Welfare's Lack of Funds Blamed on Ignorance

Thomas J. S. Waxter, director of the welfare department puts the blame for lack of sufficient funds to aid Baltimore's needy people on county legislators who know nothing about the city's poverty.

Speaking at the Methodist Ministers meeting Wednesday, at Sharp St. Community House, Mr. Waxter discussed the different types of public assistance.

He stated that there are some 33,000 children in Baltimore who receive money grants from the welfare department. Heretofore, a mother with four small children would get $121 a month but as of April 1, the State Legislature has cut this figure by 10% or to $110.

Below Decency Level

The $121, Mr. Waxter said, was already below what a family could live on decently.

The cut, Mr. Waxter said, will allow the department to help more relief cases. In other words, the needy are being taxed to aid other needy.

Some 4,000 persons in the city, mostly single and over 60 years of age who are unable to work, get an average of $46 a month from the welfare.

The average person in this category must pay about $25 a month rent and after buying food, there is nothing left for the other necessities of life.

Baltimore spends less money for relief than the national average, Mr. Waxter said. The amount is adjusted by the legislature.

The ministers were advised that as this is an election year, they can write Gov. W. Preston Lane demanding a better welfare program.

The Rev. Fairfax King, presided.

EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT TO BE FRONTIERS' GUEST

Guest speaker at the Frontiers Club on Tuesday at the YMCA, will be Maurice E. Williams, employment consultant, who will describe the work of the division of parole and probation of the State of Maryland.

Twins' Hearts Gladdened by Sorority Gift

Fifteen dollars may not sound like a lot of money, but to twin daughters of a father who cannot work because of a heart condition, it was all the money in the world.

Alpha Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, of which Mrs. Beatrice Hall is basileus, gave the money to the twins to buy shoes—the first new pair of shoes these 7-year-olds have had alike.

One of the children is a partial invalid from palsy and neither could attend school because of lack of clothing.

Finer Womanhood Action

The sorority sent the money along with a large box of clothing for the twins as part of their Finer Womanhood Week celebration.

Mrs. Cornelia Smith, Southwestern District policewoman, took the children downtown to buy the shoes. To hear her tell the story of their happiness over the gift, would wring any heart.

On the streetcar the children could talk of nothing except the new shoes, and in the store they watched with awe as each new pair of shoes was brought to them, Mrs. Smith said.

Wearing Too Small Shoes

The shoes they were wearing, the salesman discovered, were two sizes too small.

The twins, who are motherless, have six other sisters and brothers, five of whom have been put in foster homes.

They live with their grandmother and father who was just recently placed on the welfare rolls.

Peace League to Hear Lecturer at Friends

The Baltimore Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will hear Mrs. Ruth Gage Colby, traveler and lecturer, at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the Homewood Friends Meeting House.

Mrs. Colby is now on a lecture tour of the United States. She was accredited by the State Department to the United Nations conferences at San Francisco, Lake Success and Paris as a non-governmental representative on social welfare and the peace movement.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Two Answers to Coppin Question

Because, as in all controversial matters, there is the possibility of confusion, the AFRO hereby sticks a pin in what it considers the most important issues in the Coppin Teachers College situation.

First of all, it should be made perfectly clear that the proposal to transfer Coppin to Bowie State Teachers College is highly unacceptable and, in the light of recent court decisions, also illegal.

Although Bowie is now listed as "accredited," informed authorities on educational matters are quick to point out that this quickie accreditation in no wise means that Bowie is now the equal of the State Teachers College at Towson.

No waving of a magic wand can produce at Bowie the library, laboratories, gymnasium and faculty such as are to be found at Towson.

Parents of present Coppin students and parents whose children eventually will seek teacher training in the State are not convinced that Bowie is the equivalent of Towson.

These parents are determined that their children, therefore, should either be transferred to Towson or to Morgan State College.

Secondly, a proposal to set up a new teachers college in Baltimore looks toward some indefinite time in the future and does not cover the present emergency.

Not only has the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, as in Oklahoma's Sipuel case, that the States are obliged to provide within their borders, and at the same time, equal educational facilities for all, but another Federal Court, in the Pulaski (Va.) school case, has ruled that colored pupils may not be compelled to travel a greater distance to attend a school while whites can attend one close by.

