American Soldiers Fete Korean Children At Party

American soldiers in Korea, unable to be home themselves with families and friends for Christmas, nevertheless gave out with the Christmas spirit for-the weary children of Korea.

At least members of the 54th Engineer Field Maintenance Company did so, according to a letter from W. O. Arthur A. Henderson to which he described their holiday party plans to Miss Mary Carter of 1837 N. Caroline st., Baltimore.

W. O. Henderson, in Korea since March, is public relations officer for his outfit. His letter, dated Dec. 17, read in part:

"Am making plans for Christmas. Had any number of places to go this morning.

125 Youngsters

"First to the 2nd Group Headquarters to pick up an order; then to Seoul where I made arrangements for a special service program for a group of 125 little children for whom the men in the company are going to sponsor a party on Christmas morning.

"I wanted to get the Christmas carol story by Dickens, but thought it a little too mature because the children rang in age groups from 3 to 9 years and don't speak too much English.

"Did, however, manage to get 'A Child Is Born,' (Korean adaptation) so we will have a movie for them.

"Many of the men have been receiving clothes, (some cold, some new) from their homes. Mother sent a bundle which I received today.

Men Give Up Fruit

"One of the officers now in Japan for five days is sending via military air transportation 250 pounds of candy. The fellows are going to give up their apples and oranges, starting the 20th, so there's another problem solved.

"The officers' club is donating all the cokes and orange pop I'll need. Quartermaster is giving me 25 gallons of ice cream and the men in the motor pool section have promised to drive (although it is one of their principal holidays) for the kids.

"Lt. Mason has a five-piece band which will play Christmas carols which the children will sing for us in Korean and we will try to sing for them in English.

To Duck Parents

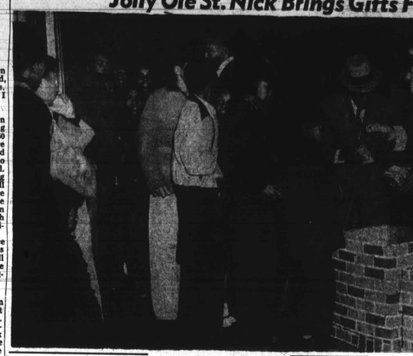
"My main problem is how I am make the parents understand that this is a party for the kiddies. These are funny people. If anyone is free, all of them think they should share it. But we won't be able to take are of the parents too, so I've asked the fellows to try and leave the parents home when they pick up the children.

"Our Korean houseboy is going to tag the children for us, so we will be able to call the children by name, as many of them (there are so many Songs, Wongs and Song Wong Joes).

"Have planned a few games such as musical chairs and pin-the-tail.

"So if all goes well and we get everyone back home o.k., I am sure that my Christmas will be a happy one although I am far removed from home and loved ones."

Jolly Ole St. Nick Brings Gifts For All



Jolly Ole St. Nick, with the aid of a couple of helpers, passes out gifts to children at the Gilmor Homes Christmas party, held Friday at the Lenox theater, 2115 Pennsylvania ave. The line looks long, but Santa had gifts for all.

Korean Veterans Warned Of New GI Bill Provisions

Veterans planning to train under the Korean GI Bill should give careful thought to their choice of a training program, for under the law they'll be allowed to change their course no more than once, W. L. Limburg, Manager of Veterans Administration Regional Office said this week.

The purpose of the new GI education and training program is to help ex-veterans reach a definite, identified goal. The goal may be purely educational, such as obtaining a college degree; professional, such as becoming a doctor or vocational, such as training to be a carpenter.

Before a post-Korean veteran even applies for training under the new GI Bill, he should have clearly in mind just what his goal in life might be, Mr. Limburg advised. His training can serve as an invaluable means toward arriving at that goal.

Veterans who are not sure about their goal, or about the type of trained needed to reach it, would do well to talk over their problems with educators, businessmen, professional people or anyone else in a position to offer constructive advice.

VA To Advise

If they wish, they may apply to the VA for advisement and guidance, consisting of tests and thorough interviews given by trained vocational counselors.

If a veteran makes his single change of course before his deadline for starting training under the new GI Bill, he will not need VA's approval. However, if his progress was unsatisfactory, he will have to show VA that it was not because of his own misconduct, neglect or lack of application.

If he wants to change courses after his deadline—and has never made a change before—he will need VA's approval.

