CIVIL LIBERTIES GROUP

The regular monthly meeting of the executive board of the Maryland Civil Liberties Committee, affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union, will meet on Monday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the ADA offices, 425 St. Paul Place.

Christmas Gifts For 850 Boys and Girls

Working through the Council of Churches, Mrs. Lilian Lottier, center, is wrapping Christmas gifts with other members of her committee for some 850 children in the Baltimore Public Schools, including Boys Village and Barrett School for Girls. With her are Miss Phyllis Franklin, right, of 2021 Ellsworth St., and Mrs. Barbara Reichenbach, 30-32 Madison Ave.

Eight Selected For Jury Duty

Eight persons were selected, Monday, to serve on petit jury in the local courts for the next three weeks. Assignments are:

SUPERIOR COURT—Girard L. Analios, 1820 Maidens Ave.; Mrs. Blanch Flint, 300 N. Fulton Ave.; and Mrs. Lula E. Simpson, 1736 Druid Hill Ave.

CITY COURT—Adam E. Murdock Jr., 1132 Druid Hill Ave.; William L. McClain, 447 Watts Ct.; Isaac Harris Jr., 507 N. Monroe St.; and Herman J. Conway, 2130 N. Smallwood St.

CRIMINAL COURT—Mrs. Victoria Lindsay, 1311 Harlem Ave.

Kappa Fraters Meet At Bel Air Saturday

Baltimore Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will hold its annual pre-Christmas meeting at the home of Steve Moore, Bel Air, Md., on Saturday night.

Brothers will meet at the YMCA at 8 p.m., to proceed to Bel Air. Transportation will be available for all.

Highlights of the meeting will include installation of new officers and completion of final plans for entertaining AKA's during their Double Soror Christmas.

All members are urged to attend the meeting and "bring a Brother," E. Robert Umphreys is polemarch.

Ailing Widow And Son Hope For Merry Christmas

A 52-year-old Turner Station widow, who has a swollen heart and an epileptic son, appealed to the public this week, in hope that a little Christmas cheer may be brought into their home.

In a letter to the AFRO, the widow, Mrs. Emily Tate, wrote:

"We don't have much to eat at times and are very much in need of winter clothes. My son wears a 17yearold size and I wear size 36 or 40, so anything you do for one would be appreciated."

Unable to Work

A reporter who investigated the case learned that Mrs. Tate was born in Warrenton, Va., and moved to Baltimore in 1921 shortly after her husband was killed in a traffic accident.

A seamstress by trade, she worked at various jobs until two years ago when doctors ordered her to stop working because of a heart condition.

Since then Mrs. Tate has been receiving $75 monthly from the county welfare department. She pays $14 rent, which leaves $61 to buy food, fuel, clothes and other necessities for herself and son.

They have no coal and are burning discarded wood gathered by the son or donated by neighbors. In Sollers Homes where they live at 413 Colfax Way, the back yard is covered with wood, but the coal bin in the yard is empty.

Wants Toys, Needs Shoes

When the reporter visited, the son, Richard, was in a neighbor's house watching television. He has been unable to attend school recently because of illness.

Mrs. Tate said:

"He used to stay home listening to the radio, but our radio stopped playing and we haven't been able to have it fixed.

"Thirteen-year-old Richard wants a chemical set for Christmas. His mother says he needs shoes.

Easton Frontiers Hear Mayor Speak

EASTON, Md. — The recently organized local chapter of the Frontiers of America, Inc., had as its first guest, Mayor L. Roy Willis, on November 29.

Mayor Willis spoke on proposed discontinuance of air traffic in the area and urged citizens to protest; also giving some attention to the site of the new Moton School and general community conditions.

4 Counties Represented

Members of the chapter include men from Talbot, Queen Anne, Caroline and Kent Counties, meeting twice monthly at Asbury Methodist Church.

Officers are Joseph C. Bantum, president; Edward A. Webb, vice president; William A. Bailey, secretary; Joseph Small, treas.

4 Schools To Get Christmas Gifts

The Council of Churches will distribute a Christmas gift to each child in the State's four training schools, including Boys Village and Barrett School for Girls.

The gifts are being made possible by special Christmas contributions to the Council of Churches by many protestant churches.