It is not likely, therefore, that the courts will uphold the plan to make Baltimore's colored teacher trainees travel 30 miles daily to attend school at Bowie when white trainees are not required to travel that far.

Of course, it would cost the State less money to send these future teachers to Towson or Morgan than it would to set up an entirely new school for them. If the State owns Morgan, Towson and Coppin, it should be able to work out a suitable arrangement among them to handle the present emergency without delay.

The Commission on Higher Education has proposed that (1) present Coppin students be permitted to complete their work here, (2) that all new Coppin students be sent to Bowie and (3) that study be given to a proposal to open a new teachers' college in the city.

Parents should watch this closely. So should the NAACP. The first student who is directed to go all the way to Bowie for his training, when he could get it more cheaply at Towson, should report the matter promptly to the NAACP.

The State Board of Education really has but two justifiable courses of action before it. Either send our teacher trainees to Towson or establish an equivalent accredited State teachers college in Baltimore now.

If the board and Governor Lane will face up to these two propositions instead of trying to bypass them, they will save themselves some headaches further down the line.

Toussaint L'Ouverture

By FREDERICK H. DEDMOND
Romance Languages Department, Morgan State College

Having recently celebrated National History Week it is fitting to pay tribute to one of the greatest men the world has produced, Toussaint Breda, (Breda is the name of the province of his birth) known to us as Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Unfortunately, no one seems to know exactly when he was born nor when he died. The date of his birth has been given as 1737, 1739, 1744 and 1746. Historians have settled on the date 1744.

Toussaint has been described as a man of five feet and two inches tall, very black, extremely ugly, with bad hair, thick lips, and large, expressive eyes, and a mind second to none of his day.

In fact he has been considered as one of the most brilliant men of modern times. His education was scanty and irregular. His father taught him French, and he learned the Creole language, which he spoke and wrote very well.

Fettered Most of His Life

Toussaint was 59 years of age when he died, but it is believed that he would have lived to be much older except for French trickery, resulting in an early death. His father lived to be 106 years of age. Of his 59 years, Toussaint spent 47 of them in slavery.

Toussaint was 40 years old when he married Suzanne, who was 35 years of age. To this union two sons were born, Isaac and Saint-Jean.

It is not generally known when or why he adopted the name of L'Ouverture, but we do know that he signed it to an important document in 1793.

Since the name L'Ouverture" is the French word for "opening," it is believed that Toussaint adopted it in order to impress his followers that by organizing the insurrection, he had opened the gate to them to freedom.

In one of his famous proclamations he said:

"Oh you Africans, my brothers, have you forgotten that it is I who first raised the standard of insurrection against tyranny and against the despotism that kept you in chains?"

Though, one of the best soldiers produced in the Western Hemisphere, Toussaint was a very kind person. He endeared himself to his men by sharing with them all of the hardships of the many campaigns.

Shared Lowest Soldiers' Lot

If food was rationed, he accepted only the amount that was allotted to the soldiers of the lowest rank in his group. As a leader, he has few equals; he wanted complete liberty for all slaves in Haiti, and refused to settle for anything short of that goal.

Like Lincoln, he held no grudge against his enemies; and through his leniency many white slave holders were spared their lives and their property.

Several times, he defeated the British troops that had been sent to his island, and finally he defeated all outsiders, including the Spanish, French and the English. His brilliant military work earned him the rank of brigadier general, an honor bestowed upon him by the French Directory.

Thus, he became the foremost person of his race in Haiti and in the world. Few colored leaders, if any, have held such a high rank in an army in the Western Hemisphere.

Honored by French Historian

Thiers, a French historian, speaking of Toussaint pays him this tribute:

"The black slave, who became dictator, had established in Saint Domingo a tolerable state of society. He accomplished things which might almost be called great had the stage been ampler and had they proved less ephemeral."

Fate did not spare Toussaint the opportunity to finish the great work he began in Haiti, because the French deceived him with their smooth offers into a so-called "important meeting where matters of policy must be discussed."

