Wife Accused In Slaying Of Construction Worker

FREDERICK, Md. — Following an all day drinking session, Preston Byrd, 29-year-old construction job worker died Saturday from a stab wound in the neck.

Charged with manslaughter his wife, Mrs. Caroline Byrd has been released under $1,000 bail pending a preliminary police court hearing.

Police Lt. Benjamin F. Phebus was told that Byrd had been on a drinking spree all day, having engaged in several minor disputes during the day with not only his wife, but with patrons in a neighborhood tavern.

Father Of Two

The Byrds lived with their two young children, about two and three years old, in the Carver Apartments, a Federal housing project at Broadway and Madison sts.

According to Mrs. Byrd's statement to police, she had given her husband money to pay some bills early on Saturday and when he was late returning home, she went to look for him, taking the elder of the youngsters with her.

When she found him, a slight argument developed, but they made up and had a drink together. Shortly afterwards, Byrd became engaged in an argument with another patron and had to be ejected from the tavern.

Took A Walk

When they went home, Byrd renewed the antagonism of his wife until she prepared his dinner. Another argument developed afterwards, so she took the child and went out for a walk.

As she returned home, she saw her husband at Saint ave ice sts. and discovered that he had been drinking some more. As he followed her home, he called her names, and took a swing at her as they entered the project grounds.

A scuffle ensued inside the house, during which Mrs. Byrd's dress was torn. She ran to the home of a neighbor, changed her dress and stayed there until time to feed her children, by which time she thought her husband might have cooled off.

Scuffle Reversed

However, another scuffle developed when she returned home. Mrs. Byrd said, so she grabbed a butcher knife and stuck her husband in the left side of the neck.

Becoming frightened when she saw the blood, Mrs. Byrd fled to the home of another neighbor whom she sent back to see how serious her husband's injury was.

The neighbor found Byrd seated in a parlor chair. At Byrd's request, he telephoned a physician who advised the man to call police, explaining that he would come out if his services were needed.

Artery Severed

The police call was answered by Sgt. Harry L. Quinn who found Byrd dead in the chair. The coroner's examination showed that one of his main arteries had been severed, and that he probably bled to death in a short period of time. It also noted a quantity of alcohol in the system.

Police said Mrs. Byrd was released after investigation showed a case of aggravated assault. The only other injury to Byrd was a slight cut on the thumb, evidently received when he he grabbed the blade of the knife.

'Just Checking Shells' Makes Man Pay $30

Raymond Hughes, of the 800 block N. Bruce st., was fined $30 and costs, Saturday morning at Northwestern Police Station, for firing a 12 guage shot gun and disturbing the peace.

"I was just checking to see if the shells were any good," he told Magistrate E. Everett Lane.

County Death Toll High

Five traffic deaths occurred during the day in the counties of Maryland and 40 traffic deaths occurred during the night in the counties during the month of December 1952, while Baltimore City experienced nine traffic deaths during the day and three traffic deaths during the night.

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'I Only Slapped Her'

Mrs. Williams And Friend

In the presence of his attorney and an officer at Northwestern Friday, Buddy Williams, sentenced to one year in the house of correction for beating his wife with an ironing cord tells Magistrate E. Everett Lane that "It's just not so." Although he admitted slapping his 17-year-old spouse, Williams said he knew nothing about the more than 12 welps found on her back. Standing behind the accused awaiting his turn to testify, is Ira W. Fisher of Jackson, Miss. a truck driver for a nationally known moving company. Fisher was arrested in a local bar Thursday when police found a pen knife in his possession. After proving to Magistrate E. Everett Lane that he knew nothing about the recent "Crackdown" on knife carriers here he was released.

JOSEPH P. KEENE TRAINING IN GEORGIA

E-2 Joseph F. Keene, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Keene, is in training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of Dunbar High School.

Pearl Street Barber Given Year For Beating Spouse

Charged with beating his teenage wife into a near state of hysterics with an ironing cord, Buddy Williams, 26, of the 1000 block W. Lanvale st., a Pearl st., barber for more than two years, was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction Friday by Magistrate E. Everett Lane at Northwestern.

The assault charge against Williams was the second filed against him within six months. As late as two weeks ago he was warned by Policewoman Violet Whyte not to beat his 17-year-old wife anymore.