This may be granted, under the law, if VA finds that (1) he has not been making satisfactory progress in his present program through no fault of his own, and (2) the program he wants to change to is more in keeping with his aptitudes and previous training, or (3) the program he wants to change to is a normal progression from his present program.

The deadline for starting — for a veteran discharged from service before August 20, 1952 — is August 20, 1954. Other veterans, discharged later, will have two years after their release from active duty in which to begin.

Training under the Korean GI Bill is available to veterans who served, any place in the world, after the outbreak of fighting in Korea, on June 27, 1950. They must have had a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable, as well as at least 90 days total service, unless discharged sooner because of a service-connected disability.

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VA Director Outlines GI Insurance Provisions

Millions of World War II veterans who hold 5-year or 8-year GI term life insurance still may convert to permanent plans of GI insurance with guaranteed values that term policies do not have.

W. L. Limburg, manager of Veterans Administration Regional Office released the announcement this week in answer to numerous inquiries concerning this right under National Service Life Insurance (NSLI).

VA said no law has been passed by the Congress which takes away or otherwise limits the right to convert from term to permanent plans of NSLI.

The only GI life insurance which may not be converted under present laws is the special 5-year nonconvertible term policy that is issuable to veterans with service since June 27, 1950, the start of the Korean hostilities.

Provisions Cited

This insurance is provided under the Servicemen's Indemnity and Insurance Act of 1951, otherwise known as Public Law 23, 82nd Congress, which also indemnifies service men against death up to $10,000, less any other GI life insurance in force.

The conversion rights of NSLI were not affected by this law.

Therefore, nearly 5,000,000 NSLI term policies, with a face value of $36.5 billion, which are now in force by payment or by waiver of premium, may be converted to one or more of the six permanent plans of NSLI—ordinary life, 20-pay life, 30-pay life, and three endowment plans.

These policies may be converted upon application to VA at any time before the term periods expire. No physical examination is required, but the veteran must pay the first premium of the converted policy with his application.

Other millions of NSLI term policies, which have been permitted to lapse for non-payment of premiums when due, also may be reinstated and converted upon application to VA before their terms expire.

The monthly premiums are required with such applications—one for the grace month of coverage after lapse of the term policy and the other for the first monthly premium on the new converted policy. A physical examination also is required if the term policy has been lapsed three months or longer.

Mr. Limburg said there are distinctive differences between term and permanent plan NSLI policies.

Term policies provide only coverage against death. Moreover, if veterans wish to retain this type of insurance, they must renew their policies every 5 years at progressively higher premium rates, based on the attained age at time of renewal.

In the older age brackets when the earning capacity of the veteran usually begins to decline, the premium rates for term NSLI are almost prohibitive.

Values Given

Permanent plan policies, on the other hand, are payable at the same premium rate throughout the premium-paying life of the policies. And they have guaranteed values which term policies do not.

These guaranteed values, which are available to veterans after premiums have been paid for one full year, include cash surrender value, policy loan provision, extended term insurance, and reduced paid-up insurance.

More than 2,000,000 World War II and post-World War II veterans already have converted their term NSLI policies to permanent plans. The face value of the converted policies now in force is $9.8 billion.

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Inducted At Fort Meade

Five men from the Washington area who were inducted in the 203rd Army Reception Center at Fort Meade, Aug. 1, recently. Left to right, Pvts. Jackson Griffin, son of Mrs. Susie Griffin, RFD NO. 1, Bristow, Va.; Charles Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards of 635 N. West st., Alexandria, Va.; Willie L. Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spottswood of 318 N. Henry st., Alexandria, Va.; Henry Tyson, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Tyson of 2015 S. Oakland st., Arlington, Va.; and Pvt. Ernest Tyree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tyree of 1016 Fairview, Alexandria, Va.

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BIG TOWN

By JAMES E. HICKS

A WRITER REPORTS TO HIS READERS

Dear You: This column appears each week under the theory that a reporter's newspaper's sec retary, writing up the minutes of the day. When you as a member of that society reach the point where you are no longer interested in the minutes of the last meeting as they are reported here, the AFRO-AMERICAN is an effort to please you, will assign another secretary to this space and have reported the minutes in a style more to your liking.

Thus, it can readily be seen that you are the real boss of what appears here and so far as we are concerned we would have it no other way. And since you are the boss, and since the clock on the wall is the time to take inventory on the year 1952, we hereby file with you, our boss, our annual report for 1952. In short—the writer reports to his readers.