Toussaint accepted the engagement and arranged an appointment. When he arrived, he was greeted warmly by the French general, who asked to be excused for a moment and following his exit from the room, French soldiers entered and arrested the great leader, marking an end to his career as emancipator of Haiti.

Toussaint was taken to France, where he was allowed to die without receiving the benefit of a trial.

No one knows the exact date of his death because the jail-keeper found it necessary to leave his post for several days, taking all the keys to all the cells with him. On his return he found the lifeless body of Toussaint L'Ouverture on the floor of his cell.

That was the price Toussaint paid for his efforts in liberating his people from slavery; but neither his work nor his death have been in vain, because today, Haiti stands as an example to the world of a nation of people, once enslaved, but now free.

Importance of Health to Workers Stressed

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eighth in a series of articles about environmental health problems, give information as well as be useful in getting and keeping jobs. The main emphasis will be on jobs in the Baltimore area, but some information is devoted to employment on a national scale.

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

The health of workers plays an important part in the type of employment they seek and how adequately they are able to perform their duties. The importance of having certain work habits has been stressed.

It is just as important for workers to develop health habits to maintain their bodies in the best condition as it is to emphasize skills.

The City Health Department, the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and the medical personnel of the city are all working to prevent and cure the ills of the population.

Prevention Listed First

Prevention is listed first because many maladies can be avoided by correct health habits.

The medical agencies exert much of their skills to cure the ills of those persons who do not abide by health rules because of negligence, overcrowded conditions, lack of knowledge or flagrant disregard of health rules.

According to the annual report of the Health Department for 1948, the estimated Baltimore population as of July 1, 1948, was 958,000. Of this number, 757,000 were white and 201,000, or 21 per cent were colored.

The infant mortality rate was 28.7 per 1000 live births. For white infants the rate was 24.9; and for colored infants, 37.3.

The resident birth rate during the year was 23.1 per 1000 population. The white birth rate was 20.4 and the colored birth rate, 33.2.

Health Agency Services Listed

The City Health Department offers the following services to the public:

1. Medical care to the recipients of public assistance of the Welfare Department.

2. Services for communicable diseases, tuberculosis, veneral diseases, child hygiene, school hygiene and mental hygiene.

3. Protection for milk control, food control, environmental hygiene, meat inspection, nutrition, industrial hygiene, plumbing, community sanitation, housing and rodent control.

The second principal cause of death for the colored population was tuberculosis for the year under consideration. The total number of TB deaths of persons of both races was 637. Of this number 360 were of colored persons and 297 were white.

Goal Disease's Eradication

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has as its objectives the prevention and eradication of the disease. This work is done by the sponsoring of mass chest X-ray surveys in various sections of the city. Through these surveys, the disease is discovered in its early stages.

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By discovering the disease in its beginning stages the recovery of the patient can be more speedily effected. Generally speaking, among every 1000 apparently healthy adults given chest X-rays, an average of 3 to 5 persons is found to have active tuberculosis.

The modern, well-equipped sanatorium or tuberculosis hospital is the place for the patient to recover from the disease. At times it is impossible to get a bed at the outset of the disease. In such cases the patient may be cared for in his own home.

Advice Available

Free pamphlets may be obtained from the MTA that will be very useful to the patient and his immediate family.

The most important factor in the regaining of the patient's healthy status is complete rest both mental and physical.

Some health habits that have been suggested by authories are:

1. Get the proper amount of sleep. This has to be determined by the persons in question, as some require less than others.

2. Have physical examination by a doctor at least once each year.

3. Avoid extremes of eating and drinking.

4. Wear clothing that is suitable for the weather.

5. Eat nutritional, well-rounded meals.

Importance of Dim Lights Stressed

Dim your lights for approaching vehicles—an accident strikes, the blow is felt by many.

Dim your lights for approaching vehicles—no alibi can restore a life.

At night, dim your lights for other cars; this reminds other drivers to dim their lights for you.

It's dangerous to expect the other fellow to use all the caution. Be a cautious driver, dim your lights for approaching vehicles.

When you dim your lights for approaching traffic, your chances of having an accident will dim too.