On Thursday Mrs. Gloria Williams informed police at Northwestern that she had been beaten with an ironing cord on Tuesday after arriving home late.

Advised to take out a warrant for his arrest the young wife told Magistrate Lane that she would not testify against her husband.

A medical examination earlier had disclosed that the woman had been severely beaten on the back and shoulders. Mrs. Williams was arrested while at Northwestern as state's witness.

After staying overnight at the Pine Street Station she agreed to testify against her mate.

At the time of his arrest Williams told police that he had "slapped" his wife but denied beating her.

Leaving Northwestern Police court in company of a friend after hearing her husband sentenced to one year in the house of correction, Mrs. Gloria Williams made an attempt to hide the effects of the severe beating administered by her mate behind dark glasses and a handkerchief. After telling police about the attack the teenage wife at first declined to testify against her husband. Confined to Pine Street police station overnight Mrs. Williams told all before Magistrate E. Everett Lane on Friday.

$75,000 Quota Set For Easter Seals

The Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults, the Easter Seal Agency for the city, will seek $75,000 through the sale of Easter Seals this year during their campaign from March 5 to April 5, James C. Alban, chairman, announced.

The $75,000 will go to make available medical treatment, surgery, convalescent care, occupational opportunities, special education, recreational facilities and physical, speech and occupational therapy for the city's thousands of handicapped, both children and adults.

Some of the League's major programs include a nursery school; a new out-patient therapy center; and a Sheltered Workshop for those unable to earn a living in competition with physically able people.

Of the funds to be collected in Maryland, 91.7 per cent will remain in this area. The remaining 8.3 per cent goes to support the nation-wide program of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The annual sale of Easter Seals is the chief source of income for the work of these agencies. The goal of the Easter Seal drive is determined each year through a study and analysis of the needs of the country's handicapped people.

Auto Collisions Kill 19

Collisions of motor vehicles with motor vehicles killed 19 persons during December 1952, and collisions of motor vehicles with fixed objects killed 9 persons during this month. Collisions killed 19 persons during December 1952, and collisions of motor vehicles with fixed objects killed 9 persons during this month.

Ober Commends Four Policemen

Four colored police officers, including Policewoman Violet Hill White, were among 144 policemen commended by Commissioner Beverly Ober at ceremonies in the War Memorial Monday morning.

The commendations covered the period from February, 1952, to January 31, 1953. Commissioner Ober personally presented the merit citations to each officer.

U. S. District Attorney Bernard Flynn, who officially reigned his office, congratulated the honorees.

In addition to Mrs. Whyte, also honored were:

Detective Sergeant JAMES H. BUTLER

Detective Patrolman LLOYD JOHNSON

Patrolman WILLIAM HAYES

Patrolman Jerome Glass, Patrolman Jerome Glass, while policeman who formerly walked a beat on Pennsylvania ave.

During his tour of duty, Glass killed two men and was dubbed the "quick-trigger" cop. He was finally moved to an outlying district because of public indignation.

WHERE WILL DISPLACED FAMILIES GO?

Housing Committe Takes Relocation Query To Gov.

ANNAPOLIS—Seeking a solution to the colored housing relocation problem here, an eight-man, interracial committee of the Citizens Committee for Housing Association have arranged an interview with Governor McKeldin, Tuesday, March 3.

The problem arose when it was learned that housing in the concentrated colored section would be razed should the new $,000,000 State Office building be built in the area.

This section of the city is vital to the state department in that it borders all of the state office buildings. Already the State Roads Commission has reported that 16 houses must come down in the area to allow for the new access road.

The question before the colored citizens is "Where will the displaced families go?" Discrimination in real estate, will not allow these families to buy where they choose in the city limits. Other colored areas are overcrowded, with two to three families living in one house.

No Money Available

The Housing Authority, which recently built two housing developments for accomodating 180 families, has reported that no more money will be available for a 60 family unit until 1954.

Although this section reportedly includes some of the worst slum areas of the city, it also contains some of the best homes for colored, and it will be these home owners who will suffer, the committee reports.

The Rev. David H. Croll, chairman of the private housing committee of CPHA, has compiled a list of colored families who are able to pay for home construction or for already constructed dwellings. Several of these families are willing to pay up to $600 down and $50 a month, he reported.

