CLIFTON APARTMENT

A trustee's sale of a brick apartment building at 2117 Clifton ave., will be sold at an auction on Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. Subject to an annual ground rent of $96 the dwelling will require a $300 deposit at the time of purchase.

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MASTER BEAUTICIANS MEET

The Master Beauticians Association will begin its fall program Tuesday, Sept. 8 with a regular business meeting at 8 p.m. at 1522 Madison ave. A report will be made at the time from various members who attended the National beauticians convention in California.

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Trio arrested on lottery count

Northwestern vice squad officers broke up a numbers setup indicating "$1,000 worth of action" Monday, according to testimony given Magistrate Marshall Levin, Tuesday.

Arrested in a lottery raid Monday afternoon on a house in the 800 block of Carey st. were: Mrs. Allene Stokes, 53, a housewife who lives at the address; Aaron Hunter, 77, of the same address, and Miss Hazel L. Ross, 30, a clerk who lives in the 3200 block Belmont ave.

Find Numbers Loot

All three were ordered held in $2,500 each after Sgt. Casmir Monjewski testified that he and other officers found lottery slips, marked calandars, dream books, syndicate cards and $950 in cash when they entered the house with a search and seizure warrant.

Accompanying Sergeant Monjewski were Sgt. George Andrews and Officers William Burke, Willie Cheeks and Milton Schreiber.

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FOUNDER IS DEAD, BUT:

Oldest bootblack stand is still going strong

STILL GOING STRONG—Sanford Gibson, 52-year-old bootblack, is still active in the "oldest bootblack stand in the city." The shop located in the 3900 block E. Lombard st., is now operated by George Wise, right foreground, son of the founder, Edward Wise, former popular baseball player. Customer is Charles Davis.

A dutiful son is following in his father's footsteps and continues to operate the "oldest bootblack stand in the city."

The tiny little stand is in a two-room, store-front located in the 3900 block E. Lombard st., was founded in 1900 by Edward Wise.

Ed Wise died in 1944 and his son, George Wise, 1900 block Walbrook ave., is carrying on the business.

Ed Wise was a popular baseball player and played on white and colored teams throughout the city.

When he established his bootblack stand, almost every block in East Baltimore boasted its own sandlot baseball team.

Fight Over Games

Excitement over the games sometimes reached fever - pitch and often the game would be forgotten as both players and spectators battled to a bloody finish.

Many times Ed Wise would be in the center of those battles, swinging a bat as lustily as the next man. On Monday mornings dyed-in-the-wool fans would gather at Ed's shop and talk over the highlights of Sunday's games.

Soon the bootblack stand became one of the centers of sports activity in Highlandtown.

Meanwhile the popular bootblack was prospering. His stand was located just across from the No. 26 car barn. At that time Dundalk, Sparrows Point, and Middle River were little more than wooded areas with residents having to hike through dust high as their boot-tops.

Head For Wises

As a result, whenever the "farmers" — as George Wise fondly calls his father's best customers — would come to town they would make a bee-line to Wise's bootblack stand.

When the dust was wiped off, however, many of the men would stay around the shop and talk about baseball until Ed Wise closed up for the "Sunday game."

Ed Wise, one of the early officials of the famed Baltimore Black Sox, continued a sports lover until the day of his death. The many autographed photos of renowned sports figures adorning the walls of the tiny shop prove his sincerity was returned a thousand-fold.

His son, George has helped in the bootblack shop since he was 11 years old. "It seems that this old beat-up bootblack stand has always been in our family," he says with ill-disguised affection.

"A Thousand Memories"

"I have almost a thousand memories of my father connected with this place.

"Since his death I have received several offers to sell, but I just couldn't bring myself to do it. This place was my father's heart.

"I wouldn't part with it in a million years."

Another oldtimer in the shop is Sanford Gibson, 52 - year - old bootblack who has been helping out in the shop since he was 12 years old.

"Shucks, man this shop used to jump," recalls Mr. Gibson. "Why I remember when we had as much as six bootblacks working at one time.

A Gathering Place

"All the farmers in Middle River, Sparrows Point, Back River, and Dundalk would stop here and get the mud knocked off their shoes," he proudly asserted.