It was a great year. We traveled slightly more than 78,000 miles, visited 40 of the 48 states, made a lot of new friends, kept most of the old ones, and got into a few people's hair. We spent a lot of Mr. Carl Murphy's money, had a good time from Memphis to St. Joe, but we never lost sight of the one thing we were sent out to do—bring you the Big Story. We may not have got the Big Story every time. Few reporters do! But we always kept our goal in front of us.

Started With Tallulah

We started out back there in January with the Tallulah Bankhead case here in New York. Remember? Shortly after Tallulah's maid was given a suspended sentence by Judge Harold Stevens, the snow began to melt on the highways and the open road began to call.

We answered the call and February found us at Fort Lee, Va. beginning a review of the Army camps in an attempt to focus on segregation in these turn the spotlight of public opinion upon what they help the boys a bit. We have lots of letters from the boys saying "Thanks a lot and come again."

By the time we had come to love the amazing Dixie Carolina we got the call to come in from the Army camps and get ready for a new assignment—the political conventions were beginning to take shape.

Political Opinion Study

We came back to New York in March and turned right back around and headed south — back to South Carolina and the azaleas —this time on a study of political opinion as it was shaping up among our people in 10 states.

That assignment took us down through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, over into Georgia, down into Miami, up through Opal and the orange country of central Florida, back into Atlanta, west into Birmingham, on over, into Percy Greene's Jackson, Miss., then south again to New Orleans and the C. J. Dejole's nice home.

We then swung north to Baton Rouge, then west to Carter Wesley and Houston, Texas. Next came a long drive north to Little Rock Ark., then Beale street in Memphis; next a long non-stop drive to Knoxville, Tenn., and then a wild dash from there to New York as only a tired man going home can drive.

Out To Death Valley

But the Big Story does not always stay in the Big Town and when April came it was out in Death Valley near Las Vegas, the scene of the atom bomb blast. This was new territory for us and to show you how new it really was we first bought our plane ticket for Las Vegas, New Mexico only to learn at the last minute that the Big Story was in Las Vegas, Nevada.

But we got there and we got the story — and we reported it in the minutes of the day. We flew back to New York then and played the bars of Harlem through May while we watched the Big Story build up 1,313 miles out in the direction from which we had just come. On to Oklahoma City —scene of the NAACP convention.

When June came, Walter White left the Big Town and went to the convention. He also left Federal Judge J. Waties Waring behind in the Big Town. We left the Big Town and followed Walter to Atlantic City where the Big Story — why Judge Waring missed the NAACP confab.

Elks - AMEZ Confabs

The Elks Convention followed in Atlantic City and we followed them there. Somewhere in between we went to Brooklyn to the AME Zion Convention and got all tangle up in the hair of Bishop J. J. Watts and United Nations delegate Edith Sampson — but we got the Big Story for you and that was why we were there.

Then, came the political campaigns and 47,000 miles of madness by plane, train, bus ferry and on foot, with Stevenson and Eisenhower. We started with Ike, dashed through the South with him and did a dizzy spin through the Midwest.

We were sitting in Cleveland's Public Hall with Ike on the night of the Nixon TV show when W. O. Walker of the Cleveland Call Post came over to the press table with a note from Carl Murphy which said "Leave Eisenhower tonight and fly to Springfield to join the Stevenson train." It was 10:30 p.m. then. At 11:30 p.m. we were on a plane enroute to Springfield.

New Orleans Exit

We rode the Stevenson bandwagon for 24,000 miles and then abruptly jumped off it at New Orleans. Let Mr. Jim Crow tried to step in and deny us a chance at the Big Story that he was giving to the white reporters.

When Stevenson got back to Chicago we joined him again and followed him through your hometown and your hometown, and yes your town too — to the bitter end.

And so we wrap up the Big Story of 1952. We have tried to follow it wherever it has gone. In trying to get it for you we have never been satisfied with a half truth when the whole truth could be won.

Some Want Half Truths

Sometimes some people only want the half truth told. That is why we often get in some people's hair, when we try to get the whole truth in the Big Story.

But you're the boss of this space and we believe you want the whole truth wherever it can be won.

And just as we tried to get it in 1952 — we pledge to try to do the same thing in 1953.

Happy New Year, Boss.