Mrs. Lottier In Charge

Mrs. Lilian Lottier of the department of Christian Social Relations, is in charge of a committee to buy and wrap the presents. The gifts include scarfs, toilet articles and brushes, manicuring sets, aprons, clothes, mittens, games and stationery.

Executive Sec. Mildred Atkinson, long active in women's civic, housing and sanitation activities, has been named director of the department of Christian Social Relations to succeed Frank Rhoad who has taken a position in Cincinnati.

Father Of Twelve Gets Job Promotion

John Hopkins, 1600 E. Chase St., father of twelve children—six girls and six boys—was promoted to foreman in the rigger department at Bethlehem Steel on Monday.

Mr. Hopkins has lived in Baltimore for 37 years and is employed in the former Miss Edith Jones of Farsville, Va.

Their oldest son, Donald, is 15 and the youngest child is a week-old baby, Michael. Three of the children attend St. Francis, three attend Dunbar, and one attends Douglass.

Hailian Diplomat Is Morgan Guest

M. Emmanuel Saint-Mathieu, delegate to the Pan-American Union at Washington, D.C., was speaker, recently, for the French Club at Morgan State College.

The visitor pointed to the achievements of French culture, and listed as products of culture and modern France the personalities of Descartes, Racine, Voltaire, Rousseau, Colbert, Massenet and Rodin.

Spoke in French

The Haitian diplomat spoke to the Morgan students in French. The group had been hearing programs featuring French songs, games, conversations, and dramatics.

As part of the Christmas activities, the club will present a French program on Wednesday evening in the Morgan Christian Center.

The officers are Ida McCoy, president; Thomas Boyer, vice president; Gertrude Johnson, secretary; Joan Sembly, assistant; Deloree Johnson, treasurer; Louise Cooper, assistant; Harriett Randall, Earl Jones and Donald Matthews, committee chairmen.

Faculty advisors are Mrs. Mary E. Law and Daniel T. Skinner of the Romance Language Department.

Housing Post To Morgan Graduate

Robert Johns, 1950 graduate of Morgan State College, has been placed as housing manager with the Maryland Management Company, the first of his race to be named to such a post here.

According to Edgar M. Ewing, director of admissions and placement at Morgan, Mr. Johns was one of several graduates considered for the position.

Mr. Johns will be in charge of the selection of tenants, supervision of maintenance, and all other duties connected with the management of Edmondson Estates, a development of some 275 units with a gross monthly rental of $16,500.

He formerly was a supervising drug clerk for a large local pharmacy.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He is truly free who only wishes for that which he is able to accomplish, and does whatever pleases him. —ROUSSEAU

Southern Life Insurance Co. Marks 45 Years Of Progress

The Southern Life Insurance Company celebrated its 45th anniversary this week with a program that drew so many people to one of our largest churches that traffic was stopped on a main thoroughfare.

Microphones had to be set up in some sections of the church to carry the program being delivered in the main auditorium to the basement and other parts of the building filled beyond capacity.

Seldom have so many citizens turned out to pay homage to an organization, but the reason may be that Southern Life is a home-grown institution of which every Baltimorean is proud.

The AFRO is proud to congratulate the Southern Life Insurance Company as a sister organization. The leading spirit in the organization of Southern Life was also the guiding voice and first editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

He was Dr. William L. Alexander.

He was not only a minister and insurance company founder, he was the founder of the first public school for colored pupils in the Northwest section of the city now almost completely populated by colored citizens.

At the time, classes were held in the Sunday school rooms of his church at Laurens and Calhoun Sts., later replaced by a new building at Riggs and Carrolton Avenues, and after that by a second new building, School No. 112, at Calhoun and Laurens Sts.

Between the years 1892 and 1906, when Dr. Alexander founded the organizations now full-grown and thriving, colored people were moved into the Northwest section of Baltimore in the area around Calhoun, Druid Hill, Pennsylvania, Etting and Division Sts., and from Bloom to Riggs Avenue in large numbers for the first time.

It was a sort of migration from South Baltimore, East Baltimore and the lower end of Druid Hill and Pennsylvania Avenues.

In present times we are seeing a similar movement into the upper northwestern section of the city north of Northern Avenue and in the general neighborhood of Western High School.

The community needs of today's migrants will be largely met by existing schools and churches, but in Dr. Alexander's day the new section had no church. He founded Sharon Baptist Church.

The new section had no public school. He prevailed upon school authorities to institute classes in his Sunday school rooms.

