have Congress enact a Civil Rights law, knowing it would be blocked by the Southern members of his own party.

I feel sure there are those who believe a mistake was made on Nov. 2, 1948, and I also feel sure they will correct this mistake in 1952.

GEORGE FRANCIS BAYNHAM

I Was for Leopard

Like many readers, I became quite interested in the recent Oklahoma City adventure of the escaped leopard. I frankly admit I was on the leopard's side from the beginning, and now, even more so. Here is an obituary for the little fellow:

A little leopard longed to be free
Just as you and me,
So he jumped a barrier 20 feet tall,
It couldn't hold him at all.
For three brief days his soul was free,
But he couldn't enjoy his liberty;
Too many lights, too many dogs,
Too many men with a gun.
A little groggy, a little hungry,
He was constantly on the run.
He trodded back to the home he knew
And there he found—how could they—how crude
A delicious hunk of poisoned food.

MACEO T. HOWARD

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

Are mercy killings ever justified? That's the question which is being debated in every hamlet and town today as Dr. Herman Sander, New Hampshire physician, is being tried on a charge of intentionally hastening the death of an incurably ill cancer patient.

Many people believe this question of showing mercy to suffering persons by helping hasten their death is one which should be decided on the individual merits of each case.

But, look at this:

Two weeks ago in a local hospital, a friend tells me he visited an ill relative. In the next bed was a desperately ill patient for whom doctors and nurses had given up all hope of recovery. Relatives were allowed at all hours of the day and night.

Merciful or Unmerciful?

One night they heard "the death rattles," and it was a pretty sure thing that the patient would not last through the night.

But he did and the next day there was a miraculous improvement in his condition. Hospital officials were astounded. Last week, the doomed man was well-enough to sit up in bed. Thankful for his improvement, he ordered soft drinks for the entire ward!

Now what, I ask myself, would have happened if some doctor or nurse had taken it upon himself to help this suffering patient out of his misery? Would you call that being merciful or unmerciful?

Birthdays

Struggle and turmoil, revel and brawl,
Youth is the sign of them one and all,
A smoldering hearth and a silent stage,
These are a type of the world of age.

—W. E. HENLEY

The AFRO extends congratulations to these persons celebrating birthdays next week:

MARCH 5—Thelma Davis, 1013 Division St.; Viola Williams, 1604 Druid Hill Ave.; Mrs. Mary S. Tates, 1206 Argyle Ave.

MARCH 6—Miss Angelese D. Elam, 1421 E. Lafayette Ave.; Mrs. Marie R. Jones, 1826 N. Mount St.; Ethel G. Young, 1152 N. Carey St.; Virgie Gaines, 1223 N. Caroline St.; Mrs. Minna A. West, 1908 Madison Ave.

MARCH 7—Harrison Dodd, 807 N. Arlington Ave.; George McDonald, 900 W. Franklin St.; Mrs. Catherine Wilson, 1912 McCulloh St.

MARCH 8—Dr. S. Bernard Hughes, 1413 Druid Hill Ave.; Mrs. Leona E. Keene, 909 W. Fayette St.; Denver Deshields, 842 Edmonson Ave.; Mrs. Leon E. Keene, 909 W. Fayette St.; Joseph Roy, 1137 N. Carey St.; Alverta Thompson, 332 W. Preston St.

MARCH 9—Mrs. Bessie Chapman, 1937 Madison Ave.; Mrs. Etta B. Phifer, 1422 E. Chase St.; Mrs. Clarence Pendleton, 1828 Druid Hill Ave.; Edgar Stevenson, 1719 W. Lafayette Ave.; William Lee, 4722 Falls Rd.; Robert Collins, 2357 Druid Hill Ave.; Carrie Thompson, 332 W. Preston St.; Mrs. Felicia Terry, 949 W. Fayette St.; W. Llewellyn Wilson, Montebello Terr.

MARCH 10—Francis Yancey, 717 N. Carrollton Ave.; Mrs. Edna Rawlings, 742 Dolphin St.; Fred C. Pate, 1329 Mosher St.; Mrs. Macajah St.; William Warfield, 2439 Druid Hill Ave.