Ohio League Opens Drive

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Urban League recently launched its fourth annual Drive-On-Spot Adjustment Campaign with a panel discussion at the conference luncheon held at League headquarters, 107 N. Monroe avenue.

Members of the panel were: Clyde D. Moore, John B. Gombe, Dean Jeuchius, and James G. Crosley, local newsmen;

Colonel Earle C. Duncan, Jr., Arnett Mitchell, David Marshall, the Rev. E. A. Parham, Ralph Beason, Captain Harvey H. Alston, and L. M. Shaw. Arthur G. Starrett, acted as moderator.

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OPINION

The great act of faith is the moment when you decide that you are not God Almighty.

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

1952 Momentous Year

The year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two is in its waning hours. Many will view its passing with but faint regret. To them it was a "bad year."

Nothing, these unthinking persons argue, turned out right in 1952. They then recite the "defeats" we suffered forgetting to balance these against the many triumphs that 1952 brought.

Their lament goes something like this: We suffered a political setback in our failure to elect Governor Adlai Stevenson as President, while Republicans perceived a workable alliance with the Dixiecrats.

The American League pennant continued to elude the Cleveland Indians. The Brooklyn Dodgers again failed to win the world's baseball championship.

Death robbed us of such outstanding leaders as C. C. Spaulding, J. Finley Wilson, Dr. Louis Wright, Moses McKissick, Robert R. Church, Judge James Watson and Canada Lee.

We saw the crowning of a white heavyweight champion, the first in 21 years.

The Methodist Church refused to go on record against the evil of segregated worship, while Pope Pius disappointedly failed to nominate a colored churchman to the College of Cardinals.

John McCray, one of our most militant editors, has been forced to serve 60 days at hard labor on a South Carolina chaingang.

Three white paratroopers, who attacked a North Carolina matron are meted only 16 months for their crime, while Jackie Robinson, who got no closer than 75 feet is convicted by a N.C. jury for "assaulting" a jittery white girl.

All of these things and more are cited by those who would indict 1952. But we think they have failed to prove their case.

When placed in the right perspective and viewed objectively, 1952 will go down in the record books as a year of momentous achievement, a year of historic decision.

During the past 12 months we have enjoyed high level prosperity. More of us have held jobs at higher wages than ever before.

President Truman continued to create a climate in which it was easier to remove roadblocks to first-class citizenship.

Federal and state law enforcement agencies worked together to smash Klan terrorism in North Carolina. At years end Klan Klansmen were indicted in connection with bombings at Miami.

The Supreme Court gave new impetus to the legal drive for equality of opportunity in jobs, in housing, in travel, the ballot and just last week heard historic arguments that might end all school segregation.

Segregated elementary schools were abandoned in Illinois, New Jersey, Arizona, Delaware, New Mexico and Pennsylvania, while state universities admitted a white technical school in Baltimore.

Eight Negro students at the University of the South resigned in protest when colored students were denied admission to the theological seminary.

The National Council of Churches in Christ went on record as opposed to segregated worship and called upon its 30 million members to join in a non-segregated society."

Medical associations admitted colored professional men as members for the first time in the District of Columbia, Georgia, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina.

Colored baseball players made their first appearance on deep south teams at Dallas, Greenville and Houston, Texas.

Robert McAllester, white, defied authorities at Fairfiam College, Indiana Quaker school, by admitting a colored student Grace Cunningham. Louis Bellson Jr., white, rejected his father's protests to marry the singer, Pearl Bailey.

The Republican victory dislodged the overwhelming majority of southerners who had become fixtures in chairmanships of important congressional committees.

Now in its first state, this senator, Julius A. Archbald, white Michigan elected its first woman senator, Miss Cora Brown.

The first candidate since Reconstruction days was elected in Georgia when W. C. Irvin won election to the Augusta school board.

Georgia voters also turned down Gov. Herman Talmadge's scheme to disfranchise colored urban voters through extension of the undemocratic county unit system to general elections.

A total of 19 colored boxers and track men provided the margin of victory for America in the Olympic Games at Helsinki.

Archie Moore, long denied a chance, at year's end won the light heavyweight championship by thoroughly beating Joey Maxim.

Army integration became a reality in Europe while the armed services moved nearer to completion of the integration program in the United States.

All of these are concrete and lasting victories which must be added up to the credit of 1952. They more than offset the relatively unimportant setbacks.

