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"We are Americans and, as Americans, we speak to America."
—Frederick Douglass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness—MONTAIGNE.

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 attend the school closest to his home, if there is room.

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

The title of dictator applied to Colonel Ober

In a broadcast, sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Magistrate Helen Elizabeth Brown spoke her mind.

She accused Police Commissioner Beverly Ober of being a dictator and wrecking her Housing Court by refusing to assign a clerk there.

Next day, after Magistrate Brown's criticism, the Baltimore Sun defended its fair - haired boy, Colonel Ober, and accused Magistrate Brown of an ill-tempered, ill - founded, and unfair attack upon him.

We are inclined to agree with Magistrate Brown. We have found Colonel Ober quite a dictator along other lines.

We never did understand why Colonel Ober or any other official of this state should be able to defy the governor, and Colonel Ober has just about defied everybody in the state. A non-elected police official is thus provided with more power than the governor himself.

Legislation under which a police commissioner is appointed for six years so that his term will not expire at the same time as that of the governor who appointed him was designed, so it is said, to keep the office of police commissioner out of politics.

However, everyone knows that no Republican governor has ever been able to succeed himself and this legislation was designed and actually does make it impossible for the Republican ever to name a police commissioner.

You must give to the NAACP

The Baltimore Branch NAACP is in the midst of its annual membership campaign. This year the organization is seeking 10,000 new members.

Always in the forefront in the fight for equal citizenship, the NAACP should draw the support of each and every citizen of Baltimore.

This year already the NAACP has filed suits in the courts for the following:

1. To open Mergenthaler School of Printing to all citizens;

2. To open Western High School to children now overcrowded at Douglass;

3. To open all city outdoor swimming pools to colored, as well as whites.

Additional suits are to be filed to open National Guard armories to all veterans.

Because of the NAACP, two AFRO workers are now studying at Mergenthaler, Sandy Point Park has been improved, the School Board is busy trying to make colored schools equal with white schools.

These court cases cost money. The NAACP needs your help in its membership campaign. It cannot do the job without you.

None of us should be without a membership card in this great organization. If you can't attend any of the meetings which are being held throughout Baltimore you can send your membership to the NAACP office 402 Dolphin st. or call LA 3-8503 or 8504.

Community Chest now needs funds

Provident Hospital, the Baltimore Urban League, the YWCA and YMCA, the Boy Scouts and the Prisoners Aid Association are among the 29 local agencies which are supported by the Community Chest and United Defense Fund.

Each dollar one of these Red Feather agencies conducted an annual campaign for funds. Today we have one campaign for agencies.

This year the Community Chest and United Defense Fund needs more money. Figure it can do the job for us if we increase our individual gifts by 10 per cent.

Each Baltimorean should bear that in mind when he or she makes a contribution this year. Add the extra dime for every dollar you give.

The Community Chest and United Defense Fund have become one of the bulwarks against communism which thrives on hunger, unemployment, poverty and disease.

The goal this year is $2,450,000 or 8.26 per cent greater than the amount realized in 1952.

Many persons in good financial circumstances include liberal contributions to this fund annually. Hundreds of employees in industry and labor give voluntarily and generously as a group or through their unions or company organizations.

Yet there is still a large body of citizens who have not taken time out to learn more about the work that the member agencies of the Community Chest and United Defense Fund are doing.

It is to this group of citizens that we appeal specifically in again urging liberal support for these campaigns whose quotas should be oversubscribed.

Providing for the care and comfort of adults and children who are the victims of social, economic and environmental misfortunes is a major community responsibility.

We can discharge this responsibility best through our Community Chest and United Defense Fund.

Each of us should give and give generously this year.

Just penalty for odorous crime

A 36-year-old man was sentenced last week to 21 years in the Maryland State Penitentiary. He admitted his guilt in criminally attacking a young girl of only 11 years.

Does the penalty seem reasonable? We think it does.

It is good for the courts to give notice that this community frowns on men of this sort and will remove them from society for a long term, until they learn the basic rules of civilization.

And..Speaking..

Of campaigns, the William H. Lemmel Memorial Committee is now soliciting funds for perpetual scholarships in the name of the late superintendent of schools in Baltimore.

Dr. Lemmel's name will be on scholarships to be awarded to worthy high school graduates, who wish to enter the teaching profession, in which he made such a distinguishable record.