Although still operating the stand, George Wise declares business now is only fair. Sanford Gibson has an explanation for that too:

"The neighborhood is changing. The swells are moving way out-and a different class of people is moving in.

Don't Give A Darn

"Remember, everybody don't give a darn about their shoes."

George Wise does admit however that revenue from his shop does "help out a little" in supporting his 30-year-old wife and seven children.

When not bootblacking he's a laborer with a local lithograph concern.

Child hospitalized after cab accident

Anita Davis of the 1200 block E. Madison st., a five-year old child who allegedly ran into the side of a moving taxicab while playing near her home, was ordered held for observation by doctors at Johns Hopkins hospital Tuesday.

The driver of the cab, Joseph Young of the 1000 block 42nd st., has been charged with reckless driving. A hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 21.

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Justice Department asked to retract subversive tag

A committee representing the families of six Maryland Communists currently imprisoned, has asked the Department of Justice to retract the subversive label pinned on it last June.

The Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims contends that the government agency failed to comply with a departmental rule compelling it to give reasons for the subversive label within 60 days.

Such failure, according to Alaice Meyers, chairman, led the local organization to believe the subversive label would be dropped and proper notification filed.

Addressed To Brownell

The letter, addressed to Herbert Brownell Jr., Attorney General, states:

"We are writing now to direct your attention to Section 41.2 of the rules which states that: "Within 60 days following receipt of a notice of contest, the Attorney General shall cause to be forwarded to the organization by registered mail a statement of the grounds upon which the designation was or is proposed to be made and written interrogatories with respect thereto."

"The statement and interrogatories have not been received. The 60-day period has expired. As a matter of fact, we have made allowance well beyond the 60 days in consideration of any and all belated possibilities concerning mail delivery.

"Since it is obvious that the Department of Justice has decided not to continue with the proposal to list the Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims as a 'subversive' organization, this designation must be publicly retracted, due to default.

"Your failure to reply must be considered an admission of the truth as declared in our letter of June 3rd.: There is nothing subversive about being or helping families of political prisoners."

Pfc. W. Bradford dies in Germany

Pfc. Bradford

Pfc. Walter C. Branford, 19, of Severn, Md. died July 17 in Germany where he had served with the Army of Occupation for two years. The body was shipped home for burial Aug. 13 at Baltimore National Cemetery. He had been in the service for about three years.

Bates Graduate

A graduate of Bates High school in Annapolis, he worked in civilian life at a telephone co.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Branford, two sisters and three brothers.

They include Miss Austinia Branford; Mrs. Betty Blunt who has joined her husband in Alaska; William Jr. and John Branford of Baltimore; and Norwood Branford of Howard county.

Laborer fined $50 for kicking youth

Charged with kicking a 11-year-old youth because he was "too bad," Ralph Martin, 27, of the 1100 block N. Caroline st., was fined $50 and costs at North eastern Wednesday.

In a hearing before Magistrate Samuel Gaboff, Martin stated he kicked the youth in a "bad state of anger." He described the boy as a "bad youngster who stole things."

The youth stated that he escaped "harm" by running into the home of a neighbor. Three persons testified in the 11-year-old boy's behalf.

Man, 50, struck by BTC street car

Richard Coleman, 50, of the 4600 block Wrenwood ave., was hospitalized with a fractured right shoulder Tuesday after being struck by a BTC street car on York rd.

The operator of the trolley, Ernest Custis, 27, of the 2700 block Lauretta ave., told police he accidentally struck Coleman while backing into the York rd., car barn. At Central, Custis was charged with failing to use reasonable care and caution in the operation of a streetcar.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Speak less than thou knowest.
Have more than thou showest.
—SHAKESPEARE.

What The AFRO Stands For

A seat for every child in a modern school building that is not overcrowded.

A teacher for every 35 pupils.

The right of every child to secure instruction in any course which is offered in the curriculum of Baltimore public schools.

Separate schools may open for last time

Baltimore's public schools open their doors Tuesday, September 8 and 138,450 pupils will begin the 1953-54 school term.

Fifty thousand of these school pupils will be colored children. They will attend segregated schools with few exceptions, the latter being those few boys admitted to Poly Tech for the accelerated "A" college preparatory course.

If the handwriting written on the wall reads true, however, next Tuesday could well be the last time Baltimore's public schools open their doors on a segregated basis.

