MARYLAND 3-4 PLANS TO DEBATE BOARD

Plans were outlined for the appearance of the executive board at the fall meeting of the Maryland-District of Columbia-Delaware Athletic Association on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. in Morgan State College was outlined.

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Mrs. Alma Foster Goes Free in Lottery Case

Mrs. Alma Foster, colored housewife of a numbers broker, was acquitted on a lottery charge, Wednesday, and urged to "change your way of life" for the sake of her teen-age daughter.

It was brought out during the trial of Mrs. Foster that police found a suicide note written by the young girl when they raided Mrs. Foster's home in the 1200 block N. Fulton Ave. on July 23.

Mother Praved

After reading the note which set forth that the girl planned suicide because she was an expectant mother, Judge Joseph Sherbow, when rendering the acquittal, told Mrs. Foster:

"You haven't fouled me in the slightest degree. It is clear that you were conducting a place that is a nuisance to the neighborhood and the community.

"Even if you haven't got a spark of morality, this letter ought to at least have aroused some motherly instinct to make you change your way of life.

The young daughter, who has been married, Carolyn Alexander testified that when she found the note in Mrs. Foster's bedroom, he said to her parents, "I'm because of this environment, don't 22?"

He said Mrs. Foster answered that there was another reason for the girl's behaviour.

Search Ruled Illegal

The acquittal was rendered when Pulaski Ingram, attorney for the young widow, pointed out that the raid which carried out on a warrant issued for an alleged disorderly house, and not for lottery, was illegal, he added, made a mockery of lottery.

He quoting a Court of Appeals decision which supported this argument.

The disorderly house charge against Mrs. Foster was dismissed several weeks ago by police court. Captain Emerson, told Judge Sherbow that he found some $13 worth of lottery numbers and a dream book in Mrs. Foster's dresser drawer.

The vice squad head added that in the basement of the house, was a bar with whiskey and beer, and 15 pounds of shrimp on ice. He said also that the back door to the basement was open, and that he gained entrance to the front of the house by forcing the door.

Mrs. Foster was fined $500 in Criminal Court two years ago when she admitted that she had taken over the numbers business left by her husband, Milton, who was killed in an automobile crash.

ELMER BARKSDALE ENROLLS AT MORGAN

Elmer Barksdale, lightweight boxer enrolled this week as a student at Morgan State College, on the application blank where the question is asked who will be responsible for the student's bills, he wrote "Elmer Barksdale, professional lightweight boxer."

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Participants in Youth Program

A youth conservation program is being sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women, Cherry Hill Chapter. Some of the members who will participate in the national convention in Washington on Oct. 31 are left to right, Mrs. Annie B. Drayton, chairman; Misses Marjorie Chapman, Faye Richardson, Jean Morris, and standing, William Day.

Ella Not Quite Ella for Jazz at the Philharmonic

Above the din created by a group of youths who thought it their duty to entertain the crowd rather than let the great musicians by the Jazz at the Philharmonic concert do so, occasional bits of good jazz could be heard.

Tenor saxophonist Lester "Pres" Young took jumps on musicianship and vigorous ideas.

The giant Canadian pianist, Oscar Peterson, was equally impressive, displaying an almost fantastic keyboard technique and pounding drive.

Mere Mellow

Ella Fitzgerald — slender, more mature and in rare humor — sang well but in a matter-of-fact way void of her usual spark.

Miss Fitzgerald's extreme artistry, however, made it virtually impossible for her to do a bad job, even if she wanted to.

Despite some mediocre material, she managed to please most of the audience.

As old Ellington Ballad, "Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me," was her best number. Singing this tune, Ella's wonderful ability to phrase notes, go in and out of the melody effectively and turn the tune into something all her own, returned.

She was the old Ella as "Do Nothing," plaintive, sly and compelling.

Sagged Down

But on musical hodgepodges like "Cheese Cake," a good number now cheapened with suggestive lyrics and "You Peeps Da Blues," Miss Fitzgerald got bogged down.

Her "How High the Moon," scattered note for note like her 1947 recorded version was a little shopworn, probably from repetition. Ella did nothing new with "Moon."

But as Bing Crosby once said, "Even when Ella is singing corn, she's heads and shoulders above everyone else."

I was disappointed in Illinois Jacquet, who can wail when he wants to. Together with "Flip" Phillips, another tenor saxist, Jacquet alternately screeched his notes or restrained them too much.