Highly respected as a capable and liberal school administrator, Dr. Lemmel was named in the AFRO Honor Roll of 1948, when he initiated the inter-cultural relations programs in the schools.

He also won the Hollander Award for this contribution toward achieving equal rights.

The scholarship fund is an admirable way to perpetuate his memory.

It merits hearty public support.

WillOber punish Glass this time?

Patrolman Jerome Glass of the Northern Police Station has been suspended from duty while the superiors investigate a complaint of misconduct.

This is the same Patrolman Glass who served for several years on the Pennsylvania area beat in the Northwestern Police Station.

During that period Glass was involved in five shooting cases, two of them fatal.

In November, 1950, when a citizens' delegation complained to Police Commissioner Ober about Officer Glass's conduct, and requested his removal from the force, the head of our police department made a classic statement we will not soon forget. He said:

"Patrolman Glass is a good police officer. In both of the killings, he has been exonerated by the courts. After all, the only persons he has killed have been disreputable characters. Wait until he kills one of your good colored citizens, then maybe I'll change my mind about him."

If Commissioner Ober's past methods of dealing with Patrolman Glass are any index, we can presume that he will treat lightly this latest charge against him.

The governor is Commissioner Ober's superior. Mr. McKeldin, who will likely seek re-election this year, has within his power to put in the commissioner's chair a man who will give a sympathetic ear to citizens' requests to clean up vice and crime in their city, and discipline patrolmen who are too free with guns and night sticks.

The word slum is used too glibly

The word "slum" seems overworked nowadays and it seems to us about time that we did something about the use of it.

Originally "slum" was used to describe a thickly populated street or area marked by squalor or wretched living conditions.

But today most poor people live in thickly populated areas. In fact, nearly every large city in the country is thickly populated in all areas, rich and poor alike.

Not all the residents of these thickly populated streets live in squalor however. The large majority of them live in clean, well-kept homes. The homes of many poor people are not overcrowded.

Their living conditions while not similar to those whose income may be greater are still not wretched. Theirs are simply plain, the way and lot of all poor people.

Still the name slum is nevertheless glibly applied to the area in which they live, another burden for the poor to bear.

Many teachers' groups meeting

Three teachers' groups are meeting in Baltimore this week. They are the Maryland State Teachers' Association, the Maryland Educational Association and the Maryland - D. C. Federation of Teachers.

The Maryland Educational Association (MEA) is an all - colored organization. The Maryland State Teachers' Association (MSTA) is now integrated on a statewide basis but with the exception of three counties and Baltimore City, its local groups refuse to admit colored teachers.

The Maryland - D.C. Federation of Teachers is a union of teachers, colored and white.

Now the question arises as to why the two teacher groups — MEA and MSTA — must meet separately.

If the teachers' union can meet in one mixed group so can the teachers' associations.

Human depravity reaches its peak

Reports of confessions by the two prisoners in the kidnap-murder of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease reinforce the public's first impression of the perpetrators of this horrifying crime as depraved and heartless individuals who do not know what the word mercy means.

Neither the man nor the woman in this case can plead poverty or lack of other social privileges as factors in their warped and degraded lives. Both had above-average economic security and above-average educational opportunity.

The only motivation revealed so far in their plot to kill a helpless little boy is a cold-blooded greed for lots of money which would not stop at the most fiendish acts for its satisfaction.

It is hard to think of a penalty drastic enough to fit this crime and at the same time serve as a deterrent to other criminals of this type.

Ordinary methods of capital punishment seem mild in the face of such depravity, while the prospect of using public funds to support such individuals in prison for the rest of their days is a notion that would gag even the most humanitarian among us.

POLITICS:

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

This week I'd like to tell you a story:

Once there was a politician who achieved prominent leadership in a minority area.

He succeeded election after election in getting his men in the Legislature and the City Council. He claimed the power to influence the election of mayors and governors.

It seemed odd that this politician was so successful because if this minority group desired to, it could wrest political control from his grasp.

The minority group had enough voters registered and could register more to defeat the politician.

Politician Was Shrewd

However, the politician was shrewd and adept at deceiving the minority group in believing he intended to help them.

He would watch the minority candidates campaign and spend lots of money. On election day he would go into action.