The re-arguments scheduled for October 12 before the U. S. Supreme Court on the segregated school cases could make this a "Dial in if the high court rules in favor of the colored appellants in each of the seven cases before it.

And although the citizens of Baltimore are not listed as either appellants or defendants in any single case, the whole structure of the city school system can be affected by the court's eventual ruling.

A favorable ruling for the NAACP side would eliminate several gailing moves made in Baltimore as a result of the rising colored population and the changing ratio in several areas of the city between white and colored residents.

A favorable ending would forever dispense with the insufferable charitable attitude of the school authorities who, when overcrowding rears its ugly head, see nothing in building new schools for white pupils and giving vacated schools to colored pupils.

An instance here is the new Mergenthaler Vocational school for whites, paid for incidentally with city funds. The old home of Mergenthaler school of printing has been turned over to colored elementary pupils.

In 1954 the white pupils at the now white Western High school move into a new building. The old building will be turned over charitably to colored, relieving an overcrowded problem at Douglass High.

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In spite of three new - school buildings put in service this year — the Saratoga st. school, the Josiah Diggs School No. 162 and the new Cherry Hill school — there will be no elimination of part-time classes.

There will be a reduction from 6,000 pupils who were on the shifts two years ago. But 2,600 pupils will still attend classes from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Because of the 6,000 increase in enrollment expected this year we'll wager there is no one in the city who was anxious for any new record written into the books.

If the men who predict the weather are correct in their forecasts for the weekend, then you can look forward to a pleasant Labor Day week end.

Pleasant days seem at the moment something in the far past, although actually the abnormal heat wave was only nine days old as of Thursday.

Nevertheless, it was hot enough and lasted long enough. And everybody talking about it only served to make it hotter.

So, cool weather, wherever you are, please turn your sights this way.

You can be sure to be greeted, begging your pardon, warmly.

Where is the truth?

Jacques Leger, Haitian Ambassador, has denied again that his government is opposed to a colored American as U.S. Ambassador to Haiti.

Mr. Leger made his statement to the Lott Carey Foreign-Baptist Mission in Baltimore which does mission work in Haiti.

Val F. Washington, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee made the charge.

He said the Eisenhower administration proposed the names of one colored woman and two colored men as U.S. Ambassadors to Haiti and Mr. Leger's government turned them all down.

Subsequently a white person was named.

While we are looking for it, Mr. Leger and President Eisenhower might look at the record: For 64 years, 1869 to 1913 U.S. ministers to Haiti were colored.

For 40 years, 1913 to 1953, U.S. ministers have been white.

Who dunnit?

A fine board of censors

The State Board of Motion Picture Censors is a great outfit.

Its latest action in banning Taxab and the two colleagues who make up its membership. Sometime ago the board included two principles in its general program.

One was to refuse licenses to films which it considered "indecent and immoral" and reveled in sex and seduction.

The other was to ban films which refused to cut out insulting epithets applied to minority groups.

In recent years films shown in Maryland theatres have been cleaned up or they have not been shown.

Some newspapers, some film producers have damned the board or even appealed to the courts.

But the board is still doing business and sticking to its principles.

Wish we had the same kind of courage and integrity in more of our public servants.

NAACP campaign kickoff, Sept. 15

The NAACP fall campaign for 8,000 members will get under way with a kickoff meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, Sept. 15.

An executive board meeting will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the office, 402 Dolphin st.

BALTIMORE PATRIOTIC CELEBRATIONS, SEPT. 13

By proclamation of Mayor D'Alesandro, Sept. 13 will be observed as combined "I Am An American Day, Constitution Day and Defenders' Day," in Baltimore.

The only Guard to fight in Korea

The 231 Truck Battalion was the only one of 30 Maryland-National Guard units to serve in the Korean War.

Overseas they served in a mixed unit and came back loaded with citations and decorations.

They found themselves without an armory and have been refused permission to affiliate with existing guard units, which have airfields and armories all over the state.

The Federal Government puts up 1 million a year and the state $500,000 to operate Maryland National Guard units and armories.

Something is wrong here when the only guys to do any real fighting for the Korean War are asked to come back from a mixed army to no armory and jim crow.

Officers and men of the 231st should continue to hold out against segregation for many reasons.

The main one is that if they do they will win.