The new section had no businesses. Dr. Alexander was the moving spirit in establishing stalls in the markets and having them operated by businessmen in the community.

He established a cooperative grocery and provision store which he called the Northwestern Supply Company.

He saw the need for an insurance company, and gathered the men and means to finance it and operate it.

He heeded a newspaper and the AFRO-AMERICAN was born.

Although a different group of men was associated with him in each enterprise, Dr. Alexander was the moving spirit, the guiding light, the determined builder and the skilled organizer.

In the case of the AFRO-AMERICAN, John H. Murphy was the manager who eventually purchased the paper and operated it himself.

In Southern Life, good-natured, wise, conservative and kind Dr. Alexander has been succeeded by smiling, able, far-sighted Dr. William W. Alexander.

But all has not been smooth sailing.

Some twenty years ago, Southern Life's search for new business was at a standstill.

President Allen conferred with Secretary Emerson Brown and their associates.

They came to two conclusions:

1) They did not have the kind of health and accident policies the public wanted, and

2) For a starter, they would issue six new policies priced right.

In these two conclusions they had discovered all there is to know about business or about living; namely, find out what the public wants and then produce it at a popular price.

In the fifteen years following that conference, Southern Life's business increased nine times. It has gone ahead steadily ever since.

In the 45 years of its existence, Southern Life has been fortunate to have two inspiring characters—and many more—build their lives into it.

Dr. Alexander's interest included religion, education, insurance and newspaper publishing.

In addition to Southern Life, the great Masonic order, Morgan College, the Red Cross, the Blood Bank and the U.S. Treasury have called upon Dr. Allen for service, not only in this city and state, but also in the nation.

Both the AFRO and Southern Life claim the late Dr. Alexander as their father, the two institutions have a common parent.

The AFRO congratulates the Southern Life Insurance Company upon its leadership and success.

As a good and faithful servant of this community, Southern Life deserves now and in the future the loyal support of all the people.

What's The Hurry In The Adams Case?

State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro announced Wednesday that William (Little Willie) Adams will go on trial December 20.

Action, it was said, was taken after the Court of Appeals had intimated in effect, but not in actuality, that it would deny Mr. Adams a request for additional information about the gambling and conspiracy charges the State's Attorney will present against him.

Mr. Sodaro announced the date of the trial before he had an official report of the decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

What is the hurry, all about? Mr. Adams is not going anywhere. He had made no effort to leave the State since his original indictment.

The State's Attorney is going to be in town. The courts are here. Jet propulsion has no place in justice.

The December 20 date set for Mr. Adams's trial is five days before Christmas. He could be tried as well on January 20 and the ends of justice would be just as well served.

It is within easy recall of those who watch the grinding wheels of justice that a young man of Jewish faith recently haled before the courts on a gambling charge, saw the wheels stopped for observation of Yom Kippur.

Already convicted and sentenced, the man was permitted his freedom through the holiday before beginning to serve the term meted him.

To all concerned this seemed a reasonable tempering of justice with mercy, albeit an unprecedented one as far as we know.

By the same token, it might be a good idea for the courts to close next week and stay closed until after the Christmas holidays.

Let The Buyer Always Be Wary

The conviction this week of a teacher-grocer of good repute on a charge of receiving stolen goods, despite the character testimony of numerous respected citizens, is not pleasant to note.

The man contends, with convincing sincerity, that he bought certain goods later proved to be stolen with the belief that the seller was the bona fide owner.

But it is plain on the face of the facts that he was negligent in investigating, even as you or many another citizen might have been.

It is a hard lesson, but a necessary one that we recognize the weight is on the purchaser when goods are bought outside the normal channels of trade.

Our teacher-grocer in the instant case acted openly and above board.

He did not try to hide what he did not believe to be stolen. He has an excellent professional and business record, and in all these respects his conviction is unfortunate.

But he should have asked; he should have made certain.

Hodge Podge

By BOB MATTHEWS

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You'll Be Dead In 1952 If You Don't Watch Out

While you are reading this article, three persons somewhere in the United States will be injured severely enough to keep them away from their usual activities for at least one full day.

By the time you have finished it, 100 persons will have been injured and one killed—accidentally.

These are figures compiled by the National Safety Council, the organizational outgrowth of a 1913 conference of men representing industry, government and insurance companies which met to discuss safety ideas.