He would distribute vulgar and scurrilous literature about the minority candidates in his own area so that his people would not vote for them.

Meanwhile, he would use every available device to keep down any turnout of the minority vote.

He would have his workers jam the voting machines so that they wouldn't work. He would hold up the lines of people waiting to vote by challenging every voter. This was done to make the people in line tire and go home.

Most Effective Weapon

His most effective weapon, however, was his ability to pick out unscrupulous members of the minority group to help him in his efforts.

These persons he would lure into his camp by some promise of money, favor, or police immunity.

The tragedy of this situation was the fact that these persons gave every indication of respectability. Their job was to do what the politician, himself, couldn't do.

They were to sell his program to the minority group. These persons would hire many workers and tell them to tell the voters that the minority candidates couldn't win anyway.

These persons even told their workers that the minority candidate said they didn't care whether the people voted for them or not. Of course, this was untrue.

New Understanding

All these things the politician would do to elect his own slate. But as elections went on there came into being a new understanding by the minority about their political destiny. The elections were becoming closer and coming smaller and smaller.

One time a minority candidate almost won. The newspapers decried the tactics of the politics. His fellow politicians rejected him.

This caused the politician deep concern. His old method of dividing the minority against itself was slowly failing. He began to look for more persons of minority to follow him but the number was rapidly reducing itself.

The minority was awakening and leaders of the minority group who sold out were doomed to failure. The minority awoke in the next election and the politician, with all his efforts, was defeated.

He was a lonely man—rejected, dejected, with none elected. The minority had reached political maturity.

Veterans Questions

Q — I am a Korean veteran. Would it be possible for me to enroll as an apprentice in a foreign country under the Korean GI Bill? I want to learn the watchmaking trade in Switzerland.

A — No. Training in foreign countries, under the Korean GI Bill, is limited only to VA-approved courses in accredited colleges and universities. The law prohibits all other forms of GI training outside the United States.

Q — I am learning to be an automobile mechanic as an on-the-job trainee under the Korean GI Bill. After I finish, would it be possible to get a GI business loan to open my own repair shop, even though I will have used up my entitlement to GI training?

A — Yes. The GI training and loan programs are separate benefits. The fact that you have used your training benefit in no way affects your rights to the GI loan benefit.

Q — I'm a Korean veteran and I am totally disabled. I want to apply for the special GI insurance available to handicapped Korean veterans. What type of insurance can I get?

A — You may apply for five-year term insurance, ordinary life, 20-payment life or 30-payment life. Other permanent GI policies — the endowment plans — are not available to totally disabled veterans.

USO adopts program in religious field

NEW YORK—The USO has adopted a new religious program which seeks to provide for members of the armed forces, in the civilian communities adjacent to their military stations, the same religious ministration as would be available to them in their home communities.

Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

People will always say that a man buys things for his son that he secretly wants for himself. This is supposed to explain why so many fathers go all out buying electric trains, fancy bicycles and the rest for their sons.

They just might have a point there. Went browsing through a hobby shop the other day and came home with, of all things, a crystal radio set.

Don't know what impulse prompted me to get the blasted thing, except maybe I just wanted No. One son to realize that once upon a time there was no television.

Unfortunately, the crystal set was one of those deals that has to be assembled. Grabbed up a couple of screw - drivers and pliers and hopped to it.

Had trepidations as soon as I noticed that the directions claimed it could be done in a few minutes. Took the better part of two hours to get that thing together.

When it was finally complete, discovered that I had forgotten that an outside antenna was necessary. They have almost disappeared from the modern scene.

Nothing daunted, purchased a few feet of wire and rigged up an antenna and a ground wire—then came the big test. Was the thing gonna work?

Fooled around with the crystal — still that doo-dad on the coil back and forth, and sure enough heard some guy advertising television sets.

Delightedly called Number One Son over. Proudly handed him the ear piece and commanded him to listen.

He listened for a few seconds—beamed broadly — then declared:

"Boy! Sounds just like a radio. What...won't they think of next."

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

CLEAN BLOCKERS POINTED THE WAY

The October issue of the news bulletin published by the Citizens' Planning and Housing Association pays tribute to block organization which it calls "a growing and important movement in Baltimore."