There is no longer any reasonable justification for racial separation in the training of men to defend our country.

The time for a change is now.

Observe caution over weekend

A word to the wise is sufficient and even the most stupid will listen to a word of advice at times.

The AFRO's Safety Campaign therefore during the month of August has had some lasting effect.

But because of the long Labor Day week end ahead and the fact that school opens next Tuesday we feel it worthwhile to add another note of warning to motorists.

Our roads and highways will be abnormally crowded during the week end as folks flee the close, stifling confines of their city homes for the refreshing breezes and pleasing waters of nearby beaches and resorts.

There should be no hurry to reach these play areas, however. The week end is a long one and a speed which observes the traffic laws will insure our enjoying each hour of it.

"Haste makes waste" is an old cliche which can be jumped with the traffic slogan of "slow down and live."

Let all of us do our part in holding down the tragic statistics on holiday accidents this Labor Day week end.

And, while on the subject of safety, remember that schools open Tuesday and many of the children will be making their first trips to school.

Caution should be observed in the areas of all schools. Traffic laws require that motorists proceed at reduced speed within school areas. These laws must be observed.

Safety is everybody's job.

So, have a good time over the week end. But remember, drive carefully.

Cool weather headed this way

The Weather Bureau has forecast that cool air is on the way east bringing relief to the burning, gasping cities over the week end.

No one will be sorry to greet it.

Even the word cool seems to possess a lavish and unreachable sound after the past week of temperatures in the 90's and 100's.

The "stagnant" high pressure area which is blamed for the present record - breaking heat wave has staggered each of us. Although the record temperature of 107 degrees, set in Baltimore in 1936, was not broken, we'll wager there is no one in the city who was anxious for any new record written into the books.

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POLITICS

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

Monday, September 7, 1953, is Labor Day. To most of us it is just another holiday week end—for rest and pleasure.

To others, it has far-reaching significance, in that it symbolizes the respect which the American public has given to the laboring man and his family. That's respect began to appear when the laborer realized that he had moved out of the old domestic economy into the industrial age.

Mr. Cole

It now became necessary for him to take steps to protect his interests and to promote his own welfare. It started when he organized the craftsman and reached the labor union.

Influence On Government

It started, when he realized that labor was being exploited to his detriment, and his organized effort could effect the future of industry. The laborer soon discovered that his welfare rested in his ability to exert strong and powerful influences upon government.

Today, unions are solidly organized in every field of labor. Unions go far beyond the local level to affiliate themselves with national bodies.

They have paid lobbyists, standing committees, and organizers to effect legislation, plan programs, and organize the workers to vote according to their best interests.

The very fact that the president has a cabinet post devoted to labor indicates its mark on the political life of America. The fact that candidates solicit the support of unions and cater to their influences is testimony to their impact upon politics.

Band Together

It is indeed interesting to study the movement of labor and to use it as an example as to how groups with common problems band themselves together and in hope of discovering a common solution.

It is not always true that this solution is the right one or that it comes without additional toil and sacrifice.

However, it seems that it is a fact that labor has realized that its true strength was in its ability to remain solidly bound together through the tormenting days of the struggle. This is due to its glory and renown.

Labor Day is more than another holiday.

Little things

By JESS WALKER

This corner is no oracle—but of one thing we're certain: that suddenly popular tune ("Shake A Hand" will never be heard on the TV "Hit Parade."

And for you who haven't had the privilege (?) again of hearing it, you're evidently been staying inside these warm, warm days. It's on nearly every juke box in town. It's murder!

FREE ENTERPRISE — That area up around Pennsylvania ave. and Fulton ave. is going to be the Times Square of Baltimore if and when the new purchasers of a site on the corner open up for business.

The competition could be rough, but there should be enough customers to go around. Needless to say, the chap that likes to eat out will get an additional boost to his ego.

THAT MAN KINSEY couldn't get enough of the sisters to talk (he says) when he was compiling his latest report. They've been talking ever since previews of his book came out, however.

A New York newspaper took the cake on the whole subject this week, though. It came out with a "Whimsey Report, The Sexual Behavior of the American Oyster."

Veree in trestin'! To quote: "Oysters have no odor. Oysters pet when they are young. Oysters pet when they are old. Oysters regret nothing."