The Cost Is High

Their figures, arrived at through an accurate science of safety, reveal that accidents kill more children—from nursery school level up—and more young men and women than any disease.

In all, accidents killed 99,000 of us—children and adults—in 1948, injured ten million of us and cost us five billion dollars.

And if those figures have little meaning to you because you are an average American who is always in a hurry, who strongly feels the urge to take a chance, who falsely believes that nothing can happen to you, look at it this way:

Your Chances Are Good

The probability now is that one out of every fourteen of us will suffer a disabling injury within the next year—a sprained ankle or a broken pelvis, a burned arm or a lost eye.

And if we have three children, the probability now is that one of them will be killed or injured in an automobile accident before he has lived the normal span of life.

These statements are based on the law of averages. But it is a law that can be safely evaded if individuals and communities are willing to adopt a safety thinking and doing.

Causes are Simple

Behind every accident lies one of two causes:

(1) The equipment being used may be faulty—the hammerhead, for instance, may be loose, or the brakes may not hold.

(2) The injured person or another may act in an unsafe manner, either because he doesn't know any better or because, in haste or thoughtlessness, he does not act in what he knows to be the safe way.

Home, A Dangerous Place

The greatest number of accidents occurs, not in factories or on highways, but in homes.

If this seems odd, it is because we are used to thinking of the home as the one place where we can be free of care.

But it is also the place where we do the most things that are dangerous.

Enough to Scare Them

In 1946, home accidents killed one-third of the national accident fatality total, it was also about one-third of the total in Baltimore.

Home accidents in the same year injured almost 5,000,000 persons—almost half the national injury total.

However, during the 33 years since the National Safety Council was organized, the death rate for all accidents, except those involving motor vehicles, has dropped 60 per cent.

Cars Are Killing Us

Where, automobiles, trucks, buses and motorcycles are concerned, it has risen 450 per cent.

Traffic deaths fell off during the War when there wasn't enough gasoline for the average motorist to take even a Sunday afternoon spin, but they began going up again after V-J Day.

In 1945, motor vehicle accidents killed 18 per cent more of us than in 1944, and in 1946 they killed 19 per cent more than in 1945. The 1946 highway toll was 33,700 deaths and 1,150,000 injuries. Close to 100,000 of the persons suffered some permanent impairment.

Lawbreakers Responsible

Lawbreakers have become so numerous that it is almost impossible to be the greatest single reason for our highway deaths. In seven out of ten fatal accidents in 1946, one or both of the drivers involved was breaking some traffic regulation.

Nearly a fourth of the drivers was exceeding the speed limit or traveling too fast for existing conditions. More than a tenth were passing improperly or driving on the wrong side of the road.

Almost 6 per cent were reported under the influence of alcohol, and an additional 9 per cent had been drinking. Vehicle defects were contributing causes in almost 20 per cent of the fatal accidents.

Do You Walk Right?

Pedestrians, too, are violators. Of the persons killed on the streets and highways in 1946, more than 36 per cent were pedestrians, and two out of three of them had been either violating a traffic law or committing an unsafe act.

Half of the violators were crossing between intersections.

The cost of four of these pedestrians who were killed had been drinking.

Check Yourself

Since the highest percentage increase has been in traffic accidents and the coming Christmas season is one in which streets will be crowded more than ever with pedestrians and autos, now is the time to check your safety consciousness.

The National Safety Council urges community awareness of the Three E's—Engineering, Education and Enforcement.

Engineering covers safety on the highways and in motor vehicles, and the maintenance of both in a safer condition. It also covers getting the facts about accidents and using them to analyze the hazards of certain streets, intersections, curves, bridges and devising regulations on the basis of scientific study.

Education means telling every individual why he must—and how he can—use the highway with caution and skill.

Enforcement covers the efforts of police and motor vehicle departments and the courts to get traffic laws obeyed and violators punished.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

The calendar says it's been 10 years since the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Has a whole decade passed that fast? Yes that's what it is—a black and white decade. It is December 7, 1951—ten years after that dastardly attack. It's easy to remember that day—it was one of those Sunday afternoons, last Sunday in Baltimore. Most people were at home with the funnies. I can see the room where we were now.

The kids were playing on the floor. Dad was in the big chair in the living room and mother and we girls were asking preparations for dinner. The radio (it was radio then, not television), was tuned to a Sunday afternoon opera.