Mrs. D. Elwood Williams Jr., executive secretary of the CPHA, said that the committee will request the governor to make some arrangement to replace the houses that will be torn down. "The state and city have a responsibility to provide housing for its people," she said.

Miners, Printers Apply For Jobs

Examination for mining engineer and printing plant worker are now open, it was reported.

The mining engineer positions pay from $3,410 to $10,800 a year and are located in the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Washington, and throughout the United States. Printing plant workers are needed principally in the Government Printing Office and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. the pay is $1.29 an hour.

No written test is required for the mining engineer jobs, but applicants must have had appropriate education or experience or both. A written test is required for printing plant workers.

Applications for mining engineer positions must be filed with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D.C. For printing plant worker jobs, applications must be filed with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

Full information forms may be obtained from the Commission's local secretary, Charles S. Fleming, Board U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Baltimore, or from the U. S. Civil Service D.C.

4 Par Cent Get Cancer Care

In a community of 25,000 population about 100 persons at one time will be under treatment for cancer, the American Cancer Society estimates.

14 PTA Groups Give $365 For Douglass Monument

Dean George C. Grant, of Morgan State College and chairman of the Douglass Monument Fund committee, announced that 14 parent-teacher associations have contributed $365 toward the $4,000 goal.

The Maryland Education association, which is contributing the casting of a bronze statuie of Frederick Douglass. This will be the first statue to be erected to the memory of a colored citizen of Maryland. It will be located on the campus of Morgan State College.

Persons interested in the completion of the project may send contributions directly to Dean Grant, or Frank Butler, treasurer, MEA, Bates High School, Annapolis. Make all checks payable to the Maryland Education Association.

PTA Contributions

The following parent-teacher associations made contributions: School No. 102, Mrs. Edith Claybourne, president, $30; School No. 103; Randolph Willis, president, $50; School No. 104, Mrs. Maryann Torain, president, $5.84; School No. 108, Mrs. Lillian Canady, president, $35; School No. 110, Mrs. Aurelia Lonesome, president, $15.75; School No. 119, Mrs. Helen Lee, president, $30; School No. 120, Herman Kirby, president, $30; School No. 138, Mrs. Bernice Ayers, president, $15; School No. 153, Mrs. Viola Francis, president, $8; School No. 154, Mrs. Alverta Roberts, president, $5.10; School No. 156, Miss Edith Jackson, president, $10; School No. 160, Mrs. Ruth Webster, president, $50; School No. 451; Mrs. Lenora Johnson, president, $9.50 and School No. 482, Gentry McDonald, president, $27.90.

Individuals who made contributions include Mrs. Mary B. Thomas and Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, $25 each; James H. Carter and Dr. Virgil A. Clift, $5 each.

While studying engineering, Mr. Lindsey (center) helped support himself by repairing radios. Today he's in charge of quality control, and designs test units for one of the largest radio and TV component manufacturers. Here he examines a new switch with his associates.

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OPINION

Liberty must be limited in order to be possessed. — EDMUND BURKE.

Time For Leadership

Although the Republican platform writers with some reluctance conceded that FEPC requires action on the federal level, President Eisenhower has made it clear that he feels this is a question which should be left to the states.

His plan, outlined during the campaign in a speech at Newark, was to call a "leadership conference" of the 48 governors.

During this meeting, he would urge these state executives to secure passage of FEPC bills in their various legislatures.

While we feel that denial of equal job opportunity is a national problem demanding national legislation, we are not adverse to giving President Eisenhower's plan a trial.

We are firmly convinced that he will get absolutely nowhere with his program of "friendly" persuasion when it comes to such bitter-enders as Talmadge of Georgia, Shivers of Texas, or Byrnes of South Carolina.

On the other hand, there is no reason why Mr. Eisenhower's "leadership" should not give the needed impetus for passage of FEPC in a number of Republican-controlled states where it has been blocked in the past.

Only the intransigence of Republican legislatures in Illinois, Ohio and Michigan has kept these states from doing something about job inequality.

Their Democratic governors have repeatedly urged action, to no avail.

Illinois now has a Democratic governor. No longer do legislators have a superficial political excuse not to act.