Had Ne Eyes

Jacquet either had no eyes for showing off because of the crowd pressures, could not express himself as nobly as he is capable of doing.

On "Ghost of a Chance," his break for full-toned shadings was evident and on an up-tempo blues with the ensemble, his big horn stood out like silver among brass.

Other than these two instances, he was just donating his time.

However, when he began to screech like a pitch - pipe, he fell completely from grace. This "peacock whistle" style might be justified. Jacquet swept to fame that way.

Little Jazz Hot

Roy "Little Jazz" Eldridge was pyrotechnical as always. He swung mightily on a mile-a-minute blues and sang lyrically on "Sweet and Lovely."

"Flip" Phillips also gave a creditable account of himself on this ballad.

On other of his cuts, "Flip" began each time with good intentions but fell to repeating his ideas over again, even changing styles in mid-stream.

Trombonist Bill Harris blew well when he blew but as with Jacquet, either could not get with it or had no opportunity to do so.

Hank Jones, pianist, and bassist Ray Brown teamed up with Gene Krupa to keep a steady beat going but neither man pushed himself too far.

The rhythm section was most relaxed and swinging when "Pres" Young worked with them without ensemble. Young drove on "Lester Leaps" and "sounded nearly on 'Too Marvelous for Words.'"

Krupa Getting Gray

Krupa's six-minute solo was a marvel of coordination but no one listener commented, "How much music can a drum yield?" Though graying at the temples, Gene is still one of the best.

Returning to Oscar Peterson again. This 22-year-old pianist is the boy to watch in years to come. He constantly improves and has the classical background to help his jazz feeling strike near gold.

His best has strengthened and as soon as he stakes up his mind not to sound like Erroll Garner, George Shearing and Bud Powell some of the time, he'll be hard to beat.

When Peterson plays as himself, that's the end.

To sum up, JATP was good in spots. The musicians could not relax as they wanted to and the jitterbugs made too much noise.

But serious students of jazz, I imagine, work on the idea that some music is better than none at all and such concerts seldom come this way. — RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

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YOUNG MAN WITH A SCALPEL

Dr. Bernard Harris Jr. (second from right) co-chief resident surgeon at Provident assists Dr. M. E. Wilson (left foreground) who performs the operation. Others include Dr. C. H. Buford (next to Harris) Dr. S. C. Walden (back to camera) Dr. G. H. Pendleton, anethetist and nurses Bernice Christian and Isabel Martin (right).—(ALL PICTURES BY HENRY PHILLIPS AFRO PHOTOGRAPHER).

Day Never Ends for the Surgeon

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Bernard Harris Jr. has a job that requires him to be on duty for 142 hours of the 168 hours in a week.

During each of his seven-day stints, he has just three 12-hour breaks between each 36 hour work period.

If he begins work at 7 a.m. Monday he must keep at his job until 7 p.m. Tuesday before stopping to rest.

Each day, the well-being of scores of people is in his hands.

Matters of Life and Death

Each day, he must make decisions that can mean life or death to countless sufferers who come to him for aid.

For keeping to this grueling schedule and for having such serious judgments to make, he receives a salary equivalent to that of a part-time store clerk.

Cashing his paycheck is more of a formality than profitable transaction.

Young Harris does not complain about the meager financial returns from his work. The long hours and short pay are all a part of his duty to humanity.

Father and Son

For Bernard Harris Jr., like his father, is a doctor.

Dr. Harris Jr., more accurately, is co-chief resident in surgery at Provident Hospital. He is typical of hundreds of young physicians in the land who work behind the scenes in the hospitals of our cities.

This is one reason why this story is written.

The other factor is that Dr. Harris's work and sacrifices typify the determined spirit of the people to make Provident live.

This medical center, one of the few staffed entirely by colored doctors and nurses, has just ended a resoundingly successful campaign to raise $300,000 for sorely needed improvements.

Because Baltimoreans believed in Provident, the fund drive topped its goal.

A Healthier Treasury

Now, with a healthier treasury, staff workers at the hospital can continue their researches and services to the community.

Dr. Harris and his fellow medics can go on receiving their valuable experience hospital work provides.

In rough outline, a typical day for Dr. Harris goes this way. At 7 a.m., he begins his ward visits, examining, cheering and treating patients.

4 to 6 Operations Daily

Being a surgeon, naturally much of his time is spent in the operating room.