Our only hope is that 1953 will deal with us as kindly as did its predecessor.

Re: Goon Squad Tactics

Georgia's Senator Richard Russell has his dander up about southern plans to smash the filibustering power of a southern bloc in the United States Senate.

He described announced plans to amend Rule 22, thus making Senate procedures more democratic as "goon squad tactics."

The description is apt, but not for the purpose Senator Russell intended it.

The real goon squad is the determined, little group of Dixiecrats who tie the Senate up in endless debate, because they know a majority could easily outvote them.

The Georgia senator has been mentioned as the real leader of the Democratic party by conservatives who frown upon the liberal views of Governor Adlai Stevenson.

If disciples the Dick Russell actually emerge as caretakers of the party, they will quickly learn that they will not have much left to protest.

No More Studies Please

President-elect Eisenhower has announced that he will appoint a special "fact-finding" commission on racial discrimination after his inauguration.

The commission's job, Mr. Eisenhower is quoted as saying, will be to "gather all the facts" about treatment of colored people and other minority groups in housing, travel and other public facilities.

The plan was made public while Mr. Eisenhower was in conference with a delegation of church leaders headed by the Rev. W. H. Jernagin of Washington.

Frankly, we are unable to get very excited over the prospect of another "study" of the problem.

We doubt that any new fact finders could discover anything that has not already been exposed by Gunnar Myrdal in his two-volume work, "An American Dilemma."

And could any of the Eisenhower probers produce a more exhaustive report than that made by President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights in 1947?

The facts about America's pattern of racial discrimination are well known, not only here but all over the world.

What is needed now is action in pushing through Congress the necessary corrective measures

We happily call President-elect Eisenhower's attention to the fact that these proposed laws have already been spelled out.

We suggest he acquaint himself with a copy of "To Secure These Rights" available at the U.S. Government Printing Office. On Page 166, he will find outlined a complete program of what is needed to make American democracy the live, vibrant force we profess it to be.

A Welcome Gift

Death called at the door of Representative E. Eugene Cox (Dixiecrat - Ga.) on Christmas eve and summoned that unfriting battler for bigotry to his just reward.

At the moment we can think of no more welcome Christmas gift.

Mr. Cox was a peddler of prejudice from the old school. He was the uncrowned king of that unconstructed little band of southerners in the House of Representatives who were always ready to oppose any legislation they felt might change for the better the racial status quo.

His death removes the second spokesman of this group. The voters of Mississippi did America a favor by retiring John Rankin last summer.

Happily, we bid Brother Cox an unlamented farewell and hope he will endure a warm hereafter.

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

Reviews Parade Of 1952

PARIS — Another twelve months have marched into Eternity, and again it is time to chalk up the score for a departing year. God old 1952 was made memorable by the things we did and did not do. On this side of the ocean we had our share of people in the news.

Mr. Stewart

I call the roll: Dwight D. Eisenhower moved from 24 Chevesney Place to 254 Shrewsbury Avenue, Red Bank, N.J. Greetings to Paris to Mr. and Mrs. William English Wright, who should be getting home after two years in Germany.

Dr. Wright is a graduate of Morgan and Meharry. How does it feel, Bill, to be a capitalist and to be a civilian dentist again? And how'd you like the Rolles Bargets?

Parade of 1952. January: AFRO President Ulysses Murphy stopping over in Paris while en route to Rome for President Truman's inauguration. He and Mrs. Beth Murphy presented President Truman. Dinner in Paris at Tom's Barbecue. On the return trip, we had a delightful stopover, sniffing and buying perfume along the Champs Elysees. Final purchase: four berets.

Stolen Open With Dupre

Allene Knighten arrived to study the organ with Marcel Dupre. The talented girl from Tulsa, Okla., got two good breaks. Dupre let her practice on his organ while he played the organ at St. Sulpice cathedral on Sundays; and Rene Starkis Blackmon let Allene have her apartment on Rue Moscow. Thus, she had a home for her stay in Paris.

Springtime. Ike won't talk. For several days during every week, I sat in an outer office at SHAPE, trying to see Gen. Eisenhower on answer on how he felt about racial segregation in the Army. But the man who will soon be President would neither see me nor answer questions I submitted in writing. I still don't know where he stands. Do you?

Dr. Mercer Cook Sr. and Rayford W. Logan finished off their work here on Fulbright grants (for research), and returned to the USA in June. Both are members of the Howard U. faculty. The French capital's loss is the American capital's gain, where these two scholars are concerned.