The legislatures of Pennsylvania, California, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota did not even have this excuse to hide behind.

Pennsylvania's Governor John Fine has urged passage of such legislation only to have the bills bottled up by his own party in-committee.

California's Governor Warren is also on record in favor of FEPC as are Minnesota's Elmer Anderson, Nebraska's Robert Crosby, Maryland's Phil Donnelly, Iowa's William Beardsley and Kansas' Edward Arn.

All of these legislatures are presently in session. FEPC bills of varying degrees of effectiveness are before them. Now is the time for Mr. Eisenhower to exert with all of its vaunted power the "leadership" needed to get these bills enacted into law.

Such action would not only be wise from a moral standpoint. It would be smart politically for the Republicans to make good on their local level civil rights promises.

To do otherwise could result in two things. Failure to act in the states this year would be certain to be met with increased demand for federal action next year.

It might also spell defeat for a number of these key state representatives and senators who will face the electorate in 1954.

And such a loss of congressional control might well snowball into the loss of the presidency in 1956.

Goal Not Attained

The result of a survey on voting in 12 southern states has just been made public by the Southern Regional Council.

Figures show that the number of colored voters in these states increased five-fold between 1940 and 1952, when an estimated 1,110,000 cast their ballots in the Presidential election.

Encouraging as this appears on the surface, there is no cause for rejoicing, the council report insists.

The full power of political strength in these states is far from being attained.

Two things stand as barriers to this goal. One is continued southern opposition to a free ballot. The other is the apathy and indifference of colored voters themselves.

It is largely in the rural south where roadblocks are tossed in the path of colored voters. Chief of these is discriminatory registration requirements.

Colored voters are compelled to pass literacy tests, or must produce white character witnesses, or are forced to wait long periods in line, or threatened with physical violence, or deliberately refused the right to register.

These illegal practices are all too common in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, particularly in those counties where colored citizens outnumber the white.

Here, then is a wide-open field for Herbert Brownell, the new U.S. attorney-general to move in. No new federal laws are needed for his assistant in charge of civil rights prosecutions to act.

All that is needed is real determination to bring to justice those officials who have with impunity violated their oaths to uphold the Constitution.

The apathy and indifference of our people in those urban areas where there exists no hindrance to their voting forms a real challenge to the leaders in those communities.

It is a challenge which the Southern Regional Council widely concludes can be met only by informed community action building a common citizenship.

Such a citizenship will make state and local governments truly responsive to the wishes and needs of all the people.

Noble Words By Adlai

Noble words were uttered over a nation-wide television network Saturday night.

Due notice was served that the Democratic party will not be turned over, lock, stock and barrel to the Byrds and Byrnes who switched their loyalty the minute the chips were down.

"Our farms and our factories may give us our living. But the Bill of Rights gives us our life . . . Only a government which fights for civil liberties and equal rights for its own people can stand for freedom in the rest of the world."

These are the words of a man who has proved that he would rather be right than president. They are the words of the 1952 Democratic candidate, Adlai Stevenson.

How bold and purposeful they sound! What a refreshing contrast to the disappointing persuasion, not legislation Eisenhower-Taft approach to this pressing problem!

Let's Get The Facts

As bitter foes of discrimination, we strongly oppose any agreement under which the federal government would grant, the New York police department any treatment different than that accorded police departments of Nashville, Miami or Atlanta.

Police brutality is a menace no matter the section in which it raises its ugly head.

New York Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan denies that any such agreement existed.

But all the evidence points with more than suspicion that there must have been some understanding making New York "Off limits" to FBI agents, thus prevenving them from investigating violations of federal civil rights statues.

A federal grand jury sitting in New York is now sifting evidence in 15 such cases. But this investigation, by law, must be secret.

The New York NAACP says it has on file 75 complaints against police. Civil suits growing out of brutality cases totaling damages of more $3 million are now pending against New York City.

Representative Kenneth Keating (R., N.Y.) chairman of the House judiciary committee, investigating the Justice Department, has announced that Commissioner Monaghan will be summoned before it to testify.

The situation is so shocking that nothing less than a full scale public airing of all the charges and counter charges must be held.