MARCH 11—Mrs. Betty Phillips, 2037 Bentalou St.; Miss Melvin A. Garland, 1421 E. Lafayette Ave.; Thomas Jones, 1510 Pennsylvania Ave.; Mrs. Blanche Cooper, 512 Calhoun St.

Book Review

By J. SAUNDERS REDDING

Voices: A Quarterly of Poetry, has just put out under the editorship of Langston Hughes a colored poets' issue. It is a very good thing to have done, for in these times of scientific materialism, more and more of the avenues of publication have dried up for the poet, particularly for the colored poet.

Publishers make no money from poetry, and few of them will even consider such work. Now that Opportunity has folded, only three regular outlets through which the colored poet can talk specifically to his people remain. But even if they wished, the Crisis, Phylon and the Southwest Review could not print all the good work of the ten or twelve good colored poets now writing.

Not Always Their Best

Each of these—and some others not so good — is represented in the present issue of **Voices.** Each of these is not always represented by his best. Myron O'Higgins' "Death of Bessie Smith" is poor O'Higgins for instance, and Robert Hayden and Gwendolyn Brooks have both much more to give than their present selections show.

The inclusion of two pieces by Marcus B. Christian, "Politicians" and "Scavengers of the Dawn," must have been pure courtesy, for, heaven knows, any college freshman with a rhyming dictionary and a couple of worn-out ideas could have done better.

But such strictures only make what is valuable in this issue more valuable, and there is a good deal of value. It is good to see again new work from some of the older poets.

Georgia Douglas Johnson has not lost her refined lyric touch. Jessie Fauset, who writes little poetry, but writes that little well, contributes a piece called "Courage." Effie Lee Newsome, after years of regrettable silence, sings again.

Best at End

Whether Mr. Hughes intended it or not (and I think he did), the best things are saved for the last, like dessert — a cool, tangy and stimulating dessert — after a greasy meal.

Melvine B. Tolson's best gifts are on display in "African China." Those gifts include a directness of communication and an aptness of imagery that remind one of Gwendolyn Brooks.

But none of the poems has the emotional rightness, the intellectual brilliance and the artistic finish of the four pieces by M. Carl Holman. Here is a poet who has never been jejune or trite; here is a poet's poet who yet somehow, by some magic of sincerity, makes an appeal to hearts commoner than the poet's.

This winter (1950) issue of **Voices** is worth the price, for its pages introduce several new poets and several whose best work will remain new.

State Police Releases 'Drunk Driving' Film

The Maryland State Police have received from the M-G-M Studios the highway safety film, "Drunk Driving."

This picture is considered the greatest contribution that Hollywood has yet made to combat this most inexcusable of all killers on the highway, drunken drivers.

Drunken driving is one of the four leading causes of highway traffic collisions in the State of Maryland and in the nation. This picture graphically tells a vivid story that is often enacted on the highways.

Incidence in Crashes High

The National Safety Council reports that in one-fourth of the fatal accidents in 1948 either the driver or the pedestrian was reported to have been drinking—that one in every six drivers involved in fatal accidents had been drinking.

This film will be shown to all interested groups upon request and give the State police another opportunity to assist in promoting safety on the highways of Maryland.

Requests for a representative to show this film should be made to the Traffic Staff, Maryland State Police, Pikesville 8, Md.

Travel Is Broadening If One Travels Right

By JULIA B. ENGLISH

Travel guides in practically all of the daily and weekly newspapers, brochures for travel agencies, advertisements of all descriptions herald the approach of another vacation season.

With the per capita income almost at a peak and with interest in foreign affairs at a new height more and more persons are taking advantage of the opportunity to travel.

For many, it is just the thrill of doing something that is still relatively exclusive; for others it is an opportunity to broaden their experiences through personal, not vicarious, contacts.

American Tourist Most Gullible

Both groups will be welcomed generally, for the American tourist is the most gullible of all. He plays the role of the newly rich.

His actions, his clothes, everything proclaim that he has received a windfall. His money looks especially good, and it is speedily taken from him.

Too often he considers the attention paid him a tribute to his superiority. He is still just being "taken," but so graciously.