The article hails block clubs as neighborhood improvement at the grassroots level because it is more than a spirit of clean up, it brings a new friendliness and neighborliness.

All that the CPHA bulletin says is true, but I've often wondered why our housing and redevelopment officials have not properly credited the AFRO clean block campaign for starting the whole thing.

Nineteen years ago, this newspaper organized its first clean block drive under the direction of Mrs. Frances L. Murphy, retired teacher.

Usually conducted from June to September of each year, the drive is aimed primarily at children, but has now spread to include adults.

In 1952, under the guidance of the present director, Mrs. Frances Mackay, over 5,000 persons were enrolled in the clean-up drive which covered 200 blocks in all sections of the city.

Prizes in excess of $1,200 went to blocks which qualified under the beauty and improvement standards.

Small as well as large streets won prizes. In fact, 1953's top winner was the 1700 block Lexington ave. in East Baltimore which has houses on only one side of the street. Courts in housing projects also shared in the prize money.

And the directors of the campaign report that while the contest itself is conducted only from June to September, workers in most of the blocks keep their activities going the year round.

The clean block founder herself said this week:

"Because of the clean block drive, children and adults have learned to understand each other, to recognize each other's needs and a neighborhood spirit has been developed which the people themselves recognize as a good thing for them as well as the entire community.

Many people who form the backbone of neighborhood groups in the new living areas were once clean blockers. They are the ones who fight hardest to keep taverns and disreputable places out of their residential areas. They first learned how to protect their areas and fight for continued improvement in the AFRO clean block drive.

All this to say that the next time you read about Baltimore's newest idea — block builders— don't forget it is not a new idea. The AFRO clean block campaign has been pointing the way for 19 years.

HELP, PLEASE

If you've never visited a block enrolled in the AFRO campaign or seen the youngsters at work, make a note to do so this year. You'll be inspired by what the younger people have been able to do.

I'll never forget the nine-year-old South Baltimore girl who was captain of her block, a small street in an industrial area.

She was determined her block would look as well as those located in strictly residential areas, and she worked hard to get landlords and adult residents to pay for paint and other improvements.

They helped her make the block a real beauty spot.

One day, she spied a policeman as he dropped an empty match box in the middle of the street. The inspectors were due in her block that day.

She ran as fast as her little legs could carry her and overtook the law officer as he rounded the corner.

"Please, Mr. Policeman," she pleaded, "help us keep our block clean. We don't want even a match box in the street."

P.S.—The officer walked back and picked up the match box. He later confided to the campaign director that the young sister's block deserved a top prize.

THIS AND THAT

Actress Hilda Simms appeared as guest on CBS-TV's "Strike It Rich," show Monday morning to provide a helping hand to a deserving couple.

The deserving couple — Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harper of 3300 block Keswick rd., here in Baltimore.

Thanks to Miss Simms's correct answers to four of five questions they received $235, sufficient to permit them to buy the power tools Mr. Harper said he needs to get a business started.

Miss Simms, by the way, is currently playing the part of Nova Louis in the movie, "Lil Louis Story," which may be showing here soon.

Henry Hornstein is planning a gigantic first for Baltimore on Oct. 29 when he brings the movie, "The Robe," here for a premiere performance at his Regent Theatre.

He's also planning to have the movie's stars, Victor Mature and Jean Simmons, put in a personal appearance. There will be all the trimmings you get at a premiere—Fox movietone cameramen to photograph the first night guests etc.

Dub McNeill, who conducts the radio show, Breakfast Club, aired locally over WFBR, endeared himself to many listeners on his Monday morning program.

A Southern gentleman, sub, was telling the nation-wide audience that he loved "all people." Then he added, "Yes, I love everybody, the Nigras, the Jews, just everybody."

The Nigras term is a Dixie way of mispronouncing Negro so it sounds more like that nasty word we all hate.

McNeill waited until his Dixie guest was all through, then said to him—your love of everybody is mighty fine, but the people you love might feel a lot better if you were courteous enough to call them by their proper names!

I have been a Dorothy Dix fan for a number of years but her advice to a writer who complained that neighbors' children trampled her flower gardens and their parents did nothing to stop them is the silliest I've ever read.

The Dix answer to this problem was: "I very much dislike having to tell you that the only solution of your problem is a high thorn fence that the children can not come through."

Well! Believe me I do not agree this is the only solution.