Until this is done, Commissioner Monahan, for the good of the service, should be compelled by Mayor Impellitteri to step down.

Salute To Dr. Pike

We doff our hat to the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Pike, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

By rejecting an invitation to be the baccalaureate speaker and recipient of an honorary degree, he put added pressure on the lily-white University of the South.

The school board of trustees last year was focused in the harsh light of public censure when eight members of the theology school faculty resigned in protest.

They, too, acted in protest of the refusal of the board to admit all students without regard to race.

The University of the South, located at Sewanee, Tennessee, is the leading Episcopal school in Dixie.

Its faculty governing body, as well as large numbers of alumni, for months have been on record for opening its doors to all students.

Only the trustees refuse to see the light.

A few more strong sermons in reality like that preached by Dr. Pike cannot help but force even these die-hard Tennessean to admit the error of their ways.

How can they profess to be Christians and at the same time deny the brotherhood teachings of Jesus?

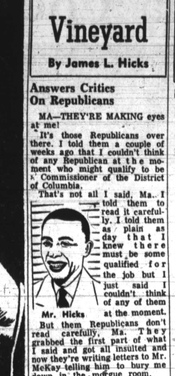
CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT

By Louis Lautier

Hears 20 Spotted For Jobs

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER may send to the Senate for confirmation any day now the nomination of *Mrs. Jessie M. Vann* of Pittsburgh, widow of the late Robert L. Vann to be Ambassador to Haiti.

Washington hears that Perry W. Howard, Republican National Committeeman for Mississippi, and Val J. Washington, assistant to Wesley Roberts, chairman of the Republican National Committee, have staked out about twenty jobs for party faithfuls.



Mr. Lautier

Heading the list of persons endorsed for jobs by these two party stalwarts is Val himself for administrative assistant to the President, to handle problems of minority groups.

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey, Chicago minister, lawyer and city councilman, who has been mentioned for Ambassador to Haiti and for Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African affairs — a job turned down by Ralph Bunche, director of the UN trusteeship division, when offered to him by former President Truman, is endorsed for Ambassador to Paraguay.

Miss Church To Washington

Roberta Church of Memphis and Memphis, daughter of the late Robert R. Church is endorsed to succeed either Agnes Hedgeman as an assistant to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby of Houston (Texas), Federal Security Administrator, or Thelmalina Norford as consultant on minority group problems in the Bureau of Employment Security, Labor Department.

Archie A. Alexander of Des Moines, the civil engineer and former grand poleimarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, is endorsed for Governor of the Virgin Islands to succeed Morris F. deCastro, a native Virgin Islander.

George Lee Endorsed

George E. C. Hayes is endorsed for a federal judgeship in the District of Columbia—an endorsement a lot of people will applaud.

Also endorsed for a Government job is George M. Lee of Memphis, who seconded the nomination of Senator Robert A. Taft at the Republican national convention.

Mrs. Zelma W. George, wife of Claybourne George, another Cleveland attorney, is endorsed to succeed Edith Sampson of Chicago as an alternate representative of the United States at the United Nations. Mrs. George is backed for this post by Representative Frances P. Bolton, of Cleveland.

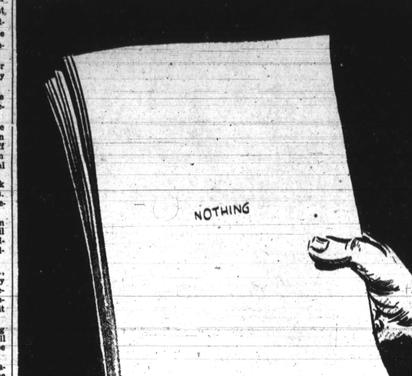
Whether they are endorsed or not, but hoping to have plums drop in their laps are Scovel Richardson, dean of the Lincoln University (Missouri) School of Law at St. Louis, who would like a federal judgeship, and John Silvera, a New York public relations consultant, who would like to land a berth in the Commerce Department, probably Emmer Lancaster's spot.

Chester Gillespie, the Cleveland (Ohio) lawyer, also is endorsed for a "responsible Government position"—but not Ambassador to Liberia, a post reserved for Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia, head of the Elks' civil liberties department. The jobs for which Lee and Gillespie are endorsed couldn't be learned.

