NAACP urges citizens to take advantage of gains

Marylanders must learn to take advantage of the hard won legal battles that the NAACP has fought here, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, NAACP legal advisor, told a gathering of Greek letter organizations on Tuesday.

Speaking as guest of Epsilon Sigma chapter of Eta Sigma Theta sorority which hosted the meeting, Mrs. Mitchell asserted, "For 44 years, the NAACP has shown the way to an America gone astray."

U. Of Md. Cited

A graduate of the University of Maryland school of law in which the NAACP won its first educational case in the South, Mrs. Mitchell cited that Marylanders must assert themselves through the use of this and other educational facilities which are being thrown open here.

She stressed the importance of the pending educational cases before the Supreme court, and called it "propaganda" that colored teachers will suffer if all schools are operated on a non segregated basis.

The public relations committee of the Delta group arranged the meeting attended by representatives of other sororities and fraternities, affiliated with the American Council on Human Rights.

Other Groups Listed

These include Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta sororities, and Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities, and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

A color film depicting highlights of the joint convention of these groups in Cleveland last Christmas was shown.

Mrs. Sanomia Nixon, president of Epsilon Sigma, presented the chapter's contribution of $50 to Mrs. Mitchell for the NAACP's program here.

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Thurgood files brief Monday

WASHINGTON

Thurgood Marshall will file the NAACP brief in the five school segregation cases Monday morning in the U. S. Supreme court.

Clerks in the New York office have been working until 1 a.m. this week.

Attorneys worked on the brief regularly to 4 a.m. and were back on the job 8 a.m. the same morning.

Deadline for filing is Monday.

Dr. Fischer notes democracy gains

The right of every American to enjoy freedom to seek the truth is still limited, but substantial progress in removing superficial and arbitary handicaps which have hindered democracy is being made.

Dr. John H. Fischer, school superintendent, made this statement Wednesday as he delivered the address during an American Education Week assembly at Morgan State college.

Discussing "Good Schools are Your Responsibility," the superintendent stated that freedom is one of the nation's greatest gifts and that it must be nurtured by each new generation.

"We have the gift to seek progress," Dr. Fischer emphasized, and declared that progress will be made only to the extent to which we believe that "people are good."

School System Praised

He called America's educational system, which guarantees an education for each child, the finest in the world, and said that "no other system can compare with our high school educational system."

Other program participants were Isaiah Fletcher, president of the Milton Lewis Calloway Chapter of Future Teachers of America; Dr. Gladyce H. Bradley, James S. Kennedy, and President Martin D. Jenkins.

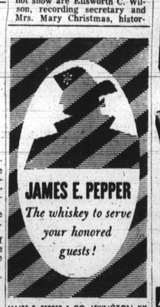
made at Morgan 6 staff changes

Six Morgan college staff changes, including three appointments, two resignations and one job termination were approved by the board of trustees on Thursday.

Appointments: Miss Estella M. Rheubottom, junior stenographer; Walter L. White, janitor; Milton B. Oldham, principal account clerk.

Resignations: Miss Chattie G. Martin, registered nurse who resigned to be married; Mathew Lawson, kitchen helper, who left for personal reasons.

A handyman, Daniel Wade,



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Marian Anderson To Sing At Lyric Theatre

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Lyric drops ban on Miss Anderson

Singer to appear in concert for Fellowship House

The management of the Lyric Theatre decided Thursday afternoon to permit sponsors of a concert featuring Miss Marian Anderson to rent the theatre for an engagement January 8, 1954.

The action ended a controversy which spread nationwide in September after the theatre refused to book Miss Anderson under the sponsorship of the Baltimore Fellowship House.

The Lyric's policy has been to bar colored artists from appearing on its stage although audiences attending shows there are unsegregated.

Three - Page Statement

In a three-page statement issued Thursday by Frederick R. Huber, manager of the Lyric, the theatre's management stated that it would "in this instance . . . adopt a more flexible policy."

The noted contralto will appear, the management declared, "in deference to the earnest requests which it has received from some of its stockholders and patrons."

Neither Mr. Huber nor R. E. Lee Marshall, counsel for the theatre, would say whether the "flexible policy" adopted in the case of Miss Anderson would become a permanent one.

"It's all in the statement," said Mr. Huber when an AFRO reporter attempted to question him on the matter.

"The statement speaks for itself," said Mr. Marshall.

Avoid "Racial Tensions"

The statement emphasizes that the "restriction of the stage of the Lyric to white artists and white casts is in line with the policy of the management to screen the theatre against productions which would, or might, give rise to racial tensions."

"Whether or not this policy can be abandoned in favor of an unrestricted rental policy is, at least, a doubtful question at the moment," it continued.