What's wrong with having a talk with the parents and asking that they insist their children observe common rules of decency and not trample or destroy the neighbor's flowers and lawn?

Most people are good neighbors who want to keep their areas in good shape. Maybe Dorothy Dix needs to meet some AFRO clean blockers who worked wonders in areas some thought were hopeless.

EASY STUFF

Maybe one reason they call newborn babies "bundles from heaven," is that they smell so sweet, feel so cuddly and warm.

Our Benjamin is 30 days old this week. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth, is now up to nine pounds, three ounces.

He is developing a personality already. He wants his milk and he tells your in no uncertain terms. There is nothing wrong with his lungs. They are especially strong at 4 ayem.

He has not yet co-operated with us and put himself on a regular feeding schedule. Maybe we were fools to jiggle a brand new baby into our rangled "demand feeding" program.

Don't recall that I suffered much when the Wednesday night club decided it wouldn't adjourn until 4 ayem, but this is to report there is a great difference when the bottle must be warmed at 2 ayem, 4 ayem and 6 ayem.

And take it from me those electric bottle warmers are as handy as they can be. One teaspoon full of water is not enough when there's a wailing infant waiting. Better use three teaspoonfuls. Takes that much to warm the bottle in two minutes.

A one-month old infant uses an average of 15 diapers a day. If you love the job of being a mother, you'll soon learn how to change them in three minutes and still be gentle and loving about it.

The waterproof Koroseal baby pants, which may also be boiled, will prove to be a welcome addition to your layette.

Have learned there is one thing you never do when changing a boy. Always stand midway the table or bed when the diaper is not in place.

There are no directional signs, so your new negligee or dressing gown is as good a place as any.

A new baby who gets a cold is a good patient. He'll take his medicine without squawking.

A runny nose may give the mother concern, and if she's a nervous mother she'll call the doctor at the drop of a hat. I'm a nervous mother, so I did.

But even with a runny nose, if your baby takes his milk with the solution of your problem, you should not be too concerned. It says here.

Anyhow, Bernie is over the cold, thanks to the doctor and the argyrol and a new antibiotic.

SUDDEN THOUGHT — If I take a Federal case at a slight cold when he's just 30 days old, wonder how many grey hairs I'll have by the time he's three!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead of the introduction of a new order of things—Machiavelli.

Speak Your Piece

Protest Ober Law

Dear AFRO:

This letter is being sent to you to alert you to the serious implications raised by recent activities of the agents of Assistant Attorney General Marvin H. Smith, charged with enforcing the Ober Law.

You will recall that, after the Lyric Theater incident a few months ago, when Mr. Smith's Ober Law agents were observed taking down names and license tag numbers at a meeting of United World Federalists, vigorous protests from many quarters forced Mr. Smith, as well as the Governor and Attorney General, to disavow these activities.

Pledges were made by public officials to respect the civil rights and privacy of Maryland citizens.

Say Pledges Not Kept

Events occurring since then reveal that these pledges have not been kept. Ober Law agents have been extremely active and by their activities have callously disregarded the civil rights of Maryland citizens.

They have entered people's homes without legal authority, have interrogated them as to their political beliefs, activities, friends, neighbors, etc., have attempted to intimidate them and have tried to recruit persons to spy and inform on the activities of legal and public organizations.

Members of the Maryland Civil Rights Congress have been thus approached and victimized by Ober Law agents.

The Civil Rights Congress is active in the defense of civil rights of citizens and conducts itself in a completely open and above board fashion.

It has nothing to conceal and has informed Mr. Smith that he does not have to send spies into our meetings to obtain any information that he may wish as to our program and activities.

REV. JOHN E. HARLEE,
Chairman, Md. Civil Rights Congress

Thanks for story

Dear AFRO:

My family and I thank you very much for placing the article I sent you about my daughter's birthday party in the AFRO.

Thanks again,
(Mrs.) MARY S. BEVANS

Reporters' Report To The People

Fancy Free

By LOUIE ROBINSON

Dressed in a conservative suit with a dark tie and his hair brushed slightly to one side, Herman Talmadge, governor of Georgia, took his seat in the debater's chair on the Washington TV show "The Big Issue" Monday night. Before he spoke, he could have passed for a banker.