Working in sweltering heat in one of the two high ceilinged operating rooms on Provident's fourth floor, Dr. Harris averages from four to six operations a day.

This surgery includes everything from hernioplastics to tonsillectomies.

He has performed as many as eight operations in one day.

Directly, or in helping other doctors, in one day he may perform any or all of the following operations

Prostectomy—(prostate gland)

Hysterectomy—(Womb tumor)

Sub-total gastrectomy — (a term covering operations for stomach disorders.)

Under each of these headings, countless surgical variations occur.

A Continuous Path

When not "on surgery" Dr. Harris beats a continuous path between the wards, clinics, laboratory and accident room.

He is paged on the loudspeaker at frequent intervals. Most of these calls are urgent and he must come on the run. Being resident physician requires the stamina and speed of a longdistance runner. Dr. Harris, like most Provident staffers, usually has to be in three different place at once.

Gulps Down Meals

Often he must gulp down his meals in the few minutes between operations.

He never is sure when he is to go home and rest even if the schedule says he is through at a certain time. Emergency operations may be called for just as he packs his things to leave.

Illness, sudden or otherwise, is no respector of Dr. Harris's homelife.

Bride Flustered

In the first days of his marriage to attractive Mary Stevens Harris, English professor at Morgan State, his bride found herself re-heating the same meal several times a night.

Now, to prevent her meals from boiling away, Dr. Harris calls home just before leaving. That is when he is certain he will be leaving Provident.

It has been a long road for Dr. Harris since entering Howard University's Medical School in 1944.

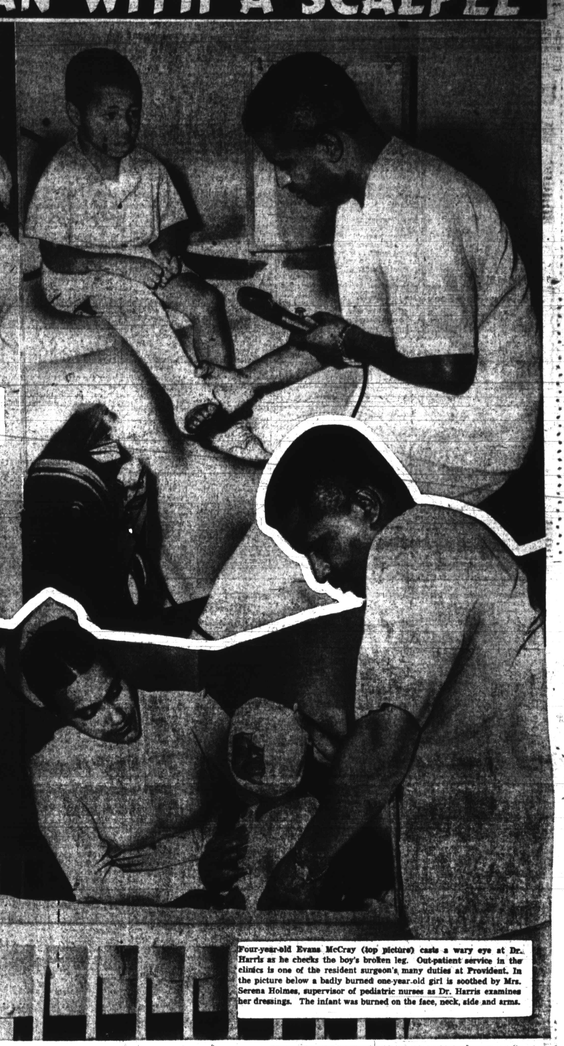
Much of his career has unfolded inside the green and white rooms of Provident where he has served as interne, assistant resident in surgery and in his present post.

Knife of Silver

The skilled surgeon, a famous physician has said, needs a lifetime of training. Each time his silver knife flashes deep into a patient's body, he not only tries to heal but learns a little more.

The unbending efforts of Surgeon Harris are in line with this idea. He has become one more young man with a scalpel who fights daily against disease and untimely death.

Being resident surgeon leaves little time for lunch. Dr. Harris has to swig a lunch of just milk while answering a phone call. He is wanted in surgery right away.



Four-year-old Evans McCray (top picture) casts a wary eye at Dr. Harris as he checks the boy's broken leg. Out-patient service in the clinics is one of the resident surgeon's many duties at Provident. In the picture below a badly burned one-year-old girl is soothed by Mrs. Serena Holmes, supervisor of pediatric nurses as Dr. Harris examines her dressings. The infant was burned on the face, neck, side and arms.