A Grim Announcement

Those of us in the kitchen and dining room were not listening to the opera particularly but it seeped to me that we all stopped what we were doing, as if by agreement when the grim voice of the radio said, "We interrupt this program to bring you a special announcement ..."

Many of us didn't know what the announcement meant and to some of us Pearl Harbor was only a place on the map.

All that's changed now. It's December 7, 1951 not 1941 and we've all learned a lot about our neighbors in the Pacific and the Far East. And we've lost dear neighbors and friends who gave their lives during the recent war to make this country safer for us.

With the unsettled state of affairs today, ten years after Pearl Harbor, many are asking if we dare hope and pray earnestly that we will never see another Pearl Harbor, that there will be no more bloodshed, and that we can have a real and lasting peace.

Notes on My Cuff: William B. Hamer, who died in Philadelphia last month at the age of 87, was one of the most pleasant persons I knew.

Many people will remember him because he was the first colored clerk appointed under Civil Service to the Baltimore Post Office. A postmaster he held for 42 years. He retired in 1932.

Others will recall that he was an ardent Republican worker, that he could boast of voting the straight GOP ticket for 60 years. Still others can remember that he was a leader in the Sons of the AME Church.

But I'll always remember him as a man with a pleasant smile on his face, one who had a kind word for all. Even in the rush and hurry of our times, when too often graciousness is kicked out of the window, William B. Hamer had the time to be affable. He was a true gentleman. God rest his soul.

FACTS AND FIGURES can become annoying — downright disturbing—at times.

A couple of months ago, the government's cost-of-living index was at an all time high because, since the Korean War, living costs have increased more than 10 per cent over what they were when the "police action."

And before budgets could become adjusted to this boost, the government put into effect an increase in Federal taxes of 11 per cent, to add to the economic problems of the breadwinners.

This has brought about a situation in which earnings have been reduced by a substantial tax increase while the cost of living has gone up.

Figures Seldom Lie

Now, we'll bet some expert in Washington can prove that the two percentages should not be combined to make it appear that a burden of 21 per cent is the result. But there it is.

Government experts have been telling us for 20 years that increases will prevent inflation because the people will have less money to spend. This, in turn, the experts say, will lower prices.

Prices have not gone down, though, despite the cost of living.

Now there's some hokum for you.

Taxes are the leading inflationary factor. The higher they go, the higher will go the cost of living.

GAS BUGGY: Detroit announced that 1952 auto models not offered on the market probably won't be seen until after New Year's Day.

Detroit also announces that the life of motor cars has more than doubled in the past 20 years. Scrapped cars today average 14 years of age contrasted with the 1925 average of six and one-half years.

A ROSE IS A ROSE: Judge Joseph Sherbow, who has imposed sentences ranging from 1 to 15 years in prison on 14 men convicted in Criminal Court No. 1 for bolitics, has given a rose to each man who came before him to get an award as "Baltimore's Man of the Year" come Dec. 12.

He will finish his term in No. 1 on January 14.

"Tis said that there are some persons in our town who have won him another title that isn't printable.

IT FINALLY HAPPENED: For the first time in 30 years an auto driver has been charged with "blasphemy" by using profane words concerning our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the "Trinity," or, as Webster says, "cussing."

Maryland, also archaic in many other ways, has a civil statute covering the subject—but last week's offender got off free when he was apology to the cop he had said mean things to.

Shades of Blasphemy

Now, there are shades of cussing, shades of green and white. And while what we've heard some traffic cops put down may not be plain, unadulterated cussing, it had the same effect.

Where's the law to cover that?

SIGN ON THE WALL: "Behold the drinker! He rises early and disturbeth the whole house hold. He maketh mighty preparation and fareth forth full of hope. He returneth late smelling of strong drink—and the truth is not in him."

The anglers say "it ain't necessarily so" about the tales they cast wrong reflections on the true sportsmen of most fishermen.

DON'T LET 'EM DO IT: From D.C. comes word that the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers have been considering a civilian defense proposal for anti-tetanus shots for everyone. Those are anti-lockjaw shots.

We don't know much about it, object. You ain't never been stuck with such a sting in your life. Ask any veteran or soldier.

BEAUTIFUL HEADS OF SKIN: The bald-headed ones of boys are getting the best of it after all.