Once he started talking, however, there was no doubt as to which side of the Mason-Dixon line he butters his grits on.

The "big issue" Monday night was "Segregation in the Public Schools," a subject on which Mr. Talmadge has had a great deal to say in the past. He repeated some of his more famous lines for television viewers:

1. "The people of the Southern states will not accept forced co - mingling of the races."

2. "They would resort to the extreme measure of abolishing public schools before they would abide by such a Supreme Court decision (ending public school segregation)."

At one point during the discussion, Georgia's governor threatened that the white people of the South "will do whatever is necessary" to maintain separate schools.

This was presumably Mr. Talmadge's way of reiterating an earlier prediction that "blood will flow in the rivers of the South" if white and colored begin attending the same schools.

Throughout the half hour program, Mr. Talmadge managed to sound not so much like a diehard Dixiecrat as he did a crazy, mixed-up governor who thinks he is doing his state and country a great service.

Asked if his stand was predicated on the belief that colored persons are inferior to whites, he replied:

"No, I think you have inferior people in all races . . . I think you have superior people in all races. My belief is predicated upon the U.S. Constitution." Mr. Talmadge added that the Constitution allows the states to conduct their own affairs, etc., etc.

Meanwhile, in the many Southern states where colored and white have recently begun attending the same schools, no noticeable reddening in the river waters has been reported.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Compared to the MO (method of operation) of some night club owners on that tight little island known as Manhattan, the James boys, both Frank and Jesse were pikers

There is one difference, the James duo pulled their six guns at the drop of a hat. Club owners only draw in case of self defense, you know, like when you squawk about the tariff.

If I were a Jack Webb I think I would throw out a dragnet and book every last one on a "123."

One for giving out with that irresistible come in, two for flying under false colors, and three for making a sap out of a guy who thought he knew part of the ropes anyway.

Supreme Rooking

As a "layman" you may wonder why did the dope go into the joint anyway? Maybe under the circumstances he deserved to get rooked.

It's like this. I'm a follower of that brand of music they call cool jazz. When I hit the burg over the week end the six letter name of a big band, in the vernacular of the boosters, sent me. I have one regret. I wasn't sent far enough.

Thought that I was familiar with the club. After all it was my fifth visit and on each and every occasion the prices were what I considered to be reasonable. But not this time.

Take Nothing For Granted

Ignorance of the law is no excuse I know, but when there is nothing on the books to the contrary, well, a guy just might take things for granted.

To top it all, after paying a bill for something I didn't get but should have, a guy in a white jacket says "take care of the waiter, please." At that stage I felt like saying "Jack I just bought you."

If it was just myself maybe I wouldn't have cared, but there were so many complaints voiced by other patrons.

I know now what the colonist meant by taxation without representation. Brother it can mean ruination. I'll stay in Baltimore from now on where prices are right, thank you.

Lonesome Land

By BUDDY CONESOME

ELLICOTT CITY, Md.—Seven colored persons were charged with killing a white man, in Howard County.

In 1920 no respectable bookmaker would have given you a plugged nickel on their chances. In 1953, praise God, they go scot free, a just and sane verdict.

Course the man shot at them with a shotgun, but they managed to wrest the gun from him. In doing this the white man was beaten and later died.

Seems like a clear case of self-defense, but if that's so why submit the people to the expense and humiliation of a trial?... During the trial, however, your mind wanders while the tremendous amount of repetitious testimony drones on and on... You look at Judge Clark, scheduled for retirement, and wonder how he feels about the racial angle . . . For the same reason you look at the jurors, only one tan face among them—and try to figure them out. One of them looks like a dyed-in-the-wool, tobacco chewing Southerner . . . not so good!! . . . Then you look at the colored juror, pretty cool chap, he ought to withstand the pressure . . . Then you look at the defense lawyers, four of them—all white, and they honestly seem to be putting up a whale of a fight. As one of them put it in his opening statement to the jury, everyone, no matter what his race, color, or creed, is privileged to defend himself . . . Another was crafty enough to note that one Howard County grand jury had indicted the same defendants on a charge of second degree murder (a grand jury can't set the degree) while still another grand jury had indicted the defendants on the manslaughter and assault counts. As this lawyer put it, that mistake ought to be enough to obtain a reversal of the jury that brought back a conviction for his clients. . .