Dim your lights for approaching vehicles; safety costs nothing until you neglect it.

Shoe's on Other Foot, So Park Board Suffers

A number of irregularities in the parks department were revealed by the Mayor this week in the first report on the administration's investigation of the parks activities, but Dr. Bernard J. Harris is steering clear of the controversial issues.

He told city investigators conducting the probe that as the only colored member of the Park Board, he has worries of his own.

Questioned by the city solicitor in connection with the probe, Dr. Harris declared at one point, "As a minority member of the board, I didn't have to worry about the Yacht Club."

The board's contract with the Yacht Club, an exclusively white group, is involved in the investigation.

At still another point, Dr. Harris was asked by the city solicitor, "The board has been unanimous a majority of times in its decision, I believe, is that correct?"

Dr. Harris answered, "That's right, much to my discomfiture. They voted unanimously against me so many times that I am glad to have them unanimous against somebody else."

The solicitor then asked, "Yours was the racial situation?" and Dr. Harris answered, "That's right."

"Then it wasn't unanimous?" the solicitor wanted to know.

The physician replied, "It was unanimous against me."

Dr. Harris was referring to the number of times that other members of the board have voted against him on matters involving equal or joint use of park and recreational facilities by all citizens.

Now he is letting the majority members stew in their own juice.

Speak Your Piece

Afraid to Speak Up

Dear AFRO:

What is a Communist? Is it true that everyone who works for the up-building of the colored people is classified as a Communist?

We have colored people in Baltimore who are living in the slums and are afraid to speak up for their rights for fear of being branded a Communist. For that reason they stay where they are and try to be contented.

The Baltimore Transit Company is asking for an increase in fare and the public is against it. Some are afraid to sign petitions against it because they are being circulated by the Progressive Party. If we are in a free country, why are they afraid?

The Progressive Party is fighting for civil rights and that is the party the people should be interested in.

R. J. MANNING

Thinks Coverage Good

Dear AFRO:

I thank you for your interest in and coverage of the Second Annual Institute on Religion and Health held at Baltimore City Hospitals from Feb. 13 through March 2.

The course was excellent and the experience of interracial fellowship was most helpful.

My fellow ministers also join me in thanking you.

The (Rev.) LAWRENCE BROWN
Idlewyde Methodist Church

Says Expose Dope Ring

Dear AFRO:

I have been reading about the pupils of Douglass High School who hit the ceiling because you printed a story about the dope ring operating around the school (Feb. 25).

I think you are right to enlighten the public about such things. These things are happening all over the United States. Just keep on writing the facts.

H. M. ROBINSON

Urban League's Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Please accept this official expression of appreciation from the executive board and staff of the Baltimore Urban League for your splendid contribution to the success of the Silver Anniversary celebration.

The coverage and feature stories have been most effective in interpreting the League to the community.

Such publicity serves to increase public understanding and interest in problems of race relations which the league is constantly endeavoring to resolve.

EDGAR M. EWING
President

RR Maker Grateful

Dear AFRO: I wish to thank you for the excellent manner in which you wrote the article on my model railroad (Feb. 25).

I hope it reaches many people who will attempt to spend their leisure time in a profitable and educational way.

EARL ANDERSON

That Jim Crow Repealer

Dear AFRO:

I certainly was shocked to note that the pussy footers have again shown their true colors by not repealing that dreaded jim crow law that has been on our statute books for years.

Senator Melnicoel, I understand, stated that this law should be repealed because the WBA railroad is out of existence and the ferries, where this law is in vogue, will soon be supplanted by the new Bay Bridge. I think that wasn't necessary to bring before his colleagues.

The whole law is a nuisance to all good thinking people, but to a pussy looter, no!

CRESTON L. WOINGUST

On Filthy Eating Places

Dear AFRO:

It really irks me to see the filthy places they call restaurants. I think all employees in eating places should have a blood test. The public had better begin inspecting the kitchen of the places which serve food.

(Mrs.) C. B. HILL

Why Dual Standards?

Dear AFRO:

A week ago last Monday a youth was buried, a victim of another "trigger happy cop" of Baltimore. What did or what has the commissioner done about it? Nothing.