A rumored rise in the cost of haircuts from $1.25 to $1.50 in Detroit has caused a run on barber supplies for clippers. Coincidentally, another store reported a sudden rush for razor blades.

Actually, the wig makers are expecting it. One manufacturer reported that he has 10,000 wigs on order from Hollywood.

GOOD CITY: Dr. Margaret Wilkins, NAACP chief, has a piece in American Magazine setting forth "Stalin's Greatest Defeat."

He says that the Russians tried to recruit 15,000,000 of us to "the cause" and to make us a fifth column. Communism's greatest disappointment of their 5-year plan.

Russians we have known have inevitably made the mistake of trying to recruit brown minds with white bodies.

Mistaken!

Brown minds that would be of any use to them are insulted by the inference that white bodies would influence them.

MAIL BOX: A Baltimorean, whose initials are J.J.L., expressed shock at the discrimination colored Baltimoreans suffer. He recalls taking a cruise on the Wilson Line Bay Belle last summer during which he noted the absence of colored passengers and asked why.

Ship's personnel answered him "with a torrent of abuse" and told him, when he mentioned more democratic practices in other cities, that "Baltimore will never have colored passengers mixing with whites on the Bay Belle.

Large Precedent Set

He enclosed a newspaper clipping about the recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission which makes the practice of barring colored passengers on excursion boats against the law.

The ruling was handed down in regards to a case in Washington.

JJL says he's glad. He also says it's high time that a suit was filed in Baltimore to make the operators of boats like the Bay Belle act decent too.

The HELLBOX By VINCENT TUBBS

POLITICS DEMOCRATIC Viewpoint By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

REFLECTIONS On The News

The primary election for the Republican and Democratic candidates for President of the United States, Vice President and for the Senator from Maryland and representatives in Congress from the various districts will be held on the first Monday in May 1952.

As to the many candidates seeking the various nominations, we as voters must check their records, if they have served, or examine their speeches carefully if they are up for the first time.

The announced Republican candidate for President of the United States at present is Senator Taft. He's served in Congress in anti-labor and anti-colored. His current campaign in the South appealing to the Dixiecrats should eliminate him from further consideration by our voters.

Truman As Candidate

The Democratic candidate, although not declared as yet, President Truman and from his record we have to advocate his candidacy for re-election.

President Truman has made to us more appointments to key jobs of Southern Democrats than any other President in history.

He has taken a firm stand for the passage of the Civil Rights Program.

His latest executive order sets up a new FEPC for enforcement of non-discrimination in employment by those holding government contracts.

On a local level we have to elect a Senator.

Republican Candidate

The Republicans' candidates are Hon. J. Glen Beall, now in Congress as representative for the Sixth District, and E. Grady Gore.

Until the records of these two men are checked as to their position on racial matters and labor, it would not be fair at this time to make a recommendation. We do know that the NAACP was strongly responsible for the election of Mr. O'Conor to the Senate. At present we urge all citizens of Maryland to register and be in a position to vote in the primary next May.

It is the candidate who wins the primary election, who will represent you and your interest.

And if the winner is anti-colored and anti labor we will be helpless for four years.

REGISTER NOW!

REPORTERS' REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

According to present reports, Patrolman John Burlage, who across a motorist of offering him a $10 bribe, does not have his own hands clean.

Last October, four persons arrested outside a lunch-room in the 200 block McMechen St. There was a scuffle in making the arrest, and Patrolman Burlage, who was one of the arresting officers, complained his glasses were broken as a result.

Consequently, while disorderly conduct charges were lodged against the other three persons, an additional charge of assaulting a police officer was placed against the defendant.

When queried about the placing of the assault charge the next morning, Burlage assured Magistrate Berry that he was only interested in getting compensated for his eyeglasses.

After defense counsel announced his client was willing to reimburse the patrolman $25 for his eyeglasses, the magistrate dismissed the charge.

The four defendants were fined on the disorderly conduct counts.

After the hearing was over, the defendants, after paying their fines, were conversing across the street from the Northwestern police station. While standing there, they swore they saw the same Patrolman Burlage leaving the station house with his eyeglasses ON.

The people were so interested, they carried a report of the whole affair to the NAACP.

In view of the alleged bribe, the story gains in interest.

If true, it means that the $25 paid as reimbursement for the broken eyeglasses was probably an outright steal.