According to the Lyric management, "the evidence is inconclusive that such a change would promote a spirit of interracial unity or result in good to anyone concerned — the

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Fellowship House 'gratified' over Lyric's policy move

Dr. John L. Tilley, chairman of the board of managers of the Baltimore Fellowship and pastor of the New Metropolitan Baptist church, and Mrs. Mae Gellman, Fellowship executive director, issued the following statement on the relaxation of the Lyric Theatre racial policy:

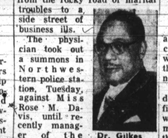
"We, the representatives of Fellowship, are gratified on learning that the Board of Managers of the Lyric Theatre has reconsidered our request to present Marian Anderson at the Lyric Theatre on Jan. 8, 1954.

"The Lyric Board of Managers has made a forward step in making available to the Baltimore community the best in cultural experiences in keeping with the high musical standards and tradition of the Lyric Theatre."

Medic accuses ex-manager

Police can't find Miss Rose Davis

Dr. Evan A. Gilkes, 70 N. Gilmor st., was back in court, this week, detouring, however, from the rocky road of marital troubles to a side street of business ills.



Dr. Gilkes

The physician took out a summons in Northwestern police station, Tuesday, against Miss Rose M. Davis, until recently manager of the Gilkes beauty enterprises.

Dr. Gilkes charges that his erstwhile top employee backed a truck up to two of his Hughes of Beauty and loaded it with equipment from his shops.

Shops Minus Operators

He did not charge in the summons that Miss Davis also took staff members of the two swank shops with her, but patrons present for appointments, Monday, found both the Pennsylvania ave. and Edmondson ave. beauty shops without operators. A check on Thursday, however, found the shops open, with new operators.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane of Northwestern station, has scheduled a hearing in the case for Nov. 16, if by that time Miss Davis is located.

Officers seeking to serve the summons on Tuesday found her apartment in the Gilkes - owned building at 1316 Edmondson ave. without its tenant.

Friendship Ends

The Gilkes - Davis friendship and business partnership, according to friends, ended suddenly Friday night, when the physician made a surprise visit to her apartment.

This week's disturbance followed rapidly upon the heels of the divorce suit filed by Mrs. Emma Gilkes of the N. Gilmor st. address, who has charged

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MISS ROSE DAVIS

Two Beauty Shops Lose Equipment

Court of Appeals to get taxi case

Race prejudice among jurors will be aired next month

The effect of race prejudice among jurors trying a criminal case dealing with colored and white principals will be aired in the Maryland Court of Appeals next month.

The airing will take place as defense lawyers appeal the $25 fines imposed on the two social workers involved in the Christmas Day taxicab disturbance at the Pennsylvania railroad station.

Principals in the case are Mrs. Ellen Williams, clerk in the Veterans Administration office in Washington; and Miss Elizabeth V. Jones, social worker in the welfare department in Washington.

Irate Taxi Driver

Arriving in Baltimore to have Christmas dinner with their families the women were arrested for disturbing the peace at the station when they refused to get out of a taxi whose driver did not want to transport them to their homes.

In Criminal Court on June 10, Miss Jones was found not guilty of disturbing the peace, but was fined $25 and costs for assault on a woman matron at the Pine st. station where she was taken from the railroad station.

Her case was heard on March 9 by Judge James K. Cullen sitting without a jury. But he had withheld his verdict pending the outcome of the case against Mrs. Williams who had asked for a jury trial.

Jury Misconduct Cited

On March 30-31, Mrs. Williams was tried by a jury which found her guilty of assaulting an officer and of disturbing the peace. The Supreme Bench later upheld the assault conviction, but ordered a new trial of the peace disturbance case.

The state then withdrew the latter charge, leaving only the assault conviction for which Mrs. Williams faces a fined $25.

In the meantime, Carl J. Muth, one of the jurors who had convicted Mrs. Williams gave her lawyers an affidavit declaring that he was coerced into voting against her by prejudiced fellow jurors who called him a "n - - - r lover."

Questions Raised

In arguing the case before the Court of Appeals, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and W. A. C. Hughes Jr., defense attorneys, will raise the following questions:

1. Can a charge of assault upon an officer be sustained where the initial arrest on a charge of disturbing the peace

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ONE SLIGHT INJURY—Only a lacerated right hand resulted from this traffic accident at Calverton Hgts. and Warwick ave. last Sunday. It was the hand of Halbert O. Arant, 1800 block Edmondson ave., who was charged with failing to give right of way to 1950 Buick driven by Rudolph A. Pendleton, 2500 block W. Franklin st. That's Arant's 1953 DeSoto, which overturned. Pendleton, whose car was smashed in front, was charged with reckless driving.

George West, 'missing in Korea' named 1st lieutenant in absentia

In an action regarded as unprecedented here, an officer in the U.S. Army was promoted from second to first lieutenant, by order of the President, although no word has been heard from him by Army officials or his Baltimore family during the year he has been carried on the rolls as "missing in action."