Friday night another groups of "trigger happy cops" killed a white man and Commissioner Ober is ready to investigate.

Why must Ober investigate the killing of an armed bandit and let the slaying of an unarmed youth go without investigation?

I am a taxpayer and my taxes help to pay the salaries of many a "trigger happy cop" and if something is done about the killing of an unarmed bandit, then something should be done about the killing of an unarmed youth.

DISGUSTED TAXPAYER

Thinks GOP Has Chance

Dear AFRO:

Out of my 30 years' experience in politics, I think the Republicans now have a good chance to elect a governor, but the field of candidates is too crowded.

Out of all the candidates who have thrown their hats into the ring so far, and except for former Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, the hillbilly candidate, Tim Bright, is closest to the common people.

No candidate can be elected today unless he caters to the laboring element, and Mr. Bright does that.

I don't think Mr. McKelden is going to get into the fight unless the groups are consolidated. But I think the Republicans have their best chance of electing a governor since Ritchie beat Nice.

MARSE S. CALLAWAY

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

There Ought To Be a Law Against:

MINORS who misrepresent their ages to enter taverns and night clubs. Some youngsters even show doormen, waiters, cards to support their "of-age" claims but when police investigate and find they're under 21, it's the unsuspecting tavern owner who is fined and punished.

LANDLORDS who have not yet installed central heating systems in rented properties, which are still using the outlawed coal oil stoves. When fire breaks out, it's the poor tenant who is fined, not the landlord.

MOTHERS who carry young children, still in arms, to funeral services, an experience which is bound to be both exciting and unhealthy for an impressionable child. Some thoughtless mothers even carry their children to review the body!

THE CLOCK-WATCHER who often sleeps on the job, but can always tell the other fellow how to make friends and influence people and improve his work efficiency.

Scribbler at Large

By WALLIE REEVES

We all, more or less, have dreams of the past. We even have day dreams, as they say, of long ago.

To some there is a sort of happiness or solace found in the dreams of the past. Sometimes in these dreams, we recreate or, in other words, live the days over again in just a few moments.

Sometimes vivid memories come back to us with a scene of the old house where we were born. Or the green meadows nearby still filled with buttercups and daisies. Also the little brook and the old foot log.

Then too, there are dreams of the little wooden church, the pot-belly stove and the circuit preacher.

Dreams of the past more or less give us in a quick panorama, the bitter and sweet, of what has been.

CURVE CUDDLERS

I sometimes wonder whether most women in their preparation for dress don't more or less have the men in mind, or whether they don't dress just to simply please the men.

What a line most women have! They dash down the avenue, a geometric study in curves. From tip to toe, some look as though they have passed through a mold.

But, wait! Don't forget those CURVE CUDDLERS play a big part in the role. It is really that man-made-gift that has turned the trick. The right "bra" or the right "girdle."

Without these, a good many of the so perfect anatomical creatures would look like a raging river which has overflown its banks.

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 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.

Poet's Nook

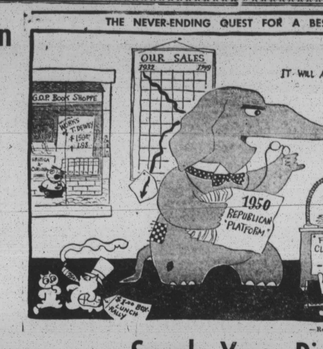
THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This poem was read in Congress by Sen. William Langer (Rep., N. Dak.), who had it printed in the Congressional Record on May 15 of last year.)

Come, brothers from the ends of earth,
This is a trumpet call.
To understanding, fellowship,
And tolerance for all.
Why suffer power, arrogance,
With vanity and greed.
To rise again upon the land
And on its vitals feed.
Why should we follow brazen drums
Into the flames of war,
Since we are brothers of one blood
What are we fighting for?
Come! come, before the atom bomb
Blasts out humanity.
Grinding to ashes all the world
In bitter mockery.
Come! and tomorrow's world shall rise
And weary, watching human kind
Will know that God is there.
Tomorrow's dawn shall make the dream
Of brotherhood come true.
The prayer for peace and happiness:
God made this world for you!