Especially is this true of those who consider the trip to Europe, to South America, to Mexico, the thing to do before it gets too commonplace. They are the ones who "pay through the nose" for the artificial, the meaningless, the things put on display for tourists only.

Wholesome Traveler Liked

The person who travels because of a natural wholesome desire to become enriched usually reaps more benefits because he gives desire to become enriched usually reaps more benefits because he gives more of himself. He usually has a sort "sympatica," which takes with his hosts.

He usually wants and tries to be a part of the new environment in which he finds himself.

Too often, however, he is impeded by language difficulties. Certainly, there will be those who can play the generous host and speak the language of the visitor.

But how much more desirable is the person who, even though faltering, can use the language of the land? How much more he can get, and save, if he has a command of that language?

Can Equip Selves Rapidly

Many will ask: "What can I do about it now, since I plan to go away this summer?"

My answer is: Plenty.

Education has been geared to keep up with the modern trend. Intensive language courses have been provided for just such persons.

A two-month course with an expert, self-teaching course, using the most modern of records will enable the average person to get by—at the airport, in cafes and hotels, in shops and the like.

Even more time and greater facility with languages will enable the visitor to become an integral part of the environment in which he finds himself.

It will allow him to understand, not just recognize the problems of the country he is visiting. There is nothing more embarrassing to either the host or his guest than to have arise a conversation in which the latter cannot participate.

Misfits Even at Home

The truth of this may be seen right at home. All of us, at times, have been part of groups in which there is a misfit.

All of us have experienced embarrassment and sympathized with the gracious hostess who tries to draw that misfit into the conversation and with that sore thumb which cannot be drawn in, for one reason or another.

True, one does not go to a foreign country usually to remain, but he wants to get the most out of his trip, whatever the duration may be. His hosts will offer; he must be ready to receive.

"Bone Up" on Foreign Land

In addition to knowing something about the language of the country he is visiting, the tourist should have done some reading in advance, so that he will know what to look for and be able to ask for them.

Above Union Station in Washington, there is an old quotation which reads: "He who would bring back the wealth of the Indies with him must carry the wealth of the Indies with him."

And how true that is! That wealth, which includes not only the intangibles, but also such things as the temper, understanding, appreciation and the like, is given the tourist for the asking.

Your Child's Teacher

When Miss Edna DeCoursey found that some pupils at School No. 135 were absent for lack of proper clothing, she soon found a solution to the problem.

MISS EDNA DeCOURSEY

She called together parents and organized a "Clothing Clinic." The members canvassed the neighborhood, collected shoes and garments and got the absentees back in their classes.

Working in conjunction with Officer Dennis P. Mello of the Eastside Community Committee, this energetic young teacher has helped build better relationships between her school and the community.

Her Enthusiasm 'Catching'

Her pride in her classes borders on the maternal. Pupils associated with her in the classroom and extra curricula work soon catch her enthusiasm for service to home, school, church and community.

"The Golden Rule" forms the basis of her life's philosophy. She counts making friends one of her hobbies, the others being music, traveling and reading.

She has taught six years since her graduation from Coppin Teachers College in 1944. At School No. 135, she is public relations director and a second grade teacher.

Active in Intergroup Relations

As area chairman of public relations in E. Baltimore, last year, she organized and helped carry out a program which brought together the churches, schools and social agencies in a discussion of neighborhood problems.

She serves also as a member of the public relations committee of the Public Teachers' Association.

A life-long member of Sharon Baptist Church, Miss DeCoursey is a Sunday School teacher there and director of the junior choir. She is, in addition, adult advisor of the Md.-Del. Christian Youth Council.

Works With Interracial Camp

For several years she has served as counselor for the Eastern Regional Planning Conference, an interracial camp held annually at Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H. Three nights a week she teaches at the Maryland Baptist Training Center.

She is the daughter of J. Garfield DeCoursey of 521 Gold St.

Her ambition is to do further study in human relations, but she is not discontented with her present job.

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Yields per acre of the 16 principal seed crops in the United States averaged 27% higher from 1938 to 1949 than for the preceding 50 years.