He is Lt. E. George West of 814 Peach Orchard le., Turnpike Station, who went into combat within a week after being sent to Korea, and who was reported as "missing" near Choom-ni, N. Korea, on Nov. 8, 1952.

Last week, E. George West Sr.'s family received word from the War Department that their son had been promoted to first lieutenant on Nov. 5, 1953, although he was still carried on their rolls as "Missing." The citation said that his status was "presumably alive" and that the promotion was made because of his "devotion to duty."

'DID IT ALL FOR LOVE': Mother's suitor held for kidnapping girl, 13

WASHINGTON

The alleged kidnaping of a 13-year-old Bundy Elementary school pupil by her mother's suitor, was charged to "love" by the defendant's attorney in Municipal Court, Wednesday.

"He loved her like he'd love his own child," Eugene J. Schubert, attorney for Haywood Ruffin, pleaded before Judge Edward A. Beard in an effort to have bond for the defendant reduced.

Mr. Ruffin, 31, a dry-wall finisher, of the 300 block Seaton pl., ne, was arrested Tuesday night in the abduction of little Ptricia A. Hammond, Monday night from the 1800 block Fourth st., nw, where she lived with an aunt. He was held under $10,000 bond and the case continued until Friday (today).

Supported Child

Although the defendant did not testify, his attorney asserted that Mr. Ruffin had been supporting the child, Patricia.

"He had been giving her food, clothing, and taking her to the movies. He always treated her as if she were his own," Mr. Schubert asserted.

According to the attorney, Mr. Ruffin had lived with the child's mother, Mrs. Mary Hammond, for some time, until the mother

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Grand masters in 9 states take action

Ban placed on high potentate who ousted women

Grand masters from nine states, in session at Tulsa, Oklahoma last month agreed to direct their members to have no further participation in the national affairs of the Shrine Order. (Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine).

Grand Master Willard W. Allen of Maryland, now en route home from Hot Springs, Arkansas, told the AFRO he had attended the conference of grand masters and had signed the order for the state of Maryland on October 30.

First announcement to this effect came in Oklahoma where Amos T. Hall is grand master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the state.

Action of the grand masters followed quickly upon a communication sent out by Ramond E. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Shrine, on October 19, ordering the Shriners, male organization to have no further contact with the Daughters of Isis (the female branch of the Shrine organization).

The order advised the Shrine (the men) that the women's branch had been ordered to cease all operations.

Dispute between the male and female branches of the Shrine arose over assessment of taxes and the right of the women to handle their own finances.

Signed By Allen

Action of the nine grand masters, forbidding the Masons in their several states from having anything to do with the National Shrine followed.

Grand Master Allen said "Our Shrine women are members of

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Fund drive on for school cases

A concentrated campaign is being conducted by the Parents-Citizens Committee on Education to raise funds for the NAACP school segregation cases now pending before the Supreme Court.

Noting the comparatively small response of Baltimoreans to the national fund - raising drive, the committee decided to sponsor a personal - appeal effort. To date, it has raised $205.

With Mrs. Edward L. Murray as chairman, a door-to-door canvass will be conducted Nov. 16-Dec. 1. A special doorbell-ringing project is being planned for Nov. 23.

The two-year-old committee is headed by the Rev. C. E. Mills with Mrs. Gilbert L. Barfield as secretary; and Mrs. Hiram E. Smith as treasurer.

Workers Listed

Other workers in this campaign include:

Milton B. Allen, Mrs. C. Philip Butcher, Mrs. Julian Childs, Mrs. Richard Cole, Francis Bell, Earl Koger, Mrs. C. Dudley Lee, Mrs. Robert McDaniel, Mrs. Edward L. Murray;

Mrs. Earl Nash, Mrs. Henry Parks, Roy Patterson, Mrs. Mahlon Oswell, the Rev. Hiram Smith, Mrs. Carol Stafford, Mrs. Frank Sykes, Mrs. Alfred Stubbs, Furman L. Templeton;

Mrs. Timothy Wright, Mrs. Chandler Wynn, Mrs. Frank Walker and Mrs. I. Bradshaw Higgins.

Contributions reported to date include Dr. Gilbert L. Banfield, $60; Dr. Bernett Rhoden, $50; Dr. G. Franklin Phillips, $25; Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Mussenden, $10; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram E. Smith, $50; Dr. J. Preston Grant, $5; and Dr. George Brown, $5.

Ernest H. Hays, choirmaster, dies

Funeral services for Ernest H. Hays, former acting director of music at Hampton Institute in Virginia, will be held at Sharp Street Memorial church Saturday at 1 p.m.

The son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Daniel S. Hays, former pastor of Sharp Street, Mr. Hays died Nov. 9 at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital.