Oh, there's more: "Most male oysters understand female oysters very well because from time to time they change their sex. As a rule, the adult oyster completes one male and one female phase each year."

And "Oysters know nothing of the meaning of promiscuity, infidelity or Kinsey charts. They have no fear of poor posture, venereal disease, mental dullness or what other oysters think of them."

And: "Oysters, both male and female, are vigorous at the age of 1 or 2 and are still going strong past 40."

But: "Oysters never sleep in the raw. Oysters never talk about sex. They practice it and let it go at that. An oyster bed is a happy one."

For you who would wish to look into this situation any further there's some nice property for sale at Oyster Bay which should place you in the right environment.

Reporters Report To The People

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

CONCERT MUSIC

The big ball was really rocking. Blue - uniformed special police had their hands full scurrying from aisle to aisle in an effort to quiet those concert lovers who got too rambunctious.

It was a mixed audience and they responded with mixed emotions. Up in the upper tier on the left - hand side of the hall seven jumped up and down on a precariously swaying bench. In one of the front row seats a strawhatted youth was unceremoniously ejected as he leaped up with fervent shouts.

Prof. Buddy Johnson and his orchestra were cavorting on stage and the musicians, well schooled in the art of thermodynamics a la Lionel Hampton, were really jumping. After 20 minutes of this Buddy Johnson listened to the officer commanding the special police detail and called a halt.

And with good reason. During the 20 minute period almost every youngster in the place was on his feet bowling like an habitue of the jungle. Before they realized it was a useless task, police officers had ejected by actual count, 35 youngsters.

The n e x t performer was Stumpy Bryant, one of the most versatile and accomplished tap dancers in the country. Stumpy's task was hopeless from the start. Keyed up by Professor Johnson's musical exhibition, the youngsters shuffled restlessly as the dancer ran through his bag of tricks.

Finally Stumpy's stint was over - and the sterling performer walked off stage to sporadic applause. Then the roof fell in. Leaping onstage were five guys with a guitar — the Clovers. At their appearance the crowd went wild.

Beginning with the first note of "Good Rockin' Daddy" the record hits, the Clovers caused the audience to flip their respective wits. It was a repetition, on a larger scale — of the hysterical frenzy exhibited earlier.

Meanwhile, squares who had straggled into the hall because of Lee Young's appearance on the bill, huddled together in frozen terror.

When the hassle was over and Mr. Cole's vocational counseling to help me get my benefits under the Korean GI Bill. There are two temporary hotels in my town. Would VA pay my transportation costs to and from a counseling center?

A—No. VA may not pay the travel costs of a veteran who merely desires counseling. But VA could pay those costs, in the case of a veteran for whom counseling is mandatory.

Q — If I meet all the eligibility requirements of the Korean GI Bill, would I be allowed to take training, even though I've gone back, on active duty and am now in uniform?

A — No. The Korean GI Bill prohibits training by veterans on active duty, even though they do meet all the eligibility requirements of the law.

Q — I'm planning to buy a house with a GI loan. What should be my first step?

A — Your first step should be to go to your VA Regional Office and obtain a Certificate of Eligibility. Be sure to bring your original discharge or separation paper with you. Once you have the Certificate, see a lender for a GI loan.

Fancy Free

By LOUIE ROBINSON

Gather around, gentlemen. I got news for you.

Fancy Free has been missing from this page recently because I have been supposedly lying upon my back at the beach, enjoying the fruits of a hard year's labor.

But I did not waste my time frivolously. Instead, I spent it carefully observing what goes on around the household while unwary husbands are away. So if you want to know how your wife spends her day, tune in carefully with your good ear.

The Inside Dope

Wonder why she's haggard and tense and nervous when you get in to dinner? You'd be too, chum, if you had shared the trials and tribulations of "John's Other Wife's Baby Sister." "Just Plain Bull," and the dozen other soap operas of radio and television.

Those pleasant little interludes into the lives of "real live people" are designed to make you cry harder than a three-eyed lady with an onion nose.

Many a dish has been left unwashed, many a button left unsewn and many a bed left unmade while a TV heroine fretted over whether her true lover was going to leave his invalid wife in time to marry her before she gives birth to a child sired by her recently divorced husband.

While she worries, the uninsured home of her aged parents usually burns down — just to get some conflict into the script.