Leave For Olympic

July. My mother died suddenly. And a few hours after my brother phoned me the news, I was on my way to Finland for the 15th Olympics, at Helsinki.

Olympic thrills: Can't name them all — but when Mighty Mal Whitfield led Art Wint to the finish in the 800 meters, he became a two-time winner. Then the great Dillard won the 110-meter hurdles going away, and Andy Stanfield copped the 200, and George Rhoden came through as the best 400 meters man in the world. Those our girls (Catherine Hardy, Barbara Jones, Mae Faggs) and Alice Coachman surprised everybody by winning the 400-meter relay.

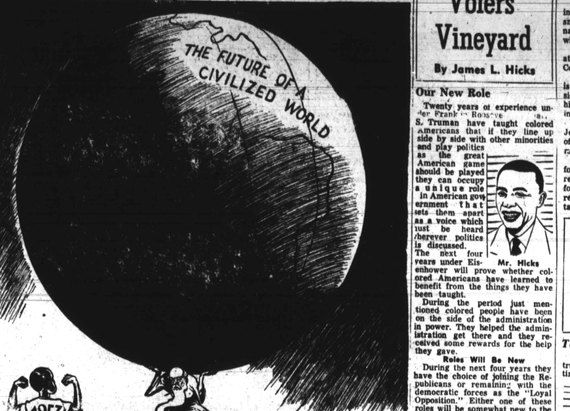
Tough luck, Art Scott, broke leg at the worst time. Herb McKenley sure was great in the 100-meter sprint. DaSilva of Brazil running hopefully in the track and field winning hop, step and jump. Jerome Biffle best in the long jump. Jack Davis covering himself with glory were Bill Miller, Milton Campbell, Meredith Gourdine, Dillie Matson, Jim Gaither, Reginald Pearman and Norvel Lee.

American Visitors Increase

More visitors this year than ever before. Here with the Temple University group were those nice people from Philly, Porter and Evelyn Brown; Hazel Harrison, of Howard U. music faculty; Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Clement of Atlanta U.; Rufus Byars of Washington; George Guyman, Adam C. Powell and wife, Hazel Scott; Baltimorean Ruth Greene; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Atkinson of Los Angeles; and Joyce Cooper, Seattle.

Eddie Matthews starred here in "Four Saints;" Willie M. Holloway of Hampton, Va., arrived to work in Beaumarchais' Madrid; Jordan (now a Kansas City police lieutenant) passed through with beautiful wife, Orchid, after organizing Liberian police department; and the Milton H. Taylors of Newark, N.J., arrived had an audience with Gen. Eisenhower.

To these — and to all of you — I wish a happy and prosperous New Year.



I THINK YOU CAN MANAGE IT, BUB?

WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

'I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it.' — Voltaire on Helvetius

ON RUBY McCOLLUM

Miami, Fla. — There simply is no justice down here. The idea of 12 white men voting to send Mrs. McCollum to the electric chair is too horrible to contemplate.

(Mrs.) SARAH PERRY

Sarasota, Fla. — I bet if Dr. C. Leroy Adams had killed Mrs. Ruby McCollum instead of the other way around, that all-white jury never would have convicted him.

ROBERT WOODSON

Daytona Beach, Fla. — I believe Mrs. McCollum was telling the truth when she said that white doctor was the father of her baby. The death penalty is too much in this case.

SUSAN HARDISON

Tallahassee, Fla. — The way white men chase colored women around here is shameful. Mrs. McCollum does not deserve to die for killing the man who had taken advantage of and betrayed her.

(Mrs.) PORTIA SMITH

Richmond, Va. — Virginia justice is not as demanding as Florida's. Dorothy (Tee Baby) Hurts will escape with five years for fatally stabbing a white woman 79 times. Poor Ruby McCollum must die in the electric chair for taking the life of the white father of her child.

CARL STOKES

ON EDITORIAL PAGE

Philadelphia — Allow me to commend the AFRO on the excellence of its Christmas editorial page by the issue of Dec. 27. The cartoon, the poem about Harry Moore and that well-written editorial, "Christmas, 1952" were truly inspirational.

CAPTAIN MITCHELL

Boston, Mass. — The AFRO's editorial, "About Santa Claus" really rang the bell. It helped to renew for me the true feeling for the Christmas celebration.