Another time a defendant mounts the stand and stolidly answers "I don't know," to most of State's Attorney Daniel Murray's questions. General laughter when Murray asked: "How far were you from him when the man fired his shotgun?" "I don't know." "What, you don't know how far you were from the man with the gun?" "No sir, I wasn't looking behind me, I was too busy running."

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

It Baltimore follows the practice of Nevada City, Calif., the 10 newly appointed firemen will soon miss the joy of sliding down the traditional brass pole:

Seems that the city council of the western location decided to remove the poles when the fire chief reported that his men can make better time on the stairs.

FOOT NOTE

Everything is increasing these days. Prices are going higher, taxes jumping up and women's feet are getting bigger (so a shoe stylist says).

The tiny pettie feet of yesterday, (the ones that grandpa admired so much on grandma), are no longer to be found 'tis reported. The stylist claims that 50 years ago, the average shoe size for women was 4½-B and now it's 7-A.

The reason's simple . . . in those days, grandma didn't have to run so far to catch her man!

MONEY PROBLEMS

No finance, no romance. That's what the new divorce' experts say. Seems that money is the root for the majority of the divorces in this country.

It works like this:

Today, hubby makes barely enough money to make ends meet. Wifey wants a new hat but he can't afford it. She gets mad, he hits her and storms out to the nearest tavern and doesn't come back.

And there you have it; three reasons for divorce: cruelty, drunkenness and desertion.

On the other hand, if wifey works to her own clothes, she's too tired to care for the home and fix his meals. He gets mad, she hits him and storms out the door etc.

Some days it just doesn't pay.

You must solve your own problems while solving the problems of others.

Seventeen kinds of oak trees are grown in Maryland.

'Races of Mankind' all-time best seller

NEW YORK—The 199 pamphlets constituting the Public Affairs pamphlet series have reached a circulation of more than 20,000,000 since 1936, according to a report by the Public Affairs Committee, the non-profit educational publishing organization which issues the pamphlets.

It has sold 937,350 copies since 1943, according to the committee report, titled "The Story of Twenty Million Pamphlets."

Poet's Nook

Into the looking glass

I take a very optimistic look
Into the looking glass confronting me,
And somewhat like the average story book,
My eyes record the picture that I see.
What wretched pauper dares to mock a prince,
Whose kingdom lies an ocean's width away?
What pauper's empty pockets bare no pence,
And yet contents himself with idle play?
Yes, it is I that is the guilty one
With eyes that see me in a different light,
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Harry S. Boone left NAACP $300

A legacy of $300 from the estate of Harry S. Boone, federal civil service employee who died last March, will be presented by W. Emerson Brown Jr., attorney, at the NAACP Campaign Mass meeting to be held Sunday, Oct. 18, 3 p.m., at Sharp st. Methodist church, Dolphin and Etting streets.

Mr. Boone, who was employed at the Customs-House for many years, left a number of legacies, the largest of which was to the Baltimore Branch NAACP.

Pushing the halfway mark in the annual membership campaign, Miss Mildred Bond, campaign director, announced the following contributions to the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund received this week:

Large Contributions

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, $200. St. Pieree Greaves, $125; $100 contributions from Local 738, UAW, CIO, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Welcome and the Mutual Pension Society;

Dr. Emerson Julian, $50; $25 contributions from Dr. Charles Watts, Brown, Allen and Watts, Atty. Michael Freedman, Dr. Bernard Christman, Dr. William Watts, Dr Isaac Young, Mrs. Mary S. White, Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore, Lloyal Randolph, D. Arnett Murphy and William Y. Clarke; $20 from Joseph Bishop and W. Sampson Brooks Temple of the Elks.

Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, chairman of the Interracial Committee, reported large contributions from the following persons:

$100 from Joseph Sussman and Frolic Cafe; Gunthers Brewing Co., $50; $25 from Jack Alper, Miss C. Lavinia Bamberger, Cole and Gisner, Hendler Creamery Co.; Hochschild Kohn and Co, Morris Jacos, Klotzman's Pharmacy, Read's Drug Co., Rice's Bakery, Reibel Bakery, Robinson's Cut Rate Drug Co. and Clark W. Sterling.