Let The Buyer Always Be Wary

What's The Hurry In The Adams Case?

Newsbeat

By RUFUS WELLS

The Christmas spirit is beginning to show itself in the business sections of Baltimore. That's where it always appears first, in the business sections. You see, the business men have the most learning to gain, materially, from Christmas and their interest in the religious holiday is hardly a spiritual one.

Later this month the spirit of Christmas will appear in the residential districts, through wreaths, gaily lighted windows and finally the Christmas trees.

I was reading, though I don't recall where, that some ministers are conducting a campaign to "put religion back into Christmas." That's a good idea.

You can walk for miles in the downtown section of any city or town and you will see plenty of toy atomic weapons and Santa Clauses, but no mention of Christ or His birthday.

From time to time you will hear religious music emanating from cleverly disguised loudspeakers.

But the music is not to remind you that we are soon to observe the day when Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem. It is to get you in a sentimental mood, and make it easier to separate you from your hard-earned money.

I have long felt that Christmas, in the sense of giving gifts, was for children. I still think so. But certain interests take advantage of the occasion to sell, at exorbitant prices, a myth that they have been unable to sell all year.

In other words, too many people are making a racket out of a religious holiday.

Let's get together with those ministers, wherever they are, and put Christ back into our Christmas. It is His Birthday, after all.

Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Rudolph and the Reindeer, but let's put Christ back into our Christmas.

Mainstream

By RALPH MATTHEWS Jr.

Dear Ralph: Sorry to hear you've slipped a little out of the channel, old boy, and are in the shoals at present, but I know that by the time Christmas arrives you'll be back in the main stream and we'll celebrate the year's brightest holiday with all the pagan customs as has been our wont, as inheritors of the Teutonic tradition.

The Christians swiped Christmas from the pagans, but they have never been able to purge from it all the barbaric observances which delighted the hearts of savage Northmen, who clad in animal skins and daubed in blue paint to keep themselves from freezing, gathered in their caves to hold festivity.

Festival For Survival

Our ancestors (I mean me, too, partially so) were sun worshipers because the course of their lives depended upon its yearly round in the heavens, and the winter fest was held to aid its return from distant wanderings.

Feasts meant fire and light, from which derive our Yule Log and our brilliantly lighted Christmas ornaments. The Christmas tree, to take another example, replaced sacrifices to the barbaric god Odin's more grisly human sacrifices in the so-called Sacred Grove.

Feasts, too, aroused carnal passions, and the occasion gave rise to the fact that in Britain, in pagan days, the event became known as Modra Niht, meaning Mothers' Night or Night of the Mothers, the ceremonies which in that sight-long vigil they performed.

And Ralph, in the olden days no presents were given, just as in non-Teutonic countries none are exchanged today. It took the sharp-witted European merchant to dream up that angle to push Christmas sales. It also took him to invent Santa Claus (and his mysterious descent down chimneys of "good little boys and girls").

Merry Christmas, Ralph, and may your Santa Claus be good to you.

Scratch Pad

By MAE MORRIS MEDDERS

Maybe my glasses need changing, but that certainly was a $295 mink coat on a doll baby in a downtown window.

Don't ask me what kind of a mink it was. It's a wonder I could see the fur for staring at the price tag hanging from the doll's shoulders. Yes, I said doll baby! These things little girls play with!

Heaven forbid! With $295, a little girl's mama could buy her herself a fur coat.

But hardly had I finished hubbing my eyes over this sight, when there I was staring again.

Integration On Top

Yep, Colored and white probation officers were working side by side at the courthouse for the first time since there's been a probation department.

Just to make sure it wasn't a mirage, I ducked around the corner, cleaned the glasses, and came back. Yep. They were still there. Praise be!

Not all of the department is integrated, mind you, but it's a healthy step forward.

Checking Rumors

Then with 20-20 vision assured, I decided to check my hearing, what with the numerous whispers that Magistrate John L. Berry will relinquish his duties at Northwestern. So I asked him.

The magistrate tells me that he has not asked to be relieved. About his leaving at all, he said he is "not ready" to make a statement.

At least that indicates he may make one later. Now, how 'bout that!

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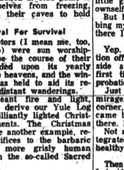
But what's happened to the cherry greeting, "Peace on Earth; Goodwill to All Man"? —ARTHUR RANDALL



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