MARSHA MOORE

Washington — Congratulations to Editor Cliff Mackay on his "News in Tabloid" column of Dec. 27. His dramatized version of how Herod's soldiers, blinded by bigotry, but fortunately for humanity missed finding the Christ Child is a classic.

ALLAN TAYLOR

Rochester, N.Y. — The "News in Tabloid" Christmas column in the Dec. 27 AFRO is an inspired piece of writing. I want to commend its author, Mr. Mackay.

BRENDA HARGROVES

Baltimore — Those "Bethlehem Brothers" make up all of those incidents about precocious youngsters or is he actually the father of growing children?

(Mrs.) JANICE MORROW

(Editor's Note — Mr. Mathews does not have to make them up, He has three lovely but lively youngsters.)

Norfolk, Va. — The AFRO editorial page, consistently of high quality, reached the peak of excellence in the Christmas edition of Dec. 27. Keep up the good work in 1953.

JOSEPH BYRD

Columbia, S.C. — Why in the world did you use the Revised Standard Version Bible in reproducing an account of Jesus' birth? I think the King James version is not only the more authentic but also the most poetic.

THOMAS D. BAKER

Jacksonville, Fla. — I was thrilled by the poem, "In Memoriam" on the AFRO editorial page of Dec. 27. It was a fitting tribute to Harry T. Moore, a martyr to human freedom.

GERALD DANIEL

TRUMAN AND D.C.

Washington — Harry Truman says he would have endorsed legislation in the nation's capital had he thought he possessed such power. He didn't hesitate to use questionable powers in seizure the steel plants. What made him hesitate to slap down segregation?

OTIS MANN

Richmond, Va. — President Truman will go down in history as our greatest civil rights President. When he says he would have issued an executive order against segregation, if he thought he had the power, I believe him.

(Mrs.) BARBARA SCALES

Charleston, S.C. — Anybody who thinks Eisenhower will issue an executive order ending segregation in Washington, needs to have his head examined.

DENNIS BLAIR

Chicago — If Eisenhower ends segregation in Washington and gets the Senate to revise its filibuster Rule 22, the Democrats can kiss the colored vote goodby. We'll all be Republicans again.

CAPTAIN MITCHELL

RESENT WORD 'NATIVE'

Chicago — The AFRO is too terrific a newspaper to continue committing the error of calling colonial people, "native." They hate the word with the same force we in America hate the names we're called.

During these days when Africa claims she wants these colonial peoples — most of whom are either black, brown or yellow — her side, she should hold all the her radio and television insult these people by calling them 'native?'

SIDNEY WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary
Chicago Urban League

KIND WISHES

Emporia, Va. — Here's wishing the AFRO and its official family a happy and prosperous New York. May success continue to crown your efforts.

WILLIAM MOORE

THAT $200,000 GIFT

Wilmington, Del. — Jesse Sims, the handyman, who was willed $200,000 by his employers, should give $100,000 to the NAACP. At 62, he won't need more than $100,000 to last him the rest of his life.

CLYDE HOLMES

Newark, N.J. — What a Christmas gift! The $200,000 Dr. Henry Kuhn left Jesse Sims tops them all.

RALPH REDMOND

Harrisburg, Pa. — If Jesse Sims is smart, he'll hire a lawyer like Raymond Pace Alexander right away. The lawyer will be after him fast and thick.

CHESTER WADE

CALLOUS DOCTORS

New York — Those two white doctors who refused to answer a call, allowing Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell to die in Maryland should be deprived of their licenses to practice.

(Mrs.) FREEMAN

Hartford, Conn. — The American Medical Association has spent millions trying to prove America needs no compulsory health insurance. I would like to see the component of the association's officers on this case of criminal neglect.

HENRY WILLIS

Annapolis, Md. — The two doctors who allowed Mrs. Mitchell to die violated the oath all executioners take upon graduating from medical school. They're a disgrace to the profession.

O. S. M.

JENKINS AND AFRO

Henderson, N.C. — Hugh Jenkins, in asking for a divorce, recalls the AFRO a tabloid, and extremely radical.

Jenkins is that kind of teachers Fayetteville State Teachers College produces. He supervises student-teachers at Newbold Training School, a unit of the college.

Mr. Jenkins should be happy to give him a divorce.