Mr. Hays was appointed to the staff at Hampton in 1923 and retired in 1950. While there, he contributed to the career of concert singer Dorothy Maynor. At Hampton he served as organist, assistant choirmaster, and head choirmaster.

He received his early professional training at the New England Conservatory of Music and was awarded his bachelor of music degree at Boston university.

Mr. Hays received his music supervisor's certificate from Boston U, and gained admittance to the American Guild of Organists.

He also studied at Eastman School of Music, Harvard, New York university, and Westminster College.

He was a member of the National Conference of Music Educators, the National Association of Music Teachers, the National Guild of Piano Teachers, and the Tidewater Musicians Guild.

Mr. Hays is survived by two brothers, William S. and Dr. Clarence A. Hays; two sisters, Miss Ella G. Hays and Mrs. Fannie H. Hall; and four nephews, Charles, John, William, and Daniel Hays. Interment will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

ERNEST H. HAYS
His Funeral Saturday

'Baby X' search enters 23rd day

An "extensive investigation" into the disappearance of "Baby X," the four-week-old infant reported stolen from his 13-year-old mother 23 days ago continues, Baltimore police announced Friday.

Named "Baby X" because the name of the teenage mother cannot be published, the baby boy was taken from his mother's home in the 500 block Gilmor st., on Oct. 22.

Since his disappearance, no trace has been found of the baby nor the attractive woman who took him while posing as a social worker.

At one time it was stated that the search for the infant had spread to at least two states. Police, however, declined Friday to say whether or not the FBI had been called in on the case.

30,000 traffic ticket dodgers face arrest

More than 30,000 persons holding overdue traffic tickets, face arrest or suspension of their driving privileges.

This decision followed a high-level meeting of traffic and police authorities, Wednesday morning.

Wednesday and Thursday traffic clerks were working overtime in an effort to process delinquent traffic tickets which had gathered dust in the files over a two-year period.

Present at Wednesday's meeting, presided over by Attorney General Edward D. Rollins, was Police Commissioner Bevery Ober, Chief Traffic Court Magistrate Stanley Scherr, W. Dana Rudy, deputy commissioner of motor vehicles, and Henry A. Barnes, Baltimore traffic director.

It marked the beginning of an

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AFRO theatrical editor improves

AFRO theatrical editor E. B. Rea, confined at Provident Hospital since November 6, was reported slightly improved by members of his family on Thursday.

Mr. Rea was stricken with a cold on Oct. 29, and was required to remain away from the office. During his week's stay at his home, however, his condition worsened and hospitalization was advised by his physician.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13

Eastside Community Committee, 14th annual popularity contest, 8 p.m., Chick Webb center, 623 N. Eden st.

Youth department of United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, talent night program, 8 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist church, 23rd st. and Guilford ave.

NOVEMBER 15

NAACP mass meeting, 3 p.m., Sharp St. Methodist church. Thanksgiving sermon by the Rev. H. J. Bryant.

NOVEMBER 14

Myra Grand Chapter, OES, public memorial service, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple, Mosher and McCulloh sts.

NOVEMBER 17

Myra grand Chapter, OES, business sessions all day at Metropolitan Baptist church, Mosher and McCulloh sts.

NOVEMBER 22

Baltimore Boys Choir, recital, 5 p.m., St. Matthew Methodist church, 23rd st. near Greenmount ave.

Equipment from Dixon estate sold at auction

On orders from the Orphans Court of Baltimore, more than $6,000 worth of beauty shop equipment from the estate of the late Mrs. Blanche V. Dixon was sold at a public auction Tuesday.

Former owner of the La Blanche Beauty Shop in the 1500 block Pennsylvania ave., Mrs. Dixon died last August at her home in the 2200 block Bryant ave.

More than 30 persons were on hand to bid for the more than 45 pieces of equipment which included three permanent waving machines, five dryers, and nine booths.

Also, nine stools, eight armchairs, a six piece chrome set, three show cases, 12 tables and chairs, a safe, and 18 cabinets.

On Cash Basis

The auction was conducted on a cash basis by the A. J. Billig co. The administrator for the Dixon estate was the law firm of Wolfe and Wolfe.

A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Dixon at one time owned shops on Druid Hill ave., Harlem ave., and two on Pennsylvania ave. She was the divorced wife of William B. Dixon local real estate dealer.

Daughter of the Howard Finks, Mrs. Dixon had retired from active work before her death although the shops remained open under her supervision.

For more than 20 years she was recognized as one of the city's leading businesswomen.

$5,771 in fines paid at NW court in Oct.

In their quarterly report to the city treasurer this week, the Northwestern District police court reported $5,771 was collected in fines between Oct. 5-31.

The total, the report stated, topped all previous records. Within the same period 254 cases were heard by presiding Magistrate E. Everett Lane.

Weather

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The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State institution.