—GEORGIA D. JOHNSON

THE NEVER-ENDING QUEST FOR A BEST SELLER



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Use Strategy to Beat Bus Fare Hike Here

By ARTHUR RANDALL

During the Public Service Commission's hearings, this week, on the Baltimore Transit Company's demand for increased fares for the pupils' service they accuse residents, it would have been well for members of the minority group (for once) to use a little strategy.

We might employ, let us say, the tactic used by "Brer" Rabbit, who when faced with the alternative of being boiled in tar or flung in a briar patch, begged his merciless antagonist, Brother Fear, to "throw me in the blazing tar, but, please, don't throw me in that briar patch."

Tacking the metaphor to the reality, we might urge PSC (as if they needed any urging) to "please increase the fare of the streetcars, buses trackless trolleys and whatever other modes of transportation the BTC owns; but please don't let the city take over the transit system."

Wanting to show "Brer" Rabbit how inconsequential "Brer" Rabbit was and how omnipotent he, the "by-nature" supreme fear was, Brother Bear tossed the pleader straight into the briar patch.

Miss Mary Clark

Because of Bigotry

Deigning never to accord a request of colored people for joy, route or courtesy, the all mighty BTC might be tempted to act similarly—toss up its millions of dollars' stake here and actually MAKE THE CITY TAKE OVER THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. Much more has been done because of bigotry.

Oh, what joy! Just as "Brer" Rabbit landing in the tangled brambles of the briar patch luxuriated because he was at home among briars, so colored citizens, having a real stake in the vital business of local transport, would luxuriate in, at last getting a chance to obtain what they, in greater numbers than the whites, proportionately pay for—the public utility that makes the life's blood of the city circulate.

In most of the cities to North of this Dixie town of Baltimore, alert citizens have "tossed out" tenacious interests that rule their transit systems.

Even Back in '30's

They were hurling the word "Socialist" around in the '30's, when Mayor Edward Jeffries Sr., who made his millions out of a $75,000 investment in the Ford Motor Company in its pioneer days, convinced the City Council to let the citizens vote on whether or not they wanted private interests to continue to "milk" the populace with exhorbitant rates for transit service.

The people voted. And within the next two years, they had bought out the interests and owned it—just as they own their water—their means of getting to work, church, school and to recreational areas.

490 Now in Uniform

Now, nearly 490 colored youths wear the sky blue of transit company employees in Detroit, working in every capacity from conductors and motormen on streetcars to inspectors of service, due to the fact that the system is city-owned, and by having political power, they can have a voice in its operation.

Last month, Miss Mary Clark's picture was carried in a conspicuous place in every vehicle owned by the city, proclaiming the sepia beauty as "Miss Detroit Street Railways" for February.

A traveler from Washington can reach the Belvedere-Sheraton Hotel quicker from Washington, 45 rail miles away, than from Sparrows Point, nine miles away.

No Courtesy

Here, BTC employees are unshaven, with dirty fingernails; cars equipped with the oldest fashioned gear that the BTC can buy up from other cities which were modernizing. Windows rattle and fall out, brakes fail to work and the trolley I was riding expired while trying to pull another dead one off the track.

One would little suppose that in Baltimore the first electric railroad in the United States was opened, and Mr. Bright does that.

I don't think Mr. McKelden is going to get into the fight unless the groups are consolidated. But I think the Republicans have their best chance of electing a governor since Ritchie beat Nice.

MARSE S. CALLAWAY

Your Child's Teacher

MRS. ALICE MATTHEWS

"I believe that teaching is a calling, as well as a profession," says Mrs. Alice Matthews of Stowe School No. 118.

This means that she is now doing a job which she loves. No phase of it is dull, no part of it seems unimportant, no child is considered unworthy of her utmost efforts. "My job is to find each child's possibilities. I praise him for his small efforts. This encourages him to do more and better things. This plan works in the classroom. It also brings results in nearly every group with which I work. So it becomes a sort of hobby for me to try to see some good in each person that I meet, and to let him know about it," she explained.