Often after surgery the surgeon has to use the microscope to inspect body tissue. His trained eye can detect the creeping ravages of cancer or other serious diseases through laboratory work.

On his daily ward rounds, Dr. Harris cheers his patients, notes their progress and gives a reassuring word. Here he tells Mrs. Carrie Hynson, she's doing fine. After 36 hours non-stop duty, Dr. Harris looks forward to going home. There he'll relax and try to catch up on his rest—though he can never be sure—the hospital may need him at any time of day or night, off duty or on.

Chairmen Commend Women Workers in Provident Fund

We wish to extend our congratulations and give our deepest thanks to the 2500 volunteers of the Women's Division of the Provident Hospital Fund. Your efforts this summer have secured the future efficiency of our hospital.

Every major, every captain, and every worker has done her job. How well you did the job is attested by the fact that together you raised 297,500 for the hospital. As a group, our community has raised $140,000—the largest and most successful fund-raising campaign ever conducted by our people.

You can take pride in the thought that Provident Hospital will continue as a modern medical center. You can take pride in that you have done all that was asked of you— and more. To the men who also worked right along with us, we also want to express our appreciation.

Our poor words cannot convey all that we feel but we are sure you know the gratitude in our hearts.

—(Mrs.) BRUCE C. ALLEYNE
(Mrs.) CORTLANDT L. BROWN
Co-Chairmen,
Women's Division

$292,000 IN HAND; $12,000 COMING:

Provident Fund Chairmen Say $300,000 Is Assured

M. Jenkins Cromwell and Charles G. Hutzler, co-chairmen of the Provident Hospital Fund, announced, Thursday, that the Fund will exceed its $300,000 goal.

The Co-chairmen reported at a meeting of the Fund's Steering Committee that as of Wednesday a total of $304,984 was assured. This amount included signed pledges and cash totaling $292,740, plus other gifts, subject to approval by the Boards of Directors of certain corporations, amounting to $12,124.

Chairmen's Statement

Mr. Cromwell said, in connection with the announcement:

"Many thousands of individuals and companies have already answered the appeal of this medical training center, and many are still considering their gift. We are assured of the essentials but there is still much to be done. Every dollar is urgently needed.

"I urge all those who have not given and who wish to do so to make their contribution now to the Provident Hospital Fund. The more money Provident receives in excess of its goal, the better hospital and training center it will be."

Chest Okayed Drive

The Community Chest authorized the hospital's appeal for capital funds in order that it might comply with building directives of the Baltimore Health and Fire Departments. The hospital is an agency of the Community Chest from which it derives annual maintenance. Funds raised by the appeal are restricted to capital improvements and cannot be budgeted against current operating costs.

Corporations Rallied

A Corporate Gifts Committee, comprised of some 50 businessmen raised the major portion of the Fund in excess of $150,000, contributed by over 400 corporations. At the outset it was considered that business and industry would answer their clearly defined obligation to the hospital serving the community in which their colored employees live.

The corporate gifts were larger than usual in recognition of the fact that this was Provident's first appeal since 1937 and is non-recurrent.

Community Record

The colored community established a new high with the more than $150,000 which it contributed to the campaign.

Of this total the hospital's medical and administrative staffs originally subscribed $65,000 before the public appeal.

A Women's Division of 2500 volunteers headed by Mrs. Bruce H. Alleyne and Mrs. Cortlandt L. Brown raised over $90,000—all but a few thousands in cash.

More to Come

In addition gifts made by business and the contributions of the colored community, many thousands throughout the city have answered the hospital's appeal and it is expected that many more thousands will respond in the next few weeks.

The present program is not one of expansion, but plans are being considered for building a new Provident adequate to the needs of the city's colored population. The new institution will seek affiliation with one of Baltimore's leading medical schools.

The present program of building improvement is designed to maintain the present operating efficiency of the hospital, one of only five colored hospitals in the United States approved for specialized medical training by the American College of Surgeons.

The hospital serves a population of 280,000 and maintains the only colored School of Nursing in Maryland.

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Death in 5-Floor Leap

WASHINGTON

A certificate of death by suicide was issued last Monday for Thomas B. Martin, 47, of 1815 14th St., N.W., who jumped Saturday from a fifth-floor window of Georgetown hospital.

Martin had been a tuberculosis patient at the hospital since April.