Net Result

Your wife is supposed to be a mess when you get home in the evening if she watches this type of thing.

But it's not entirely her fault. Unless she condemns herself to hours of sheer silence or to listening to nothing but the jabbering children, she has no other choice. For at a certain time each week day, all else leaves the airways to make room for these little emotional upsets.

It is enough to drive a sane woman nuts — and vice versa.

the tired audience filed listlessly from the Coliseum. One young concert - goer turned to another music lover and said: "CRAZY MAN CRAZY!!"

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Folks tell me that I'm a friendly cuss at heart. Once I enjoyed hearing that bit of flattery, but lately I have inclined to wish otherwise for this reason.

Salesmen of every type, size, and variety are giving me the blues. Whenever I step outside the privacy of my home some guy with a line wants to sell me everything from a baby rattler to a deep freeze unit.

Although I have no use for either, most salesmen insist, "Look at my merchandise even if you don't buy." As of now I'm warning you guys, lay off.

Not Interested

First I'm not in a buying mood this time of year—the weathers too humid. Second, I can't take much more, so how about dropping around—say a year from the time you read this.

No kidding, things have reached the stage where more than once this summer I have fled from my domicile under the cover of darkness for that one reason.

One jerk, pardon me, gentlemen, trapped me at my door the other day retreiving the afternoon paper and tried to sell me a pair of shoes. I'm no Rockefeller but I own more than one pair of shoes. This guy couldn't see that point however, kept insisting that I needed a third pair.

Exception To The Rule

Incidentally, one gorgeous saleswoman started a long tirade about consumer interest, buying power, mass production and a lot of psychological jargon. I bought her. After all there are exceptions to rules, you know.

That's not all, though. Even when I walk the avenue now some character in his cups wants me to hear his troubles. Now I put around with a group of regular guys and they never have that kind of trouble. Can't understand it.

Know what? I'm going to get out of town for a few weeks before I commit mayhem. Texas seems like a nice place to go to or some from which ever way you want to look at it. Anyhow I'll see you on the 25th, "you all."

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Despite this 90 degree weather we've been suffering from during the past week, the Lott Cary Baptist Foreign Mission convention is rolling along in smooth fashion.

The 2,000 delegates who are holding their 56th annual session at Enon Baptist church, do not seem in the least to be affected by this torrid spell.

The women, dressed in gay cotton frocks and large straw hats, greet you with smiles on their faces and fans in their hands. The ministers have discarded their suit coats and are convening in their shirt sleeves.

Between sessions, most of the delegates congregate on the shaded steps of St. Pius Catholic church across the street.

Cool And Calm

Everyone is cool and calm, though several have traveled hundreds of miles to attend the convention. Many are tired, but the heat has not caused anyone to lose his patience.

And surprisingly enough, I haven't seen a sweated brow on a single delegate! This may be due to the huge fans located in every nook and cranny of Enon church. The place is so cool, you would think it has air-conditioning units installed.

All credit goes to the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of the church, who is serving as general chairman and host pastor of the convention.

FIRST STUDENT

Thanks to Sen. Frances X Dippel (D-3rd district), Joan Cole, a Dunbar High school graduate, will enroll at St. John's College, Annapolis, this fall.

Though the college accepted girls for the first time in September 1951, Miss Cole will be the first colored co-ed. Sen. Dippel awarded the four - year senatorial scholarship to Miss Cole in June.

HODGE PODGE

By Bob Matthews

Made a solemn resolve: "I will not write about the weather!" "I will not talk about the weather!" "I will not think about the weather."

Took the menagerie out to the beach the other day to escape the you know what. Had a wonderful time splashing about, pretending I could swim.

Got into a conversation with some real nice people I met there, and some how the talk turned into a discussion of predictions.

Everyone agreed that rain was easily predictable by two major methods. One, a twinge in your pet corn; two, by washing the family car.

The conversation went on in this vein for a while until one matron piped up with:

"I can always predict when company will come to call."

We all exchanged knowing winks. This was carrying things just a little too far. We played along just to see how inane the answer would prove.

Kinda set us back on our heels. Must admit that her method of predicting when company will arrive has merit.

She said: "Whenever you have exactly one can of beer in the house, nothing but leftovers in the refrigerator, and just enough money for carfare until payday — you'll have visitors—thirsty ones.