Another Story Spiked

Jim Hagerty, White House press secretary, told the Women's Press Club the other day that Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower didn't go to the premiere of "Never Wave at a Wac" not because Keith's Theatre here bars colored movie goers but because she found out Rosalind Russell wouldn't be there.

Complete Record Of All Ike Has Given Us



WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

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

DR. PIKE'S ACTION

Knoxville, Tenn. — The Very Rev. Dr. James Pike of New York who refused to accept an honorary degree from the lily-white University of the South is a genuine Christian.

It's a pity some of his colleagues in the cloth, not only in the Episcopal denomination but others as well, don't share his compassionate views.

MONROE ROBINSON

Winston-Salem, N.C. — It took less courage for Dr. Pike to reject that degree than it did for the eight theology professors to walk off their jobs in protest over the biased attitude of the trustees.

When Dr. Pike leads a campaign to get these gallant Christians teaching positions in other Episcopal schools, I'll take my hat off to him.

CURTIS MORRIS

MISS FLORENCE READ

New York—A testimonial banquet should be tendered Miss Florence Read before she steps down as president of Spelman College in June.

This kind-hearted white woman dedicated her life's work to the education of thousands of our girls, who now occupy positions of leadership in the nation.

(Mrs.) VIVIAN AUSTIN

Birmingham, Ala.—I think the selection of a man to succeed Miss Read at Spelman is a reflection on her administration of the school.

Does the board of trustees mean to say that during her 26-year tenure she was not able to develop one of the hundreds of alumni to fill this position?

CAROLYN JACKSON

Atlanta — Why did Spelman's trustees have to select a man to succeed Miss Read? There are certainly a number of women who possess doctorate degrees and are otherwise well qualified for the job.

Is it because these women are too militant and wouldn't fit in with Spelman's go-easy-on-protest plans.

(Mrs.) DOROTHY PITTS

ON GOP PROGRAM

Miami, Fla. — Why don't you give up on your hopeless task of trying to change the plans of Eisenhower and Taft against civil rights legislation?

That editorial, "Make A Note of This" is just a waste of good space. No real American would propose compulsory civil rights laws. And both Ike and Taft are 100 per cent Americans.

SAM McCARTHY

Washington — The AFRO editorial lament about the absence of Republican plans of civil rights is pitiful. After all the editorial warnings you sounded about the Dixiego alliance, why would you expect anything else?

FAIR DEALER

'HOT POTATO' CARTOON

Los Angeles—The AFRO cartoon of Feb. 7 showing Ike tossing the FEPC hot potato to the states is a classic. I understood those states with clenched fists would not accept it. And that this legislation is possible for those who have open hands.

What puzzles me, however, is why you compared such Republican-controlled states as California, Indiana and Wisconsin.

BERT CAMPBELL

Editor's Note — Indiana and Wisconsin have weak legislation on their books, while Californians rejected FEPC in a slanderous statewide referendum.

GET BUSY, HE SAYS

New York — The Eisenhower lilywhite party is really clicking. Not a single colored person has been appointed to anything. But thousands have been laid off from government jobs. The AFRO called the election right.

Taft and Ike never did care too much for colored people. Watch these fellows closely. Perry Howard, Val Washington, Judge Francis Rivers and the rest of them had better get busy and get some action if the Republicans ever hope to win the vote of colored Americans.

DANIEL LINDSEY

NICHOLS AND IKE

Philadelphia—I thought minding the Lord's business was a full time job for AME bishops. If so, what is Bishop D. Ward Nichols doing creeping in and out of the White House?

And to make matters worse, *in an effort to whitewash Eisenhower's negative approach to civil rights,* he misquotes what the President said about appointing a colored commissioner in Washington.

RICHARD A. ALLEN

Hartford, Conn.—Bishop Nichols, who set himself up as a political leader during the campaign, has called on Eisenhower. I hope Ike read him the riot act.

Under Nichols's leadership, fewer colored voters cast their ballots for the Republican candidate than ever before in history. That should certainly prove how much influence he wields.

HAROLD WASHINGTON

WANTS GERMAN BABY

Montgomery, Ala. — I read where the AFRO and its correspondent in Germany, Mrs. Mabel Grammer, has been able to secure for adoption by American couples four of the German war orphans.