(Mrs.) MARY JONES

AFRICA

Philadelphia — Why haven't all AFRO correspondents been sent to cover the riots in Kenya, East Africa and Capetown, South Africa?

RUSSELL LONG

(Editor's Note—Both countries have an iron curtain barring colored Americans. South Africa's restrictions are worse than Russia's.

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

Come this time of year and I'm always tempted to not make a New Year's resolution.

I know that I should turn over a new leaf . . . the one of the year gone being mighty rumpled and stained and torn. But honestly, if I can still dig out a giggle here and a chuckle there amid the increases that show that at least the days were lived . . . not just existed through.

And somehow I'd much rather be able to say that I tried, even if I slopped and skinned a knee, than that I sat safely and supinely, and let life slip by without an effort.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

There will be many new resolutions made and many of them will be kept, and that will add to the sum of human happiness. Go ahead and make your resolutions, try and keep them at all time. You will be the better for it.

D. H. MURPHY SR.
Dec. 5, 1914

My Favorite Quotation

There is no security on earth—only opportunity.

—Lake L. Dickerson

(Submitted by Mrs. Lorraine M. Wood, Baltimore, Md.)

(Next week's quotation by Mrs. Blink Carter, Washington, D.C.)

Voters' Vineyard

By James L. Hicks

Our New Role

Twenty years of experience under Franklin Roosevelt and S. Truman have taught colored Americans that if they line up side by side with other minorities and play politics as the great American game should be played they can occupy a unique role in American government that sets them apart as a voice which just must be heard whenever politics is discussed. The next four years under Eisenhower will prove whether colored Americans have learned to benefit from the things they have been taught.

Mr. Hicks

During the period just mentioned colored people have been on the side of the administration in power. They helped the administration get there and they received some rewards for the help they gave.

Roles Will Be New

During the next four years they have the choice of joining up the republicans or remaining with the democratic forces as the "Loyal Opposition." Either one of these roles will be somewhat new to the vast majority of colored voters.

And either one of these roles will require that politics be played according to the rules of the game. To play the game right can bring reward. To play it wrong can mean disaster for a long long time.

One of the first prerequisites in politics, as in any other game, is leadership. On the surface colored Americans, whether they line up with the Republicans or stay with the Democrats, are sorely lacking in leadership.

The present crop of colored leaders in the main just don't seem to have the stature to stay in the game of politics day after day and come out with a decent batting average at the end of four years.

This is not only unfortunate — it can be tragic if the present situation is allowed to prevail.

Two Men Stand Out

As it now stands most anyone who wants to style himself as a "leader" of colored people can do so and grab a few headlines. Since we do not seem to have any real leaders, many people are willing to accept these "leaders" simply because they say they are leaders of their people.

Two men stand out on the American scene who by virtue of their qualifications, and position, should be the titular leaders of the colored American voter. These men are Congressmen William L. Dawson and Adam Clayton Powell.

But Dawson and Powell are about as wide apart as the hands of a clock at a quarter to three. Powell made headlines the new year better than by having Dawson and Powell get together. Whatever their differences are they and we think they are petty differences. They should be ironed out and the two men should come together and work for the advancement of their own people.

Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

"Every dog has his day." goes the expression, and one group of municipal employees is just about to have theirs.

During the year, the trash and rubbish collectors are scorned, cussed out, barked at and sometimes bitten by dogs. Though they consider it an occupational hazard, for they never complained too loudly.

Their only recourse is to bang the garbage cans a trifle harder during those wee morning hours when the household is grabbing those last moments of sleep.

In some cities, the businessmen have become cognizant of the trash collectors' problems. During the hot summer months, they pass out pitchers of lemonade, ice-cold water available for them.

Unfortunately, this solicitous group of housewives is in the distinct minority and must suffer, along with the rest of the housekeepers, when the "trash man has his innings.

With the advent of the Christmas season, the trash cans just aren't large enough to hold all the gift wrappings and paper cartons that go along with the holiday festivities.

That's when the publish collectors crack down. If you happen to have an oil furnace and no place to burn your rubbish out of doors —you're out of luck. The trash collectors won't hood anything that's not in a closed metal container.

Perhaps you've been able to beat the rap on this item — the collectors have an ace up their sleeve.

Put your old Christmas tree on the trash pile and see what happens—they won't touch it!

Christmas In Miss.

A story comes out of Mississippi declaring how white and colored citizens of a small community co-operated to