Never fails.

SOB SISTER

By RUTH JENKINS

News item: A chair designer in Dayton, O. reports that chairs for men are the same as they were when he began business in 1918.

But chairs built to accommodate women have changed during those 35 years.

Men, he said, can be seated in the same 18-inch seven-pound chair that was standard when he began work. But for women's occasions, the chair measurements have increased to a 20-inch nine-pound affair.

That only proves that men's narrowness is not only in their minds.

Poet's Nook

School Days

The dearest thoughts that cross my mind,
The dearest dreams of days behind,
Are thoughts of when I school-ward went
With no idea what wisdom meant.
Now we are grown, we realize
Here's not a more important phase,
For our future depends upon
The progress made in our school days.

PAUL McALLISTER

DEFINITIONS

Married couple: two people who sit in a balcony at a movie because they want to smoke.

Rumba: a foxtrot with the backfield in motion.

Vet Questions

Q — I want to apply for VA's vocational counseling to help me choose a training course under the Korean GI Bill. There are two temporary hotels located in my town. Would VA pay my transportation costs to and from a counseling center?

A—No. VA may not pay the travel costs of a veteran who merely desires counseling. But VA could pay those costs, in the case of a veteran for whom counseling is mandatory.

Q — If I meet all the eligibility requirements of the Korean GI Bill, would I be allowed to take training, even though I've gone back, on active duty and am now in uniform?

A — No. The Korean GI Bill prohibits training by veterans on active duty, even though they do meet all the eligibility requirements of the law.

Q — I'm planning to buy a house with a GI loan. What should be my first step?

A — Your first step should be to go to your VA Regional Office and obtain a Certificate of Eligibility. Be sure to bring your original discharge or separation paper with you. Once you have the Certificate, see a lender for a GI loan.

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

NOTHING TO DO BUT KEEP COOL

That's right — there's absolutely nothing you can do about the current heat wave except keep your temper in check and get as cool and comfortable as possible.

These are the 'dog days' — a name commonly applied to this period of the year when temperatures bower in the high nineties and jump over the 100 degree mark.

Mrs. Phillips

But take comfort in this: — On Sept. 13, 1922, noontime in northwest Libya suffered with temperatures as high as 136.4 degrees, the highest ever recorded there.

Still hot? Cool off with these facts:

While the Eastern Seaboard states and most of the other sections of our country are sweltering right this minute, the Northeast entrance to Yellow Stone National Park is closed because of snow, sleet and ice!

There are heavy rains and two to four inches of snow which has turned to sleet and closed highways near Cook City in Montana.

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Colored Members Overworked

That is a good point. I suggest you submit two questions to the readers: 'What Do You Like or Dislike About the AFRO?' and 'What, In Your Opinion, Is Wrong With The AFRO?'

To the first question I'd say: "I like the AFRO because it is the watch - dog for the rights of its people; because it reports the news of everybody, be he a member of the AFRO personnel or a member of the publisher's family."

To the second question I'd say, in the words of Pilate:

"I find no fault with the AFRO. Its news releases are based on such matters as are sent in from authoritative sources. What more can be expected of the paper?"

To sum up, the AFRO, in every respect, is ever - ready to do anything that might be helpful rather than harmful to its reading public and toward the just cause of its people.

CHARLES H. CLEMONS

rest of the states by New Hampshire!

Cop is the slang word for policeman derived from the old English verb to cop, meaning to catch, to get hold of or to nab.

The custom of having a best man at a wedding is said to be a survival of primitive times when a man seized a woman and carried her away by force.

The faithful friend he picked to go with him to help ward off the attacks of the girl's family which objected to the union came to be known as the best man, or chief groomsman.

ABOUT OUR TOWN

Social workers are quite concerned about the recent wave of vandalism on the part of youngsters of both races.

They have not yet been able to put their finger on the reason why normally well-behaved youngsters invaded schools, homes and churches and damage equipment.

Latest unexplained invasion was by three youngsters, aged 5, 7 and 8, who did $2,500 worth of damage to a Gwynns Falls Parkway apartment.

Every record in the house was broken, eggs were thrown against the walls, furniture wrecked and the youngsters readily admitted they did it but could offer no reason. Figure that one out!

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