My husband and I would be interested in getting one of these youngsters. We have no children of our own. We would prefer a girl, but a girl and her brother would be okay.

(Mr. and Mrs.) J. B. S.

Editor's Note—This letter, as have other requests about adoption of German war babies, has been forwarded to Mrs. Grammer in Germany. The writer will hear directly from her.

HAND FOR HICKS

Boston, Mass.—As a life-long reader of the AFRO, may I say thank God for James L. Hicks's intelligent "Voters' Vineyard" column, in the Feb. 7 AFRO.

Like Mr. Hicks, I too want to know where I am going before I consent to follow any so-called leader. He took the words right out of my mouth.

JAMES C. JACKSON

BOOK REVIEW PLEASING

New York—No review of our book, "On Our Way" gave us as deep a sense of satisfaction as did Mr. J. Sanders Redding's in the Jan. 31 AFRO.

He so completely perceived the concept and image which we had sought to develop, of an America made up of many peoples of different origins, cultures and experiences.

M. CLAIBORNE MEBEL

WAY TO END WAR?

Lexington, Va. — A quick and sure way to end the Korean war is to begin drafting men 40 years old and up with no exemptions other than absolute physical disability.

I firmly believe that one or not more than two such drafts of 50,000 to 75,000 men and the older men will see to it that the war comes to an early end.

CLYDE WOLFE

LINOTYPE PLAUDIT

Brooklyn, N.Y.—I would like to commend the AFRO on its distinctive style of featuring short boxed items and the effective way of calling readers' attention to jumped stories on the inside pages.

The appearance of the AFRO reflects very careful thought and planning and serves as a tribute to those who are responsible for producing it. I hope you will accept our best wishes for your future success.

ROBERT C. NICHOLSON
Editor,
The Linotype News

JONES'S STORY INSPIRING

Rutherford, N.J.—The AFRO's story on Isaac "Ike" Jones was truly inspiring. It shows what a person can do if he has the mind and ambition. Members of our race are raising themselves to new and greater heights in life.

PHOEBE A. ALLEN

LOVES TO WRITE

Sydnorsville, Va.—I read many letters from service men seeking pen pals. I love to write. I think it is the least we can do for those who are doing so much for us. My address is RFD 1, Box 148.

NANNIE B. WILLIAMS

RACE WAR COMING?

Washington — There is only one thing that can prevent the last and final struggle — the war of the races. That is our bowing gracefully out of Korea.

Eisenhower could easily save face by repudiating the Truman act of 1950. Instead, the "white" idea takes a firmer hold and we hear now of black-leading the China coast. Quo vadis?

J. H. JENKINS

My Favorite Quotation

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance; but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.—St. Augustine.

Submitted by Mrs. Albert B. Carter, Coatesville, Pa.
(Next week's quotation by Rufus W. Cooper, Newark, N.J.)

Voters' Vineyard

By James L. Hicks

Answers Critics On Republicans

MA—THEY'RE MAKING eyes at me!

It's those Republicans over there. I told them a couple of weeks ago that I couldn't think of any Republican at the moment who might qualify to be a Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

That's not all I said, Ma. I told them to read it carefully. I told them as plain as I knew there must be some qualified for the job but I just said I couldn't think of any of them at the moment.

Mr. Hicks

But then Republicans don't read carefully, Ma. They grabbed the first part of what I said and got all insulted and now they're writing letters to Mr. McKay telling him to bury me down in the morgue room.

One of them wrote in from Connecticut and said the Rev. A. J. Carey, Hobson Reynolds, Perry Howard, Judge Rivers, Diggs and Ted Spaulding were qualified for the job as commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Explains Omission

I know that Ma. And I covered myself when I said there certainly must be some Republicans qualified for the job, but I couldn't think of them right than. Well, Ma, reason I didn't think of Rev. Carey, Hob Reynolds, Bert Spaulding was because I thought I knew a little about politics.

You see Ma, I don't think President Eisenhower would go outside the District of Columbia to select a colored man for commissioner.