Earl Koger, local insurance broker, gave a membership of $25 and secured 25 memberships from P. and M. Delicatessen, Palmes' Inc., and Rudie's Pharmacy, and $15 from Samel Sussman and W K. Parks Co.

Miss Bond declared that the response has been overwhelming and has exceeded expectations to date. She urged all workers, members and friends to make a big report on Sunday.

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Small college NAACP roll rapped by Dr. Tobias

The failure of colored college youth to join the NAACP was scored here Wednesday by Dr. Channing Tobias, president of the National NAACP board of directors.

The former U. S. alternate delegate to the UN spoke at an assembly program at Morgan State college, which kicked off the institution's annual NAACP membership drive.

Lauding the achievements of the NAACP in fighting for freedom and rights for all citizens, Dr. Tobias declared it shameful that "support should be given to it so niggardly."

He pointed out that the University of Texas has a larger NAACP membership than any colored college in the country.

Importance Stressed

To illustrate the importance of the organization, the former Phelps - Stokes Fund director cited three instances in which representatives of the NAACP have pleaded successfully with three different Presidents of the United States.

One instance cited was the meeting of NAACP delegates with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to protest segregation of colored soldiers returning to the U. S. after World War II for redistribution.

Another was the meeting of NAACP representatives with President Truman, who later enunciated a policy of civil rights.

The third instance was a recent meeting of the organization's executive secretary, Walter White, and other representatives with President Eisenhower.

Presidential Follow-Through

Dr. Tobias reported that the president seemed impressed with the program of the NAACP, and he predicted that Mr. Eisenhower would follow through on his campaign promises in the human and civil rights areas.

Dr. Tobias received a thunderous ovation at the conclusion of his speech. He was introduced by Morgan President Martin D. Jenkins and accompanied by Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP chapter.

Other program participants included McQuay Kiah, assistant dean of men and faculty organizer for the Morgan NAACP chapter, and Eugene Stanley, assembly committee chairman.

On Monday, Morgan NAACP campaigners Heard Herbert Wright, national director, NAACP Youth and College Activities, who is currently touring the country, will be here for having been the first workers in the NAACP Membership Campaign to have brought in 50 memberships personally. They will be presented with gold pins by Mrs. Jane Spaulding, guest speaker at the NAACP Mass Meeting on Sunday, at Sharp St. Methodist church, at 3 p.m. Workers who reach the 50 mark by Sunday will also be presented gold pins.

MRS. AUGUSTA T. CHISSELL
Interracial Comm.

ABOVE WORKERS will be made members of the PANCA, national NAACP Honor Society.

AIDS NAACP—Dr. George McDonald, conductor of a train in the NAACP's Spiritualist Membership Campaign, has reported to date 89 members and $284.50.

—Spiritualist

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Mullis.

The policemen said Brown's small office bore no name or outside sign, but they found about 10 persons in the room. Sergeant Burkard had observed "unusual activity" about the place for several months, it was revealed.

Black Bag Exhibited

A black bag of the type doctors use was exhibited in court, the gold initials "N. B." stamped on the side. Inside were boxes and papers containing herbs and powders. Four milk bottles containing various colored liquids were also produced.

Lieutenant Deinlein told Magistrate Lane that Brown was a native of Beaufort, S.C., and came to Baltimore from Chicago three years ago and "has no local record."

Wearing horn - rimmed glasses, brown suit, tie and shoes and carrying a gray Homburg hat and topcoat, the slender, 5-foot 5 - inch Brown made no statement in court.

Police said that when arrested Brown told them "BISHOP" was his first name and that he claimed no alliance with any church or religious denomination. The officers claim, however, that "Bishop" was being used as a title.

Newspaper Ad

A small advertisement appearing recently in a local newspaper declares:

"Bishop N. Brown of Beaufort, S.C., is here to help you with your problems, and will tell you anything you wish to know."

The Dolphin st. address and a telephone number were also listed.

Cousins convicted of grocery thefts

Two cousins, convicted of robbing two East Baltimore grocery stores, were sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary, by Judge W. Conwell Smith, of criminal court, Tuesday.

Frederick W. Jackson and Raymond R. Jackson, both of the 1500 block Aisquith st., were charged with robbing a store in the 1500 block E. Hoffman st. and one in the 1900 block N. Bond st. The loot amounted to $1,500.

In both cases, the victims were beaten, it was testified.

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