The ability to organize, a pleasing personality, resourcefulness, a keen sense of responsibility, are characteristics for which Mrs. Matthews is lauded by her principal.

She is a native Baltimorean. After completing her work at Coppin Teachers College, she took time out to rear a family. She has been teaching now for six years.

"Ideal Mother" of Enon

At Stowe School she is advisor for its Parent and Story Telling Club, and co-ordinator of parent-teacher activities.

An ardent church worker, Mrs. Matthews in 1949 was elected the "Ideal Mother" of Enon Baptist Church, where she is a member of six clubs and secretary of two.

Enon has made her its official representative for the Council of Churches and the NAACP. She has taught in its vacation Bible School and soon hopes to resume her duties as a Sunday School teacher.

She is on the membership committee of the YWCA, and the educational committee of the Queen of Sheba Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and past matron of the Order of Calenthe, Knights of Pythias.

One of her two daughters, Miss Betty Matthews, is a teacher at Banneker School No. 113. The other, a former Morgan State College student, is Mrs. Anne Warner. Mrs. Matthews also revered a niece, Mrs. Charlotte Marshall.

Keeps Up With Studies

In addition to doing extension work at Morgan State College and the University of Maryland, Mrs. Matthews commits herself to a regular program of professional reading and study.

She lives at 1711 N. Payson St., is the wife of Mayon Matthews, and a proud grandmother. Looking forward to many more years at her calling, she hopes to continue working with children.

Birthdays

This I know without being told,
'Tis time to live as I grow old.
'Tis time short pleasures now to take,
Of little Life the best to make.
And manage wisely the last stake.

The AFRO extends congratulations to these persons who celebrate birthdays:

March 12 — Carrie Kelly, 907 N. Gay St.; Elaine Osborne, 1610 W. Lanvale St.; Elizabeth Somerville (Mrs. Earl), 1610 W. George Ford, 1610 Etting St.; Mrs. Leola Mosely, 2238 Druid Hill Ave.; Beatrice Ward (Mrs. Joseph), 1610 Etting St.; Edith Fauntleroy, 1101 Arlington Ave.

March 13—Rev. Beverly A. Ridburg, 1515 W. Lexington St.

March 14—Mary E. Lee, 2322 Etting St.; Mrs. Bernice Monroe, 2267 Madison Ave.; Miss Catherine Tucker, 1163 Carrollton Ave.

March 15—Miss Edna Walker, 633 N. Fremont Ave.; Mrs. Cora Nelson, 2439 Woodbrook Ave.; Mrs. R. Secord, 2038 Druid Hill Ave.; Mrs. Louise K. Gaines, 2133 Druid Hill Ave.; Charles H. Diggs, 629 W. Lanvale St.; Mrs. Ethel Gregg, Forest Park Apartment 1; Rudolph Bogard, 1 Randolph Ave.; Betty L. Ford, 1715 Etting St.

March 16—Mrs. Fannie Freind, 1811 N. Appleton St.; Anna Young, 1430 W. Lanvale St.

March 17—Miss Ida Cummings, 1224 Druid Hill Ave.; the Rev. Yolley K. Stokes, 1526 McCulloh St.; Melvin Lane, 1319 W. Lanvale St.; Ernest L. Holley, 2420 Woodbrook Ave.; Mrs. Clementine M. Knox 2457 Woodbrook Ave.; Fern Gardner, 1425 Harlem Ave.; Mrs. Charlotte McNeil, 2017 N. Pulaski Hwy.; John L. Miller, 1140 Druid Hill Ave.; Mrs. Margaret Crosse, 1327 Edmondson Ave.; Mrs. Inez Johnson, 1911 W. 42nd St.

March 18—George D. Tyler, 518 Oxford St.; V. M. Freeman, 1633 Edmondson Ave.; Mabel F. Ford, 1204 N. Wolfe St.; Ralph West, 1917 Etting St.; Louis E. Boone Jr., 1433 Edmondson Ave.; Mrs. Verda Welcome, 1124 Harlem Ave.; Oscar W. Long, 1102 Lafayette Ave; Mrs. Beatrice Wilson, 2009 Pennsylvania St.