Those Republicans who are making eyes at me and writing those nasty letters know that if he did this the people of the District would send up a howl which would be heard from here to H— and back (Pardon me Mom I mean Hades)

They just don't do that in politics, Mom. Can you imagine a Republican in Cleveland to get a man to run for mayor of Akron. Neither can I, Mom and that's what I'm trying to tell them Republicans.

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After listening to the Rev. Carey speak at the Republican convention I think he could take over Ike's job. But the Rev. Carey lives in Chicago. And Hob Reynolds and Ted Spaulding live in Philly. And Bert Diggs is a New Yorker.

They could hold down any job because they are great people. But would it be smart politics to import them in to help run the District government? Then Republicans in the District wouldn't like it.

As to Perry Howard. Well Perry lives in the District but on the records Perry is the national committeeman for the Republicans from Mississippi! And Perry has already told me that he doesn't want the job.

You see what I mean, Ma Then Republicans are making eyes at me—but President Ike is still having a hard time finding a colored Republican in the District of Columbia to make a commissioner.

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States February 25—partly cloudy, high winds.
February 26, 27—fair and frosty
February 28—warmer
March 1, 2, 3—rain or snow

FEBRUARY 1953

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MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter—February 6, 11:09 p.m.
New Moon—February 13, 8:10 p.m.
First Quarter—February 21, 10:04 p.m.
Full Moon—February 28, 4:42 a.m.

SUN RISES SUN SETS
Wed. Feb. 25 6:41 a.m. 5:47 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 26 6:39 a.m. 5:48 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 27 6:38 a.m. 5:49 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 28 6:36 a.m. 5:50 p.m.
Sun. March 1 6:35 a.m. 5:51 p.m.
Mon. March 2 6:33 a.m. 5:51 p.m.
Tues. March 3 6:32 a.m. 5:52 p.m.
Wed. March 4 6:30 a.m. 5:53 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

February 26—Fast of Esther—Jewish—Commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia fasted and prayed for be saved from Haman's massacre.
February 26, 27, 28—Ember Days—Roman Cath. fast and abstinence. A Sacrificial check at start of each of the four seasons observed by some Protestant groups.

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

Men are cute critters who twit us about fibbing about our age, but who crumble under the bludgeoning of years like a crepe paper hat in a wind storm.

Now women consider that they chop off a few years in conversation but they can also chop off a few in appearance and mien.

But Poppa calls Fate's bluff, and tries to act his son's age, thereby heading for a fall. And such a frantic fall he makes it!

Instead of tumbling with the fall, he grabs for youth, stumbles awkwardly, and in the end Mama has to pick him up, kiss his wounds and assure him that he is loved just as ever.

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay
Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

We Wonder Why Department

ISN'T IT ODD THAT belligerent foes of un-Americanism like **McCarthy, McCarran** and **Jenner** never lift a finger to oppose such subversive acts as segregation, discrimination and racial prejudice? . . . Curious too is why **Walter Winchell,** who says that **Josephine Baker** "embarrassed her race" has yet to shed tears about the humiliation which greets colored Americans who attempt to patronize his favorite hangout, the Stork Club . . . Wonder why **President Eisenhower** at his first press conference ruled taboo any questions about civil rights and the appointment of qualified persons without regard to race as promised during the campaign? Ardent GOPer **Louis Lautier,** only White House correspondent of color, found the news picking very lean indeed . . . How can two women intelligent enough to teach in Chicago, be dumb enough to mortgage themselves for life to give **President Jones** a $13,500 white mink coat? **Misses Evelyn** and **Esther Jackson** need their heads examined.

Mr. Mackay

. . . And Speaking Of People

Fred Waring found himself the center of a rhubarb in New Orleans Friday. The **Rev. A. L. Davis,** brother of **Frank Davis,** only colored member of the **Waring** troupe, blasted the head of the Pennsylvanians for booking a jim-crow concert in the Crescent City . . . **Marian Anderson** begins a series of concerts in Japan in April, her first Far Eastern tour . . . The former **Marva Louis** is happy. Her husband, **Dr. A. L. Spaulding** is out of uniform after two years . . . Noisy hecklers made the San Francisco date of **Billy Eckstine** unpleasant. They got so loud at one time, **Billy** stopped singing and asked: "Can you hear me folks? Sure can hear you." The reason **Ted Spaulding** was because I thought I knew a little about politics.

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